



OBS SPRING SALE STARTS TUESDAY

by Jessica Martini

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training begins its four-day run Tuesday morning in Ocala with the first of 1,203 catalogued lots scheduled to go through the sale's ring at 10:30 a.m.

The Spring sale has been steadily growing in strength each year, with the sale average, just \$27,918 in 2010, exploding to \$73,981 a year ago. The 2014 renewal also marked the second year in a row the auction set records for gross, average and median, with 767 horses selling for \$57,032,000 and a median of \$45,000. In 2013, 815 horses sold for \$48,757,000, an average of \$59,825 and a median of \$35,000.

Those burgeoning figures have been backed up by a rapidly increasing list of successful

graduates. Among the horses to earn graded stakes victories since exiting the Spring sale's ring in 2014 are GIII Delta Jackpot S. winner and GI Kentucky Derby hopeful Ocho Ocho Ocho (Street Sense), GII Remsen S. winner Leave the Light On (Horse Greeley) and GIII Sham S. winner Calculator (In Summation).

"I think once again the consignors have done a fabulous job with the stock that they've brought to this sale," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "We've been looking around all day and there are an awful lot of good horses on the grounds." **Cont. p3**

WINSTAR ACQUIRES INTEREST IN UPSTART

WinStar Farm has acquired a minority interest in Upstart (Flutter), winner of the GII Holy Bull S. and runnerup in the GI Florida Derby and GII Fountain of Youth S. earlier this year. Trained by Rick Violette, Upstart is being pointed toward a start in the GI Kentucky Derby May 2.

"Upstart has been on our radar since the Breeders' Cup," commented Elliott Walden, CEO and President of WinStar. "Jerry Brown of Thoro-Graph approached me because he really believes this colt has a big future. We are honored to be partners with such a nice man as Ralph Evans on such an exciting young horse as Upstart." **Cont. p6**

2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

Jockey Chris Antley, trainer King Leatherbury and horses **Lava Man** (Slew City Slew) and **Xtra Heat** (Dixieland Heat) have been elected to the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame, it was announced Monday morning. The four inductees were selected from a ballot of 10 finalists, receiving higher vote totals than jockeys Victor Espinoza, Corey Nakatani and Craig Perret, trainer David Whiteley and horses Black Tie Affair (Ire) (Miswaki) and Kona Gold (Java Gold). The voting panel comprised 180 racing writers, broadcasters, industry officials and historians who chose the contemporary electees from a group of 10 finalists selected by the Hall of Fame's nominating committee.

South Carolina-raised Antley won 3,480 races and his mounts earned \$92,261,894 in a career that lasted from 1983 until his death in 2000. During that span, Antley booted home two GI Kentucky Derby winners--Strike the Gold (Alydar) in 1991 and Charismatic (Summer Squall) in 1999. The latter also collected the GI Preakness S. Antley captured 127 graded stakes raced and 293 stakes overall, as well as leading rider titles at Monmouth Park (1984-1986) and Saratoga in 1990. **Cont. p5**



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On Tuesday, joint gatherings of the Racing Commissioners International (RCI) and the Association of Official Racing Chemists Association (AORC) will convene in Tampa for the three-day Conference on Equine Welfare and Anti-Doping Policy. T.D. Thornton reports on the major topics of discussion on the agenda.



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Karakter Powers to Prix Noailles Success



Karakter
Scoop Dyga

So dominant in the mud when storming to a seven-length success in the Mar. 28 Listed Prix Francois Mathet over 10 1/2 furlongs at Saint-Cloud, Aga Khan homebred **Karakter (Ire)** (High Chaparral (Ire) took Longchamp's G3 Prix Noailles Monday over much livelier ground in impressive stride to advertise his versatility as well as his abundant class.

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Wojciechowski continued, "The graduates are the proof in the pudding. With the way the horses are performing at the racetrack, I just think that draws buyers in. And they understand that there are a lot of horses here, a lot to choose from, and they have confidence that they can find what they are looking for and then be successful at the racetrack."

This year's auction follows in the wake of OBS's hugely successful March sale, which jettisoned its select status in favor of an expanded open auction in 2015. The new format was well-received by both buyers and sellers and the two sales are now well-positioned to complement each other, according to Wojciechowski.

"We hope that we can continue the momentum that we created in March," Wojciechowski said. "It really has gotten down to now, with the way March went, and the way April has been going, that the decision now isn't, 'Can I get this horse sold at this sale or that sale?' It is, 'What is the best thing for the horse as far as the timing?' And I think it really gives consignors the opportunity to place the horse when they are ready."

Nick de Meric, who was the leading consignor at last year's Spring sale, acknowledged the additional 200 horses catalogued for the March sale could have an impact on the April auction's bottom line.

"Did we milk 100 nice horses from April and put them in March and now that they are missing in April will that thereby affect the average?" de Meric asked. "That's a question we aren't going to know until the sale is over. But opening up March was my idea and I felt strongly that that was the way the industry was headed and that boutique 2-year-old sales are currently going out of vogue. You need a certain critical mass of horses to attract the right cross-section of buyers. And [expanding March] was an effective way to do it. I think there is going to be a little bit of a ripple effect on this sale and probably June as well, but I think when the dust settles, it will make for a much more equitable market and it will be better for buyers and sellers alike."

The horses that the Spring sale may have lost in March may be made up for by the absence of Keeneland's April sale, which was put on hiatus this year, according to consignor Ciaran Dunne.

"I think that April is going to be buoyed a little bit by Keeneland not being there," Dunne said. "I think quite a few of the horses who maybe would have gone to Keeneland are here because March and Gulfstream [Fasig-Tipton Florida] would have come too soon for them. So I think what the sale lost in March, they might make up in what they gained from Keeneland."

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De Meric is expecting another strong renewal of the Spring sale.

"I would hope it's going to be a very bullish market," he said. "At the moment there is tremendous demand for quality horses and history has shown that we provide a lot of them in this sale. I expect the sale results to reflect that."

Dunne agreed.

"March was such a strong sale and the only way you can have a strong sale is if a lot of people got outbid," he commented. "And if they got outbid, hopefully they'll come back here this month even more determined to get the job done this time."

Through six sessions of the under-tack show for the Spring sale, three horses shared the fastest furlong time of :9 4/5. [Hip 692](#), a daughter of Lemon Drop Kid, was first to hit the mark ([video](#)). Consigned by Bobby Dodd, the youngster is out of stakes winner and Grade I placed Yonagucci (Yonaguska). A pair of juveniles consigned by de Meric Sales also shaded :10; [hip 1032](#), a filly by Harlan's Holiday ([video](#)) and [hip 1073](#), a colt by Street Cry (Ire) out of a half-sister to Grade I winner Honey Ryder (Lasting Approval) ([video](#)).

[Hip 608](#), a filly from the first crop of sprint champion Big Drama, turned in the fastest quarter-mile breeze of :20 3/5. The youngster is consigned by Eddie Woods.

A pair of juveniles shared the fastest three-furlong work of the breeze show. [Hip 11](#), a colt by Magna Graduate from Blue River Bloodstock consignment, worked in :33 2/5. A colt by Tale of Ekati ([hip 257](#)) also worked in :33 2/5. The bay is consigned by All Dreams Equine.

The OBS Spring sale runs through Friday with sessions beginning daily at 10:30 a.m.



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Fourth in all-time wins to date with 6,454, King Leatherbury, 82, has amassed 52 training titles split evenly between Pimlico and Laurel as well as four at Delaware Park. Leatherbury started training in 1959 and his earnings stand at \$62,910,371. The Baltimore native trained GISWs Catatonic and Taking Risks and currently has in his care multiple Maryland champion Ben's Cat (Parker's Storm Cat), who he bred and owns.

"This is quite an honor. This is the top honor in our industry," Leatherbury said. "I've had many honors and awards, which is more than anyone could ever dream of in their profession but, of course, this is the top one. I'm truly very honored by it."

Fellow first-time nominee Lava Man was first past the post in seven Grade I races, a record for a California-bred. Originally claimed for \$50,000 by STD Racing Stable and Jason Wood, the Doug O'Neill-trained dark bay gelding accrued \$5,268,706 from a record of 47-17-8-5. Highlights of his career included matching Native Diver's record of three consecutive GI Hollywood Gold Cups from 2005-2007 and back-to-back editions of the GI Santa Anita H. He also completed the Hollywood Gold Cup, Santa Anita H. and GI Pacific Classic triple, a feat later equaled by Game On Dude (Awesome Again).



