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PREAKNESS FIELD TAKES SHAPE

J.P. Reddam's **I'll Have Another** (Flower Alley), winner of Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby, settled into his new surroundings at Pimlico Race Course Tuesday ahead of an upcoming start in the GI Preakness S. May 19. "He walked this morning for about 15 or 20 minutes," said Jack Sisterson, assistant to trainer Doug O'Neil. "He was just taking it all in and looking around. He's feeling good."



I'll Have Another
Jim McCue, MJC

Sent out for light exercise yesterday, the chestnut arrived from Kentucky Monday. "Everything went as smooth as could be," Sisterson said. "He enjoyed the flight, enjoyed the van ride and took it right in his stride. It was great."

Commenting on the colt's fitness following the landmark win, Sisterson added, "He looks like he never ran. He's eaten everything up. He wants to get out of the barn. He's quiet once

he's in there, but once he's out, it's like, 'OK, I want to go out to the track now.' That's something we want to see. After a race, especially one like the Kentucky Derby, you're always wondering if it has taken something out of him, but he's doing fantastic." O'Neill, who is expected to arrive at Pimlico Thursday morning, will set a schedule for I'll Have Another.

Heinz Steinmann's **Creative Cause** (Giant's Causeway) is headed to the Preakness, according to trainer Mike Harrington Tuesday. The Grade I winner was shipped back to Harrington's stable in California after he finished fifth in the Kentucky Derby. Harrington indicated the colt will ship to Baltimore via Louisville, Kentucky May 16. "We're planning on it; we've got the flight booked," Harrington confirmed. "We have to see how he bounces back."

Also likely for the second jewel in the Triple Crown is J.W. Singer LLC's **Teeth of the Dog** (Bluegrass Cat), who will head to Baltimore in lieu of initial plans to run in Saturday's GI Peter Pan S. at Belmont. A winner at Gulfstream Feb. 4 against a field that included Derby fourth Went the Day Well (Proud Citizen), the bay was third most recently in the GI Wood Memorial. "He came out of the Wood fine and has done well," said trainer Michael Matz. Matz also revealed that Union Rags (Dixie Union), seventh in the Derby, also exited the race in good order. "He was outside for three hours [Tuesday morning]," offered Matz. "He came out of the race fine."

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DABIRSIM HEADS POULAINS LIST

Last year's G1 Prix Morny and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere hero **Dabirsim (Fr)** (Hat Trick {Jpn}) yesterday headed 15 colts remaining in Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp following the first forfeit stage. Among the opponents to Simon Springer's French juvenile champion is Kai Chah Tan's **Dragon Pulse (Ire)** (Kyllachy {GB}), the Mikel Delzangles trainee who upstaged Christophe Ferland's in the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau over course and distance of the upcoming Classic Apr. 15. There are seven still engaged from Britain and Ireland, with Ballydoyle leaving in a trio, including Apr. 22 Listed Loughbrown S. winner **Requisition (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Italy could be represented by Apr. 29 G3 Premio Parioli hero **Malossol** (Rahy) and Germany by Apr. 22 G3 Dr Busch-Memorial winner **Amaron (GB)** (Shamardal). Ground conditions at Longchamp are currently very soft, with no let-up in the rain forecast ahead of Sunday.

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TDN's Writers Up



TDN's Lucas Marquardt's features trainer Dale Romans, responsible for last weekend's graded winners Little Mike, Shackleford (pictured) and Silver Max. The Kentucky-based trainer was also responsible for Kentucky Derby third Dullahan.

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Allied Powers Takes French Group 3

Allied Powers (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), winner of the G3 Prix d'Hedouville in 2010, marked his return appearance with another score over the Longchamp course. Sent off at almost 8-1, the 7-year-old proved he still had it with a game rally in the final stages to land this renewal by a head.

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Bill Oppenheim Reflects

This week, Bill Oppenheim takes a look at the significance of the winners of last weekend's most important races, and the effect on the leading sires rankings. Included among those getting a welcome boost were third-crop sires Flower Alley--responsible for Kentucky Derby winner I'll Have Another--and Holy Roman Emperor (Ire), who produced 1000 Guineas heroine Homecoming Queen. Coverage begins page 9

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INTERNATIONAL SUPERSTAR

MORE THAN READY had 2 black type winners on 2 continents on Saturday!

USA: Hungry Island won the Churchill Distaff Turf Mile (G2).

AUS: More Strawberries won the Darley Crown at Hawkesbury.

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NEWS

STARSPANGLED BANNER TO RETURN?

Coolmore's **Starspangledbanner (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}--Gold Anthem {Aus}, by Made of Gold) could return to training at Ballydoyle after suffering from fertility



Coolmore.com

problems, it was revealed yesterday. Now six, the speedy chestnut was retired after his 2010 campaign in Europe, during which he annexed the G1 Golden Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot and G1 July Cup at Newmarket. "Due to ongoing fertility

issues which have not improved as much as hoped, it was decided not to shuttle Starspangledbanner this year," a tweet for Coolmore read. "A decision on his future will be made later this month, but it is possible that he may go back into training at Ballydoyle." Starspangledbanner also captured the G1 Caulfield Guineas and G1 Oakleigh Plate in his native Australia.

KY DERBY VIEWERSHIP SLIGHTLY UP

NBC Sports' coverage of Saturday's Kentucky Derby drew 14.8 million viewers, the third-most-watched Kentucky Derby in 23 years, and up 2% from last year's Derby viewership of 14.5 million, according to official national data provided by The Nielsen Company Tuesday. The household rating of 9.0/20 is up 6% from last year's race. Since implementing NBC Sports' 'Big Event Strategy,' the last four Kentucky Derby races have all recorded at least 14.5 million viewers. NBC Sports' coverage of the Kentucky Derby over the last 12 years averages more than 2 million more viewers than the previous 12 Kentucky Derby broadcasts on ABC (14.1 million vs. 12.0 million, up 17%).

KENTUCKY DERBY VIEWERSHIP

Last 10 Years

2012	14.8 million	NBC	I'll Have Another
2011	14.5 million	NBC	Animal Kingdom
2010	16.5 million	NBC	Super Saver
2009	16.3 million	NBC	Mine That Bird
2008	14.2 million	NBC	Big Brown
2007	13.8 million	NBC	Street Sense
2006	12.9 million	NBC	Barbaro
2005	13.6 million	NBC	Giacomo
2004	14.6 million	NBC	Smarty Jones
2003	11.8 million	NBC	Funny Cide

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RESULTS

Tuesday, Longchamp, France

PRIX D'HEDOUVILLE-G3, €80,000, Longchamp, 5-8, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:45.10, vsf.

1--**ALLIED POWERS (IRE)**, 123, g, 7, by **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Always Friendly (GB)** (Hwt. Older Mare-GB at 11-14f, GSW-GB & G1SP-Fr, \$150,207), by **High Line (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Wise Speculation**, by **Mr. Prospector**

3rd Dam: **Wisdom**, by **Hail to Reason**

(62,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT; 220,000gns RNA HIT '08 TATAUT). O-David Fish & Edward Ware; B-Saad bin Mishrif; T-Michael Bell; J-Ioritz Mendizabal; €40,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-GB & GSP-Ire, 34 starts, 8 wins, 14 places, €355,693. *1/2 to Dane Friendly (GB) (Danehill), GSW & G1SP-Ity, \$138,955. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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*2--**Solemia (Ire)**, 120, f, 4, Poliglote (GB)--Brooklyn's Dance (Fr), by Shirley Heights (GB). O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; €16,000.

3--**Molly Malone (Fr)**, 118, f, 4, Lomitas (GB)--Moonlight Melody (Ger), by Law Society. O/B-Dieter Burkle; T-Mikel Delzangles; €12,000.

Margins: HD, 3, 2HF. Odds: 7.90, 0.80, 7.50.

Also Ran: Dance Moves (GB), Winter Dream (Ire), Starlish (Ire), Fannon Blue (Ity). Scratched: Dormello (Ire). *Molly Malone finished second, but was disqualified and placed third.

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

Allied Powers, at home in France, added a third pattern-race success across the Channel with this game display. Successful in this race in 2010 before taking the G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly a month later, the bay contested the latter contest again last June and was a respectable third that time before finishing off the board in four subsequent starts. Runner-up to Harris Tweed (GB) (Hernando {Fr}) in Newbury's G3 John Porter S. over this trip last time Apr. 21, he showed the benefit of that outing to show that the years have not caught up with him yet. Settled in third early, he made his move wide as Solemia attempted to challenge up the rail inside the final 150 yards. While that rival was squeezed up by the subsequently demoted Molly Malone, Allied Powers was giving his all, and finally subdued the former after a tussle in the final 50 yards. "We are proud of him--he has been around so long and has done so well," co-owner David Fish commented. "We will attempt to repeat his achievement of two years ago and win the [June 3] G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly. He is a true mile-and-a-half horse, and we made a mistake last year running him in the staying races."

