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The juvenile sales season marches through Lexington today, with Keeneland's April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale getting underway at 4 p.m. A total of 161 2-year-olds were catalogued for the one-session sale--seven of whom shared the bullet work of :09 4/5 during last



Keeneland photo

Thursday's under-tack preview. With a steady stream of prospective buyers at the sales barn, consignors are optimistic that the strong returns from Barretts, OBS and Fasig-Tipton will continue at Keeneland.

"I think we've shown to a good cross-section of people, and they're coming back and zeroing in on the ones they like," reported consignor Nick de Meric. "There's a certain intensity to the way people are looking at horses up here, which is a good sign. There's an awareness that there is

definitely a shortage of quality horses at the moment, and that if you're going to play, you've got to really step in. I see people looking at horses that way, rather than with that casual nonchalance look we all dread."

The middle market has been a weak spot this year, but Wavertree Stable's Ciaran Dunne thinks that trend will continue.

"I think it is business as usual at the 2-year-old sales," Dunne said. "For about five years now, we sell 30-40% of what we catalogue. The horses that separate themselves on the racetrack by performance are the horses that sell the best. And that is how it is supposed to be. We keep hoping that someone is going to come along and mop up the pieces and buy those middle-market horses, but it's the nature of the business. The more we expose them, the more we show people what they don't want. In the same way we don't want to buy those kinds of horses, neither do they."

Kip Elser from Kirkwood Stables was quick to point out that those "middle market" horses have still proven themselves to be valuable prospects. **Cont. p3**

A NEW FORCE IN FRANCE

Sunday's G3 Prix la Force at Longchamp, a trial for the G1 Prix du Jockey Club, was teed up to be a procession for the unbeaten Rouget trainee **Beauvoir (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}). It turned out an entirely different story, however, as the rags-to-riches performer **Saonois (Fr)** (Chichicastenango {Fr}) continued his upward trajectory through the ranks with a last-gasp victory. Keen early in fourth as the 1-2 favorite Beauvoir raced freely before his pacemaker **Saint Loup (Fr)** (Zamindar) took up his duties, Saonois was beginning to get to work as the favorite took over inside the final quarter. Beauvoir started to falter close home and it looked for a brief period as if his stable companion would cause an upset, but Saonois found a seam between them in the nick of time. "His last race at Cagnes woke him up and made him a true competitor," conditioner Jean-Pierre Gauvin commented. "He was still a little fresh and the jockey did well to get him covered up and wait as long as he could. I had some anxious moments halfway down the straight, but luckily he found a gap and quickened up. He's a very neat horse with a lot of heart and if he recovers well he will run again in the G2 Prix Greffulhe [at Saint-Cloud May 5] before the Prix du Jockey Club [at Chantilly June 3]."

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Oka Sho Goes to Gentildonna

Sunday Racing's Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) out-dueled Verxina (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and I'm Yours (Jpn) (Falbrav {Ire}) to score in Sunday's G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) at Hanshin.

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Dullahan (Even the Score) fired a bullet five furlongs in :57 2/5 at Keeneland yesterday in preparation for that venue's G1 Toyota Blue Grass S. Saturday. Coady Photography

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"These horses have been pre-selected by the consignors, and pre-selected by the sales company," Elser explained. "Now, you need a few more buyers other than the very top, more buyers who trust that pre-selection and who can buy at the level under the top. These horses have been through so many sieves just to get here, and I think that's one of the things buyers miss at a sale like this--just how much of a selection pyramid these horses have already been through. And what is considered 'the bottom half' is still a very good group of horses."

At last year's Keeneland April sale, 70 horses sold for \$11,564,000, an average of \$165,200 and a median of \$130,000.

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9, c, Lemon Drop Kid--Kreiseriana, Seeking the Gold
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XIII

A grandson of multiple champion Kooyonga (Ire) (Persian Bold {Ire}), this colt gassed an eighth in a co-bullet :9 4/5. "Obviously, it was one of the fastest works, and it was an excellent work," said consignor Niall Brennan. "He got over the track so well. He's typical for a Lemon Drop Kid--they handle the turf and synthetic very well. He's still an immature colt; he's typical of the sire, and he's only going to get better as he matures into his body. But he's a very agile, athletic colt."

11, c, Tiznow--Letgomyecho, by Meniffee
Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc.
(Ciaran Dunne), Agent XI

Out of graded stakes winner Letgomyecho, this dark bay colt shared the furlong bullet of :09 4/5. "He's got a pedigree to go long and he is brilliantly fast," commented Ciaran Dunne. "That was probably as good a breeze as there was. He was fast, he galloped out good, he moves good. He's by Tiznow out of a stakes-winning mare that Rusty Arnold trained, and Rusty said she was as talented as he's been around. And Tiznow, with [GI Wood Memorial winner] Gemologist (Tiznow) yesterday, he's obviously a hot horse." The colt was a \$150,000 Keeneland September yearling and a \$170,000 Keeneland November weanling.

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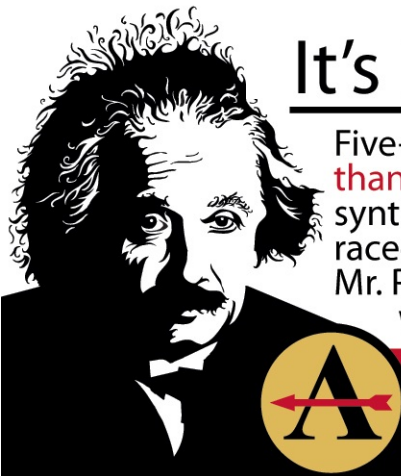


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High Price	\$625,000	\$625,000
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21, f, Elusive Quality--Mary Delaney, by Hennessy
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XXX

A :10 1/5 breezer at the under-tack show, this filly is the second foal from the talented Mary Delaney, winner of the GII Vinery Madison S. here at Keeneland. "She's a very good filly," said consignor Eddie Woods. "She was very immature in the fall, a tiny, narrow filly, and she's done nothing but blossom and grow, and she'll continue to grow."

23, f, Lemon Drop Kid--Meadow Vista, by Meadowlake
Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent I

Produced by the GSP Meadow Vista and a three-parts sister to SW & GSP Bachata (Kingmabo), this filly breezed a quarter in :21 4/5. "She's a quality filly," said consignor Kip Elser. "She trains well, she enjoys it, and she's from a quality family."

44, f, Lemon Drop Kid--Queenie Belle, by Bertrando
Consigned by de Meric Sales, agent

A \$210,000 FTSAUG yearling, this filly breezed an eighth in :10 flat, but boasts plenty more than an sharp work. A daughter of Grade II winner Queenie Belle, she's a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic heroine Unrivaled Belle (Unbridled's Song). "She's a fabulous filly who's done everything right," said consignor Nick de Meric. "She looked like she'd be a terrific addition to anyone's racing stable, and eventually to the broodmare band afterwards."

46, c, Giant's Causeway--Raffishing Look, by Kingmambo
Consigned by de Meric Sales, agent

This colt was among the seven juveniles who shared the bullet when he went an eighth :9 4/5 at Thursday's under-tack preview. From the family of Twilight Agenda and Refuse to Bend (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), the colt was purchased by Nick de Meric for \$115,000 at Keeneland September. "Giant's Causeway is such a widely respect sire in so many jurisdictions, and this horse had an awesome breeze," said de Meric. "He's such a tough competitor, and looks like he'll be a real factor wherever he ends up."

64, f, Majestic Warrior--South African Baby, by Johannesburg
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XCII

From the first crop of her Grade I-winning sire, this filly was produced by a half-sister to the Grade I performer Glok (Theatrical {Ire}) and to the dam of MGSW Straight Line (Boundary). She sold for \$95,000 as a KEENOV weanling and for \$115,000 as a KEESEP yearling, and breezed a quarter in :20 3/5, the second fastest at the distance. "She's been very straightforward all year," said consignor Eddie Woods. "As a rule, the Majestic Warriors have been like that. They go on and, like the [offspring] of A.P. Indy, look like the next coming. And this filly showed up and did her thing the other day." Cont. p5

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101, f, Teufflesberg--Bella Dorato, by Goldminers Gold
Consigned by McKathan Bros., agent

This filly is a full-sister to this year's standout 3-year-old sprinter Trinniberg, runner-up in the GI Three Chimneys Hopeful S. at two and winner of the GIII Swale S. at Gulfstream and, on Saturday, of the GIII Bay Shore S. at Aqueduct. At the breeze show, she showed some of her brother's gas with a co-bullet **:9 4/5** work. Fred Hertrich signed for the filly for \$80,000 at last year's FTKOCT sale. "She's a gorgeous, athletic filly, and she breezed in **:9 4/5**," said McKathan Bros. sales coordinator Chris Alexander. "She's been very popular and has shown well."

106, f, Mr. Greeley--Bonnie Byerly, by Dayjur
Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc.
(Ciaran Dunne), Agent XXI

This Irish-bred filly is a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Diabolical (Artax) and from the family of Plenty of Grace and Soaring Softly. She shared the bullet furlong drill of **:9 4/5** at last week's under tack preview. "She worked fabulously," said Ciaran Dunne. "She is from a deep female family. She is out of a mare who has got a lot of opportunities; she has got a Galileo (Ire) yearling and is being bred back to Galileo (Ire) and is in foal to Montjeu (Ire), so from an owner's standpoint, this is a filly who, in the long term, is going to be a collector's item."

107, c, Tapit--Boston Lady, by Boston Harbor
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXXV

Bred on the same cross as MGSW Concord Point (Tapit), this colt breezed a quarter in **:21** flat. In his first appearance in a Keeneland sales ring, the bay RNA'd for \$145,000 at September. "He's a nice horse," said consignor Eddie Woods. "He might be better on dirt. He's been phenomenal at home, and maybe didn't look quite as awesome on the video as we've seen him be on the dirt at home. He's a very elegant, gorgeous-looking horse."

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108, c, Elusive Quality--Brocatelle (GB),
by Green Desert

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(Ciaran Dunne), Agent XVIII

This bay colt, a \$35,000 Keeneland September yearling, shared the **:09 4/5** bullet at last week's preview. He is from the family of Barathea (Ire), Gossamer (GB) and Zabar (GB). "He had a really solid breeze and he is a very solid, workmanlike horse," said consignor Ciaran Dunne. "He's correct, he's got good bone and from a really deep family."

117, c, Mr. Greeley--Cellars Shiraz, by Kissin Kris
Consigned by de Meric Sales

A registered New York-bred, this colt was produced by the 10-time winner Cellars Shiraz, a graded stakes winner of nearly \$730,000. The \$140,000 KEESep yearling breezed an eighth in a co-bullet **:9 4/5**. "He's by a world-class stallion, and he had a freaky work," said consignor Nick de Meric. "He's been working like that at home, though, and there's no telling how good this horse could be. And he'll fit anywhere--he could race in Europe, he could race here."

