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While some of this year's Royal Ascot races appear slightly below the class of recent times, today's G1 St James's Palace S. is the exception with



Night of Thunder (Ire)
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★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★
Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and **Night of Thunder (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) providing a contest of real quality in the day one highlight. So emphatic was Kingman's dismissal of the latter in the Apr. 12 G3 Greenham S. at Newbury, very few expected a turnaround in that form ahead of the G1 2000 Guineas, but Night of Thunder belied odds of 40-1 to find five-lengths improvement and deny the Juddmonte homebred in the dying strides of the May 3

Newmarket Classic. As at Newbury, the rain came in time for Kingman to dominate the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas three weeks later but ground conditions have swung back to the fast side as they were at headquarters last month. **Cont.p6**

TOR DE FORCE

Twelve months ago, **Toronado (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) headed to Royal Ascot on a retrieval mission and duly regained his reputation and there is a sense of deja vu as he heads to post a hot favorite for today's G1 Queen Anne S. Rebounding from a below-par show in the G1 2000 Guineas when narrowly beaten by Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) in the G1 St James's Palace S., Al Shaqab Racing's bay avenged that loss in Goodwood's G1 Sussex S. the following month. Not seen since a disappointing last of six in the G1 Juddmonte International at York in August, he has been thriving in his work prior to this keenly-anticipated comeback. **Cont. p6**



Toronado (Ire)
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INTERNATIONAL CAST AT LONDON SALE

by Emma Berry

A mare in foal to Frankel (GB) and with a Frankel foal at foot was certainly the star package in advance of the sale, but their combined sale price of €1.15 million (*US\$1,952,876*) was not enough to secure top billing at the inaugural Goffs



Cappella Sansevero
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London Sale at Kensington Palace. That honour went to **Cappella Sansevero (GB)**, the Listed Marble Hill S.-winning son of freshman sire Showcasing (GB), who sold to Sheikh Hamad Al Thani with a bid of €1.3 million (*US\$2,207,706*). Unlike

many sales purchases, the colt ([lot 49](#)), who is trained in Ireland by Ger Lyons, will instantly have a chance to demonstrate whether he was a good buy or not when he lines up in today's G2 Coventry S. on the first day of Royal Ascot. Speaking on behalf of Sheikh Hamad, who, with his brothers Sheikh Fahad and Sheikh Suhaim lent their backing to the sale through their QIPCO organisation, the team's advisor David Redvers said, "Sheikh Hamad particularly wanted to buy this horse and Ger Lyons loves him and thinks he's as good a horse as he's had. We've been very successful with Ger and the horse will continue to be trained by him. We've paid a premium for him, but that's what happens at sales like this." **Goffs cont. p3**

A 1-2 THRILLER
BY **ARTIE SCHILLER**

Sunday's \$150,000 Queen's Plate Trial at Woodbine turned into an "Artie exacta" when **WE MISS ARTIE** bested **MAJESTIC SUNSET** by three-quarters of a length in the prep race for the Queen's Plate (G1).

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Verrazano at Ballydoyle
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Verrazano Takes Aim at Anne

Verrazano (More Than Ready) attempts to become a winner at the highest level on both sides of the Atlantic as he takes on nine others in today's G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot.

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Taking a Stand

There have only been three 3-year-olds to have upstaged their elders in Royal Ascot's G1 King's Stand S. since 1997, but Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) gives the impression he is one of rare ilk as he tackles the veterans in today's renewal.

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TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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10:05a	Coventry S.-G2, Asc	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
10:45a	King's Stand S.-G1, Asc	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
11:25a	St James's Palace S.-G1, Asc	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG

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Goffs London cont. from p1

Whether or not there are other “sales like this” is debatable. The eclectic auction offered not just breeze-up horses and 20 horses in training holding golden-ticket entries to this week’s Royal meeting, but also the aforementioned mare, **Crystal Gaze (Ire)** (Rainbow Quest {GB}) and her Frankel colt--the first offspring of the outstanding champion to be offered for sale publicly--not to mention a lifetime breeding right to one of Europe’s most popular stallions, Invincible Spirit (Ire), which was sold as the final lot for €160,000 to David Redvers.



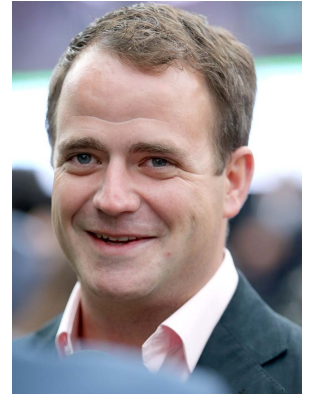
Frankel-Crystal Gaze
Jo Roberts

They may not have made top price, but the interest shown in Group 2 producer Crystal Gaze and her Frankel colt ([lot 65](#)) was second to none at a bloodstock auction. The only two horses to be paraded at Kensington Palace, bar the stallions Makfi and Zoustar who were shown prior to the sale, the duo kept their cool under the constant whirring of many camera shutters from a throng of national media jostling for position alongside the regular racing pack. MV Magnier opened the bidding at €1 million and had to counter just one other bid with his final offer of €1.15 million.

Confirming that the foal had been bought for a racing partnership, Magnier said, “He’s a really nice horse and we’ll take him back to Coolmore and hopefully race him in the future. He made plenty of money, but he deserved to.”

Referring to the concept of the London Sale, Magnier added, “It’s fantastic. Anything that brings in new people to this business has to be a good thing.”

Collectively, the equine assortment grossed €7,915,000 for 41 sold of the 53 on offer (77%) at an average price of €193,000 and median of €120,000.



M V Magnier
Jo Roberts

Topping the breezers was a filly by Distorted Humor, who, offered as [lot 3](#), got the sale off to a heady start when knocked down for €600,000 to agent Stephen Hillen. Offered by Willie Browne’s Mocklershill operation, she is a daughter of the Sadler’s Wells mare Secretariat’s Soul, a sister to Grade I winner Perfect Soul (Ire).

“She’s been bought by a new American client who doesn’t want to be named, but she will be trained in Europe,” confirmed Hillen. “I’d seen her previously at Willie Browne’s and she’s always pleased me and she did the fastest breeze of the day by at least half a second and obviously she has a lovely pedigree.”

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TOP LOTS

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49	Cappella Sansevero (GB) (c, 2, Showcasing {GB}--Madam President {GB}) (20,000gns wnlq '12 TATDEC; 25,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT) B-Genesis Green Stud Ltd (GB) Consigned by Glenburnie Stables Purchased by Sheikh Fahed Al Thani	1,300,000
3	Unnamed (f, 2, Distorted Humor --Secretariat's Soul {Ire}) (\$130,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP) B-Charles Fipke (KY) Consigned by Mocklershill Purchased by Stephen Hillen	600,000
18	Unnamed (c, 2, Giant's Causeway --Ender's Valentine) (\$155,000 yrl '13 KEESEP) B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY) Consigned by Ballintry Stud Purchased by Volga Star Racing	400,000
47	Café Society (Fr) (g, 4, Motivator {GB}--Mishina {Fr}, by Highest Honor {Fr}) (€35,000, yrl '11 ARQAUG) B-A.R. L. Haras Du Quesnay (Fr) Consigned by Trillium Place Stables Purchased by Gai Waterhouse & James Harron	330,000
46	Bwana (Ire) (c, 2, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Lovely Blossom {Fr}) (39,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT) B-Grangecon Stud (Ire) Consigned by Melitta Lodge Stables Purchased by Mubarak Al Naemi & Kilfrush Stud	300,000
48	Caledonia Lady (GB) (m, 5, Firebreak {GB}--Granuaile O'Malley {Ire}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire}) B-Mr. C. J. & Mrs. I. M. Cage (GB) Consigned by Hill House Stables Purchased by Narvick International	300,000