TDN TODAY

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EUROPE'S LEADING SECOND CROP SIRE

6 May **TANNERY** won the **Victor McCalmont Memorial Stakes-L.R.** at Gowran Park for **David Wachman**.



6 May German Oaks entry **NYPHEA** won a maiden first time out in Germany for **Peter Schiergen**.

30 April French Oaks entry **PRETTY PLEASE** won a conditions race at Chantilly for **Mikel Delzangles** first time out.

29 April French Oaks entry **BEST OF ALL** won a maiden at Longchamp for **Elie Lellouche**.

29 April Epsom Derby & Irish Derby entry **ATHENS** won a conditions event at Navan for **Aidan O'Brien**.

25 April **GOLDONI** won the £50,000 Investec Derby Trial Conditions race at Epsom for **Andrew Balding**.

15 April **FURNER'S GREEN** won the **Leopardstown 2,000 Guineas Trial Stakes-Gr.3** for **Aidan O'Brien** and is being targeted at the **French 2,000 Guineas-Gr.1/French Derby-Gr.1** double.



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BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Thursday, Chester, Britain, post time: 2:35 p.m.

MBNA CHESTER VASE-G3, £55,000, 3yo, c/g, 12f 66ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	David Livingston (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
2	2	Call to Battle (Ire)	King's Best	Murtagh	Oxx
3	5	Mickdaam (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Hamilton	Fahey
4	3	Minimise Risk (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Spencer	Balding
5	1	Model Pupil (GB)	Sinndar (Ire)	M Hills	C Hills

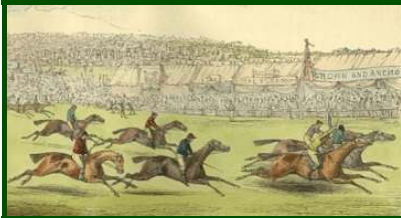
All carry 124 pounds bar David Livingston, 128.

Thursday, Chester, Britain, post time: 2:05 p.m.

BETFAIR HUXLEY S. (FOR THE TRADESMAN'S CUP)-G3, £55,000,

4yo/up, 10f 75ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Wigmore Hall (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Spencer	Bell	133
2	1	Questioning (Ire)	Elusive Quality	Buick	Gosden	129
3	4	Glen's Diamond (GB)	Intikhab	Hamilton	Fahey	126
4	8	Hunter's Light (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	126
5	7	Junoob (GB)	Haafhd (GB)	Kingscote	Dascombe	126
6	5	Marcret (Ity)	Martino Alonso (Ire)	Moore	M Botti	126
7	9	Prince Siegfried (Fr)	Royal Applause (GB)	Barzalona	bin Suroor	126
8	3	St Moritz (Ire)	Medicean (GB)	A Nicholls	D Nicholls	126
9	6	Myplacelater (GB)	Where or When (Ire)	Norton	Fahey	123



Classic Corner

LINGFIELD TRIALS ON POLYTRACK

Saturday's G3 Derby Trial and Listed Oaks Trial at Lingfield will be staged on the all-weather for the first time. With the turf course waterlogged in places, Friday and Saturday's cards have been switched to the Polytrack. "I think making an early decision to switch to the all-weather lets everyone know where they stand and, having spoken to the connections of quite a few of the horses entered in the Oaks and Derby trials, there has been great support," explained Clerk of the Course Neil Mackenzie Ross.

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'As the horse and rider passed the finish line, high fives were flowing throughout Hastings, with many of them holding winning tickets.'

Tom Wolski, The Province

O'Neill is Man of the Moment

'After jockey Mario Gutierrez booted home I'll Have Another, a reporter found Daniel O'Neill in the celebrating group and got the first response from the winning trainer's son. "Hot tub, baby," Daniel said.'

Bill Dwyre, Los Angeles Times

Conflict between owners jeopardizes Woodbine Live

Elizabeth Church, The Globe and Mail

"It's been promoted as a billion-dollar project that will bring more than 9,000 jobs to a needy corner of the city, but Woodbine Live, the entertainment and retail project touted by Mayor Rob Ford as proof of his ability to attract investment, is in jeopardy of losing its tax breaks from the city."



WRITERS UP

ROMANS INVASION

By Lucas Marquardt

Twenty-five years ago, Dale Romans was just another 18-year-old kid hoping to carve out a living by following in the footsteps of his father. Jerry Romans was a respected conditioner who plied his trade



Dale Romans at the Derby
L Marquardt photo

primarily with claiming horses, and when Dale saddled his first winner on Feb. 15, 1987, he expected to carry on his father's mantle.

"At that point in my career, I would have been very happy just to get 20 horses in my barn," said Romans. "I thought if I ever got to 20 horses, I would have made it, and would have been happy having the same career my father had."

In the last decade, however, Romans has emerged not as a top

claiming trainer, but as one of the most respected "big-day" conditioners in the country, a man whose runners are often not the most fashionably bred or most expensive auction purchases, but who show up and run big when it counts.

That was in evidence this past weekend at Churchill Downs. Romans sent out three combined graded winners on Oaks and Derby day, led by Saturday's GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic hero **Little Mike** (Spanish Steps). On the same card, last year's GI Preakness S. winner **Shackleford** (Forestry) won the GII Churchill Downs S. over sprint champion **Amazombie** (Northern Afleet), while a day earlier **Silver Max** (Badge of Silver) won the GII American Turf S. in wire-to-wire fashion.

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In the GI Kentucky Derby itself, **Dullahan** (Even the Score) came flying to be third, becoming the second Romans runner to fill that spot after Paddy O'Prado (El Prado {Ire}) completed the trifecta behind Super Saver (Maria's Mon) two years ago. And in the GII Churchill Downs Turf Mile S. for fillies and mares, Breeders' Cup winner **Tapitsfly** (Tapit) ran a strong second to Hungry Island (More Than Ready).

"I was proud of the way they all ran," Romans said Monday. "I don't know if the weekend was up there with winning the Preakness, but it sure was a good one. Shackleford is one of the favorites in the barn, so it was good for him to get back to running the way he did, and for the other horses to do what they did was great. Still, to come so close in the Derby, you leave a little frustrated. But I couldn't find many people to sympathize with me."

As of Monday, Romans--who conditions about 100 horses--was the fourth-leading trainer in the country by earnings (\$3,564,903), with 49 wins from 283 starts (17%). Last year, he was eighth on the money list with \$7,686,493 in earnings.

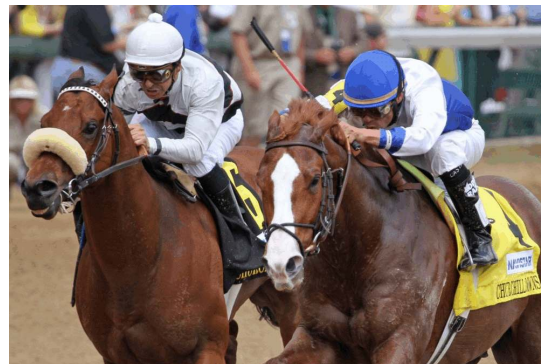
Romans's success, notably, hasn't come with a certain type of horse. It isn't--like Bob Baffert, for instance--

sophomore Classic-types that drives his operation. It isn't grass horses, or sprinters, or fillies and mares. It's all of them.

Since 2004, Romans has trained the likes of

Kitten's Joy

(El Prado {Ire}), named champion turf horse in '04 after a brilliant six-for-eight campaign. He also trained the top handicap runner **Roses in May** (Devil His Due), winner of the G1 Dubai World Cup in 2005. The aforementioned Tapitsfly won the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Santa Anita in 2009, while last year, Romans sent out the smart sprint filly **Sassy Image** (Broken Vow) to wins in the GI Humana Distaff and GI Princess Rooney.



Shackleford (inside) defeats Amazombie
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Romans says his success with varied types of horses isn't an accident. "I worked very hard to not be labeled as a certain type of trainer," he said. "A lot of guys get labeled a claiming trainer, or a grass trainer, or a sprint trainer, and then it's hard to break out from that, because that's all that people send you. Bill Mott's labeled a grass trainer by a lot people, but when I was a kid at Churchill Downs, he was winning all over on the dirt because they didn't have a grass course. He can train anything to do anything, but once he's labeled, all he gets are grass horses."

If Romans trains many types of horses, he trains them for many types of owners. He has horses for Ahmed Zayat's prominent Zayat Stables and, of course, for Donegal Racing, which owns Dullahan and campaigned Paddy O'Prado. But for the most part, Romans's client list is a mishmash of owners and breeders who have had limited success on the national stage. Take last weekend's participants: Shackleford is a homebred for Mike Lauffer and Bill Cubbedge, Little Mike is a homebred for Priscilla and Carlo Vaccarezza, and Silver Max was a \$20,000 FTKJUL yearling that Romans purchased for Mark Bacon and Dana Wells. His brother Jerry Romans Jr. owns Sassy Image--sixth on return in the Humana--and whom Dale purchased for just \$42,000 as a KEESEP yearling.

Romans admits it can be hard not having the consistent support of some of racing's biggest stables. "It makes it a little more of a struggle for me, because there can be some uncertainty there from year to year," he said. "But I've been fortunate that the customers I have have been very loyal. Frank Jones [owner/breeder of Tapitsfly] has had two trainers in his 40 years in the business: my father and me. And while my owners might not send me a ton of horses, but I can count on them for a few each year. We've never spent a lot of money on horses, but we've never seen where we had to, and while it'd be great to have a Juddmonte call tomorrow and say they want to send a bunch of horses my way, we haven't needed that yet."

That isn't to say that bigger operations haven't taken notice of Romans's success. This year, Klaravich Stable sent him some juveniles, as did Paul Pompa Jr.

Romans is expanding his operation in other ways, too. For the first time, he sent horses to New York for Aqueduct's winter/spring meet. Romans was represented by the winners of no fewer than 13 races between November and April, including the GII Remsen S. hero O'Prado Again (El Prado {Ire}). Romans said he plans to ramp up his presence in New York soon with even more horses at Belmont.

