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Bafflingly sent off the 11-4 second favorite behind **Camelot (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}) despite beating that rival comprehensively in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh last time May 26, John Deer's **Al Kazeem (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) turned that



Al Kazeem (right) runs down Mukhadram
Racing Post



Prince Charles & James Doyle
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extending his sequence in yesterday's G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot. With the wheels coming off last year's triple Classic hero and 5-2 crowd's choice, the homebred had another rival to worry about, but was typically tenacious when getting to **Mukhadram (GB)** (Shamardal) late on to prevail in a thriller. Settled in fourth early as the latter set honest fractions, the bay had to chase hard as the leader got away in early stretch. Looking for that first Royal winner, the rising jockey talent James Doyle urged him on and Al Kazeem responded by wearing down the Shadwell runner in the final strides for a neck success as only two mattered. "The name of the game is patience, as Sir

Henry Cecil once said, and we always thought we had a really good horse who was worth waiting for," trainer Roger Charlton said of the winner, whose career has been stop-start. "I would have been disappointed if he had been beaten by Camelot, as I thought he won easily last time and I knew he would improve. He's very tough and genuine, ticks all the boxes and at the moment doesn't have many weaknesses."

Doyle made a quick return to the Royal winner's circle, taking the Royal Hunt Cup H. with **Belgian Bill (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) before scoring with **Rizeena (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) in the G2 Queen Mary S. for a memorable treble. "I'd have taken one winner at the start of the day, but to have three is just unbelievable," commented Doyle, who assumed the lead in the meet's jockeys' title. **Cont. p3**

COMING DOWN THE TRACKS

Despite Andre Fabre's significant haul of big-race wins, the G1 Gold Cup is missing at present, and Khalid Abdullah's **Last Train (GB)** (Rail Link {GB}) could relieve that burden in today's wide-open renewal at Royal Ascot. **Cont. p8**

ITSMYLUCKYDAY SIDELINED FOUR MONTHS

Laurie Plesa and Trilogy Stable's **Itsmyluckyday** (Lawyer Ron), pulled up during Sunday's G11 Pegasus S. at Monmouth Park, has been diagnosed with a slight fracture of the ilium and is expected to miss four months of training. "It's as good as we could have hoped for," trainer Eddie Plesa Jr. said. "It's a little fracture of the ilium, which is in the pelvic area. He's still at Mid-Atlantic [Ringoes, N.J.] for a little more testing [Wednesday], but I expect him to be back here [Thursday] or the next day." Plesa is optimistic his charge will make it back to the races. "I'm told the success rate of a full recovery is outstanding," he commented. "I heard that, of 29 horses that have had this issue, 27 of them came back to run just as well as they had before, so that's very promising." Itsmyluckyday won the G11 Holy Bull S. and was second in the G1 Besilu Stables Florida Derby and G1 Preakness S. On the board in nine of 13 starts to date, the dark bay colt has won five times and earned \$830,100.



Itsmyluckyday
Courtney Heeney

GODOLPHIN SNAP UP LIBERTARIAN

Godolphin have purchased the G1 Epsom Derby runner-up **Libertarian (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}-Intrum Morshaan {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB}), it was announced yesterday. Due to be supplemented for the G1 Irish Derby at The Curragh next Saturday, the G2 Dante S. scorer will race for Elaine Burke's stable in that Classic, after which he will be transferred to the operation's Newmarket establishment. Godolphin's Racing Manager Simon Crisford said, "We are delighted to have acquired Libertarian. His form is excellent and it is great to have a new addition to our team. We look forward to seeing him run in the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby on Saturday week."

CIRRUS DUE BACK SUNDAY

Cirrus des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}) will make his seasonal return in Sunday's G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud en route to a tilt at next month's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot, according to trainer Corine Barande-Barbe. The 7-year-old finished second in the 2011 renewal of the 12-furlong contest, but was sidelined with a ligament injury and will return to action coming off a runner-up finish to Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in last year's G1 Champion S. at Ascot. "Cirrus is very well, although he'll definitely need the run," Barande-Barbe warned in *Racing Post*. Supplementary entries for the race can be made today at a cost of €24,000.

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Toronado Pointing for Sussex

Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani's **Toronado (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), beaten just a short head by Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) in Tuesday's G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot, is being aimed at the G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood July 31, trainer Richard Hannon announced yesterday.

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Oppenheim: Ascot Form

TDN columnist Bill Oppenheim weighs in on the first two days of action at Royal Ascot. "It is the best week of racing anywhere in the world," Oppenheim comments. "There are a lot of great horse racing events--weekends and carnivals--but nothing quite rivals the racing at Royal Ascot."

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Off the Mark

Trainer Michael Dilger and Wired Bryan both donned cap and gown at Belmont Wednesday with the 2-year-old's maiden victory in the first race. TDN's Christie DeBernardis has the story.

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PRINCE OF WALES'S S.-G1, £500,000, Royal Ascot, 6-19, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:03.06, gd/fm.

1--**AL KAZEEM (GB)**, 126, h, 5, by **Dubawi (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Kazeem (GB)**, by **Darshaan (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Kanz**, by **The Minstrel**

3rd Dam: **Treasure Chest**, by **Rough'n Tumble**

O-D J Deer; B-D J & Mrs Deer; T-Roger Charlton; J-James Doyle; £283,550. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Ire, 11-6-4-0, £560,865. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Mukhadram (GB)**, 126, c, 4, Shamardal--**Magic Tree (UAE)**, by **Timber Country**. (190,000gns wnlg '09 TATDEC). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Wardall Bloodstock; T-William Haggas; £107,500.

3--**The Fugue (GB)**, 123, f, 4, **Dansili (GB)**--**Twyla Tharp (Ire)**, by **Sadler's Wells**. O-Lord Lloyd-Webber; B-Watership Down Stud; T-John Gosden; £53,800.

Margins: NK, 3 1/4, HF. Odds: 11-4, 14-1, 13-2. Also Ran: **Camelot (GB)**, **Miblish (GB)**, **Maxios (GB)**, **Side Glance (GB)**, **Afsare (GB)**, **Red Cadeaux (GB)**, **Saint Baudolino (Ire)**, **Windsor Palace (Ire)**. [Click for the Racing Post result](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [VIDEO](#), courtesy [attheraces.com](#).

Still a raw talent at three, Al Kazeem managed a distant second to Sea Moon (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}) on one of that high-class horse's good days before filling the same berth behind older horses in Newbury's G3 Dubai Duty Free Arc Trial and G3 St Simon S. in the fall. His one start between the end of 2011 and the beginning of this season resulted in an emphatic score in the G2 Jockey Club S. over 12 furlongs at Newmarket last May, but a stress fracture of his pelvis kept him out of the main events to come. Impressive on his belated return in Sandown's G3 Gordon Richards S. over 10 furlongs Apr. 27, he readily upstaged a one-paced Camelot in the Tattersalls Gold Cup and, despite holding the favorite's position in this race's ante-post market for much of the build-up, lost it late on with the punters in a forgiving mood. Whereas he had tracked the Ballydoyle star before pouncing at The Curragh, it was Joseph O'Brien who was content to follow this time as they sat in fourth and sixth, respectively, off the strong tempo set by the free-rolling Mukhadram. As that colt cut loose when the button was pushed by Paul Hanagan after the home turn, it was only Al Kazeem who was able to close the gap with Camelot failing to engage another gear. Although the long-time leader was unrelenting in the drive to the line, the extra stamina of the winner made the difference in the end.

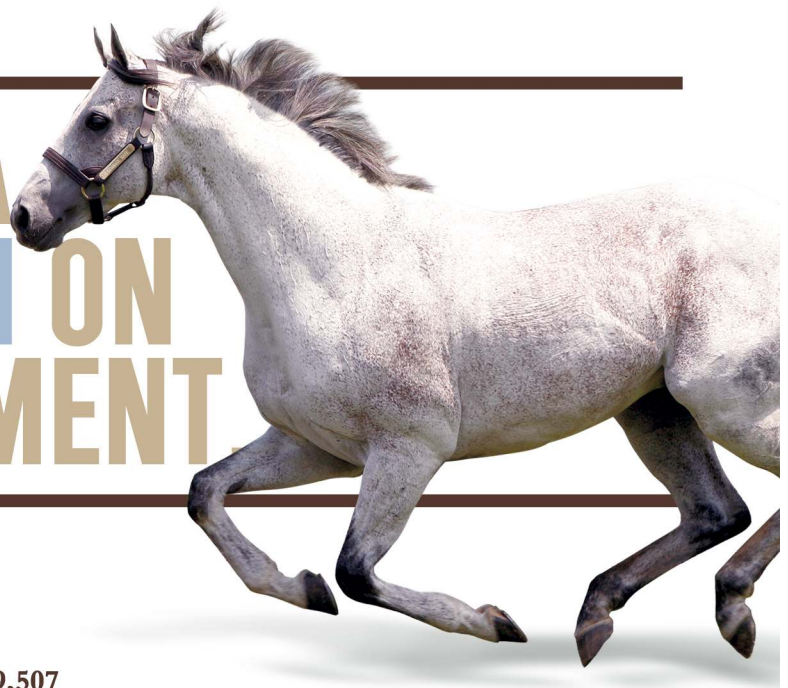
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"I thought Paul Hanagan gave his horse a fantastic ride--he got his fractions right and got a couple of lengths on me turning in, but he digs deep and is a tough horse," a typically humble James Doyle said. "It's magical to get a Royal Ascot winner and this is what it's all about." Charlton was keen not to commit to any definite targets at first, saying, "There are lots of lovely races and, without discussing with the owners, I don't know where he will go next, but like most people I'd love to have a runner in the Arc. He's a horse that's very happy if the ground is on the soft side and he's proved that he needs a mile and a half. That would probably be the end-of-season target and it's important not to be too greedy and plan it. If he were to run in that, we would maybe go for the G1 King George [VI and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot July 27] and not run again before that. The G1 Eclipse S. [at Sandown] is 17 days away and he'd be favorite for that, but the horse will tell us."



Al Kazeem
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The runner-up's rider Paul Hanagan said, "We've always had faith in him and he deserved to win that. He fought back against a very good horse all the way up the straight and couldn't have given me any more. He doesn't have to make the running, but he has such a lovely, long stride, I don't like taking him back. When I kicked I thought I definitely had it won."

Lord Lloyd-Webber's **The Fugue (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) put up a creditable effort to be third on her belated seasonal bow and is set to defend her crown in the G1 Nassau S. at Goodwood Aug. 3 before a potential rematch with Al Kazeem in the King George. "The first two set a high standard, but I was

thrilled with her," trainer John Gosden told *PA Sport*. "She travelled really well and loved that ground, which is key to her. We'll look at all the races like the Nassau and the King George."

Aidan O'Brien was not admitting defeat yet regarding Camelot, who is set to be put through the mill now. "He'd had a tough winter and you've got to bear that in mind," he told *PA Sport*. "We've always been very conscious of what he's been through, but maybe now is the time to start chasing him. There are a lot of options--the Eclipse and races like that."

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Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain
DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE S. (FORMERLY THE WINDSOR FOREST S.)-G2, £125,000, Royal Ascot, 6-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39.47, gd/fm.

1--**DUNTLE (IRE), 124, f, 4, by [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)**

1st Dam: Lady Angola, by Lord at War

2nd Dam: Benguela, by Little Current

3rd Dam: Lady Winborne, by Secretariat

(78,000gns wnlg '09 TATDEC; €36,000 yrl '10 GOFSEP). O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd; B-Airlie Stud; T-David Wachman; J-Wayne Lordan; £77,375.

Lifetime Record: MGSW & G1SP-Ire, 8-5-1-0, £209,964. **Werk Nick Rating: F. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)**

2--**Ladys First (GB), 124, f, 4, Dutch Art (GB)--Like a Dame (GB), by Danehill. (16,000gns wnlg '09 TATDEC; €100,000 yrl '10 GOFSEP).** O-Mrs Helen Steel; B-Sparsholt Stud; T-Richard Fahey; £29,335.

3--**Dank (GB), 124, f, 4, [Dansili \(GB\)](#)--Masskana (Ire), by Darshaan (GB).** O-James Wigan; B- London Thoroughbred Services Ltd; T-Sir Michael Stoute; £14,681.

Margins: HF, HD, HD. Odds: 10-3, 25-1, 7-2.

Also Ran: Beatrice Aurore (Ire), Sarkiyla (Fr), Chigun (GB), Sweetnessandlight (GB), Dancewiththedevil (SAf), Thistle Bird (GB). Scratched: Intense Pink (GB), Moonstone Magic (GB).

