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14+1 IN KENTUCKY OAKS

A full field of 14, plus one also-eligible, was entered yesterday for Friday's GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs, with 5-2 morning-line favorite **Grace Hall** (Empire Maker) drawing post two. The GII Gulfstream



Broadway's Alibi
A Coglianese

Park Oaks winner, owned by Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables and The Elkstone Group, arrived at Churchill Downs late Tuesday morning following a flight from South Florida. "At the moment, I'm not feeling I have something to be concerned about with the 2 post," trainer Anthony Dutrow said. "I thought that she would be the favorite."

E. Paul Robsham Stable's **Broadway's Alibi** (Vindication) will break from post six and is co-second choice at 4-1 with Anita Cauley's **On Fire Baby** (Smoke Glacken), who drew the rail. The GIII Comely S. winner also arrived on the flight from South Florida Tuesday morning. Trainer Todd Pletcher admitted he has been surprised by the filly's progress since debut at Delaware Park last August, her only loss in five starts to date. "Frankly, she surprised us," Pletcher said. "I thought when we were at Saratoga that she wasn't up to the maiden special weight level at Saratoga. She's just one that's improved, improved and improved. It wasn't a surprise after her first race. She ran pretty well figure-wise to suggest it was a good race."

On Fire Baby, already a two-time graded stakes winner over the Churchill strip, will again have the services of jockey Joe Johnson in the Oaks. Johnson has been aboard for all six of the filly's starts, and he admitted yesterday he was impressed from the beginning. "When she walked off the van, she had a presence about her," Johnson said. "You could see the ability. Everything has worked out and here we are almost a year later. I am glad to be a part of it." Johnson rode On Fire Baby's half-sister High Heels (E Dubai) to a third-place finish in the 2007 Kentucky Oaks. "On Fire Baby is taller and wider," Johnson explained when asked to compare the two. "If they were cars, High Heels would be a Camaro and On Fire Baby a Camaro Super Sport." **Full field, p3-4**



On Fire Baby
Reed Palmer

MARK VALESKI OUT, OPTIMIZER IN

Trainer Larry Jones said that Brereton Jones's homebred **Mark Valeski** (Proud Citizen) would have to impress in his work Monday at Churchill in order to make the starting gate for the 138th GI Kentucky Derby. He wasn't kidding. Yesterday, Jones declared the horse from the race, saying that, while he thought the colt's five-furlong drill in 1:00 1/5 was fine and that the horse is in good shape physically, the move wasn't quite up to snuff.



Mark Valeski
Reed Palmer

"We really were looking for a 'wow' work, and we don't think 'Mark' gave us that feeling that Believe You Can did," Jones said, referring to his GI Kentucky Oaks candidate, another homebred for Airdrie Stud's Jones. "When you go in you've got be ready to tackle the bears. This is the Derby."

Mark Valeski is coming off consecutive runner-up finishes in the GII Risen Star S. and GII Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds Feb. 25 and Apr. 1, respectively.

"Brereton is not eaten up with 'Derby Fever,'" added Jones. "He wants to win it, and that was one of the things he said with [2008 Oaks heroine] Proud Spell, that he wants to win the Oaks and the Derby. But we feel like we'll win the Derby a different year."

Mark Valeski will be pointed to the GII Peter Pan S. at Belmont May 12. **Cont. p5**

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Plum Pretty
Horsephotos

Bill Oppenheim

Bill Oppenheim takes a look at starters for this weekend's Guineas as Classic season gets underway in the U.S. and England.

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Friday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:45 p.m. EDT

KENTUCKY OAKS-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP Horse Sire ML
 1 On Fire Baby Smoke Glacken 4-1
 O-Anita Cauley; B-Anita A Ebert-Cauley (KY); T-Gary Hartlage; J-M Johnson.

Last start: 1st GIII Honeybee S. Mar. 10

2 Grace Hall Ⓜ Empire Maker 5-2
 (\$95,000 yrl '10 KEESEP)

O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables & The Elkstone Group; B-Darley (KY); T-A Dutrow; J-J Castellano.

Last start: 1st GII Gulfstream Park Oaks Mar. 31

3 Summer Applause Harlan's Holiday 15-1
 (\$82,000 RNA yrl '10 FTKJUL)

O-Gillian S Campbell, R Group Management LLC & Greenwood Lodge Farm Inc; B-Greenwood Lodge Farm Inc (KY); T-Bret Calhoun; J-G Gomez.

Last start: 2nd GII Fair Grounds Oaks Mar. 31

4 Eden's Moon Malibu Moon 12-1
 (\$110,000 RNA 2yo '11 FTFFEB; \$390,000 2yo '11 FTMMAY)

O-Kaleem Shah Inc; B-Bridlewood Farm (FL); T-Bob Baffert; J-M Garcia.

Last start: 3rd GI Santa Anita Oaks Mar. 31

5 Hard Not To Like Hard Spun 20-1
 O-Hillsbrook Farms; B-Garland E Williamson (ON); T-G Cox; J-R Albarado.

Last start: 2nd GI Ashland S. Apr. 7

6 Broadway's Alibi Vindication 4-1
 O-E Paul Robsham Stables LLC; B-Robsham Stables LLC (KY); T-Todd Pletcher; J-J Velazquez.

Last start: 1st GIII Comely S. Apr. 7

7 Sacristy Pulpit 50-1
 (\$125,000 yrl '10 FTSAUG)

O-Peachtree Venture; B-Elisabeth Alexander (KY); T-Wayne Catalano; J-M Smith.

Last start: 2nd GII Beaumont S. Apr. 15

8 Jemima's Pearl Ⓜ Distorted Humor 10-1
 (\$100,000 yrl '10 KEESEP)

O-Gillian S Campbell, R Group Management LLC & Greenwood Lodge Farm Inc; B-W S Farish & Lazy F Ranch (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-J Talamo.

Last start: 3rd GII Fantasy S. Apr. 11

9 Believe You Can Ⓜ Proud Citizen 10-1
 (\$70,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP)

O/B-Brereton C Jones (KY); T-Larry Jones; J-R Napravnik.

Last start: 1st GII Fair Grounds Oaks Mar. 31

10 And Why Not Street Cry (Ire) 15-1
 (\$775,000 yrl '10 FTSAUG)

O-Helen K Groves; B-Alexander - Groves - Matz Llc (KY); T-Michael Matz; J-J Leparoux.

Last start: 7th GII Gulfstream Park Oaks Mar. 31

11 Karlovy Vary Dynaformer 20-1
 O-Alex G Campbell Jr; B-Alex G Campbell Jr Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Rusty Arnold; J-J Graham.

Last start: 1st GI Ashland S. Apr. 7

12 Colonial Empress Ⓜ Empire Maker 50-1
 (\$175,000 2yo '11 KEENOV)

O-Bluegrass Hall LLC; B-Edward P Evans (VA); T-D Wayne Lukas; J-C Nakatani.

Last start: 5th GII Fair Grounds Oaks Mar. 31

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13 Amie's Dini (K) **Bandini** **10-1**
 (\$3,000 yrl '10 KEESEP)

O-Mike D Walker & Lou Sutterfield; B-Dell Ridge Farm LLC (KY);
 T-Ronald Moquett; J-J Court.

Last start: 2nd GII Fantasy S. Apr. 11

14 Yara **Put It Back** **30-1**
 (\$22,000 RNA wnl '09 OBSOCT; \$19,000 RNA yrl '10 OBSJAN;
 \$12,000 yrl '10 OBSAUG; \$24,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR)

O-Peras International; B-Brambly Lane Farm & Steve Dwoskin (FL);
 T-Jose Garoffalo; J-J Castanon.