Romans's unassuming persona belies a sharp thinker who can and will speak passionately about a number of industry issues. Most notable of late is the use of Lasix, which he supports. At last month's contentious Kentucky Horse Racing Commission meeting, Romans insisted on being heard as the commissioners debated whether to ban the race-day use of the medication.

"Personally, I think that Lasix is good for a horse," Romans echoed his stance Monday. "I think that anything that makes a race less traumatic for a horse is good. It's a simple fix to a potentially bad problem. But the big think is that I don't want it to be no-Lasix versus pro-Lasix, where one side's good and one side's bad. We need to keep discussing it, and actually figure out what is best for the horse. I don't care about perception, I don't care about anything other than what's best for the horse. If we put the horse first and foremost, the rest will work itself out."

One of the most compelling arguments against Lasix has been the contention that horses race less on the drug because it takes them longer to recover after strenuous exercise. Romans called that "nonsense."



Little Mike's connections: Mike, Priscilla & Carlo Vaccarezza in front of Romans
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Romans, daughter Bailey, and longtime partner Tammy Fox
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LITTLEBITABLING, 8, Carson City--Rose Colored Lady, by Formal Dinner
 Foal born Mar. 23, a filly by Harlan's Holiday.
 Will be bred back to Girolamo.
 Owned by Twin Creeks Farm.
 Boarded at Sequel Stallions New York.
 Accomplishments: SW, \$117,340.

ECHELON (GB), 10, Danehill-Exclusive (GB), by Polar Falcon
 Foal born Mar. 24, a filly by Shamardal.
 Will be bred back to Medicean (GB).
 Owned by and boarded at Cheveley Park Stud.
 Accomplishments: 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Ire, MGSW & G1SP Eng, \$775,539.

BERBATIM, 10, Bernstein--Word Harvest, by Verbatim
 Foal born Mar. 25, a colt by Indian Charlie.
 Will be bred back to Tizway.
 Owned by Gary & Wendy Broad.
 Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.
 Accomplishments: GSW, \$216,786.

LADY DORA, 15, Lord At War (Arg)--Doradoradora, by Runaway Groom
 Foal born Mar. 25, a colt by Noonmark.
 Will be bred back to Girolamo.
 Owned by Anthony Grey & Sequel Thoroughbreds.
 Boarded at Sequel Stallions New York.
 Accomplishments: GSW, \$209,081. Dam of Law N Dora (Silver Deputy), SP.

ECHO ECHO ECHO, 19, Eastern Echo--Kashie West, by Sir Ivor
 Foal born Mar. 26, a filly by Majesticperfection.
 Will be bred back to Majesticperfection.
 Owned by Brereton C. Jones.
 Boarded at Airdrie Stud.
 Accomplishments: SP, \$152,342. Dam of Letgomyecho (Menifee), GSW, \$136,200; Soundwave (Friends Lake), SW, \$177,270.

MISS PICKUMS, 14, Afternoon Deelites--Manila Rain, by Manila
 Foal born Mar. 26, a colt by Brother Derek.
 Will be bred back to Include.
 Owned by Brereton C. Jones.
 Boarded at Airdrie Stud.
 Accomplishments: GSW, \$376,809. Dam of Pick and Pray (Songandaprayer), SP, \$157,120.

SUNDAY GEISHA, 7, Sunday Break (Jpn)--Above The Table, by Never Tabled
 Foal born Mar. 26, a colt by Pulpit.
 Will be bred back to Hard Spun.
 Owned by JMJ Racing Stables.
 Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.
 Accomplishments: SW, \$242,640.

Writer's Up cont.

"I don't think people realize how long we've used Lasix for," he said, referring to the industry at large. "I keep hearing about the days when we didn't have medication. When really what we didn't have was testing. We used Lasix long before it was listed on a program, so I don't think that argument holds up. I think we should study why horses don't race as much as they do, but I think there are a lot of reasons. I think horses are raised now more for the sale ring, I think there's a lot more corrective surgery before they sell. I think there's a lot of reasons, and a shot of Lasix is the least of the factors."

Behind everything Romans does is his family. On Saturday, the scene in the winner's circle after Little Mike's Turf Classic win underscored the importance of family to Romans--both emotionally and professionally. His partner of over 21 years Tammy Fox (despite popular opinion, the couple never married) was there accepting high fives from the winning connections, while his daughter Bailey, 19, did a little celebratory dance prior to Little Mike's return. Fox gets on the majority of the stable's good horses in the mornings, and Bailey and the couple's son Jacob, 16, are their father's biggest boosters. "The kids don't work in the barn, but they are very interested in my career and in the business, and it makes it a lot of fun," said Romans. "I'm glad they enjoy it, and it's made us all very tight."

Today, Romans still calls Louisville home, and fittingly walks into the same Barn 4 at Churchill every morning that his father used to. Romans said his relationship with his father could be, like any father and son working together, a bit turbulent at times ("There's a reason I went out on my own so young," he quipped). But he credits his father with many life lessons, and for giving him a head start in the sport he loves. "I think he'd be very proud of me today," Romans said. It's a safe assumption he's right.




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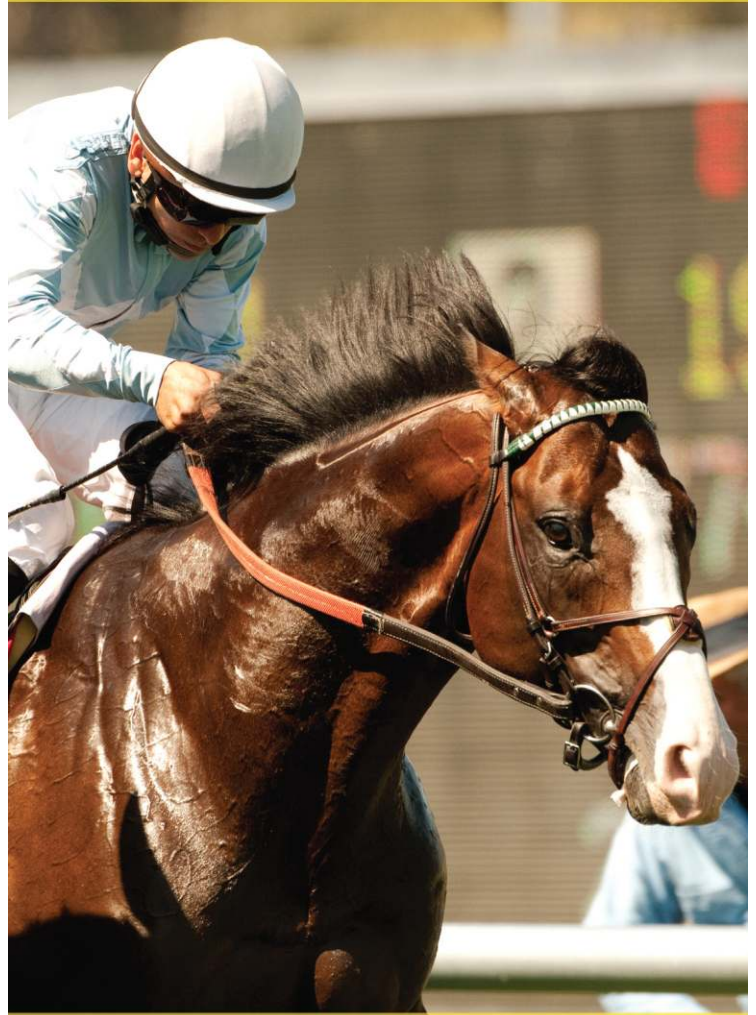


THIRD-CROP REVIVALS

There were four Classics contested last weekend: Friday's G1 Kentucky Oaks at nine furlongs and Saturday's G1 Kentucky Derby at 10, at Churchill Downs; and the two one-mile Guineas races at Newmarket, the G1 Two Thousand Guineas for colts on Saturday, and the G1 English One Thousand Guineas for fillies on Sunday. All four races, as they should, resulted in important changes to the various sire lists, and provided significant boosts for a fair few stallions. Probably the most important of all was Camelot's win in the English 2000. After the death of Montjeu earlier this year at just age 16 (Danehill had died at 17 in 2003), the fact that he has now posthumously got an English 2000 Guineas winner is very important for Coolmore, and, of course, should he go on to be Montjeu's fourth winner of the G1 Epsom Derby (for which he is currently around the 5-4 favorite), it would be huge for Coolmore. The *Racing Post's* Bloodstock Editor, Richard Griffiths, is normally a pretty sensible guy, but he does make some off-the-wall suggestions. Earlier this year he mooted the idea of getting rid of black type, which is actually the underpinning of all value in the Thoroughbred business. On Sunday he floated the idea that, if Camelot wins the Derby, he should try to become the first English Triple Crown winner since Nijinsky II in 1970 by then contesting the G1 English St. Leger over 14 furlongs at Doncaster. Honestly, for somebody who is Bloodstock Editor of a leading racing daily, he should pay more attention to how the bloodstock sector of this business really works. If Camelot can win the G1 English Derby he will be pointed to the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, of course; and he will be retired at the end of 2012 to take his sire's spot at Coolmore. That is the way the business works. The English Triple Crown expired about 30 years ago; it's a commercial disadvantage to win the St. Leger. The American Triple Crown, however, is not yet dead and buried, though the fact there hasn't been a winner of that Triple Crown since Affirmed in 1978 became the third horse in the 1970's (after Secretariat in 1973 and Seattle Slew in 1977) to sweep the series isn't helping its visibility in an era when horse racing in America is getting more bad press than good. A lot of the post-race comments after the Derby focused on the second, Bodemeister (Empire Maker), and what a great race he ran in defeat. Yes, he did; and in the bargain he elevated his sire, Empire Maker, to the top of the 2012 North American General Sire List.

