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11 SLATED FOR STAR-STUDDED OAKS

Arguably one of the most contentious renewals of the fillies' Classic over the past several years, Friday's GI Kentucky Oaks promises to be one for the ages.

Favored at 3-1 on the morning line and drawing the eight hole is Stonestreet Stables' **Dreaming of Julia** (A.P. Indy), a 21 3/4-length winner last time in the Mar. 30 GII Gulfstream Park Oaks. Winner of the GI Frizette S. at



Dreaming of Julia
Reed Palmer

two, the daughter of Grade I heroine Dream Rush (Wild Rush) is one of three fillies in the race that are trained by Todd Pletcher. The horseman is also represented by Repole Stable's undefeated **Unlimited Budget** (Street Sense), who recorded her most recent score in the Mar. 30 GII Fair Grounds Oaks. Also responsible for winning last season's GII Demoiselle S., Unlimited Budget will break from post position four and is 7-2 on the morning line. Rounding out the trio is Eclipse Thoroughbreds and partners' GIII Bourbonette S. winner **Silsita** (Macho Uno), listed at 20-1 on the early line. The grey, who will be partnered by Gary Stevens, is set to break from the rail. Sure to garner plenty of support at the windows Friday is defending 2-year-old champion filly **Beholder** (Henny Hughes), who will break from post three. Winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at



Midnight Lucky
Benoit Photo

Santa Anita last fall, the bay added wins in the GI Las Virgenes S. and GI Santa Anita Oaks earlier this year. Trained by Richard Mandella and campaigned by Spendthrift Farm, the filly has been set at 7-2 on the morning line and will be accompanied by regular pilot Garrett Gomez, who previously won the race with Rags to Riches in 2007. Likely to have been favored in any other race other than this salty renewal are a pair of undefeated fillies: recent Sunland Park Oaks heroine **Midnight Lucky** (Midnight Lute), who drew the two hole and was set at 9-2 on the morning line and Juddmonte's GII Gazelle S. winner **Close Hatches** (First Defence), who will break from the outside post. The latter is 6-1 on the morning line.
Complete field on p3

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GIANT FINISH IN; FEAR THE KITTEN OUT

Sunrise Stable and partners' **Giant Finish** (Frost Giant), who earned 10 points when third in the GIII Spiral S. at Turfway Mar. 23, has been added to the lineup for Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. As a result of the colt's addition to the field, Frank Irvin's **Fear the Kitten** (Kitten's Joy), fifth in the Apr. 13 GI Toyota Blue Grass S., will have to watch from the sidelines. "I am so surprised at all of this," said trainer Tony Dutrow. "I was pleasantly surprised and happy to see he ran as well as he did [in two prior starts]. We've kept an eye on him since and have made sure he's had good energy since those races." Prior to his third in the Spiral, the chestnut finished second in the Mar. 2 John Battaglia Memorial S. According to Dutrow, the colt had been pointing toward an allowance race at Belmont in early May. Dutrow, who won't be on hand to saddle the colt Saturday, indicated Giant Finish is scheduled to arrive at Churchill Thursday morning. A rider has yet to be announced.

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Breeder: Stuart Janney & Phipps Stable
Trainer: Shug McGaughey



Into Mischief's
VYJACK

Owner: Pick Six Racing
Breeder: Machmer Hall
Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez

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Ray Lewis Speaks at 'Race For Grace'

Lucas Marquardt was on hand as Future NFL Hall of Famer Ray Lewis spoke to a packed house Monday night at Churchill Downs as the featured guest at the annual "Race for Grace," a fundraising dinner and auction to support the Kentucky division of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America. **Coverage page 8**

BHA Breakdown Al Zarooni Verdict

The British Horseracing Authority explained its recent decision to ban former Godolphin trainer Mahmood Al Zarooni for eight years, declaring he was guilty of a widespread use of illegal substances. **Coverage page 5**

Oppenheim Talks Juvenile Sale Sires

This week, Bill Oppenheim takes a closer look at this season's Freshman sires and their influence at this season's juvenile sales. He also checks out this year's overall leading sire at the 2-year-old sale in addition to offering an update on Euro Third crop sires. **Coverage begins page 9**

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10:35a	Longines Sagaro S.-G3, ASC	-----	-----
11:00a	Silberne Peitsche-G3, MUN	-----	-----

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

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	ODDS
1	Silsita	Macho Uno	20-1
O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Tanourin Stable; B-Tanourin Stable (FL); T-Todd Pletcher; J-Gary Stevens. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$84,725. <i>Last Start: 1st Mar. 23 GIII Bourbonette Oaks</i>			
2	Midnight Lucky	Midnight Lute	9-2
(\$220,000 yrl '11 FTSAUG) O-Watson/Pegram/Weitman; B-Kidder & Griggs (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Rafael Bejarano. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$153,600. <i>Last Start: 1st Mar. 24 Sunland Park Oaks</i>			
3	Beholder Ⓞ	Henny Hughes	7-2
(\$180,000 yrl '11 KEESEP) O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Clarkland Farm (KY); T-Richard Mandella; J-Garrett Gomez. Lifetime Record: 8-5-2-0, \$1,575,000. <i>Last Start: 1st Apr. 6 GI Santa Anita Oaks</i>			
4	Unlimited Budget	Street Sense	7-2
(\$475,000 2yo '12 OBSMAR) O-Repole Stable; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Todd Pletcher; J-Javier Castellano. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$610,200. <i>Last Start: 1st Mar. 30 GII Fair Grounds Oaks</i>			
5	Seaneen Girl	Spring at Last	20-1
(\$5,000 yrl '11 FTKOCT) O-Naveed Chowhan; B-John Trumbulovic (KY); T-Bernard Flint; J-Rosie Napravnik. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$220,197. <i>Last Start: 3rd Mar. 30 GII Fair Grounds Oaks</i>			
6	Princess of Sylmar	Majestic Warrior	20-1
O-King of Prussia Stable; B-Ed Stanco (PA); T-Todd Pletcher; J-Mike Smith. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$238,220. <i>Last Start: 2nd Apr. 6 GII Gazelle S.</i>			
7	Pure Fun Ⓞ	Pure Prize	30-1
(\$22,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; \$5,000 RNA wnl '10 KEENOV) O-Magdalena Racing; B-Royal Oak Farm LLC (KY); T-Kenneth McPeck; J-Julien Leparoux. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$353,699. <i>Last Start: 7th Apr. 20 GIII Coolmore Lexington S.</i>			
8	Dreaming of Julia	A.P. Indy	3-1
O/B-Stonestreet Stables LLC (KY); T-Todd Pletcher; J-John Velazquez. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-1, \$767,000. <i>Last Start: 1st Mar. 30 GII Gulfstream Park Oaks.</i>			
9	Rose to Gold	Friends Lake	15-1
(\$10,000 yrl '11 OBSAUG; \$1,400 yrl '11 FTKFEB) O-Kathleen Amaya & Raffaele Centofanti; B-Joe Sr., Joe Jr., John, & Karen Mulholland (KY); T-Salvatore Santoro; J-Calvin Borel. Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0, \$717,889. <i>Last Start: 1st Apr. 10 GIII Fantasy S.</i>			
10	Flashy Gray Ⓞ	Flashy Bull	15-1
(\$775,000 2yo '12 KEENOV; \$45,000 yrl '11 KEESEP) O-West Point Thoroughbred & Tom Keithley; B-Brereton Jones (KY); T-William Mott; J-Junior Alvarado. Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, \$196,100. <i>Last Start: 2nd Mar. 30 GII Fair Grounds Oaks</i>			
11	Close Hatches	First Defence	6-1
O-Juddmonte Farms Inc.; B-Millsec Ltd. (KY); T-William Mott; J-Joel Rosario. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$201,300. <i>Last Start: 1st Apr. 6 GII Gazelle S.</i>			



