

NYRA IS HOPING TO RACE IN SARATOGA: HERE'S WHY



Fans line up at Saratoga's 1863 Club, which was opened last year
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by Bill Finley

If racing is allowed to resume by July 16, the New York Racing Association plans to run this summer in Saratoga, with or without fans being allowed in the stands, NYRA Senior Vice President of Racing Martin Panza told the *TDN*.

The likelihood that the meet will be held spectator-free raises the question as to whether or not it would be more practical to keep the New York racing community in place and race during the summer at Belmont and Aqueduct. While that might be easier, Panza said Saratoga routinely handles far more than the two downstate tracks and NYRA needs that extra revenue to maintain its purses. Panza estimated that purses would be anywhere from 25 to 40% lower at a Belmont summer meet when compared to a Saratoga meet.

"We lose quite a bit of money at Aqueduct, and at Belmont, we make a little bit of money. Saratoga pays for the rest of the year," Panza said. "When we look at it from a horseman's standpoint, Saratoga, because of the handle, has much better purses than what they are when we race at Belmont or Aqueduct. When you go through a period like the one we are going through right now with the virus, with a lot of people not being able to run and with a lot of racetracks not being able to run, for the industry as a whole, it's very important over the next six months to try to present the best possible scenarios for owners and trainers. That means, 'how do we make as much purse money as possible available?'" **Cont. p3**



QUALITY ROAD COLT GRITTY AT GP

St Elias Stable's lightly raced **Dr Post** (Quality Road) stamped himself as a sophomore to watch Saturday after securing a first stakes score despite a tough trip in Gulfstream's Unbridled S. Fourth at 1-2 odds at Belmont way back in July of 2019 behind subsequent GSW/GISP Green Light Go (Hard Spun) and SW/GSP Another Miracle (American Pharoah), the \$400,000 Keeneland September yearling resurfaced to score here Mar. 29 while earning a strong Beyer Speed Figure of 94. He was backed down to even-money favoritism this time over GIII Gotham S. third **Attachment Rate** (Hard Spun), and asserted his superiority over that rival despite some race riding by that one's pilot. Away alertly to chase between foes into the first turn, the Todd Pletcher pupil soon found himself in a bit tight and was shuffled back entering the backside with only Attachment Rate behind him. He was scrubbed along down the backside to keep pace after Attachment Rate joined him three deep with another foe at the fence. **Cont. p6**

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A pair of promising colts threw it down in the Bachelor S., while pricey auction buy Mia Mischief (Into Mischief) stayed perfect in 2020 in the Carousel S.

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Running meets without fans in the stand makes it hard to predict handle numbers, but Panza said fans will bet more on a spectator-free Saratoga meet than they would on spectator-free meets at Belmont or Aqueduct. The racing and the makeup of the fields would be virtually the same, but the other two tracks cannot compete with the Saratoga brand.

"This is going to be a difficult year for most racetracks in the country," he said. "It's important to help the economy of racing get back on track. Even if we can't have fans at the track, the handle for a Saturday at Saratoga will be close to double what we would handle if the races were held at Belmont and certainly a lot more than what we would handle at Aqueduct. Being up there will allow us to handle a lot more money on our races and that means much larger purses."

Panza said that the average amount bet per starter at Aqueduct is \$90,000 and \$140,000 at Belmont. At Saratoga, the figure is \$230,000.

NYRA's purse account has also been affected by the closure of the Resorts World casino at Aqueduct. Panza said 35 to 40% of the money for purses comes from the casino, another reason why NYRA is cognizant of the need to keep purse levels intact. The racetracks are expected to be able to re-open sooner than the casinos.

The problem with purses is not just a NYRA issue, Panza maintains.

"There has been one 2-year-old sale this year, so there are a bunch of 2-year-olds that haven't been sold," he said. "The Keeneland sale, where they normally sell 4,000 yearlings, is coming up and there's also Fasig-Tipton's sale. Our board and our racing committee at NYRA are looking beyond what's best for New York racing, but the industry as a whole. We really have to come out and try to hold our purses at levels that are acceptable just to keep the industry afloat. Running at Saratoga allows us to do that."

The other issue with racing downstate is the condition of the turf courses. If Belmont opens soon and if racing were to stay there throughout the fall, the turf courses would be needed for five consecutive months or so.

"If we were to stay downstate, we're not going to be able to stay at Belmont the entire time," Panza said. "At some point we would have to pivot over to Aqueduct because we just wouldn't be able to race the whole time on the turf at Belmont from June 1 to Nov. 1. That would be too much of an ask. And if we go over to Aqueduct for a month, we would handle even less there than we would at Belmont, which means even lower purses."

Of course, none of this matters if NYRA isn't cleared to begin racing at Saratoga for a meet that runs from July 16 through Sept. 7. There may also be some objections from politicians who are concerned that there could be unforeseen problems involved with moving 1,000-plus people at once and inserting them into



Fans queue up Travers morning: it is doubtful we will see scenes like this at Saratoga this year
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a new community. Looking to open up not just at Saratoga but for the spring meet at Belmont, NYRA has submitted a 19-page document to the governor's office and to the New York Gaming Commission. The contents of the document include all the steps NYRA is taking to take to keep backstretch personnel and employees safe.

"We are going to follow whatever the governor tells us to do," Panza said. "We just turned in this document which goes over the protocols we have in place as we are looking to re-open Belmont. Obviously, if we go to Saratoga, those protocols will be followed to the letter. Those protocols are pretty extensive. If given the opportunity to race, we're going to be extremely careful. There has been a lot of thought going into how we open and how we do it in the safest possible manner. With our protocols, I feel more comfortable going into our backstretch area than I feel going into the supermarket right now."

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Dr Post (Quality Road) stamps himself as a 3-year-old to watch in Gulfstream's Unbridled S.

'MIA' MUCH THE BEST AFTER BELLAFINA STUMBLES



Mia Mischief | Coady

Mia Mischief (Into Mischief), purchased by Barbara Banke's Stonestreet Stable for \$2.4 million at Fasig-Tipton November last fall, stayed unbeaten in the gold and burgundy after a convincing performance in her return to stakes company Saturday in Oaklawn's Carousel S. The 2018 GII Eight Belles S. winner and 2019 GI Humana Distaff S. heroine took two more stakes last season including, a five-length romp in the Dream Supreme S. at Churchill for Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt, Heider Family Stables and Madaket Stables just days before garnering the fourth-highest price in Lexington. Remaining in the Steve Asmussen barn, the '**TDN Rising Star**' kicked off her season with a clear-cut optional claiming tally over track and trip Mar. 20.

Saturday, Oaklawn Park

CAROUSEL S., \$125,000, Oaklawn, 4-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.57, ft.

1--**MIA MISCHIEF**, 122, m, 5, **Into Mischief**--Greer Lynn, by Speightstown. '**TDN Rising Star**' (\$135,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '17 FTFMAR; \$2,400,000 4yo '19 FTKNOV). O-Stonestreet Stable LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Ricardo Santana, Jr. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 21-10-6-1, \$1,215,234.

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2--**Amy's Challenge**, 117, m, 5, Artie Schiller--Jump Up, by Jump Start. (\$20,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT). O-Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.; B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-McLean Robertson. \$25,000.

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3--**Lady Suebee**, 117, m, 5, First Defence--Freeroll, by Touch Gold. (\$85,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$230,000 3yo '18 KEENOV).



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Margins: 4HF, 3 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.50, 6.40, 45.80.
Also Ran: Bellafina, Sunny Dale, Classy Act, Midnight Fantasy, What a Fox. Click for the [Equibase.com chart or VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Drawn out in the clear in stall eight, the bay's chances immediately improved when favorite **Bellafina** (Quality Road) broke a step slowly from the rail. **Mia Mischief** sat perched off of pacesetting **Amy's Challenge** (Artie Schiller) through splits of :21.91 and :45.21, and ranged up to challenge for command as **Bellafina** faded after making a big sweeping move. **Mia Mischief** took over easily in midstretch, and pulled away from there to notch her fourth career victory (and sixth top two finish from as many tries) in Hot Springs.