Last start: 5th GII Gulfstream Park Oaks Mar. 31

AE Oaks Lily (K) **Badge of Silver** **50-1**
 (\$19,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP; \$24,000 RNA 2yo '11 OBSAPR;
 \$47,000 RNA 2yo '11 FTMMAY)

O-Jonathan Rey, Javier Sarmiento & Dante Zanelli Jr; B-Kings And
 Queens Farm (KY); T-T Hills; J-No rider.

Last start: 1st MSW at KEE Apr. 13

All carry 121 pounds.

FEATURE PRESENTATION • GI KENTUCKY DERBY

Mark Valeski Out, Optimizer In (cont. from p1)

Said Airdrie's Bret Jones, Brereton's son, "We think we're sitting on a pretty special season with Mark Valeski, and we're looking very forward to getting him and Rosie [Napravnik, jockey] in the Peter Pan starting gate. The decision to bypass the Derby was not an easy one, but one we felt was best for the horse."

Mark Valeski's defection opened the Derby door for Bluegrass Hall homebred **Optimizer** (English Channel), who previously was sitting 21st on the graded earnings list. The GII Rebel S. runner-up is trained by D. Wayne Lukas. "We're thrilled. We were hoping to get in, and I felt confident last week," Lukas said. "I want to run for a couple of reasons. My horse fits the race for style, and it's for a new client [Brad Kelley], who is doing a lot of nice things for the industry."

Moving into the 21st spot on the earnings list is George and Lori Hall's **My Adonis** (Pleasantly Perfect), who was immediately put on a van from Monmouth Park when his connections heard the news. The Kelly Breen-trained colt, runner-up to **Hansen** (Tapit) in the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 3 before a seventh-place finish in the GI Wood Memorial S. Apr. 7, is expected to arrive at Churchill by 7 a.m. Wednesday. Churchill Downs has, for the first time, instituted an also-eligibles list for the Derby, so if there are any late scratches, My Adonis could draw into the race.

1st Crop Stakes Winner!

Flashing an impressive turn of foot, undefeated 3YO Colt **COMEDIANTE** posted a 2-length win in a Listed Stakes at Hipodromo La Rinconada in Venezuela. He will be aimed for the Clasico Jose Antonio Paez S. (Ven-I), the 2,000 Guineas next month.



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ROUSING SERMON WORKS

Rousing Sermon (Lucky Pulpit), coming off a third-place effort in the Apr. 1 GII Louisiana Derby, worked five furlongs at Churchill Downs Tuesday in 1:00.40. He galloped out six furlongs in 1:14 flat. "I am very happy with the work," reported trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. "I told [jockey] Jose [Lezcano] to give me something between a minute and 1:01 and he went 1:00 2/5. He rode him perfectly, did a great job rating him."

PARBHOO ENJOYING DERBY EXPERIENCE

Shivananda Parbhoo, whose **Trinniberg** (Teufflesberg) will likely set the pace in Saturday's Run for the Roses, is enjoying being a part of his first Kentucky Derby. "It's crazy," admitted the Trinidad and Tobago native, who owns a trucking company in South Florida. "This is unbelievable. This is the best race in the world. Every country has its best race, but I think the Kentucky Derby is the best race in the world." Parbhoo recalled the first Derby he watched was in 1992. "This first Derby I watched was Lil E. Tee and I bet \$500 on him," said Parbhoo, who wagered on the Derby simulcast at Belmont Park. "I just liked Pat Day, who rode him. I just played him."



DATELINE: LOUISVILLE

DERBY IMPRESSIONS *By Lucas Marquardt*

It was a relatively sedate morning at Churchill yesterday, with just a single Kentucky Derby worker (Rousing Sermon), and no dramatic late scratches ala Eskendereya (Giant's Causeway) or Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie). The Brereton Jones homebred Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen) was declared from the Derby, but only



D. Wayne Lukas (up) and Todd Pletcher

because connections felt he didn't have a real big shot at winning facing a deep, contentious field. It's a testament to Brereton Jones's level-headedness. People can talk about how resistant they'd be to Derby fever, but when push comes to shove, you can hardly blame someone for taking a

crack at racing immortality, and with just a few days until the Derby, it would be awfully easy to just drop that slip in the entry box. Kudos to the Jones family and to trainer Larry Jones, and best of luck to them in the GII Peter Pan S. at Belmont May 12.

At seven in the morning, Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas was atop his stable pony on the track and sharing stories with former pupil Todd Pletcher. A few hours later, he would find out that **Optimizer** (English Channel), 21st on the Derby graded earnings list, would become his 45th Kentucky Derby starter.



Ahmed Zayat & Bodemeister heading to track

Like a lot of you, I'm just now figuring what horses to back Saturday. Looks-wise, for better or worse, my initial impressions on paper have been confirmed by those on the track. I liked **Bodemeister** (Empire Maker) heading into Derby week--who didn't, really, after the Arkansas Derby?--and he looks great. He's still a touch baby-ish, maybe, but he has held his weight well since his Oaklawn breakout, and was escorted to the track yesterday by owner Ahmed Zayat and a group that included Mike Levy, trainer Bob Baffert and prominent owner Bernie Schiappa. Later, he schooled in the paddock with stablemate **Liaison** (Indian Charlie) as Baffert talked with HRTV's Gary Stevens, who rode Silver Charm to victory for Baffert in 1997. **Cont. p6**

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I haven't been a big fan of **Alpha** (Bernardini) all year and seeing him yesterday morning didn't do anything to change my mind. I just saw him under tack on the track, but I can't say he has the commanding presence his sire did. I remember watching Bernardini in the mornings leading up to the 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill and am not sure I've seen a horse since that has had more on-track charisma. Of course, if you were betting on charisma in that race, you would have lost, so these are all small pieces of a bigger puzzle, I suppose.



Baffert & Stevens

Some of the other Derby horses who made an impression: **Dullahan** (Even the Score) and **Prospective** (Malibu Moon). The latter, winner of the GI Blue Grass S. in his latest, is one of the most physically imposing horses in the field. And while he doesn't look a ton like First Dude (Stephen Got Even), he seems to have more in common with that horse--another trained by Dale Romans--than his half-brother Mine That Bird (Birdstone), winner of the '08 Derby. Dullahan didn't blow my socks off, but certainly looks like a Classic-distance horse. GI Tampa Bay Derby winner Prospective is a horse I have a hard time backing on paper, but when it comes to looks and connections, I'd love to see him run well. His trainer Mark Casse is one of the more approachable horsemen out there, and few would begrudge John Oxley a second Derby win (following Monarchos in 2001).



Prospective hits the paddock

Prospective schooled in the paddock between the second and third races yesterday, and looked like a man out there. He's a bigger horse than I remember when I saw him at the Tampa Bay Derby in March, and has a lot of his sire about him--a very strongly built horse from head to hoof.

Strongly built is a phrase that also could be used to describe **Trinniberg** (Teuflesberg), the winner of the GIII Swale S. and GIII Bay Shore S. who goes beyond seven panels for the first time in the Derby. As opposed to Prospective, however, Trinniberg has a blocky, sprinter's look to him. Remember the old Dallas Cowboys fullback Robert Newhouse? Like that. It'll be interesting to see how far he can go Saturday. The other speed horses are liable to leave him alone on the front, figuring he'll come back to them, but you'd think he'd have to go awfully slow to have enough to even hang on for a minor placing.



Blue Grass winner Dullahan

Anyway, we'll keep our collective ears to the ground and let you know what we think right up until post time on Derby Day...

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Wednesday, May 2

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Wednesday, Kempton, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

LEVY BOARD SAGARO S.-G3, £40,000, 4yo/up, 2m (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Electrolyser (Ire)	Daylami (Ire)	Kirby	Cox
2	3	Red Cadeaux (GB)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	R Moore	E Dunlop
3	2	Barbican (GB)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Holland	Bailey
4	4	Colour Vision (Fr)	Rainbow Quest	Dettori	bin Suroor
5	5	Solar Sky (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Queally	Cecil
6	6	Thimaar	Dynaformer	Hanagan	Gosden

All carry 124 pounds bar Electrolyser & Red Cadeaux, 127.

