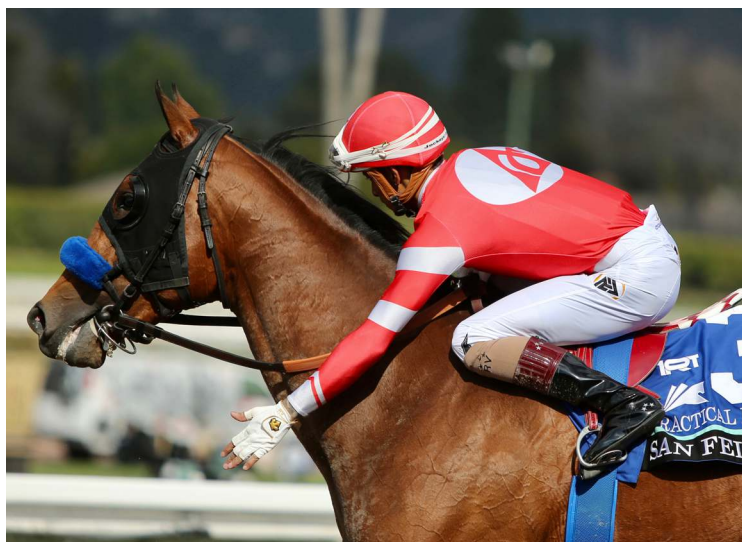




## TDN DERBY TOP 20: UPHEAVAL IN THE RANKS



Practical Move | Horsephotos

by T.D. Thornton

A new kingpin graces the No. 1 slot after a wild, final weekend of 100-point preps. The rankings below are independent from the "Road to the Derby" leaderboard Churchill Downs uses to determine starting berths, with several horses included here who are currently below the cut.

**1) PRACTICAL MOVE (c, Practical Joke--Ack Naughty, by Afleet Alex)** O-Leslie & Pierre Jean Amestoy & Roger Beasley; B-Chad Brown & Head of Plains Partners (KY); T-Tim Yakteen. Sales history: \$90,000 RNA yrl '21 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GISW, 7-4-1-2, \$884,200. Last Start: 1st Apr. 8 GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby. Kentucky Derby Points: 160.

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**THOROSTRIDE**—featured horse

## TRAINER FAUCHEUX WINS FAIR GROUNDS TITLE AND WALKS AWAY

by Bill Finley

On the surface, trainer Ron Faucheux could not have been doing any better. He came out of the Fair Grounds meet on Mar. 26 with his third straight training title at the New Orleans track, his 42 winners five more than Bret Calhoun and Brad Cox. He had a career best 81 winners in 2022 and his stable earned \$2,066,757. But when Louisiana racing moved to Evangeline Downs last week, Faucheux was conspicuously absent from the entries. The latest horsemen to say it has simply become too difficult for a trainer to make a decent living, he is now a jockey agent, representing rider Jose Luis Rodriguez. "Basically, the last couple of years, I was just breaking even doing what I was doing," Faucheux said. "I love training horses, but I wasn't getting the kind of day rate trainers in places like New York and Kentucky get and our expenses are pretty comparable to their's. This was a lot of work and, in all honesty, over the last several years, I wasn't making any money doing it."

Faucheux, 40, started training in 2009 and quickly became established as one of the top trainers on the Louisiana circuit. In 2021, he won his first training title at the Fair Grounds, finishing ahead of Steve Asmussen, Cox and Tom Amoss.

"That meant so much to me," he said. "I was a kid growing up in New Orleans and I idolized the trainers like Asmussen, Amoss, Al Stall, Dallas Stewart. Three leading trainer titles at the Fair Grounds is three more than I ever thought I'd get."

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GI Arkansas Derby hero Angel of Empire (*Classic Empire*) prepares to gallop at Churchill Downs on Monday morning. | Coady Photography

## HERNANDEZ, D'AMATO TOP SANTA ANITA STANDINGS

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Juan Hernandez was the leading rider and Phil D'Amato topped the trainer's list at Santa Anita's 43-day Classic Meet, which concluded Sunday.

## SIRES WITH NEW STAKES WINNERS, GRADED WINNERS

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A rundown of North American-based stallions represented by stakes winners and graded winners for the week ending Apr. 9.



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Practical Move leapfrogs into the No. 1 spot because his well-executed GI Santa Anita Derby score (100 Beyer Speed Figure) asserts him as the no-nonsense "momentum" horse heading to Louisville. In winning the strongest of the three nine-furlong preps run Saturday, this son of **Practical Joke** (\$90,000 RNA KEESEP; \$230,000 OBSAPR) pressured the field into submission, and he has not yet indicated he is close to bottoming out, stamina-wise. His stay-in-touch stalking style and obvious comfort level at being covered up on the inside are highly desirable traits for a Derby contender. Practical Move won the two fastest 1 1/16-miles Derby qualifying stakes in 2022-23 (1:41.65 in the GII Los Alamitos Futurity and 1:42.01 GII San Felipe S.). His winning time of 1:48.69 in the Santa Anita

Derby is also quickest of all the nine-furlong preps. Unhurried at the break, jockey Ramon Vazquez secured an inside run behind a blazing :22.30 opening quarter in the Santa Anita Derby. He chipped away at the margin down the backstretch, and for the third graded stakes in a row, Practical Move rode the rail to menace the pacemaker. Seizing the lead while still in hand before the quarter pole, the even-money Practical Move then fended off a determined Mandarin Hero (Jpn) (Shanghai Bobby) to win by a nose while keeping a wide-and-driving Skinner comfortably at bay a half-length back in third. Practical Move has yet to display an overdriven "Wow!" gear late in the lane. But being able to crank up the torque without being flashy about it can certainly earn a blanket of roses on Derby day.



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**2) FORTE (c, **Violence**--Queen Caroline, by **Blame**) 'TDN Rising Star'**. O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable; B-South Gate Farm (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$80,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt, MGISW, 7-6-0-0, \$1,833,230. Last start: 1st GI **Curlin** Florida Derby at Gulfstream Apr. 1. Kentucky Derby Points: 190.

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**THOROSTRIDE**—featured horse

'TDN Rising Star' Forte (\$80,000 KEENOV; \$110,000 KEESEP) goes into the Derby as the East Coast kingpin and reigning divisional champ. But while Practical Move ended his prep season with an exclamation point, Forte's final prep resonated more like a question mark, because at 1-5 odds he was expected to deliver a shellacking to a soft-on-paper GI Florida Derby field.

Yes, this son of **Violence** did win with his ears pricked after giving himself too much work to do. And his loping, 4 ½-furlong move did not come at the expense of jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr., having to drill this colt in order to power past the pesky Mage (**Good Magic**). Five-sixteenths out, Forte looked beaten. But once he got rolling, Forte uncoiled on cue, giving off a "Don't worry, I've got this!" vibe to win by a measured length.

The 20-horse Derby will be different. It was a tactical


revelation to hear Ortiz say post-race that "We went to the first turn and those horses cleared me and I said, 'Oh my God.' I thought he could clear them and he didn't do it."

Forte just might have the most devastating late-race kick in the Derby. But if he can't attain good early positioning, he won't have a stable launching pad to set up his proven far-turn run.

**3) HIT SHOW (c, **Candy Ride** {Arg}--Actress, by **Tapit**)** O/B-Gary & Mary West (KY); T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-1-0, \$404,375. Last Start: 2nd in GII Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct Apr. 8. Kentucky Derby Points: 60.

Three horses were bobbing heads at the wire of the GII Wood Memorial. Although this homebred for Gary and Mary West ended up second, he ran the best race in terms of boosting his chances in the Derby. This **Candy Ride** (Arg) colt went off as the 17-10 favorite, and although he didn't challenge for the lead from post 12, he was in the hunt five wide on the clubhouse bend before taking up a stalking spot while fifth, about five lengths off a moderate first two quarters in :24.88 and :24.12.

The cadence quickened through a :23.88 third quarter, and Hit Show was on the prowl three deep through the turn. He was bottled up off the bend, had to be switched off the heels in upper stretch, then both gave and took some light slam-dancing while sparring in the middle of a three-way go late.



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**4) VERIFYING (c, **Justify**--Diva Delite, by Repent)** O-Westerberg, Mrs John Magnier, Jonathan Poulin, Derrick Smith & Michael Tabor; B-Hunter Valley & Mountmellick Farm (Ky); T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$775,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 6-2-2-0, \$489,900. Last start: 2nd GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 8. Kentucky Derby Points: 54.

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Verifying (\$775,000 KEESEP), a **Justify** colt who will not hit his third birthdate until five days after the Derby, picked a stellar time to run his breakthrough "coming out" race when second, beaten a nose, in the GI Blue Grass S.

A half-brother to 2019 champion older dirt distaffer Midnight Bisou, Verifying broke forwardly but conceded the lead to an 86-1 sacrificial pacemaker. Tyler Gaffalione let that long shot roll onto the back straight while sitting second with his 2.3-1 mount, then tightened that open-length gap 5 ½ furlongs out.

Cognizant of 'TDN Rising Star' and 1.2-1 favorite **Tapit** Trice (**Tapit**) making a bold move to his outside, Verifying took control at the five-sixteenths pole. Gaffalione braced for the quarter-pole challenge of **Tapit** Trice by deftly floating that favorite out to the five path.

The two then threw down in a length-of-stretch slugfest that included some inconsequential bumping and brushing, with Verifying twice clawing back the lead before **Tapit** Trice snatched it away by a neck at the wire. The two co-earned 99 Beyers.



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Verifying has won twice, but never at the stakes level. He had enough speed to break his maiden over six furlongs at the Spa last summer, and also took down a key-race allowance going a mile at Oaklawn in January, out of which the second- and third-place horses came back to win their next starts as favorites.

**5) TAPIT TRICE (c, **Tapit**--Danzatrice, by Dunkirk) 'TDN Rising Star'**. O-Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$1,300,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-4-0-1, \$100,150. Last start: 1st GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 8. Kentucky Derby Points: 150.

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There's a good chance 'TDN Rising Star' **Tapit** Trice is evolving into a powerhouse with a knack for extricating himself from tight predicaments and finding a way to win at all costs.

But his slow-to-go nature marks this son of **Tapit** as a "heart attack" type of horse who scares the daylights out of his backers by constantly having to be pumped on for run by rider Luis Saez before he accomplishes his task by only as much as it takes to win narrowly.