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142, c, Raven's Pass--Fairy Princess, by Giant's Causeway

Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VI

From the first crop of GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Raven's Pass, this colt is out of a half-sister to graded stakes winners Kumari Continent (Kris S.) and Passion (Came Home). He worked in **:10 flat**. "He's big; he's 16.2h probably," said Ciaran Dunne. "He looks like a horse who will go 1 ½ mile, never mind 1 1/4 mile, and yet he works in :10 flat. He's the sort of horse that really could change someone's life. Physically and pedigree-wise, he looks like he could take you anywhere you want to go, and he's got the speed that makes a horse like him very dangerous."

144, c, Speightstown--Five Star Holding, by Five Star Day

Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent V

This colt, a \$72,000 yearling, was produced by a stakes-placed half-sister to SW & GISP Indian Winter (Indian Charlie) and GSW Sindy With An S (Broken Vow). At the breeze show, he nailed down the bullet with an eye-catching **:20 2/5** move. Asked to comment on the colt, consignor Kip Elser said, "We'll keep in simple: he's *fast*."

157, f, Tapit--Instant Coverage, by Storm Cat
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent VI

From the family of Miswaki and Jump Start, this filly, named Beautiful Miss, was a \$190,000 FTSAUG buyback. At the under-tack show, she breezed an eighth in **:10 flat**. "I think she's very special," said consignor Niall Brennan. "She's a lovely filly on the shank. She's a very powerful filly for a Tapit. She worked great on the track, and she has tremendous power and strength. She's a good Tapit, and that's all you should have to say about that."

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BRENNAN BUILDS ON SUCCESS

Consignor Niall Brennan is at the end of a busy morning of showing at Keeneland April. He chats with trainer Mark Casse, inspecting a colt, about Casse's



Niall Brennan L Marquardt

Derby prospect Prospective (Malibu Moon). At the same time, he directs staff on what shoppers need to see which horses. Conditioner Mike Maker comes by, and Niall thanks him for buying a horse from him at Fasig-Tipton Florida. Brennan gives Maker some background on the horse, and tells Maker, "He's ready to go right on."

Meanwhile, the television that hangs in the corner of the barn's aisle way is playing the fifth race from Keeneland, a race happening just a few hundred yards away. Rallying down the center of the track is the 4-year-old Voodoo Storm

(Storm Cat), a colt Brennan broke for owner/breeder Green Hill Farm, who wins at 10-1.

If it seems like a hectic few minutes, welcome to the life of Niall Brennan, one of the racing industry's most successful juvenile consignors.

Based near Ocala, Florida, Brennan has been breaking, training, and selling 2-year-olds for over two decades. Graduates of his program include champion Meadow Star (Meadowlake), the Grade I winners Afleet Express (Afleet Alex), Wickedly Perfect (Congrats), Party Raid (Include), Thorn Song (Unbridled's Song), Hot Dixie Chick (Dixie Union), Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot), Laragh (Tapit), Carson Hollow (Carson City), Yonaguska (Cherokee Run), Ecton Park (Forty Niner), Formal Gold (Black Tie Affair {Ire}), and Whitmore's Conn (Kris S.), as well as Japanese Group 1 winners Kurofune (French Deputy) and Nobo True (Broad Brush).

It's an impressive honor roll, and a testament to his horsemanship, say his colleagues.

"I've been with Niall for nearly 25 years, and a lot of the success I've had personally in owning and selling horses is entirely due to his skill as a horseman," said bloodstock agent Mike Ryan, a longtime pinhooking partner who has been involved with many of Brennan's top horses. "He's very patient, and he's very compassionate about his horses. He treats every one like an individual. He understands what's they're supposed to do, he understands when they need time, and he'll never, ever compromise a horse."

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Brennan came by his horsemanship naturally. His father, Liam Brennan, was a three-time champion jumps jockey in Ireland who went on to a successful career as a jumps trainer. Niall initially followed in his footsteps and began riding himself as a teenager, but, he says, "I was always going to be too big for it. I was riding when I was 17, 18, 19, and I was trying not to be, but I played a lot of sports and was big everywhere."

Brennan eventually switched gears, and enrolled in the Irish National Stud program, where he studied under the late Dr. Michael Osborne. By the early 1980s, Brennan had spent time working in North America and in Australia when he got a call from Paul Shanahan--now with Coolmore--who was managing what would become Coolmore's Ashford division. Shanahan asked if Brennan was interested in coming to work the breeding season with the farm's resident stallions, Storm Bird and the Nijinsky II sire London Bells.

Brennan said it wasn't too hard a decision. "Lexington's a lot of fun, a college party town with lots of cute girls. I could do that for six months," he recalls thinking. "Anyway, we did everything on the farm--stallions, mares, yearlings--we did the lot."

From there, Brennan moved on to work as an assistant for trainer Carl Nafzger, overseeing a string of the future Hall of Famer's horses at Arlington Park.

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Ringside cont.

Then, in 1987, Brennan received a golden opportunity. He was offered a year's contract to go to Florida and break and train yearlings for George Steinbrenner's Kinsman Farm near Ocala. Brennan agreed to the job, so long as he could finish out the season at Arlington with Nafzger. That fall, he made the trip south. One year turned into three as he worked at the farm in the winter and spring and at Monmouth Park during the summer to be with the stable's juveniles.

Steinbrenner, who went on to campaign homebred Grade I winners like Dream Supreme (Seeking the Gold) and her son Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy), had developed the reputation as the toughest kind of boss as the owner of the New York Yankees, but Brennan said he and the late Steinbrenner liked each other.

"I know he had his reputation, but I got on very well with the man," said Brennan. "He spent a lot of weekends at the farm. He was based in Tampa, and would come up. He enjoyed being around the horses, and had quite a lot of involvement with it. He was a tough boss, but he was fair and very good to me."

So too was George's son Hank Steinbrenner, who is now involved with running the Yankees. "Hank was very involved with the farm at that time," said Brennan. "Hank was very good on pedigrees--he loved studying them--and he was responsible for those initial matings and the mares they were developing at keeping. Dream Supreme and a lot of those good horses came from Hank's breedings. Now, George's daughter Jessica is very involved in the farm, and it's great the family has stayed involved, because they've always had a passion for the horses and have a beautiful farm in Ocala."

Brennan still works with the Steinbrenner family today, and last year at Keeneland April sold the filly Market Savvy (Street Sense) on Kinsman's behalf. The filly went to EQB for \$230,000.

Brennan's time at Kinsman helped root him in Florida, and around 1989, he made the decision to launch his own breaking and training operation. Local horsewoman Donna Wormser, a 2-year-old consignor, sent him a few horses to prep for the sales. Rob Whiteley, then managing Carl Icahn's Foxfield operation, sent him a few horses, as well, to break for the track. The initial group included a handsome chestnut filly named Meadow Star (Meadowlake), acquired by Foxfield for \$90,000 as a KEESEP yearling in 1990. A year later, Meadow Star put together a dazzling seven-for-seven juvenile campaign that saw her win the GI Spinaway S., GI Frizette S. and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies by a combined 21 lengths. Over 20 years later, Whiteley is still filled with respect and admiration for Brennan.

"One of the luckiest moments in my horse career came when I sent Foxfield's first racing prospects, including future champion 2-year-old Meadow Star, to Niall for their first training experiences," Whiteley said. "While watching Niall and the team he put together do a great job, I could see that his horsemanship made a difference in the careers of the young horses, and that the kind of person he is made a positive difference in the lives of the people around him."

Meadow Star, as well as a few other stakes horses from that group, helped establish Brennan's training operation, which soon came to include a pinhooking arm. Brennan began working with fellow Irishman Mike Ryan, whom Brennan knew from the sales. A mutual client asked the men to pick out some yearlings to pinhook, and suggested that Brennan sell them under his own name. In 1991, Brennan did just that, bringing consignments to OBS and Barretts.

"We had a couple of great sales, and it just kept rolling from there," said Brennan. "Mike Ryan put together a pinhooking partnership, Top Yield Partnership, and it just expanded. We were fortunate to have some really good clients at the beginning--people like Rob Whiteley--and so there were good horses. And good horses make good trainers. And over the years, I was able to pick up some good staff that are still with me today."

In 1995, Brennan sold a horse named Formal Gold, previously a \$62,000 KEESEP yearling, to John D. Murphy for \$75,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Good at three, Formal Gold was outstanding at four in 1997, beating the Hall of Famer Skip Away not once but three times: in the GI Donn H., the GII Philip H. Iselin H. and in the GI Woodward S. Formal Gold was injured and ultimately retired before the 1997 GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Skip Away won the race, and was named champion older horse that year. **Cont. p9**

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Brennan cont.

By 1999, Brennan was able to make the big jump and buy his own training center in Ocala, located off West Highway 326. Today, the farm boasts 137 acres, a 3/4-mile dirt training track and 1/2-mile turf gallop, and some 125 stalls with several turnout paddocks. Three years ago, Brennan installed a state-of-the-art Aquaciser.

With his wife and business partner Stephanie, Brennan continues to crank out top quality horses each year. Graduates of his 2011 program include the recent G3 Herecomesthebride S. at Gulfstream DayattheSpa (City Zip), as well as a pair of ☆ **"TDN Rising Stars"** ☆ in Cigar Street (Street Sense) and Small Kitchen (Corinthian). Brennan sold Dayatthespa privately to agent Pete Bradley after she failed to attract much support at OBS March, while Cigar Street was a \$130,000 juvenile at Keeneland April a year ago. Hidden Brook Farm purchased the colt, a good fourth in the GII Louisiana Derby in his third career start Apr. 1. Small Kitchen was broken for client Gainesway.

Mike Ryan added that there's a reason Brennan seems equally successful with his sales horses and those he breaks for outside clients. "Niall treats all his horses like they're racehorses, like they're going straight to the track," said Ryan. "Because of that, even the sale horses that go through his hands are ready to go to the racetrack once they leave the sales grounds. He spends a lot time training their minds and getting them to do things comfortably. At the sales, his horses always work within themselves. They're not stressed, and he hasn't gotten to the bottom of them, because he doesn't believe in that."

Brennan said that's in part because he never really set out to be a juvenile consignor. "I can't say my goal was ever pinhooking," he said. "It just evolved from the breaking and training of young horses. To this day, I still consider myself a guy who's just trying to develop horses. I never think of the goal as breezing an eighth or quarter of a mile. I'm not a Quarter Horse trainer. I'm trying to develop racehorses."

For Rob Whiteley, Brennan's horsemanship is just a reflection of who he is as a person. Said Whiteley, "This business changes a lot of people; but after over 20 years in the trenches, Niall is still the same smart, straight forward, generous-hearted, and talented horseman, with common sense and perspective and a genuine interest in improving the industry, that I first met over 20 years ago." **Cont. p10**



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Ringside cont.

