

## SMART DIGGING STRIKES A RICH SEAM



Rich Strike | Coady Photography

by Chris McGrath

Well, if it was hard enough to make sense of his performance, then don't expect things to appear any more conventional when you look at the pedigree of Rich Strike. His grandsire and dam share the same paternity. His mother was discarded a couple of years ago for \$1,700; his half-sister was claimed only last month for \$5,000; and his sire's only previous stakes winner had emerged in Puerto Rico.

But if communal incredulity over the GI Kentucky Derby must have been flavored with extra piquancy for the breeders of the winner, who lost him to a \$30,000 claim at the same track last September, then the bigger picture might yet permit them ample consolation.

Most obviously, albeit in somewhat haphazard fashion, a 10th Derby winner has refreshed the record established by Calumet Farm in its heyday as the premier Classic brand of the Bluegrass and highlights the wholesome aspirations sustaining its regeneration.

Eight Calumet homebreds won the Derby between 1941 and 1968, under Warren Wright, Sr. and then his widow Lucille, but the one subsequent success prior to Saturday had poignantly come in the same year, 1991, that the farm declared bankruptcy--courtesy of Strike the Gold, whose name obtains a curious resonance now that the baton has been seized by Rich Strike. **Cont. p3**

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## HELEN GROVES PASSES AWAY

Longtime owner and breeder Helen Groves passed away last Friday at her home in San Antonio, Texas. She was 94. Groves's love of horses began while she was growing up on the historic King Ranch founded by her great-grandfather, Captain Richard King. A skilled rider, she raised and campaigned many champion cutting horses. Known as the "First Lady of Cutting," Groves was inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in 1998. She also owned Grand Prix jumpers ridden by Olympian Michael Matz.

Groves's passion for breeding and racing on her own account spanned over seven decades. In the early 1960s, she bred and raced multiple stakes winner Saidam, who won or placed in seven stakes, including the Suburban, Metropolitan, and Carter Handicaps, as well as the Whitney S.

In partnership with daughter Helen Alexander and David Aykroyd, Groves bred and raced the brilliant champion Althea, who in turn produced several stakes winners and stakes producers. Groves and Alexander bred Grade I winner Arch from one of her daughters, Aurora. Also from this daughter of Althea, Groves and Alexander bred and raced GI Spinster S. winner Acoma. **Cont. p10**



Helen Groves

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## Smart Digging Strikes a Rich Seam (*cont. from p1*)

The Kwiatkowski rescue eventually paved the way in 2012 for Calumet's lease to Brad M. Kelley, who immediately found a horse to condense his priorities--not just for the renewal of the Calumet legacy, but also for a maverick challenge to the short-termism he evidently believes to be undermining the modern American Thoroughbred. Oxbow exhibited a teak constitution in campaigning without pause from October through July, taking in seven states and six different distances. At stud, admittedly, Oxbow struggled for commercial traction, but last year he came up with one of the key Classic protagonists in Hot Rod Charlie, who had changed hands for \$17,000 as a short yearling.

Now Calumet has achieved virtually the same thing with Keen Ice. He, too, had to demonstrate rare physical resilience in soaking up four campaigns, the first three for Donegal Racing before Calumet entered partnership. And while his only two wins outside maiden company included one that nobody could sensibly take at face value, when shocking a Triple Crown winner in the GI Travers S., he banked \$3.4 million in 24 starts, 15 at Grade I level. Much like his son last Saturday, he was never happier than when able to reel in a hot pace.

The Calumet model will always be too idiosyncratic for many commercial breeders, so presumably a monster opening book of 176 for Keen Ice featured a significant contribution from the farm's home herd. The average achieved by the resulting yearlings fell short of a (rather stiff) opening fee of \$20,000 and traffic was quick to slide, through books of 73, 43 and 48.

Keen Ice is now down to \$7,500, the same as Oxbow, who himself was supported with 187 mares in his fourth book but was down to 15 three years later. Now, for a second year running, an ostensibly "uncommercial" Calumet sire is demanding renewed attention--this time with a Derby winner at the first attempt.

Calumet has more to celebrate than regret, then, despite allowing Rich Strike to slip from their racetrack program. Okay, so nobody should be running a horse under that kind of tag if he is 17 lengths better than the grade. But the team will definitely

be hoping that Rich Strike can corroborate his breakout as well as did, say, Mine That Bird (Birdstone) when he proceeded to run Rachel Alexandra (*Medaglia d'Oro*) to a length in the GI Preakness S.

Keen Ice, after all, is earlier into his career than was Oxbow when Hot Rod Charlie made us ask how much he might owe to sire (his dam having already produced an Eclipse champion). If Keen Ice has really done very little besides this jaw-dropper, then there remains a feasible case

for saying that his stock will only just be finding their stride with maturity. He has managed 20 other winners this year already, at a 27% ratio that stands up to the likes of *Practical Joke*, *Connect* and *Caravaggio* among rivals in the intake maintaining a higher fee. And while the Calumet breeding program can hardly match such quantity with seamless quality, it will be reliably oriented towards mares that pack in slow-burning assets of robustness and staying power.

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That willingness to play a long game, to remain stubbornly out of step with the fast-buck breeders who mate to sell, not run, is predicated on a faith that the Thoroughbred will ultimately have to adapt to a very different environment: one where trainers must can the pharmaceuticals, and where turf/synthetics are no longer commercially toxic. Kelley and his team, on that basis, will hope someday to do exactly what Keen Ice's son did on Saturday, and catapult from the neglected margins to the heart of the action.

Quite apart from promotion of his sire, then, they have another reason to hope that Rich Strike may have hit a genuine seam of gold--and that's to vindicate the kind of thinking that governs Calumet matings. Because here, too, Rich Strike is not an orthodox project.

True, one of the greatest breeding operations in history recently came up with a European champion with inbreeding of equally daring proximity: Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {GB}) is by a grandson of Sadler's Wells out of one of his daughters. Moreover Juddmonte had previously produced GI Pacific Classic winner Skimming by matching one son of Northern Dancer, Nureyev, with a daughter of another in Lyphard; while their sister matriarchs Viviana and Willstar were by Nureyev out of a daughter of Nijinsky (also, of course, by Northern Dancer). So if duplicating a noble influence as closely as the second and third generations was good enough for Prince Khalid, it should be good enough for the rest of us.



**Calumet Farm | Sarah Andrew**

In this instance, Calumet chose to double down on Smart Strike--who gave us the sire of Keen Ice, **Curlin**, as well as Rich Strike's dam, the accomplished Canadian filly Gold Strike. That was an extremely hygienic choice. Smart Strike has proved a fine sire of sires.

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The farm's lamented English Channel, in his sphere, absolutely bore comparison with [Curlin](#), while [Lookin At Lucky](#) is criminally undervalued as a sire of Derby and Breeders' Cup Classic winners now down to just \$15,000. But the key to thickening out a pedigree with Smart Strike is surely the depth of his own family, as a half-brother to Dance Smartly (Danzig) out of one of the four champions foaled by one of the great misnomers, No Class (Nodouble).

But that's only the start of the way this pedigree has been carefully inlaid. The success of Smart Strike's sire Mr. Prospector opened unexpected horizons for his only older sibling Search For Gold, a stakes-placed sprinter at two. And though his stud career proved little more than opportunist, Search For Gold resurfaces here as sire of Rich Strike's third dam, Panning For Gold, a minor stakes winner at the old Greenwood Raceway.

Panning For Gold was mated with another forgotten name, Dixieland Brass--a son of Dixieland Band who broke down when odds-on for the Florida Derby and ended up standing in British Columbia for R.J. and Lois Bennett of Flying Horse Farm--who had added her to the home broodmare band a couple of years before his arrival. The resulting filly was unraced, but it was her match with Smart Strike that produced Gold Strike for Harlequin Ranches: champion sophomore filly of Canada, on the strength of her wins in the GIII Selene S. and Woodbine Oaks, and now dam of a Kentucky Derby winner.

All six of Gold Strike's named foals prior to Rich Strike had been fillies, notably GII Natalma S. winner Llanarmon ([Sky Mesa](#)). The latter's endeavors ensured that Calumet had to pay \$230,000 for Gold Strike, though already 13, when she was offered carrying a sibling to Llanarmon at the Keeneland November Sale of 2015. When she went to the same sale four years later, however, she was picked up for just \$1,700 by Tommy Wente of St. Simon Place. At that stage, eight years after foaling Llanarmon, she had been either been fallow or produced unraced foals; Rich Strike himself was listed as an anonymous weanling colt by Keen Ice.

Wente has a remarkable eye for a bargain mare. Incredibly, in fact, Rich Strike only got into the Derby because he had one more qualifying point than Rattle N Roll ([Connect](#))--bred by St. Simon Place after his dam was picked up for \$20,000 at the 2016 November Sale. That mare was cashed out for \$585,000 in the same ring last November.

As it was, St. Simon was represented in the GI Kentucky Oaks by Hidden Connection (also by [Connect](#)), whose dam was a \$9,500 steal before similarly making her home run at \$450,000 at Fasig-Tipton last fall.

Unfortunately Gold Strike has evidently become a difficult breeder, with no foal since. She is in the best of hands right now, being evaluated for breeding, but obviously the odds are steepening at the age of 20.

Regardless of how things play out, hats off to Wente. Anyone can get lucky and do something like that once, but this guy has done it time and again.

One other foal bred during Gold Strike's residence at Calumet did make the track the year after she was culled. My Blonde Mary, a filly by Oxbow who has won three claimers in 29 starts, was hooked for a basement tag at Tampa Bay last month by trainer Douglas Nunn and Winner Circle Stables LLC. Doubtless they had spotted her half-brother grab third in the GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks just a couple of days previously. Alert business, if so, for another creature of highly volatile value!

The real status of this family, not to mention his own stud prospects, may vary wildly according to what Rich Strike does next. Perhaps it will simply turn out that those Turfway synthetics were not to his taste, and/or that he has reserves of stamina that could only be drawn out, even at 10 furlongs, by the kind of ferocious pace that suited his sire. But if the jury must remain out, equally, on the lessons available in his pedigree, for now we must credit Calumet for achieving something so very conspicuous with such a "striking" blend of genetic flavors.

In addition to the Smart Strike overload, and the mirroring of Mr. Prospector with his brother along the bottom line, we should note extra seams of "ore" from their dam Gold Digger behind Keen Ice himself. His fourth dam, and absolutely pivotal to his appeal, is the Emory Hamilton matriarch Chic Shirine--a daughter of Mr. Prospector.

And actually there's another sliver of Mr P. lurking via the second dam of Awesome Again, damsire of Keen Ice. But the main service of Awesome Again, for those breeding to Keen Ice, is another extremely close reinforcement: his sire Deputy Minister is also responsible for the dam of [Curlin](#). That gives a 3x3 footprint to one of the all-time broodmare sires. Almost as potent in Keen Ice, then, as Smart Strike in Rich Strike. This precious payload of Deputy Minister, combined with that Chic Shirine--Too Chic (Blushing Groom {Fr}) bottom line, will perhaps make Keen Ice especially attractive to anyone who wouldn't mind retaining a filly.

So Rich Strike and his sire each intensify one of the key influences on the modern breed. For both horses, what happened on Saturday may yet turn out to be too good to be true. In view of what Calumet stands for today, however, it would be extremely healthy if each proved able to build on this breakthrough.

You can be sure that some commercial breeders will no more buy into Keen Ice than they did Oxbow, following Hot Rod Charlie. But it's auspicious at least to see people challenged in such similar fashion, two years running.

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There may not be big bucks at ringside, yet, for the kind of hardiness, stamina and old-fashioned depth of pedigree sought by Calumet for their stallion roster. Perhaps, however, that might gradually begin to change as people see how these attributes, integral to the farm's original glory, remain just what you need for the first Saturday in May and that we will only need more of the same, if we continue cleaning up the game as we must.

Kelley and his team have realized that some of the least fashionable assets of the Thoroughbred are exactly what can make it most sustainable in an uncertain future. This particular Derby winner may or may not prove eligible to change perceptions and it won't necessarily be the Calumet team who find the stallions that ultimately end up doing so. But that won't alter the odds that the eccentricities of today may well become the orthodoxy of tomorrow.

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## FINE TIME TO HAVE A KEEN ICE BABY

by Jessica Martini

Keen Ice, who has been flying under the radar behind some heavy-hitting first-crop sires, has been non-existent at the 2-year-old sales so far this year, but that's about to change when the Calumet stallion has two juveniles catalogued for the upcoming Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. And the timing couldn't be better following his son Rich Strike's dramatic victory in Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby.

Ron Fein of Superfine Farms and partner Juan Centeno will offer the first colt by Keen Ice to sell at a 2-year-old auction when they send [hip 95](#) through the sales ring in Timonium May 23. The gray colt will be consigned by Centeno's All Dreams Equine.

Fein and Centeno purchased the colt for \$17,000 as a weanling at the 2020 Keeneland November sale, but the youngster's appeal wasn't really about his GI Travers S.-winning sire, according to Fein.

