BIG FIELD READY FOR ‘WAR’ IN BELMONT STAKES

by Steve Sherack

ELMONT, NY – A highly anticipated showdown in the final leg of the Triple Crown, a Met Mile for the ages and ideal spring weather are all on the menu for Saturday’s blockbuster GI Belmont Stakes program. And if that’s somehow not enough, there are six other Grade I races on tap on the loaded 13-race card.

The top two choices in the main event—War of Will (War Front) and Tacitus (Tapit)—will get a very good look at each other breaking from the two outside stalls when they spring the latch for the 151st renewal of the Belmont S. at 6:37 p.m.

The Gary Barber colorbearer looks for his second Classic victory following a powerful 1 1/4-length defeat of Everfast (Take Charge Indy) in the GI Preakness S. three weeks ago. The striking bay, eighth across the line and elevated to seventh after losing all chance on the turn for home in the GI Kentucky Derby, will be the only sophomore to contest all three legs of the Triple Crown this year. War of Will also won the GIII Lecomte S. and GII Risen Star S. earlier this term.

"I think he's put on 40-50 pounds and that's what we've been looking for," trainer Mark Casse said of War of Will’s condition since the Preakness. "We kind of know everyone in the field by now. I tend to just worry about my horses and not anybody else's. If the pace is slow, he'll probably be on the lead. If it’s quick, hopefully he'll sit behind the pacersets." Cont. p3

MET A SUPPORTING ACT IN NAME ONLY

by Alan Carasso

Though it technically plays second fiddle to the GI Belmont S. some two hours later, Saturday’s running of the GI Runhappy Metropolitan H. is arguably the race of the year, with a mixture of horses proven at trips of a mile and further taking on some progressive types with best form up to the eight-furlong distance.

‘TDN Rising Star’ McKinzie (Street Sense) looms the betting choice as he attempts to give trainer Bob Baffert his second Met victory in three years (Mor Spirit, 2017). The $170,000 Keeneland September bargain is perfect in two appearances around one turn, including an eye-catching 4 3/4-length success in the GI Malibu S. last December. Runner-up back at two turns in the GII San Pasqual S. and the GI Santa Anita H., the bay looked in some trouble when buried down inside in the GII Alysheba S. at Churchill May 3. Cont. p6

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Belmont S. Preview cont.

The blue-blooded Juddmonte homebred Tacitus, meanwhile, winner of this year’s GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby and GII Wood Memorial S., closed smartly from far back to cross the line fourth—promoted to third—in Louisville.

"Had Tacitus won the Kentucky Derby, I suppose we would have taken a chance at the Preakness, but we didn't feel like we wanted to run him back in two weeks," said Hall of Famer Bill Mott, who collected his first Kentucky Derby win with Country House (Lookin At Lucky). "Generally, going a mile and a half they won't be further back. If anything, we will be closer. We hope he goes a good mile and a half."

While the top two have trained all week in the Big Apple like they're ready to put on a show, there are eight other rivals standing in their way.

Trainer Todd Pletcher will have two upset chances with 'TDN Rising Star' Intrepid Heart (Tapit) and Spinoff (Hard Spun) to register his fourth Belmont win.

The former adds blinkers following a disappointing third after stumbling at the start while making his stakes debut in the local GIII Peter Pan S. May 11. Spinoff, runner-up in the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby, reported home 18th at 52-1 over the sloppy going in the Derby.

"[Spinoff] has trained, to me, consistently with some of the horses that we've run in the Belmont over the years that have performed well, and I'm hoping he catches a fast track and gets to prove how good he is or is not," Pletcher said.

As for Intrepid Heart, Pletcher added, "I really think this horse needs blinkers, he's so worried about what everybody else is doing instead of what he should be doing."

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Belmont Preview cont.

Japanese raider **Master Fencer (Jpn)** (Just a Way {Jpn}), runner-up in Nakayama’s Fukuryu S. (conditions), has received plenty of attention off his rallying seventh—he was moved up to sixth via disqualification—on the First Saturday in May, while **Bourbon War** (Tapit), a punchless eighth in the GI Preakness S., attracts Hall of Famer Mike Smith for the first time.

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**LONGTIME OWNER SEEKS CAREER HIGH IN BELMONT** by Christie DeBernardis

ELMONT, N.Y.—Tracy Farmer has been in the game a long time, since the seventies, and in all that time, he has accomplished quite a lot. The Kentucky native won two renewals of the GI Whitney S. (2005 and 2008) with Commentator; won the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and a slew of other graded stakes with Albert the Great; and won several other graded events with Sun King and homebred Sir Shackleton.

The one thing Farmer has yet to accomplish in his 40 plus years in horse racing is capturing a Triple Crown race, but he hopes that will change Saturday when his homebred **Sir Winston** (Awesome Again) runs in the GI Belmont S.

“It would be awesome, awesome again,” Farmer quipped when asked what it would be like to win the Triple Crown’s final leg.

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Farmer grew up on a farm in Kentucky and always loved horses, especially Thoroughbreds. He and his wife Carol operate Shadowlawn Farm in Midway, KY, where they have over 30 mares and he has another 35 or so in training with Mark Casse, a mix of homebreds and auction purchases.

“I was raised on a tobacco farm, but I always loved Thoroughbreds, so I got in the business in like ’76 or something like that,” Farmer said. “We race most of our homebreds. Sometimes we sell some. It is according to the financial condition of our operation. This year we bought quite a few, so it is always changing.”

Sir Winston is a second-generation Farmer homebred. The Navy veteran purchased his second dam Affirmed Dancer (Affirmed) as a weanling for $150,000 at Keeneland November in 1999. She was a stakes winner on dirt and Grade III-placed on turf before producing Sir Winston’s graded stakes-winning and Grade I-placed dam La Gran Bailadora (Afleet Alex).

“She is a graded stakes-winning mare by Afleet Alex out of an Affirmed mare,” Farmer said. “I bred her to Awesome Again and here we are.”

When asked about the colt’s name, the owner of Oxmoor Automobile Group and Tracy Farmer Enterprises said, “I am a historian. I read Winston Churchill, so I named him Sir Winston in honor of Winston Churchill. Naming horses is a very difficult process.”

Sir Winston broke his maiden at third asking on the Woodbine synthetic Sept. 12 and was third in the GIII Grey S. there next out Oct. 21. He came back to win that venue’s Display S. Dec. 8 and was fourth behind the re-opposing Tax (Arch) when making his seasonal bow in Aqueduct’s GIII Withers S. Feb. 2. Cont. p6
Tracy Farmer cont.

Off the board in the Mar. 9 GII Tampa Bay Derby and Apr. 6 GII Toyota Blue Grass S., the chestnut completed the exacta in the GIII Peter Pan S. at Belmont last time May 11.

“He ran a 100 Beyer,” Farmer said of the Peter Pan. “If he hadn’t done that, he would not be in the Belmont. You never know. In the situations we have had him in, like the stakes he won in Canada, he just went. He is a horse that likes to close fast. He is bred to run all day along.”

Sir Winston will have to face the likes of Tampa Bay Derby and GII Wood Memorial S. winner Tacitus (Tapit) and his stablemate and GI Preakness S. victor War of Will (War Front) Saturday, among others.

When asked about Sir Winston’s strategy for Saturday’s Test of a Champion, Farmer said, “We just have to play it as it opens up. That will be up to the jockey. [Joel] Rosario rode him last time. He understands him and works him, so we will see. It is horse racing, so you never know. He is bred for the distance, has a good jockey and is doing well, so we will see.”

He added, “Someone said, ‘You think you can win that Belmont?’ This is another farm owner I saw at the country store. I said, ‘I don’t know, but I have a better chance than you do because I at least have a horse in the race.’”

As the saying goes, you have to be in it to win it, so Farmer and Sir Winston will take their best shot at Belmont glory.

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Met Mile cont. from p1

Eased back and into the clear for the drive, McKinzie blasted away to defeat admittedly overmatched foes by 4 3/4 lengths. Having drawn gate two here, it will be interesting to see what sort of trip he works out beneath two-time Met winner Mike Smith.

Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) returns to the scene of his near-miss effort in last year’s GI Jockey Club Gold Cup as he tries a mile on dirt for the first time since finishing second in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge-R2 in January 2018. A resilient third to champion Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic in November, the homebred was a short horse when a distant second in Round 3 of the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge (2000m) but came on for the effort to become the first to go back-to-back in the G1 Dubai World Cup when last spotted Mar. 30. Christophe Soumillon flies in for the ride.

‘TDN Rising Star’ Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), also victorious on World Cup night, can be a major player at bettable odds from the one hole. A determined winner of the GIII Razorback H. when trying two turns for the first time at Oaklawn Feb. 18, he was consigned to a tough trip from a wide gate in the G2 Godolphin Mile, but he raced handy to the pace and pulled out just enough late to account for course specialist Heavy Metal (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

Mitole (Eskendereya), by the sire of the aforementioned Mor Spirit, is very much the now horse in this year’s Met, but has some questions to answer as he stretches out to the mile. Laid off following a towering defeat of subsequent Grade II winner Still Having Fun (Old Fashioned) in the Chick Lang S. last May, the bay earned a career-best 108 Beyer Speed Figure in defeating GII True North S. hopeful Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect) in the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. and successfully negotiated seven-eighths of a mile with a stalk-and-pounce score in the GI Churchill Downs S. May 4. His well-traveled owner thinks the world of him. Cont. p7
Runhappy Met Mile cont.
"I've been in racing a long time and he's the fastest I've ever had," Bill Heiligbrodt said. "He's an unusual horse in the way he runs and trains. He never looks like he's going as fast as he is. He just does things so easy."

The Met is a ‘Win and You’re In’ challenge race for the GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile.

ON RUNHAPPY MET MILE DAY, ‘MACK’
TALKS 2020 BONUS by Bill Finley

The always innovative owner Jim McIngvale announced Thursday that a $100,000 bonus will be paid to the offspring of any son or daughter of his champion Runhappy (Super Saver) that wins an unrestricted maiden race at Saratoga in 2020, when his first crop turns two. McIngvale said that while there are still a few more minor details that need to be ironed out, he expected the same bonus plan will be in effect for the 2020 Del Mar meet. The TDN caught up with McIngvale to learn more about the unique scheme.

TDN: You’ve said before that the sport needs more bonuses to help support owners. Can you elaborate on that?

JM: Being an owner myself, I know it takes a lot of money to play this game. Fortunately, the purses at a lot of venues are going up. If someone can win our $100,000 bonus, that’s a lot of money and it will hopefully help the breeders and consignors selling the Runhappy yearlings at the upcoming yearling sales and also help put more money into the pockets of the owners and trainers. It’s a tough business and most all of us in horse racing need ways to make more money. Cont. p8
McIngvale Q & A cont.

TDN: Presumably, this will help his first-crop yearling prices at the upcoming sales.

JM: Obviously, we’re going into uncharted territory with this. If it increases the prices of his yearlings, and I think it will, I’ll be thrilled. Maybe on some of the really good ones we’ll see a significant increase in the price they sell for. We might give out zero. Hopefully, that doesn’t happen. We could out also give out $1 million or $2 million. You never know.

TDN: If you did have to dig into your pocket and give away $1 million, would you be ecstatic or would you think, ‘Maybe I overdid it; that’s way too much money to be giving away?’

JM: I do a lot of sports promotions. I did one with the Astros in 2017 when they won the World Series. I had to give $10 million in refunds to our customers as part of the promotion when the Astros won the World Series, but I was happy to do so. If I have to give away a lot of money because of this bonus I will be thrilled because it will mean these are very good horses and they have hit the ground running.

TDN: What sort of feedback are you hearing about the Runhappy babies?

JM: We’ve got family that work with our horses and they live in Lexington and they talk to people all the time about the Runhappy yearlings. Everyone is excited about them and they say they look really good. He had a lot of traits. Speed, stamina, his lung capacity and his incredible intelligence. Hopefully, he will pass those on to his offspring. Cont. p9
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MANHATTAN RUNNERS HAVE BROWN TO DOWN by Alan Carasso

If it’s a turf Grade I in New York—or most other jurisdictions, for that matter—the race likely goes through trainer Chad Brown. That will certainly be the case when the conditioner saddles four of the 10 entrants in Saturday’s GI Manhattan S., a race won by the stable in four of the last seven years.

Bricks and Mortar (Giant’s Causeway) is perfect in four starts since returning from a 14-month vacation and has assumed the mantle of America’s best turf horse. Impressive in his Dec. 22 allowance comebacker at Gulfstream, he relished the easy underfoot conditions to land the $7-million GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Jan. 26. Taken out of his best game when necessarily ridden close to the pace in the GI Muniz Memorial H. at Fair Grounds Mar. 23, he gutted it out to score by a nose and exits a half-length defeat of longshot Qurbaan (Speightstown) in the GI Old Forester Turf Classic on Derby Day May 4.

Robert Bruce (Chi) (Fast Company {Ire}) takes in the Manhattan for the second year in a row, having hit a major traffic jam in the final furlong before settling for sixth, beaten a length 12 months ago. He atoned for that luckless effort with a half-length victory in the GI Arlington Million, but was second to loose-on-the-lead Channel Maker (English Channel) in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic and seventh in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf, each time over ground softer than he prefers. The going went against him when only fifth to unheralded barn companion Olympico (Fr) (Rajsaman {Fr}) in defense of his title in the GI Fort Marcy S. May 4, but a sounder surface enhances his chances and he could offer some pari-mutuel value.

The last of the Brown quartet is GI Hollywood Derby hero Raging Bull (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), who has spun his wheels a bit in two starts against older horses this season. He adds blinkers for this appearance and also looms a bounce-back candidate.

PHIPPS NO GIMME FOR MIDNIGHT BISOU by Alan Carasso

Though it has attracted just five distaff routers, Saturday’s GI Ogden Phipps S. does not lack for intrigue, with Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) the one to beat, but facing legitimate challengers inside and out.