Taylor & Leatherbury at a press conference at Pimlico Race Course Monday.
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Kentucky-bred speedster Xtra Heat cost only \$5,000 at Maryland's Timonium sale when purchased by trainer John Salzman, Sr. and Ken Taylor and Harry Deitchman. The durable mare was Eclipse champion 3-year-old filly in 2001, despite favoring sprint distances and captured 25 stakes victories with a mark of 35-26-5-2 and \$2,389,635. Of her stakes victories, 11 were at the graded level including the GI Prioress S.

"Besides my family, this is the biggest thing that ever happened to me," Taylor said of Xtra Heat. "I'm a horseplayer, I've always been around horses from the betting side, but to have a horse like this horse, there's nothing else that can top that. She was a beast. She was a real

beast."

The induction ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavilion in Saratoga Springs Aug. 7. The results of the Hall of Fame's Historic Review and Pillars of the Turf categories will be announced in May. For more information go to www.racingmuseum.org.



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Violette will continue to train the New York-bred, who won twice and finished second in the GI Champagne S. and third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile as a 2-year-old. Upstart began his sophomore campaign with a victory in the Jan. 24 Holy Bull at Gulfstream, and crossed the wire first only to be disqualified and placed second behind Itsaknockout (Lemon Drop Kid) in the Feb. 21 Fountain of Youth. He most recently checked in second behind 'TDN Rising Star' Materiality (Afleet Alex) in the Mar. 28 Florida Derby.

"When Elliott called, I became excited about what we could do together with WinStar in a partnership on Upstart," said Evans, owner of the dark bay. "We look forward to sharing in Upstart's promising future."

Jerry Brown said of the appeal of Upstart, "I love his pattern of development both at two and three. The Florida Derby was the fastest prep, and because he raced outside Materiality (Afleet Alex), he earned a slightly better figure, and now has the two best figures of any in the Derby field, though not by much."

Upstart breezed a half-mile in a bullet :47.40 Friday at Palm Meadows, and is expected to have one more workout this weekend in preparation for his Derby bid the following Saturday.



Upstart
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“There’s a desire for some to tear the house down, and I don’t understand how that’s a productive strategy to get improvement,” said Martin. “Our attitude is, if you’ve got a contribution to make, then come sit at the table with the people who are your counterparts, and let’s all make it. Let’s try to help each other.”



“We’ve made significant improvement in the last five years on the accreditation and capabilities of our labs,” Martin said. “Our lab testing is so sensitive now, when you turn off the filters on the instrumentation screen, you can see almost everything that’s going on with that horse. We can see from a post-race exam [irregularities] that may not have tripped any regulatory screening levels that would bring an enforcement action. We can see residual traces of things that were done to that horse that would raise questions in the mind of a talented equine medical director to say, ‘Hey there maybe something going on with that horse.’” **Cont. p8**



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Martin then outlined a chain of events that might happen once such a horse gets red-flagged through this type of veterinary audit.

"Then you start tracking and following," Martin said. "Maybe you go in do an out-of-competition (OOC) test. You review the vet records. You have a conversation with the owner, the trainer, and the practicing vet to say, 'What's going on with this horse?' And if we can do that, and do that more aggressively, we can do a better job collectively as an industry to identify at-risk horses and keep them running from races that they shouldn't be running in."

But right now vet audits and OOC testing aren't the norm in many jurisdictions. And even where they are, manpower and money limit the extent of such programs.

Scollay said she is comfortable with the "broad scope" that Kentucky has adopted for OOC testing: Horses that are trained or owned by Kentucky licensees; have started in the state within the last 12 months, or are nominated to a Kentucky stakes race or the in-state breeding development program are all fair game to be regulated.

But Martin said in order for such OOC programs to flourish nationwide, the sport must push further to "expand the jurisdiction of racing commissions over horses in training in ways that are not now part of the regulatory scheme."

The type of whole-horse testing that Martin advocates would not only look for performance-enhancing drug abuse, but "the misuse and potential overuse" of therapeutic drugs in training.

"We believe the way to aggressively attack the concerns that we have about the breakdown rate in flat racing in North America is directly tied to an expansion of our jurisdiction over horses in training," Martin said. "We believe through OOC testing and veterinary record audits and expanded use of the vet's lists, we may be able to more aggressively police areas of concern."

Martin acknowledged that the industry has no shortage of proponents who would like to see the WADA or USADA protocols applied to OOC testing in horse racing. But he cautioned that it would be a mistake to try to impose a human testing framework upon horses.

"There's a group of people that are enamored with what's done in human sport and it's very different than what we do in equine sport," Martin said. "[WADA and USADA] have a workaround that I think a lot of people who are enamored with that regulatory scheme would like to ignore, but it is very real."

The workaround Martin refers to is the therapeutic exemption rule. He explained that this allows human athletes to compete with banned substances in their systems as long as a doctor certifies those substances are medically necessary. What, he asked rhetorically, would stop an unscrupulous vet from deeming a performance-enhancer as "medically necessary" for a horse?



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"I think that the therapeutic exemptions would be a concern," Benson agreed. "For example, arguably every horse could therapeutically 'need' corticosteroid injections, which is what we're trying to move away from. So we could end up going backwards."

Martin said he was recently perusing the lists of banned substances on the WADA and USADA websites. "All of those substances are not allowed in racing, and I'm talking about Class 1 and Class 2 substances," he said.

Yet, Martin elaborated, "They are actually telling people you can compete with this if you get a therapeutic use exemption. We don't even allow that in horses, and everybody says that what [human athlete testing programs] are doing is better than what we're doing."

"I'm not trying to be critical of what [WADA and USADA] are doing," Martin continued. "But if you were to take that approach and apply it to horse racing, it would actually increase the use of performance-enhancing drugs on raceday. We don't allow our athletes to compete secretly under the forms of these substances, and they do. That is a huge philosophical difference."

Still, Martin said he respects the science behind what WADA and USADA are accomplishing and how it could relate to testing and regulation in racing: "We're both chasing the same substances. We're both chasing the people that are trying to manipulate molecules and beat the labs," he said. **Cont. p9**



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But a meeting of the two methodologies won't happen in Tampa. "We did invite USADA to participate formally in this meeting," Martin said. "They chose not to."

As he tries to bridge the gaps between scientists, policy-makers and regulators, Martin is well aware of the ongoing debate within the U.S. over whether there should be a national commissioner or even some form of intervention by the federal government to oversee racing.

But, Martin explained, the energy that gets put into arguing this issue would be better used if it were instead applied to bringing together all the disparate groups and individuals within the industry who say they want to promote the health of individual horses and the sport as a whole.

"There's so much debate and discussion that has gone on for years, and it has produced nothing," Martin said. "You hear a lot about the issue of the lack of uniformity [between states], and people use that as an example that the system is not working. That is balderdash."

Martin said to look at the difference in regulation between the U.S. and Canada as an example of how little federally mandated oversight matters when it comes to eradicating the industry's woes.

The RCI, he explained, is composed of governmental regulators of horse and greyhound racing in both the U.S. and Canada. In the U.S., individual states set and enforce racing's drug rules. In Canada, a federal agency has that responsibility.

"And the results of the drug testing and the challenges [the two countries] are facing today are no different regardless of how [regulation] is structured," Martin said. "It's the same thing."

So the real issue is not the fragmentation of governmental agencies, Martin said, but the lack of unity among the various industry coalitions that talk a good game about drug reform but remain on the fence when it comes to committing to realistic solutions.

"I don't think I have one member of the Water, Hay, Oats Alliance that has bothered to come and attend this conference. Not one," said Martin. "And this is an opportunity to sit and learn and talk to the people who are doing it. We have lab directors from around the world at this conference, and it is shocking. It's almost like people want to pontificate on running a war, but don't want to talk to the troops in the field about what they need."

Benson said it can be a challenge to juggle the wants and needs of the industry's varied stakeholders, but those differences shouldn't be allowed to stand in the way of progress.

"I look at my 26-member board, there are certainly different opinions on issues," Benson said. "But as a whole, the RMTTC wants to move forward on horse health. And I think you've got horsemen, regulators and industry groups all on the same page when it comes to that."

Benson said the best way for owners and breeders to demonstrate their commitment to reform is through their on-track actions.

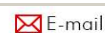
"If [a cleaner sport] is what they truly want, then that's how they should race," Benson said.



