



## SHORT FIELDS FOR KEY DERBY PREPS

Unbeaten 'TDN Rising Star' Dortmund (Big Brown) will face five rivals in Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby while a field of seven are slated to line up for that same day's GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S. at



**Kaleem Shah & Dortmund**  
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Aqueduct. The Kaleem Shah colorbearer, last seen wiring the GII San Felipe S., will re-oppose Prospect Park (Tapit) and Bolo (Temple City), the second- and third-place finishers from that Mar. 7 heat, respectively. Dortmund, hero of last December's GI Los

Alamitos Futurity and the Feb. 7 GII Robert B. Lewis S., has been assigned post one. Regular rider Martin Garcia will be aboard the 3-5 morning-line favorite.

Hall of Famer Bob Baffert will also saddle fellow 'TDN Rising Star' One Lucky Dane (Lookin At Lucky), who will break one to the outside of Dortmund. The \$490,000 KEESEP yearling purchase rolled to a 9 3/4-length win while making his sophomore debut in a one-mile optional claimer in Arcadia Mar. 19.

Let's Go Stable, WinStar Farm LLC and China Horse Club's Daredevil (More Than Ready), meanwhile, has been tabbed as the 9-5 morning-line favorite in the Wood Memorial. A head-scratching 11th in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 1, the handsome chestnut returned with a strong second in the seven-furlong GII Fasig-Tipton Swale S. at Gulfstream Mar. 7. The Todd Pletcher trainee will break from post six with Javier



**Daredevil**  
NYRA/Adam Mooshian

Castellano aboard. Let's Go and Pletcher, of course, also teamed up for a win with Verrazano (More Than Ready) in the 2013 Wood.

'TDN Rising Star' El Kabeir (Scat Daddy), an impressive come-from-behind winner in the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 7, will break one to his inside. C C Lopez remains aboard the Zayat Stables colorbearer. Frosted (Tapit), second-best in last November's GII Remsen S. at the Big A, returns to New York after a disappointing fourth in the GII Besilu Stables Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 21. Cont. p3

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## 'CHAMPIONSHIPS' COMING OF AGE IN 2015

By Kelsey Riley

A year ago, Racing NSW and the Australian Turf Club hosted the inaugural renewal of The Championships at Royal Randwick in Sydney.



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Designed to be Australia's equivalent of season-ending events like the Breeders' Cup, Dubai World Cup and British Champions Day, The Championships was held over

two consecutive Saturdays, offering eight Group 1 races worth almost \$20 million, including the G1 Queen Elizabeth S., which, with a purse boost to A\$4 million, made it the richest weight-for-age race in the country and the world's richest turf race over 1 1/4 miles.

The event was considered a success by many in attendance; however, the closing comments from Racing NSW Chairman John Messara suggested this year's event would be bigger and better.

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## Homecoming of Sorts for Stevens

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**Peace and War (shadow roll)**  
*Coady photography*

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## French Group Preview

Thursday's G3 Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte offers the opportunity for a clutch of French colts to stake a claim for the G1 2000 Guineas, with one of the most intriguing being the unbeaten Andre Fabre project **Make Believe (GB)** (Makfi {GB}). A half-brother to the high-class Dubawi Heights (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Prince Faisal's rare foal purchase had the re-opposing fellow Guineas entry **Sinfonietta (Fr)** (Sinndar {Ire}) back in second on his debut over 7 1/2 furlongs at Deauville in late October before following up over the same trip at Saint-Cloud the following month.

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## BC Mile Winner Nearing Return

The Niarchos Family's **Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein), winner of last year's GI Breeders' Cup Mile and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, is expected to open his 4-year-old campaign in the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury May 16.

