



## WHO WILL THE SLIPPER FIT?

Rosehill Gardens in Sydney, Australia tomorrow hosts the 31st running of the A\$3.5-million (US\$3,245,900) G1 Golden Slipper, the world's richest juvenile race and one of the most important contests on the Australian calendar. While it is the G1 Melbourne Cup that draws the eyes and captures the imagination of the world, it is



**Earthquake**

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the Golden Slipper that has defined breeding excellence in the country, its roll of honor including such influential sires as Flying Spur (Aus), Canny Lad (Aus), Stratum (Aus), Marauding (NZ) and Rory's Jester (Aus). More recent winners include promising young sire Sebring (Aus),

world champion sophomore sprinter Sepoy (Aus), and 2-year-old Triple Crown champion Pierro (Aus).

Fillies have won the race 13 times, including two of the last four runnings, and Darley homebred **Earthquake (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) is the heavy favorite to add her name to that list. The unbeaten winner of the G1 Blue Diamond S. Feb. 22, Earthquake overcame a seemingly impossible post 15 of 16 to take Victoria's most important juvenile race, and she will have to display similar heroics if she is to emulate the accomplishments of Darley's Sepoy, who took both races in 2011. Earthquake drew post 13 of 17 for this assignment, but will likely move into 12 should the also eligible **Scratch Me Lucky (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) be forced to withdraw. Earthquake warmed up for the Slipper with another effortless, wire-to-wire score in the G2 Reisling S. Mar. 22. The imposing bay may have given her connections a few grey hairs when running a slight temperature earlier in the week, but after a postponed gallop Wednesday, jockey Kerrin McEvoy expressed confidence in his charge's fitness: "She worked over 800 meters sprinting up the last 400 and she was nice and sharp," McEvoy told *Racenet.com.au*. "She worked with a mate and I was really happy." A second Golden Slipper victory for Earthquake's trainer Peter Snowden would provide a storybook ending to the conditioner's six-year run as head trainer for Darley Australia. Snowden and his son Paul will wrap up their tenure with Sheikh Mohammed's operation and start their own public training operation at the end of the month. **Golden Slipper Preview cont. p3**

## SKY MESA COLT SETS NEW MARK AT KEEAPR

Aided by early morning rains that tightened the Polytrack and by a considerable tailwind, the under-tack show for Monday's Keeneland 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale yielded fast times yesterday in Lexington. In total, a dozen horses came in under the :10 mark, including a New York-bred Sky Mesa colt from the consignment of Sequel Bloodstock who earned the bullet for a one-eighth breeze with an eye-catching **:9 2/5** work--believed to be the fastest-ever work at an under-tack preview. The colt, out of MGSP Alfonsina (Grand Slam), hails from the family of Spain (Thunder Gulch) and is cataloged as **Hip 69**. Several clockers caught the sleek bay gallop out a quarter mile in under :20. "He's an interesting story, in that I trained his mother a long time ago at OBS, before it went to synthetic," said consignor Becky Thomas, who operates Sequel Bloodstock. "She was a :10 flat horse, which at OBS then was very fast. But she was very crooked and we couldn't get her sold for her owner/breeder, my friend Michael Mandara. She was multiple graded placed at the track, and he wound up keeping her as a broodmare. We tried to sell this colt, too, as a yearling [RNA'd for \$57,000 at FTNAUG and for \$35,000 at FTKOCT], but he went through a weird phase where he was just too thick and heavy--he looked like a Quarter Horse. But he lengthened and grew, and today looks great." **Cont. p6**



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Entertainment icons Dick Van Patten and Mel Brooks flank Mickey Rooney this past Sunday, Mar. 30 at Santa Anita Park Benoit photo

## Aussie Jockey Nathan Berry Dies

Jockey Nathan Berry, who took ill while riding in Singapore last month, passed away Thursday morning in Sydney at the age of 23. Berry, the twin brother of top rider Tommy Berry, was originally diagnosed with encephalitis and later with Norse Syndrome. He was placed in a medical coma and was returned to Sydney via a special medical aircraft, but died in Sydney a few hours after being admitted into the hospital. Berry married Whitney Schofield, the daughter of fellow jockey Glyn Schofield, just this past February.

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## TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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## Golden Slipper S. cont.

Snowden and Darley have three chances in the race, as they also send out **Ghibellines (Aus)** (Shamardal) and **Memorial (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}). Saturday could prove to be a day for the ladies, as **Mossfun (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}), a clear-cut second choice in the betting, is also a filly. An apparent bargain buy for A\$85,000 by Emirates Park at Inglis Easter last year, Mossfun won



**Ghibellines**

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the G3 Widden S. over this strip Feb. 15, and two weeks later added the G2 Silver Slipper S. by four lengths. The only hiccup on her resume came when chasing Earthquake home in the Reisling, where she finished second after traveling wide throughout.


Mossfun will also have to overcome a wide barrier when she breaks from gate 11. Ghibellines, a half-brother to Darley's four-time Group 1 winner Guelph (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), thrust himself into Golden Slipper contention with an upset maiden-breaking victory in the G2 Todman S. here Mar. 22. Behind the bay that day were Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner **Unencumbered (Aus)** (Testa Rossa {Aus}), who has lost both starts since that landmark victory, and **Cornrow (Aus)** (Duporth {Aus}), making his first start since finishing an unlucky third in the Blue Diamond. **Bring Me The Maid (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) is well fancied after a course and distance win in the G2 Magic Night S. Mar. 29, and trainer Peter Moody has expressed confidence. "The gap [between Bring Me The Maid and Earthquake] mightn't be as big as people suggest," Moody told *Racenet.com.au*. "She's proven on any ground and can take a sit or race on the pace. It was always the plan to be here if she was going to be good enough." [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

**Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 2:00 a.m. EDT**


**GOLDEN SLIPPER-G1, A\$3,500,000 (US\$3,245,900), 2yo, 1200mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	14	Unencumbered (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Williams	Baker	124
2	1	Jabali (Aus)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Boss	Price	124
3	2	Ghibellines (Aus)	Shamardal	Bowman	Snowden	124
4	4	Valentia (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Berry	Waterhse	124
5	8	Cornrow (Aus)	Duporth (Aus)	Oliver	Price	124
6	7	Law (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	Clark	Waterhse	124
7	3	Modoc (Aus)	Haradasun (Aus)	Shinn	Perry	124
8	6	Risen From Dbt (Aus)	Nt A Sngle Dbt (Aus)	Rawiller	McEvoy	124
9	13	Earthquake (Aus)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	McEvoy	Snowden	120
10	11	Mossfun (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	McDonld	Hawkeses	120
11	10	Oakleigh Girl (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Newitt	Bougoure	120
12	15	Eloping (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Baster	Mrgn/Wddsn	120
13	9	Alpha Miss (Aus)	Lucky Owners (NZ)	Collett	Nickson	120
14	5	Brng Me The Md (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	C Schofld	Moody	120
15	17	Memorial (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Reith	Snowden	120
16	16	Believe Yourself (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Avdulla	Ryan	120
Also Eligible:						
17	12	Scratch Me Lcky (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	G Schfld	Perry	124


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### AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY NATHAN BERRY DIES

Australian-based jockey Nathan Berry died yesterday in a Sydney hospital less than two weeks after being diagnosed with Norse Syndrome. He was 23.

Berry and his twin brother Tommy began their riding careers as apprentices to their father Kevin, a trainer at Warwick Farm, and both quickly rose to the top of the riding ranks. Berry recorded 351 wins in his career, his most important victory coming aboard Unencumbered (Aus) (Testa Rossa {Aus}) in the A\$2-million Magic Million 2YO Classic in January. Unencumbered runs in Saturday's G1 Golden Slipper under jockey Craig Williams. Berry leaves behind his wife Whitney Berry, daughter of jockey Glyn Schofield, whom he married Feb. 2. **Cont. p4**



**Nathan Berry winning the Magic Millions 2YO Classic aboard Unencumbered**  
*Magic Millions*

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## Nathan Berry Dies cont.

Berry had recently begun a four-month riding contract in Singapore when he collapsed at trackwork at Kranji Racecourse Mar. 18. He was later diagnosed with Norse Syndrome, an acute form of epilepsy. He suffered several seizures before being placed in an induced coma last week in a Singapore hospital. He was flown to Sydney yesterday morning.

"The entire racing industry is extremely distraught with the news of Nathan's passing," said Peter V'landys, Racing New South Wales' Chief Executive. "Sadness is not a sufficient word to describe this tragedy. We are all very distressed and could not imagine the grief the family must be going through. This was a young man who had the world at his feet. He won the Magic Millions in January and rose to the top of the ranks so quickly that he was offered a contract to ride in Singapore. You would not meet a family more grounded and genuine than the Berry family. They are the most diligent and hard-working people I know. Our sincere condolences go out to the Berry and Schofield families and Nathan's wife, Whitney."

Australian Racing Board Chairman John Messara added: "A great sense of loss has overtaken Australian racing with the passing of Nathan Berry. It is an unspeakable sadness for his wife Whitney, twin brother Tommy, loving parents and family."

"We know there are no words which can ease their pain, other than hope that they can draw comfort from knowing that so many others share in their grief. Nathan Berry was a respected and talented rider who had earned his success through dedication and hard work; he was an outstanding talent. Nathan was a decent and principled young man respected by all. The Australian Racing Board, on behalf of the entire Australian racing industry, extends its sincerest condolences to the Berry family on the loss of Nathan."

Yu Pang Fey, President and Chief Executive of the Singapore Turf Club, said: "On behalf of the Singapore Turf Club, I wish to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Berry family as well as the Schofield family on their loss." As a mark of respect for Berry, all jockeys riding at Kranji today will wear black armbands.

