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APPLEBY BEARS FRUITS OF LABOR OF LOVE

By Michele MacDonald

Just like a Dickensian novel, Godolphin trainer Charlie Appleby's professional life swirled in lows and highs last year.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness," could have been the opening to Appleby's own saga in 2013 rather than to the epic 'A Tale of Two Cities.'



Charlie Appleby
Racing Post

Out of the ashes of the Godolphin crisis over former trainer Mahmood Al

Zarooni's misuse of anabolic steroids, Appleby rose from the stable ranks with the opportunity to condition more than 100 of the world's most superbly-bred runners. From his very first days in the high-profile and high-pressure job, he deflected doubts and put the focus back on winning worldwide, capping the year with a victory by Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf.

Now he stands poised with six runners on the Mar. 29 Dubai World Cup program, the richest day of racing on the globe, and he has two chances to win the \$10 million G1 Dubai World Cup in **Cat O'Mountain** (Street Cry {Ire}) and **Vancouverite** (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

The Dubai World Cup would be a major event for anyone in racing. But for Appleby--who already has devoted 16 years of his life to Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's Godolphin--stepping into the World Cup spotlight with his own runners will be a monumental occasion.

"I've been asked several times what it's like to be on the big stage and are there are any nerves," Appleby said in his soft-spoken, congenial manner. "No, but there is excitement. It will be one of those surreal moments, kind of like it was at Breeders' Cup." **Cont. p3**

THE LATEST CRISIS

One of the things which struck me in the aftermath of the latest crisis to hit American racing, last week's PETA/New York Times undercover expose of life in trainer Steve Asmussen's barn, is how reactive this business is (including this columnist: I'm reacting). Dozens and dozens of people from dozens of organizations have spent thousands of hours trying to move the needle, but in spite of all these efforts, as an entity 'American Racing' does just seem to lurch from crisis to crisis. On the one hand, there has been considerable progress in some areas in the six years since Eight Belles broke down and died in front of a national television audience after running second to Big Brown in the 2008 G1 Kentucky Derby. On the other hand, nothing has really changed--'American Racing' is still a rudderless ship.

I was pleased to read that owner Ron Winchell and his manager, David Fiske, chose not to make Steve Asmussen the scapegoat (though long-time assistant Scott Blasi, predictably, had to fall on his sword). It's not his fault the system is deeply flawed. I've written before about how the system for funding purses for British racing is an outdated patchwork which yields an unacceptable outcome, but that is nothing compared to the legal stalemate now paralyzing American racing.

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Marquardt in Dubai

Tuesday from Dubai, Lucas Marquardt doesn't take a walk on the wild side (yet), but does take a walk on Tapeta. He also shops at the mall, where we suspect he was afraid to lift the cover of a gigantic gas grill for fear of what he'd find inside.

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'Destination Europe' Launched

An initiative called 'Destination Europe' has been launched that will aim to attract top-level investment into horseracing in Europe. This announcement comes on the heels of the unveiling of a strategic alliance between Irish Thoroughbred Marketing, Great British Racing International and the French Racing & Breeding Committee.

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Zayat Fires Asmussen

Zayat Stables has terminated Steve Asmussen and moved all 12 of its horses that were previously in the trainer's care following an internal investigation on the PETA report and video published in last Thursday's *New York Times*. "In an industry that needs transparency now more than ever, I am standing up for horses and owners alike by showing that this behavior is unacceptable," Zayat commented.



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Tales from the Heath

In Emma Berry's latest installment of Tales from the Heath, she catches up with trainer Roger Varian. "His Newmarket stable has 174 horses on its books, including one which sets the pulse racing perhaps a little faster than the others: last season's G1 Racing Post Trophy winner Kingston Hill (GB)."

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Appleby Fruits of Labor of Love cont from p1

"On the day, I'm sure I might feel some butterflies, but I've had such great support from His Highness [Sheikh Mohammed] and the Godolphin team, and they fill you full of confidence coming into these big meets. For any trainer, that's a very lucky position to be in."

Appleby does not speak like an ambitious man, but rather as one passionately dedicated to what he does. When asked if obtaining the role as a lead trainer with Godolphin had been his goal or a dream come true, he gently said no. He had been totally pleased with serving as assistant to Saeed bin Suroor, just as he had been happy in his previous posts as a traveling head lad and as a yard manager.

"I've enjoyed every step in my progression with Godolphin. If you had asked me last year, I would have said I had the best job in the world [as bin Suroor's assistant]; I wouldn't have swapped jobs with anyone," Appleby said. "I'm a very positive person, and I really enjoyed the role with Saeed and working with such lovely horses."

Yet the magnitude of the huge step up that he was offered, and accepted, is not lost on him. He knows that the job is without question one of the most coveted positions in the racing world.

"The key thing is that, when I was offered this job, to make the very best of it. Sheikh Mohammed said, 'This is your opportunity, so run with it.' That's what we've done and that's we'll keep doing," Appleby recalled, his voice imbued with emotion.

Appleby, 38, was born into a life rich with ponies and horses. His parents raised him near Plymouth, England, and he and his sister Victoria rode often during their childhood and watched their mother's purebred Arabians compete in racing.

At age 12, Appleby became involved with steeplechasers, and he went on to work as an exercise rider, harboring a dream to become a jockey. When he was 16, he took a nine-week British Racing School course in hopes of achieving that goal and he rode in amateur flat races.

While his growing height and weight eventually ruled out riding as a profession, Appleby spent several years during what he described as one of the three most important chapters in his career working with trainer Susan Piggott and her husband, legendary jockey Lester Piggott.

"You can't work for a better tutor than that," he said, recalling the insights into racing that he gained from the jockey. **Cont. p4**



Appleby with Outstrip during BC week
Michele MacDonald

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In 1995, Appleby moved on to work as a traveling head lad with trainer David Loder, and in 1998 he became affiliated with Godolphin when Loder became a private trainer of juveniles for the worldwide operation. During that year, Appleby was awed in a way he never has been before or since by one of the horses he worked with, the star-crossed Dubai Millennium (GB) (Seeking the Gold).

"With his physique and stature, he always stood out amongst the crowd," Appleby recalled. "He was a big, strong horse, and he knew his strength and would not take fools lightly."

Two years after Loder gave Dubai Millennium his early training, the colt won the Dubai World Cup in what is still referred to perhaps as the most scintillating running of the 18 editions of the event. While Dubai Millennium was lost to grass sickness after only one partial season at stud, he left behind his classic-winning son Dubawi (Ire), and Appleby will saddle Dubawi's son **Safety Check (Ire)** in the \$2 million G2 UAE Derby on the World Cup program.

Appleby worked with Loder in France for two years and spent his first winter season breaking 2-year-olds in Dubai in 2000. In 2002, when Loder switched back to being a public trainer, Appleby remained with Godolphin and began his affiliation with bin Suroor.

The teamwork and camaraderie they developed in the succeeding years--which were filled with great horses including Dubai World Cup winners Moon Ballad (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}) in 2003 and Electrocutationist (Red Ransom) in 2006--is a significant asset to both the stable and to Appleby in moving past the Al Zarooni incident.

"Saeed has been very helpful," Appleby reflected, "and that's a key part--teamwork. Saeed has two runners in [this year's] Dubai World Cup and I have two runners. In those two minutes, we will be challenging each other to have the winner, but the overall goal is for Godolphin to have the winner. And if I won, Saeed would be the first to congratulate me."

In addition to being supported by bin Suroor, Appleby also relied on his own positive nature and the example set by Sheikh Mohammed to get beyond the Al Zarooni crisis and the cloud it cast over Godolphin.

"It wasn't a very nice time with what we went through," he said. "But from the time I was granted the license, my only brief was to go on with the job and go forward. Sheikh Mohammed gave me encouragement--and look at what he has done. He hasn't built Dubai by looking backward."

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"You have to be very positive to look forward, and that's what is distilled in me. Never look behind, always look ahead," he declared.

Appleby now has about 180 horses in his side of the operation and relies on three key assistants: Marie Murphy, a longtime Godolphin employee; Oliver Costello, who worked with American-based trainer Eoin Harty when they sent out Dubai World Cup winner Well Armed (Tiznow) in 2009, and Daniel Harrop, a former assistant to John Gosden.

Appleby's new division of Godolphin could not have gotten off to a better start. After he took over training duties at Moulton Paddocks in Newmarket on July 25, 2013, he saddled his first winner three days later, and before the week was done, he had dispatched Cap O'Rushes (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) to capture the G3 Gordon S. at Goodwood.

"His Highness came down for the race and I'll never forget it," Appleby said. "That was a lovely way to start."

The winners kept coming and "the horses tried hard all summer and they did us proud," he added. "His Highness kept telling me, 'Keep going, keep going, and we'll get the good horses.'"

A minor disappointment occurred when the always promising Outstrip finished third in the G1 Dewhurst S. last October. Not long afterward, Appleby answered his phone one day to find Sheikh Mohammed on the line inquiring about the colt's post-race condition--and suggesting the possibility of going on to the Breeders' Cup.

"The rest is history," Appleby said with a smile. "The week leading up to the race, the horse did everything he was asked. He ticked every box and grew in confidence. [Jockey Mike Smith] was watching his works and he was getting excited."

"If you had asked me while the horses were on the backstretch, however, I wouldn't have been able to tell you he was going to win. But Mike Smith timed his run to perfection. And when he came back, he said, 'I always knew I had them.'"

"It was a great way to finish the year--and it was a big thank you to the Boss [Sheikh Mohammed] for believing in me and the team. That was our last runner of the season and you couldn't ask for better," Appleby said.