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## TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for	TV
7:50a	Prix Imprudence-G3, MLF	-----	----
8:20a	Prix Djebel-G3, MLF	-----	----

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# NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT**

**SANTA ANITA DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Dortmund (K)	Big Brown	Garcia	Baffert	3-5
2 One Lucky Dane (K)	Lookin At Lucky	Bejarano	Baffert	5-1
3 Cross the Line	Line of David	Hernndz	Holindrfr	15-1
4 Bolo	Temple City	Smith	Gaines	4-1
5 Prospect Park	Tapit	Desrmaux	Sise Jr	7-2
6 Bad Read Sanchez (K)	Warrior's Reward	Gutierrez	O'Neill	30-1

\*All carry 122 pounds.

**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT**

**TWINSPIRES.COM WOOD MEMORIAL S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Tiz Shea D (K)	Tiznow	Franco	Mott	8-1
2 Toasting Master	Congrats	Arroyo	Romans	20-1
3 Lieutenant Colonel (K)	Colonel John	Ortiz Jr	Brown	15-1
4 Frosted	Tapit	Rosario	McLaughlin	5-2
5 El Kabeir	Scat Daddy	Lopez	Terranova	3-1
6 Daredevil (K)	More Than Ready	Castellano	Pletcher	9-5
7 Tencendur	Warrior's Reward	Ortiz	Weaver	12-1

\*All carry 123 pounds.

**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT**

**SANTA ANITA OAKS-GI, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Light the City (K)	Street Sense	Desrmaux	Holindrfr	122
2 Glory (K)	Tapit	Bejarano	Holindrfr	122
3 Curlin's Fox	Curlin	Smith	Gaines	122
4 Singing Kitty	Ministers Wild Cat	Gryder	Chew	122
5 Luminance (K)	Tale of the Cat	Garcia	Baffert	122
6 Stellar Wind	Curlin	Espinoza	Sadler	122
7 Wild At Heart	Indian Charlie	Prat	Mandella	122
8 She's a Big Winner (K)	Bellamy Road	Blanc	Eurton	122

**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 6:04 p.m. EDT**

**CARTER H.-GI, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Dads Caps	Discreet Cat	Ortiz	Rodriguez	119
2 Clearly Now (K)	Horse Greeley	Rosario	Lynch	117
3 The Big Beast (K)	Yes It's True	Castellano	Dutrow	118
4 Green Gratto	Here's Zealous	Jara	Smith	114
5 Street Shark (K)	Street Sense	Worrie	Chhtterpul	109
6 Palace	City Zip	Velasquez	Rice	121
7 Wild Dude	Wildcat Heir	Ortiz Jr	Holindrfr	119
8 Dream Saturday (K)	Any Given Saturday	Franco	Nevin	114



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**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:20 p.m. EDT**

**GAZELLE S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Puca (K)	Big Brown	Franco	Mott	114
2 Sweet Corine	Pulpit	Castellano	McGaughey	114
3 Money'soncharlotte (K)	Mizzen Mast	Cancel	Breen	116
4 Wonder Gal	Tiz Wonderful	Ortiz Jr.	Gyarmati	116
5 Condo Commando (K)	Tiz Wonderful	Rosario	Rodriguez	122
6 Jacaranda (K)	Congrats	Saez	Pletcher	122
7 Noble and a Beauty	Noble Causeway	Ortiz	Violette Jr	120

**Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 6:09 p.m. EDT**

**FANTASY S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Sarah Sis (K)	Sharp Humor	Felix	Mason	121
2 Sweet Opportunity (K)	Distorted Humor	Quinonez	Von Hmel	117
3 Harlans Belle (K)	Harlan's Holiday	Court	Cox	117
4 Feathered	Indian Charlie	Santana Jr	Pletcher	117
5 Lady Tapit (K)	Tapit	Pereira	Sadler	117
6 Purr	Bluegrass Cat	Johnson	Hartlage	117
7 Pangburn	Congrats	Castanon	McPeck	117
8 Achiever's Legacy	City Zip	Rocco Jr.	Hollndrfr	121
9 Super Saks (K)	Sky Mesa	Thompson	Lukas	117
10 Oceanwave (K)	Harlan's Holiday	Vazquez	Catalano	117
11 Include Betty (K)	Include	Homeister Jr	Proctor	121