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McPeek Team Tunes Up...

Magic City Thoroughbred Partners' **Frac Daddy** (Scat Daddy) and Charles Fipke's **Java's War** (War Pass) each galloped 1 1/2 miles during the Kentucky Derby training session Tuesday morning. The duo, who schooled at



Frac Daddy
Horsephotos

the gate, picked up the pace noticeably through the lane. "All of them went super [including Oaks contender Pure Fun]," said trainer Ken McPeek. Java's War, winner of the Apr. 13 GI Toyota Blue Grass S., was ridden by

regular exercise rider Marvin Abrego.

"Today was probably as good as I've ever seen him go over this surface," the trainer admitted. "He really had great energy. He had a couple of light days in a row and I may go light with him the rest of the week, because I want to see that kind of energy on Saturday."

Frac Daddy, runner-up in the Apr. 13 GI Arkansas Derby, appeared full of himself and also pleased connections Tuesday morning.

Jockey Victor Lebron, who will be aboard Saturday, was in the irons. "I was worried he was going to run off that second mile there," McPeek said. "Victor had a tough time pulling him up."

Frac Daddy, who finished a lackluster sixth after melting down heading to the gate prior to the Jan. 26 GIII Holy Bull S., showed little when seventh in the GI Florida Derby Mar. 30, but rebounded to run well in Arkansas. "We gave him a sharp work right out of the Florida Derby [five furlongs in a bullet 1:00 2/5 at Gulfstream Apr. 7] and wheeled him back in Arkansas," McPeek explained. "I was a little reluctant to do it--it was a bit of an aggressive approach--but it was one of those deals where he needed to wake up quick. [Owner] Carter Stewart [of Magic City] said to go with it, wanted to make it in, and we knew we needed to run second or third to make the race." McPeek added, "He's had a couple of episodes where things didn't go his way and he didn't perform all that well. But I think we're in a good spot now. His last race [in Arkansas] was super and he handled everything really well and I'm anticipating he'll do it again. He still needs to show he can handle adversity a little bit better, but physically he's doing terrific."



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BHA EXPLAINS AL ZAROONI VERDICT

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) yesterday explained the reasoning behind its verdict to ban Mahmood Al Zarooni for eight years, stating the former Godolphin trainer was guilty of a widespread systematic misuse of illegal substances. The conditioner received the authority's sanction last Thursday after admitting to administering anabolic steroids to 15 horses in his care. The BHA confirmed he had personally brought the drugs into the United Kingdom on a flight from Dubai, where horses in training can be given anabolic steroids and race 28 days later. British racing's administrator released a statement Tuesday which read, "The disciplinary panel takes a very dim view of the sheer volume of horses who were subjected to these unlawful medication regimes. This was a widespread systematic misuse of illegal substances which are absolutely prohibited under the rules. Nearly a quarter of the 45 horses tested at the stables had positive samples. These were horses in training, some of which were entered into races in April and May. The panel considered there was no excuse for Al Zarooni to be in any doubt as to the illegality of administering anabolic steroids."

The BHA has publicised this issue and following the case of [former trainer] Howard Johnson in 2011, the matter was given further prominence. Al Zarooni's assertion that he did not know such administration was not permitted in the UK was simply not truthful. He asserted that he was only trying to do the best for his horses who were unwell. He did not have a credible explanation as to why he had not discussed the matter with the stable's veterinary surgeons or entered a record of the administration of the drugs in the stable's medication books. The panel concluded Al Zarooni sought to confer an unfair advantage by the underhanded administration of illegal medication. He had access to expert veterinary advice from a number of sources, but he deliberately ignored this resource and chose to covertly administer to horses in training anabolic steroids he had brought into the UK in his luggage from Dubai. The panel is firmly of the view that this was not an accidental or inadvertent misunderstanding of the rules--this was a deliberate flouting of the governance framework of British racing by one of the most high-profile Flat trainers working in the racing industry."

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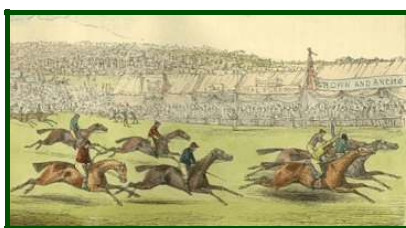


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Classic Corner

BALLYDOYLE TRIO TO TACKLE GUINEAS

Aidan O'Brien is set to run a trio of colts in Saturday's G1 QIPCO 2,000 Guineas, with **Cristoforo Colombo** (Henrythenavigator), **George Vancouver** (Henrythenavigator) and **Mars (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in line to take up the challenge, and **Lines of Battle** (War Front) running in the G1 Kentucky Derby. ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Mars has not run since making a winning debut over seven furlongs at Dundalk in July, but he appears to have been given the green light to join his more accomplished stable companions. "He has obviously only had one run and he is obviously still a baby, but we've been happy with him all winter and we think the experience will do him good," the Ballydoyle conditioner said. "He's a very well-balanced, good-moving horse." Cristoforo Colombo, who clipped heels and slipped up in the G1 Phoenix S. at The Curragh in August, and the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero George Vancouver will have underfoot conditions to suit on the Rowley Mile. O'Brien added, "Obviously, we wouldn't be sending all three if we didn't think all three had chances. We've been happy with all three all winter. George Vancouver is a Group 1 winner already and he loves fast ground. Cristoforo Colombo, we're very happy with him as well. He was unlucky not to win a Group 1 in Ireland. He also wants fast ground."

PREVIEWS

Wednesday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 3:20 p.m.