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Ogden Phipps S. cont.

Never out of the top three in a nine-race sophomore campaign, Midnight Bisou won this track’s GII Mother Goose S. by six lengths in her debut for the Steve Asmussen barn and three starts later was put up to the victory over champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) in the GI Cotillion S. A good third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff, the dark bay is perfect in three tries this season, including a last-out score as the 9-10 favorite in the GI Apple Blossom H. Apr. 14.

Just behind in the Oaklawn centerpiece was Western Canadian darling Escape Clause (Going Commando), who bid between horses and was just touched off at the wire when in receipt of five pounds. A winner of 20 of her 31 lifetime appearances, the Manitoba-bred blasted away from her rivals to win Santa Anita’s GIII La Canada S. by 5 1/2 lengths in January and added a 7 1/4-length victory in the Harry Henson S. at Sunland Park Mar. 24. Escape Clause is one pound better off at the weights with Midnight Bisou under the conditions of the race.

Come Dancing (Malibu Moon) has turned a corner this year at five, posting a pair of Beyer Speed Figures that top the 101 career best for Midnight Bisou. The dark bay turned in an eye-catching performance in the seven-furlong GII Distaff H. Apr. 5, streaking away to defeat the solid Pacific Gale (Flat Out) by 7 3/4 lengths. Pounded into 30 cents on the dollar for the GII Ruffian S. going a sloppy one-turn mile May 5, the homebred once again kicked on the afterburners in the stretch to best ‘TDN Rising Star’ Pacific Wind (Curlin) by 6 3/4 powerful lengths.

The winner of the Phipps earns a fees-paid berth into this year’s Breeders’ Cup Distaff in November.

OAKS WINNER FACES NEW SHOOTERS IN ACORN by Alan Carasso

When Abel Tasman (Quality Road) rallied to win the 2017 GI Acorn S., she became the first winner of the GI Kentucky Oaks to double up in the race since Bird Town (Cape Town) accomplished the feat some 14 years prior. Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) followed suit in last year’s Acorn and Serengeti Empress (Alternation) will look to keep the streak in tact Saturday afternoon at Belmont.

Winner of last year’s GII Pocahontas S. by a Rachel Alexandra-like 19 1/2 lengths, the bay faltered to be seventh in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies and she was sent to the Big Easy for a break. Powerful winner of the Grade II race named in honor of the 2009 Horse of the Year in February, Serengeti Empress bled and trailed in as the favorite in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks, casting doubt on her ability to make the Oaks field. But she gave connections all the right signs and backed it up with a pillar-to-post success on the first Friday in May.

That is the good news. Jose Ortiz has taken the unusual decision of jumping off the filly that gave him his first Oaks to stick with Three Chimneys Farm’s Guarana (Ghostzapper). A homebred daughter of Magical World (Distorted Humor) whose second dam Pleasant Home (Pleasant Colony) upset the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff at Belmont in 2005, Guarana splashed onto the scene--quite literally--romping home to graduate by 14 3/4 eased-down lengths in the slop at Keeneland Apr. 19 to become a no-brainer ‘TDN Rising Star.’ The further female family includes 1993 Acorn and Triple Tiara winner and 1994 Hempstead H. (i.e. Ogden Phipps) winner Sky Beauty (Blushing Groom {Fr}).

The field’s biggest Beyer Speed Figure belongs to California raider Ce Ce (Elusive Quality), who defeated a next-out winner when breaking her maiden (89 BSF) at first asking at Santa Anita Apr. 12 before earning a 97 Beyer when just missing at odds-on in a first-level allowance May 11. Triple Crown-winning jockey Victor Espinoza has the call on the homebred half-sister to the good 3-year-old colt Papa Clem (Smart Strike).

Serengeti Empress, Ce Ce and GIII Beaumont S. victrix Fancy Dress Party (Munnings) should go a good gallop and could set things up for some longshots from off the speed. Jeltrin (Tapizar) caused a 51-1 upset of champion Jaywalk (Cross Traffic) in the Mar. 2 GI Davona Dale S. over Saturday’s trip, while Bell’s The One (Majesticperfection) came with a rails run to complete the exacta at 23-1 in the GII Eight Belles S. May 3.
SOPHOMORE SPRINTERS GO SEVEN IN WOODY STEPHENS by Alan Carasso

No trainer has left a more indelible mark on Belmont weekend than the great Woody Stephens, whose five consecutive victories in the Test of a Champion from 1982-1986 is a mark not likely ever to be eclipsed. The former Riva Ridge S. was renamed in Stephens’s honor in 2006 and the event received a further compliment when it became the third age-restricted Grade I sprint for sophomore males for this running. And the seven-furlong heat has a decidedly open feel.

Mind Control (Stay Thirsty) is the nominal favorite and one of two previous top-level scorers in the race, having won Saratoga’s Hopeful S. last summer. Well-beaten in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile, he bounced back to take the one-mile Jerome S. on New Year’s Day, but connections wisely elected not to press on to a Triple Crown campaign and have programmed the Red Oak runner for one-turn spots. An unlucky second in the GIII Gotham S. at the mile trip Mar. 9, he cut back to this distance and overcame a bit of stretch herding to best Much Better (Pioneerof the Nile) in the GII Bay Shore S. at the Big A Apr. 6.

Chad Brown won the 2015 Woody Stephens with March (Blame) and that he has entered Klaravich Stable’s Complexity (Maclean’s Music) off the layoff here can be taken as a confident sign. Accorded ‘TDN Rising Star’ status off a popular and highly rated debut victory at the Spa Sept. 3, the bay led past every pole en route to a three-length defeat of the slow-starting and future Classic-placed Code of Honor (Noble Mission (GB)) in the GI Champagne S. the following month. Complexity dropped out of contention abruptly as the 13-5 second choice in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile, but has trained forwardly over the Oklahoma training track for this return to action.

The Brown barn is also set to be represented by Honest Mischief (Into Mischief–Honest Lady), named a ‘Rising Star’ off an eight-length maiden score on the Toyota Blue Grass undercard Apr. 6 (his 97 Beyer bettered the 94 earned by Vekoma in the Blue Grass).

"Honest Lady was a tremendously campaigned race mare and broodmare, but she’s probably the favorite mare of about 80 percent of the farm," Juddmonte Farms’ General Manager Garrett O’Rourke said. "She has the temperament of a dog, is very intelligent and just a sweetheart of a mare. It would be great to have a son of hers at a high caliber given her age [23] and a Grade I win would make him an excellent stallion prospect. We’d love for him to pull it off."

Oaklawn Park form is on display in the Woody Stephens in the form of Bachelor S. first- and second-place finishers Nitrous (Tapit) and Landeskog (Munnings), respectively. The former, third to Mind Control in the Hopeful, came from sixth in the field of eight to take the Bachelor by a widening 1 3/4 lengths, while Landeskog, who defeated a next-out stakes winner on his Mar. 31 debut in Hot Springs, set blazing fractions of :21.31 and :44.26 and held well for second, well clear of the talented and much more seasoned Gray Attempt (Graydar) in third.

Hog Creek Hustle (Overanalyze) looks interesting on the cutback in trip. A good second to War of Will (War Front) in the GII Lecomte S. in January, he exits a sound runner-up effort from a high draw in the one-mile GIII Pat Day Mile S. at Churchill May 4. He needs to pick up his feet some, but the price will be right and the race should be run to suit.

IN-FORM BEAU RECALL STEPS UP IN JUST A GAME by Alan Carasso

Trainer Brad Cox is no stranger to Grade I success on the Belmont S. undercard, having sent out the likes of champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) to win the GI Acorn S. last June. While that barn superfully misses Saturday’s GI Ogden Phipps S. is being pointed for a later-season campaign, the Cox barn will have its chance to shine Saturday afternoon in the GI Just A Game S. in the form of Beau Recall (Ire) (Sir Prancealot (Ire)), the first of the afternoon’s eight top-level races at Belmont Park.

Winner of the 2018 GII Royal Heroine S. over Saturday’s one-mile trip, Beau Recall was transferred to the Cox shedrow late last season and won the Blushing K. D. S. and New Orleans Ladies’ S. around a runner-up effort to future GII Gallorett S. winner Mitchell Road (English Channel), the half-sister to GII Kentucky Derby winner Country House (Lookin At Lucky).

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Just A Game S. cont.
Dismissed at better than 10-1 in the GII Distaff Turf Mile at Churchill May 4, Beau Recall had it all to do from last behind a slow pace, but she came with a stinging rally to outfinish Got Stormy (Get Stormy) by 1 1/4 lengths, with Daddy Is A Legend (Scat Daddy) a head away in third.

The once-beaten Rushing Fall (More Than Ready) will attempt to give trainer Chad Brown a third consecutive score in the Just A Game, following on the victories from Antonoe (First Defence) and A Raving Beauty (Ger) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) the last two years. Winner of the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf in 2017, the $320,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling closed her sophomore season with a front-running tally in Keeneland’s GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup. The bay made her 4-year-old debut back in Lexington a winning one, holding off stablemate Rymska (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) and Got Stormy in the GI Coolmore Jenny Wiley S.

He’s run the table in four tries since, returning to the main track to annex an oddly run GI Carter H. Apr. 6 at Aqueduct ahead of a facile 3 3/4-length success in the GI TwinSpires Turf Sprint on the Derby undercard May 4.

New York-bred 7-year-old Disco Partner (Disco Rico) makes a Jaipur appearance for the fourth consecutive season, having finished a neck second to stablemate Pure Sensation (Zensational) in 2016 before proving best in 2017 and again in 2018, stopping the timer in a slick 1:06.74. Third and better than seven lengths behind World of Trouble at Churchill last fall, the Generazio homebred exits a ninth to the Royal Ascot-bound Imprimis (Broken Vow) and Bound For Nowhere (The Factor) in Keeneland’s GI Shakertown S. Apr. 6.

Belvoir Bay (GB) (Equiano {Fr}) has proven before that she can mix it with the boys, having defeated male rivals in the 2018 GII San Simeon S. down the hill at Santa Anita. Far too strong for her peers in the Feb. 16 Wishing Well S. in Arcadia, the Gary Barber colorbearer owns the single strongest piece of form in the field owing to her runner-up effort to Godolphin’s Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal) in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan Mar. 30. Upset at 9-10 in an off-turf renewal of the GIII Monrovia S. May 26, Belvoir Bay can be in the thick of this providing the quick turnaround and cross-country ship haven’t taken anything out of her.

WORLD OF TROUBLE LOOMS LARGE IN UPGRADED JAIPUR by Alan Carasso
Twelve months removed from his fourth-place effort as the favorite in the GII Woody Stephens S., the versatile World of Trouble (Kantharos) looms one of the afternoon’s strongest favorites in the Jaipur Invitational S., bumped to Grade I status for the first time this year. The winner earns an expenses-paid berth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint this November.

A stakes winner on dirt early last season, the Florida-bred tacked on a pair of black-type turf sprints before running entirely too well in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint only to drop a heart-breaking decision to defending champ Stormy Liberal (Stormy Atlantic).
Homerique leads home a Brown 1-2 in the New York | Sarah K Andrew

Drawn widest of all in post eight, the even-money favorite took the first turn three wide. Fifth through an easy half mile in :50.45, Homerique began to creep closer as they clicked through six furlongs in 1:14.69. Locked and loaded beneath Irad Ortiz Jr while awaiting racing room at the top of the stretch, she powered through a seam as they straightened for home and flew home in the lane, clocking her final quarter in :22.39 to narrowly outkick her stablemate for the second straight outing.

"They're both nice horses," Brown said. "Unfortunately, one of them had to be the loser after running so well, but we gave them the opportunity to both run well and they both did. Homerique saved more ground on the turn and had a shorter distance to the wire, but then again, she had a good amount of energy in reserve. Both horses ran well. Both horses are definitely possible for both the Diana [July 13 at Saratoga Race Course] and the Beverly D. [Aug. 10 at Arlington Park]."

Winning owner Peter Brant added, "She's good and she's done well. She did well in France, too. It was good because it was a little close to the last race, so I was a little concerned, but she's really good. Very high class."

Pedigree Notes:

Homerique, a $34,000 RNA as a KEENOV weanling and a 22,000gns RNA as a TATOCT yearling, brought €75,000 from Broadhurst Agency as an ARQMYA juvenile. Homerique is out of a half-sister to Exchange Rate's G3 UAE Oaks third Music Chart. Stakes-winning and Grade III-placed third dam Desert Gold is the dam of Group 1-winning juvenile filly White Moonstone.
Winning owner Peter Brant | Sarah K Andrew

Friday, Belmont Park
TRUE NORTH S.-GII, $250,000, Belmont, 6-7, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14.85 (NSR), ft.

1—CATALINA CRUISER, 124, h, 5, by Union Rags
   1st Dam: Sea Gull, by Mineshaft
   2nd Dam: Exclusive Bird, by Storm Bird
   3rd Dam: Exclusive Moment, by Exclusive Native
   ($370,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-W. S. Farish
   (KY); T-John W. Sadler; J-Joel Rosario. $137,500. Lifetime
   Record: 6-5-0-0, $451,100. *1/2 to Eagle (Candy Ride {Arg}),
   GSW & GISP, $754,186. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the
   eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

   LANE'S END BRED, RAISED & SOLD
   ELIGIBLE FOR KY BREEDERS INCENTIVE FUND AWARDS UP TO $5,000

2—Strike Power, 122, c, 4, Speightstown--Gold d'Oro, by
   Medaglia d'Oro. 'TDN Rising Star' ($300,000 RNA Ylg '16
   KEESEP). O-Courtlandt Farms (Donald and Donna Adam);
   B-Courtlandt Farm (KY); T-Mark A. Hennig. $50,000.

   LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

3—Recruiting Ready, 124, h, 5, Algorithms--Need, by Strong
   Hope. 'TDN Rising Star' ($110,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; $240,000
   RNA 2yo '16 FTFMAR). O-Sagamore Farm LLC; B-Claiborne
   Farm (KY); T-Stanley M. Hough. $30,000.

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   Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by
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   Catalina Cruiser made his GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile flop a
distant memory with a determined score in his True North
comebacker.

   The stunning chestnut concluded preparations for his 5-year-
old bow and cross country ship with a four-furlong breeze in
:47 3/5 (3/37) at trainer John Sadler’s Santa Anita base June 2.

   The 9-5 favorite didn’t get off to the sharpest of beginnings
from his inside post, but landed a spot within striking distance in
fourth while racing in some traffic chasing between runners as
Strike Power showed the way through an opening quarter in
:22.38. Catalina Cruiser tipped out three deep and was let loose
by Joel Rosario as Strike Power and Recruiting Ready began to
 go at it approaching the quarter pole. He came with a sustained
rally on the outside in the stretch and lengthened that long
stride of his to surge late to get the money, coming within just
0.39 seconds of the track record.

   Catalina Cruiser was a jaw-dropping winner in his first four
career starts, headed by runaway tallies last summer at Del Mar
in the GII San Diego H. and GII Pat O’Brien S. He was a puzzling
sixth as the 4-5 favorite after veering out at the start in his
aforementioned 2018 finale beneath the Twin Spires last fall.

   "He’s been training really well and John [Sadler] has been
really pleased with his workouts and he had enough confidence
to send him out here and give him a run," winning owner
Stephanie Hronis said. “The Breeders' Cup race was tough, but
sometimes that happens when they just need a little break: rest
and reset. That’s where John Sadler is great. He's patient with
the horses and he can back them up, shift the gears down a little
bit, then build them back up again. This says a lot for [Catalina Cruiser] to travel and run as well as he did."

Pedigree Notes:
Catalina Cruiser is bred on the same Union Rags cross over A.P. Indy that is responsible for last term’s runaway GIII Bold Ruler H. winner No Dozing, GI Belmont S. third-place finisher Patch and stakes-winning $1-million OBSAPR juvenile Tatters to Riches. Produced by a half-sister to SW & GSP Private Ryan (Quiet American), Catalina Cruiser is a half-brother to GII Ben Ali S. winner and GI Stephen Foster H. runner-up Eagle (Candy Ride [Arg]). The winner’s two-time winning dam Sea Gull, a $270,000 FTSAUG purchase by W.S. Farish, produced a filly by War Front in 2017, was barren to that stallion for 2018 and had a foal by Candy Ride earlier this year.

Friday, Belmont Park
BELMONT GOLD CUP INVITATIONAL S.-GII, $400,000, Belmont, 6-7, 4yo/up, 2mT, 3:19.95, fm.
1--AMADE (IRE), 119, g, 5, by Casamento (Ire)
1st Dam: Sheba Five, by Five Star Day
2nd Dam: Sheba’s Step, by Alysheba
3rd Dam: Pattern Step, by Nureyev

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (€80,000 Ylg ‘15 GOFFEB; 62,000gns Ylg ‘15 TAOTC; €50,000 2yo ‘16 ARQMAV; €34,000 4yo ‘18 DEANOV). O-OTI Racing, Laurent Dassault, & Elisa Berte; B-Eamonn McEvoy (IRE); T-Alessandro Botti; J-Flavien Prat. $220,000. Lifetime Record: 13-8-2-1, $355,470. *1/2 to Nakuti (Ire) (Mastercraftsman [Ire]), GSW-Eng & GSP-US, $184,647. Werk Nick Rating A. Click for eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Arklow, 123, h, 5, Arch--Unbridled Empire, by Empire Maker. ($160,000 Ylg ’15 KEESSEP). O-Donegal Racing, Joseph Bulger, & Peter Coneway; B-John R. Penn & Frank Penn (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $80,000.

3--Highland Sky, 115, g, 6, Sky Mesa--Kristi With a K, by Petionville. O-Joyce Young, Gerald and Jerrie Stewart McManis; B-Bonner Young (KY); T-Barclay Tagg. $48,000.

European invader Amade got up just in time to score his first graded victory in the GIII Belmont Gold Cup. Sitting second last going into the first of three turns, the bay ran off the rail as longshot fellow European runner Mootasadir (GB) (Dansili [GB]) loped along through an opening three-quarters of a mile in 1:18.03. Improving his position a bit as the 1 1/4-mile went up in 2:09.44, the gelding ranged up into contention four wide on the turn and floated further out to the center of the course in the lane, but was kept to task by Flavien Prat and denied favored Arklow in the shadow of the wire.

Amade, who raced in a pair of claiming events on the Deauville all-weather last summer, went on a five-race tear in France and Britain from September 2018 to March of this year, capped by a 3 1/2-length victory in a two-mile event over the Chelmsford synthetic track Mar. 7. The bay changed hands mid-win streak, selling to Laurent Dassault for €34,000 at the Arqana Autumn Sale. He was a latest second as the odds-on favorite in the valuable Betway All-Weather Marathon Championship at Lingfield Apr. 19 and was making just his third career appearance on the turf Friday afternoon.

"I wanted fast ground for him and that is what he likes and what he got today," said winning trainer Alessandro Botti, cousin of trainer Marco Botti. "This race was a prep for the [G1] Melbourne Cup [in Australia]. Today was a test. He had to win today for, in my mind, to go on to the Melbourne Cup. He was comfortable today and it was a good race for him."

The OTI Syndicate, headed up by Terry Henderson, sent out the Luca Cumani-trained Bauer (Ire) (Halling) to the narrowest of defeats in the 2008 Melbourne Cup.
Pedigree Notes:
Amade, the third GSW for his sire (by Shamardal), is a half-
brother to GSW Nakuti (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). His dam, a
half-sister to MSW Arch Rebel (Arch), is also responsible for a
sophomore filly named Doris B leasedale (Ire) (Intikhab) and a
yearling filly by Sea the Stars (Ire).

Friday, Belmont Park
BED O’ ROSES INVITATIONAL S.-GIII, $245,000, Belmont, 6-7,
4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:21.46, ft.
1--SEPARATIONOFPOWERS, 124, f, 4, by Candy Ride (Arg)
  1st Dam: Shehadmefromhello, by Empire Maker
  2nd Dam: Lasting Code, by Lost Code
  3rd Dam: Cajun Nite Lady, by Ogygian

‘TDN Rising Star’ ($190,000 Wlg ‘15 KEENOVP). O-Klaravich
Stables Inc; B-Northwest Farms LLC (KY); T-Chad C Brown;
J-Jose L Ortiz. $137,500. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 9-4-0-2,
$934,000. *1/2 to Empire of War (Declaration of War), SW,
eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Chalon, 119, m, 5, Dialed In--Fall Fantasy, by Menifee.
($32,000 Ylg ‘15 FTKOCT; $110,000 2yo ‘16 BARMAR;
$550,000 3yo ‘17 FTKNOV). O-Lael Stables; B-J K & Linda
Griggs (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour. $50,000.

3--Dawn the Destroyer, 119, m, 5, Speightstown--Dashing
Debby, by Medaglia d’Oro. O-Stonestreet Stables LLC;
B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Kiaran P
McLaughlin. $30,000.

Margins: 4 3/4, 1HF, NK. Odds: 2.90, 1.00, 9.00.
Also Ran: Pacific Gale, Spring in the Wind, Mybigitalianfriend.
Scratched: Saguaro Row. Click for the Equibase.com chart, the
TCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style
pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Separationofpowers returned to winning ways at the scene of
her first top-level success, wiring Belmont’s GIII Bed o’ Roses
Invitational S. Friday.

Favored Chalon completed the exacta and Dawn the Destroyer
got up for third.

Winner of the GI Frizette S. at this oval in 2017,
Separationofpowers checked in fourth in the GIII Victory Ride S.
here in July, but rebounded with a win in Saratoga’s GI Test S. a
month later. Fourth when stretched to two turns for Parx’s GI
Cotillion S. in September, she was shelved for the season and
resurfaced here May 11, finishing third in the GIII Vagrancy H.

“She got a lot out of her last race [in the GIII Vagrancy] and
she really moved forward today,” said winning trainer Chad Brown,
who cited the Aug. 24 GI Ballerina S. as a possibility for the filly’s
next start. “She also took advantage of a nice sharp break. Jose
[Ortiz] took control early and I think that proved to be a good
decision today.”

Pedigree Notes:
Separationofpowers’ dam Shehadmefromhello was
purchased by Jane Lyon’s Summer Wind Farm for $1.1 million at
last term’s Fasig-Tipton November Sale carrying a full-sibling to
the winner. A daughter of MSW Lasting Code (Lost Code), the
13-year-old mare is also responsible for 2018 Awad S. winner
Empire of War (Declaration of War) and a Verrazano filly, who
summoned $750,000 from Bridlewood Farm at the Fasig-Tipton
Saratoga Sale last summer.
THREE SHARE BULLET FURLONG AT OBS

FRIDAY by Jessica Martini

A trio of colts earned the co-bullet furlong time of :9 4/5 during Friday’s third session of the under-tack preview for next week’s Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, while a colt and filly set the day’s fastest quarter-mile mark of :20 4/5.

Christy Whitman’s Whitman Sales sent out a son of Algorithms (hip 495) to work the furlong in :9 4/5. The bay colt is out of Lignite (Run Away and Hide).

“He’s always been a really nice colt,” Whitman said of the speedy juvenile. “He’s incredibly athletic and we expected him to work well, but obviously he worked a little better than expectations. So we are super happy with that and look forward to see how he does in the ring.”

The colt was purchased by Jose Garcia Blanco for $14,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

“A client [Garcia Blanco] of ours actually bought the horse,” Whitman said. “But I did see the horse at Keeneland and I really liked him—he has a really athletic, attractive build. So we went in on a partnership on the horse with that client. And he has trained up to expectations. He looked like he was going to be really fast and everything fell into place.”

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Through three sessions, five horses have worked the :9 4/5 bullet furlong time.

“The June sale gets underway next Wednesday and Whitman is noticing plenty of interest at the barn.

“We’ve already had some traffic back at the barn, which is nice to see,” she said. “The sale still has a range of buyers in it. There are definitely some people who are looking for those good horses that didn’t get sold earlier in the year for whatever reason and some, like this particular colt, are just now getting to the sales season. So I think there is a market for all types of horses at this sale.”

A colt from the first crop of Bourbon Courage (hip 515), whose two winners to date include a stakes horse, also covered the furlong in :9 4/5. Consigned by Victor Dominguez’s Victory Stable, the bay is out of the unraced Lulu Quatorze, a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Lovable Lady (Not for Love) and from the family of Grade I placed sophomore Signalman. He was bred in Florida by Martha Mallicote.

Mallicote, a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences at the College of Veterinary Medicine University of Florida, sold the colt privately as a yearling.

“‘He was a very feisty colt,’ Mallicote recalled of the juvenile. “I’m not surprised at all that he has adapted so well to this because he was always a bit of a trouble maker and he had the right personality.”

Mallicote, who has three broodmares, is just getting started in Thoroughbred breeding with plans to sell all her foals as yearlings.

“I’m a large animal internist, so I’m involved in the industry, but this is one of the first Thoroughbreds that I’ve bred,” she said. “Being associated with the industry already and being a horse person, made getting involved with Thoroughbreds on the breeding side a natural idea.”

Mallicote owns Lulu Quatorze in partnership with a colleague. The mare has a foal on the ground by He’s Had Enough and she is back in foal to that Florida stallion.

Asked what it was like to have one of the first graduates of her breeding program work a bullet at OBS, Mallicote said, “Well, we will see how he sells next week, but this was certainly a good starting point.”

Rounding out the trio of furlong bullets was a colt by Overdriven (hip 462), who worked in :9 4/5 for the M R Racing consignment. Bred by William and Annabel Murphy, the bay is out of Lady Buddha (Buddha).

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OBS Friday cont.

A filly by Majesticperfection (hip 524) shared Friday’s fastest quarter-mile breeze of :20 4/5. Consigned by Wavertree Stables, the chestnut is out of Madera Dancer (Rahy) and is a half-sister to group placed Legends of War (Scat Daddy), who was a $1.35-million purchase at last year’s Tattersalls Breeze Up sale. The filly was bred by DP Racing.

Hoppel’s Horse & Cattle Co. sent out a son of Raison d’Etat (hip 609) to work the quarter-mile Friday in :20 4/5. The dark bay is out of Neith (Dynaformer), a half-sister to graded placed Lady Chace (Tiznow) and Grade I placed Big Tiz (Tiznow). Pat Hoppel purchased the youngster for $10,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October sale.

The under-tack show continues through Sunday with sessions beginning daily at 7:30 a.m. The OBS June sale will be held next Wednesday through Friday. Bidding commences each day at 10 a.m.

OXLEY RECEIVES DINNY PHIPPS AWARD

The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation honored John C. “Jack” Oxley with the Dinny Phipps Award at The Jockey Club’s 125th anniversary celebration Thursday, June 6, at The Sea Grill in New York City. A longtime Thoroughbred owner whose best horses have included 2001 GI Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos (Maria’s Mon) and 1999 Eclipse Champion Older Female Beautiful Pleasure (Maudlin), Oxley has pledged percentages of his horses’ earnings to Grayson over the years. He also created the Oxley Challenge in 2004, where he pledged to donate $1 million to Grayson in four years if Grayson raised an equal amount.

“I am most honored and feel very humbled in my acceptance of this year’s Dinny Phipps Award,” said Oxley, who is a member of Grayson’s board of directors. “There are so many who have contributed to the success of Grayson-Jockey Club, but first let’s remember and celebrate a man who I believe has done more for racing and the Thoroughbred than any other, Mr. Dinny Phipps.”

