



## THIS SIDE UP: BETTER LATE THAN...WELL, MAYBE ANY OTHER TIME



The first three home in the Derby are all May foals: **Country House**, **Maximum Security** and **Code of Honor** | *Horsephotos*

by *Chris McGrath*

May Day means different things to different people. Children dancing around a pole on an English village green. A red flag flying on the global equivalent of Labor Day. But it is with the mariner in distress that many Thoroughbred breeders will most identify—because a foal delivered in May is apt to prompt inward recourse to the phonetic signal for the French "m'aidez". Help me!

The best they can apparently hope for is another West Coast (Flatter), unraced at two before pouncing on punchdrunk Triple Crown survivors in the GI Travers; or otherwise maybe another Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), who did not manage his first Grade I until the age of five, but then promptly won another four.

Yet that kind of anecdotal paradigm can be grievously misleading. There are late foals and late foals. A horse built like Accelerate might well have profited from time to mature, had he been born one minute past midnight Jan. 1. All Thoroughbreds should be treated as flesh and blood, not sheets of data.

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## BROOKDALE'S PINHOOKING OPERATION HAS A BIG WEEK

By *Bill Finley*

When two fillies consigned by Philip Prevost-Baratte on behalf of Brookdale Farm go through the ring at the Arqana Breeze Up Sale later this week, buyers might want to give both a second look. Brookdale's pinhooking operation is riding a hot hand and jumping on board might not be the worst idea.

Last Friday, **Serengeti Empress** (Alternation) won the GI Kentucky Oaks. She was bought by Dixon Enterprises, a group led by Brookdale's Fred Seitz, Jr., as a weanling for \$25,000 at Keeneland November and resold at the 2017 Keeneland September sale as a yearling for \$70,000. The buyer was Joel Politi, who gave the filly to Tom Amoss to train. Three days later, another product of the Brookdale operation, showed that she is a filly to keep an eye on as **Proud Mandate** (Strong Mandate) captured an allowance race at Parx to remain unbeaten in two career starts. **Cont. px**

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Bloodstock agent Liz Crow tweeted this photo of champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) with the following update: "Monomoy Girl enjoying some turnout on this beautiful day @WinStarFarm first day in a full sized paddock and she hasn't picked her head up once. She will remain on turnout through May and start back in training in early June. Nice to see her so happy!" | Liz Crow

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The fact is that as many as four of the 19 sophomores forward enough to contest the GI Kentucky Derby Saturday had yet to celebrate their third birthday. Oh, and those four included the first three past the finish line: poor **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day), foaled May 14; **Country House** (Lookin At Lucky), born May 8; and **Code of Honor** (Noble Mission {GB}), foaled May 23.

Everyone knows the story of a debate between the Windfields' brains trust in the late spring of 1960. Should they try to prolong Natalma's racing career by giving her surgery on a chipped knee or rush her into a late cover? The farm's new stallion was proving very fertile so, according to Joe Thomas, they said: "Oh, what the hell: why don't we breed her to Nearctic and if she gets in foal, okay; and if she doesn't, then maybe we'll try to get her back."

Though it was nearly July before Natalma could get up to Canada, that decision was vindicated May 27, 1961, by the delivery of the most influential Kentucky Derby winner of the modern era. Northern Dancer, of course, was notoriously a pocket battleship, but that's the point. Precocity is a physical and mental function of an individual.

Of countless elite performers foaled in April or May, some, admittedly, excelled with maturity. But many were also top-class 2-year-olds, and in eras when that was a matter of toughness as well as class. Horses are campaigned rather differently nowadays, but Code Of Honor, for instance, still managed a Grade I podium last year, though a May 23 foal by a horse who himself blossomed only as a 5-year-old.

And just look at this. Of the 20th century's top 20 American Thoroughbreds, according to an expert panel, the foaling dates were: 1. **Man o' War**, Mar. 29; 2. **Secretariat**, Mar. 30; 3. **Citation**, Apr. 11; 4. **Kelso**, Apr. 4; 5. **Count Fleet**, Mar. 24; 6. **Dr Fager**, Apr. 6; 7. **Native Dancer**, Mar. 27; 8. **Forego**, Apr. 30; 9. **Seattle Slew**, Feb. 15; 10. **Spectacular Bid**, Feb. 17; 11. **Tom Fool**, Mar. 31; 12. **Affirmed**, Feb. 21; 13. **War Admiral**, May 2; 14. **Buckpasser**, Apr. 28; 15. **Colin** [1905, no foaling date to hand]; 16. **Damascus**, Apr. 14; 17. **Round Table**, Apr. 6; 18. **Cigar**, Apr. 18; 19. **Bold Ruler**, Apr. 6; 20. **Swaps**, Mar. 1. If you divide the foaling season in mid-March, halfway between

January and May, only four of 19 specified dates fell in the first half.

It's not hard to see why this should be. The later the foal, the better the pasture and the more benign the weather. To be fair, appetite for early foals appears to be more extreme in Europe, reflecting an associated and witless addiction to so-called "commercial" dash-a plebeian brand, wholly inferior to the American grail of speed you can actually carry two turns. Yet at one recent Royal Ascot, three of the six juvenile races were won by May foals.

If pre-trainers and trainers start with the date on the passport, rather than the animal in front of them, then the presumption that later foals need time can be self-fulfilling. Yet in kicking on with early foals, they are building on foundations laid in sparse grazing and short days.

The Kentucky Derby--as we were reminded Saturday--is the ultimate bare knuckle test of an adolescent horse. And, besides Country House and Northern Dancer, it has been won before their third birthday by **Lucky Debonair** (May 2); **Mine That Bird** (May 10); **Cannonade** (May 12); **Spend A Buck** (May 15); **Thunder Gulch** (May 23); and **Exterminator** (May 30).

**Mucho Macho Man** (Macho Uno) was born as late as June 15 and, as a 17-hand aircraft carrier who only reached his peak at five, had the profile of the big, backward beast unlikely to get sufficient seasoning for the Classics. But he was able to finish second in two Grade IIs as a juvenile, and third in the Kentucky Derby. Equally, **Air Force Blue** (War Front)--one of the most accomplished juveniles ever trained by Aidan O'Brien--was a May foal.

One of the frustrations of observing this business at close quarters is to see massive investment sometimes predicated on the most fatuous grounds. That's not necessarily the investors' fault: they are busy people, accustomed at every level of their business to delegating decisions to specialists. But while some plainly benefit from exceptionally perceptive and independent counsel, others find themselves relying on glib, recycled supposition.

So while he received the ultimate birthday present five days early, let's hope that Country House--along with the other May foals he joined in the finish Saturday--can help the rest of us grow up a little.

Otherwise, as with every attempt to reduce the Thoroughbred to a formula, we will soon be sending out distress signals again.

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**Brookdale's Pinhooking Operation Has a Big Week cont.**



Serengeti Empress | Coady

"We've always been doing it a little bit, but we've been pinhooking quite a bit more for the last five or six years," said Seitz, Jr. "We've done foals to yearlings and quite a bit of yearlings to 2-year-old sales. This year we probably have five to seven 2-year-olds and probably 10 yearlings."

Brookdale paid just \$25,000 for Serengeti Empress and \$62,000 for Proud Mandate, who they also purchased at the Keeneland November 2016 Breeding Stock Sale. Seitz will pay more for a horse and said he's gone up to \$200,000, but much prefers to find horses that sell for \$100,000 or less.

"It just the level of risk involved," Seitz said when asked to explain why he doesn't buy more expensive horses. "We are horsemen, we do it every day and we know what can happen. So quickly you can get a phone call that your investment has become a ruined investment."

Brookdale will buy colts, but Seitz believes that fillies present better opportunities.

"We do buy colts, but colts seem to cost more money," Seitz said. "I think you're more likely to get a filly at a value price. It always seems that way, that you can get a better physical at a modest price buying a filly."

Serengeti Empress was raised at Brookdale, which is in Versailles, Kentucky. The team there thought early on that she had potential.

"The reason we bought her in the first place was based purely on the physical," Seitz said. "She seemed to have a lot of potential. She was good enough mover and I thought, with the way she looked and the potential we thought she had, she could blossom into something really nice. That's what happened as a yearling, she really blossomed. I talked to a few friends of mine leading up to the [yearling] sale and at the sale, saying I really like the way she looks, the way she's moving. But to be quite honest, if I had known she'd be a Kentucky Oaks winner she would have been standing in the winner's circle in the Brookdale silks." **Cont. p5**



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**Serengeti Empress as a weanling in September 2016, two months prior to being purchased by Seitz & his team | Taylor Made**

Seitz didn't keep her, but he's still proud that Brookdale was part of the process that delivered a Kentucky Oaks win, and he said he is overjoyed for the connections.

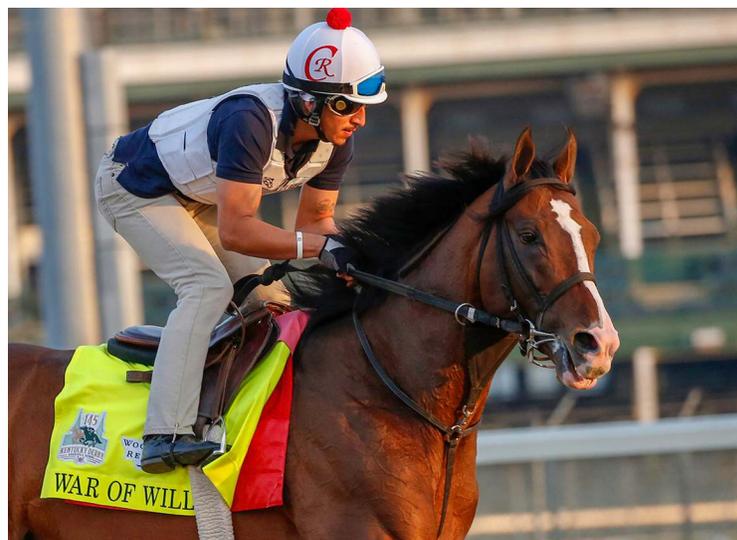
"It is absolutely a huge sense of pride for us and I'm excited for the people who bought her from us," he said. "From what I know of the connections, they seem like great people and seem very deserving of this. I'm always happy for people that buy a horse off us that goes on to have any sort of success, whether they resell it for more money or go on to win a big race."

Proud Mandate has a long way to go before she merits comparison with Serengeti Empress. She broke her maiden by 4 1/2 lengths in her debut last August at Monmouth, but then went on the shelf until reappearing Tuesday at Parx. Ridden by Daniel Centeno and trained by Keith Nations, she won her comeback, a 6 1/2-furlong allowance race, by 1 3/4 lengths.

"I heard all along that she is talented," Seitz said. "She had a couple of issues along the way and had a long layoff. But to be two-for-two just shows she's a very gutsy, mentally tough type of filly to have overcome a problem. I have heard they like her quite a bit. She sure looked good in that race Tuesday."

At Arqana, Brookdale will sell Hip 2, a filly by The Factor. She cost \$40,000 at Keeneland September. Brookdale will also sell Hip 49, a filly by Kitten's Joy. She cost \$85,000, also at Keeneland September. Might one go on to be a Group 1 winner? The odds are against it. But, this is a sport for dreamers and Brookdale, and everyone else involved with Serengeti Empress, proved that when smart people are involved, anything can happen in horse racing.

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**WEDNESDAY'S PREAKNESS UPDATES**

**War of Will | Horsephotos**

**War of Will** (War Front) returned to the track Wednesday at Churchill Downs for the first time since being bumped around and tangling legs with Maximum Security (New Year's Day) in Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby. He crossed the line eighth, but was promoted to seventh after the disqualification of his aforementioned rival.

The flashy bay was scheduled to jog Tuesday, but trainer Mark Casse did away with that plan after he noticed the colt was feeling some discomfort in his right front foot. It was discovered that the shoe had shifted during the race.

"After a day or two, it was starting to bother him," Casse said. "He was a little uncomfortable [Tuesday] morning. So we pulled his shoe off, soaked his foot, put his shoe back on today. And he was 100% and went out to train today."

War of Will jogged a mile Wednesday morning and is being pointed to the GI Preakness S. May 18.

"I do a lot of jogging with him anyways," Casse said. "Obviously, we just missed winning the Preakness two years ago by a head with Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile). I never breezed him in between the two races, and I'm not going breeze this one either."

The conditioner continued, "To me, it's more about getting back your energy level. We don't have to worry about fitness at this point in time. He's not going to do a whole lot of anything. He's going to Baltimore Monday if everything stays like it is today, and everything is perfect and he's happy and his energy level is good. We'll do some blood work on him in a day or two."

The Bob Baffert-trained **Improbable** (City Zip), who crossed the line fifth, but was promoted to fourth in the Derby, will return to the track at Churchill Thursday. He will likely ship to Pimlico May 15 for the May 18 Preakness.

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**Preakness Updates cont.**

“He’s walked four days and he’ll go back to the track tomorrow,” said Baffert. “I fly back to Louisville Sunday and I’ll watch him train Monday. If I’m happy with what I see, then he goes...I don’t want to be chasing any ghosts. He’s got to be enjoying himself and have that desire.”

Irad Ortiz climbed aboard the ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ for the first time in the Derby, but Hall of Famer Mike Smith has the mount for the Preakness. Baffert and Smith won last year’s renewal with Triple Crown hero Justify (Scat Daddy).

“The other guys [Ortiz and previous rider Drayden Van Dyke] didn’t do anything wrong, but Mike and I have had a little luck together,” Baffert said.

Live Oak Plantation’s **Win Win Win** (Hat Trick {Jpn})--who crossed the line 10th in the Run for the Roses, but was promoted to ninth--is possible for the Preakness. He returned to the track at trainer Mike Trombetta’s base at Fair Hill Wednesday morning and his conditioner will make a final decision on the Preakness Friday.

“I have the luxury of being close to home for a change,” he said. “I just want to see the horse train for a couple of days and figure there is no reason to make that decision before I see that. It’s only fair to the horse at this point.”

He continued, “Today was his first day back on the track for a light jog. It was fine. Everything seems fine. I just want to observe and make sure that I am completely happy before I go in that direction and make that commitment. It was a hard trip and it was a bit of tough circumstances with the race.”

Also possible for the Triple Crown’s middle jewel is GI Florida Derby runner-up **Bodexpress** (Bodemeister), who finished 14th, but was placed 13th and was one of the horses affected by the incident in the lane. The bay also returned to the track at Churchill Wednesday, jogging two miles accompanied by a pony.