Friday, Churchill Downs, post time: 1:26 p.m. EDT

LA TROIENNE S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Afleeting Lady	Afleet Alex	Castanon	Romans	118
2	St. John's River	Include	Napravnik	Leggio Jr	118
3	Love Theway Youare (K)	Arch	Rosario	Cho	118
4	Plum Pretty	Medaglia D'oro	Bejarano	Baffert	123
5	Juanita	Mineshaft	Dominguez	Maker	118
6	Absinthe Minded	Quiet American	Smith	Lukas	120
7	Maristar (K)	Giant's Causeway	Graham	Butler	118

Friday, Churchill Downs, post time: 3:52 p.m. EDT

ALYSHEBA S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Nates Mineshaft	Mineshaft	Campbell	Smith	123
2	Successful Dan	Successful Appeal	Leparoux	Lopresti	118
3	Fort Larned	E Dubai	Castellano	Wilkes	118
4	Mucho Macho Man	Macho Uno	Dominguez	Ritvo	123
5	Golden Yank	Yankee Gentleman	Bejarano	Thomas	118
6	Boxeur Des Rues	Smart Strike	Gutierrez	O'Neill	118
7	Apart	Flatter	Gomez	Stall Jr	118
8	Plutonium (K)	Monarchos	Napravnik	Radosevich	118
9	Our Dark Knight (K)	Medaglia d'oro	Borel	Moquett	118
10	Colizeo	Distorted Humor	Velazquez	Pletcher	118

Friday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:44 p.m. EDT

AMERICAN TURF S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Coalport	Kitten's Joy	Gomez	Catalano	118
2	Gung Ho	Kitten's Joy	Dominguez	Maker	118
3	Star Channel (K)	English Channel	Castellano	Pletcher	120
4	Silver Menace	Silver Wagon	Borel	Ritvo	118
5	Blueskiesrainbows (K)	English Channel	Smith	Baffert	118
6	Look At The Time	Brahms	Lanerier	Hawley	118
7	Scatman (K)	Scat Daddy	Bridgmohan	Lauer	118
8	Finnegans Wake	Powerscourt (GB)	Desormeaux	Romans	118
9	Tones (Ire)	Strategic Prince (GB)	Rosario	O'Neill	118
10	Travel Advisory (K)	Stormy Atlantic	Cruz	Gorder	118
11	Flashy Dresser	Flashy Bull	Leparoux	Seitz	118
12	Skyring	English Channel	Nakatani	Lukas	118
13	Silver Max	Badge Of Silver	Albarado	Romans	120
14	Howe Great	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Velazquez	Motion	120
15	Scorcher	Kitten's Joy	Rosario	Garoffalo	118

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To Honor and Serve	Bernardini	Westchester S.-G3	103
P D Q Kiddo	Silic (Fr)	Milwaukee Avenue H.	102
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Saginaw	Peruvian	Carr Heaven S.	102
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Quiet Oasis (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Wilshire H.-G3	98
Utopian	Rock Hard Ten	Inglewood H.-G3	98
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Friday, Churchill Downs, post time: 2:08 p.m. EDT

EIGHT BELLES S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Always Here Too	Include	Goncalves	Amoss	118
2	Small Kitchen	Corinthian	Napravnik	Maker	118
3	Good Deed	Broken Vow	Lanerier	Margolis	118
4	Xunlei	D'wildcat	Albarado	Romans	118
5	Volcat	After Market	Leparoux	McPeck	118
6	Livi Makenzie (K)	Macho Uno	Kuntzweiler	Moquett	118
7	Contested (K)	Ghostzapper	Garcia	Baffert	118
8	My Due Process	Henny Hughes	Castellano	Romans	118



In Today's TDN blog:

Guest Post: Derby Week Dictionary

by Brian Ludwick, WinStar Farm Bloodstock Analyst



Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong
BMW CHAMPIONS MILE-G1, HK\$14,000,000 (\$1,806,233), 3yo/up,
 1600mT

African Story (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), last-out winner of the G2 Godolphin Mile over the Meydan Tapeta track Mar. 31, tuned up for Sunday's feature with a strong piece of work over the Sha Tin all-weather track. With Godolphin trainer Saeed bin Suroor on hand, the 5-year-old went six furlongs in a very strong 1:14.03, with a final quarter mile in a smart :22.7. "The horse is really happy and looks in better condition, physically, than he did before the Godolphin Mile in Dubai," bin Suroor commented. "The mile is his trip we just don't want the ground too firm for him. He ran well in France in the soft and the softer the ground the better for him, but good ground will not be a problem. It's a very tough race but I'm looking for a good run."



African Story HKJC.com

Cityscape (GB) (Selkirk), who figures a strong favorite off his impressive score in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. on World Cup night, came out onto the track alongside African Story, but proceeded to canter steadily on the turf, despite putting up a bit of a fight as to which way to go. "He can be a little bit like that, but it was just a case of the horse was going right and he was supposed to be going left," said trainer Roger Charlton's representative Charlie Henson. "He seems to know where he is and he's settled into the place very well. It's his third long-haul trip in a relatively short time and he seems to have taken to it." Prior to Dubai, Cityscape made an appearance in the G1 Hong Kong Mile, finishing second after a murderously wide trip.



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Ground Now Soft at Newmarket...

Newmarket Racecourses' Director of Racing Michael Prosser yesterday gave an update on the going ahead of the weekend Guineas meeting, with more rain changing the description to soft. "The going-stick reading at 3 p.m. today was 6.1 from 6.8 yesterday and the ground is now soft," he said. "The course has taken the rain well. It is in good order and I am happy with it. Plus, we are currently enjoying a warmer afternoon with some sunny spells. There is still some uncertainty about the forecast but the current prediction we have been given is for dry weather during the day on Wednesday before rain moves in late afternoon/early evening with it expected to continue into Thursday morning. It is anticipated that we could receive 6 to 8 millimetres of rain. That appears to be the last significant rainfall before the start of the QIPCO Guineas Festival. On Friday, we are likely to be largely dry, while for Saturday there is only the possibility of light, isolated showers."

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Racetrack, casino bill zips through Minnesota legislature

"A long and rancorous relationship between Canterbury Park horsemen and Indian gambling interests has yielded a rare agreement that would allow an increase in Canterbury's poker and blackjack business and pave the way for racetrack simulcasting and off-track betting at Indian casinos. **Jim Ragsdale, StarTribune**

BHA Delivers report on Grand National Deaths The two horses killed in last month's Grand National died as the result of "factors one could neither have foreseen nor prevented", according to a preliminary report on the race by the sport's ruling body. The British Horseracing Authority added that it remains "too early to speculate" whether any changes will be made to the famous Aintree race, though the starting procedures will be the focus of particular attention, as all 40 riders are judged to have broken the rules before the event finally got under way." **Chris Cook, The Guardian**

Brunetti to step aside in Monmouth Park deal The losing bidder in the deal to privatize Monmouth Park is withdrawing his protest of the lease award. **Ted Sherman, The Star Ledger**

RACETRACK ROUND-UP

Frankel Gallop Now Saturday...

Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) will have his racecourse gallop at Newmarket on Saturday instead of Sunday, it was announced yesterday. Khalid Abdullah's star performer will arrive at the Rowley Mile at 12:30 p.m. and work with regular partner Bullet Train (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and the recent conditions winner Jet Away (GB) (Dansili {GB}) at approximately 12:55 p.m.

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 Stars of tomorrow grabbing the spotlight today...



GRADED/GROUP RESULTS

Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX DU MUGUET-G2, €130,000, Saint-Cloud, 5-1, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.80, vsf.