Earle Mack, who has bred and owned Thoroughbreds for more than 55 years and has been on several boards as well as served as a former chairman of the New York State Racing Commission, created the Dinny Phipps Award in 2017 to honor an individual or individuals who are dedicated to equine health. Previous winners include the Phipps family and Frank Stronach. Mack was on hand to present Oxley with a bronze sculpture created by Odon Wagner Gallery and artist Gary Weisman.

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**Saturday, Belmont, post time: 6:37 p.m. EDT**

**BELMONT S. PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS-GI**, $1,500,000, 3yo, 1 1/2m

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**RUNHAPPY METROPOLITAN H.-GI**, $1,200,000, 3yo/up, 1m

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**Saturday, Belmont, post time: 5:36 p.m. EDT**

**MANHATTAN S.-GI**, $1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

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| 9 | Epical           | Uncle Mo         | Deron Pearson | Cassidy | Baze | 15-1 |
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**LONGINES JUST A GAME S.-GI,** $700,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

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**OGDEN PHIPPS S.-GI,** $700,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

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### WOODY STEPHENS S. PRESENTED BY MOHEGAN SUN-GI, $400,000, 3yo, 7f

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### WOODFORD RESERVE BROOKLYN INVITATIONAL S.-GII, $400,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m

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HALF-SIS TO ACORN FAVE NAMED RISING STAR HERSELF

Magic Dance (f, 2, More Than Ready--Magical World, by Distorted Humor) didn’t garner much attention in the wagering to be let go at 8-1 in Friday’s Churchill opener, but she hogged the spotlight in the stretch to follow in big sis Guarana (Ghostzapper)’s hoofsteps and earn the ‘TDN Rising Star’ nod. Perched three deep off a :22.60 opening quarter after breaking well from the widest of five stalls, she ranged up to challenge heavily bet fellow firster Josie (Race Day) in upper stretch and pulled clear of that rival with ease at the eighth pole en route to a promising 4 3/4-length score in :57.70. Josie held second.

The aforementioned Guarana aired by 14 3/4 lengths in the Keeneland slop Apr. 19 for Three Chimneys and Chad Brown, earning a 93 Beyer Speed Figure in the process. She is favored over GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Serengeti Empress (Alternation) at 2-1 on the morning line for the GI Acorn S. at Belmont Saturday.

Dam Magical World was campaigned by her breeder Phipps Stable and trainer Shug McGaughey. She just missed in her dirt sprint debut in March of her sophomore season and broke through routing on the Gulfstream grass the following January. Magical World is a daughter of none other than GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff heroine Pleasant Home (Seeking the World)—this is the hugely potent Phipps family of the likes of Grade I winners Sky Beauty, Point of Entry, Pine Island, et al. Magical World produced a Pioneerof the Nile colt in 2018, but was barren when bred back to Into Mischief.

Conditioner Steve Asmussen has now sent out a More Than Ready juvenile to be named a ‘Rising Star’ during each of the last three Churchill spring meets—GIII Bashford Manor S. hero Sir Truebadour got the nod last year and eventual GII Saratoga Special S. victor Copper Bullet impressed at second asking in 2017.

SCAT DADDY COLT ADDS TO RISING STAR FLURRY

E Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Mike Ryan’s Valid Point (c, 3, Scat Daddy--Goldbud, by Buddha) took his record to two-for-two at Belmont Friday to become one of a trio of ‘TDN Rising Stars’ on the day amidst a flurry of them in recent weeks. A debut winner going a mile at Gulfstream Feb. 10, the $140,000 KEESEP buy was given a 7-5 chance to repeat in this first try against winners. Stalking from second early as Jerome Avenue (Speightstown) clocked splits of :24.26 and :48.17, the bay looked like he could have the leader whenever he wanted him and blew by that foe in the stretch, rolling clear to a seemingly effortless 3 1/2-length score. James W. Murphy S. third Shootin the Breeze (Hard Spun) got up for second. Jerome Avenue was fourth. Valid Point had been flattered when the runner-up from his debut, Bar Harbor (Orb), came back to score impressively at Keeneland in April and fourth finisher Hardredcandy (Hard Spun) scored at Pimlico in May. Two more also-rans returned to finish good seconds next out.

Valid Point is the 16th ‘Rising Star’ for the late, great Scat Daddy, who earned the publication’s distinction himself. His dam, a half to GISW Santa Teresita (Lemon Drop Kid), has a yearling filly by Orb and a filly foal by Connect. Cont. p2
3rd-Belmont, $89,240, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 6-7, 3yo, 1mT, 1:33.09, fm.
VALID POINT, c, 3, Scat Daddy
  1st Dam: Goldbud, by Buddha
  2nd Dam: Sweet Gold, by Gilded Time
  3rd Dam: Anti Social, by Pretense
Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $76,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
O-e Five Racing Thoroughbreds & Michael J. Ryan; B-Westwind Farms (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. *$140,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

SATURDAY’S INSIGHTS: SALE TOPPERS COULD PLAY ROLE IN SATURDAY MAIDENS
Sponsored by Alex Nichols Agency

2nd-BEL, MSW, $90k, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 12:11 p.m. ET
The regally bred BETTER TAPIT (Tapit) makes his debut early on Saturday’s blockbuster Belmont card. The 3-year-old is a son of the group stakes-placed mare Betterbetterbetter (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who sold in foal to War Front to Mandy Pope’s Whisper Hill Farm for a sale-topping $5.2 million at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Betterbetterbetter is a half-sister to European Group I winning fillies Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) and Quarter Moon (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). Better Tapit is owned by Whisper Hill and Three Chimneys. TJCIS PPs

Insights cont. p3
5th-CD, MSW, $95k, 3yo up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 2:45 p.m. ET
A member of her sire’s last crop, the Steve Asmussen-trained **CONFESSING** (*Scat Daddy*) blazed an eighth of a mile in :9 4/5 at the 2018 OBS March sale before being purchased for a sale-topping $875,000 by Phoenix Thoroughbreds. Previously a $160,000 KEENOV weanling and a $335,000 KEESEP RNA, the dark bay filly breezed a snappy bullet five-eighths in :59 4/5 (1/10) here May 30 in preparation for her debut. Confessing is out of the 19-year-old mare **Accusation** (*Royal Academy*), who has produced eight winners from 13 foals, including the Grade III winner and track-record-setting **Sharp Sensation** (*Sharp Humor*).

**TJCIS PPs**

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**TREMONT S.,** $150,000, Belmont, 6-7, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.44, ft.
1--**FORE LEFT**, 121, c, 2, by **Twirling Candy**
   1st Dam: **Simply Sunny**, by **Unbridled's Song**
   2nd Dam: **Carolina Sunrise**, by **Awesome Again**
   3rd Dam: **Stylish Star**, by **Our Native**
   **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** ($97,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $145,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Doug F. O’Neill; J-Mario Gutierrez. $87,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $126,000.

2--**Theitalianamerican**, 118, r, 2, Girolamo--**Quiet Kiss**, by Quiet American. ($4,000 RNA Wlg '17 FTNMIX; $5,000 Ylg '18 OBSWIN; $30,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-Monty Foss & John Moirano; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC & Spruce Lane Farm (NY); T-Gary C. Contessa. $30,000.

3--**Rookie Salsa**, 121, c, 2, Two Step Salsa--**Kalambaka Queen**, by Pico Central (Brz). ($15,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT). O-Designated Hitters Racing, LLC; B-Mikhail Yanakov Olympia Star, LLC (FL); T-Jeremiah O’Dwyer. $15,000.


Also Ran: Federale, Memorable, Dixie Mo, Now Is. Scratched: Maven.

Fore Left followed his debut victory at Santa Anita May 19 with a sharp black-type win Friday in Belmont’s Tremont S. The bay colt’s favoritism was merited by the fact that the two-three finishers in his maiden score, Phantom Boss (*Shackleford*) and Raging Whiskey (*Bourbon Courage*), both found the winner’s circle in their subsequent starts last Sunday in Arcadia. In his first stakes attempt, Fore Left blasted from the gate to seize the lead, cruising along comfortably through an opening quarter in :22.58. Showing the way into the lane, $97,000 KEESEP buy kept on finding under mild encouragement, skipping clear to win decisively. New York-bred Theitalianamerican filled the place spot.

"He broke well and did it pretty easy," said jockey Mario Gutierrez. "He was sharp out of the gate and found the lead and was in really good contention. In the stretch, I just had to be a little firm. But he did it easy. He's composed. He seems promising, so hopefully, he keeps going the same way." **Cont. p4**
Fore Left RNA’d for $145,000 at the OBS March Sale after breezing in :10 flat. He is the first winner produced from Simply Sunny, who has a yearling filly by Flatter and foaled a colt by Tiznow in March of this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

**FIRST BLACK-TYPE WINNER FOR SIRE**

PORTOFINO BAY S., $75,000, Gulfstream, 6-7, 3yo, f, 7f (off turf), 1:23.25, sy.

1--ITSMYLUCKYCHARM, 119, f, 3, by Itsmyluckyday

1st Dam: Hard Hat, by Hard Spun
2nd Dam: Bright Feather, by Fappiano
3rd Dam: In My Cap, by Vice Regent

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Laurie Plesa; B-Eddie Plesa Racing Stable Inc (KY); T-Edward Plesa, Jr.; J-Albin Jimenez. $46,035. Lifetime Record: 12-6-3-0, $181,141.

2--Devious Charm, 119, f, 3, Into Mischief--Limbo, by A.P. Indy. ($95,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; $165,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKJUL; $260,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT). O-Tracy Farmer; B-Edward Plesa, Jr.; J-Albin Jimenez. $14,850.
Saturday, Belmont, post time: 12:47 p.m. ET

EASY GOER S. $150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Churchill Downs, $98,431, Alw (NW3$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 6-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39:79, fm.

STAVE (f, 4, Ghostzapper—Buy the Barrel {GSW, $339,740}, by E Dubai) displayed an affinity for the Churchill turf course, brandishing a record of two wins and a second from four starts over the surface. In her final start of last year, she drew away in a Nov. 8 optional claimer race around the Louisville oval, defeating graded stakes runner Phantom Opening (Arch), who was beaten 2 1/2 lengths for all the money in the Mar. 9 GII Hillsborough S. Off the six-month layoff, the Hinkle Farms homebred was second in a Churchill May 16 optional claiming here. Cross-entered in Saturday’s GII Mint Julep S., the 2-5 heavy favorite was sent right to the front and set a slow pace under a tight hold from jockey Gabriel Saez. The bay picked up the tempo with three furlongs left to run and turned back a stiff challenge from American Frolic (Blame) to drive under the wire two lengths in front. Stave is a half-sister to the filly Mise En Rose (War Front), MGSP-Eng. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-1, $227,726. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.

6th-Belmont, $97,000, Alw (NW3$X)/Opt. Clm ($100,000), 6-7, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:32.68, fm.

GIDU (IRE) (c, 4, Frankel {GB})—Manerbe, by Unbridled’s Song) broke his maiden at second asking at Gulfstream as a juvenile, nabbing ‘TDN Rising Star’ status, and proceeded to appear in nine straight black-type events, winning the Paradise Creek S. and Columbia S. He also placed in the GII Dania Beach S., all before a start at Royal Ascot last summer, but he hadn’t cracked the top three since, including his last out in the Dec. 26 GI Mathis Brothers Mile. On the shelf since that Santa Anita foray, Gidu went straight to the front at 5-1 and quickly put daylight on the field. Loose on the lead under fractions of :23.51 and :46.90 while seven lengths clear at the half, the flashy gray let the field within a length or two before kicking back on and widening again in the stretch. Trailer Annals of Time (Temple City) closed fiercely at the end, but couldn’t get by Gidu, whose final margin of victory was three-quarters of a length. In addition to Gidu and a 2019 colt by Kingman (GB), the winner’s dam, Manerbe, has also produced Marbre Rose (Ire) (Smart Strike), GSW & MGSP-Fr, $298,822, whose first foal, a filly by American Pharoah named Lashara (GB), brought the equivalent of $972,230 at last August’s Arqana yearling sale. Manerbe is a half-sister to GISW Zoftig (Cozzene), dam of GISWs Z Vienna (Hard Spun) and Zaftig (Gone West), as well as to the dam of GSW & GISP Verve’s Tale (Tale of Ekati) and 2015 GI Preakness S. runner-up Tale of Verge (Tale of Ekati). Sales History:€410,000 Ylg ’16 ARBAU. Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-0, $254,372. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Zayat Stables, LLC; B-Ecurie Des Monceaux (IRE); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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7th-Churchill Downs, $96,178, Alw 6-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.28, ft.

BOHEMIAN BOURBON (f, 3, Midshipman--Irene Adler, by Bernardini) graduated Mar. 24 on the grass at Gulfstream before checking in sixth in her prior start against winners in Keeneland’s Limestone Turf Sprint S. Apr. 12. The $85,000 OBSOPN buy was the second choice at 3-1 here and hung back in the early stages behind an opening quarter of 21.40. She loomed wide into the stretch and powered down the middle of the lane to run down Domonette (Dominus), pulling ahead by a half-length at the finish. The bay is a half to a Not This Time colt foaled this season. Sales history: $85,000 2yo ‘18 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $101,144. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly S. Anderson (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour.

4th-Penn National, $29,736, Alw, 6-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.14, fm.