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Duntle landed a monster gamble when successful in the Listed Sandringham H. at last year's Royal meet, and doubled up in the Aug. 16 G3 Desmond S. at Leopardstown next time.

She was then controversially disqualified after passing the post first in the G1 Matron S. there again Sept. 8, a reverse which was later confirmed after a failed appeal, but she rebounded with a decisive score in the May 12 G3 Amethyst S.



Duntle *Racing Post*

back at the Foxrock track once more on seasonal return last time. Duntle was positioned in midfield through the sensible early fractions of this straight mile test and inched ever closer to the front rank from halfway. Quickening in good style to challenge entering the final quarter mile, she led soon after and exhibited admirable determination under a power drive in the closing stages to deny the rallying pacesetter Ladys First and the late flourish of Dank. "I traveled really well, but I think I might have got to the front too soon," admitted winning rider Wayne Lordan. "She didn't kill herself when she got to the front, but picked up when challenged late on and deserved it. She improved an awful lot as a 3-year-old and is still going the right way. This is where everybody wants a winner, so it was an important win." **Cont. p6**

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Duke of Cambridge S. cont.

Conditioner David Wachman, celebrating his third Royal Ascot success, added, "Wayne gave her a very good ride. She didn't want to be in front too soon and she was hanging on in the end. She doesn't win by too far, but she's tough and genuine. She has loads of options, as there's a good programme for fillies, so we'll see what [owner] Maria [Niarchos-Gouaze] and [racing manager] Alan [Cooper] want to do." Richard Fahey is mulling over a Stateside campaign for runner-up Ladys First and told *PA Sport*, "She's tough and very consistent, but I'm starting to feel a bit sorry for her now. She might go to America for the [Aug. 17 GI] Beverly D S., as that would suit her." Sir Michael Stoute, trainer of Dank, added, "She never lets us down and is so consistent. She's in the [July 21] G2 Kilboy Estate S. over nine furlongs at the Curragh, but we'll wait and see."

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

JERSEY S.-G3, £75,000, Royal Ascot, 6-19, 3yo, 7fT, 1:25.32, gd/fm.

1--**@GALE FORCE TEN (GB), 127, c, 3, by Oasis Dream (GB)**
1st Dam: Ronaldsay (GB) (SW-Eng, \$224,860), by Kirkwall (GB)

2nd Dam: Crackling (GB), by Electric (GB)

3rd Dam: Birch Creek (GB), by Carwhite (Ire)

(£280,000 yrl '11 DONAUG). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-S Tindall, D Ludlow & Stowell Hill Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Joseph O'Brien; £42,533. Lifetime Record: SW & G1SP-Ire & G1SP-Eng, 11-3-2-2, £182,154. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + . Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Montiridge (Ire), 127, c, 3, Ramonti (Fr)--Elegant Ridge (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire).** (€10,000 RNA yrl '11 GOFFEB; £55,000 yrl '11 DONAUG). O-M Clarke, J Jeffries, R Ambrose, B Reilly; B-Century Bloodstock; T-Richard Hannon; £16,125.

3--**Tawhid (GB), 130, c, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Snowdrops (GB), by Gulch. O-Godolphin; B-West Lodge Stud; T-Saeed bin Suroor; £8,070.**

Margins: HD, 1HF, 1. Odds: 9-2, 15-2, 25-1. Also Ran: Garswood (GB), Music Master (GB), Pearl Flute (Ire), Dont Bother Me (Ire), Ninjago (GB), Jammy Guest (Ire), Tamayuz Star (Ire), The Brothers War, Here Comes When (Ire), Well Acquainted (Ire), Blaine (GB), Complimentor (Ire), Parliament Square (Ire), Pearl Sea (Ire), Mutin (Fr), Ian's Dream, One Word More (Ire), Ajraam.

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No favorite had won the G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot since Mozart (Ire) in 2001, but it was a colt from the same stable in the same silks with a similar profile who ended the long wait here. Runner-up to Reckless Abandon (GB) (Exchange Rate) in the G2 Norfolk S. over five furlongs here 12 months ago, Gale Force Ten followed two indifferent starts on testing ground with a third placing in the G1 Middle Park S. over six furlongs to round off his juvenile campaign at Newmarket in October.

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After returning to win the seven-furlong Listed Patton S. on Dundalk's Polytrack Apr. 5, the bay was fourth in a blanket finish to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp May 12 before going to The Curragh 13 days later to emulate Mozart by finishing second in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas. Enjoying a perfect tow early from compatriot Dont

Bother Me (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), he was left in front with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining and, despite being headed by Montiridge inside the final eighth, battled back for Joseph O'Brien in the final yards as the stand's side "winner" Tawhid threw away his chance by veering left. "He's very tough, but I was



Gale Force Ten *Racing Post*

praying someone would come to me because he wasn't doing a stroke in front," his rider explained. "He got a mile very well at the Curragh, so that's why I didn't want to get too far back, but I got to the front a mile too soon. When he saw the other horse, he put his head down and fought. He's small but he has a big heart." Michael Tabor added, "We were very hopeful that he'd be good enough despite being drawn poorly and he was very game, which is what you would expect of Aidan's horses. He looked like he was beaten and came again."



Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

QUEEN MARY S.-G2, £100,000, Royal Ascot, 6-19, 2yo, f, 5fT, :59.29, gd/fm.

1--**@RIZEENA (IRE)**, 124, f, 2, by **Iffraaj (GB)**

1st Dam: Serena's Storm (Ire), by **Statue of Liberty**
2nd Dam: Princess Serena, by **Unbridled's Song**
3rd Dam: Serena's Sister, by **Rahy**

(50,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Round Hill Stud; T-Clive Brittain; J-James Doyle; £56,710. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, £76,346. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Sweet Emma Rose**, 124, f, 2, [City Zip](#)--Miss Moneypenny, by Deputy Minister. (\$40,000 yrl '12 KESEP). O-Hat Creek Racing; B-The Peter J Callahan Revocable Trust; T-Wesley Ward; £21,500.

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3--**One Chance (Ire)**, 124, f, 2, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Towards, by Fusaichi Pegasus. (120,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). O-Recycled Products Limited; B-Mrs C Regalado-Gonzalez; T-Tim Pitt; £10,760. Margins: 2, 1, HF. Odds: 6-1, 16-1, 66-1.

Also Ran: Fig Roll (GB), Reroute (Ire), Survived (GB), Alutiq (Ire), Ventura Mist (GB), Kaiulani (Ire), Fast (Ire), Fire Blaze (Ire), Bye Bye Birdie (Ire), Blithe Spirit (GB), Beldale Memory (Ire), Robynelle (GB), Lorimer's Lot (Ire), Oriel (GB), Diamond Lady (GB), Quatuor (Ire), Sandsman's Girl (Ire), Baytown Kestrel (GB), Corncockle (GB), Go Glamorous (Ire), Excel's Beauty (GB).

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Clive Brittain had not tasted Royal Ascot success since the victory of Zaidan (Street Cry {Ire}) in the 2010 Listed Chesham S., but the 79-year-old bridged that gap in style as Rizeena prevailed in this juvenile fillies' dash. The bay was a long-odds fifth behind Fire



Clive Brittain takes his hat off to Rizeena
Racing Post

Blaze (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) at Newmarket on debut Apr. 18, shed maiden status over this course and distance May 10, and continued her rapid ascent with an impressive score in the May 30 Listed National S. at Sandown last time. Rizeena was

positioned slightly better than midfield after an alert getaway, as Wesley Ward's speedball Sweet Emma Rose blazed a trail from the outset. Rowed along approaching the quarter-mile marker, she was at that rival's quarters entering the final eighth and drew off under urging in the dying strides to provide jockey James Doyle with his third victory of the afternoon.

Queen Mary S. cont.

"I saw her win in the National S. and she looked pretty impressive that day, so I was excited to get the ride here," Doyle said. "Those American horses don't hang about and they went an electric pace. I caught a glimpse of Sweet Emma Rose out of the corner of my eye and she must have been four or five lengths ahead of me at one stage, but Rizeena dug deep and showed how good she really is. It's great when it all comes together, and she's a super filly." The success provided Brittain with a 17th Royal Ascot triumph and the veteran Newmarket conditioner, who performed his customary jig in the winner's enclosure, added, "It is great to have a filly like this to handle. It has not been easy and a lot of credit must go down to the girl who looks after her, Rosina, and [the G1 Prince of Wales's S. fifth] Miblish. Miblish has been her lead horse for the last two months. He has taught her how to walk, how to canter and how to lengthen her stride. What he can't do is quicken, but she can quicken." The trainer subsequently revealed that Rizeena will now target the Sept. 1 G1 Moyglare Stud S. at The Curragh. Wesley Ward said of the runner-up, "The plan was to go like a bullet from the gate and we wanted this fast ground. That helped her and what she lacks in talent she gains in her heart. She loves turf and I hope she's going on to bigger things in the future. Where that might be depends on what happens with No Nay Never [in the G2 Norfolk S.], because if he wins I would like to take him to France for the [G1] Prix Morny [at Deauville Aug. 18], and then I would look for another race on the card for this filly. We wanted to win today, but this is Royal Ascot and to have a good showing is important. After yesterday's showing by Ogermeister I was scratching my head, but this filly has got me excited again."

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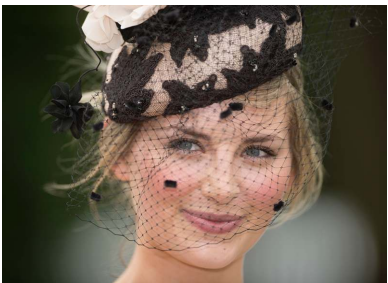


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James Doyle all smiles after his third win of the day aboard Rizeena



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Aidan and Joseph O'Brien reconvene after Gale Force Ten's victory in the G3 Jersey S.

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BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Coming Down the Tracks cont.

Always highly thought of by connections, Last Train was a head second to Imperial Monarch (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) on his black-type bow in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and just over a length third in the G2 Prix Niel over 12 furlongs at Longchamp in July and September, respectively. He is ground-dependant, as he showed when flopping in third in that track's G2 Prix Vicomtesse Vigier on soft ground last time May 26, and may be better judged by his previous win in the G3 Prix de Barbeville there four weeks earlier. "If the going remains good or better, I think Last Train has a great

chance," the owner-breeder's Racing Manager Teddy Grimthorpe said of the relative of Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). "It was bottomless last time and we know he goes much better on fast ground. He's always looked like a stayer and, although two and a



Last Train Scoop Dyga

half miles finds everybody out, he was second in a Grand Prix de Paris and I think he's got a bit of class." Past Gold Cup champions have a fine record when returning of late and the 2010 hero **Rite of Passage (GB)** (Giant's Causeway) demands the utmost respect. Despite being a 9-year-old, Dr Ronan Lambe's dual-purpose performer has only made the track a dozen times under both codes and is a shining example of Dermot Weld's ability as a trainer. His only outing last year turned out to be a dramatic victory in the G3 British Champions Long Distance Cup over two miles here, and the demands of this trip will hold no fears for him. Another who has conquered before is Godolphin's **Colour Vision (Fr)** (Rainbow Quest) and his subsequent five-race winless sequence sees him wearing a visor for the first time. There is no doubt that success for The Queen's **Estimate (Ire)** (Monsun {Ger}) would be a momentous occasion, and Sir Michael Stoute has brought her along with this one target in mind. Beating the colts in the G3 Queen's Vase 12 months ago, the half-sister to the 1999 Gold Cup hero Enzeli (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) looked in rude health when returning to capture the G3 Sagaro S. over the same track and trip last time May 1. In an edition with a true European flavor, another French contender is Jorge Vasicek's **Top Trip (GB)** (Dubai Destination), who is sent across by the wily Francois Doumen and who looked in need of further when second in the 14-furlong G2 Yorkshire Cup last time May 17. "I think the [soft] ground was the reason he ran so cool during the race at York," his trainer told *PA Sport*. "It shows how good he is that he was still nearly able to win. He should run a proper race, he has improved a lot since York, his rating has gone up a long way anyway. I think he will stay, he's so relaxed he should stay forever."

German representation is few and far between at this meeting, but Andreas Wohler has two live shots to aim at the race in **Altano (Ger)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Earl of Tinsdal (Ger)** (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}). Despite finishing third behind his stable companion in the G3 Oleander-Rennen over two miles at Hoppegarten last time May 19, Earl of Tinsdal is four pounds better off here for a 1 3/4-length defeat and has a touch of class as a dual Group 1 winner.

Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

GOLD CUP-G1, £350,000, 4yo/up, 2 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Aaim to Prosper (Ire)	Val Royal (Fr)	Fallon	Meehan	128
2	7	Altano (Ger)	Galileo (Ire)	Pedroza	Wohler	128
3	3	Colour Vision (Fr)	Rainbow Quest	de Sousa	bin Suuroo	128
4	8	Earl of Tinsdal (Ger)	Blck Sm Bllmy (Ire)	Buick	Wohler	128
5	11	High Jinx (Ire)	High Chparral (Ire)	G Lee	Fanshawe	128
6	13	Number Theory (GB)	Halling	Sanders	Holt	128
7	12	Rite of Passage (GB)	Giant's Causeway	Smullen	Weld	128
8	6	Saddler's Rock (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	McDonogh	Oxx	128
9	16	Simenon (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	Murtagh	Mullins	128
10	10	Times Up (GB)	Olden Times (GB)	Dettori	E Dunlop	128
11	14	Vadamar (Fr)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Spencer	Delzangles	128
12	1	Biographer (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	Durcan	Lanigan	126
13	18	El Salvador (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien	126
14	2	Last Train (GB)	Rail Link (GB)	Guyon	Fabre	126
15	4	Model Pupil (GB)	Sinndar (Ire)	McDonald	C Hills	126
16	17	Repeater (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	Morris	Prescott	126
17	15	Top Trip (GB)	Dubai Destination	Barzalona	Doumen	126
18	5	Estimate (Ire)	Monsun (Ger)	Moore	Stoute	123



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UP WITH THE LARK

Today's G2 Ribblesdale S. at Royal Ascot comes quickly after the G1 Epsom Oaks, and several who took part in that Classic have failed when seeking compensation, so **The Lark (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) is up against it on the stats today. Third after meeting typical traffic in that May 31 Classic, Lady Bamford's relative of the brilliant Sariska (GB) had previously finished third behind the re-opposing **Winsili (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) and the subsequent black-type winner Cruck Realta (GB) (Sixties Icon {GB}) in Newbury's Listed Swettenham Stud Fillies' Trial May 17. Winsili carries the Juddmonte second colors here despite that win, with Lady Cecil's **Riposte (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) sporting the pink cap. The latter is a daughter of Rainbow Lake (GB) (Rainbow Quest), which makes her a three-parts sister to Kind (Ire) (Danehill), the dam of superstar Frankel (GB). She is not just about her pedigree, however, and showed talent when beating the subsequent winner Auld Alliance (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) in a 12-furlong maiden at Newmarket May 17. It is surprising that Aidan O'Brien is stepping Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Susan Magnier's May 12 G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial winner and May 26 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third **Just Pretending** (Giant's Causeway) up so markedly in trip, but there is stamina in her pedigree and the move must be respected. "The Giant's Causeways just get better and better if you give them time, and she was hard to load at first, but has matured and stepped up a lot when the hood went on," her conditioner said. "She ran a great race in the Guineas, and while a mile and a half might be a bit far, we'll find out." Also from Ireland is Sue-Ann Foley's May 7 Listed Salsabil S. winner **Alive Alive Oh (GB)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), and her six-length dismissal of Magical Dream (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in that 10-furlong Navan contest was made to look better after the runner-up went close to winning Sunday's G3 Noblesse S. "She's the main stable hope at the meeting and is in good order, so all being well she should run a big race," trainer Tommy Stack's son Fozzy commented.

Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:05 p.m.

RIBBLESDALE S.-G2, £150,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	11	Alive Alive Oh (GB)	Dke of Mrmlde (Ire)	Berry	Stack
2	6	Cocktail Queen (Ire)	Motivator (GB)	O'Neill	Elsworth
3	3	Elik (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Moore	Stoute
4	4	Fersah	Dynaformer	Hanagan	Haggas
5	1	Gertrude Versed (GB)	Manduro (Ger)	Dettori	Gosden
6	9	Hollowina (GB)	Beat Hollow (GB)	G Lee	D Brown
7	8	Indigo Lady (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	de Sousa	P Chapple-Hyam
8	10	Just Pretending	Giant's Causeway	Heffernan	A O'Brien
9	5	Riposte (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Queally	Lady Cecil
10	7	The Lark (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Spencer	Bell
11	2	Waila (GB)	Notnowcato (GB)	Fallon	Stoute
12	12	Winsili (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Buick	Gosden

All carry 124 pounds.

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THIS ONE'S ON THE HOUSE

Aidan O'Brien obviously has a deep pool of juvenile talent again in 2013--if the G2 Coventry S. is anything to go by--and today's G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot offers more opportunity for Ballydoyle to enjoy extra time in the limelight. Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's **Coach House (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) fits the bill as clear favorite for this year's edition, having followed an impressive Tipperary maiden win May 2 with a battling score in The Curragh's Listed Marble Hill S. over this trip 23 days later. The runner-up that day, Club Wexford (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), has since boosted the form, and the Irish 2-year-olds look strong again this season. Of the home-trained colts, William Haggas saddles a live one in Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Saayerr (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}), who beat the subsequently listed-placed Sacha Park (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) on debut at Salisbury May 23 before following up at Windsor June 3 from Lilbourne (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}), who has boosted that form by winning in the interim. As usual, Richard Hannon has strong chances with Mohamed Saeed Al Shahi's dual winner **Legend Rising (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}) and Lord Vestey's impressive Leicester maiden scorer **Coulsty (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}). He said of that duo, "Lord Vestey asked us to buy him one for Royal Ascot, so let's hope the plan works out. Legend Rising drops back in trip, having won easily over six at Chepstow last week, but this is a stiff five and he is not short of pace." Two others who impressed on debut are David Armstrong's May 18 Doncaster maiden scorer **Eccleston (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}) and Paul Shanahan and Ice Wine Stable's **No Nay Never** (Scat Daddy), another from Wesley Ward's raiding party who dominated a 4 1/2-furlong maiden special weight on Keeneland's Polytrack Apr. 26.

Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2:30 p.m.

NORFOLK S.-G2, £80,000, 2yo, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Ambiance (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Harley	Channon
2	4	Coach House (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
3	6	Coulsty (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Hughes	Hannon
4	11	Eccleston (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Hamilton	Fahey
5	2	Emirates Flyer (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	de Sousa	bin Suroor
6	13	Extreme Supreme (GB)	Piccolo (GB)	Bentley	Shaw
7	12	Green Door (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Crowley	Stevens
8	7	Ifwecan (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Fanning	Johnston
9	10	Legend Rising (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Moore	Hannon
10	8	No Nay Never 	Scat Daddy	Rosario	W Ward
11	14	Oriental Relation (Ire)	Tagula (Ire)	G Lee	Given
12	5	Royal Mezryan (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Sanders	Haggas
13	9	Saayerr (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Jones	Haggas
14	1	Wind Fire 	Distorted Humor	Spencer	D Brown

All carry 127 pounds bar Wind Fire, 124.



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RETRIEVAL MISSIONS

Today's G3 Tercentenary S. at Royal Ascot offers the opportunity for a pair of Classic also-rans to re-establish their reputations in **Van Der Neer (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) and **Chopin (Ger)** (Santiago {Ger}). Off the board in the May 25 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh and June 1 G1 Epsom Derby, respectively, they had previously shone when third in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 4 and when successful in Krefeld's G3 Dr Busch-Memorial Apr. 21, respectively. Richard Hannon is hopeful that Van Der Neer will come into his own over this extra distance, and put his experience of the top level to maximum effect against some unexposed colts on the rise. "Van der Neer did not do a tap in the Irish 2000 Guineas and he has also been hanging back in his subsequent gallops at home, so we have decided he needs an alarm call," Hannon explained. "We did not go for the full blinkers, as they could set him alight running downhill, but the cheek pieces might just wake him up. We know he has the class, and we think that this step up to 10 furlongs is what he wants." One of the potential top-notchers lurking in the field is Khalid Abdullah's **Remote (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), a son of the 2002 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Zenda (GB) (Zamindar), who put the subsequent listed winner Baltic Knight (Ire) (Baltic King {GB}) to the sword in a mile handicap at Doncaster last time June 1. "Remote is a much-improved horse who won really nicely at Doncaster, and I really like his chance," the owner-breeder's Racing Manager Teddy Grimthorpe said. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Elkaayed** (Distorted Humor) is another with blue blood coursing through his veins, and the son of the high-class Habibti (Tabasco Cat) is ready to start building a formidable reputation of his own based on his impressive success in a conditions event over an extended 10 furlongs at Doncaster last time June 1. "Elkaayed has done nothing wrong and is a colt on the up," trainer Roger Varian commented. "He continues to do well and I have been very pleased with his work since Doncaster. The race looks very competitive, but I hope Elkaayed will prove that he is up to this level." Aidan O'Brien puts a hood on Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier and Michael Tabor's ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ **Indian Chief (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) after he appeared to hang fire at the finish of the G2 Dante S. at York last time May 16. The form of that Derby trial has been significantly boosted by the subsequent exploits of Libertarian (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) and Trading Leather (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), and the Ballydoyle representative will be a major player if the headgear works the oracle.

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Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 5:00 p.m.

TERCENTENARY S.-G3, £75,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Chopin (Ger)	Santiago (Ger)	Spencer	Wohler
2	4	Centurius (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Kirby	Botti
3	1	Elkaayed	Distorted Humor	Hanagan	Varian
4	3	Hoarding (K)	Elusive Quality	Moore	Gosden
5	8	Ideal (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	Starke	Leve
6	2	Indian Chief (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
7	12	Kitten on the Run	Kitten's Joy	Fallon	Cumani
8	5	Remote (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Buick	Gosden
9	11	Secret Number (GB)	Raven's Pass	de Sousa	bin Suroor
10	6	Shikarpour (Ire)	Dr Fong	Lemaire	de Royer-Dupre
11	9	Van Der Neer (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Hughes	Hannon
12	10	Windhoek (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Fanning	Johnston

All carry 126 pounds bar Chopin, 130.

Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

CORONATION S.-G1, £350,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	10	Agent Allison (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Crowley	P Chpple-Hyam
2	1	Big Break (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Smullen	Weld
3	17	Just the Judge (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Spencer	C Hills
4	6	Kenhope (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Jarnet	Pantall
5	3	Lovely Pass (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Barzalona	bin Suroor
6	2	Masarah (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Doyle	Brittain
7	11	Maureen (Ire)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Dettori	Hannon
8	15	Mizzava (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Foley	Halford
9	13	Ollie Olga (K)	Stormy Atlantic	Harley	Channon
10	12	Pavlosk	Arch	Moore	Stoute
11	9	Purr Along (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Dwyer	Muir
12	14	Rehn's Nest (Ire)	Authorized (Ire)	Manning	Bolger
13	5	Roz (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Fallon	H Dunlop
14	4	Siyenica (Fr)	Azamour (Ire)	Lemaire	de Royer-Dupre
15	16	Sky Lantern (Ire)	Red Clubs (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
16	8	Snow Queen (Ire)	Danehill Dncr (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
17	7	Viztoria (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Murtagh	Lynam

All carry 126 pounds.

Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:05 p.m.

KING EDWARD VII S.-G2, £175,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Battle of Marengo (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
2	6	Contributer (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Dettori	E Dunlop
3	7	Fantastic Moon (GB)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Fallon	Nosedá
4	2	Greatwood (GB)	Manduro (Ger)	Hughes	Cumani
5	3	Havana Beat (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	Balding
6	8	Hillstar (GB)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Moore	Stoute
7	4	Mutashaded	Raven's Pass	Hanagan	Varian
8	1	Tha'ir (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	de Sousa	bin Suroor

All carry 124 pounds bar Battle of Marengo, 127.

Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 5:00 p.m.

QUEEN'S VASE-G3, £75,000, 3yo, 2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Leading Light (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
2	10	Another Cocktail (GB)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Hughes	Morrison
3	18	Baihas (GB)	Nayef	O'Neill	Stoute
4	13	Boite (Ire)	Authorized (Ire)	Havlin	P Chpple-Hym
5	1	Chocala (Ire)	Rck of Gibraltar (Ire)	Sweeney	King
6	4	Da Do Run Run (GB)	Sixties Icon (GB)	Lane	Meehan
7	9	Dashing Star (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Keniry	Elsworth
8	15	Disclaimer (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Queally	Lady Cecil
9	2	Federal Blue	Elusive Quality	Murtagh	Johnston
10	6	Feel Like Dancing (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	Gosden
11	17	Hasheem (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Hanagan	Varian
12	11	Mister Impatience (GB)	Hernando (Fr)	Fanning	Johnston
13	14	Naru (Ire)	Authorized (Ire)	Callan	Tate
14	8	Nearly Caught (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Baker	Morrison
15	3	Nichols Canyon (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	Buick	Gosden
16	7	Ralston Road (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	O'Shea	Shanahan
17	12	Ray Ward (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Spencer	Simcock
18	16	Royal Skies (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	de Sousa	Johnston

All carry 127 pounds bar Leading Light, 130.



Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2:30 p.m.

ALBANY S.-G3, £70,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	9	Aqlaam Vision (GB)	Aqlaam (GB)	Doyle	Brittain
2	10	Arabda (GB)	Elnadim	Hanagan	Johnston
3	17	Heart Focus (Ire)	Intense Focus	Manning	Bolger
4	14	Iseemist (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Smullen	Gallagher
5	7	Joyeuse (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Queally	Lady Cecil
6	2	Kidmenot (Ire)	Ad Valorem	Jones	S Moore
7	20	Kiyoshi (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Spencer	C Hills
8	4	Lady Lara (Ire)	Excellent Art (GB)	Crowley	A Jarvis
9	16	Lucky Kristale (GB)	Lucky Story	G Lee	Margarson
10	6	Midnite Angel (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
11	11	Princess Noor (Ire)	Holy Rmn Empr (Ire)	Buick	Varian
12	12	Race Hunter (K)	Dixie Union	Murtagh	Barron
13	13	Rasheeda (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Callan	M Botti
14	19	Red Lady (Ire)	Dutch Art (GB)	Fallon	Meehan
15	1	Sacred Aspect (Ire)	Haatef	Foley	Condon
16	15	Sandiva (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Dettori	Fahey
17	3	Sleepy Sioux (GB)	Sleeping Indian (GB)	O'Neill	Elsworth
18	8	Suite (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Dobbs	Hannon
19	18	Wedding Ring (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Barzalona	bin Suroor
20	5	Wonderfully (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien

All carry 124 pounds.

Saturday, Colonial Downs, post time: 7:10 p.m. EDT

EDWARD P. EVANS ALL ALONG S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Welcome Dance	Henny Hughes	Leparoux	Matz	118
2	Channel Lady (K)	English Channel	Castellano	Pletcher	124
3	Clare Skies Ahead	Sky Classic	Russell	Stites	118
4	Embarr	Royal Academy	Boyce	Cooney	122
5	Appealing Cat	Successful Appeal	Prado	Motion	118
6	Idle Talk (K)	Olmodavor	Karamanos	Eppler	118
7	Adjacent	Boundary	Lezcano	McGaughey	118

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MOTHER GOOSE S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Marathon Lady	Graeme Hall	Albarado	Hobby	121
2	Dreaming of Julia	A.P. Indy	Velazquez	Pletcher	121
3	Close Hatches	First Defence	Rosario	Mott	121
4	Toasting	Congrats	Saez	Albertrani	121
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Saturday, Colonial Downs, post time: 7:46 p.m. EDT

COLONIAL TURF CUP S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Atigun (K)	Istan	Leparoux	McPeek	118
2	Hyper	Victory Gallop	Lezcano	Brown	118
3	Roadhog	Bowman's Band	Boyce	Merryman	118
4	London Lane	Langfuhr	Karamanos	Murray	118
5	Swift Warrior (K)	First Samurai	Espinoza	Terranova II	120
6	Air Support	Smart Strike	Castellano	McGaughey	120
7	General Logan (K)	Exchange Rate	Prado	Motion	118
8	Two Notch Road	Partner's Hero	Uske	Thompson	118

Saturday, Betfair Hollywood Park, post time: 5:01 p.m. EDT

HOLLYWOOD OAKS-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Doinghardttimeagain	Ministers Wild Cat	Bejarano	Hollendorfer	119
2	Ciao Bella Luna (K)	Tribal Rule	Nakatani	Hollendorfer	113
3	lotapa	Afleet Alex	Talamo	Sadler	113
4	Unbridled Wee	Holy Bull	Stevens	Eurton	113
5	Ondine (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Garcia	Baffert	115

SUSSEX AIM FOR TORONADO

Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani's **Toronado (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) is being aimed at the G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood July 31, trainer Richard Hannon announced yesterday. Beaten just a short head by Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) in Tuesday's G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot, the G3 Craven S. winner was putting his disappointing fourth in the G1 2000 Guineas behind him. "We led him out this morning and he's fine," Hannon said. "He lost about ten kilos, but it was a tough race. The Sussex S. is the obvious next race and probably the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois [at Deauville Aug. 11]."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

June 19, 1867...The inaugural **Belmont S.** was run at Jerome Park in the Bronx and was won the filly Ruthless, who defeated colts and earned \$1,850 for her victory. Ruthless was one of a group of fillies known as the "Barbarous Battalion," daughters of the mare Barbarity owned by Francis Morris. The other "battalion" members--all full sisters by *Eclipse--were Remorseless, Relentless, Regardless and Merciless.

June 20, 1908...With his final victory in the Tidal Stakes at Sheepshead Bay, **Colin** retired undefeated after 15 starts. No major American racehorse approached this record until 1988, when Personal Ensign retired with a perfect 13-for-13 career.

June 20, 1996...Emerald Downs in Auburn, Washington opened for its inaugural Thoroughbred meeting.

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FROM THE DESK OF...
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ASCOT FORM: FIRST TWO DAYS

It is the best week of racing anywhere in the world. There are a lot of great horse racing events--weekends and carnivals--but nothing quite rivals the racing at Royal Ascot. This year, so far, the weather has been great, the ground quite fast (and not yet soft, at least, and not really likely to be), and the first two days of racing have been right up to scratch.

The big disappointment, of course, was that in spite of everybody's best efforts, Animal Kingdom retired himself to stud, as Team Valor supremo Barry Irwin recounted in these pages on Tuesday. His mind was on a different job than racing, end of story. The fairytale didn't come off, but he still retires to Arrowfield Stud in Australia (and then Darley in Kentucky) as the winner of the G1 Kentucky Derby on dirt, the G1 Dubai World Cup on synthetic, and with a huge second to Horse of the Year Wise Dan in the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile on the turf, and with a fantastic, essentially outcross international pedigree (he is inbred 4x4 to Lyphard but otherwise carries a lot of crosses of high-quality non-Phalaris blood).

Though he's by a really good, high-quality Blushing Groom-line horse in Leroidesanimaux, his dam is by the German sire Acatenango, and physically Animal Kingdom looks much more like one of those big, tough German horses than the smaller, high-quality Blushing Groom type. German breeders--and other breeders who recognize a tough, sound, 'German' type, have been searching for a horse that they could patronize as a successor to the late great Monsun. Maybe Animal Kingdom can be that horse.

With Animal Kingdom having retired himself to stud--though we didn't know it for sure by the time he got to the gate--we can turn to the winners. There are six races a day for five days, Tuesday through Saturday, and as of yesterday, we had completed the first two days--often considered the "professionals' days" as the crowds are a few thousand smaller and the racing is super high-quality. After 12 races, there are a number of interesting stories.



Royal Ascot
Horsephotos

First, there is the dominance of the Danzig sire line. From the first race on the first day--one of two races on opening day won by colts by Claiborne's Danzig sire, War Front--through the first two days no fewer than six of the 12 races (half), had been won by the progeny of Danzig-line sires.

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CLASSIC WINNER

UNION RAGS

[Dixie Union – Tempo, by Gone West]

A "ROYAL" PEDIGREE UPDATE!



A half-sister to **UNION RAGS** is the dam of **DECLARATION OF WAR**, the decisive winner of the Group 1 Queen Anne S. on Royal Ascot's opening day!

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War Front's two opening-day winners were colts that War Front's breeder, Joe Allen, owns in partnership with the Coolmore triumvirate--the 4-year-old



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Declaration of War won the G1 Queen Anne S. in the absence of Animal Kingdom; and the 2-year-old War Command ran off and hid from what looked beforehand like the usual strong field assembled for the six-furlong G2 Coventry. The top

European freshman sire so far, Ballyhane Stud's Dandy Man, who is from the only crop by the top sprinter Mozart (by Danehill), also had a huge day on Tuesday--his colt Extortionist won the ultra-competitive Listed Windsor Castle S., while another colt, Parbold, finished second to War Command in the G2 Coventry. Interestingly, both Dandy Man colts are inbred to Danzig through their damsires--Extortionist is out of a mare by Oasis Dream (by Green Desert, so 4x4 Danzig), while Parbold is out of a mare by Elnadim, by Danzig himself--so he is inbred 4x3.

Yesterday kicked off with a third Danzig-line winner from Coolmore, Gale Force Ten, by Oasis Dream, had run a good fourth in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas), and a good second to Magician in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, so he was entitled to be favorite for the seven-furlong G3 Jersey, often a minefield for Classic-placed horses. Gale Force Ten fought back strongly to regain the lead close home from Montiridge, a colt from the first crop by the now second-crop sire Ramonti, who was a good miler for Godolphin, by Marju's son Martino Alonso, and who now stands in Italy.

Wednesday's second race, the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. (the Windsor Forest up until this year, a mile for older fillies and mares), was another ultra-competitive heat (well, they all are), won by the Niarchos Family's Duntle, a 4-year-old filly by Danehill Dancer trained by David Wachman. Duntle, who had won the Listed Sandringham H. on the same card last year, had gone on to win the 2012 G1 Matron S. in Ireland, only to be disqualified on a questionable call by the Irish stewards. And Wednesday's third Danzig-line winner came in the rich, 30-runner Royal Hunt Cup Handicap, won by longshot Belgian Bill, by Exceed and Excel.

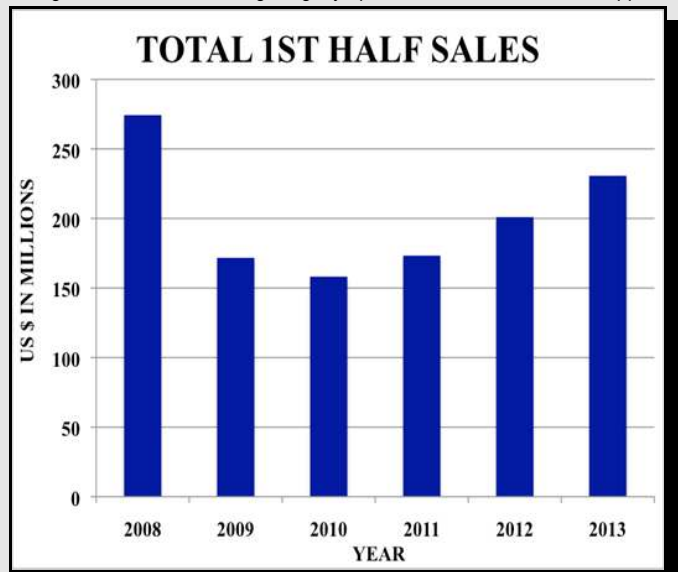
One other real display of dominance came in Tuesday's G1 St. James's Palace S., the mile championship for European 3-year-olds. In a roughly run race, Godolphin's Dawn Approach, from the first crop by Galileo's son, New Approach, redeemed his reputation as Europe's top 3-year-old miler with a hard-fought win from Toronado, by Sadler's Wells' son, High Chaparral. Mars, by Galileo, was third: Sadler's Wells one-two-three. **Cont. p14**

TDN WEEKLY SALES TICKER

by Bill Oppenheim



"With OBS June just finishing up (so not added in this week), and roughly the same number catalogued and sold as last year, 1st-half North American and European auction sales are up 15% in gross and 13% in average from 2012. You can see from the cumulative figures how this market (constituted of 2-year-old in training sales and generally lower-level winter mixed sales) has changed since 2008: 28% fewer catalogued; 19% fewer sold; clearance rate from the catalogues up from 53% to 59%; gross down 16%; average slightly up."
-- Bill Oppenheim



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN 1ST HALF SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	7,357	5,762	4,357	21.7%	75.6%	59.2%	\$230,666,962	\$52,942
2012	7,213	5,667	4,281	21.4%	75.5%	59.4%	\$200,915,932	\$46,932
2011	7,719	6,038	4,411	21.8%	73.1%	57.1%	\$173,347,963	\$39,299
2010	7,521	5,991	4,197	20.3%	70.1%	55.8%	\$158,234,338	\$37,702
2009	8,646	6,400	4,587	26.0%	71.7%	53.1%	\$171,682,235	\$37,428
2008	10,219	7,690	5,397	24.7%	70.2%	52.8%	\$274,281,717	\$50,821

UPCOMING SALES CALENDAR FOR JUNE-AUGUST

DATE	SALE
JUNE 18-19	OBS JUNE 2YOS AND HORSES OF RACING AGE
JULY 3-4	ARQANA DEAUVILLE SUMMER MIXED SALE
JULY 8-9	JRHA YEARLING AND WEANLING SALE
JULY 9-12	TATTERSALLS JULY SALE
JULY 15	FASIG-TIPTON KY YEARLING AND HRA JULY SALE
JULY 21	BARRETT'S DEL MAR PADDOCK SALE
AUG 5-6	FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA SALE
AUG 9-10	MINNESOTA YEARLING AND MIXED SALE
AUG 10-11	FASIG-TIPTON NY-BRED PREFERRED SALE
AUG 13	CALIFORNIA YEARLING SALE
AUG 15-20	ARQANA AUGUST YEARLING SALE
AUG 20-22	OBS YEARLING SALE
AUG 20	WASHINGTON YEARLING SALE
AUG 26	FASIG-TIPTON TEXAS SUMMER YEARLING SALE
AUG 27-28	DONCASTER PREMIER YEARLING SALE
AUG 30	BADEN-BADEN YEARLING SALE

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Another very interesting result came in yesterday's G2 Queen Mary S., for 2-year-old fillies at five furlongs. The Wesley Ward-trained City Zip filly Sweet Emma Rose made a valiant attempt to make all, but was ultimately reeled in by what looks like a really good filly, Rizeena, by Kildangan (Darley Ireland) sire Iffraaj. The leading European freshman sire with his first crop (foals of 2007) in 2009, Iffraaj has pretty much been in the doldrums since. But his fifth crop of 2-year-olds, conceived in 2010 after he had been leading freshman sire, are now 2-year-olds. That crop already has seven 2-year-old winners and, I believe, the Queen Mary win just about makes Iffraaj leading sire of 2-year-olds, just ahead of Coolmore's Footstepsinthesand (also a fifth-crop sire of 2-year-olds) and top 2013 freshman sire Dandy Man.