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Eric Hamelback: CEO, National HBPA

- "Eric's Background separated himself from the other candidates," commented President Robin Richards. "He sealed the deal with his clear passion for the equine athlete, his desire to champion the cause of our members, along with his clear interest in helping the overall industry work together rather than divisively."
- Graduated from Louisiana State University and worked at various tracks, training centers and an equine veterinary practice in Louisiana and Arkansas; began his professional career in Kentucky with Prestonwood Farm in 1994.
- Recently served as the General Manager for Adena Springs, Kentucky since 2008, following earlier stints as Yearling Manager and Assistant Manager of both Kentucky and Florida operations.
- "Accepting the position as CEO for the National HBPA is an honor," commented Hamelback. "To be part of an organization that has its primary focus being the health and welfare of the equine athlete, along with that of protecting horsemen's interests, epitomizes what I have strived for in my professional career. I look forward to joining with members of this organization, and continuing to promote and protect racing, our amazing athletes and most importantly the horsemen that make this industry great."



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By Dean Towers

No Easy Money, A Gamblers' Diary, written by U.K. horseplayer Dave Nevison, is a dandy read. For those of us here in the New World, it provided us with an interesting, eye-opening glimpse into the day-in and day-out machinations of a U.K. horseplayer. The book followed Dave's quest from the 2008 Cheltenham Festival right through to the last flat race of the year, the St. Leger at Doncaster, and detailed his day-to-day bets, his ups, his downs, and the method to his madness in trying to beat the races.

What struck me most about Dave's exploits was what he bet and how he bet. In the U.S., exotic betting is the rage--Rainbow Six anyone?--while in the U.K., Dave persevered through betting win only, taking advantage of good prices, through either bookmakers, or the betting exchange. He'd often write of his "tissue," which was simply a list of two or three horses he liked for the day, sniffed out through his intricate research. Dave was not taking stands on a low-takeout spread Pick 5 at Keeneland for \$1,944, hoping to shoot for a \$10,000 score, he was betting £3,000 or £4,000 on horses he'd been following. The way U.K. racing was presented at that time allowed him to do so, and it allowed him to profit.



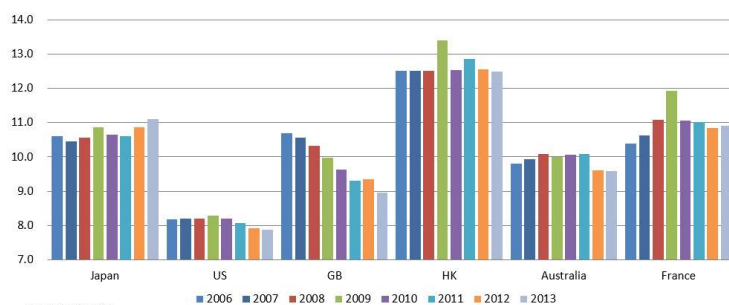
Are huge fields in the U.K. a thing of the past?

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Dave and other U.K. punters saw tremendous value in 14- or 15- or 17-horse fields the BHA was carding. These races could have 8-1 favorites, and 12 of the 15 entries were competitive. This created a glorious unpredictability that provided value (before even factoring in the lower win takeouts). Why would Dave and others need gimmicks to get them to hit the road and bet? They had the greatest gambling game in the world in front of them, served like a dinner plate of bangers and mash. U.K. handle from early in the 2000's to the mid-aughts, with people like Dave boarding trains from meet to meet betting win only, was doing fairly well.

About six or eight years ago, that all seemed to change. The edge that big fields provided customers in the U.K.--the gambling game they were used to--began to erode.

Starters per Race



Source: IFHRA Statistics

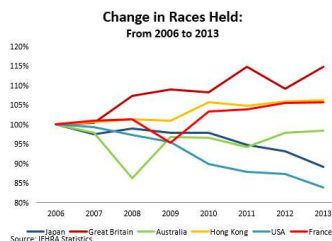
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In 2000, field size for races in Great Britain was over 12 per race; in 2005, just over 11. In 2013, that number plunged to below nine per race. In the U.K., there was a push for more races, and more races beget fewer bettable ones. That big of a drop in field size for a customer base conditioned to bet big fields was felt mercilessly in the betting pools. Per-race handle was crushed; in fact, the losses in betting per race in Great Britain are higher than anywhere else in the world since 2006. Those like the Dave Nevisons of the world--those used to giving the game a real go betting win in the huge fields--increasingly found something else to do.

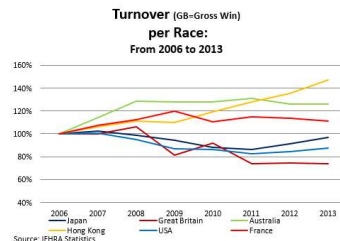
Activity Levels and Returns to Owners

Mixed Trends in Activity



Source: IFHRA Statistics

....and in Amounts Wagered per Race



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I think this is a tale that is not only steeped in Great Britain industry lore. It's a tale--sometimes in real time, in others cautionary--that can be told to any jurisdiction that puts on a horse race.

On my betting blog this week, an American bettor left the following comment:

"The industry proceeds on a false premise. They truly believe the public wants predictable racing. From a betting standpoint, nothing could be farther from the truth. A six-horse field is more predictable than a 12-horse field of similar horses. The betting public knows this and bets the 12-horse field much stronger. A four-horse field is extremely predictable but very few will bet on it, knowing that the effective takeout escalates as field size decreases. There are different surfaces, there are different distances; which is exactly what the game needs to flourish as a gambling industry." Cont. p11



Dean Towers cont.

I think he is 100% unequivocally right.

It's not just in the U.K. that this phenomenon is seen, nor is this only found in horse racing; it, quite frankly, is an immutable law of gambling in any game of the pari-mutuel variety. Less chaos and more predictable races--making the game "easier," as we hear, needs to happen so often here in the U.S.--does not grow handle. It erodes value, and destroys handle. Despite a lot of industry chatter before the meet predicting otherwise, last fall's Keeneland all-source handle declined 12%; yes, even though they made the races easier to handicap. This should not have surprised anyone.

"We're really excited about the change to the dirt track...it's going to make it easier handicap" -Keeneland tailgate @tvgr #SMH

Comment posted from customer at Keeneland tailgate before last fall's meet, courtesy @mtbvixen Twitter

In the U.S., let's take a look at some U.S. dirt field sizes in 2014, courtesy of the [Horseplayers Association of North America's sortable stats web page](http://HorseplayersAssociation.com): Saratoga: 7.29, Belmont: 7.02, Santa Anita: 7.64, Gulfstream: 7.97.

Those are some of the biggest and best dirt meets traditional U.S. racing has to offer. Those are horse racing's TV commercial to everyday gamblers. If U.K. handle per race was hurt as much as it was going from an average of 11 per race to nine per race, what does a 7.4 average field size do to U.S. racing on traditional dirt with gamblers of all stripes? When you add that the takeout rates are higher here in the U.S., it exacerbates the loss of value even more.

High takeout, small fields, no chaos, and predictable outcomes equal little or no value. There's just no way around that.

Because the industry, for various reasons, seems unwilling to provide more value to new potential customers through lower takeout, it appears something should be at least done with field size, and we do hear often that field size increases are something that is being paid attention to. However, is a marginal increase the industry speaks about anywhere near enough?

Last week's GI Wood Memorial card at Aqueduct had a late Pick 4 pool guaranteed at \$500,000. Considering the quality of fields in the Pick 4 and the massive eyeballs on a Derby prep, one might expect customers to blow that guarantee away. But that did not happen. Just over \$600,000 was bet, and with one minute to post I saw more than one person comment, "will they even meet the guarantee?" The Wood Memorial Pick 4 sequence was just too rudimentary to drive handle. The fields were fairly short, the favorites obvious. It was, on paper, too easy. I don't for a minute think that adding one or two horses per race would fix that Pick 4. I don't think tinkering can get the job done.

I believe (and there is some academic study to back this up) a field size of well over 10 per race is optimal. This isn't a 7.25 to 7.75 fix-it field-size issue. It's bigger than that.

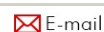
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1998	20919	6650	31.8%
1999	20283	6066	29.9%
2000	20795	6677	32.1%
2001	20870	6703	32.1%
2002	20707	6554	31.7%
2003	20825	7037	33.8%
2004	20626	6933	33.6%
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2007	20098	7170	35.7%
2008	19731	7181	36.4%
2009	19736	7597	38.5%
2010	18758	7397	39.4%
2011	18356	7414	40.4%
2012	18362	7886	42.9%
2013	17220	7111	41.3%
2014	16896	7330	43.4%

In the U.S., we do see some glimmers of hope. Kentucky Downs, run through a "value" algorithm by the Horseplayers Association of North America just this past week, was ranked the highest value track of 62 North American racetracks. Their lower-takeout menu, along with field size of 10.18 horses per race, is much closer to the pre-2006 U.K. ideal than any other track in North America. Bettors have been responding, and now pump over \$3,000,000 per card through the windows (this is up from below a million a few years ago). Big turf fields at Belmont or Keeneland can still get the job done and we hear rumblings of circuit racing in Maryland. But in my view I don't think that's enough to propel handles to where they need to be.