1--**ZINABAA (FR)**, 123, g, 7, by Anabaa Blue (GB)

1st Dam: Zigrala (Fr), by Linamix (Fr)

2nd Dam: Zigreen (Fr), by Zino (GB)

3rd Dam: Fiddler's Green (Fr), by Zeddaan (GB)

O-Ecurie Victoria Dreams; B-Mlle Victoria Dubois, Julien Dubois & Etienne Dubois; T-Michel Mace; J-Yannick Letondeur; €74,100. Lifetime Record:

18 starts, 9 wins, 7 places, €250,500. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** Werk Nick Rating: **A +**.

2--**No Risk at All (Fr)**, 123, h, 5, My Risk (Fr)--Newness (Ire), by Simply Great (Fr). O/T-Jean-Paul Gallorini; B-Mme Sylvia Wildenstein; €28,600.

3--**Evaporation (Fr)**, 120, m, 5, Red Ransom--Polygreen (Fr), by Green Tune. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; €13,650.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, HD. Odds: 1.40, 5.70, 2.70.

Also Ran: Shamalgan (Fr), Ch'tio Bilote (Fr), Blue Soave (Fr), Private Jet (Fr). Scratched: Tin Horse (Ire).

Zinabaa hit a personal high when annexing August's G3 Prix Quincey at Deauville before running fifth in Longchamp's Oct. 1 G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein in his only prior try at this level. Tenth to Cityscape (GB) (Selkirk) in the Oct. 30 G3 Prix Perth over this course and distance to close last semester, he opened this campaign when a close-up fourth--behind Evaporation and No Risk at All--in the Apr. 1 G3 Prix Edmond Blanc back here last time. The grey was reined back to sit last of the seven runners after an even break. Coming under pressure when angled to the outside approaching the final quarter mile, he joined issue with the front rank entering the closing panel and was ridden out to assert for career best. "With so few runners you are always worried about a lack of pace, but it was very decent which is just what he needs," trainer Michel Mace said. "The ground is also on the soft side, which he loves, and he was unlucky last time so this makes up for it. He's a brave horse, but soft ground is essential so his next run will depend entirely on the weather." **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

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Tuesday, Munich, Germany

SILBERNE PEITSCH-G3, €55,000, Munich, 5-1, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:16.19, gd.

1--**SMOOTH OPERATOR (GER)**, 132, g, 6, by Big Shuffle

1st Dam: Salzgitter (GB), by Salse

2nd Dam: Anna of Brunswick (GB), by Rainbow Quest

3rd Dam: Anna Paola (Ger), by Prince Ippi (Ger)

O-Gerd Zimmermann; B/T-Mario Hofer; J-Stefanie Hofer; €32,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Fr & GSP-Ity, 28 starts, 6 wins, 9 places, €375,725.

*1/2 to Sugar Baby Love (Ger) (Second Empire {Ire}), SW & GSP-Ger, \$155,561; and full to Something Stupid (Ger), SW-Ger. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Walero (Ger)**, 132, h, 6, Big Shuffle--Waterbor (Ger), by Lagunas (GB). (€38,000 RNA yrl '07 BBAOCT). O/B-H Schroer-Dreesmann; T-U Ostmann; €11,000.

3--**Exciting Life (Ire)**, 132, c, 4, Titus Livius (Fr)--Puerto Oro (Ire), by Entrepreneur (GB). (€6,200 yrl '09 TATIRE). O-Sabina Plavac; B-Rathasker Stud; T-Peter Schiergen; €5,500.

Margins: NK, NK, NK. Odds: 5.30, 9.90, 2.80.

Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).

Also Ran: Nordic Truce, Birthday Lion (Ger), Aslana (Ire), Stand My Ground (Ire), Konig Concorde (Ger).

Successful in the G3 Prix Eclipse and G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte at two, Smooth Operator added the G3 Prix de la Porte Maillot to his tally at Longchamp the following term. Runner-up in this race two years ago, the bay looked to have lost his way until rebounding with a surprise success in the G3 Belmondo-Pokal over six furlongs at Baden-Baden last June. During that season, he also managed a second in the G2 Goldene Peitsche over that same track and trip in August, but was only ninth on his 6-year-old bow in Fontainebleau's Listed Prix Cor de Chasse over 5 1/2 furlongs Mar. 30. Those looking for signs of age catching up with the admirable sprinter were off the mark, as he pulled another big-race win out of the bag under Steffi Hofer, daughter of the winner's breeder and trainer Mario. She becomes the first female jockey to win a pattern race in Germany. Settled in third early, Smooth Operator was in control in early stretch and, after opening up a decisive lead, held on as Walero and Exciting Life lunged late.

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MEANWHILE, IN EUROPE...

By about 10:30 in the morning this Saturday, the day of the GI Kentucky Derby, the first Group 1 European Classic of the season, the G1 English 2000 Guineas, will have been run at Newmarket. You'd be forgiven for not having really known much about it. The European champion 2-year-old of 2011, Coolmore's 8-5 favorite Camelot (Montjeu), hasn't run this year. That's not unusual, but what is unusual is that the ground in Europe has been soft for virtually the entire month of April. It's going to dry out and warm up this week (thankfully), but when that happens you're really guessing. Montjeu is a Derby sire, not a Guineas sire, and the G1 Racing Post Trophy, which Camelot won in his second and final start last year, is a Derby trial, not a Guineas trial. Camelot is no doubt a really good colt, but his price reflects as much a lack of knowledge or conviction about the competition as it does his actual chances of winning the race.

No other colt was trading at under 10-1 on Betfair on Tuesday morning, which shows you how little confidence there is in what might win if the favorite doesn't. Second choice yesterday, at 10-1, was Born to Sea, the John Oxx-trained Invincible Spirit half-brother to Sea the Stars. He broke his maiden impressively in a six-furlong listed race in September, but then ran second in the G3 Killavullan S. to Nephrite, a Pivotal colt trained by Aidan O'Brien who flopped in his first start this year.

Five horses yesterday were bracketed between 12-1 and 14-1 on Betfair. Co-third favorites at 12-1 were: Trumpet Major (Arakan), impressive winner of the G3 Craven S. at Newmarket's opening meeting a couple of weeks ago; Prince Khalid Abdullah's Top Offer, a Dansili colt trained by Roger Charlton who won a seven-furlong maiden race in August impressively, but missed an intended warm-up in the G3 Greenham S. because of the soft ground; and Abtaal (Rock Hard Ten), trained by Jean-Claude Rouget for Sheikh Hamdan, and who ran second earlier this month in the G3 Prix Djebel at Maisons-Lafitte.

In fact, very unusually, the first three from the Djebel are running at Newmarket, and the Djebel winner, French Fifteen, from the first crop by the good French miler Turtle Bowl (a son of the obscure Night Shift horse Dyhim Diamond), would therefore have to qualify as pretty good value at 13-1. Winner of the one-mile G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud last year, French Fifteen was bought over the winter by Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa al-Thani, a member of the Qatari ruling family which is now sponsoring the British Champions Series, including the English 2000 Guineas.

AFTER MARKET

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(Bill Oppenheim cont.)

It was announced yesterday that Sheikh Abdullah has also bought the Djebel third, Hermival, a Dubawi colt trained by Mikel Delzangles--who, you may remember, trained another Dubawi colt, Makfi, to win the 2000 Guineas two years ago. Hermival is a 30-1 shot for Saturday.

Last year's G1 Dewhurst S., usually the top 2-year-old race in Europe, was one of those messy events in which the first five finished within two lengths of each other. Trumpet Major was fifth that day, but is a shorter price in the betting than the horses which were one-two, but which haven't had a run this year. The Dewhurst second, Power (Oasis Dream), who won the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot and the G1 National S. in Ireland, is presumably the Coolmore second string (danger!), at around 14-1. Parish Hill, the Dewhurst winner from the first crop by Teofilo, trained, like his sire, by Jim Bolger, is at 20-1. Parish Hall, by the way, is out of a Montjeu mare, so inbred 3x3 to Sadler's Wells!

