WALSH READY TO WRITE CHAPTER TWO

By Emma Berry

Long before the media clamour for Bryony Frost and Lizzie Kelly, there were two female members of the National Hunt weighing-room who earned enduring respect and admiration as riders, their actions in the saddle shouting so much louder than mere words.

Within 24 hours at the end of April, jump racing fans were denied the pleasure of seeing either of them on a competitive level again as first Katie Walsh retired after a winning ride aboard Antey (Ger) at the Punchestown Festival, followed by her sister-in-law and long-time ally Nina Carberry. Both hail from established Irish racing dynasties—-the families intertwined by Carberry's marriage to Walsh's brother Ted—and have been inseparable in their spirit of nonchalant derring-do around Grand National and cross-country courses throughout the major jumping nations.

That chapter of their lives has simultaneously come to an end and while Carberry will be continuing her role as one of Aidan O'Brien's key work riders at Ballydoyle, Walsh will devote more of her considerable energy to the business that she has run in tandem with her race-riding commitments for the last eight years.

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SMERDON BANNED FOR LIFE

Former trainer Robert Smerdon—who was dealt 115 of the 250 total charges in the Aquanita sodium bicarbonate doping scandal—has been banned from racing for life. Stable employees Greg and Denise Nelligan received the same punishment. The scandal came to light last October after Greg Nelligan, a float driver, was caught administering a syringe into the mouth of one of Smerdon’s horses at the races. Smerdon could still yet face a fine.

The trainers and stable hands charged in the case all fell under the umbrella of the former syndicate management company Aquanita racing, which has since re-branded itself. Trainer Stuart Webb was banned four years, Tony Vasil three years, Trent Pennuto two years and Liam Birchley one year. Stable employee Daniel Garland was also banned a year.

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As a breeze-up consignor in the name of Greenhills Farm, Walsh left Newmarket’s Guineas Sale last Friday to head to Deauville for the Arqana Breeze-up, where she is currently administering the finishing touches to a filly by Nathaniel (Ire) (lot 99) and a colt by Elusive City (Ire) (lot 110). Following Saturday’s sale she will have six to offer at Goresbridge before she turns her mind to the selection of next year’s draft.

There’s no denying that breeze-up trade has been tough for many vendors this season, but Walsh enjoyed a decent result at Tattersalls in April when selling the top-priced filly at the Craven Sale. Bought privately by David and Henrietta Egan of Corduff Stud when returned to her vendor at $45,000 during Keeneland’s September Sale, the daughter of More Than Ready thrived under Walsh’s tutelage and duly sold for 500,000gns to Godolphin.

"The Craven was brilliant for David and Hen," says Walsh. "She was the first horse I've ever prepped for them so it was a great start, but she was a pleasure to do."

Walsh has had a team of 16 horses to sell this year, a small rise in numbers for her consignment as she has gradually started to take on horses for clients, as well as those she buys in partnership with her father, also called Ted.

"The first year I came I couldn't sell one horse and I remember sitting on a bucket outside the stable door thinking I'm clearly doing something wrong here. I was buying the wrong type of horse and I have one mare still at home that I ended up winning a couple of bumpers and hurdle races on," says the 33-year-old.

"I suppose at the start I didn't do horses for anyone else as I wanted to get a grasp on it first and make sure I was doing a good enough job myself. This is the biggest bunch of horses we've had this year and I've had a few horses I'm doing for different people."

Despite a less than auspicious start in her first season, the judgement of Walsh and her father was quickly vindicated in year two when Caspar Netscher (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), bought from Meon Valley Stud as a yearling for 25,000gns and sold on for 65,000gns, went on to win the G2 Gimcrack S. and G2 Mill Reef S. in his first season for owner Charles Wentworth and trainer Alan McCabe. The colt also won the following year's G3 Greenham S. and G2 Mehl-Mulhens Rennen (German 2,000 Guineas) and, returned to training after fertility issues cut short his stud career, he collected the GII Nearctic S. at Woodbine as a 5-year-old.

"I bought three the next year and Caspar was one of them. He was my saving grace," recalls Walsh, who still rides some of her horses in their breezes. "He had a lovely pedigree and it's very hard to buy those types of horses. He breezed well and Tom Malone bought him with Charles and Zorka [Wentworth]. Only a couple of weeks later I was in France at the breeze-ups and he won his maiden. We have him in retirement now at home and he's such a gent."

Understandably after such a successful introduction, the Wentworths' association with Walsh has flourished and the couple has a number of horses in training in Ireland with Walsh's husband Ross O'Sullivan.

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WHEN IT COMES TO SELLING, MAKING SURE THEY ARE IN THE RIGHT SALE IS SO IMPORTANT. IT’S LIKE MAKING SURE YOU HAVE YOUR HORSE IN THE RIGHT RACE.

Katie Walsh

These include Zorka Wentworth’s Baie Des Iles (Fr), who gave Walsh her final ride in this year’s Grand National, the race in which she achieved the highest placing of any female jockey when she finished third in 2012 aboard Seabass (Ire), trained by her father. Three years later she won the Irish Grand National on the Sandra Hughes-trained Thunder And Roses (Ire).

"I’m kind of involved everywhere really between dad and Ross and breezers and riding," says Walsh, who is based in Kildare, not far from Goffs. "I was trying to give everything 110% and something had to give. It had been on my mind to retire from race-riding for a while but I kind of didn’t know what to do, or when or how was the best time to go. When Ross decided he was going to run the mare [Baie Des Iles] in the National I decided I’d definitely wait around for her. I’d always wanted to ride her in the National for Ross."

There was no fairytale ending in the National but the previous month Walsh had ridden her third winner at the Cheltenham Festival aboard Relegate (Ire), the same day her brother, multiple champion jockey Ruby Walsh, suffered a season-ending fall which resulted in him re-breaking a leg which had only just healed in time for him to ride at Cheltenham. That her final Festival winner, and later final winner, should come for long-term supporter Willie Mullins, was special for Walsh.

"I wanted a bit of everything really because it would have been ideal to go out at Punchestown but I wanted to ride Relegate again on the Wednesday so even if I’d ridden a winner on the Tuesday I wouldn’t have gone then. Then to get a spare [ride] for Willie in the hurdle race [on Antey] was brilliant. It was a great way to go, you couldn’t have written it. And then for Nina to get her winner and retire the next day—if it was a film you’d think they’d gone too far." Cont. p4
Walsh Ready To Write Chapter Two Cont.

Retiring fit and well with a shining reputation is something every jump jockey must long for, but embarking on stage two of a career can be as much of a challenge. Walsh, however, is already firmly established in her role as breeze-up consignor, an occupation she shares with a number of former jump jockeys, including Norman Williamson, Mark Dwyer, Malcolm Bastard and Roger Marley.

"It's something that dad used to do with Willie Browne. They are very good pals and he did the breeze-ups for years," she says. "I always remember breeze-up horses being at home, but they were different times and then we got more horses to train so we stopped doing the sales for a time."

"Dad is involved in everything with me and when I'm here [at the sales] he's at home running the ship. I probably have more time now to put more work into the yearling sales. There's a lot of walking to be done during those months and a lot of effort, but it's a really important time for us. Of course everyone is trying to make a few quid but if you do it you have to love it. It's been a tough year at the breeze-ups this year--a lot of lads and a lot of girls are getting scalded, the buyers just aren't there."

She continues, "Denise O'Brien is a massive help to me. She's been doing the sales with me for a long time and I couldn't do it without her. There's a great team of people at the sales and I can't speak for everybody but I love seeing people get a touch, just like I like to see other people riding a winner, especially when they don't get so much of a chance."

Despite having grown up in racing and having been a sales consignor for the best part of a decade, Walsh still feels she has plenty to learn.

She says, "It's true that with horses you learn something new every day and at the moment the book side of it is my downfall--the pedigrees. I suppose I'll have more time to work on that now. Some people are very good at the book. I like to try to buy an individual--who doesn't?--but it's trying to find a bit of value that's the hard part and also the most enjoyable part."

"Then when it comes to selling, making sure they are in the right sale is so important, it's like making sure you have your horses in the right race."

With training and trading featuring prominently on her CV alongside her riding achievements, it seems likely that Walsh will continue to get things right more often than not.

STATE PROCESSION

If any horse deserved a drop in levels it was former ‘TDN Rising Star’ Idaho (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Aidan O'Brien used Thursday's G3 Boodles Diamond Ormonde S. as the perfect tonic as he had done in the past with the likes of St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). With Ryan Moore demonstrating his unerring skill of riding Chester's tricky turning circuit on Rostropovich (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) an hour earlier, he was again offering a masterclass here as he slotted the 8-11 favourite into a stalking position from his wide draw. Effectively, that manoeuvre on the class horse of the race won it before they reached the end of the first quarter mile and from there it was all plain sailing. Asking for the closing effort as he had on the stable's Dee S. winner just before the cutaway rail over a furlong out, Moore made sure of Ballydoyle's third black-type winner of the meeting as Idaho stretched his margin to 3 1/2 lengths over Danehill Kodiac (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) at the line.

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G3 Ormonde S. Cont.

Idaho, who famously unseated Seamie Heffernan when hot favourite for the 2016 G1 St Leger but who had a better day at Royal Ascot when taking the G2 Hardwicke S. in June, may be asked to fill the void left by the absence of stablemate Capri (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the June 1 G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom.

“Everybody was very happy with him coming here and it was nice to see him do that,” his trainer commented. “The plan was to come here and then look at races like the Coronation Cup and King George, those sort of races. Ryan has said he’d stay further, though, so that opens up even more options. He said he’d have no problem going further, so I suppose he could develop into a Cup horse. He’s travelled the world and is very professional now. You like to see them run through the line strong like he did there.”

Demonstrating the same longevity as his heralded and more talented full-brother Highland Reel (Ire), Idaho was a fair juvenile, a better 3-year-old as he proved when third in the G1 Epsom Derby, runner-up in the Irish equivalent and successful in York’s G2 Great Voltigeur S., and perhaps an improved performer again at four when he was also third in the King George. His low points, St Leger aside, have come when contesting races in North America and he was fifth and fourth in the 2016 and 2017 GI Canadian Internationals and sixth in the GI Sword Dancer S. last term when favoured for all three. Even his latest display when eighth in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at the end of March was well below his usual standard and despite a fifth in the G1 Japan Cup when 100-1, the sense is strong that he possesses little of his teak-tough sibling’s ability to hold his form around the globe. Highland Reel only raced in his native Ireland five times in 27 starts, so they are like chalk and cheese in that regard.

Pedigree Notes...