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HIP#	SEX	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	TIME
1	f	Giant's Causeway	1/4:	21.3
2		OUT		
3	f	Tale of Ekati	1/8:	10.0
4		OUT		
5	c	Elusive Quality	1/8:	10.1
6	c	Hard Spun	1/4:	21.3
7	f	Speightstown	1/8:	10.2
8		OUT		
9		OUT		
10	f	Discreet Cat	1/4:	20.1
11	f	More Than Ready	1/8:	9.3
12	f	Henrythenavigator	1/8:	9.4
13	f	Mizzen Mast	1/8:	10.2
14		OUT		
15	c	Speightstown	1/8:	10.0
16		OUT		
17	c	Tapit	1/8:	10.2
18		OUT		
19		OUT		
20	c	Speightstown	1/8:	10.0
21		OUT		
22		OUT		
23	c	Warrior's Reward	1/8:	9.4
24	c	Tale of Ekati	1/8:	10.1
25	c	Pioneerof the Nile	1/4:	21.1
26		OUT		
27		OUT		
28		OUT		
29		OUT		
30	f	Lemon Drop Kid	1/8:	10.1
31	f	Divine Park	1/8:	10.0
32		OUT		
33		OUT		
34		OUT		
35		OUT		
36		OUT		
37		OUT		
38	c	Line of David	1/4:	20.1
39	c	War Front	1/8:	10.2
40		OUT		
41	f	Harlan's Holiday	1/8:	10.3
42	c	Rock Hard Ten	1/8:	10.3
43	c	Broken Vow	1/4:	20.4
44		OUT		
45		OUT		
46	f	Medaglia d'Oro	1/8:	10.1
47		OUT		

HIP#	SEX	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	TIME
48		OUT		
49		OUT		
50		OUT		
51		OUT		
52		OUT		
53		OUT		
54	c	Kitten's Joy	1/8:	9.3
55	c	Malibu Moon	1/8:	9.4
56	c	Zensational	1/4:	21.1
57	c	Lemon Drop Kid	1/8:	9.4
58		OUT		
59	c	Tale of Ekati	1/8:	10.1
60		OUT		
61	c	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b>	1/4:	20.0
62	c	Kitten's Joy	1/8:	10.2
63	c	Unbridled's Song	1/8:	10.4
64		OUT		
65		OUT		
66	c	Kitten's Joy	1/8:	9.3
67	f	U S Ranger	1/4:	21.0
68		OUT		
69	c	<b>Sky Mesa</b>	1/8:	9.2
70	c	Quality Road	1/8:	10.2
71		OUT		
72	f	War Front	1/8:	9.4
73		OUT		
74	f	Quality Road	1/4:	20.4
75	f	Flatter	1/4:	20.3
76		OUT		
77	c	Lemon Drop Kid	1/8:	10.0
78	c	Corinthian	1/8:	10.1
79	c	Blame	1/8:	10.2
80		OUT		
81		OUT		
82	f	Indian Charlie	1/8:	10.1
83		OUT		
84	c	Tiznow	1/8:	9.4
85		OUT		
86	f	Kitten's Joy	1/4:	21.1
87	c	Exchange Rate	1/8:	10.0
88		OUT		
89		OUT		
90	c	Tapit	1/8:	10.1
91		OUT		
92	c	Line of David	1/8:	9.4
93		OUT		
94	f	Tapit	1/4:	20.4

HIP#	SEX	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	TIME
95		OUT		
96	c	More Than Ready	1/4:	20.1
97	c	Flatter	1/4:	21.4
98		OUT		
99	f	Galileo (IRE)	1/8:	10.1
100	c	Unbridled's Song	1/4:	20.3
101	f	Malibu Moon	1/8:	10.0
102	f	Blame	1/8:	10.1
103		OUT		
104	c	Congrats	1/8:	10.2
105	f	Indian Charlie	1/8:	10.0
106	c	Discreetly Mine	1/4:	20.4
107		OUT		
108	f	Galileo (IRE)	1/8:	10.2
109	c	Exchange Rate	1/4:	20.1
110		OUT		
111		OUT		
112	f	Medaglia d'Oro	1/4:	21.2
113		OUT		
114	f	Blame	1/8:	9.3
115		OUT		
116		OUT		
117		OUT		
118	c	Colonel John	1/4:	21.1
119		OUT		
120	f	Smart Strike	1/8:	10.0
121	f	Elusive Quality	1/4:	20.1
122	c	Giant's Causeway	1/8:	10.3
123	c	Unbridled's Song	1/8:	10.0
124	c	Temple City	1/4:	20.3
125	f	Smart Strike	1/4:	20.4

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DIST.	TIME	HIPS
1/8	9.2	69
1/4	20.0	61

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A memory we'll treasure for the years to come. RIP Nathan Berry. Deepest sympathies to the Berry & Schofield families.

**Lee Freedman @freedman\_lee**

Incredible sadness at Nathan's passing. One of the best young guys I've ever met. Berrys and Schofields families, our despair immeasurable.

**Moody Racing @MoodyRacing**

We pass our deepest condolences to @TommyBerry21, Whitney Berry & the close family & friends of Nathan Berry a terrible loss.

**Glen Boss @boss\_glen**

I feel very numb with the passing of Nathan. RIP. Tommy your family and the Schofields. I'm so sorry for your loss.

**Kerrin McEvoy @KPMcEvoy**

Gone too young, a ripping young guy #NathanBerry RIP we will all miss you mate.

**Brenton Avdulla @brentonavdulla**

RIP Nathan Berry. Taken away from us way too soon! Gone but will never be forgotten! Till we meet again next time mate...

**Shane Anderson @Globalgallop**

Fittingly, Nathan Berry's last race ride was a winner-Shin Goong in Singapore on March 16.

**Michael Freedman @gallopgreen**

No family should have to endure what the Berrys and Schofields have had to. You are special people. Singapore racing has lost a future star.

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## Keeneland April Under-Tack Show cont.

Four horses went in :9 3/5 on the day (*see box*). Earning the bullet for horses going a quarter mile was [Hip 61](#), a colt by Medaglia d'Oro who went in :20 flat. The Feb. 3-foaled bay was acquired by Bradley



Lucas Marquardt

Thoroughbreds for \$140,000 last year at Keeneland September and is consigned at April by Eddie Woods. He's a son of the GI Test S. winner Victory Ride (Seeking the Gold), making him a half to

GSP Magical Ride (Storm Cat), dam of this year's good sophomore Ride On Curlin (Curlin).

Five horses worked in :20 1/5.

"We were very fortunate we got the breeze show in before the weather came, and with the rain we got this morning and the strong tailwind, the horses were able to perform very well over the track," said Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "It was very well-attended and with a good cross-section of buyers. We hope they like what they see and bid accordingly."

One horse that didn't put his best foot forward yesterday was [Hip 97](#), a colt by Flatter from Niall Brennan's consignment who, mid-breeze, bounced noticeably off the rail.

"It's disappointing, only because he's such a lovely, big colt, and he saw something and lost focus for a second, and he hit the rail," said Brennan. "He had been cruising, and it probably cost him a second. But it is what it is, and he was still able to go in :21 4/5."

Brennan gave credit to Keeneland track maintenance crew. "The track was in excellent condition," he said. "Thankfully, our horses got over it very well and it was a very safe track. And the conditions were good. We had that rain this morning, and the temperatures were mild, and obviously the tailwind helped."

For a catalog or to watch videos of yesterday's under-tack show, visit [www.keeneland.com](http://www.keeneland.com).



Lucas Marquardt

## KEENELAND APRIL 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale Under-tack show - April 3

Fastest 1/8 mile works				
Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:9 2/5	<a href="#">69</a>	colt	<a href="#">Sky Mesa</a>	Alfonsina
			Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent	
:9 3/5	<a href="#">11</a>	filly	<a href="#">More Than Ready</a>	Miss Seffens
			Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent VIII	
:9 3/5	<a href="#">54</a>	colt	<a href="#">Kitten's Joy</a>	Talking Treasure
			Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XXV	
:9 3/5	<a href="#">66</a>	colt	<a href="#">Kitten's Joy</a>	Wise Impression
			Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XXVII	
:9 3/5	<a href="#">114</a>	filly	<a href="#">Blame</a>	Hot Attraction
			Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XVIII	
:9 4/5	<a href="#">12</a>	filly	<a href="#">Henrythenavigator</a>	Motivated Sreva
			Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XXVI	
:9 4/5	<a href="#">23</a>	colt	<a href="#">Warrior's Reward</a>	Past Twilight
			Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XXI	
:9 4/5	<a href="#">55</a>	colt	<a href="#">Malibu Moon</a>	Tap Your Heels
			Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XX	
:9 4/5	<a href="#">57</a>	colt	<a href="#">Lemon Drop Kid</a>	Texas Kitty
			Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent	
:9 4/5	<a href="#">72</a>	filly	<a href="#">War Front</a>	Ask Me When
			Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VIII	
:9 4/5	<a href="#">84</a>	colt	<a href="#">Tiznow</a>	Catalonian
			Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VIII	
:9 4/5	<a href="#">92</a>	colt	<a href="#">Line of David</a>	Coqui
			Consigned by Richwood South LLC	

Fastest 1/4 mile works				
:20	<a href="#">61</a>	colt	<a href="#">Medaglia d'Oro</a>	Victory Ride
			Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent L	
:20 1/5	<a href="#">10</a>	filly	<a href="#">Discreet Cat</a>	Miss Ocean City
			Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent VIII	
:20 1/5	<a href="#">38</a>	colt	<a href="#">Line of David</a>	Sister Girl Blues
			Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent VI	
:20 1/5	<a href="#">96</a>	colt	<a href="#">More Than Ready</a>	Elusive Diva
			Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XI	
:20 1/5	<a href="#">109</a>	colt	<a href="#">Exchange Rate</a>	Hey Little Sister
			Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent VI	
:20 1/5	<a href="#">121</a>	filly	<a href="#">Elusive Quality</a>	Katori
			Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent IX	
:20 3/5	<a href="#">75</a>	filly	<a href="#">Flatter</a>	Bank Deposit
			Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XX	
:20 3/5	<a href="#">100</a>	colt	<a href="#">Unbridled's Song</a>	Floresta
			Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VII	
:20 3/5	<a href="#">124</a>	colt	<a href="#">Temple City</a>	Las Malvinas
			Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XII	

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## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ...AT THE SALES

On Wednesday, Keeneland announced it will replace its currently synthetic Polytrack surface with a conventional dirt track. We asked buyers and sellers at yesterday's Keeneland April breeze-up show their thoughts.

