



FOR DISABLED MILITARY VETS, ROLLER COASTER RIDE TO WINNER'S CIRCLE



A half-dozen military vets pose with the Derby winner | *Sentient Jet*

By T.D. Thornton

A group of six severely injured military veterans who participated in a charitable Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) event at last Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby got more than they bargained for in terms of roller coaster emotions when an equine meet-and-greet with two of the race's contenders turned into a two-day plot-twister of a thrill ride that culminated with some of the vets getting into the Derby winner's circle clutching donated win tickets on the 65-1 winner.

The pre-Derby backstretch visits for the veterans were coordinated by Sentient Jet, a longtime Thoroughbred racing corporate sponsor, as part of a multi-year awareness campaign in support of the nonprofit HFOT, which builds and donates specially adapted custom homes nationwide for disabled post-9/11 veterans.

"We were honored to be joined by such a heroic group of individuals," said Andrew Collins, the president and chief executive of Sentient Jet, of the six guests his firm hosted on Derby day. "All of which are purple heart recipients having sustained life-altering injuries during their respective tours of duty." **Cont. p3**

ON AFTERCARE: PROGRAM HELPS TEENS THANKS TO FUNDING FROM CHAD BROWN

by Diana Pikulski

By now, almost everyone recognizes the emotional benefits derived from people's interaction with animals. But the one-day change in the selected high school students in Chad Brown's hometown of Mechanicville, New York, was striking enough to earn attention.

This Monday started week one of a five-week program for students at the school just outside of Saratoga Springs. The program was created by Valerie Buck of ACTT Naturally, a non-profit organization dedicated to off-track thoroughbreds in need of retraining and re-homing. ACTT Naturally's Thoroughbreds participate in equine-assisted healing and learning programs as part of their transition from racing to a second career. **Cont. p4**

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Jason Servis, trainer of Maximum Security (New Year's Day) stands outside his barn at Monmouth Park Thursday morning with a dozen roses sent to him by an anonymous fan from North Carolina who wrote "Great race, it seems as though someone forgot to give you roses". | Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO

'ANOTHER ONE THAT GOT AWAY'

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In the aftermath of Mitole's win in the GI Churchill Downs S., Chris McGrath recounts the racing and breeding career to date of the expatriated Eskendereya.

'INSIDE THE WINNER'S CIRCLE'

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They were Army Specialist Brett Bondurant, Marine Corporal Travis Echols, Marine Staff Sergeant Matthew Wheeler, Army Sergeant Josh Wetzel, Marine Sergeant Dustin Johns, and Army Sergeant Richard Doyle.

The highlight of the pre-race festivities was scheduled to be a Thursday morning barn visit with Derby favorite Omaha Beach (War Front). The name Omaha Beach is significant in United States military history because it is the beach on which the majority of allied casualties were suffered on D-day 75 years ago this year.

But Omaha Beach had to withdraw from the Derby with an entrapped epiglottis the night before the veterans' visit.

"We knew about it the day before," Collins said. "In fact, we heard about it directly from the jockey, Mike [Smith]. Everybody was stunned, but I think everybody felt worse for Mr. [Rick] Porter, the owner, than what it meant for us."

The connections of Omaha Beach still graciously allowed the meet-and-greet to take place. Luckily, the agenda also included a barn visit with a lesser-known Derby contender who would actually be running--Country House (Lookin At Lucky).

Just like with Omaha Beach, the veterans met the horse and the entire behind-the-scenes training team of Country House, and were invited to make "the walk" on Saturday from the stable area to the Derby paddock with the horse. They were also told to head down to the winner's circle in the longshot event that Country House won the race.

Not all of the HFOT veterans were able to walk with Country House to the paddock because of the mud and adverse weather conditions on Saturday, but several did, Collins said.

Collins said the veterans were invited to spend Derby day in the Sentient suite, where he described them as some of the "most respectful" members of the entourage. He said the veterans just seemed honored and awed to have met the injured favorite and the longshot contender.

As part of the invitation, Sentient also gave each of the veterans a \$150 betting voucher.

"Some of them actually did bet that directly on Country House," Collins said. "One put the full \$150 on the nose to win."

When Country House rallied to cross the wire second, Collins said the HFOT veterans "were going crazy thinking that's amazing that he even placed."

Then came the foul claim from Flavien Prat, and the entire 22-minute disqualification process unfolded in agonizing fashion as the veterans realized what was at stake.

When Country House got elevated to the victory, the entire Sentient group charged down to the winner's circle--including two of the veterans who fought through the throng despite their injuries. **Cont. p4**

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"They were caught up in the excitement, and the feedback that I got from them was that it was just like getting caught up in battle," Collin said. "They got to not only experience history, but to feel like they were a part of it, and that was a big deal."

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Harlem Rocker and Brandon | Diana Pikulski

At 2:30 p.m., the teens filed off the school bus at Long Shadows Farm with eyes down, shoulders rounded, and their hands in their pockets. These teens were chosen by their two guidance counselors because of depression, or because they were experiencing some difficulty at school or home. The program took place in Long Shadow's massive indoor arena which has a large open space alongside the actual working part of the arena. We circled up and sat in the open space and behind us was the arena wall, which is close to five feet tall. The four Thoroughbreds, who were quietly mingling, had not yet made themselves known to the group. The most talkative person was the bus driver, who said he loved horses and used to live next to trainer Chad Brown's family. Brown is an alumnus of Mechanicville H.S. and he funded this program for the students with ACTT Naturally. The quietest person was Brandon, the only boy.

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"The goal of the program is to help teens build self esteem, learn awareness of healthy boundaries and to help them find mutual respect among their peers, parents and teachers," said Buck. "They learn better communication skills and how to work out conflicts and situations with a more rational approach."

"The pilot for the Teen Leadership Program with East Greenbush High School was so successful, I couldn't wait to get started again," said Buck. "The change in one hour is remarkable and then over five weeks is astonishing. One mother called and thanked me for giving back her daughter. We are extremely grateful to Chad for sponsoring the Mechanicville students."

Said Brown of his involvement, "Valerie Buck contacted me



Chad Brown | Eclipse Sportswire

about the program a couple of years ago and told me what she was doing. She was going to try to add some schools, including Mechanicville. She knew I had graduated from there, and asked if I would be interested in helping them. Of course, I agreed. It sounded like a great cause, not only helping my high school, but the horses. I'm happy to hear that it has started off with such interest from the students."

Buck went around the circle and everyone introduced themselves. The teens spoke very quietly. Buck, who exercised racehorses for 20 years and then studied natural horsemanship, gave an introduction to horses and their language.

It was when High Conviction (Arch) put his head over the wall to see them that the first real magic happened. In an instant, the teens came to life and one girl cried tears of joy. The horses, Three Lions (Hennessey), Harlem Rocker (Macho Uno), Furious Warrior (Langfuhr) and High Conviction are big, fit and very engaged.



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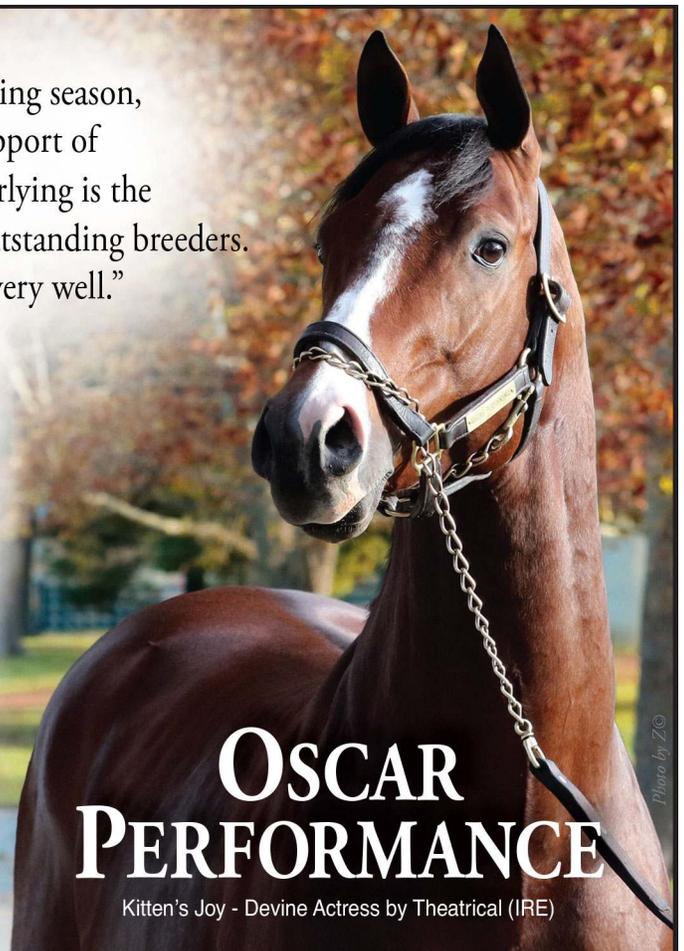


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Buck spends untold hours working and playing with them to prepare them for the programs.

The teens' first exercise with the horses was a silent grooming activity where they became comfortable with the energy and feel of the horse as they groomed and petted them. It is a chance to put into practice the body language lessons they just heard and to start to understand how the horse as a prey animal learns to trust humans who are predators.

The teens were focused with a new intensity. Their eyes were big and faces were open as they ran their hands and brushes over the horses. They stayed aware of the horses' actions and reactions to see if they were liking the grooming or sending signals that they weren't. They always returned to the horses' faces to give them a rub and get that satisfaction when a horse braces his face against your flat hand.

The counselors smiled widely throughout the entire process while they walked from pair to pair.

"I can't get over it," said Guidance Counselor Christine Dugan. "Brandon is like a different person. This is amazing and so much more than I ever imagined."

"It was truly like watching a flower that was initially in bud form," said Bill Nizolek, an ACTT Naturally volunteer who held Harlem Rocker while Brandon groomed him. "Then, slowly and steadily he bloomed into a beautiful flower. He went from not looking up to smiling and looking proud. I shed a tear of joy experiencing this horse-inspired miracle."

And this is only week one.

Buck said that the timing of this program couldn't have been more opportune. "This morning I read the heartbreaking story of Kendrick Castillo who was killed on Tuesday trying to stop a fellow student who was shooting classmates in his Highland Ranch high school," she said. "In our Thoroughbred athletes, we have sensitive, intelligent animals gifted in helping people. The more programs that the industry can fund, the more teens and other people can make what is possibly a life-saving connection."

"It's a great idea not only to help provide an opportunity for the horses, but additionally an opportunity for some students who might not otherwise get exposed to working with horses," said Brown. "Horses covered many important things in my life, and I feel lucky to have been asked to participate. Though I don't know the individual (students) (the change) doesn't surprise me, just knowing my experience with horses. It makes me feel really good that the program is off to a great start and they're seeing immediate results. I'm optimistic that it's going to lead to great things, really enhancing the lives of these students, and maybe even leading them to work in the horse industry. If that's not what results, that's okay, too. Maybe this exposure to horses gets them thinking about pursuing others things that they might not have had the confidence to do."

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MITOLE SUGGESTS ANOTHER ONE THAT GOT AWAY *by Chris McGrath*

If you left Churchill Downs on Saturday convinced by the brilliance of one of his sons that a stallion had been prematurely exported, then you wouldn't necessarily have been thinking of New Year's Day's disappearance to Brazil. Because if you set aside the excruciating misfortune of Maximum Security in the Derby itself, the undercard featured a no less vivid rebuke to those breeders who had given up on **Eskendereya** (Giant's Causeway), whose son Mitole maintained his giddy rise for William and Corinne Heiligbrodt with sixth straight win, and first Grade I, in the Churchill Downs S.