Hveger is also responsible for two more Galileo colts, with the former a 240,000gns Tattersalls October purchase by M V Magnier who is now two and named Cape of Good Hope (Ire), and a yearling. Their G1 VRC Oaks and G1 Vinery Stud Storm Queen S.-placed half-sister Valdemoro (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) was the first foal out of the G2 South Australian Oaks and G2 Schweppes Oaks-placed dam, who is a full-sister to the five-times Group 1 winner Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill) and a half to Haradasun (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus), who captured the G1 Doncaster H., G1 George Ryder S. and the G1 Queen Anne S. This is a family which has profited Coolmore immensely, with Starspangledbanner (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}) also featuring. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

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1—IDAHO (IRE), 126, h, 5, by Galileo (Ire)

- 1st Dam: Hveger (Aus) (MGSP-Aus), by Danehill
- 2nd Dam: Circles Of Gold (Aus), by Marscay (Aus)
- 3rd Dam: Olympic Aim, by Zamazaan (Fr)

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Danehill Kodiac (Ire), 129, h, 5, Kodiac (GB)--Meadow (GB), by Green Desert. (£30,000 Ylg ‘14 DNPRM). O-Davies, Smith, Carr, Brown, Govier; B-Rathbarry Stud (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.

3--

Elidor (GB), 126, g, 8, Cape Cross (Ire)--Honorine (Ire), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). (£120,000gns Wlg ‘10 TATFOA). O-Jon and Julia Aisbitt; B-Ashley House Stud (GB); T-Mick Channon.

Margins: 3HF, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.70, 6.00, 18.00.

Also Ran: Muntahaa (Ire), Duretto (GB), Dylan Mouth (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Thursday’s Results:

**HOMESERVE DEE S.-Listed**, £75,000, CHE, 5-10, 3yo, c/g, 10f 70yT, 2:12.33, gd.

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ROSTROPOVICH (IRE), 126, c, 3, by Frankel (GB)

- 1st Dam: Tyranny (GB), by Machiavellian
- 2nd Dam: Dust Dancer (GB), by Suave Dancer
- 3rd Dam: Galaxie Dust, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

(1,100,000gns Ylg ‘16 TATOC). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Markus Jooste; B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £42,532. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Ire, 7-3-0-2, $208,601. *1/2 to Zoffany (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng & Fr, $523,650; Wilshire Boulevard (IRE) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), GSW-Ire & GSP-Eng, $173,305; and That’s Plenty (Ire) (Dr Fong), SP-US, $124,846.

2--

My Lord and Master (Ire), 126, c, 3, by Frankel (GB)--Affability (Ire), by Dalakhani (Ire). (65,000gns Ylg ‘16 TAOCT). O-Mr T. Bridge. £16,125.

3--

King’s Proctor (Ire), 126, c, 3, Cape Cross (Ire)--Alimony (Ire), by Groom Dancer. (£65,000 Wlg ‘15 GOFSNOV). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. £8,070.

Margins: 3 3/4, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 2.50, 2.75, 14.00.

Also Ran: Shakour (Ire), Finnistorn Farm (GB), Rastrelli (Fr), Kenya (Ire). Scratched: Fortune’s Pearl (Ire).

Making it number seven in this Derby trial for Aidan O’Brien, Rostropovich returned to the winner’s spot for the first time since the G2 Futurity S. at The Curragh in August and did so in commanding style to finally emerge from the shadows of his stable’s more-lauded runners. Encouraging when fourth on unsuitably testing ground on his return behind France’s main G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains hopes Wootton (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) and Olmedo (Fr) (Declaration of War) in the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau at a mile at Longchamp Apr. 15, the bay was well supported on this drying ground he is bred for despite My Lord and Master’s strong formlines. Reserved in fifth early on the rail with the pace strong, he needed room turning for home, but Ryan Moore stayed typically cool and got that when the rail cut away at the top of the straight. Through in an instant to take control, he powered up the rail in front of the habitually-packed Chester stands to hammer the Haggas representative.

“He’s a very smart colt and conditions suited him--he’d never had decent ground and getting that and the step up in trip suited well,” Moore said. “He ran a lovely race in France behind two nice colts and showed what he can do today. He’s a high-class colt with plenty of options for the year." Cont. p7
Listed Dee S. Cont.

Aidan O’Brien has many shots to fire at the European Derbys and said, “We always thought that going beyond a mile was going to suit and they went a nice even pace and he relaxed lovely. The lads will decide if he’s one for Epsom or the French Derby. It never does any harm to have plenty of back-up in the big races, as last year proved—I’m not scared of running more than one, as you know. All these horses are bred and born to run in Classics, so if we think they are up to it that’s what they’ll do. Because the ground in Ireland has been so bad, the horses are improving massively from one run to the next. As we saw on Wednesday, with some of them we are even skipping their maidens just to make up for lost time.”

Rostropovich, who was also third in the G1 Goffs Vincent O’Brien National S. in September, is a half-brother to the stable’s G1 Phoenix S. hero Zoffany who was also a close runner-up to this colt’s sire Frankel in the 2011 G1 St James’s Palace S. at a mile that was probably as far as he wanted to go. The dam, who was best at seven furlongs, also produced the fellow Ballydoyle trainee and similarly speedy G3 Anglesey S. winner Wilshire Boulevard and is out of the G3 Prix de la Nonette winner Dust Dancer who stayed a mile and a half. She was responsible for the GII Lake Placid H. winner Spotlight (GB) (Dr. Fong) and the listed-placed Dusty Answer (GB) (Zafonic), with the latter in turn the dam of the GIII Hillsborough S. winner and G1 Nassau S. runner-up Cassydora (GB) (Darshaan (GB)). She is responsible for the strong-staying dual G3 Curragh Cup scorer Ernest Hemingway (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) and last year’s G3 Prix d’Aumale scorer Toulifaut (Ire), also by Frankel, who was untried beyond a mile.

Rostropovich is further evidence that Frankel is imparting stamina as his own sire did and does and if asked to contest the G1 Prix du Jockey Club he could provide this dynasty with its first Classic victory.

The John Dunlop-trained Hesmonds Stud campaigner Bulaxie (GB) (Bustino (GB)) and her daughter Claxon (GB) (Caerleon) both tried in the Epsom Oaks and came up short, but this is a family which has always promised that breakthrough moment. Tyranny’s 2016 filly by Dubawi (Ire) named Tierra (Ire) was bought for €400,000 by Cheyenne Stables at Goffs Orby last year. Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

PRE-EMINENT

Just a length or so away from Classic glory in 2017, Sir Peter Vela’s Eminent (Ire) (Frankel (GB)) could be a potent force this season with another winter on his back and early evidence of his progression can be found at Chester on Friday as he lines up for the newly-promoted G2 Homeseve Huxley S. Always considered a 4-year-old project by trainer Martyn Meade, now he is that age the Group 1 that evaded him last term is within reach and this is an ideal starting point.

“We thought it would be a nice introduction for him,” he said. “It’s a Group 2 and he doesn’t have to carry a penalty. I think the ground will be perfect and it should be a good one to start the season.” Cont. p8
Martyn Meade with Eminent | Racing Post

Pre-Eminent Cont.

“We’ve got a good draw, which doesn’t usually happen. He seems to be in a great place, both mentally and physically, so hopefully it will be nice run for him and set him up for the rest of the season.”

A trip to Royal Ascot beckons if all goes to plan here, with the June 20 G1 Prince of Wales’s S. his next port of call for a clash of the Frankels with Cracksman (GB). “Our next plan at the moment is to go for the Prince of Wales’s, but obviously he needs to win well on Friday,” he added of the G2 Prix Guillaume d’Ornano and G3 Craven S. winner and G1 Irish Champion S. third. “I think he should perform well. When he won the Craven last year it was his first run of the season.”

Snapping at Eminent’s heels if the favourite is not firing is the Apr. 18 G3 Earl of Sefton S. winner Forest Ranger (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), who upstaged this race's 2017 winner Deauville (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in that nine-furlong Newmarket contest which was his first start after being gelded. “It was a good, solid performance at Newmarket. He’s just up in trip and up in grade,” trainer Richard Fahey commented. “He wasn’t stopping at Newmarket, so he’s definitely worth a go at a mile and a quarter.”

Deauville’s trainer Aidan O’Brien has an outsider this time in Andrew Rosen’s colour-bearer War Decree (War Front), who probably needed the race when ninth in the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan Mar. 31 and who will appreciate this sun-dried ground. He remains unexposed in Europe and ran better than the bare result when beaten less than three lengths into fifth in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club in June.

CLARIFICATION: Wednesday’s Listed Cheshire Oaks winner Magic Wand and her dam, Prudenzia, were bred at Monceaux 50% on behalf of Monceaux and 50% Lady O’Reilly.

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, May 11, 2018:

UNITED KINGDOM

Alhebayeb (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud
128 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
17:50-RIpon, 5f, ESSENZA (IRE)
12,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 3

Moohaajim (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Rathberry Stud
32 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, HARD TASKMASTER (IRE)
€24,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; 55,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

Morpheus (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
107 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
17:10-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, DAME GLADYS (GB)

FRANCE

Sommerabend (GB) (Shamardal), Haras de Saint Arnoult
42 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1200m, TI CRUISE (FR)
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**Alhebayeb (Ire)** (Dark Angel (Ire)), Tara Stud
128 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CURRAGH, 6f, DINGLE BAY (IRE)
€8,000 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2017

**Battle of Marengo (Ire)** (Galileo (Ire)), Ballyhane Stud
67 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-CURRAGH, 6f, CHAMPAGNE MARENGO (IRE)
€33,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €28,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

**Moohaajim (Ire)** (Cape Cross (Ire)), Rathbarry Stud
32 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CURRAGH, 6f, URBAN LIGHT (IRE)
€23,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €12,000 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2017

**Morpheus (GB)** (Oasis Dream (GB)), Tally-Ho Stud
107 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-CURRAGH, 6f, JOZA (IRE)
€22,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2017
3-CURRAGH, 6f, POSH HOLLY (IRE)
€19,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2016;

**ON A SESSION is the first runner and winner for the G1 Champion S. winner Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo (Ire)).**

**Toronado (Ire)** (High Chaparral (Ire)), Haras de Bouquetot
121 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-CURRAGH, 5f, YOLO AGAIN (IRE)
€15,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €25,000 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2017

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**FRANCE**

Thursday’s Result:

**FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE**

1st-LYP, €18,000, Mdn, 5-10, 2yo, 5fT, 0:57.93, g/s.  
**ON A SESSION** (c, 2, Noble Mission (GB) -- Destiny Calls (MSW-US, $644,220, by With Approval), sent off the 9-10 favourite, broke smartly as the stable’s juveniles tend to and tanked along towards the fore. Beginning to assert passing the quarter pole, the $50,000 KEESEP yearling drew away in impressive fashion to score by 4 1/2 lengths from Donoratico (Fr) (Motivator (GB)). In doing so, On a Session becomes the first winner for his first-season sire (by Galileo (Ire)), the G1 Champion S.-winning brother to Frankel (GB).  

