



LACK OF STAR POWER BEGETS WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITY IN PREAKNESS



Improbable | Horsephotos

by Joe Bianca

While it may have lost most of its mainstream appeal once GI Kentucky Derby winner Country House (Lookin At Lucky) and original Derby winner Maximum Security (New Year's Day) dropped out of consideration, what's been left in their wake in Saturday's GI Preakness S. is a deep, competitive field of 13 horses looking to stake their claim in what may become a murky 3-year-old division going forward.

Favored on the morning line at 5-2 is **'TDN Rising Star'** **Improbable** (City Zip). Going undefeated at two, highlighted by an easy conquest of the GI Los Alamitos Futurity, the Bob Baffert-trained chestnut has gone winless in a trio of tries as a sophomore. Second in both the GII Rebel S. and GI Arkansas Derby, Improbable went off as the narrow 4-1 chalk in the Derby and finished an even fifth before being elevated to fourth via disqualification.

The second choice is Gary Barber's **War of Will** (War Front). An impressive victor of both the GII Risen Star S. and GIII Lecomte S. over the winter, the bay was a troubled ninth at odds-on in the GII Louisiana Derby. He found himself in the middle of the Derby scrum on the far turn when tangling with Maximum Security and faded late to be eighth, later promoted to seventh. **Cont. p3**

POINT OF HONOR DIGS DEEP TO TAKE BLACK-EYED SUSAN

By Joe Bianca

BALTIMORE, M.D.--The lightly-raced **Point of Honor** (Curlin), who debuted with a victory in an off-the-turf spot **on a sleepy Sunday at Gulfstream in the winter**, announced herself in the 3-year-old filly division by overcoming a wide trip to score a game victory in the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. on a sun-splashed Friday at Pimlico.

Romping by six lengths against a short field in the finale Dec. 16 in Hallandale for John Connelly's Stetson Racing, the chestnut was then bought into by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and proved her mettle against much tougher competition next out, notching a convincing success in the Suncoast S. Feb. 9 at Tampa. She suffered her first defeat when an even fourth in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks Mar. 30, keeping her from qualifying for the GI Kentucky Oaks, but was backed into narrow favoritism in this traditional day-before-Preakness feature. **Cont. p9**

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Brad Cox starts a pair of contenders looking for his first Triple Crown race win, who happen to have the two highest last-out Beyer Speed Figures in the field. Rupp Racing's **Owendale** (Into Mischief) was a well-beaten eighth behind War of Will in the Risen Star, but rallied strongly to earn a career-high 98 Beyer when upsetting the GIII Coolmore Lexington S. last out Apr. 13 at Keeneland. The streaking **Warrior's Charge** (Munnings) looms as one of the wild cards, having won his last two races by a combined 12 1/2 lengths and getting a 97 Beyer for a facile optional claiming score Apr. 12 at Oaklawn.



Bourbon War | Lauren King

Bourbon Lane Stable and Lake Star Stable's **Bourbon War** (Tapit) could benefit if a hot pace materializes. A first-out winner last November at Aqueduct, he was a fast-closing second in the GII Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S. Mar. 2 at Gulfstream, then had little chance when attempting to chase down Maximum Security in the slow-paced GI Xpressbet Florida Derby, eventually settling for fourth. The \$410,000 Keeneland November buy adds blinkers for this engagement.

Peter Redekop's **Anothertwistafate** (Scat Daddy) takes his show on the road once more for trainer Blaine Wright. An easy conqueror of the El Camino Real Derby Feb. 16 at his home base of Golden Gate, he was second by a neck in the GIII Sunland Derby Mar. 24 and filled the same slot after an eventful trip behind Owendale in the Lexington.

Local hopes rest upon Runnymede Racing's visually impressive but largely untested **Alwaysmining** (Stay Thirsty). Finding the winner's circle just once in his first six starts, the gelding has since reeled off a half-dozen victories in a row, including five stakes successes. Going wire to wire in the Miracle Wood S. and Private Terms S., he showed a rating dimension when sitting off the pace and running away to an 11 1/2-length romp in the Federico Tesio S. Apr. 20 at Laurel.

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TAKING A BAD BEAT AS A 'SIGNAL'



Signalman galloping at Pimlico | Horsephotos

by Joe Bianca

BALTIMORE, MD--Ken McPeek had a clear plan last winter for how to get his over-achieving colt **Signalman** (General Quarters) to the GI Kentucky Derby. After an encouraging juvenile campaign that included a victory in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. and a clear third at 67-1 in the GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile, McPeek had a two-race schedule mapped out if all went well.

Instead, his charge endured an equipment mishap in the first prep and was beaten a dirty nose out of a Derby slot guaranteeing placing in the second one. Plans are often to be adjusted in horse racing though, and McPeek is excited to get his new two-race objective underway when Signalman goes postward as one of 13 in Saturday's \$1.5-million GI Preakness S. at Pimlico.

"I'm very confident that might be a blessing in disguise that we didn't make the Derby," McPeek said. "Our goal right now is the next two races. We have every intention of running him Preakness-Belmont and giving him a chance to prove himself in both of those."

Owned by the partnership of Tommie Lewis, Steve Crabtree, Dean Demaree, David Bernsen, Jim Chambers and McPeek and his wife Sherri's Magdalena Racing, Signalman kicked off his sophomore season by throwing a shoe leaving the gate in the GII Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S. Mar. 2 at Gulfstream. He made a brief run on the far turn, but flattened out to finish seventh, immediately putting McPeek behind the eight ball in his Derby schedule.

Because of his exploits as a 2-year-old, however, Signalman was still in the hunt heading into his final prep. But he needed at least a runner-up finish in the GII Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 6 at Keeneland to secure a spot in the Churchill Downs starting gate.

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Chasing the speed of eventual winner Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg}), the blaze-faced bay surged into second late, only to get nailed in the last jump by Win Win Win (Hat Trick {Jpn}), also on the Derby bubble at the time.

"We knew second ensured [a Derby spot], but third definitely put us on the fence and we had to watch the next weekend unfold too," McPeek said. "Everything happens for a reason I suppose, and he didn't get in, but he's got a chance this weekend."



Ken McPeek | Keeneland photo

McPeek bought Signalman for just \$32,000 as a Fasig-Tipton October yearling, which was actually a decent sum considering his obscure pedigree, but still not a price tag you'd expect to see on a Triple Crown contender. Regardless of what happens the rest of the way, he has already proven a massively successful purchase, earning \$552,990 so far, over 17 times what he cost in the ring. McPeek has made a living at finding bargain-bin auction buys and Signalman fit the physical profile he looks for.

"I work auctions and I go through and look at horses and try to pick out horses who physically fit what I'd call stakes horse or graded stakes horse body types," he said. "I don't necessarily get

all enamored with the pedigrees so much as I do the physicals. We've got a really good top to bottom, diversified group of clients to place them with and he was a horse that just physically was big, strong, all the right parts in all the right places. He had a modest pedigree, but then you put them out there and see how good they are, and he's obviously good."

That keen eye for talent at the bottom of the market goes back decades to McPeek's earliest days as a trainer, when budgets were tight and extracting value was paramount. And the horse that really put him on the map, Roy Monroe's five-time graded stakes winner and 1995 Kentucky Derby runner-up Tejano Run (Tejano), was a testament to that approach.

"When I started, my opportunities to buy at auction were minimal," McPeek said. "My first budget at a yearling sale was \$6,000. After that, I had an opportunity from a client to go to Keeneland September and my top budget was \$25,000, and I bought him Tejano Run. Then what I've been able to do over the years is sharpen my eye as I've gotten older. I think I'm much better at it today than I was then, so I've got what I would call a bottom to top clientele. I'm actually not always anxious to buy horses at the top of the market because I don't think there's much return on investment. So the approach hasn't really changed since Roy Monroe gave me a yearling to buy in 1989."

Fittingly, McPeek sees some similarities between his first million-dollar earner and Signalman.

"This horse kind of reminds me of Tejano Run," he said. "Similar physical, similar pedigree and a bargain buy."

Signalman has thrived since the Blue Grass disappointment, McPeek says, and he thinks having six weeks' rest since then, instead of the four he would've gotten had he run in the Derby, will play in the colt's favor.

"He's gonna run big and he's fresh," McPeek said. "I think it's ideal. It's still a good group of horses--it's supposed to be for a million-five--but he certainly fits and he's gonna get to show how good he is. I think he's got a big chance."

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POPPET PITTS AND ALWAYSMINING

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My TDN colleague Chris McGrath [ably discussed](#) the blue-hen markers in the female family of Maryland-bred GI Preakness contender **Alwaysmining** (Stay Thirsty) the other day: namely, fourth dam Cequillo, the Tartan Farms ancestress of many high-class runners, broodmares, and sires, including the highly influential John Nerud-bred sire Fappiano (Mr. Prospector); and Plucky Liege, Cequillo's fourth dam, who was just as prolific and is the dam of the imported breed-shaping brothers Sir Gallahad (Fr) and Bull Dog (Fr), sons of Teddy (Fr) who stood at Claiborne and Coldstream Stud, respectively.

It's not often these days that Cequillo appears in the fourth

generation of a pedigree in tail-female. A foal of 1956, Cequillo was 17 when she foaled the Dr. Fager mare Consequential, Alwaysmining's third dam. Consequential was 18 when she produced the Golden Act mare Che Sara Sara, Alwaysmining's second dam, and Che Sara Sara was 12 when she dropped the Anees mare What Will Be, the dam of the Stay Thirsty gelding.

Alwaysmining was bred by Avla Pitts, who's familiarly known in

Maryland and Kentucky horse circles as "Poppet" Pitts. The another-era feel to Alwaysmining's female line is also evoked in his breeder's name and history. A longtime horsewoman from the timber, foxhunting, show horse, and steeplechasing worlds in Maryland, Pitts's ex-husband was noted Maryland and Jockey Club steward Clinton Pitts Jr. Her daughter is Kentucky-based trainer Helen Pitts-Blasi, who trained Grade I winner Einstein and Curlin for his first start while her stepfather, Joseph F. "Judge" Flanagan, also a Maryland



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He'd bought the farm where Pitts bred Alwaysmining in 1929. Named Hitchcock Plains, Flanagan bequeathed the 56-acre property near Fallston and Monkton in Harford County to Pitts and she's lived there for more than 40 years. "Quite a long time," she said, though the farm isn't known by its original name anymore. "We call it 'The Pitts,' which is bad. After all this, we might have to give it a proper name," she said.

"He bought the farm in 1929 for practically nothing," Pitts continued. "He did a lot to it, and we've done a lot more to it since he left us. He was also known as 'Spotless Joe,' and this place was spotless, and I'm trying to keep up his wills."

When her husband was around, Pitts said, "we had jumpers, and he rode them, and I bred hunters and timber horses and show horses." She's boarded timber horses and steeplechasers for other trainers through the years and has had as many as 23 head on the farm, but mostly she keeps only her horses on the property now. She lives alone and tends to them with the aid of neighbor Vivian Rall, who helps with foaling. Pitts said she started breeding horses for the flat and to sell about eight years ago when she acquired What Will Be, the dam of Alwaysmining.

At the moment she has three mares, one of which was purchased recently, and some of their offspring, including a show horse, a rehabbing timber horse, and a retiree. She breeds

her mares to Kentucky stallions--she said she likes to breed to new and young horses--and sells the foals as short yearlings at Keeneland January with Hunter Valley Farm. Alwaysmining was sold that way for \$32,000 and he was later pinhooked for \$130,000 to Jim McIngvale at Keeneland September. Alwaysmining's Fast Anna yearling half-sister made \$100,000 this year, and the buyers were Caroline and Greg Bentley, who'd purchased Alwaysmining from McIngvale privately after the colt had first won in his fourth start, at two. Subsequently gelded, Alwaysmining has won six of eight starts for the Bentleys's Runnymede Racing LLC and trainer Kelly Rubley, with an overall record of seven wins from 12 starts and earnings of \$386,192. As a Maryland-bred, Alwaysmining is eligible to earn an additional state-bred bonus of \$225,000 each to the owners and breeder in addition to the winner's share of the \$1.5-million Preakness purse should he win the Classic.

Hunter Valley Connection...

Adrian Regan of Hunter Valley was introduced to Pitts through mutual friend Gary Murray--who'd worked at Ashford Stud--about 10 years ago. Regan is her bloodstock agent/manager and boards her mares when they are sent to Kentucky to breed. When he first visited Pitts, Regan said he was struck by her attention to detail and the way her horses were raised. **Cont. p8**

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"Poppet, she only has the couple of mares, but she looks after them, like, unbelievably," Regan said. "When I first went in there, the place was immaculate, the horses were immaculate. The care they get is unbelievable, and I was very taken by the place as soon as I went in there."



Hunter Valley's Adrian Regan | Keeneland photo

Regan and Pitts then devised the strategy of breeding mares in Kentucky, foaling in Maryland, and selling as short yearlings at Keeneland in January.

"She foals them in Maryland, always, you see, because she loves seeing them outside her window and she loves the whole thing of taking care of them, which she does down to an absolute T," Regan said. "They come up to me to be bred back. When we get them to 60 days to 90 days pregnant, we send them back to Poppet, because she basically suffers withdrawal symptoms until she gets them back."

Regan said that because from early on Pitts didn't use expensive stallions or have the glittering pedigrees, her yearlings were placed in Keeneland January Books 1 and 2 so they would stand out for the way they looked and were raised, instead of Keeneland September, where they'd be shuffled back into the last books among a sea of yearlings with shinier pedigrees. The formula has been successful and they've kept to it since. The Fast Anna half-sister to Alwaysmining that Hunter Valley sold for Pitts in January is the latest example.

"We're in in Book 2 in January, and you know how that is," Regan said. "So Spider [Gabriel "Spider" Duignan, whose clients are the Bentleys] strides down and he says, 'Adrian, I'm going to make your day. I have to look at that filly of yours.' I said, 'Work

away. She's an absolute rock star.' You know, Spider was looking at me funny about a rock star in Book 2 in Keeneland January, but he looked at her and came back and said, 'You're right, she is.' So Spider went into dialogue with his people, but that filly, we were already into double digits in scopes with her, and you know what that's like at Keeneland January Book 2. She was outstanding."

Both Pitts and Regan said that Regan and Murray advise on stallion selections, but in the case of the mating that resulted in Alwaysmining, Pitts was the one who happened to pick Stay Thirsty, then at Ashford and now in California, for What Will Be.

"I don't know how I came up with Stay Thirsty," Pitts recalled. "I studied the pedigree a little bit. But it was something I dreamt up on my own. I usually lean on Adrian, but don't ask me, I don't know too much about it. But somehow I got involved, and I love everything to do with Ashford. It's just a nice, beautiful place. So, I went to see him there and loved the horse."

Because What Will Be is by Anees, a grandson of Fappiano, she already had two crosses to Cequillo (6X3) and two to Dr. Fager (5X3) and was bred similarly to the Tartan-bred Fappiano horse Quiet American (who was 3x2 to Dr. Fager and 4x3 to Cequillo--his third dam). Breeding experts like Leon Rasmussen and John Nerud, who worked together on the mating of Quiet American, believed in accumulating and duplicating the blood of Cequillo (and, consequently, Plucky Liege), and, probably without knowing this, Pitts did the same when she bred her broodmare to Stay Thirsty, whose sire Bernardini was from a Quiet American mare, resulting in even more duplications to Cequillo and Plucky Liege in the background of Alwaysmining.

What Pitts did know, however, was horsemanship, and she bred her broodmare to the sire that she thought would best physically suit her mare. That skill of hers will be on full display Saturday when the gelding she bred will try to give Maryland and its smaller circle of hunter/jumper people a rooting interest in the hometown Classic at Pimlico.

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Black-Eyed Susan S. cont. from p1

Off a half-beat slowly, Point of Honor went three wide into the clubhouse turn while second-last behind a :23.36 quarter set by **Cookie Dough** (Brethren). Five deep by the time heads pointed onto the backstretch, she continued to lope along last but one past a :47.02 half. Drawing into contention bending into the far turn, the chestnut lost even more ground from there, floating four and even five wide by the top of the lane. Nevertheless producing a strong punch once straightening, she overtook the pacesetter a furlong out, but longshot **Ulele** (Candy Ride {Arg}) had slipped through at the rail by that point and it briefly appeared like the ground loss would do Point of Honor in. The favorite was emboldened by the challenge once Javier Castellano pulled her inside to eyeball Ulele, however, and she found more to narrowly deny that foe on the wire. The victory capped off a banner day for Castellano, who racked up five wins, including four stakes scores.



Point of Honor | Horsephotos

“She’s three for four now and we’ve always liked her,” said winning trainer George Weaver. “The Gulfstream Park [Oaks] race was a little odd to us. She just didn’t seem quite as handy or responsible that day. We drew a little outside today and you lose ground being wide, but I think she likes that kind of trip and Javier rode her as such. And she went back to where we were in the first place of wanting to go to the Kentucky Oaks and participate in some of these big races. She’s just very professional, very classy.”

“She’s a filly that likes to be in a high cruising speed, be in a rhythm and we were okay with her being outside today,” said Eclipse Thoroughbreds’ Aron Wellman.

“She’s a big filly with a long stride and we didn’t want to disrupt her rhythm. So when I saw :23 and change and saw :47 and Javier had a good hold on her on the outside in the clear, I was pretty confident. Down the lane, I thought she would put them away with more ease, but Brad Cox’s filly [Ulele] put up a heck of a fight. She really made our filly run to the wire.” **Cont. p10**



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Pedigree Notes:

Point of Honor was an \$825,000 RNA at Keeneland September in 2017, but was later privately purchased by bloodstock agent Donato Lanni for Connelly and Eclipse bought in after her career bow. The winner is out of the unplaced Siena Farms homebred Zayanna, a half-sister to GSWs Mr Freeze (To Honor and Serve), Dilemma (Grand Slam) and Heavenly Ransom (Red Ransom) and MSW/MGSP Capitano (Belong to Me). Zayanna's other two foals to race are black-type performers as well in SW Velvet Mood and SP Admiral Jimmy. She is responsible for a juvenile Liam's Map filly who sold for \$500,000 to Alex and JoAnn Lieblong at KEESEP, as well as a yearling filly by Union Rags and a full-brother to the winner foaled Apr. 26. Third dam In Excelcis Deo is a MSP daughter of MGISW Sabin (Lyphard).

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Friday, Pimlico

BLACK-EYED SUSAN S.-GII, \$250,000, Pimlico, 5-17, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m, 1:47.88, ft.

1--**POINT OF HONOR**, 120, f, 3, by **Curlin**

1st Dam: Zayanna, by Bernardini

2nd Dam: Heavenly Cat, by Tabasco Cat

3rd Dam: In Excelcis Deo, by Forty Niner

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$825,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Stetson Racing, LLC; B-Siena Farms LLC (KY); T-George Weaver; J-Javier Castellano. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$246,375. *1/2 to Velvet Mood (Lonhro {Aus}), SW. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Ulele**, 120, f, 3, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Princess Arabella, by Any Given Saturday. (\$300,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG). O-Cheyenne Stables LLC; B-Summer Wind Equine LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$50,000.

Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw
LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

3--**Cookie Dough**, 124, f, 3, Brethren--Brooke's Valentine, by Fusaichi Pegasus. O/B-Arindel (FL); T-Stanley I. Gold. \$25,000.