The *TDN* asked Brennan to pick out some of his more memorable program graduates, and here's what he had to say:

Meadow Star (Meadowlake), MGISW, \$1,445,740:

"She was special to me. She was a champion, and she was always a champion. She taught me a lot about young horses. She had her first easy breeze right after Christmas--she breezed with another horse, and to this day I still breeze all my horses in pairs--and I was struck by how sharp and athletic she was, and how much class she had. The more I did, the better she did. She was just an exceptional athlete."

Formal Gold (Black Tie Affair {Ire}), \$75,000 2yo '95 SARTWO, MGISW, \$1,413,600:

"At that time, Fasig-Tipton had a 2-year-old sale in Saratoga, at that year we sold Formal Gold, plus a good horse named Crafty Friend (Crafty Prospector), from the same consignment. He was a wonderful horse, and I really think he would have won the Breeders' Cup Classic if he didn't get hurt out at Santa Anita. As a juvenile, he was a little immature in the winter when we got him, so we didn't point him to any early sales. But he started to turn around that spring and really turned into a monster, and his owners decided to put him in the Saratoga Sale. If I recall, everything worked either three eighths or a half mile, and he worked a superb three eighths in :33 and change or maybe :34 and change. People weren't sure, because it was a later sale, if something was wrong with those horses, but he was an outstanding horse. [Trainer] Chuck Peery bought him, and I remember clearly that John Kimmel was the underbidder."

Carson Hollow (Carson City), \$80,000 RNA 2yo '01 KEEAPR, GISW, \$500,110:

"I loved that filly. We brought her here to Keeneland April, and she didn't actually sell in the ring. She breezed wonderfully here, but she was a little offset through her knees. But she was so fast and talented. She was such a strong filly--very powerful and mature. She was a New York-bred, and I called Tony Dutrow and told him that I had a really nice New York-bred filly he should buy. He said that he wasn't in New York at the time, but suggested I call his brother Ricky Dutrow. And Ricky bought her right off the phone. He said, 'If you like her, we'll buy her.' And that was Carson Hollow. Her race in the GI Test S. [second by a nose] with You was unbelievable."



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Yonguska (Cherokee Run), \$1,950,00 2yo '00 FTFEB, GISW, \$536,355:

"We had him at Calder, and sold him to Demi [O'Bryne, representing the Coolmore partners]. He was the first horse to work in :10 flat there, and he brought \$1.95 million--the first horse bring that much at a 2-year-old sale. He was part of a pinhooking partnership with Mike [Ryan], and that made it that much more special. He turned into a Grade I winner and is a successful sire today."

Kurofune (French Deputy), \$450,000 2yo '00 FTFEB, MSW-Jpn, \$2,970,120:

"He was a beautiful, big gray horse, a son of French Deputy. What was most satisfying is that he went to Japan and became a Group 1 winner, and it was great for that market, that the Japanese were successful buying those horses. He was bought by Mr. [Katsumi] Yoshida at Northern Farm and his son Shunsuke, who helps run the farm. Shunsuke was over here working for us that winter, learning about the 2-year-old sales, and they bought a few good horses from us that year. Shunsuke had zeroed on a few horses, just being around them, including Kurofune. He picked the horse out. He had a great time over here and spoke very good English, and is a wonderful young man, and it was very satisfying to see the horse do well for them." Cont. p11

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Brennan cont.

Afleet Express (Afleet Alex), GISW, \$835,140:

"He was here [at Keeneland April]. He was a little bit upright, and he bucked his shins, and even though he breezed beautifully, people criticized him for that. But he was a big, tall, scopey horse, and I think people were faulting him too much. I told the owners [Gainesway Farm] that this was a really good horse, and buyers are being overcritical of the horse because of his shins. But he's not a 'now' horse. So they scratched him and kept him, and he won the GI Travers S. for them. It still surprises me that today, many of these buyers looking at these horses, still use the clock as their only guide. Last year, we had a big horse named Cigar Street (Street Sense), who was a **"TDN Rising Star"** and ran in the GII Louisiana Derby. He was similar to Afleet Express--he bucked both shins. He was big, probably 16.2 hands, and you could look at the horse and tell he wasn't going to be running five furlongs in July. Dan Hall and Mike Recio and the Hidden Brook team did their homework and liked him a lot, and they bought him for a very good price."

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Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Unbridled's Song.
Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway.
Owned by Alpha Delta Stable.
Boarded at Mill Ridge.
Accomplishments: GSW, \$260, 581.

TEMPERANCE GIFT, 14, Kingmambo--Shapiro's Mistress, by Unpredictable
Foal born Mar. 7, a filly by Tapit.
Will be bred back to War Front.
Owned by Dattt Farm, LLC.
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Accomplishments: Dam of Gozzip Girl (Dynaformer), GISW, \$814,194.

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RESULTS

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

OKA SHO (JAPANESE 1000 GUINEAS)-G1,

¥207,900,000, Hanshin, 4-8, 3yo, f, 1600mT, 1:34.60, fm.

1--▲**GENTILDONNA (JPN), 121, f, 3, by Deep Impact (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Donna Blini (GB) (G1SW-Eng, \$312,231), by Bertolini

2nd Dam: Cal Norma's Lady (Ire), by Lyphard's Special

3rd Dam: June Darling (Ire), by Junius

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Sei Ishizaka;

J-Yasunari Iwata; ¥116,300,000. Lifetime Record:

5-3-1-0. *Full to Donau Blue (Jpn), GSW-Jpn,

¥882,673. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the**

[eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Verxina (Jpn), 121, f, 3, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Halwa**

Sweet (Jpn), by Machiavellian. O-Kazuhiro Sasaki;

B-Northern Farm; ¥43,800,000.

3--**I'm Yours (Jpn), 121, f, 3, Falbrav (Ire)--Cecile Blues**

(Jpn), by El Condor Pasa. (¥16,500,000 yrl '10

JRHJUL). O-Your Story; B-Northern Farm;

¥25,900,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 3.90, 9.20, 8.70.

Also Ran: Sound of Heart (Jpn), Meisho Suzanna (Jpn),

Joie de Vivre (Jpn), Fine Choice (Jpn), Tosen

Benizakura (Jpn), Para la Salud (Jpn), Sunshine (Jpn),

Ichiokuno Hoshi (Jpn), Omega Heartland (Jpn), Meine

Epona (Jpn), Prenotato (Jpn), Epice Arome (Jpn),

Arafune (Jpn), Eishin Kincsem (Jpn), Dame du Lac

(Jpn). **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#), the [TVG.com PPs](#)**

or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). Click

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Japan's all-world Deep Impact, proving just as adept

in the breeding shed as he was on the track, was

represented by his second straight winner of the Oka

Sho when Gentildonna bounced back from a fourth-

place finish in the G3 Tulip Sho to capture the

country's first Classic race of the season. Produced by

the first-class Donna Blini, heroine of the G1 Cheveley

Park S. and G2 Cherry Hinton S. as a juvenile in

England in 2005, Gentildonna made her debut against

males at Kyoto going a mile last November, running

second as the even-money choice. At odds-on next

time, again facing the boys, she graduated over this

course and distance Dec. 10, then confirmed her

promise with a first stakes success in the G3 Nikkan

Sports Sho Shinzan Kinen S. at Kyoto Jan. 8.

It wasn't until she lined up solely against her own sex that she tasted defeat, running fourth to Hana's Goal (Jpn) (Orewa Matteruze {Jpn}), Epice Arome (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) and Joie de Vivre (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the one-mile Tulip Sho returning to Hanshin Mar. 3. She would re-oppose the latter two here, and avenge that loss as the crowd's second pick.

Away in a mid-pack position under jockey Yasunari Iwata, who was looking to capture his second Group 1 of the season after winning the February S., Gentildonna raced under cover as Arafune (Jpn) (Kurofune) led the way up front. Gentildonna began to gear up as they made the right-hand turn into the stretch, but still had a tightly packed group of eight or nine horses to her inside to get past. With less than a furlong to go, she joined a fierce three-horse battle to the line with Verxina and I'm Yours, and found another gear in the dying strides. Favored Joie de Vivre, breaking from stall 17, was reserved toward the rear of the field before unleashing a wide move at the final corner, but could do no better than sixth.

It was the first Classic win for trainer Sei Ishizaka, perhaps best known for conditioning dirt champion Vermilion (Jpn) (El Condor Pasa). The breeder of the winner, Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm, purchased Donna Blini as a horse of racing age for 500,000gns (\$1,017,240) at the 2006 Tattersalls December Sale. Gentildonna is her second foal, the first being her Group 3-winning full-sister Donau Blue (Jpn). Last year, Deep Impact was represented in the Oka Sho by Marcellina (Jpn).

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Sunday, Longchamp, France

PRIX D'HARCOURT-G2, €130,000, Longchamp, 4-8, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:01.35, gd.

1--**@GIOFRA (GB)**, 120, f, 4, by [Dansili \(GB\)](#)

1st Dam: Gracefully (Ire) (GSW-Eng), by Orpen

2nd Dam: Lady Taufan (Ire), by Taufan

3rd Dam: Guindilla (Ire), by Artaius

O/B-Haras de la Perelle; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Maxime Guyon; €74,100. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €112,500. * 1/2 to Gradara (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$144,576.

Werk Nick Rating: C. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Vadamar (Fr)**, 127, c, 4, Dalakhani (Ire)--Vadawina (Ire), by Unfuwain. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; €28,600.

3--**Saga Dream (Fr)**, 123, g, 6, Sagacity (Fr)--Manixa (Fr), by Manninamix (GB). O/T-Freddy Lemercier;

B-Anthony Audouin, Frederic Landais, Anthony Gohier Oger & Bruno Audouin; €13,650.

Margins: 3, 4, HF. Odds: 4.20, 1.00, 4.40.

Also Ran: War is War (Ire), Vodkato (Fr), Poet (GB).

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Lightly campaigned by Alain de Royer-Dupre last term, Giofra started off with a fifth in a minor race at Moulins in September but rewarded her trainer's famous patient approach the following month with a maiden win at Compiègne and initial black-type score in this track's Listed Prix Casimir Delamarre over nine furlongs. Settled in a distant third early by Maxime Guyon as Poet (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and War Is War (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) scrapped for the lead, the homebred enjoyed the perfect tow into the race as her stable companion Vadamar was anchored at the back. Closing in on the pair of pace-setters in the straight, the bay took control approaching the furlong pole and was in no danger thereafter despite Vadamar's late effort. "Except for her first run, where things didn't go right, she proved last year she was a talented filly and I was convinced she was a potentially good horse," de Royer-Dupre explained. "She had the ideal trip today and it was a good, even pace which she could quicken off. Now she will return for the [Apr. 29] G1 Prix Ganay. Vadamar got outpaced early on and definitely needs a mile and a half. He finished very well, so we will look for another race over that distance for him now."