### Consignor Niall Brennan:

"Keeneland puts a lot of thought and research into the decisions it makes, and they've obviously done so in this case. I don't know that it will change the landscape of the 2-year-old sale, but it could be a good thing. These select sales have gotten so small. And while I don't think that has anything to do with the synthetic track here, it might help entice people to come to the sale, if only because it's a change."

### Chris Brothers, Xavier Bloodstock:

"I think it's great. I think it will open the door to more trainers and horses. With the Polytrack, I think people were hesitant to prep here, especially for the big 3-year-old races."

### How has buying at April changed in the Polytrack era?

"The Poly tends to hide their action a little; it's a little easier on them, but for the most part they move the way they move. But I think it will be nice to go back to have a 2-year-old sale on the dirt here again, because I do feel the Poly can hide their action."

### Consignor Becky Thomas:

"The one thing I do know is that they'll do a lot of research on this surface, and they'll make sure it will drain well, as there's a lot of rain in Kentucky this time of year. I'm very excited about it. I'm a dirt person. But I know we need one that's safe, and one that drains."

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### Trainer Mark Casse:

"If I had one word to describe it? Disappointed. I like synthetics. I just watched the first race from Aqueduct on dirt—it was a five-horse field. There you go. If you like four-, five-horse fields, it's perfect. I hope the change back to dirt will be better for Keeneland than it has been for Santa Anita."

### Why do you think synthetics haven't been embraced more?

"I think one of the main reasons is that New York never went to it, so it made it difficult for trainers to get a really good handle on it. But about two months ago, I heard a conversation from an assistant to a pretty prominent trainer. And he said, 'We like the synthetic, but we don't run at Keeneland, because if they like the synthetic, we'll lose horses.' And that was a good point. Because I get a lot of horses that have shown good form on synthetic."

"But I understand Keeneland's reasoning. They feel they haven't been getting the tip-top horses. But I can tell you, [Saturday's] GI Ashland S. has 13 horses, and you won't see any more 13-horse fields in the Ashland. Maybe they aren't getting the marquee horse or two, but then you look at the race in New Orleans [last weekend's GI Fair Grounds Oaks], which had five horses. I have a tough time understanding it. Unfortunately, I think it's a lot of politics."

"I read the other day that The Jockey Club wants to step in and help racing, and then read two days ago that a five-year study proved that synthetics are safer, and we've decided that doesn't matter."

"I also read somewhere that going back to dirt might make this sale [KEEAPR] more popular, but if what just happened at the Florida sales over the last month is any indication, I would say no. I can tell you that the rate of injury at the Fasig-Tipton [Florida] sale versus the OBS [March] sale, post-breeze, was no comparison. And I was pretty involved in both of them. We looked at 18 horses at OBS after the breeze show, and all of them vetted clean. We short-listed 17 at Fasig-Tipton at Adena Springs, and we took four or five horse off the list before looking at them because we were told they had chips. We did our own vet work on the rest, and we got down to three horses. *Three* of 17 didn't have something. If I was a consignor, I'd be a little concerned. Cont. p8



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## What They're Saying cont.

"When we were having the pouring rain this morning and last night here in Kentucky, I thought, 'If this track was dirt, it might be a little tricky.' The best way I can describe dirt and synthetic: it's like being on an airplane. In normal weather, a weekend pilot is fine flying. But when the weather gets bad, you want to be with the veteran. On a good day, dirt and synthetic are probably pretty equal. On a bad day, the synthetic is superior."

"With the Asmussen deal a few weeks ago and with this, I feel beat up. I do. And if anyone shouldn't feel beat up, it's me. I am very fortunate and train for some wonderful people that stand behind me. But I don't really worry for me; I worry for my son Norman, who has devoted his life to this. And I just don't know where this industry is going."

## BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:13 p.m. EDT

TRANSYLVANIA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Medal Count	Dynaformer	Albarado	Romans	118
2	Ry's the Man	Officer	Geroux	Pessin	118
3	Woodfield Springs	Raven's Pass	Leparoux	Arnold II	118
4	Hesinfront	War Front	Lanerier	Romans	118
5	Kody With a	Stormy Atlantic	Rosier	Cook	118
6	Red River Rising	Bellamy Road	Rocco Jr.	Gorder	118
7	Laddie Boy	War Pass	Castanon	Peery	118
8	Pleuven (Fr)	Turtle Bowl (Ire)	Garcia	Brown	118
9	Global View	Galileo (Ire)	Lezcano	Proctor	123
10	Storming Inti	Stormy Atlantic	Castlino	Brown	123
11	Picozza	More Than Ready	Velazquez	Pletcher	118
12	Can't help believing (Ire)	Duke of Marmide (Ire)	Rosario	Motion	118

## Transylvania S. cont.

On the first Friday of the 2006 Keeneland spring meeting, trainer Neil Pessin sent out Chin High (Smart Strike) to a \$139 upset in the GIII Transylvania S., and--weather permitting--he'll look to repeat the feat this afternoon with Lothenbach Stables' **Ry's the Man**. It will be the homebred's second visit to the races at the historic Lexington oval, having finished third in a \$50,000 maiden claimer over the Polytrack last October. The bay graduated in his turf debut going 5 1/2 furlongs at the Fair Grounds Jan. 19 and was a respectable third to the well-regarded The Trunk Monkey (Old Fashioned) over the main track Feb. 28. Ry the Man is exiting a fast-finishing victory going the one-mile distance of the Transylvania back on the lawn Mar. 21, and Pessin knows the gelding has a preference for that surface. "He is not real flashy when he is working, but he is a different horse on turf," Pessin said. "He likes turf better than dirt or Polytrack. His feet are kind of small and he would not mind a yielding course. Is he a Grade III horse or not? We are going to find out in the Transylvania." That Ry's the Man would take to the grass is no real surprise. His unraced dam Jr. Clare (Yankee Gentleman) is a half-sister to former Lothenbach star Vacare (Lear Fan), winner of the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup at Keeneland, as well as GSWs Single Solution (Flatter) (Keeneland's GIII Valley View S.), and Abtaal (Rock Hard Ten).

## GRADED/GROUP RESULTS

Thursday, Maisons-Laffitte, France

PRIX DJEBEL-G3, €80,000, MAI, 4-3, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:24.30, gd.

1--#**@CHARM SPIRIT (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by Invincible Spirit (Ire)

1st Dam: L'Enjoleuse (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire)

2nd Dam: Machaera (GB), by Machiavellian

3rd Dam: Somfas, by What a Pleasure

(€140,000 yrl '12 ARQOCT). O-Sheikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Ecurie des Monceaux; T-Freddy Head; J-Olivier Peslier; €40,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €101,805.

Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A.

2--**Kiram (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Elusive City--King Luna (Fr), by King's Best. O-His Highness The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; €16,000.

3--**Imperator (GB)**, 128, g, 3, [Footstepsinthesand \(GB\)](#)--Jarhes (Ire), by Green Desert. (€5,000 yrl '12 ARQOCT). O-Arnaud de Seyssel; B-Haras de la Perelle; T-Philippe Decouz; €12,000.

Margins: SHD, SHD, SHD. Odds: 3.50, 1.50, 10.80.



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### Prix Djebel cont.

Also Ran: Bookrunner, Earnshaw, See You Soon (Fr), Zygmunt (Fr).

Charm Spirit flashed his talent with an all-the-way conditions score over this trip at Longchamp in September and as a result connections chanced their arm in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere back over the same course and distance on Arc day. Belying inexperience to be third in that highlight, the bay returned with a narrow win in this tight contest to book a ticket to Newmarket's G1 2000 Guineas May 3. Settled in behind the leaders early, he was delivered wide with his challenge as the favorite Kiram emerged on the stand's side either side of Imperiator and Bookrunner (Tiznow). In front inside the final 50 meters, he clung on gamely in a four-way go. "He's a horse who likes a fight and he ought to improve a lot for that," trainer Freddy Head explained. "My first idea was always to go to the G1 2000 Guineas with him, as if there is a chance he will stay a mile--and I'm not sure he will--it will be easier at Newmarket than at Longchamp." Kiram's trainer Jean-Claude Rouget said of the runner-up, "He has run a good race and definitely needed it. Christophe Soumillon said he blew at the wrong moment when they kicked. He will definitely run back in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp May 11]." [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Equidia VIDEO.](#)

### Thursday, Maisons-Laffitte, France

**PRIX IMPRUDENCE-G3**, €80,000, MAI, 4-3, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:27.40, gd.

1--#**@XCELLENCE (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by [Champs Elysees \(GB\)](#)

1st Dam: Xanadu Bliss (Fr), by Xaar (GB)

2nd Dam: Marital Bliss (Fr), by Double Bed (Fr)

3rd Dam: Gai Lizza (Fr), by Gairloch (GB)

O/B-Henri de Pracomtal & Haras d'Ecouvres; T-Francois Doumen; J-Cristian Demuro; €40,000.

Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €78,200. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Vorda (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Orpen--Velda (GB), by Observatory. (€9,000 yrl '12 ARQOCT). O-H H Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Edy SRL; T-Philippe Sogorb; €16,000.

3--**Dancing Sands (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)--Past the Post, by Danzig. (100,000gns wnlg '11 TATDEC; 160,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-New England, Myriad & Mount Coote; T-Henri-Alex Pantall; €12,000.

Margins: SNK, 2HF, HF. Odds: 22.90, 1.90, 14.10.

Also Ran: This Time (Fr), Marbre Rose (Ire), Miss France (Ire), Ice Love (Fr), Early Prime (Fr), Fresles (Ire), Fetan Joa (Fr).