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Won Keeneland's **\$300,000 Commonwealth S. (G3)**

Next: Churchill Downs S. (G1)

*Owner/Breeder: Nathan Hayden*

*Trainer: William Stinson, Jr.*





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That was the way **Tapit** Trice scored in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby (a crew that will not yield any other Kentucky Derby qualifiers), and it was a similar story in Saturday's tougher Blue Grass S. After hustling this burly gray from the one post, Saez had to throttle back before the field passed the mile marker. The colt settled to seventh entering the backstretch, got guided outside, and was already on the march six furlongs from the wire. **Tapit** Trice was jointly third by the half-mile pole, and as the lead changed in front of him, he went relentlessly after Verifying off the turn. They raced in lockstep while exchanging love taps and the lead, but **Tapit** Trice had more at the finish.

Despite the victory, the overall takeaway is that **Tapit** Trice's loop-the-group tactics simply don't align with the profiles of recent Derby winners. Eight of the last nine Derbies have been won by horses racing either right up front or just off the lead. Thus, despite winning his last two stakes in respectable, off-the-tailgate fashion, **Tapit** Trice takes a haircut in the rankings, dropping from third to fifth.

**6) KINGSBARNS (c, **Uncle Mo**--Lady **Tapit**, by **Tapit**)**

O-Spendthrift Farm; B-Parks Investment Group (KY); Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$250,000 yrl '21 FTSAR; \$800,000 2yo '22 FTMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$657,300.

Last Start: 1st GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds Mar. 25. Kentucky Derby Points: 100.

Congratulations to all the connections from Paramount Sales

This 3-for-3 son of **Uncle Mo** (\$250,000 FTS AUG; \$800,000 FTF MAR) led at every call through moderate fractions to win the GII Louisiana Derby (95 Beyer) by 3 1/2 lengths. Although light on experience race-wise, Kingsbarns is developing a businesslike, no-drama demeanor. Ranked by foaling date (Jan. 17), he's also the oldest of the Top 20 competitors.

This colt doesn't necessarily need the lead. But this Todd Pletcher trainee is in his comfort zone either setting the pace or forcing the issue from just behind the leaders.

He's also already checked the "overcomes adversity" box. As the 3-1 favorite in his one-turn-mile Gulfstream debut, Kingsbarns was unbothered by being smothered at the rail in tight quarters on the turn. He later got blocked badly at the head of the lane before coming up with a decisive, punch-through run that resulted in a 1 3/4-length victory (74 Beyer).

Race number two didn't require as much effort, but it was useful. In a mile and 40 yards first-level allowance at Tampa, Kingsbarns let a 37-1 shot open up a long lead, then reeled him in with ease to finish 7 3/4 lengths ahead of the pack (85 Beyer).

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**7) REINCARNATE (c, **Good Magic**--Allanah, by Scat Daddy)**

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC & Catherine Donovan; B-Woods Edge Farm (KY); Tim Yakteen. Sales history: \$775,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 6-2-3-1, \$231,900. Last Start: 3rd in the GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Apr. 1. Kentucky Derby Points: 45.

Reincarnate hasn't been to the winner's circle since his Jan. 8 GIII Sham S. score, and his Beyers are drifting in the wrong direction at age three (95-90-86). But I wouldn't discount him as a rebounding, front-end factor in the Derby.

This large-framed, long-striding \$775,000 KEESEP colt by **Good Magic** has never been off the board from seven starts, all at a mile or longer.

Reincarnate has twice flown to Oaklawn since Feb. 25 from his Santa Anita training base, running third in both the GII Rebel S. (with a troubled trip) and the GI Arkansas Derby (ideal stalking setup but failed to fire).

At somewhere in the 25-1 range, I'd have a hard time excluding Reincarnate from Derby exotics, although his lack of a positive-momentum final prep precludes keying on him to win.

**8) DISARM (c, **Gun Runner**--Easy Tap, by Tapit) 'TDN Rising Star'.** O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. Lifetime Record: GSP, 4-1-2-1, \$290,350. Last Start: 2nd GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds Mar. 25. Kentucky Derby Points: 40.

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'TDN Rising Star' Disarm is the highest-ranked Top 20 contender who is outside looking in, points-wise. He's currently parked at No. 26 on the qualifying list with 40 points and needs help from defectors.

This Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred rates so highly because it's unlikely we've seen his best effort at age three. Whether his prime-time bust-out comes 3 1/2 weeks from now in the Derby or 3 1/2 months from now as a later developer is the question.

Remember, his sire, **Gun Runner**, ran third as the 2016 Derby, finished on the board in a series of graded stakes into the summer and fall, but didn't burst onto the scene until after the Breeders' Cup, when he won the GI Clark H. (and seven of his eight final races against top-class competition).

Disarm has been at a tactical disadvantage trying to pull back lone-speed pacemakers twice in 2023, first in an allowance at Oaklawn Feb. 19, and again, with inside trip trouble, in the Louisiana Derby.



Angel of Empire | Coady

**9) ANGEL OF EMPIRE (c, **Classic Empire**--Armony's Angel, by To Honor And Serve)** O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC; B-Forgotten Land Investment Inc & Black Diamond Equine Corp (PA); T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$32,000 RNA wlg '20 KEENOV, \$70,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-4-1-0, \$1,069,375. Last Start: 1st in the GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Apr. 1. Kentucky Derby Points: 154.



Angel of Empire (**Classic Empire**) sails into the Derby off back-to-back, come-from-behind wins at nine furlongs in the GII Risen Star S. (89 Beyer) and Arkansas Derby (94 Beyer). This two-time sales entrant (\$32,000 RNA KEENOV; \$70,000 KEESEP) will seek to become the third Pennsylvania-bred to win the Derby, after Lil E. Tee (1992) and Smarty Jones (2004).

"I think he's capable of winning [the Derby]," trainer Brad Cox said on the Apr. 6 TDN Writers' Room podcast. "We have to get better and we may have to have Forte stub his toe in order to beat him. But 20-horse field, it's a demanding, challenging race, bottom line. If you make the field that's why you go, so many things can happen."

**10) TWO PHIL'S (c, **Hard Spun**--Mia Torri, by General Quarters)** O-Patricia's Hope LLC and Phillip Sagan; B-Phillip Sagan; T-Larry Rivelli. Sales History: \$150,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 8-4-1-1, \$683,450. Last start: 1st GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks at Turfway Mar. 25. Kentucky Derby Points: 123.

If you discount his rough-trip fifth debuting at five furlongs way back on June 23 and his seventh behind Forte in the key-race GI Breeders' Futurity S. (when Two Phil's got bounced around at the break), this is a colt with four wins (two at Grade III) and a second and third in two other graded stakes.



His 101-Beyer score in the GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks was a sizable 15-point jump off his previous effort in the Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds. That's a stout number, but it's so far removed from his normal range that it leads to speculation about whether triple digits on the Beyer scale are sustainable for Two Phil's.

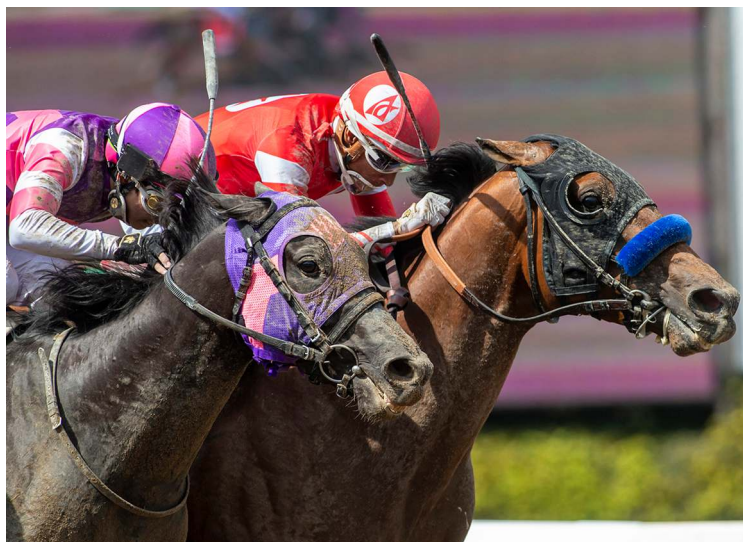
Versatility and a "do your job" attitude are the twin strengths of Two Phil's. He's won sprinting and routing over fast dirt, slop and now Tapeta, and you have to admire how he's been in it to win it at least until the upper stretch every time he's raced.

**11) MANDARIN HERO (JPN) (c, Shanghai Bobby--Namura Nadeshiko {Jpn}, by Fuji Kiseki {Jpn})** O-Hiroaki Arai; B-Hirano Bokujo (Jpn); T-Terunobu Fujita. Lifetime Record: GISP, 6-4-2-0, \$386,854. Last start: 2nd GI **Runhappy** Santa Anita Derby. Kentucky Derby Points: 40.

Mandarin Hero (Jpn) (Shanghai Bobby), victorious in four of five starts in Japan (only loss by a neck), popped with an impressive 8-1 runner-up try in the Santa Anita Derby. But the 40 qualifying points he garnered (24th) are still shy of a certain Derby berth.

His sharp United States debut would have been good enough to win the Santa Anita Derby in most years. Mandarin Hero broke fifth, tucked into the two path around the first turn, then had to wait for room into the far turn. Committed to inside passage by jockey Kazushi Kimura, he patiently waited some more, then dove through at the fence off the turn.

In upper stretch Mandarin Hero had his momentum briefly stalled as Kimura repositioned him off the favorite's heels. But Mandarin Hero still maintained his focus on Practical Move even while a fresh rival, Skinner (**Curlin**), was bearing down outside. This colt was getting to the winner; they were separated by a nose and co-earned 100 Beyers.



Mandarin Hero battles Practical Move | Benoit



**12) MAGE (c, Good Magic--Puca, by Big Brown)**

O-OGMA Investments, LLC, Ramiro Restrepo, Sterling Racing LLC and CMNWLTH; B-Grandview Equine (KY); T-Gustavo Delgado. Sales history: \$235,000 yrl '21 KEESEP; \$290,000 2yo '22 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: GISP, 3-1-1-0, \$247,200. Last Start: 2nd GI **Curlin** Florida Derby at Gulfstream Apr. 1. Kentucky Derby Points: 50.

The eye-catching, far-turn move by Mage (\$235,000 KEESEP; \$290,000 EASMAY) was slightly premature in the Florida Derby. But it catapulted him to the lead, and he showed he knew what to do to defend his position once he hit the front, sharply repulsing a bid from the more experienced Cyclone Mischief (Into Mischief).

All the while Forte was taking dead aim. Even though this son of **Good Magic** had little left to stave off the 1-5 fave, Mage's effort still rates as impressive considering his lack of seasoning (just three races) and the fact that that no horse has finished that close to the champ in three other races over the last six months.

If a Forte-vs.-Mage rivalry continues to percolate, you can trace it back to a grudge match their dams started. Mage is out of the Bill Mott-trained Puca, who won her only stakes race in a \$75,000 turfer at Suffolk Downs in 2017. She scored by 1 ¾ lengths over the Michael Matz-trained Queen Caroline, who would go on to foal Forte.