OWN A FLORIDA THOROUGHBRED
 Margins: HF, 2 1/4, 4 1/4. Odds: 2.90, 7.30, 4.00.
 Also Ran: Brill, Off Topic, Always Shopping, Las Setas, Our Super Freak. Scratched: Sweet Diane. [Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

RECORD ATTENDANCE & HANDLE FOR BLACK-EYED SUSAN DAY

Pimlico achieved record handle and attendance for GII Black-Eyed Susan S. day Friday, a race that was won by Point of Honor (Curlin). Total handle on Friday's 14-race Black-Eyed Susan program was \$22.281 million, surpassing the previous record of \$19.895 million set in 2017 by nearly 20%. Attendance was 51,573, surpassing the record of 2017 of 50,339.

"Thank you to our horsemen, talented riders and fans for an outstanding Black-Eyed Susan Day! With record handle and attendance this is an incredible way to kick off Preakness weekend," said Tim Ritvo, Chief Operating Officer of The Stronach Group. "Our team has worked tirelessly to deliver an amazing entertainment experience and we look forward to a truly memorable Preakness Day."

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Point of Honor & her connections | Horsephotos

Friday, Pimlico

PIMLICO SPECIAL S.-GIII, \$300,000, Pimlico, 5-17, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m, 2:02.36, ft.

1--**TENFOLD, 122, c, 4, by Curlin**

1st Dam: Temptress, by Tapit

2nd Dam: Perfect Cause, by Giant's Causeway

3rd Dam: Possibly Perfect, by Northern Baby

O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Ricardo Santana, Jr. \$180,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-4-0-1, \$895,890. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**You're to Blame**, 122, h, 5, **Distorted Humor**--Bon Jovi Girl, by Malibu Moon. (\$400,000 Ylg '15 KESEEP; \$440,000 3yo '17 KEENOV). O-Bortolazzo Stable LLC; B-Bryant H. Prentice (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$60,000.

 **LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE** 

3--**Cordmaker**, 122, g, 4, **Curlin**--Tanca, by Polish Numbers. (\$150,000 Ylg '16 EASOCT). O-Hillwood Stable LLC; B-Robert T. Manfuso & Katharine M. Voss (MD); T-Rodney Jenkins. \$30,000.

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Margins: NK, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 5.10, 2.90, 3.70.
Also Ran: Wait for It, Just Whistle, Carlino, Clubman, Unbridled Juan, Rally Cry, Heavy Roller, Flying the Flag, Bobby G, Flameaway. Scratched: War Story. [Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Tenfold, a promising sophomore last spring and summer who had been off the board in two races as a 4-year-old, enjoyed a shrewd ride by Ricardo Santana, Jr. and prevailed late to capture the GIII Pimlico Special Friday on the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. undercard.

Third, beaten less than a length by Justify (Scat Daddy) in the GI Preakness S. here a year ago, Tenfold was fifth in the GI Belmont S. before scoring his first graded stakes success in the GII Jim Dandy S. He backed up to seventh after chasing the pace in the GI Travers S., however, and was fourth in a Fair Grounds optional claimer upon return Mar. 5 and seventh as the chalk in the slop in the GII Oaklawn H. last out Apr. 13

Made the third choice in this spot, the Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred came away smoothly and was asked along early by Santana. before settling second-last at the fence behind sharp fractions for the 10-furlong trip of :23.82, :47.44 and 1:11.44. Saving ground on the far turn, he was briefly held up in traffic nearing the stretch, but surged into contention once clear three-sixteenths out. Splitting rivals at the eighth pole, he took over soon after and appeared home free, only to have to hold off the dual closing bids of favored You're to Blame and local longshot Cordmaker.



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"It's a very special win with a homebred for Winchell that came through [my] mom and dad's program in Laredo," said victorious trainer Steve Asmussen. "He's just got it in him. The sky is the limit for him. I don't think he's really laid his body down yet. He's a sound horse and everything in the pedigree gets better with age."

"That's the horse we expected," added Santana. "We always believed in him. He always tried hard. He didn't really like the track [at Oaklawn]. We always had confidence in him and today, I knew he was going to show what he had. He ran a really great race. At the three-eighths, I knew I had plenty of horse and I had to be patient and wait for the hole. When the hole opened and I asked him, he gave me a nice kick."

Pedigree Notes:

Tenfold is the first foal out of Temptress, a \$190,000 Keeneland September buy for Winchell in 2011 who went on to win two times in 10 starts for Asmussen. Temptress is a half-sister to GSW Donegal Moon, while second dam Perfect Cause is an unraced half-sister to GSW Promontory Gold. Third dam Possibly Perfect earned champion grass mare honors in 1995 and was a six-time Grade I winner. Tenfold has a juvenile half-sister by Candy Ride (Arg), a yearling Curlin half-sister and a half-sister by Winchell's Gun Runner foaled Apr. 13.

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Point of Honor (Curlin) takes the GII Black-Eyed Susan S.

Friday, Pimlico

ADENA SPRINGS MISS PREAKNESS S.-GIII, \$150,000, Pimlico, 5-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:07.70 (NTR), ft.

1--**COVFefe**, 120, f, 3, by **Into Mischief**

1st Dam: **Antics**, by **Unbridled**

2nd Dam: **Aurora**, by **Danzig**

3rd Dam: **Althea**, by **Alydar**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$250,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-LNJ Foxwoods; B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Javier Castellano. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$196,200. *1/2 to Albiano (Harlan's Holiday), MGSW & MG1SP-Jpn, \$1,567,617. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

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2--**Please Flatter Me**, 120, f, 3, **Munnings**--She's Flattering, by Flatter. (\$12,000 Ylg '17 EASJAN). O-Heider Family Stables LLC, Madaket Stables LLC & Doheny Racing Stable; B-Mary Katherine Haire (PA); T-Mark J. Reid. \$30,000.

3--**Tomlin**, 120, f, 3, **Distorted Humor**--Belle of Perintown, by Dehere. (\$200,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Fairview, LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Michael Stidham. \$15,000.

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Margins: 8HF, 3HF, 1HF. Odds: 1.80, 5.00, 9.70.

Also Ran: Midnight Fantasy, Never Enough Time, Bye Bye J, Fighting Mad, Brunette Princess, Congrats Gal. Scratched: Iva, Miss Imperial, Best Kept Secret, Sue's Fortune. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Covfefe ran the GIII Miss Preakness S. field off their feet, quite literally, at Pimlico Friday, rocketing home in a new track record time. Quickest away from the stalls, the 9-5 chalk zipped through an opening quarter in :22.24 with Congrats Gal (Congrats) and Fighting Mad (New Year's Day) stacked alongside her. Please Flatter Me (Munnings) joined the fun as Fighting Mad called it quits through a half in :44.43, but she was no match for Covfefe, who powered clear of her foes like they were standing still to win for fun. The flashy bay completed the six-panel event in a posted time of 1:07.70, which is new track record.

"Javier [Castellano] did a great job," said winning trainer Brad Cox, who indicated he would look at Saratoga's GI Test S. for Covfefe. "We weren't hell-bent on getting to the lead today. We were going to let the speed go if there was a lot of it. Javier did a great job of letting her fall into the race. I'm super pleased with her."



Covfefe | Horsephotos

He continued, "This filly, we've thought she was a superstar from the start. To ship her to a Grade I [Frizette S.] off breaking her maiden should tell you we like her. She put it together today."

"She did it very easy. I didn't expect her to be on the lead. She has speed but the way I handicapped the race, in the back of my mind I didn't want to take the pace because I knew it was going to be really fast and I was looking to save something for the end. But it didn't work that way. She broke out of the gate and I had the best horse in the race. Let's put in a great performance today and that's exactly what she did today."

"I know she's a good filly and she's just a super -fast horse," said Castellano, who was scoring his third straight win on the card in the Miss Preakness. "It didn't surprise me the way she performed today. I felt we were going fast but [going in 1:07.70] didn't go through my mind once."

Graduating by 9 1/4 lengths on debut at Churchill Downs Sept. 16, Covfefe could only manage fourth as the favorite behind future champion Jaywalk (Cross Traffic) in Belmont's one-mile GI Frizette S. Oct. 7. The \$250,000 KEESEP buy returned to winning ways last time in an Apr. 6 optional claimer at Keeneland Apr. 6.

Congrats Gal collapsed on the track after fading to last and died of a heart attack. The Stronach Group and Maryland Jockey Club released the following statement, "Congrats Gal suffered sudden death after the eighth race today. The incident occurred after the wire. Commission veterinarians attended to the horse immediately. Our thoughts go out to all of the owners, trainers and connections of Congrats Gal. The Stronach Group is committed to the welfare and safety of horses above all and we are saddened by what happened today. A full necropsy will be performed to try to determine the cause of death." **Cont. p13**

Pedigree Notes:

Covfefe is the 22nd graded stakes winner and 50th black-type victress for her red hot sire Into Mischief. Her stakes-winning second dam Aurora produced Grade I-winning millionaire Acoma (Empire Maker), GISW and sire Arch (Kris S.) and UAE Horse of the Year Festival of Light (A.P. Indy). Covfefe is the second graded winner for her dam Antics, who is also responsible for Japanese MGSW and G1SP Albiano (Harlan's Holiday). The 21-year-old mare's recent produce includes a yearling filly by Nyquist and a Violence colt born Apr. 20 of this year.

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Friday, Pimlico

ALLAIRE DUPONT DISTAFF S.-GIII, \$150,000, Pimlico, 5-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:47.64, ft.

1--**MYLADY CURLIN**, 122, f, 4, by **Curlin**

1st Dam: **Ladyledue (MSW, \$147,271)**, by **Slewdledo**

2nd Dam: **Exploded's Girl**, by **Exploded**

3rd Dam: **Western Starlet**, by **Olympiad King**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O/B-Sather Family LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Luis Saez. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-1, \$301,903. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

 **LANTERN HILL FARM** Foaled 

2--**Golden Award**, 122, f, 4, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Arch's Gal Edith, by Arch. O-Summer Wind Equine; B-Harvey A. Clarke (KY); T-William I. Mott. \$30,000.

 **Brookdale** Foaled & Raised for the Clarke Family 

3--**Gio Game**, 122, f, 4, **Gio Ponti**--Game for More, by More Than Ready. (\$47,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR). O-John C. Oxley; B-H. Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. \$15,000.

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Margins: NO, 5, 1 3/4. Odds: 3.30, 2.40, 4.70.

Also Ran: Another Broad, Isotope, Timeless Curls, My Miss Lilly. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#), [the TJCIS.com PPs](#) or [the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). **VIDEO**, sponsored by **Fasig-Tipton**.

Mylady Curlin guts out a determined win over an ultra-game Golden Award, taking the GIII Allaire DuPont Distaff S. in a tight photo finish Friday at Pimlico. Sent off as the second-choice to favored Golden Award in this black-type bow, Mylady Curlin seized the early advantage and was soon joined by the chalk to her outside as she registered a first quarter in :24.23. Clocking a half in a comfortable :47.89, the bay showed the way into the lane, where Golden Award turned up the heat, drawing even

with the pacesetter. The top two battled stride-for-stride to the wire with the rail-skimming Mylady Curlin winning the photo by a nose. Golden Award finished five lengths clear of third-place finisher Gio Game.

Kicking off 2019 with a third in a six-panel optional claimer at Oaklawn Feb. 1, Mylady Curlin finished a close second next out when stretched to 1 1/16 miles in Hot Springs 23 days later. Scoring a decisive win next out over that track and trip Mar. 17, she won by a neck last time going a mile at Keeneland.

"We've liked her from the get-go," said Brad Cox, who also conditioned GIII Miss Preakness S. romper Covfefe (Into Mischief). "She's a nice filly. She ran a big race at Keeneland the other day. Even though it was a four-horse field, she had a wide trip. Luis [Saez] rode her that day; the only thing I asked him to do [today] was to ask her to run away from there. I think having the lead and the rail was a nice place. I thought she fit well with these horses on paper. She got some good figures. The one thing I was concerned about was running her back a little quickly off the allowance race, but she was training well and looked good."

"She broke pretty well," said Saez. "I was running pretty good--last time I rode her at Keeneland she tried so much. Today, she had a clean break and was in the lead. And more distance, it was better, and when she came to the stretch it was really a battle. I had the feeling I had it all the way. At one point she [Golden Award] got there, but I felt I had it."

Pedigree Notes:

Mylady Curlin is the 29th graded winner and 60th black-type winner for top sire Curlin. Her multiple stakes-winning dam Ladyledue, who is a full to GSW I'madrifter, is als responsible for the unraced juvenile filly Colonel's Lady (Colonel John); a yearling colt named Calidus (Latent Heat); and a 2019 colt by Noble Mission (GB).



Mylady Curlin (inside) denies Golden Award | MJC

CATHOLIC BOY RETURNS IN DIXIE



Catholic Boy | Sarah Andrew

By Christie DeBernardis

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready) makes his return to the races and to the grass Saturday in Pimlico's GII Dixie S. Winner of the grassy GIII With Anticipation S. and GII Remsen S. on dirt in 2017, the bay gave the GI Kentucky Derby trail a try last term, finishing second in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. and fourth in the GI Florida Derby before making a triumphant return to the lawn in Belmont's GIII Pennine Ridge S. in June. Following suit with his first top-level triumph in the GI Belmont Derby a month later, he returned to the dirt for the GI Travers S. in August, charging home to a four-length score. Catholic Boy was last seen finishing a non-factor 13th in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Nov. 3 at Churchill Downs.

"He had three months off, a well-deserved break over the winter, and he seemed to have done really well for having that," trainer Jonathan Thomas told the Pimlico notes team. "He's had a steady series of breezes to get ready and I thought what he did at Belmont the other day was really nice. So, all in all, we're pretty happy with where we're at."

Inspector Lynley (Lemon Drop Kid) has spent his whole career on the turf with plenty of black-type success. Capturing the GIII Tampa Bay S. in both 2017 and 2019, the Shug McGaughey trainee finished sixth behind MGISW Bricks and Mortar (Giant's Causeway) in the GII Mervin Muniz Memorial S. at the Fair Grounds Mar. 23 and returned to winning ways last time in the Danger's Hour S. at Aqueduct Apr. 7.

Have At It (Kitten's Joy) makes his seasonal debut in this spot. Springing an 11-1 upset in Belmont's GII Hill Prince S. Oct. 6, the chestnut was a half-length second in Santa Anita's GII Twilight Derby Nov. 4 and faded to 12th when last seen in the GI Hollywood Derby at Del Mar Dec. 1.

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UNDEFEATED COLTS HEADLINE CHICK LANG

By Christie DeBernardis

A pair of undefeated colts, **Preamble** (Speightstown) and **Pyron** (Candy Ride {Arg}), headline Saturday's GIII Chick Lang S. at Pimlico on the GI Preakness S. undercard.

A debut winner at Churchill Downs Sept. 15, Preamble followed suit with a pair of Keeneland optional claiming wins Oct. 19 and Apr. 6 for trainer Rodolphe Brisset.

"We are pretty excited about him," Brisset told the Pimlico notes team. "He was two-for-two last year for us and, talking with the ownership, we all agreed he wasn't a two-turn horse so there was no point to try and think about the [GI Kentucky] Derby. Seven furlongs may have been his maximum distance. I don't think he wants to run farther than that. It was a tough spot to come back [at Keeneland Apr. 6], even if on paper it looked like he won pretty easy. He's been training well since."

The Steve Asmussen-trained Pyron captured his career bow at Oaklawn Feb. 24 and cleared his first-level allowance condition next out over a sloppy Hot Springs strip Apr. 13.

"He's two-for-two and deserves this opportunity," Asmussen said. "He's kind of a laid-back horse for somebody who is two-for-two and has run as fast as he has. I'm anxious to see how he steps up against this competition."

Malpais (Hard Spun) enters off a pair of dominant victories. Romping by 5 3/4 lengths in a Fair Grounds optional claimer Mar. 22, the dark bay bested the re-opposing **Admiral Lynch** (Super Saver) by 4 1/4 lengths last time in the Robert Hilton Memorial S. at Charles Town Apr. 20.

Another noteworthy contender in this event is **Gladiator King** (Curlin). Winner of Tampa's Inaugural S. last term, the chestnut sprung a 12-1 upset when scoring by four lengths in the GIII Hutcheson S. at Gulfstream Mar. 23 and won that venue's Roar S. by a nose last time Apr. 20.

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FEEL GLORIOUS HOPES TO 'SOAR' YET AGAIN

By Christie DeBernardis

Feel Glorious (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}) looks to take her American record to a perfect three-for-three in Saturday's GIII Soaring Softly S. at Belmont. Winner of one of her five starts in Europe for trainer George Baker, she concluded her foreign tenure with a second in the Soldier Holloy Youngster Cup S. at Hannover Oct. 28. Purchased by Reeves Thoroughbred Racing and Tango Uniform Racing at the Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale last fall, the bay was transferred to Christophe Clement and won her debut for that conditioner in a Gulfstream optional claimer Mar. 9. Feel Glorious rallied strongly to win Aqueduct's 1 1/16-mile Memories of Silver S. by a head next out Apr. 19 and should handle the cutback to seven furlongs here.

"Seven-eighths shouldn't be a problem. She has very high cruising speed," Clement told the NYRA press team. "The



Feel Glorious | Chelsea Durand

distance should be fine. Wherever the jockey is comfortable will be fine. She has plenty of pace, she doesn't need to be last. She can be wherever they put her."

Wesley Ward saddles a strong contender in last year's Bolton Landing S. heroine **Stillwater Cove** (Quality Road). The bay checked in fifth after attending a fast pace in the GI Natalma S. at Woodbine in September and could only manage 10th after being bumped at the start of the inaugural Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint S. over a yielding course at Churchill Nov. 2. She returned to action at Keeneland in the Apr. 12 Limestone Turf Sprint S., where she was a solid second off that five-month layoff.

My Galina (Medaglia d'Oro) has only raced once, but she made a good impression, wiring a six-panel Aqueduct maiden Apr. 11. The \$275,000 KESEEP buy earned an 84 Beyer Speed Figure for that effort, which is the highest in this field.

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Another runner of interest is the Chad Brown-trained **Seek and Destroy** (Verrazano). The filly made just one start on turf, finishing sixth second out at Saratoga Sept. 3, but boasts two strong wins since and hails from a barn known for its success both on turf and off long layoffs. Romping by 9 1/4 lengths in a sloppy off-the-turfer at Belmont Oct. 8, the \$425,000 KEESEP buy followed suit with another decisive, front-running score in the Chelsey Flower S., which was also rained off the grass and onto a sloppy Belmont main track Oct. 28.

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Second to Mucho Gusto in his lone try on dirt in his Los Al unveiling in September, he earned his diploma on turf next out and checked in third in the grassy GIII Cecil B. Demille S. in November. Hitting the board in a pair of Santa Anita turf sprints Jan. 11 and Feb. 10, the Peter Eurton pupil was seventh last out on the Arcadia lawn Feb. 10. Adding blinkers here, the bay displays a string of fast works on the main track leading up to this, including a best-of-49 five panels in 1:00 3/5 over this strip two back May 4.

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MUCHO GUSTO LOOMS LARGE IN BARRERA



Mucho Gusto | *Benoit*

By *Christie DeBernardis*

'TDN Rising Star' **Mucho Gusto** (Mucho Macho Man) will likely be the heavy favorite as he looks to return to winning ways in the GIII Lazaro Barrera S. at Santa Anita Saturday. Opening his account with a pair of wins, including the GIII Bob Hope S. Nov. 17, the Bob Baffert pupil finished second to stablemate, fellow **'TDN Rising Star'** and likely GI Preakness S. favorite Improbable (City Zip) in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity S. in December. Romping in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. Feb. 2, the \$625,000 EASMAY buy was third as the favorite last time in the GIII Sunland Derby Mar. 24.