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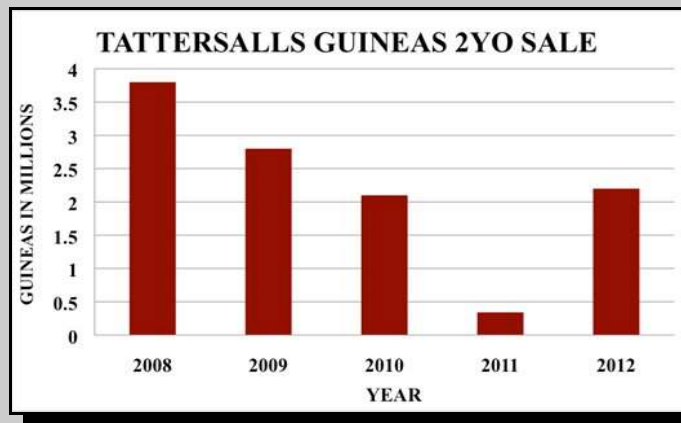
Clearly the scribes, including my good friend Andy Beyer, think that Bodemeister can emulate Curlin, who similarly could not overcome the not-raced-at-two hoodoo when third to Street Sense and Hard Spun in the 2007 Derby, but reversed the form to win the GI Preakness two weeks later. In fact, should Bodemeister contest the Preakness, he'll probably go off favorite to reverse the Derby form with I'll Have Another. Maybe he will reverse the form; but the GI Kentucky Derby winner was I'll Have Another, from the second crop by Three Chimneys stallion Flower Alley, himself by Distorted Humor and winner of the GI Travers and a good second to then 5-year-old Saint Liam in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic in 2005. This result, of course, catapults Flower Alley well into the lead over Bernardini by 2012 progeny earnings for North American third-crop sires ([click here to see the TDN Year-to-Date Third Crop sire list](#)). Yes, it was a lousy figure (Beyer 101) on the lightning-fast Churchill track, but what a fantastic win for one of the greatest owners in the business, Paul Reddam. I couldn't believe how underrated this colt was going into the race, even more so after he drew the 19 hole. One of the reasons Paul is such a great owner is because he started out as a gambler, and he understands completely how the game works; I believe he will admit to having a 'massive' bet on his colt. No, his Beyers weren't great; but he had beaten Creative Cause fair and square in the GI Santa Anita Derby, and in his previous race, Creative Cause had beaten Bodemeister. I'll Have Another came into the Derby having won both his starts this year, and proved in the Santa Anita Derby he would stay. If Bodemeister even runs in the Preakness (the Derby was already his fifth start this year), I would be right there with Paul backing his horse again (well, except I probably bet a thousandth of what he did); and, you know what, if he can win the Preakness he really could become the first American Triple Crown winner in 34 years. He stays, that's why he won the Derby. You don't have to be the best horse in history to win the Triple Crown, you just have to be the best 3-year-old in North America, stay sound, and have the chips fall your way. If he can do it, the wise guys will probably still be talking about 'unworthy' he is (like all Triple Crown winners were great horses--not). Paul, I trust, would just say something like "you know what, when you look in the record books his name will be there." His Derby win was no upset, in spite of the generous odds--and with California-trained horses one-two, it does tell you where the best 3-year-olds have been this year. I'm hoping--and betting--that Paul and his team will have another in the Preakness. Now, if you want to talk about an upset, let's talk about Homecoming Queen's nine-length win in Sunday's G1 English One Thousand Guineas. Many were predicting a Classic double for Aidan O'Brien after Camelot's win on Saturday, but the unbeaten short-priced favorite and stablemate Maybe (Galileo) was meant to be the one to do the business.

Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

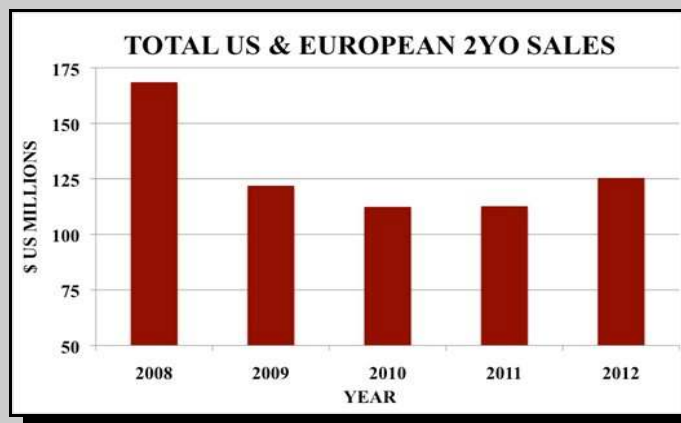
"After a year in which they went seriously off piste and tried to have the sale at Fairyhouse, in Ireland, Tattersalls returned the Guineas Sale to Newmarket and added a Horses of Racing Age section (those totals not included). The figures were quite respectable, including a clearance rate above 60% from the catalogue, indicating - as OBS illustrated a couple of weeks ago - a hunger for more mid-priced 2-year-olds. The combined North American & European 2-year-old gross is up 11% from last year, the average up by 17%; both are the highest they've been since 2008."

- Bill Oppenheim



TATTS GUINEAS BREEZE UP SALES (IN GUINEAS) (TATTS IRELAND RAN 2011)

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	127	98	78	22.8%	79.6%	61.4%	2,153,250	27,606
2011	73	63	35	13.7%	55.6%	47.9%	€294,100	€8,403
2010	147	131	83	10.9%	63.4%	56.5%	2,149,500	25,898
2009	167	138	74	17.4%	53.6%	44.3%	2,819,200	38,097
2008	163	132	80	19.0%	60.6%	49.1%	3,833,000	47,913



TOTAL U.S. & EUROPEAN 2YO SALES AS OF 5/07/12

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	2,817	2,112	1,626	25.0%	77.0%	57.7%	\$125,406,218	\$77,126
2011	3,131	2,338	1,716	25.3%	73.4%	54.8%	\$112,662,182	\$65,654
2010	3,110	2,411	1,691	22.5%	70.1%	54.4%	\$112,419,959	\$66,481
2009	3,535	2,627	1,831	25.7%	69.7%	51.8%	\$121,913,106	\$66,583
2008	3,597	2,737	1,885	23.9%	68.9%	52.4%	\$168,532,180	\$89,407

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Bill Oppenheim cont.

Homecoming Queen, by third-crop sire Holy Roman Emperor, had run 11 times at two, and was making her 14th career start, of which she had won three. Yet she went straight to the front and literally never saw another horse, reporting home nine lengths clear of the second while running a *Racing Post* Rating of 121-- just one point below Camelot's 122 figure the previous day. The second, Cheveley Park's Selkirk filly, Starscope, received an RPR of 100; Maybe finished third. Homecoming Queen is the third Group 1 winner produced by her dam, the Diesis mare Lagrion, who we were just mentioning last week in the context of Homecoming Queen's three-quarter brother, Dylan Thomas, having made such a good start with his 3-year-olds this year. In fact, Dylan Thomas had two more winners on Sunday, including his second black-type winner of the year, Tannery, in the (Listed) Victor McCalmont Memorial S. in Ireland; that kept him ahead among European second-crop sires, as Turtle Bowl, sire of G1 English 2000 Guineas second, French Fifteen, moved into second. After we last ran the European second-crop sire list from the *Racing Post*, we were contacted by the people at the website www.the-racehorse.com, who invited us to look at their sire lists, which do include the UAE but don't include Turkey. So they show Scat Daddy, sire of G2 UAE Derby winner Daddy Long Legs (hated the dirt for the second time in Kentucky) as leading second-crop sire, but as he's an American sire it does make Dylan Thomas number one European second-crop sire. Click here to see the 2012 second-crop sire list from www.the-racehorse.com.

Holy Roman Emperor is well clear as leading European third-crop sire, both by 2012 figures (click [here](#) to see the European third-crop sire table from www.the-racehorse.com) and cumulatively (click [here](#) to see the *TDN* cumulative third-crop sire list). He's now had 201 runners, according to the latter list, including nine black-type winners and 24 black-type horses, of which 14 have earned group/graded black type. He was also Leading Sire of Two-Year-Olds in Europe in 2011, though ironically he achieved that ranking by virtue of his 2-year-olds winning a lot of money in sales races; Acclamation had six 2-year-old group winners, whereas Holy Roman Emperor had none. In fact, Homecoming Queen is only his third Northern Hemisphere-sired group winner, and his first Group 1 winner, though he also had a very good filly in his first crop, Group 2 winner and Group 1-placed Banimpire. In the weekend's opening Classic, last Friday's competitive G1 Kentucky Oaks was won by Believe You Can, a homebred filly of Brere Jones's by the resurgent Proud Citizen, who had sired a previous Oaks winner in Proud Spell; interestingly, Believe You Can (Beyer 100) was the fifth winner of the Kentucky Oaks to have previously won the GII Fair Grounds Oaks in the last seven runnings of the latter (it wasn't run in 2006 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina). Proud Citizen is also the sire of Kentucky Derby fourth Went the Day Well, who came into the Derby off a win in Turfway Park's GIII Spiral S. Also sire of GII Louisiana Derby second Mark Valeski, Proud Citizen is among the top 10 on the North American General Sire List this year--pretty exalted company considering his 2012 progeny earnings are in front of those for Distorted Humor, Tapit, and Malibu Moon.