PRIX DU MUGUET-G2, €130,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Zinabaa (Fr)	Anabaa Blue (GB)	Bertras	Puitg	127
2	6	Sir Oscar (Ger)	Mrk of Estm (Ire)	Lemaitre	Bucher	127
3	7	King Air (Fr)	Kingsalsa	Barzalona	Prtchrdr-Grdn	127
4	10	Blue Soave (Fr)	Soave (Ger)	Thulliez	Chappet	123
5	12	Zack Hope (GB)	Araafa (Ire)	Piccone	Caulley	123
6	8	Don Bosco (Fr)	Barathea (Ire)	Benoist	Smaga	123
7	3	Menardais (Fr)	Canyon Crk (Ire)	Pasquier	Bary	123
8	2	Coup de Theatre (Fr)	Gold Away (Ire)	Thomas	van de Poele	123
9	4	Laugh out Loud (GB)	Clodovil (Ire)	Soumillon	Rouget	123
10	9	Sofast (Fr)	Rck of Gbrltr (Ire)	Peslier	Head	123
11	1	Sarkiyla (Fr)	Oasis Drm (GB)	Hamelin	de Ryr-Dpre	120
12	11	Foreign Tune (GB)	Invcnble Sprt (Ire)	Prat	Laffn-Parias	120

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Essence Hit Man	Speightstown	Jacques Cartier S.	101
Luv Bandit	Yonaguska	Milwaukee Avenue H.	101
Algonquin Posse	Posse	Third Chance H.	100
Kate's Event	Event of the Year	Tiznow S.	100
Humble Smarty	Mutakddim	Clem McSpadden Mem. Route 66 S.	99
Sadie's Soldier	Lost Soldier	John Henry S.	99
Signsealndeliver	Private Terms	Robert S. Molaro H.	99
Shrug	Medaglia d'Oro	George Royal S.	98
Tigah (GB)	Dalakhani (IRE)	San Francisco Mile S.-G3	98
Curvy Cat	Ministers Wild Cat	B. Thoughtful S.	97
Doinghardtimeagain	Ministers Wild Cat	Melair S.	97
Hail Mary	Old Topper	Warren's Thoroughbreds S.	97
Strathnaver (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Bewitch S.-G3	97
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LONGINES SAGARO S.-G3, £60,000, 4yo/up, 2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Askar Tau (Fr)	Montjeu (Ire)	Baker	Tregoning	127
2	7	Buckland (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Crowley	Adielsson	127
3	6	Caucus (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Buick	Gosden	127
4	10	Solar Sky (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Keniry	Elsworth	127
5	2	Steps to Freedom (Ire)	Statue of Liberty	Hughes	Harrington	127
6	8	Tres Rock Danon (Fr)	Rck of Gbrltr (Ire)	Tylicki	Geisler	127
7	5	Handazan (Ire)	Nayef	Queally	King	124
8	4	Sir Graham Wade (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Fallon	Johnston	124
9	3	Earth Amber (GB)	Hrrricane Rn (Ire)	Spencer	Henderson	121
10	9	Estimate (Ire)	Monsun (Ger)	Moore	Stoute	124

Wednesday, Munich, Germany, post time: 5:00 p.m.

BETHMANN BANK - SILBERNE PEITSCHKE-G3, €55,000, 3yo/up,

6 1/2fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Arnold Lane (Ire)	Ftstpsinthesnd (GB)	Hitchcott	Channon
2	3	Ferro Sensation (Ger)	Paolini (Ger)	de Vries	Klomp
3	9	Konig Concorde (Ger)	Big Shuffle	Minarik	Sprengel
4	6	Lipocco (GB)	Piccolo (GB)	Kerekes	Hillis
5	8	Nordic Truce	Yes It's True	D Schiergen	P Schiergen
6	7	Smooth Operator (Ger)	Big Shuffle	S Hofer	M Hofer
7	5	Walero (Ger)	Big Shuffle	Clijmans	Hirschberger
8	4	Elenya (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Victoire	Cesandri
9	2	Gracia Directa (Ger)	Kyllachy (GB)	Wilson	Moser

All carry 132 pounds bar Elenya & Gracia Directa, 129.

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Previews cont.

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	Imposing Grace	Empire Maker	Gomez	Catalano	118
2	Authenticity (K)	Quiet American	Velazquez	Pletcher	118
3	More Chocolate (K)	Malibu Moon	Rosario	Sadler	120
4	Believe You Can (K)	Proud Citizen	Napravnik	Jones	120
5	On Fire Baby	Smoke Glacken	Johnson	Hartlage	123
6	Class Included	Include	Lanerie	Romans	118
7	Draw It	Tapit	Santana Jr	Dodgen	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	Patriotcandproud (K)	Proud Citizen	Rosario	Casse	118
2	Laugh Track (K)	Distorted Humor	Mena	Casse	118
3	Right to Vote	Political Force	Santana Jr	Moquett	118
4	Hymn Book	Arch	Gomez	McGhy III	118
5	Richard's Kid	Lemon Drop Kid	Krigger	O'Neill	118
6	Take Charge Indy (K)	A.P. Indy	Napravnik	Byrne	118
7	Macho Macho (K)	Macho Uno	Nakatani	Asmussen	118
8	Bourbon Courage	Lion Heart	Castellano	Gorder	118
9	Cyber Secret (K)	Broken Vow	Albarado	Whiting	120

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	Anyriderill Do	Street Hero	Mena	Werner	118
2	Bashaar	Street Cry (Ire)	Johnson	Peitz	118
3	Channel Isle	English Channel	Rocco Jr	Lukas	118
4	Noble Tune (K)	Unbridled's Song	Castellano	Brown	120
5	War Dancer (K)	War Front	Garcia	McPeck	118
6	Positively (K)	Distorted Humor	Napravnik	Byrne	118
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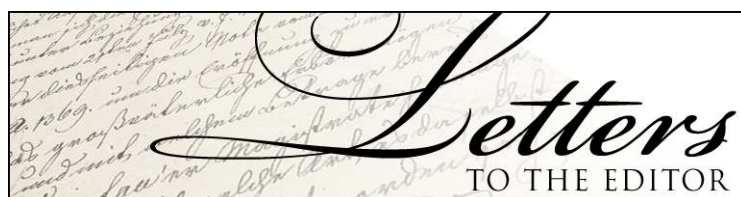
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JOHN E. CASSE:

I find it quite ironic that, after all of the talk of how Europe and all of the other world racing jurisdictions allow no race day medication, that we now find out about the illegal usage of steroids and who knows what? Standing on their high horse, many prominent operations now admit that they are users of medication that gives an unfair advantage. Where does that leave us all in the grand scheme of things? Please let us all come clean and practice what we preach. Let us treat the horses as we would treat ourselves (be kind to them and treat them like our family, because we care about them) and get away from all of the political speak. I love horses like I love my family and think they should be treated as such. Horse racing is a majestic and beautiful sport.