Pretty much dismissed at 33-1 is the G3 Greenham S. winner Caspar Netscher, a dual six-furlong Group 2 winner last year from the first crop by 2011 leading European freshman sire Dutch Art. Guineas Trial wins for Dutch Art and Turtle Bowl (who also has 2012 Toulouse listed winner Lucayan) mean they rank third and fourth, respectively, on the 2012 European second-crop sire list.

Teofilo, who had a listed winner in Germany last weekend, is currently seventh. Well, I say seventh; I've had to do a bit of editing. I'm using a very good list compiled by the *Racing Post*, which is on the Bloodstock section of their site--click [here](#) to see their list. One caveat, though: their lists unaccountably include Turkish sires. Authorized has a winner of three races and £68,000 there this year, and a son of Virginia Rapids called Win River Win, who raced in Turkey, is also listed as a second-crop sire.

In fact, if you look at the leading sire list in this section of their site, you'll find the current leading sires are all in Turkey. So they're counting earnings in Turkey, but not Dubai. I mean, I'm all in favor of knowing about Turkey, and everywhere else for that matter, but it's hardly part of the European circuit, so these otherwise very good statistics need to be amended so they resemble a reality in which we're all operating.

The big news is that Europe's number one second-crop sire so far in 2012 is Coolmore's Dylan Thomas. He was number 13 on the 2011 European freshman sire list, but he has been firing in one winner after another the last few weeks, and the striking thing is, they are almost all 10-12 furlong horses. He does have one Group 3 winner this year, Furner's Green, who won the one-mile G3 Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial, but otherwise, they all seem to want a trip--in American terms, they're 'two-turn' horses.

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Weekly Sales Ticker

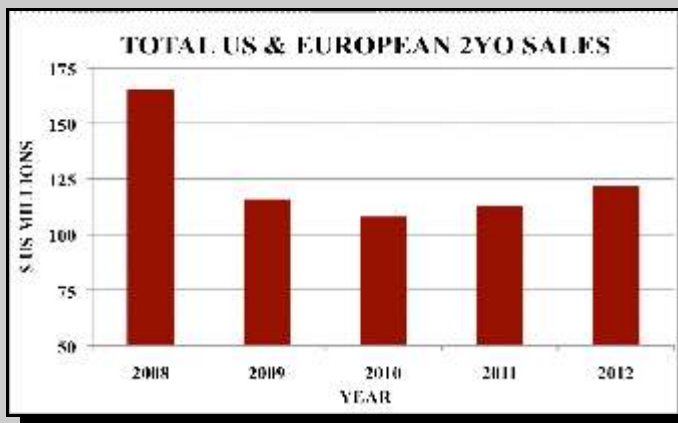
by Bill Oppenheim

"Since OBS installed the synthetic Safetrack surface in late 2007, their 2-year-old sales have done nothing but improve. The clearance rate from the catalogues at the other three Select 2012 Two-Year-Old Sales – Barretts, Fasig Florida, and Keeneland – was a combined 41%; at the two OBS sales, their Selected in March and last week's April sale, their combined clearance rate was 60%. In the two OBS sales, 939 juveniles were sold; at the three other Selected sales, a total of 196 were sold. There was a great middle market, for the first time this year, at last week's sale also. Right now OBS Rules the US 2-year-old market."

– Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	1,196	922	760	22.9%	82.4%	63.5%	\$33,706,400	\$44,351
2011	1,377	1,084	830	21.3%	76.6%	60.3%	\$25,980,200	\$31,301
2010	1,221	998	739	18.3%	74.0%	60.5%	\$20,574,400	\$27,841
2009	1,389	1,052	809	24.3%	76.9%	58.2%	\$20,194,300	\$24,962
2008	1,381	1,066	772	22.8%	72.4%	55.9%	\$22,578,000	\$29,246



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	2,690	2,014	1,548	25.1%	76.9%	57.5%	\$121,746,161	\$78,647
2011	3,058	2,275	1,681	25.6%	73.9%	55.0%	\$112,657,182	\$67,018
2010	2,943	2,273	1,617	22.8%	71.1%	54.9%	\$107,969,943	\$66,772
2009	3,371	2,495	1,751	26.0%	70.2%	51.9%	\$115,862,839	\$66,170
2008	3,433	2,612	1,809	23.9%	69.3%	52.7%	\$165,170,822	\$91,305

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Just in the last couple of weeks he's had four winners in France: a 10 1/2f €34,000 conditions race (like an allowance) winner on Monday, following two other €27,000 and €18,000 conditions race winners (so decent money) at 12 furlongs in the French provinces, plus a 12-furlong maiden race winner at Longchamp on Sunday.

Goldoni, a gelding trained by Andrew Balding, won a £50,000 conditions race (Epsom's Blue Riband Trial) at 10 furlongs last week, and on the weekend Athens won an €20,000 conditions race in Ireland for Aidan O'Brien. Yes, it's early in the season, and yes, they've been running on nothing but soft ground, but they can't help that. Dylan Thomas himself is a son of Danehill out of Lagrion, a Diesis mare bred by the McCreery family (they also bred Danehill Dancer). He's a half-brother to the top sprinter Queen's Logic (Grand Lodge), but was a 10-12 furlong horse himself, top quality and tough as nails to boot. He won twice and was second in a Group 3 in four starts at two, and at three he won the G2 Derrinstown Derby Trial, ran third in the G1 Epsom Derby to Sir Percy, won the G1 Irish Derby, then ran fourth in the G1 Juddmonte S. (to Notnowcato) and a bad last of four behind Bernardini on the dirt in the G1 Jockey Club Gold Cup.

But at four, in 2007, Dylan Thomas won four Group 1s and finished second in another three. He won the Ganay, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., the Irish Champion S., and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, alternating between 10 and 12 furlongs. His seconds--all at 10 furlongs--were in the Tattersalls' Gold Cup, the Prince of Wales's S., and the Juddmonte. He ran seven consecutive races with RPR's (Racing Post Ratings) between 125-131, stretching from April to October. You couldn't find a tougher, high-quality horse to breed to and, certainly in the last month, it looks like he's a horse people really should have been breeding to.

Second on the European second-crop sire list in 2012 is Stormy River, a son of Verglas who was a good French miler. He won the G1 Prix Jean Prat at that distance, ran second in the G1 St James's Palace S., and third (to Aussie Rules) in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. It's not surprising that he would figure this high on the lists, but it is surprising that he, too, is getting horses who look like they want a little bit of a trip. Though he no doubt benefits from good French prize money even in non-black type races, at least half of his 10 2012 winners have come in maiden or condition races at 1900m (9 1/2 furlongs) or longer--even up to 2600m (13 furlongs), and including the winners of five conditions races with purses between €24,000-€34,000.

As noted, last year's leading European freshman sire, Dutch Art, and the good French miler Turtle Bowl--both with Trial winners--currently rank third and fourth. Up to fifth is Manduro, a son of Monsun who went to Andre Fabre as a 4-year-old. He won a Group 2 and placed in five Group 1s that year, but as a 5-year-old, in 2007, he was literally unbeatable.

He went five-for-five, winning the G1 Prix d'Ispahan by five lengths over Turtle Bowl. He defeated Dylan Thomas in the G1 Prince of Wales's (running an RPR 133), and won the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois, shortening up to a mile. He won his 'Arc' prep, the G2 Prix Foy, but then had to miss the Arc itself, and was retired to become a Darley stallion.