**Bodexpress** | Coady

“He was one of the affected ones,” said Gustavo Delgado, Jr., assistant to his father. “We think he could have hit the board if it wasn’t for that, the way he was developing. The most important thing is that the horse came back in good shape and is doing well.”

As for when the final decision will be made on the Preakness, Delgado, Jr., said, “I’ve got to wait for Pops to get here to see his horse. He’ll make the decision. But the owners would like to run.”

Likely to pass on the Preakness is GIII Pat Day Mile victor **Mr. Money** (Goldencents).

“I think we are going to stay here and point to the [1 1/16-mile GIII] Matt Winn [S. June 15],” trainer Bret Calhoun said.

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## MJC MOVES TO DISMISS BALTIMORE’S PREAKNESS LAWSUIT

The Maryland Jockey Club filed a Motion to Dismiss Baltimore City’s lawsuit captioned, Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, et al. v. The Stronach Group, et al., Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Case No. 24-C-19-001776. That lawsuit seeks to condemn and confiscate the GI Preakness S., Pimlico Race Course, the Woodlawn Vase, the Maryland Jockey Club and related intangible, personal and intellectual property.

According to Alan Rifkin, attorney for the Maryland Jockey Club, “Under state law, the City has no right to confiscate the privately held assets of the Maryland Jockey Club, including the Preakness Stakes and Pimlico Race Course. State law is very clear that the City is preempted and precluded from taking that action.”

As stated in the Motion to Dismiss:

- For almost 100 years, the Maryland Racing Code has provided that the State has “statewide and exclusive” jurisdiction, dominion and control over all aspects of horse racing. Bus. Reg. § 11-102(a).
- The State’s “statewide and exclusive” jurisdiction and dominion extends to all matters affecting racing, including Pimlico Race Course, the Preakness Stakes® and all associated and related horse racing enterprises and activities.
- State law provides that no “county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision” may “make or enforce a local law, ordinance, or regulation about racing.” § 11-102(b).
- The City is, therefore, preempted and precluded from seeking to condemn and confiscate those privately held assets.

“It is disconcerting that the City is attempting to confiscate the Maryland Jockey Club’s private property and assets because we have raised legitimate questions as to whether the Maryland racing industry can sustain two sprawling and capital-intensive racetracks less than 20 miles apart from one another,” said Tim Ritvo, President, Maryland Jockey Club of Baltimore City, Inc.

**MJC Moves to Dismiss Baltimore's Lawsuit cont.**

Alan Rifkin added, "We have repeatedly suggested to the City that it should reconsider the wisdom of its lawsuit so that good faith discussions between the City, State and all stakeholders could be conducted without the shadow of this ill-conceived action. Unfortunately, our suggestion has gone unheeded and we are compelled to file this Motion to Dismiss."

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**INSTAGRAND SIDELINED WITH SESAMOID FRACTURE**

'TDN Rising Star' **Instagrاند** (Into Mischief) suffered a sesamoid fracture during the running of the GIII Pat Day Mile at Churchill Saturday, in which he finished a eighth as the even-money favorite, owner Larry Best confirmed Wednesday. The \$1.2 million FTFMAR co-topper will undergo surgery at Rood and Riddle and has a positive prognosis for returning to the track. The story was first reported by the *Blood-Horse*.

"We put him in the Pat Day Mile and he injured himself," Best told the *TDN*. "He didn't show up in the race, so I knew something was wrong. I held him in Kentucky and sent him to Taylor Made until I could get him into Rood and Riddle. He went

there this morning to get an assessment, not knowing what it was. They found a left hind sesamoid fracture. It is going to require surgery to take a segment out next week at Rood and Riddle. Then he will probably need 90 to 120 days off before he returns to training. It is a set back, but at least we know why he didn't show up in the Pat Day Mile."

He continued, "I was hoping it was not a fracture, but it is. We will get him back in top shape, get him back in training in late summer and hopefully get him back in some races before the year is out."

Undefeated in two starts as a juvenile, including the GII Best Pal S., Instagrاند finished third in both the Mar. 9 GIII Gotham S. and Apr. 6 GI Santa Anita Derby prior to his unplaced effort in the Pat Day Mile Saturday.

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) began accepting petitions on Wednesday, May 8 for 30,000 additional H-2B visas restricted to returning workers for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. Rules published in the Federal Register include the following language:

*"Starting on the expected date of May 8, 2019, eligible petitioners seeking additional H-2B workers can file Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, and must submit a supplemental attestation on Form ETA 91942-B-CAA-3 with their petition."*

The supplemental H-2B visas are available only to returning workers who received an H-2B visa,

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## NY RACING REPRESENTATIVES ADVOCATE FOR INVOLVEMENT IN SPORTS BETTING

**LEGISLATION** by Bill Finley



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NYRA President and CEO David O'Rourke and New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association President Joe Appelbaum were among those who testified before a New York State senate hearing on sports betting, imploring politicians not to leave horse racing out of the equation when and if sports betting is legalized in the state.

Currently, Senate Bill 17A is the only bill that covers sports wagering in New York. It allows only for the state's four stand-alone casinos to have sports betting and has no clear provisions that allow for sports betting to take place online. However, it is expected that an online wagering component will be added to the bill at some time, but, once again, only for the four casinos.

Neither O'Rourke nor Appelbaum were overly concerned about the potential profit NYRA could make by offering sports betting. Instead, each felt that if racing were left out of the online sports betting market that would cause NYRA to lose customers from their ADW, NYRA Bets. O'Rourke told the committee that NYRA Bets is a perfect platform for sports betting because it can allow customers to place wagers on both racing and sports on one website. He also added how vital the success of NYRA Bets is to NYRA's overall business.

"Our main point was to stress the need for racing, which is a wonderful complimentary product [to sports betting], to be involved and for us to be involved," O'Rourke told the *TDN*. "Primarily, we need to maintain the connection with our customer. Over the last decade, we've seen the channels shift and what is driving business is our mobile betting website. If there is an intermediary in the middle, a middleman, I'm going

to lose the connection with the customer in ways that go behind just the wager... If we are isolated and out on an island that would be very detrimental."

As an example, O'Rourke cited New Jersey, where sports betting is available through various online and mobile platforms but where only one ADW, 4NJBets, takes wagers on horse races.

"In New Jersey, there is only one ADW that offers horse racing," he said. "On the other side of the aisle you have a plethora of online platforms to wager on sports. Since sports betting was launched in New Jersey, their ADW platform is down 10%."

When asked if profits from sports betting would fuel purses if NYRA was included in Senate Bill 17A, O'Rourke said, "For one, I believe if we had sports betting it would increase pari-mutuel handle on our races. As a not-for-profit, every dollar we earn we are putting right back into the business. If the pari-mutuel handle goes up some of that money would go directly to purses. We also have a long list--it would take hours to go over it--of things we would do with the money to improve racing and our facilities, things like improvements to the backstretch."

In summarizing his testimony to the *TDN*, Joe Appelbaum said:

"My message was three- or four-fold. One is that we greatly support NYRA and the current bets-taking structure to be included on a fair and level playing field; two, we think any system they design should be based on the customer, on the consumer experience; and three, I think there's a lot of regulatory challenges that we're well aware that we face every day and that I think people need to open their eyes to for these other sports."

Appelbaum also stressed the importance of a measured, well-thought-out approach to sports betting legislation in the Empire State.

"[Committee chair Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jr.] is an extremely thoughtful person," he said. "I just think that the more you investigate and understand this market...for the last 60 years we've had one market of bricks and mortar only in one relatively small state. Now all of a sudden we're having it proliferate in a number of states and everyone's rushing to market and there's really no first-mover advantage. If it takes New York a year or two to offer a better system, trust me, all the money will flow here. The money is liquid, it's digital and it's not going to stay in the states where the people reside. It's going to flow to the best pricing and the best system."

New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. Executive Director Jeff Cannizzo also presented testimony at the hearing.

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The catalogue for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June Sale of 2-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age is now available on the OBS [website](#).

The auction, which will take place June 12-14 with sessions starting at 10 a.m., is comprised of 997 juveniles and 17 older horses. Supplemental entries will be taken until May 22. The breeze show will be held June 5-9.

A graduate of last year's June Sale, **AnotherTwistafate** (Scat Daddy), is now a graded stakes winner and is pointing for the GI Preakness S. Other top June grads include champion **Stormy Liberal** (Stormy Atlantic) and graded winners **Gladiator King** (Curlin) and **St. Joe Bay** (Saint Anddan).

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## PIMLICO OPENS THURSDAY

Pimlico will open Thursday for a 12-day meet highlighted by the GI Preakness S. May 18. There will be eight other stakes held Preakness day.

Racing will be conducted at Pimlico Thursday to Sunday with the exception of Sunday, May 19 and the meet concludes on Memorial Day, May 27.

"We're excited about returning to Pimlico and the quality racing we're expecting over the next month," said Maryland Jockey Club President and General Manager Sal Sinatra. "The turf course is in pristine condition, so we're expecting great turf racing with competitive fields. Obviously, Preakness Week is very special and we're looking forward to watching many of the top horses compete here as well as all the events throughout the city that are associated with Preakness."

The Maryland Jockey Club is once again offering bonus money totaling \$100,000 to trainers who run a minimum of five horses in the 16 stakes races, nine graded, worth \$3.8 million in purses during Preakness weekend. The trainer with the most points will receive \$50,000, second \$25,000, third \$12,000, fourth \$7,000, fifth \$4,000 and sixth \$2,000. Points are accumulated for finishing first (10 points), second (seven), third (five), fourth (three) and having a starter (one).

There will also be bonus money totaling \$50,000 for trainers with the most points in non-stakes races during Preakness weekend. The points are accumulated in similar fashion with \$25,000 going to the leader, \$10,000 to second, \$7,500 to third, \$2,500 to fourth and \$1,000 to fifth.

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## FAIR HILL EQUINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT APPROVED

The Maryland Board of Public Works voted to approve the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area Equine Improvements project Wednesday. Construction will begin later this month to upgrade the facilities and continue Fair Hill's preparations to host its first international 5-Star Event in 2020. A formal groundbreaking event is being planned around the 85th Fair Hill Races taking place May 24-25.

"The approval by the Board of Public Works is a very big step toward sustaining the future of Fair Hill," said Jay Griswold, Vice President of the Fair Hill Foundation's Board of Directors. "We look forward to construction getting underway and advancing the plans for the 5-Star event next year. This is an exciting day for Maryland and all of our great partners who have been supporting this project from the beginning."

Upgrades for the venue include construction of a new cross-country course, already in development under course designer Ian Stark. Three new equestrian arenas will be installed on the infield of the turf course for dressage and show jumping.

Fair Hill's historic turf course, built in the late 1920s, is also being restored. The course will be resurfaced, realigned, and irrigated.

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## TRINNIBERG HEADED TO URUGUAY

Champion sprinter **Trinniberg** (Teufflesberg--Bella Dorato, by Goldminers Gold) has been sold to Haras La Concordia, Haras San Miguel Queguay and BGC Thoroughbred Stud in a deal brokered by Ricardo Colombo. He previously stood at Rockridge Stud in New York and will now stand at Haras La Concordia in Uruguay. The 2012 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint hero has five winners and one stakes victor from three crops of racing age.

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## TCA TO HOST SECOND ANNUAL FOUNDERS CELEBRATION

Thoroughbred Charities of America will host its second annual Founders Celebration and Cocktail Party Sunday, May 19 from 5p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Grandstand Grille in the Timonium OTB in Timonium, Md., adjacent to the Fasig-Tipton sales grounds.

The event celebrates TCA's Mid-Atlantic area roots and offers guests the opportunity to come as they are from the sale to support TCA. Tickets are available for \$50 and include live music, appetizers, wine, and beer. Tickets can be purchased at [tca.org](http://tca.org). All net proceeds will benefit TCA's 2019 grant recipients.

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**Saturday, Belmont, post time: 6:24 p.m. EDT**

**MAN O' WAR S-GI, \$700,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hunting Horn (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Tabor, Michael B., Magnier, Mrs. John, and Smith, Derrick	O'Brien	Hussey	119
2	Zulu Alpha	Street Cry (Ire)	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Castellano	121
3	Village King (Arg)	Campanologist	Angels of Catalina, Inc.	Pletcher	Velazquez	116
4	Arklow 🍀	Arch	Donegal Racing, Bulger, Joseph and Coneway, Peter	Cox	Geroux	119
5	Magic Wand (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Tabor, Michael B., Magnier, Mrs. John, and Smith, Derrick	O'Brien	Lordan	116
6	Focus Group 🍀	Kitten's Joy	Klaravich Stables, Inc. and Lawrence, William H.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	121
7	Epical	Uncle Mo	Deron Pearson	Cassidy	Baze	121
8	Channel Maker 🍀	English Channel	Wachtel Stable, Barber, Gary, R. A. Hill Stable and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Mott	Rosario	124
9	Kulin Rock	Lonhro (Aus)	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Carmouche	116

**Breeders:** 1-Lynch-Bages & Rhinestone Bloodstock, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Santa Maria de Araras, 4-John R. Penn & Frank Penn, 5-Ecurie Des Monceaux & Skymarc Farm Inc, 6-Dixiana Farms LLC, 7-Jamm, Ltd., 8-Tall Oaks Farm, 9-J. Bonner Young

**Saturday, Belmont, post time: 3:08 p.m. EDT**

**PETER PAN S-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Intrepid Heart	Tapit	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Velazquez	116
2	Federal Case 🍀	Gemologist	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Castellano	116
3	Global Campaign 🍀	Curlin	Sagamore Farm, LLC and WinStar Farm, LLC	Hough	Saez	116
4	Sir Winston 🍀	Awesome Again	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Rosario	120
5	Final Jeopardy 🍀	Street Sense	West, Gary and Mary	Servis	Ortiz, Jr.	116

**Breeders:** 1-WinStar Farm, LLC & WinchellThoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Kings Way Farm, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Tracy Farmer, 5-Bloodstock Investment III

**Saturday, Belmont, post time: 1:30 p.m. EDT**

**VAGRANCY H-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pacific Gale 🍀	Flat Out	Tobey L. Morton	Kimmel	Bravo	118
2	Heavenhasmynikki	Majestic Warrior	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Hess, Jr.	Carmouche	117
3	Dawn the Destroyer	Speightstown	Stonestreet Stables LLC	McLaughlin	Castellano	118
4	Separationofpowers 🍀	Candy Ride (Arg)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	120
5	Holiday Disguise 🍀	Harlan's Holiday	Lady Sheila Stable	Rice	Lezcano	116