Godolphin finished out the season that had begun so gloomily with the steroids controversy by recording 214 winners overall, the most in its storied history, and Appleby added 62 to that total.

In looking to the immediate future, Appleby said he is hopeful about his Dubai World Cup program runners.

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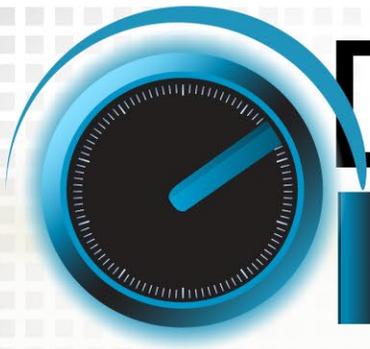
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"The best chance, going strictly by the book, is [G1 Caulfield Guineas and G3 UAE 2000 Guineas winner] **Long John (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) in the UAE Derby," Appleby said. "He's got the perfect credentials going into the race and he's got the class, although there is a question of whether he can stay the distance."

"But I like my two horses in the Dubai World Cup, too--Cat O'Mountain likes the [Meydan all-weather] surface and I'm confident he will run a good race. Vancouverite looks like he has come on, and he will really appreciate stepping up to ten furlongs."

Appleby's other runners on the World Cup program are, in addition to his second UAE Derby competitor Safety Check, **Ahtoug (GB)** (Bryon {GB}) in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint and **Bello (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen.

Like all horsemen, Appleby draws hope for the future from his young horses, and he said developing 2-year-olds is what he enjoys most. The crop he is working with now--and he has spent much time this winter flying back to England to check on them--is very promising, although he doesn't like to get too specific about which ones give him the most indication they could be special.

"I'm not superstitious, but I like to let the horses do the talking," he said. "We train them to turn up on the day and run the best they can."

Beyond the potential of the 2-year-olds, 2014 promises to be special in many ways. Not only is it Appleby's first full season as a trainer, but he and his wife, Aisling, will welcome their third child to join 2-year-old twin daughters, Erin and Emily. Appleby shares his love of riding with the girls, and they already have their own pony, Harvey. As to racing, he is keen to win more of the world's biggest prizes.

"Looking forward, most importantly I want to have winners. The main goal I'd like to achieve for Godolphin and His Highness is to win the Derby [at Epsom]--that would be a huge achievement. We're already looking at these 2-year-olds for next year--and we have some very nice ones by Dubawi and New Approach--and hopefully seeing the career of a Derby winner beginning to unfold."

He is pointing Outstrip, who has enjoyed a good winter, toward the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket and other major Group 1 events at a mile, and he has high hopes for talented filly Certify (Elusive Quality). The Cartier Award winner as a juvenile in 2012, who did not run last year after being administered steroids by Al Zarooni, started off 2014 by winning the G2 Cape Verdi at Meydan. But Appleby does not take anything for granted.

"It is so important to embrace and appreciate what you are dealing with and take the time to take it all in and enjoy it," he reflected. "Within racing, you have plenty of bad days, so you have to really enjoy the good ones. If you become blase, you'll lose the drive to keep going and you could get stagnant. That's something I've been taught throughout the years.

"Winning the Breeders' Cup last year just encouraged me to go to the Breeders' Cup again this year and to win more races. And that's what I'm striving to do," he said. [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

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The fundamental problem, simply put, is that no one is in control. There is no central authority to set and enforce policy, not to mention to create national promotional or even just awareness campaigns. Thoroughbred Horse Racing has a lot to recommend it, as is illustrated by how it may be classified: sport, business, industry. Agriculture, raising livestock, working outside, breathing air, working with animals. And we're a part of the entertainment business, partially the gambling sector of the entertainment business, but more besides that. People going to the racetrack, seeing animals, betting on the result if they choose (an intriguing world in itself), being outside, breathing air. And we are an industry, and big business, not just at the racetracks, but--before and after--in the auction rings and private markets. And we have great stories to tell. So it's not as though we have nothing to offer.

But those aren't the stories people are hearing. I don't need to tell you. The U.S. is still the world's biggest producer of Thoroughbreds, yet its penetration and influence in international markets is receding. Racing in other countries is flourishing, expanding, and because North American rules are out of step with the international community--and because the top international operations don't have to have American horses, like they did 30 years ago--American Racing is patently losing international market share. It's no coincidence that the top five NA/EU sires at the 2013 yearling sales were all European-based; among the five they generated over \$80 million in 2013 yearling sale revenue. That money overwhelmingly stayed in Europe; it wasn't spent in North America. I'm just saying.

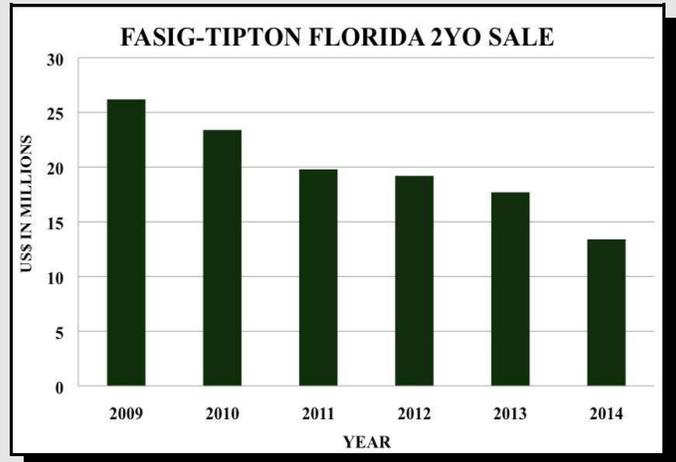
But let's go back to the fundamental problem. The inmates are running the asylum, no one's in charge, mob rule, chaos reigns--however you want to say it, progress is stymied. The real impediment to progress, for those who want it, is a provision of the 1978 Interstate Horseracing Act (which enabled betting through 'simulcasting' across state lines) which granted "horsemen's consent" to rule changes, meaning an "approved horsemen's group" in any state could block simulcasting if it didn't approve a proposed rule change. The rule change which horsemen's groups will not approve is to change the rule allowing race-day medication to a rule preventing it. It was an unintended consequence of an important piece of legislation 35 years ago, but nonetheless that is exactly where things stand right now. The Breeders' Cup tried to get a rule changed and ultimately couldn't get it done (ironic p.s.: a limited study done after last year's Breeders' Cup found the 2-year-olds which raced on Lasix bled more than those which didn't). TOBA tried to get it changed and couldn't get it done. The Jockey Club hasn't been able to get it done. State regulatory commissions are powerless to get it done. Who's left?

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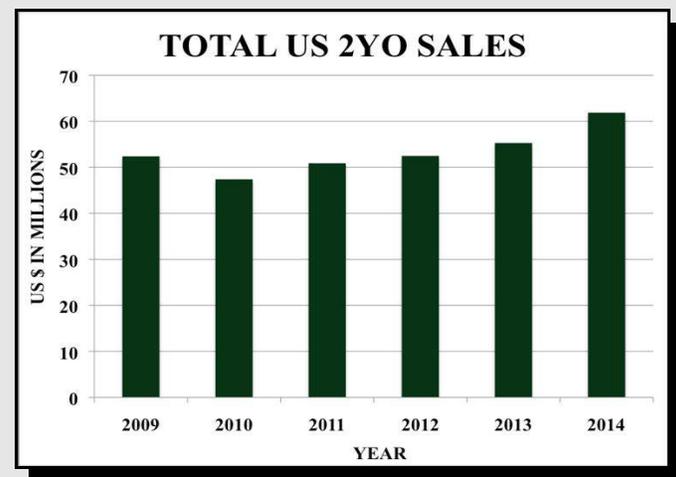
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"Wow, 30% of those catalogued were listed sales -- must be a new low. The trend line for Fasig's storied Florida sale is clear: the further north from Miami they go, the worse they do. Ciaran Dunne's remarks in yesterday's TDN (p. 5) were interesting -- he clearly thinks there is a place for the boutique markets. More sound horses with lesser pedigrees now selling in Ocala could be diverted to create 200-horse catalogues for the three boutique sales in L.A., Kentucky, South Florida. Or add some boutique older horses."
 -- Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2014	157	85	47	45.9%	55.3%	29.9%	\$13,370,000	\$284,468
2013	136	78	46	42.6%	59.0%	33.8%	\$17,725,000	\$385,326
2012	167	84	60	49.7%	71.4%	35.9%	\$19,215,000	\$320,250
2011	240	143	81	40.4%	56.6%	33.8%	\$19,832,000	\$244,840
2010	237	145	91	38.8%	62.8%	38.4%	\$23,430,000	\$257,473
2009	272	172	111	36.8%	64.5%	40.8%	\$26,151,000	\$235,595



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2014	709	440	305	37.9%	69.3%	43.0%	\$61,852,500	\$202,795
2013	619	406	289	34.4%	71.2%	46.7%	\$55,347,000	\$191,512
2012	678	449	316	33.8%	70.4%	46.6%	\$52,460,000	\$166,013
2011	836	536	380	35.9%	70.9%	45.5%	\$50,934,000	\$134,037
2010	712	482	326	32.3%	67.6%	45.8%	\$47,411,000	\$145,433
2009	919	611	367	33.5%	60.1%	39.9%	\$52,385,000	\$142,738

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



The whole stalemate actually arises because of a provision in federal law; it's time for the advocates of progress to seriously go to the U.S. federal government to help us fix it. For advocates of the status quo--if you don't want change, but prefer to work with things as they are--then you need do nothing; you're in the driver's seat right now. My personal view--and I emphasize personal, not to implicate any other organization or publication--is that it's time to actively seek federal intervention. Whether this would be through amending the original 1978 Act and/or creating some sort of new Horse Racing Act, I don't know: we have lawyers for that sort of thing, don't we? And I know, a lot of people automatically say, almost a knee-jerk reaction, "oh, no, we don't want the federal government getting involved." I understand that: the potential snafus are almost innumerable. But I'd guess the U.S. government would be quite happy to see a thriving, happy, economically productive, green agricultural sector in which it was asked to have limited oversight. Anyway, in my view, pragmatism should trump ideology almost all of the time, and certainly in a political context. Here is a suggested four-point plan:

1. Remove "horsemen's consent" as a provision for simulcasting a signal for gambling purposes across state lines. This is, technically, what has enabled certain "horsemen's groups" to block change. Get rid of that provision and those groups would no longer have the power to block change.

