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MEDICATION A MAJOR FOCUS AT ARC

By Michele MacDonald

A day after an international racing leader suggested a single set of rules for elite racing worldwide that could penalize American racing if medication remains legal, The Jockey Club President James Gagliano strongly voiced his organization's view that drugs be banned in competition.

Speaking to the Asian Racing Conference in Hong Kong on May 7, Gagliano employed clear words following the previous day's salvo from Brian Kavanagh, Chief Executive of Horse Racing Ireland and Chairman of the European Pattern Committee.

"Medication reform remains our highest priority," Gagliano said before reaffirming The Jockey Club's position that "horses should compete only when they are free from the influence of medication."

Just hours after the ARC began its three-day run of business meetings, Kavanagh called for the establishment of a global set of rules that would bar medication use in competition. Kavanagh made the proposal during discussion about Pattern racing and utilization of the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings to promote the sport and its top runners.

Medication clearly remains a high-level topic among racing leaders. International Federation of Horseracing Authorities Chairman Louis Romanet reported that IFHA executive council members, during a private meeting on May 5, had unanimously endorsed an anti-doping and equine welfare policy that included a provision for a total ban on race-day medication.

"We know it will be difficult to implement in some parts of the world in all races," Romanet said in an apparent reference to the United States, "but at least it should be done for all group and black-type races that make the breed."

Other major sports do not allow different rules in various jurisdictions, and neither should racing, asserted Kavanagh, who serves as an IFHA vice chairman along with Gagliano. **cont. p3**



James Gagliano M MacDonald

CHROME GETS BACK TO THE TRACK

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) made his first trip back to the track since his GI Kentucky Derby victory Saturday. He jogged one mile under exercise rider Willie Delgado. After the jog, Delgado commented that the colt was, "Good, really super. He went out there like he always does. He is his normal self."

"It went really good," Alan Sherman, the son and assistant to trainer Art Sherman. "He wanted to train; he was tired of walking." Sherman said that he was still unsure when they were going to ship California Chrome to Pimlico. "I still haven't heard about the plane; whether we will go to Pimlico Monday or Wednesday," Sherman explained. "I'd prefer Monday. The key now is to keep him happy."

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS: UNTAPABLE

By Andrew Caulfield

Punters who were considering a bet in this year's GI Kentucky Oaks or the G1 1000 Guineas no doubt spent most of their time evaluating the runners' past performances. They might have been better advised, though, to study the form of the contestants' sires.

Prior to the Oaks, Untapable had won two Grade IIs but not a Grade I. However, her sire Tapit had previously been represented by 12 Grade I winners, of which no fewer than eight were fillies. Of course, Untapable promptly outclassed her rivals at Churchill Downs to increase the figure to nine fillies among 13 Grade I winners, leaving no doubt that Tapit is a first-rate sire of the so-called fairer sex (if such a description is allowed nowadays). **cont. p12**



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Medication a Major Focus at Arc (cont. from p1)

"I believe that the IFHA must move to a single worldwide set of rules relating to medication and we simply must find a way of ensuring that these rules can be enforced in all member countries," said Kavanagh, whose comments came while he was addressing the integrity of the racehorse rankings and the graded/group races that are the backbone of the ranking system.

"I realize this is not straightforward in some countries, but in order to have value and integrity for our global rankings and our black-type system in sales catalogs, it is simply where we must go," Kavanagh said.

His comments seemed to point directly at the U.S., which conducts more racing than any other nation and runs the most Grade 1 races in the world, yet is among the relatively few major jurisdictions allowing medication in competition.

"I do firmly believe, for the integrity of sales catalogs and for the integrity of the rankings, that we have to be talking about a level playing pitch in the sport," Kavanagh said.

Currently, four of the top 10 highest-ranked racehorses in the world are based in the U.S.: Game On Dude, second by five pounds to Japanese leader Just a Way, who is ranked at 130; Will Take Charge at 123; California Chrome, 122; and Lea, 121.

During the IFHA's annual meeting in Paris last October, Kavanagh had suggested that races allowing medication perhaps should be denoted with an asterisk or otherwise segmented within the industry due to differing standards.

ARC delegates seemed to share Kavanagh's sentiments that racing under which medication is allowed should not be viewed as equal to competition that bars drugs. A poll among conference attendees resulted in 82% agreeing that black-type designations should be linked to medication rules.

In other words, a significant majority of ARC delegates believe that races allowing medication should not be recognized by worldwide authorities and sales companies as a validation of quality in racehorses and bloodstock.

When asked about Kavanagh's proposal, Gagliano replied that it is a "non-starter."

Carl Hamilton, chairman and chief executive officer of The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., reacted with stronger words.

"To use black-type or grades of races as a vehicle to put pressure on our medication policies will have the opposite effect to what some want to achieve--harmonization of rules." Hamilton said. **cont. p4**



Brian Kavanagh
M MacDonald

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"In fact, the result could be the implosion of a number of international committees," Hamilton continued. "There are times we feel this type of talk is purely commercially motivated by certain countries."

While he declined to discuss further which entities may be targeting the U.S. commercially by using the medication issue, Hamilton noted that American officials typically don't get much feedback, constructive or not, from other nations on the medication issue.

"Outside of these conferences, these individuals don't really approach us about this topic," he said.

The Jockey Club officials have noted that the IFHA is not a regulatory body with the power to enforce regulations, but rather a member organization that works to harmonize rules and racing structures and policies worldwide.

However, IFHA officials--through their unanimous policy agreement and in individual comments--appear steadfastly committed to ending the use of medication in racing.

"One has to say, long-term, that is something we definitely have to achieve," said Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Hong Kong Jockey Club Chief Executive and IFHA vice chairman, although he conceded that it will take time.

In the interim, racing officials should begin by taking a stand that anabolic steroids "have no place in racing" and horses should not be allowed to compete for at least six months after being given steroids, Engelbrecht-Bresges said.

Some jurisdictions already have acted to prohibit the use of steroids in racehorses and in horses sold at public auction.

"This is a platform we can build on," Engelbrecht-Bresges continued. "I personally feel we have to work together and I am confident we will be able to do it."

During further discussion in an ARC session titled 'Fair Competition and Drug Control,' Gagliano said The Jockey Club would support any measure, including ones proposed by or through U.S. federal intervention, that would create uniform drug rules across all states.

Federal regulation would not be an easy process to establish, he noted, but added that "I see more and more [American racing] stakeholders interested in a federal solution."

Building Customer Connections...

By Michele MacDonald

Availability of burgeoning consumer data as well as unprecedented avenues to directly connect with customers offer horse racing the inside track to improving business in an increasingly competitive world, delegates to the Asian Racing Conference were told on May 7 in Hong Kong.

The conference's theme, "Customer. Connect. Compete. Create," leapt to life during a discussion on how to reach out to new and existing customers and generate business from them.

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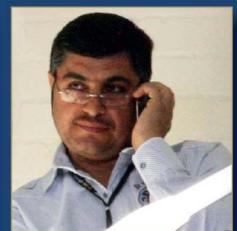
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Richard Cheung, Hong Kong Jockey Club Executive Director of Customer Service and Marketing, revealed how the HKJC turned around declining revenues in a five-year period by first identifying four key customer groups (from newcomers to club members) and then working through four "levers" to attract those groups (racetrack ambiance, digital experience, innovations in data and positioning in popular culture).



Richard Cheung *M MacDonald*

Knowledge of customers through the gathering and analysis of data about their preferences and habits and then utilization of that information in marketing is the winning formula, Cheung said.

"At the Hong Kong Jockey Club, we rely a lot on data-mining and that is a big advantage to us. We have identified customers' changing needs and we know what they want," he explained.

Not only has the HKJC set the pace in the racing world with development of new kinds of data about customers and potential customers and with the creation of new types of technology for wagering, it also has led the field in finding digital means to capitalize on that information. The club's efforts have been focused on drawing in many young fans, which had been a key goal after HKJC officials determined that most of its customers were over 50 when handle plummeted to a low in 2006.

With wagering growth in the past four years concentrated on mobile platforms, the HKJC has concentrated on distribution through mobile channels while also shifting marketing initiatives to social media.