Finally, Wednesday's feature was the top-drawer G1 Prince of Wales's S. for older horses at a mile and a quarter. This was won by D.J. Deer's Al Kazeem, by Europe's number two sire (behind only Galileo), Darley's Dubawi. Trained by Roger Charlton and part of a second-day treble for jockey James Doyle, Al Kazeem confirmed himself as the top 10-furlong horse in Europe, mastering Sheikh Hamdan's game front-runner Mukhadram (Shamardal) close home, with the top-class filly The Fugue (Dansili) third, in her seasonal debut, and last year's G1 English 2000 Guineas and G1 Epsom Derby winner, Camelot, in fourth. There just aren't any bad races at Royal Ascot, and they're nearly all pretty significant, too.

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TRACKSIDE... with Liesl King

CLOTHING FIT FOR A QUEEN

Story and photos by Liesl King

Having sorted out transportation arrangements yesterday, I decided to investigate just what it entails to be correctly dressed and properly outfitted for Royal Ascot. First, let's start with the gentlemen. If you are aiming to be racing from the Royal Enclosure, then top hat and tails are essential, while a buttonhole flower completes the outfit.

The wearing of a lapel flower--or a boutonniere, as they are sometimes called--stems from the 1820's when distinguished gentlemen wore boutonnieres on a daily basis. In 1838, Barbery d'Aureville proclaimed himself Knight of the Order of Springtime, confessing: "I sacrifice a rose each evening to my button hole." These days the buttonhole flower is mostly worn on special occasions, such as weddings or to the races, and hence Royal Ascot is the perfect occasion. In car park number two, a family of flower sellers has set up their stand every morning for over 50 years. The current proprietor is a lovely lady called Anne, who inherited the business from her father. Today, her son works alongside her,



Anne and her flower stall

carrying on the family tradition. Anne explains that while the cornflower is the favourite flower for Ascot, with the rosebud coming in a close second, there is no particular flower or color for each day. Owners tend to wear a flower to match their silks, or simply to match their waistcoat. The late Sir Henry Cecil, the most successful trainer at Royal Ascot, used to be a regular customer and Anne adds that he always favored a double buttonhole flower, with two contrasting colors.

While there are some outrageous top hats on display during the week, the Royal Enclosure dress code requires black or grey top hats only. Tails or morning coats are also acceptable in black or grey. All sounding a bit boring? Ah, but that is where the waistcoat comes into its own. Peeking out discreetly from the morning coat is an elegant waistcoat in a hue of pastel colors. Blue, cream, pale yellow or gold tend to be the color of choice, but the more adventurous gentlemen can often be seen in bolder colors. A final touch of colour in the form of a matching tie and pocket handkerchief and your outfit is complete. **Cont. p15**



A well-dressed gentleman



Trackside cont.

Now to the ladies, where much more freedom is allowed. Colorful is the order of the day, and as the crowd settles in around the parade ring awaiting the Queen's arrival, a riot of bright colors greets the eye.



A colorful crowd

For the Royal Enclosure, dresses are required to be on the knee and strappy or strapless dresses not permitted. For the rest of the racegoers, standards are not quite so high, and here the shorter the better seems to be motto amongst the younger

ladies. Even when temperatures plummet into single figures and the rain comes down in vertical sheets, with a wind that seems to have come straight off the Russian Steppes, the ladies stubbornly refuse to wear anything other than that lovely summer frock, bought specially for the occasion.

Hats are of course an entire topic all their own. Ladies are required to wear a hat or a fascinator, depending on where you are racing from. Royal Enclosure rules request a hat with a diameter no less than 10 cm (get out the measuring tape ladies), which does rule out most fascinators, but elsewhere the easy fascinator is perfectly acceptable. Hats, while extraordinarily beautiful and an essential way to finish off an outfit, can become a complete nightmare if the wind happens to come up, especially if it is a vast creation. Yet even here Royal Ascot has endeavored to provide a solution, with the ladies rooms thoughtfully all supplied with 'strong hold' hairspray, hairclips and hat pins, complete with a lovely lady who will assist you in your quest to keep your hat firmly cemented on your head. Should you have forgotten any of the above essentials in your quest to get to the racecourse on time, fear not as there is a solution to your impending disaster. At the entrance to the racecourse, Ascot has thoughtfully provided some lovely ladies dressed in grey, called dress code assistants, who carry baskets laden with fascinators, ties and pashminas. So finding yourself in dire straits, they are happy to supply you with the perfect accessory for a small donation of £5 in aid of the Tri Service Charity. For ladies in need of a proper hat or gentlemen, who left their top hat on the train, a £50 deposit, providing you manage not to destroy it, will secure you a replacement for the day.




John at the Ascot binocular stand

Lastly, you may be in need of a good pair of binoculars. Before the days of television, no racegoer would have ever considered going racing without one. Due to the large winding English courses, there was simply no other way to observe how your horse went round.

These days, John at the Ascot binocular stand does not quite do the roaring trade of 60 years ago, when his predecessor started the business, but in the 20 years that he has faithfully minded the stand, he has made great friends and has a host of regular customers. Binoculars can be rented from £5 to £15 a day, depending on the magnification. If you are completely enamoured with the performance of your rented set, John will be more than happy to sell you one.

Royal Ascot may be regimented and rather strict when it comes to dress code, but at the end of the day, it does mean that the thousands of attending racegoers are beautifully dressed, as is befitting a royal occasion. Besides, ladies love to dress up and there is simply nothing quite as handsome as a gentleman in top hat and tails.



ROYAL ASCOT

Thursday 20 June

2.30p Norfolk S.-G2 5fT, 2yo
 3.05p Ribblesdale S.-G2 1 1/2mT, 3yo, f
 3.45p Gold Cup-G1 2 1/2mT, 4/up
 4.25p Britannia S. (hcp) 1mT, 3yo, c/g
 5.00p Tercentenary S.-G3 1 1/4mT, 3yo
 5.35p King George V S. (hcp) 1 1/2mT, 3yo

Friday 21 June

2.30p Albany S.-G3 6fT, 2yo, f
 3.05p King Edward VII S.-G2 1 1/2mT, 3yo, c/g
 3.45p Coronation S.-G1 1mT, 3yo, f
 4.25p Wolferton H. S.-L 1 1/4mT, 3/up
 5.00p Queen's Vase-G3 2mT, 3yo
 5.35p Buckingham Palace S. (hcp) 7fT, 3yo/up

Saturday 22 June

2.30p Chesham S.-L 7fT, 2yo
 3.05p Hardwicke S.-G2 1 1/2mT, 4/up
 3.45p Diamond Jubilee S.-G1 6fT, 3/up
 4.25p Wokingham S. (hcp) 6fT, 3/up
 5.00p Duke of Edinburgh S. (hcp) 1 1/2mT, 3/up
 5.35p Queen Alexandra S. (cond) 2 3/4mT, 4/up

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UPSTATE GAMING DEAL REACHED

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced Wednesday that he has reached a deal with state legislators on the expansive Upstate NY Gaming Economic Development Act, which would bring four additional Casino resorts to the state while allowing one VLT facility at Nassau and Suffolk County off-track betting locations. The Las Vegas-style casinos would offer table games and be built in the Hudson Valley-Catskill, Capital District-Saratoga and Eastern Southern Tier regions. The Act is expected to be included in a bill that will reach the senate and assembly by the end of the week, but would require voters to approve a constitutional amendment in November before being enacted. "Today's agreement with the Legislature would establish world-class destination gaming resorts to attract tourists to Upstate New York, generating economic activity for local businesses and creating thousands of good paying jobs where we need it most," Cuomo said in a statement. "This legislation is a major step forward in our efforts to both capitalize on this economic development and tourism potential and end the trend of letting neighboring states with legalized gaming take revenue that should be going to our schools. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in the Legislature to make this economic development 'game plan' a reality." The new casinos would not be required to share any profits with the state's horse racing industry and would pay 39% of slot revenue and 10% of table game revenue to the state, compared to the approximately 60% of revenue that New York racinos--which do not have table games--pay to the racing industry and state. A total of 2.75% of revenue generated by the Suffolk and Nassau OTB VLT facilities would go to NYRA purses, with a cap on the total amount paid. An additional 0.5% would go towards breeder awards.

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RECORD GAINS AT OBS JUNE

Conquest Stables purchased a colt by Pioneerof the Nile from Eddie Woods's consignment for a sale-record \$525,000 to help drive record gains at the OBS June Sale of 2-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age, which concluded its two-day stand yesterday in Ocala. Riding the wave of a successful juvenile sales season and boosted further by an especially strong second day of selling, the June sale achieved new high marks in average, median and gross. The cumulative average of \$33,859 was up 35% from a year ago, while the median of \$20,000 was up 33.3%. A total of 426 head sold for \$14,424,100. The buyback percentage was 23.9%; it was 20.4% last year. Thirty one horses sold for \$100,000 or more, compared with 15 last year. The previous sale record price was \$350,000 for an Elusive Quality colt sold last year. "It was a great way to cap off a very good 2-year-old season for us," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski, who said the success of the sale was a combination of better horses on offer and an improving market. "We've seen an up tick in the market this year, and both buyers and sellers have a higher confidence in the June sale now. Buyers are confident they can come here and find a nice horse, and sellers are confident they can get them sold." Stonestreet Stable representative John Moynihan was among those who agreed. "The good horses that were here brought plenty of money," he concluded.

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<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Catalogued	378	340
No. Offered	265	261
No. Sold	201	200
RNAs	64	61
% RNAs	24.2%	23.4%
No. \$100K+	20	9
High Price	\$525,000	\$350,000
Gross	\$7,490,000	\$5,475,300
Average (% change)	\$37,264 (+36.1%)	\$27,377
Median (% change)	\$22,000 (+46.7%)	\$15,000
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Catalogued	748	680
No. Offered	565	529
No. Sold	426	421
RNAs	139	108
% RNAs	23.9%	20.4%
No. \$100K+	31	15
High Price	\$525,000	\$350,000
Gross	\$14,424,100	\$10,563,100
Average (% change)	\$33,859 (+35%)	\$25,090
Median (% change)	\$20,000 (+33.3%)	\$15,000
<u>OLDER HORSES</u>		
No. Sold	7	13
Gross	\$82,000	\$103,900
Average	\$11,714	\$7,992
Median	\$9,000	\$5,500

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WEDNESDAY'S TOP LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
492	colt	Pioneerof the Nile (\$42,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) <i>B-Dixiana Farms (Ky)</i> Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXVII Purchased by Conquest Stables LLC	Early Vintage	525,000
618	filly	Afleet Alex (\$45,000 wnlng '11 KEENOV; \$85,000 in utero '10 KEENOV) <i>B-Hunter Valley Farm & H & W Thoroughbreds</i> Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent III Purchased by Stonestreet Stables LLC	I'm From Dixie	280,000
544	filly	Dixie Union (\$95,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSMAR; \$37,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP) <i>B-Diamond A Racing (Ky)</i> Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by Conquest Stables LLC	Ford Gallop	225,000
382	filly	Indian Charlie (\$70,000 RNA yrl '12 FTKOCT) <i>B-Belle Excel Joint Venture</i> Consigned by Gayle Woods, Agent I Purchased by St. Elias & West Point Thoroughbreds, Inc.	Belle Excel	220,000
371	colt	Indian Charlie (\$55,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP) <i>B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds & Fox-Straus (Ky)</i> Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XIX Purchased by Conquest Stables LLC	Baltic Flier	200,000
682	colt	Roman Ruler (\$70,000 yrl '12 EASSEP) <i>B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm (Ky)</i> Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent I Purchased by Hill 'n' Dale Bloodstock	Lost Love	200,000
677	filly	Lemon Drop Kid (\$65,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP; \$70,000 wnlng '11 KEENOV) <i>B-Suzanne Bizantz & Cobra Farm (Ky)</i> Consigned by Gayle Woods, Agent I Purchased by Conquest Stables	Lizzy Van Lew	160,000
390	colt	Master Command (\$90,000 in utero '10 KEENOV) <i>B-Stephen Wigmore (Ky)</i> Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XCIX Purchased by Klaravich Stable, Inc.	Bold American	150,000
393	colt	Hard Spun (\$35,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) <i>B-Betz/Kidder/Gainsway/Graves/D.J. Stable/Cole (Ky)</i> Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XXIII Purchased by Christina Jelm, agent	Boston Lady	150,000

'Pioneer' Colt Brings \$525,000...