**Breeders:** 1-Bally Breeders, 2-Langsem Farm, Inc., 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Northwest Farms LLC, 5-Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor

**Saturday, Belmont, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT**

**BEAUGAY S-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chipolata (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	West Point Thoroughbreds, Honore, Hubert and Masiello, Robert	Clement	Cancel	115
2	Andina Del Sur	Giant's Causeway	Don Alberto Stable	Albertrani	Saez	119
3	Competitionofideas 🍀	Speightstown	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	121
4	Matty's Magnum	Even the Score	Lessell, Edward R. and Mary Jo	Donk	Alvarado	119
5	Homerique 🍀	Exchange Rate	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	119
6	Binti Al Nar (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	Rapido Racing Stable	Schiergen	Velazquez	119

**Breeders:** 1-Hubert Honore, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-John D. Gunther, Tony Chedraoui & Eurowest Bloodstock Services, 4-Edward Ross Lessell & Mary Jo Lessell, 5-Nicky Drion & Francois Drion, 6-Gestut Riepegrund

**Saturday, Arlington, post time: 5:35 p.m. EDT**

**HANSHIN CUP S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gita's Lad	Ghaaleb	William Stirtz	Becker	Santiago	117
2	Revved Up	Candy Ride (Arg)	Kingsport Farm	Casse	Kennedy	117
3	Revide	Candy Ride (Arg)	Adriana Beatriz Lombardi	Correas, IV	Cotto, Jr.	117
4	Richiesinthehouse	Sidney's Candy	Ravin, Richard and Patricia's Hope LLC	Rivelli	Valdivia, Jr.	117
5	Sir Anthony	Mineshaft	Richard Otto Stables, Inc.	Mitchell	Murrill	117
6	Nun the Less 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Crystal Racing Enterprises and Contreras Stable Inc.	Contreras	Prescott	124
7	Eckersley 🌿	Congrats	Gary Broad	Davis	Doyle	117
8	Machtree 🌿	Kitten's Joy	Detampel, Marc and Sunshine State Racing, LLC	Colebrook	Marquez, Jr.	117
9	Goneghost	Cherokee Rap	William Stirtz	Becker	Emigh	117
10	Lanier	Lewis Michael	Oakview Stable, LLC	Santangelo	Cannon	117
11	What's Up Dude	First Dude	Danalisa Racing Stable, Inc.	Cristel	Lopez	117

**Breeders:** 1-William P. Stirtz, 2-Phipps Stable, 3-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Richard Ravin, 5-R. Otto Stables, Inc., 6-Claiborne Farm, 7-Grapestock LLC, 8-Clearsky Farms, 9-William P Stirtz, 10-Dennis Newhouse, 11-Larry Rivelli & Richard Ravin

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT**

**SANTA BARBARA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Animosity 🌿	Animal Kingdom	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Gallagher	Espinoza	121
2	Causeforcommotion 🌿	Americain	Dunham, E., Kruljac, J., Reed, Jim A., Sondereker, J., Yip, S. and Yip, D.	Kruljac	Franco	121
3	Kodiak West (Ire)	Kodiak (GB)	Gainesway Stable and Naify, Marsha	Drysdale	Van Dyke	121
4	Lynne's Legacy	Unusual Heat	Richardson, M, Robershaw, Ritchie & Tucker, Terri	O'Neill	Quinonez	121
5	Guiliana (Fr)	Zoffany (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Powell	Prat	121
6	Queen Bee to You	Old Topper	St. Hilaire, Christopher and Vali, Adam	Pender	Fuentes	121

**Breeders:** 1-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-James F. Hanly, 4-Harris Farms, 5-Ecurie Haras De Beauvoir, CharlotteMichenot & M. Thomas Michenot, 6-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC

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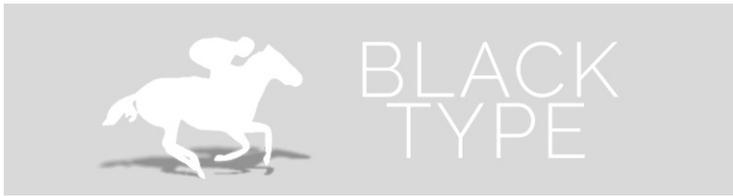
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 12</i>	5	6	5	6	1	2	62	23	1,936,000	4,920,400
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Game Winner</i>	
2	<b>Into Mischief</b> <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8</i>	7	12	4	6	--	2	116	57	304,000	4,748,455
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$150,000</i>						<i>Instagrand</i>	
3	<b>Tapit</b> <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12</i>	6	13	2	10	1	3	67	29	953,000	4,029,815
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$225,000</i>						<i>Tacitus</i>	
4	<b>Scat Daddy</b> <i>(2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8</i>	9	14	6	9	1	3	100	50	386,660	3,750,103
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Retired/Exported)</i>						<i>Skitter Scatter</i>	
5	<b>Quality Road</b> <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 6</i>	6	9	3	4	2	2	67	29	1,102,125	3,632,618
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$150,000</i>						<i>Bellafina</i>	
6	<b>Curlin</b> <i>(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 8</i>	5	9	3	5	--	2	78	30	565,950	3,019,200
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Lady Apple</i>	
7	<b>Hard Spun</b> <i>(2004) by Danzig Crops: 9</i>	3	9	2	5	1	1	72	33	367,403	3,007,799
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Out for a Spin</i>	
8	<b>Goldencents</b> <i>(2010) by Into Mischief Crops: 2</i>	5	9	2	2	--	--	88	44	653,710	2,950,080
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>						<i>By My Standards</i>	
9	<b>War Front</b> <i>(2002) by Danzig Crops: 10</i>	7	8	5	6	2	3	59	25	1,121,800	2,930,691
				<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000</i>						<i>Omaha Beach</i>	
10	<b>Lookin At Lucky</b> <i>(2007) by Smart Strike Crops: 6</i>	1	3	1	1	1	1	43	19	2,120,175	2,923,639
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$20,000</i>						<i>Country House</i>	
11	<b>Violence</b> <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro Crops: 3</i>	6	11	1	5	--	1	83	46	279,945	2,881,492
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Vibrance</i>	
12	<b>Cross Traffic</b> <i>(2009) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 2</i>	6	10	1	1	1	1	59	29	1,456,500	2,720,021
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>						<i>Jaywalk</i>	
13	<b>Paynter</b> <i>(2009) by Awesome Again Crops: 3</i>	4	6	1	1	1	1	81	38	691,515	2,712,913
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>						<i>Knicks Go</i>	
14	<b>Point of Entry</b> <i>(2008) by Dynaformer Crops: 3</i>	4	5	1	3	--	1	48	22	1,590,400	2,552,676
				<i>Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$20,000</i>						<i>Plus Que Parfait</i>	
15	<b>City Zip</b> <i>(1998) by Carson City Crops: 15</i>	2	5	1	1	1	1	56	27	769,520	2,479,598
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Retired/Exported)</i>						<i>Improbable</i>	

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Thursday, Belmont Park, post time: 6:46 p.m. ET

**FLAT OUT S.**, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Monongahela	K One King	Ja Servis	I Ortiz Jr	7-2
2	Twisted Tom	Creative Cause	Mott	Alvarado	6-1
3	G Zap	Ghostzapper	Canizzo	Gutierrez	20-1
4	Tour de Force	Tiznow	Rodriguez	Carmouche	6-1
5	Rocketry	Hard Spun	Jerkens	Rosario	9-5
6	Forewarned	Flat Out	St Lewis	Salgado	15-1
7	Marconi	Tapit	Pletcher	Lezcano	5-2



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**7th-Delaware, \$40,000, Alw (C)/Opt.** Clm (\$50,000), 5-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.98, ft.

**SHIMMERING ASPEN (m, 5, Malibu Moon--Aspenglow {MSW & GSP, \$465,698}, by Lion Hearted)**, a four-time stakes winner, was getting some confidence-building class relief here and was off as the 3-5 chalk. Last seen finishing fifth in Laurel's Primonetta S. Apr. 20, the grey was very hard ridden early while sitting second and was shuffled back into third around the bend. She re-broke while coming wide into the straight, and leveled off well late to collar Adios Annie (Adios Charlie) and best that foe by 3 1/4 lengths. The winner has an unraced 2-year-old half-brother named Reform School (Munnings) and a yearling half-sister by Honor Code. Her dam, a full to MSW Silver Heart and a half to the stakes-winning dam of GISW Noted and Quoted (The Factor), most recently visited Lookin At Lucky. Sales history: \$200,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: MSW, 16-8-0-3, \$328,610. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Hillwood Stable LLC; B-Nancy L. Terhune, Ernest Frohboese & Candyland Farm (KY); T-Rodney Jenkins.

**6th-Delaware, \$38,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt.** Clm (\$25,000), 5-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.49, ft.

**MINIT TO STARDOM (f, 4, Star Guitar--Wild About Marie {MSW, \$328,629}, by Wildcat Heir)** took her first three starts by a combined 18 3/4 lengths, including the Louisiana Lassie S. at Fair Grounds late in her 2-year-old season and a Churchill optional claimer last May. She settled for sixth in the prestigious GI Test S. at Saratoga in August, and was second in each of three subsequent tries against fellow Louisiana-breds. Last seen dropping out of stakes company to be second in a grassy optional claimer at Fair Grounds Mar. 21, she was 3-5 here off the trainer switch from Al Stall, Jr. Immediately in command, the Benoit homebred cruised through splits of :22.34 and :45.22 and glided under the line with a 3 1/4-length cushion. Margie's Money (Great Notion) was second best. The winner has 2-year-old, yearling and foal full-brothers. Lifetime Record: SW, 8-4-3-0, \$188,040. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Brittlyn Stables, Inc. (LA); T-Jose M. Camejo.

**8th-Delaware, \$36,000, Alw**, 5-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.15, ft.

**CALADAN (c, 3, Atreides--Tasley, by Mr. Greeley)** was never off the board in five appearances last season--he took a pair of optional claimers here when in for the \$75,000 tag, and was most recently second at Laurel Nov. 24. Given a 5-2 chance to fire fresh, the dark bay drafted in midpack a bit off the fence and always looked like he was traveling well. Given his cue heading for home, he required some energetic Jeremy Rose handling into the straight, but responded willingly to wear down Aspect (Astrology) by a head despite that foe drifting out on him repeatedly. The winner's dam produced Race Day colts in both 2017 and 2018, and was bred back to Tu Brutus (Chi). Sales history: \$20,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-1, \$114,595. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Philip DiCosmo; B-Kirt & Sarah Cahill (KY); T-Anthony Pecoraro.

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**1st-Delaware, \$34,000, Msw, 5-8, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.95, ft.**

**SMART TIME (c, 3, Bernardini--Smara, by Storm Cat)** showed some works at Keeneland last summer, but returned to the tab at Laurel starting in April and had most recently prepped for this unveiling with a :49 2/5 (5/14) move over the local strip May 2. Backed at 17-10 in a short field, he dueled outside of odds-on King Nekia (Uncaptured) and left that one in the dust in the stretch, putting 11 3/4 lengths on him at the wire. There was another 12 lengths back to the third finisher. Don Alberto Corp. paid \$300,000 for dam Smara--an unplaced half or full to three stakes runners including U.S. MGSP and Irish highweight sprinter Dark Cheetah (Storm Cat)--in foal to Hard Spun at the 2013 Keeneland November sale. The resulting filly was the currently in-form Samara, SW, \$182,671. Smara, who hails from the female family of Grade I winners Sky Mesa (Pulpit) and Outstandingly (Exclusive Native), sire Bernstein (Storm Cat), et al, foaled an Empire Maker filly bred on Southern Hemisphere time last year. That Aug. 28 foal joined Don Alberto's vast holdings in Chile. Sales history: \$19,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez.

**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MAY 9**

**Fast Anna** (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$7,500  
83 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
2-Belmont, Msw 5f, WOMEN NOT EASY, 3-1  
\$110,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$130,000 OBS MAR yrl

**Micromanage** (Medaglia d'Oro), Rockridge Stud, \$4,000  
37 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Belmont, Msw 5f, MICROMILLION, 4-5  
\$30,000 FTN MIX wnl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MAY 9**

**Awesome Bet** (Awesome Again), Peach Lane Farms, \$1,500

13 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Evangeline Downs, Alw 5 1/2f, NET A BEAR, 8-1

**Cairo Prince** (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000  
228 foals of racing age/38 winners/4 black-type winners  
4-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 5 1/2f, POSIT, 6-5  
\$190,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$200,000 OBS APR yrl

**Cajun Breeze** (Congrats), Stonehedge Farm South, \$5,000  
23 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Gulfstream, Alw 6f, CAJUN EMBERS, 12-1

**Capo Bastone** (Street Boss), Adena Springs, \$4,000  
32 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, AZZURRA, 5-2

**Central Banker** (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500  
135 foals of racing age/24 winners/3 black-type winners  
2-Belmont, Msw 5f, LIL MORNING STAR, 12-1  
\$5,000 FTK OCT yrl  
2-Belmont, Msw 5f, REWARDED, 10-1  
9-Belmont, Alw 6f, THREE BIRDS, 12-1  
\$21,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$11,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$4,500 RNA EAS OCT yrl

**Goldencents** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000  
256 foals of racing age/44 winners/5 black-type winners  
9-Belmont, Alw 6f, LOVE AND LOVE, 20-1  
\$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$12,000 FTK OCT yrl  
3-Charles Town, Alw 7f, OUT OF CENTS, 3-1

**Guilt Trip** (Pulpit), Red River Farms, \$2,000  
67 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Evangeline Downs, Alw 5 1/2f, VICTORY TRIP, 6-1  
\$20,000 ESL YRL yrl

**Handsome Mike** (Scat Daddy), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$4,000  
96 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream, Alw 6f, RUNNING FOR RIZ, 9-2

**He's Had Enough** (Tapit), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$2,500  
139 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream, Alw 6f, LIAM LETS GO, 6-5  
\$70,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Honorable Dillon** (Tapit), Rockridge Stud, \$4,000  
107 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Belmont, Alw 6f, TAPPANZEE, 15-1

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 57 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Churchill Downs, Alw 5fT, LIBBY KNOWS, 8-1  
 \$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl

**Mr. Besilu** (A.P. Indy), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000  
 23 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 2-Charles Town, Msw 7f, PROVIDENCE R V F, 15-1  
 \$18,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Mucho Macho Man** (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$10,000  
 122 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners  
 5-Evangeline Downs, Alw 5 1/2f, MUCHO MARVIN, 10-1  
 \$30,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Real Solution** (Kitten's Joy), Blue Star Racing, \$5,000  
 61 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Belmont, Msw 7fT, REAL MONEY, 3-1  
 \$32,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$675,000 OBS MAR yrl

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**1st-Indiana Grand, \$35,500**, (S), 5-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.34, ft.  
**SPOTLIGHT JUSTICE** (c, 3, **Lantana Mob**--Princes Melissa {GSP}, by Marquetry) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$51,110. O-Dennis & Cynthia Claramunt & Randy Klopp; B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp. \*\$10,000 Ylg '17 PEDIND. \*\*1/2 to Shigeru Sosai (Tale of the Cat), SP-Jpn, \$1,278,050.  
**6th-Thistledown, \$24,000**, 5-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.60, ft.  
**BIG TRIP** (g, 3, **To Honor and Serve**--Trip Mom, by El Corredor) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$36,420. O-Jack L. Boggs; B-William S. Sparks (KY); T-Kim A. Puhl.

