KENTUCKY DERBY WINNER MAGE AMONG THOSE POINTING TOWARDS PREAKNESS

Mage following his win in Saturday’s GI Kentucky Derby

Gustavo Delgado Jr., son of and assistant to trainer Gustavo Delgado, said GI Kentucky Derby winner Mage (Good Magic) has shown all the right signs following his victory in Saturday’s race and will run in the GI Preakness S. May 20 as long as everything continues to go well. The colt is expected to jog around the racetrack Tuesday morning.

“He ate up everything, his feed, he's feeling good,” Delgado Jr. said.

Forte (Violence), the scratched morning-line favorite from the Derby, galloped at Churchill Downs Monday morning in an apparent preparation towards an anticipated run in the Preakness S., but a statement from the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission seems to have left those plans in jeopardy. The release said that after a state vet scratch like Forte’s, a horse has a mandatory 14-day period when he cannot race, after which he must work for a state regulatory vet and pass a blood test.

Trainer Larry Rivelli said via text Monday afternoon that GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Two Phil’s (Hard Spun) has exited his strong performance Saturday in the first leg of the Triple Crown in good order. Cont. Pg. 3

KHRC: FORTE ON MANDATORY 14-DAY VET'S LIST

A statement from the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission released Monday afternoon indicated that Forte (Violence) will not be eligible to run the Preakness Stakes, despite his owners' stated intention earlier in the day to do so. The release, which was distributed Monday just before 4 p.m, reads:

"The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission has the following update on Forte:

Forte was scratched from the Kentucky Derby by KHRC veterinarians following Saturday's routine soundness checks. As is the case with all KHRC veterinary scratches related to soundness, and pursuant to HISA Rule 2241(a), this places Forte on a mandatory 14-day veterinary list. After 14 days, the requirements for removal from the list include a satisfactory workout performed for a state regulatory veterinarian and a negative blood sample result."

Earlier in the day, trainer Todd Pletcher had indicated that Forte would work later this week and, all being well, would head to the Preakness. Cont. Pg. 3

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In this week's installment of Seven Days, Emma Berry reflects on the flurry of activity on Newmarket Heath coinciding with Guineas weekend last week's QIPCO British Champions Series Hall of Fame induction ceremony.
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“He's back home and chilling,” reported Rivelli from his home base at Hawthorne Park.

A firm decision has yet to be made regarding a Preakness start.

Another pair yet to make a final call on the Preakness is National Treasure (Quality Road) for Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert and 10th-place Derby finisher Confidence Game (Candy Ride {Arg}) for trainer Keith Desormeaux.

“He's tired, as to be expected,” Desormeaux said Monday morning at Churchill Downs. “He'll go back to the track tomorrow or Wednesday. We'll see how he does walking this afternoon. If he's showing some energy, we'll train tomorrow. If not, we'll wait until Wednesday. We'll make a decision by Sunday whether we're going to Baltimore or not. He'll tell us.

Godolphin's First Mission (Street Sense), winner of Keeneland's GIII Stonestreet Lexington S. in his last start April 15, jogged at Churchill Downs Monday morning also in preparation for the Preakness while resuming training following a five-eighths of a mile workout in 59.80 seconds May 6.

“First Mission is amazing, he looks very good,” said Jorje Abrego, assistant to trainer Brad Cox. “He's ready. He'll gallop (Tuesday).”

Forte Cont. From Pg. 1

After watching the colt gallop at Churchill Downs Monday morning, Pletcher said:

"He looked very good. He galloped a mile and three-eighths very comfortably. Seemed happy like he normally is. He'll work probably Friday or Saturday."

Asked if there was any sign left of the bruise that caused his scratch, Pletcher said, "No, I think that's completely subsided now. Right now, I'd say we're looking good to breeze for the Preakness. If we're happy with that, that's what we're thinking."

HISA Rule 2241(a) reads:

Duration of Stay on the Veterinarians' List: Horses placed on the Veterinarians' List in accordance with Rule 2240 shall remain on the list for 14 days.

Rule 2240 governs horses that are placed on the vets' list, and reads:

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The TDN contacted the KHRC's Public Protection Cabinet, who distributed the release, for clarification, as well as Todd Pletcher and Mike Repole to get their take on the KHRC announcement but by deadline for this story, none had replied.

AGENT SAYS MAURO CEDILLO IS “GOING TO BE OK”

by Bill Finley

It was not hard to expect the worst when apprentice jockey Mauro Cedillo went down in a May 1 spill at Thistledown. It was as frightening a spill as you could ever see and it appeared that he had been trampled by one, if not more horses, after being thrown to the track. He was taken to the intensive care unit at Cleveland’s MetroHealth Medical Center and was on a ventilator while heavily sedated. But less than a week after the spill, the 24-year-old apprentice from Guatemala is in the midst of a remarkable recovery and his agent, Luis Quinones, reports that Cedillo is “going to be ok.”

That was part of a text message that Quinones sent the TDN Monday in which he gave an update on his jockey’s status.

“I just want to let you know that Mauro Cedillo was taken off the ventilator (Sunday) and he was breathing on his own,” the text read. “He stood up and was walking good today and he was moving his hands. Everything is going to be ok, according to the doctors. God answered all the prayers.”

Things are going so well that Quinones is hopeful that Cedillo will ride again.

“He has no other injuries,” he wrote in a follow-up text. “He got very lucky. He will make a full recovery, the doctors said, and his plan is to ride again. But he will have to be 100%. It will take time but he says he wants to ride again.”

Cedillo was riding Spectacular Road (Road Ruler) in the day’s first race when his mount stumbled entering the turn, throwing the rider to the track. At the behest of the jockeys, Thistledown canceled the rest of that day’s card. The 24-year-old Guatemalan native has been riding since 2021 and has 101 career wins, including 23 this year.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW BELMONT PARK

by Bill Finley

There was a lot to celebrate earlier this month when it was confirmed that the New York State's budget will include a $455-million loan to the New York Racing Association that will go toward a complete rebuild of Belmont Park. That means Belmont will be torn down and replaced by a new structure and that once the new building is up, racing will cease at Aqueduct. But when will it happen? What will the new track look like? And what does it mean for the yearly racing schedule? Here are some of the most important questions and answers involving this dramatic change for New York racing.

When will the new building open?

The plan is to have the new track ready to go for the 2026 spring meet. Construction will start after the conclusion of the 2024 spring meet. Shortly thereafter, the current building, which opened in 1968, will be torn down.

“It is very early on in the process, but our goal is to have the new facility ready for the 2026 Belmont,” said NYRA CEO and President Dave O’Rourke. “The specifics, we’re still working through that and I’ll have a much better answer for you this summer.”

With the Belmont grandstand closing in 2024 and not ready to open until 2026, what does that mean for the 2025 racing schedule and the 2025 Belmont?

That might be the single biggest issue that remains unresolved. There are a handful of options. They could run that spring at Aqueduct and hold the Belmont there. The Belmont was run at Aqueduct from 1963 to 1967 while the current Belmont was being built. From a logistical standpoint, that’s probably the easiest solution, but the aesthetics of Aqueduct leave a lot to be desired. They could try to run at Belmont during the construction and without stands. That’s what Arlington did in 1985 after a fire ravaged the track, just a few weeks before the running of the GI Arlington Million. Gulfstream found a way to conduct racing in the period between the destruction of the old stands and the opening of the new building. You can do a lot these days with tents and temporary seating. Or how about this? Run most of the spring meet at Aqueduct but head north for Belmont week and have a Belmont-at-Saratoga meet for four or five days.

“Everything is on the table and we will look at all our options,” O’Rourke said.

NYRA has confirmed that all of the traditional fall Belmont meets between now and the re-opening of the new facility will be held at Aqueduct.

What will the new grandstand look like? How big will it be?

It will take up roughly 275,000 square feet, making it about one-fourth the size of the current building which covers over 1.25 million square feet. As is the case with any new sports facility being built today, there will be an emphasis on amenities. Expect luxury boxes, a high-end restaurant, and tents and other temporary facilities catering to the well-heeled.

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If it’s going to be that small, how will they accommodate the types of crowds you get for the Belmont S. and, in the future, the Breeders’ Cup?

“They’re going to lay down the infrastructure so that they can put up high-end temporary hospitality for the big days,” O’Rourke said. “It will be something like what you see at Royal Ascot. We’re building that into the plan.”

The new Belmont will also be able to place fans in the infield, something not currently available at the existing facility.

Belmont struggles mightily when it comes to attendance, particularly on the week days. Can a new, shiny facility change that narrative?

“I think those attendances will be greater than you might think,” O’Rourke said. “Right now, if you come out here on a nice Saturday in the spring, every green area is packed. It’s the building. The building itself is a warehouse built for betting. We’re going to have a lot more green space at the new track. By creating a park-like atmosphere, I think you’re going to a see a different kind of draw on a regular day. It’s also going to be a facility that will cater more to the owner and horsemen. This is New York and a lot of the owners live here. We want to build something they’ll want to come out to. That’s what Saratoga does. It brings everyone, fans, owners, out. I know it’s a different market, but we think by having a smaller, high-end building we can accomplish some of that.

With all the changes, this was NYRA’s chance to downsize its racing surfaces. You need a mile-and-a-half main track for exactly one race a year. Why not go to a smaller main track?

“Some things you just don’t want to mess with,” O’Rourke said. “We had many different variations drawn up, but we’re not going to change. The Belmont S. is the biggest event held here and the mile-and-a-half track works for that. There will be one change, though. The turf courses are going to widened, with more lanes.

What’s the latest on the synthetic track at Belmont?