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"I'm The Man went through the ring unsold and 22 days later he came out and won a real good maiden at Chantilly," she added. "They've been two real impressive ones that have gone through breeze-up sales that didn't change hands. But they're running really well for us so we couldn't be happier."

The Marnanes are unlikely to spend too much time celebrating, however, with business continuing at this weekend's Arqana Breeze-Up sale. Bansha House has nine juveniles catalogued.

“We have a really nice bunch of horses in France so hopefully they all breeze well, which they should do, and there'll be people there looking for them," Marnane said.

There are three Noble Mission colts selling at Arqana on Saturday: lots 24, 102 and 136.

On A Session On A Mission...

On A Session was put through the ring by the Marnane family's Bansha House Stables at Goffs UK's Doncaster Breeze-Up Sale a month ago to the day, and while Amy Marnane admitted she was disappointed at the time that he was led out unsold at £60,000, she said on Friday, "I can assure you today I'm not."

It was Marnane who signed the ticket for On A Session at Keeneland last fall from Pat Costello's Paramount Sales, and she said, "He was a lovely individual, nice horse, very good pedigree. The dam won 14 times in the U.S. and won over £360,000 and won five listed races. He just looked like a runner to me. We brought him home and he just matured and got real strong and he's a good model. We brought him to the Doncaster breeze-up sale and he did a lovely breeze, maybe didn't do an overly fast time but he moved well and covered ground and did a real genuine breeze. We brought him to the ring and there was nobody there for him."

The story was similar for On A Session's Doncaster barnmate I'm The Man (IRE) (Dandy Man {IRE}), a £28,000 Doncaster yearling who was also unsold at the Doncaster Breeze-Up Sale. Both On A Session and I'm The Man have now raced in the colours of Amy Marnane's mother Theresa Marnane, and I'm The Man was a debut winner at Chantilly for trainer Matthieu Palussiere eight days ago--22 days after exiting the ring at Doncaster. Both colts will now aim for Royal Ascot, and a win there would make it a third-straight for the Marnane family: graduate Prince of Lir (IRE) (Kodiac {GB}) won the G2 Norfolk S. in 2016, and Different League (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr}), another Doncaster buyback, won last year's G2 Albany S. in the Marnane colours before being sold to Coolmore and Peter Brant for 1.5-million gns.

“We had Different League last year and she actually won the maiden [On A Session] won today and he will be going to Royal Ascot too. He was very impressive and he'll only come on for the run; he ran away with it. The jockey didn't touch him, so we're Royal Ascot dreaming and the jockey was very impressed with him."

1st-LYP Cont.

The prolific stakes-winning dam, who also has a yearling filly by Paynter and was bred back to Noble Mission for 2018, is a half to two other stakes winners descended from South Sea Dancer (Northern Dancer), a sister to the champions Northerntowne and Storm Bird. Sales history: $50,000 Ylg '17 KEESSEP; £60,000 RNA 2yo ‘18 RNA GOFAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €9,000. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Theresa Marnane; B-Green Lantern Stables (KY); T-Mathieu Palussiere.

17 KEESEP; 24, 102, 136.
**5th-ChD Cont.**

Interestingly, one of her distinguished daughters Heat Haze (GB) (Green Desert) produced the smart G2 Great Voltigeur S. and G3 Hampton Court S. third Mirage Dancer (GB) to a mating with Frankel and one of her best Banks Hill (GB) (Danehill) threw a G1 Prix Jean Romanet winner and Gl Breeder's Cup Filly and Mare Turf runner-up in Romantica (GB) to a mating with Frankel's sire Galileo (Ire). Very Good News, who was unraced, also has the unraced 3-year-old filly Supporter (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)) and a yearling colt by Gleneagles (Ire). Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 7-3-2-1, $50,175. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.

**1st-ChD, £8,000, Cond, 5-10, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:24.41, st.**

MR MARRAKECH (GB) (c, 3, Scat Daddy–Morocco Moon (GB), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)), who scored on debut over this trip at Kempton Apr. 18, was penalised as a result along with fellow winners Tadbir (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)) and Glendevon (Scat Daddy) and tracked that pair in third from the outset. Staying on down the outside in the straight, the even-money favourite got to the head back to the returning Glendevon (Scat Daddy). The latter, a son of the 2005 GI Yellow Ribbon S. runner-up Flip Flop (Fr) (Zieten) sporting Cheveley Park Stud colours for the first time, was too fresh early but found extra late to suggest he retains all the ability he flaunted at Kempton last term. The winner is the first foal out of the five-furlong York handicap scorer Morocco Moon, who went on to win twice for Neil Drysdale. From the family of the G3 C. L. Weld Park S. scorer Rag Top (Ire) (Baratheon (Ire)), her 2-year-old and yearling fillies are by Nathaniel (Ire), her 2-year-old and yearling fillies are by Nathaniel (Ire) and are out of a G3 Hampton Court S. scorer Tadbir (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)) who is kin to a yearling filly by Camacho (GB). "Royal Ascot will be on the agenda. She'll get six furlongs, but is obviously quick enough for five. I don't know if she'll run before then." Sales history: £24,000 Ylg '17 TASAYG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $17,561. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Middleham Park Racing CXIV; B-Llety Farms (GB); T-Richard Hannon.

**Handicap Results:**

**3rd-ChD, £35,102, 5-10, 3yo, 7f 127yT, 1:33.45, gd.**

ANOTHER BATT (IRE) (g, 3, Windsor Knot (Ire)–Mrs Batt (IRE), by Medecis (GB)) Lifetime Record: SW-Tur & MSP-Eng, 12-4-2-3, $201,988. O-Excel Racing (Another Batt); B-JW Nicholson (IRE); T-George Scott.

**6th-ChD, £20,335, 5-10, 3yo, 12f 63yT, 2:41.28, gd.**

AUSTRIAN SCHOOL (IRE) (c, 3, Teofilo (IRE)–Swiss Roll (IRE) (SP-Ire), by Entrepreneur (GB)) Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, O-Dr J Walker; B-G O’Brien (IRE); T-Mark Johnston. *20,000gns Ylg '16 TAOTC. **1/2 to Ahzeemah (IRE) (Dubawi (Ire)), GSW-Eng & UAE, G1SP-Ire, $989,011.

**IRELAND**

**O’Rourke To Present at IGSSSA**

Colm O’Rourke, a former All-Ireland footballer for Meath and RTE GAA analyst, will present the 10 trophies at the 2018 Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards at the Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, County Meath, on May 21.

“I know the vital importance the back-room team play in all areas of sport, none more so than in racing and breeding,” said O’Rourke. “Irish stud and stable staff are the centre-field and the engine that drive the entire industry. I’m really looking forward to meeting all the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards finalists in Knightsbrook on Monday, 21st, May.”

**Germany**

Thursday’s Results:

**GROSSER PREIS DER SPARKASSE DORTMUND-Listed, €25,000, DOR, 5-10, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:15.44, gd.**

1--SCAPINA (GER), 122, f, 4, Tai Chi (Ger)–Sunshine Story (Ire), by Desert Story (Ire). (€20,000 Ylg ‘15 BBAGS; €31,000 RNA HRA ‘18 ARFEB). O-Rennstall Gestut Hachtsee; B-Gestut Romerhof (GER); T-Henk Grewe; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev. €14,000. Lifetime Record: 12-4-0-3, €75,300.
Listed Grosser Preis Der Sparkasse Dortmund Cont.

2--Daring Match (Ger), 126, h, 7, Call Me Big (Ger)--Daring Action (GB), by Arazzi. O-Gestut Auenquelle. €6,500.

3--Shining Emerald (GB), 126, g, 7, Clodovil (Ire)--Janayen, by Zafonic. O-Jaber Abdullah. €3,000.

Also Ran: Mc Queen (Fr). Click for the Racing Post result.

4th-DOR, €5,100, Mdn, 5-10, 3yo, 10fT, 2:11.91, gd.

REALEZA (GER) (f, 3, Maxios (GB)--Royal Dubai (Ger) (Hwt. 2yo Filly & GSW-Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB)), who was runner-up on debut over this trip at Hoppegarten Apr. 22, started as the 4-5 favourite and raced freely initially before being restrained to take a tow in second. Committed with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the €24,000 BBAGS yearling was joined and briefly headed by Area (Ger) (Maxios (GB)) but showed tenacity to regain the advantage and prevail by a short head. Gestut Auenquelle showed foresight in securing the winner at a bargain price before the listed-winning half-sister Rumh (Ger) (Monsun (Ger)) hit the headlines when her daughter Wild Illusion (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)) captured the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac. Royal Dubai, who took the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin in 2002, is a half-sister to the GI Beverly D. S. and G2 Prix de Malleret heroine Royal Dubai (Ger) who is herself the dam of the G2 G1 Prix Marcel Boussac. Royal Dubai, who took the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin in 2002, is a half-sister to the GI Beverly D. S. and G2 Prix de Malleret heroine Royal Dubai (Ger) who is herself the dam of the G2 Prix de Diane runner-up and G1 Irish Oaks third Gagnoa (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) who is herself a half to the Epsom Derby-winning sire Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu (Ire)).

1.55 Curragh, Mdn, €17,500, 2yo, 5fT

ISLE OF INNISFREE (Scat Daddy) debuts at the re-opened The Curragh on a day that Coolmore are keen to try out some potential future stars and this colt, who is owned in partnership with Flaxman Stables, is a full-brother to last year’s G1 Phoenix S. and G2 Norfolk S. hero and fellow Aidan O’Brien trainee Sioux Nation. His readiness will be tested by another from his own stable in Empire State (Scat Daddy) who was third at Dundalk nine days ago.

5.20 Curragh, Mdn, €16,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT

MOST GIFTED (IRE) (War Front) is another debutante for Coolmore and Aidan O’Brien to take the eye on a fascinating day of action in Kildare, being out of the 2008 G1 Prix de Diane runner-up and G1 Irish Oaks third Gagnoa (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) who is herself a half to the Epsom Derby-winning sire Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu (Ire)). Joining her is the stable’s Darkness Falls (War Front), a daughter of the 2012 G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Was (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) who was eighth on debut at Naas in October.

6.15 Nottingham, Cond, £6,000, 3yo, f, 8f 75yT

ADORABLE (IRE) (Kodiac GB) created a lasting impression when successful for the Mick Channon stable at Newbury last month and as a daughter of the 2000 GI Ramona H. heroine Caffe Latte (Ire) (Seattle Dancer) has scope to move on to better things eventually. She encounters a real blueblooded newcomer in Fittocks Stud’s 260,000gns TATOCT purchase Floria Tosca (Ire) (Shamardal), a daughter of the brilliant Islington (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). Luca Cumani was intent on securing at the Ballymacoll dispersal.

OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

1.20 Curragh, Mdn, €17,500, 2yo, f, 5fT

FANTASY (IRE) (Invincible Spirit (IRE)) is the latest progeny out of the star sprinter Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge (Ire)) to grace the track, having fetched 1.6 million gns at Tattersalls October. Therefore a half to the MG1SW Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (Pivotal (GB)), she also races for that luminary’s trainer Aidan O’Brien and is joined by the stable’s Gossamer Wings (Scat Daddy), the $500,000 KEESEP half-sister to the stakes winners Laureate Conductor (Bernstein) and Baby J (J Be K) who skipped a run against impressive TDN Rising Star Fairyland (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)) at Naas on Monday.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Smerdon Banned For Life Cont. from p1

Smerdon had handed in his license, announcing his retirement, in late March amidst the charges and did not participate in the hearing.

The scandal was made public in January, and later over 1,000 text messages retrieved from Greg Nelligan’s phone over a seven-year period with some of the accused trainers provided strong evidence of the wrongdoing. The guilty parties discussed “top-ups”, which was found to refer to a dose of sodium bicarbonate shortly before race time to reduce build-up of lactic acid, and therefore stall fatigue. (Click here to return to p1)
10,000 IS HER TIME TO SHINE

Having come of age in the last 12 months, 5-year-old mare In Her Time (Aus) (Time Thief {Aus}) heads to Saturday’s G1 Doomben 10,000 off the back of a third in the G1 TJ Smith S. (1200m) when beaten four lengths by Trapeze Artist (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), with Redzel (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), who she will meet here, two lengths ahead of her in second.

In the top three on seven occasions from nine attempts at the distance, the Ben Smith-trained mare should be able to take up a position from barrier eight, and with Corey Brown in the saddle, In Her Time will be charging late and looking to improve on her fifth 12 months prior.

Winning his first Group 1 in this event last year, the Peter and Paul Snowden-trained Redzel has continued to perform at the elite level, not finishing outside of the top two since that elite level victory.

Victorious over In Her Time in last year’s Stradbroke, Godolphin’s Impending (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) is set to head to the stallion barn after this campaign and if his first-up win in the G2 Victory S. is anything to go by, then the 4-year-old has returned in fantastic order, and while he has gone winless second up in all four starts, he looks ready to run a great race.

Gallant in defeat behind Trapeze Artist in the G1 All Aged S. (1400m), Le Romain (Aus) (Hard Spun) had accepted for the 10,000 as well as a race at Scone the day prior, but connections have confirmed the Group 1 winner will head to Saturday’s race, and on that fact alone, he can’t be discounted in the quality field.

Always running on, the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained English (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) appears to have come through her winless Autumn campaign and after an impressive trial on May 1, where she defeated Redzel and Spieth (NZ) (Thorn Park {Aus}), both whom she will meet here, it would be great for owners Newhaven Park to have the mare achieve another Group 1 victory before retiring to stud.

MASSIVE FIELD, A DERBY DILEMMA?

With a final field of 16 plus four emergencies accepting for Saturday’s G1 South Australian Derby (2500m) at Morphettville, there are form lines coming from every which way, leaving the race very open.

Going slightly wide here in the betting with the tough on-pacer Runaway (Aus) (Manhattan Rain {Aus}), whose three-quarter-sisters Abby Marie (Aus) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}) and Absolutely (Aus) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}) have both tasted success at Group 1 level over an Oaks distance.

Sent to the front last time out over the 2800m of the Listed VRC St leger, jockey Stephen Baster allowed the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained runner to roll along, with the rest of the field chasing in vain. While having to drop back in trip here, he is race fit and ticks a lot of boxes heading onto the Group 1 contest.

Second in the G1 Rosehill Guineas and third the G1 Australian Derby, Chris Waller’s Tangled (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) comes into the race off a last start second over 2000m at Group 3 level and once again rates highly here.

Victorian-based runners Leicester (Aus) (Wanted {Aus}) and High ‘N’ Dry (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}) who finished one-two in the traditional lead-up, the G3 Chairman’s S. (2035m), look right in the mix here on Saturday with a slight leaning to the runner-up from the Matthew Ellerton and Simon Zahra yard, who although drawn in barrier 18, does come from back in the field and his pedigree suggest the 2500m is no concern.

Second to Runaway in the St Leger, the Hayes, Hayes and Dabernig-trained Rezealient (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) has recorded two pleasing efforts over 2400m and 2800m, and is a stayer with promise that is sure to run out the trip and should be considered as a place contender.

Fifth in both the G1 Victoria Derby and the G1 Australian Derby, this is a class drop on both of those, with the Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young-trained Main Stage (NZ) (Reliable Man {GB}) set to go back and will be running on hard when it matters.
WINX TOPS LONGINES WORLD RANKINGS

Australian superstar Winx (Aus) (Street Cry (Ire)) has been given a rating of 130 to top the Longines World’s Best Racehorse Rankings, overtaking the now-retired Gun Runner (Candy Ride (Arg)), who won the 2018 GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational in January and is ranked at 129. The Chris Waller-trained mare was most recently in action during The Championships in April, winning her 25th-consecutive race, the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. by 3 3/4 lengths over the 120-rated Gaiolo Chop (Fr) (Deportivo (GB)). Cracksman (GB) (Frankel (GB)) is ranked third at 125, after taking out the G1 Prix Ganay at ParisLongchamp in his 4-year-old bow on Apr. 29.

Saturday’s GI Kentucky Derby hero Justify (Scat Daddy) has moved up into a joint fourth at 124 with fellow Bob Baffert trainee West Coast (Flatter), who was second to Gun Runner in the Pegasus and filled that spot behind 123-rated G1 Dubai World Cup victor Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmut (Aus)) on Mar. 31. The latter runner shares sixth with G1 Dubai Turf scorer and fellow Godolphin standard-bearer Benbatl (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)), and Aussies Trapeze Artist (Aus) (Snitzel (Aus)), a three-time Group 1 winning sophomore colt who nabbed the Apr. 7 G1 T.J. Smith S. and Apr. 21 G1 All Aged S. and Apr. 7 G1 Doncaster Mile winner Happy Clapper (Aus) (Teofilo (Ire)).

Other ranked horses of note is G1 2000 Guineas winner Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), who now sits equal 12th at 121. TDN Rising Star Pakistan Star (Ger) (Shamardal) (120) succeeded in the G1 QEII Cup at Sha Tin, the same day Ivictory (Aus) (Mossman (Aus)) (120) beat Mr Stunning (Aus) (Exceed And Excel) (120) in the G1 Chairman’s Sprint Prize.

Click here for the complete rankings.
### GROUP ENTRIES

**Friday, Chester, Britain, post time: 2.25 p.m.**

**HOMESERVE HUXLEY S.-G2, £126,000, 4yo/up, 10f 70yT**

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**Saturday, Doomben, Western Australia, Australia, post time: 3:50 p.m. (1:50 a.m./6:50 a.m. GMT)**

**DOOMBEN 10,000-G1, A$700,000 (US$522,003/£384,430/€440,202), WFA, 3yo/up, 1200mT**

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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/E330,217/£330,217/€376,613), 3yo, 2500mT

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BODY AND SOUL: LEGACY OF A GIANT

by Robert D. Fierro, DataTrack

There comes a time a bit after a major stallion passes that we can pull out all the objective analysis tools and assess his efficacy without worrying about being accused of shilling or pooh-poohing—and therefore somehow affecting how breeders might feel about sending a mare to him. (We can be catty sometimes in this game.)

Such is the case with Giant's Causeway, whose racing career was of such high class that it came as a bit of a surprise to some that he then went on to become such a successful stallion on four continents in both hemispheres. After all, the history of the sport is littered with dozens of brilliant racing legends who simply failed to leave any long-term imprint on the breed in any country.

This robust chestnut with a perfect name (by Storm Cat out of Mariah's Storm, by Rahy) took the racing world like the meteorological power which can be unleashed in that legendary Irish channel formed 60 million years ago from volcanic fury. Now we have an unusual situation where his sons may be about to surround us with progeny that will keep his name alive into the next Thoroughbred generation. It’s unusual in the sense that he has been somewhat of a hidden gem among the sires-of-sires world and yet has his most potentially promising group of sons just starting to gain notice. Cont. p3

TDN Q & A: BOB BAFFERT

The 2018 GI Kentucky Derby was a great feat for both Justify (Scat Daddy) and his trainer. In the span of just 76 days, Bob Baffert took an unraced horse and turned him into a Derby winner. Justify became the first horse since Apollo in 1882 to win the Derby without having had a start as a 2-year-old. For Baffert, it was his fifth Derby win and still one more example that when it comes to winning America's most famous horse race nobody does it better.

Baffert was a recent guest on the TDN podcast, presented by Taylor Made. Excerpts from that podcast appear below.

TDN: In your mind, how significant was the so-called curse of Apollo and/or the obstacles involved when it comes to winning the Derby with a horse who had not raced at two?

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Justify (Scat Daddy) made a good impression in his first track gallop since annexing last Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby.

Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), a well-beaten 12th behind Justify (Scat Daddy) in last Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby, has been galloping daily at Keeneland is back under consideration for the GI Preakness S. Late Thursday it was reported that Corey Nakatani would regain the mount.

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That Giant’s Causeway succeeded at all as a racehorse and stallion demands a cursory look at his pedigree and a deeper look at his biomechanics—and there is a fascinating story in each part. We can blow right by the Storm Cat-on-Rahy cross (we’ll get to it later in a physical sense) and point out that Mariah’s Storm was only the second mare in four generations of her family to produce a graded stakes-winning colt (her dam, Immense, by Roberto, produced Group 2 winner Panoramic (GB) {Rainbow Quest}). Her second dam, Imsodear (Chieftain) and her third dam Ironically (Intent) were stakes-winning producers of stakes-winning fillies, and you had to go back to the fifth dam, Itsabet (*Heliopolis) to find any stakes-winning colts. Indeed, that dam was acquired in the late 1940s by Harry Isaacs, who developed the family and who named all his horses with a word beginning with "I."
Body & Soul cont.

Past the pedigree, however, we have found a host of biomechanical facts that both confirm, and confound, what most breeders and stallion managers may think about Giant’s Causeway and his clan. For example, his size: He was not a small horse if your only memory is the stretch run of the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic in which the huge Tiznow edged him out. Indeed, Giant’s Causeway was basically the same all-around size (height, length, heart girth, etc.) as Storm Cat, larger (of course) than Rahy, but generally smaller than his most successful racing and breeding sons.