2. Mandate no race-day medication.

3. Safe surfaces. Mandate that no racing license be granted to a racetrack where the rate of catastrophic breakdowns (a/k/a 'kill rate') is higher than the death rate on turf in North America, which is around 1.5 per 1000 starts. It's not as low as the 1.0 rate on synthetic, but turf after all is the international standard surface, so let's be reasonable. The failure of synthetic tracks in North America is in one sense appalling, and probably due to shortcuts in surface and maintenance; synthetic tracks seem to work perfectly well everywhere else. But ultimately the important thing is that the surface is as safe as possible, whether it's dirt, synthetic, or some new mixture in development.

4. Set up some sort of national body to oversee Horse Racing in the U.S. There need to be some rules, and proper enforcement mechanisms for those rules; but there also needs to be a national body which can achieve national ambitions like promoting and growing the business--and just basically helping us stand on our own two (four?)--feet. Think of it as a public-private partnership. There really is tremendous potential to reverse the negative perception of 'American Racing,' both among potential domestic racing fans and among international professionals and fans alike. But not while federal law permits "approved horsemen's groups" to block progressive rule changes.
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In his closing remarks to the 2013 Round Table at Saratoga last August, Jockey Club Chairman Ogden Mills Phipps said:

“The international community is watching us closely, and still wondering why this country allows such liberal medication policies. We know that Congressional leaders are frustrated with the speed of our reforms, and if we don't get our own house in order, they'll do it for us. In fact, there are Congressional staff members in the room today, and others watching on the video stream.

“The facts are clear. If we care about the future of our sport, our equine athletes cannot be burdened by the taint of drugs. Other sports have suffered similar problems and taken hard steps to ensure clean competition. Thoroughbred racing must do the same.

“The Jockey Club has stated in the past it would support any means of achieving uniformity and reform. As you heard today, we are devoting countless resources to that goal.

“Our funding of the out of competition testing program is the latest example, but ladies and gentlemen, the clock is ticking. If the current medication reform effort stalls, The Jockey Club may well lend its support to federal legislation...”

The thing is, for advocates of reform, the current federal law is effectively preventing progress in medication and other important reforms. We have to change that law. [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

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TAPETA ON TRACK FOR WORLD CUP NIGHT

Michael Dickinson walks in almost-birdlike fashion, purposefully accentuating each step to make a point. “See? There are two things you don't want. You don't want it hard, and you don't want it cuppy.”

Dickinson, standing on the synthetic Tapeta surface he invented, and with Dubai's sprawling Meydan grandstand as his backdrop, digs a toe in. “This is very easy on horses. And look at that hoof print”—he points to a perfect print on the ground—“it gives the horses something to push off on, like a sprinter leaving the blocks.”

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Michael Dickinson Yesterday at Meydan

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Marquardt in Dubai cont.

He crouches down with a foot behind him, ala Usain Bolt.

Dickinson is the first to admit no track, synthetic or otherwise, is perfect, but the 64-year-old former champion trainer is in Dubai this week to make sure Meydan's Tapeta surface is performing as it should during Saturday's Dubai World Cup program. Dickinson and his team, which includes his wife Joan Wakefield, formally the head of Tapeta Footings ("I'm just the



Hoofprints on the Tapeta

tea boy," says Dickinson); and Miguel Piedra, Tapeta's quality control and maintenance supervisor, have been huddling with Meydan's track superintendent Javier Barajas all week to achieve that goal.

Dickinson, wearing shorts, white socks and sports shoes, spent yesterday morning trackside at Meydan, talking to horsemen and watching how the World Cup-card contenders moved over the Tapeta. When training hours are through, he, Wakefield, Peidra and Barajas gather in the seven-furlong chute at the track to discuss if any tweaks are needed.

"Unlike my wife, this track will do whatever we ask," Dickinson quips. "If you want it harder or softer, we can do that."

Two massive John Deere tractors make several passes over the track, stamping down the malleable surface. Even compressed, it has plenty of give underfoot. Another tractor comes in with a custom harrow attached. It makes a rattling sound a bit like a massive eggbeater. A row of rollers preps the surface. A series of rigid metal strips rakes it. Finally, two more rows of rollers groom it into the recognizable block pattern characteristic of many synthetic tracks.

"We're testing various depths today," explained Dickinson. "They won't use this chute Saturday, so we're doing a little last-minute experiment to make sure it's perfect Saturday night."

Piedra and Barajas follow the harrow with penetrometers, long metal rods with handles and a pressure gauge that show how much force is needed to push through. Every few feet they drive the penetrometers into the Tapeta. "After a while, you can just tell by feel," said Barajas, who worked on Arlington Park's grounds crew for 30 years, the last 13 as track superintendent, before leaving in 2009 to take this position at the Dubai Racing Club.

(Barajas, who is also the track super at Canterbury Park, followed in the footsteps of his father, who before him was the turf foreman for 35 years at Arlington. Asked if his own son would stay in the family business, Barajas smiles with affection. "No, he's kind of a geek. He wants to do astronomy.")

BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Chitu	Henny Hughes	Sunland Derby-G3	103
Ground Transport	Big Brown	Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S.	102
Heart Stealer	Speightstown	Inside Information S.-G2	102
Romansh	Bernardini	Excelsior S.-G3	102
Ghost Is Clear	Ghostzapper	Hansen Starter H.	100
Warren's Knockout	Stormed	Bill Thomas Memorial S.	99
Halo Dolly	Popular	Dream of Summer S.	97
Diamond Lucy	Lewis Michael	Wilma Mankiller Memorial S.	96
Tulira Castle	War Pass	Challenger S.	94
Brewing	Maimonides	Gazebo S.	93
Enterprising	Elusive Quality	Pasadena S.	93
We Miss Artie	Artie Schiller	Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati Spiral S.-G3	93
I Dazzle	Hold That Tiger	Red Camelia S.	92
Aurelia's Belle	Lemon Drop Kid	Pure Romance Bourbonette Oaks-G3	91
Awesome Baby	Awesome Again	Sunland Park Oaks	89
Fire With Fire	Distorted Humor	San Luis Rey S.-G2	88
More Than a Cruise	More Than Ready	Conniver S.	88
African Rose	Bwana Charlie	Harry Henson H.	85
Tricky R.	Favorite Trick	La Coneja S.	81
Zasha	Desert God	New Mexico Breeders' Oaks	79
Mancation	Going Wild	New Mexico Breeder's Derby	78

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Dickinson clearly trusts his team. Piedra was the foreman of Dickinson's racing operation for over 10 years, and worked daily with the Tapeta surface at Dickinson's majestic Maryland training center, called Tapeta Farm. The extremes in Maryland and Dubai are quite different, which has presented some challenges.

"The second year we were here the temperatures got up to 50°C (122°F), and we had adjust some things," said Dickinson. "We added high energy, heat-resistant fibers, and that helped a lot. And we added quite a few fibers last summers, so this is a slightly different track to last year. It's tighter, so there's more stability and more bounce."

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Dubai Station





Marquardt cont.

Synthetic surfaces have been the center of a heated debate in America in recent years, and last month, it was announced that Del Mar would replace its Polytrack surface with conventional dirt for the 2015 season. This year, no American-trained horses will compete in the \$10 million, G1 Dubai World Cup—the first time that’s ever happened.

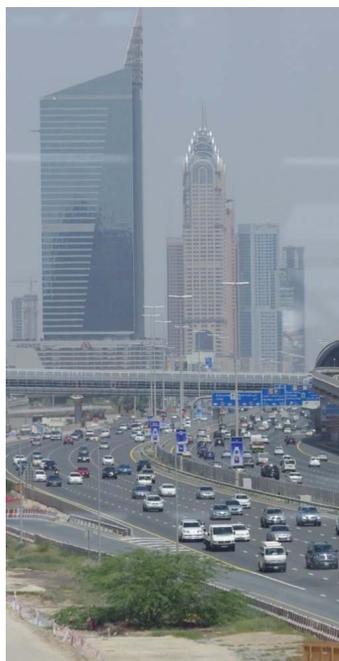
Asked if he is frustrated no top American horses made the trip for the world’s richest race, the inference being none did because of concerns over the track, he squints and reminds that an American horse, Animal Kingdom, dominated last year’s renewal. He flips open his World Cup media guide and points to several years where Americans were either lightly represented, ineffective or both.

When the track was conventional dirt, there were wins over talented American horses by the likes of Singspiel (Ire), Almutawakel (GB), Dubai Millennium (GB), Moon Ballad (Ire) and Electrocutisionist. “Remember, it’s not just the track,” he says. “We all remember Cigar and Silver Charm, but there were a lot of American horses that didn’t win. Game on Dude came and didn’t run well [12th of 13 in 2012], but then he didn’t run well in two Breeders’ Cups, too. And let’s face it, it’s a big risk for any trainer to come here [from the U.S.] This is a long way to come to find out your horse can’t run without medication.”