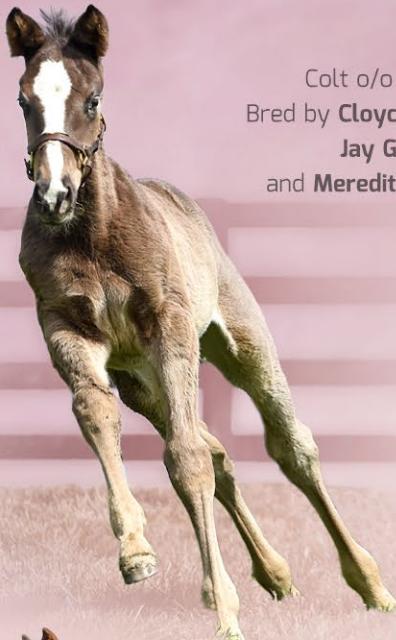
The winner's dam, who is a half-sister to GSWs Sing Baby Sing (Unbridled's Song) and Roll Hennessy Roll (Hennessy) and MGISP (Unbridled's Song), sold for \$700,000 at FTKNOV '19 herself in foal to War Front. She produced a full-sister to **Mia Mischief** in 2018 and a filly by **Into Mischief**'s son Goldencents in 2019.

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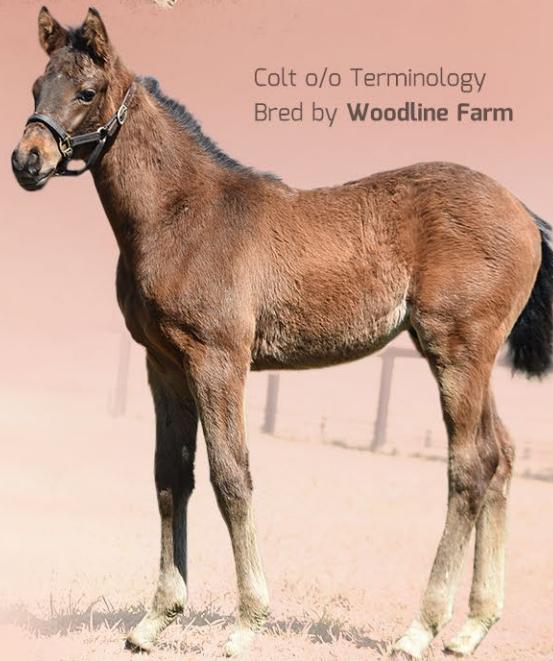
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Long Weekend (inside) & Echo Town throw it down in the Bachelor | Coady

Long Weekend (Majesticperfection) just got his head down on the line to gamely defeat '**TDN Rising Star**' **Echo Town** (Speightstown) in Saturday's \$100,000 Bachelor S. at Oaklawn Park in a race that didn't deserve a loser.

Last term's GI American Pharoah S. winner '**TDN Rising Star**' **Eight Rings** (Empire Maker), off since a well-beaten sixth-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, faded to fifth as the 4-5 favorite.

Drawn widest of all in post six, Long Weekend shot out to the front and was greeted immediately by Echo Town with Eight Rings placed in a tracking third as they sped through an opening quarter in :21.82. Those three lined up as they hit the top of the stretch and the stage was set. Eight Rings didn't go on as they straightened, but the top two were more than willing to put on a show. Long Weekend kept on fighting from along the rail down the lane, and refused to back down in an absolute thriller.

Saturday, Oaklawn Park

BACHELOR S., \$100,000, Oaklawn, 4-25, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.63, ft.

1--LONG WEEKEND, 119, c, 3, by Majesticperfection

1st Dam: Liza Too (SP, \$116,448), by Olmodavor

2nd Dam: Seeking the Silver, by Grindstone

3rd Dam: Apache Pines, by Pancho Villa

(\$225,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-BCWT Ltd; B-Woodford

Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Thomas M Amoss; J-Joseph Talamo. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$193,928.

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2--Echo Town, 119, c, 3, Speightstown--Letgomyecho, by Menifee. (\$100,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). '**TDN Rising Star**'

O-L and N Racing LLC; B-Betz, J Betz, Burns, CHNNHK

Thoroughbreds, Magers, CoCo Equine & R (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen. \$20,000.

3--Lykan, 119, c, 3, Congrats--Up to Speed, by Papa Clem.

(\$6,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$15,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN). O-Muddy Waters Stables LLC & Ingrid Mason; B-Richard Holder (KY); T-Ingrid Mason. \$10,000.

Margins: HD, 5, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.10, 3.20, 36.10.

Also Ran: Little Menace, Eight Rings, Sir Rick. Scratched: Beau Oxy, Ginobili, Liam's Pride. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

A 'runaway' debut winner at Churchill Downs with the riderless subsequent graded winner Dennis' Moment (Tiznow) shadowing him down the stretch after losing his pilot at the start last June, Long Weekend was given the rest of his 2-year-old season off following a head-scratching distant sixth in the GI Saratoga Special S. Aug. 10. The bay entered the Bachelor with two very impressive victories at three, led by a career-best 95 Beyer Speed Figure in his last out win in this track's Gazebo S. Mar. 21.

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Bachelor S. cont.

Long Weekend, a :20 3/5 breezer out of last year's OBS April sale, is out of a stakes-placed half-sister to Grade I-winning sprinters Paulassilverlining (Ghostzapper) and Dads Caps (Discreet Cat). Dam Liza Too is also responsible for the 2-year-old colt Flying With Angels (Ghostzapper) (\$500,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase by West Point, et al) and a yearling filly by More Than Ready. She was bred to Ghostzapper for the 2020 season.

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park

UNBRIDLED S., \$75,000, Gulfstream, 4-25, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43.07, ft.

1--DR POST, 118, c, 3, by Quality Road

1st Dam: Mary Delaney (GSW-USA, GSP-Can, \$305,879), by Hennessy

2nd Dam: Crafty Emerald, by Crafty Prospector

3rd Dam: Social Rage, by Seattle Slew

(\$200,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$400,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP).
1ST BLACK -TYPE WIN. O-St. Elias Stable; B-Cloyce C Clark (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$46,035. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$76,635.



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2--Attachment Rate, 118, c, 3, **Hard Spun**--Aristra, by Afleet Alex. (\$100,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Jim Bakke and Gerald Isbister; B-C. Oliver Iselin (VA); T-Dale L. Romans. \$14,850.

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3--Americanus, 118, c, 3, **War Front**--Sapphiresndiamonds, by Mineshaft. (\$230,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$345,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-Courtlandt Farms (Donald and Donna Adam); B-Courtlandt Farm (KY); T-Mark A. Hennig. \$7,425.



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



Margins: 1HF, 1 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.10, 2.10, 14.10.

Also Ran: Necker Island, Relentless Dancer, Soros. Scratched: South Bend. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Steadied into the home bend after a :47.47 half, Dr Post seemed to be going up and down as Irad Ortiz, Jr. implored him for more, but he continued to grind away three deep into the lane as Luis Saez on Attachment Rate to his outside kept them pinned in. Pacesetting **Americanus** (War Front) drifted out slightly while bracing for a challenge from the two chalks in upper stretch, but Dr Post leveled off late and glided away from a green Attachment Rate by 1 1/2 lengths. Americanus held third.

"He got through between horses and when he finally got through he just took off," Ortiz said. "He's still such a young horse. I think when he grows up a little bit in his mind, it will help him a little bit more. But he did everything right. I can't complain."

Pletcher added, "I was concerned that we were going from a seven-furlong maiden to a solid field of experienced racehorses. I was concerned that I was throwing too much at him in just his second start of the year. But he trained so impressively--his last two breezes were so good. We had the option of taking him to Oaklawn for an allowance race, but I said, 'we're here and the horse is doing well, let's take a calculated risk.' I thought for a lightly horse to respond that way and overcome some traffic, it was impressive. He got the win and got a good education. He showed a lot of talent and backed it up again today."

