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The William Hill Sports Book at Monmouth Park, where bets are expected to be accepted by the end of May | *Bill Denver/Equi-Photo*

by *T.D. Thornton*

America's gambling landscape underwent a seismic shift on Monday when the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) struck down a federal law barring wagering on team sports, opening the legislative floodgates for individual states to pursue legal sports betting as they wish.

The landmark May 14 ruling is generally viewed as favorable within the U.S. horse racing industry because racetracks—at least at first—are viewed as likely to land some of the initial sports betting licenses under the logic that they are already regulated entities set up for the purpose of taking bets. In some states, legislation is already being crafted that will give racing interests a cut of the revenue from sports betting, similar to the way some casino gaming subsidizes purses.

But the initial rush of euphoria within the Thoroughbred industry must be tempered by the daunting reality that numerous other non-racing entities will also want in on the lucrative action. The American Gaming Association estimated in 2017 that the combined legal and illegal sports betting handle in America is \$107 billion annually, noting that that figure “would significantly increase” upon the widespread legalization of sports wagering. *Cont. p3*

TDN Q&A: FRANK STRONACH

by *Bill Finley*

As the founder and honorary chairman of The Stronach Group, Frank Stronach has no equal in this sport when it comes to being a mover, a shaker and a visionary. Stronach doesn't believe in the status quo and believes that it will take bold action and innovation not only for the sport to move forward, but, perhaps, to remain viable. The industry is clearly starting to appreciate his contributions. Last month, it was announced that Stronach is the latest recipient of the Dinny Phipps Award, to be presented at the Belmont Stakes Charity Celebration June 7. The award was created by Earle Mack and honors an individual or individuals who have demonstrated dedication to equine health. Some three months earlier, Stronach was awarded an Eclipse Award of Merit for a lifetime of outstanding achievement in service to the Thoroughbred industry.

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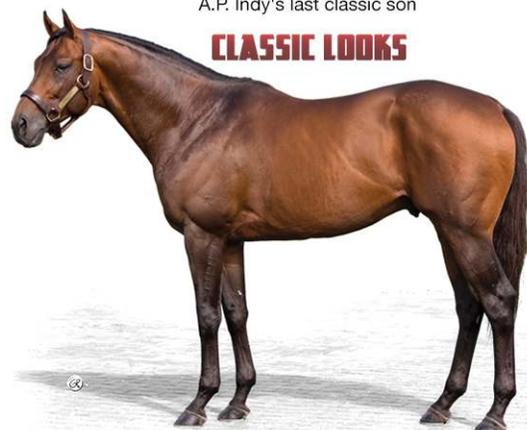
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PREAKNESS NOTES: BAFFERT REUNITES WITH JUSTIFY 8

Bob Baffert watched Justify (Scat Daddy) train for the first time since his GI Kentucky Derby win Monday at Churchill Downs; Horses begin to trickle into Pimlico, starting with 2-year-old champion Good Magic (Curlin).

JOCKEY'S GUILD RESIGNS FROM NTRA ALLIANCE 9

Following up on concerns expressed by riders Saturday at Belmont, The Jockey's Guild has resigned from its affiliation with the NTRA's Safety and Integrity Alliance.

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Now that the day of decriminalization has dawned, Monmouth Park in New Jersey is well positioned to be the first to market for sports betting at a racetrack, perhaps opening its ready-to-go sports bookmaking operation within two weeks.

The on-track infrastructure and legal mechanisms are already in place in New Jersey because the state was the lead plaintiff in *Murphy v. National Collegiate Athletic Association*. A significant amount of the inertia behind the six-year legal fight was provided by co-plaintiff New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, whose advisor and attorney, Dennis Drazin, successfully led the prolonged, long-shot battle to have the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992 (PASPA) declared unconstitutional by the nation's highest court.

Drazin, who is also the chairman and chief executive of Darby Development LLC, which operates Monmouth Park, began his quixotic quest to offer legal sports betting at New Jersey's last

remaining Thoroughbred-only track in 2012 as a means to stave off closure.

"It's a historic case for the country, but for all of us here in New Jersey, it's really the survival of an industry that was threatened and repressed before we had this victory," Drazin said at a hastily assembled Monday press conference in a room that will soon host part of the track's new sports book.



Dennis Drazin at Monday's news conference
Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

"It's really been a struggle," Drazin said. "A lot of people have gone out of business. A lot of farms have been sold. A lot of [horsemen] have left New Jersey. [But] this historic case really means survival for Monmouth Park. It means the ability to compete on a world-class level. It means being able to go out and offer our horsemen and breeders more opportunity--a longer length of season, more opportunities to be here in New Jersey, with perhaps the ultimate goal of [being able to race] from April to December, and then take a few months off." **Cont. p4**

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Monmouth itself placed a big bet on the Supreme Court’s potential overturning of the federal ban on sports betting by investing some \$2 million in its facility over the last several years to build a sports bar and convert a chunk of the grandstand to a potential bookmaking operation. After proactively contracting with William Hill US (the largest operator of sports books in Nevada with locations at over 100 properties), the track is ready to roll out sports betting by the end of May.

“My intention, unless someone stops us, is to be up and running in two weeks,” Drazin said. “If the legislature or the governor says slow down, I’m going to listen to them.” He added that he foresees a “soft opening” before that date with the obligatory photo-ops of politicians placing the first symbolic bets.

Justice Samuel Alito delivered the opinion of the court (read the entire 49-page ruling [here](#)), in which Justices John Roberts, Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Elena Kagan, and Neil Gorsuch joined, and in which Justice Stephen Breyer joined as to all but part VI-B. Justice Thomas filed a concurring opinion. Justice Breyer filed an opinion concurring in part and dissenting in part. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg filed a dissenting opinion, in which Justice Sonia Sotomayor joined, and in which Justice Breyer joined in part.

“The legalization of sports gambling requires an important policy choice, but the choice is not ours to make,” Alito wrote. “Congress can regulate sports gambling directly, but if it elects not to do so, each State is free to act on its own. Our job is to interpret the law Congress has enacted and decide whether it is consistent with the Constitution.”

In dissension, Ginsburg wrote that it is a mistake for SCOTUS to apply a “wrecking ball” to PASPA. “When a statute reveals a

constitutional flaw, the Court ordinarily engages in a salvage rather than a demolition operation,” she wrote.

Widening the lens though, it is not clear what the Supreme Court’s ruling on PASPA will mean for horsemen and tracks in other states. The words “horse” and “racetrack” are only mentioned passingly within the SCOTUS ruling, but the bottom line is that the question of whether or not to legalize sports wagering is now up to individual states. This is very different from saying that sports betting is now “legal” from coast to coast.

“It’s obviously good news for Monmouth Park,” National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) president Alex Waldrop told *TDN*. “First and foremost, I think Monmouth is

ready to go. Beyond that, it means there will be lots of activity at the state level, primarily as the states figure out how and if they want to participate. It will be incumbent on horse racing interests, tracks, ADWs and regulators to get together with capable [sports betting] operators to determine the best way to proceed.

“There are clearly opportunities here, but there are also challenges, because we are inviting new competition into a market where

we have enjoyed relative exclusivity for a long time,” Waldrop continued. “We have reason to be cautious and well-prepared for taking advantage of potential opportunities that are out there.”

Eric Hamelback, the chief executive officer for the National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, also said he believed that the ruling appears beneficial to the horse industry on the surface, but that racing interests should be cognizant that sports betting isn’t going to exist in a racing-centric vacuum.



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“Certainly, this isn’t [a ruling] that we are surprised about,” Hamelback told *TDN*. “All the experts told us that at least a partial repeal would come down. Ultimately, I think from the horsemen’s standpoint, it’s going to be what you make of it. We are set with the Interstate Horse Racing Act to still be the only legal gambling across state lines. What we need to make sure of is that when sports betting comes to a state where we already have pari-mutuel racing, that we can also have a symbiotic, good relationship with [brick-and-mortar or online] sports wagering [entities].”

Hamelback continued, “I think we’re as prepared as we can be to be at the table and have discussions. We are obviously an industry that has infrastructure set for wagering, and I would hope that would be of benefit for both our industry and the other sports industries. Ultimately, we have a sports league in and of itself if you look at some of our top-tier racing. So we’re available to help educate on their end, and I think we could both reciprocate and hopefully be beneficial to both of us.”

But racing has been down this proverbial “symbiotic” road before in terms of partnering with gaming interests, and now, 25 or so years into the racino era, many of the marriages between casino companies and racetracks are either strained or have been severed. In some non-gaming jurisdictions, horse racing got flat-out left at the gate entirely.

“We need to learn from history, and make sure that we are prepared for not being left behind,” Hamelback replied when asked for his opinion on that scenario. “But [in this case] we still needed to get to the point where the ruling was set, and [now we have to] decide how we’re going to handle it.”

Waldrop did not hesitate when asked to handicap the racing states beyond New Jersey that appear poised to act on some form of legalized sports betting.

“Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, New York, California--those are states that come to mind,” Waldrop said. “Beyond that, there are other states in discussion, like Kentucky and Illinois. I don’t anticipate much happening in Florida, based on some of the uniqueness of the tribal [gaming] compact that they have. I know that there are at least 18 states, and maybe more, that have some form of legislation that is pending or is being discussed. The ones that I mentioned are racing states. There are certainly other [non-racing] states. Mississippi is going to be an early adopter. They’re going to move quickly. Of the ones that I mentioned that will directly impact horse racing, in most cases, racing has a seat at the table and has secured some right to participate.”

Hamelback had a slightly different take on the same question: “I feel as if Kentucky has certainly been privy to this and discussed it. We’ll see how [various states] interpret the ruling. I would think that California would be very progressive. But one

of the states that ironically shows the foresight of horsemen is actually Kansas, which doesn’t have any live racing right now, but there has been a bill there that would require the sports betting facility to be set up at a live racing track. So those guys are way ahead of the curve [from a Thoroughbred perspective].”

Hamelback then brought up another point: “I think it’s going to be a little hard to handicap based on states that have professional sports. For example, there may be some variances that you wouldn’t see in Kentucky, where there are no pro sports teams, as opposed to Ohio, where they have active, very popular pro sports.”

When asked how he foresees the NTRA’s role in the rolling out of sports betting, Waldrop said, “Our primary sphere of influence is at the federal level. And we have been working at that level with a variety of different entities like the American Gaming Association, and to a lesser extent the [pro sports] leagues, to determine what, if anything, will happen at the federal level. But at this point in time, I think most activity will be at the state level.

Waldrop said one possible piece of federal legislation that could emerge is some sort of framework mandating minimum standards for sports betting in states where it gets legalized.

“That may happen, but perhaps not. I suspect there will be some effort on the part of the sports leagues to secure some form of media rights or integrity fee rights at the federal level,” Waldrop said. “But I don’t anticipate that the federal level will be where most of this activity takes place. I think it’s going to be at the state level, just like casino gambling, where tracks, horsemen, ADWs and others will have to work together to find common ground and push to secure an opportunity to participate in a meaningful way with whatever form of sports gambling comes to their states.”

As is usually the case when something that has been illegal for a long time suddenly gets decriminalized and there is a big rush to participate, Waldrop urged caution to those racing-related entities that are eager to enter the marketplace as quickly as possible.

“Tracks, horsemen, and others--they’re well advised to secure the expertise necessary to understand and succeed in the business of sports betting, both legislatively and operationally,” Waldrop said. “It’s complicated, it’s risky, and it’s different from pari-mutuel wagering.”

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The breeze show for the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale begins Tuesday at 8 a.m. in Timonium, Md. and will continue through Thursday. The sale takes place May 21-22.

Frank Stronach Q&A cont. from p1

Stronach sat down with the *TDN*'s Bill Finley to talk about his vision not only for The Stronach Group racetracks, but for the sport itself and why he is so dedicated to the betterment of the game.

TDN: With these two recent awards, it is clear that the industry is appreciative of your efforts. That must be gratifying.

FS: It is. It is any time you get awards like this. I do what I do because I am heavily involved with horses and love horses. I built a sizeable industrial corporation (an auto parts business) and so when I got into horses, I was looking for an equalizer. With the industrial, you measure things by the thousandths of an inch and use high tech formulas. The horses bring us back to nature. The more I got into the horses, the more interesting it got. You have a very big powerful animal and it has no mean streak in it. It

would rather run away than fight. I just try to do things that are right for the horse and for horse racing. I used to give a lot of lectures at universities and I've always said that success in life can only be measured with the degree of happiness you reach. At the same time, I told them that it's a lot easier to be happy if you have some money. If you are in your early twenties and you don't know yourself yet, experiment a bit. Do something that you enjoy. When you enjoy something, you can be good at it if you put in the extra effort. You can be one of the very best. Money is a byproduct of that. For me, the horses are a great equalizer to my industrial activities.

TDN: The last five or six years have been good ones for The Stronach Group. Gulfstream's business has gone through the roof, Laurel has also seen impressive improvements in handle and things appear to be turning a corner at Santa Anita. Is there any one accomplishment you are most proud of?