PERFECT SPEIGHTY (c, 3, Speightstown--Perfect Shir (GISW, $1,390,729), by Perfect Soul (Ire)) was triumphant first time out in a maiden special event at Laurel Apr. 19 before fading to eighth in a Monmouth optional claiming May 11 in which she was fractious loading into the starting gate. Making her third start here, the 8-5 second choice broke a step slowly but quickly bounded up to the leader, sitting right off that foe through fractions of :23.61 and :48.45. The dark bay overtook For the Moment (Great Notion) with a quarter mile to run, striding home to win by 4 1/2 lengths over Creative Story (Creative Cause). Perfect Speighty is the first winner produced from the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly and Mare Turf champion Perfect Shirl (Perfect Soul (Ire)), who is the dam of a juvenile colt Shirl’s Speight (Speightstown) and yearling filly by Speightstown. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0, $40,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Michael W. Dickinson.
McGaughey trainee (like Orb) in Point of Entry. Sales history: $47,000 RNA Ylg ’17 KEESEP; $55,000 2yo ’18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $49,500. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Sheikh Ahmed Dalmo Al Maktoum; B-Wind Hill Farm (FL); T-Stephen M. Asmussen.

Double Orb | Sarah Andrew

2nd-Belmont, $72,000, (S), Msw, 6-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:08.30, fm.

NOBLE JEWEL (f, 3, Noble Mission {GB}--Rogue's Jewel {SW, $249,167}, by Broken Vow) was ignored by bettors in her career debut at 14-1, despite a solid half-mile breeze at Belmont in :48 (2/89) on June 1. The bay broke sharply and rated behind the early leaders through steady fractions of :22.55 and :45.40. She was set to a drive three wide around the turn and kicked into high gear in midstretch, tenaciously battling with Andretta (Freud) to the wire and prevailing by a neck. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $39,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Rick and Sharon Waller; B-Double J H Stable, Inc. (CA); T-Philip D'Amato.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JUNE 8

The Big Beast (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud Farm, $6,000
68 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Msw 5f, MS BIG SPRING, 5-2

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
88 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Lone Star, Msw 5f, VIVA CAT, 12-1
RNA KEE SEP yrl

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, $20,000
114 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Msw 5f, CHOOSE TO BE HAPPY, 7-2
$57,000 RNA BAR SEL yrl; $90,000 OBS OCT yrl

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, $6,000
87 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Evangeline Downs, Msw 5f, GOLDEN PALACE, 9-2
$5,000 OBS OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Atreides (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $5,000
102 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Woodbine, $100K William D. Graham Memorial S., 6 1/2fT, TALLULAH DARLING, 30-1
$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; $35,000 OBS APR yrl

Boisterous (Distorted Humor), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, $5,000
86 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Golden Gate Fields, $50K Albany S., 5fT, LOUD MOUTH, 20-1
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**Can the Man** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $3,500
137 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Churchill Downs, Msw 5f, BIGMANCAN, 4-1
$32,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Fed Biz** (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, $10,000
187 foals of racing age/32 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Belterra, Msw 4 1/2f, BODYGUARD, 5-2

**Goldencents** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $20,000
256 foals of racing age/52 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Arlington, Msw 6 1/2f, GLAMOUR GAL, 15-1
$60,000 RNA OBS APR yrl

**Guilt Trip** (Pulpit), Red River Farms, $2,000
67 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Evangeline Downs, Msw 5f, BUY IN, 5-1

**Just a Way (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Shadai Stallion Station, $4,000,000
170 foals of racing age/39 winners/1 black-type winner
11-Belmont, $1500K GI Belmont S. Presented by NYRA Bets, 1 1/2m, MASTER FENCER (Jpn), 8-1

**Mucho Macho Man** (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, $10,000
122 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Msw 5f, LITTLE MISS MACHO, 9-2
$52,000 FTK NOV wnl; $170,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Noble Mission (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Lane's End Farm, $15,000
151 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Indiana Grand, Msw 1 1/16mT, SEA NOBLE, 30-1
$80,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Real Solution** (Kitten's Joy), Blue Star Racing, $5,000
61 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Woodbine, $100K William D. Graham Memorial S., 6 1/2fT, SISTER PEACOCK, 5-2
$9,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Souper Speedy** (Indian Charlie), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm, $4,000
81 foals of racing age/11 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Woodbine, $500K Woodbine Oaks Presented by Budweiser, 1 1/8m, FALCON'S VIEW, 30-1
9-Woodbine, $500K Woodbine Oaks Presented by Budweiser, 1 1/8m, SPEEDY SOUL, 7-2
CAN$9,500 RNA CAN SEP yrl

**Verrazano** (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, $15,000
268 foals of racing age/32 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Lone Star, Msw 5f, LONE STAR LADY, 5-2
$23,000 KEE NOV wnl; $20,000 KEE SEP yrl

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**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**Alphaking Iji**, c, 3, Revolutionary--Missing Miss (SW, $225,805), by Unaccounted For. Busan, 6-7, Hcp. ($51k), 1800m. B-Draper Farm (KY). *Won by six lengths as the 11-10 chalk. **$10,000 Ylg ‘17 KEESEP; $43,000 2yo ‘18 OBSJUN.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Karin (Kor), f, 3, Graydar--Such A Sweet Girl, by Proud and True. Busan, 6-7, Hcp. ($34k), 1600m. B-Hyun Dae Young. *$41,000 in utero ’15 KEENOV.

STAKES RESULTS:

PANTHERS S., $61,750, Prairie Meadows, 6-6, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.86, ft.
1--TAYLOR'S SPIRIT, 118, f, 3, Algorithms--Spirit Rising, by Dehere. ($37,000 RNA Ylg ’17 KEESEP; $80,000 2yo ‘18 OBSAPR). O-Mark Norman & Norman Stables LLC; B-David Lickhalter (KY); T-Scott Gelner; J-Kevin Roman. $39,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 11-6-2-1, $230,730.

STAKES RESULTS:

2--Drinking Dixie, 118, f, 3, Quality Road--Made Up, by Bluegrass Cat. ($45,000 RNA Wlg ’16 KEENOV; $150,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP). O-G M B Racing; B-Gunpowder Farms LLC (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. $13,000.

3--Q Go Girl, 118, f, 3, Quality Road--Choo Choo Lady, by Giant’s Causeway. ($50,000 Ylg ’17 FTKOCT; $75,000 2yo ’18 EASMAY). O-Rags Racing Stable LLC; B-Betz/Kidder/Lamantia (KY); T-Paul E. Holthus. $6,500.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Churchill Downs, $95,615, 6-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:07.96, fm.
CHAPS (g, 4, More Than Ready--Cowgirl Mally {GSP}, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, $143,565. O/B-Joseph W. Sutton (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally. *$220,000 RNA Ylg ’16 FTSAUG; $950,000 RNA 2yo ’17 OBSMAR.

8th-Woodbine, C$49,455, Ocl (C)/Opt. Clm ($29,940), 6-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.16, fm.
PIPER’S LEGACY (m, 5, Silent Name {Jpn}--Lone Piper, by Dehere) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $43,300. O-Chiefswood Stable; B-Chiefswood Stables Limited (ON); T-Donald C. MacRae. *1/2 to Pipers Thunder (Thunder Gulch), SW, $206,722; Pipers Future (Niigon), MSP, $188,334.

7th-Woodbine, C$44,890, (C)/Opt. Clm ($29,940), 6-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.12, ft.
FORESTELLA (m, 6, Old Forester--Quinnderella, by Vindication) Lifetime Record: 27-3-11-4, $168,607. O-Eight Star Racing Stables Inc.; B-B. Van Arem (ON); T-Vito Armata.

7th-Canterbury, $37,700, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 6-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 1:12.95, ft.
POLARIZING (f, 4, Sangaree--Goin for the Green, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-2, $123,655. O/Elliott Ventures; B-Amy & Jim Elliott (IN); T-Michelle L. Elliott. *$39,000 RNA 2yo ’17 PSPRIN.

3rd-Indiana Grand, $37,500, (S), 6-7, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1:35.69, ft.
MAYWOOD HOPE (f, 4, Strong Hope--Maywood’s Jill, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, $90,600. O/B-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds, LLC (MN); T-Tony Rengstorf.

4th-Canterbury, $36,000, (S), 6-6, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.69, ft.
SHABANG BABY (f, 4, Horse Greeley--Boom Boom Bertie, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-5, $108,844. O-Golden Arrow Racing Inc. & Roberts and Roberts LLC; B-Ramona Thomson (KY); T-William N. Martin. *$2,500 Ylg ’17 FTKFEB.

5th-Prairie Meadows, $33,000, 6-6, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1:09.59, ft.
MOJOVATION (c, 4, Quality Road--Starship Warpspeed, by Congrats) Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-2, $115,859. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Karl Broberg. *$330,000 Ylg ’16 KEESEP.
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8th-Indiana Grand, $32,500, 6-7, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.08, fm.

**STORY TIME** (f, 3, Broken Vow--Tell Me Everything, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, $47,852. O-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *$150,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG.

7th-Penn National, $31,360, 6-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.40, ft.

**MESS’N AROUND** (f, 4, Messner--She Is a Lioness, by Lion Heart) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-2, $74,021. O-Mason Dixon Stable; B-Donald L. Brown (PA); T-Timothy C. Kreiser.

1st-Belterra, $25,200, (S), 6-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.95, ft.

**TAPJEN** (f, 3, Tidal Volume--Jennierees, by Gold Case) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $30,177. O-Marvin Johnson, LLC; B-Lake Shore Farm LLC (OH); T-Marvin A. Johnson.

8th-Evangeline Downs, $25,000, (S), 6-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.12, ft.

**BELLA CAJUN** (f, 4, Bellamy Road--Cajun Candy, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-2-4-2, $71,240. O-Ralph J. Dore. O/Ralph Dore & Keith Gautrea; B-Cypress Bend Farm (LA); T-Ralph J. Dore. *$8,500 RNA Ylg '16 ESLYRL.**$70,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Ruby’s Reception (Rubiano), GSW, $365,130; Heritage Hall (Unbridled’s Song), GSP, $180,797.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**


**Sunny's Best**, g, 3, **Big Lightning**--Sundown Delight, by Wild Rush. Century Mile, 6-6, 6f, 1:13.62. B-Ian Mikelson (AB). *CS$1,000 RNA Ylg '17 ALBRIX. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Twobirdsonestone**, g, 3, **Birdstone**--Dreamin Big (MSW, $602,350), by Pure Prize. Indiana Grand, 6-7, (S), 1m 70y, 1:43.67. B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN). *1/2 to Flurry (Old Fashioned), MSW, $231,099.

**Chickanella**, f, 3, **Jimmy Creed**--Birdseye, by Birdstone. Century Mile, 6-6, 6f, 1:12.15. B-Cowboy Stables, LLC (OK). *$30,000 Ylg '17 HEROCT.

**Tizanoxbow**, g, 3, **Oxbow**--Way With Words (MSW & MGSP, $578,400), by Sefapiano. Belmont, 6-6, (S), 6fT, 1:09.08. B-Margaret C. & George L. Schwartz (NY). *$15,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT.

**Jenna’s Gun Runner**, g, 3, **Service Stripe**--Hadagirl, by Hadif. Fair Meadows, 6-7, (S), 6f, 1:15.55. B-Dana Harris (OK).

**Can’t Touch This**, f, 3, **Touch Gold**--Avenue of Silver, by Silver Fox. Century Mile, 6-6, 6f, 1:13.67. B-Running Fawcett Thoroughbreds LTD. (AB). *C$10,500 Ylg '17 ALBRIX.

**Lady Hester**, m, 5, **Bernardini**--Questing (GB) (Ch. 3yo Filly & MGISW-US, MGSP-Eng, $876,876), by Hard Spun. Indiana Grand, 6-7, 1m, 1:39.40. B-Dr. Thomas A. Castoldi (KY). *22,000gns 3yo '17 TATJUL; $40,000 3yo '17 KEENOV.

**ADIOS CHARLIE**, My Sarasota Star, f, 3, o/o Outwildcattin, by Wildcat Heir. MSW, 6-7, Gulfstream

**ALGORITHMS**, Taylor’s Spirit, f, 3, o/o Spirit Rising, by Dehere. Panthers S., 6-6, Prairie Meadows

**ARTIE SCHILLER**, Ode to Joy, f, 4, o/o Preemptive Attack, by Smart Strike. ALW, 6-7, Laurel

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BELLAMY ROAD, Bella Cajun, f, 4, o/o Cajun Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). ALW, 6-6, Evangeline

BERNARDINI, Lady Hester, m, 5, o/o Questing (GB), by Hard Spun. MSW, 6-7, Indiana Grand

BIG LIGHTNING, Sunny’s Best, g, 3, o/o Sundown Delight, by Wild Rush. MSW, 6-6, Century Mile

BIRDSTONE, Twobirdsonestone, g, 3, o/o Dreamin Big, by Pure Prize. MSW, 6-7, Indiana Grand

BROKEN VOW, Story Time, f, 3, o/o Tell Me Everything, by Giant’s Causeway. MSW, 6-7, Indiana Grand

CANDY RIDE (ARG), Separationofpowers, f, 4, o/o Shehadmefromhello, by Empire Maker. GIII Bed o’ Roses Invitational S., 6-7, Belmont

CASAMENTO (IRE), Amade (Ire), g, 5, o/o Sheba Five, by Five Star Day. Gil Belmont Gold Cup Invitational S., 6-7, Belmont

EXCHANGE RATE, Homerique, f, 4, o/o Chiquita Picosa, by Congaree. Gil New York S., 6-7, Belmont

FIBER SONDE, Fiber and Emily, g, 4, o/o Crafty Emily, by Crafty Friend. ALW, 6-6, Charles Town

FRANKEL (GB), Gidu (Ire), c, 4, o/o Manerbe, by Unbridled’s Song. AOC, 6-7, Belmont

GEMOLOGIST, Gem Alta, g, 4, o/o Court Reception, by A.P. Indy. AOC, 6-7, Century Mile

GHOSTZAPPER, Stave, f, 4, o/o Buy the Barrel, by E Dubai. AOC, 6-7, Churchill Downs

GIACOMO, Ari Gia, m, 5, o/o Mamselle Aries, by Artax. AOC, 6-7, Canterbury

GOOD JOURNEY, One Eyed Mama, m, 5, o/o Cremedelagold, by Formal Gold. AOC, 6-6, Golden Gate