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Notorious B.I.G...

“A whole lamb inside.” That’s what a sticker on the eight-burner, stainless steel, Tecnogas gas stove advertised at one store in the Dubai Mall. Presumably, it was making the claim that a whole lamb *could* fit



Sheikh Zayad Road

inside, not that the stove sold with the little fellow already in there.

Regardless, it’s an example--the worst one, probably--that everything in Dubai is a little bigger.

In a place that has a website dedicated to the records it holds (www.uaeworldrecords.com), the Dubai Mall is just another feat recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records, which was so tired of making trips to the emirate to document these feats that it opened an office in Dubai Median City in 2012. The mall is the world’s largest by total area, though only a paltry 13th by “gross leasable area,” and is part of the \$20 billion Downtown Dubai complex. The mall has 1,200

shops, 22 cinemas, motion simulators developed by Sega, an ice rink, a dinosaur exhibit, an aquarium, and a fountain (outside) that shoots water 500 feet in the air.

Inside, it’s a true melting pot. Local Emirati men in traditional kandoras (long white robes, also known as a thawb or dishdasha) and keffiyehs (headdress) walk with women in hijabs and burqas, while western expats shops alongside them in shorts and mini-skirts. There are Jews and Christians, Malaysians, Indians and Pakistanis, Europeans and Americans. Except for a greater frequency of Muslim garb, it could be any mall in New York City, really. But with better food courts.



Another of Dubai’s world records is its transit system, the Dubai Metro, which is the world’s longest fully automated subway line with 47 miles of track. It has two lines, the green and red, the latter of which runs for much of its length down adjacent to Sheikh Zayad Road, the city’s main highway that cuts through Downtown Dubai and, ultimately, leads to Abu Dhabi.

The Metro stations are fantastically modern, each shaped like a huge golden snail shell, and the trains themselves are without litter or debris. This couldn’t be any subway train in New York City, really.

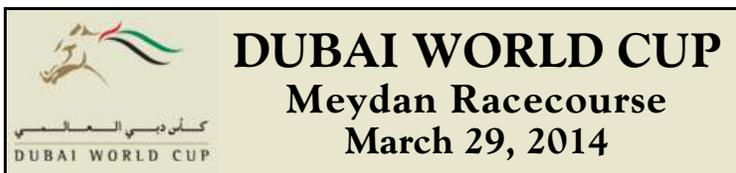
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U.S. FLAGBEARERS ON DISPLAY AT MEYDAN

A handful of horses with American roots were seen stretching their legs at Meydan Racecourse yesterday ahead of engagements on the Dubai World Cup card Mar. 29. The U.S.-based, Brazilian-owned **Berlino de Tiger (Brz)** (Tiger Heart), a Group 1 winner in his native country and the victor of last year's GIII Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs, was out for a light jog as he prepares for the G1 Al Quoz Sprint over 1000 meters on the turf.

"Yesterday we galloped, today we just jogged," said head lad Caue Caramori, son of trainer Eduardo Caramori.

The 6-year-old Stud Sampaio-owned horse will be ridden by the Brazilian-born, American-based Leandro Goncalves, who piloted him to victory in the Turf Sprint.

"The owner wanted a Brazilian jockey," Caramori explained. "We had some other options, but to me he was the best option. He knows the horse and is kind of our go-to guy. It's a straight race. It's easy for jockeys. You just have to go."

"We're not here just for fun," Caramori added. "We came with a good horse and hopefully it works out."

Caramori said that Berlino de Tiger would likely get his first taste of the Meydan turf tomorrow.

"My dad [trainer Eduardo] will be here then and we might let the horse go down the stretch. He doesn't need much and is doing well. It's more about him getting to know the track at this point."

Zayat Stables' **Zee Bros** (Brother Derek) has failed to hit the board in two starts at Meydan this season for trainer Seth Benzel, most recently finishing 11th in the G3 Meydan Sprint going 1000 meters on the turf Mar. 8. He will now revert to the Tapeta, over which he finished fourth at the handicap level Feb. 27, for the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. Zee Bros galloped over Meydan's training track yesterday. Benzel said he is "really happy" with the progress Zee Bros has shown at the carnival, and explained that he ran in the Meydan Sprint on turf because his handicap mark was too low to get into the G2 Mahab Al Shimaal.

"He's not bred for it, nor does he have the physical make-up for turf," Benzel said. "He came out of it happy and healthy and [on Saturday] he will get back to a surface and distance he prefers."

"Horses who have success at the Dubai World Cup Carnival usually follow a progression," Benzel continued. "This will be his third run and he seems to be coming around at the right time. He had a fever when he first got here, so we were playing a little bit of catch up. He rated nicely in that first run, but was a little short of where we would have liked him to be and it caught up to him. Our plan all along was to build up to the big night."

West Point Thoroughbreds' **Twilight Eclipse** (Purim) enters the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic off victories in the GIII WL McKnight H. and the GII Mac Diarmida H., and the Tom Albertrani charge had an easy 2400 meter gallop over the Tapeta yesterday.

"He traveled great," said assistant trainer Dave Wallace. "Tom will be here [Wednesday] morning and we'll decide if we will do something on the turf with him or keep him on [the all-weather]."

NEWS TODAY

'DESTINATION EUROPE' LAUNCHED

An initiative called 'Destination Europe' has been launched that will aim to attract top-level investment into horseracing in Europe. This announcement comes on the heels of the unveiling of a strategic alliance between Irish Thoroughbred Marketing, Great British



Destination Europe logo

Racing International and the French Racing & Breeding Committee. Through Destination Europe, ITM, GBRI and the FRBC will work together to showcase the very best that European racing

and breeding have to offer to attract investment from around the world. Central to the Destination Europe message will be the fact that Europe can boast many of the world's top races and bloodlines.

The group yesterday unveiled the logo for Destination Europe, which gives a European twist to the globally recognized online map locator symbol. The logo will be used in the coordinated campaign of advertising, media and events by ITM, GBRI and the FRBC under the banner of Destination Europe. Destination Europe will initially target markets in Australasia and North America, expanding to other markets in the future.





ZAYAT MOVES HORSES AWAY FROM ASMUSSEN

Zayat Stables has terminated Steve Asmussen and moved all 12 of its horses that were previously in the trainer's care following an internal investigation on the PETA report and video published in last Thursday's



Ahmed Zayat
Horsephotos

New York Times. "I am shocked, hurt, and disappointed beyond belief to think that some of the things on that video happened to any of my horses, especially Nehro," said Ahmed Zayat, owner of Zayat Stables. "When I was able to get Steve on the phone, the first thing that came out of his mouth was that he hadn't seen the video yet and could not speak on behalf of Scott Blasi. It was mind-boggling to me, the

reaction. I got nowhere with him, and that's completely irresponsible and unacceptable to me." The 12 horses, including four-time graded stakes-winning millionaire Prayer for Relief (Jump Start), have been evenly dispersed between trainers Dale Romans, D. Wayne Lukas and upstart conditioner Michael Wilson. "In an industry that needs transparency now more than ever, I am standing up for horses and owners alike by showing that this behavior is unacceptable," Zayat concluded. "Steve Asmussen is a very successful trainer who we've had a great deal of racing success with. But I will not stand for this." [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a **@** will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a **▲** will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a **+** will indicate first-time starters, an **(S)** will be used for state-bred races, a **(C)** will be used for maiden-claiming races and an **(R)** will be used for other restricted races.

BRITISH BREEDING INDUSTRY IN 'FRAGILE STATE': TBA REPORT

The British Horseracing industry is in a critical state because of potentially serious issues around the supply base and production of foals, according to an economic impact study commissioned by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association.

The study, conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers, noted that one-third of British Flat breeders are "in many cases, losing money." The picture becomes more critical with National Hunt racing: last year, Great Britain produced just 647 National Hunt foals, compared to 2400 in Ireland. National Hunt racing is currently responsible for up to 40% of Britain's annual betting turnover.

"This report has confirmed our worst fears," said TBA Chairman Richard Lancaster. "It has identified some alarming and potentially critical issues, the most serious of which is the supply base and production of foals, which are vital to fulfil the Great Britain racing fixtures list. Any further drop in foal numbers will result in a contraction of the program and the further marginalization of racing as a sporting product."

The TBA revealed yesterday that it will launch a campaign to work with stakeholders, including the Government, The Horserace Betting Levy Board and the British Horseracing Authority to collectively renew their efforts to support small breeders. The TBA said it will investigate options for investment schemes and direct financial support for National Hunt breeders; investigate opportunities for primary financial support for breeders, including incentives to keep quality fillies in the country; commission an independent review into comparative taxes regimes; form a small breeders group to bring forward practical ideas, and build in the existing Next Generation Club to attract and introduce young people and promote careers in breeding.

Philip Newton, Chairman of the Sub Committee for the Economic Impact Study, said: "We need a unified approach to tackle this increasing problem. Bookmakers understandably want a commercial product in terms of the race program and our role is to help deliver that, which means better support for breeders for both Flat and National Hunt racing."

The report noted that British racing is worth an estimated £281 million per year, and directly supports 86,000 jobs.

"The TBA is committed to finding solutions to these concerns, not just for its members and the rural community--as important as those are--but for the 86,000 people who rely upon racing for their jobs," Newton added. "We must remember the simple phrase, 'no breeders, no horse, no racing.'"

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VARIAN'S VIEW FROM THE HILL

As Roger Varian heads into his fourth season with a training licence, he could hardly be better poised. His Newmarket stable has 174 horses on its books, including one which sets the pulse racing perhaps a little faster than the others: last season's G1 Racing Post Trophy winner **Kingston Hill (GB)**.