### Prix Imprudence cont.

Last seen finishing runner-up in the G3 Prix Miesque over six furlongs here in November, Xcellence sprang a shock as the much-vaunted Miss France (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) failed to fire. Ironically fourth behind that rival and the subsequent G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner Indonesienne (Ire) (Muhtathir {GB}) in a mile conditions event at Chantilly in October, the bay showed what strides she had made in the interim period to advertise her Classic credentials. Buried in mid-division early against the rail, the blaze-faced bay was sent through to tackle Vorda approaching the furlong pole and as that duo drew clear it was the outsider who stayed best in the final 50 meters. Miss France, sent off the 8-5 pick, never threatened to get involved off the slow pace and finished sixth. Winning trainer Francois Doumen said, "She showed quite a bit of quality at two and had had a good winter and improved a lot. She's won quite comfortably and looks as if she will definitely stay further. She will go straight to the nitely run back in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches [at Longchamp May 11]." Vorda's conditioner Philippe Sogorb added, "It may have looked like she had a good run, but it was not ideal for her as she hit the front much too soon. She likes to run at others rather than the other way around. Her next race will be the G1 1000 Guineas [at Newmarket May 4]." [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Equidia VIDEO.](#)

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## AUSTRALASIAN PREVIEWS

### RECOVERY MISSION

Last year's G1 Melbourne Cup hero **Fiorente (Ire)** (Monsun {Ger}) had a three-race win streak snapped when a surprise seventh in the G1 Ranvet S. here two weeks ago and the 6-year-old is on a recovery mission in today's G1 The BMW, one of Australia's most important staying contests. A resounding first-up winner of the G2 Peter Young S. at Caulfield Feb. 22, Fiorente was a dominant winner of the G1 Australian Cup Mar. 8, but failed to fire in the lane after traveling wide throughout in the Ranvet, won by **Silent Achiever (NZ)** (O'Reilly {NZ}). Fiorente was given a vote of confidence by his connections after a strong piece of work Tuesday and maintains favoritism. Also disappointing in the Ranvet was last year's four-time Group 1 winner **It's A Dundeel (NZ)** (High Chaparral {Ire}). The 4-year-old has now lost both starts back this year, although he was staying on at the end of the Ranvet. Fellow Kiwi import Silent Achiever, a two-time Group 1 winner in her native country, won the 2012 G2 Crystal Mile at Moonee Valley, but had failed in seven previous attempts at the highest level in Australia. The 5-year-old mare was brave in the Ranvet, running on late to pip determined frontrunner Carlton House (Street Cry {Ire}), and she will look to go one better after finishing second by a head in this race last year. Like Silent Achiever, last year's G1 Irish St. Leger heroine **Voleuse de Coeurs (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) will enjoy a weight break of at least four pounds from the males. The 5-year-old, purchased by Eliza Park International following the Irish Leger, finished a respectable eighth in the Melbourne Cup in her first outing on Australian soil, and was a staying-on fifth in the Australian Cup behind Fiorente.

**Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 12:40 a.m. EDT**

**THE BMW-G1, A\$1,500,000 (US\$1,387,050), 3yo/up, 2400mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Fiorente (Ire)	Monsun (Ger)	Oliver	Waterhouse	130
2	7	Green Moon (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Bowman	Hickmott	130
3	9	Foreteller (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Newitt	Waller	130
4	10	Mourayan (Ire)	Alhaarth (Ire)	Schofield	Hickmott	130
5	6	Sertorius (Aus)	Galileo (Ire)	Maloney	Edwards/Elkington	130
6	5	Brigantin	Cozzene	Shinn	Waller	130
7	3	Angola (Aus)	Helenus (Aus)	McLeod	Carey	130
8	8	It's A Dundeel (NZ)	High Chaparral (Ire)	McDonld	Baker	129
9	4	Silent Achiever (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Rawiller	James	125
10	2	Voleuse de Coeurs (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Boss	Moroney	125
11	11	Let's Make Adeal (Aus)	Red Ransom	Williams	Blackiston	124

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### ZANBAGH TO RISE TO THE OCCASION

The Tait family's **Zanbagh (Aus)** (Bernardini) has been regarded as a filly on the rise since finishing a flashy second in the 2500-meter G1 Crown Oaks in her first stakes test last season and the homebred will look to record her first victory at the highest level and stamp herself a G1 Australian Oaks contender in the G1 Vinery Stud S. at Rosehill. Off the board in a pair of stakes attempts at six and seven furlongs to kick off her autumn campaign, the Guy Walter trainee notched her first stakes victory when stretched to a mile for the G3 Keith F Nolan Classic at Kembla Grange Mar. 23. Her connections have expressed high confidence in their charge with the added distance, however, Zanbagh will have to overcome gate 19. Drawn much more favorably in seven is **Solicit (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}), who finished third in the Crown Oaks before notching back-to-back victories in the G3 Vanity S. and G2 Kewney S.—both over 1400 meters—to kick off her campaign. Solicit finished fourth most recently after finding some trouble in running in the one mile Listed Alexandra S. at Moonee Valley Mar. 21. The winner that day was **Marianne (NZ)** (Darci Brahma {NZ}), who has finished worse than second just once in her eight-race career and appeared to relish the added distance of the Alexandra. Similarly consistent is fellow Kiwi **Rising Romance (NZ)** (Ekraar), who won the G2 Royal S. in her native country Jan. 1 before finishing second to the highly regarded Puccini (NZ) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) in the G2 Avondale Guineas and G1 New Zealand Derby.

**Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 1:20 a.m. EDT**

**VINERY STUD S-G1, A\$400,000 (US\$369,880), 3yo, f, 2000mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Solicit (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	C Schofield	Ellertn/Zhra
2	19	Zanbagh (Aus)	Bernardini	Shinn	Walter
3	4	Marianne (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Williams	Kent
4	9	Rising Romance (NZ)	Ekraar	McDonld	Logan
5	3	Miss Mossman (NZ)	Mossman (Aus)	Rawiller	Sargent
6	17	Suavito (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Oliver	Blackiston
7	10	Define (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Newitt	Waller
8	2	All Cerise (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	G Schofield	Waller
9	8	Interspersed (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	McEvoy	Kavanagh
10	1	Sensibility (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Avdulla	Moody
11	12	Artistic Lass (Aus)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Collett	Payne
12	15	Forever Loved (NZ)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Browne	Waterhse
13	11	Lucia Valentina (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Bowman	Lees
14	6	Casino Dancer (Aus)	Casino Prince (Aus)	Reith	Van Gestel
15	5	Amanpour (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Berry	Waterhse
16	14	All My Loving (Aus)	Not A Single Dbt (Aus)	Clipperton	Portelli
Also Eligible:					
17	18	Missvonn (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Boss	Walter
18	13	Cuban Star (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	No rider	Parker
19	16	Blue Eyes (Aus)	Helenus (Aus)	McLeod	Carey

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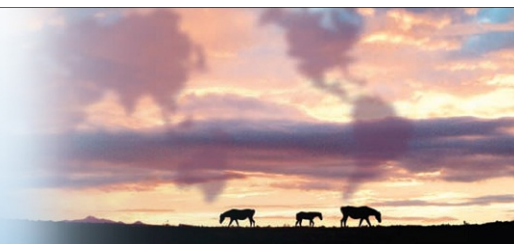


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### *California Chrome Arrives at Santa Anita...*

**California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), the 6-5 morning-line favorite for Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby, arrived at Santa Anita Wednesday afternoon, Alan Sherman, the son of trainer Art Sherman, said Thursday.

"He came in great and he galloped this morning," Sherman said.

The colt, who has won handily in his last three starts, drew post five of eight for the nine-furlong race. Victor Espinoza, who rode California Chrome in his last three starts, said he was happy with the draw.

"I like my post," Espinoza said. "Number five is great. There aren't many horses in the race. I know it's a tough race, but he's ready to go. I have a few options. He can go either way. That's what I like about him. He can rate or he can go to the front."

Espinoza added that he has been encouraged by California Chrome's workouts leading up to the Santa Anita Derby.

"He's been working pretty good, so I'm really looking forward to Saturday," Espinoza said. "He went nice and easy in :46 2/5 [in his final major drill at Los Alamitos last Saturday]. I wanted to go in 47, but he was doing it so easy, I let him stretch his legs around the racetrack. For him, it was an easy work. I feel confident about him. I think he's going to run big."

### *Conquest Titan On Target for Arkansas Derby...*

**Conquest Titan** (Birdstone) remains a probable starter for the GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn April 12, after a promising workout Mar. 29 when he breezed through five furlongs in 1:00.70 at Palm Meadows. It was the second fastest of 20 working that distance.

"He worked really well the other day at Palm Meadows," trainer Mark Casse said. "We moved him to Churchill Downs with the rest of the gang and the plan is to breeze him a little there this weekend, and if all goes well, we're going to Hot Springs."

Conquest Titan is in 35th place in the GI Kentucky Derby points standings, but has the potential to vault into the top 20 with a strong showing at the Arkansas Derby. The race will award a total of 170 qualifying points, with 100-40-20-10 points awarded for finishing first through fourth.

"You not only have to get the points, you need to run well enough to show that you belong," Casse said.

"He's got to step up his game. If he's good enough he will, and if not, we'll have to go to a Plan B."

The colt was last seen finishing fourth in the GII Tampa Bay Derby March 8. He came in second behind Cairo Prince (Pioneer of the Nile) in the GII Holy Bull S. Jan. 25. Conquest Titan was piloted by Shaun Bridgmohan in each of those races, but Hall of Famer Calvin Borel will take the reins for the Arkansas Derby.

"There wasn't really any big reason for the switch," Casse said. "Calvin is already there and he seems to be what I thought was a good fit for this horse. He wants to come from way out of it, and Calvin's pretty good at that. He knows the track like the back of his hand."

There are currently six other probable entries for the Arkansas Derby. The other probable starters are: **Tapiture** (Tapit), **Strong Mandate** (Tiznow), **Ride On Curlin** (Curlin), **Bayern** (Offlee Wild), **Commissioner** (A.P. Indy) and **Danza** (Street Boss).