"We bought him because of the individual," Fein recalled Monday. "At that particular time, COVID was in its height, I didn't go to the sale. Juan went to the sale. He looked at the conformation. I worked the book and watched the sale virtually."

The colt is out of Tap Spin (Arg) ([Tapit](#)), a full-sister to multiple graded stakes winner [Tapiture](#), as well as graded winner Rotation and stakes winners Remit and Retap.

"I took a look at the pedigree and I thought was terrific," Fein said. "Juan liked his conformation and we bought him."

Fein continued, "We decided instead of selling him as a yearling, we would sell him as a 2-year-old and because of his May birthday, we held off selling him until the Maryland sale."

Fein and Centeno have already had success selling purchases from that 2020 November sale. The partners purchased a son of [Tapwrit](#) for \$35,000 as a weanling and resold the colt for \$450,000 at last month's OBS Spring sale.

Knowing he had this colt to sell, Fein had been keeping an eye out for other juveniles by Keen Ice to be offered at auction this spring.

"It was just strange that there were no Keen Ices sold," Fein said. "There weren't any in the earlier sales."

Asked if he had started to worry about the stallion's commercial appeal, Fein admitted, "You always think about that. But you always look at the individual horse, that's the important thing."

And Fein is optimistic about the individual he will be offering at the Midlantic sale.

"Absolutely super," Fein said of how the colt was doing ahead of the sale. "He's got a super head on him. He's got an excellent physical. He seems like he's going to be fast. With his pedigree, I hope that he is. There have been only good things. We are pretty excited about him."

And the extra buzz of being by a stallion who just sired a Kentucky Derby winner couldn't hurt either.

"I would think it has to help," Fein said. "I think people should start to look at Keen Ice now. He's a horse that won \$3 million, won the Travers. He was a super horse. I have no idea why everybody turned off on him."

Keen Ice is also represented by a filly in the Midlantic catalogue. Parrish Farms consigns [hip 597](#), a daughter of multiple stakes winner Quality Lass (Exclusive Quality). The juvenile was purchased for \$5,000 by Ramiro Salazar, agent, at the 2020 Keeneland November sale. She RNA'd for \$29,000 at last year's OBS October Yearling sale.

The under-tack show for the Midlantic sale will be held May 17-19, with sessions beginning daily at 8 a.m. at the Maryland State Fairgrounds. The auction will be held May 23 and May 24. Bidding begins each day at 11 a.m.

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## TDN TOP-TO-BOTTOM DERBY RUNDOWN

by T. D. Thornton

This week's Triple Crown feature examines the trips of GI Kentucky Derby runners in detail from first to last:

### 1) Rich Strike (unranked also-eligible in TDN pre-race rankings)

There are three components of a metaphorical "black swan" event: The happenstance is highly unlikely; it has outsized consequences that almost no one sees coming, and people try to force a rationalization given the benefit of hindsight. That definition sums up Rich Strike's 80-1 shocker in the Derby. This former \$30,000 maiden-claiming son of Keen Ice dropped sharply inside shortly after an uneventful break from post 20. Sonny Leon patiently kept him five paths off the rail while dropping to last, then advanced several positions through the turn and onto the backstretch while third from last and about three paths off the rail. Cued to quicken into the far bend, Leon had to make a quick decision regarding which way to go around a tiring

**Classic Causeway** (Giant's Causeway), and when he chose the outside he pulsed through a narrow opening just before **Simplification** (**Not This Time**) tightened it up. Rich Strike was boxed behind two eventual also-rans at the quarter pole, but when they floated wide, Leon dove to the fence and got to work right-handed. It appeared as if he didn't initially gauge how suddenly **Messier** (Empire Maker) was tiring ahead of him, but despite having to yank Rich Strike off heels and back outside, the hard-charging colt didn't lose much momentum. Rich Strike had dead aim on the two leaders a furlong out, briefly stalled a few strides later while being urged left-handed, then took up the



Kentucky Derby finish | Coady Photography

chase again in earnest a sixteenth out with Leon pumping and extending in powerful synchrony with this mount's forward momentum. Rich Strike earned a 101 Beyer Speed Figure.

### 2) Epicenter (No. 2 in TDN pre-race rankings)

Epicenter's strengths heading into the Derby were his consistency and willingness to slug it out in the stretch, and nothing about those traits got blemished in his runner-up effort. He absorbed an inward bump leaving the gate but was unfazed, and Joel Rosario secured the rail a bit farther off the pace than we usually see this this \$260,000 KEESEP colt by **Not This Time** (seventh and leading the second flight). Epicenter was striding confidently while incrementally advancing through the backside run, and Rosario nudged him to quicken after passing the half-mile pole. That action put Epicenter right on the heels of **Messier**, who was getting first run at the wilting pacemakers, but Rosario was taking a calculated risk based on not wanting John Velazquez's mount to get too big of a jump on the far turn. Although Epicenter

remained "on hold" for a few strides three-eighths out, Rosario pounced when he saw daylight in path three off the turn, and Epicenter came over the top at the quarter pole. Zandon loomed as the main danger at the three-sixteenths marker, but it took him until the eighth pole to fully unwind, and the stage appeared set for those two to fight it out through the final furlong before Rich Strike unexpectedly arrived. None of the top three were shortening stride to the wire; Rosario described his trip as "perfect," adding that "we ran too good to get beat."

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### 3) Zandon (No. 1 in TDN pre-race rankings)

As I've been harping on for weeks in Zandon's write-ups, betting a closer in a 20-horse field is always a dicey proposition because of potential traffic trouble. But Flavien Prat allayed any such fears with a deft ride that only came up short because this \$170,000 KEESEP colt by [Upstart](#) got outkicked in deep stretch. Pinballed briefly a few strides out of stall 10, Zandon appeared to be playing a game of chase with Epicenter, following the favorite's move to the rail the first time through the lane, then never letting that rival out of his striking sights all the way through the far turn. As the cadence quickened three-eighths out, Prat's first tactical decision involved splitting foes. But when Epicenter made his quarter-pole move, Prat still waited a beat or two before thrusting his mount into contention four wide with a committed flourish. Zandon's response was not immediate however, and Prat had to flail and hustle to elicit the desired higher gear. At the eighth pole it looked like he had the win within his grasp, but Epicenter re-engaged and the two were all-out before Rich Strike blindsided them both. The top three finished up much more authoritatively than the rest of the field.

### 4) Simplification (No. 5 in TDN pre-race rankings)

Simplification was the juiciest overlay in the Derby, with his 35-1 odds far eclipsing his actual chances. And in the upper stretch, this son of [Not This Time](#) (\$50,000 RNA at KEENOV) was truly in it to win it. Parked in 15th for a good portion of the journey, he was into the bit and responsive to Jose Ortiz's handling, advancing four deep through the final turn before being asked to slice inside rather than give up ground wider through that bend. What initially looked like a tight spot behind horses turning for home suddenly opened up into clear running room, and Simplification bulled through, not shying from foes who were spent and having trouble staying straight. A spurt of acceleration at the eighth pole looked like it could produce a winning bid, but Simplification didn't sustain that momentum past the sixteenth marker. He stayed on capably while winning the photo for fourth by a neck.

### 5) Mo Donegal (No. 6 in TDN pre-race rankings)

This son of [Uncle Mo](#) (\$250,000 KEESEP) came out of post one a touch awkwardly and then was relegated to the back of the pack. Considering his come-from-behind style, his nimble, athletic way of going, and the hot pace, this shouldn't have been any great adversity for him. But Irad Ortiz, Jr., kept Mo Donegal in "wait" mode all the way to the five-sixteenths pole before asking for run, and by the time that opportunity materialized at the head of the stretch Mo was fanned way out wide in the 13 path. He brushed with several rivals and looked like the more assertive horse in doing so, and even though Mo wasn't going to hit the board, his true-to-form acceleration inside the eighth pole can legitimately be labelled "sneaky good."

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Barber Road's sustained run from three furlongs out equates to a pretty decent effort. But by the time he uncorked that bid from last, Reylu Gutierrez had no other choice than to commit to the widest path, which ended up parking this colt 14 wide for the drive. Knocking shoulders with Mo Donegal in upper stretch seemed to embolden this Race Day gray (\$15,000 KEENOV). But he lacked the power to polish off anyone in the top five, and he barely held sixth by a head. The GI Belmont S. has been mentioned as a next-race option. But Barber Road is now winless in the past six months, and this gritty stayer would be a formidable force in some of the lower-tiered Derbies (Ohio, Indiana, Iowa).

**7) Tawny Port (No. 15 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

Although seventh place sounds like a so-so effort, Tawny Port (\$430,000 KEESEP) was beaten just 4 3/4 lengths for the win. That's pretty impressive considering that--like Rich Strike--he was 80-1. This son of Pioneerof the Nile got a better-than-it-looks schooling out of his Derby experience after running three of his first five races on Tapeta. His prolonged, well-within-himself rally from the half-mile pole home showed he can maneuver adeptly through thick traffic, and his move-within-a-move from the three-sixteenths pole until the final half-furlong had him right behind the leaders until he got tired in the final stages. Options abound deeper into the season for this versatile hard-tryer who is just now figuring things out.

**8) Smile Happy (No. 3 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

TDN Rising Star' Smile Happy ([Runhappy](#)) broke fluidly and saved ground, then attempted the same "follow the favorite" trip as Zandon, except he was a touch farther off the fence. This colt (\$175,000 KEENOV; \$185,000 FTKSEL) is unperturbed by racing in a tight pack, as evidenced by his willingness to hold his position under shoulder-to-shoulder pressure through the far-turn scrum. Corey Lanerie put it best: "I was right with Epicenter when we came to the quarter pole. I popped out to try to go around but just didn't have enough horse. He gave out on me a little bit, so just maybe the distance."

**9) Tiz the Bomb (No. 7 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

Although the stated game plan for this \$330,000 FTKSEL colt by Hit It a Bomb was to be a little closer to the early action, Tiz lacked both speed and a closing kick. His Derby is best described as "no impact" despite meticulous ground-saving by jockey Brian Hernandez, Jr. "We didn't get away from the gate as cleanly as we would like," he said. "We ended up a little further back. He ran a pretty good trip. He grinded it out and picked up half the field late."

**10) Zozos (No. 17 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

'TDN Rising Star' Zozos ([Munnings](#)) had his head cocked toward the grandstand after leaving gate 19 and Manny Franco encouraged him to attain a prominent early position before putting him under a rating hold while third or fourth for most of the trip. This homebred for Barry and Joni Butzow was three wide on both turns and ran out of gas five-sixteenths out; he had spent all his energy just trying to tag on to that first flight of pacemakers, all of whom likewise wilted.

**11) Classic Causeway (No. 12 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

Classic Causeway (Giant's Causeway), a homebred for Kentucky West Racing and Clarke Cooper, had demonstrated through the prep season that he was the quickest gate-breaker of the bunch. But the lack of a clean start from post 17 took this speedster out of his element. He was six wide into the turn, 13th for most of the backstretch run, and when he backpedaled out of the far-turn melee with his head bent toward the infield, Classic Causeway did not look comfortable. It initially appeared as if jockey Julien Leparoux was just trying to ease him out of harm's way. But turning for home, right after Leparoux flipped up his goggles, Classic Causeway dove down inside and began digging back in with interest between the quarter and eighth poles. He was too far out of it to make an impact, but that late surge is commendable for a contender who seemed spent.

**12) Taiba (No. 10 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

'TDN Rising Star' Taiba (\$140,000 FTKOCT; \$1.7 million FTFMAR) was vastly underlaid as the 5-1 second favorite. He broke decently and had enough natural speed and interest to latch onto the back of the first flight with minimal encouragement from Mike Smith. But all of his energy went into maintaining that position, and at no point did Taiba launch a serious bid. Smith noted the colt ate a lot of dirt, but that immersion into an absolute wall of horseflesh through the far turn will surely be of benefit from a learning perspective. Taiba may have been a touch uncomfortable, but he never quit, and Smith judiciously chose not to overextend him from eighth pole home.

**13) Crown Pride (Jpn) (No. 13 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

This son of Reach the Crown (Jpn) was a willing forward factor into a sizzling pace, sitting second while pressuring the leader into the far turn. When the fresh and dangerous Messier moved, so did Crown Pride, and he was head-and-head with that new challenger, too, even briefly attaining the lead between chart calls. The taxing effort sapped him by the quarter pole, but the Japan-based Crown Pride was hardly disgraced in defeat, having taken on America's best on their own speed-centric terms.

**14) Happy Jack (No. 20 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

Jockey Rafael Bejarano reported that Happy Jack caught his tail in the gate and "started acting crazy," which was the reason for the pre-race back-out. This Calumet Farm homebred by Oxbow saved ground and was last until the quarter pole, then picked off a few toiling horses late.