**7th-Thistledown, \$24,000**, 5-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.28, ft.  
**SENSATIONAL RIDE** (g, 6, **Dunkirk**--Commendable Girl, by Commendable) Lifetime Record: 35-12-6-6, \$128,587. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Dennis Ralph Morgan (GA); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

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**PRETTY BRITCHES (f, 4, Chitoz--Possetively Pretty, by Posse)**  
 Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-1, \$80,762. O/B-Lyn W Aldridge (OK); T-Jody Pruitt.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Fever Temple**, g, 3, **Temple City**--Cecilia's Fever, by Stormy Atlantic. Indiana Grand, 5-8, (S), 1m, 1:40.20. B-Jim Edgar (IN).

**City Volume**, g, 3, **Tidal Volume**--Daddy Said, by Five Star Day. Thistledown, 5-8, (S), 6f, 1:13.02. B-Robin Murphy (OH).

**Augie**, c, 4, **Twirling Candy**--Sweetest Sound, by Smart Strike. Indiana Grand, 5-8, 6f, 1:10.13. B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY). \*\$1,500 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.



**ATREIDES**, Caladan, c, 3, o/o Tasley, by Mr. Greeley. ALW, 5-8, Delaware

**BERNARDINI**, Smart Time, c, 3, o/o Smara, by Storm Cat. MSW, 5-8, Delaware

**CHITAZ**, Pretty Britches, f, 4, o/o Possetively Pretty, by Posse. ALW, 5-7, Will Rogers

**DUNKIRK**, Sensational Ride, g, 6, o/o Commendable Girl, by Commendable. ALW, 5-8, Thistledown

**LANTANA MOB**, Spotlight Justice, c, 3, o/o Princes Melissa, by Marquetry. ALW, 5-8, Indiana Grand

**MALIBU MOON**, Shimmering Aspen, m, 5, o/o Aspenglow, by Lion Hearted. AOC, 5-8, Delaware

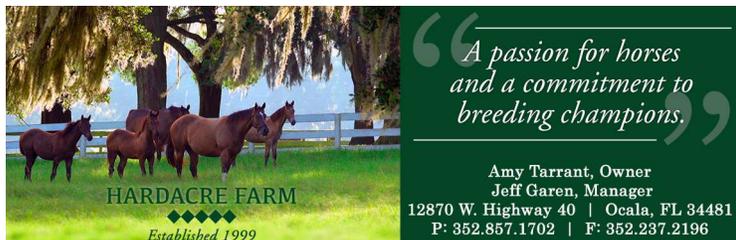
**STAR GUITAR**, Minit to Stardom, f, 4, o/o Wild About Marie, by Wildcat Heir. AOC, 5-8, Delaware

**TEMPLE CITY**, Fever Temple, g, 3, o/o Cecilia's Fever, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 5-8, Indiana Grand

**TIDAL VOLUME**, City Volume, g, 3, o/o Daddy Said, by Five Star Day. MSW, 5-8, Thistledown

**TO HONOR AND SERVE**, Big Trip, g, 3, o/o Trip Mom, by El Corredor. ALW, 5-8, Thistledown

**TWIRLING CANDY**, Augie, c, 4, o/o Sweetest Sound, by Smart Strike. MSW, 5-8, Indiana Grand



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**BEDANKEN**, 20, Geri--Danka, by Strawberry Road (Aus)  
 Foal born Apr. 2, a filly by Broken Vow.  
 Will be bred back to Super Saver.  
 Owned by and boarded at Pin Oak Stud, LLC.  
 Accomplishments: MGSW of \$539,629. Dam of Missive (Alternation), SP.

**HOLIDAY SOIREE**, 10, Harlan's Holiday--Try to Remember, by Include  
 Foal born Apr. 4, a filly by Arrogate.  
 Will be bred back to Gun Runner.  
 Owned by/boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds, KY.  
 Accomplishments: SW & GISP, \$405,642.

**GLORIOUS VIEW**, 10, Pleasant Tap--Cayuga's Waters, by Langfuhr  
 Foal born Apr. 8, a filly by Malibu Moon.  
 Will be bred back to Lord Nelson.  
 Owned by Brant Laue.  
 Boarded at Hurstland Farm.  
 Accomplishments: GSW of \$307,190.

**TAP THE TILL**, 8, Tapit--Forest Intrigue, by Forest Wildcat  
 Foal born Apr. 10, a filly by Bluegrass Cat.  
 Will be bred back to Eddington.  
 Owned by John and Allegra Ernst.  
 Boarded at Ballena Vista Farm.  
 Accomplishments: Dam of Tap the Wire (Eddington), SW.

**COUP**, 10, Empire Maker--French Lady (NZ), by Entrepreneur (GB)  
 Foal born Apr. 8, a filly by Twirling Candy.  
 Will be bred back to Hard Spun.  
 Owned by/boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds, KY.  
 Accomplishments: SW, \$132,637.



## SIR DRAGONET RISES TO THE OCCASION AT CHESTER



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by Tom Frary

Ballydoyle's juveniles of 2018 were hit by the dreaded lurgy during their formative period and consequently there were some unknown quantities among them heading into this season. One of the lurkers was **Sir Dragonet (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}), but he had already blown his cover when earning 'TDN Rising Star' status on debut at Tipperary 13 days ago and duly justified that in spades in Wednesday's G3 MBNA Chester Vase. Anchored in a detached last early by Donnacha O'Brien, the 13-2 shot was cajoled forward into the pack as the race increased in intensity inside the final half mile. Looping stablemate **Norway (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) before the final bend, the imposing bay was almost given a breather on the outside with the race at his mercy approaching the furlong pole. Kicking clear soon after, the relative of Galileo (Ire) and Sea the Stars (Ire) paved his own way to the hallowed ground they trod at Epsom with an emphatic eight-length success under a hand ride. Ryan Moore's mount Norway, who sweated up beforehand and drifted in the betting, wrested second from the long-time leader **Dashing Willoughby (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length.

"That was very impressive--I think this is the first time I've sat on him," his rider commented. "They were flat to the boards in front and he was still green, but four out I knew he was going to win." [Cont. p2](#)

## FRENCH PROVINCIAL DIARY

by Tom Frary

*In this ongoing series, Tom Frary highlights recent notable performances at France's provincial racecourses.*

France's provinces have turned a corner now that spring has enveloped the country, putting the grind of winter behind everybody and firmly out of mind. In the South, the average temperature in March is in the mid-teens and it was warming up near the Camargue as Nimes staged a card on Mar. 17 which may have featured a future mover and shaker.

Not far from the city's Roman temple known as the *Maison Carree* and its amphitheatre, the *L'Hippodrome des Courbiers* hosted an assortment of locals to watch Martin Schwartz's 3-year-old filly **Olympic Games (Fr)** (Olympic Glory {Ire}) in a hurry to get her head in front at the first attempt.

Scooting around the right-handed circuit showing a fluent stride hugging the rail, the bay may be one of the best to emerge from the palm tree-adorned "Rome of France" famed for its place at the forefront of the denim revolution and a favourite of Hemingway's. On Apr. 24, she went to nearby Marseille-Borely and after being held up in rear this time won a competitive race for its type with authority, finishing under a hold from Marion Lanave. [Cont. p4](#)



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**BETTER LATE THAN...WELL, MAYBE ANY OTHER TIME**

In the latest edition of Chris McGrath's *This Side Up*, he examines the recent success of May foals, including the first three horses past the wire in the GI Kentucky Derby. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

**G3 Chester Vase S. Cont. from p1**

Like the equally impressive Listed Cheshire Oaks winner Mehdaayih (GB) (Frankel {GB}), Sir Dragonet does not hold an entry in the June 1 G1 Investec Derby so successfully did he hide his light under a bushel at Rosegreen. Even his trainer seemed surprised after his debut on that late evening at Tipperary, when he remarked that is was “nice to find him.” Visually at least he is the most impressive of the stable’s nine winners of this blue riband prep they took with the subsequent winner of that Classic Ruler of the World (Ire) in 2013. This is a tough track at which to produce wide-margin wins and this romp was reminiscent of one of the finer of those in recent times in the G3 Ormonde S. display of St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) in 2011. The last to win this by as far was Shadwell’s luminary Unfuwain (Northern Dancer) who also put eight lengths between himself and the runner-up, but that was on more testing ground in 1988 so this rates as a considerable performance.



Sir Dragonet & his happy connections | *Racing Post*

Also successful with the eventual G1 Irish Derby heroes Soldier of Fortune (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Treasure Beach (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and with the Epsom runner-up US Army Ranger (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Aidan O’Brien clearly does not send his minnows to this race.

Donnacha, whose week could hardly get any better, added after this rout, “We have a lot of horses at Ballydoyle with great pedigrees and they only learn to sleep at home, so we don’t know what they are until they get on the track. He saves it for the track obviously and bends his knee a little bit, so a bit of juice in the ground will never be any harm to him. I’m sure he’ll be alright on better ground as well. There was a big engine in

there once you asked him.”

Paul Smith, son of part-owner Derrick Smith, said, “That was a lovely surprise. He was a big baby at home and that is why he was not entered in the Derby. I suppose the lads will look at it now and make a decision a week or two beforehand. He has a beautiful Galileo pedigree by Camelot. It is all there, but he was a baby at home and he obviously comes alive on the track. We needed to educate him as he just had the one run before and Aidan thought this was a good place to come. Donnacha loved him. He said he gave him a lovely feel and was very

straightforward and when he asked him, he quickened well. He was on top of them very early, but he was pleasantly surprised.”

“I remember Treasure Beach when he won here and he was about 33-1 for the Derby and he just got chinned on the line,” Smith continued. “It is real good ground here and he would have learned a lot there. It was only his second run and he took it all in his stride. The pedigree is strong and it wouldn’t be a hindrance at all, lovely good

ground. This gives Aidan a fantastic yardstick now. It is good to get a sleeper as well and one you don’t know about. It is always a pleasant surprise. The big horses you get nervous, but with these it is a fact-finding mission.”

**Pedigree Notes**

The winner is the first foal out of Sparrow (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), whose career was highlighted by a third placing in the six-furlong G3 Ballyogan S. also for Ballydoyle.

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### **G3 Chester Vase S. Cont.**

Her pedigree is Epsom through-and-through, with her half-sister being the 2011 G1 Oaks runner-up Wonder of Wonders (Kingmambo) who ironically warmed up for her Classic bid by winning a Tipperary maiden over the same trip and time of year as Sir Dragonet and the Listed Cheshire Oaks at this meeting. Their dam All Too Beautiful (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) was also second in the 2004 Oaks behind Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and is a full-sister to the aforementioned Galileo and a half to Sea the Stars, while her unraced half-sister All For Glory (Giant's Causeway) produced the 2017 Oaks third Alluringly (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Of course, the great Urban Sea (Miswaki) is at the root of them all. The dynasty extends to last year's Derby hero Masar (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), so Sir Dragonet is in line to provide it with back-to-back renewals of the ultimate prize. Camelot's influence in this incredible family is gaining momentum, with Coolmore's so promising Derby-winning young sire counting last year's G1 Belmont Oaks Invitational winner Athena (Ire) and the stable's 3-year-old '**TDN Rising Star**' Goddess among his more notable products so far. Sparrow's 2-year-old colt is by Australia (GB), while she also has a yearling full-brother to the winner.

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### **Wednesday, Chester, Britain**

**MBNA CHESTER VASE S.-G3**, £100,000, Chester, 5-8, 3yo, c/g, 12f 63yT, 2:42.91, g/s.

1--**SIR DRAGONET (IRE)**, 126, c, 3, by **Camelot (GB)**

1st Dam: **Sparrow (Ire)** (GSP-Ire), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**

2nd Dam: **All Too Beautiful (Ire)**, by **Sadler's Wells**

3rd Dam: **Urban Sea**, by **Miswaki**

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O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith;

B-Orpendale, Wynatt & Chelston (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien;

J-Donnacha O'Brien. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0,

\$82,409. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the**

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2--**Norway (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--Love Me True, by

Kingmambo. O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor;

B-Southern Bloodstock (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £21,500.

3--**Dashing Willoughby (GB)**, 126, c, 3, Nathaniel (Ire)--Miss

Dashwood (GB), by Dylan Thomas (Ire). (70,000gns Ylg '17

TATOCT). O-Mick & Janice Mariscotti; B-Meon Valley Stud

(GB); T-Andrew Balding. £10,760.

Margins: 8, 3/4, 4HF. Odds: 6.50, 4.50, 5.50.

Also Ran: King Ottokar (Fr), Technician (Ire), Arthur Kitt (GB),

Kaloor (GB). Scratched: Gentile Bellini (GB). **Click for the **Racing****

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**THE FACTOR** (2008), 6 wins at 2 to 4 years, **Malibu S.(Gr.1)**, **Pat O'Brien S.(Gr.1)**, **Rebel S.(Gr.2)**. Stud in 2013. Sire of **NOTED AND QUOTED**, **Chandelier S., Gr.1**, **BOUND FOR NOWHERE**, **MULTIPLIER**, **A DIFFERENT STYLE**, **FACTOROFWON**, **HOGANS HOLIDAY**, **KROY**, **NINE ROUTE**, **NORTHWEST FACTOR**, **CISTRON**, **DELPHINIA**, **YOUNGEST DAUGHTER**, **FACT FINDING**.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> dam

**SAYEDAH**, 1 win at 2 years in GB, **Rockfel St.(Gr.2)**, pl. 5 times, 2nd **Atalanta St.** at Sandown (L.), 3rd **Prix Charles Laffitte** at Paris-Longchamp (L.), £45,632. Dam of 4 winners incl. :

**Battle of Marathon** (c. War Front), 2 wins in GB and IRE, pl. 9 times (19), 2nd **Paradise St.(L.)**, 3rd **Beresford St.(Gr.2)**, **Winter Derby St.(Gr.3)**, **Winter Derby Trial St.(L.)**, 4th **Ruby St.(L.)**, £77,249.