## NEWS TODAY

### KEENELAND ANNOUNCES BLUE GRASS

**PROTOCOLS** Officials at Keeneland have announced enhanced security measures for horses competing in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 12. The rules stipulate that all participants will be required to be on the grounds as of 8 a.m. Thursday, Apr. 10, and will be subject to 24-hour surveillance through 5:45 p.m. on raceday. Out-of-competition testing will be conducted by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and trainers of Blue Grass starters will be required to provide to stewards a list of treating veterinarians. A full daily veterinarian's record of all medications and treatments given to horses from 8 a.m. Thursday, Apr. 10, until after the running of the race shall be provided to the KHRC Chief Veterinarian located in the detention barn and entry-exit logs will be maintained by security personnel. All persons—including grooms, veterinarians, trainers, assistant trainers, farriers, owners or other connections—on entering the stall, or engaging in contact with the horse or performing any service for the horse, must have a valid KHRC license on their person. Such persons will be logged in by security personnel with the reason for their visit. On raceday, horses will be required to be in the assembly barn 45 minutes to an hour before post time for TC02 testing. "These protocols, similar to those followed by the New York Racing Association and other major racing venues, ensure that the Toyota Blue Grass will be run with the utmost integrity," said Keeneland Vice President of Racing W.B. Rogers Beasley. "They will provide enhanced protection for the participants and our fans, and guarantee a level and safe playing field for all."

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Reload (Hard Spun)  
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## DUBAI HORSEMEN WEIGH IN ON CHENGDU

Dubai-based trainer Doug Watson and jockey Royston Ffrench have arrived at Jinma Racecourse in Chengdu, China ahead of Sunday's inaugural Chengdu Dubai International Cup Raceday, and both spoke favorably of their first impressions of the facilities.

Watson has eight runners in the five races. "This is my first visit to the track and although I knew the facilities such as the stables and the racecourse would be good, they have surpassed my expectations,"



**Doug Watson addresses the Chengdu media**  
*Meydan Photo*

Watson said. "The organizers have done a great job, especially with the stable block, which is on two levels. All the horses seem to have settled in well and are in good health. It was amazing to see them looking out from the top windows, as if they didn't have a care in the world."

Ffrench, who has rides in all five races including four aboard horses trained by Dubai's Ali Rashid Al Raihe, added: "I have been here for a few days and the facilities are fantastic. The horses arrived fit and have been training well, and I am really looking forward to the races on Sunday. I have ridden around the world for 17 years and the facilities here compare very favorably with anything I've seen."

The Chengdu Dubai International Cup raceday represents a partnership between the Meydan Group and the Chengdu Municipal Government, the Chengdu Sports Bureau, the Wenjiang District Government and China Guangsha Group. The meeting will consist of five turf races for horses prepared by Dubai Racing Club trainers and ridden by UAE jockeys, the highlights being the Chengdu Dubai International Cup over 2200 meters and the 1600-meter Wenjiang Meydan Classic, both presented by Longines. The other races will be the Wenjiang Sprint (1200 meters), the Guangsha H. (1400 meters) and the Meydan Mile. The meeting has been organized by the Meydan Group and will be conducted under Emirates Racing Authority Rules. Purses will be announced Friday.

## CRAVEN BREEZE SHOW ON RACING UK

The breeze show for the Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale will be shown live on Racing UK Apr. 15 at 9 a.m. The sale itself takes place Apr. 16 and 17 at Tattersalls' Park Paddocks in Newmarket, England, and features 166 2-year-olds. In addition, video recordings of each lot will be available at [www.tattersalls.com](http://www.tattersalls.com), where the full catalogue is also available.



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# op/ed

by Dan Liebman

## THE PRICE OF RELEVANCE

Reading that Keeneland had again expressed interest in hosting the Breeders' Cup, the idea for a column was born. The angle would be that Keeneland could host the Breeders' Cup--if the track tore out its Polytrack surface.

Before the column could even be penned came the announcement Keeneland was indeed replacing its synthetic surface with a return to dirt by the time of the fall meet.

And though track officials claim it is not being done solely in an attempt to lure the Breeders' Cup, it certainly appears to have been a factor in their thinking.

More to the point of why Keeneland would replace the surface--tearing out a product it once felt so strongly about it invested in the company that manufactured it--is relevance. Keeneland no longer feels as relevant as it once did.

Its three-week meets are perfectly placed for horse to prep for the Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby in the spring and Breeders' Cup races in the fall.

But that is not happening.

Many trainers are avoiding Keeneland's races, not wanting to prep for a race on dirt with a start on a synthetic surface.

The track's marquee race for 3-year-old colts, the Blue Grass S., was once one of the most important final preps for the Derby. That is no longer the case.

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## Liebman Op/Ed cont.

No winner of the Blue Grass has won the Derby since Strike the Gold in 1991, though Street Sense ran second in 2007--the first spring meeting with a Polytrack surface--before winning the Derby three weeks later.

In the years since the track converted to Polytrack, two horses who ran in the Blue Grass have run third in the Derby, Paddy O'Prado in 2010 and Dullahan in 2012.

When Keeneland installed Polytrack, first on its training track, then on its main track, it was done for one reason and one reason only--safety.

Now, though Polytrack has proven to reduce fatal injuries to horses, Keeneland has made the decision to return to a dirt surface.

The same month Keeneland began racing on Polytrack (October 2006), the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit was held.

Held at Keeneland, by the way.

From that meeting, The Jockey Club underwrote the costs of developing the Equine Injury Database, which from 2008-2012 analyzed 1,532,418 starts from about 90 racetracks in North America. The rate of fatal injuries, from 1,000 starts, was 2.00 for 2009, 1.88 for 2010, 1.88 for 2011 and 1.92 for 2012.

Just Monday the latest statistics were released, showing a rate of 1.90 for 2013. Keeneland's rate last year was 0.33.

Not exactly great timing for Keeneland officials to announce they are returning to dirt.

Keeneland officials, of course, are still interested in track safety and proclaim they will do everything they can to make the new dirt track as safe as it can be.

Those are nice sentiments, but time will tell if relevance is more important than safety. Hopefully more horses will not be lost to fatal injuries to again reach that relevant status.

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## IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

**[Spring Bazaar benefits retired racehorses](#)** "Finger Lakes Thoroughbred Adoption Program (FLTAP) will host a Spring Bazaar sale ...A portion of the proceeds will be donated for the maintenance of the non-profit program which provides retired racehorses a second chance at a productive life." *Daily Messenger*

**[Nathan Berry Was More Than Just a Jockey..](#)**

"There was a quality about Nathan Berry that made him likeable. That's why he will be remembered as a remarkable young man, rather than just a jockey." **Chris Roots, *The Age***

### NEWS FROM THE GAMING WORLD:

**[Nebraska's historic horse racing amendment stuck at the gate](#)**

"State lawmakers gave a thumbs down Thursday to putting a constitutional amendment on the ballot that would allow betting on historic horse races." **Paul Hammel, *Omaha.com***

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1) **CALIFORNIA CHROME** (c, 3, Lucky Pulpit--Love the Chase, by Not For Love) posted a wicked :46 2/5 work at Los Alamitos Mar. 29. He faces two solid opponents in SA Derby in Hoppertunity and Candy Boy, and while several others will play a role in how the race unfolds, it's doubtful the likely pacesetter will be pushed through the fractions he went in last time (:45 2/5, 1:09 2/5). A half-mile split of anything over :47 will make him ultra-tough. Very few holes in this guy. **Next start: GI SA Derby Apr. 5 - Previous rank - #2**



2) **TAPITURE** (c, Tapit--Free Spin, by Olympio), runner-up in the GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Mar. 15 after a rough stretch drive, got back on the worktab with a bullet 1:00 4/5 breeze in Hot Springs Mar. 31. There will be plenty of eyes on him next week due to his embattled human connections (namely trainer Steve Asmussen), but from a pure racing standpoint, I'm most intrigued to see how he handles that final furlong in the Arkansas Derby. Still think he might be a miler at heart, but then again I'm not sure we've seen his best. **Next start: GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 12 - Previous rank - #3**

3) **CANDY BOY** (c, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--She's An Eleven, by In Excess {Ire}) was flattered some when Chitu (Henny Hughes), the horse he beat in the GII Bob Lewis S. at Santa Anita Feb. 8, came back to take the GIII Sunland Derby. This guy's pace lines and speed figures don't dazzle, but it's important to keep in mind that he's making just his second start of the year in Saturday's SA Derby, and so improvement can be expected (or hoped for, at least) as he matures. Of all the horses on this list--save Social Inclusion--he might have the biggest upside. Which I guess means he could have the biggest downside, too. Saturday will tell us a lot. **Next start: Santa Anita Derby - Previous rank - #4**

4) **SAMRAAT** (c, 3, Noble Causeway--Little Indian Girl, by Indian Charlie) was sent out to some stamina-building one-mile works at Palm Meadows Mar. 22 (1:45) and Mar. 28 (1:44), and while trainer Rick Violette Jr. said the horse could well be in front on Saturday, I kind of hope they take him back a little farther than he's been in his previous starts and then make a big run in the lane. **Next start: GI Wood Memorial Apr. 5 - Previous rank - #5**

5) **UNCLE SIGH** (c, 3, Indian Charlie--Cradlesong, by Pine Bluff) is my play in the Wood, based on what I'm expecting to be a price of 9-2 or so. After running a big 107 late-pace fig in his maiden win, he was pressured into fast mid-pace figs (108, 101) in his last two, and still finished OK. Think there's improvement in this guy, and there's plenty of stamina influences in his pedigree. **Next start: Wood Memorial - Previous rank - #10**

6) **CONSTITUTION** (c, 3, Tapit--Baffled, by Distorted Humor), a maiden and allowance winner entering last weekend's GI Florida Derby, came through with a big effort to stamp his ticket to the Derby. The race set up perfectly for him, but he did show nice professionalism to come through along rail in upper stretch. Late-pace fig of 103 was very nice. Seasoning obviously will be the question on Derby day, but a talented animal for sure. **Next start: Kentucky Derby - Previous Rank - unranked**

7) **VICAR'S IN TROUBLE** (c, 3, Into Mischief--Vibrant, by Vicar) set legitimate fractions when winning the Louisiana Derby and still kicked away from GII Risen Star winner Intense Holiday. Reportedly small, but has tons of heart, and already my Derby pick if track comes up wet. **Next start: Kentucky Derby - Previous rank - unranked** [Get Andrew Caulfield's Take.](#)

8) **HOPPERTUNITY** (c, 3, Any Given Saturday--Refugee, by Unaccounted For) is still learning the game, it seems, and gets another valuable tutorial in tomorrow's SA Derby, a race that Baffert's already won six times. **Next start: SA Derby - Previous rank - #7**

9) **CAIRO PRINCE** (c, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Holy Bubbette, by Holy Bull) just a week ago was on top of several Derby rankings, but now looks unlikely to make the starting gate. He currently is in 16th on the points list with 24 points, but there's a lot of racing in the next two weeks. In any case, and maybe it's just Monday morning quarterbacking, but Cairo Prince just looked like a short horse in the Florida Derby, when he ranged up for wide and then flattened. It was his first start since the GII Holy Bull S. Jan. 25, and his worktab between the two races wasn't all that inspiring. Still among the most talented members of his generation; unfortunately, he may not be able to show it until the Preakness. **Next start: Kentucky Derby? - Previous rank - #1** [Get Andrew Caulfield's Take.](#)

10) **INTENSE HOLIDAY** (c, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Intensify, by Unbridled's Song) just maintains a spot here. He got shuffled back a bit on turn in Louisiana Derby, made a bold move, then seemed to lose focus in the stretch. The type that fills the tri in the Derby. **Next start: Kentucky Derby - Previous rank - #8**

**AT THE THRESHOLD:** Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile) could well be on this list, but with zero Derby points, I had a hard time putting him over proven graded performs. Could just be a freak, though. **Wildcat Red** (D'wildcat) should probably be on here, too, but still can't convince myself that his is a pedigree that can shine on Derby day.