Sparky Ville (Candy Ride {Arg}) finished third to Mucho Gusto in their lone meeting in the Bob Hope and was sixth next out when trying turf in the Eddie Logan S. in Arcadia Dec. 28. Rallying late to out-nose a pair of Baffert **'Rising Stars'** in the GII San Vicente S. over this track and trip Feb. 10, the gelding finished sixth last time in the California Derby going two turns over the Golden Gate synthetic Apr. 27.

Vantastic (Dialed In) could get a piece at a price in this test.

SHORT, BUT SWEET FIELD FOR SELENE



Bold Script | *Michael Burns/WEG*

Saturday's GIII Selene S. at Woodbine has attracted just five runners, but they are a strong quintet highlighted by recent Sovereign Award winner **Bold Script** (Speightstown). Third in the grassy GI Natalma S. here last September, the gray was second over the local lawn in the Cup and Saucer S. a month later. Romping by 7 1/2 lengths when getting back on the synthetic for the Princess Elizabeth S. Nov. 4, she checked in fifth last time when venturing south for Gulfstream's GII Davona Dale S. Mar. 2.

Souper Charlotte (Warrior's Reward) looks to remain unbeaten as she attempts to navigate two turns for the first time here. A debut winner sprinting over this strip Oct. 7, the Live Oak runner captured the seven-panel Glorious Song S. last time Nov. 11.

Her trainer Mark Casse also sends out **Power Gal (Jpn)** (Empire Maker). Heroine of Oaklawn's Marsha Washington S. Feb. 2, the dark bay could only manage seventh in that venue's GIII Honeybee S. Mar. 9 and was third last time in the Star Shoot S. going six furlongs over the Woodbine synthetic Apr. 21.

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WEST ISSUES CHALLENGE TO CONNECTIONS OF HORSES INVOLVED IN DERBY INCIDENT

Gary West is offering up \$20 million of his own money to the owners of **Country House** (Lookin At Lucky), **War of Will** (War Front), **Long Range Toddy** (Take Charge Indy) and **Bodexpress** (Bodemeister), all of whom were involved in the incident that resulted in the DQ in the GI Kentucky Derby, if any of those horses finish ahead of **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) the next time any of them race against him through Dec. 31, 2019.

West said he believes his offer of \$5 million apiece to each of those four horses would result in record viewership and would generate worldwide interest.

West said his offer and the results of this "match race within a race" have no bearing and nothing to do with his horse's disqualification in the Kentucky Derby. West's intention with this opportunity and challenge is simply to generate additional interest in the sport.

There are no restrictions as to the type of race, what racetrack it is held at or the distance or track surface. The offer is valid only for the next time Maximum Security meets any of the aforementioned horses in a race, whether it is in the same race or in four separate races.

"I am doing this because I think it would be good for racing and a unique opportunity to bring more people into racing because of the elevated interest this would bring to the sport," West said.

In return, West is asking the owners of the other four horses to give him \$5 million apiece if Maximum Security finishes ahead of their horse in the official chart. The owners of any or all of the other four horses wishing to participate would be required to put their \$5 million in an escrow account, as West will do immediately for up to \$20 million.

West said if any of the other owners are not as confident in their horses as he is in Maximum Security, he would extend the same terms and conditions for the connections to put up \$1.86 million instead. That figure is the exact winner's share of the Kentucky Derby.



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West will donate 100% Maximum Security's winnings from this challenge (if any, and up to \$20 million) to the Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund. If no owners accept the challenge, West pledges to donate 10% of Maximum Security's future lifetime racing earnings to the Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund.

No horse has to win the race; the offer is simply based on the head-to-head result with Maximum Security.

"Most experts agree that Maximum Security was the best horse in the Kentucky Derby," West said. "I don't care to discuss the controversy surrounding the events of the race and the disqualification of my horse at this time, but I firmly believe I have the best 3-year-old in the country and I'm willing to put my money where my mouth is."

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

HILLTOP S., \$100,000, Pimlico, 5-17, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.71, gd.

1--**DOGTAG**, 120, f, 3, by **War Front**

1st Dam: **Diamond Necklace (SP-Ire)**,
by **Unbridled's Song**

2nd Dam: **Helsinki (GB)**, by **Machiavellian**

3rd Dam: **Helen Street (GB)**, by **Troy (GB)**

O/B-LNJ Foxwoods Stable (KY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Javier Castellano. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$137,200.

2--**Nova Sol (Ger)**, 120, f, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Neckara (Ger), by Shirocco (Ger). (€45,000 Ylg '17 OSLATE). O-Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables LLC, Wonder Stables & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-B. Dietel (GER); T-Chad C. Brown. \$20,000.

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3--**Fashion Faux Pas**, 120, f, 3, **Flatter**--Clash, by Arch. (\$65,000 Ylg '17 KESEEP). O-Denlea Park, Ltd. & Kent Spellman; B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour. \$10,000.

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Margins: 1 3/4, 2 3/4, 1. Odds: 3.10, 2.20, 6.20.

Also Ran: Orra Moor, Makeme Dream, Ebullient, Cover Photo, Who U Gonna Call, Introduced, Souper Escape. Scratched: Be Nimble, Primela (Fr), Venetian Princess, Her Royal Highness.

Dogtag capped yet another Chad Brown-trained exacta on the grass here, while providing the Roth family's LNJ Foxwoods with back-to-back stakes victories on the heels of a jaw-dropping performance by Covfefe (Into Mischief) in the GIII Miss Preakness S.

Moved up from fourth to third as heavy chalk in a rained-off Saratoga heat Aug. 5, Dogtag bypassed maiden company to instead earn her diploma as the favorite in the P.G. Johnson S. later that month. She'd been off since finishing fourth to extremely impressive stablemate Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) in Belmont's GII Miss Grillo S. Sept. 30, and was less fancied than another stablemate here in import Nova Sol, who was most recently third in Deauville's G3 Prix des Reservoirs in October. **Cont. p2**



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Hilltop S. cont.

Dogtag was wrangled back early by hot-handed Javier Castellano, but advanced while out in the clear down the backside behind a :47.53 half and six panels in 1:11.64. Swung wide for the drive, she leveled off in response to right-handed encouragement in midstretch, and kept finding from there to hold sway over last-to-second Nova Sol.

“I’m really happy to have Dogtag back in the winners’ circle,” said co-owner Jaime Roth. “She had some time off and we skipped the Breeders’ Cup. It wasn’t a matter of talent or class; I don’t think she liked the yielding ground [in the Miss Grillo]. I was watching the race from a weird spot, so I wasn’t sure when she had it won. I was just rooting for the finish line. We haven’t discussed anything as to her next start.”

Acting on behalf of the Roths’ behalf, agent Alex Solis II paid A\$540,000 for Dogtag’s dam at the 2013 Inglis Australian Easter Broodmare sale while in foal to Commands (Aus). That was the sale’s second topper--Solis and the Roths paid A\$720,000 for One World (Aus) (Danehill), dam of **impressive recent debut winner** Madman (Violence). Diamond Necklace, a half to MG1SW and top European sire Shamardal (Giant’s Causeway) from the family of Street Cry (Ire), has a 2-year-old filly by Super Saver and a filly foal by Tapit. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

SKIPAT S., \$100,000, Pimlico, 5-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.46 (NSR), ft.

1--**CHALON, 122, m, 5, Dialed In--Fall Fantasy, by Menifee.**

(\$32,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$110,000 2yo '16 BARMAR; \$550,000 3yo '17 FTKNOV). O-Lael Stables; B-J. K. & Linda Griggs (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour; J-Javier Castellano. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 14-6-5-1, \$717,295.

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2--**Everlasting Secret**, 122, m, 7, Leroidesanimaux (Brz)--Ever Lasting, by General Assembly. (\$30,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG). O-Shooting Star Racing Stables, LLC; B-Edward Seltzer & Beverly Anderson & Marc Haisfield (FL); T-Damon R. Dilodovico. \$20,000.

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3--**Hailey's Flip**, 122, m, 5, Archarcharch--Tamberino, by Freud. (\$17,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Daniel C. Crowley; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (MD); T-Gary Capuano. \$10,000.

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Margins: 2, 1HF, NO. Odds: 0.60, 65.60, 33.10.
 Also Ran: Anna's Bandit, Estilo Femenino, Majestic Won, Phantom Shot, Maybe Wicked, Last True Love. Scratched: Adios Annie.

Having last been seen finishing a head second in the GI Breeders’ Cup F/M Sprint at Churchill Nov. 3, Chalon loomed an imposing presence here and took the bulk of tote attention. Working out a pocket trip early under tight Javier Castellano restraint, the bay moved off the fence to challenge pacesetter Everlasting Secret heading for home. That longshot put up as much of a challenge as she could, but Chalon had much more to give and spurred clear under confident handling and in stakes record time.

“Everything went well,” said trainer Arnaud Delacour, who teamed up with Castellano one race earlier to take a grassy allowance with Eons (Giant’s Causeway). “She broke a touch slow. She’s usually a little more aggressive to break and get a position. It looked like Javier really had to hustle a little bit to get her into position. Once she got to a spot she was relaxed, and she looked like herself. She finished very well and looked like she had something left.”

Chalon finished her sophomore season with back-to-back seconds in Grade II events at Keeneland while representing Rockingham Ranch and Peter Miller, and subsequently sold for \$550,000 at Fasig-Tipton November. Her first start for these connections was a victory in Laurel’s Primonetta S. last April, and she was second in Belmont’s GIII Vagrancy H. that May before returning to winning ways in Monmouth’s Regret S. in June. She just missed in Keeneland’s GII Thoroughbred Club of America S. in October as a prep for the Breeders’ Cup.

Chalon has a yearling full-sister and a foal half-sister by Mineshaft. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



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JIM MCKAY TURF SPRINT S., \$100,000, Pimlico, 5-17, 3yo/up, 5ft, :57.35, gd.

1--**COMPLETED PASS, 122, g, 5, Pass Rush--Christina's Gold (SP), by Gold Token. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Robert D. Bone; B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez; J-Victor R. Carrasco. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 9-6-2-0, \$188,030.

2--**Tempt Me Twice, 122, g, 7, Temple City--Love Me Twice, by Not For Love.** (\$18,000 Ylg '13 EASSEP). O-Cordelia Stable and Ann Merryman; B-Carol Ann Kaye (MD); T-Ann W. Merryman. \$20,000.



3--**Tricks to Doo, 122, c, 4, Into Mischief--Doolittle, by Polish Numbers.** (\$115,000 Ylg '16 EASOCT; \$600,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR). O-Lael Stable; B-D.C. Goff (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour. \$10,000.



Margins: 1, 3/4, 2. Odds: 1.20, 30.80, 1.30.
Also Ran: Oldies But Goodies, American Sailor, Clever Triad.
Scratched: Pure Sensation, Bound for Nowhere, New York's Finest.

First or second in seven of his eight career starts under three different trainers coming into this race, Completed Pass was coming off a neck second in the Apr. 20 King T. Leatherbury S. over 5 1/2 furlongs at Laurel in his first black-type start and first turf start. Prior to that, the gelding was riding a four-race win steak which spanned all the way back to May a year ago.

The ultra-consistent Indiana-bred was made the 6-5 choice here after being 8-1 on the morning line. Breaking widest in the six-horse field decimated by the scratchings of Bound For Nowhere (The Factor) and Pure Sensation (Zensational), he was sent up with the leaders and battled all the way around through fractions of :21.39 and :45.13. He never switched leads and kept his head cocked toward the crowd through the stretch, but wouldn't relent and widened to a length advantage at the wire.

The winner's dam has not produced a foal since 2015, but she was bred to Airoforce for this term. She hails from the same family as Gaff (Maria's Mon), a multiple graded stakes winner in the mid-2000s. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Saturday, Pimlico, post time: 11:41 a.m. EDT

SIR BARTON S, \$100,000, 3yo, (R), 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Trifor Gold	Tritap	Vargas	Shuman	10-1
2 Pretty Good Year	Great Notion	Centeno	Rubley	10-1
3 King for a Day	Uncle Mo	Velazquez	Pletcher	7-5
4 Top Line Growth	Tapizar	Pimentel	Rubley	9-5
5 Tone Broke	Broken Vow	Santana	Asmussen	9-2
6 V.I.P. Ticket	Windsor Castle	Suarez	O'Dwyer	12-1

Saturday, Pimlico, post time: 12:51 p.m. EDT

JAMES W. MURPHY S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Shootin the Breeze	Hard Spun	Velazquez	Motion	10-1
2 Current	Curlin	Castellano	Pletcher	4-1
3 Eons	Giant's Causeway	I. Ortiz	Delacour	6-1
4 English Bee	English Channel	J. Ortiz	Motion	5-1
5 Real News	The Factor	Rosario	Stall	5-1
6 War Film	Declaration of War	Santana	Asmussen	9-2
7 Thomas Shelby	Curlin	Gaffalione	Ward	12-1
8 Empire of War	Declaration of War	Lezcano	Pletcher	8-1
9 Tybalt	Kitten's Joy	Toledo	Gonzalez	15-1
10 Gearhead	City Zip	McCarthy	Trombetta	20-1



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Belmont, \$85,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 5-17, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34.45, ft.

CANDYGRAM (c, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--Church Camp {SW, \$150,425} , by Forest Camp) kicked off the season with a seventh-place finish going seven panels in a Gulfstream optional claimer Mar. 3 before finishing third over that track and trip Mar. 30. Favored in his latest going nine furlongs in the slop Apr. 20, the bay aired by 5 1/2 lengths. Installed the 2-1 second choice with this drop back in trip, Candygram rushed out to set the pace with 3-2 choice Its All Relevent (Hard Spun), who was in close pursuit along the inside. The latter poked his head in front through a half in :45.36, however, Candygram, who sat perched off that rival's shoulder, regained the advantage nearing the quarter pole. Inching clear as the favorite receded in the stretch, the handsome dark bay drew off to score by 5 1/2 lengths over Supreme Aura (Candy Ride {Arg}). Church Camp also has a juvenile filly by Karakontie (Jpn) and a yearling filly by Dialed In. She was bred back to Anchor Down. Sales history: \$200,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$167,460. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Centennial Farms; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-James A. Jerkens.



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8th-Belmont, \$82,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 5-17, 3yo, 7fT, 1:23.20, gd.

FRONT RUN THE FED (c, 3, Fed Biz--Lawless Miss, by Posse) hit the board in two of three starts last term, including a 7 1/2-furlong turf test at Gulfstream in December. A winner out of the box this season--going six panels at the Big A Apr. 14--he was installed the 4-5 choice to make it two straight here. Settled in fourth as Hushion (The Lumber Guy) led the was through initial splits of :22.54 and :45.89, the bay made steady progress approaching the quarter pole. Three wide turning for home, Front Run the Fed took over at the head of the lane and ran off to post an eye-catching 13 1/4-length victory over Neverland Rock (GB) (No Nay Never). Lawless Miss is also responsible for a juvenile full sister to the winner. In 2018, she produced a colt by Dialed In followed by a filly by Connect this term. Sales history: \$65,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$300,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$105,700. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Klaravich Stables Inc.; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



5th-Pimlico, \$68,692, Alw, 5-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.49, ft.

MAJESTIC REASON (f, 4, Majestic Warrior--Love's Reason {SW, \$101,010}, by Not For Love), winner of the state-bred Miss Disco S. at Laurel last August, was runner up in the mile, off turf All Brandy S. the following month. A well-beaten third in her seasonal finale in the Safely Kept S. over seven furlongs in November, the bay was given a 4-1 chance to return a winner this term. Settled in a stalking position as favored Final Form (Point of Entry) set a respectable early pace, Majestic Reason kept the pacesetter in her sights entering the stretch, reeled her rival in late and went on to post a 1/2-length score over the favorite. Love's Reason is also responsible for an unraced 2-year-old colt by Munnings followed by a yearling filly by Bandbox. She produced a colt by Hard Spun earlier this term. Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-2-1, \$149,638. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Hillwood Stable LLC & Richard L. Golden; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC & Ellen Charles (MD); T-H. Graham Motion.



8th-Belmont, \$66,000, (S), Alw, 5-16, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.32, ft.

FREUDNME (c, 3, Freud--Nobody But Me, by Trust N Luck) belied 16-1 debut odds and overcame a tardy start to graduate at Aqueduct Apr. 12, and was 5-2 to double up. Making the lead fairly easily, the chestnut showed the way through a :45.59 opening four furlongs while taking some heat around the turn. He hugged the fence hitting the top of the stretch as pursuer Bronx Bomber (Take Charge Indy) shifted out, and kicked on convincingly from there to run up the score to 2 1/4 lengths. Sales history: \$11,000 Wlg '16 FTNMIX. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$70,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-My Purple Haze Stables; B-Blue Devil Racing, LLC (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart.

6th-Pimlico, \$52,000, Alw, 5-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.62, gd.

EONS (c, 3, Giant's Causeway--Golden Antigua {MSW, \$309,260}, by Hansel) was off the board in two tries over the Tampa turf, and finally broke through with a professional win at Keeneland Apr. 11. Installed the 7-2 second choice here, Eons settled in a midpack sixth down the center of the course as the field raced through the first turn. Comfortably placed in fourth through a half in :47.41, Eons moved up to tackle fading pacesetter Partisan Divide (Paddy O'Prado) on the home turn, taking over at the head of the stretch. Watching his advantage dwindle in the late stages, Eons had enough in reserve to fend off favored Largent (Into Mischief) by a neck at the wire. The winner is a full to Giant's Gizmo, MGSW, \$508,685; and Tableaux, MGSW-Fr, \$287,079; and a half to Slick Pardoned Me (Skip Away), SP, \$258,818. Golden Antigua, from the family of multiple Grade I winner Mi Selecto (Explodent), produced a filly by Uncle Mo in 2017. Sales history: \$300,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$78,240. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mark B. Grier; B-Camas Park Stud (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour.



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2nd-Indiana Grand, \$36,500, Alw, (S), 5-17, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.58, ft.

DISCREET BEAUTY (f, 3, Discreetly Mine--Bella Durmiente, by Pico Central {Brz}) got back to her winning ways with this front-running score as the 8-5 chalk. In front at every call, the homebred battled Crossed (Anthony's Cross) for the early lead from the outside going into the turn, but was clear in the stretch and continued to draw away. Wrapped up at the wire, the dark bay finished six lengths the best. Crossed held the runner-up spot. Discreet Beauty debuted last summer over this same track, winning neatly before reappearing to take the state-bred City of Anderson S. in September. She subsequently placed in the Miss Indiana S. and the Trapeze S. before four months away. She was last seen in an Apr. 26 allowance, where she finished fourth. Her dam has one other foal, the juvenile colt Big Gray Express (Unbridled Express), and was bred to Taprise for this term. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-3-1-2, \$138,627. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Bruce Murphy (IN); T-Genaro Garcia.

3rd-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-17, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.29, ft.