Of what might be next, he said, "Like everyone else, we'll wait and see what options we have. Hopefully, we'll find out some news from New York when they're thinking about reopening hopefully this week. By the time he's ready to run we'll have a better idea what our options are, but I was very, very encouraged by that."



Dr Post | Lauren King

Dr Post is the 42nd stakes winner for his sire, and is bred on the same cross as GISW Hootenanny. His dam took the 2007 GII Vinery Madison S. over the Keeneland Polytrack. Dr Post's now 2-year-old half-sister by Super Saver was just a \$3,500 KEESEP yearling and he has a yearling half-sister by Quality Road's GISW son Klimt.

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BACKSIDE LEARNING CENTER WORKING OVERTIME FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T WORK



BLC staff and volunteers with food deliveries

Backside Learning Center

by Katie Ritz

For the team at the Backside Learning Center at Churchill Downs, this is normally their favorite time of year. Backstretch workers return home from working in warmer locations over the winter, families are reunited, and there's a general sense of community *and* solidarity. The Kentucky Derby is just a few weeks away and fundraising is in overdrive.

But this year looks quite different. For starters, there is a much smaller community to serve. While the Backside Learning Center normally serves about 1,000 workers this time of year along with their families, now there are only 200 to 250 community members in town since most workers have not yet made the trip north. The Churchill Downs stabling area was originally supposed to reopen on Mar. 17, but that date has now been pushed back several times to no earlier than May 5.

For the backstretch community that still remains in Louisville, the need is greater than ever. Those who did not travel south for the winter--mostly families--planned to start working again in March and are now unemployed. Some who did work elsewhere this winter have made the trip home only to have the opening date changed once they arrived. With no means of transportation, they are stuck in Louisville with no income.

The Backside Learning Center is doing everything in its ability to meet the needs of these people. The organization opened its doors in 2004 and has grown immensely in just a short time. What started as a means for teaching English to the backstretch community now provides not only English classes, but also individual tutoring for citizenship test preparation, GED preparation, and technology education. They also conduct art and music programs, as well as bike workshops. Since 2014, they have placed a focus on youth and family service programs,

holding after-school and summer youth sessions as a part of their Front Runners Program.

Executive Director Sherry Stanley and Gretchen Hunt, the organization's Director of Development, have been in high gear ever since they realized the huge needs of their families during this difficult time.

"This is all so hard for everyone," said Hunt. "But if you're separated from your loved ones, you've lost your place of work, you don't have a broader network to seek another job, you don't have transportation, and you may not understand the complex medical information that's all in English, and it can be terrifying. So our role has become really big."

The first thing the team did was to expand their distance-learning program through DuoLingo. The online program facilitates English lessons in short increments.

"When people are here, they can be active in classes," said Stanley. "But when they go south for the winter, there are very few opportunities available to take English classes. So we're really trying to ramp up this program so people don't lose ground while we can't be working together."



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But the team soon realized that there were more immediate needs that needed to be met as people waited for the track to reopen. They began running food distributions for members of the community without jobs. They partnered with Dare to Care and Restaurant Depot, two organizations that serve to connect the population with organizations by moving unused food from restaurants and food suppliers to people who need it.

Fresh fruits and vegetables were packaged into boxes, and donations of dry goods and non-perishables were added as well. Volunteers traveled throughout Louisville to make home deliveries.

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"We started out serving 23 families three weeks ago," said Stanley. "But as needs grew and more people found out what we are doing, we are now up to about 100 households."

Stanley also noted that diapers have become an essential item, as there are shortages throughout the city.

"Since many people lack transportation, if there's a shortage at their store, they can't get a hold of them," she said. "We've had a lot of volunteers ordering diapers on Amazon and working to distribute them."

Stanley's team has also been busy helping students adapt to the non-traditional virtual instruction happening through the Jefferson County school system.

"Very few of our clients have home Internet, so it's really exposing the gulf that exists between kids who have access to online resources and those who don't," said Stanley.

While Spectrum has announced that they would offer 60 days of free Internet, Stanley said that gaining access has not been as clear-cut as advertised and that they've encountered many different complications.

Many children are also lacking devices to learn from, so the Backside Learning Center has been running social media drives asking for donated devices and tablets.

"We had a volunteer make up his own flyers and distribute them throughout his neighborhood to try to collect devices," said Hunt. "People are really responding even though everyone is going through a hard time."

Hunt and Stanley said they hope that by next week they can have most of their children engaged in school. For now, they are adding books and "pencil and paper" homework packets to the food boxes.

Volunteers have been encouraged to reach out to their students even though they can't meet in person.



Backside children receive food and school boxes | BLC



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"We're asking our volunteers to send in short video clips that we can send to our students and let them know we miss them," said Stanley. "We also asked volunteers to write handwritten notes for the kids they teach, to let them know that we hope they're well and that we can't wait to see them. We had a huge outpouring of over 50 cards and we have even more coming in. So it's really touching to see those distributed to our families."

Last month Stanley shared a [video of encouragement](#) via Facebook to all the members of their community that they can't reach face-to-face.

Despite the devastating circumstances, Stanley said she sees this as an opportunity to grow their organization and broaden their reach. "Due to this crisis, word has really gotten out about what we're doing," she said. "It's been a really meaningful way for us to gain trust in the community. So many new people are coming out of the woodwork, so hopefully in the long run this can serve more people than ever before."

As the weeks stretch on with no clear reopening date, the financial need continues to increase.

"Of course, any financial support people can provide is huge," said Hunt. "It supports us operationally because we need to completely revamp our program. Our transportation costs have increased because we need to drive all over the city to donate food."

She continued, "Some people have been talking about pledging their stimulus checks to organizations like ours since many of our folks aren't eligible for the stimulus. We feel a lot of gratitude for people in our community who are seeing the needs of our families and students and reaching out."

Hunt said that anyone with creative ways of obtaining anything from diapers to art supplies to laptops can contact the Backside Learning Center at www.backsidelearningcenter.org.

"Our mission is to build community and enrich the lives of equine workers and their families," said Hunt. "So when I think about these boxes we're delivering, they're more than just boxes. It's a gesture saying, 'we see you, we're still connected, and we care about you.' People depend on us a lot, and so I think it's hard to quantify how much this truly means for people."

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Favorite: I was a 12-year-old from Queens who was a horrible athletic prospect, but who loved racehorses. When a t.v. station broadcast the Bluegrass S. at Keeneland won by a diminutive colt named **Round Table** who scorched his way to a track record, he pierced his way into my heart. I checked his pedigree and decided he was the best-named horse ever

(*Princequillo--*Knight's Daughter, c'mon!) because he came along when I was in school wallowing with joy through the Arthurian legend. However, I was devastated when he could not gain ground late and finished a close third to Iron Liege and Gallant Man in the Kentucky Derby (but beat Bold Ruler, whom I never liked, sue me). But my hero soon redeemed himself by taking to the weeds to become the first great turf champion of the post-war era, winning that pre-Eclipse title at three- four and five and Horse of the Year in between. That he could not stand up on a sloppy track and lost key races late in each year on the dirt did not dull my ardor--he always delivered when he needed to redeem himself and he kept me interested in the game. He was my Holy Grail in that respect. In the mid-1980s as a turf writer I had the opportunity to pen an article about him and visited Claiborne to see him. They took the old man out of his stall, he was a bit gaunt and wore a muzzle, but he turned his head and looked at me and I could swear he winked.

The Best Horse: Not many prognosticators, fans or handicappers can watch an impressive debut performance by a 2-year-old and fearlessly predict that the colt would become one of the best of all time. However, a few days after picking my jaw up from the

ground after witnessing such a debut by **Seattle Slew**, I had lunch with a potential client (I was in the public relations business at the time) who, it turned out, was a very big punter with astonishing insights about horse racing for a man around 30 years of age whose life was real estate. He asked me if I'd seen the Seattle Slew race and when I nodded he said flatly: "He will win the Triple Crown, he's the best horse since Secretariat and may be better." He was, IMHO, absolutely correct and I found every one of Seattle Slew's efforts to be the quintessential acts of speed, courage, and absolute determination we dream about when we are wishing upon a future star. That he is the one that saved the Bold Ruler line through A.P. Indy is the cherry on the top.