**15) Messier (No. 4 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

'TDN Rising Star' Messier was given every tactical opportunity to win the Derby. John Velazquez put him into the race straight from the gate, then backed off a beat and secured the rail when he saw the two imports were going to set a torrid pace. Stalking menacingly, this \$470,000 FTKSEL colt looked primed to pounce a half-mile out, and although Velazquez might have moved slightly sooner than he wanted, he really couldn't pass up the opportunity of blasting through the hole afforded to him when Summer Is Tomorrow ([Summer Front](#)) called it quits at the fence and there was ample room to the inside flank of Crown Pride. But that 17-1 shot from Japan put up more of a fight than this Canadian-bred colt might have bargained for, and Messier was torched by the time Epicenter and Zandon were ready to take over at the head of the lane. "I'm not sure, but maybe we have to consider distance limitations with him," said trainer Tim Yakteen.

**16) White Abarrio (No. 12 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

This Race Day gray (\$7,500 OBSWIN; \$40,000 OBSMAR) got lost in the shuffle the first time through the homestretch when a couple of bigger horses outmuscled him for position. He journeyed five wide through the first turn and backstretch, was in the seven path around the final bend, then got hooked 10 wide for the drive. He kept plugging away until the eighth pole when Tyler Gaffalione wrapped him up for safekeeping.

**17) Charge It (No. 9 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

'TDN Rising Star' Charge It looked a little lost out there, and Luis Saez chalked it up to the colt's relative inexperience. This Whisper Hill Farm homebred by [Tapit](#) was hustled out of the gate to grab a top spot, but then Saez backed off and tried to settle him at the fence. On the backstretch, Charge It vacated the rail in search of an uncovered outer spot in the five path, and he hit a decent rhythm before needing to fan ever wider through the far bend without ever truly blasting off.

**18) Cyberknife (No. 16 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

This [Gun Runner](#) colt (\$400,000 FTKSEL) was a first-flight presence but not an impactful one. "I broke super sharp and was in a great position. [The] pace was very hot and I was up close," said Florent Geroux, who was gearing down his colt by the three-sixteenths pole.

**19) Pioneer of Medina (No. 14 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

Pioneer of Medina "got hot in the paddock" according to trainer Todd Pletcher. This Pioneer of the Nile colt (\$485,000 RNA at KEESEP) had a stutter-step start and was involved in some minor jostling the first time past the stands. He never gained a foothold at any point while midpack and was already being backed out of the action by the three-eighths pole.

**20) Summer Is Tomorrow (No. 18 in TDN pre-race rankings)**

With a six-sprint foundation at Meydan and Jebel Ali and a Derby gate draw of post four, it was no shock that this 36-1 son of [Summer Front](#) (\$25,000 KEENOV; \$14,000 RNA at KEESEP; \$169,743 ARQDEA) tried to lead for as long as he could before getting out of the way. "He's a perfect six- to seven-furlong horse," said jockey Mickael Barzalona. "Today, we got pressure early on and the backstretch and I couldn't save [his speed] as I did in Dubai last time."

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**Helen Groves Passes Away (cont. from p1)**

Antics, an unraced mare by Unbridled and yet another granddaughter of Althea and daughter of Aurora, produced one of the fastest one-turn females in years, the dual Eclipse champion Covfefe.

While the family partnership has proven prolific, Groves was not afraid to step out on her own. She bought out her partners in a yearling filly by Street Cry out of Alchemist at the Saratoga sale, instead of taking a considerable gain. Fittingly named And Why Not, she garnered Grade I credentials after breaking her maiden at first asking, also at Saratoga. And Why Not is the dam of multiple graded stakes winner Fearless, winner of 2022 GIII [Ghostzapper](#) S. and recently runner-up in the GII Oaklawn H.

In 1987, Groves made an astute purchase from the Tartan/Nerud dispersal, embellishing her formidable broodmare band with the 8-year-old Mochila in foal to Fappiano, and established a pedigree influence that continues to resonate in 2022. From Mochila, Groves bred and raced GI Ballerina S. winner Serape, who later produced record-setting multiple graded stakes winner and stakes producer Batique, who also ran in Groves's colors. Through another of Serape's daughters, Trensa, Groves bred and sold Grade I winners Free Drop Billy and multiple Group 1 winner Hawkbill, who was purchased as a yearling by Godolphin and earned nearly \$5 million. In 2019, Hard Cloth, a granddaughter of Serape produced a colt by [More Than Ready](#) which Groves sold as a yearling. Now named Emmanuel, the very promising current 3-year-old recently was third in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S.

Services will be held May 17 at First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation ([grayson-jockeyclub.org](#)) or the National Sporting Library (<http://nationalsporting.org>).

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## SERVIS TO STAND TRIAL IN JANUARY '23

by T. D. Thornton

A federal judge has established trial dates for the remaining Thoroughbred-related defendants in the alleged international doping conspiracy case that has already netted **several convictions and a number of guilty pleadings.**

The most prominent name among the indicted individuals is the barred trainer Jason Servis, whose case will be tried alongside that of New York-based veterinarian Alexander Chan on Jan. 9, 2023.

Servis amassed gaudily high win percentages during the 2010s decade prior to getting arrested on three felony drug misbranding and conspiracy to commit fraud charges in March 2020.

According a trove of wiretaps the government has produced as evidence against him--plus implicating testimony from plea-bargaining defendants who are already imprisoned--Servis allegedly doped almost all the horses under his control in early 2019, including MGISW **Maximum Security**, who crossed the wire first in the GI Kentucky Derby, but was DQ'd for in-race interference. Chan is alleged to have assisted with the alleged conspiracy.

Another trial grouping set for Sept. 12, 2022, will decide felony charges against former trainer Michael Tannuzzo and Florida-based veterinarian Erica Garcia, both of whom are alleged accomplices of the now-imprisoned former trainer Jorge Navarro.

Alluding to previous setbacks that have caused complications in the court calendar, United States District Court Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil wrote in her May 6 scheduling order, "These are firm trial dates. The Court will not accept delays."

Previous reasons for pushing back the trials have included conflicts on the calendars of defense attorneys, delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the massive volume of evidence against the defendants that has been introduced.

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## WHAT MAKES A DREAM HOUSE A DREAM HOME? A REMI MURAL by Sue Finley

When Tom and Rhonda Carpenter decided that it was time to retire from their automobile dealership business in Ohio, it didn't take them long to decide where their retirement home would be. Saturday, Tom attended his 56th consecutive Kentucky Derby; it was Rhonda's 35th, and the longtime racing fans quickly settled on Lexington, Kentucky as their new destination. They set about meticulously restoring and furnishing a home with enough land to keep future horses on-site, and packed their bags for the Bluegrass. But when the

refinished basement was made into a media room, there was a big, blank white wall that needed filling. And so it was that *TDN* cartoonist Remi Bellocq got started on his first-ever mural.

The Carpenters unveiled the mural to family and friends at their Kentucky Oaks party Friday night.

"As soon as when we bought this house, we were walking around and deciding, 'Okay, what are we going to do down here?'" recalled Rhonda, as she sat in the basement for an interview where Bellocq was hard at work on the finishing touches of the mural a week before the unveiling. "Tom has a Derby glass collection. He collects halters," she said, gesturing to a wall festooned with the halters of famous horses. "We have all sorts of art that will cover this whole house. We thought, 'Wouldn't a mural be cool?' We had read an article about Remi, and Tom started Googling him."



**A work in progress: Bellocq with his mural | Sue Finley photo**

They met with Bellocq, presented him with the idea, and sold him on it, but not without a little trepidation on his part.

Bellocq has been doing cartoons for years, just like his famous father, Pierre "Peb" Bellocq. But while Peb has done several murals--at Aqueduct, Gallagher's Steakhouse, Belmont Park, Churchill Downs, and more--this would be Remi's first. And living up to his famous father's standards figured to be tough.

"As a kid I painted," he said. "My dad would have us paint watercolors at the beach. We'd go to the Jersey Shore and he'd say, 'Okay, paint what you see.' But I never took any classes or anything. He taught me how to mix colors and work with oils and acrylics. The funny thing is that when I was in school and I wanted to take an art class as an elective, he said, 'Well...no. I don't know your teachers, but all you're going to do is learn bad habits. Just paint what's natural.'"

When he asked his father for advice on painting the mural, Peb told him, "Start on the left. Work your way to the right. Cover all the white space."

"His humor is still intact at 95," Remi observed. It wasn't long before he developed an even deeper appreciation for the work his father had done. The wall is five feet high by 11 feet wide, and is painted in acrylic paint.

"The difference between this and working smaller with watercolors and pen and ink is that it's a different medium," he said, standing in front of the mural in his painting apron. "So you have to kind of work somewhat quickly. The paints dry out, and then if you've got a mix of a color that you're happy with, trying to get it exactly the same two days later when you're going back over it is hard. I realize now all the little tricks that my dad had. When he painted the murals at Churchill Downs and Belmont, he would go to the store and get all the egg cartons he could get, because then he could mix small amounts and then kind match it like that, as opposed to trying to do too much at once. And the funniest thing was that when I started it, I had no idea how far paint would go. So I started on the sky and I'm sitting there with my brush and painting and I'm going, like, 'I'm such an idiot.' I mixed my own light blue, didn't have enough, and realized it would never match. So I ran to the True Value hardware store around the corner and bought enough to cover it. Then when I did the dirt track, I did the same thing."



Click the photo above to see Alex Bellocq's video on the making and unveiling of the mural | *Alex Bellocq photo*

"Derby Dreaming" is the name of the mural, showing a future horse owned by the Carpenters winning the Derby. The horse wears a saddle towel which reads 'Meadow Wood Farm,' the name of the new property. When they get around to buying horses and choosing silks, Bellocq promised them he would repaint the colors on the jockey to match theirs. But for now, the colors he was allowed to use are those of the Bellocq family silks—purple and green—"which was a very nice gesture of the Carpenters," he said. Like in his father's murals, look hard and you'll find people you know. Here, the Carpenters stand by the

finish line (she's in a pink hat) cheering home their winner.

"We thought we wanted it to be joyful, at Churchill Downs, and just representing the joy of the day. Remi showed us a couple of sketch ideas, and this was the idea we just loved."

Bellocq said that for people who have worked a long time in the industry, it can be easy to forget what it was like to be a super-fan looking to get involved. "We've been at it so long that sometimes you forget that there are people out there who just love to get horse halters, and stuff like that," said Bellocq.



**Tom and Rhonda Carpenter make a cameo in their mural**

*Sue Finley photo*

"All industries need new blood," added Rhonda.

"We're putting up fencing and landscaping the front. Literally, we just moved in. Remi started on this when there was no carpet in the room and there was no paint on the walls. So the house has evolved in the time he's been here, and now we need to put up a barn, and the paddocks, and we hope to have mares and babies in the backyard."

"Moving to Lexington," she said. "This is the retirement dream."

And the mural is the icing on the cake.

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## TICKETS ON SALE FOR 2022 BREEDERS' CUP

Tickets for the 2022 Breeders' Cup, to be held for the third time at Keeneland Race Course Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5, 2022, are now on sale at [BreedersCup.com/Tickets](https://BreedersCup.com/Tickets).

"With the 39th running of the Breeders' Cup World Championships now less than six months away, we're excited to see fans begin making their plans to join us for another incredible two days of racing," said Breeders' Cup President and CEO Drew Fleming. "We know fans are eager to celebrate racing and watch the best horses in the world compete at Keeneland, and we are working with our partners at both the racetrack and in the Lexington community to ensure that this year's running is the best one yet."

A reflection of its commitment to a 'curated and intimate' fan experience and to ensure safety and comfort, attendance for the event will be capped at 45,000. Available single-day ticket prices range from \$75 to \$504 on Friday, and \$125 to \$689 on Saturday. Two-day packages available for purchase range from \$200 to \$1,568. All tickets will be sold in advance of the event, as no tickets will be sold on event days at the racetrack.

To further elevate the experience for all fans and participants, Breeders' Cup and Keeneland will invest more than \$10.5 million to expand seating areas and enhance hospitality offerings. This investment will add 165,000 square feet of luxury chalets that will provide 7,500 premium dining seats and 1,800 temporary box seats, including [Trackside Luxury Chalets](#), [The Silks Lawn Chalet](#), [The Saddling Paddock Chalet](#) and [Temporary Loge Box Seats](#).

Parking on-site at Keeneland is limited and only available to attendees with official pre-paid parking credentials. There will be no day-of-event parking available for purchase. Breeders' Cup will offer public shuttle service to and from Keeneland at one dedicated off-site Park-and-Ride location on Friday and Saturday. More information is available at [BreedersCup.com/Transportation](#).

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## TRAINER BONUS BACK FOR PREAKNESS WEEKEND

For the sixth consecutive year, the Maryland Jockey Club will over bonus money totaling \$100,000 to trainers who run at least five horses in the 15 Thoroughbred stakes that are to be carded for Preakness weekend May 20 and 21 at Pimlico Racecourse.

A total of 16 stakes--10 at the graded level--with combined purse money of \$3.8 million will be offered. The trainer who accumulates the most points will earn \$50,000, with \$25,000 for second, \$12,000 for third, \$7,000 for fourth, \$4,000 for fifth and \$2,000 for sixth.

Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen was the leading Preakness weekend stakes trainer in 2018 and 2019, followed by Brad Cox in 2019 and Mike Maker in 2020. Asmussen edged Maker for the top spot again in 2021.

There will also be bonus money totaling \$50,000 for trainers with the most points in non-stakes races during Preakness weekend. The points are accumulated in similar fashion with \$25,000 going to the leader, \$10,000 to second, \$7,500 to third, \$4,000 to fourth, \$2,500 to fifth and \$1,000 to sixth.

Nominations are free for all stakes, with the exception of the Preakness, and close Tuesday, May 10. To make a nomination, email stakes coordinator Marie Kizenko at [marie.kizenko@marylandracing.com](mailto:marie.kizenko@marylandracing.com); call 410-542-9400 or 800-638-1859; or fax 410-542-1221.

Entries will be taken Sunday, May 15 for the entire Black-Eyed Susan Day program, with post positions drawn for all undercard stakes. The Black-Eyed Susan will be drawn Monday, May 16, when entries are taken and post positions drawn for the Preakness Day program.

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## ROBERT RAYMOND PASSES AWAY

Robert "Bobby" Raymond passed away Sunday at Mease Countryside Hospital in Safety Harbor, Fla., from septic shock. He was 74. Raymond trained 1,294 winners during his 43-year career and finished eighth in the 2020-2021 trainer's standings at Tampa Bay Downs.

The longtime trainer suffered an infection in a cut on his leg and was rushed to the hospital last Friday. His condition gradually worsened over the next two days before he passed away at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

"He never stopped fighting. His heart was so big," Rob Raymond said of his father. "He hardly ever took a minute for himself. He had a great love for the animals and all the people he was involved with. He never had a problem helping someone on the backstretch who was in need. He touched so many people, and the outpouring of love and affection we've received the last 24 hours has been unbelievable. We've had people calling offering condolences from Cuba to Canada."

Raymond, a Woonsocket, R.I., product who owned Bobcat Stable farm in North Smithfield, R.I., with his wife Kathy, began training in 1979 at Suffolk Downs in Boston and made Tampa Bay Downs his winter base during the 2003-2004 season.

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### Trainer Eric Reed on NBC's TODAY show

Eric Reed, trainer of Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike, joins TODAY to celebrate the win that shocked the world. Reed touches on the storybook underdog victory, and shares how the horse brought his family "out of a really dark time."

# SIREs WITH NEW SWs/GSWs

## FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2022 NORTH AMERICAN-BASED STALLIONS



Grand Ave Girl became the first stakes winner on turf for Claiborne's **Runhappy** in the Monroe S. | Lauren King

<b>Sire (Sire's Sire)</b>	<b>#SWs</b>	<b>#GSWs (GISW)</b>
<b>Curlin</b> (Smart Strike)	89	48 (18)
( <i>Obligatory</i> --GI Derby City Distaff; <i>Cody's Wish</i> --GIII Westchester S.)		
<b>Distorted Humor</b> (Forty Niner)	157	68 (18)
( <i>Santini</i> --GI Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic S.)		
<b>Into Mischief</b> (Harlan's Holiday)	110	49
( <i>Top Gunner</i> --St. Mathews Overnight S.)		
<b>Keen Ice</b> ( <b>Curlin</b> )	2	1 (1)
( <i>Rich Strike</i> --GI Kentucky Derby)		
<b>Kitten's Joy</b> (El Prado {Ire})	110	53
( <i>New Year's Eve</i> --GII Edgewood S.)		
<b>Mr Speaker</b> (Pulpit)	8	1
( <i>Three Technique</i> --Knicks Go Overnight S.)		
<b>Runhappy</b> (Super Saver)	8	2
( <i>Grand Ave Girl</i> --Monroe S.)		

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<b>Shame On Charlie</b> (Indian Charlie)	6	---
( <i>Nostrangtotherain</i> --C.O. Ken Kendrik Memorial S.)		
<b>Tapit</b> (Pulpit)	150	94 (29)
( <i>Pauline's Pearl</i> --GI La Troienne S.)		
<b>Temple City</b> (Dynaformer)	24	12
( <i>Ocean Safari</i> --Honey Ryder S.)		

<b>Tom's Tribute</b> (Lion Heart)	1	---
( <i>Tom's Regret</i> --Kentucky Juvenile S.)		
<b>Twinspired</b> (Harlan's Holiday)	4	---
( <i>Direct Deceit</i> --Michael F. Rowland Memorial H.)		
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## CABRERA EARNS FIRST OAKLAWN RIDING TITLE

Despite missing the final 13 racing days due to injury, David Cabrera earned his first Oaklawn Park riding title with 62 victories when the Arkansas track concluded its racing season Sunday. Cabrera was one win ahead of Francisco Arrieta and eight-time Oaklawn riding champion Ricardo Santana was third with 47 victories.

"This is a dream," Cabrera said. "This is a dream and I really thank my agent. He's a very, very good agent. To me, having him is something very good. He's my secret weapon."

Cabrera, who has spent the last few weeks recovering at his home in Jones, Oklahoma and is targeting a return to the saddle in late May at Lone Star Park, sustained head, neck and upper back injuries in an Apr. 8 spill, which occurred when his mount, Mostly Awesome, clipped heels in upper stretch and fell. Cabrera was unseated and tumbled hard to the ground. He said he has no memory of the accident.

"Actually, it's like the last five days that I've started to feel normal," Cabrera said. "Before that, I was having trouble with my senses. I was still acting a little weird. Everything, I think, has come back to normal."

Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen won 65 races to capture his 12th Oaklawn training title. Asmussen had shared the record for most career Oaklawn training titles with the late Hall of Famer Henry Forrest. Asmussen (820) is poised to surpass the late Bob Holthus (867) as the winningest trainer in Oaklawn history at the 2022-2023 meeting.

John Ed Anthony topped all owners at the meeting in victories (19), purse earnings (\$2,083,402) and stakes victories (five). Anthony set a single-season Oaklawn record for purse earnings. M and M Racing of Mike and Mickala Sisk set the previous mark (\$1,782,351) in 2019. Anthony also surpassed the late Sharon Hild at the meet to become Oaklawn's all-time winningest owner. Anthony has 279 career Oaklawn victories, the first coming Feb. 16, 1972.

## SEATTLE SLEW LICENSE PLATE CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) Foundation is celebrating the fifth anniversary of its specialty Seattle Slew license plate.

Since its release on May 1, 2017, the number of Kentuckians who have chosen to use the plate has continued to increase annually. From each purchase and renewal of the plate, \$10 is donated to the KEEP Foundation to be used for educational initiatives related to the state's horse industry. To date, funding from the license plate has totaled nearly \$140,000.

The KEEP Foundation's Seattle Slew specialty license plate would not have been possible without the gracious support of Karen and Mickey Taylor, the owners of Seattle Slew, and Bobby Shiflet, owner of the Tony Leonard Collection, who donated the photo of Seattle Slew that was used for the license plate.

"The KEEP Foundation's Seattle Slew specialty license plate has paid incredible dividends for the Commonwealth by directing these funds toward essential education and workforce development projects," said Elisabeth Jensen, Chair of the KEEP Foundation Board of Directors. "We look forward to where the next five years will take us and we have no doubts that it will match the incredible success that we have seen over the past five years. The KEEP Foundation will be forever grateful to the Taylors and the Tony Leonard Collection for making this success possible."

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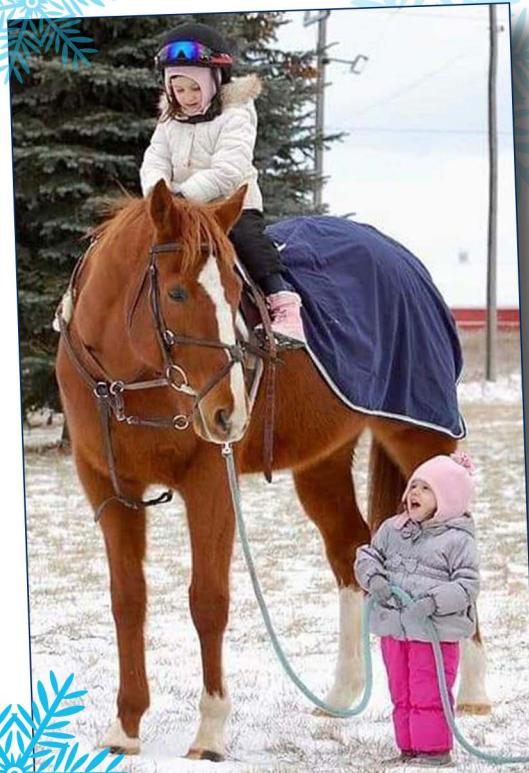
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# TDN SNIPS

## SNIPPETS: WEEK OF MAY 1-8

by Gary King

It was a hectic week in the Thoroughbred business with all eyes firmly focussed on Louisville, Kentucky. Here are some facts and figures that you might have missed in the rush.



The final stages of Saturday's Kentucky Derby | Coady

### Record Numbers...

Wagering from all-sources on the Kentucky Derby (single race) totaled \$179 million, up 15% over 2021 and up 8% from the previous record of \$166.5-million set in 2019. This year's wagering record includes \$8.3 million of handle put through the window in Japan.

### The Smart Strike Factor...

As a broodmare sire, Smart Strike has the distinction of having two of the four biggest longshots in history to win the Derby with Mine That Bird (Birdstone), who paid \$103.20 in 2009, and now Rich Strike at \$163.60. Rich Strike is actually inbred 3x2 to the former Lane's End stallion.

### Five And Counting...

It was a long time between Kentucky Oaks wins, but Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas now has five to his credit. Blush With Pride (1982), Lucky Lucky Lucky (1984), Open Mind (1989), Seaside Attraction (1990). Will Secret Oath (Arrogate) prove to be the best yet?

### Galileo's Week in Europe...

This week has taken the form of a prolonged tribute to the late, great Galileo. After clinching the worldwide stakes record from Danehill (347) only last week, the floodgates have well and truly opened since then, and Sadler's Wells's finest son now sits on 353. Not sure all records are made to be broken?

### The New Ghostzapper?...

In the post-race interview, Chad Brown compared undefeated 'TDN Rising Star' Jack Christopher (Munnings) to Hall of Famer Ghostzapper (Awesome Again), who Brown worked with while under the tutelage of Bobby Frankel. "This horse reminds me a lot of Ghostzapper, I was fortunate to work with that horse, he moves about the same as him and that one had a few rough patches as well." Music to the ears of Jim Bakke, Gerry Isbister, Coolmore Stud and White Birch Farm.

### A Curlin Graded Double For Mott...

Hall of Famer Bill Mott registered a graded-stakes triple over the weekend, including a pair of *Curlin* offspring for two of the world's premier breeding operations. At Churchill Saturday afternoon, Juddmonte Farms' *Obligatory* flashed home for a breakthrough Grade I success in the Derby City Distaff, while in New York a few hours later, Godolphin's *Cody's Wish* was a towering winner of the GIII Westchester S., a course-and-distance lead-up for the GI Hill 'n' Dale Metropolitan H. on Belmont Day June 11. Mott also won Friday's GII Alysheba S. with the progressive *Olympiad* (*Speightstown*).

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Date	Race	Track
May 14	GII Man o' War S.	Belmont
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	GIII Runhappy S.	Belmont
	GIII Vagrancy S.	Belmont
	GIII Santa Barbara S.	Santa Anita
May 15	GIII Jacques Cartier S.	Woodbine
May 20	GII G E Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan S.	Pimlico
	GIII Pimlico Special	Pimlico
	GIII Allaire duPont Distaff	Pimlico
	GIII Miss Preakness S.	Pimlico
May 21	GI Preakness S.	Pimlico
	GII Dinner Party S.	Pimlico
	GIII Chick Lang S.	Pimlico
	GIII Gallorette S.	Pimlico
	GIII Maryland Sprint S.	Pimlico
	GIII Louisville S.	Churchill

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# NORTH AMERICAN RACING



## ALLOWANCES

**9th-Parx Racing, \$45,360, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-9, 3yo, 1m, 1:39.21, ft, 1/2 length.**

**SECRET ALLIANCE (g, 3, *Curlin*--*Broken Silence* {SP, \$123,430}, by *Broken Vow*),** a third-out graduate going six furlongs over this track Feb. 21, retreated to fifth after dueling on the pace while wide in the Federico Tesio S. last out Apr. 16 at Laurel. Made a narrow 8-5 second choice back at his home base here, the gelding found a good spot tracking from a detached third through contested splits of :23.87 and :47.38, drew closer nearing the quarter pole, swept past the tiring pacesetter a furlong out and held off the closing bid of *Loose Ends* (*Diving Rod*) to score by a half-length. The winner is a half to *Stronger Than Ever* (*Congrats*), SW, \$196,846 and has a 2-year-old *Ghostzapper* half-brother named *Led Tasso* who sold to Jeff Bloom for \$175,000 at Keeneland September. He also shares a second dam with GISW millionaire *Rail Trip* (*Jump Start*). His dam was bred to both *Twirling Candy* and *City of Light* last spring. Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$240,000 RNA 2yo '21 FTFMAR; \$75,000 2yo '21 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$65,070. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

O-Alexandria Stable & Carguys Racing LLC; B-Scott Dilworth & Evan Dilworth (KY); T-John C. Servis.