NOBLE COMMANDER (c, 4, Forestry--Indian Carlie, by Indian Charlie) dropped to allowance company after last seen tiring in the GIII Ben Ali S. at Keeneland Apr. 13 for his new connections. Previously trained by Mark Casse for John C. Oxley, the two-time stakes winner sold for \$135,000 at the OBS Winter Mixed sale in January after wins in Fair Grounds' Woodchopper S. in December and the OBS Sophomore S. in March of last year. He'd also placed in the Federico Tesio S., but sat on the bench for the rest of spring and summer. Noble Commander broke sharply at 2-1 here and fought for the early lead, but took back a bit to stalk instead. He pulled on even terms with the leader on the turn and fought desperately between horses for the length of the stretch, inching up in the last strides for the win. Hardly a Secret (Creative Cause) was a neck back in second with pacesetter Hard to Be Good (Hard Spun) just a half-length behind him. The winner's dam, who has 2-year-old colt Crossfeather (Cross Traffic) and was bred to Pioneer of the Nile for this term, is a half-sister to millionaire and GISW Marley's Freedom (Blame), who was last seen finishing second in the GI Humana Distaff S. on Derby day. Other members of the extended family include GISW Noble Bird (Birdstone) and GSW Mythical Gem (Jade Hunter). Sales History: \$235,000 2yo '17 FTFMAR; \$135,000 4yo '19 OBSWIN. Lifetime Record: MSW, 8-4-0-1, \$165,343. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Agave Racing Stable; B-GoldMark Farm (FL); T-Philip D'Amato.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Churchill Downs, \$82,780, Msw, 5-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.86, fm.

PAPER CLIP (f, 3, Cairo Prince--Cara Mia, by Dixie Union) showed brief speed before fading at the Spa last July. She resurfaced to finish third behind eventual Ginger Brew S. heroine Boxwood (English Channel) going 6 1/2 panels at Kentucky Downs in September, and had last been seen checking in third on the Keeneland main track Oct. 12. Let go at a few ticks over 7-2 after drawing in off the also-eligibles, the dark bay broke well from her wide draw and pressed the pace from the two path. She hit another gear in midstretch once switching leads, and strode out nicely from there to don cap and gown by 2 1/4 lengths. Dixieincandyland (Candy Ride {Arg}) completed the exacta. The winner has an unraced 2-year-old half-brother named Twirlincottoncandy (Twirling Candy) and a yearling half-sister by Bodemeister. Her dam was bred back to Tiznow. Sales history: \$52,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$68,698. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Ray Sainz; B-Greenwood Lodge Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.



2nd-Churchill Downs, \$81,118, Msw, 5-17, 2yo, 5f, :57.71, ft.
HOP KAT (c, 2, Stay Thirsty--Granny Mc's Kitten {SW & GSP, \$305,793}, by Kitten's Joy), a :9 4/5 breezer at OBS March, was pounded down to 11-10 and ran to it. Bobbling slightly at the break, the bay rushed up and took over leaving the backstretch. He shrugged off one foe's challenge heading for home, and kicked away in the lane to cruise home an eight-length winner. Longshot second timer El Cochito (Aikenite) made a nice move from far back to spice up the exacta. The winner's dam excelled on the grass and is a full-sister to GISW Kitten's Dumplings and GSW Granny's Kitten. Hop Kat has a yearling half-sister by Bodemeister and a foal half-sister by Frosted. Sales history: \$19,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$80,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,488. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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3rd-Santa Anita, \$66,053, (S), Msw, 5-17, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53.67, ft. SHADY EMPIRE (c, 2, Empire Way--River Kiss {GSP, \$154,524}, by Awesome Gambler), sent off at 7-2, went to the front from the onset, let at every call and was 2 1/2 lengths clear of Side Street Dave (Governor Charlie). The winner is a half to Spin Me a Kiss (Hard Spun), SP, \$225,407; and a full to Coco Kisses, SP, \$149,098. River Kiss produced a filly by Will Take Charge in 2018 and was bred back to Stay Thirsty. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$39,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Edward J. Brown, Jr., Debi Brown & Terry C. Lovingier; B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Jeff Bonde.

3rd-Pimlico, \$57,500, Msw, 5-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.30, ft. FLEETERHAN (f, 3, Flatter--Shadow of Storm {SP}, by Storm Cat) was a well-beaten third behind eventual GIII Fantasy S. winner and GI Kentucky Oaks show horse Lady Apple (Curlin) in the Oaklawn slop Feb. 7, and returned on short rest to fill the same slot later that month. The Pennsylvania-bred had last been seen checking in fourth in Hot Springs after dueling Mar. 30. Installed the narrow 19-10 chalk by just \$369 over China Cat (Justin Phillip), she was bothered a bit early but moved up to attend the pace in between foes. She worked her way out into the clear in upper stretch, and dug in deep to just hold off China Cat by the narrowest of margins. The winner, who hails from the extended female family of Sky Mesa and Bernstein, has a 2-year-old half-brother by Gemologist. Sales history: \$45,000 2yo '18 EASMA. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$49,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Harlow Stables LLC & Southern Springs Stables; B-MMG Stables (PA); T-Ron Moquett.



7th-Evangeline Downs, \$22,420, Msw, 5-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.36, fm.

MISS SOONER GIRL (f, 3, Quality Road--Island Hop {SP}, by Dynaformer), supported at 14-5 for a very productive first-out barn, was away slowly and sat far back early among a very strung-out field. She began to advance along the bend for home, but still had lots of work to do at the top of the lane. With plenty in with a chance at that point, she dove to the rail, and kicked on resolutely to just get up in the shadow of the wire. Sissy's Kitten (Kitten's Joy) crossed the wire a head back in second, but was moved back to third behind This Is My Prayer (Songandaprayer) for interference. The winner is a half to Ex Pirate (Malibu Moon), SW, \$119,718; an unraced 2-year-old filly Honor Hop (Honor Code); and a foal colt by Lea. Sales history: \$95,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$70,000 RNA Ylg '17 KESEEP; \$40,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,900. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#)**

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1-Lone Star, Msw 6 1/2f, PALADINS WARRIOR, 5-2
\$2,000 KEE SEP yrl

Bandbox (Tapit), Northview Stallion Station, \$2,500
62 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
14-Pimlico, Msw 6f, KNEESINTHEBREEZE, 10-1

Boisterous (Distorted Humor), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, \$5,000
86 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Santa Anita, Msw 6f, MELBO, 12-1

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000
228 foals of racing age/39 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Lone Star, Alw 1mT, DAUNTLESS PRINCE, 9-2
4-Indiana Grand, Aoc 1mT, ROAD TO CAIRO, 15-1
\$75,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl
4-Pimlico, Alw 5fT, SEXYAMA, 15-1
\$37,000 RNA FTK FEB wnl; \$55,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$55,000 RNA OBS MAR yrl; \$70,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Can the Man (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500
137 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Santa Anita, Msw 5fT, KIANA'S LOVE, 8-1
\$13,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$28,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo; \$35,000 OBS OPN 2yo
8-Thistledown, Msw 5 1/2f, KOLE MAN CAN, 6-1
\$4,500 RNA FTK OCT yrl
4-Belterra, Alw 6f, THIS MAN CAN, 9-2
\$6,000 FTK OCT yrl

Capo Bastone (Street Boss), Adena Springs, \$4,000
32 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Lone Star, Msw 6 1/2f, WEEKEND GANGSTA, 20-1

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500
135 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Indiana Grand, Aoc 1mT, SILVER SEEKER, 8-1
\$7,500 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
162 foals of racing age/29 winners/6 black-type winners
10-Will Rogers Downs, Msw 1m, CROSSING DIXIE, 3-1
\$8,000 OKC YRL yrl
5-Century Mile, Msw 5 1/2f, CROSS LADY, 12-1
CAN\$10,500 ALB MIX yrl
5-Century Mile, Msw 5 1/2f, JAYWALKING, 15-1
CAN\$22,000 ALB MIX yrl

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
187 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Century Mile, Msw 5 1/2f, PRINCESS ROBBIE, 3-1
\$14,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$38,000 FTK OCT yrl

Flashback (Tapit), Diamond B Farm, \$3,500
175 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Century Mile, Msw 5 1/2f, CARRAMIAMINE, 20-1
\$5,000 FTK FEB wnl; CAN\$23,500 ALB MIX yrl
5-Century Mile, Msw 5 1/2f, FLASHY SISTER, 10-1
\$15,000 KEE JAN wnl

Fontanella (Emeritus)
1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Santa Anita, Msw 6f, LOVE AND HOLD, 20-1

Goldcents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
256 foals of racing age/44 winners/5 black-type winners
1-Finger Lakes, Msw 1m, BULLION BABE, 5-1
\$20,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$7,000 EAS OCT yrl

He's Had Enough (Tapit), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$2,500
139 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 1mT, GORGEOUS IN GREY, 5-1
\$46,000 KEE NOV wnl

He's So Chic (Jump Start), Flying P Ranch
6 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Evangeline Downs, Alw 6f, PINTLALA, 10-1
1-Evangeline Downs, Alw 6f, SHE'S SO CHIC, 5-1

Honorable Dillon (Tapit), Rockridge Stud, \$4,000
107 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Finger Lakes, Msw 1m, LUCKY DILLY, 10-1

Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500
136 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 1mT, CHERLYNN, 6-1
10-Santa Anita, Msw 5fT, LUCKY PERIDOT, 8-1
\$40,000 OBS APR yrl
3-Gulfstream, Msw 7 1/2fT, YOUSHOULDBESOLUCKY, 2-1

Moro Tap (Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch, \$3,500
50 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Will Rogers Downs, Msw 1m, MORO COMPASS, 4-1
\$7,200 TTA MIX yrl; \$11,000 TTA APR yrl
5-Lone Star, Alw 5fT, STORMIEIS BLUE, 5-1

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$10,000
122 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 1 1/16mT, HURLEY, 6-1
\$110,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$235,000 RNA OBS MAR yrl
1-Century Mile, Alw 6f, MISTER MACHO MAN, 10-1
CAN\$18,000 RNA ALB MIX yrl
8-Santa Anita, \$100K GIII Lazaro Barrera S., 7f, MUCHO GUSTO, 4-5
\$14,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$95,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$55,000 RNA OBS MAR yrl; \$625,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
151 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Santa Anita, Msw 5fT, BELLIZE, 6-1
\$160,000 OBS APR yrl
6-Churchill Downs, Alw 1 1/16mT, MISSION FROM ELLE, 9-2
\$70,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl

Primero Peru (Weekend Cruise)
1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
11-Churchill Downs, Msw 1 1/8mT, URIAH'S LEGACY, 20-1

Tritap (Tapit), Heritage Stallions
42 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Pimlico, \$100K Sir Barton S., 1 1/16m, TRIFOR GOLD, 10-1

Uncaptured (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm, \$6,000
143 foals of racing age/15 winners/4 black-type winners
6-Delaware, Msw 6f, KING NEKIA, 9-5
\$15,000 EAS OCT yrl
5-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, KONG STYLE, 8-1
\$12,000 OBS OPN 2yo
3-Gulfstream, Msw 7 1/2fT, NOTORIOUS NICK, 9-2
\$27,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$225,000 EAS MAY 2yo
3-Gulfstream, Msw 7 1/2fT, OVERWATCH, 6-1
\$30,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$62,000 OBS APR yrl

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 10-Santa Anita, Msw 5fT, MISS HOT LEGS, 5-1
 \$100,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$275,000 OBS APR yrl
 10-Santa Anita, Msw 5fT, MOREISBETTER, 5-2
 \$10,000 FTK OCT yrl
 11-Belmont, \$100K GIII Soaring Softly S., 7fT, SEEK AND
 DESTROY, 8-1
 \$425,000 KEE SEP yrl

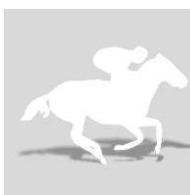
Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm,
 \$30,000
 207 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
 11-Pimlico, \$200K GIII Chick Lang S., 6f, CABOT, 15-1
 \$160,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$400,000 FTS AUG yrl
 3-Churchill Downs, Alw 1 1/16m, SWEET DIANE, 7-5
 \$130,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS APR yrl; \$500,000 KEE
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8th-Churchill Downs, \$86,633, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500),
 5-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.61, fm.

MAY LILY (m, 5, Broken Vow--Bobby's Babe, by Smart Strike)
 Lifetime Record: 16-3-4-2, \$180,221. O-Lloyd Madison Farms, IV
 LLC; B-Lloyd Madison IV, LLC (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley. *1/2 to
 Zapperini (Ghostzapper), GSP, \$247,513.

4th-Churchill Downs, \$81,249, 5-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up,
 1 3/8mT, 2:15.33, fm.

**BOTSWANA (g, 4, Graydar--Oculuna {SP, \$136,077}, by
 Century City {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$101,173.
 O/T-Bentley Combs; B-Silverton Hill Farm LLC (KY).

5th-Santa Anita, \$68,053, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000),
 5-17, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.47, gd.

**MORGAN S. (g, 5, Majesticperfection--Princess Deelite {MSW,
 \$249,987}, by Afternoon Deelites)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0,
 \$90,795.

O-Super Horse, Inc.; B-H & E Ranch (CA); T-Dan L. Hendricks.
 *\$65,000 Ylg '15 BARSEL.

4th-Belmont, \$66,000, (S), 5-17, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT,
 1:44.29, gd.

MANGO M (g, 4, Tale of the Cat--Awesome Bull, by Holy Bull)
 Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-3, \$129,094. O-August Dawn Farm;
 B-Edition Farm (NY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. *\$160,000 Ylg
 '16 SARAUG; \$250,000 2yo '17 FTFMAR.

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5th-Gulfstream, \$47,660, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 5-17,
 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.97, ft.

VINCERO (g, 4, Wrote {Ire}--The Marikutana {SP}, by Congrats)
 Lifetime Record: 16-6-4-1, \$167,120. O-Isla Stables LLC;
 B-Northwest Stud (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

3rd-Gulfstream, \$46,650, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-17,
 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.37, ft.

**SO LONG CHUCK (g, 5, Adios Charlie--Miss Greatness, by
 Greatness)** Lifetime Record: 28-6-6-5, \$153,570. O-Acclaimed
 Racing Stable; B-Freddie Hyatt (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.
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4th-Arlington, \$34,560, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 5-17, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT) (off turf), 1:43.52, ft.

MOON OVER MONTANA (h, 5, Spring At Last--Julie Truly {MSP, \$114,245}, by Miner's Mark) Lifetime Record: 15-5-5-3, \$120,796. O-Patricia's Hope LLC; B-Carol M. Ricker (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. *\$9,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

6th-Indiana Grand, \$32,500, 5-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.24, ft.

KHAIRIYA (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Palazzo Babe {SP, \$282,100}, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-5, \$68,895. O-Paradise Farms Corp.; B-Marbat, LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

6th-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), 5-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.23, ft.

KAIJU (c, 3, Sky Mesa--Five Grand Girl {MSW, \$255,750}, by Five Star Day) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$54,326. O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm (PA); T-Rodrigo Madrigal, Sr.

7th-Belterra, \$27,500, (S), 5-17, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.14, fm.

MO DONT NO (g, 6, Uncle Mo--Lilah {GSW, \$510,248}, by Defrere) Lifetime Record: MSW, 35-18-9-0, \$898,570. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Beechwood Racing Stable (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *\$50,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. **1/2 to Takechargedelilah (Take Charge Indy), SW, \$234,540.

8th-Evangeline Downs, \$25,000, (S), 5-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.51, ft.

RIFLE MAN (g, 4, Musket Man--Rise N Go, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 14-5-3-0, \$64,710. O-Horseplayers Racing Club LLC; B-Rockin' H Farms (LA); T-Justin Jeansonne.

8th-Belterra, \$24,700, (S), 5-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.47, ft.

MS. MAXIMA (m, 6, Albertus Maximus--Holy Akadya, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$37,088. O-David C. Tomasello; B-Jac Tomasello (OH); T-T. R. Haehn.

3rd-Charles Town, \$24,500, 5-16, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.95, ft.

PRIME LIME (m, 5, Limehouse--Klondike Kat, by Tagish) Lifetime Record: 15-6-3-3, \$110,861. O-O'Sullivan Partnership 1; B-O'Sullivan Farms (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.

7th-Charles Town, \$24,500, (S), 5-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :51.68, ft.

SEE ME SMILE (g, 3, Fiber Sonde--Seemybeauty, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$51,980. O/B/T-John D. McKee (WV).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

One Fast, c, 2, **Gone Astray**--Piccola, by Tiznow. Gulfstream, 5-17, (C), 5f, 1:00.08. B-JDAB Stables LLC (FL). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Fiery Flash, f, 3, **Flashpoint**--Gray Attitude, by Belong to Me. Evangeline Downs, 5-16, 5 1/2f, 1:05.54. B-Darlene & Jeff Wahman (LA). *\$900 Ylg '17 ESLMIX.

Caralicious, f, 3, **Noble Mission (GB)**--Dreaming of Cara (MSP, \$265,150), by North Light (Ire). Belmont, 5-16, (S), (C), 6f (off turf), 1:12.37. B-Richard Greeley (NY). *\$85,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Carom, g, 4, **Data Link**--Nippy, by Pulpit. Belmont, 5-17, (C), 1mT, 1:37.42. B-Claiborne Farm (KY). *\$47,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$180,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$185,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.



Purgatory, g, 4, **Limehouse**--Veronica Ln, by Nobiz Like Shobiz. Charles Town, 5-16, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.50. B-John Dillow (WV).

Breezy Bee, f, 4, **Street Sense**--Graser (Ire) (MSP, \$116,578), by Motivator (GB). Santa Anita, 5-17, (C), 1mT, 1:36.99. B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD). *\$60,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

Givetheman a Cigar, g, 5, **Freud**--Gift of Giving, by Regal Classic. Belmont, 5-17, (S), (C), 6fT, 1:11.31. B-Anthony Grey & Jimmy & Meg Miranda (NY). *\$42,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG.