Sunday, Longchamp, France

PRIX LA FORCE-G3, €80,000, Longchamp, 4-8, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:04.65, gd.

1--**@SAONNOIS (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by Chichicastenango (Fr)

1st Dam: Saonoise (Fr), by Homme de Loi (Ire)

2nd Dam: Sa Majeste (Fr), by Garde Royale (Ire)

3rd Dam: Scamandre (Fr), by Labus (Fr)

O-Pascal Treyve & Jean-Pierre Gauvin; B-EARL Haras de Nonant le Pin; T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin; J-Antoine Hamelin; €40,000. Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 5 wins, 5 places, €125,200. **Werk Nick Rating:** A + +. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Saint Loup (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, [Zamindar](#)--Sanada (Ire), by Priolo. (€90,000 yrl '10 ARQAUG). O-Gerard

Augustin-Normand; B-Mille Michele Bliard;

T-Jean-Claude Rouget; €16,000.

3--**Beauvoir (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, [Footstepsinthesand \(GB\)](#)--Tipperary Honor (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr).

(€200,000 yrl '10 ARQAUG). O-Gerard

Augustin-Normand; B-Team Hogdala AB;

T-Jean-Claude Rouget; €12,000.

Margins: SHD, SNK, 6. Odds: 3.40, 15.00, 0.50.

Also Ran: Psyche (Fr), Tifongo (Fr), Loverdose.

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Beaten three times in the provinces at two before opening his account in a claimer at Deauville in October, Saonois took three of his next five starts and came here on the back of a four-length win in the Listed Prix Policeman over 10 furlongs on the fibresand at Cagnes-sur-Mer Feb. 25. The bay's success is another feather in the cap of his recently-deceased sire Chichicastenango, who was in Japan at the time of his death. Beauvoir's trainer Jean-Claude Rouget said of the highly-regarded colt, "I am not at all disappointed, as we found out he just doesn't stay. That is not a surprise, as he is not bred to, so he will drop to a mile and return here for the [May 13] G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains now."



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4th-GP (Msw) Graydar (Unbridled's Song) leads exacta for his sire; gets one more for Pletcher to end the meet.

4th-WO (Msw) Johannes (Johannesburg), super impressive in her unveiling, romps by double digits.

7th-SA (Alw) Starry Skies (Sky Mesa) flies home to remain unbeaten.

3rd-GG (Alw) Sister Kate (Benchmark), a full to Brother Derek, comes through at short odds.

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Saturday, San Isidro, Buenos Aires, Argentina
GRAN PREMIO RAUL & RAUL E. CHEVALIER-G1, \$60,984, Hipodromo de San Isidro, 4-7, 2yo, c, 1400mT, 1:21.51, ft.

1-▲#@**WINNING PRIZE** (ARG), 121, c, 2, by [Pure Prize](#)
 1st Dam: **Winning Ways** (Per), by You and I
 2nd Dam: **Gilabteni** (GB), by Green Desert
 3rd Dam: **Anjaab**, by Alydar

O-Stud Los Nelson; B-Haras de La Pomme; T-Nicolas Martin Ferro; J-Jorge Ricardo. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for eNicks report.](#)

2--**Safety Belt** (Arg), 121, c, 2, Easing Along--Santiago (Fr), by Deputy Commander. O-Stud Haras Pozo de Luna; B-Haras Futuro SRL; T-Nicolas Gaitan.

3--**Timberlake** (Arg), 121, c, 2, Luhuk--Tough Lady (Arg), by Louis Quatorze. O/B-Stud-Haras La Quebrada; T-Isidoro San Millan.

Margins: 3 1/2, 1, 2 1/2. [Click for brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

Saturday, San Isidro, Buenos Aires, Argentina
GRAN PREMIO ELISEO RAMIREZ-G1, \$60,984, Hipodromo de San Isidro, 4-7, 2yo, f, 1400mT, 1:21.29, ft.

1-#@▲**TARSILIA** (ARG), 121, f, 2, by [Roman Ruler](#)
 1st Dam: **Trilogica** (Arg), by Roy
 2nd Dam: **Trilogy** (Arg), by Confidential Talk
 3rd Dam: **Triumphal** (Arg), by Logical

O/B-Stud-Haras Vacacion; T-Juan B. Udaondo; J-Pablo Falero. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1. *1/2 to Tamora (Arg) (Salt Lake), SW-Arg; Akram (Arg) (Honour and Glory), MSW-Per. **Werk Nick Rating: B.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Smashing Glory** (Arg), 121, f, 2, Honour and Glory--Smashing Cat, by Tale of the Cat. O-Stud Rubio B; B-Haras La Pasion; T-Juan J. Etchechoury.

3--**South Berk** (Arg), 121, f, 2, Southern Halo--Besadora Toss (Arg), by Egg Toss. O/B-Stud-Haras La Biznaga; T-Carlos D Etchechoury.

Margins: SNK, 2 1/2, SHD. [Click for brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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Pletcher Plots Path for Winning Pair...

WinStar Farm's **Gemologist** (Tiznow), winner of Aqueduct's GI Resorts World New York Casino Wood Memorial S. Saturday, flew to Palm Meadows in Florida yesterday morning as he eyes the GI Kentucky Derby May 5.



Gemologist *Coglianesse/NYRA Photo*

"He came out of the race really well," said conditioner Todd Pletcher of the undefeated colt. "The tentative schedule is for him to breeze twice between now and the Derby, then fly to Kentucky on May 1. We'll leave the option to call an audible if we so choose, but as long as we're happy with the conditions down here, that's the plan."

Joining Gemologist on the southbound flight was E Paul Robsham Stables's GIII Comely S. heroine **Broadway's Alibi** (Vindication). Of whether or not the homebred would run in the May 4 GI Kentucky Oaks, Pletcher was noncommittal. "I have to talk with Mrs. Robsham and [Robsham stable manager] Anna Ford," he said. "We haven't made a decision about the Kentucky Oaks. Right now, we're keeping an eye on everything."

It's also on to Kentucky for Godolphin's **Alpha** (Bernardini), who came up just a neck short in the Wood. "With Alpha we're thinking about where we go, what we do, and how we get there, but we're pointing for May 5," offered trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. "He came out of the race great. He did everything right."

Trainer Shivananda Parbhoo downplayed the likelihood of GIII Bay Shore S. winner **Trinniberg** (Teuflesburg) stretching out for a shot at the Derby. "I'm still 85% for the [GI] Preakness, 15% for the Kentucky Derby," he said Sunday. "Everybody likes the Derby; I like it, too. Everybody wants to win that race, but if I think he's not capable of going a mile and a quarter, why go just to run? I don't want to ruin the horse. There are so many races for 3-year-olds. His breeding says a mile to a mile and a sixteenth, and that's it. He's a good horse, and I want to keep him a good horse."

EASTER HUNT AT INGLIS

Inglis plays host to its 96th renewal of the Australia Easter Yearling Sale, which kicks off Tuesday at the Newmarket Complex in Sydney. The three-day sale, which is part of the Sydney Carnival and falls between the Australian Turf Club's G1 Golden Slipper and G1 Derby weekends, features 451 yearlings offered during the combined three segments of Session 1 on each day of selling, with an additional 127 head comprising Session 2 on the final day of selling Thursday.



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"Easter is the benchmark sale for this part of the world and again our bloodstock staff have worked tirelessly for the last four months pulling together a spectacular selection of yearlings for this year's renewal," said Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster.

This term, Inglis offers up a star-studded roster of 45 yearlings who are siblings to Group 1 winners. The most exalted of the bunch are also the two highest ever internationally rated Australian trained horses: Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) (Lot 200, filly by Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and Makybe Diva (Aus) (Desert King {Ire}) (Lot 445, colt by Street Cry {Ire}).

"We're really delighted with the strength of the catalog this year," said Inglis's Bloodstock Director Jonathan D'Arcy. "If we compare statistics like the number of stakes-winning mares, it is up from 146 last year to 174 this year. We have had great support from the breeders of Australia and New Zealand. Australia at the moment has probably the best line-up of stallions we have ever had, including Redoute's Choice (Aus), Encosta de Lago (Aus) and Lonhro (Aus), who have all won sire's premierships over the last few years. We have younger stallions like More Than Ready and Fastnet Rock (Aus) coming through and, you throw into the equation horses like Street Cry (Ire) and Bernardini, who have done such a great job around the world. It's really a cosmopolitan catalog. I think there is something for everybody." **Cont. p16**



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Inglis cont.

Among Easter alums to have made headlines recently is All Too Hard (Aus) (Casino Prince {Aus}), who realized A\$1.025 million at this venue last season. Winner of his last two starts in group company, the G2 VRS Sire's Produce S. and last week's G2 Pago Pago S., All Too Hard was listed as one of the likely favorites for last Saturday's G1 Golden Slipper S., but was instead reserved for the upcoming weekend. Other notable graduates who have figured lately are G1 Blue Diamond winner Samaready (Aus) (More Than Ready), who was third in the Golden Slipper; and Foxwedge (Aus) (Fastnet Rock), winner of the G1 William Reid S. last month. Others presented in the Newmarket ring include last season's winners of the G1 AJC Australian Oaks and G1 VRC Oaks, Absolutely (Aus) (Redoute's Choice) and Mosheen (Aus) (Fastnet Rock), winner of Saturday's G1 Vinery Stud S. Also worthy of note, the sale has produced six of the last eight winners of the VRC Oaks at Flemington.

While many Easter sale grads have excelled on the racetrack, several have gone on to exert their dominance in the breeding shed as well, including Fastnet Rock, Encosta de Lago, Flying Spur (Aus) and Exceed And Excel (Aus). Of the fairer sex, Easter alums that went on to collect Group 1 victories and have offspring in this year's catalogue include Miss Finland (Aus) (Redoute's Choice) (Lot 284), Tuesday Joy (NZ) (Carnegie {Ire}) (Lot 444), Sun Classique (Aus) (Fuji Kiseki {Jpn}) (Lot 414) and Gold Edition (Aus) (Lion Hunter {Aus}) (Lot 186).

With domestic buyers out in force early, several international buying interests also began to filter into the sale's grounds in the days leading up to the event, including Coolmore's Demi O'Byrne and Adrian Nicholl.

"Easter is a little more international and buyers are looking for the complete package," said Widden Stud's Antony Thompson, who has 36 up for grabs this year. "They are looking for the beautiful pedigree to go with the type. Some of the international buyers may not be looking for that really precocious type of yearling here, so you can possibly get away with a little later foal and not quite as forward."

It's Good to be Second...