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LEWIS AT RACE FOR GRACE: “CHASE PURPOSE”

Future NFL Hall of Famer Ray Lewis spoke to a packed house Monday night at Churchill Downs as the featured guest at the annual “Race for Grace,” a



**Ray Lewis (left)
Lucas Marquardt**

fundraising dinner and auction to support the Kentucky division of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America. Lewis’s speech was the highlight of an evening that saw the chaplaincy raise over \$200,000 for the services it provides, including weekly worship, baptism, marriage and funeral

services, as well as counseling and much more.

Trainer Dale Romans came away with the top-priced auction item, an eight-seat Kentucky Derby box donated by Richard Sturgill that brought a bid of \$16,000. Another, smaller Derby box went for \$5,000, while a Kentucky Oaks box, donated by presenting sponsor WinStar Farm, sold to West Point Thoroughbreds’ Terry Finley for \$3,200. Finley did his bidding through guest bidspotter and Oaks-winning trainer Dallas Stewart, who also trains for West Point. Six signed Ray Lewis jerseys, meanwhile, went for \$5,000 apiece. Fasig-Tipton’s Tom Biederman handled the auctioneering duties. There was also a silent auction that included halters from each of the Derby runners, art, and assorted horse racing memorabilia.



**Duncan Taylor (right) & John Hall
Lucas Marquardt**

Speakers included retired pro basketball player and former head coach Avery Johnson, as well as former jockey Pat Day, who quipped about Lewis, “My wife was getting a bit friendly with him and I thought I

might have to take him out.” The Hall of Fame rider said he thought better of it, though.

It was Lewis, however, who was the most compelling speaker, and what the MVP of Super Bowl XLVII in February lacked in brevity, he made up for in passion. Lewis talked about growing up poor in a troubled household in Florida, raised by a single mother after his father left town the day he was born.

He struggled as a young child as his mom remarried an abusive husband, and, while living in the garage because his stepfather didn’t want him in the house, how he began working out, not for the sport of it, but in the hopes of protecting his mother.

Lewis spoke about becoming a state champion wrestler essentially to spite his father--Lewis took down nearly all the records once held by his father, who had attended the same high school. He spoke about being recruited as a linebacker by the University of Miami--being interviewed after one of his first games, he told a reporter, “I may be the greatest player ever to play here”--and how he carried his fierce passion right through a 17-year career in the National Football League, all with the Baltimore Ravens.

“I did nothing special, but keep going,” said Lewis, who added that his belief in God and his work ethic were, at times, all that he had.

Lewis, who retired after the Ravens’ Super Bowl win over San Francisco, said he’s now turning his focus to help combat inner-city violence and poverty, and urged those in the crowd to get involved and make a difference.

“Let every day be about purpose,” he said. “Chase purpose.”

WinStar President and CEO Elliott Walden added afterward, “The night went great. It was an electric atmosphere in the room. Any time you get Ray Lewis, you’re going to get a lot of energy.” -LM

IN OTHER NEWS...
A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

[Victory starts on the backside](#) *Every morning this Kentucky Derby week, as owners and jockeys fly into town and trainers oversee final preparations for the chance of a lifetime, unheralded men and women quietly swing astride the runners they have guided to the first Saturday in May. Their names are not known to the public. Still, these exercise riders clock more time in the saddle aboard the nation’s top 3-year-olds than any of their jockeys will ever spend. They are relied upon by owners to prepare and safeguard contenders during training routines, trusted by horsemen to carry out each conditioning plan to the letter and depended upon by race riders to log the hundreds of hours it takes to ready a young Thoroughbred for the greatest two minutes in sports.*
Claire Novak, ESPN.com

[Question mark over Black Caviar as steroids saga takes new twist](#) *Racing’s ruling body has refused to release a form in its possession which would clarify whether Black Caviar was ever trained on steroids before winning at Royal Ascot last year. The great Australian mare, who recently retired unbeaten after 25 races, had her name dragged into the debate over steroid use at the end of last week when the British trainer Roger Charlton used Twitter to ask if she had been “treated with anabolic steroids during her career”.*
Chris Cook, The Guardian

[NJ, state horsemen, elected officials file sports betting brief in appeals court](#) *A federal ban that prevents New Jersey from offering sports betting at the state’s casinos and racetracks “violates the liberty” of the Thoroughbred horsemen to offer such gambling, the horsemen said in a brief filed in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday.*
John Brennan, NorthJersey.com




FROM THE DESK OF...

BILL OPPENHEIM

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JUVENILE SALE SIREs

The sires who went to stud in North America in 2010 had the lowest entering stud fees in at least the last 15 years. The most expensive of them was Hill 'n' Dale Farm's **Zensational** (Unbridled's Song), at \$25,000. Trained by Bob Baffert for Zayat Stables, the \$700,000 Fasig-Tipton Florida 2-year-old ran seven times as a 3-year-old in 2009, all on all-weather surfaces in California. He won three Grade I sprints against older horses (including a Beyer 110 in the GI Bing Crosby at Del Mar), and went into the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint as the 9-5 favorite, but had a rough trip and finished only fifth that day.

One of the features of the crop of sires who went to stud in 2010, and whose first foals were born in 2011 (F2011), and are 2-year-olds this year, was the prominence of the Unbridled (Fappiano) sire line. Indeed, four of the five freshman sires (with three or more sold) which have averaged over \$100,000 at the 2-year-old sales so far are grandsons of Unbridled. Taylor Made's **Old Fashioned** (Unbridled's Song) was an \$800,000 Keeneland September yearling trained by Larry Jones for Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farms; he won all three of his starts at two, including a seven-length demolition job in the sometimes-important (and sometimes not) GI Remsen S., then wintered at Oaklawn, where he won the GI Southwest S., but was beaten in both the GI Rebel S. (by Win Willy) and the then-GI Arkansas Derby (by Papa Clem). Subsequently injured and retired, he entered stud for \$12,500, but he features as the top freshman sire on average at the 2-year-old sales, with nine selling (of 13 offered) for an average of \$184,222, and a median of \$160,000 ([click here--All 2013 Two-Year-Olds-in-Training](#)). Clearly, they look and act the part.

Second leading freshman sire by average at the 2-year-old sales is WinStar's **Pioneerof The Nile**, by Unbridled's son Empire Maker. Also trained by Baffert for the Zayat Stable, which bought him for \$250,000 at Keeneland September, Pioneerof The Nile went into the 2009 GI Kentucky Derby off four straight Grade I/Grade II wins, all, again, on synthetic surfaces in California. Pioneerof The Nile looked briefly the winner turning into the stretch on the sloppy track that day, but ultimately Calvin (Bo-Rail) Borel skimmed the rail with the impossible 50-1 shot Mine That Bird, and Pioneerof The Nile had to settle for second. He ran badly in the GI Preakness, and that proved to be his last start. Having been the number two North American freshman sire at last year's yearling sales (51 sold, of 69 offered, averaging \$78,261, with a \$60,000 median), 11 juveniles (of 15 offered) have averaged \$154,545 at the 2-Year-Old sales so far, with a median of \$145,000. As with Old Fashioned, having a median close to the average suggests uniformity of their stock.