**Potentially Rounding Out the Starting Gate..**

**13) Skinner (Curlin)**

Skinner (\$40,000 KEESEP; \$510,000 OBSAPR) stamped himself as an outside Louisville threat who figures to be flying under the radar, odds-wise. In the Santa Anita Derby, this noticeably maturing son of **Curlin** broke well but was asked to settle second from last by Victor Espinoza. Skinner started to pick off midpack targets with a purposeful move three-eighths out, then swung four wide for the drive. He briefly brushed with a tiring 54-1 shot, dug in, and stayed on decently. Skinner ended up beaten half a length by Practical Move and Mandarin Hero, earning a 99 Beyer that leaves room for improvement. Trainer John Shirreffs orchestrated Giacomo's 50-1 Kentucky Derby win in 2005 off a fourth-place try in the Santa Anita Derby. At No. 21 on the qualifying list, Skinner needs one defection to make the cut.



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**14) Lord Miles (Curlin)**

Lord Miles outran his 59-1 odds in a shocker of a score in the Wood Memorial. Is he a one-race wonder, or just starting to blossom? He broke forwardly, pressed the pacemaker, then backed off to fourth on the back straight. It looked for a few strides like he was starting to lose touch into the far bend, but Paco Lopez got him going again, and by the head of the lane this Vesgo Racing Stable homebred was hunkered down and not at all deterred by the rambunctious jostling of a furious three-way stretch battle. He won the bob at the finish by a nose, and the win represented a 14-point Beyer jump from 79 to 93. Realistically, this year's Derby projects to require a triple-digit Beyer to win, meaning Lord Miles must deliver another lifetime best against the toughest competition and over the longest distance of his career.

**15) Derma Sotogake (Jpn) (Mind Your Biscuits)**

Derma Sotogake (Jpn) wired the G2 UAE Derby. But that doesn't necessarily mean this ¥18,000,000 JRHJUL yearling will be committed to seeking the lead in the Derby. "We didn't exactly plan to go straight to the lead but he broke well," said trainer Hidetaka Otonashi. Added jockey Christophe Lemaire, "He can break a little slowly [but he] travelled nicely on the lead and he relaxed for me down the backstretch. He was still moving smoothly for me as we came into the home stretch and once I pressed the button he was very impressive and I could enjoy the finish on him." The first four horses across the finish barely changed positions for the bulk of that race, although Derma Sotogake cracked them all while still in hand before widening his margin under light encouragement.

**16) Confidence Game (Candy Ride {Arg})**

This \$25,000 KEESEP colt whose dam, Eblouissante, is a half-sister to Hall-of-Famer Zenyatta is listed as "possible" by Keeneland for the GIII Lexington S. on Saturday. Confidence Game does not need qualifying points to attain a Derby berth, so the 1 1/16-miles prep would serve as a true tune-up effort. Otherwise he'd be heading to Louisville off a 10-week gap since his 94-Beyer win in the Rebel S., a wide-and-driving score that was aided by a pace meltdown.

**17) Rocket Can (Into Mischief)**

This Into Mischief gray (\$245,000 FTSAUG RNA) safely qualifies with 60 points and is already stabled at Churchill, but his Derby status hasn't been solidified. He was a punchless fourth as the beaten fave in the Arkansas Derby, after which trainer Bill Mott said Rocket Can "gives you the feeling there's a little more there, but he's just not quite giving it all to you yet." This colt proved late at age two and early into his sophomore season that he can

capably stalk to stay within striking distance of leaders, and he doesn't shy from stretch fights. After winning the GIII Holy Bull S. back on Feb. 4, Rocket Can was a best-of-the-rest second behind divisional champ Forte. But he still hasn't made the convincing leap in Beyers, regressing from a 91 in the GII Fountain of Youth S. to an 86 at Oaklawn.

**18) Sun Thunder (Into Mischief)**

This late-running Into Mischief colt (\$400,000 KEENOV; \$495,000 RNA FTSAUG) has a second, two fourths, and a fifth in graded stakes this year, and his 54 qualifying points are enough for a Derby berth. But trainer Ken McPeck was undecided on his starting status as of Sunday, the day after Sun Thunder ran 6 1/2 lengths off the winner in the Blue Grass S. Sun Thunder still hasn't won beyond the maiden ranks, but his Dec. 31 Oaklawn score was a capable effort despite minor trip trouble. His company lines aren't soft either; he caught some peaking horses earlier in the winter and was up against the grain of a speed-rewarding track on Louisiana Derby day.

**19) Jace's Road (Quality Road)**

'TDN Rising Star' Jace's Road barely makes the cut as one of three horses currently tied with 45 qualifying points. He enjoys a \$25,850 advantage in non-restricted stakes earnings, which is the tiebreaker. A \$510,000 KEESEP son of **Quality Road**, he faded to third in the late stages of the Louisiana Derby after pressing (but never truly threatening) all-the-way winner Kingsbarns. He took moderate pressure without any quit when wiring the Dec. 26 **Gun Runner** S. at Fair Grounds, but has been winless in two starts since.

**20) Continuar (Jpn) (Drefong)**

The 2-for-5 Continuar (Jpn) accepted an invitation to Churchill for earning 40 points in the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby series when he won the Cattleys S. at Tokyo last Nov. 26. At age three, this ¥70,000,000 JRHJUL yearling was fifth in the G3 Saudi Derby. He then improved to third in the UAE Derby, but he was still beaten 10 lengths by winner Derma Sotogake after stalking that pacemaker until the home straight. Trainer Yoshito Yahagi is best known stateside for his two winners in the 2021 Breeders' Cup at Del Mar: Marche Lorraine (Jpn) at 49-1 in the GI Distaff and Loves Only You (Jpn) at 4-1 in the GI Filly and Mare Turf.

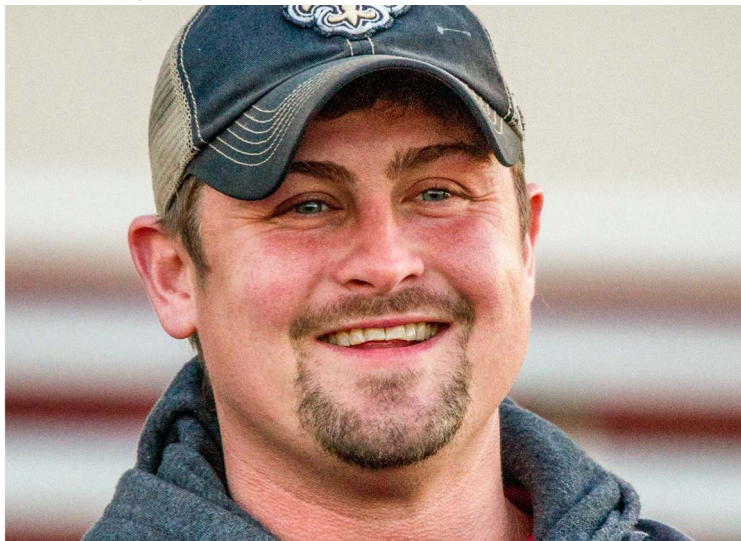
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He had arrived, with a big stable and the type of horses that could compete at a top-tier track like the Fair Grounds. But it came at a cost. He said that the bigger his stable got the harder it became to make money. His overhead kept growing and his income couldn't keep up.

"Over the last couple of years, the prices for everything kept going up," he said. "The more horses I got the less money I made."

His day rate, which was \$75, was a problem. He said that the trainers who come and go between the Fair Grounds and Kentucky, like Asmussen and Cox command a higher rate. But the trainers like himself who spend the entire year in Louisiana had to charge less. It was not, he said, enough.

He was able to stay focused throughout the Fair Grounds meet and secured the title with three winners on closing day. But he was already looking ahead to the next chapter in his racing career.

Rodriguez, a native of Venezuela who had been riding in Panama, came to the U.S. in August and had an immediate impact. He was 22-for-104 (21%) in 2022 and stayed hot at the Fair Grounds, where his 35 wins were good enough for sixth in the standings. Fauchaux saw him as an up-and-coming rider who could be a force at Evangeline, where Fauchaux was fifth in last year's trainer standings.

"My kids are getting a little bit older and I can spend a little bit more time with them being a jock's agent," he said. "There is quite a bit of work that goes into it, but not nearly the amount of work that I was used to as a trainer. He's a good rider and he finished sixth at the Fair Grounds, his first full meet ever in the U.S. This is a good opportunity to spend more time with my family, have a little more free time and a little less stress and try this out. I'll see how it works."

There are things about training that he misses and others that he does not.

"There's no question that I am going to miss training," he said. "So far as the training and the horses and connections I made with my owners and the people around me, I'm absolutely going to miss that. Being an agent, I'm still a part of it. But I trained a lot of horses, had a lot of employees and there were a lot of expenses. That's all part of it. So there are things I won't miss."

Fauchaux said he might train again.

"I could go back to training for the next Fair Grounds meet," he said. "I'm not sure. Or I could never go back to training. I'm just going to enjoy this meet at Evangeline and not make any decisions until the meet is over with."

Should he come back, winning races won't be the problem. Fauchaux has won 740 in his career and his winning percentage is 23.7%. But will those numbers, as good as they are, ever translate into making a decent living? It's the problem he needs to solve.

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## HERNANDEZ, D'AMATO TOP SANTA ANITA STANDINGS

Juan Hernandez was the leading rider and Phil D'Amato topped the trainer's list at Santa Anita's 43-day Classic Meet, which concluded Sunday. Tim and Mark Cohen's Rancho Temescal and Red Baron's Barn were the meet's leading owners.

Hernandez, a 31-year-old native of Veracruz, Mexico won four races on opening day and never slowed down, adding two races on closing day Sunday to give him 63 victories for the meet, more than double that of runner-up Flavien Prat's 31.

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In the all-important stakes-won category, it was Hernandez leading Prat 13 to 11, helping him to top all riders by purse money-won with \$4,672,374.

D'Amato won 32 races, five better than Bob Baffert and D'Amato finished with 11 stakes wins, second to Baffert's 12.

A 57-year-old native of San Pedro, CA, D'Amato earned his third consecutive Classic Meet (formerly Winter/Spring) title and his fourth overall at Santa Anita.