## MAIDENS

**5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, Msw, 5-9, 3yo, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:40.00, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**SUNNY LANE (f, 3, *Mastery*--*Mrs. Appeal*, by *Successful Appeal*)** showed a sharp worktab for this unveiling, highlighted by a half-mile gate move in :47 flat (3/21) Apr. 19 at Keeneland, and was given a 3-1 chance as the lone firster in this off-the-turf spot. Off a half-step slowly, the \$65,000 Fasig-Tipton February buy punched through rivals nearing the clubhouse turn to briefly challenge for the lead before backing off to travel in fourth behind fractions of :24.54 and :47.85. Steadily picking up favored *French Cuffs* (*Strong Mandate*) going by three-quarters in 1:12.61, the bay overtook that rival in early stretch and

remained in charge from there, hitting the wire 2 1/2 lengths to the good of late-running *Captaine* (*Uncle Mo*). The winner's dam, a full-sister to GSW and 2005 GI Kentucky Derby runner-up *Closing Argument*, is responsible for a juvenile *West Coast* colt and was bred to *Flatter* last season. Sales History: \$65,000 Ylg '20 FTKFEB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Denny Andrews & Niall J. Brennan; B-Arthur St George & Lee Mauberret (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



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**American Freedom** (Pulpit), Airdrie Stud, \$6,000  
191 foals of racing age/35 winners/0 black-type winners  
**9-Horseshoe Indianapolis**, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Bourbon Talking, 8-1  
\$27,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Bal a Bali (Brz)** (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, \$5,000  
148 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner  
**7-Thistledown**, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Corner Office, 2-1

**Caravaggio** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000  
214 foals of racing age/41 winners/4 black-type winners  
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 9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Classic King, 4-1  
 \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$8,500 F '21 KEE NOV

**Cupid** (Tapit), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000  
 174 foals of racing age/40 winners/4 black-type winners  
 6-Parx Racing, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Qpidscarizmatkqtee, 4-1  
 \$20,000 EAS DEC wnl

**El Deal** (Munnings), Red River Farms  
 51 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners  
 9-Will Rogers Downs, 5:49 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, El Blaze, 15-1

**Gormley** (Malibu Moon), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500  
 199 foals of racing age/36 winners/2 black-type winners  
 9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Bruce On the Loose, 10-1  
 \$16,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Keen Ice** (Curlin), Calumet Farm, \$7,500  
 191 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners  
 7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Icy River, 8-1  
 \$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Klimt** (Quality Road), Jockey Club of Turkey, \$7,500  
 282 foals of racing age/47 winners/1 black-type winner  
 5-Belterra, 2:35 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Quality Bet, 8-1

**Lord Nelson** (Pulpit), Spendthrift Farm  
 159 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner  
 9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Go Emi, 6-1  
 \$50,000 FTK SEL yrl; \$72,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo; \$20,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Wildcat Red** (D'wildcat), Buck Pond Farm, \$5,000  
 29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Thistledown, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Wildcat Bill, 5-2  
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#### IN JAPAN:

**Cordon Rouge**, f, 3, **American Pharaoh**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

**Vanishing Point**, c, 4, **Tapit**--Unrivaled Belle (GISW, \$1,854,706), by Unbridled's Song. Tokyo, 5-8, Allowance (\$114k), 2000mT, 2:00. Lifetime Record: 17-2-5-0, \$277,150. O-Yuji Hasegawa; B-Whisper Hill Farm LLC (KY); T-Masayoshi Ebina. \*Full to Unique Bella, Ch. Female Sprinter, Ch. Older Dirt Female & MGISW, \$1,272,400. \*\*\$1,500,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

#### IN RUSSIA:

**Color Moon**, c, 2, **Malibu Moon**--Holiday Babe (SW-Can), by Harlan's Holiday. Grozny, 5-7, Group 3 Race (NBT), 1200m. B-Moreau Bloodstock International Inc, White Bloodstock LLC & Spendthrift Farm (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\$40,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

#### FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

**Goryanka**, f, 2, **Tapwrit**--Adamaris, by **More Than Ready**. Grozny, 5-7, Group 3 Race (NBT), 1200m. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd & Bridlewood Farm (KY). \*First winner for freshman sire (by Tapit). \*\*\$25,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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**Teona Bars**, f, 2, **Tapwrit**--First Kiss, by Smart Strike. Pavlovskiy, 5-8, Group 3 Race (NBT), 1200m. B-BHMFR LLC (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*Second winner for freshman sire (by Tapit). \*\*\*\$20,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$27,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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**Sirdin**, c, 3, **Anchor Down**--Tizn'tshebeautiful, by **Uncle Mo**. Grozny, 5-7, Maiden, 1600m. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd (KY). \*Full to Tesoro, MSP. \*\*\$5,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

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**Fortanga**, f, 3, **Flashback**--Coastal View, by Tiznow. Pyatigorsk, 5-8, Maiden, 1600m. B-Foundations Farm (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\$3,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV.

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**Saturday's Results:**

**2nd-Chukyo, ¥9,900,000 (\$75,655), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m, 1:54.2, ft.**

**CORDON ROUGE (f, 3, American Pharoah--Champagne Room {Ch. 2yo Filly, GISW, \$1,490,600}, by Broken Vow)** debuted with a near-miss runner-up effort going this course and distance Mar. 13 and was 30 cents on the dollar to go one better. Smoothly into stride from gate 10 and with the visiting Damian Lane at the controls, Cordon Rouge was narrowly in front as they raced out of the straight, then shared the lead from the outside down the backstretch. Well in hand on the second bend, she was given her cue with a bit more than two furlongs to race and drew off to score by a comfortable four-length margin while geared down in the final 50 meters. "We were running head and head until the last corner, so it was quite a tough race," said Lane. "She has a lot of scope, so I look forward to her coming races." Champagne Room was acquired privately by Northern Farm in 2018, foaled this filly Feb. 24, 2019, and was covered by **Justify** before being exported to Japan. The filly's second dam, Lucky to Be Me (Bernstein), was sold to Katsumi Yoshida for \$1.25 million in foal to **Uncle Mo** at Keeneland November in 2017 and is already the dam of the Group 3-placed Fidele (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}). Champagne Room foaled a **Justify** colt in 2020 and a colt by Kizuna (Jpn) before returning to the latter stallion for her most recent covering. **American Pharoah** is now the sire of 22 winners from 29 starters in Japan. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$57,740. **VIDEO (SC 10)**

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (KY); T-Takashi Saito.

**IN JAPAN:**

**Beyond the Father (Jpn), c, 3, Curlin--Galileo's Song (Ire) (MGSP-US, \$220,350), by Galileo (Ire). Tokyo, 5-8, Allowance (\$109k), 1600m, 1:37.7. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$133,588. O Three H Racing; B Shimokobe Farm; T Kenichi Fujioka. \*\$1,000,000 in utero '18 KEENOV.**

**IN SINGAPORE:**

**Dancing Light (Aus), g, 3, Street Boss--Torchsinger (Aus), by Ad Valorem. Kranji, 5-8, Hcp. (C4), 1000m (AWT), :59.09. B-M Cesnik (NSW). \*A\$200,000 Ylg '20 INGMAR. **VIDEO****

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**10th-Parx Racing, \$62,994, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 5-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.45, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**CARTOUCHE (m, 5, Liam's Map--Garnet Crystals {MSP, \$138,045}, by Lion Heart)** Lifetime Record: 18-5-3-4, \$170,247. O-The Hakim's Stable LLC; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Mario A. Dominguez. \*\$105,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

**3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), 5-9, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.90, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.**

**LOUDER THAN WORDS (f, 3, Mr Speaker--Lionontheedge, by American Lion)** Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-0, \$76,440. O-Anthony J. Granitz, Michael J. Wern & Bob Dhondt; B-Pat & Dennis Doran (IN); T-Anthony J. Granitz. \*\$4,700 Ylg '20 INDMIX.

**5th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 5-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07.48, ft, neck.**

**ASHLEYS CUPCAKE (f, 3, Dark Kestrel--Ashleys Ramona, by City Weekend)** Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-3-1, \$73,368. O-Jody R. Waite; B-Harry D. & Jody R. Waite (OH); T-Dennis L. Waite.

**8th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 5-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.20, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.**

**RUNLIKEJACKIEO (f, 3, Birdrun--Jackieosofabulous, by Kahuna Jack)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$71,030. O-R and P Racing Stables, LLC; B/T-Rodney Faulkner (OH).

**7th-Thistledown, \$31,400, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-9, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.62, ft, neck.**

**COMPLY (g, 4, Union Rags--Much Obliged {MSW & GSP-USA, GSP-Can, \$422,371}, by Kingmambo)** Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-3, \$90,100. O-Charlie J. Williams LLC; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Michael L. Rone. \*1/2 to Syphax (Arch), GSW-Eng, \$102,960.

**6th-Finger Lakes, \$25,770, 5-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.79, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**TOSCONOVA BEAUTY (f, 3, Boys At Tosconova--Dyna Vision, by City Zip)** Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-0, \$45,740. O-Linda K. Dixon & Hector M. Alejandro; B-Barry R. Ostrager (NY); T-Linda K. Dixon.

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**7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,700, (S), 5-9, (NW2BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.99, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.**  
**QUEEN ARELLA (f, 4, Speightster--Unbridled Sonya, by Unbridled's Song)** Lifetime Record: 12-6-0-0, \$110,000.  
 O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (NY); T-M. Anthony Ferraro. \*\$1,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$475,000 RNA 2yo '20 KEEHRA.

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**7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,564, (S), 5-8, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.81, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**VACATION SECRET (f, 4, Unbridled Energy--More Sweet Secrets, by Wiseman's Ferry)** Lifetime Record: 18-3-4-2, \$56,598. O/T-Marcus Kocjan; B-Williams Racing Corp (WV).

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Climber**, f, 3, **Divining Rod**--Gazeley, by First Defence. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-9, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.10. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$34,240. B-Dawn Martin (IN).

**Gogees**, g, 3, **Uncle Lino**--Poplar Springs, by Tiznow. Parx Racing, 5-9, (C), 6f, 1:11.68. Lifetime Record: 12-1-2-3, \$45,990. B-Jennifer Petrillo (PA). \*\$2,500 Wlg '19 EASDEC.

**Zircon**, g, 4, **Bustin Stones**--Hout Bay (SP, \$139,190), by Harlan's Holiday. Finger Lakes, 5-9, 4 1/2f, :52.25. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,260. B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Iwannabeperfect**, f, 4, **Perfect Circle**--Spanish Social, by Spanish Steps. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-9, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.37. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$33,480. B-Tracey Wisner (IN).

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**Boys At Tosconova**, Tosconova Beauty, f, 3, o/o Dyna Vision, by City Zip. ALW, 5-9, Finger Lakes

**Bustin Stones**, Zircon, g, 4, o/o Hout Bay, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 5-9, Finger Lakes

**Curlin**, Secret Alliance, g, 3, o/o Broken Silence, by Broken Vow. AOC, 5-9, Parx Racing

**Dark Kestrel**, Ashleys Cupcake, f, 3, o/o Ashleys Ramona, by City Weekend. ALW, 5-9, Thistledown

**Divining Rod**, Climber, f, 3, o/o Gazeley, by First Defence. MSW, 5-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Liam's Map**, Cartouche, m, 5, o/o Garnet Crystals, by Lion Heart. AOC, 5-9, Parx Racing

**Mastery**, Sunny Lane, f, 3, o/o Mrs. Appeal, by Successful Appeal. MSW, 5-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Mr Speaker**, Louder Than Words, f, 3, o/o Lionontheedge, by American Lion. ALW, 5-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Perfect Circle**, Iwannabeperfect, f, 4, o/o Spanish Social, by Spanish Steps. MSW, 5-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Speightster**, Queen Arella, f, 4, o/o Unbridled Sonya, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 5-9, Finger Lakes

**Unbridled Energy**, Vacation Secret, f, 4, o/o More Sweet Secrets, by Wiseman's Ferry. ALW, 5-8, Mountaineer

**Uncle Lino**, Gogees, g, 3, o/o Poplar Springs, by Tiznow. MCL, 5-9, Parx Racing

**Union Rags**, Comply, g, 4, o/o Much Obliged, by Kingmambo. AOC, 5-9, Thistledown

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TUESDAY, MAY 10 2022

## STONE AGE THE PRIME CHOICE FOR MOORE



**Stone Age and Aidan O'Brien | Emma Berry**

*By Brian Sheerin*

ROSEGREEN, Ireland--Ryan Moore will find it difficult to ride anything other than **Stone Age (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Cazoo Derby, according to Aidan O'Brien, who may be without the ace--Luxembourg (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**)--in his Epsom pack, but expects to run up to six colts as he bids for a record-extending ninth win in the race June 4. Stone Age didn't just open the door to a tilt at the Derby in winning the G3 Derby Trial at Leopardstown on Sunday, he kicked it open and announced himself as a leading player in demolishing the field and skyrocketing to a general 5-2 favourite for Epsom glory in the process. O'Brien's breakthrough Derby winner, Galileo (Ire), charted a similar path to Epsom by winning that same Derby Trial at Leopardstown, and the master of Ballydoyle admits it could be hard for Moore to ride anything other than Stone Age next month. "I think he [Ryan] would find it hard to not ride the horse from yesterday [Stone Age]," O'Brien said on Monday. "I imagine Ryan will find it hard not to ride him."