ADIOS CHARLIE, So Long Chuck, g, 5, o/o Miss Greatness, by Greatness. AOC, 5-17, Gulfstream

ALBERTUS MAXIMUS, Ms. Maxima, m, 6, o/o Holy Akadya, by Holy Bull. ALW, 5-17, Belterra

BROKEN VOW, May Lily, m, 5, o/o Bobby's Babe, by Smart Strike. AOC, 5-17, Churchill Downs

CAIRO PRINCE, Paper Clip, f, 3, o/o Cara Mia, by Dixie Union. MSW, 5-16, Churchill Downs

CANDY RIDE (ARG), Candygram, c, 4, o/o Church Camp, by Forest Camp. AOC, 5-17, Belmont

CURLIN, Mylady Curlin, f, 4, o/o Ladyledue, by Slewddled. GIII Allaire DuPont Distaff S., 5-17, Pimlico

CURLIN, Point of Honor, f, 3, o/o Zayanna, by Bernardini. GII Black-Eyed Susan S., 5-17, Pimlico

CURLIN, Tenfold, c, 4, o/o Temptress, by Tapit. GIII Pimlico Special S., 5-17, Pimlico

DATA LINK, Carom, g, 4, o/o Nippy, by Pulpit. MCL, 5-17, Belmont

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DIALED IN, Chalon, m, 5, o/o Fall Fantasy, by Menifee. Skipat S., 5-17, Pimlico

DISCREETLY MINE, Discreet Beauty, f, 3, o/o Bella Durmiente, by Pico Central (Brz). ALW, 5-17, Indiana Grand

EMPIRE WAY, Shady Empire, c, 2, o/o River Kiss, by Awesome Gambler. MSW, 5-17, Santa Anita

FED BIZ, Front Run the Fed, c, 3, o/o Lawless Miss, by Posse. AOC, 5-17, Belmont

FIBER SONDE, See Me Smile, g, 3, o/o Seemybeauty, by Forestry. ALW, 5-16, Charles Town

FLASHPOINT, Fiery Flash, f, 3, o/o Gray Attitude, by Belong to Me. MSW, 5-16, Evangeline

FLATTER, Fleeterthan, f, 3, o/o Shadow of Storm, by Storm Cat. MSW, 5-17, Pimlico

FORESTRY, Noble Commander, c, 4, o/o Indian Carlie, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 5-17, Indiana Grand

FREUD, Freudme, c, 3, o/o Nobody But Me, by Trust N Luck. ALW, 5-16, Belmont

FREUD, Givetheman a Cigar, g, 5, o/o Gift of Giving, by Regal Classic. MCL, 5-17, Belmont

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, Eons, c, 3, o/o Golden Antigua, by Hansel. ALW, 5-17, Pimlico

GONE ASTRAY, One Fast, c, 2, o/o Piccola, by Tiznow. MCL, 5-17, Gulfstream

GRAYDAR, Botswana, g, 4, o/o Oculuna, by Century City (Ire). ALW, 5-17, Churchill Downs

INTO MISCHIEF, Covfefe, f, 3, o/o Antics, by Unbridled. Gill Adena Springs Miss Preakness S., 5-17, Pimlico

LIMEHOUSE, Prime Lime, m, 5, o/o Klondike Kat, by Tagish. ALW, 5-16, Charles Town

LIMEHOUSE, Purgatory, g, 4, o/o Veronica Ln, by Nobiz Like Shobiz. MSW, 5-16, Charles Town

MAJESTIC WARRIOR, Majestic Reason, f, 4, o/o Love's Reason, by Not For Love. ALW, 5-17, Pimlico

MAJESTICPERFECTION, Morgan S., g, 5, o/o Princess Deelite, by Afternoon Deelites. AOC, 5-17, Santa Anita

MUSKET MAN, Rifle Man, g, 4, o/o Rise N Go, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 5-16, Evangeline

NOBLE MISSION (GB), Caralicious, f, 3, o/o Dreaming of Cara, by North Light (Ire). MCL, 5-16, Belmont

PASS RUSH, Completed Pass, g, 5, o/o Christina's Gold, by Gold Token. Jim McKay Turf Sprint S., 5-17, Pimlico

QUALITY ROAD, Miss Sooner Girl, f, 3, o/o Island Hop, by Dynaformer. MSW, 5-16, Evangeline

SKY MESA, Kaiju, c, 3, o/o Five Grand Girl, by Five Star Day. ALW, 5-16, Penn National

SPRING AT LAST, Moon Over Montana, h, 5, o/o Julie Truly, by Miner's Mark. AOC, 5-17, Arlington

STAY THIRSTY, Hop Kat, c, 2, o/o Granny Mc's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 5-17, Churchill Downs

STREET SENSE, Breezy Bee, f, 4, o/o Graser (Ire), by Motivator (GB). MCL, 5-17, Santa Anita

SWEET RETURN (GB), Daddy's Boo, m, 8, o/o Precocious Pet, by Slew Gin Fizz. AOC, 5-17, Arlington

TALE OF THE CAT, Mango M, g, 4, o/o Awesome Bull, by Holy Bull. ALW, 5-17, Belmont

TWIRLING CANDY, Khairiya, f, 3, o/o Palazzo Babe, by Rahy. ALW, 5-17, Indiana Grand

UNCLE MO, Mo Dont No, g, 6, o/o Lilah, by Defrere. ALW, 5-17, Belterra

WAR FRONT, Dogtag, f, 3, o/o Diamond Necklace, by Unbridled's Song. Hilltop S., 5-17, Pimlico

WROTE (IRE), Vincero, g, 4, o/o The Marikutana, by Congrats. AOC, 5-17, Gulfstream

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By Tom Frary

Not content with securing the inaugural Weatherbys Hamilton Stayers' Million for connections, Bjorn Nielsen's **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) was back with the real threat of doubling up on Friday as he defied a penalty and smart rivals in the G2 Matchbook Yorkshire Cup. Always travelling sweetly in mid-division, the flashy chestnut had the imposing **Southern France (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) to aim at for the final three furlongs as **Mildenberger (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}) tried to make a fist of it. As the latter backed out, it took until the last furlong for the 4-5 favourite to truly master the Ballydoyle challenger in a David and Goliath-style tussle. At the line, "Mighty Mouse" was the comfortable 3/4-of-a-length winner as they pulled five lengths clear of Mildenberger to suggest that they will be at the forefront when the Royal meeting's key staying test comes.

"He was a bit rusty and there wasn't much of a pace, so it was more of a sprint but once we got upsides there was only going to be one winner," Dettori said. "He's a tiger--he just put his head down and went. He's a joy to have around."

Stradivarius was also becoming the first since Ardross (Ire) in 1982 to win this for the second successive year and the parallels with Charles St George's great stayer are becoming ever more credible with time. [Cont. p2](#)

RACING HIT BY SIGNIFICANT LEVY FALL

British racing could face prizemoney cuts after the Horseracing Betting Levy Board announced on Friday a drop in the 2018/19 Levy of £17-million. The HBLB had previously forecast of Levy of £89-million for the year, which ended on Mar. 31, but the figure is in fact more like £78-million. That is significantly down from the £95-million returned in 2017/18, the first year that the restructured Levy extended beyond bookmakers in Great Britain. Informal reports presented to the board showed that while the year began on target, the last two months were substantially less profitable than in the prior year. A £78-million Levy income means the board will have incurred a budget deficit of £5-million.

Levy Board Chairman Paul Lee said, "Bookmaker profits in the fourth quarter, particularly in February and March, were reported to be very substantially down on estimates. This has led to a material undershooting of Levy income against forecast, even taking into account that yield was not expected to reach the £95-million of 2017/18. [Cont. p6](#)



Bookmaker profits in the final quarter of 2018 were down on estimates | [Racing Post](#)

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Like him, he went unbeaten through an important Cup campaign last term with the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot his crowning moment. There was as much zip in this performance as there was in the 2018 equivalent and with last year's G1 St Leger third there to make him stretch and the likes of the Feb. 28 G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy winner **Ispolini (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) well beaten it is solid form.

Trainer John Gosden obviously relishes the challenge of managing the career of the ebullient 5-year-old and said, "This was a prep for the Gold Cup and he hadn't been trained hard for this. He's a very proud horse and does enough in his work without being generous. The [June 20] Gold Cup is a different ball game and they slowed it right down here which is probably not ideal for him, but I liked the way he showed a bit of grit in the end. He's not polished yet--we hope to have that at Royal Ascot. He was in the nightclub when I was saddling him, but then he goes out there and races and gets into a different zone."

Pedigree Notes

Stradivarius, who descends from the Wildensteins' brilliant Pawneese (Ire), is the last foal out of the dual listed-placed Private Life (Fr) (Bering {GB}), who was snapped up for just 70,000gns at the 2006 Tattersalls December Mares Sale.

She also produced three other black-type performers including the G3 Bavarian Classic and G3 Furstenberg-Rennen-winning German highweight Persian Storm (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}). This is also the family of the G1 Melbourne Cup hero Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero and leading sire Peintre Celebre (Nureyev).

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1--**STRADIVARIUS (IRE), 130, h, 5, by Sea the Stars (Ire)**

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2nd Dam: Poughkeepsie (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: Pawneese (Ire), by Carvin II

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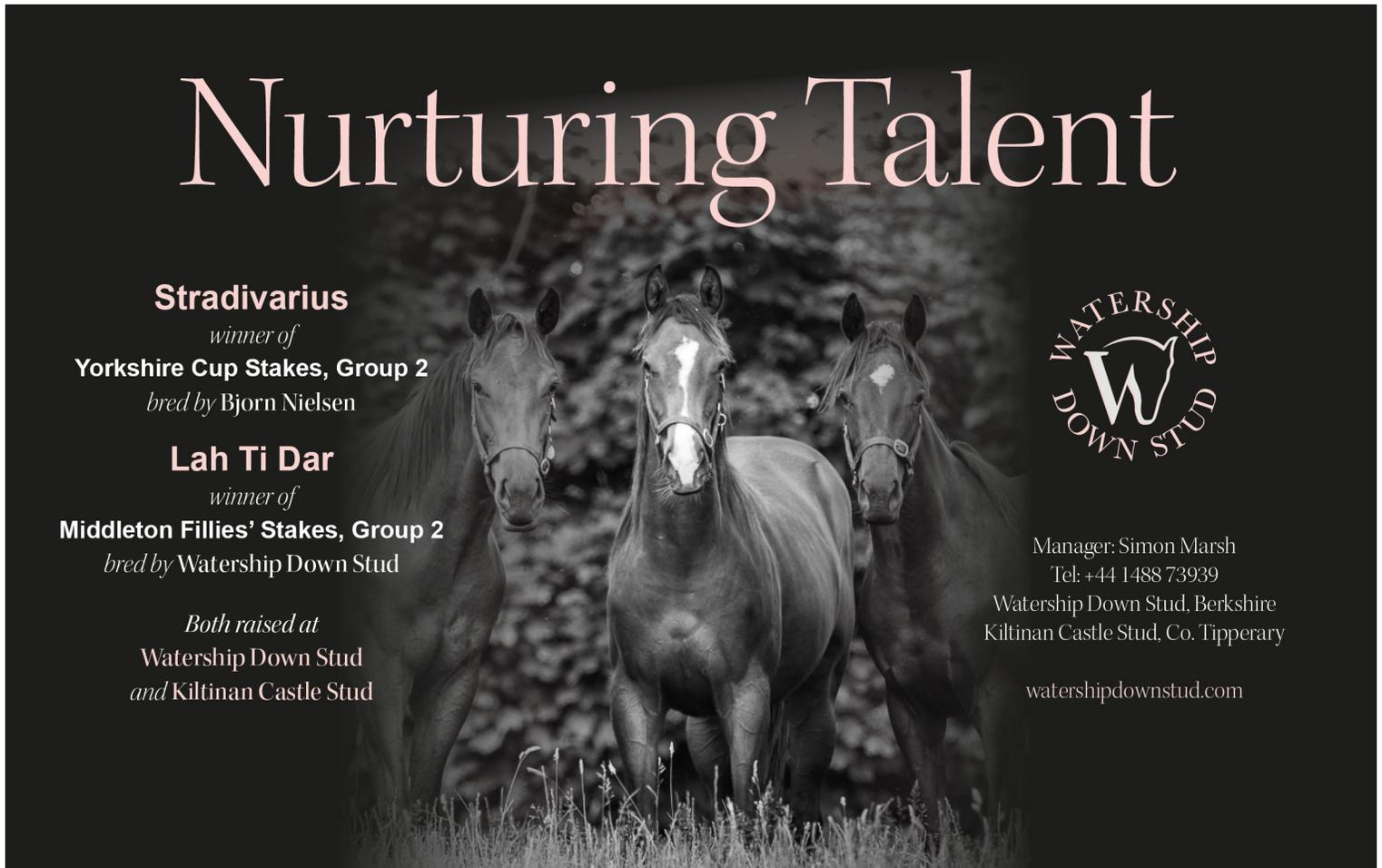


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Yorkshire Cup cont.

2--**Southern France (Ire)**, 127, c, 4, **Galileo (Ire)**--Alta Anna (Fr), by Anabaa. O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Lynch-Bages & Rhinestone Bloodstock (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £35,475.

3--**Mildenberger (GB)**, 127, c, 4, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Belle Josephine (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Mark Johnston. £17,754.
Margins: 3/4, 5, 1. Odds: 0.80, 5.50, 7.00.

Also Ran: Ispolini (GB), Desert Skyline (Ire), Mootasadir (GB), Sevens Star (Ire), Aircraft Carrier (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

LOCKINGE PUZZLE HEADLINES SATURDAY

ACTION *By Tom Frary*

Since the heady days of Frankel (GB), Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa) and Canford Cliffs (Ire), the older miling division has been devoid of a genuine star turn and Saturday's G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. at Newbury offers another poser. Perhaps the G1 Matron S. and G1 Sun Chariot S. heroine **Laurens (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) will be the one in a race that has been kind to fillies of her nature, with Rhododendron (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Peeress (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), Red Evie (Ire) (Intikhab) and Russian Rhythm (Kingmambo) successful from a small pool since 2004. Also a winner at the top level over a mile and a quarter and beyond, having annexed the Prix de Diane and Prix Saint-Alary, John Dance's pride and joy is reported in top order by trainer Karl Burke.

"Whatever we've done with her at home, I'm sure she'll improve a little bit," he said of the 4-year-old, who was last seen finishing eighth in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S at Ascot on Champions Day.



Laurens has big expectations to meet in the Lockinge | *Racing Post*

Saturday's Racing Preview cont.

"We were obviously disappointed with her final run and I put it down to it being at the end of a long season. But in hindsight, she'd just had her Herpes jab not long before it because of a new ruling and I've a feeling it just knocked the edge off her."

Burke has some words of warning for her opponents. "She's a heavier filly this year. She certainly has improved physically-- she's probably got quicker as she's got stronger. She bossed the females last year and I think she can do the same to the boys. I think the mile division probably lacks a star and I hope she can fill that gap."

As usual, Aidan O'Brien has a well-respected representative in Prince Faisal bin Khaled and Michael Tabor's ex-Andre Fabre-trained **Le Brivido (Fr)** who is also by Laurens's sire. He has plenty to find on his latest third in the G3 Gladness S. over seven furlongs at Naas Apr. 13, but two years ago he was finishing a close second in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches before winning the G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot and he would not be at Ballydoyle if he did not still possess that kind of class. "I was happy with Le Brivido's first run of the year and that was his first run for us," O'Brien said. "Obviously we've never run him over a mile, so we'll find out if that is what he wants."

Behind Le Brivido when an unlucky fifth in the Gladness was last year's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero **Romanised (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who is still relatively lightly-raced and may be open to progress at four.

Trainer Ken Condon said, "He didn't get the clearest of runs [last time], so all in all we were pleased. I liked the way he went through the line.

It was important he didn't have a gruelling race first time out-- and he didn't. The race is coming up at the right time--he seems to come to himself at this time of year. It will be a tough race, but one I'm very much looking forward to."

Romanised was fifth to **Without Parole (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) in the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot last June and like the



'TDN Rising Star' Headman | *Racing Post*

Irish Classic hero the Gunthers' flagbearer lost his way thereafter. Fifth in Meydan's G1 Dubai Turf over nine furlongs Mar. 30, he sports blinkers for the first time and John Gosden will be hoping that they relight his fire while the 2018 G1 1000 Guineas heroine **Billesdon Brook (GB)** (Champs Elysees {GB}) is another on a retrieval mission. Third in the G2 Dahlia S. over nine furlongs at Newmarket May 5, the Stowell Hill homebred is edging towards the kind of

odds she was when storming past Laurens in the Newmarket Classic 12 months ago.

On a talent-filled Newbury card, the opening six-furlong Listed Shalaa Carnarvon S. sees Shadwell have a strong hand which includes the Charlie Hills-trained 750,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase **Khaadem (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), followed by the bid of Sir Evelyn de Rothschild's top-flight performer **Crystal Ocean (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) to register back-to-back renewals of the G3 Al Rayyan S., better known as the Aston Park S.



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"He has definitely strengthened up and looks to be sharper than last year," Sir Michael Stoute's assistant James Horton said. "We know he stays the mile and a half well and this is a good stepping stone going forward. It was either here or travelling to Ireland for the Tattersalls Gold Cup and having a hard race.

"He is in good form, so fingers crossed it all goes smoothly."

'TDN Rising Star' **Headman (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) heads the runners for the prestigious Al Zubarah London Gold Cup H. which boasts a classy honour roll including the former Roger Charlton-trained stars Al Kazeem (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). That Beckhampton handler is keen to see how Khalid Abdullah's still unexposed relative of Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) performs in this race won almost always by embryo pattern-race performers.

"Obviously he created a big impression when winning at Newcastle on his debut and then we were a bit disappointed when he was beaten by Zakouski at Kempton, although he was giving him seven pounds and the winner looked good," Juddmonte's racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe said. "We also dropped back to seven furlongs. He was a bit disappointing first time out this season, but you do tend to get exaggerated distances on soft ground. He came out of that fine, has been working well, and we hope this will put him back on the right road."

In opposition to Headman is Saeed Suhail's Apr. 16 Newmarket handicap winner **Solid Stone (Ire)** (Shamardal), who bids to follow where the fellow Sir Michael Stoute-trained GI Canadian International hero Cannock Chase (Lemon Drop Kid) led after taking this in 2014.

"I think this horse could take a similar route to Cannock Chase-I think he'll go in that direction," the owner's racing manager Bruce Raymond said. "You need a potential group horse to win this usually. He's working well and he's got improvement in him."

Wesley Ward brings Ice Wine Stable's Apr. 18 Keeneland maiden special weight winner **Joker On Jack** (Declaration of War) to the valuable Olympic Glory Conditions S. over six furlongs.

He meets Ballydoyle's Apr. 24 Dundalk debut winner **Fort Myers** (War Front) and Godolphin's Apr. 18 Newmarket novice scorer **Well of Wisdom (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) in the fascinating Royal Ascot pointer won in 2016 by Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}).

Anthony Oppenheimer's 'TDN Rising Star' **Star Catcher (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}), a half-sister to the aforementioned Cannock Chase who so impressed over this course and distance Apr. 12, is one of an intriguing cast for the Listed Haras de Bouquetot Fillies' Trial along with Sunderland Holdings' well-regarded maiden **Sea of Faith (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}).

Last year, her trainer William Haggas saddled the owners' Sea of Class (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) to break her maiden in this and there are strong vibes for a repeat for the homebred who was fourth on debut in a decent 10-furlong novice contest at Sandown on Apr. 26. "It's a big step up for her," Haggas commented. "She is useful and we need to know short-term targets. She is not as quick as Sea of Class at all and more a galloping type."

At Newmarket, another 'TDN Rising Star' in **Jash (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB})



'TDN Rising Star' **Star Catcher** | *Racing Post*

reappears in the seven-furlong Listed King Charles II S. against four rivals with Simon Crisford hoping he can build on a juvenile campaign which saw him finish second in the G1 Middle Park S. "Jash has taken a long time to come to himself this spring," he explained. "He has been working very nicely over the last few weeks and that has brought him forward to where we want him. I'm very happy with him going into the race. The purpose of taking him to the Rowley Mile a few weeks ago was to get him moving and stretching his legs. We never asked any questions that day, but he moved up well. Obviously races like this are competitive, but this is a good starting point for him. As far as we are concerned he should get the trip and it is the ideal distance for him. He doesn't have the physique of a sprinter. He is a long-striding horse that covers a lot of ground and has got a great mindset."

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Racing Hit By Significant Levy Fall cont. from p1

This is only the second year of the extended Levy and the inherent uncertainty was recognised by the board in 2017, which led to its policy of increasing reserves significantly over the past two years. The purpose of having these reserves is to be able to shield racing against substantial fluctuation. However, the scale of the fall in income means that there is a strong probability of having to make further adjustments to expenditure during the Levy year in addition to the £5-million reduction before the end of 2019.

“The variation in yield from £95-million to £78-million in the first two years of the extended Levy makes forecasting 2019/20 income more difficult and will create a challenge in setting a full-year expenditure budget for calendar year 2020 before the end of calendar year 2019.

The Board will look to put in place additional reporting arrangements with major bookmakers, who are already helpfully providing significant data to the board on a voluntary basis.”

HBLB’s racing representatives Andy Clifton (Racecourse Association), Julian Richmond-Watson (The Horsemen’s Group) and Nick Rust (British Horseracing Authority) said in a statement, “We were shocked to see the big drop in Levy yield for 2018/19, which was significantly below the previous forecast at the end of March. We share the disappointment that our sport will feel having produced some highly competitive and compelling racing over the past year.