The Racing Post Trophy win photo, including Roger & Hanako Varian & owner Paul Smith
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The dark grey colt was the star performer in 2013 for Mastercraftsman (Ire), who ended the year as champion first-season sire in Europe, thanks in no small part to Kingston Hill's two group victories. The first of these, on just his second racecourse

start, came in the G3 Autumn S. at Newmarket, over the course and distance at which he will face his biggest test yet on May 3 when lining up for the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at the Rowley Mile.

"He's spot on where I want him at the moment and he hasn't missed a beat," says Varian with quiet confidence. "He wouldn't be ready for a race tomorrow, and I'd want to see a bit of zip in his work come April, but he's doing plenty."

"The horse deserves a crack at the Guineas and then we can step him up in trip. He's out of a Rainbow Quest mare and I hope he will stay a mile and a half in time."

The idea that Kingston Hill, who is likely to go straight to the Guineas without a prep run, could make up into a Derby horse as the season progresses will no doubt excite his Epsom-based breeder Albert Perry of Ridgecourt Stud. Bought as a yearling for 70,000gns, Kingston Hill became an early colorbearer for Paul Smith, whose father Derrick is one of the powerful triumvirate of owners within the Coolmore partnership. Smith senior's purple and white silks have been carried to Classic success by some notable individuals, including Camelot (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), who won the 2000 Guineas, G1 Investec Derby and G1 Irish Derby before narrowly failing to land the English Triple Crown when finishing second in the G1 St Leger to Encke (Kingmambo).

Varian's burgeoning training establishment is now home to several Coolmore-owned horses, with John Magnier and Michael Tabor having teamed up with Paul Smith in two juveniles, while the stable continues to enjoy extensive Arab patronage, from the likes of Sheikhs Hamdan and Ahmed Al Maktoum, Qatar Racing, and Saleh Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar.

The Dubai connection was established under the regime of Kremlin House Stables' previous trainer, Michael Jarvis, to whom Varian was assistant for 10 years until shortly before Jarvis's death in 2011. The Sheikh Ahmed-owned Ameerat (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}) and the Sheikh Hamdan-owned Eswarah (GB) (Unfuwain) won the G1 1000 Guineas and the G1 Investec Oaks, respectively, for Jarvis, while Sheikh Ahmed's Hala Bek (Ire) (Halling) agonizingly lost out on a Derby victory in 2006 when swerving suddenly in the closing stages with the race seemingly at his mercy.
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Kingston Hill Mar. 20
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Tales From the Heath cont.

Though unrelated, the two men could easily have passed for father and son, so similar are they in their unflappable nature and in delivering measured, articulate responses to questions regarding horses in their care. Michael Jarvis was a much-loved and widely respected member of the Newmarket training fraternity, and the fact that Varian has succeeded him so seamlessly, and has not only upheld but enhanced the patronage of Kremlin House Stables, says as much for Jarvis's grooming of him as it does for Varian's own skills as both a horseman and communicator.

"Naturally, you evolve as a trainer," says Varian, who has the support of Jarvis's wife Gay and daughter Jackie as hands-on members of his team. In addition to starting out on his own as a trainer, in the last few years he has also had his hands full on the home front, as Varian and his Japanese wife Hanako have two young children: Momoka, two, and Eiji, three months.

"I take masses from what I learned from Michael over the years, and as time goes on you try a few new ideas. Essentially, though, I'm just doing what Michael always did, which is trying to get the best out of the horses all the time."

For many trainers with a Classic prospect on their hands, the weeks leading up to the major targets become fraught with worry over the balancing act of bringing the horse to his peak without allowing him to boil over. In Kingston Hill, it seems, Varian has the perfect ally. The unbeaten colt is almost as understated as the trainer himself. There's no roaring around Newmarket Heath, as plenty of young colts are wont to do. Instead, he simply does the job he's asked to do, with the bare minimum of effort.

Fortunately this apparent laziness doesn't spill over to the racecourse. Instead, his laidback attitude is an asset, allowing his innate talent to come to the fore when required.

Varian says: "Last year we started him over seven furlongs and then he ran twice over a mile including in the Racing Post Trophy on pretty awful ground. People are saying that he's a soft ground horse, but I am convinced that he will be as effective if not more effective on good ground. It's comforting to know that he can cope if it comes up soft, but when we've worked him on better ground at home he's really excited me."

Varian continued: "We'll start off in the Guineas and then step him up in distance. He settles really well in his races and has a great attitude, which should help him in seeing out a longer trip."

Kingston Hill is by no means the only weapon in the trainer's Classic armory for the season. Also entered in the 2000 Guineas are the lightly-raced duo of **Mushir (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) and **Baarez** (Hard Spun), while **Princess Noor (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and the unraced **Hadaatha (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) hold entries for the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas.

"Princess Noor is pretty much at the same stage as Kingston Hill," says the trainer of his G3 Princess Margaret S. winner. "We're training her for the 1000 Guineas. Obviously her wins last year were over six furlongs, so there has to be a question mark over whether she'll stay, but Johnny [Murtagh] was very pleased with her after the [G1] Cheveley Park [S., where she finished second] and felt she could get a mile. She's a Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed, so she deserves to take her chance in the Guineas. If she doesn't stay she can always drop back in trip later in the season."

While the 3-year-olds garner much of the attention ahead of the imminent start of the Flat turf season, one of the stable's older flagbearers has a chance of igniting the new campaign for the Varian stable, as G1 Pretty Polly S. winner **Ambivalent (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire}) is set to line up in the Dubai Sheema Classic at the Dubai World Cup meeting at Meydan.

"She has a few pounds to find to win the race but she's a Group 1 winner and she's in great form, and we're excited to be having a go," says Varian, whose first Group 1 success as a trainer came less than a month after the death of his mentor when Nahrain (GB) won the Prix de l'Opera in October 2011. The daughter of Selkirk augmented that victory by winning the GI Flower Bowl Invitational S. at Belmont the following year.



Varian with Ambivalent after the Pretty Polly Racing Post

With Kingston Hill having become the third individual Group 1 winner, and the first colt, for the 35-year-old trainer last October, it's unsurprising that he holds a special place in Varian's affections.

"Looking back, I think it's ten or a dozen years before Kingston Hill that our stable had a Group 1-winning 2-year-old. It's exciting times. I have been pleased with the three years of my training career but we haven't really gone into a season with a proper Classic contender like we have this year." [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

Tales of the Heath is a twice-monthly installment by Newmarket-based writer Emma Berry. Berry lives in one of Newmarket's oldest yards, Beverley House Stables, former home to the 1903 Triple Crown winner Rock Sand and now to the small string of flat and jumps horses trained by her husband, John. She accompanies the yard's first lot most mornings on her 11-year-old retired racehorse, Pantomime Prince.





RACETRACK ROUND-UP

McLaughlin Confident Heading Into FL Derby...

Conditioner Kieran McLaughlin is feeling confident in his chances Saturday when he will saddle **Cairo Prince** (Pioneerof the Nile) as the likely favorite in the GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream.

"He's doing great," McLaughlin commented. "We have worked every Saturday. We don't want any changes.



Kieran McLaughlin
Horsephotos

He is a very special horse, doing great, and everything continues to be great with him."

The GII Nashua S. hero was last seen scoring a commanding victory in the GII Holy Bull S. in Hallandale Jan. 25. McLaughlin decided to skip the next prep race at that venue, the GII Fountain of Youth S., and train up to the Florida Derby.

"He did win impressively [in the Holy Bull] and he gave most horses six pounds that day," McLaughlin said. "If we ran back in the Fountain of Youth, he would have been giving most of

them six pounds again. We decided to wait for the Florida Derby, where everyone carries 123 pounds. We have all year. It's not just the first Saturday in May. We are pointing to that obviously, but there is a lot of racing after that so it is hard to run every four weeks."

Though Cairo Prince is currently one of the GI Kentucky Derby favorites in the future wager pools, he only has 14 Derby qualifying points. A poor performance or troubled trip on Saturday could cost one of the top sophomores his spot in the starting gate come the first Saturday in May.

"I don't know how they came up with the [GI] Breeders' Cup [Juvenile] winner, [GII] Remsen [S.] winner and Holy Bull winner only getting 10 points, but if you finish fourth in the big races this weekend you get 10 points," McLaughlin said. "I don't agree with what they have come up with right now and I am happy to speak loudly about it. Hopefully, we finish in the top four and that won't be an issue."

McLaughlin's only concern heading into Saturday is the weather, as there is rain in the forecast.

"He is ready to perform a top race, an A+ race," the conditioner remarked. "We are a little concerned about the track weather wise. He has never run on a really wet track, but we think he can handle a wet track. He is ready to go." [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

Risen Star Top Two Rematch in Louisiana Derby...

The top two finishers in the Fair Grounds' GII Risen Star, **Intense Holiday** (Harlan's Holiday) and **Albano** (Istan), will face each other again Saturday in that venue's GII Louisiana Derby.

The Risen Star was just the second career win for Starlight Racing's Intense Holiday, despite several other attempts at black-type success.

"You could say he had some excuses in those races [GI Champagne S., GII Nashua S., GII Remsen S. and GII Holy Bull S.]," Starlight Racing's Jack Wolf said. "Mike Smith gave him a fantastic ride in the Risen Star and we got fortunate enough to get up in the last jump. Good for [conditioner] Todd [Pletcher] for keeping confidence in the horse and keep putting him in these spots. I think he has experienced a good foundation and will be ready for this Saturday and hopefully the Saturday five weeks from now."

Starlight Racing also campaigned the dark bay's sire Harlan's Holiday and Wolf believes his performance and pedigree suggest distance is not an issue.