Email Gary King (garyking@thetdn.com) to have your say.

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OP/ED: A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. WILL WE BLOW IT AGAIN?

By Edd Roggenkamp

Millions of Americans are in lockdown--bored, grouchy, tired and looking for entertainment at a time when major sports are shut down and people are sick of looking at 20-year-old reruns. What an opportunity to expose millions of new people to the excitement of horse racing.

So, I propose a three-month (May-June-July) interim experiment.

In several places, horse racing has proven a unique ability to operate safely during these times, with careful and adequate social distancing. Since horses, grooms and riders are already on the grounds, including racing in the afternoon requires minimal additional staff in a no-spectators format.

But this advantage will not last forever.

At the same time, while we are attracting a vast new audience, we can financially stabilize three critical elements of our sport: our thousands of racehorse owners, our racetrack facilities and massive numbers of skilled backside workers. **Cont. p10**

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So here is my simple proposal that needs no new computers, inventions or technology.

Work closely with cooperating racetracks that are willing and able to aggressively try to attract new viewers. At a minimum, the tracks should provide free daily live racing videos on the Internet and design and operate free non-financial internet bet-like games to pick winners with competition for prizes. Design creative ways to entice novice viewers to begin to pick race winners. But also include free past performance data and tutorials to help people with time on their hands learn the fine and contagious art of handicapping. Can't you hear a family in their living room, cheering for Lucky Ducky to win race #4 so they have a chance to win a new flat screen t.v.?

With all actual financial betting being online, a key component is the ADW organizations. They will benefit greatly if the audience for racing is much larger and more dedicated in the future, so they need to invest by bringing their expertise and computer systems to the party. At the same time the tracks are providing free games to new audiences, the ADWs will reach out and provide easy real betting opportunities to millions of people who can't visit the slots at their local casino.

We know the racehorse owners are taking a major hit right now, because they cannot race their horses for purses (and in many cases because their other businesses are in dire condition). Many are in serious short-term financial jeopardy. This interim plan will provide an opportunity to earn some purses to cover costs during this downturn. Purses, in turn, will lead to maintaining (paying) the backside work force.

The question is how to fund this project? I suggest that the starting position would be to drop take-out at cooperating tracks to 15%, which would lure many bettors back to the sport. From this 15%, allocate 5% directly to purses, to stabilize the horse owner base which is so critical to the future of racing (and the breeding industry). Next designate 5% to the tracks, to cover the cost for backside space for the horses, maintaining the track, hiring crews, and for providing the free video, contests and prizes to the new audience. Finally, that leaves for 5% for the ADW (which is better than 10% of nothing).

The last step is to get The Jockey Club involved to provide free past performance data to the tracks to eliminate this cost of entry to both old and new viewers.

At this point, if horse racing was a fully functioning sport, the national commissioner would pull together all the critical people, ADWs, track operators, and horse owners to hash out the details, finalize agreements, pass out assignments, and then announce and promote the program. Of course, we are not a functional organization. And so, as has happened so many times in the past, this opportunity to grow and stabilize our sport will probably fade away, and we'll blow it again.

For those who always find reasons why it can't be done, perhaps we could pull together some old retired Sears executives, and they could reconstruct their year 2000 list of "100 reasons why Amazon can't possibly work."

Edd Roggenkamp retired long ago as General Manager of Dealer Operations for General Motors, to a modest little farm in Versailles, Kentucky, in order to have more years to enjoy his horses. He now devotes most of his energy to raising, training and racing Thoroughbreds on the Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio circuit. His biggest thrill is watching one of his "homebreds" cross the finish line first, as several did last year. As breeder, owner and trainer he has viewed horse racing from many different angles since he bought his first broodmare in 1990.

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PACIFIC SPELL, 21, Langfuhr--Malibu Magic, by Encino

Foal born Mar. 8, a filly by Cairo Prince.

Will be bred back to Divisidero.

Owned by Brereton C. Jones.

Boarded at Airdrie Stud.

Accomplishments: Dam of Proud Spell (Proud Citizen), Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$2,131,610; Proud Pearl (Proud Citizen), GSP; No Distortion (Distorted Humor), SW, \$384,531; Really Proud (Kitten's Joy), SP, \$128,018.

LOGAN'S PEAK, 11, Teuflesberg--Yukon Lady, by Saint Ballado

Foal born Mar. 16, a colt by Keen Ice.

Will be bred back to Speightster.

Owned by M.E. Kennedy.

Boarded at Longview Farm

Accomplishments: SW of \$265,399.



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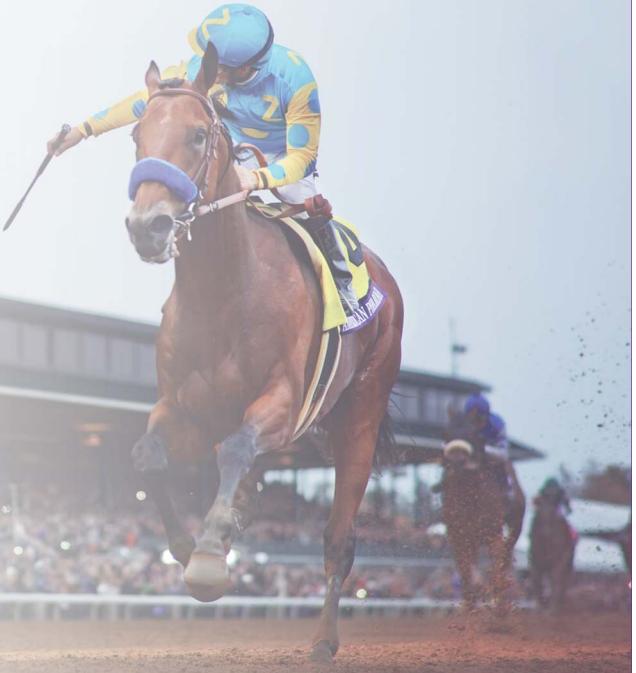
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SUNDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: MOTT UNVEils CURLIN FILLY

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8th-GP, \$60K, Msw, 3yo, f, 7f, 4:25 p.m.

Bill Mott sends out first-timer and WinStar homebred **PARIS LIGHTS** (**Curlin**) in this test. Her dam Paris Bikini (Bernardini), a \$425,000 purchase at Keeneland January in 2016, is a three-quarter sister to Grade III winner and dual Grade I-placed America (A.P. Indy). The latter is the dam of the now 2-year-old colt Virtuous Intention (Curlin), who fetched \$1.5 million from West Point, Woodford, Siena, Valdes, Singleton, Sandbrook & Freeman at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale. This is also the family of blue-hen Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister), dam of GI Belmont S. winners Jazil (Seeking the Gold) and champion Rags to Riches (A.P. Indy). **TJCIS PPs**



Paris Lights is out of a 3/4-sister to GSW & MGISP America (pictured),
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8th-Oaklawn, \$64,000, Alw, 4-25, (NW2\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.30, ft.

SNEAKING OUT (f, 4, **Indian Evening--Maddie's Odyssey {SP, \$142,113}**, by **Kitten's Joy**) was the narrow runner-up in last year's GII Summertime Oaks at Santa Anita and missed by a nose in the Cal-bred Fleet Treat S. at Del Mar July 18 before hitting the shelf off a distant sixth in the GIII Torrey Pines S. in August. Favored at 3-2 for this return effort, the homebred showed good early speed to argue the pace from the inside, but looked to be in trouble when front-running Ready to Runaway (First Dude) put about a half-length on her turning for home. GSP Arkansas-bred Bye Bye J (Uncaptured) looked an even bigger danger and took the lead three abreast into the final sixteenth of a mile, but Sneaking Out boxed on determinedly at the fence and was home narrowly first. The winner is a half to Grecian Fire (Unusual Heat), GSW, \$418,453; and Been Studying Her (Fast Anna), MSW, \$211,780, and has a 2-year-old full-sister named Starlight Stroll. Maddie's Odyssey produced a colt by Straight Fire in 2019 and was bred to Tapit last season. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 9-4-4-0, \$308,531. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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8th-Gulfstream, \$46,300, Alw (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-25, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42.71, ft.