British racing has already come under fire for low prizemoney levels, most significantly over the winter when horsemen boycotted a handful of meetings staged at Arena Racing Company courses after the company cut its contributions to prizemoney.

“The bulk of the Levy income is distributed as prize money,” the statement continued. “At a time when there is already significant debate in the industry around levels of prize money, we appreciate that any potential reduction will cause further concern.



Striking A Pose: Alpha Lupi (Ire) and her filly foal by Mastercraftsman (Ire), a full-sister to 2018 Champion 3YO filly Alpha Centauri (Ire), pictured at Coolmore, Ireland Friday. The filly was bred by the Niarchos Family. | *Coolmore*

Levy Fall cont.

"Racecourses, The Horsemen's Group and the BHA have pledged to work through any implications together. Discussions have already begun about how to minimise the impact over the next year.

"We welcome HBLB's announcement that it is reviewing how it works with bookmakers. We look forward to seeing their proposals for improving the accuracy of forecasts and growing racing's income stream in line with growth in betting on racing.

"We want to understand better from betting operators and HBLB whether any systemic issues are emerging that need to be addressed.

While significant changes were made to the Levy in 2017 to increase bookmaker contributions, more may need to be done to grow the profitability of racing.

"The recent positive reporting from the betting sector on the growing attraction of betting on our sport makes clear that the issue isn't the popularity of racing as a betting product, but rather its potential profitability. As the Levy is based on those betting profits, that is clearly concerning for all in racing.

"The government and Parliament have been very supportive of British racing making important and welcome changes to the Levy in 2017. Like us, they have been waiting to see how these reforms would bed in and what the impact would be on racing's income. We will discuss this with ministers and officials at the next opportunity."

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WHIP USE, ILLEGAL BETTING ON AGENDA AT EMHF/IFAR GATHERINGS

By Dan Ross

Ovrevoll, NORWAY--The Norwegian Jockey Club on Thursday played host at Ovrevoll Racecourse to a gathering of industry leaders from all over the globe, with the European and Mediterranean Horseracing Federation (EMHF) holding its annual General Assembly there, along with an International Forum of the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR) conference that followed.

Of keen interest to many attendees was a presentation that Hans Petter Erikson, former director of the Norwegian Jockey Club, gave concerning the country's novel approach to one of racing's currently thorniest issues: that jockeys are permitted to carry a cushioned whip, no longer than 70 centimeters, in 2-year-old races and hurdle races, and can only use it to avoid dangerous situations. Both of the jockey's hands, the rules stipulate, must be on the reins at all times.

For flat horses three and older, the jockeys weigh out without the whip.

Erikson chronicled the timeline of the evolving whip rule, beginning in 1986 when the Norwegian minister of agriculture first demanded a whip prohibition in both Thoroughbred and trotting races. An initial compromise led to the adoption in 2009 of the rules that are in place today.

Erikson stands by Norway's strict penalties--jockeys that violate the rules face possible disqualification. "Today, in most countries the winning horse and rider would keep the race, even if the jockey breaks the whip rules. The consequences usually are a suspension and a fine," he said. "To me, this is not fair."

Erikson said that in 30 years, "there have been no accidents resulting from jockeys not being able to carry a whip," while 30% of races are won by favourites--a comparable statistic, he said, to whip-carrying jurisdictions. What's more, "there's less interferences--an easier job for the stewards," he said.



In 30 years, "there have been no accidents resulting from jockeys not being able to carry a whip." - Hans Petter Erikson | Sarah Andrew

"We've never had any complaints from the punters," Erikson added. "The best horse can win the race, even without the whip." Word from the horsemen, he said, is that horses were happier, too, with a healthier appetite after a race.

A member of the audience asked whether the problem isn't the instrument itself but a lack of education about the modern cushioned whip when compared to the much harsher sticks of before. He described the issue of the whip as a 19th century word in a 21st century environment.

Erikson replied: "Explain that to people coming in from the outside" of racing.

The morning session was devoted to EMHF matters, though a number of attendees gave presentations with not just European but global implication, too.

EMHF/IFAR Conferences cont.

Simon Cooper, representing the European and African Stud Book Committee, discussed the rapidly growing problem of genetic engineering, the research around which has accelerated in the last five to 10 years.

"It is becoming widely accepted," Cooper said, pointing out that gene engineering kits can be purchased online. "It is no longer a Frankenstein--it is something that is being developed every day," he added. But he warned that while manipulated genes are identifiable, there's currently no viable detection methodology.

"What we don't yet have is a test to easily detect," he said. When such a test is to hand, "we will then start, from a stud book point of view, start screening all new stallions, first season sires, and mares. That's the projected approach."

There are two types of gene therapy "that provide a major threat" to horse racing, Cooper said. Transgenesis is the transfer of genes from one to another, while gene manipulation is the manipulation of the heritable genome that exists in that horse. According to the latest research, the most likely point at which gene editing will occur will be between conception and birth, he said.

"Not to say that's the only time, but that's the most likely time," he added.

Once DNA has been changed, Cooper said, those changes are passed on generationally, which leads to what he framed as a worst-case scenario: the retrospective discovery of a "super-sire," one who had sired sires, that had been genetically modified. "You'd have to exclude not only that horse but all its foals, all the sires that have come from that stallion--that is the level of problem we face," he said.

Brant Dunshea, chief regulatory officer for the British Horse Racing Board, discussed the implications of illegal betting, and the massive loss of potential revenue to the sport.

Late last year, Dunshea was invited to join the Asian Racing Federation's (ARF) anti-illegal betting taskforce, which had taken a two-year dive into the problem. "To say I was shocked by what I learned would be an understatement," he said.

The definition of illegal betting, Dunshea said, is that which might involve "elements of corruption," as well as "perfectly legal" betting that happens in an unregulated environment.

"For example, it may be an operation that is set up off-shore that may not be contributing to the sport, and is not under direct regulatory control of a government or a racing authority," he said.

Earlier in the EMHF meeting, the issue of statutory funding of the sport through betting was raised, with some member countries receiving little to no betting revenue through a statutory mechanism. "For all of us, we can worry about regulation and statutory funding, but all of these things are causing this problem [of illegal betting]," said Dunshea, warning of the way regulatory encroachment can push gamblers to illegal betting avenues where the returns can be higher.

"Look at the liberalization of the market in Scandinavia. Dennis [Madsen, head of racing at Svensk Galopp] just talked about a

10% reduction in turnover. I can tell you now, some of that turnover is just gone from Sweden, but it's put back somewhere else," Dunshea added. "They lose the revenue, and it goes to an environment where you have no integrity control or regulation."

After illustrating the findings of a 2018 ARF white paper--which explores in numbers the sheer enormity of the problem in six countries, including Australia-

-Dunshea made a plea for EMHF members to work with Great Britain as it seeks to replicate the ARF's research.

"We don't really know what the size of the impact is," he said. "But we're certain of one thing--it will be enormous."

Denis Egan, chief executive of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board, then presented recent findings into jockey safety and welfare, include their mental health. Indeed, research from the UK shows that nearly 87% of jockeys are currently experiencing stress, anxiety, or depression, or have over the last 12 months.

"We did a study in Ireland, and two in three jockeys aged 18 to 24 displayed symptoms of depression," he said. "One of the difficulties out there is that jockeys will not access support mechanisms which are in place simply because they want to feel strong in front of their peers."

Egan made a particular point of highlighting the concussion research and safety protocols that other sports have conducted and implemented, and the glaring implications of this issue on racing's governing bodies.



Brant Dunshea | *Racing Post*

EMHF/IFAR Conferences cont.

"If you see the [National Football League] in the States, they've been sued by players" who have suffered the long-term impacts of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), he said. "It is critical that we have a protocol in place to deal with concussion.

The bulk of the afternoon was devoted to IFAR, the racehorse aftercare work that various people are doing around the world, and ways in which the industry can improve its approach to looking after the horse when it's racing career is over.

Jockey Club president and IFHA vice chair, Jim Gagliano, stressed how important it was for the industry to champion success stories in this arena.

As an example, he pointed to the content produced by America's Best Racing, a Jockey Club-owned fan-development venture. "Among the most popular that we produce and send out on social media are the good news stories about aftercare," he said.

Andrew Chesser, IFHA secretary general, discussed the importance of racehorse traceability. He singled out Australia, where 70% of ex-racehorses continue their careers in the equestrian world.

"The owners' agents, typically the trainers, they complete an online form on the owners' behalf, and Racing Australia receives approximately 7,000 notifications on retirement each year," he said. "Various strategies have been put in place to drive compliance, including email notification if a horse hasn't raced for a period of over two years."

Systems like retirement notifications, said Chesser, requires owners or their agents to be "transparent" about what happens to the horse. "Every jurisdiction should be able to answer the question: what happens to the horses when they finish racing?" he said. "An inability to provide an accurate and up-to-date and clear answer to that question will fall far short of society's expectations of the regulator."

Di Arbuthnot, IFAR chair and chief executive of Retraining of Racehorses, outlined an aftercare toolkit, a roadmap of sorts for authorities to follow when implementing rehoming strategies for ex-racehorses.

An integral part of this system, said Arbuthnot, is in stimulating demand for the Thoroughbred when they may not be the most fashionable horse available. One way to do this is to stress their versatility, and their proven adaptability to a wide array of careers.

One of these possible career paths is in the treatment of humans with psychiatric disorders--something that Dr. Niki Markogianni a neurologist-psychiatrist, discussed during her presentation.

Markogianni uses ex-racehorses at her institute in Greece, and she explained that they are innately and uniquely gifted when it

comes to "figuring out the pathway" between the conscious and the unconscious in her patients.

Nor is the task restricted to only certain types of racehorses, she said. Typically, it takes a horse two years to settle down into the therapy routine. But one particularly troublesome filly, said Markogianni, took to the role with relish, and was ready after only six months. "Everyone has their own personality," she said, in explanation.

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KINGMAN'S DAM ZENDA DIES

Zenda (GB) (Zamindar–Hope {Ire}, by Dancing Brave), winner of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and now best known as the dam of Classic winner and superstar young sire Kingman (GB), has died aged 20 following a prolonged bout of laminitis.

Bred by Khalid Abdullah and trained, like all of her progeny, by John Gosden, Zenda won the Pouliches in her fourth start and would go on to pick up seconds in the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot and the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup at Keeneland.

Zenda, a half-sister to Oasis Dream (GB), remarkably became the first Juddmonte homebred Classic-winning filly to produce a Classic winner when Kingman won the 2014 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, his first of four straight Group 1 wins over a mile that year that would end in him being named Cartier 3-year-old colt and Horse of the Year. Kingman has already produced a Classic winner in his first crop, with Persian King (Ire) taking last weekend's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. The family was also in the news this week when Zenda's daughter Plesantry (GB) (Johannesburg) supplied Repartee (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), a debut winner and new 'TDN Rising Star' at York on Thursday.



Zenda and daughter Present Tense | Juddmonte

Kingman's Dam Zenda Dies cont.

Zenda herself was also the dam of York winner First Eleven (GB) (Frankel {GB}), a 4-year-old in training with Gosden, on Wednesday.

Zenda has also left the G3 Tercentenary winner Remote (GB) (Dansili {GB}), a 3-year-old colt called Delphian (GB) (Frankel {GB}), a 2-year-old Dubawi (Ire) colt named Sunray Major (GB), and a yearling colt by Frankel. Juddmonte has three daughters of Zenda in its broodmare band: Multilingual (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Panzanella (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Present Tense (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}).

Juddmonte's Stud Director in the UK, Simon Mockridge, said, "She was a very special mare, kind and a delight to be around--she will be greatly missed by all the team at Juddmonte."

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FLYING START ANNOUNCES LATEST CLASS

Godolphin Flying Start has announced the intake for its 2019-2021 scholarship. The group is made up of four men and eight women from Ireland, Australia, the U.S., France, Japan, Argentina and the UK. They are as follows: Lowri Allen (UK), Joseph Bradley (Ireland), Victoria Canessa (Argentina), Arvin Chadee (UK), Emma Coleman (Ireland), Niamh O'Brien (Ireland), Toshihiro Onikubo (Japan), Marie Rohaut (France), Caitlin Smith (Australia), Rachel Wade (USA), Oswald Wedmore (UK), Julie Witt (USA). The 12 trainees will commence their course on Aug. 19 at Kildangan Stud in Ireland.

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KERRYGOLD TO SPONSOR IRISH OAKS

Kerrygold, the brand owned by Irish dairy farmers, has announced its sponsorship of the G1 Irish Oaks at The Curragh. This year's Kerrygold Irish Oaks takes place on July 20.

Derek McGrath, CEO of The Curragh, commented, "We are excited to welcome Kerrygold on board as new sponsor of one of our most prestigious race meetings. We look forward to working closely with them to create memorable experiences for race-goers and participants alike. This is a wonderful opportunity for both Kerrygold and, indeed, us at The Curragh, to bring together two iconic Irish brands to showcase a shared rich history in a contemporary and creative way that is unique to The Curragh."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Saturday, May 18:

UNITED KINGDOM

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-THIRSK, 5f, BEAUXTRIX (GB)

12,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017
18:00-DONCASTER, 5f, PUFFTHEMAGICDRAGON (GB)
£19,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018
18:00-DONCASTER, 5f, ROMERO (Ire)

€12,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearlings 2018

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-THIRSK, 5f, KRABI (GB)

30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £62,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
18:00-DONCASTER, 5f, MECCA'S HOT STEPS (GB)
18,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

IRELAND

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
148 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-NAVAN, 5.75f, AMELIA JANE (Ire)
€15,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-NAVAN, 5.75f, FORMYBOYS (Ire)
22,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €18,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018



Gutaifan has runners in the UK and Ireland on Saturday | ITM

IVAWOOD COLT EARNS TDN RISING STAR IN CHANTILLY ROUT

Hurricane Ivor (Ire) (Ivawood {Ire}) undertook lengthy shoe adjustments in the preliminaries leading up to Friday's Prix d'Orgemont at Chantilly and emerged from the straight five-furlong dash with 'TDN Rising Star' status after pulverising his rivals hard held. The bay was sharply away from the outside stall to gain immediate control of this debut. Unflustered on the front end throughout, the well-backed 3-5 favourite was nudged along with 350 metres remaining and on cruise control under a near-motionless Pierre-Charles Boudot inside the final furlong to hit the line an impressive 7 1/2 lengths clear of **Equinozio (Ire)** (Equiano {Fr}). Hurricane Ivor, who becomes the third winner for his freshman sire (by Zebedee {GB}), is the second foal and first winner out of an unraced half-sister to G3 Silver Flash S. second Take A Deep Breath (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}). His third dam is MGSW G2 Prix du Gros-Chene speedster Millyant (GB) (Primo Dominie {GB}), herself the dam of dual G3 Prix du Petit Couvert victor Mirza (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and the three-times stakes-placed Millybaa (Anabaa).

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Hurricane Ivor becomes the third winner and first 'TDN Rising Star' for Ivawood | Scoop Dyga

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3rd-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 5-17, unraced 2yo, c/g, 5fT, :59.43, g/s.

HURRICANE IVOR (IRE), c, 2, by Ivawood (Ire)

1st Dam: Quickstep Queen (GB), by Royal Applause (GB)

2nd Dam: Fatal Attraction (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB)

3rd Dam: Millyant (GB), by Primo Dominie (GB)

1ST-TIME STARTER. (105,000gns Wlg '17 TATFOA). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. O-Fiona Carmichael; B-P McLoughney & J McLoughney (IRE); T-Fabrice Chappet. **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



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SHAMARDAL'S JUBILOSO A RISING STAR AT NEWBURY

Jubiloso (GB) (Shamardal), who was withdrawn from soft-ground engagements either side of an impressive Apr. 25 debut win tackling six furlongs at Chelmsford City, earned 'TDN Rising Star' status with a scintillating display, penalised six pounds for that earlier win, upped to seven furlongs in the second division of Friday's Starlight Wishes Novice S. at Newbury. The 4-5 pick enjoyed a slender lead under a firm hold after a slick exit. Never threatened, she quickened clear in impressive fashion once allowed an inch of rein approaching the final furlong and extended her margin of superiority under minimal coaxing in the closing stages to outclass After John (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) by a geared-down seven lengths.

Jubiloso, a June 21 G1 Coronation S. entry, is the first foal out of MGSP Listed Dick Poole Fillies' S. and Listed Cecil Frail S. victress Joyeuse (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and the homebred bay is a half-sister to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Jovial (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), a yearling colt by Galileo (Ire) and a 2019 colt by Galileo (Ire). Joyeuse is one of four black-type performers out of MSW G3 Ballyogan S. third Kind (Ire) (Danehill), herself a half-

sister to MG1SW sire Powerscourt (GB) (Sadler's Wells), and is thus a half-sister to unbeaten European Horse of the Year and MG1SW sire Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), MG1SW sire Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and GSW sire Bullet Train (GB) (Sadler's Wells) She is also a full-sister to the sire Morpheus (GB).

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5th-Newbury, £10,400, Cond, 5-17, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.80, gd.

JUBILOSO (GB), f, 3, by Shamardal

1st Dam: Joyeuse (GB) (MSW & MGSP-Eng, \$146,691), by Oasis Dream (GB)

2nd Dam: Kind (Ire), by Danehill

3rd Dam: Rainbow Lake (GB), by Rainbow Quest

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$19,040. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute. **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Jubiloso impresses at second asking to earn the 'TDN Rising Star' badge | racingfotos.com

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

4.15 Newbury, Novice, £50,000, 2yo, 6fT

JOKER ON JACK (Declaration of War) is the second Wesley Ward juvenile to hit British tracks in 2019, with Frankie Dettori booked for Ice Wine Stable's Apr. 18 Keeneland maiden special weight winner in this Olympic Glory Conditions S. Ballydoyle have two engaged, with Ryan Moore on the Dundalk maiden winner **Fort Myers (War Front)**, a son of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Marvellous (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), while Godolphin supply the likely favourite in the Charlie Appleby-trained **Well of Wisdom (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})**, the five-furlong Newmarket novice scorer who is a half-brother to the recent G1 Ranvet S. and G1 Tancred S. hero Avilius (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and his classy full-brother Saint Baudolino (Ire).

7.00 Salon-de-Provence, Cond, €22,000, 3yo, 12fT

VISAGE (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) bids to build on her taking debut win over 11 1/2 furlongs at Tarbes last month for Tabor/Smith/Magnier and Jean-Claude Rouget. A daughter of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish Oaks third Just Pretending (Giant's Causeway), she is therefore connected to the Grade I-winning sire Scan.

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BRITAIN



Friday's Results:

FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE

LANGLEYS SOLICITORS BRITISH EBF MARYGATE FILLIES' S.-

Listed, £50,000, York, 5-17, 2yo, f, 5fT, :59.75, g/f.

1--**GOOD VIBES (GB)**, 124, f, 2, by Due Diligence

1st Dam: **Satsuma (GB)**, by Compton Place (GB)

2nd Dam: **Jodrell Bank (Ire)**, by Observatory

3rd Dam: **Aravonian (GB)**, by Night Shift

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (£35,000 Ylg '18 GOUKPR). O-Paul & Clare Rooney; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-David Evans; J-Harry Bentley. £28,355. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$50,833.

2--**Mighty Spirit (Ire)**, 124, f, 2, Acclamation (GB)--Majestic Alexander (Ire), by Bushranger (Ire). (£42,000 Ylg '18 GOUKPR). O-John Dance. £10,750.