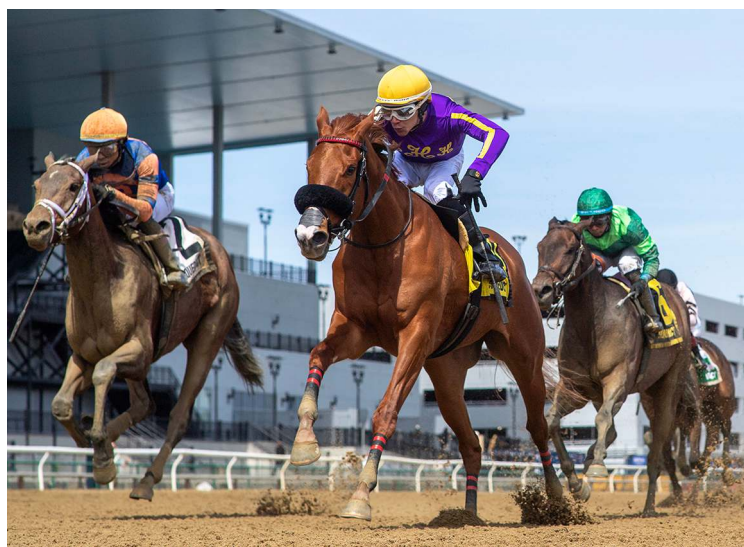
The Cohen family's Rancho Temescal and Red Baron's Barn won 13 races, five of them stakes.

Santa Anita's first-ever Hollywood Meet will open Apr. 21 and run through June 18.

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Promiseher America punches her ticket to the GI Longines Kentucky Oaks with a victory in the GIII Gazelle S. | Sarah Andrew

Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW (GISWs)
<b>American Pharoah</b> (Pioneerof the Nile)	30	16
<i>(Promiseher America--Gazelle S.-GIII)</i>		

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<b>Cross Traffic</b> (Unbridled's Song)	14	3(2)
<i>(Defining Purpose--Central Bank Ashland S.-GI; Here Mi Song--Commonwealth S.-GIII)</i>		
<b>Curlin</b> (Smart Strike)	93	52

*(Lord Miles--Wood Memorial S. Presented by Resorts World Casino-GII)*

**Funtastic** (More Than Ready) 2 ---  
*(First Peace--John Shear S.-L)*

**Hightail** (Mineshaft) 3 1  
*(She's Storming--Rainbow Miss S.)*

**Into Mischief** (Harlan's Holiday) 130 63 (15)  
*(Doppelganger--Carter H. Presented by NYRA Bets-GI)*

**Jimmy Creed** (Distorted Humor) 21 5  
*(Joey Freshwater--Bay Shore S.-GIII)*

**Maclean's Music** (Distorted Humor) 30 8  
*(Mommassgottarun--Distaff H.-GIII)*

**Mo Town** (Uncle Mo) 3 1  
*(Mo Stash--Kentucky Utilities Transylvania S.-GIII)*

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**Practical Joke** (Into Mischief) 12 6 (2)  
*(Practical Move--Runhappy Santa Anita Derby-GI)*

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**Tapit** (Pulpit) 157 99 (31)  
*(Tapit Trice--Toyota Blue Grass S.-GI)*

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## FOALING NEWS

**SIMPLY CONFECTION**, 11, **Candy Ride** (Arg)--Ballado's Halo, by Saint Ballado

Foal born Apr. 4, a filly by **Not This Time**.

Will be bred back to Into Mischief.

Owned by and boarded at Mt. Brilliant Farm & Ranch, LLC.

Accomplishments: SP, \$124,688. Dam of Simplification (**Not This Time**), GSW & GISP, \$873,110.

**STRIKE CHARMER**, 13, Smart Strike--Cat Charmer, by Storm Cat  
Foal born Apr. 9, a filly by Into Mischief.

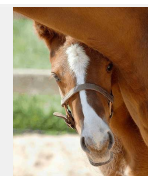
Will be bred back to **Life is Good**.

Owned by and boarded at Mt. Brilliant Farm & Ranch, LLC Farm.

Accomplishments: MGSW of \$670,730.

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## Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 7:12 p.m. EDT







### APPLE BLOSSOM H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Secret Oath	Arrogate	Briland Farm	Lukas	Gaffalione	123
2	Hot and Sultry 	Speightster	Alex and JoAnn Lieblong	Casse	Cabrera	117
3	I Feel the Need	Keen Ice	Denny East, Jerry White, Mark Young and Michael Post	McBride	Bailey	114
4	Clairiere	Curlin	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122

**Breeders:** 1-Briland Farm, Robert & Stacy Mitchell, 2-Cobalt Investments, LLC, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

## Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:58 p.m. EDT

### COUNT FLEET SPRINT H.-GIII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Edge to Edge 	Competitive Edge	Peggy Thompson	Hartman	Murrill	118
2	Skelly	Practical Joke	Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
3	Pirate Rick 	Liam's Map	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Saez	115
4	Candy Man Rocket 	Candy Ride (Arg)	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	122
5	Tejano Twist	Practical Joke	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Joey Keith Davis	Hartman	Arrieta	124
6	Radical Right 	First Samurai	Tom Kagele	Miller	Torres	117
7	Surveillance 	Constitution	Big Chief Racing, LLC, Rocker O Ranch, LLC and J. Keith Desormeaux	Desormeaux	Graham	119
8	Cogburn 	Not This Time	Clark O. Brewster, L. William & Corinne Heiligbrodt	Asmussen	Rosario	116
9	Payne	Paynter	Steven M. Asmussen	Asmussen	Asmussen	115
10	Strobe	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	119

**Breeders:** 1-Yeamans Racing Stable, LLC, 2-H. Allen Poindexter, 3-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 4-R. S. Evans, 5-Tom Durant, 6-Richard Shultz, 7-Kendall E. Hansen, M.D. Racing, LLC, 8-Bellary Bloodstock, 9-Millennium Farms & Paynter Syndicate, 10-Godolphin



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## IN JAPAN:

**Eight Wan**, c, 3, **City of Light**--Banree (MGSP, \$164,610), by Macho Uno. Kawasaki, 4-5, Allowance, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$18,979. O-Tsuyoshi Ono; B-Pippa's Hurricane LLC (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. \*\$150,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$310,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**Dixie Gunner**, c, 3, **Gun Runner**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

**Worlds Collide**, c, 3, **War Front**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

## IN SINGAPORE:

**Rocketship**, m, 5, **Into Mischief**--Dulce Periculum, by El Corredor. Kranji, 4-8, Hcp. (C4), 1000m (AWT), :59.89. B-Mulholland Springs LLC, Tom Grether Farms Inc et al (KY). \*\$125,000 2yo '20 OBSJUN. **VIDEO**

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## IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Mighty Pop**, h, 5, **Super Saver**--Show Me the Roses, by Storm Cat. Seoul, 4-8, Hcp. (C2), 1700m. B-Fedai Kahraman (KY). \*\$13,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR. **VIDEO (SC 6)**

## IN RUSSIA:

**Talion Bars**, c, 3, **Tapwrit**--Cashconsiderations, by Super Saver. Pavlovskiy, 4-8, Season Opening S. (Rus-G3, NBT), 1800m. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd & Bridlewood Farm (KY). \*\$35,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$105,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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**Special Temple**, c, 4, **Temple City**--Texas Special, by Eskendereya. Pavlovskiy, 4-8, Allowance, 2000m. B-Hinkle Farms (KY). \*\$7,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV.

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## Saturday's Results:

**4th-Nakayama**, ¥10,480,000 (\$78,359), Maiden, 3yo, 1200m, 1:11.8, gd.

**WORLDS COLLIDE** (c, 3, **War Front**--Elizabeth Browning {Ire} {GSW-Ire, \$125,482}, by Galileo {Ire}), the most expensive of seven Godolphin purchases at Keeneland November in 2020 at \$400,000 was made the 8-5 favorite to open his account at first asking. Away in decent order from gate 13, the bay settled ahead of midfield for Christophe Lemaire and was just niggled along a bit on the turn. Steered out into the four-wide line approaching the stretch, Worlds Collide raced greenly while inching his way towards the front and refused to switch his leads, but final wore down his chief market rival to graduate by 3/4 of a length. Worlds Collide is the first foal out of a winner of the G2 Kilboy Estate S. whose full-brother Johannes Vermeer (Ire) took the G1 Criterium International S. in France. Elizabeth Browning, who topped the 2017 Tattersalls Autumn Horses In Training Sale on a bid of 700,000gns from Alex Elliott, agent, is also a sister to the listed-winning Sapa Inca (Ire), G1 National S. runner-up Wembley (Ire) and Group 2-placed Petite Mustique (Ire). Elizabeth Browning is the dam of a yearling full-sister to Worlds Collide. Freewheeling (**War Front**), a \$250,000 KEENOV grad, broke his maiden for Godolphin at Hanshin Apr. 1. Sales history: \$400,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$41,667. **VIDEO (SC 13)**

O-Godolphin; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & MacQuarie Bloodstock (KY); T-Noriyuki Hori.



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## Sunday's Results:

**2nd-Hanshin**, ¥10,480,000 (\$78,359), Maiden, 3yo, 1200m, 1:11.7, gd.

**DIXIE GUNNER** (c, 3, **Gun Runner**--Dixie Crisp {SP}, by Dixieland Band) hit the board in a pair of starts last season and was a warm item to get the job done on 3-year-old debut. Saddled with barrier 15, the \$150,000 KEENOV acquisition raced in a close sixth to the turn and was forced to cover stacks of ground, but he eased to the front 300 meters out and shot clear to crush his rivals by a half-dozen lengths as the 4-5 jolly. The winner is a half-brother to Reconstruction (Broken Vow), SW, \$117,374; Southern Freedom (Pure Prize), SW & GSP, \$284,284; and Epic Dreamer (Orb), GSP, \$204,800. Dixie Gunner is the fifth winner



from seven starters in Japan for his boom sire. Sales history: \$150,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$72,727. O-Godolphin; B-J D Stuart, P C Bance, AR Enterprises & Gtodaro (KY); T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida.



#### IN JAPAN:

**Gentle Touch (Jpn)**, c, 3, **Always Dreaming**--Une Cherise, by **Curlin**. Nakayama, 4-8, Maiden, 1800m, 1:54.2. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$89,506. O-Field Racing; B-Matsuura Farm; T-Ryo Takei. \*\$25,000 in utero '19 KEENOV.

#### IN SINGAPORE:

**Prestige Star (Aus)**, g, 4, **American Pharoah**--Snitzel's Jewel (Aus), by Snitzel (Aus). Kranji, 4-8, Novice, 1100m (AWT), 1:06.87. B-Mrs F Ovenstone (NSW). \*Formerly Son of Pharoah (Aus). \*\*A\$180,000 Ylg '20 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**



#### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, APRIL 11

##### 2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Collected** (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000

234 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner

4-Will Rogers Downs, 3:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Saenger Star \$19,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$9,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$15,000 FTD OCT 2yo

**Majestic Hussar** (Majestic Warrior), Kirton Farms

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

9-Will Rogers Downs, 6:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Naughty Noelle, 20-1

**Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000

348 foals of racing age/43 winners/3 black-type winners

8-Mahoning Valley, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Qia, 10-1

\$42,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl



#### STAKES RESULTS:

**RUSSELL AND HELEN FOUTZ DISTAFF S.**, (NB) \$98,500, Sunray, 4-9, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.70, ft.