Secondly, Giant’s Causeway was the most balanced of his tribe in terms of biomechanical measurements as detailed in the Phenotype Target which accompanies this article. Note that he (in red) is positioned midway between the Power and Stride sectors, while virtually all his sons are to the left (Power) side—where Storm Cat and Rahy both resided.

This positioning (which is the first factor we discover after measuring a horse) tells us that he is a balanced racing machine, but we need more to see if that will carry over into the breeding shed.

As far as his racing profile is concerned, it is very rare that a horse comes up with as many balanced factors as his—excellent mechanics, geometry, stride extension, square-off-the-ground at the elbow and flank, perfect ratio of back lengths to other lengths, very good thrust through the hocks and a solid rear combination of power and quickness through the hip: ilium, femur and tibia. This is not altogether rare in our experience, but he carried that imperceptible quality that many other horses with such “perfect profiles” never bring to the races: Enthusiasm and courage. This dude would not be beaten.

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# Measuring Racing Greatness

## THE LONGINES WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSE RANKINGS

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When it comes to assessing him and his sons as stallion prospects, we have several algorithmic steps to go through, one of which compares the horse in question in size and scope to leading sires which are also in our database. In that regard, he is quite close to Dixie Union, Tale of the Cat, Speightstown, and Awesome Again—all average-sized horses whose mechanics fit a wide cross-section of mares.

From there, however, things really change. First, except for perhaps First Samurai and Carpe Diem, you could look at his dozen or so major commercial sons and conclude that they really don’t resemble him to the eye—much like that Phenotype Target. Many, in fact, seem to reflect their broodmare sires or Storm Cat himself.

When it comes to that size-and-scope thing, it’s more fascinating. About half of them are large horses, most often resembling horses like Indian Charlie, Street Sense, Scat Daddy, Deputy Minister and Ghostzapper. A third of them resemble another group, smaller in size but powerful sires—Round Table, Lion Heart, Forest Wildcat, Wildcat Heir. That’s quite a spread that might require breeders to look at these horses before deciding bookings.

That is likely to become crucial as his progeny, such as Brody’s Cause, Carpe Diem, City Wolf, Not This Time and Protonico, come to market over the next several years. One clue we already have is Fed Biz, an atypical Giant’s Causeway in race record (sprinter-miler) and appearance (looks nothing like him), who has come through the 2-year-old sales season as a talking horse based on how they run and the fact that virtually all of them resemble their sire—and not his daddy.

These things happen—just because it’s a game which will fool you as much as make you look smart.

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BB: I’m so glad we beat the Apollo curse because you don’t know how many clients I have had who said, “Please, Bob, can you start my horse before he turns three.” So, now, people can chill out and relax. It can be done but it has to be done with a superior racehorse.

TDN: The pace was very fast, so fast that most horses would have stopped well before the wire after enduring so much pressure. Take us through your thoughts as the race was unfolding.

BB: Once he got away from the gate, he broke really well and he really hustled him out of there. It was like Mike Smith was on a Quarter Horse. Once he got him in the clear, I thought, ‘Alright, he’s good, let’s get some easy fractions now.’

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Then on the first turn, Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) was right on his flank and I was hoping no one would be pushing him from the outside to make him go faster. We knew Dale Romans's horse [Promises Fulfilled] was going to be in the lead. We knew he was going to be the speed of the race. He's sitting off him, but all of a sudden I see '22 and 1' and I thought, "Wow, that is fast." I'm watching the race with my wife and she says, "Bob, they're going too fast." But I knew he was stroking it. He was in a nice groove. They get to the half-mile and I looked up at the television and I thought it read "46 and 4." I didn't think that was too bad. She said, "No, it is 45 and 4." That wasn't good. But he still wasn't pushing on him. He had a good hold on him. I'm panning the field to see who's back there. Good Magic (Curlin) was right there and I'm watching him really close. At the three-eighths pole, Dale's horse was out and we inherited the lead. My wife said that I said at that point, "Okay, big boy, let's see how great you are." We were still there, but I was worried that he was going to lay down, that he was done. I saw Good Magic coming and I know he's a good horse. Mike hit him a couple times left-handed and he responded and he just kept going.

I have been so fortunate to win five. I never thought I could win one. When I got beat the first time, I was so disappointed and I realized how difficult the race was to win. Every time I go there I think that I better enjoy it, because you never know if you're going to get back. It's been an incredible run.

TDN: You are on an incredible run, but to get there you had to start with almost nothing. Let's go back to those early days of your training career--at least your career as a Thoroughbred trainer.

BB: I started by claiming a Thoroughbred and he ran last three times in a row for me. The third time he ran, I couldn't get my brother to come out to the track to watch the horse run. It was a very humbling experience. I was very successful with the Quarter Horses, but I knew I had to learn. I was hoping to follow in the footsteps of Wayne Lukas. He set the bar a long time ago, the way he transitioned from the Quarter Horses to the Thoroughbreds. He was the one who opened it up for Quarter Horse trainers. I got over here [in California] and I got to talk to Charlie Whittingham, Laz Barrera, Ron McAnally, all these guys I had read about and was in awe of. When I met Leroy Jolley, I told him that when I grew up I watched him win all those big races. I was a little bit shy about going up to some of those guys, but I wanted to introduce myself to them. When I first got into the business, I saw Woody Stephens sitting down on a bench and I was afraid to go up to him and introduce myself. I wish I had.
WHILE IN BAHAMAS, NORM CASSE WINS
FIRST RACE  By Bill Finley

It was a memorable day for trainer Norm Casse yesterday at
Churchill Downs. Too bad he wasn't there to experience it.
Casse, who only recently went out on his own after serving as
a long-time assistant to his father, Mark, won for the first time in
his young career as Tiznoble (Tiznow) captured the third race at
Churchill Downs Thursday (video). It was the ninth career starter
for his barn. Casse sent out his first horse Feb. 7 at Gulfstream.
Instead of being at the track, Casse was vacationing with his
family in the Bahamas. He said he watched the race on his
computer through his Twinspires.com account.

“This was a trip that we had planned eight, nine months ago,”
said Casse. “Just a nice thing to do with the family. Then I started
looking at the condition book for Churchill and I started thinking
that I wasn't going to be there when I won my first race. This
horse had been training well and I had a lot of confidence going
into the race. It's unfortunate that I wasn't there to experience
it, but this win is a testament to my staff, including my assistant
Sarah Campion. I'm also very happy that [owner] Joe Minor was
a part of this. He's been a long-time supporter of my dad and I'm
glad he showed confidence in me.”

Tiznoble was making his first start since being claimed for
$32,000 on Feb. 2 at Aqueduct. He ran for a $25,000 tag
yesterday and was claimed.

"That's going to happen to us," said Casse, who has 24 horses
under his care. "We have some claiming horses and we plan to
be aggressive with them. If we think the spot is right, we're not
going to shy away."
JUSTIFY RETURNS TO TRACK AHEAD OF PREAKNESS BID

WinStar Farm, China Horse Club, Starlight Racing and Head of Plains Partners’ GI Kentucky Derby winner Justify (Scat Daddy) returned to the track at Churchill Downs Thursday morning for the first time since his historic victory beneath the Twin Spires Saturday. The undefeated colt was the first horse on the track at 7:30 following a maintenance break and proceeded to gallop about 1 1/2 miles beneath exercise rider Humberto Gomez. Jimmy Barnes, head assistant to trainer Bob Baffert, said he was pleased with the appearance of Justify—who came out of the Derby with a bruised left hind heel.

“I was very happy with him,” Barnes said of the ’TDN Rising Star.’ “He went to the track perfect and galloped perfect. I couldn’t be happier with him.”

Barnes said Justify has bounced back from his 2 1/2-length triumph, as well as the heel bruise, with gusto.

“Each day he was getting better,” Barnes said. “He is 100%. He was ready to go (today). He was getting a little pushy in his stall.”

Among those on hand to watch the gallop was Elliott Walden, President and CEO of WinStar Farm.

“I thought he went great,” Walden said. “The last couple of days he has looked good in the shed, but you never know until you get them out there. He has dealt with a cracked heel off and on and that is typical of horses. The track was rough Saturday with all the rain. The first time we saw [the heel] was when he came out for [the media] Sunday. We had to figure out what it was and work on it.”

Trainer Tom Amoss, who sent out GMB Racing’s Lone Sailor (Majestic Warrior) to an eighth-place finish in the Derby, also weighed in on Justify’s condition on Twitter.

“Justify looked exactly the same [Thursday] as he looked training before the Kentucky Derby,” Amoss commented.

Justify is scheduled to remain at Churchill Downs until early next week, when he will ship to Pimlico for the May 19 GI Preakness S.

“We will stick to the same plan and go a little light into Baltimore,” Barnes said. “Just keep him happy and healthy.”

THOROUGHBRED IDEA FOUNDATION TO FUEL INDUSTRY DISCUSSION

In response to a number of overarching concerns about the direction of the Thoroughbred industry, a new organization known as the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation (TIF) has been launched with the goal of creating an active forum that promotes exchange and curation of ideas to improve the industry as a whole, it was announced Thursday. With a board of directors comprised of Craig Bernick, Lesley Howard, Corey Johnsen, Paul Matties, Justin Nicholson, Gary Stevens and Jack Wolf, the TIF points toward a declining foal crop and a drop in handle as reasons to take action.

Citing additional trends such as an aging customer base and the closing of a number of racetracks, the TIF aims to create discussion about potential solutions among the wide range of constituencies—owners, gamblers, fans and racetrack management—who are impacted.

“Better service, transparency and pricing are keys to improving the sport for current participants, all of whom choose to actively participate in racing,” a statement from the TIF read.

“Innovation is required to reach new gamblers, owners and fans. We believe the availability of content and data are key to growing the sport, and a path to finding commonality between the sport’s biggest contributors—owners and gamblers.”

Among other issues touched on by the TIF are the modernization of horse racing gaming content and the need to make use of—not rely upon—supplemental funds from other forms of gaming.

The TIF statement added, “The TIF is not looking for a seat at the table—we have no intention of creating another silo. The ideas and concepts offered will not have pride of ownership. We hope they are adopted freely, by racetracks and industry stakeholders that can implement them for the good of the business.”

Based in Lexington, the TIF will be funded by owners, gamblers, fans, breeders, stallion farms and other stakeholders, but will notably not seek funding from any industry organizations. With its pending launch, the TIF can be found on Twitter here and here.
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‘BOLT’ CONFIRMED AS PREAKNESS CANDIDATE

Bolt d’Oro (Medaglia d’Oro), 12th in Saturday’s GI Kentucky Derby, is under consideration for a start in the GI Preakness S. at Pimlico May 19, owner/trainer Mick Ruis confirmed Thursday.