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Connections of Eskendereya suffered their own Derby heartache when he had to be withdrawn with injury days before the 2010 race, having won the GII Fountain of Youth S. and GI Wood Memorial by an aggregate 18 1/4 lengths.

The Zayat family appeared cursed in the Derby when this disappointment was sandwiched by runner-up finishes in 2009, 2011 and 2012. The first of those, however, was the work of Pioneerof the Nile, who would amply redress all these frustrations with his son American Pharoah.



Eskendereya | PM photo

Such are the unreadable twists of this game. Similarly, the horse promoted to favoritism in Eskendereya's absence, Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike), had a rough trip in the race; and then, when retired to stud, included a Derby runner-up of his own among an exasperating series of Grade I near-misses. But his luck has turned big time, with the blossoming of Accelerate last year and now Country House's stunning windfall.

Alas, it appears to be too late for American breeders to profit from any such turnaround for his contemporary Eskendereya. Unable to race again following his Derby scratch, he started out at Taylor Made in 2011 at \$30,000--with Stonestreet having meantime acquired a controlling interest--but his fee made the customary descent to \$17,500 within a couple of years and he had only a second crop on the track when sold to Japan in 2015.

His first runners, the previous year, had made a painfully quiet start, causing his book to halve to 70 from 139. The latter, no less typically, had actually been his biggest yet after his debut yearlings were warmly received at the sales, ranked fifth by average. Hindsight discloses that intake as a strong one: besides Lookin At Lucky, Eskendereya was competing with Quality Road, Munnings, Blame, Super Saver, Midshipman and Kantharos, among others. As we'll remind ourselves in a minute, Eskendereya has a deep Classic pedigree and nobody could sensibly have expected a cavalcade of juvenile winners. **Cont. p8**

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But while his sophomores the following year readily outperformed those of Quality Road, for instance, he would not be given the chance to match that rival's spectacular progress since.

In 2016, his first year standing in Japan, Eskendereya's 16 black-type performers fell between 17 for Lookin At Lucky and Kantharos, and 15 for Quality Road, Munnings and Midshipman. His first flagbearer was Mor Spirit. A \$650,000 juvenile, Mor Spirit actually contrived a Grade I success at two in the Los Alamitos Futurity, but finished midfield when stretching for the Derby. At four, much as we are seeing with Mitole right now, he got on a real roll back over a mile and crowned his career by blitzing the GI Metropolitan H. field by six lengths, good for a 117 Beyer. He is now completing his first spring at Spendthrift.



Mitole winning the Churchill Downs | Coady

In taking the baton from Mor Spirit, Mitole has confirmed that Eskendereya can deal out a very pure version of the brilliance he showed in his own truncated career. Perhaps that's no surprise

in a half-brother to Balmont (Stranvinsky), one of the fastest of his generation in Europe; and Eskendereya does represent a speed-oriented top line. But his own sire Giant's Causeway was hardly typical of the Storm Cat brand, with his two-turn quality, toughness and versatility. And the first thing you think, looking at Eskendereya's own family, is sheer class rather than sheer speed.

His first four dams are by Seattle Slew, Alydar, Northern Dancer and Ribot; and the bottom line soon becomes every

bit as resonant.

Eskendereya's third dam, Stellar Odyssey, was a Northern Dancer half-sister to a Kentucky Derby winner in Cannonade.

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Eskendereya's Met Mile winner Mor Spirit | Sarah K Andrew

Cosmah herself, meanwhile, is duplicated in Eskendereya's own pedigree: her son Halo sired the dam of Rahy, whose daughter Mariah's Storm produced his sire Giant's Causeway. (Who obviously introduces another strain of Natalma, when you back through the Storm Cat branch of the Northern Dancer sire-line.)

Some priceless silverware in Eskendereya's genetic cabinet, then. True, both Stellar Odyssey and her daughter by Alydar, Altair, were unraced. But Altair, purchased by Sanford R. Robertson, produced a Grade II winner in Blazonry (Hennessy) as well as Aldebaran Light (Seattle Slew), who won three times at River Downs from just five career starts.

Aldebaran Light's first foal was Balmont, who owed his juvenile Group 1 success in England to a disqualification and could not win thereafter, but managed a couple of podiums in elite sprints. And six years later she delivered a Giant's Causeway colt, sold as a Keeneland September yearling to Zayat Stables for \$250,000.

That was Eskendereya, of course, so named for the Egyptian city Alexandria in Arabic. Sent to Todd Pletcher, the big chestnut

surfaced on turf at the end of the Saratoga meet, finishing second over fully 1 1/16 miles before winning a Belmont stakes, a late switch to the main track, by seven lengths. Disappointing in a synthetic GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita in 2009, he regrouped in a Gulfstream allowance in January before his breakout performance in the Fountain of Youth. Both there and in the Wood, he thrashed Jackson Bend (Hear No Evil), subsequently midfield in the Derby but beaten only a length when third to Lookin At Lucky in the Preakness and later a dual Grade I winner over seven furlongs.

It's interesting to note that Harlan and Southern Halo, who have become such important influences through Into Mischief and More Than Ready, respectively, are others who pair up both Almahmoud's great daughters Natalma and Cosmah. And it would be no surprise if, from a very finite opportunity in Kentucky, Eskendereya turned out to have left behind a couple of pretty potent heirs in Mor Spirit and now, potentially, Mitole.

The latter was sold for just \$20,000 deep into the September Sale of 2016, but was pinhooked for \$140,000 at OBS the following April. He was bred by the late Edward A. Cox Jr., whose dispersal sale at Keeneland last November was sadly followed by his death just a few weeks ago.

Cox's longstanding association with Claiborne was crowned as a partner in 1984 Kentucky Derby winner Swale, while he bred or co-bred such high achievers as Marquetry, Shaadi and Woodman. It was through his dispersal that WinStar picked up Mitole's dam Indian Miss (Indian Charlie), in foal to Into Mischief, for \$240,000. That looks a really smart spot now, Mitole having disappeared after his second consecutive stakes score last May.

Indian Miss could not win in a light career but is a half-sister to GII Davona Dale S. winner Live Lively (Medaglia d'Oro) out of an unbeaten stakes winner at two, Glacken's Gal (Smoke Glacken). The latter is one of three black-type winners delivered by a stakes-placed Silver Deputy mare--and we love those, as we do any conduit for Deputy Minister in the bottom line.

Even so, it's no more than a steady, outcross kind of page. But then Mor Spirit, his dam's seventh foal, was her first stakes winner. So while Eskendereya still has just two other Grade I operators to his name, there's no denying that his background and performance entitle him to light an occasional fuse of explosive class.

Steve Asmussen is naturally now thinking of the Met Mile for Mitole. And if Eskendereya could sire two winners of that stallion-making race from his first three crops, then maybe someone will take another long look at his antecedents and--remembering that he is still only 12--try and find a number for Empire Maker's travel agent.

PREAKNESS PRATTLE: BOURBON WAR TUNES UP AT BELMONT

Bourbon Lane Stable and Lake Star Stable's **Bourbon War** (Tapit) breezed five furlongs in 1:01.67 ([XBTv video](#)) over a fast Belmont main track Thursday morning and remains on course for a start in the May 18 GI Preakness S. at Pimlico Race Course.

"I thought it went great," trainer Mark Hennig said following the work. "He was a little aggressive. We put those short-cup blinkers on him to make him more aggressive and I sent him off with [stablemate] Carlino (Lemon Drop Kid). I think he was just being sharp. He got away from Carlino early and basically just kind of maintained that margin.

"It wasn't quite how I wanted to draw it up," Hennig admitted. "I thought they would be right together, but I can understand that Bourbon War was a little more amped up. Carlino likes to come from the clouds."



Bourbon War | Adam Coglianesse

A son of GISW My Conquestadory (Artie Schiller), Bourbon War defeated subsequent GIII Sunland Derby winner Cutting Humor (First Samurai) in a January allowance at Gulfstream, then just missed catching Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}) in the GII Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S. the following month. Pace compromised when fourth to Maximum Security (New Year's Day) in the GI Xpressbet Florida Derby, the \$410,000 Keeneland November weanling was originally penciled in for this weekend's GIII Peter Pan S. at Belmont, but Hennig elected to call an audible.

"I watched the Derby and kept on top of all the developments through the week," Hennig said. "Omaha Beach (War Front) isn't part of the scene, Haikal (Distorted Humor) isn't part of the scene. If Omaha Beach runs in the Derby and wins by 10, maybe we'd go a different direction, but the way it unfolded, the Florida horses ran superb and we felt like we deserved to be competitive with those horses, as we were all winter."

Irad Ortiz, Jr. has the call for the Preakness.

Warrior's Charge To Be Supplemented...

Ten Strike Racing and Madaket Stables LLC's **Warrior's Charge** (Munnings), ultra-impressive in winning his two most recent starts at Oaklawn Park by a combined 12 1/2 lengths, will be supplemented to the Preakness, trainer Brad Cox confirmed Thursday. Not an original nominee to the Triple Crown, the Florida-bred colt must be paid up at 10% of the Preakness purse, or \$150,000.

"The owners got together and thought with some of the [Derby] horses not going back in the Preakness—I don't want to use the word short field but not a full field yet—they're definitely going to entertain it," Cox said. "But we're pointing to it, and as of right now, we would enter in the race."

Warrior's Charge is set to be one of two in the race for Cox, who will also saddle GIII Stonestreet Lexington S. winner **Owendale** (Into Mischief). Javier Castellano has accepted the mount aboard Warrior's Charge.

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WESTS ISSUE ANOTHER STATEMENT ON DERBY DQ

On a day they had originally been granted permission to review the patrol footage of the GI Kentucky Derby, Gary and Mary West, the owners of the demoted **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day), issued a statement to further address the much-talked-about disqualification.

The statement read, in part:

'On the Monday morning following the race we filed a formal "protest, objection and appeal" letter with the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission seeking the opportunity to be heard "forthwith" by the full Commission. That request was summarily denied only hours later that same day. In denying our request, counsel for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission reminded us that it was a "privilege" to participate in horse racing in Kentucky. And we agree--however, that "privilege" comes with an obligation for fair, full and transparent treatment by the Commission of its licensees. That did not occur here. Faced with Commission's denial of any recourse we are left to evaluate our legal options, which we are now doing. We believe that with a just and proper hearing of our case Maximum Security will be restored as the rightful winner of this year's Kentucky Derby.'

Maximum Security arrived at Monmouth Park earlier this week and has already been declared a non-starter for next week's GI Preakness S. The GI Belmont S. remains a possibility, with the GI TVG.com Haskell Invitational S. July 20 a longer-term option.

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PREFERENTIAL (GB), 10, Dansili (GB)--Jolie Etoile, by Diesis (GB)

Foal born Apr. 12, a filly by Mizzen Mast
Will be bred back to Camelot (Ire).
Owned by Aynsford Holdings, LLC.
Boarded at The National Stud, Newmarket.
Accomplishments: MSW-Fr & US, \$191,079.

CARESSING, 21, Honour and Glory--Lovin Touch, by Majestic Prince

Foal born Apr. 13, a colt by Honor Code.
Owned by CFP Thoroughbreds LLC.
Boarded at Hermitage Farm.
Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly, GISW, \$955,998. Dam of Gold Hawk (Empire Maker), GSP, \$181,273; Juan and Bina (Indian Charlie), GSP, \$207,870; West Coast (Flatter), Ch. 3yo, MGISW, \$3,803,800.