“The synthetic track is going in this year and will be ready for the 2024 spring meet at Belmont,” O’Rourke said. “Once we leave for Saratoga, the synthetic goes in, the inner turf gets redone and more tunnels go in. The flavor of winter racing in New York is going to change. We will have more options. Our circuit, we become a dirt circuit every year for four, five months. With a synthetic track, there will be more of an opportunity for turf-focused horses and they will have a place to run up north.”

With no Aqueduct, Belmont will be open for 44 weeks. Is that too much? Could we see an expanded Saratoga meet?

“As of now, the plan is to run the traditional meet at Saratoga with Belmont hosting the rest of the days,” O’Rourke said. “We will see how that works out. If we need to adjust or try something different, we’ll have to figure out what that might be. What that might be, I don’t know."
TDN TOP-TO-BOTTOM DERBY RUNDOWN

by T. D. Thornton

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

1) Mage (No. 12 in TDN pre-race rankings)

Mage, the little horse who could, was a characteristic beat slow out of the starting gate. Javier Castellano let him roll with the flow as the field sorted itself out through the first furlong, then darted to secure the rail while fourth-last the first time under the wire.

Unhurried through the turn, this son of Good Magic ($235,000 KESEP; $290,000 EASMAY) raced several paths off the rail down the backstretch. Castellano seemed content knowing a brisk pace was percolating in front of him while aware the two late-running faves were also still parked at the back.

Edging closer, Mage tagged on behind the rapidly advancing Derma Sotogake (Jpn) (Mind Your Biscuits) entering the far turn. Sensing two rivals ranging up from the outside and not wanting to be locked in, Castellano committed his colt to an ever-widening arc to get clear of them. Mage was still 11th while four deep three-eighths out, but he was winding up for a move that would prove to be a better-timed version of the one he uncorked in the GI Florida Derby.

Building momentum, Castellano urged Mage with a more energetic cadence and steered for home in the eight path. He set down Mage as soon as they straightened away, advancing from fifth at the quarter pole to second three-sixteenths out. Zeroing in on a tiring--but not quitting--Two Phil’s (Hard Spun), Mage accosted that pacemaker at the eighth pole, with Castellano cracking his colt once right-handed.

Mage didn’t exactly blow by the pesky Two Phil’s, who lingered a half-length back while Angel of Empire (Classic Empire) emerged as the lone remaining danger. Mage stalled for a stride at the sixteenth pole, but refocused quickly under Castellano’s persistent (but never panicked) rousing, driving home with purpose to win by a length (105 Beyer Speed Figure).

2) Two Phil’s (No. 11 in TDN pre-race rankings)

Two Phil’s ($150,000 RNA KESEP) broke decently from post three, but an eighth of a mile into the race, Jareth Loveberry wanted no part of being stuck inside, so he guided his colt several paths outward. A trio of speedsters had opened up by three lengths into the first turn, and Two Phil’s was in the middle of a second flight of three that crept closer on the back straightaway. That spot two lanes off the fence proved to be prime positioning into the far turn, because when Verifying (Justify) was first among the duelers to crack, Loveberry shot through to claim the inside passage he vacated, and within three strides Two Phil’s had put away Reincarnate (Good Magic) and Kingsbarns (Uncle Mo), who were both being driven while Two Phil’s was opening up under hand urging. At the head of the lane, all the spent horses were bogged down inside, and Two Phil’s braced for the wide-and-driving Mage. Two Phil’s was understandably fatigued from stalking the fast pace and getting first run at the leaders, and while he was no match for Mage, this colt never packed it in. He stayed on as best he could under Loveberry’s urging and held second by a half-length, replicating the 2007 Derby finish of his sire, Hard Spun. He galloped out on even terms with Mage and co-earned a 105 Beyer.
3) Angel of Empire (No. 10 on TDN pre-race rankings)

Angel of Empire ($32,000 RNA KEENOV; $70,000 KEESEP) was sent away from the gate, but not so much to ask him for early speed as to put his head in the game straight from the start. He settled willingly for Flavien Prat third from last the first time through the lane, and seven-eighths out dropped from the three path onto the rail and rode it until the far turn, gradually picking off midpack stragglers as he advanced.

Prat wisely opted off the inside when Verifying began plummeting through the field, and this colt very much looked in it to win it at the top of the stretch. He was eight wide and right behind Mage, but the difference was that Mage kicked into a higher gear while Angel of Empire continued to grind along. This son of Classic Empire was still three lengths in arrears at the eighth pole when Mage made his winning move.

Angel of Empire did find his best stride in that final furlong, but it was too late. Even with an untroubled trip and zesty fractions setting things up for him, this Pennsylvania-bred's usual closing kick wasn't quite good enough to reel in Two Phil's for second--and that's despite upping his best lifetime Beyer by 10 points, from 94 to 104. The top three galloped out more or less together.

4) Disarm (No. 8 on TDN pre-race rankings)

'TDN Rising Star' Disarm (Gun Runner) broke inward from post nine and love-tapped Reincarnate, with neither large-framed colt fazed by the contact. Joel Rosario took every opportunity in the early running to shift this Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred deeper down toward the rail, and he found the fence within the back third of the pack by the time the field crested the clubhouse turn.

Disarm kept bettering his position while eating a fair amount of kickback, but he was never able to cut loose with a sustained run and often appeared "on hold" or on the verge of getting pocketed. He split horses on the far turn, but was walled up near the inside off the final bend, which in this year's Derby was not the place to be because of the cluster of tiring horses taking up residence there.

In upper stretch, Rosario tried to dive outward through a hole that Hit Show (Candy Ride {Arg}) got to first, so Plan B was to slice back inside, which only yielded more tight traffic for a precious half-furlong. Disarm shouldered aside the capitulating Kingsbarns, but when he finally go clear running room inside the final eighth, he had no finishing flourish.

Beaten 4 1/2 lengths, Disarm was the final Derby horse in the race to be awarded a triple-digit Beyer, and that 100 represented a respectable 10-point jump off the 90s he paired in his previous two races.

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5) Hit Show (No. 9 on TDN pre-race rankings)

Although he never fired despite attaining a no-excuse trip from the difficult one post, this Candy Ride (Arg) homebred for Gary and Mary West ran a commendable race, especially considering he’s a May 9 foal.

Hit Show broke fluidly from the inside gate, affording Manny Franco the luxury of positioning him where he wanted in the early part of the race. Initially fifth, Hit Show got geared back to seventh through the turn, then was eased off the fence to the four path so Franco could claim a sweet, uncrowded stalking spot behind the speedsters with no one covering him up and plenty of room to maneuver.

Sixth into the far bend, Hit Show started to pick it up with a four-wide run 3 1/2 furlongs out under urging from Franco. He looked poised to pounce from third turning for home, but had no response to three left-handed swats in upper stretch. In the manner of a few strides, Hit Show went from attack mode to being under siege. Mage blew by to his outside, and Hit Show stayed on doggedly, with Franco keeping him to task to get fifth money.

6) Derma Sotogake (Jpn) (No. 14 on TDN pre-race rankings)

Derma Sotogake (Jpn) broke toward the back with his head briefly turned inward. There was no rush by Christophe Lemaire to contest the pace. This ¥18,000,000 JRHJUL son of Mind Your Biscuits seemed okay placed farther back in the pack than expected despite getting pelted with kickback.

Lemaire moved decisively 4 1/2 furlongs out, splitting horses at the entrance to the far turn and initially picking off Disarm toward his inside and targeting the on-the-prowl Hit Show in front of him. Derma Sotogake seemed to be drawing a bead on the top trio off the turn, but he was quickly overtaken by Mage and Angel of Empire, whose full heads of steam stood out in contrast against his one-paced action.

"He didn't break as fast as last time but I was able to put him on the inside and save ground," Lemaire said. "Gradually, we gained position on the final turn. I was in the best spot to make a move, he stayed on and but didn't have the speed to make it closer late."

7) Tapit Trice (No. 5 on TDN pre-race rankings)

You can watch the Derby replay as many times as you want, but trainer Todd Pletcher aptly summed up the trip for this 'TDN Rising Star' in his immediate take right after the race: "Tapit Trice did what he always does—he broke slow and then he had to check a couple of times heading into the first turn. When it came time he couldn't get going well enough. Farther for him—we're thinking [GI] Belmont [S.]." Cont.
Luis Saez had to implore this $1.3 million KEESEP son of Tapit straight out of the starting stall, and he briefly lost momentum when Mage dropped in front of him a furlong into the race. Tapit Trice was last into the turn, but was already on the move six furlongs out, which is how he won the GI Blue Grass S. He picked off three rivals at the back before another minor stutter-step stall a half mile out; Saez seemed conflicted going into the far turn about whether inside or outside would be best. But it really didn’t matter because Tapit Trice had left himself too much work to do.

This colt did respond to far-turn rousing, but it takes Tapit Trice quite a while to fully unwind. He spun nine wide into the lane, and when it was evident he not within realistic striking distance, Saez decided to save Tapit Trice for another day.

8) Raise Cain (No. 19 on TDN pre-race rankings)

This son of Violence ($180,000 KEESEP; $65,000 RNA OBSOPN) ran a sneaky-good eighth. He broke running from post 13 and could have made the front vanguard, but Gerardo Corrales took a firm hold and guided him back, eventually latching on to a midpack spot at the fence through the first turn.

Raise Cain showed a nice ability to pick off selected targets down the backstretch, always bettering his position, and when the far turn arrived, he had achieved a tactically advantageous spot behind the too-fast frontrunners down near the inside.