**A LITTLE BIT ME** (f., The Factor), 5 wins at 3 to 5 (19) in IRE & USA, **Unbridled Sidney S.(L.)** (19), placed 11 times, 3rd **Wishing Well S.(L.)** (19), \$235,449.

**Question de Tiempo**, (c., The Factor), 3 wins at 2 and 3 years in USA, pl. twice (19), 3rd **Arlington Classic S.(Gr.3)**, \$59,322.

N., (see above), her 13th foal.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> dam

**BALAABEL**, 1 win at 3 years in GB. Dam of 11 foals, 7 winners incl. :

**SAYEDAH**, (see above).

**Marasem** (f., Cadeaux Geneureux), 1 win in GB. Dam of winners incl. : **MAGICAL MEMORY**, (c.), 8 wins at 2 to 5 in GB, £513,930, **Duke of York St.(Gr.2)**, **Hackwood St.(Gr.3)**, 3rd **Sprint Cup (Gr.1)**.

**Faleh**, (f.), 1 win at 3. Dam of **Dont Bother Me** (5 wins, £127,696).

**Alsharq** (f., Machiavellian), 1 win in GB. Dam of winners incl. :

**SANDREAMER**, (f.), 2 wins at 2 in GB & ITY, **Premio Eupili (L.)**, 2nd **Princess Margaret St.(Gr.3)**, **Empress St.(L.)**. Dam of a winner.

**Assume**, (f.), 1 win at 3 years in IRE, 2nd **EBF Garnet St.(L.)**, **EBF Cairn Rouge St.(L.)**, 3rd **EBF Hurry Harriet St.(L.)**. Broodmare.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> dam

**MUHBUBH**, 2 wins at 2, **Princess Margaret St.(Gr.3)**, 3rd **Lowther St.(Gr.2)**, 3rd **Nell Gwyn St.(Gr.3)**. Dam of 7 winners incl. :

**KAYRAWAN** (c.), 6 wins at 2 to 4 in GB, UAE & USA, \$186,682,

**Tom Fool H.(Gr.2)**, 2nd **Maryland Breeders' Cup H.(Gr.3)**. Sire.

**Amaniy** (f.), 2 wins at 2, 3rd **Firth of Clyde St.(L.)**. Dam of 9 winners.

**Sayedat Alhadh**, (f.), 1 win at 3 years. Dam of winners incl. :

**HAATEF**, (c.), 4 wins at 2 and 3 years, **Diadem St.(Gr.2)**. Sire.

**WALAYEF**, 3 wins at 2 and 3, **Athasi St.(Gr.3)**. Dam of winners.

**ULFAH**, (f.), 4 wins at 2 and 3, **Belgrave St.(L.)**. Dam of winners.

**SHIMAH**, (f.), 2 wins at 2 years, **Saoire St.(L.)**, 2nd **Moyglare Stud St. (Gr.1)**. Dam of **MUSHIR** (6 wins, **Rockingham St.(L.)**).

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## French Provincial Diary Cont. from p1

Lanave is another female jockey given sacred opportunities by Jean-Claude Rouget.

Interestingly, four days later Lanave was handed a further chance to shine by Rouget in the small Midi-Pyrenees course of Auch, this time on one of His Highness The Aga Khan's homebreds. While it was a minor contest with a flag start at one of France's most modest venues--there is no running rail for what constituted the home straight this time--won by the moderate performer **Kineta (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), there was more than a touch of finesse in her all-the-way success and it is clear that Rouget is unsurprisingly a keen spotter of riding talent.

At the end of March, the right-handed test of Mont-de-Marsan presented the ideal stage for Alain Jathiere's homebred 3-year-old filly **Volksha (Fr)**. Yet another winner for France's stallion on the rise Le Havre (Ire), she proved in a different class to her rivals before heading east to Toulouse to capture the Listed Prix Caravelle on Apr. 23. She has already outdone her well-connected dam Balashkova (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire})--from the immediate family of Ballydoyle's G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Recital (Fr) also by Montjeu--who ended up with Chad Brown, and who is to say that the States does not also beckon for this representative of the Simone Brogi yard? Brogi, one of the new enterprising brigade of Italian-born handlers making their trade in France, was another who benefitted from a Rouget apprenticeship and this is a first black-type success for the fledgling trainer who, according to his old boss, is a great cook.

Of the juveniles, Haras de Colleville's freshman sire Galiway (GB) was off the mark via his daughter **Galiciana (Fr)** at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat on Mar. 29. Fittingly, she carried Guy Pariente's silks with the owner-breeder ever keen to support his own stallions which was also demonstrated at La Teste de Buch Apr. 12 as his homebred 2-year-old filly **Show Kena (Fr)** became the latest winner for his star sire Kendargent (Fr). La Teste sits near the Cote d'Argent's freakish and imposing *Dune du Pyla* and picturesque town of Arcachon and is overlooked by the Landes forest, lending it a large dose of atmosphere. At the

similarly picturesque Lyon-Parilly on Apr. 4, the deadly Con and Theresa Marnane-Matthieu Palussiere axis struck with the first winner for another first-season sire. This time it was the colt **Ask Me Not (Ire)** by Rathasker Stud's Anjaal (GB) who beat the subsequent winner Love Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) under another up-and-comer in Clement Lecoivre.

"Lyon is a fair, top-class track and a particular favourite, no doubt," Palussiere says. "I also like La Teste, Marseille-Borely even with its bend, and the lesser tracks like Le Lion d'Angers, Bordeaux-le-Bouscat and then there is Dieppe and St Malo. We go everywhere. It is sometimes possibly the easier option to go to those type of tracks and being a little yard we have no option. Clement is an experienced jockey and a good one, very reliable and strong with a good head on his shoulders."

Situated near the famous Catholic site of Lourdes, Tarbes sits north of the Pyrenees National Park with its Napoleonic stud farm, *Les Haras*, its central draw. Its beautiful right-handed nine-furlong circuit is the oldest track in France that still operates, having been founded in the early 19th century and is a bit like England's Chester in reverse. Close to Pau, it is understandably a favourite of Rouget and he sent a potentially smart 3-year-old filly there on Apr. 8 in His Highness The Aga Khan's **Shafia (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}). Soon in front, she tanked along with Jean-Bernard Eyquem just a passenger as the debutante navigated around the gold course and was always in control in hand as she disposed of her rivals. Her family features the G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Shawanda (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}) and she could run at Angers on May 11.

At Tarbes again on Apr. 21, another Aga Khan-Rouget filly of the Classic generation in **Semariya (Fr)** (Archipenko) kicked off a stable treble alongside Claudio Marzocco's colt **Ferblue (Fr)** (Motivator {GB}) and Coolmore's filly **Visage (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). The latter is a daughter of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish Oaks third Just Pretending (Giant's Causeway) and her all-the-way 5 1/2-length defeat of fellow Rouget-trained Silver Seam (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}) over 11 1/2 furlongs offered abundant hope that she could be a name we are repeating later on in the season. [Cont. p5](#)

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'TDN Rising Star' Ballet Russe winning at Compiègne | *Scoop Dyga*

### French Provincial Diary Cont.

Her impressive display came two days before Compiègne--which is not strictly a provincial track even though it does not enjoy the same status as its Parisian neighbours--staged a 'TDN Rising Star' performance from another Michael Tabor colour-bearer in **Ballet Russe (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}).

Bordeaux-le-Bouscat in the Gironde was opened in 1836 and has subsequently undergone many changes of ownership, but its position in the French racing calendar is a relatively important one. Its Apr. 7 card saw yet another Rouget 3-year-old filly shine in Haras Voltaire's newcomer **Alzire (Fr)** (Shamardal) who handled her first experience at the right-handed venue with a degree of comfort. At La Teste on May 8, she backed up that impression with an impressive follow-up under one of Rouget's more promising claiming riders Guillaume Trolley de Prevaux who sits in the season's top 25 at present and is a name we will all hear a lot more of. Alzire is a €400,000 Arqana August Yearling Sale graduate who has a stellar pedigree, being a granddaughter of Ballydoyle's champion Peeping Fawn (Danehill) whose September (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) made such an impact for that stable two years ago. Descended from Blush With Pride, she is one of the burgeoning crew racing in the colours of Thierry Gillier, founder of the Parisian fashion label Zadig & Voltaire. Back there 22 days later, Gerard Augustin-Normand's 3-year-old gelding **Morsan (Fr)** (Rajsaman {Fr}) backed up the powerful impression he had made on debut at Mont-de-Marsan when outclassing his rivals over six furlongs. The bay homebred from the family of blue hen Coup de Folie (Halo) is one of those who has pushed trainer Didier Guillemin into ninth in the trainers' table with 29 successes from 43 individual runners.

Back at Lyon-Parilly on Apr. 27 there was another glimpse of promise from the 3-year-old filly **Channel (Ire)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), a Francis-Henri Graffard trainee who had run into the Coolmore-Fabre project Secret Walk (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) on debut at Saint-Cloud the previous month. The way the product of the famous Kilcarn Stud nursery went through the 11-furlong race under hand riding suggests she may be one of the many stakes performers to emerge from the provinces in 2019.

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### KEW GARDENS FACES STERN TEST IN RE-ENTRY

Chester features more informative fayre on Thursday, when the reigning G1 St Leger title-holder **Kew Gardens (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) reappears in the G3 Boodles Diamond Ormonde S. Racing under a seven-pound penalty, the bay, who also captured the G1 Grand Prix de Paris, faces last year's impressive Chester Cup hero **Magic Circle (Ire)** (Makfi {GB}) who also took the G3 Henry II S. at Sandown and is own by this venue's biggest fan Dr. Marwan Koukash. Whether he will be sharp enough on what is effectively a warm-up for the May 31 G1 Coronation Cup on ground easier than he prefers is the poser for fans of Kew Gardens and that weight he gives away could be telling with this being Magic Circle's chief target. There is also King Power Racing's **Morando (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) to consider from the in-form Andrew Balding stable whose first try at 12 furlongs resulted in a career-best when dead-heating with Young Rascal (Fr) (Intello {Ger}) in Newbury's G3 St Simon S. on good-to-soft in October.

After the tour de force of Sir Dragonet (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) here on Wednesday, Ballydoyle's Derby prospects in the Listed Homeserve Dee S. will be carefully scrutinised with Ryan Moore on **Circus Maximus (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). [Cont. p6](#)



Kew Gardens | *Racing Post*

### French Provincial Diary Cont.

Like Saturday's G1 2000 Guineas hero Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), he represents Flaxman Stables and Coolmore but the son of the G1 Matron S. first-past-the-post Duntle (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) races in the Niarchos silks. Third behind Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) and Magna Grecia in the G3 Autumn S. at Newmarket and fourth in the G1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster in October, he holds a distinct class edge in this Derby trial won by Aidan O'Brien on five occasions.

King Power Racing's **Fox Chairman (Ire)** (Kingman {GB}) is totally unexposed after winning by four lengths over a mile on debut at Newbury Apr. 13 and trainer Andrew Balding is on a fact-finding mission.

"He won his maiden very well and is a horse we think quite a lot of," he said. "It's obviously a big ask to be going to a track like Chester on just his second run, but we like him and we'll see where we are. He lacks the experience of some of the horses he's up against, but I hope he'll run well." [\(Return to p1\)](#)

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## O p / E D

### VIDEOENDOSCOPY NOT ALL BLACK AND WHITE

*Piet Ramzan BVSc FRCVS, a partner at Rosssdales in Newmarket, offers a veterinary perspective on the recent debate regarding scoping sales yearlings.*

There has been considerable recent interest in the use of videoendoscopy of the upper airway at public auctions, and in particular expansion of this practice to the U.S. from Europe and Australia, where it has been available for some time. As with many aspects of vettings a broad range of opinions exists, however much of the current commentary would lead the casual observer to conclude that videoendoscopy is just a technological advance that irons out the main problem areas of the scoping process for all stakeholders. Unfortunately, as it is the equine throat we are dealing with, things are not quite so black and white. Given that we have now had quite a lot of experience with sales videoendoscopy in all its manifestations, how should we view the main points in the debate?

#### Convenience

Without doubt videoendoscopy can streamline the vetting process for examining vets and consignors alike if a repository system is mandated by the sales company (or is at least well supported by vendors), and if videos are of good quality. That

convenience factor is readily lost if videos are held by the consignor on memory sticks instead of in the repository: it is often more expedient to physically scope an animal than to return to a viewing screen or wait for a missing stick.

#### Video Quality

A good video recording must allow observation of the throat through a full range of movements from total relaxation to full opening stimulated by swallowing or nasal occlusion. Assessing upper airway function can be complex as many throats go through transient periods of appearing to be reasonably symmetric, and other periods of relative weakness. The chances of arriving at a laryngeal grading that is fair to the horse are improved with longer observation, and appropriate levels of stimulation/occlusion. Although the general standard of videos has been improving over the years, there is still great variability in quality at any given auction; even the nostril used for passing the scope (something that can influence appearance of the larynx) can vary between veterinarians.



Rosssdales partner Piet Ramzan | Emma Berry

In some parts of the world (notably Australia) it is not uncommon to be presented with extremely short videos (sometimes less than 10 seconds' duration). Combined with suboptimal viewing conditions (ie. on a smartphone) it is difficult to imagine that opinions given on the suitability of such horses for purchase could be defended successfully in the event of any subsequent litigation. Although some loose guidelines exist for videoendoscopy standards, there is a great need for industry-wide protocols that set out clear benchmarks for horse identification, recording length, number of stimulated swallows and use of nasal occlusion to induce prolonged laryngeal opening. [Cont. p7](#)

## Variability in Laryngeal Grade

The pet hate of consignors is the variation in laryngeal grading that can occur between vets for the same horse, and that a 'bad' scope grade from a single vet might get around the sales complex. How can the same horse pass for one vet and fail for another? As it turns out, very easily. Aside from the obvious (technique and human fallibility), a myriad of horse-related factors can be responsible for the appearance of a throat differing between examinations, including level of stimulation, upper airway inflammation, freshness/tiredness of yearling, and use of sedatives.