"Moving things from the PC platform to the mobile and tablet platform is a must for us and it constitutes more than 80% of our digital experience work," Cheung said, adding, "With a social media network, it's almost free to reach people with the latest updates."

Since the HKJC has identified that customers want higher pay-outs without having to study detailed racing form or complicated betting instructions, the club has sought to develop new or upgraded bet types, including the Quartet, which now generates about US\$1.5 million in handle per race.

Drawing on the expertise of American-based company Longitude, the HKJC relaunched the Quartet bet in January with technology first used in financial markets to provide advanced pari-mutuel calculations at a very high speed with real-time odds display for all possible combinations. Such information is a breakthrough in a market like Hong Kong, which offers great liquidity for bettors.

Additionally, as Cheung described it, Longitude is also involved in a composite win bet innovation that allows splitting a single bet among several horses that is weighted depending on the odds as they constantly change.

"In everything we do, we try to be data-driven," Cheung said. "This matches customers' desire to catch odds movements."

Thomas Ascher, Longitude Chief Executive Officer, said his company's work with technology wouldn't have been possible a decade ago.

"Longitude first invented [the technology] for financial markets--to deconstruct the pricing into tiny pieces, every possible outcome, and putting them together in the perfect order and coming up with the odds perfectly balanced in the fraction of a second. Ten years ago, that would have taken about a day," Ascher said.



Thomas Ascher *M MacDonald*

In today's world, he suggested to racing leaders that "the only limit to what you can do and what your customers can do is your imagination. You can use processing power and allow people to define their own futures."

While data is essential to innovation and wagering growth, racetrack ambiance and connection of racing to popular culture also are highly important, Cheung noted. Under its master plan, the HKJC has invested in redesigning parts of its track facilities to provide hip and luxurious accommodations for both younger and wealthy customers.

The HKJC also tries to harness celebrity star power to promote racing and works to connect racing with popular culture, such as enlisting well-known Chinese artist Xu Beihong to paint horses for a video promotion of racing in the current Chinese Year of the Horse.

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Innovations in Racing TV Coverage...

By Michele MacDonald

When Felix Baumgartner jumped from the edge of space and plummeted about 24 miles before softly parachuting to the red earth of New Mexico in 2012, the pioneering technology that recorded and broadcasted his history-making leap live powerfully suggested that new developments in television can be applied to sports.

Horse racing could be one of the beneficiaries of this emerging technology, delegates to the 35th Asian Racing Conference were told yesterday.

Joerg Heise, Managing Director of Riedel Communications, the company that played an integral role in Baumgartner's Red Bull Stratos Mission, said during a panel discussion of cutting-edge technology in television that such new capabilities can put viewers virtually on the backs of racehorses.

These applications undoubtedly will increase fascination with sports and stir emotions, which will be instrumental in getting people to spend money, Heise said.

Already, Riedel is working with the Hong Kong Jockey Club in testing cameras the size of dimes mounted on jockey helmets.

While some of this advanced new technology can be expensive, it also has the potential to multiply returns. The Baumgartner jump cost about \$50 million in total, Heise said, but with more than eight million live streaming transmissions, the coverage value would have been about \$500 million.

"I'm not suggesting that you need that kind of investment to achieve compelling results, but what is compelling is the ratio of the investment with the return," Heise said. "You can scale it down to your requirements."

During the same discussion, Oonagh Chan, head of broadcasting services with the Hong Kong Jockey Club, reported that the HKJC is pushing ahead to make television more of an interactive medium with fans rather than a passive one. With people in Hong Kong owning at least two mobile devices on average, "live horse racing in Hong Kong has to change," she said in order to reach fans in this increasingly mobile world.

The HKJC has developed a special platform where fans can log in to an application from their tablets during racing programs and obtain access to video shots and information, including statistics not available on television or elsewhere. The app also allows fans to see entire 360 degree views of the paddock, for example, by simply turning to look in each direction. Thus, they can find and watch specific horses or take a look at who might be in the parade ring prior to a race.

Customers can also use the app to chat with each other and send messages. Their handicapping selections are reviewed and sometimes posted by HKJC moderators who feel they have particular merit, and thus a fan community is stimulated, Chan said.

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

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Experience: Rep. Barr is serving his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was elected to office in November 2012.

Key Committee: Rep. Barr serves on the House Financial Services Committee. This committee oversees online gaming which is critical to the future of the horse racing industry.

Rep. Barr also is co-chair of the Congressional Horse Caucus (CHC). The CHC helps raise awareness of the equine industry and the impact it has on the nation's economy to Members of Congress and their staffs.

Impact on horse racing industry: Rep. Barr introduced the Race Horse Recovery Act (H.R. 2212), which would renew three-year depreciation for all racehorses, a provision that expired at the end of 2013. Rep. Barr also introduced the Equine Tax Parity Act (H.R. 998) to amend the 1986 Internal Revenue Code to reduce the capital gains holding period for horses from 24 months to 12 months.

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Research has shown that social engagement with sports through television is growing by 50% a year, Chan noted, adding that these social communities "incubate your fans, especially your younger customers." With sports events dominating twitter conversation about TV in 2013, "we can't be sitting there and waiting for other sports to absorb our customers--we have to be moving ahead," she said.



Oonagh Chan M MacDonald

Looking to the future, the HKJC is testing video stitching technology with high definition cameras that would provide a 180-degree view of racing that viewers could interact with by zooming in to see specific horses during the running of a race, for example. Employment of that kind of technology might be only about two years away, Chan said.

Emergence of a Racing Superpower...

By Michele MacDonald

Many racing leaders might claim that their racing operation is the best in the world, but few could back up that kind of claim with a range of profound statistics in the manner employed by William Nader, Hong Kong Jockey Club Chief Executive of Racing, during an Asian Racing Conference session May 7.

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"We have the best racing model in the world," said Nader before quoting famed American boxer Muhammed Ali to underline his point: "It ain't bragging if it is true."

With only seven million inhabitants and two racetracks, Hong Kong racing surpassed American racing in total wagering several years ago, with 2014 forecasts indicating US\$13.2 billion will be bet on the Hong Kong sport with \$10.7 billion on American racing, Nader said.



William Nader M MacDonald

Showing just how dramatically the global landscape has changed, America dwarfed Hong Kong in betting just eight years ago, with a total of US\$14.8 billion in wagering compared to US\$7.7 billion. Nader observed that Hong Kong wagering continues to rise and could eclipse Australia's total this year for the first time.

Remarkably, an average total of over US\$17 million is bet on every race in Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong Jockey Club is just beginning its initiatives with commingled pools around the world. After setting up commingling with the United States, the HKJC now is aiming to open up commingled wagering next year with Europe, Singapore, Macau, Australian, New Zealand and South Africa.

But betting was just one part of the Hong Kong racing picture shared by Nader during a session in which racing executives profiled their nation's industries. Under the Hong Kong model, the largest measure of racing revenues are dedicated to government and charity, and the Hong Kong Jockey Club will funnel about US\$1.5 billion to the government this year to support public projects.

The HKJC has built up the sport to be among the most prestigious activities in the region and maintains four clubhouses for 23,000 members, including a facility in Beijing. Demand for horse ownership is exceedingly strong, but supply is extremely limited, with only 330 permits given out by ballot a year, and individual owners are barred from owning more than four horses.

Most of the horses competing in Hong Kong are imported from Australia (about 40%), New Zealand (30%) and Europe, Nader said. Only 24 trainers are licensed and up to 25 jockeys, all of whom undergo extensive background checks as part of the HKJC's attempts to maintain the utmost integrity in Hong Kong racing and wagering.

"Only people of the highest reputation and standards are invited to participate in our racing," Nader said.

To run this huge sporting machine, the HKJC employs 5,700 full-time staff and another 18,000 part-time workers.

As part of its vertically integrated structure, the HKJC employs all the clinical and regulatory veterinarians on its staff, and those professionals conduct pre-race inspections of all horses the day before they compete as well as oversee all medications and supplements, which must be provided by the official club pharmacy.