"You would think from his pedigree and the way he has handled the two turns so far he would like distance," Wolf commented. "I think this one has more potential to do the longer distance than [Eclipse champion and Starlight colorbearer] Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday)"

Intense Holiday has been working well in preparation for this test, including a best-of-67 half-mile in :48 flat two works back at Palm Meadows Mar. 15.

"That [Mar. 15 bullet] was surprising to me, but a pleasant surprise," Wolf remarked. "He worked Mar. 15 in company, where he did a bullet :48 and came back for a maintenance breeze last Saturday. He is carrying great flesh and all dappled up and we couldn't ask for more from the way he is training or the way he looks."

Trainer Larry Jones will saddle Risen Star runner-up Albano for Brereton C. Jones in this rematch and feels confident in his charge's chances for redemption.

"He is a three-quarter brother to [fellow Jones runner] Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen), so we have the genetics to be at this level," Jones said. "He is training very well. The distance should not be an issue for him. He has got a good turn of foot, so we should be able to avoid all kinds of traffic problems."

Jones believes the bay's versatility will be his greatest asset Saturday.

"Depending what post position we draw affects how we have to ride," Jones said. "We are pretty fortunate with him that he can adapt to whatever. He has run from off the pace and on the pace."

The Risen Star top two are likely to face a dozen competitors Saturday in what looks to be a full loaded affair. [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)



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Classic Corner

NO GUINEAS PREP FOR KIYOSHI

Last year's G3 Albany S. heroine **Kiyoshi (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) will train up to the May 4 G1 1000 Guineas, according to trainer Charlie Hills. The Qatar



Kiyoshi
Racing Post

Racing colorbearer will therefore take the same path that Just the Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) took for those connections before finishing second in the 1000 Guineas and winning the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas.

"[Jockey] Jamie [Spencer] came and sat on her [on Tuesday morning]--she

worked nicely and he was very happy with her," Hills told *PA Sport*. "I think the plan is to take her to Newmarket for a racecourse gallop, just as we did with Just The Judge last year."

Kiyoshi recorded one of the most impressive juvenile successes at Royal Ascot in the Albany, but failed to build on that promising victory thereafter. She passed the wire second to Rizeena (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. at The Curragh Sept. 1, but was disqualified and placed third after causing interference. She was third again when last seen in the G1 Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket Sept. 18. Kiyoshi's form has also been franked this year by Ihtimal (Ire), the G3 UAE Oaks winner whom Kiyoshi beat when breaking her maiden last May.

"Kiyoshi is a filly who runs well fresh and her form is rock solid," Hills added. "She was pretty special in the Albany, she beat Ihtimal in her maiden at Goodwood and is obviously closely matched with Rizeena. After she ran well in Ireland, we dropped her back from seven to six furlongs. We probably would have been better going up in trip, but it's just how things panned out. We're looking forward to stepping her up to a mile as hopefully we'll be able to ride more of a race on her."

Hills suffered a major blow to his Guineas arsenal when losing G1 Shadwell Fillies Mile and G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf scorer Chriselliam (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) to a foot infection last month, but he is far from empty handed. His **Queen Catrine (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), three-times group placed and third in the G1 Prix Marcel Bousac last year, will target either the English, Irish or French 1000 Guineas.

"Jamie sat on her as well and we're pleased with where we are at the moment with her," Hills said. "She's nice and forward in her coat and I think she probably will have a run in either the [G3] Fred Darling [S. at Newbury Apr. 12] or the [G3] Nell Gwyn [S. at Newmarket Apr. 16]."

TOORMORE SET FOR CRAVEN PREP

Middleham Park Racing and James Pak's unbeaten **Toormore (Ire)** (Arakan) will prep for the May 3 G1 2000 Guineas in the course-and-distance G3 Craven S. Apr. 17.

"The Craven is the plan. We were at the Hannons on Saturday with all our owners to see the horses out," Middleham Park's racing manager Tim Palin told *PA Sport*. "He did a piece of work with Annunciation and Anjaal. Everything went fine, and Richard Hughes described it as a good exercise gallop."

Palin explained that they felt that the G1 National S. hero would need a prep to be in peak form to face the Guineas opposition.

"The thinking behind the Craven was there seems to be a lot of confidence behind Australia (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) [trained by Aidan O'Brien], and if he is as good as everyone says he is we need to be 100% fit if we are to have any chance of beating him--we need to be cherry-ripe. It was Richard Hannon senior's idea to go to Newmarket rather than Newbury [for the G3 Greenham S. Apr. 12] to give him experience of going into the dip. He's a very good striding horse and it might be worth going there despite having a three pound penalty. We are almost adamant that a mile will suit him better than seven furlongs and it looks like a lot of speed horses will be going for the Greenham."

OBITUARIES

RALPH WILSON, 95, PASSES AWAY

Buffalo Bills longtime owner Ralph Wilson Jr. passed away at age 95 Tuesday. He owned the Bills for 54 years and was one of the founding owners of the American Football League. Inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009, only the fourth owner to receive that honor, he made his fortune in business. Wilson is best known in racing circles as the breeder of G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Arazi (Blushing Groom {Fr}). The Allen E. Paulson owned colt blazed a path from last to first in his Breeders' Cup win and the mantle of G1 Kentucky Derby favoritism settled squarely on his shoulders. The American and French champion 2-year-old colt did not go on to further greatness in the Derby however, and finished eighth. Wilson also bred G1 Santa Anita Derby victor Jim French (Graustark). Funeral arrangements are pending.

IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

[Shortcuts](#) I have to admit, after viewing the PETA video on Steve Asmussen's barn and Blasi, I had mixed emotions. **Michael Beychok, Beychok Racing.**

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NEWS TODAY

BERRY DIAGNOSED WITH NORSE SYNDROME

Australian-based jockey Nathan Berry, the twin brother to top international rider Tommy Berry who recorded a career high when winning the Jeep Magic Millions 2YO Classic aboard Unencumbered (Aus) (Testa Rossa {Aus}) in January, has been diagnosed with NORSE syndrome and been placed in an induced coma at Gleneagles Hospital in Singapore. The 23-year-old Berry has recently begun a four-month stint at Kranji Racecourse, where he has thus far ridden three winners. Berry was hospitalized after collapsing and suffering a seizure at Kranji Mar. 18.

Doctors do not expect much change over the next few days as they run further tests," read a statement from the Australian Jockeys Association. "The families have expressed their gratitude for all the well wishes and would appreciate your continued prayers. They have also requested privacy at this difficult time. However, further information will be released if there is a change in Nathan's condition."



THE PERFECT KICK IN THE PANTS

By Amanda Simmons

My mother always taught me to "sleep on it" before making some big decision. Never allow emotions to guide your decision-making process, she would say.



Over the years, I've done my best to follow her guidance. Admittedly, never a shrinking violet, I haven't always done that, but I've done my best and her advice has served me well.

Yet, notwithstanding the past few days of "sleeping on it" and digesting the PETA video, the distortions, investigating the allegations against Steve Asmussen, and reading myriad industry reactions, I find myself

still wrestling with a range of emotions which are no doubt shared by others. I don't want to be governed by a lack of emotion right now. I don't think any of us should be because it's that lack of emotion that has led us to this point.

Someone once said that the worst of all human qualities is indifference and that anger is not only inevitable, but sometimes necessary. If anything, we should all be really impassioned, angry, frustrated, ticked off, determined, focused, and overwhelmingly protective of our industry right now.

We should be mortified, embarrassed, and so motivated that we immediately effectuate substantive changes through all legal, commercial and social means to shun those people in our industry who give our beloved sport a bad name. For goodness sake, we have had enough time to chew the cud. If you aren't going to help or all you want to do is talk some more and take "baby steps," then at least do the honorable thing and get out of the way.

We should be gravely concerned about the vulgarity and callousness witnessed in that video. We should be angry at those in the sport who do anything to win at all costs, including Hall of Fame trainers and the owners who support them. We should be angry at the misrepresentations PETA has made, misrepresentations which intentionally hide the infinitely greater number of kind deeds and superb love and attention most racehorses receive daily. We should be angry at our leadership (racetrack owners, alphabet groups, Jockey Club, Breeders' Cup, etc.) which acts so conservatively (or indifferently) that little gets done to excise the cancers that exist. We should all be angry at ourselves for remaining quiet, doing nothing, and collectively turning a blind eye for so many years.

If "skin in the game" is measured by how much money one has spent breeding, racing, buying and selling horses, then I certainly would not have the same level of skin in the game as those who have spent millions. If skin in the game is measured by cuts, bruises, broken bones, early mornings, long exhausting days, and countless hours spent grooming and caring for horses at the tracks or farms, I also wouldn't come close to the investment made by the thousands of hardworking grooms, riders, trainers, hotwalkers, and farm staff who are the very backbone of the sport. Most of us are somewhere in the invisible middle. Nonetheless, I've invested 32 of my 40 years being whole-heartedly invested in the Thoroughbred business as a fan, racetrack and farm employee, handicapper, bloodstock consultant, author, breeder/owner, and counselor to some of racing's most prestigious operations. And in those 32 years, I have fallen deeply in love with the sport's beauty, majesty, its characters, diversity, perpetual hope, and, of course, the Thoroughbred.

But, admittedly, I am tired that the sport I love so much has made itself a target AGAIN of animal rights' extremists. PETA does not have nearly the wealth or societal acceptance that horse racing has, but yet it manages to usurp all the attention. How embarrassing that we are, once again, on the defensive and that PETA is controlling the topic of conversation. Where is our offense?