FS: What I am most proud of is what we have accomplished at Gulfstream Park. Yes, we did quite a bit of renovation at Santa Anita and also some at Laurel. But Gulfstream was a complete overhaul. I tried to build a facility that I thought would be the most functional facility. Functional but also a place with plenty

of aesthetics. I think aesthetics are very important to the customers. I got criticized quite heavily to begin with. Then more and more people came and more and more people enjoyed the excitement. People love to go there now. I wanted to create something where people would say, 'Let's go to Gulfstream Park--the food is good there--let's watch some races and have some fun.'



Frank Stronach | *The Stronach Group*

TDN: Some of your more successful hires of late have been people who few would have pegged for management roles. In particular, in people like Tim Ritvo, Sal Sinatra, Billy Badgett and P.J. Campo, you have taken people who have spent most of their careers dealing with horses and not the more traditional aspects of the business side of the sport. Yet, these people seem to be doing a very good job. What do they bring to the table that has made them a success in their new roles?

FS: When I look for a manager of a racetrack, I think it's important that the owners and trainers feel good about the person I hire. They have to lay a lot of money out and put a lot of work into what they do. So we were trying to hire people who understood what the owners and trainers need. If you have been a trainer or if you have been connected with the horses you have a good understanding of that. A lot of trainers would say, 'Gee, if the owners would do XYZ, it would be better.' The same goes for the owners. We listen to them. We try to make it as pleasant as possible for the owners and the trainers.

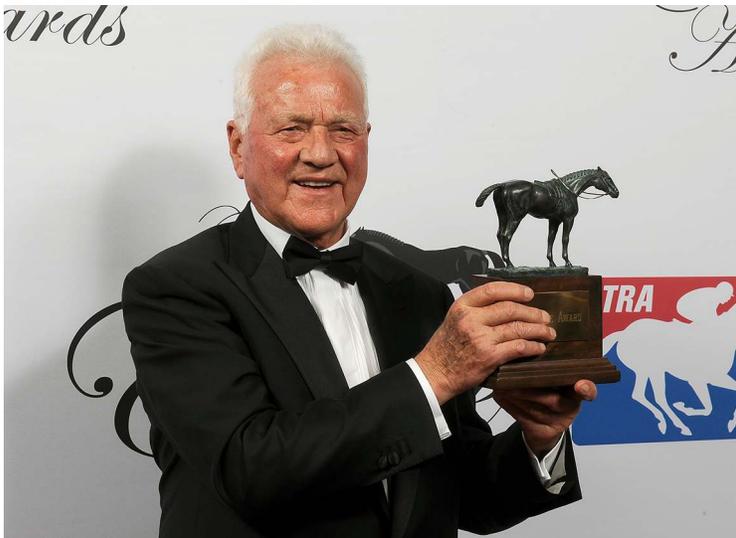
TDN: More so, perhaps, than at any time in history, so many horses and so many good horses are in the hands of a handful of trainers. Many believe this is a problem. In fact, Santa Anita has written races that are designed to give the smaller trainers an opportunity to win. What is your overview on this matter?

FS: I want to stress over and over that the backbone of racing is the small trainer, the small owner. They get up seven days a week between 4:00 and 5:00 in the morning to chase a dream.

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They want to come up with a stakes horse and thereby change their lives. I want to provide them with a chance to make a better living. In California, we have a problem. About 5% of the owners and trainers win about 70% of all the purse monies. That means a lot of the small trainers can't make a living. Yet, we have to be careful and there has to be a balance. Most of the wealthier owners have made their money in other businesses. They buy horses to win big stakes. Only a small percentage of the horses that you buy wind up as stakes winners. For those who spend a lot of money on a horse, we obviously have to have stakes races and we have to have opportunities for them to race in spots that are preps for those races. We have to take care of the big and small stables, but we can't ignore the needs of the smaller trainers with the cheaper horses. Tim Ritvo has done a good job balancing this at Gulfstream Park and we have to do the same in California.

TDN: Your racing departments have done an admirable job of creating big fields at your tracks. Sometimes, though, they do so by carding a lot of cheap races, including turf races for cheaper horses. Why has The Stronach Group adopted this formula?



Frank Stronach receives the Eclipse Award of Merit
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FS: The message I want to get across is that racetracks can only do well if they have big fields. People do not want to bet on four- or five-horse fields. A lot of owners like to run in races with small fields because their chances of winning are greater. But the racetracks have to be viable. If they are viable, they will be there forever. We have seen so many racetracks go out of business because they were not viable. We need to create as much handle as possible and the best way to do that is to produce races with big fields.

TDN: This is an industry that many people say is dysfunctional and would be a lot better off if all the parties involved worked together for the good of the sport and not just their individual interests. Do you agree?

FS: Yes, the racetrack owners have to communicate a lot more than they do. Believe me, I can make more money in other areas rather than in investing in racetracks and racehorses, but I care about the sport and the horses. If we would work together, if we put our heads together, we can get racing to a higher level. When you look back at the last couple of decades, handle was a lot bigger than it is now. Fifteen years ago, it was about \$15 billion, \$16 billion. Now it's down to \$10 billion. That's a huge difference and it doesn't take into account inflation. That \$15 billion is worth more today than it was then. We have too many sources that pull money out of the handle, including the off-shore wagering. We have got to get that money back, the \$5 billion or \$6 billion that has been lost over the years, for the racetracks to survive. Some years ago, people were saying Stronach might have a monopoly, owning most of the racetracks, we have to be careful of him. I don't think people think that way anymore. We have to put our heads together and say, 'What do we have to do to change so that racing will stay alive?' One thing we should be looking at is having one online betting platform. With the way it is now, it is too confusing.

TDN: It sounds like you are worried about the future of horse racing in this country?

FS: I am very worried. The problem is that the land these racetracks sit on is very valuable. The racetrack owners have to be entitled to a fair return. Not a high return, but a fair return. If they lose money they are not going to stay open. That's the key, the message I want to get across. For me, what I do, is not self-serving. It's for the love of the horses. Horses are one of the last things left when it comes to our connection with nature. Horses have provided such a great service to mankind. Where would the West be in America if not for horses? For the horse industry to stay alive we have to sit down and really take a look at what we can do.

TDN: Yet, wouldn't you be better off if several racetracks did close? After all, that would mean a lot more handle for the Stronach tracks.

FS: Not at all. I'm talking about what do we have to do to make sure that horse racing stays alive, and not just our tracks. It's not like two restaurants side by side that compete for customers. Belmont is far away from Gulfstream Park. **Cont. p8**

Gulfstream Park is far away from Churchill Downs. We are not taking customers away from one another. We should be finding ways that New York, Santa Anita, Churchill, Gulfstream all do well. The major racing hubs all need to be successful because that is what is best for the overall health of the sport.

TDN: Perhaps your boldest initiative to date has been the creation of the GI Pegasus World Cup. There has been a lot tweaking to the format for the race and there have been hints that more major changes could be in store. What can you tell us about the future of this race?

FS: It would be great if we would be better connected and get horses for the Pegasus from more parts of world, like Japan and even China. Why does car racing do so well? Car racing has 200,000 people at its events because many people are from Brazil, from Argentina, wherever. Great racing cars come from all over the world. It's the same for soccer. It is already popular, but it is at its most popular when you have the World Cup. We need to work on that, getting horses from other countries. We want to make it more of a worldwide event.

TDN: It would be a lot easier to attract foreign horses for the Pegasus if the race were run on the turf. For a time, there was talk about a Pegasus turf race. Is that something still under consideration?

FS: Internally, we talk quite a bit about that. It is absolutely necessary that we do have a turf race. Ideally, we'd like to have a dirt race and a turf race. The turf race could even have a higher purse than the dirt race because it would be more accepted on an international level. We are open to that. Our main aim is, can we do things to improve and make horse racing more exciting? That is our mission. If it is more exciting, more will be bet and then there will be more money for the racetracks. International competition is important. Down the road, I would like to see a World Cup for horse racing. One year it could be in the U.S., one year in Saudi Arabia, one year in Dubai, one year in Ireland, England or France. From time to time, you would hold the event and have it at different locations and have a truly international event. That's the type of thing we need to bring international attention to our sport.

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PREAKNESS NOTES: BAFFERT REUNITES WITH JUSTIFY; GOOD MAGIC ARRIVES



Justify galloping Monday morning at Churchill | *Horsephotos*

Trainer Bob Baffert arrived in Louisville, Ky. Sunday night and said he loved what he saw while watching **Justify** (Scat Daddy) train at Churchill Downs Monday morning for the first time since the colt captured the GI Kentucky Derby May 5.

Justify, who will seek to extend his unbeaten streak to 5-for-5 in Saturday's 143rd GI Preakness S. at Pimlico, jogged to the front of the grandstand under exercise rider Humberto Gomez before turning around for a brisk gallop, picking up the pace throughout ([click here for video](#)).

"I just loved the way he went around there," said Baffert, who flew back to California the day after the Derby. "He looks no different than he did before the Kentucky Derby, so we're pretty happy where we are right now. He looks healthy. He didn't lose an ounce of weight, which is important. That's one thing about him. The next day [after the Derby] when I brought him out, he was so bright and full of energy, I was pretty impressed myself. Usually, all my Derby winners, it takes them about five days to really snap out of it. But he was pretty sharp the whole time. You can tell by their eyes, their body language that he's enjoying it out there. He wanted to go faster than the rider [allowed]. That tells me he's still on 'go.'"

Baffert said that Justify has been re-shod with a full shoe on his left hind foot and with the hoof adhesive Equilox added. Justify had been training in a "three-quarter" shoe, where the heel end on one side is cut back to alleviate pressure on a bruised area that manifested itself after the Derby.

"Any time you run horses on a wet track, it's very abrasive, especially that day," Baffert said. "It burns their heels and that's when bruised feet come out. I looked at it and said, 'Start treating it,' because when you get heat, you'll get 'scratches' or cracked heels. But we jumped on it right away. He looked much better in the afternoon. We deal with these issues constantly in horse racing." **Cont. p9**

Baffert added that he would have stayed with Justify in Kentucky if he thought the foot issue was a major problem. The chestnut is scheduled to fly to Baltimore Wednesday and is expected to van to Louisville International Airport around 10:30 a.m. or shortly thereafter. The Tex Sutton Forwarding Company equine flight is expected to leave about noon and arrive at Baltimore-Washington International Airport about 1:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, champion and Derby runner-up **Good Magic** (Curlin) became the first horse of the prospective Preakness field to arrive at Pimlico Monday morning. Traveling in a Sallee Horse van, which left New York at 6 a.m., the Chad Brown-trained Good Magic was **unloaded at the Pimlico stakes barn** at approximately 10:50 a.m.



Good Magic settled in at Pimlico | Maryland Jockey Club

The D. Wayne Lukas-trained duo of **Bravazo** (Awesome Again) and **Sporting Chance** (Tiznow) also arrived at Pimlico later in the day.

The lone Preakness probable on the worktab Monday was Winchell Thoroughbreds' **Tenfold** (Curlin), who breezed a half-mile in :49 2/5 (14/24) at Churchill Downs for trainer Steve Asmussen. The homebred was last seen running fifth in the GI Arkansas Derby.

"I thought he moved well--very athletic horse," Asmussen said. "He's doing good. As far as timing-wise, I felt [the Preakness] was good for him. I was disappointed with his run in Arkansas, but I think he can move forward from it. Where exactly that puts him with this 3-year-old group is yet to be determined. A very good measuring stick will be Saturday."

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JOCKEYS' GUILD VOICES CONCERNS WITH NYRA, RESIGNS FROM NTRA ALLIANCE

In the wake of myriad concerns voiced by the Jockeys' Guild in conversations with New York Racing Association (NYRA) management, the organization has resigned from its affiliation with the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance and demanded enhanced safety protocols in New York, according to a statement released Monday. Per the statement, the Guild was dissatisfied with the responses it has received from the NTRA in recent months and has lost confidence that thorough safety measures are being enacted at NYRA tracks. Conversations with NYRA management reached a boiling point Saturday when the start of Belmont's 11-race card was delayed 37 minutes after the jockey colony requested a meeting.



Racing at Saratoga | Sarah K. Andrew

"There was never any intent to harm the owners, trainers, betting public and fans, nor was there ever any intention by the jockeys to cancel races," the statement read, addressing Saturday's incident. "The intent behind all of the concerns is to protect both the equine and human athletes, as well as provide adequate benefits for the jockeys who are regularly risking their lives at NYRA."

The Guild's chief concern--and the most highly publicized one--is the matter of jockeys seeking an adjusted, higher scale of weights that places less stress on riders' bodies.

"For more than a year, the Jockeys' Guild and the riders have talked with NYRA management concerning revising the scale of weights to a minimum of 118 lbs," the statement read. "In order to make the current weights being used, jockeys are endangering their health, by sitting in the hot box, using extreme dieting, or alternative measures, to lose four to five pounds each racing day. In turn, jockeys can suffer severe dehydration and other health issues, which is not in the best interest of the owners, trainers, and betting public." **Cont. p10**

The Guild also voiced concerns over larger-than-desired field sizes in turf races, issues with the management of a retirement account for NYRA riders, unsatisfactory conditions in the jockeys' quarters and concussion protocol. The statement pointed out that racing "still remains one of the only sports, professional or amateur, in the country that does not have some sort of standard in place with regards to concussions."

The Guild also questioned whether NYRA has adequate staff on hand to handle jockey injuries, leading to an associated fallout with the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance.