1--**FLAXY LADY, 123, m, 8, Firejack**--Donali, by **Doneraile Court**.

O-A. Sweeten & H. Melendez; B-D. Echols (NM); T-A. Gonzalez; J-M. Perez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: SP, 35-9-6-6, \$248,497.

2--**Corrina Corrina, 123, f, 4, Mr. Trieste**--Scared Money, by Carson City. O/B-Derrick Jenkins (NM); T-G. Cross. \$20,000.

3--**Bossy Baby, 123, m, 5, Bernster**--Dattts Da Boss, by Street Boss. O-G. Martinez; B-Gallegos del Norte Racing (NM); T-Danny Martinez. \$10,000.

Margins: NO, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 15.70, 0.80, 12.10.

#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-Parx Racing, \$51,500**, (S), 4-10, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.33, ft, 1/2 length.

**MIA TOSCA (f, 4, Animal Kingdom**--Queen Scheherazade, by **Smart Strike**) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-2-2, \$122,020. O-Pewter Stable and Renzo A. Bontempo; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi. \*\$5,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

**8th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700**, (S), 4-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.24, ft, 1 length.

**SORORITY SISTER (f, 4, Constitution**--Mini Mom {MSW, \$320,951}, by Parents' Reward) Lifetime Record: 21-2-5-4, \$84,196. O/B-WinBlaze, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$32,900**, 4-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.14, ft, 2 lengths.

**SQUID (f, 4, Midshipman**--Miss Kew, by Catienus) Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-5-1-2, \$126,137. O/B-William Butler (OH); T-Michael J. Maker.



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**6th-Will Rogers Downs, \$30,000, (S), 4-10, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.92, ft, neck.**

**BECKETT'S LUCKYDAY (g, 4, Itsmyluckyday--Serene Serena, by Beau Genius) Lifetime Record: MSP, 22-3-5-1, \$148,598. O/B-Pat Swan & Robert Lewis (OK); T-Patrick E. Swan.**

**8th-Sunray, \$29,577, (S), 4-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.33, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.**

**AR YA WEEGEE (g, 3, To Teras--Silver Stairs {MSW, \$138,782}, by Demidoff) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$37,170. O-Maurcenia Cross; B-Maurcenia & Gary Cross (NM); T-Gary W. Cross.**

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Giacometti, g, 3, Always Dreaming--Gravata (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). Mahoning Valley, 4-10, 5 1/2f, 1:06.22. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$21,652. B-Anastasie Astrid Christiansen-Croy (KY). \*\$6,500 3yo '23 KEEJAN.**



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**Anchorwoman, f, 3, Constitution--Cruise Liner (SP), by Salt Lake. Mahoning Valley, 4-10, (S), 6f, 1:12.51. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, \$26,630. B-Blazing Meadows Farm & WinStar Farm (OH). \*1/2 to Blazing Bling (Too Much Bling), MSW, \$383,535.**



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**Kick It Again Bob, g, 5, Kick On--Dane to Dream, by Proud Citizen. Will Rogers Downs, 4-10, (S), 6f, 1:12.63. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$19,846. B-Lance Evans (OK).**

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**Itsmyluckyday**, Beckett's Luckyday, g, 4, o/o Serene Serena, by Beau Genius. ALW, 4-10, Will Rogers

**Kick On**, Kick It Again Bob, g, 5, o/o Dane to Dream, by Proud Citizen. MSW, 4-10, Will Rogers

**Midshipman**, Squid, f, 4, o/o Miss Kew, by Catienus. ALW, 4-10, Mahoning Valley

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## SEVEN DAYS: LA VIE EN ROSE



Jannah Rose with Carlos Laffon-Parias, Christophe Soumillon, Kieran Lalor and daughter Olivia and breeders John & Una Hayes | *Scoop Dyga*

By Emma Berry

Thank goodness for France. While Britain and Ireland mostly pause the serious Flat action in Grand National week, the French Classic trials rolled on with the return of racing at Longchamp on Sunday, which will be backed up by another strong card this coming Sunday.

It was hard not to be impressed by the seasonal debut of **Jannah Rose (Ire)** (**Frankel {GB}**), who has raced only twice for two wins, and looked a proper Classic prospect for Al Shira'aa Farms and Carlos Laffon-Parias when winning the G3 Prix Vanteaux.

When *TDN* spoke to Al Shira'aa's manager Kieran Lalor back in February, the regard in which he held this three-parts-sister to the Group 2 winner Creggs Pipes (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) was clear and he recalled her purchase at Goffs Orby for €650,000.

"Jannah Rose was quite possibly one of the nicest yearlings I've ever seen at a sale," he said. "She was a fantastic-looking individual, and she moved great. She was one horse I said to the boss, 'We just have to own her, whatever it takes.'"

Lalor added, "She's one we'll be very excited about."

The excitement levels have undoubtedly moved up a level following Sunday's black-type victory, both for the Al Shira'aa team and for breeder John Hayes, who was in Paris to cheer on the daughter of his broodmare Sophie Germain (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). [Cont. p3](#)

## BLUE POINT REPRESENTED BY FIRST WINNER by Tom Frary

Confidently supported as the 11-10 favourite, Salem Rashid Bin Ghadayer's **Action Point (GB)** was quickly into stride to track the leader closely and stayed on strongly from two furlongs out to score by 1 1/4 lengths from **Ponga (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) and provide Darley's Kildangan Stud first-season sire (by Shamardal) with his breakthrough first winner.

"We are renowned for training them to know their jobs and be quick, but this is actually quite a talented horse and it has all come very naturally to him," jockey Hollie Doyle commented. "He was just having a look around in front and he took the bend quite awkward. I'd say when we get him on the grass he will be even better."

The dam is an unraced full-sister to the listed-winning sprinter Excelette (Ire), who is in turn responsible for the Listed Roses S. and Listed Dragon S. scorer and G2 Flying Childers S. and G3 Cornwallis S. runner-up Well Done Fox (GB) (Acclamation {GB}). Also a half to the dual group-placed Rapid Applause (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) and to the dam of the G2 Gimcrack S. runner-up Devilwala (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) from the family of the G2 Kings Stand S. and G2 Temple S. winner Bolshoi (Ire) (Royal Academy), her yearling colt is by Ghaiyyath (Ire).



Action Point | *Racingfotos*

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*Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal) is off the mark as Salem Rashid Bin Ghadayer's Action Point struck on debut at Kempton on Monday. [Race replay](#). | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)*

## JUDDMONTE'S LAUREL NABS FIRST STAKES WIN

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*The John and Thady Gosden-trained **Kingman (GB)** filly dominates by 3 1/2 in the Listed Snowdrop Fillies S. at Kempton.*

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*Intello (Ger) mare earns her eighth career victory in her 39th start and collects her first career stakes score.*

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# Seven Days

by Emma Berry

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On Monday, Lalor confirmed that Jannah Rose had come out of the race in good order and will now be aimed at the G1 Coolmore Prix Saint-Alary, which is run on the same card as both French Guineas on May 14, en route to the G1 Prix de Diane. While her dam Sophie Germain was unraced, as explained in a *TDN* feature of 2021, there are plenty of Classic heroes to be found deep in this family, which pedigree expert Hayes will no doubt have ascertained before purchasing the daughter of Indian Ridge as a foal in 2007.

Jannah Rose's grand-dam Nydrion (Critique) won the Oaks d'Italia, and the extended dynasty also includes Derby winners Never Say Die and High Chaparral (Ire), Kentucky Derby winners Swale and Genuine Risk, as well as Ravinella, who won the 1,000 Guineas and Poule d'Essai des Poulaches for Alec Head, the grandfather of Patricia Laffon-Parias, who is married to Jannah Rose's trainer.

All of those named, along with many more horses of note, trace back to Lord Rosebery's 1,000 Guineas winner and Oaks runner-up Chelandry (GB). Foaled in 1894, the influential mare was a member of the sole British crop of Goldfinch (GB), a son of the Triple Crown winner Ormonde (GB) who continued his stud career at Rancho del Paso in California and Kentucky's Elmendorf Stud.

## Rock On

A member of the Head dynasty also featured in the success of the other Classic trial winner on Sunday, when Christopher Head saddled **Big Rock (Fr)** (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) to land the G3 Prix la Force in gutsy fashion.

Big Rock continues the burgeoning partnership between Head and owner-breeder Leopoldo Fernandez Pujals of Yeguada Centurion, who struck at the highest level last season with G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner Blue Rose Cen (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**). With Big Rock on course for the Prix du Jockey Club, Blue

Rose Cen looks set to have her Classic aspirations put on trial in Sunday's G3 Prix de la Grotte.

Big Rock's unraced dam Hardiyna (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) was bought for €72,000 at Goffs when carrying him and, as her name implies, the fourth-generation Aga Khan-bred mare hails from the family which is also responsible for dual Derby winner Harzand (Ire), who is by the same sire as Hardiyna and is a half-brother to her Group 3-winning dam Harasiya (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}).

Yeguada Centurion is listed as the biggest owner in Head's stable, with 10 horses in training there, including recent Chantilly winner Mr Melbourne Cen (Fr) (Kodiak {GB}) and Sabio Cen (Fr) (**Zarak {Fr}**), who won last week's Prix Tourbillon.

## Chappet Eyes Classic Prize

Fabrice Chappet generally has his horses pretty forward and he has made another good start to the season, saddling two stakes winners in the last week.

**Good Guess (GB)** (Kodiak {GB}), singled out by the trainer as a juvenile to follow last season, duly won his first two starts at two and was later Listed-placed at Deauville. The Cheveley Park Stud-bred colt, who races for Hisaaki Saito, stepped up another level when landing last Thursday's G3 Prix Djebel, with the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner Belbek (Fr) (Showcasing {GB}) behind him in third.

The grandson of 1,000 Guineas winner Russian Rhythm (Kingmambo) and relation to Irish Oaks winner Alydaress (Alydar) will now have his own shot at a Classic in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains. **Cont. p4**



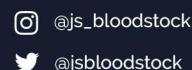
Good Guess training at Chantilly | Emma Berry



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### Seven Days cont.