Corrales pulled off a deft move when shifting outside of the tiring Verifying, then reclaiming his spot at the rail. But when the field straightened, the need to get off the plugged-up inside suddenly became desperate, and Raise Cain had to waste forward momentum by repeatedly shifting laterally through the lane. He only encountered more and more traffic, enduring some bumping that stalled his late run for good. Overall though, the effort rates much better than it looks on paper.

9) Rocket Can (No. 13 on TDN pre-race rankings)

Junior Alvarado said post-race that, "I think I had one of the best trips in the race," and he's probably right--at least for the first mile of the journey.

Rocket Can, a $245,000 FTSAUG RNA gray, was initially a touch keen while briefly running up on heels in the first few strides, but he settled in seventh, inching closer to the action as the two front packs merged into one. He came out to the four path and enjoyed similar uncovered placement as Hit Show while edging to within four lengths of the leaders into the last turn.

After saving ground, this blinkers-on son of Into Mischief tried to punch through between rivals three-sixteenths out, but he had tiring horses on both sides and it wasn't initially apparent if Two Phil's ahead of him was stopping or staying on. By the time Alvarado called on Rocket Can for another burst, the colt had nothing left to give.

10) Confidence Game (No. 18 in TDN pre-race rankings)

Judging Confidence Game’s try based on how close he was to a hot pace and how long he hung in there, his Derby 10th at 21-1 odds comes off as a likeable effort.

This $25,000 KEESEP Candy Ride (Arg) colt threw himself right into the race by breaking with good energy and securing a prime position, fourth at the rail into the turn behind a trio of eager pacemakers.

He was fifth, then fourth for most of the backstretch run, attending the brisk splits while waiting to see how the duel would come undone. Confidence Game attempted to follow the dive-between move of Two Phil’s five-sixteenths out, but Two Phil’s was into the bridle with more alacrity, relegating this colt to chase mode turning for home closest to the rail.

At the eighth pole, Confidence Game was still within three of the leaders when Mage powered past Two Phil’s. But he had that “spinning his wheels” look to his stride, and couldn’t sustain his bid. He wasn’t hammered on by James Graham when it became evident he wouldn’t attain a placing.

11) Sun Thunder (No. 15 in TDN pre-race rankings)

Even with blinkers added, this late-running Into Mischief colt ($400,000 KEENOV; $495,000 RNA FTSAUG) was unhurried out of the gate, settling into stride second from last the first time past the finish.

Sun Thunder gained a few positions on the far turn and into the stretch, primarily from passing horses who had no forward momentum.

"I think we'll point to the Belmont after this," trainer Ken McPeek said. "He was a little up against it today, but we'll come back to fight another day." Cont.
12) Mandarin Hero (Jpn) (Unranked also-eligible in TDN pre-race rankings)

Mandarin Hero (Jpn) (Shanghai Bobby) was a hard-charging pace presence out of gate 17 without really being hustled. He suffered only slight momentum loss when Rocket Can knifed in front of him through the stretch.

Midpack and between rivals onto the backstretch, Kazushi Kimura rode him with confidence, then shook the reins at him with a sense of urgency when fellow Japanese invader Derma Sotogake ranged alongside and quickened into the far turn.

Mandarin Hero was asked for run four deep through the bend, and he came in close quarters with the brawny Tapit Trice. But this colt kept getting passed even though he was responding to his rider.

13) Reincarnate (No. 6 in TDN pre-race rankings)

This $775,000 KEESEP son of Good Magic had Disarm bounce off his outside flank a few jumps out of the gate, but Reincarnate's natural speed carried him straight to the front, where he hooked up as the outermost horse in a three-way go.

John Velazquez tacked him back behind Verifying and Kingsbarns down the back straight, and even though this colt was incrementally edging up a half mile out, he couldn't make much of a dent in the margin because the fractions were so demanding.

Reincarnate's best chance came on the far turn when Verifying was the first to crack, but he couldn't muster an authoritative response to put away the ready-to-cave Kingsbarns. Two Phil's slipped through to his inside instead, and Velazquez concentrated on keeping his own regressing mount out of the way of onrushing contenders once he realized no final kick was coming from Reincarnate.

14) Kingsbarns (No. 7 in TDN pre-race rankings)

Kingsbarns, now a 3-for-4 son of Uncle Mo ($250,000 FTSAUG; $800,000 FTFMAR) won a couple of in-race battles after getting a good jump out of starting stall six.

After establishing a wicked pace, Kingsbarns dueled Verifying into defeat while still in hand entering the far turn under Jose Ortiz, and then kept next-closest pursuer Reincarnate at bay.

But by the midway point on the far bend Kingsbarns had no real response when Two Phil's swallowed him up and a sizable portion of the field careened by. Although out of the race by upper stretch, Kingsbarns managed to contribute to an inside logjam that adversely affected several contenders, although none of them truly had a winning shot.

"I sacrificed going a little bit faster than I wanted to in order to be in a good spot," Ortiz said. "I wish we could have given him a breather on the backside."

15) King Russell (Unranked also-eligible in TDN pre-race rankings)

This $60,000 FTKOCT gray by Creative Cause overcame a wide draw from post 18 but could only scrape together a mild mid-race spurt after going four wide on the clubhouse turn.

"He made a nice move from the five-eighths pole to the three-eighths pole, and then after that, he started to get tired and give up," said jockey Rafael Bejarano.

16) Verifying (No. 4 in TDN pre-race rankings)

Post position two sealed Verifying's fate as a Derby frontrunner, even though he is probably more accomplished and comfortable as a pace-presser.

Tyler Gaffalione let him rumble through torrid opening quarters of :22.35 and :23.38 while forced forward by the speed-centric Kingsbarns and Reincarnate. When Verifying had no more left to give, his rider did a good job wrapping up and letting him coast back through the field along the inside without incident.

The Blue Grass S. and the Derby have now made for two difficult races in a row for this May 11 foal by Justify ($775,000 KEESEP), who still figures to be a fighter at the upper echelon of the division given his underlying talent and the stout seasoning he's gotten over the past six weeks.

17) Jace's Road (No. 17 in TDN pre-race rankings)

'TDN Rising Star' Jace's Road, a $510,000 KEESEP son of Quality Road, was sent away from gate 10 and landed a key stalking spot sixth on the outside heading into the turn. But he couldn't hold his position, and lost touch by the half-mile marker.

"He broke sharp and I tried to hustle him but he could not keep up with the three horses in front," said Florent Geroux. "He was not trying. Before I knew everyone started passing him."
18) Cyclone Mischief (Unranked also-eligible in TDN pre-race rankings)

This $450,000 KEESEP son of Into Mischief broke sluggishly and was widest and last a furlong into the Derby. He zoomed by nine horses before the pack hit the first turn, but got hung out five deep on that bend and soon regressed to the tail of the field.

MORE THAN $1 MILLION IN BREAKAGE RETURNED TO WINNING BETTORS ACROSS OAKS, DERBY DAYS

Courtesy Thoroughbred Idea Foundation

Winning horseplayers at Churchill Downs and around the world betting into the pools across Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby days enjoyed more than an additional $1 million in winnings thanks to an amendment to Kentucky law which now rounds winning bets to the penny.

The practice, known as breakage, has been in effect across all of American racing, relatively unchanged, for more than a century. But Kentucky’s legislature passed an amendment to existing laws in March 2022. The measure took effect in July of last year, making Saturday’s Kentucky Derby won by Mage the first in modern history to pay winning bettors to the penny.

Mage returned $32.42 to win, $14.58 to place and $9.08 to show for every $2 bet.

“Breaking to the penny, enabling customers to churn those additional winnings, undoubtedly played a role, no matter how small it might seem. Kentucky’s continued success should serve as an example for other states, tracks and horsemen to advocate for penny breakage, following Kentucky’s lead.”

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NHBPA AGAIN GOES TO COURT TO TRY AND HALT MAY 22 ADMC LAUNCH

by T.D. Thornton

With another appeal in the pipeline for its constitutionality lawsuit that is trying to derail the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA), the National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA) has once again asked a federal judge in Texas to grant in injunction that would delay the May 22 implementation of the HISA Authority’s Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) program.

The motion for injunction pending appeal was filed on Friday, one day after United States District Court Judge James Wesley Hendrix ruled that the revamped version of HISA that got signed into law back in December was indeed constitutional, clearing the way for the ADMC’s thrice-delayed launch.

On Monday, May 8, Hendrix sped along the litigation process by ordering the defendants in the case, who are personnel from the HISA Authority and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), to file a response to the NHBPA’s injunction request by Thursday, May 11.

"The Court previously denied injunctive relief, but the plaintiffs again request an injunction, arguing that they will be injured by the ADMC rule during the pendency of an expected appeal," Hendrix wrote.

The May 5 filing by the NHBPA explained the reasoning behind the request this way:

"An injunction is necessary because the industry cannot endure 'seismic change' in the short term that is undone shortly thereafter. The courts should not put the industry on a roller-coaster where the ADMC rules are in effect from May 22 to, say, Nov. 18 (the date of the last Fifth Circuit decision), and then they go out of effect again if the Fifth Circuit finds the amended law unconstitutional."

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The NHBPA filing continued:

"This Court has now considered the case a second time, and again the Court has upheld the act. Though the Court ultimately concluded the Horsemen did not present a winning case, it should conclude that at minimum they presented a substantial case, which is less than successful, but more than non-negligible. "[The NHBPA] won at the Fifth Circuit last time around, with arguments the Sixth Circuit panel would have also adopted as to the original version [of the HISA law]. They have returned to this Court with a serious case as to the amended version of the statute. Though they did not win, they have at least established a 'fair prospect' or reasonable possibility of success on appeal..."