"One of the greatest areas of concern for the Guild is the assurance that racetracks have proper medical personnel, including having paramedics on the racetrack, both during training and racing hours," the statement read. "Since NYRA was initially accredited by the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance, the Guild was led to believe that NYRA had provided a properly equipped transport ambulance, 'staffed with at least one certified paramedic during training and two certified paramedics during racing hours.' However, in October of 2017, after legislation was adopted in New York requiring paramedics, it was brought to the attention of the Guild and the NYRA jockey colony that this was not in fact the case, even though NYRA had been accredited several times by the NTRA."

The Guild statement indicated that its Industry Partner Agreement with NYRA had expired Dec. 31, 2017 and the two parties had yet to reach an agreement on new terms. Calling the lack of an agreement "troublesome" to the local riding colony, the Guild stated that in order to find common ground, NYRA would need to become more receptive to addressing their concerns.

"NYRA has consistently demonstrated its commitment to act in the best interests of the sport and of the jockeys," NYRA Director of Communications Patrick McKenna said in a statement. "NYRA has continued to make payments to the Guild even after the contract expired without any obligation to do so. We have spent considerable sums to make our racetracks and training facilities safer, and we have new protocols in place for safer training. We will continue to act in a professional manner with all stakeholders, including the owners, trainers, horseplayers, fans, jockeys, exercise riders, hot walkers and grooms. NYRA will continue to negotiate in good faith with the Guild in a responsible way that does not negatively affect fans, horsemen and owners."

"NYRA strongly disagrees with the assertions leveled by the Jockeys Guild earlier this evening. For example, the Guild states that NYRA provides inadequate medical staffing during racing and training. However, NYRA has at least one paramedic on-site during morning training hours as well as a team of paramedics active during live racing at any NYRA track. NYRA has also

invested in expanding our fleet of safety vehicles that support safe racing. NYRA has eight human ambulances that are used for training and racing at Aqueduct, Belmont, and Saratoga. A fleet of five Kimzey equine ambulances are also available for use at all three locations. During racing, there are always two equine ambulances and four human ambulances at the location of live-racing.

"Second, the scale of weights is a national issue that cannot be addressed in a vacuum. However, in an effort to address the jockeys' concerns, NYRA has sent a revised scale of weights to NYTHA for their consideration. The question of the proper weights carried by a rider also demands the input of trainers and owners. None of this could be reasonably accomplished mere minutes before the start of an 11-race card.

"Finally, the rail settings on the inner turf course at Belmont Park is an issue that NYRA and the jockeys, as represented by John Velazquez, have resolved to the satisfaction of both parties."

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by John Phillips

Read this. No, seriously, if you care for Thoroughbred racing at all and especially if you work or are invested in Thoroughbred racing or any of the many parts that surround it--[click here and read this.](#)

Opinions

The grim future facing most of America's racehorses



Justify, with jockey Mike Smith riding, won the Kentucky Derby on Saturday. (Rob Carr/Getty Images)

Two days after the Derby, this opinion piece made headlines in the Washington Post

Is this article unbalanced? Balance was not even attempted. Is the context accurate? It throws our breed in with the pro-slaughter Quarter Horse horsemen. Does it misrepresent our industry's efforts and where our sport is heading? It makes it sound like we don't even care, let alone spend increasing millions annually on horses retiring from the track.

Can Thoroughbred racing expect more of this type of reporting? Absolutely.

This is Preakness week and we should be reading and thinking about the awesome drama about to unfold on Saturday. Instead, this was what we got from the *Washington Post*. Run in newspapers across the country, this kind of story is killing our sport. And our sport no longer has the luxury of sports-page standing to combat such disastrous public relations. At this stage, the only thing that Thoroughbred racing can do, and must do, if we want to survive, is to address the issue even more earnestly and more completely. Window dressing will not suffice.

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, in conjunction with its many partners, is the solution. The TAA has grown rapidly in just six years and now has 64 accredited partner organizations (understand that accreditation is not easy to attain) who operate 165 retirement and retraining facilities. The TAA alone will grant \$3.5 million annually to help care for and retrain, if possible, Thoroughbreds coming off the track. That amount is increasing each year. ([Click here for more information.](#))

But the truth is, that \$3.5 million and even combined with the funds raised by TAA partners, is not enough.

As president of the TAA, I hear the excuses and complaints: "I make enough contributions," or "I take care of my own," and "The horses I breed are not the issue, therefore, it's not my problem."

Well, the fact is none of us are doing enough to save our sport. Forget the moral issue; we are stewards of a sport that goes back hundreds of years, but our society has different demands upon us now and we either deal with those demands or perish. And yes, despite TAA efforts to spread the burden evenly, some may be doing more than others. But like a post position, sometimes it is not always fair. Try as we might, we don't have time to be perfectly even.

There are some individuals and organizations who understand the seriousness of the issue. But frankly, most individuals and organizations view this as "optional charity" and support the effort as long as it is voluntary and preferably as long as the bill goes elsewhere.

So here's the reality. There is no elsewhere. It is our sport to preserve. Only the substantial resolution to the welfare of Thoroughbreds exiting from racing competition, ensuring that they have a soft landing, will do.

The investment in aftercare is better viewed as an insurance premium, as in a business expense, or if you prefer, an obligation to the sport. I am sure that Tom Brady doesn't like paying into the NFL pension fund, as he'll never draw a penny from it, but he does it because he has to, and because it keeps the sport healthy.

With the TAA, our sport now has the basic infrastructure. TAA has research underway to tell us the scope of Thoroughbreds who are unaccounted for once they leave racing competition. The only real question is, do we have the will to substantially address the issue to the satisfaction of the public? The TAA monitors 20 revenue sources and is acutely aware of trying to be equitable, but we can only do so much. From big to small, be you breeders, owners, trainers, sales companies, racetracks, consignors, farm owners, syndicate managers, we must look to ourselves. We must all step up.

If we don't establish the complete truth to unwanted Thoroughbreds exiting the track as our ultimate defense, we can only expect more of these damning articles. And we will only have ourselves to blame.

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CANTERBURY TO HOST RACING FESTIVAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH JOCKEYS AND JEANS

The inaugural Mystic Lake Northern Stars Racing Festival, featuring five stakes races worth a total of \$500,000, will be held June 23 at Canterbury Park in conjunction with the fifth annual Jockeys and Jeans fundraiser to benefit the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. At least 15 Hall of Fame riders are expected to be on hand to honor six of their fallen comrades, including Pat Day and Chris McCarron. Triple Crown winner Steve Cauthen is also committed to attending.

"Combining Canterbury's richest races with Jockeys and Jeans makes for a great evening of racing that will draw attention both locally and nationally," said Canterbury President Randy Sampson. "Not only will we have some of the greatest jockeys from the past at the racetrack, but with \$500,000 in purses, we will also attract some of the best active jockeys in the sport. Jockeys and Jeans is an important industry event supporting the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund and I know race fans will turn out to show their support."

Since its founding in 2014 by five former jockeys the all-volunteer group has raised nearly \$750,000 for the PDJF which makes monthly payments of \$1,000 to 63 severely injured former jockeys, including some 40 who are pari or quadriplegics. The group hopes to go over the \$1 million mark this year.

The day will also include a poker tournament and on Sunday, a half-dozen Hall of Fame jockeys will be part of foursomes playing in a golf tournament at Meadows at Mystic Lake Golf Course, all to benefit the PDJF.

"If I used 10,000 words, I couldn't thank our individual donors or Canterbury Park management enough," said Jockeys and Jeans President Barry Pearl. "So many from all facets of racing have shown the same grit and determination to aid fallen riders those injured riders have shown in rebuilding their lives and Canterbury Park has not only opened its doors, but led us into new ways to raise funds for fallen riders. They have not walked but have run the extra mile."

Event tickets are \$50 with seating limited, and can be purchased at canterburypark.com starting May 16. Those who cannot attend can donate to the PDJF on behalf of the Jockeys and Jeans Fundraiser at <https://pdjf.org/donate>. For more information, contact Eddie Donnally at 818-653-3711 or eddonnally@gmail.com or Jeff Maday at 952-496-6408.

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MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY ADDS \$1.3B TO STATE ECONOMY

The 2018 Economic Impact Study produced by the American Horse Council revealed that Maryland's horse industry adds more than \$1.3 billion to the state's economy. The report found that the horse industry's total employment impact is over 21,000 jobs and that \$500 million-plus is added from the horse racing sector alone.

The report quantified the economic benefits generated from three of the main sectors of the horse industry; recreation, competition, and racing. It also enumerated the additional benefits the horse industry offers to the State of Maryland including land preservation, volunteerism, equine therapy and rehoming operations and educational opportunities at academic institutions.

"Horses are a part of Maryland's history and heritage, but this study confirms the important contributions that industry makes today to Maryland's economy and way of life," said Cricket Goodall, Executive Director of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. "As a part of the agriculture community horse farms are productive partners in protecting the environment and educating young people."

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UNSUNG HEROES

"ED AND LOU"

Assistant Starters, Maryland Jockey Club

Ed and Lou work for the Maryland Jockey Club as assistant starters, but they do so much more. I first met them during the summer meet at Colonial Downs. I would see them in the wee morning hours walking hots--then again in the afternoon loading scared maidens into the gate or talking to a jock about how they wanted a certain horse's stance. Long after the last race ended, I would see them again, cleaning and re-bedding the stalls in the receiving barn for the next day's occupants. Always with a smile on their faces. They were always working, some job or another, but smiling, laughing, having a good time--not once burdened by "the grind." Ready with a high five and a "How's it going?" Ed & Lou make the backside that much brighter every day.

—Submitted by Alexa Reisfield



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Accomplishments: MGSW, \$403,017.

Friday, Pimlico, post time: 4:48 p.m. EDT

BLACK-EYED SUSAN S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Tell Your Mama	Blame	Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.	Hess, Jr.	Castellano	116
2	Midnight Disguise	Midnight Lute	Wilmot, William B. and Taylor, Joan M.	Rice	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	Coach Rocks	Oxbow	Valente, Roddy J., RAP Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds	Romans	Saez	120
4	Red Ruby	Tiznow	Sexton, Sandra, Nicholson, Brandi and Nicholson, Steven	Gorder	Lopez	118
5	Mihrab	Tiznow	RMJ Stables	Motion	Toledo	116
6	C. S. Incharge	Take Charge Indy	Pacella, William, Jones, Jr., Frank L. and Shoop, Frank	Romans	Saez	116
7	Goodonehoney	Great Notion	Kasey K Racing Stable LLC, Day, Michael R. and Final Turn Racing Stable LLC	Egan	Hamilton	116
8	Indy Union 🌿	Union Rags	Robert G. Hahn	Englehart	Ortiz	116
9	Sara Street	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	McLaughlin	Davis	116
10	Stakes On a Plane	Run Away and Hide	Maxis Stable	Talley	Russell	116

Breeders: 1-Robert D. DeWitt, 2-Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & SilverFern Farm, LLC, 5-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 6-Pacella Racing, Frank L. Jones Jr. & Frank Shoop, 7-Kasey K Racing Stable, 8-Mt. Joy Stables, Inc. & Highclere, Inc., 9-Godolphin, 10-Green Lantern Stables, LLC

Friday, Pimlico, post time: 3:43 p.m. EDT

PIMLICO SPECIAL S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Irish War Cry	Curlin	Isabelle de Tomaso	Motion	Ortiz	118
2	One Liner 🌿	Into Mischief	WinStar Farm, China Horse Club International Ltd., SF Racing LLC, Head of Plains	Pletcher	Saez	118
3	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Cowboy	Radar Racing LLC	McPeck	Castellano	120
4	Discreet Lover	Repent	Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.	St. Lewis	Franco	118
5	Hedge Fund	Super Saver	WinStar Farm, China Horse Club International Ltd. and SF Racing LLC	Pletcher	Smith	122
6	Papa Zulu 🌿	Broken Vow	Gunpowder Farms LLC	Rubley	Esquivel	118
7	Afleet Willy	Wilburn	BB Horses	Gonzalez	Torres	118
8	Something Awesome	Awesome Again	Stronach Stables	Corrales	Prado	118
9	Untrapped 🌿	Trappe Shot	Michael Langford	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Isabelle de Tomaso, 2-Kingswood Farm, 3-Thorndale Stable L.L.C., 4-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-C. Kidder, N. Cole & B. Kidder, 7-Bryant H. Prentice III, 8-Adena Springs, 9-Indian Creek & Jonathan Sheppard

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Friday, Pimlico, post time: 2:39 p.m. EDT

ADENA SPRINGS MISS PREAKNESS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Happy Like a Fool	Distorted Humor	Merrielle Stable, Tabor, Michael B., Smith, Derrick and Magnier, Mrs. John	Ward	Gaffalione	120
2	Bootsy's Hadenough	Paynter	Cash, Lynn, Cash, Lola, Helwig, William K. and Crumbaugh Lane	Gorder	Lopez	116
3	Artistic Diva	Munnings	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Castellano	116
4	Purrfect Miss	Discreet Cat	DiRienzo, Orlando and Southfield Farm	Englehart	Franco	116
5	Buy Sell Hold 🌿	Violence	Robison, J. Kirk and Judy	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118
6	Lezendary 🌿	Zensational	Zayat Stables, LLC	Rodriguez	Ortiz, Jr.	118
7	I Still Miss You	Majestic Warrior	Gold Star Racing Stable, Hand, Matthew and McKenzie, Brian	Englehart	Vargas, Jr.	120
8	Almond Roca	Speightstown	Chadds Ford Stable	Motion	Ortiz	116
9	Good Move	Broken Vow	Klein Racing	Cox	Saez	116
10	Limited View	Freedom Child	Salzman, Jr., John E., Wasserloos, Fred and Greenwalt, George	Salzman, Jr.	Prado	118