Manduro showed flashes of promise at the back end of last season, when one colt by him, Bonfire, was reckoned unlucky not to win the G1 Criterium International (won by French Fifteen). But another, Mandeau, made amends with a win in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud (he is a possible starter in the 2000 Guineas on Saturday). Manduro ranked 11th on the 2011 freshman sire list, but already has 13 winners this year, including last weekend's G3 Prix Vanteaux victress, Trois Lunes. Both Dylan Thomas and Manduro were top-class 10-12 furlong horses who ran RPR's over 130, and the fact that so many of their 3-year-olds are showing such good form at this stage of the season can only augur well for their prospects. The G1 English 1000 Guineas will be run on Sunday, and this race also has a mysterious cast to it, only more so.

Betfair's 7-4 favorite on Tuesday was Coolmore's unbeaten European champion 2-year-old filly Maybe, by Galileo out of a Danehill mare (remember that cross?), and winner of four black-type races from five starts at two, culminating in the G1 Moyglare S. at the Curragh in August.

Mahmoud al Zarooni has a pair of unbeaten Street Cry fillies for Godolphin: Discourse, winner of the G3 Sweet Solera S. at Newmarket in August in her second and final start; and Lyric of Light, who was 3-for-3, including the G1 Fillies' Mile. Discourse was marginally shorter yesterday at 7-1, with Lyric of Light at 8-1. Presumably whichever one Frankie Dettori rides will shorten into clear second favorite. The only other two horses at 10-1 or under are both Trial winners: Mashoorah, a Baratheia filly trained (like Abtaal in the 2000) by Jean-Claude Rouget for Sheikh Hamdan, won the G3 Prix Imprudence impressively and is around 10-1; and Moonstone Magic, now two-for-two and winner of the G3 Fred Darling on very soft ground (she's by Trade Fair out of a Kyllachy mare), is now around 8-1 after being supplemented on Monday.

There are five possible runners by second-crop sires Excellent Art, Strategic Prince, Dark Angel, Sir Percy, and the little-known Multiplex, but all are big outsiders.

In Other News...

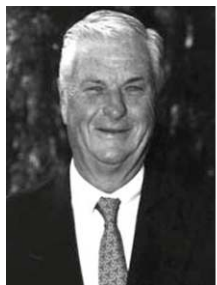
The Kyllachy File: Still number 12 on the *TDN* Year-to-Date General Sire List, and got his fourth graded stakes winner of 2012 when Cheveley Park castoff Penitent, a 6-year-old gelding bought for 40,000gns at last October's Tattersalls Horses In Training Sale, won the G2 Bet365 Mile (I think it's what we know as the Sandown Mile) on heavy going last Saturday; big win for promising young trainer David O'Meara. **Cont. p13**



The death of the mighty Dynaformer at the age of 27 really does mark the end of an era. He was the last of the four great Roberto sons, all of whom started for four-figure stud fees (under \$10,000), and all of whom ended up being seriously good sires: Silver Hawk, Kris S., and Red Ransom were the other three. Like many of the greats, Dynaformer was a character right up to the end. Patrick Cooper and I happened to be looking at some of the stallions at Three Chimneys when we were both in Lexington about three weeks ago, and we didn't ask for Dynaformer to come out. I kid you not, he stamped his foot until we went over and said hello; he knew we needed to keep our priorities in order.

Transition at Keeneland: Nick Nicholson has been one of the great administrators in the business ever since he moved back from Washington 30-odd years ago. It's hard to believe he's been at Keeneland for 13 years, but he's been a great asset for the company and its coveted brand name. A protege of Alice Headley Chandler of Mill Ridge Farm, Nick hands the reins to Keeneland's CFO, Bill Thomason, who moved over to Keeneland two years ago after 28 years at Mill Ridge. Alice was one of my supporters when I came to Lexington in 1979, and I can tell you it is no understatement to say she has been one of the most influential figures in Kentucky racing and breeding for more decades than she cares to remember. Her father Hal Price Headley was one of the founders of Keeneland in 1936. It's been a great tradition and one of the unrelenting positives in the business.

Nick has done a great job, and the place won't be the same without him. Bill T. may not be as well known going in, but to industry insiders who have known and worked with him for years, the feedback is all positive. One good thing about all the Keeneland presidents I've known, and I'll have known four of them now, also including Ted Bassett and Bill Greely, they've all had a sense of humor and perspective, and the new guy will continue this important and honored tradition. You'll like him. **Bill Oppenheim** may be contacted at bopp@erb.com (please cc TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com). Follow him on Twitter at www.twitter.com/billoppenheim.



op/ed
by Gary Bizantz

Once again, Rob Whiteley has written a great article on what to do to raise funds to save and rehabilitate, when possible and appropriate, the retired Thoroughbreds who have given us so many thrills and enjoyment ([Au Currant](#), TDN Op/Ed, April 27, 2012).

Under the leadership of The Jockey Club and Jack Wolf of Starlight Racing, the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance gives us the vehicle to which all participants in racing may contribute and provide funds for the deserving retirement and rehabilitation farms that care for these great Thoroughbred horses when their careers in racing are over.

Thoroughbred owners should not get caught up in the "Unwanted Horse" arguments. We all should be responsible to see that proper care is available and another career is a viable option for the Thoroughbred horse.

For too long, the racing industry has just overlooked this problem or said we can't afford it. Arthur Hancock summed it up perfectly when he said, "We can't expect to be a major league product and gain the respect of the fans if we slaughter the athlete we come to cheer." We are better than that scenario and we have the ability to fix it. It doesn't take more committees, more discussions, and no results. It takes leadership and courage!

The accredited retirement and rehabilitation farms across America need funds to operate. I speak and write with knowledge on this subject. Twelve years ago, I recognized this problem and I purchased a 50-acre farm which I donated to California owners, and under the professional management of Priscilla Clark, Tranquility Farm has handled over one thousand horses and adopted out a high percentage of these animals for a second career. Tranquility Farm is a beacon of hope for the Thoroughbred in California. We have other fine retirement facilities in California and there are many others across America. Those of us who run these facilities appreciate the help we receive. Bob and Beverly Lewis, John Amerman, Marsha Naify, Madeline Auerbach, and many others have allowed Tranquility to function. We thank them, but all of us get tired of begging. The time for the industry to step up is now and the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance is the answer. The racetracks, the trainers, the vets, the organizations like The Jockey Club, Breeders' Cup, TOBA and the HBPA, need to unite and make it happen. Everyone can give something.

Slaughter is not the ultimate answer. Euthanasia is appropriate when conditions demand it, but the vast majority of Thoroughbreds deserve a better fate.

I urge every owner to get behind the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. It takes money to operate these centers and the managers of these centers want to be successful as they love the horse.

Gary E. Bizantz
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Yesterday's Results:

9th-CDX, \$53,908, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57 3/5, gd.

LITTLE MISS MUFFET (f, 3, [Scat Daddy](#)--Jenna S., by Kris S.), a debut winner at this track last May, finished third in a Hoosier allowance Sept. 20 before occupying the same spot behind the streaking Applauding (Congrats) at Fair Grounds Dec. 2. She made one more start in New Orleans Jan. 14, but faded to finish fourth and was shelved. After racing in second early in this turf bow, the 3-1 third choice came on bravely between rivals and hit the wire a half-length in front of Granny Calling (Honour and Glory). Sales history: \$45,000 yrl '10 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$73,336. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).

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8th-CDX, \$52,790, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

BURBAN (f, 4, [Speightstown](#)--Horse B With You {SW & GSP}, by Slewdledo) debuted with a runner-up effort to Groupie Doll (Bowman's Band)--recent winner of the GI Vinery Madison S.--under the Twin Spires June 17. She earned her diploma with a wire-to-wire display at this track on the Fourth of July, but hadn't seen action since. Sent off at 6-5, the dark bay had the lead by the time they hit the turn, and was confidently ridden through the lane by Julien Leparoux en route to a two-length tally over Refugio (Bernardini). Sales history: \$90,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$80,940. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).