"Moreover, the Horsemen have presented additional arguments concerning the budget and the original meaning which also plausibly demonstrate that the FTC does not have pervasive surveillance and control over the Authority," the May 5 filing stated.

Hendrix was the same judge who, back on March 31, 2022, dismissed the NHBPA’s underlying lawsuit. The NHBPA plaintiffs appealed that decision, leading to the Fifth Circuit’s reversal on Nov. 18, 2022. But the Fifth Circuit remanded the case back to the Lubbock Division for "further proceedings consistent with" the Appeals Court’s reversal. Hendrix’s May 6, 2023, order validated the newer version of HISA that got amended and passed into law back on Dec. 29, 2022.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RACING OWNER CONVERSATIONS
by Edd Roggenkamp, Versailles, Kentucky

Racehorse owners are the lifeblood of this industry. Without owners, there is no need for breeding farms, sales companies, consigners, vets, feed companies, etc. But the number of licensed racehorse owners is declining in most states, which is a seriously negative trend for the horseracing industry.

Over the nearly 30 years that I have owned and raced Thoroughbreds, I have always found it most interesting to sit down and have a candid conversation with another racehorse owner. It lets me find out how they manage their stable, design their tactics and adjust their racing strategy. Universally, their love for the sport and enthusiasm is contagious. These conversations, often over coffee in the track kitchen, have been a big help as I climbed up the steep learning curve of owning race horses. I was lucky early-on to meet some knowledgeable owners, that were enthusiastic, but realistic, and willing to share their "how to" tactics. Some of my best conversations were with small guys, often operating on a budget, but smart, careful, and having great fun owning racehorses and winning races. But such conversations are not always easily available to folks that want to own a race horse, or a new owner that wants to learn fast, or even a veteran who wants to hear different ownership strategies.

There are lots of articles and videos covering high-flying trainers and jockeys talking about their Grade 1 racing success, but how about the day-to-day ideas and strategies of the dedicated people that own the horses and write the checks?

So, the idea was hatched. Let’s record a series of candid and freewheeling Racehorse Owner Conversations with all kinds of experienced and successful owners. We’ll ask them to share their strategy, their level of involvement, how they acquire good racing stock, and how they find and develop relationships with quality support people. Then we will share these conversations freely with anybody interested in owning racehorses.

Luckily, modern podcast technology makes this possible. The first of these conversations (podcasts) are now available FREE on major podcast sites: Spotify, Google podcasts, Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts and many others. Anyone can download and listen to these conversations at their leisure.

The conversations will not be just about winning graded stakes races because 80% of our sport is claiming races, and thousands of ardent owners, enjoy winning races at their local track. Ownership situations are generally the same...only the budget is different.

Our first three podcast conversations are with successful owners that have won major graded stakes races (Texas-based Jerry Namy, a Grade I-winning owner at Keeneland; 2022's leading owner in Maryland Larry Johnson; and West Coast-based Grade I-winning owner Jack Hodge), but all three have started a claimer within the last year.

So go to a podcast site, search for Racehorse Owner Conversations and listen in for free to the first 3 episodes available now. More conversations will be added shortly, and all podcasts will be archived and available indefinitely. We think you’ll find these sessions with the candid, thoughtful and colorful people who share their ideas on Racehorse Owner Conversations interesting, helpful and enlightening.

PLEASANT VALLEY STATE PRISON HOSTS “OPEN BARN” EVENT

Pleasant Valley State Prison (PVSP) and the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) are hosting an “Open Barn” event May 12 from noon to 2 p.m. to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the PVSP Second Chances Program. This vocational training program provides incarcerated participants with life-changing job skills through its accredited equine care and stable management courses. TRF program providers work closely with participants to train horses that live on institution grounds. This valuable training can lead to employment opportunities upon release. Attendees will have the opportunity to interview and photograph program providers and participants as well as meet the horses that reside at PVSP. During the event, students will showcase their skills with live horse shoeing as well as an exhibition of basic grooming care.
BIG ASS FANS TO SPONSOR MARYLAND SPRINT ON PREAKNESS DAY

Big Ass Fans will sponsor the GIII Maryland Sprint on Preakness S. day at Pimlico Race Course May 20. As part of the sponsorship, Big Ass Fans will have a significant presence at the event, with its logo prominently displayed throughout the racecourse. In addition, Big Ass Fans will provide cooling solutions for both the horses and spectators.

"We are thrilled to be a part of such a prestigious event," said Hunter Harris of Big Ass Fans. "The Preakness S. is a celebration of the very best in horse racing, and we are proud to be able to contribute to the success of the event with our high-performance fans."

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A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Non-Industry Media

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Prospective Turf Paradise Owner says racing will continue
For the first time, the prospective new owners of Turf Paradise are speaking about their plans to redevelop the land that has hosted racing for 67 years. Ford Hatchett, ABC15

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
2nd-Finger Lakes, $30,783, Msw, 5-8, 3yo, f, 5f, :59.27, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

WARTAPPED (f, 3, War Dancer--Untapped Secret, by Read the Footnotes), sent off at 6-1 for this unveiling, went to the front, carved out at opening quarter in :22.70, built up a solid cushion over Golden Moonlight (Golddigger's Boy) and had enough left in reserve to score by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner’s dam, Untapped Secret, is also responsible for an unraced juvenile colt by Laoban. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,335. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

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

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, MAY 9
2023 Stud Fees Listed

Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, $10,000
213 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Always Dream Big, 6-1
$40,000 OBS APR 2yo
6-Thistledown, 3:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Giacometti, 12-1
$6,500 KEE JAN 2yo

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
348 foals of racing age/47 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:07 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Delight, 12-1
$105,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $90,000 OBS OCT yrl; $400,000 OBS MAR 2yo
1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Kate's Concerto, 9-2
$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

Redesdale (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, $2,500
74 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Finger Lakes, 4:09 p.m. EDT, Alw 5f, N Y Riesling, 12-1

West Coast (Flatter), Lane’s End Farm, $10,000
198 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Thistledown, 3:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Warhorse West, 5-1

TDN CRITERIA
The races covered in the TDN are as follows:
• Stakes: purses of $40,000/up
• Allowance Races: purses of $20,000/up
• Optional Claiming Races: purses of $20,000/up
• Maiden Special Weight Races: purses of $18,000/up
• Maiden Claiming Races: purses of $18,000/up & a minimum claiming price of $40,000

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**IN JAPAN:**

Amarna, f, 3, American Pharoah. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

Hardwired, c, 3, Hard Spun. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

Jasper Krone, c, 4, Frosted--Fancy Kitten (SP), by Kitten's Joy. Niigata, 5-7, Allowance, 1000mT; :56.9. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-2, $482,832. O-Kazuo Kato; B-Machmer Hall & Godolphin (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *SP-Jpn. **$25,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $90,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

**IN RUSSIA:**

Keen Fighter, f, 2, Keen Ice--To Fight, by To Honor and Serve. Pavlovskiy, 5-6, Allowance, 1200m. B-Vartan Vartanov (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Vensky Vals, c, 2, Nyquist--Virtuoso, by Awesome Again. Pavlovskiy, 5-6, Allowance, 1000m. B-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **$40,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Miss Missuri, f, 2, Speightstown--Momentary Magic, by Indian Charlie. Pavlovskiy, 5-6, Allowance, 1000m. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Won by about nine lengths. **$75,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Good Humor Man, c, 3, Good Samaritan--You're Kidding (SP), by Lemon Drop Kid. Kazan, 5-5, Allowance, 1600m. B-Wendy Lee Christ (FL). *$12,000 Ylg '21 OBSJAN; $15,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Talion Bars, c, 3, Tapwrit--Cashconsiderations, by Super Saver. Pavlovskiy, 5-6, Allowance, 1800m. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd & Bridlewood Farm (KY). *$35,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; $105,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **Winning for the third time in four starts.

**IN MEXICO:**

Liam's Crown, c, 2, Liam's Map--Intermittent, by Bernardini. Hipodromo de las Americas, 5-6, Maiden, 4 1/2f. B-Siena Farms LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Won by 11 1/2 lengths as the 4-5 favorite. **$1,500 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT.


**Saturday's Results:**

3rd-Kyoto, ¥10,480,000 ($77,667), Maiden, 3yo, 1200m, 1:13.6, ft.

AMARNA (f, 3, American Pharoah--Minks Aprise {SW & MGSP-Can, MSP-US, $300,215}, by Northern Afleet) finished a well-beaten third over seven furlongs at this venue Apr. 23 and was sent off the second pick here while dropping back in trip. Ridden positively by Yutaka Take, the $335,000 Keeneland September graduate eased out to chase a lone pacesetter from second, claimed that one readily with a furlong and a half to travel and the 17-5 chance bounded home to score by a comfortable 1 3/4 lengths over favored Botanical Garden (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). The winner is out of a three-time stakes-winning and three-time graded-placed mare purchased by Buck Pond’s Doug Arnold for $290,000 at Keeneland January in 2018. Her first foal was Higher Standard (Into Mischief), SP, $208,400, while her now 2-year-old Uncle Mo filly was knocked down to Tracy Farmer for $300,000 at KEESEP last year. Minks Aprise delivered a colt by Authentic last May and is due back to that stallion for her 2023 foal. American Pharoah is now the sire of 29 winners from 41 starters in Japan. Sales history: $335,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $44,889.

O-Kanayama Holdings Co Ltd; B-Buck Pond Farm Inc (KY); T-Katsunori Tanaka.