Breeders: 1-Wesley Ward, 2-Glendalough LLC, 3-Asiel Stable, LLC, 4-Athens Woods, LLC, 5-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc & Stretch Run Ventures, LLC, 6-Zayat Stables, LLC, 7-Emcee Stable, LLC, 8-Mr. & Mrs. Jerome S. Moss, 9-Bertram Klein & Richard Klein, 10-Barbara G. Smith

Friday, Pimlico, post time: 5:57 p.m. EDT

ALLAIRE DUPONT DISTAFF S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Fuhriously Kissed	Langfuhr	Looch Racing Stables, Inc.	Quartarolo	Castellano	118
2	In the Navy Now 🌿	Midshipman	Johnson, R. Larry and R. D. M. Racing Stable	Trombetta	Pimentel	120
3	Power of Snunner	Power by Far	James M. Courtney	Kreiser	Whitney	118
4	Katalust	Munnings	Looch Racing Stables, Inc.	Quartarolo	Houghton	118
5	Song of Spring	Spring At Last	Stoneway Farm	Howard	Santana, Jr.	118
6	Verve's Tale	Tale of Ekati	Charles E. Fipke	Tagg	Ortiz, Jr.	118
7	Blue Prize (Arg)	Pure Prize	Merrielle Stable	Correas, IV	Ortiz	122
8	Dorodansa 🌿	Bellamy Road	Nicholson, Steven and Brandi	Gorder	Lopez	118

Breeders: 1-Anita Cauley, 2-Greenwood Lodge Farm, Inc., 3-James M. Courtney, 4-RR Equine Stables, LLC, 5-Susan Casner, 6-Charles Fipke, 7-Bioart S. A., 8-Centaur Farms, Inc.



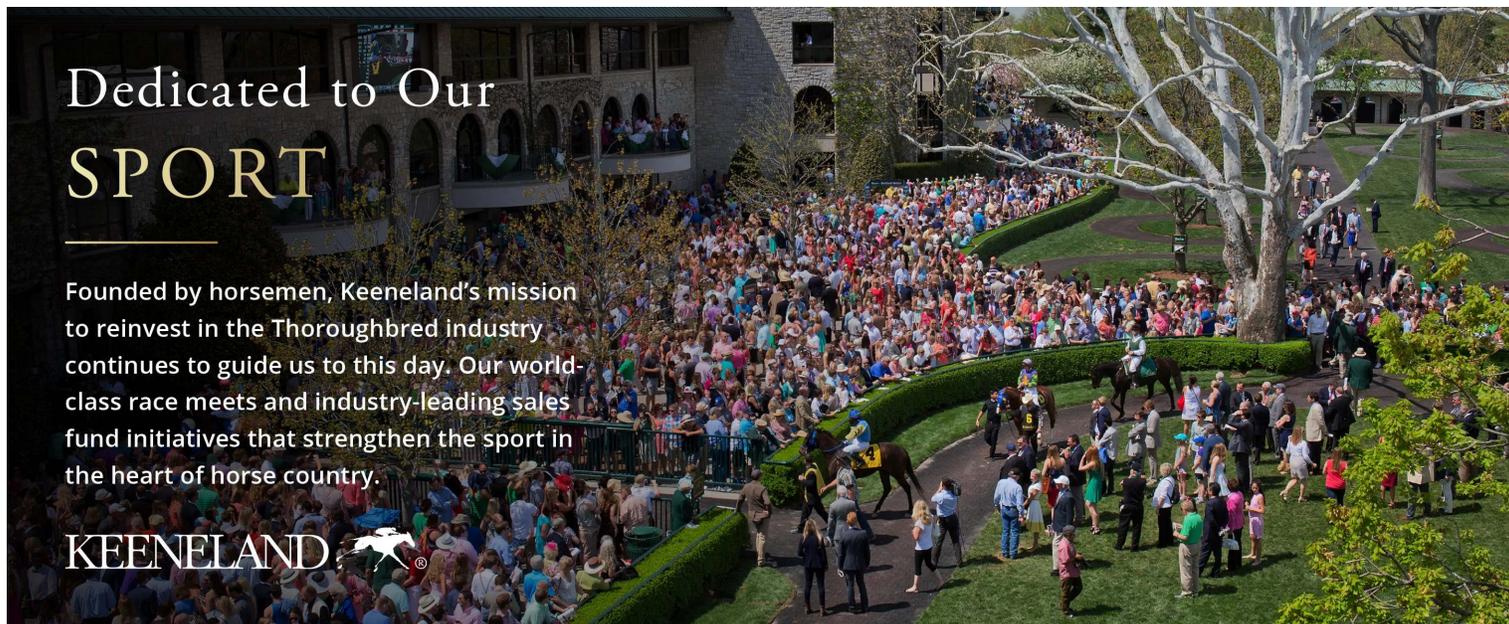
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-PRX, \$46,250, Alw, 5-14, (NW1X), 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:41.81, gd.

HYDRAULIC (c, 3, Mineshaft--Bridles Prayer, by Unbridled's Song) drew off smartly to capture his 5 1/2-furlong debut at Laurel Apr. 14 and was sent postward at a shade under 3-1 for this first try around two turns. The chestnut set a pressured pace through a half-mile in :46.92 and gradually edged clear to win convincingly by 31/2 lengths. Roaming Union (Dixie Union) completed the exacta. The winner, a \$260,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, has a 2-year-old half-sister by Quality Road. His second dam is GI Princess Rooney H. winner River's Prayer (Devon Lane). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$50,400.

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O-Newtown Anner Stud; B-Chester Prince & Anne Prince (KY); T-Miguel Vera.

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Awesome Patriot (Awesome Again), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, \$3,500

103 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-IND, Msw 5fT, MEDALLA DE HONOR, 30-1
 \$2,000 FTK OCT yrl

Bind (Pulpit), Red River Farms, \$1,500

54 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-LAD, Msw 1mT, BINDING, 12-1
 \$2,200 ESL YRL yrl
 7-LAD, Msw 1mT, STUCK IN VEGAS, 8-1

Data Link (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500

186 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-IND, Msw 5fT, CONFIDENTIAL, 6-1
 \$21,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$120,000 OBS MAR 2yo

2-IND, Msw 5fT, DATA BREACH, 7-2

\$18,000 KEE SEP yrl

2-IND, Msw 5fT, ECCENTRIC WARFARE, 3-1

\$27,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$18,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$80,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Flat Out (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000

230 foals of racing age/36 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-IND, Msw 5fT, REAL TALK TY, 20-1
 \$7,500 RNA FTK FEB yrl; \$1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Holiday Promise (Harlan's Holiday), Stonewall Dominion Farm, \$0

13 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-IND, Alw 5 1/2f, WILLISTAYORWILLIGO, 2-1
 \$8,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Justin Phillip (First Samurai), Castleton Lyons, \$12,500

124 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-IND, Msw 5fT, BOOTS, 5-1

Overanalyze (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, \$10,000

193 foals of racing age/39 winners/5 black-type winners
 3-IND, Alw 5 1/2f, MI LUNA, 6-1

Point of Entry (Dynaformer), Adena Springs, \$25,000

147 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-LAD, Msw 7 1/2fT, SKY ENTRY, 5-2

Soldat (War Front), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$5,000

158 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-IND, Msw 5fT, JABBA JAWS, 8-1
 \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

CINEMA H., (NB) \$55,000, WRD, 5-14, (S), 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:46.23, ft.

1--**KATABATIC, 119, f, 3, Archarcharch--Wild Karen, by Wild Tale.** (\$35,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN). O-Samuel F. Henderson; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-Scott E. Young; J-Quincy Hamilton. \$33,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$50,135.

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2--**Talkin Shannon, 121, f, 3, Foreign Policy--Miz Moody Blues,** by Alamocitos. O-Scott Young Racing LLC; B-Scott Young Racing LLC (OK); T-Scott E. Young. \$11,000.

3--**I'mthebossrightnow, 118, f, 3, Kipling--Amybelle, by In Excess (Ire).** O-Paul Brandt; B-Karon Ashford (OK); T-H. Ray Ashford, Jr. \$6,050.

Margins: 2 3/4, 3 1/4, 19HF. Odds: 2.70, 3.10, 7.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-PRX, \$51,156, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.20, gd.

ASSAIL (m, 6, Wildcat Heir--Chirimoya {GSP, \$260,389}, by Cobra King) Lifetime Record: 16-6-8-0, \$194,741. O-Alma & Roy H. Lomas; B-El Batey Farm LLC (ON); T-Patricia Farro. *1/2 to Greed and Fear (Bob and John), SW, \$182,526; and R Naja (Exchange Rate), SW, \$114,938.

7th-PRX, \$39,500, (S), 5-14, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.00, gd.

WEEKEND BABE (f, 4, Friesan Fire--Shoe Babe, by Mutakddim) Lifetime Record: 17-2-1-3, \$90,506. O-Equus Farm II & Floyd W Snyder; B-E. Marie Morrison (PA); T-Floyd W. Snyder. *\$11,500 RNA Ylg '15 EASOCT.

8th-GG, \$34,902, 5-13, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.01, fm.

PLEASE DO (f, 4, Comic Strip--Eclisse {Fr} {SW & GSP, \$164,987}, by Ski Chief) Lifetime Record: 24-5-4-1, \$106,121. O-Lester & Carrol Stubbs; B-William T. Gray (CA); T-Victor M. Trujillo.

3rd-WRD, \$30,250, 5-14, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.96, ft.

WELDER (g, 5, The Visualiser--Dance Softly, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 18-11-3-2, \$361,151. O-Ra-Max Farms LLC; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-Lyle D. Johnston. *Full to Welder, MSW, \$361,151.

7th-TDN, \$28,500, 5-14, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.06, sy.
MR LIGHTNING BOY (g, 6, Discreetly Mine--Unhurried {SP}, by Out of Place) Lifetime Record: 46-10-9-10, \$253,661. O-MCR Stable, Inc.; B-Vegso Racing Stable (FL); T-Benny R. Feliciano. *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP.

7th-LS, \$24,000, 5-13, (NW2L), 3/4yo, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.96, fm.
VAL'S LEMON DROP (f, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Untoward {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$42,460. O-Shannon Hinton; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$22,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

4th-HST, C\$19,600, 5-13, (C), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.84, ft.
HANSEN'S VICTORY (g, 4, Hansen--Victory With Class {MSW, \$158,223}, by Storm Victory) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-1, \$27,974. O-North American Thoroughbred Horse Company, R. Morrison & P. Tom; B-3480 Equine L.L.P. (KY); T-Glen Todd. *C\$65,000 Ylg '15 BRCSEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Blue Eyes, f, 3, Bluegrass Cat--Ms. Emma, by Claramount. FL, 5-14, (S), 5f, 1:00.53. B-Wachtel Stable (NY).

Trained at Crupi's New Castle Farm

Pretty Britches, f, 3, Chitoz--Possetively Pretty, by Posse. WRD, 5-14, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.49. B-Lyn W Aldridge (OK).

Perfect Poet, f, 3, Oxbow--Poetically Perfect, by Pleasantly Perfect. LAD, 5-14, 5 1/2f, 1:06.25. B-Calumet Farm (KY).

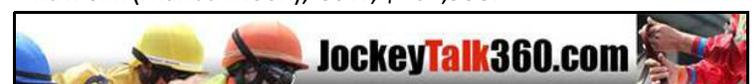
Cypress Park, f, 3, Second in Command--Mascaretta, by Regal Remark. HST, 5-13, 6 1/2f, 1:17.85. B-White House Stables (BC). *C\$25,000 Ylg '16 BRCSEP. **Full to Hollywood Miss, MSW, \$139,211; 1/2 to Ookashada (Millennium Allstar), MSW, \$375,952; and Andallthatitmeans (Cause to Believe), MSW, \$122,491.

Amazon Cry, c, 4, Clever Cry--Awesome Amazon, by Worldly Ways (GB). SA, 5-13, (C), 1mT, 1:36.80. B-Danny M. & Donna B. Brown (LA). *\$1,000 RNA Ylg '15 BSCYRL; \$14,000 2yo '16 TTAAPR.

Son of Sanibel, g, 4, Posse--Quidnunc Gulch, by Thunder Gulch. FL, 5-14, (S), 5f, :59.10. B-Sugar Maple Farm (NY). *\$30,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG.

Trained at Crupi's New Castle Farm

Silky Slew, f, 4, Slew's Tiznow--Silken Sash (Ire), by Danehill. GG, 5-13, 5fT, :57.39. B-Joseph LaCombe Stables, Inc. (CA). *1/2 to Raw Silk (Malibu Moon), GSW, \$201,958.