With mandated racedates, slot money, and alphabets pulling the sport in a hundred different directions, getting field size up to value levels to attract many the sport has lost--that is, say, half the races on a card of 11 or 12 or more horses per race - will not be easy. Figuring out how to get to that point if everyone ever does put the oars in the water is certainly well above my pay grade. But academically, and from a fundamental gambling perspective, I think it's a vital goal for the sport.

Dean Towers has been a frequent speaker at industry and gambling conferences in both the U.S. and Canada. He wrote his university thesis on off-track betting and has authored a white paper on exchange wagering.

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Monday, Longchamp, France

PRIX NOAILLES-G3, €80,000, LCP, 4-20, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:08.61, gd.

1--**@KARAKTAR (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by High Chaparral (Ire)

1st Dam: Karawana (Ire), by King's Best

2nd Dam: Karaliyfa (Ire), by Kahyasi (Ire)

3rd Karliyka (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire)

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (Ire); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €95,600. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**.

Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**High Dynamite (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Kentucky Dynamite--Highborne (Fr), by Anabaa. (€7,000 wnlg '12 ARQDEC; €45,000 2yo '14 ARQMAY). O-Mme Jade Prescillia Angelini & Stephane Szwarc; B-Haras du Quesnay (Fr); T-Antoine de Watrigant. €16,000.

3--**Best of Max (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Kentucky Dynamite--Olanga (Ger), by Shareef Dancer. O/B-Haras de Quetieville (Fr); T-Eric Libaud. €12,000.

Margins: 3HF, NK, NK. Odds: 0.60, 5.60, 15.00. Also Ran: Sarrasin (GB), Toruk (Fr), Campione (Fr). Scratched: Khareef (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

Dominant in the mud when storming to a seven-length success in the Listed Prix Francois Mathet over 10 1/2 furlongs at Saint-Cloud Mar. 28, Karaktar took this supposedly stiffer test on much livelier ground using his impressive stride to advertise his versatility as well as his abundant class. Keeping esteemed company from the outset, the bay was third on debut behind the subsequent G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Epicurus (GB) (Rail Link {GB}) over a mile at this course at the start of September before scoring over that distance at Maisons-Laffitte later in the month. Racing among the majority who stayed on the far side as the filly Alea lacta (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) went up the other fence when third in the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon at Saint-Cloud in October, the homebred had returned an entirely different proposition upped in trip for the Francois Mathet and looked as potent again this time. Stalking the leading trio early under Christophe Soumillon, Karaktar cruised to the front out wide passing the quarter pole and with a shake of the reins drew clear to outclass his rivals. "He is a proper horse with a very good attitude who does everything we ask of him," trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre commented. "We now have to think about the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and we have two ways of getting there. We either run beforehand in the G2 Prix Hocquart here or go straight there and at this stage my preference is for the second option."



Karaktar
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WARD PAIR TO SKIP GUINEAS, ASCOT AIM

Trainer Wesley Ward will aim GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero **Hootenanny** (Quality Road) and GI Del Mar Debutante S. heroine **Sunset Glow** (Exchange Rate) at Royal Ascot after scratching them from the G1 QIPCO 2000 and G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas respectively. Both horses could now take their chance in the G1 Commonwealth Cup, the new Group 1 sprint at the big June meeting. Hootenanny was an impressive winner of the Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot last



Hootenanny
Horsephotos

summer while Sunset Glow was second to subsequent Group 1 winner Cursory Glance (Distorted Humor) in the G3 Albany S. also at that meeting. The pair were in action recently with Hootenanny making mincemeat of his three rivals in a Keeneland allowance over 5 1/2 furlongs Saturday while Sunset Glow was third

in the GIII Appalachian S. over a mile on the same course a week earlier.

"It's just the races at Newmarket are a bit too close to their last run," said Ward. "I like to give my horses some time between starts. If Sunset Glow had won her race, then the Guineas would have been something we'd look at but unfortunately she got beat. There were no excuses so that's the reason we are not bringing them to Newmarket."

Ward added, "For Hootenanny I've been looking at 30 days from race-to-race or train him straight for the Commonwealth Cup, the new Group 1. I think he's going to want to go further, but the way he ran at Ascot last year and on Saturday he's going to be a demon going shorter. He loves the course so we're trying to go on the same lines. I like to run sprinters fresh in their races and I think he can go right from his last race here and just tear the barn down and be ready to roll. I just hope my jockey [Frankie Dettori] is free and not needed by Sheikh Joann Al Thani." **Cont. p13**



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Ward cont.

"I've got Sunset Glow nominated as well for the Commonwealth," the trainer continued. "The owner is very keen to get to Ascot. He had a wonderful experience last year when she was second. She's doing really well and I'm looking forward to taking her back. I'm expecting big things from her as well."



'JUDGE' EYES CORONATION

Qatar Racing and the China Horse Club's **Just The Judge (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr}) is being readied to make her first appearance of the season in Britain in the G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom. After finishing down the field on her seasonal return in the



Just the Judge
Racing Post

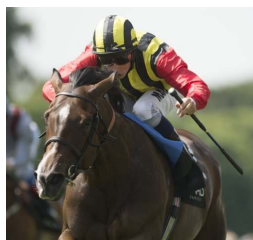
G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in Meydan last month, plans are now in place to prepare the 5-year old for a tilt at the 1 1/2-mile contest June 6. Having won the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas in 2013, the Charlie Hills-trained mare scored for the second time at the highest level in October when staying on strongly to land the G1 EP Taylor S. at Woodbine.

David Redvers, racing manager to owners Qatar Racing, said, "The plan is to run her in the Coronation Cup. I don't think she will have a run beforehand, it would be a case of going straight there. She is in great form and is back in training after a brief freshen up after Dubai. She seems to thrive on her traveling."



ELUSIVE KATE DIES AFTER FOALING

Four-time Group 1 winner **Elusive Kate** (Elusive Quality--Gout De Terroir, by Lemon Drop Kid) died Saturday after producing her first foal, a colt by Dansili (GB). She was six. Trained by John Gosden for Magnolia Racing and Gosden's wife Rachel Hood, Elusive Kate made her first five starts for them, winning the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac as well as the G3 Prix du Calvados. Purchased by Teruya Yoshida prior to her eighth-place finish in the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, the bay would go on to take two editions of the G1 Prix Rothschild as well as the G1 Falmouth S. in a 17-start career with earnings of \$1,319,154. She was retired in the autumn of 2013 after finishing fifth behind Olympic Glory (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. on Champions Day at Ascot. Trainer John Gosden paid tribute to Elusive Kate after the high-class mare died while giving birth to her first foal.



Elusive Kate
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Gosden told the *Times*, "She was a lovely filly with a great pedigree. It's very sad for Mr. Yoshida."



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Karaktar (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) earns first group victory in the G3 Prix Noailles.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield

Saturday, Newbury, Britain

AON GREENHAM S.-G3, £60,000, NBY, 4-18, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:20.80 (NTR), gd/fm.

1--**MUHAARAR (GB)**, 126, c, 3, by [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)

1st Dam: Tahrir (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Linamix (Fr)

2nd Dam: Miss Sacha (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire)

3rd Dam: Heaven High (GB), by High Line (GB)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Charles Hills; J-Frankie Dettori. £34,026. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Eng, 6-3-0-3, £185,273. *1/2 to Tamaathul (GB) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), GSP-UAE, \$339,642.

Werk Nick Rating: A + .

Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Estidhkaar (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Danetime Out (Ire), by Danetime (Ire). (£200,000 yrl '13 DONAUG). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-BEC Bloodstock (Ire); T-R Hannon. £12,900.

3--**Ivawood (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, Zebedee (GB)--Keenes Royale (GB), by Red Ransom. (€65,000 wlng '12 GOFNOV; 220,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT).

O-Carmichael Jennings; B-Ms M Davison & Ms D Kitchin (Ire); T-Richard Hannon. £6,456.

Margins: NK, 4HF, 3 1/4. Odds: 16.00, 4.50, 1.63.