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Sunday’s Results:
5th-Tokyo, ¥14,880,000 ($110,305), Allowance, 3yo, 1400m, 1:25, ft.
HARDWIRED (c, 3, Hard Spun—Season Maker, by Pionerof the Nile), victorious on Nakayama debut Jan. 7, was a sound third in his first try against winners at that venue Mar. 4 and was favored at 5-2 to make the necessary improvement over the weekend. Away in midpack, the homebred improved to argue the pace for a time before easing back to race in clear air into the turn. Angled out into the long straight at Tokyo, he was put to a vigorous drive by Mirai Iwata, edged in front inside the final furlong and held on to take it by a nose. Hardwired is the first foal out of a close relative of GISW Grace Hall (Empire Maker), French Group 1-placed Wren’s Day (Medaglia d’Oro) and SP Mrs Claus (Cairo Prince). Season Maker is also the dam of the Japanese-based juvenile colt Wet Season (Mendelssohn) and produced a filly by Frosted this season after selling for $55,000 at Keeneland November last fall. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $119,508.
O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Yukihiro Kato.

IN JAPAN:
Scatter Seed (Jpn), m, 5, Uncle Mo--Scatladybdancing (SP), by Scat Daddy. Niigata, 5-7, Allowance, 1200m, 1:11.9. Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-0, $211,167. O-G1 Racing; B-Oiwake Farm; T-Makoto Saito. *$390,000 in utero '17 KEENOV.

STAKES RESULTS:
DINE S., (NB) $83,770, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 5-7, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.01, fm, 3/4 length.
FAST BUCK (g, 5, Gallant Son--Zorra Roja, by Falstaff) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, $215,474. O-Zephyr Racing LLC, Cruz, Peter and De Alba, Cesar; B-Daehling Ranch (CA); T-Cesar DeAlba. *1/2 to Fast and Foxy (Thisnearlywasmine), MSW, $514,030.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-Santa Anita, $83,770, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 5-7, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.01, fm, 3/4 length.

WILL ROGERS S., (NB) $55,000, Will Rogers Downs, 5-8, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:37.96, ft.
1--GHOST HERO, 122, c, 3, Shamun Ghost--Queen Buxley, by Super Saver. ($77,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT). O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-Clark O. Brewster (OK); T-Jayde J. Gelnner; J-Floyd Wethey Jr.. $33,000. Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-0, $195,900.
2--Rowdy River, 122, c, 3, Dominus--Grand Entry, by Grand Reward. O/B-Scattered Acres LLC (OK); T-Andy Gladd. $11,000.
3--Send the Boss, 122, c, 3, Street Boss--Send the Limo, by Tiz Wonderful. ($90,000 Ylg '21 TTAYHR; $200,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR; $95,000 3yo '23 KEEAPR). O-BSF Equine Athlete LLC; B-Rusty Roberts (OK); T-M. Brent Davidson. $6,050.

TALENTED MAN (g, 4, Talent Search--Musket Mary, by Musket Man) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, $119,290.
O-Hardesty Stables; B/T-Michael Moore (PA).
7th-Golden Gate Fields, $41,200, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 5-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :57.15, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

BABY KRISTEN (f, 4, Cat Burglar--Shared Image, by Rocky Bar) Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-0, $99,983. O/B-Robert Traynor (CA); T-Kelly Bainum. *$9,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTCAYR.

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $39,520, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 5-8, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.33, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.

MANSFIELD TIGER (g, 4, Pataky Kid--Merom, by Hold That Tiger) Lifetime Record: 12-6-0-0, $205,335. O-Kwiatkowski, Matt and Kaylor, Jason; B-Dana P Myers (IN); T-Tim Eggleston.

6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $36,000, 5-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.08, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

DON’T WAIT UP (g, 4, Upstart--Lovely Marissa, by Proud Citizen) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, $116,343. O-Southwest Racing Stables Inc.; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Genaro Garcia. *$1,500 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $23,000 Ylg '20 OBSWIN; $200,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

5th-Louisiana Downs, $33,000, (S), 5-8, (CW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.94, ft, 8 1/4 lengths.

NONEYA (m, 5, Palace--American Placed, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-2, $118,290. O-Ronnie P. Ward; B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA); T-Ronnie P. Ward. *$9,500 RNA Ylg ’19 KEESB. **1/2 to Budro Talking (Tale of Ekati), MSW, $394,569.

3rd-Louisiana Downs, $30,400, 5-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.54, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

PRADO’S PRIORITY (g, 4, Apriority--She’s Prado’s Idol {MSW, $350,320}, by Screen Idol) Lifetime Record: 16-6-4-2, $144,820. O-Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-Michele Rodriguez (LA); T-Lee Thomas.

6th-Thistledown, $28,000, 5-8, (NW13M), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.64, ft, neck.

ENERGIZER (g, 6, Uncle Mo--Spark {MSP, $119,443}, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 24-8-3-2, $194,578. O-Anthony Hohla; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Dave Treharne.

7th-Finger Lakes, $26,370, 5-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5f, :59.99, fm, 1 length.


ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Looking Good Lewis, g, 3, Downsing (Jpn)--Northern Dream, by Deputy Minister. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.36. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $23,100. B-Jay J. & Arven P. Holden (IN). *1ST-TIME STARTER.


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Regal Rey, c, 3, Union Rags—Southern Honey (GSW, $223,017), by Colonel John. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-8, 6f, 1:11.15. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $24,800. B-Southern Honey Partners LLC & W. S. Farish (KY). *$12,000 Wlg ’20 KEENOV; $30,000 RNA Ylg ’21 KEESEP.

Zappinit, g, 3, Skylord—Zapnow, by Ghostzapper. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.06. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $43,500. B-Robert Mitchell (CA). *1/2 to Colt Fiction (Ministers Wild Cat), MSP, $307,532.

Devil Be Me, g, 5, Grazen—Devilish Pro, by Eddington. Santa Anita, 5-7, (S), 6f, 1:10.96. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $43,500. B-Robert Mitchell (CA). *$12,000 Wlg ’20 KEENOV; $30,000 RNA Ylg ’21 KEESEP.

Apriority, Prado’s Priority, g, 4, o/o She’s Prado’s Idol, by Screen Idol. ALW, 5-8, Louisiana Downs

Cat Burglar, Baby Kristen, f, 4, o/o Shared Image, by Rocky Bar. AOC, 5-7, Golden Gate

Central Banker, Lockbox, f, 3, o/o Barrier to Entry, by City Zip. ALW, 5-8, Finger Lakes

Dowsing (Jpn), Looking Good Lewis, g, 3, o/o Northern Dream, by Deputy Minister. MSW, 5-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Gallant Son, Fast Buck, g, 5, o/o Zorra Roja, by Falstaff. AOC, 5-7, Santa Anita

Goldencents, Into Gold, g, 4, o/o Ebby, by Mercer Mill. ALW, 5-8, Thistledown

Grazen, Devil Be Me, g, 5, o/o Devilish Pro, by Eddington. MSW, 5-7, Santa Anita

Grazen, Lovesick Blues, g, 5, o/o Queenofhercastle, by Ministers Wild Cat. AOC, 5-7, Santa Anita

Gun Runner, Elusive Target, g, 4, o/o Ultimate Reward, by Unbridled’s Song. ALW, 5-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Munnings, Early Edition, m, 5, o/o Very Distinctive, by Mutakddim. ALW, 5-8, Parx Racing

Munnings, Sweet Medicine, g, 6, o/o Pure Blue Sky, by Purim. ALW, 5-8, Will Rogers

Palace, Nownya, m, 5, o/o American Placed, by Quiet American. ALW, 5-8, Louisiana Downs

Palace Malice, Schiffhauer Strong, c, 3, o/o Drink of the Day, by Artie Schiller. MSW, 5-8, Finger Lakes

Pataky Kid, Mansfield Tiger, g, 4, o/o Merom, by Hold That Tiger. AOC, 5-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Shaman Ghost, Ghost Hero, c, 3, o/o Queen Buxley, by Super Saver. Will Rogers S., 5-8, Will Rogers

Shame On Charlie, New Mexico Jeremy, g, 3, o/o Tia Tia, by Pine Bluff. Dine S., 5-7, Sunray

Skylord, Zappinit, g, 3, o/o Zapnow, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 5-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Talent Search, Talented Man, g, 4, o/o Musket Mary, by Musket Man. ALW, 5-8, Parx Racing

Uncle Mo, Energizer, g, 6, o/o Spark, by Speightstown. ALW, 5-8, Thistledown

Unified, Lady Got Moves, f, 4, o/o Lady Solvig, by Giant’s Causeway. ALW, 5-7, Lone Star

Union Rags, Regal Rey, c, 3, o/o Southern Honey, by Colonel John. MSW, 5-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Upstart, Don’t Wait Up, g, 4, o/o Lovely Marissa, by Proud Citizen. ALW, 5-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis

War Dancer, Wartapped, f, 3, o/o Untapped Secret, by Read the Footnotes. MSW, 5-8, Finger Lakes

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SEVEN DAYS: KINGS AND QUEENS OF THE HEATH

By Emma Berry

It’s a heady time of year to be on Newmarket Heath of a Saturday morning. You can tell by the convoy of smart cars when one of the big strings is about to arrive at the Al Bahathri, with Guineas weekend providing the perfect opportunity for owners to watch their horses work.

This past Saturday, either 2,000 Guineas day, Kentucky Derby day, or Coronation Day, depending on your persuasion, was no exception. With the car park double-stacked and trainers and jockeys all about, Joe Foley, waiting for the off with Steve Parkin and Danny Tudhope, exclaimed, "It's just like being at The Yard," in reference to Newmarket's famous watering hole not far from Tattersalls.