HORSE GREELEY, Shabang Baby, f, 4, o/o Boom Boom Bertie, by Thunder Gulch. AOC, 6-6, Prairie Meadows

ITSMYLUCKYDAY, Itsmyluckycharm, f, 3, o/o Hard Hat, by Hard Spun. Portofino Bay S., 6-7, Gulfstream

JIMMY CREED, Chickanella, f, 3, o/o Birdseye, by Birdstone. MSW, 6-6, Canterbury

K ONE KING, Darcy Mae, m, 5, o/o Krista’s Quik Chic, by Forestry. ALW, 6-6, Presque Isle Downs

LUCKY PULPIT, Lucky Ms Jones, f, 4, o/o Shorty Jones, by Smarty Jones. MSW, 6-7, Santa Anita

MESSNER, Mess’n Around, f, 4, o/o She Is a Lioness, by Lion Heart. ALW, 6-6, Penn National

MIDSHIPMAN, Bohemian Bourbon, f, 3, o/o Irene Adler, by Bernardini. ALW, 6-6, Churchill Downs

MORE THAN READY, Chaps, g, 4, o/o Cowgirl Mally, by Gone West. ALW, 6-7, Churchill Downs

MORE THAN READY, Magic Dance, f, 2, o/o Magical World, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 6-7, Churchill Downs

NOMOLED MISSION (GB), Noble Jewel, f, 3, o/o Rogue’s Jewel, by Broken Vow. MSW, 6-7, Belmont

OLD FORESTER, Forestella, m, 6, o/o Quinnderella, by Vindication. OCL, 6-7, Woodbine

ORB, Double Orb, c, 3, o/o Impassionit, by Include. MSW, 6-7, Belmont

OXBOW, Tizanoxbow, g, 3, o/o Way With Words, by Sefapiano. MSW, 6-6, Belmont

QUALITY ROAD, Mojovation, c, 4, o/o Starship Warpspeed, by Congaree. ALW, 6-7, Fair Meadows

SANGAREE, Polarizing, f, 4, o/o Goin for the Green, by Gone West. ALW, 6-7, Indiana Grand

SCAT DADDY, Valid Point, c, 3, o/o Goldbud, by Buddha. AOC, 6-7, Belmont

SERVICE STRIPE, Jenna’s Gun Runner, g, 3, o/o Hadagirl, by Hadif. MSW, 6-7, Fair Meadows

SILENT NAME (JPN), Piper’s Legacy, m, 5, o/o Lone Piper, by Dehere. OCL, 6-7, Woodbine

STAR GUITAR, Minit to Stardom, f, 4, o/o Wild About Marie, by Wildcat Heir. AOC, 6-7, Laurel

STRONG HOPE, Maywood Hope, f, 4, o/o Maywood’s Jill, by Fit to Fight. ALW, 6-6, Canterbury

TIDAL VOLUME, Tapjen, f, 3, o/o Jennierhees, by Gold Case. AOC, 6-7, Belterra

TWIRLING CANDY, Fore Left, c, 2, o/o Simply Sunny, by Unbridled’s Song. Tremont S., 6-7, Belmont

UNION RAGS, Catalina Cruiser, h, 5, o/o Sea Gull, by Mineshaft. GII True North S., 6-7, Belmont

WILDCAT HEIR, Catalodge, m, 5, o/o Regan Lodge, by Paynes Bay. MSW, 6-6, Charles Town

YES IT’S TRUE, Scrap Iron Phil, g, 6, o/o Kiss the Diva, by Pulpit. ALW, 6-6, Charles Town
HARD WORK, STUDY KEEPS WHELAN ON RIGHT TRACK

By Emma Berry

There’s a clutch of young Irish apprentices currently combining finishing their Leaving Cert at school with riding winners. If you lined up teenagers Ben Coen, Gavin Ryan and Andrew Slattery alongside their weighing-room colleague Ronan Whelan, it might not be easy to pick out which one has already been working full-time for a decade. Whelan, 26, has been with Jim Bolger since leaving school, and became champion apprentice in 2012, but he looks as fresh-faced today as he did back then.

"I might look like a baby, and it's the old saying, but there are quite a few horses now where I can say I've ridden their mothers or their fathers and brothers and sisters," he says with a grin.

That depth of knowledge of a horse's forebears is one of the invaluable lessons learned from Bolger, who is not just a master trainer but also an extremely successful owner-breeder. Over the years, Bolger has also earned a reputation for being something of a stern headmaster, and some of the two-legged graduates from his stable have gone on to enjoy championship careers of their own, such as Aidan O’Brien and AP McCoy. It's a thorough grounding, beyond just the art of riding a racehorse, which will stand Whelan in good stead as his career progresses.

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LOPE DE VEGA COLT EARNS RISING STARDOM

The betting spoke volumes for The Curragh’s Irish Stallion Farms EBF (C&G) Maiden on Thursday and 15-8 favourite Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) duly obliged supporters with an authoritative display to earn 'TDN Rising Star' status at the first attempt.

The bay had already made a splash when securing the second-highest price—€900,000—at last year's Arqana August sale and maintained his high profile in some style in the seven-furlong contest.

Lope Y Fernandez was settled in a handy fourth after an alert getaway. Making smooth headway from halfway, he was shaken up to lead approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly under mild coaxing in the latter stages to hit the line an impressive 3 3/4 lengths clear of Kipling (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), with 1 1/4 lengths back to Mythologic (Ire) (Australia {GB}) in third.

The result was yet another Curragh trifecta for Aidan O’Brien, who indicated the winner and stablemates are now possibles for the June 22 Listed Chesham S. at Royal Ascot.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

BLOCKBUSTER DAY AT BELMONT

Triple Crown season concludes in New York with Saturday's GI Belmont S. and the card in Elmont features eight Grade I events. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
Hard Work, Study Keeps Whelan On Right Track cont. from p1

Clearly astute himself, Whelan is smart enough to realise that the opportunity to learn from one of the best in the business is to be grabbed with both hands. He doesn’t restrict his riding out to Bolger, for whom he rode to listed success last night at The Curragh aboard Guaranteed (Ire) (Teofilo [Ire]), but the trainer is still "the boss" and an important touchstone.

"I do four mornings a week with Jim Bolger and two others with John Oxx, Michael Halford, Tracey Collins, and just anyone else will have me after that. I’ve been with Mr Bolger since the start. I struggle a bit with my weight so I have no other choice but to work hard at that, but I enjoy being busy, it keeps my head right and because I enjoy it, it doesn’t really feel like work to me," he says.

Whelan’s father, Tom, a well-known figure on the sales circuit, consigning through his Church View Stables, has expressed wonder at his son’s dedication to the cause, which goes beyond riding out, to regular gym sessions and running.

"My dad’s actually said to me a few times 'would you just go out and enjoy yourself,'" says the Kildare-born jockey as we chat at The Curragh during the Irish Guineas meeting, at which he rode two winners in the colours of the Aga Khan for regular supporter Michael Halford.

"You have to be on the ball and know what's going on, but at the same time try to enjoy it a bit, too. To get winners here in those colours for Mr. Halford, who has been so good to me, well it's what you get up in the morning for," he continues, then adds with a laugh, "It's what people think I work hard for."

Bolger himself has referred to Whelan's level-headedness and it is clearly a trait which will get him through the sometimes choppy waters of being a jockey. Whelan says, "It's all about taking steps through your career. When I lost my claim I struggled a bit and Sheila Lavery and Johnny Levins gave me a helping hand, and then Patrick Prendergast came along at the right time for me."

Anthony and Sonia Rogers's Cartier champion 2-year-old filly Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy) is unlikely to be a horse Whelan will forget in a hurry. She provided him with his first Group 1 winner in last year’s Moyglare Stud S., and then a first ride in the 1000 Guineas at Newmarket, during which, unfortunately, she sustained a hamstring injury.

Whelan, unsurprisingly, retains his enthusiasm for the filly, who is now trained by John Oxx. He says, "She's a jockey's dream. She's so straightforward, she's rock solid. Last year, she just kept running and running and every time she ran she was underestimated but she kept on winning. Really the first time she got a bit of respect when she went off favourite for the Moyglare, and she won that, and it's only now that I look back that I realise what a big deal it was. She made it so easy."

He adds, "Nowadays I am more associated with her than anything. I was gutted for Patrick and Mr. Oxx and her owners more than anything in the Guineas. I can just get down off her and walk away but they have to go over everything. She's in good hands and she'll be well looked after. If we can get her back that will be great but she certainly doesn't owe me anything."
Ronan Whelan and Jim Bolger when Whelan was champion apprentice in 2012 | Racing Post

**Hard Work, Study Keeps Whelan On Right Track cont.**

With Skitter Scatter, Whelan has experienced the ups and downs of racing, and he's all too aware that they almost always go hand in hand.

"One thing I've noticed is that while the big days are great, they can come and go, and in this game you can be as high as you want but you can be as low very quickly," he says. "So to me it is really important to treat every race as it comes. You might be riding in the 1000 Guineas one day, but on that same day there's someone with a horse in a handicap who means as much to them as winning the Guineas would be to the person with the favourite in that. Different people have different expectations and you have to treat them all the same and just do your best."

Whelan constantly name-checks those who have helped him along the way and is clearly appreciative for all the outside rides he can muster while he remains understudy to the evergreen Kevin Manning. Those trainers who put their faith in him are in turn benefitting from the education he continues to receive at Bolger's hand.

"He treats me no differently now than to when I was an apprentice," Whelan says. "When I was weighing up how to approach the Guineas and analysing things, it was only really then that it hit home for me that everything the boss has said to me over the years I now use as my approach, especially on a big day like that.

"I've been placed in the Irish Guineas and the Irish Derby and in a few Group 1s for the boss, but always on the second string, so there is pressure but the buck doesn't end with me; Kevin was always the one who had the big pressure."
Hard Work, Study Keeps Whelan On Right Track cont.

“But seeing the boss and Kevin, and how they worked on their big Group 1 days when I was a young lad, when the buck ended with me this time [on Skitter Scatter], it was only then that I appreciated how what they had taught me stood me in good stead. Okay, so it didn’t work out that time, but it’s just simple things, like going down to the start. If a horse pulls a shoe with you at home at Bolger’s that’s almost a sackable offence, so it’s just simple things like you make sure that when you are going to the start you don’t let your horse over-reach. You can win or lose races then, so it’s important to keep them together and make sure you’re aware of every little thing that’s going on around you.”

He continues, “These are the little things stick with you and you can see how it is that Mr Bolger has taught so many people so well over the years. I ride out every day, so I get to know the horses and how to handle the horses and you can bring those things from home to the races when it comes to how to manage them and know their minds. I think working for Jim Bolger has made me a rider first, before being a jockey, and if you threw me up on one and asked me to pull him together I think I could do that. He teaches you to be a horseman really, that’s what he does.”

The other important lesson that can be learned at Coolcullen is one which Whelan can hopefully take with him to his next career when his riding days are over, though the groundwork is already being laid.

"Pedigrees are so interesting," he says. "When I ride one at Mr Bolger’s, I can nearly always tell you what it’s by, what it’s related to. It’s amazing the traits that go through families.

Before I would think to myself that pedigree couldn’t be that important, but actually when you are seeing families for so long it’s amazing how on point it is, especially when it comes to temperament.”

With his father, whom Whelan used to accompany to Kildareagh Stud as a child during Tom’s days working for the Kavanagh family, the jockey is already taking a hand in the bloodstock business, which can be every bit as unpredictable as life as a rider. He set up his own company, Flash Bloodstock Ltd, with his fellow Bolger employee Gordon Power, to start a pinhooking venture.

"I love going to the sales as much as I love going to the races," he admits. "I have a huge interest in that side of the business and Larry Stratton is a big part of our business, helping dad choose the horses at the sales. Most of the bloodstock that dad has I’m involved in, from mares, foals, yearlings and a couple of 2-year-olds."

He continues, "I love looking at conformation and pedigrees and dad is trying to teach me as much as he can. After this game I see myself going into that side of things. Having an interest in it gives you a different aspect as a jockey. If I win on a horse, I always check to see who has bred it, who consigned it, what he made as a yearling. It broadens your mind a bit."

Applying such disciplined thought to his riding has already helped Whelan to be among the forerunners of the Irish jockey ranks. It would be foolish to underestimate the workings of that mind behind the baby face.
Lope De Vega Colt Earns Rising Stardom cont. from p1

“All three are lovely horses and you’d be delighted with him,” Aidan O’Brien said. “Seamie [Heffernan] was very happy with his horse [Kipling] and Wayne [Lordan] was very happy [with Mythologic] as well. The winner could be a Chesham horse and so could the other two. I’d say the winner is nice, he picked up well and travelled well throughout the race. Donnacha [O’Brien] was very happy with him.”

Lope Y Fernandez becomes the fourth winner from as many runners produced by Listed Ladybird S. runner-up Black Dahlia (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and he is full to a yearling colt and Listed Prix La Sorellina, Listed Prix Madame Jean Couturie and Listed Prix Occitanie placegetter Al Hayyah (Ire). The bay is also half to G2 Vintage S. victor Dark Vision (Ire) (Dream Ahead) while his dam is the leading performer for Listed Prix de Saint-Cyr victress South Rock (GB) (Rock City {Ire}), who in turn is the best representative out of a winning half-sister to dual G1 Lockinge S. hero Soviet Line (Ire) (Soviet Star).

At the line, there was just a neck between them with the winner fading and the habitual closer Queen Jo Jo (GB) (Gregorian (Ire)) only a half length away in third.

“I wanted to go for this, [jockey] Declan [McDonogh] said she was getting quicker now and five was her best trip. We might have been both right,” trainer Eddie Lynam commented. “I think maybe five is her best trip now, so we got away with it. I’ll make an entry for the [Sept. 15 G1] Flying Five and make an entry for the [July 21 G2] Sapphire. Declan is mad keen for me to go to England. He thinks she’d love England. I know those English sprints and know how good you have to be. She’s not going to Royal Ascot or anything like that.”