A glimpse at statistics relating to the Easter sale catalogue size in recent years would suggest a trend of significant cutbacks. In 2007, the catalogue featured 588 yearlings. However, the following season, Inglis decided to incorporate a second session on the final day of trade, thus offering 502 yearlings as part of Session 1 and the remainder in session 2. Just last year, the Session 1 tally stood at 417, the lowest in the last five years, but those numbers jumped back up for 2012 with 451 head.

"We've picked the best horses for Session 1 and we've been reserving somewhere between 90-120 horses to go into a second session, which are horses that, on pedigree, are slightly off the top grade, but are very nice types," explained Inglis' Jonathan D'Arcy. "They are selling at the same time and on the grounds at the same time as the others, but they are taken out of the main catalogue and put into a separate session. So, that's why it might appear the numbers have changed from a few years ago. But, in fact, we've taken out the bottom 20% of the catalogue and put them in a second session. We have found those horses now sell better in their own session as opposed to having them dispersed throughout the sale."

Explaining the draw of the second session, D'Arcy said, "That session usually averages about A\$80,000, but that particular session has also been responsible for four Group 1 winners in the last couple of years. All the leading buyers including [Coolmore's] Demi O'Byrne and [Shadwell's] Angus Gold and are still around and buy during that second session. It's just that on the first day, everyone is looking at the best horses, and that second flight might be overlooked a little bit. We found by moving them to the end of the sale, suddenly, if buyers missed out on the horses they really wanted early, they move on to the second session. We had horses making up to \$360,000 in that session in 2011, and five horses made over A\$200,000. They can bring the right money because those horses are featured better. It's a little bit like Book 2 at Keeneland. Where people might be scared to buy in Book 1, they look at Book 2 and think the horses might be a little more affordable for them. It allows for those horses that maybe don't have the top pedigrees to shine in their own session." **Inglis cont. p17**

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INGLIS HIP HAPPENINGS - DAY ONE

Lot 34, filly, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Allegra, by Dehere
Consigned by Kia-Ora Stud, Scone (As agent)

This Oct. 1 foal, by of one of the hottest sires in the



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country in Coolmore's Fastnet Rock, is out of a half-sister to listed winner Cat D'Antibes (Aus) (Tale of the Cat). She hails from the extended family of crack Hong Kong miler Able One (NZ) (Cape Cross {Ire}). "She's an outstanding type of filly," said Inglis Bloodstock Director Jonathan D'Arcy. "She has a

nice pedigree and is a smashing type of filly. She's probably as good a filly as we've got by the sire in that catalogue."

Lot 58, colt, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Ballet Society (NZ), by Stravinsky

Consigned by Widden Stud, Widden Valley (As agent)

By a sire that requires no introduction, the bay colt gets an added dose of pedigree power from his dam Ballet Society, who accounted for a quartet at the group level, including the G2 VRC Kewney S. and G2 MRC Angus Armanasco S. A half-sister to dual Group 1 winner Cent Home (NZ) (Lord Ballina {Aus}), the New Zealand mare ran third in the G1 MRC Thousand Guineas. "He's everything you want," confirmed Widden's Antony Thompson. "He is by Redoute's Choice, who has been a leading sire down here for a long time. He is out of a very good racemare who is young, which is quite important down here. She is a multiple stakes winner and her first foal to race is stakes-placed already. This is a very strong family and he backs it up with a lovely type, correct head and plenty of strength."



Lot 58 *Widden Photo*

Lot 103, colt, Tale of the Cat--Circles of Gold (Aus), by Marscay (Aus)

Consigned by Coolmore Stud, Jerry's Plains (as agent)
 Circles of Gold, victorious in the G1 Australian Oaks,



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has already proven her worth in the breeding shed, having produced the 2005 Australian Champion Older Horse and multiple Group 1 winner Elvstroem (Danehill) and Haradasun (Fusaichi Pegasus), a champion Australian colt and top miler in Europe. "This colt is more precocious than the mare has thrown," said Coolmore's

Stud and Bloodstock Sales Manager Peter O'Brien. "It's a unique opportunity to buy into a family as Elvstroem was the last one sold out of the mare."

Lot 94, filly, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Catreign (NZ), by Tale of the Cat

Consigned by Newgate Farm, Scone (agent for Morning Rise Stud)

The second foal out of the listed-winning New Zealand mare Catreign, the Aug. 19 filly has plenty of international connections on the bottom side of her page, including the likes of English group winner and Group 1-placed Distinctly North (Minshaanshu Amad) and G1 Preakness S. winner Louis Quatorze (Sovereign Dancer), in addition to Grade I scorers Awesome Gem (Awesome Again), Wildcat Heir (Forest Wildcat) and Royal Indy (A.P. Indy).

Lot 121, colt, Flying Spur (Aus)--Daralara (Fr), by Barathea (Ire)

Consigned by Arrowfield Stud, Scone (As Agent)

By G1 Golden Slipper winner and Arrowfield resident Flying Spur, this Sept. 11 foal's female family has deep Aga Khan roots. Multiple listed-placed Daralara is a granddaughter of Group 3 winner Daralinsha (Empery) and hails from the family of European champion Darjina (Fr) (Zamindar).



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#750 **Zenyatta** 2004

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	Street Cry (IRE)	Machiavellian	Mr. Prospector
Zenyatta		Helen Street (GB)	Coup De Foie
Dark Bay or Brown Mare		Kris S.	=Troy (GB)
Foaled 2004	Vertigineux (1995)	For The Flag	=Waterway (FR)
			Roberto
			Sharp Queen
			*Forti
			In The Offing

By **STREET CRY (IRE)** (1996), Black type winner, \$943,674. Sire of 5 crops, 428 foals, 287 starters, 41 black type winners, 160 winners, \$27,852,071. Sire of 9 producing daughters, 10 foals, 1 winner, including Teryns Song (to 2, 2010, \$20,228).

1st Dam

VERTIGINEUX, by Kris S. Broodmare Of The Year. 2 wins at 4, \$60,480, in NAUS. Dam of 5 foals to race, 4 winners--

ZENYATTA (f, by Street Cry (IRE)). Champion, see records.

BALANCE (f, by Thunder Gulch). 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,048,491, in US. Won Santa Anita Oaks [G1], Santa Margarita Invitational Hcp. [G1], Las Virgenes S. [G1], La Canada S. [G2], Sharp Cat S. [L] (HOL, \$80,000), 2nd Hollywood Starlet S. [G1], Vanity Invitational Handicap [G1], 3rd Ashland S. [G1], La Brea S. [G1], Clement L. Hirsch Handicap [G2], Milady Breeders' Cup Handicap [G2], Hidden Light S. [OR] (OSA, \$8,000).



Lot 123, colt, **More Than Ready**--Deedra (Aus), by Zabeel (Aus)

Consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud, Mt White

Bred to the nines, this colt is out of Deedra, who hails from the family that John Singleton has made famous, stemming from the prolific progenitor Denise's Joy (Aus) (Seventh Hussar {Fr}). A daughter of Joie Denise (Danehill)--herself a winner of the G1 Queensland Oaks--Deedra is a half-sister to multiple Group 1 heroine Tuesday Joy (Aus) (Carnegie {Ire}) and Sunday Joy (Aus) (Sunday Silence), victorious in the G1 AJC Australian Oaks and herself responsible for millionairess and multiple Group 1 winner More Joyous (NZ) (More Than Ready).

Lot 164, filly, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Forest Native, by Forest Wildcat

Consigned by Luskin Park Stud, Luskintyre

Out of the listed-winning Forest Native, this Oct. 16 foal received a serious update to the catalog when her full-brother Foxwedge (Aus)--already a multiple group winner--posted a flashy victory in the Mar. 23 G1 William Reid S. With that one already slated to head to Ascot for the Royal meeting in June, this filly will certainly be making headlines come Tuesday.

Lot 186, filly, **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**--Gold Edition (Aus), by Lion Hunter (Aus)

Consigned by Lauriston Thoroughbreds Farm, Corinella, Vic

By Coolmore's two-time champion Australian sire Encosta de Lago, this Sept. 11 foal gets a double dose of star power through her 9-year-old dam Gold Edition, who topped the Australasian sophomore and sprint classifications for the 2006-07 season. She accounted for no less than 10 group wins, including the G1 VRC Ascot Vale S. and G1 MVRC Manikato S. before retiring with in excess of A\$3-million in earnings.

Lot 187, filly, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Golden Delicious (Aus), by Made of Gold

Consigned by Widden Stud, Widden Valley (As agent)



Lot 187 Widden Photo

A Group 3 winner, 14-year-old Golden Delicious has already produced a very useful performer in Straight Gold (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}), who was third in the G3 ATC Silver Slipper S. "Her sire is doing very well at the moment," said Antony Thompson. "We have a few very nice Fastnet Rock fillies at Easter. Timing is everything

in this game and it's nice to have them at the moment. She is a great type of filly and is a real star.

DOWN UNDER

with Christina Bossinakis

GOLDEN DAY

After a week of weather reports threatening showers for Rosehill's marquee event for 2-year-olds, Golden Slipper day dawned absolutely stunning and pleasantly warm. The funny thing about Australians is that nobody really wastes their time worrying about weather forecasts, because they are so often wrong. Fortunately, racegoers were in mother nature's good graces come Saturday.

Inglis, who is hosting its three-day Easter Yearling sale this week, is a major sponsor during the Sydney Carnival and offered bus service to the racecourse. Rosehill is located approximately 45 minutes away from Coogee Beach, where many of us who were in town for the upcoming sales were based. My partner in crime, or at least on the ride over to the track, was Fasig-Tipton's Anna Seitz, who also made it over for the sales and carnival. The shuttle departed our hotel just before 11 a.m., but that didn't stop the champagne from flowing immediately following our departure. I just love Australia.

We arrived at Rosehill by the first race and it was clear to see that we were in for a great treat. As one might imagine, those in attendance were decked out to the nines, but as one lady (who will remain nameless) accurately pointed out, there was some question as to whether some of the racegoers had stepped in front of a full-length mirror before they stepped out that morning. You get my drift. I started off the day up in suite 13, where team Coolmore presided, and was most pleasantly accommodated (a very warm thank you). Several of the members of the 'dream team' were in attendance, including Tom and M.V. Magnier, Richard Henry, Michael Kirwan, Peter O'Brien and Clem Murphy. After some libations with our Irish friends (mostly coffee, I promise you), I moved on to the Directors room at the top of the racecourse, where AusHorse's Chauncey Morris, formerly with Keeneland in Kentucky, kindly took me under his wing and made several introductions. I must have met 100 people (or it seemed like it) yesterday and it never ceases to amaze me how warm and gracious Australians really are. They seem to genuinely appreciate international visitors and seem to always go out of their way to accommodate them. **Cont. p19**

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2012 GOLDEN SLIPPER ROSEHILL

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More Joyous



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Golden Day cont.