The Gosden string swept by, with Teddy Grimthorpe on hand to watch Imad Al Sagar's Classic heroine Nashwa (GB) (Frankel (GB)) in action, and they were followed by Sir Michael Stoute's team from Freemason Lodge. Philip Robinson and Richard Brown were in attendance, guaranteeing the appearance of reigning Derby hero Desert Crown (GB) (Nathaniel (Ire)), with Kevin Bradshaw in the saddle, Sarah Denniff at his side, as the countdown continues to his much-awaited comeback.

BLOW TO TONY MULLINS AS OWNER TAKES PRINCESS ZOE AWAY By Brian Sheerin

Trainer Tony Mullins has confirmed that Paddy Kehoe, owner of the Group 1-winning stayer Princess Zoe, has decided to move the mare to elsewhere.

The decision comes as a bitter blow to Mullins, who famously sourced Princess Zoe from Germany, and transformed her from being a middle-of-the-road-handicapper to being one of the best stayers in Europe.

Her career highlight for Mullins came when taking out the G1 Prix du Cadran at ParisLongchamp in 2020 and she had achieved big-race success as recently as last season when landing the G3 Sagaro S. at Ascot.

However, a winter spent hurdling--where Princess Zoe enjoyed mixed fortunes--is said to be at the root of the disagreement between Mullins and his owner.

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MAGE LOOKING LIKE PRESSING ON TO PREAKNESS

GI Kentucky Derby winner Mage (Good Magic) is pointing to the GI Preakness S. May 20, where he is increasingly unlikely to face Forte (Violence).
HILLEN REFLECTS ON VIA SISTINA

Via Sistina (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) had scarce interest early days, but her rags-to-riches story reached a peak in the G2 Dahlia S. Stephen Hillen speaks with Brian Sheerin.

PRIZE MONEY BURST FOR LONGINES HKIR

The four races which comprise the Longines Hong Kong International Races will each receive purse increases of HK$2 million, while the other top-level races in the jurisdiction will be bumped by HK$1 million.
The previous evening, Stoute has been a special guest at a reception at the National Horse Racing Museum to mark his induction into the QIPCO British Champions Series Hall of Fame, along with Sea The Stars (Ire). The latter's owner and co-breeder Christopher Tsui had flown in from Hong Kong for the event, and his trainer John Oxx from Ireland. In the hands of the excellent Lydia Hislop, the interviews at the ceremony were both revealing and emotional.

Earlier on at the Rowley Mile, Stoute and Sea The Stars had combined to provide a maiden success for Infinite Cosmos (Ire), a market springer for the Oaks, which may just come a stroke too soon following the unfortunate abandonment of Sandown's meeting a week earlier, at which she had been set to make her seasonal resumption.

Stoute, ever the master of the slow burn with his Classic prospects, would not be pressed on the matter of the likelihood of Epsom for the elegant chestnut filly. As the great owner-breeders of yore fade into the past, it would be a poignant marker for Infinite Cosmos to contest a Classic this year, running in memory of her late breeder Sir Evelyn de Rothschild. Interviewed after the race, the trainer's mouth twitched a little, which may just have been irritation at the reporters' questions, or may, in a more fanciful light, be a flicker of evidence of the regard in which he holds the long-striding filly who represents connections who have provided his stable with such names as Crystal Ocean (GB) and Notnowcato (GB). We look forward to seeing her next in the G3 Tattersalls Musidora S. at York on May 17, which was confirmed as her next start to TDN on Monday.

There was less twitching and more active wriggling and fidgeting by the time Stoute was put under an actual spotlight in the Museum and grilled by Hislop, who thanked him profusely for not running away from her, as he is wont to do when faced by a microphone at the races.

The horses may speak for themselves there, but when Stoute is pressed to speak on their behalf, remembering which of them he loved the best, he is reluctant to choose from a swathe of greats but eventually leans on those global gallopers, Singspiel (Ire) and Pilsudski (Ire). Quite a response from the man who trained Shergar (Ire), but Stoute is rarely predictable.

"Because they raced until they were five-year-olds," he explained. "And they were international horses, they had a wonderful record. Their constitutions were tremendous, their temperaments. They were just lovely horses to have."

Of course the irony with Stoute is that the less he says, the more people want to know what he thinks. Like his favoured jockey, Ryan Moore, he is clearly uncomfortable in the media glare. His deliberate pauses before answering and mid-sentence are unlikely to be because he is at a loss for words; more probably because he knows how readily words can be pounced upon and misinterpreted. Clearly, however, at 77, he has lost none of his appetite for training. In an industry so preoccupied with viewing racehorses as commodities rather than the living works in progress that they all are at their tender ages, to hear Stoute's few words was heartening.

"I think you're got to love horses," he told Hislop. "They are fascinating, so it's intriguing work. But the staff are so important, and relationships with the staff are so important. So I find that quite fascinating, getting their opinions.

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"It's all team work. The rider has to contribute a great deal and the people that feed him early in the morning. I'm not trying to be immodest. It's interesting, if you love horses and you love racing."

The many long-serving members of staff at Freemason Lodge speak volumes as to the two-way loyalty of those involved at the Stoute stable, top to bottom.

The Understated Oxx
From one of the most cherished members of the British racing fraternity, the microphone was passed to John Oxx, for whom the same comments apply in Ireland. Standing alongside him was Christopher Tsui, who, as an 11-year-old boy, watched his parents' horse Urban Sea win the Arc. Though that occasion was memorable enough in itself, who there that day could even have imagined the legacy that mare would leave, both for her owners and for the Thoroughbred breed? To the wider world, it could be argued that her greatest gift was Galileo (Ire). To the Tsui family, it was another of her sons, Sea The Stars.

When Christopher Tsui was asked by Hislop when John Oxx had first let on that Sea The Stars was something special, he replied, "John is very careful. So I think it was after he won the Guineas."

As the laughter died down, Oxx added in his own defence, "You have to manage owners' expectations, so if you set the bar too high to begin with, there's only one way, and that's down. Mind you, I could have been rash in my early assessments and he wouldn't have let you down."

But his sensible caution, which one imagines would be echoed by Stoute, was evident again when he said, "The most commonly asked question for me was 'When did you know he was a great horse?' Each race is a new test, and until you've won the next one you can never be sure." Cont. p5
**In the Footsteps of Frankel**

For John Oxx and Christopher Tsui, the dream season for *Sea The Stars* was only really beginning this week 14 years ago when he won the 2,000 Guineas. This year, the King’s procession after the Coronation reached Buckingham Palace just ahead of the off for the first race on 2,000 Guineas day, precision timing of which Her Late Majesty would surely have approved.

On a momentous day for the Balding family, Clare was perhaps able to conclude her royal commentating duties for the BBC in time to switch on ITV Racing to watch her brother Andrew land the third British Classic of his career.

Claiming a fifth victory in the 2,000 Guineas for Juddmonte Farms, Chaldean (GB) was the first of son of *Frankel (GB)* to emulate his sire’s jaw-dropping performance on the Rowley Mile 12 years ago, and happily this came on the first occasion that Prince Saud, son of the late Prince Khalid Abdullah, had visited a British racecourse.

With such a powerful stallion roster and broodmare band at its disposal, the Juddmonte name doesn’t appear on the buyers’ lists at sales too often, but when it does, those charged with making the purchases don’t often get it wrong. Arrogate was one such example in recent years, and Chaldean, whose Guineas success came four days shy of his actual third birthday, can be added alongside him.

The chestnut colt is the product of Whitsbury Manor Stud’s breeding programme, and his dam Suelita (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) has been making a determined bid for blue hen status of late, with five of her six offspring having earned black type, including the Group 2 winner Alkumait (GB) (Showcasing {GB}).

Whitsbury Manor also featured as the breeder over the weekend of the Listed Charles II S. winner Shouldvebeenaring (GB) and easy juvenile debutant winner Elite Status (GB), both by resident stallion Havana Grey (GB).

Despite this great run, the stud’s director Ed Harper was still doing a very convincing Eeyore impression at Newmarket, claiming ahead of the race that Chaldean had little chance. Perhaps he was just taking a leaf out of the John Oxx book of expectation management, and we are happy to report that, despite the teeming rain that had persisted throughout Saturday afternoon, Harper was more Tigger-like after the Guineas.

**A Delight of Derby Winners**

Many more people had that Tigger bounce to their step by Sunday, when sunshine brought an altogether more upbeat feel to proceedings at Newmarket.

From the vision of Desert Crown’s more substantial four-year-old frame on Saturday morning, we were treated to the sight of the second of three Derby winners currently remaining in training when the magnificent beast that is Adayar (Ire) stepped into the parade ring. *Frankel* had his fingerprints all over Newmarket’s group contests, with his Irish Derby and St Leger winner Hurricane Lane (Ire) having made a return to the winner’s enclosure after Friday’s G2 Jockey Club S., followed by his old mucker Adayar in the rescheduled G3 Gordon Richards S. on Sunday.

Royal Ascot for the Prince of Wales’s S. is the most likely target for the latter, who will surely relish better ground but did everything required to get his career back on track after his narrow defeat by Bay Bridge (GB) in the Champion S. during a season in which he appeared only twice.

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Godolphin’s excellent day continued when Mawj (GB) (Exceed And Excel [Aus]) doggedly repelled the favourite Tahiyra (Ire) (Siyouni [Fr]) in the 1,000 Guineas to give Saeed Bin Suroor his first Group 1 win in Britain in a decade and a first major success for Oisin Murphy since his comeback from a 14-month suspension.

Murphy was excellent, too, on Classic prospect Running Lion (GB) (Roaring Lion), who was one of two stakes winners over the weekend for David Howden, whose eponymous company had stepped in to sponsor the entire undercard at Newmarket, backing up QIPCO’s sponsorship of both Guineas races.