SCARS ARE COOL (c, 4, **Malibu Moon--Ready Signal {MSW, \$252,125}**, by **More Than Ready**) last visited the winner's circle at Churchill Downs in November, but has been no worse than fourth in four starts since. Second at Churchill in his seasonal bow Feb. 2, he was third last time over course and distance Feb. 29. Given a 9-2 chance this time, the chestnut caboosed the field with just one rival trailing behind him through a :23.40 first quarter and a :47.06 half-mile. Improving his position a bit on the backstretch, Scars Are Cool split rivals, made a two-wide bid at the top of the lane and outlasted Squeezadios (Adios Charlie) for a neck success. The winner is the first foal out of MSW Ready Signal, who has since produced a juvenile filly by Malibu Moon and a yearling filly by Candy Ride (Arg). She was bred back to Medaglia d'Oro. Sales history: \$170,000 Ylg '17 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$147,085. **Click for the Equibase.com**

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11th-Gulfstream, \$41,000, Alw (C), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-25, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:21.71, ft.

GLOBAL CAMPAIGN (c, 4, **Curlin**--**Globe Trot**, by **A.P. Indy**), named a '**TDN Rising Star**' off a debut victory over track and trip last January, bounced back from a fifth to **Code of Honor** (Noble Mission {GB}) in the GII Fountain of Youth S. to defeat next-out GI Belmont S. winner **Sir Winston** (Awesome Again) in the GIII Peter Pan S. Connections passed on the Belmont and the \$250,000 KEESEP yearling was last seen finishing third in the GII Jim Dandy S. last July. The 14-5 second choice in this salty heat, Global Campaign hopped at the break and landed in centerfield as **Yorkton** (Speightstown) and **Rare Form** (The Factor) eyeballed each other through swift fractions. A bit flat-footed at the three-eighths, he was back into the bit nearing the lane, came four wide off the turn and hit top gear in the nick of time to best Yorkton by 1 1/2 lengths.



Global Campaign | Ryan Thompson

"He went through a lot to get here," said winning trainer Stanley Hough. "We had to be pretty careful with him, but he's doing really good and it looked like he came back good. I'm so excited about the future with him." A half to Spendthrift stallion Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), MGISW, \$1,016,000; and Sonic Mule (Distorted Humor), MSW & MGSP, \$264,190, Global Campaign is out of a half-sister to SW Passport (Pulpit) as well as the dam of Sagamore's GSW and '**TDN Rising Star**' Recruiting Ready (Algorithms). Global Campaign is his dam's last listed produce. Sales history: \$250,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-4-0-1, \$325,080. Click for the [Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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(KY); T-Stanley M Hough.



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11th-Oaklawn, \$60,000, Msw, 4-25, 3yo/up, 8.5f, 1:45.06, ft.

VIOLENT PASS (c, 3, **Violence**--**Cruzette** {SP}, by **War Pass**) continued a wildly successful weekend for his sire, who accounted for impressive Friday allowance winners **Volatile** (101 Beyer) and '**TDN Rising Star**' **No Parole** (90 Beyer). Violent Pass was a promising third on his Mar. 7 bow, but was no factor behind the impressive **Skol Factor** (The Factor) Apr. 11 and was dismissed at 25-1 on this stretchout to two turns.



Violent Pass | Coady

Quickly into stride from a low gate, the chestnut took the field into the first turn, but was overtaken turning up the back by the enterprisingly ridden **Ronamo** (Run Away and Hide), who covered ground on the first bend before assuming command at the five-eighths. Joe Rocco, Jr. angled out into the two path and chased the new leader, began to reel that one in approaching the stretch and edged clear from the furlong pole to score by 1 3/4 lengths. **Cruzette** has a yearling **Tonalist** filly and was most recently bred to **Tapiture**. Sales history: \$80,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$44,872. Click for the [Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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7th-Gulfstream, \$41,000, (S), Msw, 4-25, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.99, gd.
VENEZUELAN HUG (c, 3, Constitution--Downtown Diva, by Giant's Causeway), an even fourth to the stakes-placed Proven Strategies (Sky Mesa) in a one-mile state-bred maiden Mar. 4, was dangled or \$40,000 against open company Mar. 25 and was claimed from his breeder out of a running-on third-place effort. Off a beat slowly after tossing his head when the gates flew, the 9-5 chance lingered inside and at the tail turning up the backstretch. Taken out into the clear with about five furlongs left to race, the gray took off around the field leaving the three-eighths, hit the stretch three wide under a full head of steam and shot away to score by a very impressive 5 1/4 lengths for this remarkable first-off-the-claim outfit. Favored Shamrocket (Tonalist) was along late for second. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by Outwork and a yearling half-sister by Treasure Beach (GB). Downtown Diva was most recently covered by Adios Charlie. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$30,450. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Venezuelan Hug | Lauren King

5th-Gulfstream, \$38,000, Msw, 4-25, 3yo, 7f, 1:23.25, ft.

BASQUIAT (c, 3, American Pharoah--Divalarious {SP}, by Distorted Humor) was legged up for this debut at Payson Park, closing a formidable worktab with a strong five-furlong move in 1:02 2/5 over the deep surface Apr. 19. The second betting favorite at 19-10, about \$3,400 less than 9-5 Ashiham (Tapit), the Brant homebred was asked for a bit of speed by the comebacking Irad Ortiz, Jr. and raced prominently early on behind Chasing Anna (Fast Anna) before taking back into fourth while racing four off the inside.

Urged along on the turn, he began to find his best stride three wide into the lane, collared the pacesetter with a little more than a sixteenth to travel and was 1 1/2 lengths clear at the wire. Ashiham, far back early, rallied five wide into the lane and finished with interest for second, two lengths better than Phipps firster Dreams of Tomorrow (Speightstown) in what could prove a key heat. Peter Brant acquired Basquiat's stakes-placed dam for \$380,000 carrying the colt in utero at Keeneland January in 2017, about 10 weeks prior to her foaling date of Mar. 26. Divalarious, a daughter of Broodmare of the Year Alidiva (Ire) (Chief Singer {Ire}), is a half-sister to German and Italian champion Taipan (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), English highweight Ali-Royal (Ire) (Royal Academy) and 1997 G1 Pertemps 1000 Guineas winner Sleepytime (Ire) (Royal Academy). Divalarious, whose 6-year-old son Baskerville (Bernardini) won for the third time in Japan last weekend, is the dam of the yearling colt C'Est Chic (Medaglia d'Oro). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Peter M Brant; B-White Birch Farm Inc (KY); T-Chad C Brown.

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Basquiat | Lauren King

9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 4-25, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.72, gd.

RECODED (f, 3, Honor Code--Rehocracy, by Adhocracy) was third in local sprint maidens Feb. 8 and Mar. 7 and was the odds-on gamble not only to don cap and gown, but also to complete a valuable Pick 5 sequence for one skillful bettor. Ridden along from gate one to sit midfield beneath Samy Camacho, the half-sister to Egg Drop (Alphabet Soup), GISW, \$534,020, commenced a rally on the turn, hit the front at the eighth pole and sprinted home a 3 1/2-length winner at 7-10. **Cont. p4**

9th-Tampa, cont.

The 50-cent Pick 5 returned better than \$136,000. Rehocracy is the dam of Macron (Frosted), a \$210,000 KEESEP yearling and \$420,000 OBS March buyback. She most recently visited Hard Spun. Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$36,755. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Six Column Stables LLC, Randall L Bloch & Turf Stable Racing LLC (Rusty Jones); B-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (KY); T-Ian R Wilkes.