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IN JAPAN:

Best My Way, c, 3, **Point of Entry**--Hug It Out (SP), by Medaglia d'Oro. Kyoto, 5-13, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$142,202. O-Yukio Baba; B-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (KY); T-Sei Ishizaka. *"He moved powerfully when he shifted into his top gear," said winning jockey Kiwamu Ogino. **\$15,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$39,000 RNA '16 Ylg FTKJUL; \$675,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.

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Strobe Flash, m, 5, **Speightstown**--Sheraton Park (SP, \$181,585), by Cozzene. Niigata, 5-12, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-3, \$387,982. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Doug & Felicia Branham (ON); T-Yukihiro Kato. *\$225,000 Ylg '14 KEESSEP; \$320,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSMAR.



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IN FRANCE:

Wusool, c, 3, **Speightstown**. See "France".



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ARCHARCHARCH, Katabatic, f, 3, o/o Wild Karen, by Wild Tale.

Cinema H., 5-14, Will Rogers

BLUEGRASS CAT, Blue Eyes, f, 3, o/o Ms. Emma, by Claramount.

MSW, 5-14, Finger Lakes

CHITZOZ, Pretty Britches, f, 3, o/o Possetively Pretty, by Posse.

MSW, 5-14, Will Rogers

CLEVER CRY, Amazon Cry, c, 4, o/o Awesome Amazon, by

Worldly Ways (GB). MCL, 5-13, Santa Anita

COMIC STRIP, Please Do, f, 4, o/o Eclisse (Fr), by Ski Chief. ALW,

5-13, Golden Gate

DISCREETLY MINE, Mr Lightning Boy, g, 6, o/o Unhurried, by Out

of Place. ALW, 5-14, Thistledown

FRIESAN FIRE, Weekend Babe, f, 4, o/o Shoe Babe, by

Mutakddim. ALW, 5-14, Parx Racing

HANSEN, Hansen's Victory, g, 4, o/o Victory With Class, by Storm

Victory. ALW, 5-13, Hastings

LEMON DROP KID, Val's Lemon Drop, f, 4, o/o Untoward (Ire),

by Galileo (Ire). ALW, 5-13, Lone Star

MINESHAFT, Hydraulic, c, 3, o/o Bridles Prayer, by Unbridled's

Song. ALW, 5-14, Parx Racing

OXBOW, Perfect Poet, f, 3, o/o Poetically Perfect, by Pleasantly

Perfect. MSW, 5-14, Louisiana Downs

POSSE, Son of Sanibel, g, 4, o/o Quidnunc Gulch, by Thunder

Gulch. MSW, 5-14, Finger Lakes

SECOND IN COMMAND, Cypress Park, f, 3, o/o Mascaretta, by

Regal Remark. MSW, 5-13, Hastings

SLEW'S TIZNOW, Silky Slew, f, 4, o/o Silken Sash (Ire), by

Danehill. MSW, 5-13, Golden Gate

THE VISUALISER, Welder, g, 5, o/o Dance Softly, by Tiznow.

ALW, 5-14, Will Rogers

WILDCAT HEIR, Assail, m, 6, o/o Chirimoya, by Cobra King. AOC,

5-14, Parx Racing

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THE WEEKLY WRAP: A CLASSIC COLLABORATION



Antonio Caro & Gerard Augustin-Normand | *Scoop Dyga*

By Emma Berry

We've become accustomed to seeing the powerful partnership of Messrs Magnier, Tabor and Smith carrying off Group 1 trophies but the Coolmore triumvirate has a strong rival in the Classic department from Gérard Augustin-Normand and Antonio Caro, who have enjoyed extraordinary success in France in recent years.

As a sole owner, Augustin-Normand's Classic dream started with Le Havre (Ire) (Noverre) whose 2009 win in the Prix du Jockey Club sparked a dramatic expansion in the Thoroughbred operation of the man whose ownership interests up until then had been primarily in trotters. An offer from a Japanese stud was rebuffed and Le Havre retired to what was then Haras de la Cauvinière (now Haras de Montfort & Préaux), with his owner dispatching Sylvain Vidal to the sales to recruit a broodmare band to support him. This he did with notable results.

Avenir Certain (Fr) and La Cressonniere (Fr), members of Le Havre's first and third crops respectively and trained like their sire by Jean-Claude Rouget, each pulled off the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches/Prix de Diane double for the Augustin-Normand/Caro partnership.

In 2016, when La Cressonniere was in her pomp, Almanzor (Fr), a first-crop son of Wootton Bassett (GB), also gave the owners the Prix du Jockey Club before clinching the G1 Champion S. in both Ireland and England. [Cont. p2](#)

A MORNING AMID GREATNESS *By Daithí Harvey*

With less than three weeks to go until the G1 Investec Epsom Derby Festival, Aidan O'Brien and the team at Ballydoyle were more than generous with their time to allow a rabble of racing and bloodstock press get a peek inside an idyllic morning's work on Monday at arguably the world's most famous and most successful training operation. Having broken the record for the number of Group or Grade 1 winners in a year in 2017, one would think there weren't many accolades missing from Aidan O'Brien's mantelpiece but as we saw recently at Churchill Downs, racing is a great leveler and even the Ballydoyle maestro could not prepare for what ensued on the sloppy dirt track when Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy) trailed in last in the G1 Kentucky Derby.

Another iconic racing feat that has possibly been nagging at O'Brien's boss John Magnier is the European Triple Crown, won last by Nijinsky II in 1970. The current Ballydoyle incumbents came agonisingly close to emulating the Vincent O'Brien-trained Nijinsky when Camelot (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) came unstuck in the final leg, the G1 St Leger at Doncaster in 2012 and hopes are high that **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) may be the one to bridge that 48-year gap. [Cont. p6](#)



Aidan O'Brien & Saxon Warrior at Ballydoyle on Monday | *Racing Post*

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A Classic Collaboration Cont. from p1

The following year Augustin-Normand struck again, this time initially in partnership with Vidal, their support of another of their young stallions, Rajsaman (Fr), being rewarded with a Poule d'Essai des Poulains/Jockey Club double for his son Brametot (Ire). This €26,000 foal purchase was part-sold to Al Shaqab Racing just before his Classic victories.

And we now see the rise of **Olmedo (Fr)**--yet another colt by a first-season sire, in this case Coolmore's **Declaration Of War**--who is being pointed at the Jockey Club after narrowly gaining the verdict in the return of the Poulains to ParisLongchamp in what can only be described as controversial circumstances.

ParisLongchamp Palaver...

It's rare enough to have two Classics as consecutive races on the same day; rarer still to have the two interspersed by a jockeys' protest and demands for the second race to be run on a different part of the track after **U S Navy Flag (War Front)** slipped in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, run on the middle track. This is the situation in which the stewards at ParisLongchamp found themselves on Sunday amid growing concerns over the state of ground at France's premier racecourse.

The chief protestor over the last 10 days has been Christophe Soumillon, who won the Listed Prix de la Seine aboard Shahnaza (Fr) the previous Sunday and then refused to take up his later rides on the card, describing the ground as "terrible". Shahnaza's trainer Alain De Royer Dupre later withdrew Dolianova (Fr), one of Soumillon's mounts for the day's second listed contest.

In a separate incident at Lyon-Parilly on Thursday, four horses fell during that day's Quinté handicap and racing was subsequently abandoned, but not in response to earlier criticism about track conditions from the riders engaged that day. The horses involved suffered no serious injuries but jockeys Ronan Thomas and Theo Bachelot were taken to hospital, with the latter missing out on victory in Sunday's G3 Prix de Saint-Georges aboard **City Light (Fr)** as a consequence.



City Light | Scoop Dyga

Emotions are understandably running high in the weighing-room, leading to a highly-charged, televised outburst from Soumillon ahead of the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. His determined request, backed up by a number of his colleagues, was finally granted by Longchamp's raceday committee after consultation with the trainers involved in the race and the fillies' Classic was moved to the outer track, which was more recently the course upon which both Poules were run prior to Longchamp's closure two years ago.

Though some trainers, including Freddy Head, have been supportive of ParisLongchamp, there appears to be general feeling that insufficient care for the turf during the two-year hiatus, along with prolonged wet weather causing the first batch of meetings at ParisLongchamp to be run on heavy going, have led to undesirable conditions underfoot. **Cont. p3**



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The Weekly Wrap Cont.

On Monday, France Galop issued a statement announcing that the forthcoming meetings on May 17 and 24 will also be switched to the 'grande piste' or outer track as a "precautionary measure following the incident in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains".

Soumillon took to social media, stating, along with photographs of the track where U S Navy Flag was seen to lose his footing, "I'm not here to put oil on the fire, I'm trying to extinguish it, but let's be brave and all tell the truth. Yesterday, U S Navy Flag slipped."

Swiss Kissed With Success...



Christoph Muller (left) | Scoop Dyga

Track concerns aside, it was quite a day for Gestüt Zur Küste, the Swiss-based operation run by Christoph Müller which was responsible for breeding both the winner of the Poule d'Essai des Poulaches, **Teppal (Fr)**, and **Dice Roll (Fr)**, who was beaten only a neck and a head when third in the Poulains.

The filly and the colt are further linked by the fact that they are the offspring of the Juddmonte-bred half-brothers Camacho (GB) and Showcasing (GB).

Müller, the chairman of Frauenfeld racecourse to the east of Zurich, explained, "The partners have about 30 mares, some boarding at Haras d'Ellon and some at Haras d'Etreham. The majority are owned solely but some are in partnerships with the Chambure family and with Thierry de La Heronniere. We've been doing this now for four years so these 3-year-olds are our first crop, which is amazing."

With his voice croaking after plenty of shouting at Longchamp on Sunday, he continued, "If you'd told me when we started that we'd have two runners in the Poule d'Essai I would have said it was impossible." **Cont. p4**



ARQANA

OLMEDO

c. 2015 Declaration Of War x Super Pie
THE EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI
DES POULAINS (GR.1)
ParisLongchamp

Owners.....Ecurie Antonio Caro
and Gérard Augustin-Normand

Trainer.....Jean-Claude Rouget

Breeder.....Dream With Me Stable Inc.

2016 V.2 YEARLING SALE

Price.....€100,000

Buyer.....Jean-Claude Rouget

Vendor.....Haras des Capucines

3RD DICE ROLL

2016 OCTOBER YEARLING SALE

TEPPAL

f. 2015 Camacho x Jummana
THE EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI
DES POULICHES (GR.1)
ParisLongchamp

Owner.....H.H. Sheikh Mohammed

Bin Khalifa Al Thani

Trainer.....David Simcock

Breeder.....Gestüt Zur Kürst AG

2017 BREEZE UP

Price.....€105,000

Buyer.....Blandford Bloodstock

Vendor.....Bansha House Stables

2016 V2 YEARLING SALE

Price.....€60,000

Buyer.....Con Marnane

Vendor.....Haras d'Ellon

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The Weekly Wrap Cont.

"It's even more incredible that the two horses are by half-brothers. Generally we use speed more than stamina and the two stallions were quite inexpensive when we used them."

The Zur Küste team has breeding rights in 10 stallions, including Showcasing (GB), Wootton Bassett (GB), Almanzor (Fr), Zarak (Fr) and Le Havre (Ire).

"We are a Swiss operation but we breed mostly in France and also send mares to Britain and Ireland," he added. "It's a thrill to see our name high up in the breeders' list in France. It is a real team operation and our success has been helped by our involvement with two good studs in France. Crispin de Moubray is an advisor and we all share our ideas and our experience."

Gestüt Zur Küste has a young full-brother to Dice Roll on the ground alongside his dam Schlague (Pulpit), who also has a yearling filly by Elusive City (Ire). Teppal's dam Jumanna (Fr) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) has a yearling colt by Showcasing and recently foaled another colt by Ajaya (GB).



Jerome Reynier | Scoop Dyga

Royal Date For Royal Julius...

Olmedo may not be Royal Ascot-bound but it seems the likely destination for **Royal Julius (Ire)** (Royal Applause {GB}), who last season became the first black-type winner for his young Marseille-based trainer Jerome Reynier.

On Sunday, the 5-year-old entire lifted him higher still with victory in the G2 Presidente della Repubblica in Rome and the G1 Prince of Wales's S. is now in his sights.

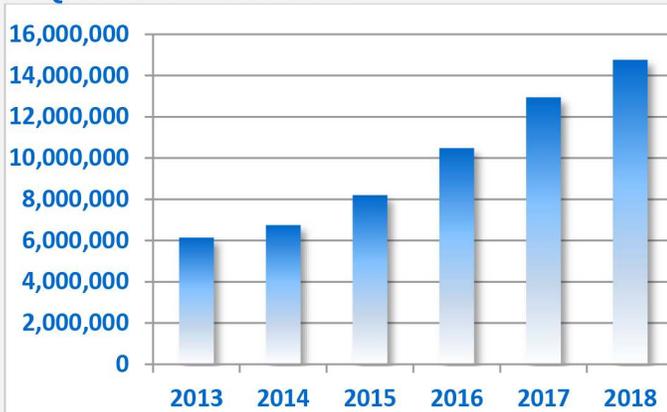
Having driven the horsebox to and from Rome, the slightly weary but happy trainer told TDN on Monday morning, "I'm sure he'll be even better this year. Mentally he's much stronger than last year and he feels stronger physically as well."