"That was a magical moment," shouted Howden to David Redvers, with whom he bred Running Lion from the Dansili (GB) mare Bella Nouf (GB).

The late Roaring Lion | Tweenhills Stud

A man not short of enthusiasm, he told the crowd of journalists, "Amazing. It's so wonderful to see her win today. She's such a special horse, being by Roaring Lion, who had a very special place in our hearts. Today, for me, that's as good as it gets."

Explaining the relationship a little further, Redvers added, "Bella Nouf was one of the first mares we bought together. When we bought her I had to take a big loan because I came to the conclusion that we had to buy some nice mares to support Roaring Lion. David came in as a partner in several, and I think he's probably got 25 horses in total now.

"Isn't it weird the way it happens? Originally, he bought a day on the gallops at the school my sister's children go to and his children went to. I rang him recently and said there was the opportunity to sponsor the whole undercard here, and he's never said no to me--though I usually have to take a leg in something.

"He's been incredibly lucky but I think it's a bit like his business, where he gets enthusiastic people around him who are investors in the business in exactly the same way as I am with the horses."

Redvers is understandably emotional when it comes to the late Roaring Lion, who died after covering for only one season at Tweenhills, and who was trained, like Running Lion, at the Gosdens' Clarehaven Stables.

"I went and stood at the back of the lift on the way down [from the grandstand]. I didn't want to have anyone around me," he said in the winner's enclosure.

"I also have to stress that this is all down to Sheikh Fahad. If he hadn't bought Roaring Lion, and stood Roaring Lion, and sponsored this meeting through QIPCO, then we wouldn't have any part of it either. David gets on really well with Sheikh Fahad and they have shares together in several horses. It's a happy marriage. Unless you are running your own country, to play in this game at a decent level you need to have partnerships. It's a much better sport when you're sharing the fun, and it's a much easier sport when you're sharing the downside."

He added, "You pick out horses in your life. That's the great thing about this game. My career started with a filly called Lady Rebecca, and then Dunaden changed it beyond recognition, and Roaring Lion changed it again. Now we have Running Lion. That's the reason we do it, for horses like this."

Time to Heed the Warnings

Whether we call it a sport, a business, or an industry, many people involved with horse racing will share the sentiments expressed above by Redvers. We all hope for that good horse to come along, and we love the ones who are not so good just the same.

However, as events at the signature meetings of Churchill Downs and Aintree have shown in recent weeks, we must never rest when it comes to doing the very best for the horses in our care. This has to start at the top and be upheld throughout, and if horsemen and women cannot get behind reforms to the sport made in the best interests of the creatures on whom many of us base our life's work, then they have no business being in the business.

On a personal note, I know of almost no happier feeling than standing on Newmarket Heath, training morning or racing afternoon, with the sun on my face and the drumming of horses' hooves in my ears. How to reconcile this near-lifelong love with the portrayal of the sport on mainstream platforms outside racing is a question I am finding harder to answer. And it's not just ill-informed protest groups being given uncontested airtime in the build-up to the Grand National.

Consider these lines, from the Washington Post on the day the Kentucky Derby was run at a Churchill Downs reeling from the fall-out from the fatalities of five horses during the previous week: "Thoroughbred horse racing is to drug abuse as the Fourth of July is to beer and hot dogs. Win or die." Cont. p7
Seven Days cont.

Or these, from the New York Times the next day after another two horses were euthanised on the Derby undercard: "It is the horses that are feeding everyone in a multibillion-dollar industry. It is the humans who are letting them down."

For most participants within the sport, abusing horses with so-called performance-enhancing drugs is unthinkable, but that’s not enough. It must become abhorrent to all. Now is not the time for complacency or obstinance or cheating. If we want this great love affair to continue, now is the time for a public display of commitment.

Princess Zoe Moved From Mullins cont. from p1

He told TDN Europe on Monday, "It’s terribly, terribly disappointing--I will never forget the mare anyway. She is gone to another trainer. Paddy bought out the other shareholder who disagreed with the decision. I had a connection with that mare that I don’t think I had with any other horse in my life."

He added, "We'll have to live with it now. It's a tough one to take but I'll never forget her. Paddy was adamant about forging out a hurdlng career with her and he thought that Danny [Mullins, jockey and Tony’s son] didn't get on with her. I didn't agree with either thing."

"I thought that, if she came around, there might be another Flat race in her. But, for me, persisting at hurdlng is not something I could agree with."

Princess Zoe has won £428,676 in career earnings. She was offered at last year’s December Mares Sale at Tattersalls but failed to meet her reserve and was bought back by connections for £300,000.

Kehoe, who voiced his criticism about Danny Mullins on Twitter after Cheltenham in March, was contacted for comment by TDN Europe on Monday and confirmed that Princess Zoe had been taken away from her trainer but failed to elaborate further.

He said, "There are other things involved here which I do not want to comment on. I have no doubt that Tony won't want to comment either."

“She looked like a moose at the sales”
- Group 1 Plans for 5K Purchase

By Brian Sheerin

Bloodstock agent Stephen Hillen has recalled how Sunday’s G2 Dahlia S. winner Via Sistina (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) would not have won any beauty pageants as a yearling but revealed a certain amount of thinking-outside-of-the-box has led to him dreaming of big-race riches with the George Boughey-trained mare.

Via Sistina couldn't have been more impressive at Newmarket on Sunday. She travelled into the race like a dream under Jamie Spencer, a good friend of Hillen’s, and won going away by six lengths without having to be asked too many questions in the saddle.

It was a performance that screamed quality and Hillen, who is better known for finding top-notch prospects for clients in his role as a bloodstock agent, is being rewarded for playing the long game with the horse he picked up for just 5,000gns at the December Yearling Sales in 2019.

“She was a giant as a yearling,” Hillen recalled. “She is probably close to 17 hh at present. But she looked like a moose at the sales--big and backward.

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“Those Fastnet Rocks can be an acquired taste sometimes but she has grown into herself and you wouldn't call her an unattractive mare now.”

He added, “I often buy a filly one year and flip it the next and we've raced good fillies like Haggle (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) before. “There have been several fillies we have done the job with, in that we bought them without black-type and, once we got it, sold them on the following year.

“Listen, I like to race them and, if I spot something I like and have no order to fill, I'll just buy it within reason.”

Via Sistina races in the colours of Hillen's wife Becky. Those purple and pink silks were also carried by Haggle, Four White Socks (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and Banzari (GB) (Motivator {GB}), while Hillen has been involved with classy fillies Statement (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) and La Dragontea (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) as well.

Hillen is in little doubt that there is more to come from his latest runner and confirmed that Via Sistina will not be sold on until the end of this campaign at least. The G1 Pretty Polly S. awaits.

He said, “Jamie was very positive about her but he's always loved that filly ever since he got on her. She'd been threatening to do something like that but you just don't expect it. Jamie even went to Toulouse to ride her last year.

“Ordinarily, he wouldn't go all the way there for a Group 3, but I was just fearful if something went wrong and I really wanted to win a Group race with her. It was at the end of the year, too, which is why she may not have been as impressive as she can be that day, and she was also a bit keen on a tight track.”

Hillen added, “That was only her ninth start on Sunday--some horses run nine times in a year. We'll probably race her until the end of the year at least and then make a plan. We're going to try and have a bit of fun with her. If the ground is on the slow side, she'll probably go to the Pretty Polly. She's a Group 2 winner now so the natural step is to go and try and win a Group 1. It's exciting. It would be a dream to win a Group 1 with her.”

Almanzor’s G3 Prix de Fontainebleau third Rajapour (Ire) representing Vadeni’s owner-breeder The Aga Khan and Nurlan Bizakov’s Padishakh (Fr)--by Almanzor’s sire Wootton Bassett (GB)--looking to turn around a 2 1/2-length deficit with Yeguada Centurion’s Big Rock (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) from the G3 Prix la Force. Fading late when second in that early Jockey Club pointer over this trip, the TDN Rising Star will have to settle better than he did there if he is to close the gap on Christopher Head’s likeable front-runner.

Via Sistina cont.

More Frankel Gold For Juddmonte?

After a momentous weekend for Juddmonte and Frankel (GB), it would be no surprise if those two irresistible forces combine again to continue the momentum with the Andre Fabre-trained Flight Leader (GB). Dropping back from the 10 1/2-furlong trip over which he captured the G3 Prix Noailles at ParisLongchamp last month, the homebred was a course-and-distance winner in October but this is going to be a bare minimum distance for him in this type of company.
 urging inside the final furlong to easily account for Melisende (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) by four lengths. Yorkshire Terrier, half-brother to a yearling colt by Study Of Man (Ire), is the third foal and scorer produced by a multiple-winning granddaughter of trainer Saeed bin Suroor's first G1 1000 Guineas heroine Cape Verdi (Ire) (Caerleon). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $11,347.

O-Miss D Finkler, A Herd, Dr P Holloway 1; B-Friar Ings Stud Ltd (GB); T-Charlie Johnston.

5th-Southwell, £7,600, Novice, 5-8, 3yo/up, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:41.29, st/sl.
MARKSMAN QUEEN (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}–Sharp Susan (MGSW & GISP-US, $478,326), by Touch Gold), the eighth foal out of the GII Lake Placid S. winner and GI Garden City S.-placed dam, was notably keen for the first half of the race behind the leading duo. Tackling Zouzanna (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}) with a furlong remaining, the 16-1 shot battled gamely to see off that rival close home and prevail by a head. The dam’s first foal was the GII Summer S.-placed Indiano Jones (A.P. Indy) and she later produced the four-times group 1-winning dual South African champion and 2018 Horse of the Year Oh Susanna (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}), as well as the G3 Kingdom S. winner and G1 Stradbroke H. and G1 Kingsford-Smith Cup-placed Signore Fox (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}). Her 2-year-old filly Susan The Gentle (GB) is by Frankel (GB), while she also has a yearling colt by Kingman (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $9,423.