3--**Lady Kermit (Ire)**, 124, f, 2, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--Empress Theodora (GB), by Dansili (GB). (£50,000 Ylg '18

GOUKPR). O-Justin Dowley & Michael Pescod. £5,380.

Margins: 1HF, 1, 3. Odds: 10.00, 6.50, 2.75.

Also Ran: Galadriel (GB), Macho Touch (Ire), Separate (GB), Iva Go (Ire), Baileys In Bloom (Fr), Companion (GB), Silver Start (GB), Lady Fanditha (Ire), Taste the Nectar, Fleeting Princess (GB), Great Dame (Ire), Lady Quickstep (Ire), Infinite Grace (GB), Chasanda (GB), Ruby Wonder (GB). Scratched: Dr Simpson (Fr), Littledidyouknow (Ire), Yarrow Gate (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Having caught a tartar in Godolphin's Chasing Dreams (GB) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) when five-lengths second on debut at Newmarket's Craven meeting Apr. 16, Good Vibes had gone to Salisbury 12 days later to open her account at the expense of Qatar Racing's well-regarded Exclusively (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). Green on that occasion, the bay was the picture of professionalism this time under Harry Bentley as she swooped from the back of the main pack to reel in the hot favourite Lady Kermit inside the last 100 yards. Tackled by Mighty Spirit in the run to the line, she readily asserted to provide her Whitsbury Manor Stud-based first-season sire with an early inaugural first black-type success.

Last year's G2 Queen Mary S. heroine Signora Cabello (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) took this in less demonstrative style en route to Royal Ascot, so the vibes are indeed good for the filly that could give the widely-respected David Evans the big-race success he deserves. In 2014, he won this with Patience Alexander (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}) who went on to be third in the six-furlong G3 Albany S. at the Royal meeting and he made it clear afterwards that the two are incomparable. "She's the best I've ever trained and quicker than Patience Alexander," commented the handler of the past group-winning speedballs Misty Miss (GB) (Distant Relative {Ire}) and The Kiddykid (Ire) (Danetime {GB}).



Good Vibes is the first stakes winner for Due Diligence | Racing Post

Marygate Fillies' S. cont.

"I said before she ran first time that she'd win a Queen Mary--she works with older horses and does it so easily. She was in season there as well. The bigger the field, the more she settled and there wouldn't be many fillies to beat her."

Bentley was impressed. "They went a very strong gallop up front and although I actually wanted be a bit handier than I was, I got a bit squeezed out at the beginning and that probably played into my hands," he said. "There is more to come from her--she was a lot more straightforward than at Salisbury, as she ran across the track that day and seems to have grown up bit. She's just got so much natural speed and galloped through the line well, so a stiff five like Ascot will suit her."

The dam, who also has a yearling filly by Adaay (Ire), was seventh in the 2012 edition of the Queen Mary for the David Brown stable before finishing runner-up in the ever-competitive Weatherbys Super Sprint at Newbury. She is a half to the G2 Flying Childers S. runner-up Astrophysics (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}) from the family of the GI Hollywood Derby runner-up Sebastian Flyte (GB) (Observatory).

OAKS FARM STABLES FILLIES' S. (REGISTERED AS THE MICHAEL SEELY MEMORIAL FILLIES' S.)-Listed, £50,000, York, 5-17, 3yo, f, 7f 192yT, 1:38.80, g/f.

1--**MAGNETIC CHARM (GB), 126, f, 3, by Exceed and Excel (Aus)**

1st Dam: Monday Show (SP-Ger), by Maria's Mon

2nd Dam: La Sylphide (Swi), by Barathea (Ire)

3rd Dam: Vanishing Prairie, by Alysheba

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-The Queen; B-Godolphin (GB); T-William Haggas; J-James Doyle. £28,355. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$48,204. *1/2 to Usherette (Ire) (Shamardal), Hwt. Older Mare-Eur at 7-9.5f, MGSW-Eng, SW & G1SP-Fr, \$405,084; and Show Day (Ire) (Shamardal), SW-Ger & GSP-Ity.

2--**Twist 'n' Shake (GB), 126, f, 3, Kingman (GB)**--Hippy Hippy Shake (GB), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (180,000gns RNA Ylg '17 TATOCT). O-Helena Springfield Ltd. £10,750.

3--**Glance (GB), 126, f, 3, Dansili (GB)**--Look So (GB), by Efisio (GB). O-J H Richmond-Watson. £5,380.

Margins: NK, 3, HF. Odds: 7.00, 1.35, 20.00.

Also Ran: Sunday Star (GB), Modern Millie (GB), Flighty Almighty (GB), Impulsion (Ire), Clerisy (GB), Natalie's Joy (GB), El Gumryah (Ire), Divinity (GB). Scratched: Invitational (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Held in high esteem by the William Haggas stable, Magnetic Charm emerged after a mostly frustrating juvenile campaign to stamp herself as a leading light for The Queen in 2019. Authoritative when off the mark by 3 1/4 lengths in a six-furlong maiden at Newbury in August, the half-sister to the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. winner Usherette (Ire) (Shamardal) was sixth in

the G3 Prestige S. upped a furlong at Goodwood later that month before running fourth in the G2 May Hill S. at a mile at Doncaster in September. Connections believed she would prove better than that form and they got their vindication in style as she came out best of a talented bunch of G1 Coronation S. hopefuls.

Held up early by James Doyle, the bay was able to move into the race more economically than her chief rival, the heavily-backed favourite Twist 'n' Shake, and it was the Meon Valley homebred who sat dead ahead entering the closing stages. Delivering a strong effort to overwhelm her with just over a furlong remaining, she carried her left as she hung on the run to the line but was always holding a decisive advantage as they pulled clear.



James Doyle tips his cap aboard Magnetic Charm | *Racing Post*

"I was pretty confident throughout," her rider said. "I didn't jump that great, but they went an okay pace and so I let her get into her comfort zone. I knew she would be a strong stayer at a mile and she proved that today. I found myself on Frankie's back in the straight and although it took her a while to get rolling, she lengthened well and when she hung left that was probably through inexperience. It's nice to get her on better ground, she bounced off that."

Maureen Haggas revealed that they face a quandary as far as the Royal meeting is concerned now, with the likeliest target now being the June 21 Coronation where she could be joined by 'TDN Rising Star' Jubiloso (GB) (Shamardal), who was so impressive later in the afternoon at Newbury. "We thought she'd need it, so she will improve for the race and was not wound up by any stretch," she said. "It felt like every time she went to the races last year it rained, so we always knew she was capable of better."

Michael Seeley Memorial Fillies' S. cont.

“The aim is to take her to Ascot and we were thinking of the Sandringham [H.], but we might have to up our sights now and go to the Coronation.”

Godolphin's Monday Show, who was listed-placed for the Henri-Alex Pantall stable over 11 furlongs on soft ground on one of the trainer's many forays to Germany, enjoyed instant success as a broodmare with her first foal being the aforementioned Usherette who also captured the G2 Dahlia S. and finished third in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan over nine furlongs. Her second foal was a full-sister to that high-class homebred in Show Day (Ire), who like the dam was campaigned by Pantall and also went to Germany for black-type and won the Listed Escada Cup before running third in Italy's G3 Premio Elena E Sergio Cumani. A full-sister to the GII Red Smith H. winner and GI Man o' War S. third Expansion from the family of the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Prix Jean Prat hero Vespone (Ire) (Llandaff), Monday Show also has a colt foal by Dubawi (Ire).

1st-Newbury, £10,400, Cond, 5-17, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.00, gd.
BIOMETRIC (GB) (c, 3, Bated Breath {GB}--Bionic {GB}, by Zafonic) was penalised six pounds for winning his Apr. 28 debut over this trip at Salisbury last time and broke well to lead from the outset here. Holding a slender advantage throughout, the 8-1 chance was shaken up approaching the two pole and driven out inside the final furlong to hold Red Armada (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by a head. She is the latest foal and one of eight scorers produced by a winning half-sister to three black-type performers headed by MGSW sire Day Flight (GB) (Sadler's Wells). Her siblings include MG1SP G3 Earl of Sefton S.-winning sire Phoenix Tower (Chester House) and Listed Singspiel S. third Diplomatic Agent (Deputy Minister). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$15,210. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

6th-Newbury, £10,400, Mdn, 5-17, 3yo, 10fT, 2:07.01, gd.
LOGICIAN (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Scuffle {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Daylami {Ire}) was caught napping at the break and recovered to track the leaders along the rail in seventh after the initial strides of this debut. Making headway up the inner in the straight to go second approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 3-1 favourite was ridden to the fore entering the final furlong and pushed out to score by two lengths from High Commissioner (Ire) (Australia {GB}). He becomes the fifth winner for Listed Snowdrop Fillies' S. third Scuffle (GB) (Daylami {Ire}) and the homebred roan is kin to MGSW GI E. P. Taylor S. second Suffused (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}), Listed October S. placegetter Battlement (GB) (Dansili {GB}), a 2-year-old colt by

Invincible Spirit (Ire) and a yearling filly by Kingman (GB). Scuffle, from a family featuring MG1SW sire Xaar (GB) (Zamindar), is herself a half-sister to G1SW sire Cityscape (GB) (Selkirk) and MG1SP sire Bated Breath (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,609. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.

3rd-Newbury, £10,300, Mdn, 5-17, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.98, gd.
LIGHT ANGEL (GB) (c, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Light the Stars {Ire} {GSP-Fr & SP-Ger}, by Sea the Stars {Ire}), a neck second in his May 4 debut over five furlongs at Doncaster last time, was well away from the gates and raced in mid division through the early strides of this one. Inching closer from halfway, the 9-2 chance was shaken up passing the two pole and kept on well, despite edging left in the closing stages, under mild urging to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Heaven Forfend (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Half-brother to a yearling filly by Frankel (GB), the homebred grey is the first foal and winner for G3 Prix de Psyche third Light the Stars (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), herself one of five black-type performers out of GSW G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third Lady Vettori (GB) (Vettori {Ire}) headed by MG1SW sire Lope de Vega (Ire) (Shamardal) and GSW G1 Prix de l'Opera third Lady Frankel (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$9,998. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gestut Ammerland; B-Ammerland Verwaltung GmbH & Co KG (GB); T-John Gosden.

1st-Hamilton, £8,900, Novice, 5-17, 2yo, 5f 7yT, :59.38, g/f.
GLASVEGAS (IRE) (c, 2, Zebedee {GB}--Rejuvenation {Ire}, by Singspiel {Ire}), second on debut at Musselburgh a fortnight earlier, was pushed along early racing wide off the pace. Responding gamely to get to Taxiwala (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) a furlong from home, the 9-4 favourite eked out a neck advantage at the line. The dam, a granddaughter of the GI Hollywood Oaks runner-up Secretarial Queen (Secretariat), is a half-sister to Castledale (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) who captured the GI Santa Anita Derby and GI Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$9,224. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Weldspec Glasgow Limited; B-Gigginstown House Stud (IRE); T-K Dalgleish. €50,000 Ylg '18 GOFSP.

5th-Newmarket, £8,600, Novice, 5-17, 3yo, 8fT, 1:39.65, g/f.
VELORUM (IRE) (c, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Lily's Angel {Ire} {GSW-Eng, SW & G1SP-Ire, \$509,233}, by Dark Angel {Ire}), who was runner-up on his sole start to the subsequent G3 Craven S. winner and G1 2000 Guineas third Skardu (GB) (Shamardal), raced prominently throughout the early stages before being asked to put the stress on his rivals travelling down into the “dip”.

5th-Newmarket cont.

Seizing a decisive advantage there, the 2-1 second favourite was soon in control and only needed to be pushed out to score comfortably by 1 1/4 lengths from Moqtarreb (GB) (Kingman {GB}). The winner is the second foal out of the G3 Chartwell Fillies' S. winner and G1 Matron S. runner-up Lily's Angel whose half-sister Zurigha (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) was second in the G2 Cape Verdi. From George Strawbridge's family of Group 1 winners With You (GB) (Dansili {GB}), We Are (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) and Call the Wind (GB) (Frankel {GB}), her 2-year-old filly Vega's Angel (GB) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) was bought by Cheveley Park Stud for 300,000gns at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale, while she also has a yearling colt by Dubawi (Ire). Sales history: 230,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; 425,000gns 2yo '18 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$9,635. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Godolphin; B-Phillistown House Ltd (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

Saturday, Newbury, post time: 1.50 p.m.

SHALAA CARNARVON S.-Listed, £70,000, 3yo, 6ft

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Barbill (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Mosse	Channon	129
2	12	Dunkerron (GB)	Kuroshio (Aus)	Murphy	King	126
3	9	Junius Brutus (Fr)	Cockney Rebel (Ire)	de Sousa	Beckett	126
4	7	Khaadem (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	J Doyle	Hills	126
5	11	Konchek (GB)	Lethal Force (Ire)	Kirby	Cox	126
6	10	Moyassar (GB)	Tamayuz (GB)	Crowley	Hannon	126
7	4	Oxted (GB)	Mayson (GB)	McDonald	Teal	126
8	3	Space Traveller (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Tudhope	Fahey	126
9	2	Sunsprite (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Moore	Hughes	126
10	8	The Cruising Lord (GB)	Coach House (Ire)	J Egan	Attwater	126
11	5	Kurious (GB)	Kuroshio (Aus)	Atzeni	Candy	121
12	1	Red Impression (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	J Watson	Charlton	121

Saturday, Newbury, post time: 4.50 p.m.

HARAS DE BOUQUETOT FILLIES' TRIAL S.-Listed, £70,000, 3yo, f, 10ft

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Kimblewick (Ire)	Ifraaj (GB)	Murphy	Gosden
2	3	Lady Adelaide (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Scr	Scr
3	9	Lastochka (GB)	Australia (GB)	Atzeni	Varian
4	4	Lavender's Blue (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Crowley	Perrett
5	6	Queen Power (Ire)	Shamardal	de Sousa	Stoute
6	5	Sea of Faith (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	J Doyle	Haggas
7	2	Sh Boom (GB)	War Command	Queally	P Chapple-Hyam
8	8	Star Catcher (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden
9	1	Star Terms (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Moore	Hannon

All carry 126 pounds.

Saturday, Newmarket, post time: 2.05 p.m.

BETWAY FAIRWAY S.-Listed, £40,000, 3yo, 10ft

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Al Hilalee (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	B Doyle	Appleby
2	1	Eightsome Reel (GB)	Ifraaj (GB)	O'Donoghue	Bell
3	6	Khuzaam	Kitten's Joy	D O'Neill	Varian
4	4	Raise You (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Probert	Balding
5	5	Stormwave (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Bentley	Beckett
6	2	Target Zone (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Turner	Elsworth

All carry 129 pounds.

Saturday, Newmarket, post time: 2.40 p.m.

BETWAY KING CHARLES II S.-Listed, £40,000, 3yo, 7ft

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Azano (GB)	Oasis Dream (Ire)	Havlin	Gosden
2	5	Far Above (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	Bentley	Tate
3	3	Glorious Lover (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Keniry	Walker
4	4	Jash (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	D O'Neill	Crisford
5	2	Watan (GB)	Toronado (Ire)	Marquand	Hannon

All carry 126 pounds.

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Friday's Results:

SAVAL BEG LEVMOSS S.-Listed, €50,000, Leopardstown, 5-17, 4yo/up, 14ft, 3:05.15, g/y.

1--TWILIGHT PAYMENT (IRE), 134, g, 6, Teofilo {Ire}--Dream On Buddy (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB). (€200,000 HRA '18 GOFHIT). O-Mrs J. S. Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE); J-Kevin Manning. €29,500. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ire & SP-ENG, 22-4-9-5, \$265,696. *1/2 to Bandiuc Eile (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), GSP-Ire.

2--Falcon Eight (Ire), 131, c, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Polished Gem (Ire), by Danehill. O-Moyglare Stud Farm. €9,500.

3--Capri (Ire), 131, h, 5, Galileo (Ire)--Dialafara (Fr), by Anabaa. O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor. €4,500.

Margins: 3/4, 3 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 6.00, 3.00, 0.90. **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Runner-up to Order of St George (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the last two renewals of this, the ultra-consistent Twilight Payment had Ballydoyle's replacement Capri to deal with this time but readily brushed him aside to take centre stage. Only out of the first three on three occasions since his debut, when sixth and fourth in the last two editions of the G1 Irish St Leger and fourth in the G3 Vintage Crop S. at Navan last time Apr. 28, the bay built on that effort to add a third listed success to his resume. Racing in the slipstream of Capri in second throughout the early stages, he mastered that rival passing two out and the line came in time as Falcon Eight powered home.

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“He could go for the [June 28 G2] Curragh Cup and maybe Melbourne later in the year. He’s been a good servant and is nothing if not consistent,” Bolger said. The dam, whose 3-year-old filly Bandiuc Eile (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) was second in last year’s G2 Debutante S. and has a yearling full-sister to her to come. Out of the dual listed winner and G3 Princess Royal S. runner-up My Renee (Kris S.), she is therefore a half to Bolger’s star Banimpire (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) who captured several group races headed by the G2 Ribblesdale S. and was placed in the G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Prix de l’Opera.

Leopardstown, €17,500, Mdn, 5-17, 2yo, 7fT, 1:32.91, g/y.

MOHICAN HEIGHTS (IRE) (c, 2, Australia {GB})--Mohican Princess {GB}, by Shirley Heights {GB}), a 14-1 shot, was quickly at the head of affairs against the rail. Shaking off Ballydoyle’s newcomer War Leader (War Front) passing the two-furlong marker, the chestnut was strongly pressed by Sheila Lavery’s representative Lil Grey (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) soon after but stayed on strongly to assert for a 1 1/4-length verdict. War Leader, the full-brother to Lancaster Bomber and half to Excelebration (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), faded to sixth. Jockey Chris Hayes said of the winner, who could be headed to Royal Ascot for the June 22 Listed Chesham S., “He’s a nice colt. We had a good draw and Fozzy was adamant that we had to be forward. He’s shown us plenty at home, but he was very green and raw. I was hoping something would come and join me, as he was just running around the place, but he was never in trouble as was always going to do enough. He’s a work in progress and I’d say he’ll improve as the year goes on.” The winner is the last foal out of the high-achieving producer Mohican Princess, whose first foal came back in 2002 and turned out to be the G3 Joel S. and G3 Sirenia S. winner Satchem (Ire) (Inchinor {GB}), MGSW-Eng, \$234,243. She is also responsible for the G2 Debutante S. runner-up Oui Say Oui (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}), GSP-Ire, \$182,885, the G3 Ballyroan S. winner Eye of the Storm (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Ire & SW & MGSP-Eng, \$310,124, the G2 Yorkshire Cup runner-up Curbyourenthusiasm (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), GSP-Eng, \$161,282, and Eastern Express (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), MGSP-HK, \$880,541. Sales history: €100,000 Ylg ‘18 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,051. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-David T Greathouse II & Jules Sigler; B-Kevin J. Molloy (IRE); T-Fozzy Stack.

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HANDICAP RESULT:

Leopardstown, €50,000, 5-17, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:40.18, g/y.

ARTHURIAN FAME (IRE) (g, 4, Camelot {GB})--Wishing {GB}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-1, \$66,851.

O-Blackrock Racing Syndicate; B-China Horse Club (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien. *45,000gns RNA 3yo ‘18 TATAHI.

Saturday, Navan, post time: 4.05 p.m.