I have had enough. I applaud every word of Barry Weisbord's comments in Sunday's *Thoroughbred Daily News* and I stand with him. I reiterate the comments made by Bill Casner in the same medium. In whatever way I can, I will help support those voices and leaders in our sport who are determined and committed to seeing change made for the long-term welfare of the sport. **Cont. p19**



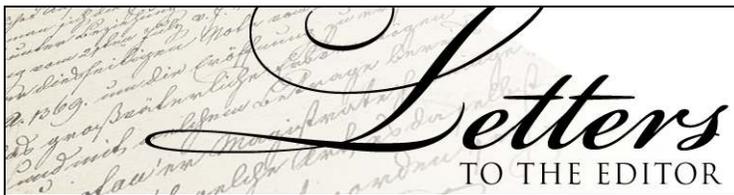
Perfect Kick in the Pants cont.

Now is not a time for complacency. Indifference is but a slow death. It is time for all the wealthy owners and breeders out there to stand up and call in a few political favors to see that new laws are passed and enforcement occurs. To whom great blessings have been bestowed, much is expected. It's time for the foot soldiers to become whistleblowers. If you see inhumane treatment occurring or conduct that violates the rules of racing, do something. Call law enforcement, the stewards, regulatory agencies, etc. It's time for regulatory bodies to police their racetracks and do the undercover work that PETA claimed it was doing. Punish all violators irrespective of how many trophies they have won. And when I say punish, I don't mean a slap on the wrist. Put some real teeth behind the punishment. It's time for racetracks and the Jockey Club to get serious about banning those who have repeated histories of violating the rules of racing or who engage in conduct that is otherwise detrimental to the integrity of the game or welfare of the horse.

It's also time to celebrate all the good stuff out there and to be really vocal about it. As an example, Rosie Napravnik has shown leadership by starting and/or promoting a Twitter feed called #FullStoryPETA that shares photographs of the love exchanged between people and their racehorses. She and others like her are trying to take control of the conversation in a positive light. Write to your congressmen. Write to the alphabet groups. Write to the Breeders' Cup. Donate to the welfare and charitable organizations. Demand change. In whatever way each of us can help, we must act. Whatever emotions you may be feeling, use them to do good for the sport.

In six months from now, I'd like for all of us to be able to say that real changes have been made because the PETA video was the perfect kick in the pants that we all needed. [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

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PAUL PIERSON:

First off, a little background about myself. I am not a Thoroughbred owner, who according to Mr. Irwin is the most important ingredient in the whole cake which is thoroughbred racing. I am not a trainer and wouldn't have any idea how to do that job. And I am not a race track owner, official or employee.

I am a fan even more than I am a customer. I have loved horses since I was a child. And in 1976 when my grandfather took me to Belmont Park and I saw Seattle Slew run in the Champagne S.

I fell in love with the sport and the whole idea of seeing whose horse is faster. Since then I have been to numerous race tracks throughout the country. I have attended 46 of the last 47 Triple Crown races, 15 consecutive Breeders' Cup, many graded stakes races (as a matter of fact I should be packing to go to Florida for the Florida Derby instead of writing this but felt that it is too important not to), and go to my local track fairly regularly. Nobody is thinking about making a television show about me because even though I am a customer, I am not a customer at that level. I probably bet more than an average customer but not as much as the whales.

All of that being said, my point is that I feel that the responses to the PETA/NYT scandal by the owners (Mr. Irwin, Mr. Strawbridge and Mr. Zayat) are a little disingenuous. While I don't feel that they knew anything was wrong with the treatment of the horses on the backside in general or to this degree--and I believe that each of them probably is a sportsman, a horseman and truly loves horses at least as much as I do--I don't understand how they didn't know that the possibility of this was greater due to the way that backside employees are treated. Unless they had the proverbial blinders on, they had to know that the conditions existed for this type of behavior to fester.

As a fan, I have taken many tours of horse farms and of backstretches around the country. Presumably, these tours are at a time when everyone is on their best behavior and everything is "spruced up." I have never, not even once, seen a horse mistreated or suspected that they were being mistreated. In most cases, the horses are treated incredibly well and if I didn't feel that this was the case, even I would no longer be a fan. However, the conditions that some of the help is forced to live in are astonishing. Housing which is little more than four cinder block walls. Workers (many undocumented immigrants) who are underpaid and overworked. Most tracks don't have a day care for the employees' children and the list goes on and on. Is it any surprise that some trainers who see an industry that treats fellow human beings like this would feel that it was acceptable behavior to treat a horse with something other than the utmost respect? Unless these owners have never visited a backside, they have to know that their industry survives and in some cases thrives due to the hard work of their underappreciated and undervalued workers.

Until the owners (horse and racetrack) take steps to improve the conditions for these workers, I feel that there will continually be an atmosphere where the most unscrupulous trainers see how humans are being treated and feel that if we can treat people that way why not treat horses equally as poorly.

Paul Pierson

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THE RACING INDUSTRY AND FANS REACT TO BARRY WEISBORD'S 'FROM THE PUBLISHER'



Pat Cummings
@DubaiRaceNight

Spot on job from @barryweisbord about the US industry - small incremental change is basically useless. Get big or go home.



Renee St Peter
@ReStPeterArt

@theTDN @barryweisbord Brilliant. As a lapsed spectator, "clean" tracks would bring me back.



Roxanne L. Campbell
@RoxanneCam1012

@barryweisbord I'm all for your suggested improvements to racing. The sport is in a death spiral & disreputable trainers have to go.



Tom Morley
@morley_racing

@CatherineToner2 this industry is crying out for some central leadership and some RULE makers, which are adhered to. @barryweisbord v good



Marcus Hersh
@DRFHersh

@DubaiRaceNight @barryweisbord @theTDN Hong Kong model would be wonderful. Sadly this is not HK & aligning disparate factions only a dream.



Ray Paulick
@raypaulick

I've never seen @barryweisbord this upset before. Outstanding commentary. Tho he could have helped on BC drug vote.



GrahamMotion
@GrahamMotion

Well put @barryweisbord



Tom Ryan
@TRYanequine

Thank you @barryweisbord. Our issue won't get better by chance only with change. Immediate action necessary to create a sustainable model...



Warren Eves
@warrenthebull

@barryweisbord Was hoping someone like you would stand up and post something serious. Thankyou! Sport needs serious renaissance.



Travis Stone
@TravisStone



Agree or not, recent @barryweisbord commentary provides action steps that can at least trigger close minded folks into thinking proactively



Gayle Van Leer
@GayleVanLeer

Well said @barryweisbord in your editorial tinyurl.com/tdn-3-23-14 Having trained sale horses in Hong Kong, agree it's an excellent system.



nancy sweyer
@ridngirl

@raypaulick @barryweisbord as a fan of the "sport" i totally agree with every word of this article. Fans want clean,humane racing.&no whips



chad kelly
@cmdk415

@raypaulick @barryweisbord no whips is the best PR racing could have. Its a change in mentality which could start a revolution.

Florida

Florida Derby Party to Benefit Aftercare:

Gulfstream Park will host Cocktails and Horse Tales to raise awareness and funds for Florida Thoroughbred Retirement and Adoptive Care Friday, Mar. 28. The party, held inside Gulfstream's walking ring, is open to the public for a \$20 donation and will include cocktails, appetizers and several silent auction items, including art work, photographs, roundtrip air travel on Delta Airlines, a three-night stay at the Nassau Resort and Crystal Palace, and a fishing trip with trainer David Fawkes. Florida TRAC currently provides care and retrain 180 retired Thoroughbreds at three location in South Florida.

Eastern U.S.

6th-PRX, \$35,200, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

BILLYGETS ARRESTED (f, 3, Louis Quatorze--Monette, by Not for Love), who failed to hit the board on debut here last November, improved to second two back Jan. 19 and graduated last out at this track and trip Feb. 22. Sent off as the 9-5 chalk in this test, she tracked the leaders from the rail in midpack and challenged for the lead rounding the bend. The bay powered clear in midstretch to win by 2 1/4 lengths ahead of Road to Prosperity (Bellamy Road). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$71,900. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Parapet Stable. B-Richard Simoff Inc (PA). T-Frank L Pollara.

INDUSTRY INFO

Non-Agricultural Worker immigration Bill Introduced:

Edited Press Release

On Mar. 13, Congressman Andy Harris introduced a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for requirements for employers of H-2B nonimmigrants (HR 4238). The bill would make changes to the H-2B temporary non-agricultural guest worker program and help ensure the program is a functional option for employers who can't find American workers, including those in the horse industry. The H-2B program is used by members of the horse industry, principally horse trainers and owners who cannot find American workers to fill semi-skilled jobs at racetracks, horse shows, fairs and in similar non-agricultural activities. Currently, the regulations governing the H-2B program have many shortcomings that make the program expensive and burdensome to use and an interim final H-2B wage rule, which went into effect April 2013, has made the H-2B program even more costly to use.

The bill would make several improvements to the H-2B program by addressing not only how wages for H-2B workers are calculated, but also the 66,000 annual cap on visas. The bill would also clarify that the "prevailing wage" methodology used to set wage rates for H-2B workers should be reflective of the experience, training, and supervision required for the job based on Bureau of Labor Statistics data and ensure that wages are fair and reflective of economic realities. Additionally, the bill would require employers to reimburse H-2B workers mid-season for their transportation and subsistence costs, but clarify employers are only responsible for travel to and from the U.S. consulate issuing the visa or from a previous worksite or to a new worksite. The bill also includes protections to prevent American workers from being displaced by H-2B workers.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, March 26

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

FORT PRADO (El Prado {IRE}), Buck Pond, \$5K, 62/10/1

7-HAW, Alw, 1m, Lakotadreamcatcher, 8-1

REAL ESTATE (High Yield), Mares Nest Farm, \$3K, 27/1/0

5-CT, Msw, 7f, Emblem's Estate, 5-1

5-CT, Msw, 7f, On a Tirade, 12-1

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IN BRITAIN:

Arr' Kid, c, 4, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Viaduct, by Thunder Gulch. SWL, 3-25, 14f (AWT). B-Chestnut Farm.
* \$40,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; £40,000 2yo '12 DONAPR.