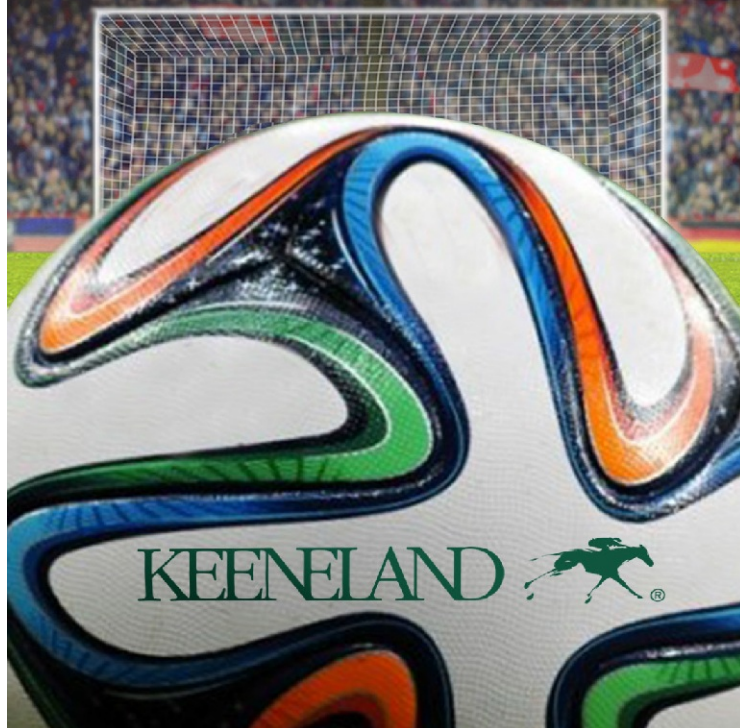
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No. €500K+	3
High Price	€1,300,000
Gross	€7,915,000
Average (% change)	€193,048
Median (% change)	€120,000



Goffs London cont.

Adding to the international feel of the sale was Australia's leading lady trainer Gai Waterhouse, who was the successful bidder on 4-year-old Motivator (GB)



M V Magnier and Crystal Gaze
Jo Roberts

gelding Cafe Society (Fr) (lot 47), who holds entries at Ascot for the Wolferton H. and Duke Of Edinburgh S. Having won the battle at €330,000, Waterhouse was full of praise for the

new sale. "It's sensational and I'll tell you why," Waterhouse said. "It's all about the timing, it's perfect. In Australia, when they brought in the Magic Millions, they challenged the market and that's what Goffs have done with this sale. It's on the eve of the Ascot and at Kensington Palace. How much closer to central London can you be?"

Waterhouse added that Cafe Society would go into quarantine for Australia after running at Ascot. "We offered €300,000 for him last year and couldn't buy him, so we came back for him," she said.

Russian interests were represented when Volga Star Racing went to €400,000 for lot 18, a colt by Giant's Causeway out of the Deputy Minister mare Ender's Valentine consigned by Ballintry Stud, while Mubarak Al Naemi, the Qatari owner of Ireland's Kilfrush Stud, paid €300,000 for **Bwana (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB})(lot 46), a winning 2-year-old half-brother to Group 2 winner Silk Blossom (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}).

With the ornate gardens at the Orangery at Kensington Palace packed with bloodstock folk from all corners of the globe, the Goffs team was unsurprisingly thrilled with the response to its extraordinary sale.

"We're delighted on a number of levels," said Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby. "We're pleased because the sale has gone well, and the venue and concept have both worked well. And we're pleased with the enthusiasm demonstrated by vendors, purchasers, our partners and the industry in general.

"There's genuine goodwill towards the idea," Beeby continued. "It's been complicated to put on and we had to get people on side. The vendors have been brilliant and we thought to ourselves that we wouldn't consider anything that wasn't a reasonable idea. Selling a breeding right to Invincible Spirit was a good idea and Qatar Bloodstock coming up with the mare and foal was sensational. We've tried to promote the thrill of Royal Ascot and I think there are new people here. The enthusiasm has blown us away. We couldn't have done it without our partners, particularly QIPCO. I can't underline how important their involvement was, both as supporters of the sale and the horses they've bought."

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G1 St. James's Palace cont. from p1

Assessing his chances, trainer John Gosden told *PA Sport*, "I've walked the track and it will be good-to-firm on the straight track by the race and good ground on the old [round] track. I'm very happy with him."

Regarding the competition his colt will be facing, the trainer added, "This is a very good race, though--it is by no means a two-horse race and if anyone goes in there thinking it is they are wrong. I'm certainly not underestimating anything. The front two are two very nice colts, but it is definitely not just between them and I'm also not sure how the bookmakers have it priced up as it is. I would have it as even between them. It's nice when you get two horses who keep meeting, it's good for racing."

Night of Thunder was suffering his sole reversal in the Greenham, where he was made to look sluggish by Khalid Abdullah's representative but benefitted from the combination of race-fitness and a livelier surface in the main event three weeks later. Richard Hannon was bemused by the betting favoring Night of Thunder's arch-rival.

"He beat us easily in the Greenham, but we feel we won fair and square in the 2000 Guineas and, while he obviously improved between Newmarket and The Curragh, where he was impressive in the Irish equivalent, our fellow has not exactly stood still," commented Hannon, who also saddles the Guineas disappointment **Toormore (Ire)** (Arakan). That colt was unbeaten at two, including in the G2 Vintage S. at Goodwood in July and G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. at The Curragh in September, before returning to annex the G3 Craven S. at Newmarket Apr. 17.



Toormore (Ire)
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In the latter contest, he had the subsequent G2 Dante S. and G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) two lengths behind in second giving that rival three pounds but his performance in the Classic itself over the same track and trip led connections to believe that he had run below-par. "He did not bring his A-game to the Guineas, but that is the one blip on his record and Ryan [Moore] was impressed when he won the Craven on him," Hannon added. "Obviously, he'll need to bounce back to be a player, but he has been in good nick at home."

Aidan O'Brien has an enviable record in this, with his six wins since the turn of the millennium equaling the previous record of Mathew Dawson, and his Ballydoyle stable is represented by Joseph Allen, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's **War Command** (War Front). He was one of the most impressive winners at this meeting last term when taking the G2 Coventry S. and went on to win the G2 Futurity S. at The Curragh in August and G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket in October, but was a flop in the Guineas. Sporting cheekpieces for the first time here, Joseph O'Brien is hoping for a revival of fortunes. "He seems in good form and we think he's improved since Newmarket," O'Brien said. "Looking at the Guineas now, it doesn't look as bad a run as we thought it was at the time. He was only beaten five or six lengths, so he ran a good race and we thought he'd improve plenty for the run. We feel that he has, so we hope he can get a bit closer. He was probably rusty at Newmarket and is a very laid-back horse, so the cheekpieces could sharpen him up a couple of lengths."



Royal Ascot cont.

Even more disappointing at Newmarket was Godolphin's G2 Champagne S. and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero, **Outstrip (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), but trainer Charlie Appleby is expecting vast improvement this time.



Outstrip (GB)
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"Outstrip blew very hard after he finished last in the QIPCO 2000 Guineas and scoped dirty, so we gave a couple of weeks on the easy list and then put him back into training," he explained. "I have been very happy with his preparation for the St James's Palace S. He took some of the best 2-year-old form into the Guineas, but you can put a line through his performance in the race. Outstrip showed an excellent turn of foot in the Breeders' Cup and the ability to quicken up is one of his attributes. I'm looking forward to seeing the Outstrip that we saw last year. A sound surface will suit him."

Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 4:25 p.m.