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## DEUCE GREATHOUSE JOINS FOUR STAR SALES

Deuce Greathouse will join Four Star Sales, the company's managing partner Kerry Cauthen announced Thursday. He will be responsible for client recruitment, with a focus on racing stock and broodmare prospects, as well as farm inspections and client services during public auctions.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity and look forward to being involved in the growth of Four Star Sales and Glencrest Farm," Greathouse said. "Both entities work hand in hand, and I believe that I will be able to generate new areas of business for both groups in the years to come."

Greathouse has worked with Four Star Sales informally since its inception, showing yearlings at sales and working with his father, the late David Greathouse, to oversee yearling prep and manage pinhook partnerships that sold stock through Four Star Sales.

"Deuce has spent the last 10 years gaining a very well-rounded education in the Thoroughbred industry from both the selling and the buying end," Cauthen said. "His deep family history and skill set will definitely be a strong addition in the continued growth of Four Star Sales. It is a natural fit for us all."

Greathouse will continue to operate his existing weanling, yearling and mare pinhook partnerships, as well as the management of Pike Place Racing. He will maintain his client relationships and business development role at Glencrest Farm, and John W. Greathouse III will take over as the General Manager of Glencrest Farm.

## New York

### Yesterday's Results:

**6th-AQU, \$67,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:36 1/5, ft.

**LIFE IN SHAMBLES (g, 3, [Broken Vow](#)--Life {Fr} {SP-Fr, \$120,283}, by Anabaa)** was fifth in his debut over turf at Gulfstream against \$75,000 claimers Jan. 23. The gray earned a narrow graduation last time when switched to a mile over the main track there and dropped to a \$50,000 tag there Feb. 28. Sent off at 6-1, he dueled for the early advantage through modest opening splits. Exiting the bend in tandem with that rival, Life in Shambles finally broke free in the lane and held off the late running favorite Peter Island (Tapit) to score by a neck. Sales history: \$47,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$54,890. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Jump Sucker Stable. B-C Clement & Don M Robinson (KY). T-Christophe Clement.

**8th-AQU, \$62,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 4/5, ft. MARRIEDTOTHMUSIC (c, 4, [Disco Rico](#)--Significant Other, by Not for Love)**, only off the board once in nine previous starts for the late conditioner Dominic Galluscio, romped by 9 3/4 in a state-bred optional claimer here two back Jan. 31. Second last time in the track and trip state-bred Hollie Hughes S. Feb. 17, the chestnut was backed down to even-money favoritism in this first start for new trainer Linda Rice. Seizing the early advantage, he zipped along the rail setting fractions of :22.21 and :44.60. Marriedtothemusic opened up in the lane to win by an uncontested 4 1/2 lengths over Dighton (B L's Appeal). Lifetime Record: 10-6-3-0, \$240,966. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O/B-Dutchess Views Farm (NY). T-Linda Rice.

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### NYRA to Launch Roku HD Channel:

The New York Racing Association has launched a Roku channel to allow customers of its NYRA Rewards betting platform to watch a live high-definition feed of the races from Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga. "We are always looking for new and innovative ways to widen the distribution of our racing product," said NYRA CEO and President Chris Kay. "Roku is an exciting platform and our new channel will allow NYRA Rewards customers to watch our races in high definition from the comfort of their own homes." Roku is a product that connects to a television and streams content directly from the Internet. The NYRA HD beta channel is the first to be dedicated to Thoroughbred racing. NYRA Rewards members can access instructions on how to download Roku by selecting the Roku option under the 'My Account' menu.

### Saratoga Horse Symposium Apr. 12-13:

The New York Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund will sponsor the 23rd annual Saratoga Horse Symposium to take place Apr. 12 and 13 at the 4-H Center, 556 Middle Line Road, Ballston Spa, NY. The symposium covers topics including the treatment of horse wounds, what breakthroughs in regenerative medicine can do for your horse, saddle fitting and how to transform an ex-racehorse into a calm and dependable polo pony. Among other presenters, team manager Robert Donnan will speak and field questions about some of the techniques he's employed with the 14 New York-breds he has retrained for second careers. For a list of the panel discussions, click [here](#).

### • ON THE WORKTAB •

#### SANTA ANITA

Chitu (Henny Hughes), 4f, :46.40, 2/40  
Diversy Harbor (Curlin), 3f, :35.60, 2/10  
Midnight Hawk (Midnight Lute), 4f, :46.00, 1/40  
Pataky Kid (Rockport Harbor), 5f, 1:00.00, 13/53  
Scherzinger (Tiz Wonderful), 6f, 1:12.20, 3/17  
She's a Tiger (Tale of the Cat), 6f, 1:12.80, 6/17  
Tonito M. (Rock Hard Ten), 5f, 1:00.40, 27/53





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New York report cont.

## NYRA Hires Full-Time Spanish Commentator:

*Edited Press Release*

The New York Racing Association Inc. (NYRA) has become the first racetrack operator in the United States to offer year-round Spanish language race calls, hiring Luis Grandison to provide live calls in Spanish at Aqueduct Racetrack, Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course. Grandison, a 57-year-old Panama native, called races at El Hipodromo Presidente Remon in Panama City from 1978- 2003. His extensive sports broadcasting experience also includes stints with ABC Radio, KW Continente and Radio Pan-Americana.

"Luis is a talented and enthusiastic individual, and we are thrilled to hire him as the first year-round Spanish language thoroughbred racing announcer in the United States," said NYRA CEO and President Chris Kay. "Our sport has a very large and dedicated following in the Hispanic and Latino communities, and this important initiative will help enhance and personalize the guest experience for our Spanish speaking fan base."

"I am very excited to be the new Spanish race caller for Aqueduct, Belmont Park, and Saratoga," Grandison said. "This is a great way to make races from these terrific racetracks more accessible to Spanish speakers around the world."

## TODAY'S INSIGHTS

4:26p 7th-AQU, \$60K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f

**HR/TVG** Darley unveils a pair of blue-blooded homebred sophomores, **KATE GREENAWAY** ([Tiznow](#)) and **Mrs. Patmore** ([Elusive Quality](#)), as a coupled entry in this spot. Conditioner Kieran McLaughlin saddles Kate Greenaway, who will debut without Lasix. Out of French SW and GSP Season's Greeting (Ire) (Ezzoud {Ire}), the bay is a half-sister to GISW millionaire Grace Hall (Empire Maker) and her third dam is MGISW Life at the Top (Seattle Slew). Trained by Tom Albertrani, Mrs. Patmore is out of English MGSW Sander Camillo (Dixie Union) and her second dam is MSW Staraway (Star De Naskra). Chad Brown sends out Fox Hill Farms and The Six Horseman's 4-year-old **Fame and Fortune** ([Unbridled's Song](#)) for her second attempt. The \$500,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase was second on debut going six panels in the slop at Gulfstream just shy of a year ago. Out of MGISW Stop Traffic (Cure the Blues), the gray is a full-sibling to last year's GI Whitney Invitational H. hero Cross Traffic. **Click for the [Brisnet.com PPs](#).**

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## Eastern U.S.

### Yesterday's Results:

**6th-PIM, \$43,990, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.**

**WONDERFELLA** (c, 3, [Harlan's Holiday](#)--Carleaville, by **Carson City**) started his career with a pair of third-place efforts at Monmouth last summer, most recently going 5 1/2 furlongs July 27. Dispatched at 7-2 for this third go, the bay dueled for the lead through an opening quarter in :22.92 before seizing control. Under a hand ride, he effortlessly extended his advantage in the lane to earn his diploma by 8 3/4 lengths over first timer Negrito (Wildcat Heir). Sales history: \$20,000 yrl '12 FTMOCT; \$60,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$35,990. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O-New Farm. B-Mr & Mrs C. McGinnes (MD). T-B. Perkins Jr.

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## Florida

### Dinner to Honor Triple Crown Ladies:

Hialeah Park and the Brunetti Family will host a dinner Apr. 15 in honor of Harbor View Farm's Patrice Wolfson, owner of Affirmed, and Sally Hill, who campaigned Seattle Slew. Organized by Thoroughbred owner and racing ambassador Bill Hirsch, the event will begin with a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. followed by a sit-down dinner at 7:30. Attendees at the horsemen's dinner will have the opportunity to toast Hill and Wolfson or share their testimonials and favorite stories about Seattle Slew and Affirmed. They will also watch videos of Seattle Slew's two 1977 wins at Hialeah Park and Affirmed's 1978 Belmont Stakes victory. Seats for the horsemen's dinner, limited to the first 50 pre-paid guests, are available for \$50, which includes food, tax, and tip. For additional information, please contact Bill Hirsch ([whirsch@nyc.rr.com](mailto:whirsch@nyc.rr.com)) or (954) 454-9375.