Topping yesterday's session, and the sale, was [hip 492](#), a colt from the first crop of Grade I winner Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker) from Eddie Woods's consignment that brought a bid of \$525,000 from Conquest Stable. The colt, named Tracker Jacker, was produced by the SP 9-year-old mare Early Vintage (Jump Start), a half sister to MGSW Tasha's Miracle (Harlan's Holiday) and to the dam of MGSW Concord Point (Tapit). He was purchased for a modest \$42,000 by W.D. North Thoroughbreds last September. Tracker Jacker breezed an eighth in [:10 1/5](#) at the under-tack show.

"The horse is beautiful," said consignor Woods, who was selling for North. "He had a lot of quality, and he worked quick enough. He didn't work lights-out, but he moved beautifully, and that came through in his video. He's a great mover; he's got great swing to him."

Woods said the horse had initially been pointed toward an earlier sale, but that a minor sickness disrupted those plans.

Pioneerof the Nile is North America's leading freshman sire of juveniles-in-training by average. Coming into yesterday's session, 13 of his 20 juveniles through the ring averaged \$140,923. His yearling average last year was \$78,261. Tracker Jacker is his top-priced 2-year-old this year.

"We've had several by the sire this spring," said Woods. "We sold a filly well down at Palm Meadows [\$145,000 Princessofthenile, to Regis Farms]--she was nice. They don't seem particularly quick, but they have a lot of style to them. They're not huge, big horses, but they have a lot of balance. The best thing about them is that they're all very classy. They're quiet horses, and that will get them a long way at the end of the day."

Conquest Back at It...

Ernie Semersky and Dory Newell's Conquest Stables, the second-leading buyer at OBS April (three purchased for \$1,090,000), didn't make any purchases on Day 1 at June. But it rallied strongly yesterday to wind up as June's leading buyer, with six purchased for \$1,365,000, including the sale-topping Pioneerof the Nile colt.

Conquest, along with trainer and advisor Mark Casse, got things kicked off quickly Wednesday, acquiring the first horse through the ring, a colt by Indian Charlie--Baltic Flier for \$200,000 ([hip 371](#)) that was consigned by Eddie Woods.
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Ernie Semersky & Dory Newell



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Conquest also purchased:

- \$225,000 filly by Dixie Union--Ford Gallop ([hip 544](#)); Woodford Thoroughbred consigned;
- \$170,000 colt by Afleet Alex--Corre Scout ([hip 740](#)); Pike Racing consigned;
- \$160,000 filly by Lemon Drop Kid--Lizzy Van Lew ([hip 677](#)); Gayle Woods consigned; and
- \$85,000 colt by Medaglia d'Oro--Heavenly Cat ([hip 597](#)); Eddie Woods consigned.

Semersky and Newell, who call Chicago home, are new to the racing business. They were inspired to get involved after a friend invited them to the 2012 Kentucky Derby. Semersky is the president and owner of Semersky Enterprises, which has interests in real estate, venture capital and luxury car dealerships.

"We flew down from Chicago to buy a few horses," said Semersky. "Mark went through all the horses, and we found a few we liked."

Of the sale topper, he commented, "We liked the way he walked, and liked his gallop out. It looks like he'll go a distance, and those are our kinds of horses."

Conquest and Casse could be set for a big weekend. On Friday, **Conquest Two Step** (Two Step Salsa), a \$420,000 acquisition at OBSAPR, debuts in a 5 1/2-furlong maiden special at Churchill Downs. Then on Sunday, **Conquest Whiplash** (Hear No Evil), a \$370,000 purchase at the same sale, makes her debut against the boys in the five-furlong Victoria S. at Woodbine.

Stonestreet Lands 'Alex' Filly for \$280,000...

The father-and-son duo of Luis and Paul De Hechavarria enjoyed a huge pinhooking success when an Afleet Alex--I'm From Dixie (Dixieland Band) filly they purchased as a weanling at the 2011 KEENOV sale for \$45,000 resold yesterday for \$280,000. That was the top price paid for a filly at June. John Moynihan, representing Barbara Banke's Stonestreet Stable, signed the winning ticket.



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Stonestreet Lands Alex Filly cont.

"She's a real pretty filly," said Moynihan. "She worked great, galloped out great, and came back great. We thought we'd take a shot."

Stonestreet owns roughly 30% of the dual Classic winner Afleet Alex, who stood the 2013 at Gainesway for a fee of \$15,000.

The De Hechavarrias, Florida-based businessmen, sold the filly through de Meric Sales as [hip 618](#).

The De Hechavarrias own the 300-acre El Batey Farm near Ocala. Paul De Hechavarria sits on the board of Bacardi Limited, the company that makes the popular rum.

"They're great guys," said Tristan de Meric. "We've had a lot of horses for them in the past. They race some, they pinhook some. We suggested they put this filly in a sale, because she was just outstanding, but they were also happy to race her."

At the under-tack show, the filly breezed an eye-catching quarter in a bullet [:20 4/5](#).

Added de Meric, "There weren't too many like her in the sale--she worked fast, she galloped out huge, vetted perfectly, and everything fell into place."

Bred in Kentucky by Hunter Valley Farm and H & W Thoroughbreds, the filly is the first foal from I'm From Dixie, a half-sister to four stakes winners, including GII Black-Eyed Susan heroine Sweet Vendetta (Stephen Got Even), as well as the durable \$375,000-plus earners Half Heaven (Regal Classic) and Love Cove (Not For Love).



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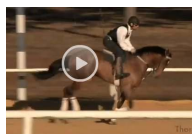
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Yesterday's Results:

3rd-BEL, \$79,380, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 2/5, gd.

1--DOUBLES PARTNER, 122, h, 6, [Rock Hard Ten--](#)

Serena's Sister, by Rahy. (\$450,000 yrl '08 FTSAUG). O-WinStar Farm LLC; B-Arthur Appleton (FL); T-Todd A Pletcher. Lifetime Record: MGSW & MGISP, 21-6-3-4, \$684,950. *1/2 to Stormy Venus (Stormy Atlantic), SW.

2--Admiral Perry, 122, h, 5, First Samurai--Western Humor, by Gone West.

3--Joes Blazing Aaron, 122, g, 5, Graeme Hall--Distorted Blaze, by Distorted Humor.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 1.15, 4.10, 1.70.

Doubles Partner, winner of last season's GIII Canadian Turf S. and third in the GI Maker's Mark 46 Mile and the GI Citation H., kicked off this season with a pair of runner-up finishes in a soggy edition of the nine-furlong Sunshine Millions Turf at Gulfstream Jan. 19 and the Feb. 16 GIII Tampa Bay H. Fourth when sent to the Fair Grounds for the Mar. 30 GII Mervin Muniz Jr. H., the bay finished seventh--beaten 3 1/4 lengths--in the nine-panel GII Dixie S. at Pimlico May 18. In for a \$100,000 tag while dropped back to easier company for this confidence builder, the 6-year-old settled in a stalking fourth as Joes Blazing Aaron pulled his way through opening fractions of :24 2/5 and :48 2.5. Zeroing in on the leader approaching the quarter pole, Doubles Partner was momentarily outkicked by Admiral Perry, who was latched to the outside of the hard-trying leader, but wore down the leading pair in deep stretch to earn his first victory in over a year. The winner is out of Serena's Sister, a full-sister to champion 3-year-old filly Serena's Song. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

2nd-BEL, \$70,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:15 3/5, ft.

JONATA (f, 3, [Proud Citizen--Romp and Stomp, by Olympio](#)) launched her career last year on the turf with a seventh-place finish in her debut at Saratoga Aug. 13 before a disappointing 12th next out here Sept. 9. She was an improved fourth when switched to the dirt Oct. 11 and most recently, took third in her 2013 debut going six furlongs in a maiden special weight May 30. The 9-5 second choice ran just off the rail a few lengths behind the pacesetting duo most of the way, went two wide to take command as they hit the stretch and pulled away to win by 2 3/4 lengths over Wedding Toast (Street Sense). The winner is half to One in a Romp (Cryptoclearance), SP, \$220,497; Rogue Victory (Victory Gallop), SP, \$254,668; and Pinch Pie (Victory Gallop), SW & GISP, \$222,439. Sales history: \$100,000 yrl '11 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$53,124. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O-Barry Schwartz. B-Runnymede Farm Inc & Catesby W Clay Investment LLC (KY). T-Michael Hushion.

1st-BEL, \$60,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, 5f, :56 3/5, ft. + WIRED BRYAN (c, 2, [Stormy Atlantic--Red Melody {SP}](#), by Runaway Groom), sent off at 7-1 as a two-pronged entry for trainer Michael Dilger, jumped out to take an early lead and was prompted by Irish Sweepstakes (Any Given Saturday) through opening splits of :21 4/5 and :44 2/5. Asked for more turning for home, the grey lengthened his advantage all the way to the wire, graduating by 7 1/4 lengths and giving Dilger his first victory as a trainer. The winner is a half to Run Red Run (Afternoon Deelites), MSP, \$198,628. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000.

O-Anstu Stbl. B-Anstu Farm LLC (NY). T-Michael Dilger.

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Dilger & Wired Bryan Achieve Joint Maiden Score...

Trainer Michael Dilger and **Wired Bryan** both donned cap and gown at Belmont Wednesday with the 2-year-old's maiden victory in the first race. The New York-bred won by an impressive 7 1/4 lengths in wire-to-wire fashion.

"We had a lot of rain recently at Saratoga, so his last two or three breezes have been on a sloppy track, which can make it a little hard to gauge," Dilger said of his expectations in the colt's first start. "You never know what to expect. He has always worked well and always worked like a nice horse. We weren't expecting him to do that, but we were certainly expecting him to run well."

Dilger will see how Wired Bryan comes out of this race before he decides what lies ahead for the colt, but thinks the next step may be an open allowance. The gray is nominated to the Aspirant S. and New York Breeders' Futurity, which are both for 2-year-old statebreds at Finger Lakes in September. **Cont. p5**



Stuart Subotnick, Dilger & Anita Subotnick with Wired Bryan
Adam Coglianese Photo

**In Sharper Focus cont.**

Dilger went out on his own this past January after spending the last seven years working as an assistant to Todd Pletcher. Before joining Pletcher's barn, he was a member of the first Darley Flying Start class in 2003.

"My uncle is a jump jockey in Ireland," Dilger said of his background in racing. "I have a cousin named Gerry Dilger, who has Dromoland Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. I graduated from college with a degree in business and Japanese. I worked the fields for Gerry at Dromoland for a couple of years before I graduated, worked in Japan for a couple of years, went to Flying Start, went to Todd, and now I'm here."

Dilger currently has 20 horses, most of which are 2-year-olds, in his Saratoga-based barn. The majority of his horses are owned by Stuart and Anita Subotnick's Anstu Stables.

"We are working on trying to attract some other owners," Dilger said. "Hopefully, this will help."

The Irish trainer's string of youngsters are all at various stages right now, but the ones that are ready will run at Saratoga this summer. A few have already run at Belmont and he also had a few starters at Gulfstream over the winter.

"We are looking forward to a bright summer at Saratoga hopefully," Dilger remarked.

Eastern U.S.**Yesterday's Results:**

7th-DEL, \$37,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:37 3/5, ft.