Changingothequare (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Star Of India (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), impressive winners of their respective trials at Chester, Lingfield Derby Trial winner United Nations (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and 2,000 Guineas disappointment Point Lonsdale (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**), will give Moore something to think about, but O'Brien revealed there would have been no decision to make if Luxembourg remained in the picture. [Cont. p2](#)

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## THE COMING OF AGE?

*By Emma Berry*

For Aidan O'Brien it had been a week of mostly ups, with one major down. On Friday morning, the winter favourite for the Derby, Luxembourg (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**), was found to be lame behind after exercise, having been shortened in the betting for Epsom following his third-placed finish in the 2000 Guineas. By Sunday he had been ruled out of the Derby completely, just as another potential star emerged from the Ballydoyle battalions in the hugely impressive Stone Age (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

A maiden until the end of March on his 3-year-old debut, but with some pretty fancy juvenile placed form behind him, Stone Age performed the almost impossible task of lighting up a Leopardstown afternoon that was already blessed with spotless blue skies and blazing sunshine.

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### SMART DIGGING STRIKES A RICH SEAM

Chris McGrath takes a closer look at the pedigree of the Calumet-bred Rich Strike, winner of last weekend's Kentucky Derby.

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## Stone Age heads O'Brien's Derby roster cont. from p1

The long-time ante-post favourite for the Derby, Luxembourg ran a cracker to finish third in the 2,000 Guineas but has been ruled out until at least the autumn after picking up a muscular problem behind. O'Brien explained, "I am disappointed for the lads. He is a very good horse. I don't think Ryan would have had a choice to make if he were fit."

When a comparison was made between Luxembourg and St Nicholas Abbey, O'Brien added, "He probably has more scope than St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) had. St Nick ran well in the Guineas [sixth] as well but he didn't run as well as this lad did. Luxembourg ran extremely well to make the ground up and finish third. We didn't really see what he was able to do."

Despite not managing to win in five starts at two, O'Brien outlined how that experience stood to the new Derby favourite

Stone Age, who is now unbeaten in his two starts this term and heads to Epsom as the leading Ballydoyle challenger.

O'Brien said, "It'd be hard not to be impressed with what Stone Age did at Leopardstown. You'd like to have something lead him but there was no point in messing him about. Ryan let him bowl along and he was very impressive."

"He has a lot of experience from his juvenile days. He was happy to get a lead at two. He'd have learnt a lot at two. We were running him and teaching him. He learnt a lot in those races."

It seems somewhat ironic that O'Brien will face some of the

stiffest competition in the Derby from his son Donnacha who appears to have outstanding claims of making his own breakthrough in the race with impressive Ballysax winner Piz Badile (Ire) (Ulysses {Ire}).



**Luxembourg** on box rest in the stable previously occupied by Fame And Glory, Declaration of War and Gleneagles | Emma Berry

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Respecting the opposition, O'Brien said, "We always do our best to win no matter what. I am always happy if they [Donnacha or Joseph] beat us. They are rivals, one hundred per cent, but I am always delighted when we get beaten by them. Believe me, there's no inch given anywhere."

O'Brien also holds the key to the Oaks and nominated Tuesday (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a sister to Minding (Ire) and the general 7-2 favourite for the race, as the pick of his team for the fillies' Classic. Tuesday overcame inexperience to finish strongly for third in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket and O'Brien is convinced that there's more to come.

He said, "Tuesday doesn't turn three until the first week in June and, to be doing what she's doing is unreal. Her run in the Guineas would suggest that she's crying out for a step up in trip. She's still only a baby and we are thinking of running in the Irish Guineas and then going on to the Oaks, just like what Minding did."

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**Coming of Age cont. from p1**

Aidan O'Brien | Emma Berry

A week of domination of the English Classic trials at Chester and Lingfield gave way to a glorious afternoon on home turf, with O'Brien and Ryan Moore taking both the colts' and fillies' trials, the latter with History (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

Such a positive week in the build-up to the French and Irish Guineas, not to mention Epsom, had clearly provided the trainer with enough fortitude to withstand a Monday morning invasion of the Fourth Estate on his otherwise tranquil and immaculate training establishment deep in Tipperary.

The Derby media morning had been a regular fixture until disrupted by a pandemic.

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Though it is easy to imagine that O'Brien might prefer to undergo a session of root canal treatment to answering endless questions as to which of his potential Derby candidates is favoured in his eyes, he faces the pack of pressmen and women with his customary politeness and an easy humour which he doesn't often permit himself to show in the more serious arena of the racecourse.

Training at any level is of course a serious business, but each horse that passes by during the first few lots at Ballydoyle serves as a written reminder of just how much is at stake for this operation. The names and breeding of these bluebloods are printed on their saddle-cloths, providing a living, breathing roll call of racing's greats. The stallions' names are indicated solely by their initials and, for now, the one which appears most frequently is G. G for Galileo, G for great, G for gone.

As a breed-shaper he lives on, of course, in those crops of offspring still filtering through and, just as we have come to expect, in the current Classic countdown Galileo has been a dominant force. Last Wednesday at Chester, the so perfectly named Thoughts Of June (Ire) took his tally one past Danehill's record number of stakes winners. In the very next race, Changingoftheguard (Ire) lifted Galileo's tally to 350, and, with those floodgates open once more, on rushed Star Of India (Ire), United Nations (GB), History and Stone Age.

It won't last forever, of course, but O'Brien when questioned on his thoughts of what comes after his now finite supply of Galileo's stock muses simply, "It will be interesting anyway." Galileo may have been the headline act for so long, but he's not

the only show in town. Ten years ago, O'Brien could have been forgiven if he'd wanted to come home and kick the stable cat after **Camelot (GB)** was so narrowly denied in his quest to become the first Triple Crown winner since another Ballydoyle

resident of the previous century, the fabled Nijinsky. On the subject of **Camelot**'s son Luxembourg now having his own Classic chances scuppered he demonstrates admirable equanimity.

"It's only stuff," he says. "Stuff doesn't matter. Only a few things matter. I am disappointed for the lads. We've done our best, it happened, and yesterday morning the lads said he wants a month or six weeks in the box. It is only a waste of energy thinking about it. He is a very good horse. I

don't think Ryan would have had a choice to make if he were fit."

Moore has had his own personal anxiety to face over the last few weeks while his brother Josh has remained in intensive care following a fall at Haydock. O'Brien would doubtless agree that that's the stuff that does matter, but he would also have had no reason to doubt his stable jockey's focus through that time as, ever the professional, Moore has mined a rich seam of form on the track.

Two of the major rivals Moore used to face in the weighing-room are now keeping their father on his toes in the training ranks, and O'Brien senior was quick to point to the Ballysax S. one-two for Piz Badile (Ire) (Ulysses {Ire}) and Buckaroo (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), trained by Donnacha and Joseph O'Brien respectively.



O'Brien faces the press | Emma Berry

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"I tell them everything but they don't tell me anything," O'Brien said with a grin when asked what Donnacha thinks of the Derby chances of the Niarchos family's Piz Badile.

"Racing is so competitive all the way along. We always do our best to win no matter what, but I am always happy if they beat us," he adds. "But believe me there's no inch given anywhere. That's our job."

"For us, even with our own lads it focuses your mind. We see how many times it's very competitive everywhere. We knew this would happen with our own lads coming on and everyone else. But you don't get complacent, believe me. You have to get beaten, you have to feel the hurt to experience the joy the next time. It has to hurt and it does. That is what drives you on."

As if to underline his point, even while buried in a huddle amid questions left, right and centre, O'Brien's mind is never far removed from the horses being walked in hand just behind him as they warm down from their exercise. Without breaking stride in the interview, he says into his radio, linked to the earpieces on every rider, "We'll go for a pick with the lot when you're ready everyone. Thank you."

In a heartbeat and with perfect synchronicity, every head is turned inwards to the large queen square, and seconds later those heads are down, quietly chomping at the grass. Six of their number may yet be Derby-bound, several more for the Oaks, but the hoopla of Epsom Downs on the first weekend of June could not be further removed from this bucolic scene.

Among the group of visitors to Ballydoyle is Andrew Cooper, the clerk of the course at Epsom since 1996, five years before



O'Brien horses warming up | Emma Berry

O'Brien celebrated his first Derby victory with the horse who would go on to play such a dominant role in the great race through his offspring.

"It's hugely special," says Cooper of the Coolmore and Ballydoyle participation at Epsom. "My tenure as clerk has covered the resurgence and pre-eminence of horses coming

from here. I remember when Galileo hit the bullseye to become Sadler's Wells's first Derby winner in 2001, followed by High Chaparral.

"That support over this period and the focus from the whole operation here to win the Derby has been absolutely invaluable. Some might even say it rescued the Derby in a sense from that mid-90s period. It has certainly taken it to a different level of competition for others to aspire to."

Whether the 2022 Derby goes to an O'Brien, or to one

of their counterparts from elsewhere, there is little doubt that trying to solve the annual conundrum of the pecking order of the Ballydoyle colts has become an intriguing aspect of the Derby fabric.

On a sunny Sunday when Leopardstown racecourse was awash with families, did the children squashing their faces against the railings to get a better look at the action catch a fleeting glimpse of this year's winner? Those on that rail 21 years earlier had seen Galileo complete his own Classic trial with flying colours in the same race. Perhaps this is the coming of Age.

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## FIRST WINNER WAITING ALL NIGHT

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## O'BRIEN REVEALS PLANS FOR FRENCH CLASSICS

**ROSEGREEN**, Ireland--He may have drawn a blank in the opening Classics of the season at Newmarket but Aidan O'Brien is taking dead aim at ParisLongchamp on Sunday and nominated **Toy (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) to be on course for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches while **The Acropolis (Ire)** (**Churchill (Ire)**) will be the sole Ballydoyle representative in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulauds on the same afternoon.

Toy, a sister to seven black-type horses, including 2,000 Guineas winner **Gleneagles (Ire)**, got off the mark at the third attempt over seven furlongs at Cork last month but O'Brien is of the opinion that she will be seen to best effect when stepping up to a mile or even 10 furlongs in time.

The Acropolis won just one of his eight starts as a juvenile but created a big impression on his return when chasing home Dr Zempf (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) in the 2000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown last month.

Speaking ahead of his two-pronged attack on ParisLongchamp, O'Brien said, "We are going to aim The Acropolis for the [French] 2000 Guineas and Toy will run in the 1,000 Guineas.

"We thought the world of The Acropolis last year but I couldn't



**Toy on the gallops | Emma Berry**

get him to do anything but we were delighted by his return at Leopardstown. He ran home well to finish second in the 2000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown. I don't think we'll over-race him this year. Maybe we over-raced him a little last year, so it will be interesting to see what he does at the weekend. He's a horse with plenty of speed so he shouldn't have any problem around Longchamp."

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**Ballydoyle Press Morning.** TDN Europe's Emma Berry and Brian Sheerin were at Ballydoyle, Co. Tipperary on Monday morning.

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On Toy, he added, "Toy is from a fantastic family. They are not slow and, while it looks like she will get the mile quite well, I think she could be even better over 10 furlongs. I thought she could be a French Guineas filly and then she might develop into a Diane filly. We raced her over seven furlongs and from a bad draw purposefully at Cork, just to see would she be able to do it with a view towards the French Guineas, and I thought she did it well. It will be interesting to see how she gets on."

"I'm not sure if she'd get a mile and a half. I think she'll get 10 furlongs alright, but a mile and a half, I'm not sure. You need a filly that will go along at a good gallop and one who can quicken--it's a tough race."

It is also a big week for the sprinting fraternity at Ballydoyle. G1 Commonwealth Cup-bound colts **King Of Bavaria (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**), **Cadamosto (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**) and **New York City (Ire)** (**Invincible Spirit {Ire}**) will advertise their Royal Ascot claims this week with O'Brien keen to keep the speedsters apart.

He said, "There are three sprint races this week and I think we will divide King Of Bavaria, Cadamosto and New York City up in each. If the ground looked like it was going to come up slow at Naas we could look at running Cadamosto there and send the other two to England. I'd like Ryan to ride all three of them. They are all in the mix for the Commonwealth Cup."