ST JAMES'S PALACE S.-G1, £375,000, 3yo, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Kingman (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Doyle	Gosden
2	1	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
3	2	Outstrip (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Buick	Appleby
4	3	Prince of All (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Hayes	Deegan
5	5	Toormore (Ire)	Arakan	Moore	Hannon
6	6	War Command	War Front	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
7	4	Yuften (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Atzeni	Haggas

All carry 126 pounds.

Queen Anne cont. from p1

Eagerly awaiting his charge's return to competition, trainer Richard Hannon said, "This has always been Toronado's first target and his preparation could not have gone better. He won the Craven first time out last year, so we don't see lack of a prep-race being a problem and we were all very impressed when we went a mile on the grass up at Everleigh last week, looking every inch the horse we think he is. However, now he has to go and do it on the track again--fingers crossed he'll come through the test with flying colours."

Aidan O'Brien took this in 2008 with the recently-imported Haradasun (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus) and bids for a fourth renewal with the high-class **Verrazano** (More Than Ready) who comes in from the States.

Last year's GI Wood Memorial and GI Haskell Invitational winner was an encouraging third on his European debut in the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury May 17 and Joseph O'Brien is hoping he can emulate last year's winner Declaration of War (War Front) in stepping up markedly on a prep in that prestigious affair.

"He's done well since the Lockinge and we feel he's come on since the race," he said. "We feel he'll like Ascot. It's going to be his second run on grass and should have learned plenty from Newbury, so we're looking forward to it. The ground wasn't too bad at Newbury, but the faster it is the better for him. He's a very uncomplicated horse."

Representing South African and Dubaian form is Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Soft Falling Rain (SAf)** (National Assembly), who demonstrated his quality on turf when annexing Newmarket's G2 Joel S. in September before coming unstuck on soft ground in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. on Champions' Day here in October. He adds further international flavor to this renewal along with the French challenger **Anodin (Ire)** (Anabaa), a brother of the 2010 winner Goldikova (Ire) who has been supplemented following a career-best second to Cirrus des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}) in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan over an extended nine-furlong trip at Longchamp May 25. The Wertheimer homebred has been racing on soft ground in his native country and gets the chance on a faster surface here.

"He's been very good and I think he's improved this year, he's very well," trainer Freddy Head told *PA Sport*. "He's a horse I like from a family I know very well--they have all got better with age, none of them were precocious. The straight course should be in his favour and the stiff mile will be ideal for him too. It is very hard to compare him with Goldikova, as she was something special. I can't say that he is as good as her, but he is a good horse. Now we know that he is a real miler, that he loves good ground and that you can wait with him in a race as he needs to be relaxed."

Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2:30 p.m.

QUEEN ANNE S.-G1, £375,000, 4yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Anodin (Ire)	Anabaa	Peslier	Head
2	7	Ansgar (Ire)	Celtic Swing (GB)	Cleary	Harty
3	9	Glory Awaits (Ire)	Choisir (Aus)	Doyle	K Ryan
4	6	Mull of Killough (Ire)	Mull of Kintyre	Kirby	J Chpple-Hyam
5	10	Producer (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Moore	Hannon
6	1	Side Glance (GB)	Passing Glance (GB)	Spencer	Balding
7	3	Soft Falling Rain (SAf)	National Assembly	Hanagan de Kock	
8	8	Toronado (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
9	2	Tullius (Ire)	Le Vie Dei Colori (GB)	Fortune	Balding
10	4	Verrazano	More Than Ready	J O'Brien	A O'Brien

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MAKING A STAND

There have only been three 3-year-olds to have upstaged their elders in Royal Ascot's G1 King's Stand S. since 1997, but **Hot Streak (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) gives



Hot Streak (Ire)
Racing Post Photo

the impression he is one of rare ilk as he tackles the veterans in today's renewal. Confirmed by trainer Kevin Ryan as the best he had handled following his success in the G2 Temple S. at Haydock May 24, Qatar Racing's new sprinting force is re-opposed by last year's third **Pearl Secret (GB)** (Compton Place {GB}), who he beat by a half-length last time. Already proven over this track and trip when impressive in the G3 Cornwallis S. in October, the G1 Middle Park S. runner-up is all pace and power and this test looks made for him.

"Hopefully, he's the new sprinting sensation and I'm looking forward to seeing him on a track that we know suits him against the best sprinters around," David Redvers, racing and bloodstock manager for the owners, told *PA Sport*. "We'll know where we stand at the end of tomorrow. [Pearl Secret] ran a great race in this last year first time out, needing the run and it was a run that puts him bang there. This year he is stronger physically and he's training very well. [Trainer] David [Barron] couldn't be happier with the horse and he thinks his horse is the one that's going to take all the beating, so we're very excited."

Withdrawn from Haydock after the rain deadened conditions, last year's winner **Sole Power (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}) has his favored fast ground again here and holds Hot Streak on the form of his win in Newmarket's G3 Palace House S. over this trip May 3.

Trainer Edward Lynam told *PA Sport*, "We are very pleased with Sole Power and he has been in great form since he won the Palace House S. We hoped to run him at Haydock in the Temple S., but the weather beat us. Our only concern is that they have watered at Ascot then subsequently had quite a lot of rain. He wants quick ground, but Ascot drains well and we are just hoping that it comes back in time. Sole Power has been massive for me. He has run in 16 Group 1s and finished in the frame eight times including two victories."

Twelve months ago, Brian Joffee and Myron Berzack's **Shea Shea (SAf)** (National Emblem {SAf}) was denied by Sole Power in the last strides and also narrowly missed out on a first European Group 1 win in York's Nunthorpe in August. He beat Godolphin's **Ahtoug (GB)** (Byron {GB}) in the Mar. 8 G3 Meydan Sprint before finishing third behind Amber Sky (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and that rival in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint three weeks later. Connections are hoping the dice can fall his way this time.

"He ran the race of his life last year," trainer Mike de Kock's assistant Steve Jell told *PA Sport*. "He's pretty much in the same form. It just depends how the others in the race are. There are a couple of 3-year-olds in there to worry about, but he's in good form."

Another sophomore to respect is Ballydoyle's **Guerre (War Front)**, who beat the subsequent G2 Duke of York S. winner Maarek (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) in the Listed Woodlands S. on only his third start at Naas last time Apr. 28.

Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

KING'S STAND S.-G1, £375,000, 3yo/up, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Ahtoug (GB)	Byron (GB)	Buick	Appleby	130
2	1	Ancil	City Zip	Doyle	Scott	130
3	17	Es Que Love (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	Kirby	Cox	130
4	3	Jack Dexter (GB)	Orienteer (GB)	G Lee	Goldie	130
5	10	Medicean Man (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Bentley	Gask	130
6	7	Pearl Secret (GB)	Compton Place (GB)	Peslier	Barron	130
7	16	Rex Imperator (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Dettori	Haggas	130
8	2	Shea Shea (SAf)	National Emblem (SAf)	Soumillon	de Kock	130
9	8	Sole Power (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	R Hughes	Lynam	130
10	4	Stepper Point (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Dwyer	Muir	130
11	15	Steps (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Fallon	Varian	130
12	12	Take Cover (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Probert	Griffiths	130
13	9	Caledonia Lady (GB)	Firebreak (GB)	Jones	J Hughes	127
14	6	Green Door (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Crowley	Stevens	124
15	14	Guerre (Ire)	War Front	Moore	A O'Brien	124
16	11	Hot Streak (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Spencer	K Ryan	124
17	5	Justice Day (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Hanagan	Elsworth	124



KING'S STAND S.

A Stand Plate was first run on the round course in 1837, becoming the Royal Stand Plate in 1858. The race was re-named the Queen's Stand Plate in 1860 for 2-year-olds, over the sprint distance of four furlongs, finally becoming the King's Stand Plate in 1901. Today the race remains a sprint, although now run over the minimum trip of five furlongs for 3-year-olds and up. In 2005, it became the first British leg of the Global Sprint Challenge and in 2008 it was promoted to Group 1.