The HKJC testing laboratory is renowned worldwide and has never returned a false positive test in 44 years. Last year 22,000 samples were analyzed, and random testing is done even with feed and bedding.

The quality of racing in Hong Kong has consistently risen along with wagering, and currently there are 21 Hong Kong-based runners included in the World's Best Racehorse Rankings. Five of Hong Kong's international Group 1 races are considered among the world's top 50 races by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities, Nader said.

For the future, the HKJC is building a training center in Conghua on mainland China, which is clearly a target for wagering development as authorities there ponder whether to allow racing with betting. The training center should be open by 2018, Nader said.

Connecting Racing with Popular Culture...

By Liesl King

Best-selling Australian author Don Watson opened Wednesday's plenary session titled 'Connecting racing with popular culture' with the intriguing question: "Why does one want to own a racehorse?"

Watson went on to point out that the average racehorse causes more heart ache than it causes joy.

"Horses are fragile things--they drop dead, they break down, need long spells and the majority of them are just too slow," said Watson. "So why do we persist?" Yet there has to be a reason why so many people own racehorses and keep on acquiring them.

According to Watson, the answer lies in the horse and in the age-old relationship that has existed between man and horse. "We are wired to the beasts," he explained. They have exercised and inspired our imagination for centuries. An animal that just happens to have a gap between its molars where a bit would fit and with a finely tuned flight instinct honed in age when they were easy prey for sabre-toothed tigers. "Of course," Watson added with a twinkle in his eye, "that's probably why we have to put blinkers on them, as there is bound to be a sabre-toothed tiger lurking in that car park adjacent to the home straight."

Jokes aside, Watson has probably owned thirty odd horses during his lifetime and he has certainly heard every excuse in the book as to why a particular horse could not win a particular race. **cont. p8**



Don Watson Liesl King



"Besides the physical limitations of the horse, you have the added influences of the state of the track, the vigor of the jockey or lack thereof and the trainer, farrier or vet's ability to keep it fit, sound and healthy," Watson said. "Then there is a gene that kicks in to remind the horse that it is a leader and should fight to the end or that it belongs back in the herd."

Yet people still want to own horses. Watson points out that much of his childhood was spent dreaming of an ordinary horse belonging to his father's friend, before he switched the focus of his attention to a magnificent chestnut sprinter called Vain. Vain was a champion, but as Watson pointed out, you need to own ordinary horses to understand how freakish the champions are. So are we any closer to figuring out why people would even want to own a horse or follow horse racing?

According to Watson, the one thing that connects racing to the popular culture is a charismatic horse, a champion that is the face of racing. The ones that write themselves into the history books and fire the imagination of ordinary people.

Yet racing does very little with its champions, treating them almost as an accessory, he argues, and therein lies the cause of some of the disconnect between racing and popular culture.

To conclude, Watson ends with another question, one he came across in a questionnaire once: "What would make owning a racehorse more attractive to you?" The simple answer, according to Watson: Owning a better horse, of course!

Bill Barich, lead writer for the TV series "Luck" agreed, pointing out that when he spent 10 weeks on the backstretch of a racetrack, the stories people told him always involved a horse. Racing may be a confined universe, where peoples' lives are completely enmeshed, but it is a great leveler, a great democracy and at its center is the horse. The horse provides that spark of life, the excitement and the noise as it thunders down the home straight. For Barich, who seldom speaks in public, the answer is simple: Make racing more about the horse and you will reconnect with the popular culture.

In closing, Chris Luoni and Gerald Fell explained why they set up a New Zealand Racing Hall Of Fame. For Luoni it was very straightforward. "I loved the stories," he said. "We had the opportunity to use the digital media to tell the stories of the heroes and their histories to the young people. Phar Lap's skeleton is on display, but it is a bare sterile bunch of bones. So we put his story on film and it was an instant success."

These DVD's have certainly gone some way towards making the horse the center of the story of racing again as Gerald explains: "We have gone back and made DVD's of our great horses such as Carbine, Phar Lap and Sunline, and these are regularly used as fillers by our local racing channel."

Enabling people to reconnect with the stars of the past will hopefully fire their imagination to follow the stars of the future.

Industry Vocational Training...

By Liesl King

Denzil Pillay, Chief Executive of the National Horseracing Authority of South Africa, chaired the last plenary session on Wednesday afternoon at the Asian Racing Conference under the banner of 'Industry Vocational Training.'

Racing is a labor-intensive industry and its workforce needs to be highly skilled and specialized. Amy Chan, Manager of HKJC's Racing Development Board (RDB) and Headmistress of the Apprentice Jockeys' School delivered the main presentation. Chan told delegates that the RDB's aim is to "establish a best practice training system that meets the diverse needs of the HKJC, and which delivers training programs to our staff that enable them to operate at a standard that exceeds accepted industry requirements."



Amy Chan *Liesl King*

Chan explained the Elite Sports Training formula that is the foundation of the Apprentice Jockeys' School's training program. It is a simple equation of talent plus attitude plus discipline equals success. Especially in the high risk, high reward world of the extreme athlete that is the professional jockey, talent is a necessary requirement. The search for this 'talent' starts right at the beginning of the selection process, when all the applicants are required to perform balancing exercises on horseback, despite most of them never having seen a horse before.

From the initial 1000 applicants, roughly 25 are selected for the first stage of the training course, which takes place at the Guang Ming Riders' Club in Shenzhen, mainland China. Here the trainees complete a nine-month course under the guidance of experienced riding masters, both racing and equestrian. The trainees learn basic riding skills, stable management and undergo physical training. Chan went on to explain that a wellness program is also included as most of these young trainees find living in dormitory conditions away from home very stressful.

The intermediate phase of the training occurs at Sha Tin Racecourse at the Apprentice Jockeys' School. Here trainees experience the Equisizer for the first time. Being at the track enables them to get familiar with morning track work, gives them exposure to top jockeys and enables them to receive training in veterinary care, nutrition and physiology. With a day that starts at 3 a.m. and ends at 9 p.m., there are often a number of dropouts at this stage, but the ones who make it through can look forward to a spell at an overseas training facility.

Currently there are Hong Kong apprentices completing their overseas training in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Upon their return, the apprentices are indentured to a master trainer in order to begin their racing careers. **cont. p9**



This unique vocational training system of apprentice jockeys by the Hong Kong Jockey Club has delivered a series of world-class jockeys, such as international Group 1-winning rider Tony Cruz and, more recently, the very talented Mathew Chadwick. In August 2012, Chadwick won the prize for the leading jockey at Ascot's Shergar Cup, followed by a sensational victory in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup.

With unemployment in Hong Kong at only 3.3 %, it is not easy to attract new trainees, yet Chan and her dedicated staff seem to have developed a solid training program that consistently produces top local jockeys that can hold their own anywhere in the world.

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HOLDING ITS OWN

Since Shergar's day in 1981, the G3 Chester Vase has enjoyed peaks and troughs as a Derby trial. Four subsequent Classic winners have triumphed here, including last year's hero Ruler of the World (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who was the first since that great to follow up at Epsom. While this year's assembly is probably below the quality required of the blue riband, the four times-winning Ballydoyle stable supply two interesting candidates in Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Susan Magnier's **Carlo Bugatti (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) and **Orchestra (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). The former sports blinkers for the first time after his return fourth in the G3 Ballysax S. at Navan Apr. 12 and is the pick of Joseph O'Brien, while Ryan Moore is legged up on his barn mate, who captured a 7 1/2-furlong Tipperary maiden when last seen in August and remains an unknown quantity. Now that Sea the Stars (Ire) is finding his stride as a sire, it could be that his duo here **Seagull Star (GB)** and **Stars Over the Sea** provide the stiffest opposition to the Irish contingent. The former was a staying-on third in the Apr. 17 £200,000 Tattersalls Millions 3-Y-O Trophy over 10 furlongs at Newmarket, while more experienced Stars Over the Sea also looked in need of this trip when filling the same spot in Epsom's Investec Derby Trial at that same distance Apr. 23.

Thursday, Chester, Britain, post time: 2:45 p.m.