DON'T LEAVE ME, 7, Lemon Drop Kid--See How She Runs, by Maria's Mon

Foal born Apr. 20, a filly by Uncle Mo.
Will be bred back to Speightstown.
Owned by and boarded at Pin Oak Stud LLC.
Accomplishments: MGSW of \$276,693.

FROLIC'S REVENGE, 10, Vindication--Stormy Frolic, by Summer Squall

Foal born Apr. 21, a colt by Exaggerator.
Will be bred back to Violence.
Owned by/boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds, KY.
Accomplishments: MSW, \$346,075; dam of American Frolic (Blame), SW, \$171,458.

ALWAYS IN MY HEART, 12, Hennessy--Vow That Binds, by Miswaki

Foal born Apr. 22, a colt by Lord Nelson.
Will not be bred this year.
Owned by/boarded at Pin Oak Stud, KY
Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$170,604.



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, Robersshaw, 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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1	Goldencents (2010) by Into Mischief	3	3	2	2	--	--	61	20	630,310	1,471,232
	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$20,000									By My Standards	
2	Noble Mission (GB) (2009) by Galileo (Ire)	1	1	1	1	--	1	20	3	932,070	1,013,092
	Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000									Code of Honor	
3	Cairo Prince (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile	2	4	--	--	--	--	54	19	107,035	847,276
	Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$25,000									Mont Perdu	
4	Central Banker (2010) by Speightstown	1	1	--	--	--	--	44	16	144,100	737,722
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5	Strong Mandate (2011) by Tiznow	--	--	--	--	--	--	39	17	128,600	634,920
	Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$10,000									Gotta Be Strong	
6	Fed Biz (2009) by Giant's Causeway	--	3	--	2	--	--	38	13	85,200	581,436
	Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000									Bizwhacks	
7	Will Take Charge (2010) by Unbridled's Song	--	3	--	3	--	--	32	6	76,808	524,895
	Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$30,000									High Regard	
8	Cross Traffic (2009) by Unbridled's Song	1	2	--	1	--	1	39	12	94,920	504,691
	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$25,000									Pat's No Fool	
9	Mucho Macho Man (2008) by Macho Uno	1	1	1	1	--	--	26	6	166,800	484,935
	Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$10,000									Mucho Gusto	
10	Verrazano (2010) by More Than Ready	--	1	--	--	--	--	49	13	63,600	442,934
	Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$15,000									Annie and Caroline	
11	Atreides (2011) by Medaglia d'Oro	--	2	--	1	--	--	21	8	240,000	380,423
	Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$5,000									Sueno	
12	Seville (Ger) (2008) by Galileo (Ire)	1	1	--	--	--	--	16	5	224,640	341,868
	Stands: Heritage Stallions USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)									Las Setas	
13	Uncaptured (2010) by Lion Heart	1	1	--	1	--	--	31	5	148,500	322,516
	Stands: Ocala Stud Farm FL Fee: \$6,000									Bye Bye J	
14	Revolutionary (2010) by War Pass	--	--	--	--	--	--	32	8	72,490	312,211
	Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$5,000									Saratoga Style	
15	Flashback (2010) by Tapit	--	--	--	--	--	--	31	11	31,020	273,469
	Stands: Diamond B Farm PA Fee: \$3,500									Owning	

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POLITI ON TOP OF THE WORLD FOLLOWING

OAKS by Alan Carasso

Owner Joel Politi is an orthopedic surgeon residing in Columbus, Ohio. But you'll forgive him if for the last few days, he's felt like an astronaut hovering miles above the planet, as he continues to bask in the afterglow of **Serengeti Empress** (Alternation)'s front-running masterpiece in the GI Kentucky Oaks at historic Churchill Downs May 3.

"I am going to stay floating for a while! It's starting to sink in, but I'm not down to Earth, that's for sure," the affable and articulate Politi remarked by phone earlier this week.

Politi, whose father owned horses "from the time I was a baby," grew up in Youngstown, Ohio, roughly halfway between Cleveland and Pittsburgh. His childhood home had a 12-horse barn right there in the backyard and had Thoroughbreds from the time he was about 4 years old.

"We would go back there and play in the hayloft and feed the horses and hang out and that was kind of my childhood," he recollected.

He was also indoctrinated to the races at a relatively tender age, as both Thistledown--to the northeast--and Waterford Park (the current Mountaineer Park) nearly due south of Youngstown, were each about an hour's drive away.

"Sometimes we would attend the races at Thistledown during the day and at Waterford at night," he said.

Politi became a horse owner in 2005, claiming Moon Over Miami (Is It True) and Safe Play (Belong to Me) at the Keeneland fall meeting. Each of those horses was subsequently lost via the claiming box, but not before turning a profit--modestly so--in a handful of starts for Politi and his various partners.

Out On His Own...

In the last five years, Politi has campaigned horses in his own name and in his red-and-white blocks and white bars. Serengeti Empress was already the star turn of his five-strong stable with trainer Tom Amoss, and had first been purchased for \$25,000 out of the 2016 Keeneland November Sale by Dixon Enterprises,

a group headed up by Brookdale Farm's Freddy Seitz. Brookdale's sales arm offered the Jan. 30 foal at the 2017 Keeneland September sale, where Politi snapped her up for \$70,000.

"Freddy found her and bought as a weanling with partners and it ended up being a nice pinhook, a nice little return on the investment," said Seitz's brother Joe. "She was a really attractive filly, non-descript, but very nice-bodied and she was a very nice type. She was really the whole package. She had an athletic look and she was a correct type, one that looked like she could blossom and that is exactly what she did!"

Amoss has become a more frequent presence on the Keeneland sales grounds over the last few years and he and Politi were bargain hunting during the early portion of session eight on the second Tuesday of the 2017 September sale.

"We had a price range that we were looking to buy in and we knew going into that day of the sale the price range was less than what the sales average was going to be," Amoss explained. "There were certain horses we didn't even look at because we knew on pedigree alone they'd go for much more money.

When this filly was brought out to be shown, I just fell in love with her.

He continued, "I thought she had a really good shoulder and I liked her engine, I liked her back end. You see horses all the time that look great in the body and then you watch them walk and sometimes you're turned off. She had a great conformation and walk, so I really feel she was overlooked because her sire isn't very well known and I have to believe she slipped through the cracks."

For Politi, the entire sales experience is not only a challenge, but also very thrilling.

"Thoroughbred sales is one of the most exciting things to do," he said. "It's the equivalent of the NFL draft. There is potential that is unlimited and you're looking to find Tom Brady. Every year there are lots of examples of horses that were reasonably purchased that turn out to be superstars and I guess Serengeti would fall into that category now."



Serengeti Empress leads them past the Twin Spires in the GI Kentucky Oaks | Coady

Inside the Winner's Circle cont.

Concurring with his trainer/advisor, Politi said, "She was bought completely on looks. Alternation wasn't going to bring top dollar at that sale, but if you look at pictures of her from the sale, she was gorgeous. And obviously we weren't the only ones bidding on her since she got to \$70,000. To look at her now, she is just stunning, really eye-popping."

'Sure as Kilimanjaro Rises...'

How, then, did Politi's Alternation filly come to be called Serengeti Empress?

"I have four daughters and they are really good singers, they love music. My number three daughter--about two years ago she latched on to the song "Africa" by Toto," he explained.

Toto? Really? Yes, really. No disrespect to the Weezer redux.

He continued, "One night we were all together and they played that song over and over, and when I say over and over, they belted that song out for about an hour. We dissected the lyrics and came up with Serengeti Empress. A tribute to my daughters is really what it was."



In the Oaks winner's circle | Coady

Early Brilliance...

The romping winner of the Ellis Park Debutante and the GII Pocahontas S. by 33 lengths combined, Serengeti Empress stubbed her toe when well-backed in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, but Politi took it in his stride.

"We laid her up and said, 'Well, we'll come back as a 3-year-old,'" he said. "You know from experience that not all 2-year-olds progress and you don't know what you're going to get as a 3-year-old--she could be better, worse or the same. But we gave her time and brought her back slowly."

Wintering at Amoss's Fair Grounds base, the dark bay returned with a wire-to-wire defeat of future Oaks runner-up Liora (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. in mid-February and Politi's big dreams managed to get a little bit bigger. But if that was the peak to that stage in her career, what came next was the valley, as she was beaten more than 50 lengths in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks.

"I'm not one to count their chickens before they're hatched and we were confident going into the Fair Grounds Oaks, but we certainly didn't expect her to run like she did," he said of Serengeti Empress, who was found to have bled and was vanned off. "That was really deflating for lots of reasons. There were so many questions coming out of that race--the bleeding, obviously. How much did she get out of that race physically to be able to move forward? Was she going to recover in time? Was she going to be able to train up to it? And then, ultimately, is she good enough to win? We just took it week-by-week and for a couple of weeks, we were set on not running her and not putting any pressure on ourselves to run."

Their patience would be rewarded.

"Then, slowly, she looked so good that we took it day-by-day and by the time we were about three weeks out, we were thinking let's just see how she works and if she hits certain goals, we'll keep moving forward," Politi said. "The first work she had was 100% in hand and just lightning fast and the second work she had was even faster and she was in hand for that. That work gave me a lot of confidence that she was back and fine.

But he was not ready to count the proverbial chickens before they hatched.

"That Oaks field was loaded with speed and we drew the 13 post," he said. "So to say we were confident going into the Oaks would not be true because of all the questions surrounding her last performance, where she was, her draw, the set-up of the race. We were very confident in our filly, but still that was a big-time race given the field."

And the rest is history, as they say, even as Politi hopes there are more memories to be made over the remainder of the season.

Inside the Winner's Circle cont.

"A trip to California in November [for the GI Breeders' Cup Disfaff], if we get to that point, would be wonderful," he said. "Tom and I are going to sit down this week and try to map out what could be some points along the year and set up some short-, medium- and long-term goals for her. There are obviously a list of Grade I races that exist for 3-year-old fillies and those will be on our radar."

The Thrill of Victory...

In addition to Politi, others immediately connected with Serengeti Empress remain in various states of happy disbelief.

"It's a great feeling, how do you describe it really?," said Amoss. "I've heard from so many people, the magnitude of it all, and it'll be with me forever. Both my kids--who are grown--were here and my parents back home, at age 93 and 94, were watching on TV. It was just so sweet."

Added Politi: "I couldn't be happier for Tom. He is so deserving of this kind of horse and this kind of achievement. I think what this will do is highlight to everybody that he can develop young horses and and pick young horses at the sales so that his stock will continue to improve."

And what about the exhilaration of selling an Oaks winner, and for a family member to boot?

"It's indescribable how it feels," Joe Seitz said. "There's only one Classic for fillies in this country and this is it. It's one of those things that you could only hope for. We're super excited for Mr. Politi, too. He is a very nice guy, very easy to root for. We're thrilled for everyone here on the farm, it's a great story for everyone involved."

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Serengeti Empress gets a kiss from Jose Ortiz as trainer Tom Amoss looks on | Coady

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1--**MARCONI, 120, c, 4, Tapit--Ponche de Leona (SW, \$260,870), by Ponche.** (\$2,000,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP). O-Bridlewood Farm, Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith & Michael Tabor; B-Brushwood Stable (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Jose Lezcano. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$204,702. *1/2 to Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), MGISW, \$5,625,410; and full to Southern Girl, SW, \$120,905.

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Marconi registered his second straight black-type victory with a win in the rescheduled Flat Out S. Previously set to be run last Friday, the race was moved after the last half of Friday's card was canceled due to heavy rains altering the track condition. Running off the fence, the \$2 million KEESEP buy loped along in second as Tour de Force (Tiznow) clicked off opening splits of :24.68 and :48.97 while well clear of the rest of the field. Closing the gap approaching the far turn, Marconi overtook the pacesetter in mid-stretch and kicked clear, despite some drifting, to score.