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KOOL AND THE GANG

Today's G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot features the usual mix of English and Irish juveniles fast on the upgrade, with Middleham Park Racing's unbeaten **Kool Kompany (Ire)** (Jeremy) in pole position for the Richard Hannon stable successful three times previously. Having beaten Ballydoyle's **War Envoy** (War Front) in the Listed Rochestown S. over this trip at Naas June 2, he has already achieved more than the majority of his rivals here. He is joined by stable companion, Denford Stud's May 20 Nottingham maiden scorer **Dr No (GB)** (Aussie Rules). Their conditioner said, "The Coventry S. has been a lucky race for us over the years and, though we don't have another Canford Cliffs, we run two very nice horses in Kool Kompany and Dr No. Kool Kompany won [at Naas] despite racing with the choke out early on, and, though he has plenty of speed, we think this stiff six furlongs will suit him well. Dr No showed us at Nottingham second time what we expected to see from him on his debut, and the ground is drying up again which is a bonus for him."

Aidan O'Brien currently shares the record of seven winners and it is significant that he saddles a sole runner in Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Joseph Allen's War Envoy, who jockey Joseph O'Brien expects to improve for this faster ground.

"I was a little disappointed with him at Naas, but we hadn't done much with him since he won his maiden," Joseph O'Brien commented. "He traveled like the winner down to the two, but the ground was plenty slow for him. Back on quick ground, he worked nicely the other day, so hopefully he can come back to what we thought he was. He ran a solid race and hopefully he can improve five or six lengths."

As usual, there are a clutch of potential stars on show which include the unbeaten May 24 Listed Marble Hill S. scorer **Cappella Sansevero (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), the impressive June 3 Yarmouth conditions winner **Adaay (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) and Al Shaqab Racing's recent acquisition **The Wow Signal (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}). One of a few by his sire, the John Quinn trainee blitzed the subsequent impressive winners Doc Charm (GB) (Hellvelyn {GB}) and **Jungle Cat (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) by nine and 11 lengths respectively over this trip on his sole start at Ayr May 21.

"He's a very exuberant horse, he has a great way of galloping--every day he thinks it's his big day, which is nice to see in a racehorse," Quinn told *PA Sport*. "His form is good, I don't know about quick ground, but I wouldn't think it would be too quick on Tuesday. We think he's a smart colt and if it doesn't happen Tuesday, I feel it will happen at some point this year in a group race."

Also in the mix is ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ **Portamento (Ire)** (Shamardal), who looked to possess real quality when beating the subsequent winner Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) by four lengths in a maiden over this trip on soft ground at Goodwood May 22.



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Trainer Charlie Appleby said, "I was very pleased with Portamento's Goodwood victory on soft ground and he could not have accomplished the victory in any better style. He improved from his first to second start and he should have come on again a nice bit. The form of the Goodwood race was boosted when the second won next time out and Portamento, being by Shamardal, will be fine on good ground."

Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:05 p.m.

COVENTRY S.-G2, £120,000, 2yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	12	Adaay (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Hanagan	Haggas
2	14	Angelic Lord (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Kingscote	Dascombe
3	7	Bossy Guest (Ire)	Medicean (GB)	Twstn-Dvs	Channon
4	13	Cappella Sansevero (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Keane	Lyons
5	5	Case Statement (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Murphy	O'Callaghan
6	9	Cock of the North (GB)	Cockney Rebel (Ire)	Tylicki	Dixon
7	16	Dr No (GB)	Aussie Rules	Dobbs	Hannon
8	15	Jungle Cat (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Fanning	Johnston
9	2	Justice Good (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Moore	Elsworth
10	6	Kasb (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	O'Neill	Gosden
11	8	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Kirby	Cox
12	10	Kool Kompany (Ire)	Jeremy	Hughes	Hannon
13	3	Portamento (Ire)	Shamardal	Buick	Appleby
14	4	Prophesize (GB)	Captain Rio (GB)	Cosgrave	Quinlan
15	1	The Wow Signal (Ire)	Strspngldbnr (Aus)	Dettori	Quinn
16	11	War Envoy	War Front	J O'Brien	A O'Brien

All carry 127 pounds.

Look for the  throughout the TDN graded stakes entries, denoting Keeneland sales graduates.





MADNESS

Just after 3pm, it will become clearer whether **Mind of Madness (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire}) has even stronger claims in the card-closing Listed Windsor Castle S. than he appears to hold at present. Beaten 3/4 of a length by the leading G2 Coventry S. protagonist **Adaay (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) in a conditions event over six furlongs at Yarmouth June 3, Qatar Racing's bay reverts to the trip over which he took a Newmarket maiden in impressive fashion on debut Apr. 16. Another whose form could look better after the Coventry is Jeff Smith's **Merdon Castle (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), who went down by a half length to Kool Kompany (Ire) (Jeremy) in a similar contest over this trip at Windsor May 19. From the now-familiar Wesley Ward raiding party is Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier and Michael Tabor's **Hootenanny** (Quality Road), who may have found muddy dirt against him when third in Pimlico's Listed Rollicking S. last time May 16.

Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 5:35 p.m.

WINDSOR CASTLE S.-Listed, £60,000, 2yo, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	8	Among Angels (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Hughes	Hannon
2	3	Biting Bullets (K)	Bluegrass Cat	Kirby	Hughes
3	18	Bwana (Ire)	Ftstpsnthesnd (GB)	Doyle	Prendergast
4	5	Casterbridge (GB)	Pstori Pursuits (GB)	Hart	Alston
5	7	Commander Patten (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	Murphy	Bailey
6	19	Cotai Glory (GB)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Baker	Hills
7	4	Denzille Lane (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Fanning	Johnston
8	12	Flyball (GB)	Proclamation (Ire)	Dobbs	Hannon
9	16	Four Seasons (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby
10	20	Fuwairt (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	Dettori	Hannon
11	2	Goring (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	Fortune	J-Houghton
12	23	Harry Hurricane (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Cosgrave	Baker
13	24	Haxby (Ire)	Vale of York (Ire)	Atzeni	Varian
14	25	Hootenanny (K)	Quality Road	Espinoza	Ward
15	9	Majestic Hero (Ire)	Majestic Missile (Ire)	Probert	Harris
16	13	Merdon Castle (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Moore	Elsworth
17	15	Midterm Break (Ire)	Intense Focus	Gibbons	Barron
18	14	Mind of Madness (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Spencer	Brown
19	17	Mubtaghaa (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Hanagan	Haggas
20	10	Prince Bonnaire (GB)	Kheleyf	Lee	Brown
21	11	Roudee (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Kingscote	Dascombe
22	21	Union Rose (GB)	Stimulation (Ire)	TwstnDvis	Harris
23	22	Boann (Ire)	Vale of York (Ire)	Prince	Moore
24	6	Sarista (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Winston	Barron
25	1	Somedaysrdiamnds (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Hitchcott	Moore

All carry 129 pounds bar Boann, Sarista & Somedaysrdiamonds, 124.

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

PRINCE OF WALES'S S.-G1, £525,000, 4yo/up, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Elkaayed	Distorted Humor	O'Neill	Varian
2	8	Magician (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
3	1	Mukhadram (GB)	Shamardal	Hanagan	Haggas
4	5	Parish Hall (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Manning	Bolger
5	3	Zambucca (SAf)	Lundy's Liability (Brz)	Cosgrave	Kelleway
6	6	Dank (GB)	Dansili (GB)	R Moore	Stoute
7	7	The Fugue (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Buick	Gosden
8	2	Treve (Fr)	Motivator (GB)	Dettori	Head-Maarek

All carry 126 pounds bar Dank, The Fugue & Treve, 123.