One of the most entertaining moments during Saturday's race day was the presentation ceremony following More Joyous's victory in the G1 Inglis Queen of the Turf S. Not long after the mare crossed the wire, people began looking out for her highly popular and very eccentric owner, John Singleton, who was seen in the mounting yard (a.k.a. paddock in America) for an earlier race. Among those in attendance for the presentation was Strawberry Hill Stud's Duncan Grimley and trainer Gai Waterhouse, but 'Singo' was nowhere to be seen. As it turns out, he was having a good ol' time up on one of the balconies and didn't trouble himself with coming down for the long presentation as the rest of his winning connections waved at him happily from the podium.

A side note: soon after the presentation ceremony, I was invited back up to the box to meet Singo, and I can tell you I was not disappointed. I had penned a pretty extensive story on Singo during the Magic Millions sale in January, and during our meeting yesterday, realized that his reputation as a 'larrikin' is very well deserved. He is a character of monumental proportions, certainly marches to the beat of his own drum and people just love him. The best thing about him is he is *exactly* what one might expect him to be, given all the press and his legendary reputation. Go Singo.



Singo and myself

By the time the Slipper came around, the viewing area from outside the mounting yard was absolutely jam-packed. To be honest, it was very difficult to actually see the race because of the heavy crowd, but Rosehill has, I was told, one of the largest viewing screens anywhere. The crowd was pumped up and the atmosphere positively electric in the moments leading up to the race. In the end, Pierro gave Gai Waterhouse her fourth Slipper win, only two wins away from tying her father Tommy Smith's record of six.

Back up to the now jam-packed Suite 13 for the last few races, which included cashing a ticket on the one and only race I played yesterday. Participants enjoyed some more libations (it was serious business by now) and some very entertaining banter and story telling (a special shout out goes to Mr. Henry on that front).



You can also pick up a copy of the TDN today at the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale.

While it was an excellent day of racing, the thing that really struck me yesterday was just how much Australians love their racing and they certainly turned out in force to support it. Having spoken to so many yesterday, it was plain to see just how intensely the Australian racing community feels about its industry. Racing down under is a source of tremendous pride to Australians and the local government, and they seem to try hard to celebrate it and present it in its best possible light. Maybe there is a lesson in there for some other racing jurisdictions in the international community.

Darley
Flying Start

**From Start
to Finish...**

with Darley Flying Start's Sophie Ignarski



This blog installment comes at 3:30a.m. as I get the chance to put pen to paper during a few quiet moments on foal watch at Gainsborough Farm, with no sign of any imminent deliveries (famous last words!). Such moments of calm have been a rarity in recent weeks, with all of us hard at work on our different farm rotations and experiencing the way of life that is the breeding season in full swing.

A week spent in the breeding shed at Jonabell Farm gave us the chance to see Bernardini, Street Cry and the other Darley stallions at work, as well as to get to grips with some of the more fundamental day-to-day duties in the shed. For many of us it has been our first time to get such hands-on involvement; several have found out how a task as seemingly simple as holding a mare's tail or applying the leg strap takes on a new significance when the leading role is played by several hundred pounds of highly virile, rapidly advancing horseflesh! The week also provided the opportunity to learn about each of the stallions' individual 'quirks' and personality traits in the shed, and a well-timed day of lectures on stallion psychology and management from Dr. Sue McDonnell gave some further light on how (and why) these complex behaviours have evolved.

A busy week accompanying Dr. Dave Fishback and Dr. Chris Smith from the Hagyard Equine Medical Institute on their morning rounds was next on the agenda, as well as the chance to observe Dr. Rathgeber performing acupuncture on different cases ranging from yearlings to pregnant mares. During our time in the States so far, we have seen what seems to be the more widespread use (in comparison with Europe) of such adjunct therapies, plus others such as ozone therapy and laser treatment. Perhaps this apparently growing trend is a sign of some movement away from more traditional medical care, particularly in the context of the ongoing medications debate. Whatever the outcome, such an open-minded approach underpinned by the ultimate aim of aiding the horse could surely only be of benefit in the long-term. **Cont. p20**



From Start to Finish cont.

While mornings have been taken up with rotations, many of our afternoons have been filled with visits to some of the prominent farms in the area. Adrian Mansergh-Wallace was our welcoming host on a visit to Ashford Stud, where a beautiful sunny afternoon was the backdrop to a full parade of Coolmore's resident stallions. The weather remained in our favour for a visit to Mill Ridge farm, during which Headley and Price Bell shared their wealth of experience on the topic of 'developing a quality broodmare band.' In anticipation of the forthcoming 2-year-old sale, the formidable duo of Pete Bradley and Nick de Meric spoke on the subject of pinhooking and prepping for the sales.

While work has kept us occupied for the main part, there was still time to experience 'little Dublin' on the 17th of March (otherwise known as downtown Lexington on St. Patrick's Day). Any homesickness that might have been experienced by our Irish trainees rapidly disappeared with the prospect of the England-Ireland rugby game and a pint of traditional Irish Guinness. Down at the CentrePointe block, fellow trainee Steve O' Connor was player of the match in the Lexington Irish vs Middle Tennessee hurling game, scoring most of the 7 goals for his side as well as a star appearance in the local newspaper!

The month was rounded off by a fantastic trip to Turfway Park where a few members of the group had their first chance to witness American horse racing, a taster for the exciting weeks ahead of us at Keeneland. Over the course of the next month we will each be spending time assisting with taking entries at the racing office and then working with the paddock identifiers, placing judges, starters and stewards. With several night shifts and a few more mares to foal before then, strong coffee and just a bit more patience looks to be in order!



Trainees at Turfway Park (L-R: Emma Pearce, Stephen Heath, Stephen O'Connor, Sophie Ignarski)

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FLORIDA



Yesterday's Results:

WAIT A WHILE S., \$70,000, GPX, 4-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40 2/5, fm.
1--#RACE TO URGA, 121, f, 4, Bernstein--Miss Mambo (SW-Ire, G1SP-Fr, SP-US, \$270,354), by Kingmambo. (\$195,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP). O-Castleton Lyons; B-Kilboy Estate Inc (KY); T-Christophe Clement; J-Jose Lezcano; \$42,000. Lifetime Record: 8-5-2-0, \$182,815.
2--Frontside, 117, f, 4, War Front--Azarba, by Strawberry Road (Aus). (\$15,000 yrl '09 KEEJAN; \$10,000 yrl '09 KEESEP). O-Town & Country Farms Corp. \$14,000.
3--Distorted Legacy, 117, m, 5, Distorted Humor--Bunting, by Private Account. O-Bruce Lunsford. \$7,000.

Margins: 3, 2 1/4, NO. Odds: 2.20, 13.70, 2.30.

Race to Urga was 10th, but beaten just two lengths in her only previous stakes try, and rode the momentum of a three-race winning streak to black-type victory here. The bay annexed a Big A allowance over yielding sod in November to complete her 3-year-old season, and was coming off local optional claiming tallies Jan. 15 and Mar. 10. Drafting behind pacesetter Frontside along the rail, the homebred found a seam and tipped out at the head of the lane, blowing by the frontrunner for a decisive score. "The filly just has so much class," said pilot Jose Lezcano. "I think she's going to be a very good one. We had a perfect trip sitting just off the pace and when I asked her she really took off." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)



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4th-GPX, \$46,600, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:35 3/5, ft.
+ GRAYDAR (c, 3, Unbridled's Song--Sweetest Smile, by Dehere), an \$85,000 KEESEP RNA turned \$260,000 FTFFEB 2-year-old, got the Pletcher train one more promising maiden victory before pulling out of Hallandale station on this closing day card. Off at 3-1, Graydar grabbed command early with little resistance from his foes, setting fractions of :24.36, :47.42 and 1:11.55 before drawing off to a facile 8 1/2-length success. Favored Unbridled's Way (Unbridled's Song) rounded out the exacta for his sire. The winner is a half to Union Course (Dixie Union), MGSP, \$124,314; and Star Of David (Bernstein), MGSP, \$107,299. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,960. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)
 O-Twin Creeks Racing Stables LLC. B-W S Farish (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

CALIFORNIA



Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$58,000, Alw, NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:13, fm.
STARRY SKIES (f, 3, Sky Mesa--Cosmah Star, by Saint Ballado), a fast-closing first-out winner over this course Mar. 2, was given a 7-10 chance to remain unbeaten against this mostly more exposed bunch. Hard held by pilot Joel Rosario and clearly wanting to do more early, the heavy favorite was forced to go very wide crossing over the dirt, but it didn't matter. She inhaled her foes in the lane, easily besting pacesetter Tasty Treat (Roar) by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$68,400. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)
 O-Harris Farms Inc, Per Antonsen, Donald J & Michael Valpredo. B-Harris Farms, Donald & Michael Valpredo (CA). T-Martin F Jones.

3rd-GGX, \$36,920, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09 4/5, ft.
SISTER KATE (f, 4, Benchmark--Miss Soft Sell {SW-Fr}, by Siyah Kalem) scored here by seven lengths on debut Jan. 12, and again by the same margin last time Mar. 18. Backed all the way down to 1-5, the homebred came through with a 1 1/2-length front-running win this time over Soul Patch (Perfect Soul {Ire}). The winner, a \$125,000 BESMAY 2-year-old RNA, is a full-sister to Brother Derek, MGISW, \$1,611,138; and Don'tsellmeshort, MSW & GSP, \$402,365. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$76,050. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)
 O/B-Mary H Caldwell (CA). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

7th-GGX, \$32,580, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10 3/5, ft.
MUNNINGS SISTER (f, 3, Speightstown--La Comete, by Holy Bull), as her name might suggest, a full-sibling to Coolmore resident Munnings, MGSW & MGISP, \$742,640, earned her diploma second out at Pleasanton in June before finishing third in Santa Rosa's Wine Country Debutante in August. Off at 6-1 in her first start back here, the Fipke homebred led at all calls and found the wire with a head to spare over Hard Spun Secrets (Hard Spun). Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-0-1, \$40,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)
 O/B-Charles Fipke (KY). T-Tim McCanna.



CANADA



Yesterday's Results:

4th-WOX, \$61,084, Msw, 3yo, f, 5f (AWT), :56 4/5, ft.

+ **JOHANNES** (f, 3, **Johannesburg--Born Perfect**, by Mr. **Prospector**), a half-sister to Devereux (Forestry), MGSW and GSP, \$300,490, didn't offer many clues with her worktab or the action she took, but gave little doubt as to her ability following this head-turning bow. The 5-1 shot gained command soon after the start from her rail draw and posted an opening quarter in :21.87. She took an advantage of several lengths past the quarter pole while running well within herself, and absolutely exploded in the lane when given her cue to report home a super-impressive 11 1/2-length graduate. Longshot Horseshoe Hill (Street Sense) got up for second. Sales history: \$18,000 yrl '10 KEEJAN; \$52,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,637. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

O-Harlequin Ranches. B-Padua Stables LLC (KY). T-Read Baker.