1st-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 4-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.28, gd.

BOURBON REBELLION (f, 3, Shanghai Bobby–Soul of Bourbon, by Perfect Soul {Ire}) outran debut odds of 54-1 to finish an even fifth in a six-furlong maiden over this main track Mar. 7 and was exiting a ninth-place effort trying a mile on turf Apr. 8. Outsprinted in the opening exchanges, the 33-10 second choice was trapped out three and four deep on the turn, but he joined the dueling front-runners in upper stretch and outfinished Factor Around (The Factor) by a half-length. The winner is a granddaughter of MGSW/MGISP sprinter Bourbon Belle (Storm Boot), dam of Sovereign Award winner Not Bourbon (Not Impossible {Ire}) and has a yearling half-sister by Lookin At Lucky. Soul of Bourbon was most recently covered by Karakontie (Jpn). Sales history: \$6,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$60,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$12,430. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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Jimmie T, c, 3, **Will Take Charge**--All About Allie (MSW, \$311,798), by Storm and a Half. Oaklawn, 4-25, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:48.23. B-Sanders Brothers (AR).

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SUNDAY, APR. 26**

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private 318 foals of racing age/37 winners/6 black-type winners 8-Gulfstream, Msw 7f, FEELING FUNNY, 3-1 \$875,000 FTS AUG yrl

The Big Beast (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud, \$6,000

102 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, CLASSY BEAST, 15-1

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000 93 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner 10-Gulfstream, Alw 6f, DOUBLE CROWN, 9-2

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000 231 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners 5-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, THISMYTIME, 9-2

\$100,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$140,000 OBS APR 2yo

Chitu (Henny Hughes), Bridlewood Farm, \$4,500 88 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 5fT, SILVER TUNES, 5-1

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500 155 foals of racing age/39 winners/4 black-type winners 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, EDGEWAY, 9-5

\$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$275,000 OBS APR 2yo 10-Gulfstream, Alw 6f, MILES AHEAD, 10-1

\$120,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$175,000 OBS MAR 2yo 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, MISTY BLUE, 7-2

\$25,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$105,000 EAS MAY 2yo 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, SASSY SENECA, 9-2

\$65,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$90,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fury Kapcori (Tiznow), Journeyman Stud, \$2,500

62 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, HIGH ON GIN, 15-1

\$7,500 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$7,500 OBS OPN 2yo

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000

130 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners 8-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, SLIME QUEEN, 15-1

\$37,000 KEE SEP yrl

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500

130 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners 5-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, INDEPENDENT MISS, 10-1



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AMERICAN PHAROAH, Basquiat, c, 3, o/o Divalarious, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 4-25, Gulfstream

CONSTITUTION, Venezuelan Hug, c, 3, o/o Downtown Diva, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 4-25, Gulfstream

CURLIN, Global Campaign, c, 4, o/o Globe Trot, by A.P. Indy. AOC, 4-25, Gulfstream

HONOR CODE, Recoded, f, 3, o/o Rehocracy, by Adhocracy. MSW, 4-25, Tampa Bay

INDIAN EVENING, Sneaking Out, f, 4, o/o Maddie's Odyssey, by Kitten's Joy. ALW, 4-25, Oaklawn

INTO MISCHIEF, Mia Mischief, m, 5, o/o Greer Lynn, by Speightstown. Carousel S., 4-25, Oaklawn

MAJESTICPERFECTION, Long Weekend, c, 3, o/o Liza Too, by Olmodavor. Bachelor S., 4-25, Oaklawn

MALIBU MOON, Scars Are Cool, c, 4, o/o Ready Signal, by More Than Ready. AOC, 4-25, Gulfstream

QUALITY ROAD, Dr Post, c, 3, o/o Mary Delaney, by Hennessy. Unbridled S., 4-25, Gulfstream

SHANGHAI BOBBY, Bourbon Rebellion, f, 3, o/o Soul of Bourbon, by Perfect Soul (Ire). MSW, 4-25, Tampa Bay

VIOLENCE, Violent Pass, c, 3, o/o Cruzette, by War Pass. MSW, 4-25, Oaklawn

WILL TAKE CHARGE, Jimmie T, c, 3, o/o All About Allie, by Storm and a Half. MSW, 4-25, Oaklawn



Violent Pass gave Hill 'n' Dale's Violence (pictured) his third very good winner of the weekend at Oaklawn | Sarah Andrew

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CLASSIC PROSPECTS APLENTY FOR WOHLER



Andreas Wohler | Racing Post

By Sean Cronin & Christa Riebel

Thrust into the limelight in the mid-1980s when succeeding his father Adolf, himself one of Germany's post-war icons and famed caretaker of G1 Deutsches Derby-winning cornerstone **Surumu (Ger)** (*Literat {Ger}*), it was clear from the outset Andreas Wohler had a tough act to follow. Since sending out 38 winners in 1986, he has notched two trainers' championships and registered at least a half-century of victories in 26 out of the last 30 seasons. Consistency matters and--with a plethora of champions already through the school, 18 Classics on home soil in the bag and a domestic prizemoney haul fast approaching the €40-million mark--it's fair to argue the crowd's been won.

Operating out of Bremen initially, German reunification had been ratified a matter of months before **Martessa (Ger)** (*Solarstern {Fr}*) posted a first Classic for the yard in the 1991 G2 Preis der Diana, 10 years ahead of that contest's elevation to Group 1 status. The enigmatic **Lomitas (GB)** (*Niniski*) was an early trendsetter too, bouncing back from a narrow defeat in that semester's G1 Deutsches Derby to strike for three Group 1 events, in just eight weeks, later in the season. **Pik Konig (Ger)** (*Konigsstuhl {Ger}*) became the first of five Deutsches Derby triumphs one year on and **Laccario (Ger)** (*Scalo {GB}*) burnished that particular roster in the 150th edition last term.

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The Classics count had stalled at six before Wohler completed his transition to Gestut Ravensberg's Spexard spread near Gutersloh--between Dortmund and Hannover--in 2004 and, from there, **Mi Emma (Ger)** (*Silvano {Ger}*) annexed the 2007 G2 German 1000 Guineas. Ravensberg homebred **Waldpark (Ger)** (*Dubawi {Ire}*), who defeated stablemate **Earl of Tinsdal (Ger)** (*Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}*) in the 2011 G1 Deutsches Derby, is one of another 11 Classic graduates in the last decade alone.

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Andreas Wohler's King George winner Novelist | Racing Post

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Novelist (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) was not part of that set, but he was front-page news during an 11-month period straddling the 2012 and 2013 seasons. Dr. Christoph Berglar's homebred bay encountered a first defeat when second in the 2012 G1 Deutsches Derby and a subsequent fourth in the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden would be his only other blip. He remained invincible thereafter and harvested Italy's G1 Gran Premio del Jockey Club e Coppa d'Oro, France's G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, Britain's G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S.--by five lengths in track-record time--and the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden back on familiar terrain in what would be his final race.



Andreas Wohler and Protectionist after winning the Melbourne Cup | Getty

Gestut Graditz-bred **Chopin (Ger)** (Santiago {Ger}) also set a notable mark for the trainer in 2013, becoming Germany's first ever representative in the G1 Epsom Derby, where he finished seventh after a troubled passage. "The Derby is the Derby of Derbys," Wohler once noted. Royal Ascot entries would be entertained too. **Protectionist (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) further enhanced the yard's international profile, with another first for the country in the 2014 G1 Melbourne Cup, and a continued flow of success at home--including a hat-trick of Dianas and the Derby victories of **Isfahan (Ger)** (Lord of England {Ger}) and Laccario (Ger)--follows a trajectory back to the present day. Almost.