Also Ran: Dick Whittington (Ire), Toocoolforschool (Ire), Code Red (GB), Fannaan, Belardo (Ire), Flaming Spear (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [brisnet.com](#) PPs. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum numerous triumphs in the British classics include two in the G1 2,000 Guineas--with the future Derby winner Nashwan in 1989 and Haafhd in 2004. A third 2,000 Guineas success must now be a possibility after two of his colts dominated the G3 Greenham S., a seven-furlong race which has been won in recent seasons by Frankel, Olympic Glory and Kingman. This trio of outstanding colts retired with a tally of 18 G1 victories between them. **Cont. p14**



Caulfield cont.

The latest edition looked to be the strongest of the British trials and this belief was strengthened when the winner, Muhaarar, took a substantial slice off the track record in wearing down Estidhkaar. However, the race has had little impact on the betting for the 2,000 Guineas, which is headed by Aidan O'Brien's Galileo colts Gleneagles and Highland Reel. Some lists also feature another Irish colt--Sheikh Hamdan's unbeaten Shamardal colt Zawraq--in third place in the betting, though this colt's trainer and rider both expressed the belief that Zawraq would benefit from a distance longer than a mile following his success in the Leopardstown 2,000 Guineas Trial.

Estidhkaar is generally on offer at 10-1, while Muhaarar is priced from 10-1 to 20-1. The generosity of Muhaarar's odds probably reflects doubts about his participation at Newmarket, on the basis that this son of champion sprinter Oasis Dream might struggle with the stiff final furlong. Both his trainer Charlie Hills and rider Frankie Dettori appeared to think that Muhaarar might be better suited by the round mile of the Poule d'Essai des Poulains.

Unfortunately for Oasis Dream, his other high-class 2-year-old with 2,000 Guineas potential--the G1 Middle Park S. winner Charming Thought--will definitely not be in the classic line-up. This colt, who was officially rated 4 lbs. superior to Muhaarar at two, suffered a small setback which will delay his reappearance until Royal Ascot. Interestingly, Charming Thought's trainer Charlie Appleby told *Racing Post* that he is in the dark about whether his colt is a sprinter or a miler--a common problem with this particular branch of the Danzig male line.

Whatever Muhaarar's fate in the classics, he must already have added to Sheikh Hamdan's manifest admiration for his sire Oasis Dream. This admiration no doubt stemmed partly from the fact that Oasis Dream is a son of Green Desert, who spent the whole of his long and impressive stallion career at Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Stud.

Green Desert was a Group 1-winning sprinter, but his stamina just about stretched to a mile, as he showed with his second in the 1986 2,000 Guineas. Although he was arguably most successful as a sire of sprinters, such as Oasis Dream, Invincible Spirit, Sheikh Albadou, Desert Lord, Markab, Tamarisk and Owington, Green Desert was also responsible for milers of the quality of Cape Cross, Desert Prince, Rose Gypsy and Heat Haze.

Oasis Dream has very much followed in his father's footsteps, the main difference being that the bottom half of his pedigree, which features three exceptional mile-and-a-half horses, enables him to sire the occasional G1 winner over a mile and a quarter or more, such as Midday, Lady Jane Digby and Querari.

The bulk of his good winners shine over shorter distances, though, with Muhaarar being a good example, as he showed last year. In winning the Gimcrack S. he became Oasis Dream's third winner of this six-furlong Group 2 event (one of his predecessors being that promising stallion Showcasing).

Muhaarar is a Shadwell homebred. The latest edition of the Shadwell private stud book lists nine mares visiting Oasis Dream this year, including the 2005 Oaks winner Eswarah, the G3 winner Farmah and the Listed winners Muteela and Qertaas. There are also seven

Shadwell mares foaling to Oasis Dream this spring and Shadwell also has eight Oasis Dream yearlings, including a colt out of the 1,000 Guineas winner Ghanaati and a filly out of 1,000 Guineas runner-up Cuis Ghaire.

Support of this extent reflects the success that Sheikh Hamdan has enjoyed with Oasis Dream's progeny--both home-bred and purchased. Among the purchases were Aqlaam (G1 Prix du Moulin), Arcano (G1 Prix Morny), Naaqoos (G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere) and Muarrab (a smart sprinter in the UAE), so

they so far outshine the home-breds, which were headed by the listed winners Ertijaal and Mushir and the smart Muwaary prior to Muhaarar's emergence. Rafaadah, another of Shadwell's 2012 Oasis Dream foals, was also a listed winner at two.

Trying to decide whether Muhaarar will be as effective over a mile as he is over seven furlongs is a fairly pointless exercise: we will only find out when he tackles that extra furlong. It has to be in his favour that he finished well in a strongly run Greenham, and that Oasis Dream has sired 2,000 Guineas winners in Ireland and Germany (two). **Cont. p15**



Muhaarar Defeats fellow Sheikh Hamdan representative Estidhkaar. *Racing Post Photo*

MUHAARAR (GB), c, 2012

Oasis Dream (GB)	Green Desert	Danzig	Northern Dancer
			Pas de Nom
	Hope (Ire)	Foreign Counter	Sir Ivor
			Courtly Dee
	Linamix (Fr)	Dancing Brave	Lyphard
		Bahamian (Ire)	Navajo Princess
Tahrir (Ire) SP-Eng 6 Fls, 1 GSW, 1 SW, 1 GSP	Miss Sacha (Ire) SW-Ire 9 Fls, 1 GSW, 1 SW		Mill Reef
			Sorbus (Ire)
	Last Tycoon (Ire)	Mendez (Fr)	Bellypha (Ire)
			Miss Carina (Fr)
	Heaven High (GB) 9 Fls, 2 SW	Lunadix (Fr)	Breton (GB)
			Lutine (GB)
			Try My Best
			Mill Princess (Ire)
			High Line (GB)
			Triumphant (GB)



Caulfield cont.

Muhaarar's broodmare sire, Linamix, was a good winner of the Poule d'Essai des Poulains and often sired progeny which stayed fairly well. Muhaarar's dam Tahrir wasn't among them. Although this useful performer was tried at a mile, she seemed most effective over six or seven furlongs. Muhaarar is Tahrir's second stakes winner, his predecessor being the ill-fated Exceed And Excel filly Sajwah, who broke her pelvis in the G1 Cheveley Park S.

It is worth pointing out that the strong, muscular Oasis Dream has a fine record with daughters of the more elegant Linamix. The partnership has only five foals aged three or over, but they include not only Muhaarar, but also Thai Haku (a G2-placed Listed winner) and Albaraah (a G3-placed Listed winner). This suggests we should be watching out for the pair of 2-year-olds bred this way, especially Moyglare Farm's True Solitaire, in training with Dermot Weld.

As you might guess from Tahrir's yearling price of 350,000gns, she had an attractive pedigree. Her dam, the five-furlong winner Miss Sacha, was a sister to Mister Charm, a dual listed winner at just under a mile in France, and their sire was Last Tycoon, a top sprinter who also took the Breeders' Cup Mile.

The third dam, Heaven High, was a half-sister by the stamina-packed High Line to the top-class 10-furlong filly Timarida. You come across another distinguished distaffer in fifth dam Pugnacity. This aptly named filly inherited plenty of speed from her female line--enough to establish herself as a very good performer at two, when her four wins included the five-furlong Lowther S. Developing into an even better three-year-old, Pugnacity landed the Falmouth S. over a mile immediately prior to making all to win the five-furlong King George S. at Goodwood. This versatile filly even put up a good display over a mile and a quarter at four. They don't make them like that nowadays.



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'RED' 'FIT AS A FLEA' IN QEII BUILDUP

Globetrotting 2012 G1 Hong Kong Vase hero **Red Cadeaux (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) was pronounced 'fit as a flea' according to his traveling companion Robin Trevor-Jones prior to an intended start in Sunday's HK\$20 million G1 Audemars Piguet QEII Cup at Sha Tin. Still going strong at age nine, the chestnut has been runner-up in three G1 Melbourne Cups during his travels and exited the G1 Longines Queen Elizabeth S. at Royal Randwick in Sydney, Australia Apr. 18 with another second-place, this time to the reopposing **Criterion (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus}).

"He raced in Australia nine days ago," said Trevor-Jones, assistant to trainer Ed Dunlop. "He's fit and he's traveled well. He'll have an easy week. We might give him a breeze on the turf on Thursday morning, but we'll see how he does. He doesn't need much." **Cont. p16**



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Red Cadeaux cont.

Red Cadeaux will face the starter for the 51st time in the 2000-meter test Sunday and is closing in on £5 million in earnings with £4,991,952, a mark that makes him the highest money-winning British trained racehorse. He only needs to finish in the top six to see his earnings go above that milestone.