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Rosie Napravnik, the first female jockey to win the Kentucky Oaks, shares the lilies with her mount, Believe You Can.

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'So, who do you like?' was the question on everyone's lips in the weeks leading up to the first Saturday in May, as Derby fever set in and anticipation mounted. For all 12 trainees in the group, it was to be our first experience of the Run for the Roses; a chance in a lifetime to witness the biggest day in the American racing calendar. A trip to Churchill Downs early in the week provided a chance to watch the contenders complete their morning works. A scattering of devoted fans clamouring for a good view gave just a mere hint of the explosion of sound and colour that would be unleashed in a matter of days. As we made our return to the Twin Spires on Derby day; the sparse crowds and empty hallways were gone in exchange for swathes of people 'dressed to their best', basking in the spectacle of the occasion and transforming the track into a hive of frenetic activity. Our morning began with a small taster of the excitement to come as the expert handicappers in the group struck gold with a superfecta, but as the hours went by the celebratory mood was exchanged for something more electric as post time for the Derby neared. It was easy to forget that we were part of a 165,000 strong crowd, revelling in the thrill of racing at its very best. From the long-held traditions that reminded us of the rich history and Kentucky roots of the race to the carnival atmosphere of the infield, this was a race meeting like no other. As the horses made their way from the paddock to the starting gate, a reverent hush fell and the marching band began their solemn anthem of 'My Old Kentucky Home', a truly spine-tingling moment (especially for the uninitiated newcomer). As I'll Have Another caught Bodemeister down the stretch amidst a roaring crowd, it was an almost surreal scene that I am sure we will savour and remember for many years to come. Of course, the only problem with 'a chance of a lifetime' is that it usually makes you wish for another one. While our attention has obviously been focused on all things Derby-related, the last month has been typically busy with other events. Our much anticipated mock trial at Lexington law firm Stoll Keenon Ogden was a highlight. The fictional scenario that we had been presented with several weeks previously centred on an agent's ipad (carelessly mislaid at the sales) and the resulting leakage of some salacious information about several of his clients.



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Each trainee was assigned a 'plaintiff' or 'defendant' to represent in court and the trial was conducted in front of a panel of judges and a jury made up of several members of senior Darley management. Some passionate arguments were delivered and arguments flew, with trainees also having to endure some searching cross-examination by the judges. It was a valuable opportunity to learn about some of the Kentucky state laws as well as face the challenge of speaking in a high-pressure environment; hopefully, in years to come, there won't be too much of a need to apply these experiences to those encountered in real-life!

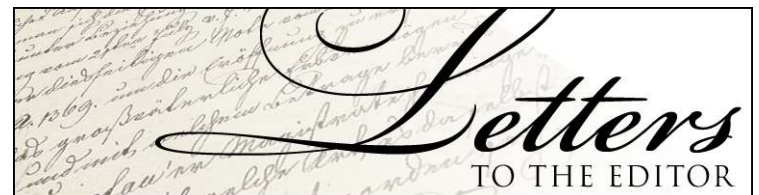
Over the next two weeks we will be busy with the Racing Officials Accreditation Program provided by the University of Arizona. Our time in the U.S.A. then draws to a close following the completion of our five week placements; each of us will be working with one of a diverse group of organisations and leaders within the racing industry, including John Shirreffs, Kieran McLaughlin, Eoin Harty, Pete Bradley, Arlington Racecourse, Keeneland and TVG. The sands of time are slipping through our fingers here in Kentucky, but we still have much to look forward to in the Bluegrass.

This year's Derby has hit the news as a win for racing with its human interest story of a young jock rising to the occasion. Fox News did a story and accompanying it on the web was a list of 10 movies about racing.

The list is as follows:

- The Lemon Drop Kid (Bob Hope)
- Secretariat
- Shergar
- Let It Ride (A favorite of mine)
- Dreamer
- Phar Lap
- Seabiscuit
- A Day At The Races (Marks Brothers)
- The Black Stallion
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--Peter Alafoginis

(Editor's note: We invite readers to send in their own list to add to this to

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In March of 2011, the TRF was the subject of a front-page story in the *New York Times*, in a position and size normally reserved for the start of a war or a terrorist attack on American soil.

We now know that that factually incorrect and misleading story, and its equally prominent follow-ups, were the first salvo from the paper of record on the horse racing industry, and have now led to the Attorney General of the State of New York filing a lawsuit against the foundation and its board of directors.

The wording of the most recent *New York Times* story on the TRF, like all of those in its front-page horseracing series, is designed for the appearance of truth with the absolute intention of misleading the reader.



Extended Forecast, 29, is one of 10 horses over the aged of 25 cared for by the inmates at Walkkill. The inmates have been devastated by the NYT's portrayal of the care they give to the animals.

That intent is clear from the moment you look at the picture accompanying the latest attack on the TRF, which shows two horses in a field, and reads, "An emaciated horse under the care of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation at Walkkill Correctional Facility, in Ulster County, N.Y., in February." The photo credit is from the Ulster County SPCA.

Makes you think the TRF is not feeding its horses and that the Ulster County SPCA has swept in to save them. Right?

Want to know the true story?

At the Walkkill Correctional Facility Farm, the TRF and the inmates typically care for between 55 to 62 horses. Ten of them are over the age of 25. In the information leaked by the New York Attorney General (AG) to the *New York Times*, they included photographs taken of the two oldest horses at Walkkill during one of the AG's random inspections. The inspectors showed up at the farm and asked to see "the two worst horses" and they photographed them. The horses are Mornin' Jig and Sir Prize Birthday, ages 31 and 32, respectively.

No information was given to the reader by the *New York Times* about the horses themselves, their condition, their history or the amount of extra care they receive.

No photos were released of the other old horses at Walkkill who tend to hold their flesh better in the winter than Jig and Sir Prize.

Does anyone wonder why that is? Did the TRF really single these two out to starve, while continuing to feed the others? That's what the New York Attorney General and the *New York Times* want you to think.

The farm manager and the inmates have been caring for Jig for 16 years, and for Sir Prize Birthday 20 years. The TRF has no reason to keep a horse alive with special care longer than it should. But the men who are with the horses every day know them intimately and they know when the time is right--just as you make such decisions about your own animals, on your farms and in your homes, every day.



Quick Call, age 28, in April at Walkkill

In fact, Jig and Birthday are watched all day, and fed and handled twice daily. They receive eight pounds of special feed for senior horses, twice a day, apart from their pasture mates. Upon return to the pasture, they run back to their friends and interact like healthy, happy but aged horses. They are regularly checked by a veterinarian who helps the TRF make end-of-life decisions. The AAEP standards for euthanasia have been adopted by the TRF. Neither Sir Prize Birthday nor Mornin' Jig meet those standards. Some old

horses look better than other old horses, and end-of-life decisions are made based on a horse's health, quality of life and its mobility. Aesthetics and fear of a sensationalist press are not acceptable reasons for destroying a horse. (Click [here](#) for a video of Walkkill's longtime farm manager, Jim Tremper, with Mornin' Jig.)

Those of you who work with horses every day know that horses who are pastured in a herd do not look like race horses or show horses who live inside under heating lamps in the winter, and that is particularly true of older horses. But the metropolitan readers of the *New York Times* probably don't know that, so it's interesting, to say the least, that that's the picture they chose to run, with a caption that doesn't say what it should: "Neither the Ulster County SPCA nor Attorney General recommended any other action be taken on these two very old but happy horses."

There are 55 horses at Walkkill and the AG was only interested in photos of the two oldest horses, and in leaking them with no background. We have included photos of other aged horses at Walkkill--a few of whom you may remember, or on which you may have made some money.

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And here's what Jig and Sir Prize look like today, with their winter coats shedding.



Sir Prize Birthday, 32 years old, at his special feed tub on Monday afternoon, whose picture was run in the New York Times as an unidentified emaciated horse.



Mornin' Jig at Walkkill with farm manager Jim Tremper.

But you don't have to believe the TRF board telling you that the entire herd of TRF retirees is in good to excellent condition and that the recent information distributed to the press from the New York State Attorney General's office was misleading. Over the last eight weeks, teams of licensed veterinarians have inspected the TRF farms and satellite facilities on behalf of Thoroughbred Charities of America, from which the TRF has applied for an annual grant.

On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the best, all TRF farms and horses scored a 4-5. The veterinarians evaluate the horses and, where necessary, make exceptions for aged horses. You can read these and other vet reports [here](#).

The second misleading statement comes in paragraph five of the New York Times story, when the writer says, "According to the lawsuit, the board diverted money meant for horses to help repay personal loans taken out by two of its members."

Makes you think that the board members took out personal loans for homes, or yachts, and then the board "diverted money meant for the horses" to repay those "personal" loans, right?

In fact, the loans were made to the TRF from the individual board members to help pay for the horses' care, and were only repaid when sufficient funds allowed for it. But that's not what the story would have you think. So why would the Attorney General and the Times word it in that way? Could it be to deliberately give people the wrong impression? Shouldn't we expect more from the "people's attorney"?