O-Joseph W Sutton. B-James LaMonica, Greenhill Farm, William Bryant & Jeff Singer (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally.

Recommended for Purchase by Barry Berkelhammer

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Scat Daddy Season for Sale at Lexington Cancer Foundation Gala

The Lexington Cancer Foundation will hold its 2012 fundraiser, the Lexington Derby Ball, Thursday evening, May 3 at Mr. and Mrs. Don Ball's Donamire Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. The first of 16 live auction lots is a live foal 2013 season to Scat Daddy, who, just two days later, will have the unique distinction of having two colts from his first crop, Daddy Long Legs and Daddy Nose Best, contesting the Kentucky Derby. The season was donated by Ashford Stud, who reported that Scat Daddy is full for 2012 and is filling up rapidly for next year. He was the leading freshman sire of 2011, and has five graded stakes winners thus far.



Lexington Derby Ball at Donamire Farm

To bid on the season, contact The Lexington Cancer Foundation immediately at (888) 388-2620, or visit their website for full details of the evening at www.lexingtonfoundation.org. The Lexington Cancer Foundation's mission is to create awareness and to raise funds in the fight against cancer, and to improve the quality of healthcare for cancer patients.

CENTRAL U.S.

Arlington Announces Purse Reduction:

In the wake of an ongoing contract dispute with the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Arlington Park has announced a purse reduction of 20% beginning with Friday's card. While the two sides continue to have discussions to resolve outstanding issues, the Chicago track has been unable to accept wagers on its races outside of Illinois.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 7th Race, \$55,300 Allowance, at Churchill. For pps and a complete race analysis, [click here](#).



Today's Insights  
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1:54p 3rd-BEL, \$72K, Opt. Clm. (\$75K), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f
 HR/TVG **ORIENT MOON** ([Malibu Moon](#)) drew off by six lengths over a next-out winner at Gulfstream in her career bow Apr. 7. The \$320K KEESEP purchase has come back with a pair of sharp drills for trainer Todd Pletcher. [brisset.com PPs](#)

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First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 2
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2009 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/
 BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- RUN AWAY AND HIDE** (City Zip), Darby Dan, \$8K, 54/0/0
 1-CD, Msw, 4 1/2f, Lignite, \$35K FTK JUL yrl, 8-5
- SALUTE THE SARGE** (Forest Wildcat), Walmac, \$8K, 51/0/0
 2-BEL, Msw, 5f, Cabs Are Here, 20-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 2
*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, 193/16/2
 2-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Saturday Premium, 3-1
- LATENT HEAT** (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 157/23/1
 7-BEL, Stk, 6f, Softly Lit, \$3K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- MASTER COMMAND** (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made, \$15K, 179/28/2
 6-IND, Msw, 6f, +Herecomesthemaster, \$35K KEE SEP yrl
- NOBLE CAUSEWAY** (Giant's Causeway), Crestwood, \$5K, 153/13/1
 6-IND, Msw, 6f, +Noble Cyrus

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IN ITALY:
 + Catboss, f, 2, [Street Boss](#). See "Italy."

BRITAIN 

Yesterday's Results:
Kempton Park, 18.35, Mdn, £3,500, 3-4yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:32.71, stn.
GRANDILOQUENT (GB) (c, 3, Rail Link {GB}--High Praise {MGSW-Fr, \$111,605}, by Quest For Fame {GB}), runner-up over a mile on debut at Lingfield in October, was sent straight to the front. Extending in early stretch, the 8-13 pick only had to be kept up to his work to beat Tempest Fugit (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) by two lengths. The winner is a half to Sight Unseen (GB) (Sadler's Wells), SP-Eng. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £3,250. [Video, courtesy Racing UK](#).
 O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

Lingfield, 17.30, Mdn, £2,500, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:37.03, stn.
THE NILE (GB) (c, 3, Three Valleys--Delta {GB}, by Zafonic), third on debut behind the highly promising Tales of Grimm (Distorted Humor) and subsequent G1 Fillies' Mile third Firdaws (Mr. Greeley) in a seven-furlong Newbury maiden on his sole start in August, was hammered into 1-2 and missed the break before recovering and racing alongside Zaeem (GB) (Echo of Light {GB}) at the head of affairs. Asserting his superiority over that rival from the home turn, the homebred drew away under hand riding to record an impressive 11-length success. The winner is a half to Flood Plain (GB) (Orpen), SP-Eng. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £2,320. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#).
 O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-John Gosden.

Wednesday, Kempton, post time: 4:20 p.m.
ASCOT.CO.UK PAVILION S.-Listed, £20,000, 3yo, 6f (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Bannock (Ire)	Bertolini	S de Sousa	Johnston	126
2	1	Gusto (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	R Hughes	Hannon	126
3	8	Accession (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Kirby	Cox	123
4	2	Bayleyf (Ire)	Kheleyf	Gibbons	Best	123
5	9	B Fifty Two (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Sanders	J Hills	123
6	5	Big Note (Ire)	Amadeus Wolf (GB)	Fortune	Balding	123
7	7	Burwaaz (GB)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Hanagan	E Dunlop	123
8	4	Saminder (Ire)	Red Ransom	R Moore	P Ch-Hym	123
9	3	West Leke Dman (Ire)	Namid (GB)	Dettori	C Hills	123
10	6	Pale Orchid (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	M Demuro	Evans	118



FRANCE



Yesterday's Result:

Saint-Cloud, 14.50, Cond, €28,000, 4yo/up,
1 15/16mT, 3:25.10, vsf.

GENTOO (FR) (g, 8, Loup Solitaire--Ifni {Fr}, by Bering {GB}), a last-out third at Chantilly Mar. 23, had been off the mark since landing the 2010 G1 Prix Royal-Oak at Longchamp, but regained the winning thread in this marathon. Restrained in rear until coming under pressure to close off the home turn, the 6-5 chalk kept on strongly under a sympathetic drive in the straight to oust Celtic Celeb (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) by a head in the shades of the post. Sales history: €11,000 yrl '04 DEADEC. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-Fr, 50 starts, 11 wins, 26 places, €601,360.

O-Serge Tripiier-Mondancin; B-Jean-Claude Seroul; T-Alain Lyon.

GERMANY



Yesterday's Result:

HENKEL-STUTENPREIS-Listed, €20,000, Dusseldorf,
5-1, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.32, gd.

1--#**DESSAU (GER), 128, f, 3, by Soldier Hollow (GB)**

1st Dam: Desabina (Ger) (SW-Ger), by Big Shuffle

2nd Dam: Despoina (Ger), by Aspros (Ger)

3rd Dam: Dorle (GB), by Rheffic (Fr)

(€28,000 RNA yrl '10 BBASEP). O/B-Gestut Rottgen; T-Waldemar Hickst; J-Alexander Pietsch; €12,000.

Lifetime Record: GSP-Ger, 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €40,000.

2--**Cherry Danon (Fr), 126, f, 3, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)--**
Sherifa (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). (€21,000 wnlg '09 GOFNOV). O-Gestut Brummerhof; B-Ken Lynch; T-Peter Schiergen; €4,400.

3--**Waldtraut (Ger), 126, f, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--**
Waldbeere (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). O/B-Gestut Brummerhof; T-Andreas Wohler; €2,400.

Margins: NO, 3, HF. Odds: 2.80, 5.80, 1.00.

Also Ran: Destiny's Child (Ger), Kapitala (Fr), Tipsy Tangerine (Ger), Britney (Fr).

Dessau was runner-up to Monami (Ger) (Sholokhov {Ire}) when last seen in Baden-Baden's G3 Preis der Winterkonigin in October and was forced to carry a penalty as a result in this prep for the G2 German 1000 Guineas over course and distance June 3. Dropped out early to race with only one behind, the bay was sent up the hedge after the final turn and after switching out to challenge Cherry Danon nosed out that rival in the bobber.