O/B-Cayton Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

3rd-Newcastle, £7,600, Novice, 5-8, 3yo, f, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:40.15, st/sl.
COPPICE (GB) (f, 3, Kingman {GB}–Helleborine {GB} {GSW & G1SP-Fr, $218,924}, by Observatory), only 10th when sent off the 2-1 favourite for the G3 Nell Gwyn S. at Newmarket last month, having impressed when off the mark on debut at Kempton in October, tanked her way into a stalking position enjoying cover soon after the start. Allowed to stride to the front inside the final two furlongs, the 4-9 favourite drew away to enjoy a confidence-restoring success by 3 1/4 lengths from Fleurir (GB) (Justify). The winner is a full-sister to the stable’s G2 Coventry S.-winning first-season sire Calyx (GB) whose dam is the G3 Prix d’Aumale and Listed Prix Six Perfections winner and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up. Helleborine is a full-sister to the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine African Rose (GB), who is in turn the dam of the ill-fated G3 Princess Margaret S. winner Fair Eva (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and to the unraced dam of the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, G1 Dewhurst S. and G1 Vincent O’Brien National S. hero Native Trail (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Also connected to past Dewhurst winner Distant Music, her 2-year-old colt Stagney (GB) and yearling filly are also by Kingman. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $11,064.

O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

1st-Ayr, £8,000, Mdn, 5-8, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.07, gd.
INDICATION CALL (IRE) (c, 2, Soldier’s Call {GB}–Queen Elsa {Ire}, by Frozen Power {Ire}), runner-up in five-furlong starts at Beverley and Pontefract last month, lined up in a first-time visor and was well away to stalk the pace in second from the outset of this fourth start. Coming under pressure at halfway, the 11-8 favourite edged ahead approaching the final furlong and was ridden out in the closing stages to hold the persistent threat of Sennockian (Ire) (No Nay Never) by a neck, becoming the third winner for his first-crop sire (by Showcasing {GB}). Indication Call, half-brother to a yearling filly by Dandy Man (Ire), is the fourth of five foals and first scorer produced by a half-sister to G2 Mill Reef S. victor Toocool For School (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}) and to the dam of G3 Molecomb S. third Show Me Show Me (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). The March-foaled bay’s fourth dam is GIII Chrysanthemum H. victrix Cannon Boy (Canonero II). Sales history: 27,000gns Wlg TADEWE; 42,000 Ylg TATIRY.

Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $9,963.

O-Nick Bradley Racing 5 & Elaine Burke; B-MCR Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Karl Burke.
3rd-Royal Windsor, £8,000, Mdn, 5-8, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:19.03, sf. CIRCUIT BREAKER (GB) (g, 3, Nathaniel {Ire}--Australian Queen {GB}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}), sent off the 2-1 favourite, raced keenly initially before settling behind the leading pair. Staying on stoutly to take over passing the two-furlong marker, the homebred asserted to score by 3 1/4 lengths from St Just In Stoutly to take over passing the two-furlong marker, the keenly initially before settling behind the leading pair. Staying on, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

CIRCUIT BREAKER (GB) (g, 3, Nathaniel {Ire}--Australian Queen {GB}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Additional Maiden Winners:

Tears Of A Clown (GB), f, 2, Pearl Secret (GB)–Paper Star (GB), by Make Believe (GB). Royal Windsor, 5-8, 5f 21yT, 1:03.44. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $6,786. B-Joseph Loveridge (GB).

Abu Royal (Ire), c, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)–Spesialta (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Ayr, 5-8, 8fT, 1:43.02. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $7,478. B-Manor Farm Stud & J E Rose (GB).

Peace Man (GB), c, 4, Kingman (GB)–Peacehaven (Ire), by Rip Van Winkle (Ire). Royal Windsor, 5-8, 10fT, 2:17.88. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $7,478. B-Manor Farm Stud & J E Rose (GB).

FRANCE

Monday’s Results:

1st-Lyon-Parilly, €23,000, Mdn, 5-8, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.97, sf. INTELLECT (FR) (g, 2, Intello {Ger}–Caldera (Ire), by Ifraaj {GB}), an Apr. 15 debut third tackling five furlongs at Moulins last time, was well away to track the leaders in third after the initial strides of this return. Inching into second off the home turn, the 24-5 chance hit the front passing the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out inside the final furlong to comfortably outpoint Cape Cannon (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) by three lengths. Intellect, full-brother to a yearling filly, is the first of two foals produced by a dual-winning granddauughter of G2 Prix de l’Opera victrix Clodora (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), herself the dam of G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches-winner sire Clodovil (Ire) (Danehill), GI Arlington Million third Colombian (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) and the stakes-placed Clodovina (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). Clodovina, in turn, is the dam of GI Belmont Derby Invitational winner Barshiba (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,456.

O-Mr J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

Additional Maiden Winners:

MYTHICO (FR) (h, 5, Adlerflug {Ger}–Madhyana (Ger), by Monsun {Ger}) Lifetime Record: MGSW-Ger, 18-4-2-2, €173,430. O-Stall TMB; B-Dr Thomas M Bretzger (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Carvalho. *€24,000 RNA Ylg ‘19 BBAGS. **Full to Mythica (Ire), MSP-Ger; and 1/2 to Mythicara (Ire) (Zelzal {Fr}), GSP-Ger.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Almanarah (Fr), f, 4, Shalaa (Ire)–Al Hazmiia (Ire), by Zamindar. Lyon-Parilly, 5-8, 8fT, 1:38.10. B-Khalifa Mohammed Al Attiyah & Khalfan Mohammed Al-Suwaidi (FR). *€50,000 RNA Ylg ‘20 ARQSEP.

Bombina (Fr), f, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)–Atomique (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Le Lion d’Angles, 5-8, 7fT, 1:27.67. B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR).

Everstar (Fr), c, 2, Seabahc–Quatuor (Ire), by Kodiac (GB). Le Lion d’Angles, 5-8, 6fT, 1:14.15. B-A Doerner (FR). *€28,000 RNA Ylg ‘20 ARQACG.

Holly Story (Fr), f, 4, Charm Spirit (Ire)–Holly Polly (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Dylan Thomas (Ire). Strasbourg, 5-8, 7fT, 1:29.14. B-Ecurie Haras de Beaufay (FR). *€20,000 RNA Ylg ‘20 ARQUOT. **Full to Qaiser (Fr), MSP-Fr.

Saint Sever (Fr), c, 3, Dabirsim (Fr)–Skyron (Fr), by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire). Gabarret, 5-8, 9fT, 1:48.02. B-Mme Janine Gandy, Alban Chevalier du Fau, Laurent Benoit & Francois Tessier (FR).
FIRST-SEASON SIREs WITH RUNNERS

UNITED KINGDOM
Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age
18:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, Raknah (Ire)
€80,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age
18:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, Snafiya (Ire)
80,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
95 foals of racing age
18:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, Callianassa (Ire)
€23,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; £14,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

Soldier’s Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
121 foals of racing age
18:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, Mystical Illusion (GB)

FRANCE:
Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud
103 foals of racing age
2-CHANTILLY, 1000m, Angiolleta (Ire)
€21,000 Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022

City Light (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d’Etreham
88 foals of racing age
2-CHANTILLY, 1000m, Best of Light (Fr)
€20,000 Arqana Deauville February Mixed Sale 2022

HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL RACES RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL BOOST

Prize money for the Longines Hong Kong International Races (HKIR) will be worth a record HK$118 million in 2023 and will again host the world’s richest Group 1 turf races over 1200m, 1600m and 2000m, the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) announced on Monday.

The G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup received a 5.9% increase to HK$36 million, the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint (1200m) has been boosted by 8.3% to HK$26 million, the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile (1600m) will grow by 6.7% to HK$32 million and the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase (2400m) received a 9.1% bump to HK$24 million.

Additionally, each of the city’s 12 Group 1 races will rise by a minimum of HK$1 million for a combined HK$20 million as part of an overall prize money increase of 10%. Hong Kong’s record prize money and incentive structure now stretches to an estimated HK$1.73 billion across the 2023/24 season. The world’s richest Group 1 turf race over 1400m--the G1 Queen’s Silver Jubilee Cup--offers HK$13 million in prize money, while the Club has also raised purses on Group 2 and Group 3 races to HK$5.35 million and HK$4.2 million, hikes of 7.0% and 7.7%, respectively.

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HKIR Purse Increase cont.

Including substantial increases to the PP and PPG bonus scheme, Hong Kong’s domestic racing prize money pool will increase by 8% alone next season—with an additional HK$94 million on offer—to HK$1.38 billion.

“The Longines Hong Kong International Races continue to be widely recognised as the ‘Turf World Championships’ and the HK$118 million total prize money on offer next season also underscores the Club’s commitment to attracting and rewarding the world’s best horses and their connections,” Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, said. “With growing competition around the world, it is crucial that Hong Kong’s two international race days—Longines Hong Kong International Races and FWD Champions Day—continue to be destinations of choice for owners, trainers and jockeys from around the world.”

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Tuesday, Chantilly, France, post time: 15:33

**PRIX DE GUICHE-G3, €80,000, 3yo, c/g, 9f**

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**BOODLES CHESTER VASE S.-G3, £120,000, 3yo, c/g, 12f**

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