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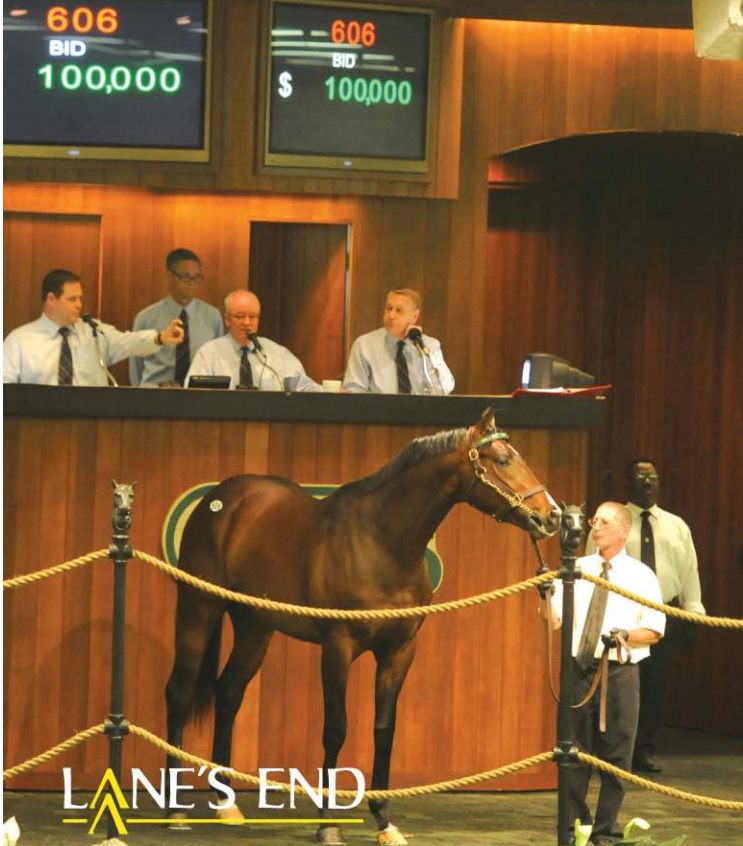
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Oppenheim cont.

Ashford Stud's **Dunkirk** (Unbridled's Song) was the \$3.7-million sale-topper at the 2007 Keeneland September sale to the Coolmore team, but stayed in America with Todd Pletcher. The third son of Unbridled's Song to figure among the top five freshman sires (three or more sold) of sale 2-year-olds this year, Dunkirk was second to Quality Road in the 2009 GI Florida Derby, and second to Summer Bird in the GI Belmont S. in an abbreviated five-race career. He's had 16 two-year-olds sell this spring (of 20 offered) for an average of \$113,188, and a median of \$65,000. Zensational is fifth so far by average, with 12 sold (of 16 offered) for an average of \$108,750, and a median of \$82,750. So with three sons of Unbridled's Song and one by Empire Maker among the five top-selling freshman sires of 2-year-olds, the odd man out is WinStar's **Colonel John** (Tiznow), who is third by average so far, with 14 sold (of 22 offered) averaging \$127,857, and a median of \$85,000. Bred by WinStar and trained by Eoin Harty, as a 3-year-old in 2008 Colonel John won the GI Santa Anita Derby on the synthetic, and the GI Travers S. on conventional dirt. He also retired in 2010, for \$15,000 in his case, and was the F2011 leader by both first-crop weanling average and 2012 yearling average (52/69 sold, average \$89,567; median \$75,000--an impressive five times entering stud fee). When he led this sire group at the 2011 weanling sales, Colonel John did so in a way that was only the fourth time since 2000 I have seen this happen: his first foals sold incredibly well, and for such consistent prices (19 sold of 24 offered; average \$78,421, median \$75,000--96% of the average) that it was crystal clear--and this is from looking at numbers, not horses--that he was throwing such a uniformly good individual that foal buyers plainly loved them. This doesn't work with yearlings, by the way--only with first-crop foals. But it has proved to be an incredible pointer to sire success --the other three times I've seen it happen were: Cape Cross (2001); Montjeu (2002); and Tapit (2006). Of course, it doesn't guarantee Colonel John will also be a great success, but these 'observations' (fortunately or unfortunately, not really a 'system') have been 3-for-3 since 2001.

As far as 2013 Freshman Sires go, of course, no North American F2011 sire even averaged \$100,000 at the 2012 yearling sales. Only one European sire did, but that was none other than **Sea The Stars**, Galileo's half-brother by Cape Cross who was hailed as Europe's Secretariat until Frankel came along. Winner of six Group 1 races in six starts as a 3-year-old in 2009, including the English 2000 Guineas, the Epsom Derby, and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (and that's a real European Triple Crown, by the way)--with three Group 1 10-furlong wins between the Derby and the Arc--Sea The Stars has the potential to do what Deep Impact has done in Japan: straight into the World Top 12. His first weanlings (14 sold) averaged the equivalent of over \$561,000, and 45 yearlings from his first crop averaged over \$402,000. No 2-year-olds sold yet.

TDN WEEKLY SALES TICKER
by Bill Oppenheim



"Since 2011 the number sold at OBS April has dropped 2 1/2%, but the gross is up an amazing 87% and the average 92%. In all other NA 2yo sales to date (including OBS March), the gross is up 6% and the average up 38% since 2011, but the number sold is down 23%. OBS April is truly the workingman's 2yo sale. Since 2008 the number sold at the other sales is down 35%, and the gross down 32%. At OBS April, the number sold is up 4%, the gross and average have more than doubled, and the clearance rate from the catalogue this year was 67%, versus 47% for the other sales." -- Bill Oppenheim



OBS APRIL 2YO SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	1,195	948	802	20.7%	84.6%	67.1%	\$48,549,000	\$60,535
2012	1,196	922	771	22.9%	83.6%	64.5%	\$33,506,400	\$43,458
2011	1,337	1,084	822	18.9%	75.8%	61.5%	\$25,897,400	\$31,505
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



TOTAL US 2YO SALES MINUS OBS APRIL

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	890	592	422	33.5%	71.3%	47.4%	\$68,730,750	\$162,869
2012	989	663	455	33.0%	68.6%	46.0%	\$63,789,100	\$140,196
2011	1,172	772	548	34.1%	71.0%	46.8%	\$64,563,800	\$117,817
2010	1,116	786	536	29.6%	68.2%	48.0%	\$61,795,900	\$115,291
2009	1,372	935	577	31.9%	61.7%	42.1%	\$66,667,000	\$115,541
2008	1,415	1,038	653	26.6%	62.9%	46.1%	\$100,658,000	\$154,147