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF YEATS S.-Listed, €75,000, 3yo, 13fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Johnyfortycoats (Ire)	Tough As Nails (Ire)	Carroll	Mulvany
2	2	Masaff (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Hayes	Weld
3	1	Pythion (Fr)	Olympic Glory (Ire)	Keane	Lyons
4	3	Western Australia (Ire)	Australia (GB)	D O'Brien	A O'Brien
5	4	Chablis (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien

All carry 129 pounds bar Chablis, 124.

FRANCE



Friday's Results:

4th-Chantilly, €35,000, Cond, 5-17, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:12.51, g/s.

CHANNEL (IRE) (f, 3, Nathaniel {Ire})--Love Magic {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), who bettered a Mar. 30 debut second going 10 furlongs at Saint-Cloud with an easy two-length score upped to 11 furlongs at Lyon-Parilly last time Apr. 27, was handily placed along the rail in third for the most part here. Angled off the fence to challenge with 300 metres remaining, the 53-10 chance led entering the final furlong and quickened smartly in the closing stages to score by 1 3/4 lengths from Ebony (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). Stella Thayer’s G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud victress Wonderment (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) led until headed at the furlong marker and was chinned for second on the line, finishing just under two lengths behind the winner in fourth in her first start of the year. Channel is the second foal and winner produced by a winning daughter of G1 Cheveley Park S. victress Magical Romance (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), herself kin to G1 Epsom Oaks, G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Alexandrova (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), who in turn is the dam of three black-type scorers headed by MGSW G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup runner-up Somehow (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Sales history: €18,000 Ylg ‘17 GOFORB; €70,000 2yo ‘18 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €29,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Samuel de Barros; B-Kilcarn Stud (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

1st-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 5-17, unraced 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:00.04, g/s.

KENLOVA (FR) (f, 2, Kendargent {Fr})--Ice Love {Fr} {SW-Fr, \$134,044}), by Three Valleys) dwelt at the break, but recovered to track the leaders in a handy fifth through halfway in this first go. Nudged along to close passing the quarter-mile marker, the 3-1 second choice quickened to the fore approaching the final furlong and ran on well, despite jockey Pierre-Charles Boudot dropping his whip, to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length from Jitinga (Fr) (Charm Spirit {Ire}).

1st-Chantilly cont.

From a family featuring GI Yellow Ribbon S. heroine Delighter (Lypheor {GB}), she is the first foal and winner produced by Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit victress Ice Love (Fr) (Three Valleys) and is full to the yearling filly Lovera (Fr) and half to a 2019 filly by Goken (Fr). Sales history: €60,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-LG Bloodstock & Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Pascal Bary.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 5-17, 3yo, 6fT, 1:10.48, g/s.
K CLUB (IRE) (f, 3, Kodiak {GB}--Big Boned, by Street Sense)
 Lifetime Record: SP-Ger, 16-3-2-3, €40,695. O-Stall Walzertraum; B-Nicholas Hartery (IRE); T-Jens Hirschberger. *€85,000 Ylg '17 GORORB; 20,000gns 3yo '19 TATFEB.

2nd-Chantilly, €23,000, Cond, 5-17, 3yo, 8fT, 1:39.88, g/s.
SAMOTHRACE (FR) (f, 3, Iffraaj {GB}--Hunza Dancer {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, €23,760.
 O-Ecurie d'Authuit, Ecurie de Montlahuc, Eric John Lucas & Alban Chevalier du Fau; B-SC Ecurie de Meautry (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *€110,000 Ylg '17 AROCT; €180,000 RNA 2yo '18 ARQMAY.

8th-Chantilly, €21,000, Cond, 5-17, 4yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:13.15, g/s.
ENCHANTING SKIES (IRE) (f, 4, by Sea the Stars {Ire}--Estefania {Ger} {SP-Ger}, by Acatenango {Ger}) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 4-2-1-0, €42,000. O-Qatar Racing Ltd, Ecurie des Monceaux & Mme Barbara M Keller; B-Gestut Ebbesloh (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. *€500,000 Ylg '16 BBAGS. **1/2 to Empoli (Ger) (Halling), G1SW-Ger & SW-UAE, \$611,761; Ebeltoft (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), GSP-Ger & SP-Ity; and Eigelstein (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), SP-Ger & Ity.



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IN SINGAPORE:

Angel's Choice (Ire), g, 3, Inuvik (Aus)--Pretty Angel (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). Restricted Maiden (£43k/€49k), 1200m (AWT), 1:11.25. B-George Tay. **VIDEO**

Gold Strike (Ire), g, 4, Iffraaj (GB)--Burren Rose, by Storm Cat. Kranji, 5-17, Hcp. (£29k/€33k), 1400mT, 1:22.77. B-Tinnakill Bloodstock & Joe Osborne. *Formerly Gold Power (Ire). *39,000gns RNA Wlg '15 TATDEF; £33,000 Ylg '16 GOFAUG.

VIDEO

WORLDWIDE NEWS

PLENTY OF PROMISE IN THE YUSHUN HIMBA

With the G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) winner Gran Alegria (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) having stuck to the mile route in the May 5 G1 NHK Mile Cup, where she was fifth, Sunday's G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) will go without the Oka Sho winner for the first time in three years and just the 12th time ever. The Yushun Himba is hardly lacking in quality, however, with the runner-up and third **Shigeru Pink Dia (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) and **Chrono Genesis (Jpn)** (Bago {Fr}) back to do battle again and last year's champion 2-year-old filly **Danon Fantasy (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) looking to atone for a fourth-place finish as the favourite in the first Classic.

Shigeru Pink Dia is a filly to keep an eye on. She was starting for just the fourth time in the Oka Sho and has never been worse than third.



Yushun Himba favourite Contra Check | JRA

Chrono Genesis, who has won three of her five starts and was second by a half-length to Danon Fantasy in last year's G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, warrants respect off a less than smooth passage in the Oka Sho. "She got bumped in the backstretch twice in the Oka Sho and couldn't get a good position," said trainer Takashi Saito. "Then in the stretch she was forced to run on the outside and it made for a tough race. She's an honest runner. I think the Tokyo 2400 [metres] will suit her. I'm hoping for a smooth run."

Yushun Himba preview cont.

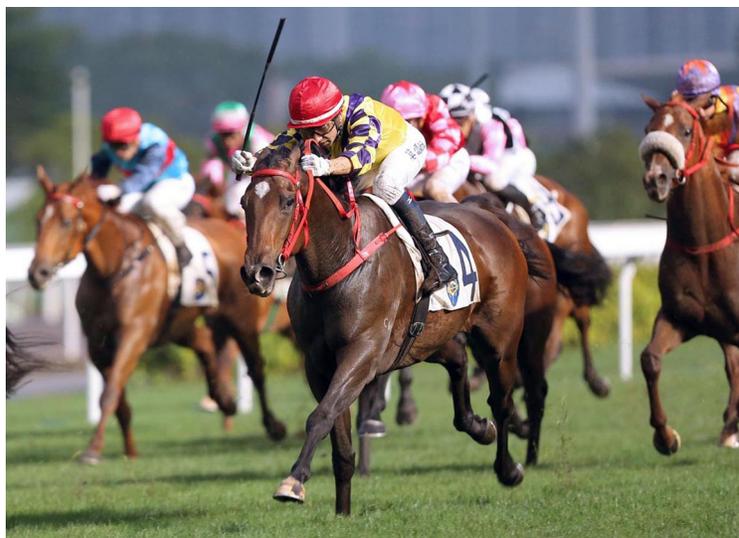
Favoured on the morning line at 2-1 is **Contra Check (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who is unbeaten in two starts this year but skipped the first Classic. She was last seen winning comfortably over 1800 metres in the G3 Flower Cup at Nakayama on Mar. 16. **Loves Only You (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) jumps into pattern company for the first time, but she could be anything off three straight wins to begin her career, including a victory going 2000 metres at Hanshin on Apr. 7. Loves Only You is a full-sister to the G1 Dubai Turf winner Real Steel (Jpn), and her third dam is the champion racemare and producer Miesque.

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CHAMPION'S WAY LOOKING TO JOIN ELITE COMPANY *by Alan Carasso*

Fewer than 30 horses in Hong Kong's professional era have made as many as six trips to the winner's circle in a single season. With his recent victory in the G1 Champions Mile, reigning Horse of the Year Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock {Aus}) was winning for a record-setting eighth time this preparation and other legends of the Hong Kong turf to have bagged a half-dozen in a season include Silent Witness (Aus) (El Moxie), Ambitious Dragon (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) and Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal). John Size, who has trained no fewer than six of the six-time winners, has the chance to be represented by yet another when **Champion's Way (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) starts a short-priced favourite Saturday afternoon at Sha Tin.

"You couldn't help but be impressed, he's won his five races quite handsomely and I think there's more in him," Size told the HKJC's David Morgan Friday.



Champion's Way | HKJC photo

"I don't think there's anything wrong with the form; they can all gallop in Class 2, so if you can win one of those while you're making progress, it's a pretty good sign."

Champion's Way stretches out to the metric mile for the first time off a courageous defeat of Good Standing (Aus) (Artie Schiller) in a Class 2 over 1400 metres run over a rain-affected track Apr. 14 in which he never looked likely until the 200m mark ([video](#)). The form of the race was franked when Good Standing returned to post a decisive victory in the Class 1 Hong Kong-Macau Trophy last weekend.

"He didn't travel very well at the 1400 last start, so hopefully the mile is suitable for him," said Size, who also trains the late Hinchinbrook's Group 1-winning son Beat the Clock (Aus). "I thought it was the ground, I thought he might have been struggling on the wet track to travel properly, but in the past he has shown us that he needs a bit of encouragement to get into his work. Maybe that's not a bad thing so we'll see how he progresses and gets a rise in class and longer distances."

Joao Moreira has a return call aboard the 3-year-old son of Greta's Yarn (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), an A\$130,000 purchase out of the 2017 Inglis Melbourne Premiere Yearling Sale.

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Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 3.40 p.m.

AL SHAQAB LOCKINGE S.-G1, £350,000, 4yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Accidental Agent (GB)	Delegator (GB)	Bishop	Johnson Houghton	126
2	1	Beat The Bank (GB)	Paco Boy (Ire)	de Sousa	Balding	126
3	14	Le Brivido (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Moore	A O'Brien	126
4	11	Lord Glitters (Fr)	Whipper	Tudhope	O'Meara	126
5	5	Mustashry (GB)	Tamayuz (GB)	Crowley	Stoute	126
6	4	Mythical Magic (Ire)	Ifraaj (GB)	J Doyle	Appleby	126
7	10	Ostilio (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Murphy	Crisford	126
8	9	Romanised (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	W Lee	Condon	126
9	7	Sharja Bridge (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Atzeni	Varian	126
10	6	Sir Dancealot (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Mosse	Elsworth	126
11	13	Without Parole (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	126
12	2	Billesdon Brook (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Levey	Hannon	123
13	8	I Can Fly (GB)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Lordan	A O'Brien	123
14	12	Laurens (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	McDonald	Burke	123

Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 2.25 p.m.

AL RAYYAN S. (REGISTERED AS THE ASTON PARK S.)-G3, £100,000, 4yo/up, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Raymond Tusk (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	J Spencer	Hannon	131
2	2	Crystal Ocean (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Moore	Stoute	129
3	5	Laraaib (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Crowley	Burrows	129
4	3	Count Calabash (Ire)	Big Bad Bob (Ire)	Bishop	Johnson Houghton	126
5	1	Pivoine (Ire)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	de Sousa	Balding	126
6	4	Red Verdon 	Lemon Drop Kid	Murphy	E Dunlop	126
7	6	Top Tug (Ire)	Halling	Atzeni	King	126

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan, post time: 3:40 p.m.

THE YUSHUN HIMBA-G1, ¥246,440,000, 3yo, 2400mT.

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Jodie (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Muto	Toda	121
2	Chrono Genesis (Jpn)	Bago (Fr)	Kitamura	Saito	121
3	Contra Check (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Lane	Fujisawa	121
4	Schon Glanz (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Take	Fujisawa	121
5	Aile Voix (Jpn)	Victoire Pisa (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Hashiguchi	121
6	Aqua Mirabilis (Jpn)	Victoire Pisa (Jpn)	Fujioka	Yoshimura	121
7	Shadow Diva (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Iwata	Saito	121
8	Danon Fantasy (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Kawada	Nakauchida	121
9	Win Zenobia (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Matsuoka	Aoki	121
10	Curren Bouquetd'or (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Tsumura	Kunieda	121
11	Shigeru Pink Dia (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Wada	Watanabe	121
12	Victoria (Jpn)	Victoire Pisa (Jpn)	Tosaki	Kojima	121
13	Loves Only You (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Demuro	Yahagi	121
14	Fairy Polka (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Miyuki	Nishimura	121
15	No One (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Sakai	Sasada	121
16	Beach Samba (Jpn)	Kurofune (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Tomomichi	121
17	Meisho Shobu (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Ikezoe	Ikezoe	121
18	Figlia Pura (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Maruyama	Kikuzawa	121

*All post times are local time.



NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK MAY SALE REVIEW



Tivaci supplied a NZ\$95,000 filly

By Paul Vettise

The spotlight was on an array of first-season sires at New Zealand Bloodstock's May Sale at Karaka and three in particular took their chance to shine with the weanling progeny of the Waikato pair of Tivaci and Vadamos (Fr) playing starring roles, as did the Australian-based Divine Prophet.

At A Glance:

- Buying on his own for the first time, agent Bevan Smith made an impact when he paid NZ\$95,000 for a weanling daughter of Tivaci.
- Sharing top billing was a son of Australian-based first season sire Divine Prophet, who was secured by Lou Te Keeti's BOP Bloodstock.
- Rich Hill Stud's Vadamos, was the leading sire of the weanling sale with his progeny selling for an average of NZ\$34,125.
- Haunui Farm was the leading vendor by aggregate with 12 weanlings sold for NZ \$217,500.
- Curraghmore was the leading vendor by average, with six lots sold for an average of NZ\$35,000.
- The average weanling price reached NZ\$18,121, the median rose to NZ\$10,000 with the aggregate closing at NZ\$1,649,000 for 91 lots sold at a clearance rate of 71%.

Top billing shared

Tivaci and Divine Prophet shared top honours during the Karaka May Sale when the former's daughter, Lot 83, made NZ\$95,000 and that price was matched later in the session by Divine Prophet's son, Lot 135, to top the weanling division.

Group 1 winner Tivaci resides at Waikato Stud and principal Mark Chittick was understandably over the moon with the result.

"I'm pretty rapt with that. I went around the sale to have a look at what he had there and I knew they were good types," he said.

"Certainly this filly really took my eye, she was all quality. It's a great kick-start to the stallion's career."

Tivaci has been well-supported by breeders since his retirement to the premier Matamata nursery.

"He served 130 in the first year and 120 last season," Chittick said. "In that first season, three-quarters of his book were either black-type performers themselves or producers or half or full sisters to black type performers."

Bold first move

Agent Bevan Smith made a bold statement when he bought the Tivaci filly, who was bred by Chrissy Bambry and her parents Tony and Judith and offered by Curraghmore, his first solo purchase after going out on his own following a period with the successful Group 1 purchaser Guy Mulcaster.

"She was a belter of a filly, in my opinion she was the best horse here at the sale," Smith said. "She was a lovely moving horse, she has got size and scope and I just think she is going to grow into a really nice horse."

"She is by an exciting new season sire in Tivaci. He has got great credentials and is an outstanding looking horse himself and he has passed that onto this filly."

Tivaci retired to Waikato Stud after a successful racing career for trainer Michael Moroney, culminating in his victory in the G1 All Aged S.

The filly is well-related and isn't expected to take long to show off the family's precociousness.

"We are not going to have to wait a long time for her," Smith said. "There is 2-year-old form in the family. She is a half to two stakes winners and one of those is a 2-year-old."

"She has been bought for a new client. I have just gone out on my own and I have got some support from Defining Moments Racing. We will decide what we are going to do with her, she may come back through a sale next year or we will assess things

after winter and see if we want to keep her and race her. She has got a pedigree, so if she does turn out to be a good racehorse, she is going to have a lot of residual value there. It is the first purchase under my own banner, it's great to get the one I wanted. It's a good start I hope.

The filly is a half-sister to Listed winners Lord Turbo (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) and Alcaldesa (NZ) (Nom Du Jeu (NZ)).

Honours equal

Sharing top billing was the colt from the first crop of Divine Prophet, the G1 Caulfield Guineas who stands at the Hunter Valley arm of Aquis' operation, and he was signed for by Lou Te Keeti's BOP Bloodstock for NZ\$95,000.

Offered by the Taylor family's Koru Thoroughbreds, he is out of the Pins mare Caramellos (NZ), who is a sister to the G2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders S. winner Viennetta (NZ) and a half-sister to the G3 Lion Red Plate winner Butterscotch (NZ) (Gold Brose).

It is also the family of the Group 1 winners Headturner (Anabaa {USA}), O'Marilyn (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}) and Anacheeva (Anabaa {USA}).

"We have a farm policy that for any dry mares that we have we send to Australia to get in-foal," said Julie Taylor.

Koru also sold Lot 92, a Divine Prophet filly out of the Starcraft (NZ) mare Startina to Hallmark Stud for NZ\$60,000.

"We went and saw Divine Prophet and just loved him. We knew Proisir, a full-brother, was here in New Zealand and we really liked him, but they are two different horses.

"We sent two dry mares over to Australia, they got in-foal and then brought them back home."

Thompson happy

Rich Hill Stud's John Thompson also had a smile a mile wide after they sold their colt, Lot 77, by resident sire Vadamos (Fr) for NZ\$80,000 to Te Akau Stud's David Ellis. It was the second-highest price of the weanling sale.

"A lot of people told us he was a stand-out colt," Thompson said. "I expected him to sell well and that was a bit above so it was great. He's gone to a leading stable, you couldn't ask for anything better and it's a terrific start for Vadamos."

Ellis strikes

Te Akau principal David Ellis bought the highest-priced Vadamos (Fr) weanling and he predicted a bright future for the stallion.

"I think Vadamos is a very good chance at stud and just the sort of stallion that New Zealand is desperate for," Ellis said. "I can see him leaving some really good stayers in the years to come.

"I bought this horse for a first-time Te Akau owner and I bought him to win the Derby."

Ellis said he found it hard to fault the youngster, who is out of the winning Pentire (GB) mare Selenus and from the family of international Group winners Altazarr (USA) (Relaunch {USA}) and Irish Gypsy (USA) (Hennessy {USA}).

"He's a very, very athletic colt and has lovely balance. He's obviously got a good constitution and a good looking colt. He's just a magnificent individual."

Top buyer

The leading purchaser of the sale by aggregate was Hallmark Stud, who secured five weanlings for a combined price of NZ\$196,000.

"I thought there was great value here," said Hallmark's Mark Baker. "The one day sale got rid of a lot of the less desirable types and I thought there were more nice horses on offer than in previous years."

Sales representative Regan Donnison said New Zealand Bloodstock was pleased with the day's trade.

"With the reduced quantity of horses on offer we were confident that the quality was much better than last year and that's been reflected by the increase in average and median."



IN MACAU:

King of Glamour, g, 3, Eurozone--Beaver Rocks, by Fastnet Rock. Taipa, 5-17, Hcp. (\$37k), 1050m (sand), 1:02.7. B-R D Hannon (NSW). *\$34,000 Wlg '16 MGLMAY; \$55,000 Ylg '17 INGFE; NZ\$70,000 RNA 2yo '17 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**

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