MBNA CHESTER VASE-G3, £60,000, 3yo, c/g, 12f 66yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Automated (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	Fallon	Brittain
2	4	Belfilo (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Murphy	Balding
3	5	Carlo Bugatti (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
4	7	Festival Theatre (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Kelly	Stoute
5	2	Orchestra (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
6	3	Romsdal (GB)	Halling	Buick	Gosden
7	9	Scotland (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Crowley	Balding
8	8	Seagull Star (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	G Lee	Haggas
9	6	Stars Over the Sea	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Norton	Johnston

All carry 126 pounds.

MISSION POSSIBLE

While it has taken **Noble Mission (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) until the age of five to begin fulfilling early potential, Frankel's full-brother looks to be on an upward curve at present as he steps out at Chester for the G3 Betfair Price Rush Huxley S. today. So impressive under an aggressive ride in testing ground when beating the re-opposing **Telescope (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) by nine lengths in the G3 Gordon Richards S. at Sandown Apr. 25, the rain arrived in time on the Roodeye yesterday and Khaïd Abdullah's homebred's main concern will be his outside draw. **"TDN Rising Star" Telescope** should strip fitter this time and connections of last year's G2 Great Voltigeur S. scorer retain all their abundant faith. "The first race was very much as Sir Michael expected and he just needed it badly from a match fitness point of view," Highclere's Racing Manager Harry Herbert told *PA Sport*. "I think fitness was the most important factor that day. He's a big horse and is very relaxed at home, so I think Sir Michael thought the best way of getting him match fit was to let him run at Sandown. We will see how he gets on at Chester before mapping out plans, but he has an entry in the Tattersalls Gold Cup [at The Curragh May 25] and in the [June 21] G2 Hardwicke S. at Royal Ascot, should we decide that a mile and a half is his trip." Another **"TDN Rising Star" Ektihaam (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) returns in a bid to make up for lost time, having been off since his disappointing showing in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot in July. Talented on his day, the Shadwell representative is dangerous from the front as he showed when beating the subsequent Hardwicke winner Thomas Chippendale (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) by six lengths in that track's Listed Buckhounds S. over 12 furlongs in May.

Thursday, Chester, Britain, post time: 2:15 p.m.

BETFAIR PRICE RUSH HUXLEY S.-G3, £60,000, 4yo/up, 10f 75yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Danadana (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Atzeni	Cumani	131
2	2	Highland Knight (Ire)	Night Shift	Probert	Balding	129
3	8	Noble Mission (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Doyle	Lady Cecil	129
4	5	Afonso de Sousa 	Henrythenavigator 	SCR	SCR	
5	6	Edu Querido (Brz)	Holzmeister	Monaghan	M Botti	126
6	4	Ektihaam (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Hanagan	Varian	126
7	1	Gabrial's Kaka (Ire)	Jeremy	Spencer	Fahey	126
8	7	Telescope (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	Stoute	126

Thursday, Longchamp, France, post time: 2:50 p.m.

PRIX D'HEDOUVILLE-G3, €80,000, 4yo/up, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Singling (Fr)	Singspiel (Ire)	Peslier	Laffon-Parias	123
2	1	Spirit's Revench (Fr)	Spirit One (Fr)	Jarnet	Demercastel	121
3	4	Meleagros (Ire)	King's Best	Fouassier	Couetil	121
4	3	Spiritjim (Fr)	Galileo (Ire)	Soumillon	Bary	121
5	7	Au Revoir (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	Guyon	Fabre	121
6	6	Gosh (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Lemaire	Brandt	120
7	2	Tunkwa (Fr)	Gold Away (Ire)	Bachelot	Sepulchre	118



Friday, Chester, England, post time: 2.45 p.m.

BOODLES DIAMOND ORMONDE S.-G3, £75,000, 4yo/up, 1m5fT

SC	PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6 Brown Panther (GB)	Shirocco (Ger)	Kingscote	Dascombe	126
2	1 Ernst Hemngwy (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	O'Brien	O'Brien	126
3	3 Hillstar (GB)	Dnhll Dncr (Ire)	Moore	Stoute	126
4	2 Mount Athos (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Spencer	Botti	126
5	4 Banoffee (Ire)	Hrrcne Rn (Ire)	Murphy	Morrison	123
6	5 Jathabah (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	Doyle	Brittain	123

Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 5:28 p.m. EDT

PETER PAN S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	
1	Matterhorn ☺	Tapit	Velazquez	Pletcher	116
2	Fabulous Kid	Congrats	Alvarado	Toner	116
3	Commissioner	A.P. Indy	Castellano	Pletcher	116
4	Tonalist	Tapit	Rosario	Clement	116
5	Tapicero	Tapit	Zayas	Morales	116
6	Our Caravan	Daaher	Lezcano	Dilger	120
7	Irish You Well ☺	Broken Vow	Ortiz Jr.	Catalano	116

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SOCIAL INCLUSION SHIPS TO PIMLICO

Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile), who was third in the GI Twinspires.com Wood Memorial S. Apr. 5., boarded a Maryland-bound van Wednesday morning at Gulfstream. The Rontos Racing colorbearer, who was scratched from last Saturday's Sir Bear S. with a foot bruise, is slated for a start in next Saturday's GI Preakness S.

"We're all set and excited," said owner Ron Sanchez of Rontos Racing Stable. "I was a little concerned Saturday with the bruise, then I was happy [Tuesday], and [Wednesday] I'm excited. He went out jogging today and everything was great. [Trainer] Manny [Azpurua] and his guys did a great job. Right now he'll gallop Friday, Saturday and Sunday and then we'll breeze him Monday."

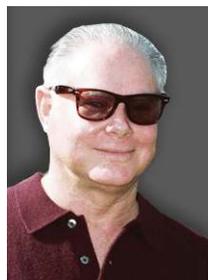
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op/ed
by barry irwin

BITING THE HAND THAT FEEDS ME

To hear some tell it, I have been biting the hand that feeds me for more than 40 years.

This has been pointed out to me over the years by a diverse group that includes *Daily Racing Form* publisher Mike Sandler, my *DRF* overseer Joe Hirsch, my current friend Ray Paulick back in an unenlightened incarnation when he edited *The Blood-Horse*, Hollywood Park's director of publicity Bob Benoit and many others involved in the media.

My offense has been the unpardonable sin of washing the Thoroughbred industry's dirty laundry in public.

Somewhere along the line I made the mistake of thinking that just because I worked as a turf writer that I also was a journalist.

It wasn't long before I was put squarely in my place by my supervisors. I quickly learned that I was nothing more than a shill for the house. The publications that I worked for were not set up to cover a beat like a real sportswriter, but to add some color in order to encourage participation, whether it was from horseplayers or owners or breeders.

Whether it was as a *DRF* columnist, writer for various magazines or as host of TV and radio programs, I tried to operate as a journalist would outside of racing in the "real world." As long as my output was restricted within the confines of trades, subjects of my various endeavors only occasionally got worked up over it.

But when I ventured out into general circulation media in a 1978 piece for Southern California-based *New West* magazine, all hell broke loose. The shit storm unleashed was, in its locale, as inflammatory as the industry response to the PETA/Asmussen/Blasi video.

My piece included such tidbits as trainers and jockeys holding horses to cash bets and jockeys exchanging betting information for illegal drugs, among other questionable practices. None of this was news to anybody that attended races in Southern California. These things were talked about every race day at the track.

But where I made my mistake, according to those charged with maintaining the status quo, was to name names and to reach out to the general public. I had the bad taste to name the two biggest players in the game: Charlie Whittingham and Bill Shoemaker.

Johnny Longden became so incensed that at an HBPA meeting he called for my "license" to be revoked. (I had just started racing horses in my own name.)

**Op/Ed cont.**

The Pumper calmed down after some worldly board members told him that what I wrote about the jockeys and drugs was the truth. It didn't hurt my credibility that shortly afterwards the young rider of Spectacular Bid was arrested in the parking lot of Disneyland with a bag of cocaine.

Anyway, long story short, most of the stuff I wrote about was eventually corrected and I am convinced that my expose advanced the cause of racing, both for horseplayers and participants alike.

Whittingham and Shoemaker eventually started cracking with first-time starters, for example.