Videoendoscopy can eliminate many of these variables as everyone views the same 'snapshot in time' of a throat from a single, controlled recording. Consignors might then go on to presume that by putting a video into the public sphere they will have solved the problem of vets giving differing opinions on a throat to their clients. Unfortunately the inherent subjectivity that comes with human observation of a dynamic structure applies just as much to viewing of videos as it does to physically scoping a horse. Indeed, a couple of scientific studies have looked into variation in grade between different vets when viewing videos of the same horses ('inter-observer' variation), as well as variation in grade given by the same vets

('intra-observer' variation) when viewing the same videos on two different occasions. In both situations substantial individual subjectivity occurs: average agreement in grade between observers is only around 60%, with the 'borderline' laryngeal grades that we all agonise over (Havemeyer grade II.2/ Lane grade 3) showing some of the lowest concordance between vets. Based on the current evidence the odds of two different vets agreeing on the grade of one of these 'borderline' throats are only marginally better than tossing a coin. One suspects that if these studies were replicated in a Thoroughbred sales setting, agreement between vets would be better (because sales vets are much more closely 'calibrated' to each other) but the fact remains that videoendoscopy does not eliminate differences in opinions over individual throats.

It is not all bad news, however, as the majority (roughly 80%) of yearlings have throat grades that we consider to represent good function: for these horses it is not at all important whether vets agree on precise grading. It is the smaller (probably around

5-10% of yearlings) group of potentially borderline throats that cause the majority of headaches, as these are the horses that straddle the pass/fail red line. Every potential purchaser has a different perception of the risk posed by such throats: a pinhooker or Hong Kong buyer is likely to be much more risk-averse than someone with a large purchase order for training clients. Some buyers even seek advantage in a competitive marketplace by getting a trusted veterinary opinion on a weak throat that might have scared away others. Hence vets will always have a range of opinions on whether a video as standalone evidence gives them enough information to make a recommendation to their client/s. Many of us consider that videos are greatly inferior to physical scoping for assessing the less-than-perfect throat.

## Does videoendoscopy always give a fair representation of true upper airway function?

A big concern of prospective purchasers in the video debate is whether the videoendoscopy process can be manipulated to be favourable to the vendor in the case of horses with poor/borderline upper airway function. The most obvious issue here is true identification of the animal, but whichever consignor and veterinary codes of ethical conduct hold sway this needn't trouble anybody too much: if the video is an unbroken/unedited recording of the horse,

microchip and passing of the endoscope up the nostril, there is little room for deception. On the broader topic of 'showing a throat off in the best possible light', however, there is no question that this can be, and is, done regularly; indeed if you are the consignor's vet you could take the view that presenting the horse in the most saleable condition is part of your job. While it is fair to say that a paralysed larynx cannot be made to look 'normal', there are several tricks of the trade that can permit the borderline/weaker grades (that would normally scare off potential purchasers) to appear satisfactory on a video. These range from simply performing the videoendoscopy post-exercise or with some form of stimulation (eg twitching), recording short clips, to more nuanced refinements such as placement of the scope tip to get a 'favourable' field of view, or not permitting the arytenoid cartilage to relax fully (by repeatedly stimulating a swallow reflex).

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Piet Ramzan

### Op/Ed: Videoendoscopy Cont.

At every major auction, horses which have arrived with videos showing perfectly satisfactory throats are subsequently found after fall of hammer to be returnable under the conditions of sale pertaining to wind, and the only conclusion one can draw is that in most cases these animals had weak throats all along that were not truly represented (by design or otherwise) by their videos.

An aspect of this issue that may surprise many consignors is that we regularly encounter videos that show off a horse's laryngeal function in a poorer light than should be the case. Normal throats can sometimes appear weak at rest or during certain periods of the video, and without the benefit of adequate occlusion of the nostrils it is possible to conclude that 'without further evidence it is likely that the horse has a weak larynx'. If the examining vet has the time and inclination to go back to the consignor and perform a rescope (and is permitted to do so), often these horses are found to be entirely normal. Clearly the great danger to the consignor is that if vets are too busy or can't be bothered to rescope (or if the consignor refuses permission), and just report to clients that they suspect a weak throat, that these horses get bypassed by buyers for no reason whatsoever other than a substandard video. A poorly acquired video can undersell a horse just as readily as a shrewdly acquired one can 'upgrade' a throat.

### *Does videoendoscopy eliminate the need for physical scoping at the sales?*

As most horses have straightforward throats, and assuming that the quality of most videos is satisfactory, the use of videoendoscopy can greatly reduce the need for physical scoping at the sales complex. However the inherent variability in appearance of 'borderline' throats, lapses in video quality, and the different demands placed on vets by their respective clients make it inevitable that a proportion of horses will need to be physically scoped to allow the most accurate assessment of a throat. Anecdotally our team estimates that somewhere around 1 in every 10 to 15 videos needs a rescope.

### *Is repeated scoping of horses a welfare issue?*

Consignors sometimes invoke repetitive scoping as a welfare issue (the term 'inhumane' has even been used irresponsibly by some) when making the case for videoendoscopy. In my view this needs a strident rebuttal, not least because of the implication that vets (whose entire vocation is the betterment of equine welfare) are actively undertaking procedures that harm horses. The yearling Thoroughbred is generally an incredibly well handled and compliant animal, and the vast majority tolerate endoscopy with no or minimal restraint. More resistance can be encountered palpating testicles than from running an endoscope up a nostril. In the UK it is common

practice for endoscopy to be performed without using a nasal twitch, with no evidence that this is unsafe for either horse or handler/vet. Clearly as with blood sampling, shoeing etc a small number of horses are difficult to scope, however they typically make this known on the first or second attempt: it is simply not the case that repeated battles are fought with non-compliant horses at the sales, as consignors and vets would not tolerate the risk to horse or personnel. If a consignor warns that the horse is difficult, accepted practice is to either communicate with the vet who 'successfully' scoped the horse previously or undertake a wind test, rather than trying to repeat an unpleasant experience for horse and vet. There is no evidence that repeat scoping causes any harm to horses, and one suspects that the use of this argument actually has more to do with consignors' general desire to have control over veterinary information about their horses.

To conclude, while videoendoscopy is a useful tool, it is not a flawless modality and certainly does not eliminate the problem of vets disagreeing on assessment of laryngeal function. Horses with apparently 'good' throats pre-sale continue to fail post-sale wind-tests, and horses with 'bad' throats continue to embarrass vets by going on to have notable racing careers. We should all respect the fact that pre-sale endoscopy has inherent flaws and while videoendoscopy offers some advantages of convenience it can also misrepresent the true upper airway function of some horses. Consignors should accept that regardless of the quality of videos that they put up for public view there will always be a proportion of horses that examining vets will wish to rescope, either because of concerns arising from the video recording or because of the specific demands of prospective purchasers: granting permission for these repeat scopes is almost always in their best interest.

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### APPLEBY OFFERS UPDATES ON OLDER STARS

**Barney Roy (GB)** (Excelebration {Ire}) could continue to revive his racing career in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan at ParisLongchamp on May 26 before trying to claim a second success at Royal Ascot. The Excelebration gelding—who returned to racing after proving to be infertile at stud—found only one too good on his debut for Charlie Appleby in a listed race at the Berkshire track, where he claimed victory in the 2017 G1 St James's Palace S., earlier this month. [Cont. p9](#)



Barney Roy | *Racing Post*

### Appleby Offers Updates on Older Stars Cont.

Appleby said, "I felt like Barney ticked a lot of boxes. He showed his enthusiasm and his courage when he got into a battle. Thankfully he has come out of the race well and we will look forward to hopefully a nice summer with him. We are going to make an entry in the d'Ispahan with him, but Ascot in all probability will be his next port of call."

Having been denied a Group 1 hat-trick on her final start of 2018 in the G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, stablemate **Wild Illusion (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) looks set to make her comeback in the G1 Juddmonte Pretty Polly S. at The Curragh on June 28.

He added, "I will give Wild Illusion an entry in the d'Ispahan, but the Pretty Polly looks a more realistic starting point. Then we can look at the [G1 Prix Jean] Romanet [at Deauville on Aug. 18] afterwards and take the rest of the season from there."

**Old Persian (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) could be seen out sooner than expected, with Appleby not ruling out supplementing this year's G1 Sheema Classic hero for the G1 Investec Coronation Cup at Epsom on May 31.

"Old Persian has travelled back from Dubai now," said Appleby. "He is a horse that I'm far from saying could be supplemented, but he has the profile and if the race [Coronation] was breaking down it could be looked at."

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### MABS CROSS CAMP EYE TEMPLE BEFORE ASCOT

G1SW **Mabs Cross (GB)** (Dutch Arg {GB}) could take in the G2 Armstrong Aggregates Temple S. ahead of the G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot. Michael Dods's star sprinter is among 21 entries for the Group 2 dash over five furlongs at Haydock on May 25, sponsored by her owner David Armstrong. Fourth behind Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) on Merseyside last year, Mabs Cross had her finest hour in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye at

Longchamp last October and defied a four-pound penalty when making a successful seasonal reappearance in the Gx Palace House S. at Newmarket on May 4.

"Royal Ascot is the priority, but the Temple S. is sponsored by the Armstrong Group," said Dods. "As long as we feel she is A1, there is every possibility she could go to Haydock. She has come out of Newmarket very well. She is a tough horse and takes her racing very well. We are very pleased with her. Her priorities this year will again be Royal Ascot, York and France, but if she is ready and right, we will look at having a go at the Temple."

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### MADHMOON WILL PRESS ON TO DERBY

G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas fourth **Madhmoon (Ire)** (Dawn Approach {Ire}), a winner of the G2 KPMG Champions Juvenile S. at Leopardstown last fall after winning his debut there in August, is pointing toward the June 1 G1 Investec Derby, *Racing Post* reported on Wednesday. The Shadwell runner reported home a half-length second in his 3-year-old bow, the Listed Ballylinch Stud "Red Rocks" 2000 Guineas Trial S. at Leopardstown on Apr. 6.

"The Derby rather than the [G1] Irish 2000 Guineas is the plan unless there is a change of heart in the next week or so," trainer Kevin Prendergast told *Racing Post*.

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### CRISFORD TO LEASE GAINSBOROUGH STABLES

Trainer Simon Crisford is planning to lease Gainsborough Stables in Newmarket from Darley, the first time in more than decade it will be an active training yard, *Racing Post* reported on Wednesday. The 99-box yard was used as a pre-training enterprise by Darley after trainer Ed Dunlop left in 2009. Gainsborough will also be the third training location at Headquarters for Crisford, who began at Carlburg Stables, before leasing his current yard, Kremlin House.

"I'm planning to move across Newmarket to Racecourse Side in the coming weeks, where I will be leasing Gainsborough Stables from Darley," Crisford told *Racing Post*. "I would like to thank Gay Jarvis for allowing us to rent Kremlin House when we needed somewhere after Carlburg. We've had a wonderful time at the historic and beautiful yard and had lots of success."

"Gainsborough Stables had become surplus to requirements for the Darley pre-training organisation and this is a great opportunity for my horses, my owners and staff. I'm very excited about moving over there and to my mind the grass gallops on Racecourse Side are the best in the world. We're very familiar with the facilities over there as we've been using them for the past two seasons and we're looking forward to the next chapter."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, May 9, 2019:

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Gutaifan (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud  
166 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
16:05-CHESTER, 5f, G FOR GABRIAL (Ire)  
€23,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; 21,000gns Tattersalls  
October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

**Make Believe (GB)** (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud  
87 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
16:05-CHESTER, 5f, ROSE OF KILDARE (Ire)  
€3,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018



Make Believe is seeking his first winner at Chester on Thursday  
Ballylinch Stud

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

**3.35 Maisons-Laffitte, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, f, 8fT**  
**ALVILDA (War Front)** is out of a half-sister to Spectrum's pair of Classic performers Golan (Ire) and Tartan Bearer (Ire) who was snapped up by Godolphin for \$500,000 at Keeneland September 2017. Andre Fabre introduces her against the Wertheimers' **Palomba (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire})**, a Carlos Laffon-Parias-trained relative of the G1 Melbourne Cup hero Americain (Dynaformer).

**4.10 Maisons-Laffitte, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 8fT**  
**PROTEGE (IRE) (Galileo {Ire})** is a notable newcomer for the Tabor-Smith-Magnier combination and Andre Fabre as a son of the high-class sprinter Airwave (GB) (Air Express {Ire}). Getting going late for this family, the bay is closely related to Churchill (Ire) and Clemmie (Ire) who made their marks when winning Group 1s as juveniles.

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## BRITAIN



Thursday, Chester, post time: 2.25 p.m.

**HOMESERVE DEE S.-Listed, £75,000, 3yo, c/g, 10f 84yT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Mohawk (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D O'Brien	A O'Brien
2	4	Allmankind (GB)	Sea the Moon (Ger)	Tudhope	Bell
3	5	Circus Maximus (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
4	7	Dark Jedi (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Kingscote	C Hills
5	3	Fox Chairman (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	de Sousa	Balding
6	1	Living Legend (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Norton	Johnston
7	2	Mohtarri (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Crowley	Tregoning

All carry 126 pounds bar Mohawk, 131.

### Wednesday's Results:

**ARKLE FINANCE CHESHIRE OAKS (FOR THE ROBERT SANGSTER MEMORIAL CUP)-Listed, £75,000, Chester, 5-8, 3yo, f, 11f 75yT, 2:31.51, g/s.**

1--**MEHDAAYIH (GB), 126, f, 3, by Frankel (GB)**

1st Dam: Sayyedati Symphony, by Gone West

2nd Dam: Sayyedati (GB), by Shadeed

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

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Emirates Park Pty Ltd; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Robert Havlin. £42,533. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$70,461.

2--**Manuela de Vega (Ire), 129, f, 3, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Roscoff (Ire), by Daylami (Ire).** (€100,000 Ylg '17 GOFOR). O-Waverley Racing. £16,125.

3--**Fanny Logan (Ire), 126, f, 3, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Linda Radlett (Ire), by Manduro (Ger).** O-HH Sheikha Al Jalila Racing. £8,070. Margins: 4HF, 1, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.00, 3.50, 3.30.