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WEEKLY SALES INDEX

ARQANA BREEZE UP SALE



"The figures for the Arqana Breeze-up Sale have been steadily on the rise in recent years and led to a record-breaking session in 2017, but this time around it was the rise in numbers catalogued that was of concern to vendors. The sale had a strong start and finish, with three significant returns in the final hour helping the day to end on a respectable note. But the dearth of buyers below the top level left many pinhookers apprehensive at the end of what is always a key auction in this sector. The Hong Kong Jockey Club and Al Shaqab Racing played prominent roles, signing for five each, while Phoenix Thoroughbreds, Coolmore, Godolphin and Andrew Rosen were among the identifiable buyers of the more expensive lots."

-Emma Berry

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2018	170	150	113	11.7%	75.3%	66.4%	€14,766,000	€130,673
2017	139	124	94	10.8%	75.8%	67.6%	€12,948,000	€137,745
2016	139	115	95	17.3%	82.6%	68.3%	€10,483,000	€110,347
2015	134	119	88	11.2%	73.9%	65.7%	€8,203,000	€93,216
2014	131	116	88	11.5%	75.9%	67.2%	€6,750,000	€76,705
2013	135	115	92	14.8%	80.0%	68.1%	€6,143,000	€66,772

The Weekly Wrap Cont.

Royal Julius made his seasonal debut on the opening day of the new ParisLongchamp, finishing second to Air Pilot (GB) in the G2 Prix d'Harcourt, a performance which gave Reynier a boost.

He continued, "I know he was a long shot in the Prix d'Harcourt but he came on a lot from his run there and I was very confident that I didn't have to keep him to listed races. It's a dream for me to have a horse to send to Ascot and it's a race I've watched since I was very young. It would be special to go there with a bit of a chance."

"Gérald Mossé felt there was still something left in the tank yesterday. He really liked the horse and is looking forward to riding him at Ascot. We now know that he can go on any ground--it was heavy at Longchamp and much faster yesterday, he nearly broke the track record."

With a rising profile that was outlined last year in a TDN feature, Reynier has resisted the temptation which has often proved irresistible to fellow trainers in a similar position in not allowing his stable to become too big too soon.

"I have 40 boxes and 40 horses. I'm always full and I don't want 41," he said. "I just want to focus on my 40 and on quality over quantity. We have had 15 wins already this year and have horses at every level but we try to be as competitive as we can with a really good bunch of owners."

"We had a winner in Longchamp [Ascot Spirit (GB)] one hour after the Rome win so it was very special also to have a winner in Paris on Guineas day."

Stars In The Making...

One of the biggest threats to the supremacy of Galileo (Ire) this season could come from his half-brother Sea The Stars (Ire), who looks to have some decent representatives both in the 3-year-old division and among his older runners. [Cont. p6](#)

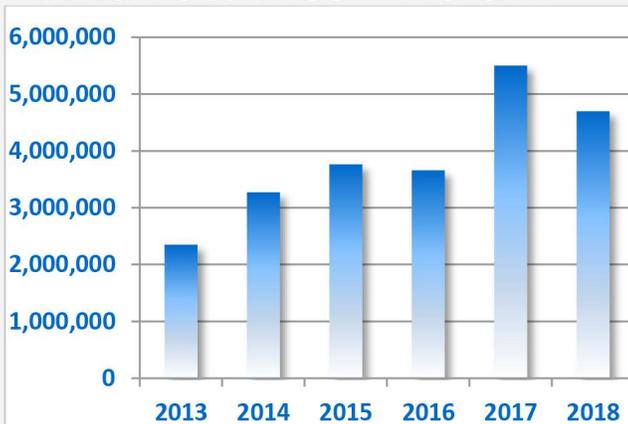


Knight To Behold well clear in the Derby Trial | *Racing Post*



WEEKLY SALES INDEX

TATTERSALLS GUINEAS BREEZE UP SALE



"The rise in numbers catalogued across the European breeze-up sales has seen clearance rates take a hit and the Guineas Sale was not immune to this. The strong results of 2017 could not be matched but figures elsewhere fell roughly back into line with those posted in the three years prior to that even though there simply weren't enough buyers for the extra lots offered." – Emma Berry

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2018	235	194	143	11.5%	73.7%	60.8%	4,697,300gns	32,848gns
2017	214	179	154	16.4%	86.0%	72.0%	5,502,200gns	35,729gns
2016	172	145	114	15.7%	78.6%	66.3%	3,658,300gns	32,090gns
2015	188	153	120	18.6%	78.4%	63.8%	3,763,900gns	31,366gns
2014	159	126	100	20.8%	79.4%	62.9%	3,271,800gns	32,718gns
2013	139	113	92	18.7%	81.4%	66.2%	2,349,800gns	25,541gns

The Weekly Wrap Cont.

Harry Dunlop has a chance to follow in the footsteps of his Epsom Classic-winning father John and brother Ed after the front-running victory of **Knight To Behold (Ire)** in Saturday's Listed Lingfield Derby Trial, while Lady Bamford's homebred **Stream Of Stars (GB)** was an impressive recent maiden winner and holds a Royal Ascot entry for the G2 Queen's Vase. This was the race in which subsequent G1 Goodwood Cup winner **Stradivarius (Ire)** first showed his mettle and he looks likely to head to York on Friday for the G2 Yorkshire Cup. Victory would qualify Bjorn Nielsen's colt for a tilt at the Weatherbys Hamilton Stayers' Million.

Sea The Stars could also be represented at York this week by Derby entry **Al Muffrih (Ire)** in the G2 Dante S., while recent G3 Gordon Richards S. winner **Crystal Ocean (GB)** is being aimed at the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup on May 27. **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)** is another with the talent to bag a big race this season providing his exuberance can be contained.

Sea The Stars is not a sire one would readily associate with breeze-up sales but his sole filly at Arqana on Saturday sold for €400,000 to American owner-breeder Andrew Rosen.

Perfect Two For v.2...



Con Marnane of Bansha House Stables | Goffs UK/Sarah Farnsworth

It wasn't all plain sailing at the Arqana breeze-up this year, though the sale fared better than most in the division. Whatever adjustments are made to next year's breeze--a return to Saint-Cloud perhaps or a reduction in the number catalogued--one sale which received a mighty shot in the arm on Sunday was Arqana's newest yearling auction, the v.2, which takes place immediately following its flagship August Yearling Sale.

This one-day sale aimed at more precocious types appears to have found its niche, and both Sunday's Classic winners at Longchamp, Olmedo and Teppal, graduated from the 2016 catalogue.

Teppal, a €60,000 yearling from Haras d'Ellon, was sold on the following year from the Bansha House Stud draft at Arqana and follows The Grey Gatsby (Ire) as the second Classic winner to emerge from the French breeze-up.

Con Marnane had a rare look of concern on his face during Saturday's sale but that quickly turned to his more familiar beam after Teppal's victory. Should the Marnanes' recent juvenile winner **On A Session (Noble Mission {GB})** emulate Different League (Fr) (Dabirism {Fr}) by winning at Royal Ascot this year that smile will become wider still--and a session will definitely be on.

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A Morning Amid Greatness Cont. from p1

The now dual Group 1 winner and recent hero of the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket was one of 70 regally bred Thoroughbreds limbering up in the giant indoor exercise arena in Ballydoyle just before 8 a.m. on Monday morning.

Just as he had done on several occasions in his juvenile season, Lancaster Bomber (War Front) cut out the early trotting, followed a few lengths back by **Gustav Klimt (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) with Saxon Warrior settled in about sixth place and they maintained similar formation as they made their way to the wood chip gallop for the first of two canters that morning. Talk soon came around to the main subject Saxon Warrior and after another weekend of Derby Trials his odds have hardened to a shade of odds on, despite Dermot Weld's **Hazapour (Ire)** (Shamardal) enhancing his Epsom claims when putting a few of the other Ballydoyle Derby hopefuls in the shade at Leopardstown on Sunday. [Cont. p7](#)



Lancaster Bomber leads the Ballydoyle string in the indoor arena

Daithí Harvey

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1st Maiden, Curragh, by 6 lengths

AT 3 YEARS

1st Irish 2,000 Guineas-Gr.1 by 3½ lengths

1st Breeders' Cup Turf-Gr.1

1st Dee Stakes-Gr.3 by 4 lengths

First crop yearlings in 2017 sold for up to **210,000GNS** (purchased by Amanda Skiffington for MV Magnier).

Now at Ballydoyle this colt is considered by Aidan O'Brien to be one of the best 2YO's in the yard and Royal Ascot material.



MAGICIAN wins the Irish 2,000 Guineas-Gr.1 from Autumn Stakes-Gr.3 and subsequent Irish Derby-Gr.1 winner TRADING LEATHER



Other first crop 2YO's in training with **Richard Fahey, Charlie Hills, Peter Chapple-Hyam, David Simcock, Charlie Fellowes** etc.



Fee: €7,500

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A Morning Amid Greatness Cont.

“He’s good, we’re very happy with him,” O’Brien said. “Going to Newmarket we were nervous, he was a drastic amount above his 2-year-old weight, which has rarely happened here before. Donnacha was riding him in his work, it was always nice work and he was very happy with him. To do what he did at Newmarket we were obviously delighted. With the Derby in mind we didn’t want to start over seven furlongs so we thought the mile up Newmarket would be a lovely place to start.”

Knowing what little emphasis O’Brien places on winning trials and how much his charges improve from race to race—often running career bests late on in the season when other horses are tapering off—the performance of Saxon Warrior at Newmarket could easily set the stage for him to stake his claim as one of the greats. And to do so he could not have a better address than Rosegreen, Co. Tipperary. With stage one out of the way and given the brilliance he showed over a mile are we taking it for granted too much that he will be even better over a mile and a half and further?

“We’ve always viewed him as a Camelot/Australia type of horse but the acceleration he showed from the 3 [furlong] pole was very pleasing,” the trainer said. “He has half a mile further

and a different track to contend with but usually when they handle the dip in Newmarket they can usually cope with the contours of Epsom.” When pressed about a potential Triple Crown bid O’Brien deflected such a notion and said, “It’s never the be all and end all, every horse is taken individually and it will only come into the equation if we get through the next stage. But obviously it would be unbelievable to have a horse that could do it.”

While Saxon Warrior is no doubt the number one Derby hope, O’Brien is not short of backup and as we saw last year when Wings Of Eagles (Fr) (Pour Moi {Ire}) sprang a 40-1 surprise one cannot dismiss the Ballydoyle second or even fifth string.

“Obviously I haven’t spoken with the lads yet and no decision has been made but I suppose the second and third from the trial yesterday [**Delano Roosevelt (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **The Pentagon (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire})] will be on the team and probably the horse that ran at Lingfield [**Kew Gardens (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire})]. Maybe **Rostropovich**, who won at Chester could go for the French Derby. I was very happy with the two at Leopardstown, it wasn’t a mad pace by any means. Sometimes the trials turn into the races themselves and the horses don’t progress the way you’d like them to. I thought looking at our horses that a mile and a half would suit them.” [Cont. p8](#)



Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (G1 2000 Guineas winner by Deep Impact {Jpn}) meets the racing press on Monday morning at Ballydoyle.

A Morning Amid Greatness Cont.

Last year Ballydoyle had the hot favourite **Rhododendron (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Epsom Oaks but they didn't reckon on bumping into the mighty Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) and this year despite plenty of Ballydoyle ammunition the home side may have some tough nuts to crack including the John Gosden trained **Lah Ti Dar (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), winner of the Listed Pretty Polly S. at Newmarket and earner of a 'TDN Rising Star' on debut. Last year's multiple Group 1 placed 2-year-old **September (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) is on the easy list at the moment and will miss the race and **Happily (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) looks more like being aimed at the G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas, so O'Brien will send recent Listed Cheshire Oaks 1-2 **Magic Wand (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Forever Together (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) towards the race he has won six times already. **Magical (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) missed her engagement at Leopardstown on Sunday due to the ground and could also go straight to Epsom.



Cheshire Oaks winner and Epsom bound Magic Wand | Daithí Harvey

While O'Brien may come across through his media engagements as an intense individual with a touch of the 'mad genius' about him, in real life he is engaging, witty and he immediately strikes a rapport with visitors much in the same way as he addresses each of the circa 70 riders by name, enquiring about the well-being of their mounts as the string walks by after each canter. Training is a stressful game and while O'Brien doesn't have to fret about many of the matters that his training colleagues do, such as filling the barns each year with nice horses, his role brings unique pressures, though in his dealings with the media these pressures are not evident in his demeanor.

"This time of the year is tense as there is a lot going on and a lot of things changing and you're just trying to give the best information to the people that are making the decisions," he said. Those making the decisions in Ballydoyle can do so in the comfort that the quality of information is second to none.