Third in last term's GIII Withers S., Marconi was off the board in both the GII Fountain of Youth S. and GII Blue Grass S. last spring and was subsequently shelved for the season. Resurfacing in a Gulfstream optional claimer Feb. 6, he finished fourth that day, but captured the Skip Away S. next out in Hallandale Mar. 29.

Marconi is half-brother to GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero and multimillionaire Mucho Macho Man, who now stands at Adena Springs. The winner's half-sister, 'TDN Rising Star' Southern Girl, summoned \$775,000 from Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farm as a KEESEP yearling and sold to Bridlewood Farm for \$820,000 at the conclusion of her career at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Their dam Ponche de Leona RNA'd for \$1.4 million at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, but sold to Brushwood Stable for \$775,000 at the 2014 Keeneland January Sale. She has a juvenile colt named American Citizen (American Pharoah) and her 2018 Tapit filly passed away. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Golden Gate Fields, \$34,720, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-9, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.30, ft.

POSIT (f, 3, Cairo Prince--Chanel Number Mine, by Value Plus) graduated at fifth asking in her first attempt over the local synthetic Apr. 13 and was bet down to 1-2 favoritism to repeat here. Quickest away from the stalls, the gray zipped through early fractions of :22.41 and :45.53. She began to tire a bit in the lane, but held on to win by a head over Empressive Cat (Peppered Cat). The winner is a half to Chanel's Legacy (Dominus), MSW & GSP, \$413,144. Chanel Number Mine produced a Dominus colt in 2018 and was bred back to Pioneer of the Nile last spring. Sales history: \$190,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$200,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$45,705. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

3rd-Belmont, \$90,000, Msw, 5-9, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:04.44, gd. MILITIAMAN (c, 3, Broken Vow--Classic Strike, by Smart Strike) finished fourth on debut going a mile at Gulfstream Mar. 10 and breezed a best-of-14 half-mile over Saratoga's Oklahoma training track in :49 2/5 last time Apr. 29. Favored at 9-5 for this extension in trip, the bay rode the rail in joint last through a first half in :47.50. Inching up a bit to sit mid-pack as three-quarters went up in 1:13.80, the \$400,000 FTSAUG buy tipped out two wide in the lane and closed resolutely to deny Tide of Sea (English Channel) by a head at the line. The winner is a half to Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), MSW, \$1,005,413; Union Strike (Union Rags), GISW, \$537,625; Pretty Lady (Scat Daddy), SW, \$108,613; and Classic Sense (Street Sense), SP, \$159,340. Classic Strike produced an Honor Code colt in 2017 and her 2018 Medaglia d'Oro foal passed away. She was bred back to Pioneer of the Nile last term. Sales history: \$400,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$51,220. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Woodford Racing, LLC; B-Merriebelle Stable, LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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7th-Belmont, \$80,000, Msw, 5-9, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:22.05, gd. KULIK BEAR (c, 3, Curlin--Kulik Cat, by Giant's Causeway) finished third in his career bow sprinting on the Tampa main track Feb. 23 and was run down late to be second in another dirt sprint at Keeneland Apr. 13. Trying the turf for the first time here, the 5-1 shot bided his time near the back of the pack through a :22.35 opening quarter and a half in :45.54. Swung out three wide turning for home, the chestnut rallied down the lane, sweeping past his rivals late for a two-length success. Sayyaaf (Sepoy {Aus}) completed the exacta. The winner hails from the family of champion Johannesburg (Hennessy), GISW Joking (Distorted Humor), GSW & MGISP sire Tale of the Cat (Storm Cat) and MGSW young sire Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway). Kulik Cat was barren in 2017, but produced a Dominus colt in 2018. Sales history: \$185,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$61,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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2nd-Belmont, \$62,000, (S), Msw, 5-9, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.89, ft. SNEAKY SURPRISE (f, 2, Giant Surprise--Tamboorensnshampan, by Deerhound) was heavily favored at 2-5 in this unveiling as part of a coupled entry with second timer Micromillion (Micromanage). The homebred stumbled slightly at the start, but quickly recovered and was ridden straight to the front by John Velazquez, clocking a first quarter in :22.59. Sneaky Surprise cruised clear in the lane to graduate by 4 1/4 lengths over her entrymate. The winner is the youngest produce from her dam, but she has a year-older half-sister named Give Me a Hug (Uncle Mo). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$34,100. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Repole Stable Inc (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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Chart Topper (Leroidesanimaux {Brz})

7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

2-Woodbine, Msw 4 1/2f, STORM CHART, 4-1

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$7,500

83 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

5-Belmont, Msw 5f, WUDDA U THINK NOW, 9-2

\$60,000 SAR AUG yrl

Govenor Charlie (Midnight Lute), Lovacres Ranch, \$3,000

30 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

3-Santa Anita, Msw 4 1/2f, GOVENESS SHEILA, 4-1

3-Santa Anita, Msw 4 1/2f, INDIAS LUTE, 5-1

\$1,000 RNA BAR OCT yrl; \$3,500 CTB AJA yrl

Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Nunnery Stud, \$30,000

106 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

7-Indiana Grand, Msw 5fT, L'AMERICANA (GB), 2-5

165,000gns TAT FOA wnl; €250,000 ARA AUG yrl

Secret Circle (Eddington), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$5,000

44 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

2-Woodbine, Msw 4 1/2f, CANADIAN SECRET, 12-1

CAN\$18,000 CAN SEP yrl

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500

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5-Belmont, Msw 5f, SKY OF HOOK, 12-1



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 2-Woodbine, Msw 4 1/2f, TONY'S ROSE, 2-1
 \$24,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MAY 10

Bandbox (Tapit), Northview Stallion Station, \$2,500
 62 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Pimlico, Alw 6f, BAPTIZE THE BOY, 12-1
 \$1,000 EAS JAN wnl
 4-Penn National, Msw 6f, LIFE OF THE PARTY, 8-1

Big Screen (Speightstown), Spring Farm, \$3,000
 32 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Woodbine, Msw 4 1/2f, CRAFTY CONQUEST, 6-1
 CAN\$14,000 CAN SEP yrl

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000
 228 foals of racing age/38 winners/4 black-type winners
 5-Belmont, Msw 5f, MITZRAYIM, 8-1
 \$80,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$115,000 SAR AUG yrl

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 187 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Belmont, Aoc 1m, FAMILY BIZ, 5-1
 \$11,000 OBS APR yrl
 9-Churchill Downs, Alw 5fT, VOGT, 3-1
 \$37,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$150,000 EAS MAY
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Gale Force Ten (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Irish National Stud,
 \$3,000
 140 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Churchill Downs, Alw 5fT, DOM CARLOS (Ire), 7-2
 €34,000 GOF NOV wnl; £45,000 GOU KPR yrl

Goldencents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
 256 foals of racing age/44 winners/5 black-type winners
 8-Santa Anita, Aoc 5fT, ALLEVA, 5-1
 \$47,000 RNA OBS APR yrl
 2-Woodbine, Msw 4 1/2f, GOLDMINE CAT, 5-2
 CAN\$30,000 CAN SEP yrl
 7-Belmont, Alw 7f, THOUSAND PERCENT, 30-1
 \$50,000 FTK JUL yrl
 6-Prairie Meadows, Alw 5f, VALLA, 3-1

Revolutionary (War Pass), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
 148 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Indiana Grand, Msw 5fT, BAYTOWN VI VI, 30-1
 \$7,500 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Souper Speedy (Indian Charlie), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm,
 \$4,000
 80 foals of racing age/9 winners/3 black-type winners
 6-Woodbine, Ocl 5 1/2f, SOUPER HOT, 2-1
 CAN\$15,000 CAN SEP yrl

Strong Mandate (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000
 139 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 5fT, MERCY RULE, 7-2
 \$47,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$140,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS OPN
 2yo
 8-Santa Anita, Aoc 5fT, MY MANDATE, 7-2
 \$60,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$135,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$145,000 RNA BAR
 APR yrl

Tritap (Tapit), Heritage Stallions
 42 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Pimlico, Alw 6f, TAKEMETHODINNER, 20-1

Uncaptured (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm, \$6,000
 143 foals of racing age/14 winners/4 black-type winners
 7-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 6f, CAPTURE THE SEA, 3-1
 \$52,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$65,000 BAR APR yrl
 8-Santa Anita, Aoc 5fT, YES I AM FREE, 5-2
 \$135,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, \$15,000
 268 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, CALAVERAS, 6-1
 9-Churchill Downs, Alw 5fT, MR. EDGAR, 20-1
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2nd-Gulfstream, \$45,950, 5-9, (NW1X), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.27, ft.
RUNNING FOR RIZ (c, 3, Handsome Mike--Thunder Jewel, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$87,925. O-Linda Riznick; B-Jody Veitch & Linda Riznick (FL); T-Sal Santoro.

7th-Pimlico, \$35,000, 5-9, (C), 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.54, fm.

JARVIS STEEL (g, 6, Medallist--Saint Sarah, by Sweetsouthern saint) Lifetime Record: 24-6-3-3, \$180,837. O/B-Nancy Lee Farms (MD); T-A. Ferris Allen, III.

8th-Evangeline Downs, \$26,100, 5-8, (C), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38.73, ft.

FLYING HONEYPOT (h, 5, Discreet Cat--Noontime Angel, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 19-6-8-1, \$191,345. O-Benard Chatters & Colette Branch; B-Clover IV Stables & Hidden Brook Farm (KY); T-Benard Chatters. *\$4,700 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$4,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

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8th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$19,392, 5-8, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.11, ft.

SMOKIN HOT ENERGY (g, 4, Unbridled Energy--Storm in Philly, by Smoke Glacken) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$38,302. O-Froilan Flores; B-Williams Racing Corp (WV); T-Robert M. Gorham.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lady Glamour, f, 2, **Discreet Cat**--Repeta, by Broken Vow. Churchill Downs, 5-9, (C), 4 1/2f, :53.10. B-BHMFRL, LLC (KY). *\$1,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Runninawaywithit, f, 3, **Run Away and Hide**--Private Citizen, by Proud Citizen. Indiana Grand, 5-8, (S), 5f, :58.22. B-Joe & Jim Dodgen (IN). *1/2 to Bella Flor (Eurosilver), SW, \$118,648; and Silent Citizen (Hat Trick {Jpn}), MSW, \$129,015.

Star Swept, f, 4, **Astrology**--Dreamingly, by Giant's Causeway. Gulfstream, 5-9, (C), 1mT, 1:34.98. B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY). *\$50,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG; \$300,000 2yo '17 OBSOPN.