Added Trevor-Jones, "He just takes it all in his stride. Sure he has some management issues and that's why we avoid working or racing him on ground which is too firm. He's not 100% straight-forward, but no horse would be after 50-odd races over 70-odd miles. He's in great order and he still wants to be a racehorse. Right now, you'd hope he'll run another great race on Sunday and could be back here again in December after another Australian spring campaign."

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VINERY STUD RELEASES 2015 STALLION FEES

Headed by champion sire **More Than Ready** (Southern Halo), Australia's Vinery Stud announced the 2015 fees for their roster of 11 stallions reported *Racing and Sports*. More Than Ready's fee will stay at A\$66,000 despite a A\$320,000 yearling average at the recent Inglis Easter Sale and five more juvenile stakes winners this season. First-crop weanling sire and MG1SW **All Too Hard (Aus)** (Casino Prince {Aus}) is next in the lineup at A\$55,000. Last year's champion Australian sire of 2-year-olds, **Mossman (Aus)** (Success Express) is available for A\$27,500. Credited with 51 stakes winners to date, **Testa Rossa (Aus)** (Perugino)'s fee is A\$19,800. **Casino Prince (Aus)** (Flying Spur {Aus})'s progeny have already tallied over 100 wins for this season as of this month and his fee is set at A\$13,200, the same as young Group 1-siring **Husson (Arg)** (Hussonet).

Vinery will also host returning American Grade I-siring stallions **Congrats** (A.P. Indy) and **Big Brown** (Boundary), who has a leading GI Kentucky Derby contender in MG1SW and 'TDN Rising Star' Dortmund, at A\$19,800 and A\$8,800 respectively. **Pluck** (More Than Ready), a winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf in 2010, has first 2-year-olds racing later this year and will stand for A\$9,900. Dual-hemisphere Grade/Group 1 sire **Myboycharlie (Ire)** (Danetime {Ire}) is available at A\$11,000, while G1 Champagne S. hero **Onemorenomore (Aus)** (Red Ransom) rounds out the roster at A\$6,600.

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SLIPPER WINNER MOSSFUN RETIRED

Mossfun (Aus) (Mossman {Aus}--Eye For Fun {Aus}, by Snitzel {Aus}), a winner of the 2014 G1 Golden Slipper S., has been retired according to *Racing and Sports*. Racing for Emirates Park No 2 Syndicate (MGR: H N Lootah) and trained by Michael, Wayne and John Hawkes, the bay had been winless in four subsequent starts this term since being spelled for nine months after her Golden Slipper win. During her juvenile season, Mossfun scored in the G2 Silver Slipper S. and G3 Widden S. both at Rosehill in addition to her Golden Slipper victory. Overall, her record stands at 9-4-2-0 and \$1,959,606. Breeding plans are undecided.

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ALWAYS IN MY HEART, 9, Hennessy--Vow That Binds, by Miswaki

Foal born Apr. 3, a colt by More Than Ready. Will be bred back to Alternation. Owned and boarded at Pin Oak Stud. Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$170,604.

MARIA'S LEGEND, 8, Maria's Mon--Notable Legend, by Notebook

Foal born Apr. 5, a filly by Data Link. Will be bred back to Algorithms. Owned by Pontchartrain Stud. Boarded at Denali Stud. Accomplishments: Dam of Why Two (Bob and John), SW, \$110,065.

GREAT INTENTIONS, 13, Cat Thief--Packet, by Polish Navy

Foal born Apr. 7, a colt by Ghostzapper. Will be bred back to Quality Road. Owned by Colts Neck Stables. Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm. Accomplishments: MGSW, \$435,272.



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ATTENDANCE, HANDLE RISE AT SANTA ANITA

Santa Anita wrapped up its 2014-15 Winter Meet Sunday afternoon, with the track posting a 4% increase in on-site attendance and a 3% gain in total pari-mutuel handle.

The 68-date docket was highlighted by Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg})'s triumph over California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the GII San Antonio S. Feb. 7, as well as his subsequent victory in the GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 7. The San Antonio was named the Race of the Meet following a vote by members of the media. Racegoers also witnessed undefeated 'TDN Rising Star' Dortmund (Big Brown) annex a trio of graded stakes contests for 3-year-olds, including a recent win in the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 4.

Jerry Hollendorfer was the leading trainer at the meet with 34 winners, just one more than runner-up Peter Miller. Rafael Bejarano took home the riding title with 76 victories, while Hronis Racing LLC won 13 races to secure the honors for leading owner.

With the conclusion of the Winter Meet, Santa Anita will hold a Spring Meeting for the second consecutive year, beginning Friday and running through June 28. With the exception of Opening Day--which will have a 1:00 p.m. PST first post--and Kentucky Derby, Preakness S. and Belmont S. Days, first post at Santa Anita will be 12:30 p.m. PST. More information can be found at www.santaanita.com.

ARLINGTON SET FOR 2015 SEASON

Arlington Park will begin its 2015 live racing season May 1 with free general admission and Fan Appreciation Day festivities.

The 77-date stand will once again be highlighted by the Aug. 15 International Festival of Racing, which includes the GI Arlington Million, GI Beverly D. S. and the GI Secretariat S. That day also serves as the centerpiece of the Arlington International Championship Season, comprised of stakes races on nine consecutive Saturdays during the months of July and August.

As a precursor to the International Festival of Racing, Arlington will run a trio of Grade III events over the turf on Million Preview Day July 11. In total, the racecourse will play host to 10 graded stakes races throughout the meet, which concludes Sept. 26.

Arlington has also planned a number of special events coinciding with both highlights of the racing calendar and the holiday weekends of the summer. More information can be found at www.arlingtonpark.com.

INDUSTRY INFO

ABR Releases Third Episode of 'Triple Crown' Series:

America's Best Racing released episode three of their four-part digital video series, "The Road Less Traveled: The Road to the Triple Crown" Monday. The first two episodes of the series, which focused on the ambitions and challenges of the iconic sporting event, amassed over 91,000 views to date. Episode three can be viewed [here](http://www.abr.com).

APPOINTMENTS

**Rich Cristiano: Director of Racing,
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- "I am thrilled to be teaming up again with Rich at this exciting time of Bloom Racing Stable's on-going expansion," said Managing Partner Jeffrey Bloom. "I experienced first-hand Rich's commitment to superior client services and an uncompromising passion for the horses and the industry. Rich is a well-respected industry veteran who also brings a diverse Wall Street career into the mix."
- Previously served as the COO at West Point Thoroughbreds, and more recently headed Business Development at Sovereign Stable.
- "I am very excited about this opportunity to reunite with Jeffrey in the racing partnership arena," commented Cristiano. "I always felt we worked very well together and enjoyed great success in the past, and I look forward to managing the Bloom Racing Stable operation for him."

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, April 21

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
EXTERIOR (Distant View), 12/0/0
 4-IND, Msw, 5f, +Hoosier Sunset, 20-1



Washington Post photographer Jonathan Newton has been named as the recipient of the Jerry Fruttkoff Preakness Photography Award, sponsored by Nikon. Newton's photo of eventual winner California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) establishing command turning for home in the 2014 GI Preakness S. earned him the honor. A professional photographer of 29 years, he will receive his recognition at the Alibi Breakfast May 14 at Pimlico Race Course.

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IN IRELAND:

Eisenhower, c, 2, [War Front](#). See "Britain."

IN JAPAN:

Sound Django, c, 3, [Desert Party](#)--Salt Water Reign, by Salt Lake. Nakayama, 4-18, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$73,109. O-Yuichi Masuda; B-Hibiscus Stables; T-Masamichi Wada. *\$200,000 yrl '13 FTNAUG; \$150,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR.

**Winning jockey Yuichi Fukunaga said, "He started off the gate quickly and traveled nicely from the good position. He has plenty of scope and will suit the distance with only one corner."

Apollo Kentucky, c, 3, [Langfuhr](#)--Dixiana Delight, by Gone West. Nakayama, 4-18, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$167,227. O-Apollo Thoroughbred Club; B-Doug Branham; T-Kenji Yamauchi. *\$55,000 yrl '13 KEESEP. **"He jumped quickly from the gate but lost some contact and tried to stop before he started showing the strong late-kick in the stretch," said winning jockey Ryuji Wada. "He is a very powerful horse but needs to start his engine earlier."IN THE **DARBY DAN TRADITION**

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$60,848, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 4/5, my.**GRAYBIGNBADLIKEDAD** (g, 5, [Macho Uno](#)--Velvet Hope, by Pine Bluff) Lifetime Record: 25-8-3-2, \$302,714. O-American Dreamer Stable & Gumpster Stable. B-Triton Farms (PA). T-Ramon Preciado. *\$25,000 yrl '11 KEESEP. Purchased by **ANDERSON FARMS** **6th-PRX**, \$46,500, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17, my.**BOND VIGILANTE** (h, 5, [Salute the Sarge](#)--L C Mystery, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: SW, 11-5-1-2, \$245,317. O-Klaravich Stables Inc & William H Lawrence. B-Donald E Brooks (NY). T-Chad C Brown. *\$15,000 RNA wlng '10 KEENOV; \$90,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pinkout, f, 3, [Outflanker](#)--Pink Tights, by Let Goodtimes Roll. PRX, 4-20, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Wes Carter (NJ). *\$9,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY.**C P Walnut Ridge**, f, 3, [So Long Birdie](#)--D E Cash Value, by Favorite Trick. WRD, 4-20, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5. B-Joe Merrick (OK). *\$1,000 yrl '13 OKCAUG.