Interestingly, few of those whose names I have referenced ever held any of this against me because they knew I was right and they were doing something that needed to be stopped. Whittingham subsequently trained for me, including a horse that we owned in partnership; Shoemaker rode for me; Longden became very friendly, and Hirsch and I became much closer after I moved on from the *Form*.

If people realize that a journalist's heart is in the right place, they respect him/her, not rail against them.

I only mention this to illustrate how long I have been involved in the industry debate over whether it is helpful to expose unsavory practices in hopes that by shining a light on them they can be corrected or whether it is better to sweep them under the carpet or deal with them privately.

We all know what PETA did. They sent in a mole that over a few months came away with some juicy video, which PETA turned into an edited production it disseminated. Without judging the quality or integrity of the product, it is safe to say that PETA apparently got what it wanted, which was to bring attention to the underbelly of the Thoroughbred racing industry.

The question is what is the goal of PETA? Do they want to put us all out of business or cause enough of a public furor to generate changes in how we play the game?

At first I was upset because the video and *New York Times* article about the video were done in what I considered to be an unprofessional manner. But, with the passage of time, I now realize that only by adopting enterprising tactics and forcing racing's hand is anything likely to move The Establishment off the dime.

I am aware of two incidents involving entrenched interests in racing that knew of illegal and unsavory practices that took place, which if handled in a more public manner, would have resulted in a cleaner sport today. But those involved chose to deal with the matters out of the glare of the spotlight.

I mention this because my initial thought about PETA was that if the organization really had the best interests of the horses at heart, they could have met privately with Asmussen and Blasi, showed them what they had discovered and perhaps worked out a deal with them to a) cease their unsavory practices, b) voluntarily suspend themselves or c) leave the game altogether.

Consider the case of two entities, one corporate and one governmental, that did exactly what I just referenced.

A high-ranking executive at a major racing association was tipped off that some jockeys were "plugging in" horses. Those in question all hailed from a locale known for producing riders that used battery devices to electrically stimulate horses.

The exec knew a guy at the local FBI office. This exec asked G Man if he could help him, but requested that any evidence be shown only to him. He also asked that the agent not act on it in his official capacity at the FBI.

With in a few days, the agent produced audio, video and still photographic evidence showing that the tip was correct. The exec then met privately with the riders, read them the riot act and warned them that if they were ever caught with a joint, they would never ride at that track again.

Did it work? I seriously doubt it. Would it have worked for the racing association in question and residually for every other racetrack in the country if the revelation had gone public? You betcha. But the racing association wanted to keep this unsavory news out of the eye of the general and racing public. They didn't want to air racing's dirty laundry!

For many years a governmental agency charged with policing horse racing in a major locale had as its highest ranking non-political appointee a fellow with misguided judgment that took the law into his own hands, but as it turned out for the betterment of the miscreants and not the public.

This guy, upon learning of positive test results for drugs, cut deals with perpetrators, issuing ineffective slaps on the wrists that failed to act as a deterrent. After the trainers realized that they could get away with murder, a drug culture was established in this formerly clean racing venue that to this day has not been eradicated.

The civil service employee actually thought that by keeping drug positives out of the public eye, he was helping the image of racing. But what he really did was sell out the sport, sell out the public and foster a blatant disregard for authority.

Selfishly I established the Stanley Bergstein Writing Award a few years ago to encourage independent investigative journalism that would expose things in racing that needed a public airing in hopes that the result would be an improved image for racing.

Now more than ever, as our sport struggles to be relevant in a society that has had enough of animal abuse and drug abusers, we need writers with the ingenuity, savvy and talent to keep their eye on the ball and find platforms to publish their work. Because only by uncovering messes can the sport right itself.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Friday, Churchill Downs

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS-GI, \$1,000,000, CDX, 5-2, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m, 1:48 3/5, ft.

1--▲**UNTAPABLE**, 121, f, 3, by [Tapit](#)

1st Dam: Fun House (GSW, \$432,922), by **Prized**

2nd Dam: **Bistra**, by **Classic Go Go**

3rd Dam: **Carols Christmas**, by **Whitesburg**

O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Rosie Napravnik. \$576,600. Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-1, \$1,124,725. *1/2 to Paddy O'Prado (El Prado {Ire}), GISW, \$1,721,297.

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It was pretty much the same story over at Newmarket. Prior to the 1000 Guineas, Dansili had built an impressive total of 16 Group 1 winners. Significantly, no fewer than 10 of those 16 were fillies, including quite a few, such as The Fugue, Dank, Proviso, Price Tag and the ill-fated Laughing, which are familiar to American racegoers. It therefore came as no great surprise that his 17th Group 1 winner should also be a filly, this being the gallant Miss France.

I am going to concentrate here on Untapable, rather than Miss France. It is well-documented that Tapit did his racing in Ron Winchell's colors and Winchell Thoroughbreds is enjoying considerable success with its old friend's progeny. Untapable follows Tapizar, Tapiture and War Echo as the fourth graded winner owned and bred by Winchell, who also ranks as the owner or breeder of several other good Tapits.

These four all have something in common, apart from their owner/breeder. Untapable comes from the same female line as Tapizar and War Echo and this female line also produced Olympio, a Verne H. Winchell homebred who ranks as the broodmare sire of Tapiture. Olympio also sired the dam of Remit and Retap, a pair of useful Tapits bred and owned by Winchell Thoroughbreds.

Two more sophomore SW's, for Kentucky's leading 2YO sire of 2013

FAVORITE TALE (PICTURED) won the Gold Fever S. at Belmont on Sunday

KNIT ONE PURR TOO won the Stormy Blues S. at Pimlico on 4-19

2013 LEADING 2YO SIRES IN KENTUCKY

#	Stallion	'14 Fee	Earnings
1	TALE OF THE CAT	\$25,000	\$1,822,245
2	Street Cry	\$100,000	\$1,743,881
3	Harlan's Holiday	Died 2013	\$1,717,478
4	War Front	\$150,000	\$1,553,276
5	Tapit	\$150,000	\$1,551,612

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Caulfield cont.

The Winchell's connection to this family dates back more than 30 years, to the purchase of Untapable's third dam, Carols Christmas. This mare had been sold twice as a yearling, with her price going from \$3,200 in January to \$4,000 in September. She therefore didn't appear to be anything out of the ordinary, even though she was fast enough to win four of her 12 starts. Her sire Whitesburg had won five times from nine appearances, but his fee had been only \$1,000 in the year of her birth (1977). He had clearly been fast and precocious, numbering the Bashford Manor S. among his three wins from four juvenile starts.

However, Carols Christmas proved to be anything but ordinary during her time as a broodmare for the Winchell family. Mated to Naskra in 1987 she produced Olympio, who made a bid for the title of champion 3-year-old colt in 1991. That was the year he racked up seven wins and three seconds from 11 starts, including four Derbys, of the Hollywood, Arkansas, American and Minnesota varieties.

Carols Christmas produced another graded winner in the Wild Again filly Call Now, who landed the GII Del Mar Debutante, and she also had a graded-placed daughter in the Pass the Tab filly Carol's Wonder.

Verne Winchell retained Call Now and Carol's Wonder, together with Bistra, a winning daughter of Classic Go Go, and Carols Christmas' talented Star de Naskra filly Christmas Star (a three-parts-sister to Olympio). His faith in the family has been thoroughly vindicated, with Bistra, Carol's Wonder and Christmas Star collectively producing one Grade I winner (the Futurity S. winner Cuvee) and four Grade II winners, including Untapable's dam Fun House. Another daughter, the Flying Paster filly Dana Nicole, was sold but she too produced a Grade II winner.

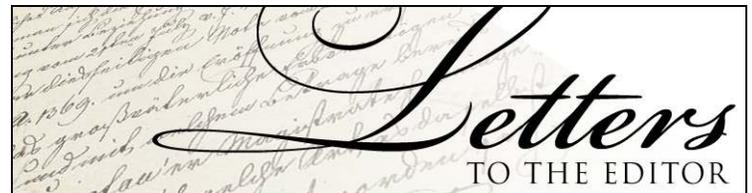
Although Call Now wasn't one of these daughters with a graded stakes winner to her credit, she made full amends via her daughter Winning Call, who produced the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Tapizar to Tapit. Call Now's close relative Wild Vision (by Wild Again out of a half-sister to Call Now) visited Tapit's sire Pulpit and she too hit the Grade I target, with her son Pyro taking the Forego S. Wild Vision also produced the Grade III winner War Echo to Tapit, so Untapable is a product of a tried and trusted formula.