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 4:25 p.m.

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE S.-G2, £135,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Sky Lantern (Ire)	Red Clubs (Ire)	R Hughes	Hannon	131
2	10	Certify (K)	Elusive Quality	Doyle	Appleby	129
3	4	Fiesolana (Ire)	Aussie Rules	W Lee	McCreery	129
4	7	L'Amour de Ma Vie (K)	Dansili (GB)	Soumillon	Brandt	129
5	13	Annedcote (GB)	Lucky Story	Kingscote	Portman	126
6	5	Esoterique (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Guyon	Fabre	126
7	14	Gifted Girl (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Queally	Cole	126
8	9	Integral (GB)	Dalakhani (Ire)	R Moore	Stoute	126
9	1	Kenhope (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Peslier	Pantall	126
10	8	Masarah (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Fallon	Brittain	126
11	2	Peace Burg (Fr)	Sageburg (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien	126
12	6	Princess Loulou (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Atzeni	Varian	126
13	12	Purr Along (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Spencer	Murtagh	126
14	11	Woodland Aria (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Buick	Gosden	126

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:05 p.m.

QUEEN MARY S.-G2, £100,000, 2yo, f, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	9	Adulation (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Fortune	Haggas
2	14	Al Fareej (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Fallon	J Tate
3	8	Al Ghuwariyah (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	McDonogh	K Ryan
4	12	Anthem Alexander (Ire)	Strspngldbnnr (Aus)	Smullen	Lynam
5	1	Arabian Queen (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	de Sousa	Elsworth
6	10	Blue Aegean (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Buick	Appleby
7	6	Clouds Rest (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Hanagan	Fahey
8	15	Coto (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	Keane	Tynan
9	11	Dangerous Moonlite (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	R Moore	Hannon
10	16	Free Entry (Ire)	Approve (Ire)	Doyle	J Tate
11	5	Harry's Dancer (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Dettori	Quinn
12	4	Ko Cache (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Eaves	Dagleish
13	2	La Cuesta (Ire)	Showcasing (GB)	Peslier	Osborne
14	19	Lady Gemini (GB)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Murphy	J Hughes
15	18	Lady Marita (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Prince	S Moore
16	7	Littlemissblakeney (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Lordan	Palmer
17	3	London Life (Ire)	Approve (Ire)	Kingscote	Dascombe
18	20	Newsletter (Ire)	Sir Percy (GB)	Foley	Condon
19	21	Pastoral Girl (GB)	Pastoral Prsts (GB)	G Lee	Given
20	17	Polar Vortex (Ire)	Pastoral Prsts (GB)	Kirby	Cox
21	13	Spanish Pipedream	Scat Daddy	Espinoza	Ward
22	22	Tiggy Wiggy (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	R Hughes	Hannon

All carry 126 pounds.

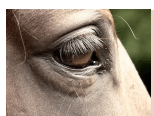
NEWS TODAY

CALDER CANCELS SUMMIT OF SPEED

Calder has canceled its Summit of Speed series for 2014 as a result of the pending race dates agreement with Gulfstream Park. The canceled stakes which had been scheduled for July 5 are the JJ's Dream; Frank Gomez Memorial; GIII Azalea S.; GIII Carry Back S.; GII Princess Rooney H.; GII Smile Sprint H. and Bob Umphrey Turf Sprint. Launched in 2000, the Summit of Speed has produced several high-profile winners, including Breeders' Cup winners and champions Awesome Feather, Benny the Bull, Big Drama, Lost in the Fog and Musical Romance, who would use the Princess Rooney as a steppingstone to a Breeders' Cup win and divisional honors.

"The Summit of Speed has been the cornerstone of the Calder meet for over a decade," said Vice President and General Manager of Racing John Marshall. "We are optimistic that these top sprint races will return to the Thoroughbred racing scene in the future."





PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Sunday, Chantilly, France

PRIX DE DIANE LONGINES-G1, €1,000,000, CHA, 6-15, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:05.37, gd.

1--**AVENIR CERTAIN (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by **Le Havre (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Puggy (Ire)** (GSP-Eng & Nor & MSP-Swe), by **Mark of Esteem (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Jakarta (Ire)**, by **Machiavellian**

3rd Dam: **Lunda (Ire)**, by **Soviet Star**

(€45,000 yrl '12 ARQOCT). O-Antonio Caro & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Mme Elisabeth Vidal (FR);

T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Gregory Benoist. €571,400.

Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 5 wins, €868,030. **Werk**

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

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For me, mention of Le Havre still sends a shudder down my spine nearly 30 years after I attempted to drive the wrong way up one of the town's one-way

streets, soon after disembarking the Newhaven-Le Havre ferry.

Owner-breeder Gerard Augustin-Normand no doubt has a very different response. Not only is Le Havre his hometown, but he chose the name in 2007 for a yearling colt by Noverre. The equine Le Havre proceeded to become



Le Havre (Ire)
Racing Post Photo

Augustin-Normand's first classic winner, sweeping to victory in the 2009 Prix du Jockey-Club. Unfortunately, the Jockey-Club proved to be Le Havre's final appearance, as tendon problems led to his retirement after only six starts. He won four of them, though, and proved a bargain at the €100,000 paid for him at Deauville by trainer Jean-Claude Rouget.

I knew little about Augustin-Normand at the time of Le Havre's Classic success. In fact, Le Havre was one of 37 horses which carried the Augustin-Normand colors that year. However, Augustin-Normand is a financial analyst, a former head of asset management firm Richelieu Finance, and his wealth has enabled a rapid expansion of his racing and breeding interests. The 2011 season saw him set a French record of 98 winners, but that record didn't last long, as Augustin-Normand's tally soared to 130 victories in 2012, gained with a total of 175 individual runners.

Now Augustin-Normand holds second place behind the Aga Khan on France's current owners' list, and he owes this lofty position largely to members of the first crop by Le Havre. Among them are La Hogue, runner-up in the G2 Prix de Sandringham after a listed race victory, Auvray, a listed winner who finished a creditable fifth in Sunday's G3 Prix du Lys, and Orbec, runner-up in the Listed Derby du Languedoc.

However, easily the star of the Augustin-Normand Le Havre show has been his dual Classic-winning daughter Avenir Certain, who is co-owned by Antonio Caro.

Although Avenir Certain had lined up for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches as an unbeaten winner of three races, her starting price of 14-1 reflected the fact that she had yet to tackle stakes company.

Her line had been cast in quieter waters, as is often the case with Jean-Claude Rouget's horses, which are based in south-west France. Avenir Certain won the Pouliches in style, eventhough her victory was a little tarnished by a long-running inquiry into a bump she dealt to fourth-placed Bawina.

There was no questioning the impressive acceleration she displayed at Longchamp and that acceleration was again very much in evidence two days ago at Chantilly, when Avenir Certain swooped fast and late to take the G1 Prix de Diane.

Appropriately, Avenir Certain was bred by Elisabeth Vidal, who, along with her husband Sylvain, owns the Haras La Cauviniere, where Le Havre stands.

Le Havre's bright start--achieved with runners sired at a fee of only €5,000--raises hopes that the Blushing Groom male line has a new standard-bearer. Roughly 20 years ago, the Blushing Groom line looked poised to become one of the most important in Europe, thanks to a team which featured his outstanding sons Nashwan, Arazi and Rainbow Quest. Although Rainbow Quest did very well, his legacy has centered on his broodmare daughters rather than his stallion sons and the line looked virtually moribund. Now it is being given a further chance of survival through Le Havre's efforts and by the arrival at Lanwades Stud of Blushing Groom's much-travelled grandson Leroidesanimaux.