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Monday, Apr. 9

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

ANY GIVEN SATURDAY (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$40K, 193/15/2

9-CRC, Aoc, 1m, Brother Pat, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

CORINTHIAN (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$40K, 241/32/2

5-CRC, Alw, 1mT, Love Letter, \$20K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1

ENGLISH CHANNEL (Smart Strike), Lane's End, \$25K, 161/23/1

5-CRC, Alw, 1mT, Parranda, \$13K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1

LATENT HEAT (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 157/22/1

5-CRC, Alw, 1mT, Starship Flash, \$17K OBS MAR 2yo, 15-1



IN BRITAIN:

President Lincoln, g, 4, **First Samurai**. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN ITALY:

Malossol, c, 3, **Rahy**. See "Italy."

FRANCE



Yesterday's Results:

PRIX FINLANDE-Listed, €55,000, Longchamp, 4-8, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:51.79, gd.

1--#**FAIRLY FAIR** (FR), 123, f, 3, by **Sinddar** (Ire)

1st Dam: **Fairly Grey** (Fr) (MGSP-Fr), by **Linamix** (Fr)

2nd Dam: **Fairlee Wild**, by **Wild Again**

3rd Dam: **Raise Me**, by **Mr. Prospector**

O-Haras de Saint Pair; B-6C Racing Ltd; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Maxime Guyon; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €48,100. *1/2 to **Fairly Ransom** (Red Ransom), GSW & GISP-US, SW & GSP-Fr, \$418,509.

2--**Cheriearch**, 123, f, 3, **Arch**--Cherish Destiny, by Grand Slam. (\$50,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP).

O/B-Ecurie D; T-Luis Urbano Grajales; €11,000.

3--**Keegsquaw** (Ire), 123, f, 3, **Street Cry** (Ire)--

Kentucky Rose (Fr), by **Hernando** (Fr). O-Mme Elisabeth Fabre; B-Gaines Gentry Thoroughbreds; T-Andre Fabre; €8,250.

Margins: HD, SNK, HF. Odds: 6.80, 2.70, 8.90.

Also Ran: **Queen Bubble** (Ire), **Rock My Heart** (Ger), **Armonia** (GB), **Azeville** (Ger), **Brillante Etoile** (Fr), **Lady Apples** (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#)

Third on debut over this trip at Fontainebleau in November, **Fairly Fair** was off the mark in a mile maiden at Compiègne on her 3-year-old bow last time Mar. 19 and took another step up the ladder in this early Classic pointer. Forced to race wide early halfway down the field, the grey came under vigorous driving from the quarter pole and for much of the straight looked unlikely to prevail, but kept finding to get up in the final strides and deny **Cheriearch** and **Keegsquaw** in a three-way go. "I was confident she was in top form, but wasn't certain that she was up to this level," trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre said. "She had the advantage of a previous run this year, but was caught for speed at the top of the straight and the jockey did well. She will go up in class now and try her hand in the [Apr. 29] G3 Prix Vanteaux here."

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Longchamp, 13.30, Cond, €28,000, 4yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:06.90, gd.
MAXIOS (GB) (c, 4, Monsun {Ger}--Moonlight's Box, by Nureyev) earned ☆ "TDN Rising Star" ☆ status here on debut in 2010, but failed to build upon a next-up score in that year's G3 Prix Thomas Bryon. He was winless in all four subsequent starts last term--including when seventh in the Oct. 20 Listed Prix Vulcain at Deauville--and wired the field in this to get back on track. Leading from flagfall, the 47-10 chance came under pressure when threatened in early stretch and lengthened clear under whip-less urging inside the closing panel to score by 3 1/2 lengths from Aquamarine (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). The winner is a half to Bago (Fr) (Nashwan), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Fr, Ch. 3yo Colt-Eur, Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 11-14f, MG1SW-Fr, MG1SP-Eng, \$2,735,382; and Beta (GB) (Selkirk), SW & MGSP-Fr. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 7 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €72,750. [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#)
 O/B-Niarchos Family; T-Jonathan Pease.

PREMIO SEREGNO-Listed, €34,200, Milan, 4-8, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.60, gd.
1--#LAST NIGHT SHOW (ITY), 122, f, 3, by Martino Alonso (Ire)
1st Dam: Greedy Slewpy, by Slewpy
2nd Dam: Greedy of Gain (GB), by Habitat
3rd Dam: Gently (GB), by Grey Sovereign (GB)
 O-Dioscuri SRL; B-Allevamento Deni SRL; T-Stefano Botti; J-Fabio Branca; €19,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, €52,847. *1/2 to Good Karma (Ity) (Tobougg {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Ity, SP-US, \$245,746.
2--Killachy Loose (GB), 122, f, 3, Kyllachy (GB)--Vettori Loose (Ire), by Vettori (Ire). O/B-Scuderia Blueberry SRL; T-Grizzetti Galoppo; €8,360.
3--Dan Loose Daughter (GB), 122, f, 3, Sakhee--Dan Loose (Ire), by Danehill. O/B-Scuderia Blueberry SRL; T-Grizzetti Galoppo; €4,560.
 Margins: 2HF, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 0.40, 4.70, 4.70.
 Also Ran: Gothic Dance (Ire), Cash Finance, Biancaora (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#)

ITALY

Yesterday's Results:

PREMIO GARDONE-Listed, €34,200, Milan, 4-8, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:38.50, gd.
1--#MALOSSOL, 125, c, 3, by Rahy
1st Dam: Mambo Queen, by Kingmambo
2nd Dam: Double Wow, by With Approval
3rd Dam: Triple Wow, by Coastal
 (\$35,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; €30,000 HIT '11 ARQJUL). O-Selim Blanga Moghrabi & Giuseppe Botti; B-Edward Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Kevin Goodman; T-Giuseppe Botti; J-Fabio Branca; €19,000. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-1, €37,800.

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2--Il Banchiere (GB), 125, c, 3, Bertolini--Shbakni, by Mr. Prospector. (6,500gns yrl '10 TATOCT). O/T-Raffaele Biondi; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; €8,360.
3--Rivertime (Ity), 130, c, 3, Tout Seul (Ire)--Lady Susy (Ire), by Danetime (Ire). O-Scuderia Razza dell'Olmo SRL; B-Agricola dell'Olmo SRL; T-Maria Rita Salvioni; €4,560.
 Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 0.50, 16.60, 7.75.
 Also Ran: Peccato di Gola (GB), Wakati (Ire), Saky Martino (Ity). [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#)
 Malossol had yesterday's G3 Prix la Force runner-up Saint Loup (Fr) (Zamindar) behind when second in a 10-furlong conditions event on the fibresand at Cagnes-sur-Mer Jan. 16 during the shutdown in Italy and stayed in France to fill the same place in mile events on the turf at Saint-Cloud Mar. 10 and on the new Polytrack at Chantilly 13 days later. In his native country for the first time here, the bay advertised his claims for the upcoming G3 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas). Settled in rear early, he made his move widest of all in the straight and, after gaining an edge passing the quarter pole, held off Il Banchiere in the run to the line.

Milan, 17.40, Cond, €27,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:01.90, gd.
CRACKERJACK KING (IRE) (c, 4, Shamardal--Claba di San Jore {Ire}, by Barathea {Ire}) annexed last term's May 7 G2 Derby Italiano at Rome, but lost his unbeaten tag when last-but-one in the June 5 G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly next time. Injury curtailed his sophomore campaign after an 11-furlong Milan conditions score last time Aug. 28 and he justified odds of 7-25 in this comeback. The grey settled third after the initial strides. Making smooth headway in the straight to easily pick off pacemaking stablemate Sward of Kings (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) with 300 meters remaining, he was ridden out inside the closing panel to hold G1SW Quiza Quiza Quiza (GB) (Golden Snake) and MG1SW Estejo (Ger) (Johan Cruyff {GB}) by a length and five further lengths, respectively. Crackerjack King will point straight to the May 13 G1 Premio Presidente della Repubblica back at Rome's Cappannelle, according to trainer Stefano Botti. The winner is half to Awelmarduk (Ire) (Almutawakel {GB}), G1SW-Ity, \$469,019; Jakkalberry (Ire) (Storming Home {GB}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 11-14f, G1SW-Ity & G1SP-UAE, \$1,079,908; and Kidnapping (Ire) (Intikhab), Co-Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 11-14f, MSW & MGSP-Ity, \$167,792. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ity, 7-6-0-0, €376,550. O-Scuderia Effevi SNC; B-Allevamento Deni SRL; T-Stefano Botti.



GERMANY



Monday, Cologne, post time: 5:10 p.m.

SAUREN DACHFONDS GRAND-PRIX-AUFGALOPP-Listed,
€20,000, 4yo/up, 1 5/16mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Waldpark (Ger)	Dubawi (Ire)	Pedroza	Wohler	132
2	3	Silvaner (Ger)	Lomitas (GB)	Starke	Schiergen	128
3	9	Atempo (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	de Vries	J Hirschberger	126
4	8	Fair Boss (Ire)	Mamool (Ire)	Pietsch	Hickst	123
5	7	Mighty Mouse (Ger)	King's Best	Tylicki	Vovcenko	120
6	4	Mi Senor (Ger)	Azamour (Ire)	Best	Wohler	120
7	2	Perfect Son (GB)	Sabiango (Ger)	Panov	Zeit	120
8	6	Salut (Ger)	Lomitas (GB)	Frank	Schiergen	120
9	1	Greek Wedding (Ire)	Arch	Richter	Juranek	117

This fascinating encounter sees the return of last year's G1 Deutsches Derby winner **Waldpark**, who was disappointing after that Hamburg Classic when sixth in both the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Deauville in August and G1 Grosser Preis von Baden the following month. "He is excused his Deauville effort, as he pulled off a shoe and finished sore, but we still don't know what went wrong at Baden-Baden," trainer Andreas Wohler told the *Racing Post*. "However, I am very happy with him right now and if he runs well, as I expect, we will be looking at the top middle-distance events for him, such as the G1 Prix Ganay." **Silvaner** was third in the G1 Rheinland-Pokal here in August and signed off with a win in the G3 Baden Wurttemberg Trophy over 12 furlongs in October.

Yesterday's Result:

VANJURA-OSTER-STUTENPREIS-Listed, €22,000, Hoppegarten, 4-8, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:42.80, gd.
1--**#BAISSE (GB), 123, f, 4, by High Chaparral (Ire)--Best Side (Ire) (SP-Ire), by King's Best.** (48,000gns yrl '09 TATOCT). O-Gerhard Schoningh; B-Elsdon Farms; T-Roland Dzubasz; J-Alexander Pietsch; €13,000. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €19,606. *1/2 to Azmeel (GB) (Azamour {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$116,955.
2--**Emboss (Ire), 130, f, 4, Cape Cross (Ire)--Eilean Ban,** by Silver Hawk. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Henri-Alex Pantall; €5,500.
3--**Jardina (Ger), 123, f, 4, Shirocco (Ger)--Juvena (Ger), by Platini (Ger).** O-Stall Nizza; B-Jurgen Imm; T-Peter Schiergen; €2,500.
Margins: 2HF, HD, 4. Odds: 4.40, 1.70, 4.40.
Also Ran: Green Dust (Ire), Wolkenburg (Ger), Seduisant (Ger).