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



The auguries are certainly favorable for Colonel John, but no freshman sire of 2013 can be a bigger story than Sea The Stars. No doubt reflecting the low starting stud fees for North American F2011 sires, none actually figures among the top 25 sires of sale juveniles by average. Darley's **Bernardini** (A.P. Indy) is the leading sire by average at the 2-year-old sales so far ([click here - All 2013-2yo sales](#)), with nine sold (of 14 offered) for an average of \$616,585, including the \$1.6-million sale-topper at Fasig Florida, and the \$900,000 sale-topper at OBS last week. Bernardini's sire, A.P. Indy, had a \$1.1-million filly at Palm Meadows himself, so is second on average (\$587,500), but with just two sold. **Smart Strike** has had six sell (of seven offered) for an average of \$490,167, including the \$1.8-million colt Stonestreet bought at the OBS sale in March. Juddmonte's European sire **Oasis Dream** (just one sold), Darley's **Medaglia D'Oro**, and Gainesway's Tapit have all averaged over \$300,000; Claiborne's War Front is just under that (nine sold, of 13 offered, averaging \$280,845), but those are off a \$10,000 stud fee way back in 2010, before he had runners.

IN OTHER NEWS:

The popular Saudi Prince A A Faisal won the 1990 G1 Prix de Diane with his homebred Kris filly, Rafha. She went on to produce seven black-type horses, and nine in all which ran RPR's of 96 or better. The best of those turned out to be Invincible Spirit (Green Desert), who won a Group 1 sprinting as a 5-year-old and retired to the Irish National Stud for an €10,000 fee in 2003, since then he has become one of Europe's top sires. An even longer shot to succeed was Invincible Spirit's 3/4-brother by Danehill, **Kodiac**, who never won a black-type race at all and was group-placed at five in 2006 himself. He went to the O'Callaghan family's Tally-Ho Stud in Ireland for €5,000 in 2007. He had already posted a 1.72 ABC Index for his 2-year-olds by the end of 2012, and, as the *Racing Post's* Katherine Fidler pointed out on Monday, he has already sired four 2-year-old winners this year, from eight 2-year-old starters. Thumbs up for Kodiac.

EURO THIRD-CROP SIRE:

Darley's **Teofilo** (Galileo), as noted previously, is the leading European third-crop sire this year, but now up to second is the German (Gestut Auenquelle) sire **Soldier Hollow** (In The Wings). Kassiano, a 4-year-old from his first crop, won three handicaps and ran second in a Group 1 in Dubai this winter, and on Sunday, Pastorius, who had won the G1 German Derby last year, scored in France's prestigious G1 Prix Ganay, by a length over Maxios, with four other Group 1 winners in arrears. Pastorius is out of a Monsun mare, and Monsun is also the sire of the Ganay second, Maxios. Cheveley Park's **Dutch Art** (Medicean) now has almost identical 2013 numbers to Morristown Lattin's **Dark Angel** (Acclamation). Each has three 2013 black-type Winners, five 2013 black-type horses, and 2013 earnings edging over the \$400,000 mark.

They are now 5-6 among European 2013 third-crop sires (Coolmore's **Dylan Thomas** [Danehill] third, Darley's now French-based **Manduro** [Monsun] fourth). Moving into seventh spot is Darley's 2001 G1 Epsom Derby winner, **Authorized** (Montjeu). As Andrew Caulfield detailed in his column yesterday ([click here](#)), he's had three good-looking black-type 3-year-olds from his second crop this year, including two fillies out of Galileo mares (so 3x3 Sadler's Wells) trained by Jim Bolger: Rehn's Nest beat older fillies in the one-mile G3 Park Express S. at the Curragh at the end of March, and last weekend the Bolger-bred and -trained filly, We'll Go Walking, ran a bang-up second, also against older, in the G3 Victor McCalmont Memorial at Gowran Park. On Saturday, Sugar Boy (out of a Danehill mare), who had previously run second to Coolmore's Battle of Marengo in the G3 Ballysax S., came back to win the G3 Sandown Classic Trial in Britain, in a race in which Irish-trained 3-year-olds ran 1-2-3. Juddmonte's **Rail Link** (Dansili) won his last five starts as a 3-year-old in 2006, including the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, no less, but predictably has also been a bit of a slow burner at stud. But he's had 15 winners this year, including four one-mile-plus condition race or handicap winners, plus last Sunday's G3 Prix de Barbeville (3100m or 1 15/16m) winner, Last Train, who ran second in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris last year. Rail Link now moves into ninth on the 2013 European third-crop sire list.

WILL WE PASS THIS WAY AGAIN?

No more raids on Italy, it seems; their racing is in complete disarray, and many owners have never been paid their winnings from 2012 group races. Understandably no one is willing to ship in there this year, so some formerly prestigious prizes, including the G3 Premio Paroli and the G3 Premio Regina Elena--Italy's 2000 and 1000 Guineas equivalents--were wholly domestic affairs last weekend. There are plenty of jurisdictions where racing is in trouble (and plenty where it isn't, thankfully), but none looks in more trouble than Italian racing. The European Pattern Committee will have to strip them of their group races next.

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-CDX, \$60,518, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$125,000), NW1SL, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42, ft.

1--**SERUNI, 123, g, 6, Saint Liam--Lady Melesi (MSW & MGSP, \$389,190), by Colonial Affair.** (\$145,000 yrl '08 KEESEP). O-G Watts Humphrey, Jr & St George Farm Racing LLC; B-G Watts Humphrey Jr, John P Cline II & Robin P Cline (KY); T-Philip Oliver. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 23-6-6-3, \$323,844. *1/2 to Doc Cheney (Saint Ballado), MGSP, \$190,390; Roman Emperor (Empire Maker), SW, \$168,803; Liberated (Curlin), GSP.

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2--**Agent Di Nozzo, 123, g, 4, Ghostzapper--Quick Tip,** by Unaccounted For. (\$45,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '11 FTFEB).

3--**Taptowne, 123, g, 5, Tapit--Holly's Wager,** by Valid Wager.

Margins: 1HF, HF, 2. Odds: 5.30, 7.60, 1.50.

Seruni, runner-up in the GII Firecracker H. over this course last summer, ended 2012 with a fourth-place finish in the Nov. 2 Gill Ack Ack H. over the main track and resurfaced to run fourth in an Apr. 5 optional claimer over Keeneland's Polytrack last time out. He stalked the pacesetters from fourth before pulling his way into contention leaving the backstretch and reeled in Taptowne in deep stretch before drawing clear with 100 yards to run. **Click for [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

9th-CDX, \$52,890, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:48 1/5, fm.