Le Havre is a grandson of Rahy, who flew the flag so well for Blushing Groom during his long innings at Three Chimneys. His sire Noverre narrowly came out on top in the 2001 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, only to be disqualified after failing a dope test. He later confirmed his talent when he quickened impressively to take the G1 Sussex S.

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AVENIR CERTAIN (FR), f, 2011

Le Havre (Ire)	Noverre	Rahy	Blushing Groom
			Glorious Song
		Danseur Fabuleux	Northern Dancer
			Fabuleux Jane
			Konigsstuhl (Ger)
Marie Rheinberg (Ger)		Surako (Ger)	Surata (Ger)
			Jefferson (GB)
		Marie D'Argonne (Fr)	Mohair (Fr)
Puggy (Ire) MGSP 2FIs, 1 G1SW	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Darshaan (GB)	Shirley Heights (GB)
			Delsey (Fr)
		Homage (GB)	Ajdal
			Home Love
	Jakarta (Ire) 5FIs, 1GSP	Machiavellian	Mr. Prospector
			Coup De Folie
	Lunda (Ire) 13FIs, 1 MGSW	Soviet Star	
		Lucayan Princess (Ire)	



Insights cont.

Noverre's prospects as a stallion probably weren't helped by the fact that he was a 3/4-brother to Arazi, whose only notable achievement as a stallion was to sire the multiple Grade I winner Congaree. Consequently Noverre's sale to India at the start of 2008 wasn't widely mourned at the time, as he had sired just a couple of group winners from the 182 foals in his first two crops. However, he sired Le Havre in his third crop and his fourth included a trio of Group 1 winners in Music Show (2010 Falmouth S.), Enora (2010 Preis der Diana) and I'm A Dreamer (2012 Beverly D S.). Just as Noverre was beginning to look a major coup for the Indian breeding industry, he died in 2012. To get back to Avenir Certain, it mustn't be forgotten that two other unbeaten winners of the Prix de Diane--Zarkava and Treve--went on to land the Arc. Fillies have also taken the last three editions of the Arc.

That said, neither Avenir Cerain's trainer nor jockey seem convinced that she will cope with the extra 300 metres. It is easy to understand their concerns, especially when she is out of Puggy, a sprinter-miler sired by the miler Mark of Esteem. There are a few elements in her pedigree, though, which suggest she is worth trying over the longer distance.

Avenir Certain is the latest in a long line of good winners descending from the Sweet Solera S. winner Lucayan Princess. This daughter of the stamina-packed High Line proved a real money-spinner as a broodmare, producing three sons which did very well internationally. One, Warrsan, was a dual winner of both the G1 Coronation Cup and the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden over a mile and a half, while another, Luso, was also a four-time Group 1 winner over a mile and a half.

Lucayan Princess' broodmare daughters also enjoyed widespread success, with no fewer than five of them producing a total of six group winners. One of them was Avenir Certain's third dam, Lunda, whose contribution was Darshaan's very smart middle-distance horse Blue Monday. Blue Monday once ran creditably in the Melbourne Cup over two miles.

Avenir Certain's second dam is Lunda's daughter Jakarta, who visited Darshaan's son Mark of Esteem to produce Avenir Certain's dam Puggy. Avenir Certain is the third Classic winner produced by daughters of Mark of Esteem, her predecessors being Treasure Beach (Irish Derby) and Masked Marvel (St Leger).

One interesting feature of Avenir Certain's pedigree is that Noverre's dam Danseur Fabuleux was a 3/4-sister to Ajdal, the broodmare sire of Mark of Esteem. This creates 4x5 to Northern Dancer and 5x5 to that famous mare Native Partner, and the filly also has two lines of Halo (5x5).

Although Danseur Fabuleux and Ajdal were bred along similar lines, they were very different in aptitude. Danseur Fabuleux's best effort was her close second in a Group 3 over a mile and a half--a distance which had suited her dam, the Prix Diane third Fabuleux Jane. Ajdal, on the other hand, made his name as a champion sprinter, but only after he had put up a bold show in the Derby. He was beaten less than seven lengths at Epsom, after fading only in the final quarter mile.

To use the British idiom, it is going to be a case of suck it and see where Avenir Certain's stamina is concerned. But whatever her fate when she returns to action in the fall, she will remain a fine advertisement for Le Havre. [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

ST JAMES'S PALACE S. - RECENT WINNERS

Year	Winner	Sire	Trainer
'13	Dawn Approach (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Bolger
'12	Most Improved (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Meehan
'11	Frankel (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Cecil
'10	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	Tagula (Ire)	Hannon
'09	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	O'Brien
'08	Henrythenavigator	Kingmambo	O'Brien
'07	Excellent Art (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	O'Brien
'06	Araafa (Ire)	Mull of Kintyre	Nosedá
'05	Shamardal	Giant's Causeway	bin Suroor
'04	Azamour (Ire)	Night Shift	Oxx
'03	Zafeen (Fr)	Zafonic	Channon
'02	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Danehill	O'Brien
'01	Black Minnaloushe	Storm Cat	O'Brien
'00	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat	O'Brien
'99	Sendawar (Ire)	Priolo	de Royer-Dupre
'98	Dr Fong	Kris S.	Cecil

ROYAL ASCOT

Wednesday 18 June

2.30p	Jersey S.-G3	3yo, 7fT
3.05p	Windsor Forest S.-G2	4yo/up, f/m, 1mT
3.45p	Prince of Wales's S.-G1	4yo/up, 1 1/4mT
4.25p	Royal Hunt Cup (hcp)	3yo/up, 1mT
5.00p	Queen Mary S.-G2	2yo, f, 5f
5.35p	Sandringham S.-L (hcp)	3yo, f, 1mT

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OBS JUNE BEGINS TODAY

On the heels of record-setting March and April Sales, the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company hopes for a similarly successful June Sale of 2-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age, which begins today in Ocala. Last year's edition of the sale achieved new high marks in average, gross and median, as well as a sale's record top price of \$525,000 for Conquest Top Gun--a Pioneer of the Nile colt who recently won Woodbine's Marine S. With 1,216 horses catalogued--largest in the history of the sale--this year's renewal will have four sessions. Last year's two-session sale featured a catalogue of 748 hips. To accommodate the increased number of horses, the under tack show was extended to six days this year.



Conquest Top Gun
Michael Burns Photography

"I'm very pleased with the attendance and very pleased with the six-day setup," OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski said of the breeze show. "It seemed to work very well for both buyers and sellers. The feedback we've been getting is very positive."



Hip 228, a Harris Training Center-consigned Benny the Bull colt, and hip 836, a Mucho Macho Man filly from the Old South Farm consignment topped the under-tack show with :9 4/5 breezes. Hip 1070, a Scat Daddy colt also consigned by Harris Training Center, went the fastest quarter in 20.1.

When asked if he expects the advances from March and April to continue in the June sale, Wojciechowski explained, "We sure hope so. The activity in the

barn area has been great, so we're cautiously optimistic."

Although the catalogue has expanded greatly since last year, Wojciechowski believes the caliber of the horses has also improved. "There are a number of quality horses on the grounds," he stated. "We're really excited about the quality that's here for the sale. Our numbers have increased dramatically over the last year, but I would say our quality has as well. We just hope the buyers are able to come here and find the horses they want and the sellers are pleased with what they get for them."

Last year's June sale saw 439 horses sell for a gross of \$14,596,700. The average was \$33,250 and the median was \$20,000.

Bidding will get underway at 10:30 a.m. at the OBS sales complex.