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-WOX, \$64,412, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT),
:57 3/5, ft.

SAUCY SONG (f, 4, Songandaprayer--Amber's Way {SW}, by Forest Wildcat) Lifetime Record: 11-4-4-0, \$132,548. O-R Davis & R Ezer. B-Westbury Stables LLC (FL). T-Robert P Tiller. \$27,000 2yo '10 OBSAPR.

Consigned by Nick de Meric

7th-GPX, \$61,375, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1\$X,
4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55 3/5, fm.

UNO'S WILD ANGEL (f, 4, Macho Uno--God's Wild Angel, by Wild Wonder) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-0, \$75,494. O-Aurora Springs Stable. B-Valerie Ammirato (FL). T-Freddie Hyatt. *\$21,000 yrl '09 OBSAUG.

3rd-WOX, \$56,563, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT),
:57 3/5, ft.

TREE POSE (f, 4, Old Forester--Alpha Angel, by Alphabet Soup) Lifetime Record: SW, 7-3-3-0, \$204,473. O-Six Brothers Stable. B-Gardiner Farms Limited (ON). T-William Tharrenos. *\$8,355 yrl '09 ONTSEP.

9th-WOX, \$54,256, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT),
:58 2/5, ft.

BLUES DANCING (f, 3, Survivalist--La Belle Bleu {SW, \$167,636}, by Beau Genius) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$55,623. O-Domenic Triumbari. B-Sycamore Stable (ON). T-Katerina Vassilieva. *C\$9,500 RNA wlng '09 ONTNOV; C\$8,000 yrl '10 ONTSEP. **1/2 to Howsitgoinghotshot (Regal Remark), SW, \$156,224.

Broken and Trained by Crupi's New Castle Farm

11th-SUN, \$30,500, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW16MX,
(S), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:02 1/5, ft.

AFFLUENT BOY (g, 6, Lesters Boy--Richie Girl, by Jack Wilson) Lifetime Record: 20-7-3-3, \$167,422. O-Guy Francone. B-Rita J Danley (NM). T-Justin R Evans.

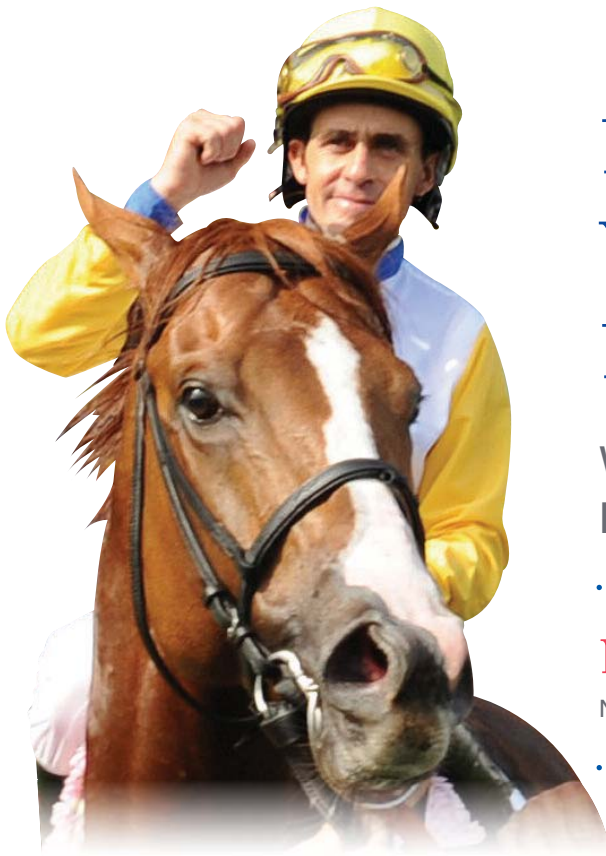
7th-CTX, \$27,000, 4-7, NW3LX, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f,
1:20 2/5, ft.

TOUCH SCREEN (f, 4, Bandini--Hot Touch, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-3, \$63,964. O-Winners Circle Partners V. B-Anne L Walsh (KY). T-Hugh I McMahon.

8th-MNR, \$20,200, 4-7, NW2L, 3yo, 6f, 1:14 3/5, ft.
TRISTIN'S THUNDER (g, 3, Cuvee--Maddie's Chatter, by Thunder Puddles) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$21,820. O-Fredrick Burton. B-Carolyn Vogel (KY). T-Fredrick Burton. *\$2,200 yrl '10 KEESEP.

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9th-MNR, \$20,200, 4-7, Opt. Clm. (\$15,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5, ft.

ON TOUR (g, 7, Tour d'Or--Splash On, by Bucksplasher) Lifetime Record: 45-9-12-9, \$111,848. O/T-Loren G Cox. B-Irish Acres Farm (FL). *1/2 to A Nice Splash (That's A Nice), SW, \$450,739.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fine Silver, f, 3, Bluegrass Cat--Varnish, by Cox's Ridge. GPX, 4-8, 1mT, 1:37. B-C Kidder, N Cole & N Robenalt (KY). *\$70,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '11 FTFEB. **1/2 to Swingforthefences (Boston Harbor), SW & MGSP, \$523,371.

Bold Hipster, g, 3, Bold Executive--Tetherette, by Tethra. WOX, 4-8, (S), 5f (AWT), :58. B-Bruce Pollock (ON).

I'llthinkaboutit, m, 5, Bold Executive--Emma Anne, by Honour and Glory. WOX, 4-8, (S), 5f (AWT), :57 3/5. B-Edmund Odette (ON).



AMERICAN-SIRED WINNERS

IN AUSTRALASIA:

Medusa's Miss (Aus), f, 2, Henny Hughes--Cleopatra's Girl (Aus), by At Talaq. Kembla Grange, 4-7, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Eliza Park.

Pixie Eyes (Aus), f, 3, Artie Schiller--Gem of Glen Argyle (Aus), by Piccolo (GB). Mornington, 4-8, Hcp, 3yo/up, 5fT. B-J F Rylance.

Elusive Image (Aus), g, 3, Elusive Quality--Reflected Image (Aus), by Bluebird. Ascot, 4-7, Hcp, 3yo, 1mT. B-Peters Investments Pty Ltd.

Lunar Image (Aus), g, 4, Elusive Quality--Reflected Image (Aus), by Bluebird. Ascot, 4-7, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT. B-Peters Investments Pty Ltd.

Hurdy Gurdy Man (Aus), c, 4, Street Cry (Ire)--Abalone (Aus), by Bluebird. Mornington, 4-8, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT. B-E Shakespeare.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

HANDICAP RESULTS:

BRITAIN, Musselburgh, 15.50, 4-8, £20,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/4mT, 3:08.11, gd/sf.

SHUBAAT (GB) (g, 5, Monsun {Ger}--Zaynaat {GB}, by Unfuwain) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-3, £18,786. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-R Varian.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Longchamp, 16.10, 4-8, €33,000, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:19.06, gd.

SPECTACLE DU MARS (FR) (g, 5, Martillo {Ger}--Spectacular Groove, by Trepolino) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 34 starts, 10 wins, 15 places, €225,948. Ecurie la Boetie & Xavier Nakkachdji; B-Hermes Vigna; T-Xavier Nakkachdji.

ITALY, Milan, 14.40, 4-7, €18,000, 4yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.40, gd.

TENDER HUGS (IRE) (f, 4, Bachelor Duke--Tabrina {Ire}, by Fasliyev) Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, €27,200. O-Razza Latina; B-Scuderia San Pancrazio SAS; T-Endo Botti. *€4,000 wnlg '08 GOFNOV; €1,600 yrl '09 GOFOPN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

First Winner for Freshman Sire

+ **Literalia (Fr), f, 2, Literato (Fr)--Djayapura (Fr), by Fabulous Dancer.** La Teste de Buch, France, 4-8, Mdn, 2yo, f, 5fT. B-SCA La Perrigne. *€70,000 yrl '11 ARQAug. **3/4 to Centifolia (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), GSW-Fr, \$196,442. ***First winner for freshman sire, by Kendor (Fr).

Aristocrata (Ger), f, 3, Areion (Ger)--Arenea Diadema (Ire) (MSP-Ger), by Digamist. Milan, Italy, 4-7, Mdn, 3yo, 5fT. B-Gestut Isarland.

President Lincoln, g, 4, First Samurai--Preach (GISW-US, \$304,656) by Mr. Prospector. Musselburgh, Britain, 4-8, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7f 30ydsT. B-Claiborne Farm. *\$775,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. **1/2 to Pulpit (A.P. Indy), MGSW & GISP, \$728,200; Tell It (Storm Cat), SP, \$162,283; and Urban Poet (Dynaformer), GSP-Eng.



EUROPEAN-SIRED WINNERS

IN AUSTRALASIA:

Lady of Harrods (Aus), f, 2, Dubawi (Ire)--Royal Conspiracy (Aus), by Strategic (Aus). Caulfield, 4-7, Hcp, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT. B-Mrs T Hamade.

So Wotif (NZ), c, 2, Iffraaj (GB)--Electricity (Aus), by Geiger Counter. Te Aroha, 4-7, Hcp, 2yo, 6fT. B-P Chen.

Fuddle Dee Duddle (Aus), f, 2, Red Ransom--Bella Inez (Aus), by Beautiful Crown. Ascot, 4-7, Hcp, 2yo, 6fT. B-Saconi Thoroughbreds.

Red Typhoon (Aus), f, 3, Hold That Tiger--Ladybird Blue (Aus), by Bluebird. Caulfield, 4-7, Hcp, 3yo, 1 1/16mT. B-Beauvest Pty Ltd.

Cellarmaster (NZ), g, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Oenology (NZ), by Sound Reason. Oakbank, 4-7, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-Judge Clapham.

King Point (Aus), g, 5, Fantastic Light--Zanabelle (Aus), by Zabeel (NZ). Ascot, 4-7, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-Southway Equine.

Justanexcuse (NZ), g, 5, No Excuse Needed (GB)--Aggressive (NZ), by Val Dansant. Te Aroha, 4-7, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-S A Luey & Waikato Stud 2001 Ltd.

Chase the Sun (NZ), g, 8, Pentire (GB)--Glimmer (NZ), by Dance Floor. Riverton, 4-7, Riverton Cup-Listed, 3yo/up, 2147mT. B-I G Hadfield.