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France

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX OMNIUM II-Listed, €55,000, STC, 3-25, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:46.01, gd.

1--**SALAI (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Myboycharlie (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Mabadi (SW & GSP-US, \$159,231)**, by **Sahm**

2nd Dam: **Barakat (GB)**, by **Bustino (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Rosia Bay (GB)**, by **High Top (Ire)**

(€55,000 yrl '12 ARQOCT). O-Martin Schwartz & Ecurie La Vallee Martigny; B-SF Bloodstock LLC; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Christophe Soumillon; €27,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 7 starts, 4 wins, 3 places, €98,900.

2--**Army Bulletin (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--**Alessandria (GB)**, by **Sunday Silence**. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Andre Fabre; €11,000.

3--**Secret Admirer**, 128, c, 3, **The way you are**--**Salut d'Amour (Ire)**, by **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**. O-Michael Tabor; B-Chelston; T-Andre Fabre; €8,250.

Margins: NK, HF, NK. Odds: 1.00, 2.90, 4.20.

Also Ran: **Under the Radar (Fr)**, **Allez Henri (Ire)**. [Click for the Racing Post result](#), [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#).

Not disgraced on his first try at black-type when fourth behind the subsequent G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere runner-up Noozhoh Canarias (Spa) (Caradak {Ire}) in the Listed Criterium du Bequet over six furlongs at La Teste de Buch in August, Salai relished the step up to this trip when opening his account in that sphere in Craon's Listed Criterium de l'Ouest the following month. Signing off with a third placing in the G3 Prix de Conde upped to nine furlongs at Longchamp in October, he signaled early Classic potential with a smooth return here. Unhurried early anchored last of the quintet, the bay stalked the other patiently-ridden protagonist Army Bulletin before gliding past that rival at the end of the backstretch and into prime striking position. Attacking passing the quarter pole, he was quickly in the clear and had stolen the initiative by the time the runner-up produced his eye-catching rally from too far off the pace.

PRIX LA CAMARGO-Listed, €55,000, STC, 3-25, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:43.51, gd.

1--**#STORMYRA (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by **Stormy River (Fr)**

1st Dam: **One Day (Fr)**, by **Act One (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Majestic Image (GB)**, by **Niniski**

3rd Dam: **Regal Twin**, by **Majestic Prince**

(€40,000 RNA yrl '12 ARQOCT). O/B-Guy Pariente; T-Jean-Paul Gallorini; J-Umberto Rispoli; €27,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 7 starts, 1 win, 5 places, €71,330. *1/2 to **Onedargent (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}), SW & GSP-Fr.

2--**Stellar Path (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, **Astronomer Royal--America Nova (Fr)**, by **Verglas (Ire)**. (€140,000 yrl '12 ARQOCT). O-Alidar Utemuratov; B-SF Bloodstock LLC; T-Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte; €11,000.

3--**Victoria Regina (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**--**For Joy (GB)**, by **Singspiel (Ire)**. O/B-Malcolm Parrish; T-Jacques Heloury; €8,250.

Margins: NK, 3/4, HF. Odds: 6.50, 1.40, 11.40.

Also Ran: **Kenzadargent (Fr)**, **Vallicola (Ire)**, **Laurelita (Ire)**. [Click for the Racing Post result](#), [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#).

Still a maiden entering this Classic pointer, Stormyra nonetheless boasted smart juvenile form having run third in the G3 Prix du Calvados over seven furlongs at Deauville in August and fifth, beaten under three lengths, in Longchamp's G1 Prix Marcel Boussac on Arc day. Returning from her winter break which followed a latest sixth in the G3 Prix des Reservoirs over this trip back at Deauville in late October, the homebred was able to shed her winless tag and book a potential ticket to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp May 11. Restrained to race with only one behind throughout the early stages, the grey traveled strongly into the straight and after mastering Victoria Regina with 150 meters remaining, asserted to seal the win with Stellar Path arriving too late.

1st-STC, €25,000, **Debutantes**, 2yo, 4 1/2fT, 0:54.21, gd.

+ **HESAT (FR)** (f, 2, **Country Reel--Divinatrice {Fr}**, by **Numerous**), sent off at 10-1, was quickly up to the lead. Maintaining the momentum in the final furlong, the homebred registered the first European juvenile win of 2014 by 1 1/2 lengths success from Goken (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#). O/T-M Boutin. B-M, H & M Boutin.

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Yesterday's Results:

2nd-SWL, £5,000, Mdn, 3-5yo, 12f (AWT), 2:39.82, ft.

+ **FROM FROST (GB)** (c, 3, **Nayef--Salutare {Ire}**, by **Sadler's Wells**), sent off the 11-4 second favorite, raced just off the early pace and needed encouragement to close passing halfway. In front before the quarter pole, the homebred stamped his authority on affairs thereafter to score by six lengths from Ridgeway Storm (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,235. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com](#). O/B-George Strawbridge (GB). T-Andrew Balding.

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STAKES RESULTS:

CLEM MCSPADDEN MEMORIAL ROUTE 66 S., \$52,500, WRD, 3-25, 3yo/up, c/g, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.
 1--#**CHIFFOROB**, 118, g, 4, **Nobiz Like Shobiz--Aletha**, by **Conquistador Cielo**. O-Paul L Sinclair; B-Chris Duncan & Elizabeth Valando (OK); T-Jody Pruitt; J-Jose Angel Medina. \$32,500. Lifetime Record: 11-7-1-0, \$105,513.
 2--**Solar Charge**, 118, g, 7, **Authenticate--Another Sunlit**, by **Orbit Dancer**. O-Carolyn R Barnett & David & Lana Alford. \$10,000.
 3--**Flat Black**, 118, g, 6, **Flatter--Trailena**, by **Trail Dancer**. (\$11,000 RNA wlng '08 KEENOV). O-Tony Dale Jones & Tim G. Williams. \$5,500.
 Margins: 1, 1HF, 3 1/4. Odds: 13.80, 2.40, 8.00.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-PRX, \$58,780, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft.
WHERE'S ROSIE B (m, 5, Real Quiet--Lucky Nita, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 26-5-5-4, \$193,994. O-Michael W Jester. B-Michael Jester (PA). T-Mario Serey Jr.
5th-PRX, \$47,480, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
VOLASTIC (g, 4, Ecclesiastic--Volatile Vickie, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 19-5-3-4, \$150,600. O-R D M Racing Stable. B-Hidden Point Farm (FL). T-Michael J Trombetta. *\$34,000 RNA 2yo '12 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Trelawny (Three Wonders), SP, \$422,413.

8th-MNR, \$37,100, 3-24, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41, gd.
FLYING POSSE (g, 5, Posse--Coronda Rose, by Coronado's Quest) Lifetime Record: 37-9-10-7, \$219,120. O-Billy, Donna & Justin Hays. B-Fares Farm Inc (KY). T-Joe Woodard. *\$1,500 yrl '10 FTKOCT.

5th-MNR, \$22,200, 3-24, Opt. Clm. (\$15,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 2/5, gd.
HIGH MYSTERY (g, 6, Da Stoops--Soldiersingsblues, by Lost Soldier) Lifetime Record: 29-7-7-6, \$118,172. O-317 Irish Racing Partnership. B-Jose & Didier Plasencia (FL). T-Carolyn S Murphy. *\$32,000 2yo '10 OBSAPR.

8th-PRX, \$37,000, NW2BX, (S), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.
ZIPPED CODE (c, 4, City Zip--Control Premium, by Mt. Livermore) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-6, \$168,488. O-Robert Tresente. B-Jon A Marshall (PA). T-Patricia Farro. *\$17,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bobby Benton (Ire), c, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--**Remarkable Story (GB)**, by **Mark of Esteem (Ire)**. SWL, 3-25, 8f (AWT), 1:45 2/5. B-Old Carhue & Grange Bloodstock. *37,000gns RNA yrl '12 TATDEC.
Hazumi (Ger), f, 3, **Monsun (Ger)**--**Hanami (GB)** (GSW-Ire & SW-Eng, \$155,212), by **Hernando (Fr)**. NAN, 3-25, 11fT, 2:39. B-GB Partnership. *1/2 to **Regent Street (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), MGSP-Ire.

APPOINTMENTS

BRIANA MOTT

- Appointed Director of Client Relations for Team Valor
- Started her own company Fashion at the Races to help increase the involvement of women attending the races in the United States.
- Graduated from Penn State with a degree in animal science and enrolled in the Kentucky Equine Management Internship.
- Previously worked at Ashford Stud, Hagyard, Davidson McGee Veterinary Clinic, Windsor Park Stud, and sales companies Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton during the sales.
- "Briana is a sharp cookie," said Team Valor President Barry Irwin. "Important to our company is the fact that Briana has a good understanding of international racing, because Team Valor plans to make some incursions in Australia, where Animal Kingdom now spends half of his time. We plan to race a small stable of select runners in OZ. Briana will serve as the representative for Triple Crown sponsor Longines. She will be on site doing her best to promote the high-end Swiss-based watchmaker and her own company Fashion at the Races. Briana is doing her best to return the experience of going racing in an elegant manner to today's sport."

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