In tandem with the highs must come lows, but some lows are difficult to absorb. So while the yard remains in preparation phase for Germany's May 1 resumption, it is also a time for reflection. Team Wohler suffered the premature loss of one of

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its own in recent days with the passing of stable stalwart Wojtek Dworczynski. Polish and proud, he had been in situ since Wohler's move to Guttersloh and was noted for his symbiotic relationship with Laccario's sire, 2010 G1 Preis von Europa victor Scalo (GB) (Lando {Ger}). We offer our sincerest condolences to family, friends and colleagues.

Claiming two wins apiece through Hugo Palmer and Mark Johnston, Britain has farmed Dusseldorf's G2 German 1000 Guineas of late and five years have elapsed since the house won with the Jaber Abdullah-owned Full Rose (GB) (Aqlaam {GB}), the latest of four renewals for Wohler.

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DAWN PASSAGE PREVAILS FOR WATERHOUSE/BOTT

Dawn Passage shines over firm ground to win Saturday's G3 Hawkesbury Guineas. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

However, his quest for more is not diminished and the trainer has ordnance primed for this year's June 7 staging at the Grafenberg venue. Dr. Christoph Berglar's homebred **Pleasant Company (Ger)** (f, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Peace Society {MSW-Ger & SP-Fr}, by Iffraaj {GB}) is one of 43 engaged and held in some regard, but as yet unraced. The February-foaled bay is the first of three foals produced by Peace Society (Iffraaj {GB}), who garnered the Listed Kronimus-Rennen over six furlongs at two and the Listed Baden-Baden Cup over seven at three and is a half-sister to GSW G2 German 1000 Guineas runner-up Peace In Motion (Hat Trick {Jpn}). Pleasant Company's second dam, dual Group 3-winning miler Peace Royale (Ger) (Sholokhov {Ire}), is herself kin to G3 Fahrhofer Stutenpreis victress Peaceful Love (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}) and Listed Prix des Sablonnets winner Penny Lane (Ger) (Lord of England {Ger}), both earning their black-type highs at the one-mile trip too.

"Pleasant Company was thought to be ready at two, but she needed more time," Wohler explained. "She should be quick to come to hand now, at distances around the mile, and is entered for the [June 7] G2 German 1000 Guineas [at Dusseldorf]."

On the other hand, Power Thoroughbreds Germany's \$60,000 Keeneland November weanling **All Powerful** (f, 3, **Mr Speaker**--Patineuse {Ire}, by Peintre Celebre) does possess experience, but is not yet entered in the one-mile Classic and a supplemental fee will be required in due course. She possesses a pedigree too, being a half-sister to globetrotting former incumbent--and G1 Melbourne Cup and G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin hero--Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}).

Her stakes-winning second dam Parisienne (Ire) (Distant Relative {Ire}) is a granddaughter of MG1SW champion Pawneese (Ire) (Carvin II {Fr}), whose descendants also include MG1SW stayer Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). The March-foaled bay ran very greenly when runner-up in her lone juvenile outing, contesting a one-mile maiden on soft ground at Hannover in September. In mitigation, she succumbed only to the two-race experience of subsequent G3 Preis der Winterkonigin victress Ocean Fantasy (Fr) (Make Believe {GB}).

"All Powerful is a very talented filly who has come along very well over the winter," her trainer stated. "She is definitely a better sort and is set to run in the [June 7] G2 German 1000 Guineas [at Dusseldorf]."

While Laccario (Ger) (Scalo {GB}) bridged a 25-year gap for Gestut Ittlingen's silks in last year's G1 Deutsches Derby, the white-and-red colours have still to grace the G1 Preis der Diana's winner's circle. One of just a handful of candidates for the institution this year, **Stellina (Ger)** (f, 3, Neatico {Ger}--Startissima {GB}, by Green Tune) is nonetheless held in very high esteem at the yard.

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Hailing from a family featuring Laccario's G1 Preis von Europa-winning sire Scalo (GB) (Lando {Ger}) and MG1SP G2 Oleander-Rennen victor Sound Check (Ger) (Lando {Ger}), she is one of three winners from as many runners for her dam and became the first scorer for Ittlingen resident Neatico (Ger) (Medicean {GB}) when impressing over 8 1/2 furlongs on debut at Dusseldorf in September.

The February-foaled chestnut struggled with Baden-Baden's heavy ground lining up for the one-mile Oct. 20 G3 Preis der Winterkonigin next time in the second of two outings for Peter Schiergen.

"Stellina is a very athletic filly and an excellent mover," Wohler said of the addition to his ranks. "She is high class and should be able to stay. She is also one of the best 3-year-old fillies in my yard and has the [Aug. 2] G1 Preis der Diana-German Oaks [at Dusseldorf] on her agenda."

Dr. Stefan Oschmann's Darius Racing has already reached one Classic summit alongside Wohler, Isfahan (Ger) (Lord of England {Ger}) triggering celebrations with a thrilling 2016 G1 Deutsches Derby win, and big-race nominations indicate other peaks are in sight. **Tangut (Ger)** (f, 3, Adlerflug {Ger}–Tucana {Ger}, by Acatenango {Ger}), entered in both Derby and Oaks, showed little in her sole outing as a juvenile when ninth of 11 and 14 lengths-and-change adrift pitched into a 9 1/2-furlong maiden on soft ground at Dresden in November.

Knocked down to Holger Faust's HFTB Agency for €100,000 as a BBAG yearling, the March-foaled chestnut is also held in very high regard by connections. She is kin to three black-type

performers, headed by her G2 Diana-Trial-winning full-sister and G1 Preis der Diana fourth Tusked Wings (Ire), out of a dual-winning half to MGSW sire Tertullian (Miswaki) and G3 Preis der Deutschen Einheit victor Terek (Ger) (Irish River {Fr}). Tangut's stakes-placed second dam Turbaine (Trempolino) is a half-sister to G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine and vaunted matriarch Urban Sea (Miswaki).

"Tangut has come along well over the winter," stated Wohler. "She is quick to hand now and is entered in both the [July 5] G1 Deutsches Derby [at Hamburg] and the [Aug. 2] G1 Preis der Diana-German Oaks [at Dusseldorf]."

Memories of the ill-fated Pik Konig (Ger) (Konigsstuhl {Ger}) sporting the Albert Darboven colours and flashing home in the 1992 G1 Deutsches Derby, the first of Wohler's five in the race, remain fresh. His winning surge underneath the stands left such an impression on locals that the Hamburg complex now houses a lounge named in the homebred's honour. Mi Emma (Ger) (Silvano {Ger}) added a second Classic for the axis in 2007 and the current crop of hopefuls features another still engaged in both Derby and Oaks.

Russian Souffle (Ger) (f, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}–Russian Samba {Ire} {SW-Ger}, by Laroche {Ger}), hitherto untried, is reported to be a strong, well-made filly. Out of Listed Frankfurter Stutenpreis victress Russian Samba, the April-foaled homebred bay is a sibling of dual G3 Preis der Deutschen Einheit scorer and G1 Deutsches Derby third Russian Tango (Ger) (Tertullian) and Listed Derby Trial-placed duo Russian Bolero (Ger) (Tertullian) and Russian Song (Ger) (Singspiel {Ire}).

"Russian Souffle is a very talented filly and should do well," the trainer said. "She is entered for both the [July 5] G1 Deutsches Derby [at Hamburg] and the [Aug. 2] G1 Preis der Diana-German Oaks [at Dusseldorf]."

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— THE GREAT RACING READ —**NANCY SEXTON***Wild Ride*

By Ann Hagedorn Auerbach

A fascinating insight into the rise and rapid fall of Calumet Farm. Using a detailed and grisly account of Alydar's death in November 1990 to set the scene, Auerbach charts the rise of Calumet for its founder Warren Wright--an interesting read in itself that takes in the careers of Citation, Whirlaway and Alydar, etc.--before turning her attention to what went wrong in a matter of years under the management of J.T. Lundy.