Her dam, Fun House, did most of her racing on turf, her best win coming in the GII Buena Vista H. over a mile. She no doubt inherited her penchant for turf from her sire Prized, a sizeable Kris S. stallion who gained his finest victory in the 1989 GI Breeders' Cup Turf.

There is every reason to be excited about Fun House's future. Untapable has the potential to develop into a champion and Fun House also has a 2-year-old sister to Untapable called Time To Tap, plus a 2013 brother and a 2014 sister. Of course Fun House is no one-hit wonder, as her 2007 El Prado colt was Paddy O'Prado, a high-class turf performer who also handled dirt well enough to finish third in Super Saver's GI Kentucky Derby. Untapable is also likely to stay a mile and a quarter, if required. [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

UNTAPABLE, f, 2011

Tapit	Pulpit	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
			Weekend Surprise
		Preach	Mr. Prospector
	Tap Your Heels	Unbridled	Narrate
			Fappiano
		Ruby Slippers	Gana Facil
Fun House GSW, 29-5-11-6, \$432,922 8FIs, 2GSW	Prized	Kris S.	Nijinsky II
			Moon Glitter
		My Turbulent Miss	Roberto
	Bistra 7-3-0-3, \$62,250 8FIs, 2GSW 2SP	Classic Go Go	Sharp Queen
			Pago Pago
		Carols Christmas 10FIs, 2GSW, 1SW, 1GSP	Turbulent Miss
	Whitesburg		
	Light Verse		



While we would have different terms to describe the phenomenon, I'd use "selected away from" as opposed to "nobody is bred for," Andy Beyer is dead-on with his comments to Bill Oppenheim that the North American thoroughbred is "distance challenged." ([TDN, May 7, 2014](#)) .

We recently completed a genetic study on some 1500+ horses and found that the North American breeding population has the second highest percentage of horses that have been genetically selected for sprinting (unsurprisingly Australia is the highest). However, the precipitous decline in Beyer speed figures for the Derby and Belmont from 2008 onwards cannot be solely blamed on selection of genetics. Because of the long intergenerational distance in Thoroughbreds (it is roughly seven years from the time a foal is born until we see offspring out of this foal race themselves), it generally takes 15 to 20 years of selection for a population of Thoroughbreds to shift dramatically enough to affect a trait. Unless North American breeders in the late 80's decided to fundamentally change the way that they breed en masse, this selection for sprinting speed has been going on for some time longer than that and it hasn't become apparent/exposed in performance measures until now.



Letter to the Editor cont.

As a hypothesis I would speculate that it is noteworthy that Kentucky or New York began formal testing for bicarbonate loading or “milkshaking” in 2005, and in 2008 the use of anabolic steroids was prohibited in racehorses. These two events, occurring very close together, and both having a fundamental impact on the physiology of aerobic performance may help explain the phenomenon of the rapidly declining speed figures. Without milkshakes and steroids the horses that have been selected for and trained as “classic types” by bloodstock agents, owners and trainers are now exposed for the sprinters that they genetically are.

Bill is also right. The reality is, changing the distances of the Derby, Preakness and Belmont would only be a reflection of where the American breeding population is in terms of its genetics. Market forces have selected for sprinting speed in North America so unless the market has a reason to fundamentally change what it selects for the die is cast.

The alternate is to try to instill distance back into the breed but unless we want to go back to steroids and milkshakes that would require some significant structural changes, the first of which would be taking races like the Breeders Cup Classic, Jockey Club Gold Cup and Coaching Club American Oaks up to a mile and a half, and races like the Kentucky Oaks back to ten furlongs and putting significantly more money into distance events. A breeding population generally moves to where the money is but even then, it would then take 15-20 years for those changes to have an impact on measures of performance.

Byron Rogers
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 1st Dam: Kotuku (GB), by A.P. Indy
 2nd Dam: Flagbird, by Nureyev
 3rd Dam: Up the Flagpole, by Hoist the Flag
 Bay of Plenty made it two wins in a row with a devastatingly easy victory at Belmont Park Wednesday. The dark bay colt was soon at the head of affairs, was always in control through fractions of :22.76 and :45.29 and pulled clear effortlessly in the stretch to win by 9 1/4 lengths as the 4-5 favorite. Roman Approval (Roman Ruler) was second and Divine Energy (Tapit), after a troubled start, was third. Bay of Plenty, fourth behind subsequent GII Tampa Bay Derby winner Ring Weekend (Tapit) when stretched out to 1 1/16 miles second time out at Gulfstream Feb. 8, graduated by a front-running 7 1/4 lengths at that distance at Aqueduct Mar. 22. Bay of Plenty is out of Darley homebred Kotuku, a half-sister to the dam of GISW Little Belle (A.P. Indy). The 11-year-old mare, already the dam of Fortify (Distorted Humor, GISP, \$323,407), has an unraced 2-year-old filly by Street Cry (Ire), a yearling filly by Medaglia d'Oro and she produced a Distorted Humor colt this spring. Bay of Plenty's second dam, Group 1 winner Flagbird, was also campaigned by Darley. [VIDEO](#). [Click for the brisnet.com chart or brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$95,200.

O-Godolphin Racing LLC. B-Darley (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin. [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

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8th-BEL, \$77,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:05 1/5, fm.
AULD ALLIANCE (IRE) (f, 4, [Montjeu {Ire}](#)--[Highland Gift {Ire}](#), by [Generous {Ire}](#)), a maiden winner over 1 1/2 miles at Chepstow last June, had not been out since running third in a Haydock handicap last July for her breeder Ballymacoll Stud Farm and trainer Michael Stoute. Purchased by James Delahooke as agent for Bobby Flay for 550,000gns out of last year's Tattersalls December sale, she was making her first start for Flay and trainer Graham Motion as a 2-1 shot. The bay filly was away well and settled into a stalking position while covered up along the rail as Glorious Chant (Giant's Causeway) set a pedestrian pace. Forced to wait for racing room turning for home, Auld Alliance looked beaten at midstretch, but kicked into gear once in the clear and just nailed Precarious (Lemon Drop Kid) on the line to win by a nose. Glorious Chant was a neck back in third. Even-money favorite Satisfaction (Awesome Again) rallied to reach contention in upper stretch, but flattened out to be fourth. Auld Alliance is a half-sister to Golan (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}, GSW-Fr & MG1SW-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$1,624,185); Gift Range (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}, GSP-Ire); Tartan Bearer (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}, MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$1,556,290). [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO](#). Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$57,915.
 O-Bobby Flay. B-Ballymacoll Stud Farm Ltd (Ire). T-H Graham Motion.

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ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, May 8
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
DESERT CODE (E Dubai), Harris, \$2K, 68/8/0
 1-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Desert Steel, \$130K BAR MAR 2yo, 5-2
DUNKIRK (Unbridled's Song), Ashford, \$10K, 185/25/2
 7-BTP, Stk, 6 1/2f, Conniption Fit, \$14K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 8-5
IN THE WOODS (Forest Wildcat), Xanthus, \$2K, 14/0/0
 4-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Eddie'sinthewoods, 10-1
OLD FASHIONED (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made, \$8K, 156/18/3
 1-PIM, Msw, 8.5f, +Old Fashioned Song, \$145K RNA KEE APR 2yo, 8-1
TALENT SEARCH (Catenus), Ramsey Farm, \$3K, 60/10/0
 4-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Bayott, 10-1

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France

Thursday, Longchamp, post time: 2:20 p.m.