Also Ran: Grace and Danger (Ire), Red Hot (Fr), La Voix Magique (GB), Love So Deep (Jpn), Vivid Diamond (Ire), Wanaasah (GB), Secret Thoughts, Starlight Red (Ire). Scratched: Osmosis (GB).

Mehdaayih posted an Aug. 2 debut sixth tackling an insufficient seven furlongs at Glorious Goodwood before running second upped to one mile at Doncaster Aug. 18 and closed her juvenile campaign with a breakthrough score at Great Yarmouth Oct. 28. **Cont. p11**

Mehdaayih | *Racing Post*

### Listed Cheshire Oaks Cont.

Doubling up when beating her sole rival in an Apr. 18 Chelmsford City handicap over 10 furlongs on seasonal return last time, she put down a impressive marker for Epsom's May 31 G1 Oaks--a race for which she needs supplementing--with a daylight score in Wednesday's Listed Arkle Finance Cheshire Oaks at Chester. Jockey Rab Havlin employed patient tactics and was content to settle off the pace along the rail in seventh for the most part. Angling outside for a clear passage approaching the home turn, the 3-1 favourite powered to the front approaching the final furlong and surged clear to easily outclass Manuela de Vega by 4 1/2 lengths.

"I didn't really want to be stuck down on the rail and was a bit further back than I'd have liked," explained Havlin. "Luckily enough, I got out just before the bend and she surprised me by how well she picked up to be honest. She really enjoyed the ground and the overnight and morning rain probably helped her more than our other filly [Fanny Logan]. After she won at Chelmsford, the boss [John Gosden] said straight away she'd come for this. We had it in our mind she might be a [G2] Ribblesdale S. filly, she showed a good turn of foot there and it's now up to the boss to make a decision."

With regard to future plans, assistant trainer Thady Gosden added, "We have to talk to the owner [Nasser Lootah] to see if we supplement for the Oaks and that is up to him. Mr. Lootah has a lot of horses down in Australia and we will talk to him and see what he wants to do. You would imagine she would be fine round Epsom as she is a nice, athletic, well-balanced filly so she should be the right type."

Ralph Beckett, trainer of runner-up Manuela de Vega, was far from downcast after the Listed Silver Tankard victress lost her unbeaten record and said, "She wasn't ready this time last week and has only just come to hand. She had a penalty to carry and didn't have a lot of room at the top of the straight. She galloped

out really well, I'm sure it's strong form and I'm very happy. She'll definitely go to Epsom as long as she's got four legs on."

Mehdaayih is one of three winners and the leading performer produced by a half-sister to G2 Champagne S. victor Almushahar (Silver Hawk) and to the dam of G3 Cumberland Lodge S. winner Star Storm (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Her second dam is G1 1000 Guineas heroine Sayyedati (GB) (Shadeed), who prevailed five times at the highest level and is herself a daughter of G1 Premio Lydia Tesio victress and G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Irish Oaks third Dubian (GB) (High Line {GB}). The latter is the dam of five black-type performers in all, including MG1SW sire Golden Snake (Danzig) and stakes-winning sire and G1 Prix de la Salamandre runner-up Race Leader (Gone West). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). Video, sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

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**1st-Chester, £24,000, Cond, 5-8, 2yo, 5f 15yT, 1:04.70, g/s.**

**GREAT DAME (IRE) (f, 2, Dandy Man {Ire}--Dame Hester {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Diktat {GB})**, who bettered an Apr. 8 debut seventh at Redcar with a 2 3/4-lengths tally at Ripon last time Apr. 18, broke sharply from the inside gate and claimed an immediate lead against the fence in this Lily Agnes conditions heat. Comfortable in front until rowed along rounding the home turn, the 7-2 chance came under sterner urging in the short straight and was driven out inside the final furlong to hold Iva Reflection (Ire) (Ivawood {Ire}) by a half-length. "I actually thought she would run a nice race first time out, but she didn't," said trainer David O'Meara. "Although she was green, she made up for it at Ripon and has done it nicely today. She is very tough, but it always helps to have a low draw and a handy position here and Danny [Tudhope] gave her a great ride. We might have a look at the [Listed] Marygate [Fillies' S.] at York. We will take it one step at a time, but [Royal] Ascot is on everybody's agenda at some point." The chestnut, who was bred by O'Meara's assistant Mark Salmon, is one of five winners for Listed Prix Occitanie third Dame Hester (Ire) (Diktat {GB}). She is a full-sister to G3 Round Tower S. third De Boss Man (Ire) and a half to MGSW G2 Goldene Peitsche hero Donnerschlag (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Listed Prix Six Perfections victress Izzy Bizu (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and a yearling colt by Awtaad (Ire). Descendants of her third dam Lady Hester (Ire) (Native Prince) include G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas heroine Platinum Witness (Aus) (California Dane {Aus}). Sales history: €48,000 RNA Wlg '17 GOFNOV; £30,000 Ylg '18 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$24,598. **Video, sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Nick Bradley Racing 7 & Partner 2; B-Mark Salmon (IRE); T-David O'Meara.

**5th-Chester, £18,999, Mdn, 5-8, 3yo, 10f 70yT, 2:17.52, g/s.**  
**FUTURE INVESTMENT (GB) (g, 3, Mount Nelson {GB}--Shenir {GB}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire})**, a promising debut third behind the impressive Telecaster (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) contesting a hot novice event at Windsor Apr. 15 last time, was squeezed for room early and raced sixth after passing the judge first time here. On and off the bridle approaching halfway, the 11-2 chance was under pressure for most of the last half mile and relentless in his pursuit of long-time leader Bo Samraan (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), denying that rival by 1 1/2 lengths in the dying strides. "It was a strong race behind Telecaster at Windsor, he was always going to improve a lot for that first run and he's done that," said winning rider Harry Bentley. "He's a horse that just grinds and grinds and grinds and when the rains came we knew it would suit him. In time, he'll get a lot further than this." The gelded bay becomes the second winner from as many runners out of the unraced Shenir (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) and he is a full-brother to Listed Stand Cup victor and G3 St Simon S. runner-up Mountain Bell (GB) and half to a 2-year-old colt by Nathaniel (Ire). Sales history: 45,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$16,195. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**  
 O-RNJ Partnership; B-Theakston Stud (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

#### HANDICAP RESULTS:

**3rd-Chester, £35,102, Hcp, 5-8, 3yo, 5f 15yT, 1:03.81, g/s.**  
**LEODIS DREAM (IRE) (g, 3, Dandy Man {Ire}--Paddy Again {Ire}, by Moss Vale {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 6-5-1-0, \$69,303.  
 O-Andrew Kendall-Jones I; B-R & M Bloodstock (IRE); T-David O'Meara. \*€24,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; €25,000 Ylg '17 TIRSEP; £58,000 2yo '18 TATABR.

IRELAND



#### Wednesday's Results:

**BETVICTOR IRISH EBF VINTAGE TIPPLE S.-Listed, €55,000,**  
 Gowran, 5-8, 4yo/up, f, 14fT, 3:07.13, y/s.  
**1--TRUE SELF (IRE), 129, m, 6, Oscar (Ire)--Good Thought (Ire), by Mukaddamah.** O-Three Mile House Partnership; B-Mr Don Cantillon (IRE); T-Willie Mullins; J-Colin Keane. €32,450. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 14f+, MSW-Eng, 5-4-1-0, \$186,379.  
**2--Jaega (Ire), 126, f, 4, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--FarranJordan (GB), by Galileo (Ire).** O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd. €10,450.  
**3--Bongiorno (Ire), 126, f, 4, High Chaparral (Ire)--Capistrano Day, by Diesis (GB).** (€8,000 2yo '17 GBSJUL). O-Mrs Joya Burns. €4,950.  
 Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 0.50, 4.00, 10.00.

Also Ran: Echo Park (Ire), Remarkable Lady (Ire).

Useful as a hurdler for her notoriously successful stable, True Self has taken off switched back to the level and followed a first black-type win in Bath's 14-furlong Listed Beckford S. in October with another over a mile and a quarter in Newmarket's Listed James Seymour S. the following month. This appeared relatively easy pickings for the jumps-bred bay and so it proved, tracking the leading duo before pouncing two out and readily holding last year's G3 Blue Wind S. runner-up Jaega. **Click for the Racing Post result.**

**Gowran, €16,000, Mdn, 5-8, 3yo, 8fT, 1:44.58, y/s.**  
**SNAPRAECEPS (IRE) (f, 3, Canford Cliffs {Ire}--Snap Alam {Ire}, by Alamshar {Ire})**, third to two subsequent winners on debut over seven furlongs at Gowran Park Apr. 9, tracked the leading duo throughout the early stages. Staying on to overhaul Shennan (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) approaching the furlong pole, the 5-2 second favourite asserted to prevail by 3/4 of a length. The dam, who is connected to the Spanish champion and G3 Prix Chloe runner-up Pearlside (Fr) (Alhaarth {Ire}), has a 2-year-old filly by Power (GB) and a yearling colt by Buratino (Ire) to come. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$12,670. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**  
 O/B-J P Farrell (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.

**Gowran, €15,000, Mdn, 5-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:46.68, y/s.**  
**MISS O CONNOR (IRE) (f, 4, Roderic O'Connor {Ire}--Magadar, by Lujain),** a 16-1 shot on this belated debut, raced in mid-division early. Swooping up the stand's rail to head Romantic Proposal (Ire) (Raven's Pass) with 100 yards remaining, the bay stayed on strongly to score by 1 3/4 lengths. Newcomer Anya Ylina (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Moyglare's relative of the sire Es Que Love (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}), was a further 3/4 of a length away in third having held every chance in the final furlong. The dam, a half-sister to the Italian dual listed scorer Mister Cavern (GB) (Lion Cavern), also has an as-yet unraced 3-year-old filly by Casamento (Ire) and a 2-year-old colt by French Navy (GB). The family includes the G3 Athasi S. and G3 C. L. Weld Park S. winner Jazz Princess (Ire) (Bahhare). Sales history: €4,000 RNA Ylg '16 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,341. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**  
 O-R. J. McSharry; B-Kilnamoragh Stud (IRE); T-John Feane.

**1st-Gowran, €12,000, Mdn, 5-8, 3yo, 7fT, 1:31.46, y/s.**  
**GALTEE MIST (IRE) (f, 3, Gale Force Ten {GB}--Lilac Mist {GB}, by Spectrum {Ire})**, second in a six-furlong Naas maiden when last seen in October, quickly established herself on the lead. Pressed by Tham Luang (Ire) (Arcano {Ire}) inside the final two furlongs, the 11-2 shot stayed on to score by a neck. **Cont. p13**

**1st-Gowran Cont.**

Newcomer Time Tunnel (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), a daughter of Timepiece (GB) (Zamindar), was only seventh as the 6-4 favourite. The winner is a half-sister to So Hi Society (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}), MSP-US & SP-Eng, \$100,599. The dam, who also has a yearling filly by Prince of Lir (Ire), hails from the Wildenstein family of the sires Loup Sauvage (Riverman), Loup Solitaire (Lear Fan) and Loup Breton (Ire) (Anabaa). Sales history: €19,000 Ylg '17 TIRSEP; €10,000 2yo '18 GBMBR; 50,000gns RNA 2yo '18 TATAHI. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$12,120. O-T Egan & Mrs Bridget Dillon; B-Robert Ryan, Brendan Quinn & Joan Quinn (IRE); T-Joseph G Murphy.

**FRANCE****Wednesday's Results:**

**PRIX BEDEL-Listed**, €52,000, Lyon-Parilly, 5-8, 4yo/up, 12ft, 2:42.38, sf.

1--**SILVERWAVE (FR), 126, h, 7, Silver Frost (Ire)--Miss Bio (Fr), by River Mist.** (€60,000 RNA yrl '13 ARQOCT; €420,000 2yo '14 ARQNOV; €500,000 5yo '17 ARQARC). O-Martin S Schwartz Racing & Fabrice Vermeulen; B-Mlle Marie-Laure

Collet, Jean Collet & Mme Marylene Collet (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €26,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Fr, 29-10-3-2, €810,058. \*1/2 to Stormy River (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Fr & G1SP-Eng, \$895,537; Line Drummer (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}), GSP-Fr & Ity, \$162,247; and Mary d'Or (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}), MSP-Fr.

2--**Mille et Mille (GB), 126, g, 9, Muhtathir (GB)--Quezon Sun (Ger), by Monsun (Ger).** (€32,000 Ylg '11 ARQOCT). O-Alexis Anghert, Henri Hourcadette, Carlos Lerner, Yann Lerner & Nicolas Saltiel. €10,400.

3--**Ziyad (GB), 130, g, 4, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)--Arme Ancienne (GB), by Sillery. O-Wertheimer & Frere.** €7,800.

Margins: 6HF, 2, SNK. Odds: 4.30, 3.50, 3.20.

Also Ran: Calypso Song (Fr), Good Question (Fr), Time Shanakill (Ire), Landjunge (Ger), Libello (Ire), Duchess of Danzig (Ger).

On a day of wide-margin stakes victories, 2016 G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud hero Silverwave played his part and backed up an Apr. 11 course-and-distance conditions score with an impressive display in this one. In command throughout, he was shaken up approaching the final quarter mile and increased his margin of superiority under whipless rousing in the closing stages to register a fifth black-type score.