Last year's Times stories about the TRF, which prompted the Attorney General's suit against the foundation, offered much more of the same. The fabrications in the story are too numerous to list here, and the charges will be debated when the TRF has its day in court. The list of mischaracterizations and outright mistruths will be posted online within the coming weeks on the TRF's website.

But the essence of the strange case is the AG's claim that TRF is now and always has been "insolvent" and, accordingly, that this seven-person Board should now be totally replaced by persons of his choice. Step back from this and ask whether that makes even an iota of sense: while it's true TRF has never had much money in the bank on any given day, never once has TRF failed to pay a bill in the last 30 years. In fact, the TRF has paid \$29,698,715 in horse care expenses over the last 20 years.

Much hay is also made of a statement that the TRF pays its satellite farms \$3 per day, which is said to be below industry standard. This is misleading for several reasons. When the TRF did pay a standard rate of \$3 per day, it was, and is, supplemented by vet care, farrier, vaccinations, dental work and in the case of a horse needing special care, an additional per diem amount. The TRF now pays various rates depending on the need of the farm, taking into consideration climate, availability of forage, the age and condition of the horses, etc. The farms that care for TRF horses do it well (see the vet reports) and they do it because they choose to. The horses are on pasture as much of the year as practical because it is the best way for them to be kept, and because many of the farms are large, it is done with an economy of scale.

With respect to the Mellon endowment, the TRF borrowed from the endowment with the written permission of Mr. Mellon's executors. They, by the way, have been adamant that the TRF make its payments on those loans every year and we have done so.

But it strikes us as ironic that while thousands of owners deliberately send their horses to slaughter every year, under unspeakable and abhorrent conditions, nobody is suing them. But when a board of a dozen or so people tried to step up and help and save others from that fate--spending their own money and thousands of hours of their time to rescue and rehabilitate those horses, they become the target of a vendetta of a news organization who clearly has it out for the racing industry.

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The case is being made against horse racing in New York and throughout the country that it cannot regulate itself because among other things, the horses are being abused. The fallacious case against the TRF stating that its horses are neglected and that the TRF cannot raise the funds it needs from that racing industry to care for those horses are part of the larger case being made against racing.

Read the vet reports ([here](#)) and think about what is happening here.

Next week, we'll all start getting ready for the Preakness, and the nation's eyes will again focus on our sport. But there are still two more installments left in the *New Times* front-page series on horse racing.

We suggest you all get ready for that.

--The TRF Board of Directors

INDUSTRY INFO

Albarado Pleads Not Guilty

Jockey Robby Albarado entered a not-guilty plea during his arraignment at Jefferson District Court on Tuesday for fourth-degree assault charges following his arrest Friday morning, according to published reports. Albarado, suspended indefinitely in Kentucky, will have an evaluation with the Licensing Committee of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to decide whether his suspension will be lifted. In related news, Albarado's longtime agent, Lenny Pike, decided that he will no longer represent the jockey, and has since accepted a position with jockey Shaun Bridgmohan. "Robby and I have been together for 16 years, and by no means is this the end of our relationship," Pike told the *Daily Racing Form*. "In the meantime, I was afforded an opportunity to go to work for Shaun, and I accepted."

Ward Named to Industry Leadership Group:

Edited Press Release

John T. Ward, recently appointed as the executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, has been named to the board of directors of the Association of Racing Commissioners International. Ward will serve on the board for the remainder of 2012 and all of 2013. RCI is composed of government regulators from across the United States, Mexico, Jamaica and Trinidad-Tobago.

"The KHRC has made real strides in recent years to bring integrity and safety to horse racing," said Ward. "Being part of the RCI will go a long way towards positioning Kentucky as a leader in these areas as we continue working with other racing jurisdictions to build the betting public's confidence in how we all conduct our business."

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 6th Race, \$42,000 Allowance, at Arlington. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN NEW ZEALAND:

Lovingthelime, m, 6, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Sister Crown, by Danzig. Te Rapa (New Zealand), 5-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-George C Brunacini & Bona Terra Farm. *\$110,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.



First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 9

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2009 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
GOTTCHA GOLD (Coronado's Quest), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 37/0/0 3-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Guyana Ambassador, \$1,000 OBS AUG yrl, 20-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 9

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
SWEET RETURN (GB) (Elmaamul), Journeyman, \$5K, 39/0/0 3-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Money in Return, \$1K OBS AUG yrl, 20-1

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BRITAIN

Wednesday, Chester, post time: 2:05 p.m.

WEATHERBYS BANK CHESHIRE OAKS (FOR THE ROBERT SANGSTER MEMORIAL CUP)-Listed, £35,000, 3yo, f, 11f 79ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	11	Absolute Crackers (Ire)	Giant's Causeway	Berry	Harrington
2	3	Apothecary (GB)	Manduro (Ger)	Buick	Gosden
3	2	Betterbetterbetter (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
4	12	Cockney Sparrow (GB)	Cockney Rebel (Ire)	O'Donoghue	P Chpple-Hyam
5	1	Cubanita (GB)	Selkirk	Crowley	Beckett
6	10	Dreams of Fire	Dynaformer	R Moore	Stoute
7	8	Everlong (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	Spencer	P Chpple-Hyam
8	6	Good Morning Star (Ire)	Shirocco (Ger)	Norton	Johnston
9	4	Inchina (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	J Doyle	Charlton
10	9	Safarjal (Ire)	Matju (Ire)	Hanagan	C Hills
11	7	Zaina (Ire)	Shirocco (Ger)	D O'Neill	Butler
12	5	Zimira (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Dettori	E Dunlop

All carry 124 pounds.

This Oaks trial is made up of some fascinating contenders for the Epsom Classic, and Ballydoyle's already formidable hand in that department could be strengthened by **Betterbetterbetter**. The 3/4-sister to three previous Oaks placegetters in the Sadler's Wells fillies Quarter Moon (Ire), Yesterday (Ire) and All My Loving (Ire), opened her account in workmanlike style over an extended 10 furlongs on Dundalk's Polytrack last time Apr. 18. Another with an Epsom Classic protagonist in her immediate family is the mile Kempton maiden winner **Dreams of Fire**, whose 3/4-brother Kris Kin (Kris S.) captured the G1 Derby in 2003, having won the G3 Dee S. at this meeting.

**Yesterday's Results:**

Southwell, 15.15, Mdn, £3,500, 3yo, f, 1 3/8m (AWT), 2:26.47, stn.

TAJRIBA (IRE) (f, 3, Teofilo {Ire}--Caumshinaun {Ire} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 7-9.5f, SW-Ire, \$110,081}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}), a 3/4-sister to Nighttime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), G1SW-Ire, \$299,770, was a 200,000gns TATOCT yearling. Runner-up on debut over a mile on Kempton's Polytrack in November, the bay recovered from a tardy break to lead after a furlong. Setting a moderate pace, the 6-4 second choice was always holding chief market rival Lascaux (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), and was kept up to her work to register a 2 1/4-length score. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £3,111. [Click for Racing Post chart.](#) [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)
O-Godolphin; B-Mrs C L Weld; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

FRANCE

**Yesterday's Results:**

PRIX DU PONT-NEUF-Listed, €55,000, Longchamp, 5-8, 3yo, 7fT, 1:25.10, vsf.

1--VANILOQUIO (IRE), 125, c, 3, by Acclamation (GB)

1st Dam: Trinity Joy (GB) (SW & GSP-Fr), by Vettori (Ire)

2nd Dam: Triple Joy (GB), by Most Welcome (GB)

3rd Dam: Triple Reef (GB), by Mill Reef

(€28,000 RNA yrl '10 ARQOCT). O-Gerard Augustin-Normand & Christian-Bernard Baillet; B-Kildaragh Stud; T-Nicolas Clement; J-Christophe-Patrice Lemaire; €27,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 12 starts, 4 wins, 7 places, €177,100.

2--Paraggi (GB), 125, c, 3, Iffraaj (GB)--Topkamp (GB), by Pennekamp. (82,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT; €100,000 2yo '11 ARQMAY). O-R A Pegum; B-Baron F C Oppenheim; T-Mikel Delzangles; €11,000.

3--Carnoustie (Fr), 121, f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Matin de Tempete (Fr), by Cardoun (Fr). O/B-Tomas Schweizer; T-Nicolas Clement; €8,250.

Margins: SNK, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.80, 21.00, 10.00. Also Ran: Woven Lace (GB), Nadeaud (Fr), Rajastani (Ire). Scratched: Tycoon's Garden (Fr).

Vaniloquio opened his black-type account in the Listed Prix Herod over this track and trip in October before finishing runner-up in the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte in early November. Signing off at two with a third in the six-furlong Listed Priz Zeddaan at Fontainebleau later that month, the bay returned to fill the same spot in the Listed Prix Montenica over 6 1/2 furlongs on Deauville's all-weather Mar. 15. Fourth tried over a mile in this venue's G3 Prix de Fontainebleau Apr. 15, he was providing a boost to that Poule d'Essai des Poulains trial's main protagonists Dragon Pulse (Ire) (Kyllachy {GB}) and Dabirsim (Fr) (Hat Trick {Jpn}) here. Settled in fourth early, he arrived with a flourish late to deny Paraggi in the final strides. "This is a most consistent horse who deserved another win at this level," trainer Nicolas Clement said. "He stays a mile and, if all is well, will run next in the [June 9] G3 Prix Paul de Moussac over that trip at Chantilly."