PRIX DU PONT-NEUF-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 7ft

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Al Muthana (Fr)	Pstl Prsts (GB)	Soumillon	Graffard	125
2	3	Redbrook (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Dettori	Ryr-Dupre	125
3	2	Muharaaj (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Hamelin	Palussiere	125
4	9	Smke on the Water (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	de Vries	Hofer	125
5	5	Suedois (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Benoist	Baillet	125
6	6	Passion Blanche (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Mendizabal	Rouget	121
7	10	Victoria Regina (Ire)	Mstrcrftsmn (Ire)	Hardouin	Heloury	121
8	8	Fetan Joa (Fr)	Enrique (GB)	Jarnet	Heloury	121
9	1	Dhuma (GB)	Falco	Prat	Lfn-Parias	121
10	4	Eyeful (GB)	Muhtathir (GB)	Peslier	Fabre	121

Britain

Yesterday's Results:

WEATHERBYS PRIVATE BANKING CHESHIRE

OAKS-Listed, £40,000, CHS, 5-7, 3yo, f, 11f 79yT, 2:25.48, gd.

1--**#ANIPA (GB), 126, f, 3, by Sea the Stars (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Anna Amalia (Ire), by In the Wings (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Anna of Saxony (GB), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Anna Matrushka (GB), by Mill Reef**

O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Hesmonds Stud (GB); T-R Varian; J-A Atzeni. £22,684. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, £31,339. * 1/2 to Ave (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), GISW-US, GSW-Ire, SW-Eng, \$540,196; and Dubawi Phantom (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), MGSP-Eng.

2--**Secret Pursuit (Ire), 126, f, 3, Lawman (Fr)--Secret Melody (Fr), by Inchinor (GB).** (€98,000 yrl '12 ARQAUG; €140,000 2yo '13 ARQMAY). O-Mr Guy Brook. £8,600.

3--**Bright Approach (Ire), 126, f, 3, New Approach (Ire)--Zam Zoom (Ire), by Dalakhani (Ire).** (52,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). O-Saeed Manana. £4,304.

Margins: HF, 1HF, 3 1/4. Odds: 16.00, 16.00, 2.50. Also Ran: Psychometry (Fr), Terrific (Ire), Full Moon Fever (Ire), Lady Tyne (GB), Groovejet (GB), Brown Diamond (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK.](#)

Unsuccessful in four juvenile starts, Anipa stepped up markedly on wins in a Mar. 8 Windsor maiden and an Apr. 14 Wolverhampton handicap, and dented the aspirations of a clutch of G1 Epsom Oaks hopefuls by springing a surprise in this Classic Trial. Positioned third within striking distance, the hooded chestnut was nudged into second with three furlongs remaining and was game under a drive after challenging at the eighth pole to assert superiority over long-time leader Secret Pursuit. "She's a tough little filly who keeps improving and you have to enjoy moments like these," commented winning trainer Roger Varian. "On ratings, she had to step up on what she'd done previously and her price reflected her chance. We were hoping to finish in the first three and delighted to have won. At this stage we wouldn't commit [to paying a £30,000 supplementary fee for the June 6] G1 Epsom Oaks until we see how she comes out of this race. I think the G2 Ribblesdale S. would be the race to go for, but I'll have a discussion with Mr. Bizakov."

STANJAMES.COM CHESTER CUP (HERITAGE HANDICAP), £120,000, CHS, 5-7, 4yo/up, 18f 147yT, 4:07.85, gd.

1--**SUEGIOO (FR), 130, g, 5, Manduro (Ger)--Mantesera (Ire), by In the Wings (GB).** (50,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT; 70,000gns HRA '13 TATHIT). O-Dr Marwan Koukash; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (FR); T-Marco Botti; J-Ryan Moore. £74,700. Lifetime Record: 15-2-6-3, £109,460. * 1/2 to Nideeb (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), GSW-Eng, \$161,749.

2--**Angel Gabriel (Ire), 128, g, 5, Hurricane Run (Ire)--Causeway Song, by Giant's Causeway.** (€40,000 wlng '09 GOFNOV; €50,000 yrl '10 GOFSP). O-Dr Marwan Koukash. £22,368.

3--**Communicator (GB), 127, g, 6, Motivator (GB)--Goodie Twosues (GB), by Fraam (GB).** O-Lady Davis. £11,184.

Margins: HF, 3 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 10.00, 7.00, 6.00.

[Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK.](#)

Suegioo first hinted that he might develop into a stayer when fourth in a 14-furlong handicap at Ascot last July and confirmed that impression with a one-paced third on his last start behind the potential group horse Battalion (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}) over a mile and a half at Ripon Apr. 26. Held up early in the midst of the pack tightly bunched by the steady pace, Suegioo chestnut saved ground hard against the fence, but was running up the back of the frontrunners approaching the home straight. Angled out as Angel Gabriel swept to the front from rear, he gathered in that errant rival in the final 75 yards for an ultimately comfortable score. In the process, Suegioo led home a one-two for his owner, the Chester enthusiast Dr. Marwan Koukash. "It's a race I target every year and I only had five in the race," he said. "If you ask me what the plan is for these horses, the answer is to come back next year for this race again." Trainer Marco Botti added, "The gelding operation has definitely helped, but he stays and the rain helped."

1st-CHS, £20,000, Cond, 2yo, 5f 16yT, 1:01.53, gd. **MUKHMAL (IRE) (c, 2, Bahamian Bounty {GB}--May Day Queen {Ire} {GSP-Ire}, by Danetime {Ire})**, heavily penalised for his debut win at Musselburgh Apr. 18, showed dash to gain the early lead from his wide draw, which is normally a killer at this venue. Keeping up relentless pressure, the 6-1 shot hit the line with 1 1/4 lengths to spare over Roudee (GB) (Kodiac {GB}). "It takes some doing from that draw--I can't remember the last time I was drawn 10 of 10 here and won like that," jockey Paul Hanagan said. "He was quick away the first day when Dane O'Neill rode him and he's so straightforward. I was going a stride quicker than I wanted to, but he pricked his ears in front and went again." Sales history: £60,000 yrl '13 DONAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £22,306. [VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK.](#) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-Pier House Stud & Martinstown (IRE). T-Mark Johnston.

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5th-CHS, £14,000, Mdn, 3yo, 10f 75yT, 2:15.00, gd. PRINCE OF STARS (GB) (c, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Queen's Logic {Ire} {Ch. 2yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Filly & G1SW-Eng, \$288,571} by Grand Lodge), fifth on debut in Newmarket's Wood Ditton S. Apr. 17, was forced to race wide without cover early halfway down the field. Delivered approaching the furlong pole, the 11-8 favorite was always holding Dursey Island (Elusive Quality) and hit the line with a length to spare. The winner is a half to Lady of the Desert (Rahy), Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 5-7f, MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$487,845. "I think coming from the Wood Ditton to here, it's a bit of an ask mentally but he's done it well," trainer John Gosden said. "He's a promising colt and we'll see what the handicapper does. I think he's very happy at a mile and a quarter." Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £9,057. [VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK.](#) O-Jaber Abdullah. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB). T-John Gosden.

1st-BTN, £4,000, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 59yT, 1:05.04, gd/fm. DOUGAL (IRE) (c, 2, Zebedee {GB}--Liscoa {Ire}, by Foxhound), a one-length runner-up at Windsor on debut Apr. 28, stalked the pace in third after an alert break in this second go. Cruising to the front passing the eighth pole, the 2-7 lock lengthened clear in hand from there to easily best Brown Velvet (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) by five lengths. Dougal becomes the third winner for his freshman sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Sales history: €55,000 wlng '12 GOFNOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £3,454. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#) O-Mrs J Wood. B-Ardrums House Stud (IRE). T-Richard Hannon.

Tuesday's Results:

5th-KMP, £6,000, Mdn, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:40.24, ft. +PROVENANCE (GB) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Echelon {GB}, by Danehill) chased the leading wave through the early stages of this debut. Making smooth headway off the home turn to challenge at the quarter-mile marker, the 12-1 chance surged clear once taking over approaching the final eighth to score by an impressive 4 1/2 lengths from Award (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}). Colourful (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}), a half to Powerscourt (GB) (Sadler's Wells) from the family of Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), raced in advance of the eventual winner, but could not match that rival's late kick and finished fourth. Provenance is a half to Integral (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$163,472. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,881. [VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK.](#) O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB). T-Sir Michael Stoute.