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## GUICHE POSER HEADS TUESDAY ACTION

Tuesday's G3 Prix de Guiche sees a rematch between the Etienne and Gregoire Leenders-trained **Mister Saint Paul (Fr)** (**Dariyan {Fr}**) and the Andre Fabre project **Dreamflight (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) after the pair finished in that order in ParisLongchamp's G3 Prix la Force over this nine-furlong trip Apr. 10. Mister Saint Paul was causing an upset that day, but he was over-priced considering he was just behind Dreamflight and the re-opposing **Valmer Magic (Fr)** (**Gris de Gris {Ire}**) in the Listed Prix Omnia II over a mile at Saint-Cloud Mar. 19. Jean-Claude Rouget has a pacemaker engaged for The Aga Khan's **Vadeni (Fr)** (**Churchill {Ire}**), who is better than his return fifth in the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau at ParisLongchamp Apr. 17, but it is time for him to start living up to his promise if he is to make the G1 Prix du Jockey Club.

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### UNITED KINGDOM

**Havana Grey (GB)** (**Havana Gold {Ire}**), Whitsbury Manor Stud  
115 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
18:45-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, Rocking Ends (GB)  
6,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2020; 11,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2021

**Kessaar (Ire)** (**Kodiac {GB}**), Tally-Ho Stud  
77 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
14:50-CHEPSTOW, 5f, Kessaar Power (Ire)  
25,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2021; £30,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2022

**Massaat (Ire)** (**Teofilo {Ire}**), Mickley Stud  
70 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:50-CHEPSTOW, 5f, Girlswannahavefun (GB)

**Sioux Nation** (**Scat Daddy**), Coolmore Stud  
163 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:50-CHEPSTOW, 5f, Brave Emperor (Ire)  
£19,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2021

### FRANCE

**Harry Angel (Ire)** (**Dark Angel {Ire}**), Dalham Hall Stud  
105 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-CHANTILLY, 1000m,  
€28,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2021

**Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** (**Deep Impact {Jpn}**), Coolmore Stud  
114 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
2-CHANTILLY, 1000m, Spirit Cutter (Fr)  
€55,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2021

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## HALF TO EBRO RIVER INTRODUCED AT LINGFIELD

### 4.02 Chantilly, Mdn, €27,000, 3yo, c/g, 10fT

**WUNDERKNABE (GER) (Sea the Moon {Ger})** made a splash at the 2020 BBAG September Yearling Sale when selling as the highest-priced colt at €260,000. Francis-Henri Graffard introduces Heike Bischoff-Lafrentz's son of the G3 Prix Chloe winner and G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis third Wunder (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}), booking Christophe Soumillon for the race's sole newcomer.

### 5.08 Chantilly, Mdn, €27,000, 3yo, f, 10fT

**WIEN (IRE) (Frankel {GB})** is another Francis-Henri Graffard debutante on the fixture, being a 500,000gns purchase at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1 who debuts in the Maurice Lagasse silks. She is a full-sister to last year's G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Prix Vermeille third La Joconde (Ire) and a half to the G1 Irish Derby hero Santiago (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}) from the family of Tamayuz (GB), King's Best and the great Urban Sea.

### 6.45 Lingfield, Novice, £7,300, 2yo, 5f 6y (AWT)

**AMARETTI VIRGINIA (IRE) (Mehmas {Ire})** is an intriguing debutante for the Richard Hannon stable, being Merriebelle Irish Farm Ltd and Townbraccan's half-sister to last year's G1 Phoenix S. hero Ebro River (Ire) (Galileo Gold {GB}). Costing 300,000gns at last month's Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale, the February-foaled bay from the family of Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}) faces three experienced rivals with Royal Ascot looming on the horizon.

## HOW THE FARED

### 17.40 Royal Windsor, Nov, £13,500, 2yo, f, 5f 21yT

Chasemore Farm's 220,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 buy **Madam Macho (GB) (Camacho {GB})**, a half-sister to GSW sire Cappella Sansevero (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), was under pressure before halfway and finished a well-beaten last of four.

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# BRITAIN

## Monday's Results:

**FITZDARES ROYAL WINDSOR S.-Listed**, £43,000, Royal Windsor, 5-9, 3yo/up, c/g, 8f 31yT, 1:39.68, g/f.

**1--MODERN NEWS (GB), 133, g, 4, Shamardal--Modern Ideals (GB), by New Approach (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.**

O/B-Godolphin (GB); T Charlie Appleby; J William Buick.

£24,385. Lifetime Record: SP-UAE, 10-6-1-1, \$138,666. \*1/2 to Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), GISW-US & GSW-Eng, \$595,348.

**2--Tempus (GB), 133, g, 6, Kingman (GB)--Passage of Time (GB), by Dansili (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE.** (25,000gns HRA '21 TATHIT).

O-Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXI & Partner; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Archie Watson. £9,245.

**3--Bell Rock (GB), 133, g, 6, Kingman (GB)--Liberally (Ire), by Statue of Liberty.** (75,000gns RNA Wlg '16 TATFOA; €240,000 Ylg '17 GOFOR). O-Mrs Fitri Hay; B-Andrew Rosen (GB); T-Andrew Balding. £4,627.

Margins: 4 1/4, 4, 4. Odds: 0.50, 7.50, 3.33.

Also Ran: Catch Twentytwo (SAf).

Modern News, who was unbeaten in three handicap starts last year, went postward for this third black-type start coming back off win in Newbury's Apr. 16 Spring Cup and made the necessary progression to secure a career high in the day's feature event. Lobbing along in third through halfway, he angled to the outside for his challenge approaching the final furlong and was ridden clear in the closing stages to justify odds-on favouritism by daylight.

Modern News is the third of six foals and one of three scorers produced by a half-sister to G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-winning sire Ultra (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}), G3 Prix Minerve victrix Synopsis (Ire) (In The Wings {GB}) and the dual stakes-placed Epic Similie (GB) (Lomitas {GB}), herself the dam of G2 July S. and G3 Sirenia S. runner-up Figure of Speech (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). His dam Modern Ideals (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) is also kin to the dam of Listed Prix Pelleas second Lackeen (GB) (Shamardal). Descendants of his MGSW third dam Proskona (Mr. Prospector), herself a half-sister to MG1SP sire Keos (Riverman) and GSW matriarch Korveya (Riverman), include MG1SW sire Act One (GB) (In the Wings {GB}), G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains third Gharir (Ire) (Machiavellian), G1 Fillies' Mile second Summer Symphony (Ire) (Caerleon) and GI Belmont Oaks Invitational third Summer Solo (Arch). The April-foaled homebred chestnut is a half-brother to GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and G3 Tattersalls Somerville S. victor Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), the unraced 2-year-old filly Mawj (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and a yearling filly by Mastercraftsman (Ire).

**2nd-Royal Windsor, £13,500, Nov, 5-9, 2yo, f, 5f 21yT, :58.82, g/f.**

**KATEY KONTENT (GB) (f, 2, Havana Grey {GB}--Showstoppa {GB}, by Showcasing {GB}),** who incurred a six-pound penalty for graduating over five furlongs in her May 1 debut at Salisbury last time, was quickly into stride and duelled for the early lead here. Edging ahead soon after halfway, the 7-4 second choice lengthened clear inside the final quarter mile and kept on strongly in the closing stages to easily outpoint Radio Goo Goo (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) by 4 1/4 lengths. Katey Kontent is the fourth foal and winner produced by a multiple-winning half-sister to G2 Mill Reef S. victor Temple Meads (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}) and G3 Firth of Clyde S. runner-up Sneak Preview (GB) (Monsieur Bond {Ire}). The February-foaled chestnut is full to a yearling filly and kin to Listed Spring Cup winner El Caballo (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}) and Listed Premio Vittorio Crespi victrix Avengers Queen (GB) (Brazen Beau {Aus}). Sales history: £65,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$19,189. O-S R Hope & S W Barrow; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Clive Cox.

**6th-Royal Windsor, £7,300, Nov, 5-9, 3-5yo, 10fT, 2:07.31, g/f.**

**DUBAI LEADER (GB) (c, 3, Golden Horn {GB}--Zaeema {GB}, by Zafonic),** who hit the board tackling one mile at Ayr in his Apr. 25 debut last time, led from flagfall in this return. In command for the most part, the 7-1 chance was scrubbed along with three furlongs remaining and kept on resolutely under rousing inside the final quarter mile to withstand the persistent bid of Eljenob (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr}) by 3/4-of-a-length. Dubai Leader is the latest of 10 foals and eighth scorer produced by a winning daughter of G2 Sun Chariot S. heroine alented (GB) (Bustino {GB}). He is a half-brother to G3 Prix de Lieurey winner Zibelina (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) and Listed Doncaster Trophy victrix Floristry (GB) (Fasliyev). Zibelina is the dam of Group 3 winner Royal Fleet (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Royal Crusade (GB) (Shamardal) while Floristry threw three black-type performers headed by MGSW G2 Jebel ALi Sprint victor Lazuli (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Listed Prix Contessina victrix Inspiriter (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,091.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie & Mark Johnston.

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**1st-Musselburgh, £6,500, Mdn, 5-9, 2yo, 5f 1yT, 1:01.41, g/f.**  
**CATHY COME HOME (GB) (f, 2, Expert Eye {GB})--Beauty Salon {GB}, by Dutch Art {GB}**, sent off the 2-1 favourite, was shuffled to rear soon after the break. Delivered wide to enter contention in a matter of strides, the bay had control passing one out and only needed to be shaken up to score by 1 3/4 lengths from Chattel Village (Ire) (Mondialiste {Ire}). In doing so, she was becoming the second winner for her Banstead Manor Stud-based first-season sire (by Acclamation {GB}). The first foal out of a daughter of the G3 Prix de Flore winner Albisola (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), Cathy Come Home is related to last year's G1 Criterium International third Purpleplay (Fr) (Zarak {Fr}). From the family of the G3 Prix Quincey-winning sire Johnny Barnes (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) and group 1-winning sires **Ectot (GB)** (Hurricane Run {Ire}) and **Most Improved (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr}), the dam's yearling colt is by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,336.  
 O-Bronte Collection 1; B-Branton Court Stud (GB); T-Karl Burke.

### FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

**2nd-Wolverhampton, £5,100, Mdn, 5-9, 2yo, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.81, st.**  
**WAITING ALL NIGHT (GB) (c, 2, Rajasinghe {Ire})--Goodnightsuzzy {Ire}, by Azamour {Ire}**, sent off at 12-1, travelled strongly from his wide draw tracking the leaders early. Sent up to tackle Confederation (GB) (Brazen Beau {Aus}) a furlong out, the homebred was soon in command en route to a 3/4-of-a-length success, the first for the National Stud's resident Rajasinghe (Ire) (by Choisir {Aus}). The dam, who has a yearling full-brother to the winner, is a granddaughter of Poppy Carew (Ire) (Danehill) who captured the Listed John Musker S. and was placed in the G2 Sun Chariot S., G3 May Hill S. and G3 Prestige S. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$3,402.  
 O/B-Phil Cunningham (GB); T-Richard Spencer.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Fragrance (GB)**, f, 2, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Bahamadam (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). Catterick Bridge, 5-9, 5fT, :58.10. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$11,053. B-J P Repard (GB). \*105,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

**Million Thanks (Ire)**, c, 3, **Churchill (Ire)**--Queen's Rose (GB), by Street Cry (Ire). Musselburgh, 5-9, 8f 2yT, 1:43.41. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$7,954. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE).

**Diamond Ranger (Ire)**, g, 3, **Kodiac (GB)**--Eavesdrop (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Catterick Bridge, 5-9, 7f 6yT, 1:26.93. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,469. B-Gigginstown House Stud (IRE). \*110,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 26,000gns HRA '22 TATFEB.

## IRELAND

### Monday's Results:

**1st-Roscommon, €25,000, Mdn, 5-9, 2yo, 7f 70yT, 1:38.93, sf/hy.**  
**COMHRA (IRE) (f, 2, Vocalised--Gold Mirage {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})**, who posted a May 2 debut second tackling six furlongs at The Curragh, was well away to race in a prominent second along the rail from the outset of this swift reappearance. Gaining a narrow advantage in early straight, the 4-5 chalk came under pressure soon after passing the two pole and was ridden clear inside the final furlong to easily account for McCauley's Tavern (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) by 6 1/2 lengths. “[Rider] Kevin [Manning] said it was very straightforward and she did it easy,” said the Jim Bolger stable’s Ger Flynn. “She had the experience of the run up the Curragh and he said he wasn’t going to get caught [in the pack] as it was a big field. It was a very good prize as there is a ten grand bonus as well. She did it very easily and put six lengths between them in the space of two strides. The [soft-to-heavy] ground didn’t inconvenience her and the trip was a big help. She was second to what is probably a smart filly the last day [Matilda Picotte] and she did everything right today.” Comhra is the latest of seven foals and fourth scorer out of a winning full-sister to the dam of MGSW G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Turret Rocks (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and Australia’s G3 Newcastle Cup victor Beyond Thankful (Ire) (Whipper). The April-foaled homebred bay’s dam, who hails from the family of MG1SW superstar Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa) and is also kin to the dam of GSW G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) third Galore Creek (Jpn) (Kinshasa No Kiseki {Jpn}), has also produced G3 Stanerra S. victrix Cimeara (Ire) (**Vocalised**) and the stakes-placed Fiscal Rules (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$20,834.  
 O-Mrs J S Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE).