WELCOME GUEST (f, 4, [Unbridled's Song](#)--My Friend C. Z., by Seeking the Gold), the 2012 GIII Comely S. runner-up, won her last start for previous trainer Chad Brown at Belmont in a one mile optional claimer Oct. 26. She was a close second in her 2013 debut for new trainer Anthony Dutrow, going a mile in optional claiming company at Parx May 4. The 2-5 chalk broke sharply on the inside to lead the way, but was pressed every stride by the relentless Pure Strike (Pure Prize). The pair put the field away and turned this into a two-horse test by the half mile marker. Welcome Guest proved best in the stretch as she drew clear to score by 4 3/4 lengths over Pure Strike. Sales history: \$250,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$190,000 HRA '12 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: GSP, 9-3-4-0, \$183,720. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-LNJ Foxwoods. B-AGS Thoroughbreds Ltd (KY). T-Anthony Dutrow.

1st-PID, \$35,250, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:11 1/5, ft.

+ **PATRICIAS PRINCESS (f, 3, E Dubai--Lady of the Future {MSW & MGSP, \$507,182}, by Eastern Echo),** backed down to 2-1 favoritism while debuting for an operation that has been hitting with 58% of its starters at the current meeting, was hustled to the front early and eagerly led the way through an opening quarter in :22.60. With Master the Blues making her presence felt approaching the quarter pole, Patricias Princess was asked for more and clear at the head of the lane and was clear while under steady encouragement all the way to the wire. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000.

O/B-Max Pearson Stables, LLC (KY). T-H Graham Motion.

Central U.S.**Yesterday's Results:**

3rd-APX, \$43,200, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:47 1/5, ft.

LAYALI DUBAI (f, 4, Street Sense--Make My Heart Sing {SW}, by King of Kings {Ire}) won four in a row in England before making her last two starts in Meydan handicaps where she was ninth Feb. 2 and seventh going 1 3/8 miles Feb. 16, respectively. Previously trained by Saaed bin Suroor, she was sent off the 2-1 second choice for her United States debut here. Given first time Lasix, Layali Dubai settled in mid-pack while wide during the early stages, then moved inside as she began to gain on the leaders. She was forced further inwards causing her to briefly block Thecushmaker (Repent), but quickly found a hole and split rivals as they entered the stretch. Up to take command, the bay was driven clear late to post a decisive five-length score over Berry Knoll (Vindication). Thecushmaker's jockey made a claim of foul against both the winner and runner-up. The stewards left Layali Dubai to stand as the winner, but disqualified Berry Knoll and placed her third, moving Thecushmaker to second. Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-0, \$49,638. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Godolphin Racing LLC. B-Darley (KY). T-Eoin Harty.

1st-IND, \$32,500, Msw, 2yo, 5f, :59 1/5, ft.

LADDIE BOY (c, 2, War Pass--Lil's Lassie {MSP, \$116,298}, by Lil's Lad), eighth on the Keeneland Poly Apr. 26, was backed down to 1-2 favoritism for this unveiling. In front from the start, the gray led at every call and rolled home an eye-catching 13-length winner over Hurricane Pass (War Pass). Sales history: \$60,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,760.

O-Kevin Jacobsen. B-Frederick J McEwan (KY). T-Chuck Peery.

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Tuesday Night's Results:

TOTAH S., \$65,000, SRP, 6-18, (S), 2yo, c/g, 4 1/2f, :51 4/5, ft.

- 1--**#ROLL OUT THE BAND, 120, g, 2, Roll Hennessy Roll--Partyband, by Chimes Band.** O/B-Brad King & Dale Taylor (NM); T-Todd Fincher; J-Alfredo Juarez Jr. \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$51,863.
 - 2--**Dandy Don Who, 120, g, 2, Quinton's Gold--Miss Hennessy Who, by Hennessy.** O-Sam & Sammy Stevens. \$14,300.
 - 3--**Fonzerelli, 120, g, 2, Attila's Storm--Miss Willow, by Cape Canaveral.** O-Todd White. \$6,500.
- Margins: 5 1/4, 3/4, NK. Odds: 2.80, 0.90, 6.00.

Roll Out The Band started his career with a pair of fourth place efforts at Sunland in an allowance Mar. 19 and the Copper Top Futurity Apr. 13. The chestnut graduated by a solid 3 1/2 lengths last out here going 4 1/2 furlongs in a maiden special weight. Roll Out The Band broke well and quickly went to the lead in this start. He showed the way into the stretch and easily put away his rivals for an uncontested victory.

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+ **Feedyah**, f, 2, [Street Cry \(Ire\)](#). See "Britain."

IN PERU:

Novecento, c, 3, **Lion Heart**--Holiday Cheer, by Thunder Gulch. Monterrico, 6-15, Cond., 1500mT. B-Ellen B Kill Kelley (KY). *\$14,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

Lagar, c, 3, **Mizzen Mast**--Fairway Freedom, by Langfuhr. Monterrico, 6-15, Cond., 2000mT. B-St. George Farm LLC (KY). *\$23,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

Collatino, c, 4, **Jazil**--Saratoga Secret, by Johannesburg. Monterrico, 6-15, Cond., 1000m. B- Marylou Whitney Stables (KY).

Entretenido, h, 5, **Sligo Bay (Ire)**--Thestormhascleared, by Cryptoclearance. Monterrico, 6-15, Hcp., 1900mT. B-Thomas J Young (KY). *\$3,000 yrl '08 KEEJAN.

Fun Stealer, m, 5, **Fusaichi Pegasus**--Quintessa, by Touch Gold. Monterrico, 6-16, Hcp., 1900mT. B- Jerry Jamgotchian LLC (KY). *\$28,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP; \$3,700 HRA '12 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Gallant (Aptitude), SW-Can, \$371,729.

Brandenburgo, h, 6, **Saarland**--One Moment In Time (MSP, \$103,565), by Magesterial. Monterrico, 6-16, Hcp., 1000m. B-Catherine Brett Cain (KY). *\$11,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. *1/2 to This is the Moment (Numerous), SW, \$105,130.

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First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, June 20

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
DUNKIRK (Unbridled's Song), Ashford, \$10K, 126/2/0
 1-PRM, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Shock Hazard, 9-2
SILVER POET (Silver Deputy), 7/0/0
 1-PRM, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Silver Gazelle, 12-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, June 20

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2009 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
GOULDINGS GREEN (Charismatic), 17/0/0
 1-PEN, Msw, 5fT, +One Tough Muffit, 15-1
INTO MISCHIEF (Harlan's Holiday), Spendthrift, \$13K, 72/16/3
 1-LS, Msw, 5fT, +Mischievousdennis, \$6K FTK OCT yrl, 4-1

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Departing (War Front), 4f, :51.80, 44/46
 Laurie's Rocket (Bluegrass Cat), 4f, :49.60, 24/46
 Little Mike (Spanish Steps), 5f, 1:02.40, 21/32
 Prayer For Relief (Jump Start), 5f, 1:01.20, 7/32

SANTA ANITA

Book Review (Giant's Causeway), 5f, 1:00, 4/18
 Slim Shadey (GB) (Val Royal {Fr}), 4f, :50, 12/15



Britain

Yesterday's Results:

SANDRINGHAM H.-Listed, £60,000, Royal Ascot, 6-19, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.34, gd/fm.

1--**ANNECDOTE (GB)**, 119, f, 3, by **Lucky Story**

1st Dam: **May Fox (GB)**, by **Zilzal**

2nd Dam: **Folly Fox (GB)**, by **Alhijaz (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Fox Oa (Fr)**, by **French Friend**

(£1,000 RNA yrl '11 ASCDEC). O-Tom Edwards and Partners; B-The Hon Mrs R Pease; T-Jonathan Portman; J-Richard Kingscote; £34,026. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, £56,957.

2--**Auction (Ire)**, 119, f, 3, **Mr. Greeley**--Exhibit One, by Silver Hawk. (80,000gns wnlg '10 TATDEC; €80,000 yrl '11 ARQAUG). O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing-Coventry; B- Edy Srl And Societa Agricola Gem Srl; T-Ed Dunlop; £12,900.

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3--**Woodland Aria (GB)**, 121, f, 3, **Singspiel (Ire)**--**Magic Tree (UAE)**, by **Timber Country**. (60,000gns RNA wnlg '10 TATDEC; 70,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT). O-R J H Geffen; B-Wardall Bloodstock; T-John Gosden; £6,456.

Margins: NK, NK, HF. Odds: 11-1, 16-1, 7-1.

Also Ran: **Nargys (Ire)**, **Hint of a Tint (Ire)**, **Light Up My Life (Ire)**, **Sorella Bella (Ire)**, **Bracing Breeze (GB)**, **Mango Diva (GB)**, **Uleavemebreathless (GB)**, **Harmonic Note (GB)**, **Typhoon Lily**, **Fleeting Smile**, **Valtina (Ire)**, **The Gold Cheongsam (Ire)**, **Stresa (GB)**, **Califante (GB)**, **Lizzie Tudor (GB)**, **Flawless Beauty (GB)**, **Senafe (GB)**, **Waterway Run**, **Go Angellica (Ire)**, **Desert Image (GB)**, **Zurigha (Ire)**, **Annie's Fortune (Ire)**, **Trapeze (GB)**.

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Coming here on the back of recording a personal best with a win in a seven-furlong handicap at Newbury May 18, **Annedote** was settled in midfield initially from her



Annedote *Racing Post*

low draw. Shaken up with three furlongs to race, the bay took a narrow lead nearest the far-side rail with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was all out to hold off **Auction** and **Woodland Aria** in the run to the line. Jockey **Richard Kingscote** said, "I took it up a bit soon, at two [furlongs] out as she was taking me there. I was a bit wary as her best form was over seven furlongs, so I held fire a bit. She stuck on well and did it alright--she got headed but she battled back." Trainer **Jonathan Portman**, who was saddling his first Royal winner, added, "It's extraordinary, as she's a very inexpensive filly. I bought her from a field as a yearling and **Rosie Pease** bred her. The major shareholder is a 94-year-old man who's been a very lucky owner for me, **Tom Edwards**. It's a tremendous day for us and I can't actually believe it."

ROYAL HUNT CUP H., £150,000, Royal Ascot, 6-19, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:38.68, gd/fm.

1--**BELGIAN BILL (GB)**, 123, h, 5, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--**Gay Romance (GB)**, by **Singspiel (Ire)**.

(55,000gns yrl '09 TATOCT; 30,000gns RNA 2yo '10 TATAPR). O-PJL, Cooper & Baker; B-Wickfield Stud & Hartshill Stud; T-George Baker; J-James Doyle; £93,375. Lifetime Record: MSP-Eng & SP-Tur, 27-5-7-1, £214,051.

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2--**Premio Loco**, 135, g, 9, **Prized--Craze Mental (GB)**, by **Magic Ring (Ire)**. (19,000gns yrl '05 TATDEC).

O-Bernard Westley; B-Kidder, Cole & Griggs; T-Chris Wall; £27,960.

VoutesALES GRADUATE

3--**Arsaadi (Ire)**, 124, f, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--**Arsad (Ire)**, by **Cape Cross (Ire)**. (65,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT).

O-Sultan Ali; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; T-William Haggas; £13,980.

Margins: 3/4, HF, HF. Odds: 33-1, 40-1, 50-1.

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Unsuccessful in two January handicaps at Meydan, **Belgian Bill** returned from his winter trip to Dubai with a second place in a seven-furlong conditions event at Kempton Mar. 30, but could finish only 15th in the May 20 Newbury Spring Cup H. last time.

Patently ridden in the smaller far side group, which held the early advantage here, he was still swinging along at the rear passing the three-furlong marker.



Belgian Bill *Racing Post*

The eventual winner was ridden through a gap to hit the front at the eighth pole and held on as challengers closed on all sides. The victory also chalked up a maiden Royal win for trainer **George Baker**.

"George said that he was well fancied for this last year and he's dropped in the weights since," said winning rider **James Doyle**. "He's run some good races in Dubai and I thought that, if he reproduced that form then we'd have a chance of getting in the frame. The race worked out perfectly. I managed to keep him interested the whole way, putting him in little gaps and helping him travel, and he quickened up well. I know the bulk of the field went over to the stands' rail, but I was happy where I was." Baker added, "It's my first Royal Ascot winner and it's very exciting. James is a jockey in fantastic form and gave **Belgian Bill** a lovely ride. We were worried about being on the wrong side of the track, but he's an old, exposed handicapper who loves getting into a bit of trouble. A race like this is a bit of fun and what fun when it comes off. He was well fancied last year, was back down to a mark that he could be competitive off and the cheekpieces just sharpened him up. We want to play on the big stage, and and we want to be competitive on the big stage. Days like this are what you dream of."



British report cont.