The two-time Grade I winner galloped 1 1/2 miles at Keeneland Thursday morning.

“We’re going to see how he’s training up to it, and it doesn’t matter if Justify (Scat Daddy) runs or not,” said Ruis. “We know we’re going to have to run against him. If we feel we’re good to go in there, we’re going.”

Ruis said he received visual evidence that the son of Medaglia d’Oro’s first off-the-board finish was the result of a dislike for the sloppy, sealed racetrack at Churchill Downs Saturday. As such, Ruis said his colt would not run in the Preakness if the track comes up muddy or sloppy.

“Someone just sent me a Twitter photo of Justify and Bolt when they were next to each other,” Ruis said. “Justify is skipping over the track, pasterns up. Bolt’s [hooves], all the way below the pasterns, were just sucked into that track. Absolutely he didn’t like it. It would be like one running on the freeway and one running in sand.”

Ruis reported that Bolt d’Oro emerged from the experience otherwise unscathed, showing high energy levels in his time at Keeneland.

“He is doing really, really good–it doesn’t look like he even lost a pound,” Ruis said. “He’s really good and really happy. I’m glad I’m here at Keeneland, because our farm is only four miles away. It’s so mellow for him here. I couldn’t be happier. We’re going to try to make our residence in Kentucky.”

BREEDERS’ CUP SHUFFLING CHAMPIONSHIP LINEUP

Officials at the Breeder’s Cup have announced a new schedule for the 35th renewal of the championship event to be held at Churchill Downs Nov. 2 and 3 that will see all juvenile events staged on the Friday program. The GI Breeder’s Cup Dirt Mile and GI Longines Breeder’s Cup Distaff will now take place on championship Saturday.

“Future Stars Friday” will feature five events restricted to 2-year-olds males and females and will culminate with the running of the $2-million GI Breeder’s Cup Juvenile at 6:05 p.m. ET. The program will also feature the inaugural running of the $1-million Breeder’s Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint at 5 1/2 furlongs on the grass. With the Distaff and Dirt Mile added to the mix, a total of $21 million in purse money will be up for grabs on Breeders’ Cup Saturday, anchored, of course, by the $6-million GI Breeder’s Cup Classic at 5:44 p.m. ET. The GI Breeder’s Cup Filly & Mare Turf, contested over nine furlongs at Del Mar last November, will be run over a mile and three-eighths as per usual when Churchill has played host to the Breeder’s Cup. The official order of races will be announced Oct. 24.

“With the increased excitement and international interest in our Juvenile races, ‘Future Stars Friday’ will create an identity to showcase the emerging stars of our sport on the first day of the World Championships,” said Craig Fravel, Breeders’ Cup President and CEO. “Churchill Downs also provides the perfect stage for our fans to witness the potential candidates for next year’s Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks, as well as standouts competing from overseas.

“We also look forward to the Distaff and Dirt Mile bolstering an already blockbuster line-up of World Championship races on Saturday culminating with the $6 million Breeders’ Cup Classic,” Fravel added.

UNSUNG HEROES: Know of someone flying under the radar who makes a positive contribution to the Thoroughbred industry? Let us know! We will be featuring veteran grooms, hot walkers, track maintenance crew members or anyone on the racetrack backside who makes a difference on a daily basis in our newest TDN “Unsung Heroes” feature. Please submit your suggestions to tdnpressbox@gmail.com.
DAILY HANDLE UP 35% AT GULFSTREAM

The daily average handle during the first month of racing at Gulfstream Park was $6.896 million, an increase of 35% over 2016, when that figure was $5.109 million. Total handle thus far is $110 million, up by $8 million over last spring despite four fewer racing days.

“In a very short time our spring and summer racing season has become one of the country’s most popular meets with horsemen, and our handle clearly reflects it’s a favorite as well with bettors,” said Gulfstream General Manager Bill Badgett. “So many horsemen from around the country have embraced our vision of a year-round Thoroughbred program in Florida, and with breeders, owners and the FHBPA putting so much into Florida racing, we felt this program would create more opportunities for horsemen and an increase in field size for bettors.”

Beginning with Saturday’s program, a second phase of purse incentives are set to kick in. The minimum payment for horses finishing fifth to last in allowance races, starter races of $35,000 or more, maiden special weight races and claimer and maiden claiming races of $25,000 or more will be $750. Minimum from fifth to last for any categories before the $25,000 threshold will be $500. Gulfstream started the meet with a 10% purse increase over last year.

“LEG UP” RELEASED

Amanda Roxborough’s documentary film Leg Up, which was featured in the TDN and profiles the story of lifelong horseman Ernst Oertel’s recovery from a life-threatening ailment, is now available for download online via iTunes and Amazon. Roxborough, a former jockey and trainer, received the “Equestrian Inspirational Documentary--Over 60 Minutes” award for the film at the 2017 Equus Film Festival in New York last November.

—Anonymous Submission

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MARIA CANO
Hotwalker, Todd Pletcher Racing Stable

Maria Cano is a dedicated hotwalker for Todd Pletcher. Together with her husband Carlos, who was seen riding Noble Indy in preparation for the Derby, they have spent many years working for Todd. The most common thing you hear to describe Maria is that we wish we could clone her! She never stops working and always does it with a smile on her face. In addition to walking horses and maintaining the shedrow, she can often be found planting flowers in front of the barn. Maria is always at the barn first thing in the morning, comes back in the afternoons and then stays late to do an evening shift of night watch! She is always willing to help and always has a positive attitude.

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### Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 6:18 p.m. EDT
#### PETER PAN S.-GIII, $350,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

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### Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 2:34 p.m. EDT
#### VAGRANCY H.-GIII, $200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f

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Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 5:46 p.m. EDT  
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## Saturday, Arlington, post time: 5:41 p.m. EDT
### HANSHIN CUP S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT)

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## Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 4:57 p.m. EDT
### MARINE S.-GIII, C$125,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT)

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Leading Fourth-Crop Sires by YTD Dirt Earnings
for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, May 9

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“Inside the Winner’s Circle, Presented by Keeneland” is a series showcasing graduates of the Keeneland September sale that have gone on to achieve success on racing’s biggest stages.

In order for a horse to do what Friday's GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) has done—namely, win six of her first seven starts, on multiple surfaces, with her only loss coming by a neck—it takes an extraordinary level of talent and a fair bit of luck. More than that, though, it takes a special inner constitution. To develop that steadily with no hiccups in between, a horse has to be a fast learner and an even-keeled pupil capable of handling and adjusting to everything thrown at them. The chestnut filly’s unflappable mental makeup was on display under the Twin Spires of Churchill Downs, for sure. But it also showed itself when she was first introduced to her buyer, BSW Bloodstock’s Liz Crow.

Flash back to the 2016 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, and Crow was doing her due diligence examining horses for a specific price range. Sol Kumin, principal of part-owner Monomoy Stables and myriad other ownership groups, had given Crow an order to pick up four or five horses at the sale at an average of around $80,000 apiece. The bloodstock agent knew she had found a potential fit when she visited Hip 1611 and saw how the filly responded to her chaotic environment.

“It was quite busy, she was down at the bottom barns, and she showed a ton of professionalism and just a lot of class in the way she carried herself,” Crow recalled. “That’s what initially caught my eye. A lot of colts and other horses were acting up around her and she was very calm, never turned a hair the whole time I was looking at her.”

In addition to displaying the right mind to be a successful runner, Monomoy Girl checked the necessary boxes in her appearance.

“I loved her athletic build and physical,” Crow said. “I wouldn’t say her walk was outstanding, I’d say it was just OK, but what I loved is when she stood up, she showed a lot of athleticism, she had a nice strong shoulder, great forearm, very strong forearm and kind of looked like she could plow through the dirt pretty well. Really strong hind legs, from the top of her hip right down through her back legs.”

Sold on the filly’s conformation, Crow moved on to the final step of her evaluation process, pedigree, which would tell the tale on whether the yearling could join Kumin’s string.

“The way I do things is I look at the physical, and then I look at the pedigree page and that tells me if I can afford them or not,” she said. “Her page was just OK, a very unknown, untested page at the time. She was by a young sire out of a mare that hadn’t produced anything yet. I thought OK, well I love her physical and maybe this will make me able to afford her.”

The filly went through the ring during Session 6 of the sale and the hammer dropped at $100,000 even, slightly higher than the average Crow was tasked with, but well within the range for Kumin to trust his agent’s sharp eye.

“Sol deserves all the credit here,” Crow said of the purchase. “He gave me an order, but said, ‘If you love one, you can go to 100, 110, no problem.’ So he’s the one that let me go out and pick whatever I’d like to pick. He didn’t tell me, ‘Go buy a turf filly or a dirt colt,’ he just let me decide what I wanted to buy in that price range and she fit that mold.”

Monomoy Girl debuted for trainer Brad Cox going a mile over turf on a sleepy Tuesday at Indiana Grand last September, hardly the starting point one would envision for a future Oaks victress. Producing a sweeping, five-to-six wide run on the far turn, she took the lead in just a handful of strides and kicked away powerfully in the stretch.
“At first, they had some trouble getting her to break from the gate,” Kumin said. “Brad kept saying ‘the longer, the better’, and they don’t write the dirt races long enough from the beginning, so he felt like the highest probability for her to have success early would be to put her on the turf even though she was bred for dirt.”

Despite her visually impressive maiden win, Monomoy Girl earned just a 59 Beyer for the effort, a number that doesn’t exactly scream ‘superstar’. After that, however, she showed a new dimension in taking a first-level allowance wire-to-wire on the Churchill Downs lawn, which piqued the excitement of new dimension in taking a first-level allowance wire-to-wire on exactly scream a different fashion, Brad thought, the superstar filly who put him on the map.

Kumin concurred, going so far as to compare Monomoy Girl to the track in the mornings is the same. She’s full of class. The way she handles herself on million people in there, cameras, people screaming, a huge crowd and she never turned a hair, was very calm. I was very proud of her in the paddock. And the way she handles herself on the track in the mornings is the same. She’s full of class. “

Monomoy Girl’s true breakout came in her next outing, as she stamped herself the star of Churchill Downs’s annual “Stars of Tomorrow” all-juvenile card when romping by 6 1/2 lengths in the Rags to Riches S., her dirt bow, Oct. 29. She suffered her one and only defeat when narrowly out-gamed in the GII Golden Rod S., and following a brief respite, returned with impressive tallies in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. and GI Central Bank Ashland S. in her first two 3-year-old tries.