DAME MARIE (f, 4, Smart Strike--Crystal Crossing {Ire} {SW-Eng}, by Royal Academy) was fourth, beaten a length, in a Mar. 23 Gulfstream allowance last time out. The 9-2 shot, unhurried early, angled to the outside for the stretch run and surged to the lead with a furlong to run before drawing clear to score by 1 1/2 lengths over Trophy Wife (Giant's Causeway). The \$140,000 KEESEP yearling is a half-sister to Rule of Law (Kingmambo, Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 14+f, G1SW-Eng, \$1,323,096). **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, \$114,232.

O-Lally Stable. B-Ben Sangster (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally.

6th-CDX, \$50,200, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5, fm.

ABBEY STREET (f, 3, Street Boss--Moyne Abbey, by Charismatic) closed to be fourth, beaten 1 3/4 lengths, when stretched out to this distance over the Keeneland lawn Apr. 13. The 2-1 second choice hopped at the break, but recovered well and was angled to the rail going into the first turn to race near the back of the pack. She inched closer leaving the backstretch, but was forced to check sharply in traffic midway on the turn. Tipped to the outside for running room at the top of the lane, Abbey Street took the lead at midstretch and held sway over favored Flores Island (Giant's Causeway) to win by 3/4 lengths. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-3, \$53,680.

O/B-William Lynn (KY). T-Elizabeth Gray.

INDUSTRY INFO

Gallagher, Barham Honored by RCI:

Hugh Gallagher, the executive director of the Delaware Harness Racing Commission, has been named the 2013 recipient of the Association of Racing Commissioners International Len Foote Award. The award was presented at the RCI's annual awards luncheon last Wednesday in New Orleans. RCI also honored Steve Barham with its William H. May Award, which recognizes meritorious service to the racing industry. Barham is associate coordinator for the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program.

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IN JAPAN:

Grand Sorciere, f, 3, Big Brown--Subtle Aly (GSW-US), by French Envoy. Fukushima, 4-27, Novice Race, 5.75f. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$71,429. O-Basic Inc; B-IEAH & Alan Pesch; T-Yoshihiro Hatakeyama. *\$135,000 wnlg '10 KEENOV. **Winning jockey Junji Shimada commented, "The travel was easy and she still had a lot in her tank at the line."

Air Khalifa, c, 4, Discreet Cat--Chez La Femme, by Afternoon Deelites. Tokyo, 4-28, Oasis S., 8f. Lifetime Record: 11-5-4-2, \$977,449. O-Lucky Field Inc.; B-Winchester Farm; T-Katsuhiko Sumii. *Winning jockey Kosei Miura commented, "He jumped well from the gate and took a good position. His response was powerful when I asked him in the stretch. He has lots of scope."

Danon Creator, c, 4, Half Ours--Difficult, by Concern. Fukushima, 4-29, Onahama Tokubetsu, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$217,551. O-Danox Inc; B-Waterford Farm; T-Akira Murayama. *1/2 to Testa Matta (Tapit), G1SW-Jpn, \$4,745,245. **Winning jockey Daisaku Matsuda commented, "It was a strong performance. This is his race."



(American-bred winners in Japan cont.)

Noble Jewelry, m, 5, **Smarty Jones**--Noble Stella (Ger) (MGSW-NA & GSP-Ity, \$651,409), by Monsun (Ger). Kyoto, 4-28, Takagamine Tokubetsu, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 15-4-7-1, \$913,980. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yasutoshi Ikee.

Kanetoshi Inertia, h, 5, **Tapit**--Wednesday's Child, by Storm Cat. Tokyo, 4-28, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 16-4-1-3, \$417,857. O-Toshio Kanematsu; B-JMJ Racing Stables LLC; T-Toshiaki Shirai. *\$100,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. **Full to Selective, GSP-US, \$111,639. ***Winning jockey Yoshitomi Shibata commented, "He showed strong performance in the stretch."

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First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 1
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
MR. NIGHTLINGER (Indian Charlie), JEH Stallion Station Oklahoma Division, \$2K, 30/0/0
 5-CD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Miss Nightlinger, 8-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 1
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2009 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
BROTHER DEREK (Benchmark), Airdrie, \$10K, 70/12/0
 5-CD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +She's Coal Fired, \$100K FTK JUL yrl, 2-1
HEART OF THE STORM (Storm Cat), 35/3/0
 9-IND, Msw, 5 1/2f, +La Belle Princesse, \$20K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 8-1

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- CHURCHILL DOWNS**
- Joyful Victory (Tapit), 5f, 1:01.00, 4/22
- Marketing Mix (Medaglia d'Oro), 4fT, :51.00, 6/7
- Nehro (Mineshaft), 5f, 1:02.60, 16/22
- Point of Entry (Dynaformer), 4fT, :50.40, 4/7
- KEENELAND**
- General Election (Harlan's Holiday), 4f, :48.00, 4/37

OBSERVATIONS
 on today's European racing scene

2.20 Saint-Cloud, Mdn, €25,000, 3yo, 1 1/2mT
MANNDAWI (FR) (Dalakhani {Ire}) starts out for His Highness The Aga Khan and Alain de Royer-Dupre. He is a half-brother to the triple Group 1 winner in Australia, Manighar (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}). Among his opponents is Khalid Abdullah's **Well Tried (GB) (Three Valleys)**, a member of the in-form Andre Fabre barn whose dam is a half to the smart stayers Reefscape (GB) (Linamix {Fr}), Coastal Path (GB) (Halling) and Martaline (GB) (Linamix {Fr}).

7.30 Tipperary, Mdn, €10,000, 3yo, 1 9/16mT
VICTORY SONG (IRE) (Dansili {GB}) debuts for Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Susan Magnier and Ballydoyle, and is a half-brother to the connections' classy distaffer Wonder of Wonders (Kingmambo), who was placed in three Oaks in 2011. More importantly, he is a son of the 2004 G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up All Too Beautiful (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who shares her lineage with the great Galileo (Ire) and Sea the Stars (Ire). It may be significant that Joseph O'Brien has chosen to ride him over stable companion **Agreement (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, a half-brother to Toccet (Awesome Again), who showed little on debut at Dundalk in September.

Ireland

ALHAARTH PENSIONED
 Derrinstown Stud yesterday announced that its 20-year-old stalwart **Alhaarth (Ire)** (Unfuwain--Irish Valley, by Irish River {Fr}) has been retired from stud duties with immediate effect due to a worsening heart condition. Champion 2-year-old in 1995 when unbeaten for Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Major Dick Hern, the G1 Dewhurst S. winner went on to add three further group contests before going on to sire the luminary Haafhd (GB) and the accomplished Bandari (Ire), Mourayan (Ire) and Phoenix Reach (Ire), among others. Recently found to be suffering from an ongoing cardiac condition, the decision has been made to allow the veteran to finish covering and be pensioned off at his home.

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▶ Britain

Wednesday, Ascot, post time: 4:10 p.m.