By the time of Alydar's death, the once stately institution was destitute, with a tangled web of frenzied spending and borrowing having thrown it into unbelievable debt. As Auerbach outlines, the scandal came to "involve jet planes, racecars, priceless works of art, property in the Caribbean and the Florida Keys, a stable called Calumet Australia, and a farm allegedly part of the empire of Mafia kingpin John Gotti." And then there was Alydar, insured for \$36.5 million at the time of his death.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS**Saturday, Fukushima, Japan**

FUKUSHIMA HIMBA S.-G3, ¥72,820,000, Fukushima, 4-25, 4yo/up, f, 1800mT, 1:46.80, fm.

1--FAIRY POLKA (JPN), 119, f, 4, Rulership (Jpn)

1st Dam: Fairy Dance (Jpn), by Agnes Tachyon (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Fairy Doll, by Nureyev

3rd Dam: Dream Deal, by Sharpen Up (GB)

(¥34,000,000 wnlg '16 JRHAJUL). O-Takeshi Yamamoto; B-Northern Farm; T-Masayuki Nishimura; J-Ryuji Wada; ¥36,574,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1.

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2--Liebfraumilch (Jpn), 119, m, 5, Stay Gold (Jpn)--Pinot Blanc (Jpn), by Kurofune. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm; ¥15,164,000.

3--Randonnee, 119, m, 5, Blame--Loure, by A.P.Indy. O-Eiichi Kobayashi Holdings; B-Winchester Farm; ¥9,582,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, NS; Odds: 4.40, 83.50, 113.30.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Exultant (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Cruz	126
2	4	Time Warp (GB)	Archipenko	Moreira	Cruz	126
3	1	Furore (NZ)	Pierro (Aus)	Teetan	Cruz	126
4	3	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	Callan	Moore	126
5	6	Elusive State (Aus)	All American (Aus)	Borges	Millard	126
6	7	Playa del Puente (Ire)	Elzaam (Aus)	Shinn	Shum	126
7	2	Glorious Dragon (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Schofield	Millard	126

Breeders: 1-Ballygallon Stud Limited; 2-Miss K Rausing; 3-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd; 4-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd (NSW); 5-Mrs K & Mr A Chrysilou; 6-Dermot Kelly; 7-Team Hogdala AB

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FWD CHAMPIONS MILE-G1, HK\$20,000,000 (£2,092,435/€2,392,177/A\$4,051,166/US\$2,580,497), 3yo/up, 1600mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Beauty Generation (NZ)	Road to Rock (Aus)	Purton	Moore	126
2	9	Waikuku (Ire)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Moreira	Size	126
3	1	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Hamelin	Cruz	126
4	7	Rattan (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Callan	Gibson	126
5	6	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Ho	Fownes	126
6	8	More Than This (Ire)	Dutch Art (GB)	Teetan	Lui	126
7	3	Singapore Sling (SAf)	Philanthropist	Schofield	Millard	126
8	4	Fat Turtle (Aus)	Smart Missile (Aus)	Leung	Lor	126
9	2	Thinkin' Big (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Shinn	Whyte	126

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Hot King Prawn (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	Moreira	Size	126
2	11	Thanks Forever (Aus)	Duporth (Aus)	Shinn	Moore	126
3	7	Mr Stunning (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Teetan	Lor	126
4	6	Full of Beauty (Aus)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Schofield	Size	126
5	4	Wishful Thinker (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Hamelin	Gibson	126
6	8	D B Pin (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Callan	Size	126
7	10	Voyage Warrior (Aus)	Declaration of War	Ho	Yiu	126
8	2	Big Party (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Leung	Lor	126
9	9	Big Time Baby (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Chadwick	Man	126
10	3	Jolly Banner (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Borges	Yiu	126
11	5	Aethero (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Purton	Moore	126

Breeders: 1-Torryburn Stud (NSW); 2-Mr AC Lloyd Jones (NSW); 3-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); 4-Nearco Stud Ltd (NSW); 5-J Davies (Qld); 6-Mrs K N & W E Calder; 7-R A Emery (NSW); 8-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic); 9-Paul & Billy McEnery; 10-Makybe Breeding & Racing (Vic); 11-Wallings Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW)

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DAWN PASSAGE PREVAILS FOR WATERHOUSE/BOTT



Adrian Bott | TDNAusNZ

By Paul Vettise

Co-trainer Adrian Bott admits he has found a few excuses for Dawn Passage (Dawn Approach {Ire}), but he was able to let the colt speak for himself at Rosehill where he thumped his rivals in the G3 Hawkesbury Guineas.

To be fair to Bott, Dawn Passage has struggled to cope with wet tracks and a dry surface on Saturday allowed the 3-year-old's talent to shine as he bolted away with the Blacktown Workers Club Group-sponsored event.

Dawn Passage has won three of his five starts on top of the ground, including the Listed Rosebud S. and he was less than 4l off the winner Bivouac (Exceed And Excel) in the G1 Golden Rose S. during the spring.

"He has been a little bit of a frustrating type because I've got a lot of time for him. I think he's got a lot of natural ability, but I've had to make a few excuses for him," said Bott, who trains with Gai Waterhouse. "He's been just a bit unlucky with his racing pattern of getting back."

Dawn Passage was driven out of the gates to take up a handy spot in fourth and he strode to the front 250 metres off the post and he glided clear to have 2.8l on St Covet's Spirit (Uncle Mo {USA}) at the finish.

"The key today was the dry track and he was able to show his great asset, his devastating turn of foot and he wants the top of the ground," Bott said.

"Over 1400 metres, Adam (Hyeronimus) was able to have him closer in the run whereas over the 1100 and 1200 metres he gets too far out of his ground.

"We originally had him down for the Inglis Scone Guineas in three weeks' time. We might look to take him up to Queensland now and a couple of nice handicaps to look forward to."

Hyeronimus said he was unable to get near the rail, but Dawn Passage still travelled comfortably around runners.

"I wasn't able to coach him to the fence and got left three deep, but he's such a relaxed colt and got into a lovely rhythm. He really picked up the bridle before the turn and I thought I was on the winner."

"Hopefully, he can knock over a few more of these races and then progress on to something else later on. At the moment, I think it's important to find the right races on the right tracks and things will fall into place."

"If we can keep winning with him it will build his confidence and he is a nice colt."

Dawn Passage was secured for \$150,000 out of Mill Park Stud's Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale by Bott and Waterhouse and Blue Sky Bloodstock.

He is a son of Raja Lane (Devaraja {NZ}), who was a quality mare and won seven races, including the G3 Dermody S. and the Listed Christmas H.

She is also the dam of the G3 Jansz S. winner Dinkum Diamond (Keep The Faith), who has in turn produced the G3 San Domenico S. winner and Group 1 placegetter Graff (Star Witness).



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Cont.

Farther back in the pedigree are the multiple Group 2 winners Phillip (Swashbuckler) and Big Dreams (Habituat {Ire}).

Third home in the Guineas was Icebath (NZ) (Sacred Falls {NZ}) and a case could be made for her to have finished closer. She suffered interference out of the gates and, as a consequence, was well back in the running and got home strongly.

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Black-Type Double

Bott and Waterhouse had barely finished cheering Dawn Passage to victory, when stablemate Sacramento (Pierro) completed an age group double when he posted a narrow victory in the hands of Ben Melham in the Listed VRC St Leger at Flemington.

"He looked the leader in a race of nice speed, but he just stepped a bit awkwardly which worked well as I was always looking for one to cover him up," he said. "In the end it was a strong staying performance and he was too good."

Sacramento was bought out of Supreme Thoroughbreds' Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale draft for \$160,000 by bloodstock agent Paul Moroney. He is a son of the G3 Vanity S. winner Alzora (Redoute's Choice) and a pedigree that features the G1 Ascot Fillies' Mile winner White Moonstone (USA) (Dynaformer {USA}).



IN MACAU:

Sacred Capital, g, 5, O'Reilly--Honolulu, by Savabeel (Aus).
Taipa, 4-25, Hcp. (\$95k), 1050m (sand), 1:01.8. B-Waikato Stud Ltd. *Formerly Rellson. *MSW-Mac, GSP-HK. **NZ\$580,000 2yo '16 NZBTR. [VIDEO](#)

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