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Monday's Results:

First Winner for Freshman Sire

1st-PNT, £5,000, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT, 1:05.64, gd. + **BLACK MAGIC (IRE)** (c, 2, [Poet's Voice {GB}](#)--**Centifolia {Fr}** {[GSW-Fr](#), \$196,442}, by **Kendor {Fr}**), the first runner for his freshman sire (by Dubawi {Ire}), who resides at Darley's Dalham Hall Stud, broke well and showed professionalism to hold his position on the rail and dispute the early lead. Pushed into the clear with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the €45,000 GOFORB yearling was in no danger thereafter en route to a three-length success from Tawakkol (GB) (Firebreak {GB}). Trainer Richard Fahey's assistant Robin O'Ryan said, "He's always been forward-going and very professional and we expected him to run well. I think he'll be better over six." Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,234. [Video](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Mrs H Steel. B-Corduff Stud Ltd & J Corcoran (Ire). T-Richard Fahey.

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First Winner for Freshman Sire

1st-WSR, £4,500, Mdn, 2yo, f, 5f 10yT, 1:01.07, gd/fm. + **GREAT PAGE (IRE)** (f, 2, **Roderic O'Connor {Ire}**--**Areeda {Ire}**, by **Refuse to Bend {Ire}**), sent off the 3-1 favorite, broke smartly to race freely behind the early pace against the rail. Sent to the front passing the furlong pole, the bay asserted to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Alaskan Phantom (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}). Great Page is the first winner for his first-season sire (by Galileo {Ire}), who stands at Ballyhane Stud. Sales history: 16,000gns RNA wlng '13 TATDEC; €35,000 yrl '14 TATIRE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,911. [Video](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Middleham Park Racing LXXVIII. B-Knockaney Stud (Ire). T-Richard Hannon.

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British results cont.

3rd-WSR, £4,500, Mdn, 3yo/up, 10f 7yT, 2:05.75, gd/fm.

WILD STORM (GB) (f, 3, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--The World {GB}, by Dubai Destination), who was staying on when third in a seven-furlong maiden on Kempton's Polytrack in October, was keen early tracking the leading duo. Coaxed to the front passing the quarter pole, the 4-6 chalk drew away under a hand ride to register a comfortable four-length score from Bank of Gibraltar (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £3,681. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Godolphin. B-Darley (GB). T-Saeed bin Suroor.

Sponsor for Flat Jockeys' Championships Announced:

The Stobart Group has been unveiled as the official sponsor of the 2015 Flat jockeys' championships. The deal has been agreed on for a one-year basis, with an option to renew. Stobart chief executive Andrew Tinkler said, "Our brand's association with racing is something we are very proud of. It has long been our intention to increase our involvement in the sport and the new championships provide an exciting way to do so."



Monday's Results:

2nd-CRK, €13,500, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.19, gd.
EISENHOWER (c, 3, [War Front](#)--Volga {Ire} {GISW-NA, GSW-Fr, \$1,141,628}, by Caerleon), who shaped with encouragement when fourth on debut over seven furlongs at Gowran Park Apr. 11, showed early dash to dispute the lead against the rail. Starting to assert from the furlong pole, the 6-4 chalk was driven out to score by 3/4 of a length from Ostatnia (Ire) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €9,865. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Joseph Allen LLC & Mrs J Magnier & M Tabor & D Smith. B-Joseph Allen. T-Aidan O'Brien.



4th-CRK, €11,000, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT, 1:26.83, gd/fm.
+ FATHER FROST (IRE) (c, 3, [Rip Van Winkle {Ire}](#)--Yaria {Ire}, by Danehill), an 85,000gns TATDEC weanling and 300,000gns TATOCT yearling, tacked over from his wide draw to race in fifth throughout the early stages. Shaken up with a quarter mile to race, the 7-4 crowd's choice was game to wear down Frozen Lake (Elusive Quality) in the final yards and score by a neck. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €7,590. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor. B-Barbara Prendergast (Ire). T-Aidan O'Brien.

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Sunday's Result:

8th-LYN, €20,000, Cond, 3yo, 11fT, 2:35.32, gd/sf.
RISING SUN (IRE) (c, 3, [Iffraaj {GB}](#)--Rolly Polly {Ire} {Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ity, MGSW-US, GSW-Eng, Fr & Ity, \$436,004}, by Mukaddamah), who registered a narrow verdict going 10 furlongs here on debut Mar. 29, was steadied in fourth passing the judge the first time in this one. Shaken up for his bid in early stretch, the 11-5 second choice asserted for control approaching the final eighth and was urged clear before gearing down late to score by 3/4 of a length from Parzival (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}). Sales history: 120,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €18,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Qatar Racing Ltd. B-Dayton Investments Ltd (Ire). T-Mikel Delzangles.

Monday's Results:

4th-LCP, €34,000, Cond, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:40.20, gd.
BILISSIE (GB) (f, 3, [Dansili {GB}](#)--Balladeuse {Fr} {GSW-Fr, \$168,171}, by Singspiel {Ire}) was second best here when unveiled Sept. 1 and again at Chantilly on her sophomore bow last time Mar. 28, and shadowed the leaders in fourth from the outset of this one. Making smooth headway in the straight, the 8-5 pick cruised to the front with 300 meters remaining and was pushed out late to prevail by an eased-down neck from Happyness (GB) (Verglas {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €28,600. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB). T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

2nd-LCP, €34,000, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:37.52, gd.
NEW BAY (GB) (c, 3, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--Cinnamon Bay {GB} {SW-Fr}, by Zamindar), runner-up going one mile on the Chantilly Polytrack in his only prior go Nov. 25, claimed second along the fence and remained there for most of this return. Scrubbed along at the top of the stretch, the 33-10 chance came under sterner urging with 300 meters to go and kept on strongly in the closing stages to comfortably hold the unlucky-in-running Tale of Life (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) by a length. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €22,800. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Khalid Abdullah. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB). T-Andre Fabre.



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Sunday's Results:

4th-COL, €8,750, Mdn, 3yo, 11fT, 2:17.86, gd.
 + **GUIGNOL (GER)** (c, 3, **Cape Cross {Ire}**--**Guadalupe {Ger}** {G1SW-Ity, G1SP-Eng & Ger, \$491,122}, by **Monsun {Ger}**) was restrained to race in a midfield fifth after the initial exchanges of this unveiling. Pushed along soon after turning for home, the 9-5 joint-favorite weaved into the clear approaching the final eighth and was ridden out to deny Nutan (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) by a neck in the dying strides. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €5,000.

O/B-Stall Ullmann (Ger). T-Jean-Pierre Carvalho.

3rd-MUN, €5,100, Cond, 3yo, 11fT, 2:30.50, gd.
 + **QUASILLO (GER)** (c, 3, **Sea the Stars {Ire}**--**Quetena {Ger}** {SP-Ity}, by **Acatenango {Ger}**) was subjected to a modest pace and raced keenly in rear following an awkward departure in this first go. Cruising into contention approaching the final quarter mile, the 19-10 second favorite was still raw when quickening to the fore at the eighth pole and he stayed on strongly under mild coaxing in the closing stages to best Shimrano (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) by an impressive two lengths. The homebred chestnut, a G1 Deutsches Derby entry, is a half to Querari (Ger) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Ity & GSW-Ger, \$269,916. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €3,000.

O/B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (Ger). T-Andreas Wohler.

Australasia

Cambridge Stud Announces 2015 Fees:

Cambridge Stud announced fees for its four-strong 2015 stallion roster Monday. The New Zealand-based stud will offer stud stalwart **Keeper (Aus)** (Danehill) for NZ\$7,000. He is responsible for six Group 1 winners to date since his first foals hit the track in 2004. New Zealand's top second-season sire **Tavistock (NZ)** (Montjeu {Ire}) will stand for NZ\$15,000. Already the sire of G1 Rosehill Guineas hero Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ), his book is closed, as demand has already exceeded availability.