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ASTROLOGY, Star Swept, f, 4, o/o Dreamingly, by Giant's Causeway. MCL, 5-9, Gulfstream

BROKEN VOW, Militiaman, c, 3, o/o Classic Strike, by Smart Strike. MSW, 5-9, Belmont

CAIRO PRINCE, Posit, f, 3, o/o Chanel Number Mine, by Value Plus. AOC, 5-9, Golden Gate

CURLIN, Kulik Bear, c, 3, o/o Kulik Cat, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 5-9, Belmont

DAILED IN, Princess Phone, f, 3, o/o Cantilena, by Banker's Gold. MCL, 5-9, Churchill Downs

DISCREET CAT, Flying Honey, h, 5, o/o Noontime Angel, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 5-8, Evangeline

DISCREET CAT, Lady Glamour, f, 2, o/o Repeta, by Broken Vow. MCL, 5-9, Churchill Downs

GIANT SURPRISE, Sneaky Surprise, f, 2, o/o Tamboorensnshampan, by Deerhound. MSW, 5-9, Belmont

HANDSOME MIKE, Running for Riz, c, 3, o/o Thunder Jewel, by Thunder Gulch. ALW, 5-9, Gulfstream

MEDALLIST, Jarvis Steel, g, 6, o/o Saint Sarah, by Sweetsouthern saint. ALW, 5-9, Pimlico

RUN AWAY AND HIDE, Runninawaywithit, f, 3, o/o Private Citizen, by Proud Citizen. MSW, 5-8, Indiana Grand

TAPIT, Marconi, c, 4, o/o Ponche de Leona, by Ponche. Flat Out S., 5-9, Belmont

UNBRIDLED ENERGY, Smokin Hot Energy, g, 4, o/o Storm in Philly, by Smoke Glacken. ALW, 5-8, Mountaineer

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by Tom Frary

Sir Dragonet (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) had laid down the gauntlet in the G3 Chester Vase 24 hours earlier and, while he was nowhere near as flashy as his stablemate, **Circus Maximus (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) maintained the crowd-pleasing in Thursday's Listed Homeserve Dee S. as Ballydoyle's travelling show moved on at pace. Last seen finishing a length off Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) when fourth in the G1 Futurity Trophy at Doncaster in October, Flaxman Stables and Coolmore's 5-4 favourite raced handy early with Ryan Moore keen to exploit his stamina in Chester's rain-eased ground. Pushed up to take a narrow lead two out, the son of the high-class Duntle (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) kept finding to ward off the yard's **Mohawk (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). That runner-up emerges with much credit racing under a five-pound penalty for his G2 Royal Lodge S. success, while the unexposed **Fox Chairman (Ire)** (Kingman {GB}) suffered a slightly unlucky trip.

"He didn't do a whole lot in the race, but he has plenty of ability and there is a big engine there," Moore said. "He's still learning and not fully tuned in yet, but he has an awful lot of potential. He has plenty of speed, but stays very well and didn't take much out of himself."

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MURPHY NOT THE ONLY 'OISIN' MAKING WAVES

By Daithi Harvey

Ireland is home to a crop of some really talented apprentice jockeys at the moment and last year saw a fascinating three-way duel for the apprentice title that was eventually won by Shane Crosse who, thanks to some strong support from Joseph O'Brien, fended off determined challenges from both Killian Leonard and Ben Coen. Back in fifth place last year with 18 winners was the 2017 champion apprentice Oisin Orr, and the Donegal-born rider has made an electric start to the new season and not only is he again setting the pace at the head of the apprentice table, but he also registered the first group success of his career when he guided the Dermot Weld-trained Imaging (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) to victory in the G3 Gladness S. at Naas last month.

"It's all going very well so far and I'm getting great support from owners and trainers and getting on some nice horses," Orr told the *TDN*. [Cont. p3](#)

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MITOLE SUGGESTS ANOTHER ONE THAT GOT AWAY

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Circus Maximus, whose dam was stripped of her 2013 G1 Matron S. by the Leopardstown stewards but also captured Royal Ascot's G2 Duke of Cambridge S. and was runner-up in the G1 Prix Rothschild in these Niarchos silks, had broken his maiden in decisive style on heavy ground at Gowran Park in September. That performance was marked as much by greenness as his above-average ability, but he looked more professional when third behind Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) and Magna Grecia in what is looking one of the best pieces of juvenile form in 2018 in the G3 Autumn S. at Newmarket in mid-October. Sent to Doncaster along with Magna Grecia for the Futurity, he battled gamely to finish just out of the frame but significantly had made up two lengths on his subsequent G1 2000 Guineas-winning stablemate in a fortnight.

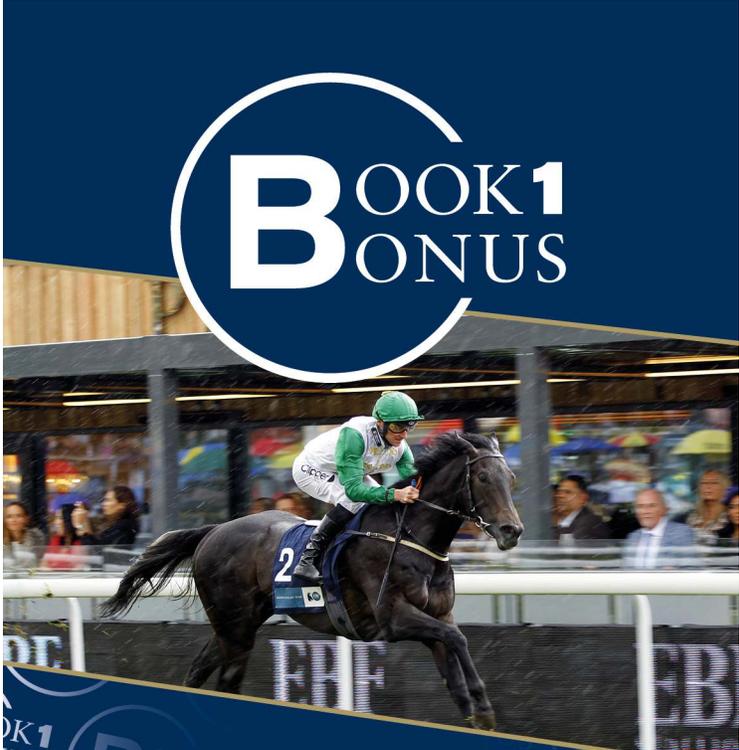
This display was notable for its tardiness in places, but studying of Ryan Moore's body language suggested he was always happy he had matters in hand. His spoken thoughts afterwards backed up that impression and Aidan O'Brien, who was winning this for an eighth time, confirmed that Circus Maximus is not one to exert himself.

"He's a relaxed horse and a little bit lazy, so it's nice for him to come somewhere where they have to have quick feet," the Ballydoyle maestro commented. "They have to jump and travel here and get a position and with the ground being on the slow side he had to stay as well. We left him in the Guineas until a late stage, but he needed to learn a bit and so the plan was to come here. Ryan said ideally he'd have preferred to have had a lead for longer. You'd have to be very happy with Mohawk as well. He travelled very well."

Andrew Balding said of Fox Chairman, who ran into traffic on the approach to the short straight but finished strongly when in the clear, "I think he's a high-class horse and he was a little bit unlucky, but I don't think the result would have been different. Silvestre [de Sousa] said he was slightly inconvenienced by the softer ground, it was a bit softer than he had to encounter at Newbury and he lost his pitch. He's learning and while I need to speak to the owners, I would have thought we'll wait and go for the [G3] Hampton Court at Royal Ascot. He's a lovely horse and going forward, he will make a lovely 4-year-old."

Pedigree Notes

Circus Maximus is the only foal out of Duntle, who is herself the leading performer for Lady Angola (Lord At War {Arg}). The latter is kin to the dam of the GI Turf Classic S.-winning sire Honor In War who was also by Lord At War, while the third dam Benguela (Little Current) is a half to four stakes winners. They are headed by the GI John Henry H.-winning sire Al Mamoon (Believe It) and the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup heroine La Gueriere, another product of Lord At War. **Cont. p3**



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She is in turn the dam of the GI Personal Ensign S. heroine Icon Project (Empire Maker) and the multiple graded-stakes scorer and GI Hollywood Derby runner-up Lasting Approval (With Approval).

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HOMESERVE DEE S.-Listed, £75,000, Chester, 5-9, 3yo, c/g, 10f 84yT, 2:16.51, g/s.

1--**CIRCUS MAXIMUS (IRE)**, 126, c, 3, by **Galileo (Ire)**

1st-Dam: **Duntle (Ire)** (MGSW & G1SP-Ire, GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$458,532),
 by **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Lady Angola**, by **Lord At War (Arg)**

3rd Dam: **Benguela**, by **Little Current**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £42,533. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 5-2-0-1, \$91,958.

2--**Mohawk (Ire)**, 131, c, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--Empowering (Ire), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor. £16,125.

3--**Fox Chairman (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--Starfish (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). (450,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT). O-King Power Racing Co Ltd. £8,070.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.25, 7.00, 2.00.

Also Ran: Living Legend (Ire), Dark Jedi (Ire), Allmankind (GB).

Scratched: Mohtarrif (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#)

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Murphy Not the Only 'Oisin' Making Waves Cont. from p1

He said, "The hardest part is getting the chance on these nice horses so I'm very grateful for that."

The 21-year-old Orr's career as a jockey began on the well-trodden pony racing path where he plied his trade alongside other up-and-coming jockeys like Ross Coakley and Rossa Ryan, and after riding 30 or so winners he made his way to former trainer Joanna Morgan at the tender age of 16 to begin the next stage in his education.

"Pony racing is a great grounding for a future jockey. Things can get pretty tight in pony races so you learn how to handle yourself in that respect and it was great practice," he said.

Orr was granted his jockey's license when he turned 17 and having moved to the Eddie Lynam yard he rode his first winner aboard Lynam's Balmont Blast (Ire) (Balmont) at Dundalk just over four years ago. Orr added another five wins to his tally that year but really built on that score when riding 21 winners in 2016. [Cont. p4](#)

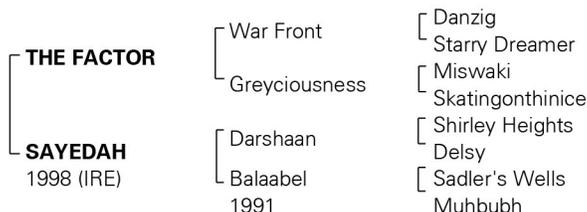
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THE FACTOR (2008), 6 wins at 2 to 4 years, **Malibu S.(Gr.1)**, **Pat O'Brien S.(Gr.1)**, **Rebel S.(Gr.2)**. Stud in 2013. Sire of **NOTED AND QUOTED**, **Chandelier S., Gr.1**, **BOUND FOR NOWHERE**, **MULTIPLIER**, **A DIFFERENT STYLE**, **FACTOROFWON**,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

1st 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.

Cuestion 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.

2nd 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.

3rd 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.**).

Atyab. Dam of **ATYEB** (**Caradoc Gold Cup Gr.3**), **MUSALEM**.
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Murphy Not the Only 'Oisin' Making Waves Cont.

Plenty of trainers were starting to take note of Orr's talent at this stage, Tony Martin being one such trainer and he enlisted his services for Quick Jack (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) in the 2016 Ebor H. at York. The pair finished third on that occasion behind Martin's other runner Heartbreak City (Fr) (Lando {Ger}) but would gain ample compensation when winning the €150,000 Petingo H. at Leopardstown a month later on Irish Champions Weekend.

"That was my first major winner and to get it on a big stage like Irish Champions Weekend was a great boost. A winner like that gives people confidence that you can deliver and it definitely helped me get more rides," Orr said.

Finishing off 2016 like that meant Orr was hot property in 2017 and his 29 winners came for 15 different trainers. Despite a small dip in winners in 2018 Orr struck up a fruitful relationship with the David Marnane-trained sprinter Alfredo Arcano (Ire), winning four times on the gelding, but perhaps a more career-defining winner came when Orr steered the Dermot Weld-trained Sorelle Delle Rose (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) to victory in a handicap at Gowran Park in May. That was Orr's first and only win for Weld last year and while he only rode sporadically for Weld for the remainder of the season Orr has been the recipient of increased support this year.

"I only had my first ride for Mr. Weld the middle of last year and then I started going in two days a week and it's been going great so far this year," Orr said.