**4th-Roscommon, €22,000, Cond, 5-9, 3yo, 10f 42yT, 2:20.66, sf/hy.**

**SWAN BAY (IRE) (c, 3, Australia {GB})--Similu {GB}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}**), off the board in last term’s G2 Beresford S. and this term’s G3 Ballysax S., led passing the judge first time in this easier spot. Holding sway thereafter, the 7-4 favourite was rowed along approaching the quarter-mile marker and driven out inside the final furlong to assert by 2 1/2 lengths from Bringbackmemories (Fr) (Iffraaj {GB}). “It’s nice to get his head back in front again, he’s very laid back and he’ll stay all day,” said assistant trainer Brendan Powell of the G1 Irish Derby entry.

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"Shane [Crosse] said he liked the [soft-to-heavy] ground and we'll see where he goes from here, but he stuck at it well and he galloped. He was a bit lazy early on, but when he got there he took him along lovely. Every time he heard something coming to him he kept picking up and there could be improvement in him." Swan Bay, half to a 2-year-old filly by **Sioux Nation**, is the third of five foals and one of two scorers out of a winning half-sister to Listed Premio Giovanni Falck third Eudokia (GB) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}). Descendants of the February-foaled bay's G1 Irish 1000 Guineas-winning third dam Trusted Partner (Affirmed) include GI Matriarch S. victrix Dress To Thrill (Ire) (Danehill), dual G1 Irish St Leger heroine Search For A Song (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), G1SW sire Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and G1 Vincent O'Brien National S. and G1 Prix Jean Prat hero Thunder Moon (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). Sales history: 110,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$34,407.

O-Lloyd J Williams Syndicate; B-Lynchbages Edgeridge Ltd & Glenvale Stud (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Startedwithakiss (Ire)**, f, 4, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Shaleela (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Roscommon, 5-9, 12fT, 2:48.64. B-A Martin & C Peate (IRE). \*£70,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

## FRANCE

#### CONDITIONS RESULT:

**4th-Compiegne**, €18,000, Cond, 5-9, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:23.22, g/s. **FANG (FR)** (g, 4, **Goken {Fr}**--**Belle de France {Fr}**, by **Muhtathir {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, €54,900. O-Ecurie B Weill; B-Ecurie Haras de Saint Vincent (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. \*€50,000 Ylg '19 ARQAUG; €75,000 RNA HRA '21 ARQJUL.

**1st-Angers**, €15,000, 5-9, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:40.35, sf.

**MIAMI VOICE (IRE)** (c, 4, **Shalaa {Ire}**--**Lou {Fr}**, by **Kendargent {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €26,320. O-A Jathiere, Scuderia Dei Duepi, Gerard Augustin-Normand & Solomon Kumin; B-Ecurie des Charmes (IRE); T-A & G Botti. \*€135,000 Ylg '19 ARQOCT.

**1st-Agen-La Garenne**, €9,000, Cond, 5-9, 4yo/up, 9 1/4fT, 1:50.50, gd.

**BLACK PANTHER (FR)** (f, 4, **Pomellato {Ger}**--**Auderville {Fr}**, by **Le Havre {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-1, €37,335. O-SCEA Carant, Alain Darroux & Mickael Devena; B-Thousand Dreams & Mlle Renee Dwek (FR); T-Antoine de Watrigant. \*€4,000 RNA Ylg '19 ARQFEB.

**5th-Agen-La Garenne**, €9,000, Cond, 5-9, 4yo/up, 12 1/2fT, 2:44.80, gd.

**DEFINED (GB)** (g, 4, **Golden Horn {GB}**--**Criteria {Ire}** {MGSP-Eng}, by **Galileo {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-4, €19,314. O-Horses & Berries SL; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Guillermo Arizkorreta Elosegui. \*240,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT; 47,000gns HRA '21 TATJUL.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Badass (Fr)**, g, 3, **Charm Spirit (Ire)**--Zenat (Fr), by **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**. Agen-La Garenne, 5-9, 6fT, 1:10.50. B-Haras de Montaigu (Fr).

**Tchakoviev (Fr)**, c, 3, **Shalaa (Ire)**--Lunashkaya (GB), by Muhtathir (GB). Angers, 5-9, 11 1/2fT, 2:28.44. B-Alain Jathiere (FR).

**Ultra Bright (Fr)**, f, 3, **Ultra (Ire)**--Manaia (Fr), by Oratorio (Ire). Angers, 5-9, 11 1/2fT, 2:29.80. B-SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR). \*€7,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT.

## EASTERN EUROPE

#### NON BLACK-TYPE STAKES RESULTS:

**Dariya (Fr)**, f, 3, **Anodin (Ire)**--Decision (Fr), by Kentucky Dynamite. Kincsem Park (Hungary), 5-8, Hazafi Dij (NBT), 1600mT. B-EARL Haras du Quesnay. \*1/2 to Coeur Macen (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**), SW-Fr, \$137,607. \*\*Ch. 2yo Filly-Hun. \*\*\*€4,500 Ylg '20 ARQOCT. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

**Shabana (Ger)**, f, 3, **Jukebox Jury (Ire)**--Saldenart (Ger) (SW-Ger), by Areion (Ger). Bratislava (Slovakia), 5-8, 30. Jarna cena kobyly JSB Match Diabolo (NBT), 1700mT. B-Gestut Etzean. \*1/2 to Cliffs Art (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}), SW-Ger. \*\*€26,000

Ylg '20 BBASEP.

**Darling in Pink (Fr)**, c, 3, **Outstrip (GB)**--Develyn (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Bratislava (Slovakia), 5-8, 30. Vel'ka jarna cena K-K Metal, 1700mT. B-Haras d'Haspel. \*1/2 to Zarwaan (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), SW-Eng, \$102,007. \*\*€18,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT.

**Magnas Miska (Ire)**, c, 3, **War Command**--Mizayin (Ire), by Clodovil (Ire). Kincsem Park (Hungary), 5-8, Nemzeti Dij (NBT), 1600mT. B-Anna Giunta. \*€5,000 Ylg '20 GOFNOV.

**VIDEO (SC 7)**

**Queen of Beaufay (Ire)**, f, 3, **Zarak (Fr)**--Pikardie (Fr), by Sholokhov (Ire). Most (Czech Republic), 5-7, 74. Jarni cena klisen mesta Most, 1600mT. B-Ecurie Haras de Beaufay. \*Won by six lengths. **VIDEO (SC 10)**

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**Eggi's Choice (Ire)**, f, 4, **Fascinating Rock (Ire)**--Entertaining (Broodmare of the Year-Hun), SP-US), by Songandaprayer. Kincsem Park, 5-8, Batthyany-Hunyadi Dij (NBT), 1600mT. B-Newtown Anner Stud. \*Ch. 3yo Colt, Ch. Grass Horse & Ch. Stayer-Hun. \*\*1/2 to Rizwan (Silver Tree), SW-US, \$233,955. \*\*\*€8,000 Ylg '19 GOFAUT. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**Spartan Devil (Ire)**, c, 3, **Buratino (Ire)**--Santacus (Ire), by Spartacus (Ire). Kincsem Park (Hungary), 2200m (AWT). B-M & D Noonan. \*€5,000 Ylg '20 GOFNOV. **VIDEO (SC 4)**

**Storm Kodi (GB)**, f, 3, **Kodiac (GB)**--Myth (GB), by Soldier of Fortune (Ire). Bratislava (Slovakia), 5-8, 1200mT. B-Whatton Manor Stud. \*Won by five lengths. \*\*22,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; £7,500 2yo '21 GOFAPR.

**Brilliant Star (Ger)**, c, 4, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--Bastille (Ger) (SW-Ity), by Saddex (GB). Bratislava (Slovakia), 5-8, 2400mT. B-Gestut Westerberg. \*€70,000 Ylg '19 BBAAUG.

**Avoiding Water (Fr)**, g, 5, **Sidestep (Aus)**--Aalsmeer (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Kincsem Park (Hungary), 5-8, 2200mT. B-Charles Green. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

**Falcon Baby (Ire)**, m, 6, **Sir Percy (GB)**--Ballerina Blue (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Most (Czech Republic), 5-7, 2400mT. B-Glashare House Stud. \*Ch. 3yo Filly-Cze. \*\*12,500gns Wlg '16 TATDEF; €15,000 Ylg '17 TISEP. **VIDEO (SC 9)**

#### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Fascinating Rock (Ire)**, c, 3, **Fascinating Rock (Ire)**--Pixie's Blue (Ire), by Hawk Wing. Most (Czech Republic), 5-7, 1800mT. B-Pixies Syndicate. \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*€9,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; £7,500 Ylg '20 TATSEP. **VIDEO (SC 7)**

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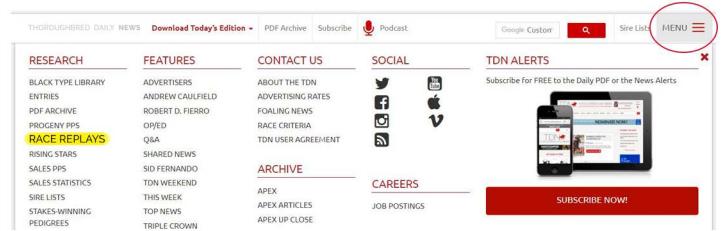
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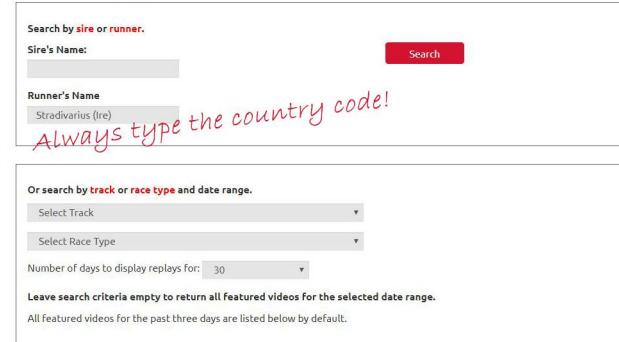
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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Kotari (Fr)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Rouget	Pacaut	128
2	6	Vadeni (Fr)	Churchill (Ire)	Rouget	Soumillon	128
3	4	Implementation	Constitution	P&J Brandt	Guyon	128
4	1	Dreamflight (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Fabre	Peslier	128
5	7	Mister Saint Paul (Fr)	Dariyan (Fr)	E&G Leenders	Bachelot	128
6	5	Valmer Magic (Fr)	Gris de Gris (Ire)	Gauvin	Velon	128
7	3	Machete (Fr)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Chappet	Ruis	128

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Aclaim (Ire)</b> (2013) by Acclamation (GB)	1	2	1	1	1	1	48	20	328,918	529,686
2	<b>Churchill (Ire)</b> (2014) by Galileo (Ire)	1	6	--	2	--	--	70	21	42,286	332,740
3	<b>Cotai Glory (GB)</b> (2012) by Exceed and Excel (Aus)	--	2	--	2	--	--	72	21	19,354	255,204
4	<b>Zarak (Fr)</b> (2013) by Dubawi (Ire)	1	1	1	1	--	--	34	13	26,836	255,176
5	<b>Recorder (GB)</b> (2013) by Galileo (Ire)	1	1	--	1	--	--	70	12	33,072	240,103
6	<b>Almanzor (Fr)</b> (2013) by Wootton Bassett (GB)	1	2	--	1	--	--	45	11	25,763	234,851
7	<b>Ribchester (Ire)</b> (2013) by Iffraaj (GB)	1	2	--	1	--	--	52	14	24,911	223,559
8	<b>The Grey Gatsby (Ire)</b> (2011) by Mastercraftsman (Ire)	2	2	1	1	--	--	26	9	41,815	218,536
9	<b>Profitable (Ire)</b> (2012) by Invincible Spirit (Ire)	1	3	1	1	--	--	72	13	38,801	210,787
10	<b>Birchwood (Ire)</b> (2013) by Dark Angel (Ire)	--	--	--	--	--	--	42	8	26,906	207,936
11	<b>Al Wukair (Ire)</b> (2014) by Dream Ahead	--	--	--	--	--	--	34	6	44,128	145,975
12	<b>Ectot (GB)</b> (2011) by Hurricane Run (Ire)	--	1	--	--	--	--	24	7	37,671	140,454
13	<b>Galileo Gold (GB)</b> (2013) by Paco Boy (Ire)	1	3	--	--	--	--	51	9	18,504	135,467
14	<b>Zelzal (Fr)</b> (2013) by Sea the Stars (Ire)	2	2	2	2	--	--	25	5	26,269	129,280
15	<b>El Kabeir</b> (2012) by Scat Daddy	--	1	--	--	--	--	40	7	39,853	125,245

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