Kempton Park, 19.40, Mdn, £4,500, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:29.34, stn.
 + **FEEDYAH (f, 2, [Street Cry {Ire}](#)--Red Dune {Ire} {SP-Eng & Ger, \$113,408}, by Red Ransom)** raced keenly in mid-division through the early strides. Travelling strongly at the quarter pole, the 5-4 pick quickened well to lead 100 yards from the post and comfortably beat Dancealot (GB) (Lawman {Fr}) by 1 3/4 lengths. [VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,911. O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-Saeed Bin Suroor.

Kempton Park, 18.40, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:08.85, stn.
DH--ARDINGLY (IRE) (f, 3, [Danhill Dancer {Ire}](#)--Asnieres, by Spend a Buck) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £1,920. *Full to Forgotten Voice (Ire), GSP-Eng & UAE, \$242,822; and 1/2 to Australie (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), GSW-Fr & SP-Eng, \$125,334. O-Mrs Fitri Hay; B-Ben Sangster; T-Roger Varian.

DH--CONTROVERSY (GB) (f, 3, [Elusive Quality](#)--Forum Floozie {NZ} {SW & MG1SP-Aus}, by Danasinga {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £1,679. *1/2 to Lawspeaker (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), MSW-Fr, \$129,239. O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-Saeed Bin Suroor. [VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK](#).

Ardingly stayed on for fourth in a one-mile maiden at Goodwood May 31, while 3-1 second choice Controversy ran sixth in a similar event at Nottingham June 9. Controversy stalked the moderate early pace set by 5-2 chalk Ardingly and was shaken up on the home turn, joining the 300,000gns TATOCT yearling on the line in a driving finish to force a dead heat.

OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

20.05 Leicester, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, 7f 9ydsT
STARS OVER THE SEA (Sea the Stars {Ire}) is a half-brother to the 2006 GI Beverly D S. victress Gorella (Fr) (Grape Tree Road {GB}) and debuts for the Mark Johnston stable here. His seven rivals include Godolphin's **Diplomatic Force ([Medaglia d'Oro](#))**, who is the first foal out of the 2009 GI Flower Bowl Invitational runner-up Criticism (GB) (Machiavellian).

▶ France

Thursday, La Teste de Buch, post time: 6:10 p.m.

PRIX LA SORELLINA-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Damsah	Mr. Greeley	Eyquem	Watrigant
2	3	Show Gorb (Spa)	Caradak (Ire)	Soumillon	Sogorb
3	7	Suspicieuse (Fr)	Elusive City	Forest	Walton
4	9	Kathinka (Ger)	Speedmaster (Ger)	Minarik	Munch
5	5	Akemi (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Montenegro	Demeaulte
6	10	Proud Side (Spa)	Dyhim Diamond (Ire)	Tejera	Puertas
7	4	Indigo (Fr)	Falco	Prat	Ferland
8	1	Reponds Moi	More than Ready	Lemaitre	Head
9	8	Single (Fr)	Singspiel (Ire)	Peslier	Laffon-Parias
10	2	Punta Stella (Ire)	Elusive City	Benoist	Kobayashi

All carry 123 pounds.

Yesterday's Result:

Compiègne, 13.30, Mdn, €25,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:44.19, hy.
 + **HIPPOLYTO (IRE) (c, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--Fountain of Peace, by Kris S.),** a €100,000 ARQAUG yearling, was well away to lead in this debut. In command throughout, the 19-10 chalk was pushed along inside the two pole and stayed on well for mild urging in the closing stages to comfortably best Ship Rock (Ire) (Whipper) by two lengths. Candesta (First Defence), a son of Wandesta (GB) (Nashwan), raced in sixth for the most part, but made little impression in the straight and finished seventh. Hippolyto is a descendant of outstanding Niarchos producer Coup de Folie (Halo), making him from the immediate family of Champion Bago (Fr) (Nashwan) and influential sire Machiavellian (Mr. Prospector). [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 place, €12,500. O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard; B-Fountain of Peace Syndicate & Niarchos Family; T-Pascal Bary.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

BLACK-TYPE RESULTS:

DIA DE LOS PADRES S.-Listed, \$56,200, CMR, 6-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47, ft.

1--**#DREAMINTOWIN (m, 6, by Woke Up Dreamin--Snap to It, by Honour and Glory.** O-Carlos Oyola Stable. B-Millennium Farms (KY). T-Guillermo Rodriguez. J-Hector Miguel Diaz. \$32,596. Lifetime Record: 38-15-6-6, \$111,509. *Running without Lasix.

2--**Score Classy, 117, f, 3, [Even the Score](#)--Sky, by Menifee.** (\$7,000 yrl '11 KEESEP). O-Establo Villa Real; B-Sam Penn (KY); T-Allison Escobar. \$11,240.

3--**Light Cat, 118, f, 3, Indygo Shiner--Delighted Cat, by Storm Cat.** (\$8,000 2yo '12 OBSAPR). O-Eterna Luz Stable; B-Dr John R Cummins (KY); T-Javier E Gonzalez. \$5,620.

Margins: 5, 2 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 3.55, 0.90, 13.35.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-BEL, \$74,000, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:22, gd.

STRONG IMPACT (g, 7, A. P Jet--Sherry Spinner {GB}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: SP, 33-7-7-5, \$350,525. O-La Marca Stable. B-Donald Flanagan (NY). T-Bruce R Brown.

2nd-APX, \$43,680, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:39 1/5, ft.

O T B BOB (g, 3, Full Mandate--Smoke Granted, by Smoke Glacken) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-0, \$80,598. O-Doubledown Stables Inc. B-Carol Mishken & Alan David Epstein (FL). T-James DiVito. *\$45,000 2yo '12 OBSJUN.

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8th-DEL, \$41,440, Opt. Clm. (\$12,500), NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.

WON THE WAR (g, 4, Scipion--Worthy of Silver {SP}, by Silver Ghost) Lifetime Record: MSP, 21-3-3-3, \$136,600. O-Momentum Stud. B-Mr & Mrs Charles McGinnes (MD). T-Scott A Lake. *\$20,000 yrl '10 FTMOCT.

4th-APX, \$41,000, NW2\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:12, ft.

BEAUTY OF SCARLET (f, 4, [Belong to Me](#)--Willa Beauty, by Jeblar) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$87,487. O-Scarlet Stable. B-Rose A Barney & Christopher Barney (IL). T-Roger A Brueggemann.

8th-APX, \$40,000, NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:39 4/5, ft.

SANCERRE (g, 5, He's a Tough Cat--Play a Song, by Defensive Play) Lifetime Record: 17-3-3-7, \$116,557. O/B-William R Kelly (IL). T-Dale Bennett.

11th-IND, \$30,000, 6-18, NW16M, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:43 2/5, ft.

PASS THE CROWN (g, 5, Pass Rush--Listen Honey {SP}, by Now Listen) Lifetime Record: SW, 21-4-9-0, \$242,092. O-M C Roberts Racing Stable. B-Richard Pardue, Sylvia & Brad Mahaffey (IN). T-Merrill Roberts.

8th-MNR, \$28,400, 6-18, NW4L, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, ft.

DIAVOLETTO (g, 4, [Stephen Got Even](#)--Gaspar Lady, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: MSW, 9-4-3-0, \$104,038. O-Tiffany Raimonde. B-Paul & Brian Raimonde (OH). T-Mike Rone.

3rd-MNR, \$25,300, 6-18, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2fT, :50 4/5, fm.

ARRICIA PRINCESS (m, 5, Aragorn {Ire}--Jabalski {SW, \$136,672} Princess, by Jeblar) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-0, \$39,563. O/B-Rae Marie Smith (FL). T-Burley Clouston III.

1st-MNR, \$22,200, 6-18, NW2L, 3yo/up, 1m70yT, 1:41 3/5, fm.

KEG PARTY (c, 3, [Any Given Saturday](#)--Autumn Moon, by Mr. Prospector) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$28,396. O/B-Monticule (KY). T-Eric Reed. *\$17,000 RNA yrl '11 KESESEP. **1/2 to Suteki Shinsukekun (Danzig), MSW & MGSP-Jpn, \$1,498,035.

2nd-MNR, \$22,200, 6-18, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70yT, 1:42 2/5, fm.

STRAVLOVA (f, 4, [Purim](#)--Pavlova, by Stravinsky) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-3, \$39,212. O-J Lopez. B-Paradise Prod. LLC (KY). T-John Dyer. *\$1,200 yrl '10 KESESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

English Pound, c, 3, [English Channel](#)--Andover the Money, by Dynaformer. IND, 6-18, 1mT, 1:37 1/5. B-Bluegrass Hall LLC (KY). *1/2 to Andover the Cash (Unusual Heat), MSP, \$171,778; Spenditallbaby (Unusual Heat), MSW & MGSP, \$469,173; Runforthemoneybaby (Unusual Heat), SW & GISP, \$187,876.

Indy Anna Anna, f, 3, [Jump Start](#)--Salt Creek, by Salt Lake. IND, 6-18, (S), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Dr Richard Hammer (IN). *1/2 to Equalitysdebutante (Equality), MSW, \$206,321.

Lyla Dawn, f, 3, [Werblin](#)--Lila Wanblee, by Capote.

MNR, 6-18, 6f, 1:15 1/5. B-S Atchison & R Lepp
Ithastobegeorge, c, 3, [Yes It's True](#)--Lady Chip, by Dixie Union. BEL, 6-19, (C), 6f, 1:08 4/5. B-Audley Farm (VA). *\$15,000 yrl '11 FTMOCT; \$100,000 2yo '12 FTMMAY.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Compiègne, 13.00, €34,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:14.60, hy.

TOKUM (FR) (c, 3, [Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}](#)--Headdress {Ire}, by Halling) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €47,600. O-Christopher Stedman; B-Jedburgh Stud & Mme Isabelle Corbani; T-Nicolas Bertran de Balanda. *€25,000 2yo '12 ARQMAY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hello Beautiful (Ire), f, 2, [Captain Rio \(GB\)](#)--Tekhania (Ire), by Dalakhani (Ire). Ripon, Britain, 6-19, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Peter Molony. *£10,000 yrl '12 DONAUG.

Centre Haafhd (GB), g, 2, [Haafhd \(GB\)](#)--Deira Dubai (GB), by Green Desert. Hamilton Park, Britain, 6-19, Mdn, 2yo, 6f 5ydsT. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd. *£10,000 yrl '12 DONSEP.

Talksalot (Ire), g, 2, [Thousand Words \(GB\)](#)--Lady Piste (Ire), by Ali-Royal (Ire). Kempton Park, Britain, 6-18, Mdn, 2yo, 6f (AWT). B-C Kelly. *€4,200 yrl '12 TATIRE.

Maxxi (Ire), f, 3, [Dansili \(GB\)](#)--Flaming Cliffs, by Kingmambo. Les Sables d'Olonne, France, 6-18, Cond, 3yo, 9f 165ydsT. B-Niarchos Family. *€28,000 yrl '11 ARQOCT.

Galateia (Ire), f, 3, [Dansili \(GB\)](#)--Gagnoa (Ire) (MGSW & MG1SP-Fr & G1SP-Ire, \$566,294), by Sadler's Wells. Dieppe, France, 6-18, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7fT. B-Gagnoa Synd.

Modista (Ire), f, 3, [Holy Roman Emperor \(Ire\)](#)--Seamstress (Ire), by Baratheia (Ire). Sligo, Ireland, 6-18, Mdn, 3-4yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Norman Ormiston. *€20,000 yrl '11 GOFSP. **1/2 to Elhamri (GB) (Noverre), SW-Eng, \$296,688.

+ **Fancy Green (Fr)**, f, 3, [Muhtathir \(GB\)](#)--Fancy Stone (Ire), by Rainbow Quest. Compiègne, France, 6-19, Mdn, unraced 3yo, f, 1mT. B-Abdullah Al Maddah.

Alta Stima (Ire), f, 3, [Raven's Pass](#)--En Public (Fr), by Rainbow Quest. Compiègne, France, 6-19, Cond, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT. B-Frederic Bianco. *€90,000 RNA yrl '11 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Sardaukar (GB) (Royal Academy), SW & GISP-US & G1SP-Fr, \$476,055; Cielago (Ire) (Anabaa), GSP-Fr, \$103,017; Kindjhal (Fr) (Ashkalani {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr & MGSP-Aus, \$164,332; Rostrum (Fr) (Shamardal), SW & GSP-Fr, \$136,279; and Kreem (GB) (Hurricane Run {Ire}), GSW-Fr & SW-KSA, \$148,129.

Wall of Sound (GB), f, 3, [Singspiel \(Ire\)](#)--Veiled Beauty, by Royal Academy. Hamilton Park, Britain, 6-19, Mdn, 3-5yo, 9f 36ydsT. B-A Black. *The Cheka (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr & GSP-Ire, \$489,421.