On Sunday, **Plesant Jane (Fr)** (Pivotal {GB}) landed the biggest win of her career on the same turf that one of her most celebrated relatives, Alpinista (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), won last year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

The 4-year-old's victory in the EBF-sponsored Listed Prix Zarkava brought her tally of wins to three, and she is the sole winner so far for her dam Jane The Star (Fr) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), both of whom were bred by and race for Rashit Shaykhutdinov. Grand-dam Jane Eyre (GB) (Sadler's Wells), a half-sister to Alpinista's dam Alwilda (GB) (Hernando {Fr}) raced just once for Aidan O'Brien after topping the Goffs Orby Sale of 2007 at €2.4 million when sold by her breeders Kirsten Rausing and Sonia Rogers.

### Honour and Glory

While we await the Craven meeting, William Haggas and his team have been keeping us entertained with further Group 1 exploits in Sydney. This has given rise to the trainer considering operating a satellite yard in Australia.

The very idea should make local trainers quake, for Haggas has targeted The Championships in Sydney with a sniper's precision.

**Dubai Honour (Ire)** (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}) followed Addeybb (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) in landing the Group 1 double of the Ranvet

S. and the Longines Queen Elizabeth S., and the 5-year-old looks likely to take in the G1 QEII Cup in Hong Kong at the end of the month on his way home. Protagonist (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) and Young Rascal (Fr) (Intello {Ger}) have also landed Australian group races for Haggas.



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There has been only disappointment so far this year for the former Haggas trainee Alenquer (Fr) (Adlerflug {Ger}), who won last year's G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh and left Newmarket for Mike Moroney's stable following a ninth-place finish in the Arc. The 5-year-old has finished last in both his Australian starts to date, including behind his former stablemate Dubai Honour on Saturday.

**Alcohol Free (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**), who topped last year's Tattersalls December Sale at 5.4 million gns when sold to Yulong Investments, was also underwhelming in her Australian debut when tenth in the G1 Sydney Queen of the Turf S. for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott. A Group 1 winner at two, three and four for Andrew Balding, Alcohol Free 'won' her barrier trial at Randwick on 21 March after arriving in Australia, having spent the winter in light exercise in Newmarket.

It was good to see New Zealand breeding to the fore on the second day of Sydney's Championships with the G1 Sydney Cup going to the Ciaron Maher and David Eustace-trained **Explosive Jack (NZ)**. The winner two years ago of both the Australian Derby and South Australian Derby, the 5-year-old Explosive Jack is by the globetrotting Jakkalberry (Ire), who was trained by Marco Botti to win the American St Leger and G2 Dubai City of Gold. The son of Storming Home (GB) was also third in the G1 Melbourne Cup and G1 Dubai Sheema Classic before standing at Novara Park Stud in New Zealand, where he died in 2018 from a gut infection.

**Pennyweka (NZ)** and her Rich Hill Stud-based sire Satono Aladdin (Jpn) were previously mentioned in a recent instalment of Seven Days, and since then Jim Wallace's homebred stable star has added victory in G1 Australian Oaks to her G1 New Zealand Oaks victory. That notable double was most recently achieved by NZ Horse of the Year Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi {GB}) in 2017.

**Calyx and Blue Point Off The Mark**

In France last week **Calyx (GB)** joined his stud-mate **Magna Grecia (Ire)** as another of this year's freshmen to have notched their first winner. His daughter Classic Flower (GB), bred by Petches Farm, is one of three runners for the son of **Kingman (GB)** and scored on debut for trainer Patrice Cottier at Salon-Provence.

Joining the party at Kempton on Monday was Darley's **Blue Point (Ire)**, whose son Action Point (Ire), trained by Archie Watson, became his first winner from two runners to date.

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## An Extra Special Coronation?



James Doyle in the royal silks with Slipofthepen | Racingfotos

As most people who followed the racing interests of Queen Elizabeth II will recall, the Derby loomed large in the preparations for her coronation in 1953, with Aureole (GB), bred by her father King George VI, one of the leading fancies for Epsom that same week and ultimately finishing second to Pinza (GB).

Now the prospect of the King and Queen Consort having a runner in a Classic on their coronation day edged a step closer on Monday when **Slipofthepen (GB)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) remained unbeaten in two starts.

It is a long shot, but not impossible, that he will head to Newmarket for the 2,000 Guineas, with co-trainer John Gosden appearing to prefer the option of the Heron S. on May 16 before

a possible tilt at the St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot. Either way, on the available evidence, Slipofthepen looks a special colt.

For those hoping to see the Royal Studs continue to in the long term, it was encouraging to read the comments of the King and Queen Consort's racing manager John Warren after Slipofthepen won at Kempton.

He said of a possible Guineas run, "As far as the owners are concerned they won't be able to think of anything else but the coronation but they would never prevent the horse participating if we recommended that is where he ought to go.

"It would be an added bonus and they would watch after the event. The King has had very good osmosis in tuning into the bloodstock side of The Queen's life.

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**“He has had some very good-looking foals... I bred a lot of stakes-winning mares to him. What I do is, I give the stallion mares over a three-year period and the best mares will probably be sent to him in years two and three so that the quality is maintained”** *Peter Brant of White Birch Farm, TDN*



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# BRITAIN

## Monday's Results:

**RACING TV SNOWDROP FILLIES S.-Listed**, £50,000, Kempton, 4-10, 4yo/up, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.11, st/sl.

1--**LAUREL (GB)**, 128, f, 4, **Kingman (GB)**--Promising Lead (GB) (G1SW-Ire, GSW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$444,880), by Danehill.

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden; J-Ryan Moore. £28,355.

Lifetime Record: G1SP-Eng, 4-3-1-0, \$111,304.

2--**Lightship (Ire)**, 128, f, 4, Fascinating Rock (Ire)--Kayak (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-John O'Connor (IRE); T-Kevin Philippart De Foy. £10,750.

3--**Sound Angela (GB)**, 128, f, 4, Muhaarar (GB)--Instance (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (£26,000 2yo '21 GOFTY). O-Mr Yuichi Masuda; B-Mr Charles Fox (GB); T-Roger Varian. £5,380.

Margins: 3HF, 1 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.62, 11.00, 3.30.

Also Ran: Life of Dreams (GB), Abhayaa (Ire), Don't Tell Claire (GB), Magnificence (Fr), Tango Tonight (GB), Inishnee (Ire).



Laurel | Racingfotos

This was a perfect reintroduction for Juddmonte's **TDN Rising Star** Laurel, as the G1 Sun Chariot S. runner-up dominated to further enhance her already-significant reputation and point back to bigger things. Prominent early with Ryan Moore happy to accept a lead, the daughter of the G1 Pretty Polly S. heroine Promising Lead was sent to the front passing the two-furlong pole and drew away with her familiar rapid late splits to register a convincing verdict over Lightship.

John Gosden was happy to take in Ryan Moore's invaluable feedback afterwards and said, "Ryan was very happy with her and he likes her a lot. He has given me two options, so I'll be scratching my head but I'm clear with what I'm doing with the first one. The [G2] Duke Of Cambridge [at Royal Ascot] is an obvious target, but talking to Ryan it is what we do between then and now. If it was fast ground at Newmarket [for the May 7 G2 Dahlia Stakes], he was steering me elsewhere which is very good advice. Thady has mentioned a race in Ireland [the G2 Ridgewood Pearl Stakes], so that is a possibility."

"The filly was incredibly immature and weak as a two-year-old and looked slow, but we haven't rushed her and she has come through and rewarded everyone. Her immaturity probably cost her the Sun Chariot and I think not knowing much about it as well, as she hit the front and wandered about a bit. She is learning all the time. Her mother has not had a lot of luck as a broodmare but this filly has turned it around."

Promising Lead similarly came to the boil in the autumn of her 3-year-old campaign, finishing second in the G1 Prix de l'Opera before taking the G3 Middleton S. and G1 Pretty Polly S. on her only two starts at four. Her first seven foals, by mainly dirt sires, yielded six winners but none at black-type level although her daughters Surcingle (Empire Maker) and Lupin (Medaglia D'Oro) were in turn responsible for the GIII Berkeley H.-placed Sash (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) and G3 Tokinominoru Kinen winner Phantom Thief (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) respectively.

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NEW STAKES WINNER

# Kingman

**Laurel**

Won Snowdrop Fillies' Stakes L., 8f, Kempton

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A half-sister to the G3 Oak Tree S. and G3 Princess Margaret S. winner Visit (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) who was also placed in the Sun Chariot, the GI Gamely S., GI Yellow Ribbon S., GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf and GI Matriarch S., she is a daughter of the listed-winning Arrive (GB) (Kahyasi {Ire}) who is a full-sister to the great Hasili (Ire).

**2nd-Kempton, £25,000, Novice, 4-10, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:38.49, st/sl.**

**RUNNING LION (GB) (f, 3, Roaring Lion--Bella Nouf {GB}, by Dansili {GB})**, who defied a penalty when doubling her tally at Chelmsford in October, tracked the leading pair throughout the early stages of this old 1000 Guineas trial previously known as the Listed Masaka S. In front approaching the furlong pole, the 6-4 favourite held Dancing Goddess (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) to score by a length. David Redvers, racing manager to owner David Howden, said, "I bred her with David and it looks like he has got a lovely filly there. He has probably got about 12 horses in training and it is lovely to have a nice one for him. I think understandably we will wait and see and what shapes up. She is a bit like her father and she will definitely be better over 10 furlongs in the future. It is whether we go for the [1000] Guineas or let her step up in trip." John Gosden added, "It was a nice performance in a strong headwind and she showed a great attitude. She is tough and genuine. It was a solid performance."



Running Lion | Racingfotos

The winner, a half-sister to the G3 Sweet Solera S. scorer Majestic Glory (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), is connected to the Listed Lyric S. winner Nouriya (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) who is in turn responsible for the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. and G3 Atalanta S. winner Aljazzi (GB) (Shamardal) and **Frankel's** Listed John Musker S. winner Majestic Noor (GB). From the family of the G1 St James's Palace S.-winning sire Zafeen (Fr) (Zafonic), the dam also has the 2-year-old colt Star Runner (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}) and a yearling son of Kameko who was sold to David Howden for 100,000gns at the Tattersalls December Foal

Sale. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$25,717.