**Cont. p13**



Silverwave landed the Listed Prix Bedel at Lyon-Parilly on Wednesday. | Scoop Dyga

**Listed Prix Bedel Cont.**

Silverwave is one of two top-level winners produced by Miss Bio (Fr) (River Mist), with his siblings including G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Stormy River (Fr), G3 Prix Messidor and G3 Premio del Piazzale third Line Drummer (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}), and the dual stakes-placed Mary d'Or (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}). He is also kin to the 3-year-old colt Le Mont (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), who shaped with promise behind useful sorts in his Mar. 30 debut at Saint-Cloud. Miss Bio is herself an unraced half-sister to GIII Miesque S. and GIII Seniorita S. winner Fantastic Filly (Fr) (Myrakalu {Fr}), from a family which features MG1SW G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches victress Riverqueen (Fr) (Luthier {Fr}). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

**3rd-La Teste de Buch, €22,000, Cond, 5-8, 3yo, 8f, 1:40.27, gd. ALZIRE (FR) (f, 3, [Shamardal](#)--Purely Priceless {Ire}, by [Galileo {Ire}](#)),** who scored in fluent style on debut over this trip at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat Apr. 7, was settled behind the leading trio early. Granted a run up the inside by the cutaway over two out, the 5-1 shot was in front with 300 metres remaining and readily asserted for a comfortable two-length verdict over Dan (GB) (Slade Power {Ire}). The dam, whose first foal was the listed-placed Palmyre (Fr) (Dansili {GB}), is a daughter of Ballydoyle's G1 Irish Oaks-winning champion Peeping Fawn (Danehill) who was responsible for the high-class September (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). The third dam Maryinsky (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), like September, runner-up in the G1 Fillies' Mile and also produced the G1 Criterium International-winning sire Thewayyouare (Kingmambo). The fourth dam is Blush with Pride (Blushing Groom {Fr}), the GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Santa Susana S. heroine whose classy Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister) threw the ground-breaking Rags to Riches (A.P. Indy) and sires Casino Drive (Mineshaft) and Jazil (Seeking the Gold). Purely Priceless, who also raced for this stable, has a 2-year-old colt by Dark Angel (Ire) and a yearling colt by Le Havre (Ire). Sales history: €400,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €19,000. **Video, sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**  
O-Haras Voltaire; B-Haras D'Etream & Pencarrow Stud Ltd (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**4th-Lyon-Parilly, €30,000, Cond, 5-8, 3yo, 8fT, 1:43.92, sf. FIREBIRD SONG (IRE) (f, 3, [Invincible Spirit {Ire}](#)--[Policoro {Ire}](#), by [Pivotal {GB}](#))** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, €23,947.  
O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

**6th-La Teste de Buch, €21,000, 5-8, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:25.81, gd. KING MALPIC (FR) (g, 6, [King's Best](#)--[Sablonniere {Fr}](#), by [Verglas {Ire}](#))** Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 25-11-6-3, €231,499.  
O-Ecurie Lafeu; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (FR); T-Thierry Lemer.

\*€6,000 Wlg '15 ARQDEC.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Happy Bere (Fr), c, 2, [Pedro the Great](#)--Miss Fine (Fr),** by Kaldoun (Fr). La Teste de Buch, 5-8, Mdn, 6fT, 1:15.33. B-SAS Regnier & San Gabriel Inv. Inc. (FR). \*€11,000 Ylg '18 OSASEP.  
**Mehanydream (Fr), c, 2, [Silver Frost \(Ire\)](#)--Mehany (Fr),** by Danehill. Lyon-Parilly, 5-8, 5fT, :59.49. B-Aksam Khaddam & Mme Rana Khaddam (FR). \*€15,000 Ylg '18 OSLATE. \*\*1/2 to Totxo (Ire) (Diktat {GB}), 2x Ch. Sprinter-Spa & SP-Spa, \$414,521.  
**Moudir (Fr), c, 3, [Joshua Tree \(Ire\)](#)--Mayyadah (Ire) (SW & GSP-Fr, \$133,833),** by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Strasbourg, 5-8, 11f 165yT, 2:34.28. B-SCEA du Haras de Victot (FR).

**CHANTILLY'S PARTY NIGHT**

Chantilly racecourse is hosting a free race day on Saturday, June 29 with the highlight being a pair of Group 3 contests, the Prix Chloe and Prix du Bois.

The twilight fixture gets underway at 4 p.m. with family entertainment throughout the eight-race meeting, which will be followed by live music in the parade ring.

A tour of Chantilly's historic training grounds on the Saturday morning can be arranged on request via Lizzy Sainty on [lizzysainty@gmail.com](mailto:lizzysainty@gmail.com).

France's racing action moves to Paris the following day for the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud.

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**IN HONG KONG:**

**Ping Hai Treasure (Ire), g, 4, [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)--Astronomy** Domine (GB), by Galileo (Ire). Sha Tin, 5-8, Hcp. (£135k/€157k), 1650m (AWT), 1:39.27. B-R J H Geffen.  
\*Formerly Learning to Fly (Ire). \*\*€300,000 Ylg '16 ARQAUG; €300,000 HRA '18 ARQFEB. **VIDEO**

**Glorious Artist (Ire), g, 5, [Zoffany \(Ire\)](#)--Queenie Keen (Ire),** by Refuse To Bend (Ire). Sha Tin, 5-8, Hcp. (£191k/€222k), 1650m (AWT), 1:38.32. B-N Hartery. \*€35,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 60,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

**IN NEW ZEALAND:**

**Vera Drake (Fr), f, 4, [Footstepsinthesand \(GB\)](#)--Venetian** Beauty, by Lear Fan. Matamata, 5-8, Maiden, 1600mT, 1:37.74. B-Dayton Investments Ltd. \*1/2 to Vengeur Masque (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), MGSW & G1SP-Aus, \$1,099,362.  
\*\*€25,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB. **VIDEO**

**Thursday, Chester, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.**

**BOODLES DIAMOND ORMONDE S.-G3**, £100,000, 4yo/up, 13f 107yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Kew Gardens (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	133
2	2	Cypress Creek (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D O'Brien	A O'Brien	129
3	1	Morando (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	de Sousa	Balding	129
4	3	Dalgarno (Fr)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	J Egan	J Chapple-Hyam	126
5	6	Magic Circle (Ire)	Makfi (GB)	Crowley	I Williams	126
6	5	Warnaq (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	Keane	Smith	123

**Thursday, Maisons-Laffitte, France, post time: 3.00 p.m.**

**PRIX TEXANITA-G3**, €80,000, 3yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Milord's Song (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Bachelot	Wattel	126
2	1	We Go (Fr)	No Nay Never	Boudot	Pantall	126
3	6	Sexy Metro (Fr)	Diamond Green (Fr)	C Demuro	Guillemin	126
4	10	El Guancho (Fr)	Power (GB)	Soumillon	Delcher Sanchez	126
5	9	Kenbaio (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Benoist	Bary	126
6	2	Sicilia (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Peslier	Laffon-Parias	122
7	8	Ilanga (Fr)	Penny's Picnic (Ire)	Gavilan	Guillemin	122
8	4	Cigalera (Fr)	Elusive City	Piccone	Delcher Sanchez	122
9	7	Poetry (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Guyon	Bell	122
10	5	Happy Odyssey (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Pasquier	Clement	122

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## SCAT DADDY HAS A STRONG HAND DOWN UNDER



Scat Daddy | Coolmore

by John Berry

The late **Scat Daddy (USA)** (Johannesburg {USA}) provided one of the most notable international stallion success stories of recent years. Having covered at Ashford Stud in Kentucky for as little as US\$10,000 in 2011, the 2007 G1 Florida Derby winner began to enjoy such prolific worldwide success that his fee was set at US\$100,000 for the 2016 season after a banner year in 2015, when he was represented by no fewer than 36 individual stakes winners. Sadly, he never got to cover the stellar collection of mares booked in to him as he suffered a fatal heart attack on Dec. 14, 2015.

Since then, Scat Daddy's success has continued posthumously to expand and the spotlight is now on his several sons who are bidding to step into their father's shoes. **No Nay Never (USA)** gave plenty of encouragement for breeders placing their faith in Scat Daddy's sons when he topped the first-season sires' rankings in Europe last year; this year, Australian breeders keen to tap into this exciting sire-line will be spoilt for choice.

Scat Daddy spent his whole stud career on the Coolmore roster at Ashford, interspersed by shuttling stints to South America where he stood at Haras Paso Nevado in Chile in 2009, '10 and '11, siring numerous South American champions including the terrific mare Dacita (Chi), winner of three Group 1

races in her homeland in 2014 followed by the GI Diana S. at Saratoga in 2016 and the GI Beverly D S. at Arlington Park in 2017. It is only natural that Coolmore are now leading the way in standing sons of Scat Daddy, with the Coolmore roster in New South Wales this season set to contain four of the great horse's best sons.

Topping the bill is the 2018 US Triple Crown winner **Justify (USA)**, who ranks as the only Triple Crown winner to retire undefeated in American racing history. He is currently concluding his first season at Ashford Stud at a fee of US\$150,000 and is assured of a hero's welcome when he arrives at Jerrys Plains later this year. Justify covered 35 Group 1 winners during his first season at Ashford Stud (including Found (Ire), Clemmie (Ire), Together Forever (Ire), Misty For Me (Ire), Havre de Grace (USA), Quarter Moon (Ire), and Turbulent Descent (USA)). He also covered the dams of 40 Group 1 winners (including Lady Aurelia (USA), Harry Angel (Ire), Arrogate (USA), Runhappy (USA), Bodemeister (USA), Classic Empire (USA), and Improbable (USA)).

Previously winner of the GI Santa Anita Derby, Justify was a strong favourite in the Kentucky Derby, with the punters' second choice that also being a son of Scat Daddy: the impeccably-bred Aidan O'Brien-trained **Mendelssohn (USA)** who had previously registered impressive victories in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and the G2 UAE Derby. Furthermore, two other sons of Scat Daddy had also done enough to earn their place in that Kentucky Derby line-up, Flameaway (USA) and Combatant (USA). **Cont. p2**



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**Scat Daddy Cont. from p1**

Like Justify, Mendelssohn is also winding up his first season at Ashford (where he has been covering for US\$35,000) and he too is bound to be popular with Australian breeders, having shown ability commensurate with his top-drawer pedigree: a former US\$3,000,000 yearling, he is a half-brother to outstanding US-based stallion Into Mischief (USA) (Harlan's Holiday {USA}) and to the 11-time Grade I-winning racemare Beholder (USA) (Henny Hughes {USA}).

The form-book shows that Mendelssohn was equally effective on both turf and dirt. Over and above his BC Juvenile Turf and his UAE Derby victories on the different surfaces, he also finished second in the G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket on turf and the G1 Travers S. at Saratoga on dirt. Therein lies the key to the international appeal of Scat Daddy and (hopefully!) his sons.

The key to the long-term shuttling success of the erstwhile outstanding Vinery shuttler More Than Ready (USA) (Southern Halo {USA}) was that, having raced exclusively on dirt, he turned out to be equally proficient at siring high-class runners on both dirt and turf. Scat Daddy, another who raced solely on dirt, likewise proved at least as effective at producing turf champions as top-liners on dirt, and there is every reason to believe that Scat Daddy's sons will follow suit. It is encouraging that Scat

Daddy's sire Johannesburg (USA) (Hennessy {USA}) was also fully effective on both surfaces: in 2001 he was the champion 2-year-old of both Europe and the USA, where his preparation culminated in a superb triumph in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile on the dirt at Belmont Park.

Scat Daddy's excellence as a turf stallion is best summed up by his Royal Ascot record. Starting with the victory of No Nay Never in the G2 Norfolk S. as a 2-year-old in June 2013, Scat Daddy put together a splendid run of success at the Royal Meeting on the hallowed turf of arguably the most iconic racecourse in the world, his progeny winning eight black-type contests in merely five Royal Ascots. No Nay Never (subsequently winner of the G1 Prix Morny at Deauville and runner-up in the following year's G1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint) was brilliant that day. Similarly scintillating were the subsequent Royal Ascot-winning juveniles Acapulco (USA), **Caravaggio (USA)** and Lady Aurelia (USA), dominant winners of the G2 Queen Mary S. in 2015, the G2 Coventry S. in 2016 and the G2 Queen Mary S. in 2016, respectively.

Any thoughts that Scat Daddy's stock might be 'merely' outstandingly precocious juveniles were dispelled when both Caravaggio and Lady Aurelia returned to Royal Ascot as 3-year-olds in 2017 to record equally excellent victories. *Cont. p3*



Found (Ire) was one of 35 Group 1 winners covered by Justify (USA) at Ashford Stud this season. | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)



**Caravaggio** | Coolmore

**Scat Daddy Cont.**

The former beating Harry Angel (Ire) and Blue Point (Ire) in the G1 Commonwealth Cup and Lady Aurelia landing a stunning three-length victory in the G1 King's Stand S. Remarkably, those two Group 1 victories formed merely half of a notable black-type four-timer for Scat Daddy at Royal Ascot in 2017, when he also struck with **Sioux Nation (USA)** in the G2 Norfolk S. and Con Te Partiro (USA) in the Sandringham S.

Two of Scat Daddy's Royal Ascot heroes, No Nay Never and Caravaggio, will stand alongside their paternal half-brothers Justify and Mendelssohn on the Coolmore roster this season, shuttling from Coolmore in Ireland. No Nay Never is already proven as an excellent stallion thanks to his European first-season sires' championship in 2018, echoing Scat Daddy's first-season sires' title in the USA in 2011. No Nay Never's winners to date are headed by last season's G1 Middle Park S. hero Ten Sovereigns, one of several high-class juveniles who collectively ensured that No Nay Never has been standing this season in Ireland at a fee of €100,000. Hopes are high that Caravaggio, who is currently concluding his first Irish season, might make a similar impact when he has his first runners in 2021.

Another of Scat Daddy's Royal Ascot stars will be readily accessible to Victorian breeders with Sioux Nation set to stand at Swettenham Stud near Nagambie. The links between the Sangster family and Coolmore and Ballydoyle go back to the early 1970s and Sioux Nation will be one of two former Ballydoyle inmates on the Swettenham roster, alongside the mighty Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). While Highland Reel ranks as one of the most durable gallopers ever trained by Aidan O'Brien, Sioux Nation proved himself one of the most precocious.

In action very early in the 2017 season, Sioux Nation had already run four times by the time that he headed to Royal Ascot, where he slammed his 16 rivals to win the G2 Norfolk S. over 1000m. That was not the full extent of his achievements, either: he won the G1 Phoenix S. over 1200m at The Curragh on his next start before going on to take the G3 Goffs Lacken S. over 1200m at Naas as a 3-year-old.

There are plenty more chapters still to be written in the story of Scat Daddy. With his high-class sons now shuttling, there is every chance that several of these chapters will be written in Australia.



**IN HONG KONG:**

**Buddies**, g, 3, **So You Think (NZ)**--Gladwell (GSP-Aus, \$106,860), by Anabaa (USA). Sha Tin, 5-8, Hcp. (\$167k), 1650m (AWT), 1:39.47. B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd, C O'Brien (NSW). \*\$320,000 Ylg '17 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

**Coby Oppa**, g, 3, **The Factor (USA)**--Amazing Tale (USA) (SW-US), by Tale of the Cat (USA). Sha Tin, 5-8, Hcp. (\$251k), 1200m (AWT), 1:09.68. B-T L Moses (NSW). \*\$55,000 Ylg '17 INGFE. **VIDEO**

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