Then came the Oaks. Made the narrow second choice despite being marooned in the 14-hole, Monomoy Girl pressed the pace and made her customary blitz for home on the far turn. She was hooked by Wonder Gadot (Medaglia d’Oro) in early stretch, however, and appeared to be in deep water past the eighth pole. That’s when the filly in the sky-blue silks showed yet another dimension, battling back after being passed to earn the hard-fought victory, one that her connections trace back to her unflappable attitude.

“You showed a ton of grit and a ton of heart,” Crow said. “My initial impressions of her class and professionalism, she has really shown that her entire career. I was really proud of her. Even watching her in the paddock for the Oaks, there were a million people in there, cameras, people screaming, a huge crowd and she never turned a hair, was very calm. I was very proud of her in the paddock. And the way she handles herself on the track in the mornings is the same. She’s full of class.”

Kumin concurred, going so far as to compare Monomoy Girl to the superstar filly who put him on the map.

“You just see the way she handles race day,” the founder of hedge fund Folger Hill Asset Management said. “You look at the way that she’s standing in her stall and she just doesn’t look fazed by it all. The good fillies, it’s almost like they know when it’s time for business. She looked a little bit like Lady Eli to me. In the paddock, I’m always watching every horse come by, getting the saddles put on, and you’re kind of like, ‘OK, who looks like I don’t want to rumble with them?’ They just look calm, they look cool, they’ve got the right demeanor. That day, she looked the best to me, and she turned out to be.”

Kumin also made sure to credit Cox and his team for the training job they did to get their filly from a turf maiden at Indiana Grand to an Oaks winner.

“Brad’s done a terrific job with her,” Kumin said. “He’s spent a lot of time with her. He’s got a lot of horses, but he knows where she is every day. I’ve been on the phone with him when he’s leaving Oaklawn at 7 at night to drive all the way back [to Kentucky] because she’s going to breeze the next day. That type of commitment is a big deal, and I think when you get that from a trainer, that’s sometimes the difference between being very good and being elite.”

Crow also spoke to Cox’s ability to get Monomoy Girl ready for the dogfight she encountered in the Oaks after she coasted to a facile victory in her final prep.

“Brad’s done an outstanding job preparing her for that because she had such an easy run in the Ashland, going wire to wire with everything her way, so I thought in the Oaks, Brad had prepared her for that moment,” the former assistant to Eoin Harty and Jonathan Sheppard said. “In some of her breezes, she had gone head to head and pulled away, so maybe she drew back on that. I was just extremely proud of her performance.”

As was Kumin, who had one of the all-time weekends for a racehorse owner, returning to the infield a day after Monomoy Girl’s heroics to celebrate as one of the partners on GI Kentucky Derby winner Justify (Scat Daddy). “It was a good one,” he said with a laugh. “Hard to be back at the office this week.”
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-BEL, $85,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:20.34, fm.

**GREAT SOUL** (m, 5, Great Notion—What Am I Gonna Do, by Partner’s Hero) was previously campaigned by her breeders Steven and Jane Long, winning a pair of stakes on the dirt for them and trainer Tom Proctor, and was second by a nose as the even-money favorite in her final outing for them Oct. 21 in the Maryland Million Ladies S. going nine panels on turf at Laurel. Sent through the ring at the Fasig-Tipton February sale, she sold to Craig Bernick’s Glen Hill Farm for $220,000 and was returned to Proctor’s barn. Sent off at 9-1 while carrying the Glen Hill colors for the first time in this salty test, the dark bay raced in mid-pack as Malibu Stacy (Tizway) clocked an opening half-mile in :45.26. Launching a three-wide bid in the lane, Great Soul hit the front in the final sixteenth to best the pacesetter by a half-length. Weekfair (Fr) (Stormy River {Fr}) made a late run to be third over heavily favored MSW and TDN Rising Star = Rubilinda (Frankel {GB}). The winner’s dam also produced a juvenile colt by Street Magician and a yearling full-brother to Great Soul. Sales history: $20,000 RNA Ylg ’14 EASSEP. Lifetime Record: MSW, 12-6-4-1, $310,220.

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O-Glen Hill Farm; B-Steven & Jane Long (PA); T-Thomas Proctor.

5th-PIM, $55,037, Alw (NW3X)/Opt. Clm ($25,500-$32,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.30, fm.

**O DIONYSUS** (c, 4, Bodemeister--Ask Me When, by Speightstown) captured the Miracle Wood S. on the Laurel main track last winter and finished second behind Twisted Tom (Creative Cause) in both the Private Terms S. and Federico Tesio S. last April, after which he was shelved for the season. Seventh in his return off that 10-month layoff in a sloppy sprint at Laurel Feb. 24, he failed to fire again when eighth in the state-bred Not For Love S. going six panels on dirt Mar. 17. Sent off at 5-1 in this first try on turf, the bay tracked from a two-wide fourth through moderate early fractions and charged past his foes in the lane under a hand ride from Jevian Toledo to win going away. It was 1 1/2 lengths back to heavily favored Kabang (Tapit). The winner is a half-brother to Joy (Pure Prize), MSW, $250,544; and Combat Diver (Line of David), SP, $153,080. His dam produced a full-brother to the winner in 2016 and a colt by Malibu Moon in 2017. She was bred back to Runhappy. O Dionysus hails from the female family of champion Safely Kept (Horatius). Sales history: $190,000 Ylg ’15 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-4-5-1, $251,099.

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O-Marathon Farms Inc.; B-Dark Hollow Farm (MD); T-G. Capuano.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-BEL, $62,000, (S), Msw, 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.83, fm.
THEATERINTHEROUND (f, 4, Majesticperfection--Little Theater, by Theatrical (Ire)) completed the trifecta on debut against fellow Empire-breds over this course and distance last June and was dispatched at 7-2 in this return. Keeping a watchful eye on the leaders from mid-pack early, the dark bay ranged up two-wide in the lane, swept past the leaders and held off a determined Spring Drama (Big Drama) for a neck success. The winner is a half-sister to Gallery (Munnings), SW, $187,137; and a 2-year-old colt named Plantus (Here Comes Ben). Sales history: $45,000 Wlg ‘14 FTNMIX; $210,000 Ylg ‘15 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $43,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William H. Lawrence; B-Brewster Ranch (NY); T-Chad C. Brown.

2nd-SA, $54,345, Msw, 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.57, ft.
WHIRLING (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Make Music, by Unbridled’s Song) finished fifth as the favorite when unveiled in a six-panel test here Apr. 7 and entered this off a pair of local bullet works, most recently breezing a best-of-40 three furlongs in :36 flat May 7. The 5-1 shot kept tabs on the leaders from a two-wide fourth through a first half in :47.24. Three wide in the lane, Whirling was the only one attempting to reel in Etching (Paynter), who appeared home free, but the dark bay found another gear late, collaring that rival in the shadow of the wire to win by a neck. The winner is the first foal to race out of Make Music, who is also responsible for the juvenile colt Secular Stagnation (Noble Mission (GB)), a yearling full-sister to Whirling and a Noble Mission filly born earlier this term. Sales history: $50,000 Ylg ’16 KEESEP; $210,000 2yo ’17 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $31,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Carl Gessler; B-Carl Gessler & Danny Wiginton (KY); T-Albert Stall, Jr.

5th-CD, $52,507, Msw, 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.89, ft.
PRAY FOR LESLIE (f, 3, Bernardini--C J’s Leelee (MGSP, $172,463), by Mizzen Mast), dispatched at 9-2 for this unveiling, dueled for early control through a :22.38 opening quarter and a gained a narrow advantage as she hit the half in :45.49. Even-money favorite East Moon (Speightstown) was still within striking distance at the top of the lane, but Pray For Leslie quickly slammed the door on that foe and powered clear to a six-length score. The winner is a half-sister to C J’s Awesome (Awesome Again), SP, $328,302. Her dam C J’s Leelee, a half-sister to GISW sire Capo Bastone (Street Boss), produced a 2-year-old full-sister to Pray For Leslie named It Justshitted Wire, who sold to Mike Ryan for $410,000 at OBS April; a yearling filly by Speightstown; and foaled a colt by that WinStar sire Mar. 29. Sales history: $170,000 RNA Ylg ’16 FTSUUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $31,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Coco Ranch LLC; B-Guillermo Morales (FL); T-Alexis Cordero - Lopez.

7th-GP, $50,000, (S), Msw, 5-10, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.37, ft.
GLOBAL BEAUTY COCO (f, 2, Global Response--Macho La Papa, by Macho Uno) checked in fifth on debut over this track and trip Apr. 12 after veering at the start and was completely dismissed at 74-1 this time around. Bursting from the stalls, she seized immediate control, zipping through an opening quarter in :22.30. Showing the way into the lane, she charged home to a never-in-doubt 3 1/2-length graduation. First Time Proud (Kantharos) was the runner-up. The winner’s dam produced a Gone Astray filly in 2017 and a Ride on Curlin filly earlier this year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $32,900. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Coco Ranch LLC; B-Guillermo Morales (FL); T-Alexis Cordero - Lopez.

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On A Session, c, 2, Noble Mission (GB). See “France”.

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INSIGHTS  ON THE AMERICAN RACING SCENE

6th-BEL, $75K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 4:14 p.m. ET
Allen Stable and Peter Brant’s SUSAN B ANTHONY (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) makes her career bow in this spot for trainer Chad Brown. Out of SP Looking Back (Ire) (Stravinsky), the bay is a full-sister to English and Irish Highweight and MG1SW millionaire Rip Van Winkle (Ire); and a half-sister to GSW Le Vie Infinite (Ire) (Le Vie De Colori {GB}). This is also the family of GISW Danish (Ire) (Danehill); GSW & MGISP Ace (Ire) (Danehill) and Hawkeye (Ire) (Danehill). TJCIS PPs. --@CDeBernardisTDN

10th-TOK, ¥34,200,000 ($313k), Open Class, 3yo, 1600m
SWING BEAT (c, 3, Tapit—Backseat Rhythm, by El Corredor) graduated first time out over course and distance (video, gate 6) and has since placed once in three starts going 1800m. He gets tested for class here, as among the competition is Sumahama (Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}), who won the Listed Hyancinth S. and with it a berth in the GI Kentucky Derby, but ultimately passed on the opportunity. Swing Beat’s dam was a Grade I winner on turf who RNAed for $2.5 million at FTKNOV in 2008. B-Shadai Farm (KY) --Alan Carasso

U.S.-BRED/Sired Runners in Japan

Saturday, May 12, 2018
6th-TOK, ¥13,200,000 ($125k), Allowance, 3yo, 1600m
A popular debut winner over course and distance Jan. 27 (video, gate 15), PRINCESS NONKO (JPN) (f, 3, Orb--Seaneen Girl, by Spring At Last) will look to bounce back from a fifth in stakes company on the turf at Nakayama Mar. 11. Her MGSW dam was purchased for $525K with this filly in utero at KEENOV in 2015 and she has since produced a Heart’s Cry (Jpn) filly that fetched ¥92 million (about $807K) as a yearling at last year’s JRHA Select Sale. B-Shadai Farm