O-Mr D P Howden; B-The Bella Nouf Partnership (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

**3rd-Kempton, £25,000, Novice, 4-10, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:38.53, st/sl.**

**SLIPOFTHPEN (GB) (c, 3, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Free Verse {GB}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire})**, sent off the 4-9 favourite for this former Listed Easter S., having impressed over this course and distance in November, was held up early and had all rivals to pass turning for home. Making his move up the inside as he had on debut, the homebred was in front approaching the furlong marker and asserted to register a 1 1/4-length success from Ensued (Lemon Drop Kid). John Gosden is eyeing a lofty Royal Ascot target for the winner, who holds an entry in the 2000 Guineas. "It is interesting today that all the riders are telling me that they are coming into the straight and hitting a headwind, so it is hard for anything to look impressive," he said. "He is a horse that is learning a lot, as that is only the second race of his life. He has got a lot of class about him. He feels and trains like a miler. He has a high cruising speed and a good turn of foot. For a Guineas, you need a bundle of experience and he has gained some today. The [G1] St James's Palace Stakes is a race I very much have in mind for him. Either you decide you want to go for the Guineas or the Heron Stakes and the St James's Palace Stakes. Those are the two routes and I've had a lot of good luck winning the St James's Palace going from the Heron. Everything is open for discussion and the horse will tell us how he is over the next few days and we can make our mind up from there." The King and Queen Consort's racing manager John Warren added, "As far as the owners are concerned, they won't be able to think of anything else but the coronation but they would never prevent the horse participating [in the 2000 Guineas] if we recommended that is where he ought to go. It would be an added bonus and they would watch after the event. The King has had very good osmosis in tuning into the bloodstock side of The Queen's life. He has always said when he had the responsibility of taking the bloodstock portfolio on, he would take it seriously and he has, wonderfully supported by the Queen Consort at the same time. It is a wonderful thing for racing they have both taken such an interest." The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dam, who is a full-sister to the Listed Hampton Court S. and Listed European Free H. runner-up Quadrille (GB). The GIII De La Rose H.-winning second dam Fictitious (GB) (Machiavellian) is a full-sister to the G2 Ribblesdale S. winner Phantom Gold (GB) who produced the Oaks runner-up Flight Of Fancy (GB) (Sadler's Wells). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$20,395. O-HM The King & HM The Queen Consort; B-The Queen (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

## FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

**1st-Kempton, £9,900, Novice, 4-10, 2yo, 5f (AWT), 1:00.66, st/sl.**

**ACTION POINT (IRE) (c, 2, Blue Point {Ire}--Khaleesi Wind {Ire}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus})** Sales history: 45,000gns RNA Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,641. O-Mr Salem Rashid Bin Ghadayer; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

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## HANDICAP RESULT:

**4th-Kempton, £50,000, 4-10, 4yo/up, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:19.84, st/sl.**

**MAX MAYHEM (GB) (g, 5, New Bay {GB}--Maybe Grace {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Hawk Wing)** Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-2, \$146,083. O-Venice Consulting, G Gambini & Partner; B-Ms H O'Connor (GB); T-Kevin Philippart De Foy. \*€40,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; 42,000gns HRA '22 TATAHI.

## CONDITIONS RESULT:

**2nd-Wolverhampton, £8,000, 4-10, 4yo/up, 12f 51y (AWT), 2:38.16, st.**

**OLD HARROVIAN (GB) (g, 4, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Daivika, by Dynaformer)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$10,528. O-Mr Michael Blencowe; B-The Niarchos Family (GB); T-Andrew Balding. \*£70,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Freedom Day (Ire), g, 3, No Nay Never--Pioneer Spirit (GB), by Galileo (Ire).** Redcar, 4-10, 7f 219yT, 1:42.53. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$6,158. B-Lady Bamford (IRE).

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## HOW THEY FARED

**14.55 Kempton, Cond, £25,000, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT)**

**Rainbow Sky (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire})**, the 1.5million gns Book 1 daughter of the G2 Lowther S. and G2 Queen Mary S. winner Best Terms (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), was sent to the front after a tardy start but faded late to be fourth.

**15.30 Kempton, Cond, £25,000, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT)**

**Slipofthepen (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire})**, a 2000 Guineas entry from the family of the Oaks runner-up Flight Of Fancy (GB) (Sadler's Wells), was on top at the finish as expected without sparking any great excitement.

**16.10 Kempton, Listed, £50,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT**

**Laurel (GB) (Kingman {GB})**, the G1 Sun Chariot S. runner-up, was as impressive as she was entitled to be and big things await in 2023.

## FRANCE

## Monday's Results:

**3rd-Angers, €21,000, Mdn, 4-10, 3yo, 8fT, 1:37.98, sf.**

**EXUBERANCE (FR) (f, 3, Roaring Lion--Lbretha {Fr} {SW-Fr, \$101,512}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus})** was well away from an outer gate and raced in a handy third after the initial strides of this debut. Slipping back to fourth at halfway, the 36-1 outsider was nudged along off the home turn and kept on strongly under mild urging in the closing stages to assert by two lengths from Dschingis Star (Fr) (Dschingis Secret {Ger}). She is the first foal produced by Listed Prix Jacques de Bremond scorer Lbretha (Fr) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), herself kin to the dam of three stakes performers headed by Listed Prix Yacowlef victrix and G3 Prix Sigy third Absolute City (Fr) (Elusive City), who threw last year's Listed Prix La Fleche winner Wootton City (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**). Lbretha, who has the 2-year-old colt Rooftop (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) to come, is a granddaughter of G3 Prix de Sandringham victrix Action Francaise (Nureyev), herself a daughter of storied champion Allez France (Sea-Bird {Fr}). Action Francaise is the dam of five stakes winners headed by and GSW G1 Grand Prix de Paris third Android (Riverman) and GSW G1 Prix de Saint-Alary runner-up Article Rare (El Prado {Ire}). Sales history: €80,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Prime Equestrian SARL; B-Samuel De Barros & SARL Holding Sipman (FR); T-Yann Barberot.



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**4th-Angers, €21,000, Mdn, 4-10, 3yo, 11 1/2fT, 2:29.04, sf.**  
**ZILLOW (GB) (c, 3, Zoffany {Ire}--Petunia {Ire}, by Pivotal {GB})**, a Mar. 12 debut third at Toulouse last time, was alert from the gates and dominated the early stages of this one. Holding sway throughout, the 7-5 favourite was nudged along passing the two pole and stayed on well under continues rousting to hold the late threat of Korea (Ger) (Amaron {GB}) by a neck. Zillow, half to the 2-year-old colt Energic (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), is the third of four foals and second scorer out of a winning half-sister to G2 Prix du Muguet victrix Bawina (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). The February-foaled homebred bay's third dam Egyptown (Fr) (Top Ville {Ire}) scored twice at stakes level and produced two pattern-race winners, headed by G1 Prix de Diane heroine Egyptband (Dixieland Band), with this being the direct line of G1 Prix de Diane winning champion Reine De Saba (Fr) (Lyphard). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €13,650. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Christophe Ferland.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**1st-Angers, €30,000, Cond, 4-10, 3yo, 8fT, 1:38.83, sf.**  
**GREY TORNADO (FR) (c, 3, The Grey Gatsby {Ire}--Veldargent {Fr}, by Veldargent {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, €53,460. O-Patrice Bourigault & Mlle Ingrid Pantall; ; B-Patrick Chedeville & Mme Yvette Pantall (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. \*€25,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG.

**8th-Angers, €22,000, Cond, 4-10, 4yo/up, 11 1/2fT, 2:25.41, sf.**  
**SIR GEORGE (FR) (h, 7, George Vancouver--Yours Ever {GB}, by Dansili {GB})** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 42-7-3-5, €126,634. O-Remy Grosbois, Nicolas Paysan & Pierre-Henri Rebillard; B-Mathieu Daguzan-Garros & Frank A McNulty (FR); T-Nicolas Paysan. \*€7,000 RNA Ylg '17 OSASEP; €30,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY.

**2nd-Angers, €14,000, Cond, 4-10, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:37.75, sf.**  
**BLACK CESS (FR) (m, 6, Dabirsim {Fr}--Miranda Frost {Fr}, by Vespone {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 35-4-5-5, €71,699. O-Jean-Charles Gueguen & Stephane Gouyette; B-Michel Monfort (FR); T-Stephane Gouyette. \*€26,000 Ylg '18 ARQOCT.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Vazirpour (GB), g, 3, Camelot (GB)--Vaderana (Fr), by Monsun (Ger).** Tarbes, 4-9, 11 1/2fT, 2:25.60. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (GB). \*1/2 to Vadeni (Fr) (Churchill {Ire}), G1SW-Eng & Fr, G1SP-Ire, \$2,819,168; Vadsena (Fr) (Makfi {GB}), MSP-Fr; and Vadiyann (Fr) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), SP-Aus, \$140,637.

**Tendre Nuit (Fr), f, 3, Doctor Dino (Fr)--Terre Et Ciel (Fr), by Kaldounevees (Fr).** Paray-Le Monial, 4-10, 12fT, 2:33.90. B-Antoinette Devin (FR).

**Kettlingur (Fr), f, 3, Hawkbill--The Cat In Love (Arg), by Zensational.** Montlucon-Neris, 4-9, 8 1/2fT, time: n/a. B-SAS I.E.I. & JKF Invest AB (FR).

**Winter's Love (Ire), f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Anjaz (GSW-US, \$195,378), by Street Cry (Ire).** Langon-Libourne, 4-10, 9fT, 1:49.65. B-Godolphin (IRE). \*1/2 to Dubai Future (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW-Bah, MSW & MGSP-UAE, SW & MGSP-Eng & GSP-KSA, \$2,106,617.

**Tarajal (Fr), f, 3, Zarak (Fr)--Lily Des Indes (Fr), by American Post (GB).** Hyeres, 4-10, 12 1/2fT, time: n/a. B-SCA Elevage de Tourgeville (FR). \*€16,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT.

**Wanata (Ger), f, 4, Sir Percy (GB)--Wadia (Ger), by Campanologist.** Angers, 4-10, 11 1/2fT, 2:26.94. B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER). \*€36,000 Ylg '20 BBAGS.

## GERMANY

#### Monday's Results:

**SAUREN DACHFONDS-RENNEN-Listed, €25,000, Cologne, 4-10, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:21.73, sf.**

**1--CLEVER CANDY (GB), 122, m, 6, Intello (Ger)--True Course (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (5,000gns RNA Wlg '17 TATFOA; €2,200 Ylg '18 GOFNOV; €50,000 2yo '19 TATGNS; 8,000gns HRA '20 TATDEC; €13,000 HRA '21 BBAGO). O-Stall Winterhude; B-Mr & Mrs Oliver S Tait (GB); T-Sascha Smrczek; J-Bayarsaikhan Ganbat. €15,000. Lifetime Record: 39-8-4-3, €105,462.

**2--Artista (Ger), 122, m, 5, Areion (Ger)--Artica (Ger), by Pentire (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Gestut Brummerhof (GER); T-Andreas Suborics. €5,000.

**3--Waldersee (Fr), 128, g, 5, Olympic Glory (Ire)--Winshine (Fr), by Chineur (Fr).** (€35,000 Ylg '19 ARQOCT). O-Stall Mandarin; B-Hubert Honore & Nicolas Clement (FR); T-Andreas Wohler. €3,125.