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BC CHAMP WUHEIDA RETIRED

Wuheida (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}--Hibaayeb {GB}, by Singspiel {Ire}), winner of the 2017 GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Del Mar last November, has been retired by Godolphin following a recurrence of old injuries. The Charlie Appleby trainee won half of her eight starts and earned \$1,537,519. Off the mark at first asking, she landed the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac-Criterium des Pouliches next out in October of 2016, but did not return to the races until a second in last July's G1 Falmouth S. Sent to Germany in pursuit of Classic success, the chestnut ran third in the G1 Henkel-Preis der Diana (German Oaks), her first start over a mile. Fourth in both the Sept. 9 G1 Matron S. at Leopardstown and in Chantilly's G1 Prix de l'Opera on Oct. 1, Wuheida was back in the winner's circle with her Breeders' Cup tally. In her lone 4-year-old start, she bounded to a four-length win in the G2 Dahlia S. at Newmarket on May 6.

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BC Champ Wuheida Retired Cont.

"It's unfortunate, but she had a few niggling injury worries that have resurfaced in the past few days, and after discussing it with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed, we have decided to retire her," said trainer Charlie Appleby. "She became Dubawi's first Group 1-winning 2-year-old when she won the Prix Marcel Boussac at Chantilly [in October of 2016], and she was fantastic in winning at Del Mar. I am pleased she went out on a high with such an emphatic win at Newmarket. She was a very talented filly on the racecourse."

The second foal out of the G1 Meon Valley Stud Fillies' Mile heroine Hibaayeb who matured to take the GI Yellow Ribbon S. at three and the GII Sheepshead Bay S. at four, the Darley homebred is from the same female family as English champion Oh So Sharp (Ire) (Kris {GB}).

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CRACKSMAN CAMP MULLS CORONATION

Anthony Oppenheimer's **Cracksman (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) is a potential starter in the June 1 G1 Investec Coronation Cup at Epsom in place of the side-lined Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}). The highest-rated horse in Europe last year, the G1 QIPCO Champion S. hero resumed with a superb reappearance in last month's G1 Prix Ganay at ParisLongchamp. Connections initially suggested the son of Frankel could head for the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh before lining up in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot, while the brilliant Arc heroine Enable was due to make her reappearance in the Coronation Cup.

However, Enable was subsequently ruled out until August at the earliest after suffering a setback and after discussing plans with trainer John Gosden over the weekend, Cracksman's owner-breeder Anthony Oppenheimer has revealed his charge may now be re-routed to Epsom.

"We had a discussion about it and we are certainly considering running him at Epsom," said Oppenheimer. "I don't think we've made a final decision on it. Much will depend on the ground, as we wouldn't want to run him if it's firm. He's been to Epsom twice, winning once and finishing third in the Derby, and although he's got a long stride he seemed to handle the track fine."

Oppenheimer also did not scupper Royal Ascot dreams out of hand, although his 4-year-old would only have 19 days between the Coronation and the Prince of Wales's.

He said, "That's certainly a possibility. That [Prince of Wales's S.] is still a target."

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'FLAG' EYES IRISH 2000 GUINEAS

U S Navy Flag (War Front), who won the G1 Middle Park S. and G1 Dewhurst S. last term, could head for the G1Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh on May 26 following his "inconclusive" fifth-place run in Sunday's French equivalent at ParisLongchamp. The US-bred made much of the running in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, but stumbled rounding the home bend and after meeting interference in the final furlong, passed the post in fifth place. Several jockeys subsequently voiced their concerns about the condition of the ground, which led to a 30-minute delay to the French 1000 Guineas and a change of course.

"We were happy with his run, considering what happened," said trainer Aidan O'Brien. "We didn't say anything when he came in at all, but these things happen. We went there to see about the mile, but it was a little bit inconclusive. He might come back to the [G1] Irish Guineas if the ground is nice [on May 26], then we could look at [Royal Ascot]. The Irish Guineas will tell us whether we go sprinting or stay at a mile."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, May 15, 2018:

UNITED KINGDOM

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

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

14:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, AHLAN BIL EMARATI (IRE)

€32,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2017

17:15-CHEPSTOW, 5f, TOMAHAWK RIDGE (IRE)

£12,000 RNA Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale 2017

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

95 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners

17:15-CHEPSTOW, 5f, COUNTRY ROSE (IRE)

€7,500 Goffs Open Yearlings HIT Sale 2017

17:15-CHEPSTOW, 5f, KG PASSION (IRE)

€20,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

Heeraat (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Mickley Stud

71 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

14:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, MAJESTIC APPEAL (GB)

8,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; €20,000

Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

First-Season Sires With Runners Cont.

Kuroshio (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Overbury Stud
21 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
14:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, THORNTON KATIE (GB)

Moohaajim (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Rathbarry Stud
32 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-BEVERLEY, 5f, MOOJIM (IRE)
€8,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; £30,000 Goffs UK
Silver Yearling Sale 2017

Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}), Kildangan Stud
99 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
17:15-CHEPSTOW, 5f, VERY STABLE GENIUS (IRE)
€15,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

Toronado (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
121 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
14:40-BEVERLEY, 5f,
58,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; €55,000
Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2017; 82,000gns Tattersalls Craven
Breeze-Up Sale 2018



Moohaajim is eyeing a first winner at Beverley on Tuesday.
Rathbarry Stud

BRITAIN

**Monday's Results:**

**WEATHERBYS RACING BANK SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH
FOUNDATION S.-Listed**, £37,000, WDS, 5-14, 3yo/up, c/g, 8f
31yT, 1:41.52, gd.

1--**AROD (IRE)**, 131, h, 7, **Teofilo (Ire)**--My Personal Space, by
Rahy. (€170,000 Ylg '12 GOFORB). O-Qatar Racing Limited;
B-Kabansk Ltd & Rathbarry Stud (IRE); T-David Simcock; J-Oisín
Murphy. £20,983. Lifetime Record: MGSW & MG1SP-Eng,

MGSP-Aus, 27-5-6-4, \$934,361. *1/2 to Galidon (Ire) (Galileo
{Ire}), SP-Ity, \$160,426, & to Axa Reim (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}),
SP-Ity, \$141,796.

2--**Oh This Is Us (Ire)**, 131, h, 5, Acclamation (GB)--Shamwari
Lodge (Ire), by Hawk Wing. (€110,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB).
O-Team Wallop. £7,955.

3--**Khafoo Shememi (Ire)**, 134, c, 4, Dark Angel (Ire)--
Appleblossom Pearl (Ire), by Peintre Celebre. (€70,000 Wlg
'14 GOFNOV; 80,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Mr Saeed Suhail.
£3,981.

Margins: NK, 2 3/4, NK. Odds: 4.50, 2.00, 4.50.

Also Ran: Mr Owen, Via Via (Ire), Hors De Combat (GB),
Sovereign Debt (Ire).

Continuing a memorable spell for the David Simcock stable,
the well-travelled and highly-campaigned veteran Arod further
demonstrated the health of the yard by making virtually all for a
welcome first black-type success since the 2015 G2 Summer
Mile. That career highlight came under the care of Peter
Chapple-Hyam, for whom he was also third in the G1 Lockinge
S., runner-up in the G1 Sussex S. and successful in the G3
Diomed S. before leaving for Australia and Chris Waller.
Returned to Europe and Simcock last year, the bay was fifth in
the GI Woodbine Mile on his first start for the yard and ran
second to another solid old-timer Jallota (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar
{Ire}) in a Kempton conditions race over seven furlongs at the
start of the month. Soon into the lead and positively ridden at a
track that suits front-runners, he held Oh This Is Us with all the
game attitude he has always been renowned for. My Personal
Space's last known foal is an as-yet unraced 3-year-old colt by So
You Think (NZ), but with four black-type performers the relative
of the GI Santa Ana H., G1 Ramona H. and GI Vanity H. heroine
Annoconnor (Nureyev) and sire At Talaq has done Rathbarry
Stud proud. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored
by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

2nd-WDS, £10,000, Cond, 5-14, 2yo, 5f 21yT, 1:00.43,
gd.

JAMES WATT (IRE) (c, 2, **Morpheus {GB}**--Tomintoul Singer {Ire}
{SP-Eng}, by **Johannesburg**), who at Brighton May 1 became the
first winner for his first-season sire Morpheus, Frankel's half-
brother by Oasis Dream (GB), had received a boost when the
runner-up Wedding Date (GB) (Dandy Man {Ire}) was impressive
at Chester and traded as the 2-1 second favourite. Stalking the
early leaders, the £17,000 GOUKPR yearling and £26,000
GOFBRE 2yo was committed with two furlongs remaining and hit
the front soon after for a 1 1/4-length success from Adam Tiler
(Justin Phillip). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$13,925. **Video**,
sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Men Fae The Clyde; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-Michael Bell.

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

1st-WOL, £5,800, Cond, 5-14, 2yo, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:02.39, st. DIVINER (IRE) (f, 2, Charm Spirit {Ire}--Water Fountain {GB}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire}), an Apr. 29 debut seventh when trying five furlongs in the deep mud at Salisbury last time, adapted well to this surface and showed early dash to set a solid tempo. In command throughout, the 11-8 pick was asked to stretch off the home turn and received a couple of educational taps in the latter stages to easily account for Where's Perle (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) by five lengths, becoming the first winner for her Haras de Bonneval-based freshman sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The €14,000 Goffs Orby yearling is also the third winner out of the untested Water Fountain (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) and she is a half-sister to G3 Meld S. third Ponfeigh (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Make Believe (GB). Water Fountain, herself a daughter of MGSW G2 Prince of Wales's S. heroine English Spring (Grey Dawn II {Fr}), is kin to MGISP G3 Prix Cleopatre victress Spring Oak (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) and Listed Lupe S. winner Fragrant Hill (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}), who in turn produced six stakes performers headed by G1SW sire Fragrant Mis (Ire) (Linamix {Fr}) and G1 Prix Jean Romanet victress Alpine Rose (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,081. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kingsley Park 8; B-Ennistown Stud (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

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Charm Spirit is off the mark as a sire, after Diviner won the first at Wolverhampton on Monday. | The Aga Khan Studs

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shumookhi (Ire), f, 2, Society Rock (Ire)--Three Knots (Ire), by Chineur (Fr). CAB, 5-14, 5fT, :59.91. B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE). *£11,000 2yo '18 TATABR.

Desert Path (GB), g, 3, Champs Elysees (GB)--Desert Image (GB) (SP-Eng), by Beat Hollow (GB). WDS, 5-14, 10fT, 2:07.88. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB).

Dayking (GB), c, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Birjand (GB), by Green Desert. CAB, 5-14, 7f 6yT, 1:26.30. B-Darley (GB). *Full to Lucky Nine (Ire), 2x Ch. Sprinter-HK, MG1SW-Sin, G1SW-HK, G1SP-Aus & UAE, GSP-Jpn, \$6,652,807; and 1/2 to Teehaff (Jpn) (Storming Home {GB}), GSW-Jpn, \$2,000,987.

CARLISLE 6F RACE ABANDONED

A six-furlong race scheduled for Carlisle on Monday, May 21 has been abandoned. The six-furlong start at the racecourse is unraceable, but a replacement race, to be held over five furlongs for 3-year-old fillies will be conducted in its place.

IRELAND**Monday's Result:**

3rd-TIP, €12,000, Mdn, 5-14, 3yo/up, 7f 40yT, 1:40.44, sf. BECKWITH PLACE (IRE) (g, 3, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--Sweet Afton {Ire} {MSP-Eng}, by Mujadil), fourth over a mile at 50 Gowran Park on his racecourse introduction in October, raced up with the early pace before being sent to the front two furlongs out. Getting first run on the 8-13 market-leader Mayaadeen (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Shadwell's €750,000 full-brother to Cable Bay (Ire), the 7-2 second favourite held on to win by a half-length, with seven lengths back to the third. The dam, who was a granddaughter of the G1 Prix de Diane heroine Lypharita (Fr) (Lightning {Fr}), was a useful sprinter who placed twice at listed level. Sales history: €16,000 RNA Wlg '15 GOFNOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$9,624. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Herb M. Stanley; B-Brickfield Stud Ltd & Peter Evans (IRE); T-Tracey Collins.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Mm Sixsevei (Ire), f, 3, Dragon Pulse (Ire)--Lara Celeb (Ire), by Peintre Celebre. TIP, 5-14, 5fT, 1:02.84. B-Irish National Stud (IRE). *€1,000 Ylg '16 TIRSEP.



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FRANCE

**Monday's Results:****2nd-SCD, €35,000, Cond, 5-14, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:42.61, g/s.**

CROWN WALK (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Dunnes River, by Danzig), who was a Mar. 16 fifth tackling one mile of Lingfield's artificial surface in her final start for Charlie Appleby last time, tracked the leaders in fourth for the most part here. Launching her bid passing the two pole, the 15-1 chance led soon after and was coaxed clear in the latter stages to prevail by 4 1/2 lengths from Princess Gold (Fr) (Style Vendome {Fr}). Crown Walk is one of nine winners produced by Dunnes River (Danzig), herself a winning daughter of GSP G1 Coronation S. runner-up Elizabeth Bay (Mr. Prospector), and the homebred chestnut is kin to three black-type scorers headed by G1 Prix Ganay victor Cutlass Bay (UAE) (Halling) and G2 King Edward VII S. winner Boscobel (GB) (Halling). She is also half to a yearling colt by Dawn Approach (Ire). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €26,314. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

7th-SCD, €35,000, Cond, 5-14, 3yo, 8fT, 1:45.61, g/s.