Pedigree Notes

Also successful in the competitive “Bold Lad” H. over this course and distance in September and second in the Listed Woodlands S. over five at Naas on Apr. 29, the uncomplicated bay is out of a daughter of the Listed Prix Petite Etoile winner Rainbow Crossing (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and half to the dual G3 Oak Tree S. winner Al Jazi (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}). A granddaughter of the G3 Debutante S. scorer Rainbows For All (Ire) (Rainbows for Life), Rime a Rien (GB) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}) also has a 2-year-old filly by Nathaniel (Ire) and a yearling filly by Myboycharlie (Ire).
Friday, Curragh, Ireland

TRM - EXCELLENCE IN EQUINE NUTRITION BALLYOGAN S.-G3, €63,000, Curragh, 6-7, 3yo/up, f, 6fT, 1:13.86, g/y.

1--SOFFIA (GB), 132, f, 4, by Kyllachy (GB)
   1st Dam: Rime a Rien (GB), by Amadeus Wolf (GB)
   2nd Dam: Rainbow Crossing (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire)
   3rd Dam: Rainbows For All (Ire), by Rainbows for Life

1ST GROUP WIN

(16,000gs Wlg '15 TATFOA; €52,000 Ylg '16 TIRSEP). O-Lady O'Reilly; B-Newssells Park Stud (GB); T-Edward Lynam; J-Declan McDonogh. €37,170. Lifetime Record:
13-6-2-1, $234,779. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Dan's Dream (GB), 132, f, 4, Cityscape (GB)--Royal Fanci (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). O-Hunscoot Stud Limited; B-Hunscoot Stud (GB); T-Mick Channon. €11,970.

3--Queen Jo Jo (GB), 124, f, 3, Gregorian (Ire)--River Song, by Siphon (Brz). (£11,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR; 68,000gns 2yo '18 TATBRE). O-Roger Peel & Clipper Logistics; B-Bearstone Stud Ltd (GB); T-Kevin Ryan. £5,670.

Margins: NK, HF, 4HF. Odds: 2.75, 3.00, 4.00.

Also Ran: Julia's Magic (Ire), Lethal Promise (Ire), Rapid Reaction (Ire), Sakura (Fr), Mm Sixsevei (Ire). Scratched: Angelic Light (Ire), Aurora Eclipse (Ire), liex Excelsa (Ire), Mia Mento (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

PINNACLE HIGHLIGHT ON SATURDAY

Sandwiched between Epsom’s Derby meeting and Royal Ascot, Saturday’s action is relatively low-key with Haydock staging the main events in Europe in the G3 Pinnacle S. and G3 John of Gaunt S. The former sees True Self (Ire) (Oscar (Ire)) bid to provide the Willie Mullins stable with further ammunition on the flat as she revets to a mile and a half. The yard had an impressive winner at The Curragh on Friday evening in Micro Manage (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle (Ire)) and the 6-year-old mare who used to ply her trade over hurdles has won three listed races on the bounce including on her return in Gowran Park’s Vintage Tipple S. on May 8. “She won well at Gowran on her first run back and we’re hoping she’s capable of stepping up from that,” Mullins’s assistant David Casey said. “She’ll have improved plenty from the run, we think. She’s done nothing wrong and improved all way through last season on the flat, so we think she warrants the opportunity and we’re very happy with her.”

Facing True Self are the potentially progressive 4-year-olds Klassique (GB) (Galileo (Ire)), who represents Yvonne Jacques and William Haggas and was runner-up in the Listed Daisy Warwick S. at Goodwood on May 4, and the G3 Princess Royal S. scorer Highgarden (GB) (Nathaniel (Ire)).

The card’s John of Gaunt over seven furlongs features the track specialist Safe Voyage (Ire) (Fast Company (Ire)) who comes off a win in the course-and-distance May 11 Listed Spring Trophy. Trainer John Quinn has campaigned the 6-year-old expertly and is happy that conditions are ideal again. “We’re very happy with him, he’s in very good form and seems to really like Haydock and cut in the ground,” he said. “It’s a decent race, but he’s in good nick.” Among his opponents are last year’s G1 2000 Guineas runner-up Tip Two Win (GB) (Dark Angel (Ire)), the 2017 GI Shadwell Turf Mile hero Suedois (Fr) (Le Havre (Ire)) and Sir Dancealot (Ire) (Sir Prancealot (Ire)), who has lost his way since winning last year’s G2 Hungerford S. and G2 Lennox S.

Elsewhere, Royal Ascot clues could be available in Beverley’s Hilary Needler Trophy for 2-year-old fillies which formerly enjoyed listed status and was once won by Attraction (GB) (Efisio (GB)). The unraced Richard Fahey representative Moon of Love (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)) is favourite, which suggests she has been showing all the right signs at home. Her owner Peter Swann said, “She’ll probably end up favourite on Saturday, but she is a horse we are very excited about. It’s not going to be easy against horses that have already raced, but Richard likes her a lot.”

While there is a lack of black-type action, there is plenty of intrigue in Britain and Ireland. At Navan, Ballydoyle’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ Goddess (Camelot (GB)) reappears in the closing Irish Stallion Farms EBF Race over a mile which will be her first start since her flop in the G3 Silver Flash S. at Leopardstown in July. Newmarket’s six-furlong novice contest for 2-year-olds sees the half-sister to Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope de Vega (Ire)) for owner-breeder Allan Belshaw and John Gosden.

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AFTER THE WINNING POST

After The Winning Post is a TDN video series, presented by Alayna Cullen, which will find out how retired racing legends are enjoying their days after leaving their training yards. In this episode, Alayna speaks with Pierre-Yves Bureau about Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}).

MADHMOON LIKELY FOR IRISH DERBY

Last weekend’s G1 Investec Derby runner-up Madhmoon (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}) could bid for Classic compensation in the G1 Irish Derby on June 29.

"The Irish Derby was our first discussion on Monday, depending on how the horse is," said Angus Gold, racing manager to owner Sheikh Hamdan. Madhmoon found just Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) too good after perhaps hitting the front too soon at Epsom, and Gold suggested that a mile and a quarter may be ideal for the horse down the road.

"We have the option of coming back to a mile and a quarter with him, but if we do that the obvious race is the Eclipse, which we’d have to supplement for anyway and it would be a third trip over to England and Sheikh Hamdan may want to keep him in Ireland," he said. "The obvious race for Madhmoon is the Irish Champion S.—I think he’s tailor-made for that—but nobody can say he didn’t stay, because if the winner hadn’t run he’d have won a Derby.

"From my own point of view he made up his ground so quickly between three and one out that he’d be more effective at a mile and a quarter, but that is only my personal view—I’m not saying he didn’t stay, otherwise he wouldn’t have been placed. He stumbled at the path and Chris Hayes said that just lit him up a little bit earlier than he wanted and he went and hit the front—he’d have loved to have waited a bit longer."

NOSEDA TO BOW OUT AT ROYAL ASCOT

Jeremy Noseda, who on Thursday announced his retirement, will saddle his last runners at Royal Ascot.

Charles Fox’s Bomb Proof (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}), a debut winner at York last month, will take in either the Listed Windsor Castle S. or the G2 Norfolk S., while Doreen Tabor’s Cenotaph (War Front) will contest the Wokingham H. on the last day of the Royal meeting. Noseda notably landed the 2010 Wokingham with Laddies Poker Two off a 610-day layoff.

"I am thrilled that Michael Tabor and Charles Fox have asked me to prepare Cenotaph and Bomb Proof for Royal Ascot," Noseda said. "It’s lovely that they want me to train their horses for the meeting as both Michael and Charles are long-standing owners of mine. It’s a nice way for me to finish and now I just want to do the best job I can for them and also for my staff, who have been so supportive."
PRIOR NAMED HEAD OF TATTS ASCOT, CHELtenHam

Matt Prior has been named Head of Tattersalls Ascot and Cheltenham Sales. Prior, 34, has been with Tattersalls since 2012 and will remain closely involved with the Tattersalls Bloodstock Sales team as an auctioneer and yearling inspector as well as sourcing entries for Tattersalls sales. Prior will work closely with Richard Pugh, who will continue in his role as Director of Horses in Training at Tattersalls Ireland.

Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony said, “The appointment of Matt Prior as Head of Sales at Tattersalls Ascot and Cheltenham reflects the success of sales at both venues and their importance within the Tattersalls group. The administrative teams for both Ascot and Cheltenham are based in Newmarket and Matt’s centralised role will be of benefit to both vendors and purchasers alike.”

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Saturday, June 8:

UNITED KINGDOM

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
148 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
19:15-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, KNOCKACURRA (Ire)
€4,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; 7,620gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2019

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
19:15-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, NEWYORKSTATEOFMIND (GB)
24,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 18,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud
114 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
14:00-BEVERLEY, 5f, LIBERTY BEACH (GB)
15,239gns RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018
19:00-CHEPSTOW, 5f, SILVER START (GB)
2,858gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

Fountain of Youth (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud
71 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
14:00-BEVERLEY, 5f, THREE COINS (GB)
£25,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
110 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
15:20-NEWMARKET, 6f, DAILY TIMES (GB)

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
13:55-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, ANGELS FACES (Ire)
£30,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018
19:00-CHEPSTOW, 5f, GO WELL SPICY (Ire)
€25,000 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2018
19:15-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, OCASIO CORTEZ (Ire)
€20,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
87 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:00-BEVERLEY, 5f, ROSE OF KILDARE (Ire)
€3,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
106 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
19:00-CHEPSTOW, 5f, COME ON GIRL (GB)
€4,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; 2,858gns RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

The Wow Signal (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot
9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:30-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, SPACE ACE (Fr)
€20,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearlings 2018

FRANCE

Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill), Haras du Petit Tellier
36 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-MAIS-LAFFITTE, 1100m, ROCK YOUR BREEZE (Fr)
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2.50 Navan, Mdn, €16,500, 2yo, c/g, 5f 162yT

UNITED FRONT (War Front) could hardly have made a more promising debut when fourth in the Olympic Glory Conditions S. on Newbury’s Lockinge card last month. Aidan O’Brien has three engaged in this, but the relative of the leading sprinter and sire Diabolical (Artax) will be hard to beat if handling this easier ground.

3.20 Newmarket, Novice, £8,000, 2yo, 6fT

DAILY TIMES (GB) (Gleneagles {Ire}) debuts for her owner-breeder Allan Belshaw and the John Gosden stable and is a notable newcomer as a half-sister to last year’s outstanding 2-year-old Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}). Also connected to Latrobe (Ire) (Camelot (GB)) and his full-sister Pink Dogwood (Ire), the March-foaled bay is the sole filly taking on nine in the race won 12 months ago by the stable’s Calyx (GB) (Kingman (GB)).

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3.25 Navan, Mdn, (€25,000, 2yo, 5f 162yT)

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5.17 Maisons-Laffitte, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, 10 1/2fT

DALKEYA (FR) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) starts out for His Highness The Aga Khan and Alain de Royer-Dupre and despite her late introduction has time on her side as a half-sister to the 2015 G1 Dubai Sheema Classic heroine Dolniya (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}). From the family of Daylami (Ire) and Dalakhani (Ire), the homebred encounters Ballymore Thoroughbred Ltd’s All Grace (Fr) (Kingman {GB}), an Andre Fabre-trained relative of Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill).

5.45 Navan, Cond, €20,000, 3yo, 8fT

GODDESS (Camelot {GB}) makes her keenly-anticipated return having last been seen finishing last of six as the 4-9 favourite for the G3 Silver Flash S. at Leopardstown in July. Earning ‘TDN Rising Star’ status with her 10-length maiden success there a fortnight previously, the granddaughter of Urban Sea (Miswaki) and full-sister to Athena (Ire) and half to the high-class Montjeu (Ire) duo Bracelet (Ire) and Wading (Ire) has two rivals on this reintroducton.

Friday’s Results:

2nd-Goodwood, £10,000, Novice, 6-7, 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.33, g/s.

GUILDSMAN (FR) (c, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Dardiza {Ire}, by Street Cry {Ire}), who drifted out to 3-1 second favouritism in the market, missed the kick but quickly recovered to race prominently out wide.
2nd-Goodwood cont.

Already in control at halfway, the bay was sent clear passing the quarter pole and hit the line with six lengths to spare over Dark Kris (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The winner is the first foal out of a half-sister to the dam of Wootton Bassett’s star performer Almanzor (Fr), hero of the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 English Derby. Therefore connected to Princess Zahra Almanzor (Fr), hero of the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 English Derby. She has a yearling filly by Siyouni (Fr) to come. Sales history: €67,000 Ylg ’18 AROYRG; €125,000 2yo ’19 ARQMA. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $8,210. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Qatar Racing Limited; B-S.C.E.A. Haras De Saint Pair (FR); T-Archie Watson.

4th-Bath & Somerset County, £10,000, Novice, 6-7, 2yo, 5f 10yT, 1:01.07, g/f.

ILLUSIONIST (GER) c, 2, Hot Streak (Ire)–Irishstone (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire), who disappointed as the 8-11 favourite when second at Windsor last time on May 13, started at the same odds tried in first-time blinkers and was lively tracking the pace in second. In front before the two-furlong marker, the bay forged clear to record an eight-length success from Red Sun (Ire) (Gutaifan {Ire}) and become the third winner for his first-season sire (by Iffraaj {GB}). The winner is a half-brother to the listed-placed Stone of Destiny (GB) (Acclamation {GB}), who was less than two-lengths fourth in last year’s G1 Commonwealth Cup, SP-Eng, $123,642, and to Stone Tornado (GB) (Toronado {Ire}), SP-It. The dam, who also has a yearling filly by Reliable Man (GB), is a half to the stakes-winning and graded-stakes placed High Maintenance (GB) (Danehill) and to the dam of the G2 Karrakatta Plate and G2 Australia S. winner Whispering Brook (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) from the family of Storm Bird. Sales history: 28,000gns Wlg ’17 TATFOC; £105,000 Ylg ’18 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, $13,153. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Qatar Racing Limited; B-Edergole Thoroughbred Ltd (GER); T-Archie Watson.