## Central U.S.


### Yesterday's Results:

**8th-OPX, \$61,000, Alw, NW2L, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.**

**RUSSELLIN** (c, 3, Old Fashioned-Vikki's Honor {SW, \$310,672}, by Bartok {Ire}), a close second on debut here against \$50,000 claimers Feb. 15, earned his diploma solidly last time at this track and trip Mar. 13. Heavily favored at 3-5, the bay was taken back to trail a moderate pace. Running several paths off the rail, he entered into a three-horse duel at the quarter-pole and sailed clear in mid-stretch to post a decisive four length victory. Z Lucky (Zensational) was the runner-up. Sales history: \$102,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL; \$100,000 2yo '13 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$80,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Chris Wilkins. B-Sebold Racing, LLC & KM Stables Inc (KY). T-Chris A Hartman.





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## Central Report cont.

### Texas Yearling Sale Pushed Back:

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### Mine That Bird to Make Lone Star Stop:

Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas, will play host to a stop on the promotional bus tour for the upcoming "50 to 1" movie this Saturday, Apr. 5, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The event is free of charge. There will be a special appearance by Mine That Bird, whose 2009 Kentucky Derby upset is the subject of the movie. Also in attendance will be producer/director/co-writer of 50 to 1 Jim Wilson, co-producer/writer Faith Conroy and cast member Skeet Ulrich, who portrays Mine That Bird's trainer Chip Woolley.

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## California

### Yesterday's Results:

**3rd-SAX, \$71,410, Alw, NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09, ft.**

**1--OUR PURE CREATION, 123, f, 4, [Pure Prize](#)--**

**Creative Karen, by Smart Strike.** O/B-Joe Parker (CA); T-Jeff Bonde. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$170,668.

**2--Big Honey Bee, 119, m, 6, Songandaprayer--Chasing September, by Storm Boot.** (\$15,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '10 OBSMAR).

**3--Tiz Molly, 119, f, 4, Tiz Wonderful--Deputie's Notebook, by Notebook.** (\$25,000 yrl '11 KEESEP). Margins: 3HF, 3/4, 1. Odds: 3.50, 34.90, 1.80.

Our Pure Creation, a narrow second in an optional claimer here two starts back, won going seven panels in similar conditions last time in Arcadia Mar. 7. Slightly overlooked here, the chestnut quickly asserted dominance from the rail as she posted an opening quarter in :22.03. Our Pure Creation easily cruised clear in the lane to win as she pleased. **Click for the [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) chart or [VIDEO](#).**

**7th-SAX, \$58,750, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1:46 4/5, fm.**

**GINGER TAP (f, 4, [Tapit](#)--Jig {Ire} {SW, \$145,945}, by Catrail)** graduated on third asking at Delmar Aug. 17 and was not seen again until Feb. 9, when she finished seventh in a Santa Anita allowance. Fourth last time in a one-mile optional claimer on the local lawn Mar. 7, the she was sent off at 7-2 here while removing blinkers for this start, The gray settled on the rail in second to last through a snappy opening quarter in :22.62 and half in :45.81. Steadily advancing on the backstretch, Ginger Tap came flying four-wide in the lane to score by three-parts of a length over Remarkable Moon (Lemon Drop Kid). Sales history: \$110,000 yrl '11 FTSAUG; \$100,000 yrl '11 FTKOCT; \$175,000 2yo '12 BESMAR. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$92,890. **Click for the [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) chart or [VIDEO](#).**

O-David Heerensperger. B-J Stuart, P Bance, J Amling & C Noell (KY). T-Neil Drysdale.

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## INDUSTRY INFO

### Old Friends, New Vocations Enter Partnership:

*Edited Press Release*

Old Friends and New Vocations have entered into an agreement to benefit Thoroughbreds in their post-racing and post-breeding careers. The two organizations each fulfill a different aftercare need. New Vocations places off-the-track Thoroughbreds with new owners in new careers, while Old Friends is primarily a home for those who, due to old age or physical issues, require permanent retirement. But with time and care, some horses needs change.

That happened for Gameday News, owned and trained by D. Wayne Lukas. The son of Corinthian broke his maiden in March 2012 at Oaklawn Park. Following a few allowance starts, he injured his ankle, and, with the help of Old Friends Board member Cathy Riccio, he was retired to Old Friends. After nearly two years of care and paddock rest, Gameday News received clearance from Dr. Steve Allday, who x-rayed the site of his healed injury and pronounced the 5-year-old fit and ready to enter a new career. Gameday News will always have a home available at Old Friends when his second career ends.

"It's a clear case of doing what's best for the athlete," said Old Friends president Michael Blowen. "He's a beautiful, energetic, kind horse who is adored by the staff and visitors. But he's too young and healthy to be retired. We're very grateful that New Vocations has accepted him into their program. It's an example of groups working together, with the help of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, to do what's best for the horse."

Added New Vocations' Program Director Anna Ford, "We are extremely thrilled to be partnering with Old Friends. Being able to capitalize on each program's strengths will make it possible for us to help more horses."

New Vocations focuses on rehabbing, retraining, and rehoming retired racehorses. Gameday News entered the retraining stage of the program in late March and has already been started back under saddle. He will be available for adoption in the near future. To learn more go to [www.newvocations.org](http://www.newvocations.org).

### Tax Depreciation for Horses Moves Out of Committee:

*Edited Press Release*

The United States Senate Finance Committee reported Thursday legislation that would extend expired or expiring tax provisions for racehorses, including a provision to extend the three-year recovery period. This provision--originally passed by Congress and enacted into law in 2008--accelerates, simplifies and makes uniform the depreciation period for racehorses. The provision expired at the end of 2013 along with several other tax provisions. The proposed version of the provision that moved out of committee today more accurately reflects current-day investments in race horses and helps to spur continued investments in the racing industry.

"I applaud the Committee for moving this bill and for including this important provision in the legislation," said Alex Waldrop, NTRA President and CEO. "I especially appreciate that the Committee understands the continued importance of our industry and the contribution of the equine economy to job creation and added investment."

The three-year recovery provision was a top priority for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) in 2008 and has been a top legislative priority again this year.

"Our legislative team has once again helped forward our agenda in Washington by educating elected officials about the importance of our industry and we will continue to push this important issue before the full Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives," Waldrop said.

The Committee also extended for two years increased expensing limitations under Section 179 and bonus depreciation, both of which also help investments in racehorses. Bonus depreciation is set at 50% in the legislation and may be used by business owners who purchase and place in service qualified new property. An example of new property in horse racing is a yearling who begins a racehorse training program. The Section 179 expense allowance is set at \$500,000 with a \$2 million threshold for qualified new or used property that is purchased and placed in service by small business owners in many industries. In the horse racing industry, a broodmare who previously raced is an example of used property that may be eligible.

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### IN FRANCE:

Privet Hedge, f, 3, [First Defence](#). See "France."

### IN BRITAIN:

**Star Up In the Sky**, f, 4, [Speightstown](#)--Prenuptial Plans, by Runaway Groom. WOL, 4-3, 5f 216y (AWT). B-Dixiana Stables Inc. \*\$9,000 wnlg '10 KEENOV; \*\$12,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; £55,000 2yo '12 DONAPR.

**Travel**, f, 4, [Street Cry \(Ire\)](#)--Away (SW & MGSP-US, \$277,550), by Dixieland Band. WOL, 4-3, 13f 194y (AWT). B-Darley. \*\*1/2 to Escape Route (Elusive Quality), MSP-UAE, \$368,559 and to Eight Belles (Unbridled's Song), MGSW & GISP-US, \$708,650.



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# ROOKIES

## First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, April 4

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

**COLONEL JOHN** (Tiznow), WinStar, \$15K, 186/16/2

8-OP, Msw, 1m, Perplexity, \$37K RNA E '13 KEE NOV, 6-1

**COWBOY CAL** (Giant's Causeway), Pin Oak, \$8K, 127/18/0

8-OP, Msw, 1m, Cowgirl in Love, \$22K RNA TEX APR 2yo, 4-1

**HELLO BROADWAY** (Broken Vow), Ups and Downs, \$3K, 16/4/1

6-TAM, Msw, 6f, U and Tequila, 6-1

**IN SUMMATION** (Put It Back), Ocala Stud, \$4K, 110/17/0

9-OP, Aoc, 1m, Deemie, \$30K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

**NOONMARK** (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions NY, \$5K, 89/7/1

6-AQU, Aoc, 7f, Bass River Road, 10-1

**OLD FASHIONED** (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made, \$8K, 156/17/3

8-OP, Msw, 1m, Peaceluvncupcakes, \$30K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1

**SQUARE EDDIE** (Smart Strike), Vessels Stallion Farm, 62/7/1

8-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, The Custodian, 6-1

**SWISSE STICK** (Swiss Yodeler), MJ Farms, \$2K, 12/0/0

2-SUN, Ocl, , Swisse On, 10-1

**THEWAYYOUARE** (Kingmambo), Coolmore Stud, 144/13/1

5-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Its All You, \$10K RNA OBS WIN 2yo, 20-1

**TIAGO** (Pleasant Tap), Adena Springs Kentucky, \$4K, 52/5/0

8-OP, Msw, 1m, Tiawe, \$2K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1

**U S RANGER** (Danzig), WinStar, \$5K, 115/7/1

6-KEE, Msw, 6f, Ranger Regiment, \$180K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

**ZENSATIONAL** (Unbridled's Song), Hill N Dale, \$15K, 143/19/1

6-KEE, Msw, 6f, Metro Dreamer, \$55K OBS APR 2yo, 7-2

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## Britain

### Yesterday's Results:

**2nd-LIN, £4,000, Mdn, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:04.46, ft.**

**SHAMA (IRE) (f, 3, Danehill Dancer {Ire}--Shamadara {Ire} {GSW-Fr, G1SP-Ire, \$155,030}, by Kahyasi),** who was third on debut over a mile at Kempton in November, was sent to the lead from the outset.