Margins: HF, SHD, 2. Odds: 9.30, 16.90, 1.30.

Also Ran: Tarkhan (Ger), Jir Sun (GB), Cheval Blanc (Ire), Nom De Plume (Ire), Good Eye (Swe), Sassy Rascal (Ire). Scratched: Zandjan (Ger).

**1st-Cologne, €10,000, Mdn, 4-10, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:28.53, sf.**  
**WILD PERFECTION (GER) (f, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Wild Approach {Ger} {GSP-Ger}, by New Approach {Ire})** broke among the back markers and raced off the tempo in eighth through the early fractions of this unveiling. Making relentless headway under pressure in the straight, the 4-1 chance improved into third passing the furlong pole and was ridden out to nail Sunset Line (Ire) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) by a head on the line. Wild Perfection is the second foal and winner bred from G3 Franz-Gunther von

Gaertner-Gedachtnisrennen second Wild Approach (Ger) (New Approach {Ire}), whose first is G3 Derby-Trial placegetter Wild Man (Ger) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). Her second dam Wildfahrte (Ger) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}) hit the board in the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin and has three stakes performers to her credit, headed by GSP dual stakes winner Wildpark (Ger) (Shamardal). Wildfahrte is kin to GI Man O' War S. hero Wake Forest (Ger) (Sir Percy {GB}) as well as being a half to the dam of G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud victrix Wonderment (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**). From the immediate family of champions Wurftaube (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}) and Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), the March-foaled homebred chestnut is a half-sister to the unraced 2-year-old colt West Man (Ger) (Areion {Ger}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000.

O/B-Gestut Brummerhof (GER); T-Andreas Suborics.

**2nd-Cologne, €10,000, Mdn, 4-10, 3yo, 9 1/4fT, 2:01.22, sf.**  
**SKYLO (GER) (c, 3, Postponed {Ire}--Sky Red {Ger}, by Redoute's Choice {Aus})**, a Dec. 3 debut runner-up tackling nine furlongs at Baden-Baden in his only prior start, was swiftly into stride and lobbed along in a handy third for most of this sophomore bow. Shaken up at the top of the straight, the 4-5 chalk inched ahead approaching the quarter-mile marker and was pushed out inside the final furlong to safely hold Murray (Ger) (Amarillo {Ire}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Skylo is the second of four foals and first scorer for Sky Red (Ger) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who is an unraced daughter of Listed Premio Buontalenta winner Sky Dancing (Ire) (Exit To Nowhere). Sky Dancing is also the dam of G1 Preis von Europa-winning sire Scalo (Ger) (Lando {Ger}), dual G2 Zipping Classic victor Sound Check (Ger) (Lando {Ger}) and G3 Prix Chloe victrix Sexy Lady (Ger) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). From the family of MGISW dual GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry), the March-foaled homebred bay is half to a yearling colt by Nathaniel (Ire) and a weanling filly by Sea The Moon (Ger). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €8,000. O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (GER); T-Marcel Weiss.

## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

### FRANCE:

**City Light (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr})**, Haras d'Etreham

88 foals of racing

3-CHANTILLY, 1000m,

€17,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

**Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, Tally-Ho Stud

168 foals of racing age

3-CHANTILLY, 1000m, Costarmoricain (Ire)

€11,500 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022

2-LA TESTE-BA, 1000m, Jeez Louise (GB)

4,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

**Masar (Ire) (New Approach {Ire})**, Dalham Hall Stud

104 foals of racing age

3-CHANTILLY, 1000m,

€70,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

**Roman Candle (GB) (Le Havre {Ire})**, Haras de la Hetraie

36 foals of racing age

3-CHANTILLY, 1000m, Ratel Kabowd (Fr)

### IRELAND:

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never)**, Coolmore Stud

149 foals of racing age

1-DUNDALK, 5f, Brighter (Fr)

€110,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022



### IN HONG KONG:

**Kaholo Angel (GB)**, c, 3, **Havana Grey (Ire)**--Starboard Watch (GB), by Harbour Watch (Ire). Sha Tin, 4-9, Griffins, 1000mT, :58.16. B-Ian Bradbury. \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*Formerly Wudang (GB). \*\*21,000gns Wlg '20 TATDEF; 57,00gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

**Red Lion (Ire)**, g, 4, **Belardo (Ire)**--Crystal Idea (Ire), by Namid (GB). Sha Tin, 4-9, Hcp. (C3), 1400mT, 1:21.87. B-P Harney. \*Formerly Fiach McHugh (Ire). \*\*€7,000 Ylg '20 TATDEC; £240,000 RNA HRA '22 GOFLO. **VIDEO**

**Taj Dragon (Ire)**, g, 4, **Mehmas (Ire)**--Next Trial (Ire), by **Hard Spun**. Sha Tin, 4-9, Hcp. (C3), 1400mT, 1:22.36. B-Tally-Ho Stud. \*Formerly Taj Alriyadh (Ire). \*£19,000 2yo '21 TATJUN. **VIDEO**

**California Spangle (Ire)**, g, 5, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**. See 'Worldwide News'

### IN JAPAN:

**Red Irvine (GB)**, c, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--Speedy Boarding (GB) (Hwt. Older Mare-Fr & Eng at 9.5-11f, MG1SW-Fr, SW & G1SP-Eng, \$746,200), by Shamardal. Nakayama, 4-9, Maiden, 1600mT, 1:35.5. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$51,982. O-Tokyo Horse Racing; B-Meon Valley Stud; T-Takahisa Tezuka. \*135,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.



**Shonan Hakuraku (GB)**, c, 4, **Frankel (GB)**--Shonan Adela (Jpn) (Ch. 2yo Filly & G1SW-Jpn, \$716,209), by Deep Impact (Jpn). Fukushima, 4-8, Cond., 1200mT, 1:08.5. Lifetime Record: 12-2-0-2, \$150,276. O/B-Tetsuhide Kunimoto; T-Takeshi Matsushita.

**Viz Success (Ire)**, h, 6, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Viz (Ire) (SW-Ity, SP-Fr), by Darshaan (GB). Fukushima, 4-9, Cond., 1200mT, 1:09.4. Lifetime Record: 16-5-3-0, \$741,923. O-Masaru Shimada; B-Airlie Stud; T-Takeshi Okumura. \*1/2 to Viztoria (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 5-7f, GSW-Eng, MSW-Ire, GSP-Fr, \$357,833. \*\*€160,000 Ylg '18 GOFORB.

#### IN AUSTRALIA:

**Maktoob (GB)**, g, 4, **Awtaad (Ire)**--Mudawanah (GB), by Dansili (GB). Sandown (Lakeside), 4-10, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:38.77. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited. \*50,000gs 2yo '21 TATAUT.

**Golden Crusader (Fr)**, g, 5, **Golden Horn (Ire)**--Ihsas, by Rahy. Sandown (Lakeside), 4-10, Hcp., 2100mT, 2:14.37. B-EARL Haras du Logis et al. \*€58,000 Ylg '19 BBAAUG.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

#### Sunday's Results:

**CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY-G2**, HK\$5,000,000, Sha Tin, 4-9, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.17, gd.

1--**CALIFORNIA SPANGLE (IRE)**, 128, g, 5, by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**

1st Dam: Pearlitas Passion (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire)

2nd Dam: Paimpolaise (Ire), by Priolo

3rd Dam: Basilea (Fr), by Frere Basile (Fr)

(€150,000 Ylg '19 GOFORB). O-Howard Liang Yum Shing; B-M Enright; T-Tony Cruz A S; J-Zac Purton; HK\$2,850,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-HK, 17-10-6-1, HK\$55,568,300. \*1/2 to Wychwood Warrior (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), MSP-Ire, SP-UAE. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.**

2--**Money Catcher (NZ)**, 123, g, 5, Ferlax (NZ)--Warren's Sister (NZ), by Savabeel (Aus). (NZ\$13,000 Wlg '18 NZBMAY; NZ\$60,000 2yo '19 NZBRTR). O-The Sunflower Syndicate; B-Haunui Bloodstock Limited; T-Frankie Lor F C; J-Silvestre de Sousa; HK\$1,100,000.

3--**Beauty Joy (Aus)**, 123, g, 6, Sebring (Aus)--Impressive Jeune (Aus), by Jeune (GB). O-Eleanor Kwok Law Kwai Chun & Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen; B-Impressive Racing Pty Ltd (WA); T-Tony Cruz A S; J-Hugh Bowman; HK\$575,000.

Margins: HF, HF, NK. Odds: 1-5, 10-1, 6-1.

Also Ran: Healthy Happy (Aus), Running Glory (NZ), Tourbillon Diamond (Aus), Waikuku (Ire), Columbus County (NZ). **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**

#### Sunday's Results:

**SPRINT CUP-G2**, HK\$5,000,000, Sha Tin, 4-9, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:09.15, gd.

1--**LUCKY SWEYNESSE (NZ)**, 128, g, 4, by **Sweynesse (Aus)**

1st Dam: Madonna Mia (NZ) (SW-NZ, \$134,764),

by Red Clubs (Ire)

2nd Dam: Hill of Hope (Aus), by Danehill

3rd Dam: Macozie (Aus), by Marscay (Aus)


(NZ\$90,000 2yo '20 NZBRTR). O-Cheng Ming Leung, Cheng Yu Tung, Cheng Mei Mei & Cheng Yu Wai; B-; T-Manfred Man K L; J-Zac Purton; HK\$2,850,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-HK, 15-11-2-1, HK\$32,485,200. \*Full to Signora Nera (NZ), G1SP-Aus, GSP-NZ, \$145,027. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.**

2--**Wellington (Aus)**, 128, g, 6, All Too Hard (Aus)--Mihiri (Aus), by More Than Ready. (A\$70,000 Ylg '18 MMGCYS). O-Mr & Mrs Michael Cheng Wing On & Jeffrey Cheng Man Cheong; B-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd, David Paradise, Steve McCann (NSW); T-Richard Gibson; J-Alexis Badel; HK\$1,100,000.

3--**Master Eight (Aus)**, 123, g, 5, Oamaru Force (Aus)--Curzon Dancer (Aus), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (A\$50,000 Ylg '19 MGMMAR). O-Fok Yuk Tong; B-Noor Elaine Farm (Vic); T-Frankie Lor F C; J-Derek Leung K C; HK\$575,000.

Margins: 1, 2, 1. Odds: 1-5, 24-5, 56-1.

Also Ran: Rewarding Together (Aus), Cordyceps Six (Aus), Courier Wonder (NZ), Whizz Kid (Aus). **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**

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