Sunday, May 13, 2018
5th-KYO, ¥13,720,000 ($125k), Allowance, 3yo, 1800m
AGNESE (f, 3, Ghostzapper--We’ll Be There {Jpn}, by Sunday Silence) did not do a whole lot of running in two starts on the turf to begin her career, but sprung to life when switched to the dirt for the first time, causing a 30-1 boilover to graduate by a nose at Fukushima Apr. 22. Her winning dam was offered in foal to Palace Malice at KEENOV last fall, but was bought back on a bid of ¥22,000. B-North Hills Co Ltd (KY)

6th-TOK, ¥13,720,000 ($125k), Allowance, 1400m
JASPER WIN (c, 3, Jimmy Creed--Chick Flick, by Tapit), a maiden winner at second asking going this distance, failed to handle the stretch out to nine panels next time, but cut back to this trip and finished a good third from a high draw at Kyoto Apr. 29 (video, gate 15). The $70K KEESEP grad, a half to SP Flowmation (Warrior’s Reward), gets a major upgrade in the saddle to Christophe Lemaire. B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY)

First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 9
Goldencents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
119 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-EVD, Msw 4 1/2f, GOTTABEGOLDEN, 2-1
$17,000 IOW OCT yrl

Will Take Charge (Unbridled’s Song), Three Chimneys Farm, $30,000
109 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, TJIORK, 5-2
$130,000 KEE NOV wnI; $260,000 FTS AUG yrl; $525,000 OBS MAR 2yo

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
7-PRM, Msw 1m, SHIMMERING DREAM, 3-1
$17,000 IOW OCT yrl

Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), Jonabell Farm, $35,000
216 foals of racing age/19 winners/4 black-type winners
6-GG, Aoc 1 1/16m, ANIMOSITY, 7-2
$30,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $85,000 BAR MAR 2yo
4-BEL, Alw 1 1/4m, NAKAMURA, 15-1
$110,000 KEE SEP yrl
The National Steeplechase Association achieved record spring purses in 2017, and the growth continues this year.

2017 spring purses: $2,780,400

2018 spring purses (Est.): $2,890,000

Up more than 10% since 2016

UPCOMING GRADE 1 RACES

$200,000
Calvin Houghland Iroquois (Gr. 1) • Iroquois Steeplechase • Saturday, May 12

$175,000
A. P. Smithwick Memorial (Gr. 1) • Thursday, July 26

$175,000
New York Turf Writers Cup (Gr. 1) • Thursday, August 23

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Cold Harbor (Distorted Humor), Fieldstone Farms
4 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
8-WO, Ocl 6 1/2f, OPEONGO, 8-1
CAN$15,000 RNA CAN SEP yrl

Corfu (Malibu Moon), Bridlewood Farm, $3,500
41 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
8-GP, Aoc 7f, REAL FAST MUSIC, 20-1

Data Link (War Front), Claiborne Farm, $7,500
186 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
6-GG, Aoc 1 1/16m, BORNONVALENTINEDAY, 8-1
$7,200 KEE SEP yrl
6-WO, Msw 7f, SENT FROM HEAVEN, 8-1
$10,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fast Bullet (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, $7,500
33 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
8-CD, Alw 5ft, THERIGHTTOBEARARMS, 15-1
$14,000 RNA KEE JAN yrl; $6,500 KEE SEP yrl

Flashpoint (Pomeroy), Le Mesa Stallions, $2,500
63 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
3-LS, Alw 1m, NEBULAS, 20-1
$49,000 KEE NOV wnl

Graydar (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made Stallions, $15,000
193 foals of racing age/35 winners/1 black-type winner
1-BEL, Msw 1 1/16mT, SPA JAZZ, 15-1
$75,000 FTK OCT yrl

Morning Line (Tiznow), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
134 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
6-IND, Msw 5fT, ANGEL GOODMORNING, 12-1
$12,500 OBS WIN yrl; $25,000 OBS AUG yrl

Overanalyze (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, $10,000
193 foals of racing age/38 winners/5 black-type winners
2-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, OVER EMPHASIZE, 6-1
$9,500 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Point of Entry (Dynaformer), Adena Springs, $25,000
147 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
9-GP, Aoc 1mT, LOGIC, 6-1
$140,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo
1-SA, Msw 1 1/8mT, POINTED, 12-1
$2,000 KEE SEP yrl; $16,000 BAR MAY 2yo

Poseidon's Warrior (Speightstown), Pleasant Acres Stallions,
$6,500
104 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
7-LS, Msw 5fT, GLORY'S DREAM, 10-1
$9,500 RNA OBS WIN yrl

Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday), Ashford Stud, $20,000
238 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners
7-SA, Msw 1 1/16m, SHIVERMETIMBERS, 9-2
$170,000 KEE SEP yrl

Soldat (War Front), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $5,000
158 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners
9-AP, Alw 5 1/2f, RAKE IT UP, 7-2

Town Prize (Speightstown), Curraghmore Farm Inc
7 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-WO, Ocl 6 1/2f, MIDNIGHT STRIDER, 7-2
CAN$40,000 RNA CAN SEP yrl

Treasure Beach (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Pleasant Acres Stallions,
$10,000
129 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
1-SA, Msw 1 1/8mT, CAJUN TREASURE, 5-2
$250,000 OBS APR 2yo

Violence (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $15,000
248 foals of racing age/47 winners/5 black-type winners
6-WO, Msw 7f, ALTERNATE TRUTH, 6-1
7-SA, Aoc 1 1/16m, AYACARA (GB), 4-1
20,000gns RNA TAT FOA wnl; $85,000 KEE SEP yrl; $145,000
RNA OBS MAR 2yo
7-SA, Aoc 1 1/16m, PEACE, 7-2
$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $50,000 FTK JUL yrl; $75,000 FTK
OCT yrl; $280,000 OBS APR 2yo

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
4th-BEL, $65,000, (S), 5-10, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:20.84, fm.
CATCH A CAB (g, 4, Proud Citizen--Gypsy Cab Company, by
Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, $92,830.
O-Gary Barber; B-Big Z Thoroughbreds LLC (NY); T-Mark E.
Casse. *$100,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG; $45,000 3yo '17 KEENOV.
**1/2 to Ole’s Miss (Officer), MSW, $202,273.
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5th-SA, $56,690, (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 5-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.43, fm. 
DREAMY GAL (f, 4, Ez Dreamer--Famous Gal (SW, $121,304), by Western Fame) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-2, $121,230. O-John Pendergast; B-John & Judy Pendergast (CA); T-Jeff Mullins. *$55,000 RNA Ylg '15 ARZNOV. **1/2 to Tribal Gal (Tribal Rule), MSW & GSP, $446,051.

4th-CD, $53,725, 5-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.63, fm. 
ANGASTON (g, 3, Denman {Aus}--Marq of Beauty {MSW & GSP, $147,770}, by Marquetry) Lifetime Record: 9-3-4-0, $74,270. O-Twin Magnolia Farm; B-William N Hogan (KY); T-Lon Wiggins. *$30,000 Ylg '16 FTKJUL.

9th-GP, $46,300, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.54, ft. 
REASON TO SOAR (g, 4, Soaring Empire--D' Country {SP, $206,410}, by D'wildcat) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-2, $122,125. O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-John Ropes (FL); T-George Weaver. *$110,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

8th-CD, $41,700, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, :58.85, fm. 
LITTLE CHRISTINA (f, 4, Mineshaft--Unbridled Sidney {GSP, $680,380}, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-0, $276,730. O-West Point Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Fred W. Hertrich (KY); T-Armando De la cerda. *$170,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; $370,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS: 
Wosie, f, 2, Munnings--Secret Song, by Dunkirk. CD, 5-10, (C), 4 1/2f, :52.76. B-Brad & Misty Grady (FL). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
Samara, f, 4, Hard Spun--Smara, by Storm Cat. BEL, 5-10, 6fT, 1:08.35. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY).
Kitzel Park, f, 4, Put It Back--Magnificentaprovial, by Distant View. GP, 5-10, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:28.31. B-Arindel Farm (FL).

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BERNARDINI, Pray for Leslie, f, 3, o/o C J's Leelee, by Mizzen Mast. MSW, 5-10, Churchill Downs
BODEMEISTER, O Dionysus, c, 4, o/o Safe Journey, by Flatter. AOC, 5-10, Pimlico
CUSTOM FOR CARLOS, Frolic, f, 4, o/o Comehomewithasmile, by Came Home. ALW, 5-9, Evangeline
CUSTOM FOR CARLOS, Seaside Amour, f, 3, o/o Seaside Affair, by Sea of Secrets. ALW, 5-9, Louisiana Downs
DENMAN (AUS), Angaston, g, 3, o/o Marq of Beauty, by Marquetry. ALW, 5-10, Churchill Downs
EZ DREAMER, Dreamy Gal, f, 4, o/o Famous Gal, by Western Fame. AOC, 5-10, Santa Anita
GLOBAL RESPONSE, Global Beauty Coco, f, 2, o/o Macho La Papa, by Macho Uno. MSW, 5-10, Gulfstream Park
GREAT NOTION, Great Soul, m, 5, o/o What Am I Gonna Do, by Partner's Hero. AOC, 5-10, Belmont Park
HARD SPUN, Samara, f, 4, o/o Smara, by Storm Cat. MCL, 5-10, Belmont Park
MAJESTICPERFECTION, Theaterintheround, f, 4, o/o Little Theater, by Theatrical (Ire). MSW, 5-10, Belmont Park
MINESHAFT, Little Christina, f, 4, o/o Unbridled Sidney, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 5-10, Gulfstream Park
MORE THAN READY, Spanish Harlem, f, 4, o/o Spanish Silks, by Fusaichi Pegasus. AOC, 5-10, Gulfstream Park
MUNNINGS, Wosie, f, 2, o/o Secret Song, by Dunkirk. MCL, 5-10, Churchill Downs
PROUD CITIZEN, Catch a Cab, g, 4, o/o Gypsy Cab Company, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 5-10, Belmont Park
PUT IT BACK, Kitzel Park, f, 4, o/o Magnificentaprovial, by Distant View. MSW, 5-10, Gulfstream Park
SMART STRIKE, Up the Ante, c, 3, o/o Ask Me When, by Speightstown. AOC, 5-10, Belmont Park
SOARING EMPIRE, Reason to Soar, g, 4, o/o D' Country, by D'wildcat. AOC, 5-10, Gulfstream Park
TWIRLING CANDY, Whirling, f, 3, o/o Make Music, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 5-10, Santa Anita