"It's pleasing that he is attracting such strong interest but the downside is will be having to notify some breeders that their application have been unsuccessful," Cambridge Stud's Sir Patrick Hogan told *Racing and Sports*. "We are presently working through the applications at the moment and will advise breeders in the coming week."

Fees for MG1SW **Power (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) and **Burgundy (NZ)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) have been set at NZ\$8,000 and NZ\$6,000 respectively.


New Records Achieved at VOBIS Gold Sale:

The second day of the Inglis VOBIS Gold Yearling Sale posted new highs in multiple categories Tuesday.

Out of a total of 260 catalogued for the select session, 202 found new homes with an average of \$13,231, an increase of 5.5% over last year. The median was \$10,000, up 33.3%. For the general and supplementary sessions, 71 yearlings sold from 84 offered for a clearance rate of 84.6%. The average at A\$10,996 and median at A\$6,500, were up 58.1% and 189% respectively. The overall clearance rate from all sessions stands at 86%.

"It was pleasing to see the diversity of buyers over the last two days which resulted in many records set for the VOBIS Gold sale," said Inglis' Victorian Director Peter Heagney. "The strength of the market remained right to the end with well-presented yearlings regularly exceeding vendors' expectations. The benefits from the Super VOBIS and VOBIS Gold schemes are too good to overlook and this sale gave purchasers an opportunity to participate in those great bonuses."

Two lots shared the top price of A\$90,000 Tuesday. **Lot 313**, a daughter of Star Witness (Aus), was the first yearling to reach that mark when purchased by Inglis, as agent from the consignment of Golden Grove. Out of GSW winner Strikeline (Aus) (Desert Sun {GB}), she is a full-sister to Australian SW The Barrister (Aus). Shortly after lot 313, a bay So You Think (NZ) colt (**lot 333**) equaled that mark when selling to Lyndhurst Farm from the draft of Woodside Park Stud. He is the first foal from Australian GSW Danaupair Starlet (Aus) (Delago Brom {Aus}).



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• No. Sold	202	197
• RNAs	30	32
• % RNAs	12.9%	13.9%
• High Price	A\$62,000	A\$80,000
• Gross	A\$2,672,750	A\$2,470,750
• Average (% change)	A\$13,231 (+5.5%)	A\$12,542
• Median (% change)	A\$10,000 (+33.3%)	A\$7,500

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SESSION TOTALS

	2015	2014
• Catalogued	102	151
• No. Offered	84	118
• No. Sold	71	86
• RNAs	13	32
• % RNAs	15.4%	27.1%
• High Price	A\$90,000	A\$68,000
• Gross	A\$780,750	A\$598,000
• Average (% change)	A\$10,996 (+58.1%)	A\$6,953
• Median (% change)	A\$6,500 (+189%)	A\$2,250

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The former grist mill, a superb two and a half story stone structure, is one of a precious few Woodford County buildings listed on the National Historic Register. Currently utilized as the farm's office, it was once utilized as a dramatic guest house—the gears of the old mill wheel sit side by side with today's computer technology.

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HANDICAP RESULT:

6th-WSR, £4,500, 4-20, 3yo, 11f 135yT, 2:28 2/5, gd/fm.

SPARRING (IRE) (c, 3, **Teofilo {Ire}**--Henties Bay {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £6,016. O-Godolphin. B-Francois Drion & Ptns (Ire). T-Charlie Appleby. *100,000gns RNA yrl '13 TATOCT; 120,000gns yrl '13 TATDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

An Duine Uasal (Ire), c, 2, **Alfred Nobel (Ire)**--Dany Song, by Yankee Victor. CRK, 4-20, 5fT, :59 4/5. B-Aidan Sexton (Ire). *€4,200 wnlng '13 GOFNOV; €5,000 yrl '14 GOFEB; €3,000 RNA yrl '14 GOFECT.

Jardin Fleuri (Fr), f, 2, **Myboycharlie (Ire)**--Bashful (Ire) (SW & GSP-Fr), by Brief Truce. BDX, 4-19, 5fT, 1:03.77. B-Haras du Cadran & Jean-Claude Seroul (Fr). *€19,000 yrl '14 OSASEP.

+ **Kersea (Fr)**, f, 3, **Dunkerque (Fr)**--Sea Life (Fr), by Anabaa. DTL, 4-19, 11fT, 2:27.75. B-Haras du Quesnay (Fr). *€25,000 yrl '13 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Sea Trial (Fr) (Panis), MSP-Fr, \$276,875.

Beardwood (GB), c, 3, **Dutch Art (GB)**--Valentina Guest (Ire) (MSP-Ire, \$114,060), by Be My Guest. PON, 4-20, 6fT, 1:17 4/5. B-Kirtlington Stud (GB). *90,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.

+ **Chantaleen (Fr)**, f, 3, **Falco--Avezia (Fr)**, by Night Shift. AUC, 4-19, 10fT, 2:08.04. B-SNIG Elevage (Fr). *€110,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Spoil the Fun (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), GSW-Ity, SW & MGSP-Fr, GSP-Ger, \$295,046.

Olorda (Ger), f, 3, **Lord of England (Ger)**--Oligarchica (Ger) (SP-Ity), by Desert King (Ire). MUN, 4-19, 8fT, 1:42.15. B-Gestut Berwangerhof (Ger). *€58,000 RNA 2yo '14 BBAMAY. **Full to Oil of England (Ger), MGSP-Ity, \$166,245.

Castlelyons (Ire), c, 3, **Papal Bull (GB)**--Summercove (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). CRK, 4-20, 8 1/2fT, 1:43 4/5. B-Highfort Stud (Ire).

Phoibe (GB), f, 3, **Royal Applause (GB)**--Polish Belle (GB), by Polish Precedent. MAG, 4-18, 6 1/2fT, 1:19.60. B-Newsells Park Stud Ltd (GB). *72,000gns wnlng '12 TATDEC; 135,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT. **Full to Jairzihno (GB), GSP-US, \$195,907.

Barbara (Fr), f, 3, **Samson Happy (Jpn)**--Ballet Girl, by Theatrical (Ire). DTL, 4-19, 11fT, 2:24.98. B-Patrick Barbe (Fr).

Lovelyn (Ger), f, 3, **Tiger Hill (Ire)**--Laurella (GB), by Acatenango (Ger). COL, 4-19, 10 1/2fT, 2:14.88. B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (Ger).

Altaayil (Ire), g, 4, **Sea the Stars (Ire)**--Alleluia (GB) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 14f+, GSW-Eng), by Caerleon. WOL, 4-18, 12f 50y (AWT), 2:43 4/5. B-Mrs S M Rogers & Miss K Rausing (Ire). *550,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT. *1/2 to Allegretto (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Co-Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 13.5f+, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 14f+, G1SW-Fr, MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$963,021.

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CHURCHILL DOWNS

Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), 4f, :48.40, 3/26
Judy the Beauty (Ghostzapper), 6f, 1:12.60, 1/2

PALM MEADOWS

Clothes Fall Off (Daaher), 5f, 1:01.70, 2/5

PAYSON PARK

Ekati's Phaeton (Tale of Ekati), 4f, :50.00, 3/5

Tonalist (Tapit), 6f, 1:16, 1/1

SANTA ANITA

Beholder (Henny Hughes), 4f, :49.60, 24/32

Kentuckian (Tiznow), 4f, :47.20, 2/32

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Apr. 24	GIII Bewitch S.	KEE
	GIII Texas Mile S.	LS
Apr. 25	GIII Excelsior S.	AQU
	GIII San Francisco Mile	GG
	GIII Miami Mile H.	GP
	GIII Last Tycoon S.	SA
Apr. 26	GIII Wilshire S.	SA
May 1	GI Kentucky Oaks	CD
	GI La Troienne S.	CD
	GII Alysheba S.	CD
	GIII Edgewood S.	CD
	GIII Eight Belles S.	CD
	GIII Twin Spires Turf Sprint	CD
May 2	GI Kentucky Derby	CD
	GI Humana Distaff	CD
	GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic S.	CD
	GII Sheepshead Bay S.	BEL
	GII American Turf	CD
	GII Churchill Distaff Turf Mile	CD
	GII Churchill Downs S.	CD
	GIII Fort Marcy S.	BEL
	GIII Westchester S.	BEL
	GIII Pat Day Mile S.	CD
	GIII Precisionist S.	SA
May 3	GII Honeymoon S.	SA