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ITALY



Yesterday's Results:

First Winner for Freshman Sire

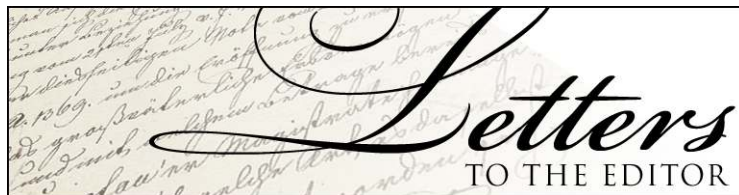
Rome, 15.35, Debutantes, €18,000, 2yo, f, 5fT,
:59.90, sf.

(DH)+ **CATBOSS (f, 2, Street Boss--Glorious Cat, by Tabasco Cat)** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,500.

O-Scuderia Razza dell'Olmo Srl; B-Brandywine Farm; T-Riccardo Menichetti. *\$7,500 yrl '11 KEESEP.

(DH)+ **GIRL OF THE RAIN (IRE) (f, 2, Refuse to Bend {Ire}--Bagnolese {Ity}, by Cape Cross {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,500. O-Scuderia Aleali; B-Razza del Velino Srl; T-Angelo Candi. *1/2 to Dagda Mor (Ity) (Martino Alonso {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 5-7f, \$399,074. **€32,000 yrl '11 ITSSEP.

Girl of the Rain was professional from the outset and cut out the early running while Catboss was more green racing three lengths away in fourth. Getting the hang of things late on, Catboss ground away at the leader's advantage and joined her on the line to force a dead heat. [Click for a video replay.](#)



I have read the article whose link is in the TDN of May 1, 2012 (*Longchamp's empty stands show French racing appeals more to trainers, by Chris Cook*) and I totally disagree with that analysis of French racing.

Horse racing is very healthy, attendance-wise, where there are bookmakers who create the right atmosphere beforehand to build up the event, any event; also with the help of the ante-post market; and on course, where there are good daily newspapers (and this is not the case for France) and where the corporate entertainment is well-organized.

Corporate entertainment brings new blood to all the racecourses every single day of racing, and in England every single race is sponsored by small guns or by big guns and every single race is televised via broadcast or via cable.

Of course, in England there also bookmakers and they know how to do their job despite the competition of the exchanges, mainly Betfair.

It doesn't matter if you pay to get into a racecourse or if you don't pay (Chris Cook stated that "when you persistently offer something for free, you run the risk of suggesting it has no particular value") or if there is a competition with any other form of betting (in France online sports-betting turnover is ridiculous because of the tax and because of the odds offered, so this is not the case).

On Arc day, the music is different, but if you are able to sing a good song only once a year you look like a swan and nothing else.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-IND, \$38,880, 4-30, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, gd.

JUNGLE JUICE (f, 3, Spellbinder--Our Sophia, by Belong to Me) Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$49,956. O-Maggi Moss. B-Emilie G Fojan (KY). T-Thomas M Amoss. *\$3,700 yrl '10 FTKOCT; \$17,000 2yo '11 TEXMAR.

6th-IND, \$36,001, 4-30, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, sy.

WOODLAND HARMONY (f, 4, Forestry--Listen to My Song, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$62,931. O/B-Town & Country Farms Corp (FL). T-Eduardo Caramori.

9th-WRD, \$25,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47, gd.

BALM (f, 4, Bwana Charlie--Weepecket {MSW, \$184,775}, by Mr. Sparkles) Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$59,090. O-Southern Okie Boys LLC. B-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable (FL). T-Roger F Engel. *\$29,000 HRA '11 FTHRS.

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5th-FLX, \$20,000, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, 5f, :59 1/5, my.

CHECK THE CITES (g, 4, Read the Footnotes--Madison Dollie {SP}, by Forest Wildcat) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-1, \$50,933. O/T-Debra Divitto. B-JMJ Racing Stables, LLC (NY). *\$62,000 yrl '09 FTMOCT; \$22,000 RNA wlng '08 KEENOV.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kingdom of Dreams, g, 3, Lucky Lionel--My Golden Tripp (SP), by Gold Legend. WRD, 5-1, 5 1/2f, 1:07. B-Joe & Cindy Alexander (OK).

Minesave, f, 3, Mineshaft--Jaramar Rain (SW & GSP, \$292,660), by Thunder Gulch. CDX, 5-1, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY). *\$45,000 yrl '10 KEESEP. **1/2 to Imperial Council (Empire Maker), MGSP, \$258,465.

Mr Weaver, c, 3, Roar of the Tiger--Beauallis (SP, \$179,649), by Barbeau. ATL, 5-1, 5 1/2fT, 1:03 3/5. B-Ponder Hill Farm Inc (FL). *\$15,000 RNA 2yo '11 OBSAPR.

+ Wild Sip, g, 3, Wild Zone--Sids Eagle, by Woodman. IND, 4-30, (S), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Roger Eugene Burton (IN).

Sir Rudy, g, 4, Black Moonshine--Miss Kentucky, by Irgun. IND, 4-30, (S), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Reuel & Lavonne Huston (IN).

+ Fine Friends, c, 4, Master Phone--Mighty Fine (SP), by Cormorant. ATL, 5-1, 5 1/2fT, 1:03 1/5. B-Ocean View Stables (NJ).

Witty Gal, m, 5, Distorted Humor--Andrea Gail, by Storm Bird. CDX, 5-1, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5. B-Silverleaf Farms Inc (KY). *\$80,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. **1/2 to Areyoutalkintome (Smokester), GSW, \$985,416.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 15.55, €28,000, 4yo, 1 5/16mT, 2:13.20, vsf.

ESLES (FR) (c, 4, Motivator {GB}--Resquilleuse, by Dehere) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 4 wins, 3 places, €50,600. O-Mme Georgina Cabrero; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. *€60,000 yrl '09 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Flash Dance (Ire) (Zamindar), SW-Ger & MSP-Fr, \$150,741.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Just Past Andover (Ire), c, 2, Amadeus Wolf (GB)--Fancy Feathers (Ire), by Redback (GB). Yarmouth, Britain, 5-1, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 43ydsT. B-Mrs M Marnane. *€18,000 wnlng '10 GOFNOV; £9,500 yrl '11 DONAUG.

Dance Company (GB), f, 3, Aussie Rules--Corps de Ballet (Ire), by Fasliyev. Lingfield, Britain, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT). B-David Jamison Bloodstock. *16,000gns RNA yrl '10 TATOCT.

Gabriel's Lad (Ire), g, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Catherine Wheel (GB), by Primo Dominie (GB). Kempton Park, Britain, 5-1, Mdn, 3-5yo, 6f (AWT). B-Yeomanstown Stud. *17,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT.

Jocasta Dawn (GB), f, 3, Kyllachy (GB)--Jubilee Dawn (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). Yarmouth, Britain, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, 5f 43ydsT. B-Mrs M J Blackburn.

HOW THEY GOT THERE: RECENT KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS' PREPS

Year	Winner	Last Prep
2011	Animal Kingdom	1st, Vinery Spiral S.
2010	Super Saver	2nd, Arkansas Derby
2009	Mine That Bird	4th, Sunland Derby
2008	Big Brown	1st, Florida Derby
2007	Street Sense	2nd, Blue Grass
2006	Barbaro	1st, Florida Derby
2005	Giacomo	4th, Santa Anita Derby
2004	Smarty Jones	1st, Arkansas Derby
2003	Funny Cide	2nd, Wood Memorial
2002	War Emblem	1st, Illinois Derby
2001	Monarchos	2nd, Wood Memorial
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	1st, Wood Memorial
1999	Charismatic	1st, Coolmore Lexington
1998	Real Quiet	2nd, Santa Anita Derby
1997	Silver Charm	2nd, Santa Anita Derby