Turning the screw before the home turn, the 6-4 crowd's choice was pushed out to score in convincing fashion by 4 1/2 lengths from Court Room (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}). The winner is a full-sister to Shamanova (Ire), SW & MGSP-Fr, \$251,137; and a 1/2 to Shamdara (Ire) (Dr Devious {Ire}), GSP-Fr; to Shamdala (Ire) (Grand Lodge), G1SW-Ity, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, G1SP-HK, \$663,489; and to Shamakiya (Ire) (Intikhab), SW & MGSP-Fr. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £3,160.

**VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.**

O-The Queen. B-His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs SC (IRE). T-Sir Michael Stoute.

**3rd-LIN, £4,000, Mdn, 2yo, 5f (AWT), :59.34, ft.**

**+ CHEERIO SWEETIE (IRE) (f, 2, Captain Rio {GB}--Curve {Ire}, by Desert Style {Ire}),** sent off the 3-1 joint-favorite, broke well to lead. Extending her advantage inside the final quarter mile, the bay hit the line with nine lengths to spare over Johnny Sorrento (GB) (Zamindar). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,727.

**VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.**

O-Walters Plant Hire Ltd. B-Knocktoran Stud & Maura Purcell (IRE). T-David Evans.

## France

### Yesterday's Results:

**PRIX JACQUES LAFFITTE-Listed, €52,000, MAI, 4-3, 4yo/up, 9fT, 1:49.60, gd.**

**1--CALVIN WILLIAMS (FR), 128, c, 4, Carlotamix (Fr)--**

Quellaffaire (Fr), by Charge d'Affaires (GB).

O-Jean-Andre Zay, Georges Benmussa & Elie

Lellouche; B-Michel Chartier (FR); T-Elie Lellouche;

J-Olivier Peslier; €26,000. Lifetime Record:

16 starts, 7 wins, 6 places, €153,350.

**2--Entree (Ire), 120, f, 4, Halling--West Dakota, by**

Gone West. O-Khalid Abdullah. €10,400.

**3--Ipswich (Ire), 120, f, 4, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--**

Imperial Beauty, by Imperial Ballet (Ire).

O-Wildenstein Stables Limited. €7,800.

Margins: NK, 1HF, NK. Odds: 9.90, 2.30, 7.60. **Click for the Racing Post result. Equidia VIDEO.**

Registering a first black-type win in the Listed Grand Prix de la Riviera Cote d'Azur over 10 furlongs on the Polytrack at Cagnes-sur-Mer Feb. 9, Calvin Williams ran into heavy traffic when subsequently sixth in the 9 1/2-furlong conditions race in which Cirrus des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}) was fourth on the same surface at Chantilly last time Mar. 4. Switching back to turf with no issues here, the grey enjoyed the perfect stalking trip against the fence and when the gap appeared behind the positively-ridden Entree he was through and able to overhaul that rival in the final 50 meters. "Last time on the all-weather, he had nowhere to go behind two horses who were getting tired and dropping back so he never had a chance to stretch himself," trainer Elie Lellouche commented. "That was a good run today and he won well, but I'll have to wait and see where he goes next."

**2nd-MAI, €25,000, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:07.50, gd.**

**+ ORIENTEER (GB) (c, 3, Dansili {GB}--Take the Hint {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Montjeu {Ire}),** sent off the 10-3

second choice, stalked the pace set by Shamkiyr (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) early. Driven inside the final

quarter, the homebred ground down that rival in the shade of the post to score by a nose. Lifetime Record:

1 start, 1 win, €12,500. **Click for Equidia VIDEO.**

O-Khalid Abdullah. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. T-Andre Fabre.

**6th-MAI, €25,000, Mdn, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:07.70, gd.**

**PRIVET HEDGE (f, 3, First Defence--Privity {GSW-Fr, GSP-US, \$247,201}, by Private Account),** who was

last seen finishing sixth on testing ground in a mile conditions event at Longchamp in October, raced freely

without cover towards the fore. Full of run in early stretch, the 9-1 chance kicked into a decisive lead

passing the quarter pole and was not fully extended to best Free Flying (Fr) (Authorized {Ire}) by two lengths.

The winner is a 1/2 to Trimaran (Mizzen Mast), SP-US, \$112,100. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place,

€16,100. **Click for Equidia VIDEO.**

O-Khalid Abdullah. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. T-David Smaga.

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## Asia

### Yesterday's Result:

**TOKYO SPRINT**-Listed, ¥45,900,000, Oi, 4-2, 4yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.70, gd

1--**NORTHERN RIVER (JPN)**, 123, h, 6, **Agnes Tachyon (Jpn)--Soninke (GB)**, by **Machiavellian**. (¥56,000,000 yrl '9 JRHAJUL) O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Northern Farm; T-Hidekazu Asami; J-Masayoshi Ebina; ¥27,000,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Jpn, 19-7-3-2. \*Full to Not Alone (Jpn), SW-Jpn, \$929,554; 1/2 to Monroe Blond (Jpn) (Admire Vega {Jpn}), SP-Jpn, \$647,703; Renforcer (Jpn) (Symboli Kris S.), GSW-Jpn, \$3,734,466.

2--**Sei Crimson (Jpn)**, 126, h, 8, **Eishin Sandy (Jpn)--Suda Reef (Jpn)**, by **South Atlantic (Ire)**. O-Seiki Kaneda; B-Shimizu Stud; ¥9,450,000.

3--**Algorithm (Jpn)**, 123, h, 6, **Agnes Tachyon (Jpn)--Tie Talk**, by **Black Tie Affair (Ire)**. O-Koji Oka; B-Torii Farm; ¥5,400,000.

Margins: 3, 2HF, HF. Odds: 0.50, 2.20, 120.90.

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-OPX**, \$61,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.

**GLORYS LAST CHANCE** (f, 4, **Stephen Got Even--Dynamiss**, by **Dynaformer**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$91,055. O/B-Whipporwill Farm (KY). T-John L Hall.

**7th-AQU**, \$59,000, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36 4/5, ft.

**COUSIN MICHAEL** (g, 5, **Greeley's Galaxy--Distinctive Flag**, by **Distinctive Pro**) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-4, \$164,640. O-Drawing Away Stable & David Jacobson. B-Sugar Maple Farm (NY). T-David Jacobson. \*1/2 to Sailmate (Friends Lake), MSP, \$275,850.

**8th-PIM**, \$50,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), C, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

**DON TITO** (h, 7, **Trippi--Another Moochie**, by **Southern Halo**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 27-10-1-5, \$393,663. O-Andrew Gurdon. B-Stud El Aguila (FL). T-Rudy Rodriguez.

**7th-PIM**, \$42,809, Alw, C, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45 3/5, ft.

**SOUTH ANDROS** (f, 4, **Sky Mesa--Misty Rain**, by **Rubiano**) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-3, \$97,450. O-Hillwood Stable LLC and Chance Farm. B-Chance Farm (VA). T-Rodney Jenkins. \*\$32,000 RNA wlng '10 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Lunar Mist (Malibu Moon), SW, \$154,601.

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**5th-PEN**, \$31,616, 4-2, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37 4/5, gd.

**ST MOOSE** (g, 5, **Lemon Drop Kid--Lady Reiko {Ire}** {**SW & GSP**, \$303,562}, by **Sadler's Wells**) Lifetime Record: 23-5-4-3, \$144,749. O-Treblanna Stable. B-Meritage Ventures Inc (KY). T-Miguel Vera. \*\$20,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '11 KEEAPR. \*\*1/2 to Chopper Won (Kris), SW, \$149,300.

**8th-CTX**, \$29,100, 4-2, NW4LX, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26 4/5, ft.

**LEAD ME NOT** (m, 5, **Speightstown--Into Temptation**, by **Kris S.**) Lifetime Record: 19-4-3-1, \$92,727. O-Dave Alban & Morris Floyd. B-Morris Floyd, Pat Farrah, Dan Tsujioka & Dave Alban (KY). T-Eric Reed. \*\$34,000 RNA yrl '10 FTKJUL.

**8th-HAW**, \$29,000, 4-2, C, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.

**MASQUERADE FASHION** (m, 5, **Devil His Due--Fashionable Nature**, by **Valiant Nature**) Lifetime Record: 32-4-2-7, \$117,517. O-Cristel Racing Stable Inc. B-Jim Cristel (IL). T-Mark Cristel.

**4th-CTX**, \$27,000, 4-2, NW3L, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:19 3/5, ft.

**CAPTAIN KLINK** (g, 3, **Greatness--Captain Molly**, by **Lost Soldier**) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-2, \$57,770. O-Taylor Mountain Farm LLC. B/T-J W Casey (WV).

**7th-CTX**, \$27,000, 4-2, NW3L, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:20 1/5, ft.

**RIP CURRENT** (g, 3, **Tidal Wave--Bar Fly**, by **Chief Honcho**) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-2, \$60,290. O-Grams Racing Stable LLC. B-Tex J Mullins (WV). T-Timothy C Grams.

**8th-MNR**, \$22,200, 4-2, Opt. Clm. (\$15,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 2/5, ft.

**EURO CASH** (g, 7, **Eurosilver--Proper Lassie**, by **Topsider**) Lifetime Record: 43-15-7-7, \$130,968. O/T-Larry Smith. B-T F VanMeter & Pioneer Ventures (KY). \*\$20,000 yrl '08 KEEJAN; \$10,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$7,500 2yo '09 EVDMAR.



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### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**He's Achance**, g, 3, **Cactus Ridge--She's Achance**, by **American Chance**. PIM, 4-3, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Joan & W Dale Everett (MD).



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**On Ghosts Wings**, f, 3, **On Eagles Wings--Ghost Canyon**, by **Indian Charlie**. CTX, 4-2, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21 4/5. B-John D McKee (WV). \*1/2 to Hidden Canyon (Fiber Sonde), MSW, \$134,855.

**Louisville Bound**, g, 4, **Petionville--Senorita Louisa**, by **Louis Quatorze**. PEN, 4-2, (S), 1m, 1:39 2/5. B-Dun Roamin Farm & Rosemore Farms (PA).

**Mindfulness**, m, 5, **Valid Expectations--Diaki**, by **Diesis (GB)**. CTX, 4-2, 6 1/2f, 1:21 1/5. B-John B Goodman (TX).



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