BATTERSEA DOGS & CATS HOME PAVILION S.-Listed, £37,000, 3yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Ahern (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Spencer	Barron	123
2	10	Hasopop (Ire)	Haatef	Moore	M Botti	123
3	9	Intibaah (GB)	Elnadim	Hanagan	Meehan	123
4	13	Ninjago (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Hughes	Hannon	123
5	12	Pearl Acclaim (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Bentley	Cowell	123
6	4	Snow King	Elusive Quality	Buick	Gosden	123
7	5	Zanetto (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Keniry	Balding	123
8	1	Sandreamer (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Harley	Channon	121
9	6	Graphic Guest (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Norton	Channon	118
10	11	Jadanna (Ire)	Mujadil	Sullivan	Given	118
11	7	Lady Phill (GB)	Avonbridge (GB)	Fox	Turner	118
12	8	Liberating (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Morris	Harrington	118
13	3	Tassel (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	K O'Neill	Hannon	118

Yesterday's Results:

Bath, 15.20, Mdn, £4,000, 3-4yo, 11f 144ydsT, 2:33.02, gd/fm.

REFER (GB) (c, 3, Rail Link {GB}--Trellis Bay {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Sadler's Wells), fifth on debut over 10 furlongs at Windsor Apr. 15, was sent straight to the lead. Driven out late on, the 9-4 favourite held off Could Be (Ire) (Sakhee) to score by 3/4 of a length. The winner is a half-brother to Bellamy Cay (GB) (Kris {GB}), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$370,300; and Cinnamon Bay (GB) (Zamindar), SW-Fr. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,588.

[VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-C Hills.

▶ Germany

Wednesday, Dusseldorf, post time: 4:45 p.m.

HENKEL PREIS DER DREIJAHRIGEN-Listed, €20,000, 3yo, 7 1/2T

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Linngaro (Fr)	Linngari (Ire)	Best	Hofer
2	5	Mauriac (Ger)	Clodovil (Ire)	Pedroza	Wohler
3	2	Quixote (Ger)	Pivotal (GB)	Starke	Schiergen
4	4	Se Gray	Bernstein	Pietsch	Mader
5	1	Truly Perfect (Ger)	Desert Prince (Ire)	Hammer-Hansen	Rohne

All carry 128 pounds.

▶ France

ARQANA LAUNCH RACING CLUB

Arqana yesterday announced a new syndicate initiative in a bid to boost the domestic racing scene. The Arqana Racing Club is a direct response to the reality of the declining number of owners in France and the absence of a structured syndicate system on home soil. The sales company revealed that it will offer the opportunity for owners to become involved in newly established joint venture companies, with all administrative matters taken care of. Arqana's Chairman Eric Hoyer commented, "In a European context, where an increasing number of countries are suffering from poor prize money, France is in a privileged position thanks to its funding system and the level of prize money and premiums. Alongside this, the number of successful syndicates in other countries is very high and we feel that France is in a perfect position for this concept to develop on a large scale. This is why we strongly believe in the potential of the Arqana Racing Club, which will become the first large-scale initiative launched on the French market in terms of syndication. Though it is above all aimed at recruiting new French clients, Arqana Racing Club will also give non-residents the opportunity of sampling ownership in France through syndicates. We are also in a position where we can offer a turnkey service to foreigners who wish to set up syndicates in France and therefore offer their shareholders attractive return on investment opportunities as well as the huge attraction of coming to France to watch their horses run or train. Arqana's know-how and professional reputation will reassure potential clients of the credibility and professionalism of this project." For more information, see www.arqanaracingclub.com.

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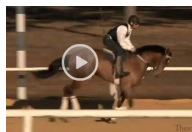


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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-CDX, \$43,851, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.
ALACO CASTLE (g, 7, Eavesdropper--David's Castle {SP, \$123,866}, by Sezyou) Lifetime Record: 14-4-6-3, \$101,851. O/T-Michelle Lovell. B-McKathan Bros (FL). *\$16,000 2yo '08 OBSAPR; \$15,000 RNA yrl '07 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Rodeo's Castle (Rodeo), MSW, \$419,094.

8th-FLX, \$25,000, NW3X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52 2/5, ft.
SALTAMONTES (m, 5, Wheelaway--Just Gabi, by Devil His Due) Lifetime Record: SW, 22-5-4-2, \$237,340. O/B-Gabrielle Farm (NY). T-Jeremiah C Englehart.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

New Gal N Town, f, 3, Bernstein--Termalina, by Touch Gold. WRD, 4-30, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Sierra Farm (KY). *\$50,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.
 + **Vienna Dreams, m, 6, Candy Ride (Arg)--Classy Agenda, by Sky Classic.** ATL, 4-30, 5fT, :59 1/5. B-Helga Nemeth (NJ).

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IN JAPAN:

Polarsken (Jpn), f, 3, Rock Hard Ten--Homeward, by Giant's Causeway. Sonoda, 4-24, Suishoyama Tokubetsu, 7f. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, \$15,816. O-Kiyoshige Yamashita; B-Kiyoshige Yamashita; T-Tadashi Kayo.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lady Lydia (Ire), f, 2, Kheleyf--Piece Unique (GB), by Barathea (Ire). Yarmouth, Britain, 4-30, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 43ydsT. B-Albert Conneally. *€2,000 yrl '12 GOFFEB; €2,000 RNA yrl '12 TATIRE.
Different (GB), f, 3, Bahamian Bounty (GB)--Hill Welcome (GB), by Most Welcome (GB). Yarmouth, Britain, 4-30, Mdn, 3yo, 5f 43ydsT. B-A S Denniff.
World Record (Ire), c, 3, Choisir (Aus)--Dancing Debut (GB), by Polar Falcon. Lingfield, Britain, 4-30, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Roy W Tector. *€33,000 wnlg '10 GOFNOV. **1/2 to Dance Partner (GB) (Danzero {Aus}), SW-Eng.
Messila Star (GB), c, 3, Pivotal (GB)--Jamboretta (Ire), by Danehill. Lingfield, Britain, 4-30, Mdn, 3yo, 7f (AWT). B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. *215,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT.

PRIVATE GIFT, 11, Unbridled--Private Status, by Alydar Foal born Apr. 16, a filly by Bernardini. Will be bred back to Malibu Moon. Owned by and boarded at Mt. Brilliant Farm. Accomplishments: SW, \$212,248.

ALMOST PARADISE, 15, Allen's Prospect--Muffies Muffin, by Lord Gaylord Foal born Apr. 17, a filly by Summer Bird. Will be bred back to Orientate. Owned by and boarded at Thornmar. Accomplishments: Dam of Come Fly Away (El Prado {Ire}), SW, \$172,856.

CHIC DANCER, 12, Joyeux Danseur--Stylish Accent, by Beau's Eagle Foal born April 18, a filly by Summer Bird. Will be bred back to Hat Trick (Jpn). Owned by S. D. Brilie L. P. Boarded at Denali Stud. Accomplishments: GSW, \$308,336.