5th-Haydock, £10,900, Novice, 6-7, 2yo, 6f 212yT, 1:32.37, hy.

JUAN ELCANO (GB) c, 2, Frankel {GB}–Whatami (GB), by Daylami (Ire)), sent off the 6-4 favourite, was tardy from the stalls before being tucked in at the rear. Ridden at halfway, the chestnut had at least three lengths to make up on Subjectivist (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}) with over a furlong remaining and despite showing greyness found a surge to pick up that rival in the final stride and score by a neck. The dam is a full-sister to Whazzat (GB), who captured Royal Ascot’s Listed Chesham S. in impressive fashion just 10 days after winning on debut in 2004. A half to the G3 Premio Sergio Cumani scorer Whazzis (GB) (Desert Prince {Ire}), she went on to produce the G2 Mill Reef S. and G3 Greenham S. winner and G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest runner-up James Garfield (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). Also from the family of the GI Matriarch S. heroine Uni (GB) (More Than Ready), the G1 Pretty Polly S. winner Chinese White (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and leading sire Invincible Spirit (Ire), she has a yearling colt by Lethal Force (Ire) to come. Sales history: 360,000gns Ylg ’18 TATFOC. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $8,949. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Heiikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Mr & Mrs David Brown (GB); T-Kevin Ryan.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Taxiwala (Ire), c, 2, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)–It’s True (Ire), by Kheleyf. Brighton, 6-7, 5f 60yT, 1:02.59. B-River Downs Stud (IRE). *€105,000 Ylg ’17 GOFOV; 50,000gns Ylg ’18 TAOCT.

FRIDAY’S RESULTS:

TRI EQUESTRIAN SILVER S.-Listed, €47,000, Curragh, 6-7, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:11.86, g/y.

1–GUARANTEED (IRE), 125, c, 3, Teofilo (Ire)–Gearanai, by Toccet. O-Mrs J S Bolger & Rectory Road Holdings Limited; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE); J-Ronan Whelan. €27,730. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, 10-3-2-0, $110,510.

2–Riven Light (Ire), 135, g, 7, Raven’s Pass–Vivacity (GB), by Trempolino. (€200,000 HRA ’15 ARARC). O-Mrs S Ricci. €8,930.

3–Old Glory (Ire), 122, c, 3, Frankel (GB)–Belesta (GB), by Xaar (GB). ‘TDN Rising Star’ (€1,600,000 Ylg ’17 GOFOR). O-Zayat Stables LLC & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith. €4,230.

Margins: NO, HF, HF. Odds: 7.00, 5.50, 1.85. Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Rounding off his 2-year-old campaign with a second in the seven-furlong G3 Killavullan S. and a success in the G3 Eyrefield S. over an extra quarter mile in the space of a week at Leopardstown in October, Guaranteed cut little ice when sixth in both the Apr. 6 G3 Ballysax S. and May 12 G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial over a mile and a quarter back there.
Silver S. cont.

Tried in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas here on May 25, the bay was a place and 1 3/4 lengths behind ‘TDN Rising Star’ Old Glory in 10th there but bounced back with a spirited front-running effort under Ronan Whelan. There to be shot at after gaining the lead after the first furlong, the homebred saw off the well-backed Old Glory and found the line in time as the unlucky Riven Light drove into his advantage late.

“He’s good and tough and it wasn’t the plan to make it, but I was happy to let him use his stride and he battled well,” Whelan explained. “He’ll go further in time and he had to be straightforward to do that.” Jim Bolger added, “He took a while to build up to it as a 2-year-old as well. I think he can step up in trip and you could possibly see him back here in three weeks’ time [for the G1 June 29 Irish Derby].”

Guaranteed’s dam is a half to the G3 Manuel J. Guiraldes winner Plainswoman (Arg) (Zensational) and to the dam of another smart Teofilo from this stable in the G3 Anglesey S. and G3 Tyros S. third Theobald (Ire). A granddaughter of the GI Spinster S., GI Kentucky Oaks, GI Beldame S. and GI Gazelle H. heroine Dispute (Danzig), she also has a 2-year-old full-sister and a yearling full-brother to the winner, with the former named Assurance (Ire).

1st-Curragh, €25,000, Cond, 6-7, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.09, g/y.
LIL GREY (IRE) (f, 2, Starspangledbanner (Aus)--Vera Lilley (Ire), by Verglas (Ire)), who was a 1 1/4-length runner-up tackling seven furlongs at Leopardstown in her May 17 debut last time, was well away to race in second after the initial exchanges here. Looming large at the quarter-mile marker, the 9-2 second choice was nudge to the front soon after and ridden clear inside the final furlong to easily account for Year of the Tiger (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) by 2 3/4 lengths. “I wasn’t making life easy for her by putting her in against these colts,” admitted trainer Sheila Lavery. “She hadn’t worked before Leopardstown and was still green when she picked up past horses there. I put her in here because the ground was beautiful and I love running horses at The Curragh. Beforehand, I thought if she came out and won you’d have to put an entry in for the [June 21 G3] Albany [at Royal Ascot] so I will put an entry in now and we’ll see.” Kin to a yearling filly, she is the second winner produced by Vera Lilley (Ire) (Verglas (Ire)), herself a half-sister to Listed Curragh S. victor Three Sea Captains (Ire) (Choisir (Aus)) and a granddaughter of G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine Lavinia Fontana (Ire) (Sharpo (GB)). Sales history: €19,000 RNA Wlg ‘17 GOFNOV; €9,500 RNA Ylg ‘18 GOFFEB; €12,000 Ylg ‘18 GOFSPT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $21,083. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Spyglass Syndicate; B-Newtown Stud (IRE); T-Sheila Lavery.

3rd-Curragh, €17,500, Hcp, 6-7, 3yo, 12fT, 2:37.20, g/y.
MICRO MANAGE (IRE) (c, 3, Rip Van Winkle (Ire)--Lillebonne {Fr}, by Danehill Dancer (Ire)), who beat Ballydoyle’s subsequent winner South Pacific (GB) (Galileo (Ire)) by 4 1/4 lengths in a nine-furlong maiden at Tipperary when last seen in October, traded as the even-money favourite and travelled strongly in second throughout the early stages. Taking over with ease approaching the two-furlong pole, the chestnut who had been purchased by Merriebelle in the winter bounded to a 12-length success giving weight away to all rivals. “He’s not too bad I’d say,” jockey Donnacha O’Brien said. “He couldn’t be any more impressive and he was impressive in his maiden last year as well. He gave me a good feel and is not slow, so a mile and a half is fine for him.”
3rd-Curragh cont.
The dam, who also has the as-yet unraced 2-year-old filly Al Dawodiya (Ire) (Gutaifan {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Mehmus (Ire), is a half-sister to the G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero Mont Omel (Fr) (Air Chief Marshal {Ire}) and the G3 Park Express S. scorer Normandel (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) from the family of the dual Group 1-winning sire Lingnari (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). Sales history: €17,000 RNA Wlg ‘16 GOFNOV; €20,000 Ylg ‘17 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $22,804. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Merriebele Irish Farm Limited; B-J Connolly (IRE); T-Willie Mullins.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Top Max (Fr), g, 3, Joshua Tree (Ire)–Risky Niziy (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). Compiegne, 6-7, 10fT, 2:05.74. B-Ecurie Haras de Quetieville (FR).
Macway (Fr), g, 3, Makfi (GB)–Alloway (GB) (GSW-Fr), by Rahy. Compiegne, 6-7, 14fT, 3:09.51. B- Thousand Dreams & Ecurie Olivier Piraud (FR). *€16,000 Wlg ‘16 ARQDEC.

Friday’s Results:
4th-Compiegne, €25,000, Mdn, 6-7, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:08.06, sf. MUTAMAKINA (GB) (f, 3, Nathaniel {Ire})–Joshua’s Princess (GB), by Danehill, who posted a Mar. 30 debut third over this trip at Saint-Cloud in her only prior start, stalked the leading duo in this for the most part here. Easing into second on the home turn, the 6-5 pick cruised to the fore with 350 metres remaining and was pushed out late to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Lamu (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Becoming the sixth scorer from as many runners produced by a winning granddaughter of MG1SW European Horse of the Year Ridgewood Pearl (GB) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), the bay is a full-sister to a yearling filly and a 2019 colt. She is also a half-sister to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Pettinger (GB) (Hot Streak {Ire}). Sales history: 100,000gns Ylg ‘17 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €16,250. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Al Shira’aa Farms; B-Widgham Stud (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

IN AUSTRALIA:
Harbour Views (Fr), g, 4, Le Havre (Ire)–Icky Woo (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). Swan Hill, 6-7, Hcp. (£19k/€22k), 1600mT, 1:38.77. B-Richard Kent. *1/2 to Ickymasho (GB) (Multiplex {GB}), GSW-US, SP-Fr, $343,403. **68,000gns Ylg ‘16 TATOCT.

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**BETWAY PINNACLE S.-G3**, £63,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 11f 175yT

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DARING DOLAN MAKING HIS DREAM COME TRUE

By Paul Vettise

A bold decision by young Irish jockey Robbie Dolan to chance his arm on the other side of the world is paying off in spades and at Eagle Farm the 23-year-old has an opportunity to add another major honour to his own Group 1 pedigree.

Robbie Dolan took a massive punt two and a-half years ago when he came to Australia to pursue his riding dream and arrived with precious few contacts and even less money, but an admirable work ethic has seen him succeed.

A short-priced favourite to land this season’s Sydney apprentices’ premiership with a current tally of 38 wins - Sam Weatherley is next best with 23 - Dolan on Saturday will ride the John O’Shea-trained Pretty In Pink (Sebring) in the G1 TAB Stradbroke H.

“I’m looking forward to it, it’s a good opportunity to get a good result,” Dolan said. “John’s a very good trainer and he wouldn’t have her in that race if she couldn’t hold her own. I’m just lucky I got the ride.”

The Segenhoe-raced Pretty In Pink forced her way into the Stradbroke, in which she will carry 49.5kg, with her last-start success in the G2 Moreton Cup, the third win of her seven-start career.

“Obviously the weight was a big factor in me getting the ride,” Dolan said. “I’d ridden a couple of winners for John and after the weights came out they got in contact and asked if I was interested in taking the ride. I had a couple of rides in Sydney on Saturday and I had to get off them. I’m very happy to have picked up the ride and hopefully it all goes well.”

It will be the affable apprentice’s fourth Group 1 opportunity.

“I’ve had a ride in the Coolmore and I rode in the Doncaster and ran third in the Galaxy on Easy Eddie,” Dolan said. “This will be my first ever ride outside of New South Wales.”

Dolan is from County Kildare and has a strong racing background with his father Robert a long-time employee of G1 Melbourne Cup-winning trainer Dermot Weld.

“My grandfather was a Group 1 winning jockey, my father was a good jockey in his day and my brother Barry is a trainer over in America,” he said.

Dolan’s grandfather Peadar Matthews won the Irish 2000 Guineas in 1963 aboard Linacre (Ire) (Rockefella {GB}) and the year before the Irish St Leger on Arctic Vale (Ire) (Arctic Time {Ire}).

“It’s in the blood, but I never really thought I could do it,” he said. “I was 17 or 18 when I left school and learned how to ride pretty late and went from there.”

After riding five winners in his native Ireland, Dolan took a major gamble and landed unannounced in Victoria two and a-half years ago.

“I started in Melbourne working for John Sadler,” he said. “He was helping me out with times and gallops and how things work in Australia.

“I couldn’t get my licence down there, but it wasn’t their fault. There’s a waiting list to get into the apprentice programme. I kind of came in from nowhere so I decided to come to Sydney.”

Dolan started riding at Warwick Farm and through a friend was introduced to trainer Mark Newnham.

“Before I knew it, I started riding more for Mark and eventually he asked me if I wanted to be an apprentice. If he didn’t ask me, I was probably going to ask him.”

Dolan’s rapid progress is a testament to his willingness to gamble, his talent and determination.

“I just came over here winging it, just hoping for the best,” he said. “I always said to myself what’s the worst that can happen. If I ended back where I started then I didn’t lose anything.”

The success Dolan has earned and enjoyed has convinced him his long-term future is in Australia.
“Things are going terrifically well at the moment. It’s exceeded all my expectations this season and I pinch myself how things have gone,” he said. “I’ve worked hard and am basking in the success of it at the moment.

“I’m still an Irish citizen, but I’m sending away the next part of my visa now with my girlfriend and it will be residency after that.

“Things are going too well here. I’ve got a life here now with my partner and we’re looking to buy a house by the end of the year.”

IN SINGAPORE:

Heart of Courage, g, 4, Fastnet Rock--Myrrh (NZ), by Nassipour (USA). Kranji, 6-7, Open Maiden ($22k), 1200m (AWT), 1:11.96. B-Katom (NSW). *1/2 to Tegula (Honours List {Ire}), G1SW-Aus, $2,019,001; and full to Heroic Valour, G1SW-NZ, GSP-Aus, US$264,539. **NZ$510,000 Ylg ‘16 NZBJAN. VIDEO

Augustano, g, 4, Hard Spun (USA)--Lady of Letters, by Geiger Counter (USA). Kranji, 6-7, Hcp. ($73k), 1200m (AWT), 1:10.57. B-J R Troeth (Vic). *1/2 to Letter of Intent (Commands), SP-Aus, $265,600. **$60,000 Ylg ‘16 INGEAS; $110,000 2yo ‘16 INGRTR. VIDEO