The partnership have combined for five winners so far this

season including two at stakes level and Weld's faith in the young rider was initially demonstrated when he entrusted him with the mount on Juddmonte's Imaging in the Listed Heritage S. at Leopardstown Apr. 3 despite the rider being restricted from utilizing his 3lbs claim. Orr produced his mount with a well-timed challenge to grab the lead in the last furlong and no sooner had he landed his first stakes win, he then steered Weld and Moyglare Stud's Titanium Sky (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) to victory in the following race, forming part of a brilliant Weld four-timer.



Oisín Orr and Imaging winning the G3 Gladness S. | *Racing Post*

"Getting rides in stakes races is difficult and to get a chance like that was great and to win was even better. To win in those [Juddmonte] colours was also special. I grew up watching their horses winning all the big races and to get the opportunity to wear those colours and do something similar is a dream come true. To go and win the Group 3 then in Naas was brilliant. The ground was a bit quicker than ideal that day but he seemed to get away with it and hopefully he can keep

progressing and it is exciting to be involved with a horse like that," he said.

Orr hasn't let recent success detract from his work schedule and apart from his two days with Weld he spreads himself around as much as possible, maintaining links with those who have supported him since he started, as well as forging new relationships. He can be found in Richard O'Brien's yard in Limerick once a week and tries to do at least two days a week with Eddie Lynam and in between will ride work for anyone else he can.

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Murphy Not the Only 'Oisin' Making Waves Cont.

This correspondent was lucky to grab 20 minutes with Orr after he had ridden work for Francis Casey at Skryne Gallops in Meath. With Orr still claiming 3lbs he is bound to be in demand and the eight wins required for him to lose his claim should not be long in coming. Such talk inevitably leads to speculation over his chances of a second apprentice title and it is something that Orr is happy to speculate about.

"Hopefully it won't take me too long to lose my claim and I have the option of keeping my apprentice license until the end of the year. I will probably keep it as it increases the number of races I can ride in and I suppose it will give me a better chance of being champion again," he said.

Like every jockey with ambitions to make it among the upper echelons of their sport, international experience is a key ingredient in shaping a young rider into the finished article. To that end Orr enjoyed a stint in America the winter before last riding track work for another ex-pat done good.

"I went to work for Brendan Walsh in Florida, it was a great experience and I really enjoyed it. I learned plenty too and I'd like to go back again this year. I think it helped me in my riding also. I learned a lot about times which is something we don't really take into account over here so it was definitely a good experience."

In an environment that can be very tough both physically and mentally on young jockeys, Orr can count on plenty of advice and moral support from his older brother Conor, himself a very promising jump jockey who has posted a career-best this season by riding 17 winners. To his credit the younger Orr appears a very level-headed individual, a trait that should stand him in good stead and when asked what his objectives for the year and beyond were he simply said, "Just keep the head down and work hard and hopefully I'll keep getting the chance to ride nice horses in good races; that is the key to being successful, I think."

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MORANDO SPREADEAGLES ORMONDE

King Power Racing, Andrew Balding and Silvestre de Sousa have taken 2019 by storm and their combined form was symbolised by a romp rarely seen at Chester as **Morando (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) outclassed his rivals in Thursday's G3 Boodles Diamond Ormonde S. Always travelling with enthusiasm off the true gallop in third, the 3-1 second favourite moved effortlessly to the lead with three furlongs remaining as last year's G1 St Leger hero **Kew Gardens (Ire)** (Galileo Ire) got going from rear. What looked briefly as if it could be a tussle quickly turned into a drubbing as the late Vichai Srivaddhanapradha's Leicester City FC-influenced blue-and-white silks floated away up the straight. At the line, the grey—who was going beyond 10 furlongs for just the second time in his career and was going as far as this extended 13-furlong trip for the first time—had eight lengths to spare over Ballydoyle's 4-5 favourite.

"He loves the [soft] ground, which is a big help," Balding said. "He does nothing at home. Ormonde was trained at Kingsclere and Morando is stabled in the Ormonde yard, so it's nice."

Signing off a spell with Roger Varian with a second placing in the 9 1/2-furlong G3 Prix Andre Baboin at Bordeaux le Bouscat in October 2017, Morando—who had previously been kept at seven furlongs or a mile—was sent up again in distance by Balding and filled third spot in the G3 Gordon Richards S. over a mile and a quarter at Sandown last April. Unplaced in two starts on fast summer ground, he was back on soft when second in the Listed Doonside Cup also over that trip at Ayr in September before a tilt at a mile and a half saw him improve to dead-heat with Young Rascal (Fr) (Intello {Ger}) in Newbury's G3 St Simon S. in October.

Balding was pondering a future program for Morando, who has now won a qualifying race for the Weatherbys Hamilton Stayers' Million. [Cont. p6](#)

Morando well clear in the Ormonde | *Racing Post*

G3 Ormonde S. Cont.

“We’ll have to hunt around, as the ground is very important to him,” he added. “We didn’t particularly expect to beat the favourite, but he just relished the conditions and runs well fresh. He was new to me last year and we ran him on ground too fast for him twice and then we got the ground right. He found his feet and he stays well, which is the one thing we discovered and that has opened up some options. The [G2] Hardwicke is probably the obvious target, but we will be lucky to get the ground at Ascot, so we will talk to the owners and see what they want to do. There will be some options on the continent, maybe the [G2] Grand Prix de Deauville or something like that.”

Kew Gardens was dismounted after the line by Moore, but Aidan O’Brien was not concerned. “We were very happy with his run and he was just ready to start. Soft ground is not his thing,” he said. “They went a good gallop so it was a proper-run race and the winner is a good horse. It was just a case of getting a run into him to get him started, then if he is well we will think very hard about that [the May 31 G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom]. You would be very happy with the run. He is a good-ground horse and it has been a long time since he ran. He relaxed lovely and handled the track lovely.”

Pedigree Notes

Intriguingly, Morando’s pedigree has led connections astray with his dam Moranda (Fr) (Indian Rocket {GB}) a sprinting full-sister to the listed-winning speedball Matwan (Fr), who in turn produced the G3 Prix Djebel third Batwan (Fr) to a mating with Morando’s sire Kendargent. Moranda’s half-brother Myasun (Fr) (Panis) was also fast, winning the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise and G3 Prix de Meautry over six furlongs, while the family also features the G3 Prix Miesque scorer Lacarolina (Fr) (Charge d’Affaires {GB}) and the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches winner Silvermine (Fr) (Bellypha {Fr}). Her son was the G1 Prix Jean Prat hero Sillery (Blushing Groom {Fr}), so the sprinting-miling influence is very strong. Moranda also has a 2-year-old filly by Wootton Bassett (GB) named Speak of the Devil (Fr).

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Thursday, Chester, Britain

BOODLES DIAMOND ORMONDE S.-G3, £100,000, Chester, 5-9, 4yo/up, 13f 107yT, 3:00.66, sf.

1--**MORANDO (FR)**, 129, g, 6, by **Kendargent (Fr)**

1st Dam: Moranda (Fr), by Indian Rocket (GB)

2nd Dam: Spain, by Bering (GB)

3rd Dam: Sevilliana (GB), by General Holme

(€230,000 Ylg ‘14 ARAUG; 290,000gns 4yo ‘17 TATAHI). O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Andrew Balding; J-Silvestre de Sousa. £56,710. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 15-6-2-2, \$234,710. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Kew Gardens (Ire)**, 133, c, 4, **Galileo (Ire)**--Chelsea Rose (Ire), by Desert King (Ire). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. £21,500.

3--**Magic Circle (Ire)**, 126, g, 7, Makfi (GB)--Minkova (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells. (70,000gns 5yo ‘17 TATAHI). O-Dr Marwan Koukash; B-Mr & Mrs David Aykroyd (IRE); T-Ian Williams. £10,760.

Margins: 8, HF, 11. Odds: 3.00, 0.80, 6.00.

Also Ran: Dalgarno (Fr), Cypress Creek (Ire), Warnaq (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

ILANGA STARS IN THE TEXANITA



Ilanga | *Scoop Dyga*

Thursday’s G3 Prix Texanita at Maisons-Laffitte looked an open affair beforehand and so it proved as Didier Guillemin trainee **Ilanga (Fr)** (Penny’s Picnic {Ire}) led home a long-odds trifecta in the six-furlong dash. Outstripping a July 31 debut second at La Teste de Buch with an Aug. 28 graduation at Dax, she hit the board in Maisons-Laffitte’s Sept. 26 Listed Prix Saraca to close a three-race juvenile campaign. The bay came back to claim a Mar. 11 conditions score at Toulouse in her penultimate start and ran fifth in Chantilly’s Apr. 13 G3 Prix Sigy last time. Breaking sharply to claim an immediate lead here, the 36-1 outsider was shaken up passing the quarter-mile marker and driven out inside the final furlong to hold the late rush of 11-1 chance Milord’s Song (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) by 3/4-of-a-length for a career high. **Cont. p7**

Pedigree Notes

Ilanga is the second foal and lone star out of Listed Wettenleip Stutenpreis runner-up Molly Mara (Ger) (Big Shuffle) and she is full to a 2-year-old colt and half to a yearling filly by Exosphere (Aus). Her dam is a full-sister to GSW G2 German 2000 Guineas second Molly Max (Ger) and G3 Fahrhofer Stutenpreis victress Molly Art (Ger), who in turn produced the stakes-placed Molly Amour (Ger) (Ransom O'War). Another full sister to Molly Mara, the three-time winner Molly Maxima (Ger), produced stakes-winning G2 German 2000 Guineas placegetter Molly Le Clou (Ger) (Doyen {Ire}).

Thursday, Maisons-Laffitte, France

PRIX TEXANITA-G3, €80,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 5-9, 3yo, 6fT, 1:13.11, hy.

1--**ILANGA (FR)**, 122, f, 3, by Penny's Picnic (Ire)

1st Dam: Molly Mara (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Big Shuffle

2nd Dam: Molly Dancer (Ger), by Shareef Dancer

3rd Dam: Manitoba (Ger), by Surumu (Ger)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€25,000 RNA Ylg '17 AROCT; €9,000 RNA 2yo '18 OSAAPR). O/B-Zied Ben M'Rad (FR); T-Didier Guillemin; J-Alexandre Gavilan. €40,000.

Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, €83,600. **Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**



2--**Milord's Song (Fr)**, 126, c, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Secret Melody (Fr), by Inchinor (GB). (€110,000 Ylg '17 ARAUG). O/B-Mme Isabelle Corbani & SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR); T-Stephane Wattel. €16,000.

3--**Cigalera (Fr)**, 122, f, 3, Elusive City--Macarella (Ire), by Shamardal. O/B-Cuadra Mediterraneo (FR); T-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez. €12,000.

Margins: 3/4, 3, HD. Odds: 35.90, 11.00, 13.00.

Also Ran: Sexy Metro (Fr), We Go (Fr), Happy Odyssey (Ire), Sicilia (GB), Kenbaio (Fr), Poetry (GB), El Guancho (Fr). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

FRIDAY RACING PREVIEW

Chester's May meeting wraps up on Friday before Lingfield's Derby and Oaks Trial meeting the following day and the G2 Homeserve Huxley S. is the pattern-race feature alongside the prestigious Chester Cup H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's Apr. 19 Easter Classic winner **Matterhorn (Ire)** (Raven's Pass) switches back to turf for the 10-furlong Huxley and this is the acid test as to whether the 4-year-old can have a fruitful summer off the all-weather. With the recent rain, there is a doubt about whether he can shine when the grass is wet.