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Italy

Yesterday's Results:

1st-SRO, €16,500, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT, 1:10.40, sf. PANCHO (ITY) (c, 2, Pounced--Pasionaria {Ire}, by Celtic Swing {GB}) became the first Northern Hemisphere winner for 2009 GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero Pounced (Rahy) here. The homebred responded well when challenged by Zan O'Bowney (Ity) (Blu Air Force {Ire}) and landed a clear 2 1/2-length win. The winner is a half-brother to Papetti (Ity) (Shantou), G1SP-Ity, \$317,662. Pounced, who failed to run after his win at Santa Anita, started his stud duties in Brazil, where he had his first winner two weeks ago, and was shuttled to Italy at SAB Allevamento di Besnate. He has a first crop of 37 2-year-olds and, after two more shuttle seasons, was forced to stay in Brazil due to quarantine issues. [VIDEO.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0 €6,375.

O-Quafin; B-Allevamento Dei Lagoni; T-Stefano Botti.

Asia

Yesterday's Results:

HYOGO CHAMPIONSHIP-Listed, ¥42,000,000, Sonoda, 5-6, 3yo, 1870m, 2:00.20, yl.

1--#EKIMAE (JPN), 123, c, 3, Meisho Bowler (Jpn)--Laurel Shine (Jpn), by Commander in Chief (GB).

O-Tomohiro Furukawa; B-Araki Farm; T-Tadashige Nakagawa; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥28,000,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-2

2--Runway Waltz (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Gold Allure (Jpn)--Round Dance (Jpn), by Afleet. O/B-Shimokobe Farm; ¥7,000,000

3--Esmeraldina, 119, f, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Tasha's Star, by Spanish Steps. (\$150,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL; \$325,000 2yo '13 BESMAR). O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Classic Thoroughbred XXIII; ¥3,360,000

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Margins: NK, 2HF, 2. Odds: 1.50, 3.70, 0.80.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-IND, \$36,000, 5-6, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06, ft.

DELORO (g, 4, Moro Oro--Page's Delight, by Quack) Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-1, \$51,815. O/B-Walter T Bates (IN). T-Mike Norris. *Full to Free Bonus, MSW, \$159,560.

4th-IND, \$36,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5, ft.

COUNTRY MINISTER (g, 4, Evil Minister--Country Way, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-2-2-3, \$93,210. O-Cindy Patrick. B-Swifty Farms Inc (IN). T-R Gary Patrick. *\$10,000 yrl '11 INDOCT.

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8th-IND, \$36,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07, ft.

OUR VALID TWIRL (m, 5, Goods--Our Valid Essence, by Explosive Red) Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-2, \$83,543. O/T-Marvin A Johnson. B-Richard L Batz (IN).

7th-SRP, \$22,700, 5-6, NW26M, (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25 1/5, ft.

THUNDER AGARD (g, 5, To Teras--Time Out Tiger, by Incinderator) Lifetime Record: 23-6-2-5, \$94,161. O/B-Rebecca L Anderson (NM). T-Fred I Danley.

5th-TDN, \$21,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

NO TOUCH (m, 5, Point Given--Skrate, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 16-5-2-2, \$58,015. O-Daniel S McCarthy. B-Opportunity Lane (MI). T-Ronald D Allen Sr. *\$5,000 yrl '10 MICAUG.

8th-SRP, \$20,000, 5-6, Opt. Clm. (\$15,000), C, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24, ft.

SILENT DEHERE (c, 4, St. Dehere--Seldom Silent, by Speak) Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-2, \$46,193. O/B-Peter A Hladky (OK). T-Michael K Barber.

7th-TDN, \$19,500, Opt. Clm. (\$15,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03 4/5, ft.

JUDGE CARR (g, 4, Mizzen Mast--Gone to Party, by All Gone) Lifetime Record: 22-4-4-4, \$92,530. O-Loooch Racing Stable Inc. B-Louis Neve (CA). T-Jeffrey A Radosevich. *\$25,000 yrl '11 BESOCT; \$75,000 2yo '12 BESMAR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cactus Joe, f, 3, Cactus Ridge--Jailhouse Coffee, by Doneraile Court. IND, 5-7, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-Mr & Mrs Randal Daniel Matthews & Mr & Mrs Charles Michael Farrell (IN).

Carmalley Cat, f, 3, Cat Dreams--Hottimeinthecity, by Carson City. IND, 5-7, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07 2/5. B-Carmalley Valley Farm LLC (IN).

+ Spanish Leather, g, 3, Spanish Steps--Tasty Lace, by Langfuhr. IND, 5-7, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-Jaron Gold (IN). *Won by 3 1/2 lengths.

Abiding Love, f, 4, Olmodavor--Kiss for Kris, by Kissin Kris. TDN, 5-7, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-Bruce Tallisman (FL). *1/2 to Beso Grande (Mass Media), MSW, \$236,737.

Miss Glory, f, 4, Quiet American--Sam's Sunny Halo (SW, \$407,204), by Prospector's Halo. SUF, 5-7, 5f, 1:00 3/5. B-Highclere (PA). *\$16,000 yrl '11 FTMOCT.

You You, c, 4, Utopia (Jpn)--Unificada (Brz) (GSW-Brz), by Groove (Brz). BEL, 5-7, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-William Hebert (NY). *\$3,500 yrl '11 FTMOCT; \$27,000 RNA 2yo '12 OBSAPR; \$30,000 2yo '12 OBSJUN.

Consumed, g, 5, Article of Faith--All Love, by Point Given. IND, 5-7, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-James R Elliott (IN). *\$4,700 2yo 2011 INDJUL. **SP.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULT:

6th-CHS, £16,000, 3yo/up, 5f 16yT, 1:01.32, gd.
SWAN SONG (GB) (m, 5, Green Desert--Lochsong {GB} {Hwt. Older Mare at 5-7f & G1SW-Eng, Hwt. Older Horse at 5-7f & MG1SW-Fr, \$956,357}, by Song) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-2, £34,256. O-Mr J C Smith. B-Littleton Stud (GB). T-Andrew Balding. *Full-sister to Loch Verdi (GB), SW-Eng, \$105,963; 1/2 to Lochridge (GB) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Eng, \$176,988.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Appleberry (Ire), f, 2, Approve (Ire)--Passage to India (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). CAT, 5-6, 5fT, 1.01.56. B-Doc Bloodstock (IRE). *£9,500 yrl '13 DONAUG.

Lord of the Nile (Ire), c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Magic Carpet (Ire) (MSP-Ire), by Danehill. CAT, 5-6, 7fT, 1:28.36. B-Magic Carpet Syndicate (IRE).

Gallic Destiny (Ire), c, 3, Champs Elysees (GB)--Cross Your Fingers, by Woodman. KMP, 5-7, 11f (AWT), 2:23 3/5. B-Good Breeding.

Royale du Buisson (Ire), f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Biswa, by Kafwain. CHA, 5-7, 6fT, 1:13.48. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (IRE). *€170,000 yrl '12 ARQAUG. **SP-Fr.

Mossiere (Ity), c, 3, Manduro (Ger)--Mocassino (Ire), by Turtle Island (Ire). SRO, 5-7, 10fT, 2:09.00. B-Francesca Turri (ITY).

Icarium (Fr), c, 3, Medicean (GB)--Delfinia (Fr), by Drastikos (Gr). CHA, 5-7, 12fT, 2:32.55. B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA (FR).

Sandy Cove (GB), g, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--Maganda (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. BTN, 5-7, 9f 209yT, 2:08.13. B-D J & Mrs Deer (GB). *70,000gns RNA yrl '12 TATOCT; 11,000gns HRA '13 TATHIT. **Full to Rudolf Valentino (GB), GSP-Ire.

Forest King (Fr), c, 3, Whipper--Queensalsa (Fr) (MGSP-Fr, \$100,230), by Kingsalsa. CHA, 5-7, 6fT, 1:13.22. B-Mme Christian Wingtans (FR).

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Bahnah (Elusive Quality), 3f, :37.60, 5/8

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Emollient (Empire Maker), 4f (tr), :48.64, 2/10

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