Longchamp, 13.15, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:44.85, vsf.

SAGHANN (IRE) (c, 3, Monsun {Ger}--Sage et Jolie {GB} {GSW-Fr}, by Linamix {Fr}), sixth when unveiled over 10 furlongs here Apr. 15, was sent off at 5-1 and stalked the pace in second early. Committed on the front end at the top of the stretch, the homebred quickly asserted to record a 3 1/2-length success from Rollex Borget (Fr) (Khalkevi {Ire}). The winner is a half to Sageburg (Ire) (Johannesburg), Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Fr, \$536,690. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 0 places, €17,000. O-His Highness The Aga Khan; B-Haras de S A Aga Khan SCEA; T-Mikel Delzangles.

Fontainebleau, 19.20, Cond, €33,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.20, vsf.

MAXIOS (GB) (c, 4, Monsun {Ger}--Moonlight's Box, by Nureyev), a **"TDN Rising Star"** who captured the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon at two, returned after a disappointing sophomore campaign to beat subsequent G3 Prix Allez France winner Aquamarine (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) by 3 1/2 lengths in a 10-furlong conditions event at Longchamp Apr. 8, and was enjoying another confidence boost here. Sent off the 6-5 favorite, the homebred raced keenly early restrained close to the pace. Quickening to the front passing the quarter pole, he produced a sustained surge to beat Impostor (Ger) (Motivator {GB}) by five lengths. The winner is a half-brother to Bago (Fr) (Nashwan), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Fr, Ch. 3yo Colt-Eur, Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 11-14f, MG1SW-Fr, MG1SP-Eng & G1SP-Ire, \$2,735,382; and to Beta (GB) (Selkirk), SW & MGSP-Fr. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 8 starts, 4 wins, 2 places, €89,250. O/B-Niarchos Family; T-Jonathan Pease.

Longchamp, 14.20, Mdn, €24,000, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:26.86, vsf.

EUROZONE (GB) (c, 3, Rail Link {GB}--Questa Nova {GB}, by Rainbow Quest), fourth over a mile on debut at Saint-Cloud Apr. 9, raced in second throughout the early stages. Rolling to the front in mid-stretch, the 7-5 favorite soon had the race in safe keeping and recorded a convincing two-length success from Stonehedge (Fr) (Stormy River {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €14,400.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Millsec Ltd; T-Pascal Bary.

Longchamp, 15.20, Mdn, €24,000, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:25.47, vsf.

FONTAINE MARGOT (FR) (f, 3, Ballingarry {Ire}--Marie Jbeil {Fr}, by Double Bed {Fr}), runner-up over six furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte on debut Apr. 16, raced behind the leading group early. Challenging wide in the straight, the 6-1 shot inhaled Royal Fortune (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the final 100 yards and drew away to score by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €16,800.

O/B-Melchior-Francois Mathet Bloodstock Agency Ltd; T-Maxime Cesandri.



Angouleme, 15.05, Mdn, €11,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:13.90, sf.
 + **CLARIYN (FR) (f, 3, Acclamation {GB}--Clodovina {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire})**, sent off at 2-1, was held up early in mid-pack. Taking control at the end of the back straight, the homebred drew clear to beat Cap d'Honneur (Fr) (Baroud d'Honneur {Fr}) in facile fashion by 3 1/2 lengths. The winner's dam is a 3/4-sister to 2003 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Clodovil (Ire) (Danehill). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €5,500.
 O-His Highness The Aga Khan; B-Haras de S A Aga Khan SCEA; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

 **EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

IN AUSTRALIA:

Puissance de Lune (Ire), c, 4, Shamardal--Princess Serena, by Unbridled's Song. Warrnambool (Victoria), 5-3, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT. B-Round Hill Stud. *50,000gns yrl '09 TATOCT; €90,000 HIT '11 ARQARC.
Dhafer (GB), g, 5, Nayef--Almurooj (GB), by Zafonic. Warrnambool (Victoria), 5-2, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd. *23,000gns HIT '10 TATJUL. **1/2 to Judhoor (GB) (Alhaarth {Ire}), SW-GB.

AUSTRALASIA 

HIGH CHAPARRAL COLT TOPS AT KARAKA
 A colt by High Chaparral (Ire), selling as [lot 311](#) from Northfields Stud, brought the top price of NZ\$150,000 (US\$118,186) during the second and final session of weanlings during the New Zealand Bloodstock National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale in Karaka. New Zealand



Lot 311 - High Chaparral colt

Bloodstock signed the ticket as agent for the bay colt, who is now headed to Mark and Shelly Treweek's Lyndhurst Farm. The son of Group 3-placed Soelin (NZ) (Stravinsky) is expected to be reoffered for sale as a yearling. "We thought this colt was very much like the High Chaparral colt that we sold for \$650,000 in the Premier Sale here this year, and we are very pleased to have ended up with him," said Mark Treweek. Over the course of two days, 330 weanlings were offered, with 248 selling for a total of NZ\$2,970,300. The average was NZ\$11,977 and the median was NZ\$4,000. Complete results are available on www.nzb.co.nz.

BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-IND, \$45,001, 5-7, NW16MX, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:25, fm.
A DIEHL (g, 7, Aldebaran--Dream Deal {GISW, \$215,222}, by Sharpen Up {GB}) Lifetime Record: MSP, 32-6-6-9, \$315,852. O/B-G Watts Humphrey, Jr (KY). T-George R Arnold II. *\$90,000 RNA yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Clear Mandate (Deputy Minister), MGISW, \$1,085,588; Dream Scheme (Danzig), GSW, \$431,821.

9th-MNR, \$23,000, 5-7, NW3L, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 4/5, my.
TAINO (g, 5, Petionville--Quiet Whisper {SW, \$115,757}, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 17-3-3-5, \$69,346. O-Joan Scott, Frank Coniglio & Steve Ballou. B-Everest Stables Inc (KY). T-Joan Scott. *\$15,000 2yo '09 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Mostacolli Mort (Hold for Gold), GSP, \$254,560.

9th-WRD, \$22,800, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, ft.
BULLCREEKROAD (g, 4, Fistfite--Lovem and Leavem, by Take Me Out) Lifetime Record: 20-4-1-3, \$51,303. O-7 Cedars Farm. B-Center Hills Farm (OK). T-Austin Gustafson.

8th-WRD, \$20,800, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5, ft.
BADGE OF GOLD (f, 4, Badge of Silver--Goldleafed Mirror {SW, \$199,580}, by Gold Alert) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-0, \$39,404. O-Hillcrest Farms & Lisa Fisher. B-Steve Snowden & Doug Arnold (KY). T-R E Bright.

8th-FLX, \$20,000, NW1BX, (S), 3/up, 1m70y, 1:46, my.
GOOD TO BE ME (g, 5, A. P Jet--Pierpont Account, by Private Account) Lifetime Record: 33-4-6-5, \$130,715. O-Our Sugar Bear Stable. B-Bill Terrill (NY). T-Chris J Englehart. *Full to Livin Large, SP, \$193,472.

 NZB National Mixed Sale Tuesday, May 8, 2012		
CUMULATIVE:	2012	2011
Catalogued	350	377
Offered	320	N/A
No. Sold	248	243
RNA	72	N/A
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High Price (NZ\$)	150,000	175,000
Gross (NZ\$)	2,970,300	3,184,450
Average (NZ\$)	11,977	13,105
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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Platinum Blue, f, 3, **Mineshaft**--Singing Dixie, by Dixieland Band. IND, 5-7, (S), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Swifty Farms Inc. & W. S. Farish (IN). *\$9,000 wlng '09 KEENOV; \$1,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

Spin Zone, c, 4, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Harve de Grace, by Boston Harbor. PRX, 5-8, 6f, 1:09 4/5. B-Lee McMillin & Ed Rudley (KY). *\$340,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. **1/2 to Concord Point (Tapit), MGSW, \$669,260.



AMERICAN-SIRED WINNERS

IN AUSTRALASIA:

Dazzler (Aus), f, 2, **More Than Ready**--Camarilla (Aus), by Elusive Quality. Flemington (Melbourne), 5-5, Hcp, 2yo, 7fT. B-Darley.

Mental (Aus), g, 3, **Lonhro (Aus)**--Intrigues (Aus), by Night Shift. Hawkesbury (New South Wales), 5-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Darley.

Soros (Aus), c, 3, **Lonhro (Aus)**--Bonanova (NZ), by Star Way (GB). Flemington (Melbourne), 5-5, Hcp, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT. B-Hutchins Thoroughbreds.

Hour of Peril (Aus), g, 4, **Fusaichi Pegasus**--Revamp (Aus), by Zoffany. Gold Coast (Queensland), 5-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6fT. B-G Kelly.

More Strawberries (Aus), f, 4, **More Than Ready**--Milva, by Strawberry Road (Aus). Hawkesbury (New South Wales), 5-5, Darley Crown-Listed, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, A\$90,000 to winner. B-Strawberry Hill Stud.

Too Much Torque (NZ), g, 4, **Tale of the Cat**--Superjet (NZ), by Jetball (Aus). Riccarton (Christchurch), 5-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6fT. B-Peters Equine Trust & T W Archer Trust.