WUSOOL (c, 3, Speightstown--Torrestrella {Ire} {G1SW-Fr, \$293,919}, by Orpen) backed up Jan. 17 and Feb. 24 wins going one mile at Cagnes-sur-Mer with a second over the same trip at Longchamp on turf bow last time Apr. 19, and was the sharpest away to lead from the outset here. Untroubled throughout, the 2-5 lock was nudged along inside the two pole and required minimal coaxing in the closing stages to comfortably best Young Fire (Fr) (Fuisse {Fr}) by 1 1/4 lengths. The homebred bay is the latest foal and one of five winners produced by G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Torrestrella (Ire) (Orpen) and he is a full-brother to GSW Italian highweight Farmah, and a half to G3 Rose of Lancaster S. victor Intilaaq (Dynaformer). Torrestrella is herself kin to the dam of G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup heroine Queens Ring (Jpn) (Manhattan Cafe {Jpn}). Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, €49,150. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY); T-Francois Rohaut.

**5th-SCD, €26,000, Cond, 5-14, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.10, g/s.**

FOREVER IN DREAMS (IRE) (f, 2, Dream Ahead--Dora de Green {Ire}, by Green Tune), who broke through going five panels at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat in her May 5 debut last time, stalked the pace in second after the initial exchanges of this first try at six furlongs. Nosing ahead at the two pole, the 57-10 chance was pushed along with 300 metres remaining and kept on strongly

from there to comfortable account for stablemate Trois Mats (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Half to a yearling colt by Dandy Man (Ire), she is one of two scorers from as many runners out of a half to MG1SW European champion speedster Marchand d'Or (Fr) (Marchand de Sable). Her fourth dam is G2 Coronation S. victress and G1 1000 Guineas third Kesar Queen (Nashua). Sales history: €10,000 RNA Wlg '16 GOFNOV. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €22,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Mme Theresa Marnane; B-Con Marnane (IRE); T-M Palussiere.

6th-SPR, €22,000, Cond, 5-14, 3yo, 9fT, 1:53.93, sf.

SPIRIT OF NELSON (IRE) (f, 3, Mount Nelson {GB}--Spirit of Pearl {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who scored on debut at Marseille-Pont-de-Vivaux Apr. 21, settled behind the leading trio throughout the early stages. Sent to the lead with 300 metres to race, the 19-5 shot was pushed out mainly with hands and heels to score by a half-length from Betting Tip (Fr) (Thewayyouare). The useful dam, who has already produced one in her own class in the listed-placed Elusive Pearl (Fr) (Elusive City), also has a 2-year-old filly by Footstepsinthesand (GB) named Kanuka (Fr) and a yearling full-brother to that one called Spirit of Foot (Ire). Her half-sister Al Mahmeyah (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}) was responsible for the G3 Prix d'Arenberg scorer Afandem (Ire) (Vale of York {Ire}), while her family includes the MGSW sprinter Miss Emma (Ire) (Key of Luck). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €19,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (IRE); T-Patrick Khozian.

4th-SCD, €25,000, Mdn, 5-14, unraced 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2fT, 2:19.51, g/s.

THE GAUCH (FR) (c, 3, Intello {Ger}--Selkis {Fr}, by Darshaan {GB}) was astern early and bypassed most of his rivals to lead soon after halfway in this debut. Scrubbed along rounding the home turn, the 12-1 chance came under increased pressure to poach a decisive buffer inside the final quarter mile and was ridden out to withstand the persistent threat of Shining Dawn (GB) (Frankel {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths. He is the latest foal and third winner out of a half-sister to three black-type performers headed by GIII Golden Gate H. victor Irish Wings (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}). His granddam Irish Order (Irish River {Fr}) saluted in the Listed Prix de l'Obelisque and was second in the G3 Prix de la Grotte, and is herself kin to seven stakes performers headed by G1 2000 Guineas-winning sire Entrepreneur (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and G1 Coronation S. heroine Exclusive (GB) (Polar Falcon), who in turn is the dam of G1 Matron S. victress Echelon (GB) (Danehill). Sales history: €40,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Paolo Ferrario; B-Framont Ltd, SCEA des Prairies & Henri-Francois Devin (FR); T-Andrea Marcialis.

French Report Cont.

3rd-SCD, €25,000, Mdn, 5-14, unraced 3yo, f, 10 1/2ft, 2:18.89, g/s. **FIERTE D'AMOUR (FR) (f, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Alexandrina {Ger}, by Monsun {Ger})** was positioned under cover in midfield for most of this unveiling. Rowed along soon after turning for home, the 42-5 chance challenged with 300 metres remaining and kept on well under whipless rousting inside the final eighth to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Mascha (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). The homebred bay is the third scorer from as many runners out of a sister to G3 Prix Thomas Bryon third Ameer (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) and she is a full-sister to G2 Prix de Pomone and G3 Prix Cleopatre runner-up Mango Tango (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) and a half to the yearling colt Premier Amour (Fr) (Makfi {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Ecurie du Precieux; B-Emmanuel Trussardi & Ecurie du Precieux (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Idilico (Fr), c, 3, **Lawman (Fr)**--Ydillique (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. SPR, 5-14, 10ft, 2:08.53. B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR). *1/2 to Tristesse (Broken Vow), SW-Fr.
Poevai (Ger), f, 3, **Lawman (Fr)**--Paulaya (Ger), by Peintre Celebre. SPR, 5-14, 10ft, 2:10.17. B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER). *€18,000 Ylg '16 BBAGS; €31,000 2yo '17 OSAAPR.

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES**IN JAPAN:**

Freccia (Jpn), c, 3, **Dansili (GB)**--Via Medici (Ire) (GSW-Fr, \$111,524), by Medicean (GB). Tokyo, 5-13, Plate Race, 7ft. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$149,541. O-Hashiguchi Inc.; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Tetsuya Kimura. *1/2 to Via Pisa (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), SW-Fr & G1SP-Ity, \$104,884; and full to Via Firenze (Ire), SW & MGSP-Fr, GSP-UAE, \$150,624. **£62,000,000 Ylg '16 JRHJUL. **VIDEO.**

IN UNITED STATES:

Punked (Ire), f, 3, **So You Think (NZ)**--Aussie Opera (Ire), by Aussie Rules. Belmont Park, 5-13, Alw. (NW1X, Opt. Clm.) (\$77k), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.15. B-Danny Coogan (Ire). *€24,000 RNA i/u '13 GOFNOV; €10,000 RNA Wlg '14 GOFNOV.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS**SCONE YEARLING SALE CONCLUDES INGLIS'S SELECT YEARLING SEASON**

The Inglis Scone Yearling Sale concluded the sales company's select yearling sale season with gains in several areas. For the year, Inglis sold 2079 yearlings, which grossed A\$242,393,000 for a clearance rate of 86% and an average of A\$116,560. The gross bettered 2017's mark of A\$219,410,250. It was the second record-breaking Inglis select sale season in a row. Twenty-two of the 33 A\$1-million plus yearlings purchased from Australian Southern Hemisphere yearling sales went through an Inglis ring. The top-priced yearling was **lot 400**, a colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus) out of The Broken Shore (Aus) (Hussonet), who sold for A\$2.3 million.

Monday's Book 2 session was topped by an A\$45,000 son of Drumbeats (Aus) as **lot 283**. Offered by Winterfell Thoroughbreds, the brown yearling, a full to SP gelding Ringo's a Rockstar (Aus), caught the eye of N Stephens of Queensland. The session ended with 68 yearlings sold for a gross of A\$449,000 and a solid 85% clearance rate. The average was A\$6,603 (-12.4%) and the median was A\$4,000 (-33%).

"The 2018 Inglis select yearling sale season has thrown up some challenges, but overall it has been a satisfying year," said Inglis General Manager of Bloodstock Jonathan D'Arcy, reflecting on the conclusion of the Inglis select yearling sale season. "Among several highlights were the 34% growth at the Classic Yearling Sale and the broad spread of buyers at the top end of the Easter Yearling Sale. While Easter and Premier were marginally down on the previous year, they were both still very strong yearling sales, both clearing 85% and grossing the second-highest figures on record at both venues. I'd like to commend and thank vendors who entrusted us with their yearlings and were prepared to meet the market in the majority of cases throughout the year."

Inglis also conducted the Scone Weanling and Thoroughbred Sale on Monday, where a Sepoy (Aus) colt (**lot 17**) brought A\$26,000 from Pinhook Bloodstock to top the sale. The Widden Stud-consigned weanling was one of 40 sold (80%), whose collective gross was A\$210,550. The average was A\$5,264 (-15.3%) and the median was a\$2,500 (-37.5%).

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SKY SPORTS GAINS UK & IRE MELBOURNE CUP RIGHTS

Sky Sports Racing will broadcast the Melbourne Cup Carnival exclusively in the UK and Ireland after inking a long-term deal with the Victoria Racing Club, *Racing.com* reported on Monday. Under the agreement, Sky Sports Racing will cover all four days of the Carnival including the AAMI Victoria Derby Day, Kennedy Oaks Day and Stakes Day and the Lexus Melbourne Cup Day. Sky Sports Racing, the successor channel to At The Races, will also have on track exclusivity among UK and Ireland broadcasters.

"Sky Sports Racing will be a great new home for the Melbourne Cup Carnival in the UK and Ireland," said VRC Chief Executive Officer Neil Wilson. "We are very pleased that Sky will be supporting one of the largest racing events in the world and we look forward to working with them to showcase the racing and theatre of the Carnival across the four days."

Added At The Races Chief Executive Matthew Imi, "The Lexus Melbourne Cup is one of the most prestigious and famous races anywhere in the world and we are delighted to start this important new partnership with VRC. We will aim to maximise its exposure and convey the excitement of the week across our broadcast, digital and social channels."

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Leading General Sires by Black-Type Winners

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, May 13

Earnings represent European figures, stud fees listed are 2018 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Dubawi (Ire) <i>(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) FYR: 2007</i>	11	22	7	15	2	4	87	25	59,546 <i>Wuheida (GB)</i>	592,047 <i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £250,000</i>
2	Galileo (Ire) <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells FYR: 2003</i>	9	21	6	14	--	1	117	21	68,898 <i>Cliffs of Moher (Ire)</i>	816,558 <i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: Private</i>
3	Frankel (GB) <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2014</i>	5	12	3	7	1	1	51	18	301,726 <i>Cracksman (GB)</i>	655,521 <i>Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £175,000</i>
4	Mastercraftsman (Ire) <i>(2006) by Danehill Dancer (Ire) FYR: 2011</i>	5	12	2	7	--	2	139	29	101,232 <i>Master The World (Ire)</i>	637,875 <i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €25,000</i>
5	Lope de Vega (Ire) <i>(2007) by Shamardal FYR: 2012</i>	5	13	1	9	--	--	104	33	34,970 <i>Tosen Gift (Ire)</i>	635,402 <i>Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire Fee: €60,000</i>
6	Shamardal <i>(2002) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2007</i>	5	13	2	8	1	1	115	31	52,029 <i>Hazapour (Ire)</i>	519,069 <i>Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: Private</i>
7	Fastnet Rock (Aus) <i>(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2011</i>	5	9	1	5	--	--	68	29	34,026 <i>Torcedor (Ire)</i>	359,299 <i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €70,000</i>
8	Siyouni (Fr) <i>(2007) by Pivotal (GB) FYR: 2012</i>	4	13	2	9	--	1	105	30	146,468 <i>City Light (Fr)</i>	936,212 <i>Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: €75,000</i>
9	Invincible Spirit (Ire) <i>(1997) by Green Desert FYR: 2004</i>	4	9	2	6	--	--	151	37	45,368 <i>Invincible Army (Ire)</i>	741,682 <i>Stands: Irish National Stud Ire Fee: €120,000</i>
10	Champs Elysees (GB) <i>(2003) by Danehill FYR: 2011</i>	4	5	3	4	2	2	83	23	313,703 <i>Billesdon Brook (GB)</i>	596,644 <i>Stands: Castlehyde Stud Ire Fee: €6,500</i>
11	Pivotal (GB) <i>(1993) by Polar Falcon FYR: 1998</i>	4	8	3	4	1	1	84	24	118,960 <i>Addeybb (Ire)</i>	460,770 <i>Stands: Cheveley Park Stud Eng Fee: £40,000</i>
12	Teofilo (Ire) <i>(2004) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2009</i>	4	5	1	1	--	--	106	26	56,523 <i>Bloomfield (Ire)</i>	419,515 <i>Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: €40,000</i>
13	Manduro (Ger) <i>(2002) by Monsun (Ger) FYR: 2009</i>	4	4	2	2	--	--	78	17	42,266 <i>Kailyn (Ger)</i>	312,175 <i>Stands: Haras du Logis Fr Fee: €7,000</i>
14	Oasis Dream (GB) <i>(2000) by Green Desert FYR: 2005</i>	3	5	1	2	--	--	109	26	51,372 <i>Mrs Gallagher (GB)</i>	551,864 <i>Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £30,000</i>
15	Lawman (Fr) <i>(2004) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2009</i>	3	6	2	3	--	--	128	29	104,914 <i>Forest Ranger (Ire)</i>	523,096 <i>Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire Fee: €15,000</i>

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