"I'm confident that he'll act on turf, but whether he'll act on what we'll get on Friday is a completely different kettle of fish," commented trainer Mark Johnston's son Charlie. "Hopefully we'll have a bit of fresh ground, which would be beneficial, but it doesn't take a lot of rain to get quite testing at Chester."



Addeybb lines up in the Huxley | Racing Post

Matterhorn slammed Wissahickon (Tapit) in the Easter Classic, taking his tally to seven-from-nine on all three artificial surfaces available in Britain, Polytrack, Tapeta and Fibresand. "Given he's shown such a high level of ability on the all-weather, translating that form to turf doesn't worry me too much but translating it to testing ground after three busy days is not what we wanted," the trainer's assistant added. "This was the obvious race after the all-weather campaign, though, as a stepping stone to the big summer targets. It was this or the Brigadier Gerard and this is worth much more money. The horse is in phenomenal order and we're just looking forward to getting him out again."

Cheshire's heavy precipitation has been welcomed by William Haggas, who finally gets to run Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Addeybb (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) on the ground he needs and had when successful in last year's G2 Sandown Mile. Withdrawn on several occasions subsequently, he had to resort to the Polytrack for an outing when third over this trip in the Listed Churchill S. in November.

"He's been desperate to run for so long that I'm just running him," he said. "I'm not sure this is the right race, although it doesn't look the strongest renewal. He needs to get out, he is getting bored as he's been on the go a long time so I hope he's fresh enough and fit enough, especially over this trip--which I think he wants."

After the marathon Sportpesa Chester Cup over an extended 18 furlongs, speedball **Kachy (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}) is back for the five-furlong White Oak UK Conditions S. he dominated in scintillating fashion 12 months ago. **Cont. p8**

Friday Previews Cont.

En route to the Royal Ascot sprints, the star of the local Tom Dascombe yard should provide his many fans with another rock-and-roll performance around the "Roodeye", while later in the evening Cork also stages a warm-up for the Royal meeting's speed tests in the Listed Goffs Irish EBF Polonia S. in which last year's G2 Queen Mary S. runner-up **Gossamer Wings** (Scat Daddy) makes her seasonal bow for Ballydoyle.

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BACK TO SPRINTING FOR LADY KAYA



Lady Kaya | *Racing Post*

G1 1000 Guineas second **Lady Kaya (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) will drop back to six furlongs for the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot, according to trainer Sheila Lavery. Lavery, however, is not ruling out going back up in trip at a later time.

"She is great," Lavery said. "She's amazing and if only they were all like her to train, she's unbelievable. She's just so easy and she drank and ate the whole way home. She hasn't left a nut. Obviously we haven't ridden her, but she's in great form.

"I think we'll go for the Commonwealth now. She'll have a little break now and then I think the Commonwealth is the next port of call. I think we could mix it up with her from a stiff six to a soft mile."

Lady Kaya is currently 14-1 for the Commonwealth Cup, with Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}) favoured at 6-4.

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FRENCH POINT-TO-POINT A SUCCESS



The French point-to-point | *Photo courtesy france-sire.com*

The second annual French point-to-point was held on May 4 at Chateau-Gontier and, despite unfavourable weather, attendance reached 8,000, up 50% from last year. Following the race card, the crowd stuck around for a concert performed by Nicolas Caullery, a Chantilly-based trainer who is also a singer.

One of the highlights of the card was expected to be Olympian Astier Nicolas, but after injuring his shoulder the day before he had to watch from the stands. His mount Quart de Roi nonetheless won his heat. Another popular victory on the day was recorded by Steven Caquineau aboard Fugue d'Oudairies.

The day also included a raffle of 2020 stallion seasons worth a total of €170,000. Breeder Andre Martin was one of 70 winners, and he took home a breeding to top young stallion Dabirsim (Fr) worth €15,000. There was also a demonstration of retrained racehorses in show jumping and horse ball.

The French point to point was organized last year by a group of trainers, owners, breeders and jockeys who wanted to stage an enjoyable day at the races. There is no betting on the point to points.

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Friday, May 10, 2019:

UNITED KINGDOM

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud
85 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
18:40-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, WAR STORM (GB)
60,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 65,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Fountain of Youth (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud
71 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
18:00-RIPON, 5f, THREE COINS (GB)
£25,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:00-ASCOT, 5f, BIRKIE QUEEN (Ire)
€1,000 RNA Goffs Open Yearling Sale 2018
17:20-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, GO WELL SPICY (Ire)
€25,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018
18:40-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, OCASIO CORTEZ (Ire)
€20,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018
17:20-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, SERAPHINITE (Ire)
30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
18:00-RIPON, 5f, NOSTALGIC AIR (GB)
5,000gns RNA 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
18:00-RIPON, 5f, PAPER STAR (GB)
£14,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018;
5,239gns RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot November Sale 2018

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
106 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
17:20-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, KNOW NO LIMITS (Ire)
€35,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

FRANCE

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-TARBES, 1100m, TANTRUM (Fr)
€20,000 RNA Arqana Deauville V2 Yearlings 2018



Hot Streak is looking for his first winner in France on Friday.

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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

2.00 Ascot, Mdn, £10,400, 2yo, f, 5fT

DIVINE SPIRIT (GB) (**Kingman** {GB}) was last month's 850,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up topper who debuts for Godolphin and Charlie Appleby. A half-sister to the G2 Gimcrack S. and G2 Mill Reef S. third Raucous (GB) (Dream Ahead), she is joined by the operation's debutante **Final Song (Ire)** (**Dark Angel** {Ire}), a Saeed bin Suroor-trained daughter of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Rahiyah (Rahy).

2.35 Ascot, Mdn, £15,000, 3yo, 11f 211yT

SWIFT WING (GB) (**Pivotal** {GB}) is the latest progeny out of Lady Bamford's Gull Wing (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}) and a full-brother to the high-class pair Eagle Top (GB) and Wings of Desire (GB) and also the G2 Park Hill S. scorer The Lark (GB). Like the former two, the April-foaled chestnut is trained by John Gosden as is George Strawbridge's similarly unraced **Kesia (Ire)** (**Australia** {GB}), a 300,000gns Tattersalls Foal Sale purchase who is a granddaughter of Juddmonte's classy Daring Miss (GB) (Sadler's Wells).

6.35 Cork, Mdn, €13,000, 3yo, f, 10f 10yT

SOUTH SEA PEARL (IRE) (**Galileo** {Ire}) debuts for Ballydoyle in what could be an informative maiden and is a 800,000gns Tattersalls October full-sister to the stable's dual G3 Curragh Cup winner Ernest Hemingway (Ire) and a half to the G3 Prix d'Aumale winner Toulifaut (Ire) (Frankel {GB}). **Cont. p10**

6.35 Cork Cont.

Moyglare Stud Farm have two Dermot Weld-trained newcomers engaged, with **Search For a Song (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})** particularly noteworthy as a half-sister to the G1 Prince of Wales's S. hero Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and the high-class Sapphire (Ire) (Medicean {GB}).

7.35 Cork, Mdn, €16,000, 3yo/up, c/g, 10f 10yT

UP HELLY AA (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) debuts in the Niarchos silks for the Willie McCreery stable that masterminded a G1 Matron S. success out of the dam Fiesolana (Ire) (Aussie Rules). He encounters two Ballydoyle representatives including George Strawbridge and Coolmore's **Fresno (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, a son of the breeder and part-owner's star mare Moonlight Cloud (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) who was wel-beaten on his sole start at The Curragh in August.

8.40 Wolverhampton, Mdn, £5,800, 3yo/up, 7f 36y (AWT)

BARAAJEEL (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) represents Shadwell and Owen Burrows who teamed up with his G2 Hungerford S.-winning and G1 2000 Guineas-placed half-brother Massaaf (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}). Also a half to last year's G1 Commonwealth Cup hero Eqtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), the homebred meets a potentially smart Saeed bin Suroor trainee in **Jalaad (GB) (Kodiac {GB})** who took a Doncaster maiden in style last month.

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BRITAIN



Thursday's Results:

5th-Chelmsford City, £20,000, Cond, 5-9, 4yo/up, 14f (AWT), 2:58.15, st.

WEEKENDER (GB) (g, 5, Frankel {GB})--Very Good News, by Empire Maker, who was disappointing when running too free and ending up sixth in last Wednesday's G3 Sagaro S. at Ascot, was in front after the first two furlongs bidding to repeat his success of 12 months ago in this. Travelling smoothly for the most part, last year's G1 Irish St Leger third was pressed by Danehill Kodiak (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in the straight but asserted in the last furlong to beat that rival by 1 1/4 lengths as the 8-13 favourite. A grandson of the incredible Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}), the winner shares that honour with the recent Listed Prix des Lilas scorer Obligate (GB) also by Frankel. The dam has the 2-year-old colt Classical Wave (GB) (Gleneagles {Ire}) and a yearling full-brother to Weekender. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Ire & GSP-Eng, 14-4-4-3, \$264,394. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.

1st-Chelmsford City, £7,649, Novice, 5-9, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:25.82, st.

DARING VENTURE (IRE) (f, 3, Dabirsim {Fr})--Glorious Adventure {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), restricted to just one outing so far when fourth in a seven-furlong novice contest at Newmarket in August, showed bright speed from her wide stall to roll to the front after a furlong. Pressurised on the home turn, the 5-4 market-leader had plenty in hand and stayed on powerfully to record a three-length success from Molivaliente (The Factor). The winner is the first foal out of an unraced daughter of the G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial runner-up Nell Gwyn (Ire) (Danehill), who is a full-sister to none other than the celebrated Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Also connected to the G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Intricately (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and the high-class Japanese runner Fiero (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), she has a 2-year-old colt by Zebedee (GB) named Racing Glory (Ire) and a filly foal by Dabirsim (Fr). Sales history: €190,000 Ylg '17 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$6,937. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

5th-Chester, £19,000, Mdn, 5-9, 2yo, 5f 15yT, 1:05.18, sf.

FULL AUTHORITY (IRE) (c, 2, Kingman {GB})--Ashley Hall, by Maria's Mon, sent off the 11-4 favourite, was sharply away from his favourable low draw to lead. Finding plenty when asked for more a furlong from home, the bay surged through the testing ground to score by six lengths from It's Been Noted (GB) (Heeraat {Ire}). "His work at home has been good--if we had any concern it was the soft ground first time out, but it was the same for them all and we had a good draw so we were happy to take our chance," trainer David O'Meara said. "The owner loves Royal Ascot and if the horse is fit and well we will take our chance in one of the races." The winner is a half-brother to Ballydoyle's Listed Windsor Castle S. third Pedestal (Ire) by Kingman's sire Invincible Spirit (Ire). The dam, who also has a yearling filly by that sire, is a half to the GI Toyota Blue Grass S.-winning sire Bandini (Fusaichi Pegasus) and G3 Sweet Solera S. scorer Discourse (Street Cry {Ire}). This is also the family of the GI Ashland S. scorer Out For a Spin (Hard Spun) and sire Stormy Atlantic (Storm Cat). Sales history: 115,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,385. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabab; B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-David O'Meara.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Freerolling (GB), g, 4, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Overtaken (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). Chelmsford City, 5-9, 10f (AWT), 2:06.07. B-Whetton Manor Stud (GB). *1/2 to Chinese Art (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), SW-Mac, \$122,666.

IRELAND



Friday, Cork, post time: 8.35 p.m.