Eastern U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-PRX, \$48,980, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37, ft. COUSIN STEPHEN (c, 3, Proud Citizen--Gallant Dreamer {MSP, \$145,770}, by Belong to Me), who graduated by 7 1/2 lengths at Aqueduct last November, was third behind Vinceremos (Pioneer of the Nile) in the Feb. 1 GIII Sam F. Davis S. and was making his first start since finishing sixth in the Mar. 8 GII Tampa Bay Derby. Sent off the 6-5 favorite, the bay colt took the lead going into the first turn and set the pace through fractions of :23.83, :46.54 and 1:10.54. He had a two-length advantage at the top of the lane, was headed in deep stretch by M J Plus (Five Star Day), but battled back bravely to best that rival by a nose. Cousin Stephen was a \$210,000 FTKJUL yearling. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). Lifetime Record: GSP, 6-2-0-1, \$101,685.

O-Klaravich Stables Inc & William Lawrence. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-Chad C Brown.

Purchased by Nick de Meric

6th-PRX, \$29,800, Msw, (S), 3,4,5yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, ft.

+ STORMY STEPPER (c, 3, Two Step Salsa--Giana's Storm, by Storm Creek), a 6-1 shot, sprinted out to the early lead and opened a clear advantage through fractions of :22.12 and :45.86 and was never threatened while reporting home a 2 1/4-length winner. Favored Leet (Mutakddim) was second. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,400.

O/B-Armand A Delaperriere (PA). T-Kathleen A Demasi.

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, June 17

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

NACIMIENTO (Gone West), 12/0/0

8-SRP, Stk, 4 1/2f, Born a Ruler, 9-2

SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (Gone West), A & A Ranch, \$3K, 18/1/0

8-SRP, Stk, 4 1/2f, +Record Heat, 10-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, June 17

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

DIABOLICAL (Artax), A&A Ranch, \$4K, 85/27/2

8-SRP, Stk, 4 1/2f, You've Been Duped, \$50K RUI MIX yrl, 7-2

HIGH OCTANE (A.P. Indy), SW Cattle Company, 19/2/1

8-SRP, Stk, 4 1/2f, Maries H and H, 3-1

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IN JAPAN:

A Shin Gorgeous, f, 3, [Exchange Rate](#)--Hot Storm (MSW& GISP, \$840,647), by Stormy Atlantic. Hanshin, 6-15, Takarazuka Shisei 60th Anniversary, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$147,059. O-Eishindo Inc; B-Robert A & Sheilah Adams; T-Ryuji Okubo. *\$150,000 wnlg '11 KEENOV; \$275,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. **1/2 to Hidinginplainsight (Elusive Quality), SW, \$152,541.

Esmeraldina, f, 3, [Harlan's Holiday](#)--Tasha's Star, by Spanish Steps. Kawasaki, 6-11, Kanto Oaks, 10.5f. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Jpn, 5-3-0-2, \$726,748. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Classic Thoroughbred XX; T-Makoto Saito. *\$150,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL; \$325,000 2yo '13 BESMAR.

A Shin Spartan, c, 3, [Zensational](#)--Lady Tak (MGISW, \$1,160,782), by Mutakddim. Hanshin, 6-14, Maiko Tokubetsu, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$137,255. O-Eishindo Inc; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc & Heiligbrodt Racing Stable et al; T-Kenichi Fujioka. *\$210,000 yrl '12 KEESEP.

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Air Khalifa, h, 5, [Discreet Cat](#)--Chez la Femme, by Afternoon Deelites. Tokyo, 6-14, Akhal Teke S. 8f. Lifetime Record: MSW-Jpn, 16-7-5-2, \$1,438,333. O-Lucky Field Inc; B-Winchester Farm; T-K Sumii.

Britain

Yesterday's Results:

VOUTE SALES WARWICKSHIRE OAKS S.-Listed, £40,000, NOT, 6-16, 4yo/up, f, 10f 50yT, 2:11.24, gd/fm.

1--**SECRET GESTURE (GB)**, 126, f, 4, [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)--**Shastye (Ire) (SP-Eng)**, by **Danehill**. (230,000gns RNA yrl '11 TATOCT). O-Qatar Racing Ltd & Newsells Park Stud; B-Newsells Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Ralph Beckett; J-Jamie Spencer. £22,684. Lifetime Record: MSW & MG1SP-Eng & G1SP, Ger, 9-3-4-1, £275,488.

2--**Wall of Sound (GB)**, 126, f, 4, **Singspiel (Ire)**--**Veiled Beauty**, by **Royal Academy**. O-Chasemore Farm. £8,600.

3--**We'll Go Walking (Ire)**, 126, f, 4, **Authorized (Ire)**--**Senora Galilei (Ire)**, by **Galileo (Ire)**. (€125,000 HRA '13 GOFNOV). O-Mrs R Coleman. £4,304. Margins: HF, 3/4, HD. Odds: 0.57, 10.00, 7.00.

Secret Getsure, who went off second favorite for last term's G1 Epsom Oaks following a 10-length rout in the Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial, finished second in the fillies' Blue Riband May 31 and took another silver medal in the G1 Preis der Diana at Dusseldorf Aug. 4.

Subsequently third in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks Aug. 22, she wound up last of nine in the Oct. 6 G1 Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp in her sophomore season closer Oct. 6, and was runner-up in the G2 Middleton S. at York on her 2014 debut last time May 15. The eventual winner sat third, as We'll Go Walking led through the early stages, and was asked for an increased effort with three furlongs to race. Her response was not push button and, tight for room at the eighth pole, she nonetheless stayed on strongly to get up with 50 yards to spare. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK.](#)

2nd-WDR, £4,500, **Mdn**, 2yo, 5f 10yT, 1:01.08, gd. **SUNSET SAIL (IRE) (c, 2, Arcano {Ire}--Mythologie {Fr}, by Bering {GB})**, runner-up in a soft-ground Salisbury maiden last time May 22, broke well and shared the early pacesetting chores. Striking for home approaching the furlong pole, the 1-2 chalk surged clear to win by four easy lengths from Latch Onto Blue (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}). Sales history: 46,000gns wnlg '12 TATDEC; 55,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT. The winner, a fourth for his freshman sire (by Oasis Dream {GB}), is a half to Mytographie (Fr) (Anabaa), SW-Fr. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £4,162. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-H Robin Heffer. B-Patrick F Kelly (Ire). T-Richard Hannon.

1st-CAR, £4,000, **Mdn**, 2yo, 5f 193yT, 1:12.84, gd/fm.

+**FUGLEMAN (IRE) (c, 2, Fast Company {Ire}--Quinze {Jpn}, by Carnegie {Ire})** was a little slow into stride and raced towards the rear. Pushed along at the quarter pole, the 20-1 shot responded to lead with 150 yards to race and stayed on well to best Arabian Bride (Ire) (Raven's Pass) by 1 3/4 lengths, becoming the ninth winner for his freshman sire (by Danehill Dancer {Ire}). Sales history: €25,000 RNA yrl '13 GOFORB; £11,250 2yo '14 DONAPR. The winner is a half to Mrs Kipling (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), GSW-US, SW-Ity & GSP-Eng, \$132,596. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,588. [VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK.](#)

O-Middleham Park Racing XXVII. B-J Osborne (Ire). T-Ben Haslam.

South America

Court Vision to Shuttle to Chile:

Court Vision (Gulch--Weekend Storm, by Storm Bird), winner of the 2011 GI Breeders' Cup Mile, will shuttle to Juan Carlos Harding's Haras Las Araucarias in Chile for the 2014 Southern Hemisphere breeding season. The deal was brokered by Sullivan Bloodstock in Chile, in conjunction with Matt Bowling Bloodstock in Lexington. Court Vision has stood his first three seasons at Park Stud in Ontario as property of Spendthrift, and he is the first stallion to be offered to Canadian breeders through Spendthrift's Share The Upside Program. Court Vision's first foals are yearlings.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

BUDWEISER H., \$50,000, EMD, 6-15, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34, sy.