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BELMONT

Caixa Eletronica (Arronanches), 4f (tr), :48.08, 5/26

BETFAIR HOLLYWOOD PARK

Include Me Out (Include), 1m, 1:43.20, 1/1
Rail Trip (Jump Start), 7f, 1:13.20, 3/7

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Nehro (Mineshaft), 5f, 1:02.20, 19/33

CHURCHILL DOWNS TRAINING CENTER

Furthest Land (Smart Strike), 5f, 1:03.60, 3/3
Headache (Tapit), 5f, 1:02.20, 2/3

KEENELAND

Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry), 4f, :48.00, 3/40

SANTA ANITA

Captain Obvious (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), 5f (tr), 1:01.00, 1/3
Game On Dude (Awesome Again), 4f, :49.40, 5/10
Quiet Oasis (Oasis Dream {GB}), 4f (tr), :53.60, 2/2

BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Fontainebleau, 16.10, €29,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:43.00, vsf.

IRISH CLIFF (IRE) (f, 3, Marju {Ire})--Miss Corinne {GB}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €43,900. O-Sunday Horses Club SL; B-D McDonnell; T-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez. *€30,000 yrl '10 GOFSP.

FRANCE, Nantes, 11.30, €27,000, 3, 1mT, 1:48.45, hy. **MEULLES (FR) (f, 3, Scat Daddy--Stadore {Fr} {SW-Fr, \$112,551}, by Kendor {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €33,200. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-SCEA Bissons; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€80,000 yrl '10 ARQAUG.

FRANCE, Nantes, 12.30, €26,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:48.04, hy.

ALOEIL (FR) (c, 4, Medicean {GB})--Charmgoer, by Nureyev Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 3 wins, 4 places, €70,450. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Freddy Head. *1/2 to Beringoer (Fr) (Bering {GB}), SW-Fr, \$145,071.

FRANCE, Nantes, 13.00, €22,000, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:50.63, hy.

OH BEAUTIFUL (GB) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire})--Aricia {Ire}, by Nashwan Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €28,500. O/B-George Strawbridge; T-Freddy Head.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dream Vale (Ire), f, 2, Moss Vale (Ire)--Dream State (Ire), by Machiavellian. Catterick, Britain, 5-8, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Jaykayeen Breeding. *€3,800 yrl '11 TATIRE.

Mosstang (Ire), c, 2, Moss Vale (Ire)--Lovely Dream (Ire), by Elnadim. Southwell, Britain, 5-8, Mdn, 2yo, 5f (AWT). B-Ringfort Stud Ltd. *€4,500 RNA wlng '10 GOFNOV; €6,000 yrl '11 GOFSP.

+ **Confusion (Fr), f, 3, Anabaa**--Red Stella (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Rainbow Quest. Evreux, France, 5-8, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/8mT. B-Wertheimer et Frere.

Parisham (Fr), f, 3, Cadeaux Genereux (GB)--Pink and Red, by Red Ransom. Evreux, France, 5-8, Cond, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Haras de S A Aga Khan SCEA.

Toogris (Fr), c, 3, Dalakhani (Ire)--Welimina (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Sadler's Wells. Evreux, France, 5-8, Mdn, 3yo, 1 9/16mT. B-Wertheimer et Frere.

Fusciano (Ger), c, 3, Dubai Destination--Fusca (Ger), by Lando (Ger). Evreux, France, 5-8, Cond, 3yo, 6fT. B-Gestut Ittlingen.

Comtesse de Sud (Fr), f, 3, Enrique (GB)--Marseillaise (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Esprit du Nord. Senonnes-Pouance, France, 5-8, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT. B-A Guerini. *€25,000 yrl '10 ARQOCT. **1/2 to to Lord du Sud (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), MGSW-Fr, \$609,408.

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Venuti (Fr), c, 3, **Lawman (Fr)**--Latinia (Fr), by Barathea (Ire). Senonnes-Pouance, France, 5-8, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT. B-EARL Touchstone & Ecurie Eclipse. *€30,000 RNA yrl '10 ARQOCT.

Ticinello (Ger), c, 3, **Lord of England (Ger)**--Ticinella (Ger), by Hernando (Fr). Fontainebleau, France, 5-8, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1mT. B-Gestut Etzean. *€75,000 yrl '10 BBASEP. **Full to Theo Danon (Ger), GSW-Ger.



EUROPEAN-SIRED WINNERS

IN AUSTRALASIA:

Donna Cattiva (NZ), f, 2, **Captain Rio (GB)**--Nishaani (NZ), by Gold Brose (Aus). Morphettville (Adelaide), 5-5, Oaklands Plate-Listed, 2yo, 1mT, A\$50,000 to winner. B-Watson Bloodstock Ltd.

Peakhurst Girl (Aus), f, 2, **Choisir (Aus)**--Daub (Aus), by Canny Lad (Aus). Kembla Grange (New South Wales), 5-1, Mdn, 2yo, f, 6fT. B-Laurel Oak Daub Syndicate.

Sherocksmworld (Aus), f, 2, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Solcini (NZ), by Bertolini. Canterbury (Sydney), 5-2, Hcp, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-Barree Stud.

Honorius (Aus), c, 2, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Zarinia (Ire), by Intikhab. Canterbury (Sydney), 5-2, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 165ydsT. B-Kia Ora Stud.

Villa Splendido (Aus), f, 2, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--November Song (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Hawkesbury (New South Wales), 5-5, Hcp, 2yo, 6fT. B-Hobartville Stud.

Free Wheeling (Aus), c, 3, **Ad Valorem**--Miss Carefree (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Hawkesbury (New South Wales), 5-5, Hawkesbury Guineas-Listed, 3yo, 7fT, A\$90,000 to winner. B-Darley.

Are You Devious (NZ), f, 3, **Captain Rio (GB)**--Gold Amber (NZ), by Gold Brose (Aus). Riccarton (Christchurch), 5-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-P J G & Mrs M P Syben.

Manhattan Maid (Aus), f, 3, **Choisir (Aus)**--Take Manhattan (Aus), by Marauding (NZ). Flemington (Melbourne), 5-5, Hcp, 3yo, f, 6fT. B-Limerick Lane Thoroughbreds.

My Cherie (Aus), f, 3, **Choisir (Aus)**--Anissa Kahira (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire). Canterbury (Sydney), 5-2, Hcp, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT. B-Supreme Thoroughbred Stud.

Scorpio Queen (Aus), f, 3, **Choisir (Aus)**--Lyford (Aus), by Royal Academy. Gold Coast (Queensland), 5-5, Gold Coast Bracelet-Listed, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, A\$80,000 to winner. B-G Webb Breeding Venture.

Bellino (NZ), g, 4, **Bertolini**--Bella Bambina (NZ), by Rhythm. Te Rapa (New Zealand), 5-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 5/16mT. B-Ms E M Butterworth & A F Quirk.

Amberio (NZ), f, 4, **Captain Rio (GB)**--Ambiance (NZ), by Faltaat. Otaki (New Zealand), 5-1, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-R A Craddock.

Celtic Dancer (Aus), g, 4, **Choisir (Aus)**--Little Wonder Why (Aus), by Kala Dancer (GB). Gold Coast (Queensland), 5-5, Prime Ministers Cup-Listed, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, A\$112,000 to winner. B-Klemley Pty Ltd.

Dame Claire (NZ), f, 4, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Lovely Actress (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). Flemington (Melbourne), 5-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 3/4mT. B-Monovale Holdings Ltd.

Shenzhou Steeds (NZ), g, 4, **Ishiguru**--Sun City (NZ), by Spectacular Love. Flemington (Melbourne), 5-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1mT. B-Chequers NZ Ltd.

Off the Top (NZ), g, 4, **No Excuse Needed (GB)**--Maccadons Dream (NZ), by Crested Wave. Te Rapa (New Zealand), 5-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1mT. B-Mrs O R & Miss S G Cairns.

Shamardashing (Aus), g, 5, **Shamardal**--Beaux Art (Aus), by Nomrood. Gold Coast (Queensland), 5-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT. B-Distinct Racing & Breeding Pty Ltd.

Hill of Gold (Aus), g, 6, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Queen of the Blues, by Cure the Blues. Riccarton (Christchurch), 5-5, Great Easter H.-Listed, 3yo/up, 7fT, NZ\$28,125 to winner. B-Mrs S A Anderson, Karina Breeding Partnership & M Otto.



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SALTY SAL, 18, Cox's Ridge--Salt Spring (Arg), by Salt Marsh

Foal born Mar. 14, a colt by Candy Ride (Arg).

Will be bred back to Hat Trick (Jpn).

Owned by Robert Trussell.

Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.

Accomplishments: Dam of Puxa Saco (Dehere), GSW & GISP, \$400,575.

POLA'S PLACE, 9, Out of Place--Pola, by Strawberry Road (Aus)

Foal born Mar. 20, a colt by Curlin.

Will be bred back to Flatter.

Owned by John O'Meara.

Boarded at Milestone Farm.

Accomplishments: SW, \$150,550.

ZEALOUS CONNECTION, 22, Unreal Zeal--Inca Connection, by High Counsel

Foal born Mar. 21, a filly by Bluegrass Cat.

Will be bred back to Include.

Owned by JMS Breeding.

Boarded at Airdrie Stud.

Accomplishments: GSW. Dam of Here's Zealous (Dehere), GSW, \$456,032; There's Zealous (Broad Brush), SW & GSP, \$287,699; She's Zealous (Cozzene), SW, \$157,765.

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