GOFFS IRISH EBF POLONIA S.-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Angelic Light (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Roche	O'Callaghan
2	5	Bailly (GB)	Charm Spirit (Ire)	Keane	Lyons
3	2	Cava (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	D O'Brien	J O'Brien
4	4	Chestnut Express (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Hayes	Bunyan
5	13	Chicago May (Ire)	Charm Spirit (Ire)	O'Connor	Lyons
6	6	Fantasy (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Lordan	A O'Brien
7	9	Forever In Dreams (Ire)	Dream Ahead	R Whelan	Fogarty
8	1	Gossamer Wings	Scat Daddy	Heffernan	A O'Brien
9	11	Lethal Promise (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	W Lee	McCreery
10	12	Nitro Boost (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Orr	McCreery
11	14	Rainbow Moonstone (Ire)	Hly Rmn Emperor (Ire)	McDonogh	J O'Brien
12	7	Servalan (Ire)	No Nay Never	Foley	Harrington
13	10	Shumookhi (Ire)	Society Rock (Ire)	Carroll	Watson
14	8	Zodiacus (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Maxwell	McCourt

All carry 126 pounds.

FRANCE



Thursday's Results:

5th-Maisons-Laffitte, €25,000, Mdn, 5-9, unraced 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:45.17, hy.

PROTEGE (IRE) (c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Airwave {GB}) {Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eng, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 5-7f, G1SW-Eng & GSW-Ire, \$672,977}, by Air Express {Ire}) was niggled at to find the bit and settled third after the early strides of this debut. Under pressure with three furlongs remaining, the 7-5 favourite kept finding to challenge entering the final eighth and was driven out to prevail by a neck from Yssingeaux (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr}). One of six scorers for G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Airwave (GB) (Air Express {Ire}), he is a full-brother to G3 Denny Cordell Lavarack & Lanwades Stud Fillies S. victress Aloof (Ire), Listed Grand



The regally bred Protege | Scoop Dyga

Prix Anjou Bretagne winner Orator (Ire) and the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Keats (Ire). He is also a half to stakes-winning G2 Queen Mary S. runner-up Meow (Ire) (Storm Cat), herself the dam of MG1SW sire Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and G1 Cheveley Park S. victress Clemmie (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Liberty Bloodstock (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

4th-Maisons-Laffitte, €25,000, Mdn, 5-9, unraced 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:46.84, hy.

BOWLED OVER (IRE) (f, 3, Kingman {GB}--Spin {Ire}) {GSP-Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) was slick from the gates and led at a steady tempo against the stands' side rail through halfway in this debut.

Rowed along approaching the two pole, the 19-5 second favourite was safely clear entering the final eighth and kept on strongly under minimal coaxing in the closing stages to comfortably account for Sabi River (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by 1 1/4 lengths. She is the fourth foal and first runner for G3 Blue Wind S. runner-up Spin (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the homebred bay is full to a yearling colt. Spin is herself kin to six black-type performers, headed by G3 Kiltarnan S. victor Hearthstead

Maison (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) and stakes-winning G1 Premio Lydia Tesio runner-up Rave Reviews (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), and she is out of a half-sister to G1SW sire Groom Dancer (Blushing Groom {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Al Shaqab Racing (IRE); T-F Graffard.

7th-Maisons-Laffitte, €25,000, Mdn, 5-9, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:27.66, hy.

WASMYA (FR) (f, 3, Toronado {Ire}--Lamorlaye {Ire}), by Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who ran fifth in her Apr. 24 debut going one mile at Chantilly last time, was swiftly into stride and found a modicum of cover tracking the pace in second after the opening exchanges of this one. Angling towards the stands' side fence approaching the final quarter mile, the 7-2 chance was sent to the front with 300 metres remaining and pushed out to assert by a geared-down three lengths from Zazen (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). She is the second foal and winner out of Lamorlaye (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and the homebred chestnut is kin to last term's G3 Prix Imprudence third Talbah (GB) (Style Vendome {Fr}), a yearling filly by Olympic Glory (Ire) and a 2019 colt by Toronado (Ire). Her second dam Love To Dance (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who hit the board in the G2 Blandford S., is a half-sister to top-level scorers Dylan Thomas (Ire) (Danehill), Queen's Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge) and Homecoming Queen (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €13,750. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Al Shaqab Racing (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.



Bowled Over, out of a GSP mare, captured the fourth at Maisons-Laffitte on Thursday. | *Scoop Dyga*

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Madeleine Must (Fr), f, 3, **Motivator (GB)**--Danny's Choice (GB), by Compton Place (GB). Le Lion d'Angers, 5-9, 7fT, 1:28.09. B-Guy Heald (FR). *€1,500 RNA Wlg '16 ARQDEC.

Kiloecho (Fr), c, 3, **Whipper**--Ammia (Ire), by Medicean (GB). Maisons-Laffitte, 5-9, 7fT, 1:28.16. B-Jean-Vincent Toux & Mme Florence Lecot (FR). *1/2 to Teckwin (Fr) (French Fifteen {Fr}), SW-Fr, \$258,919.

(Galileo {Ire}), who was given a rating of 122 for his victory in the G1 Prix Ganay.

Last weekend's GI Kentucky Derby card turned up some notable performances. **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) is at 120 after crossing the line first in the Derby, while sharing the same mark are **McKinzie** (Street Sense), winner of the GIII Alysheba S. the previous day, and **Mitole** (Eskendereya), the 3 1/2-length winner of the GI Churchill Downs S.

Others that share that mark of 120 include **Hartnell (GB)** (Authorized {GB}) and **Magical (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}).

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

BEAUTY GENERATION JOINT WORLD'S BEST

Last out G1 Champions Mile winner **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road To Rock {Aus}) is tied with **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) and **City of Light** (Quality Road)--both now retired--atop the Longines World's Best Racehorse rankings with a mark of 125.

Two big movers in the latest release of the rankings are **Santa Ana Lane (Aus)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), whose win in the G1 TJ Smith S. elevated him to a mark of 124, and **Waldgeist (GB)**

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	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo
June 1	Naruo Kinen (G3)	Hanshin

Friday, Chester, Britain, post time: 2.25 p.m.

HOMESERVE HUXLEY S.-G2, £125,000, 4yo/up, 10f 70yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Addeybb (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	J Doyle	Haggas	127
2	2	Chief Ironside (GB)	Lawman (Fr)	J Watson	W Jarvis	127
3	3	Forest Ranger (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Hamilton	Fahey	127
4	6	Gabrial (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hanagan	Fahey	127
5	1	Matterhorn (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Fanning	Johnston	127
6	4	Success Days (Ire)	Jeremy	Moore	Condon	127

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EMIRATES PARK HAS INVESTEC OAKS CONTENDER



Mehdaayih | *Racing Post*

by Bren O'Brien

As Emirates Park looks to build its global footprint, it has unearthed a leading contender for the G1 Investec Oaks in the Frankel (GB) filly **Mehdaayih (GB)**, who romped to a 4 1/2 lengths win in the Listed Cheshire Oaks at Chester on Wednesday. His Excellency Nasser Lootah re-entered the buying market in Europe in 2016 after a 20-year hiatus with plans to build a small and elite broodmare band to be managed through Adrian O'Brien at Hazelwood Bloodstock in Newmarket. Among them is G1 Golden Slipper winner Mossfun (Mossman), who was sent there two years ago and has produced a colt and a filly by Frankel in the past two years.

Emirates Park purchased the Rabbah Bloodstock-bred Mehdaayih (Frankel {GB}) as a weanling and under the guidance of champion trainer John Gosden she had three starts as a 2-year-old, winning at her third appearance at Great Yarmouth last October. At her first 3-year-old start, she thrashed her only rival in a fillies' handicap at Chelmsford by 14 lengths before stepping up to stakes company at Chester in one of the traditional Classic trials.

"She was a filly that the boss acquired as a weanling," Emirates Park's General Manager Bryan Carlson told *TDN AusNZ*. "She had a few starts and she's really stepped up to the plate. Last

start, she was only in a two-horse race, but she won very impressively. We thought she'd run a good race last night, but she turned up better than we thought."

'Better than we thought' is one way to describe the stunning victory from Mehdaayih, having been sat just off the pace before being unleashed by jockey Robert Havlin at the top of the straight powering her way into second favouritism for the Investec Oaks on May 31.

"She didn't jump that well, but she got a good position through the centre part of the race and had it quite easy and then she showed a great turn of foot. In the end it was a soft win and it shows that there is still plenty more in the tank," Carlson said. "Talking to John Gosden last night, if she pulls up well the next couple of days, we will probably supplement her for the Oaks."

A shot with a leading contender in one of the Classics would be a big deal for Emirates Park's plans in Europe.

"I think it's a big thing. Nasser Lootah, the founder of Emirates Park, his aim is to race at the top, especially in Europe and to have those top-class fillies, it has a big impact for us," he said.

Dam Suddenly in Big Demand

It's also big impact for Victorian-based Rosemont Stud, who purchased Mehdaayih's dam, Sayyedati Symphony (USA) (Gone West {USA}) for just €8,000 at the Goffs November Breeding Stock Sale in Ireland last year. Rosemont Stud's Anthony Mithen confirmed to RSN that he had already been in contact with studs in the UK and Ireland, who were looking to buy Sayyedati Symphony who recently arrived in Australia. **Cont. p2**



Shamus Award | *Rosemont*



Tideflow | *Inglis*

Emirates Park Oaks Contender Cont. from p1

"She was a strong candidate to go to Shamus Award and breed another classic horse," Mithen said. "I've already had offers from UK agents, looking to get her back to there."

Carlson said it was a great buy for Rosemont, especially given Sayyedati Symphony is herself out of the champion mare Sayyedati (GB) (Shadeed {USA}), who was a five-time Group 1 winner in the UK, Ireland and France.

"I spoke to Mitho after her last win and found out she was here. It's a very good family. She's a granddaughter of a great racehorse called Sayyadati, and it's a good pick up for them," Carlson said.

In time, Mehdaayih looks an ideal candidate to join the select Emirates Park Northern Hemisphere broodmare band of around eight at Hazelwood Bloodstock.

New Acquisition Back on the Plane

Also set to join that group is an imported mare that Emirates Park purchased at the recent Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale, **Tideflow (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), for A\$160,000. She is an unraced daughter of River Street (GB) (Machiavellian {USA}), a full sister to Street Cry (Ire), which is also the family of Shamardal (USA) and a host of other Group 1 winners.

"She's is very well-related and she will more than likely go back to Europe. We've got seven or eight broodmares back there and she'll more than likely join that group," Carlson said. "We've got some lovely foals on the ground up there that will race this year as well. We won't race big numbers up there, but they will be quality."

Refreshing the Band

Back in Australia, Emirates Park will offer 15 broodmares at the upcoming Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale as part of its annual reduction in anticipation of new arrivals from retired racing stock.

"Over the next few years, we'll look to increase the quality of those mares we sell," he said. "That's the state of our broodmare band at the moment, we've got some good fillies coming off the track. Estijaab (Snitzel) will probably go to stud this year along with Shumookh (Dream Ahead {USA}) and a few other black-type fillies."

Carlson said Emirates Park will only be involved as a buyer on the Gold Coast for the right mare, while it is also offering 10 of last year's foals at the National Weanling Sale which kicks off the sales series on May 22. On the track, Emirates Park has a couple of runners engaged in stakes races this weekend, including **Tell Me** (Choisir) in the race it sponsors, the Listed Emirates Park Denise's Joy S. at Scone on Saturday.

"It was a coincidence that she ended up in that race. She is placed right and we happen to be the sponsor," Carlson said. "She's a tough filly, she tries her hardest and I think she's a good chance on Saturday."

The Emirates Park bred and part-owned **Vega One** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) contests the Listed Suez Queensland Day S. at Doomben on Saturday.

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