1--**STRYKER PHD, 119, g, 5, Bertrando--Striking Scholar, by Smart Strike.** (\$45,000 yrl '10 WASSEP). O-Jim & Mona Hour; B-Char Clark Thoroughbreds & Todd Havens (WA); T-Larry D Ross; J-Leslie Mawing. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: GSP, 14-3-4-4, \$155,251. * 1/2 to Madame Pele (Salt Lake), MSW, \$120,151.

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2--**Mr. Bowling, 118, h, 5, Istan--Goldilock's Bear, by Irish Tower.** (\$14,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP). O-Mark DeDomenico LLC & North American Thoroughbred Horse Company. \$10,000.

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3--**Shooting Jacket, 116, g, 4, Hard Spun--Nortena, by Mr. Prospector.** (\$145,000 yrl '11 KEESEP). O-Swift Thoroughbreds Inc. \$7,500.
Margins: 3 1/4, 1 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.40, 4.30, 29.00.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PRX, \$52,580, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m70yT, 1:43 1/5, fm.

VIRGINIA CAVALIER (g, 6, Down the Aisle--Runaway Martha, by Polish Numbers) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-3-1-5, \$92,503. O/B-Albert P Coppola (VA). T-Oscar J Orellana.

7th-DEL, \$40,125, Opt. Clm. (\$65,000), C, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:39 3/5, ft.

STORMIN MONARCHO (g, 4, Monarchos--Her Own Terms, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 21-6-6-3, \$216,568. O-Lawrence P Roman. B-John C Oxley (KY). T-David Jacobson. * \$13,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; \$85,000 2yo '12 OBSMAR.

IMAGINE...

7th-PRX, \$37,400, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36 2/5, ft.

WINCHILL (h, 6, Tapit--Exclusive Hold {MGSP}, by Phone Trick) Lifetime Record: SW, 22-6-4-2, \$288,294. O-Pewter Stable, Robert Levy & Alex Karkenny. B-Gum Tree Stables LLC & Partners (PA). T-Kathleen A Demasi. * \$12,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP; \$15,000 RNA 2yo '10 OBSMAR; \$45,000 2yo '10 OBSJUN; \$52,000 HRA '11 FTTHRS.

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8th-FLX, \$21,200, NW3BX, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

SAY MR. SANDMAN (g, 6, Say Florida Sandy--Watrals Twelvbelow {SP, \$155,712}, by Dixie Brass) Lifetime Record: 27-7-5-3, \$151,043. O-R and K Racing. B-Amy & Jody Boll (NY). T-Chris J Englehart.

8th-EMD, \$19,025, 6-15, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36 2/5, sy.

SOMEWHERE WITH YOU (g, 4, Cahill Road--One for You, by Dayjur) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-2-1-2, \$43,999. O/B-Coal Creek Farm (WA). T-David B Martinez.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Offlee Catty, f, 3, Offlee Wild--Cajun Kitty, by Tabasco Cat. FLX, 6-16, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07. B-Sugar Maple Farm & H Lewis Rapaport (NY). * 1/2 to Mr. Bourbon Street (Ormsby), MSP, \$246,974.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

AQUEDUCT
Vyjack (Into Mischief), 4fT, :52.08, 4/5

BELMONT PARK
Bashart (War Front), 5fT, 1:01.25, 1/7
Za Approval (Ghostzapper), 5f, 1:01.13, 2/8

CHURCHILL DOWNS
Bahnah (Elusive Quality), 4f, :48.40, 6/43
Delaunay (Smoke Glacken), 4f, :48.80, 14/43
Untapable (Tapit), 5f, 1:01.20, 2/16

CHURCHILL DOWNS TRAINING CENTER
Thank You Marylou (Birdstone), 5f, 1:00.60, 3/15
Vicar's in Trouble (Into Mischief), 5f, 1:00.40, 2/15

FAIR HILL
Mexikoma (Birdstone), 5f, 1:02.00, 3/3
Went the Day Well (Proud Citizen), 4f, :49.00, 1/9

SANTA ANITA PARK
Ontology (Tapit), 4f, :49.60, 40/62

SARATOGA
Got Lucky (A.P. Indy), 4f (tr), :50.00, 24/64
Romantica (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), 5fT (tr), 1:05.97, 3/4
Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat), 4f (tr), 8/64
Storming Inti (Stormy Atlantic), 4f (tr), :49.95, 18/64
Watsdachances (Ire) (Diamond Green {Fr}), 5fT (tr), 1:02.67, 1/4

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BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-WIS, €17,000, Cond, 3yo, 12fT, 2:31.69, gd/sf.
VICTORY TIGER (GER) (c, 3, Konigstiger {Ger}--
Velocity {Fr}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6 starts,
 3 wins, 3 places, €34,900. O/B-Gestut Riepegrund
 (Ger); T-W Hefter. *€45,000 RNA yrl '12 BBAAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kingsbridge (GB), c, 2, Avonbridge (GB)--Wild Academy
 (Ire), by Royal Academy. NOT, 6-16, 5f 13yT,
 1:00.37. B-D J & Mrs M E Deer (GB).

Peewave (Fr), c, 2, Gentlewave (Ire)--Prairie Scilla (Ger),
 by Dashing Blade (GB). WIS, 6-15, 6fT, 1:14.00.
 B-Appapays Racing Club (Fr).

Sakhee's Return (GB), c, 2, Sakhee's Secret (GB)--Sofia
 Royale (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). CAR, 6-16, 5f
 193yT, 1:12.87. B-W Brackstone & S J Whitear (GB).
 *2,000gns wnlg '12 TATDEC; €6,500 yrl '13
 GOFSP.

+ **Laleh (Ger), f, 2, Toylsome (GB)--Lomitas Dream (GB),**
 by Lomitas (GB). COL, 6-15, 6 1/2fT, 1:18.25.
 B-Manfred Ommer (Ger). *€7,000 wnlg '12 BBAOCT;
 €5,000 yrl '13 BBAAUG; €16,000 2yo '14 BBAMAY.

Davantage (Fr), f, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Delicieuse Lady (GB),
 by Trempolino. MNT, 6-15, 11f 55yT, 2:28.10.
 B-Ecurie des Monceaux (Fr). *90,000gns yrl '12
 TATOCT. **1/2 to Blue Canari (Fr) (Acatenango
 {Ger}), G1SW-Fr, \$844,326; Blue Ksar (Fr) (Anabaa),
 MSW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-UAE, \$250,437; Crabapple
 (Fr) (Unfuwain), GSP-Fr.

Risky Strait (Fr), f, 3, High Chaparral (Ire)--Southwold
 (Fr), by Take Risks (Fr). ERB, 6-15, 11fT, 2:20.00.
 B-Mme Isabelle Corbani (Fr).

Queens Park (Fr), f, 3, King's Best--Anna Deesse (Fr),
 by Anabaa. CAR, 6-16, 9f 61yT, 2:00.39. B-Ecurie
 des Monceaux (Fr). *€21,000 wnlg '11 ARQDEC.
 **1/2 to Singing Bird (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}), GSP-
 Ire.

Jaygeel (Fr), f, 3, Lauro (Ger)--Romare (Fr), by Victory
 Note. ERB, 6-15, 11fT, 2:18.98. B-Mme Susan
 Batsford, Ben & Jed Lewis (Fr).

Al Queena (Ger), f, 3, Lord of England (Ger)--Al Qahira
 (Ger) (MSP-Ger), by Big Shuffle. DRE, 6-14, 7 1/2fT,
 1:33.40. B-Stall Oberlausitz (Ger). *1/2 to Al
 Quintana (Ger) (Sholokhov {Ire}), MSP-Ger.

Diamond River (Fr), f, 3, Stormy River (Fr)--Pierre de
 L'Une (Fr), by Dyhim Diamond (Ire). CLY, 6-15,
 11 1/2fT. B-Mlle Nouara Saidi (Fr).



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