**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:52 p.m. EDT**

**BAY SHORE S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Lord Nelson (K)	Pulpit	Rosario	Baffert	123
2 Papa Upa	Kantharos	Arroyo	Preciado	116
3 Ready for Rye (K)	City Zip	Saez	Albertrani	123
4 Easy to Say	Eskendereya	Carmouche	Perkins Jr	116
5 March (K)	Blame	Ortiz Jr.	Brown	116
6 Final Chapter	Thunder Gulch	Franco	Hushion	116
7 Ackeret	Mach Ride	Ortiz	Rodriguez	120
8 Majestic Affair (K)	Majesticperfection	Castellano	Brown	120

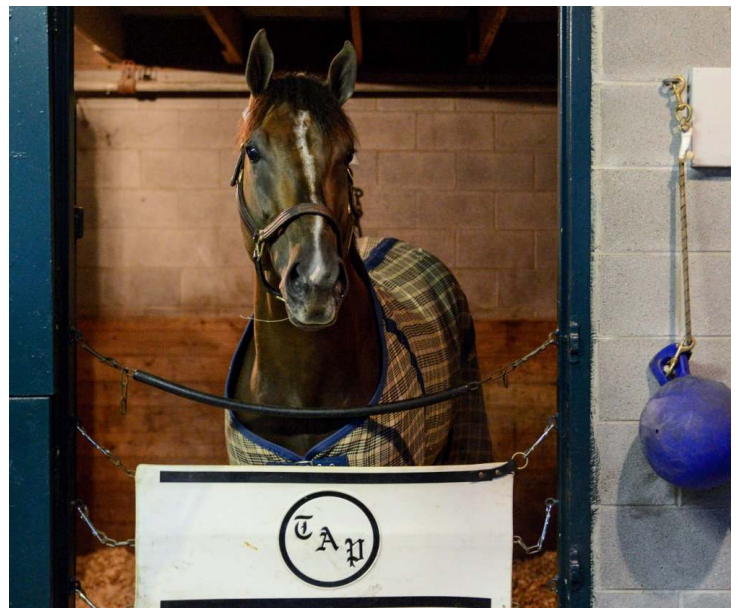
**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT**

**PROVIDENCIA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Lutine Belle (K)	Bellamy Road	Solis	Hollndrfr	118
2 Ol' Fashion Gal (K)	Sky Mesa	Trujillo	Casse	123
3 Miss Boom Boom	Run Away and Hide	Desrmaux	Hollndrfr	118
4 Entrechtat (K)	Giant's Causeway	Prat	Drysdale	118
5 Jaded Glory (K)	Smart Strike	Van Dyke	Proctor	118
6 Spanish Queen	Tribal Rule	Blanc	Baltas	118
7 Frosty Friday	Eskendereya	Smith	Casse	118
8 Prize Exhibit (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Espinoza	Cassidy	118
9 Havanna Belle (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Bejarano	D'Amato	118
10 Spirit of Xian (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Talamo	Mandella	118
11 Lady Zuzu	Dynaformer	Baze	Lobo	118
12 Sister of Mercy (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Perez	Gaines	118
13 Show Stealer	Eskendereya	Gryder	Proctor	118



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## BONOMO NEW CHAIRMAN AT NYRA

By T.D. Thornton

Anthony Bonomo has been voted chairman of the New York Racing Association Reorganization Board in a proxy vote by the organization's board of directors, according to a report in *The Saratogian*.

The same story also reported that Tuesday's scheduled NYRA open board meeting--its first since December--was called off because of "Governor Andrew Cuomo's plan to extend state control of NYRA for at least another year," although no formal extension has been announced.

Gov. Cuomo's press office refused to answer questions late Wednesday afternoon about whether an extension of state control was imminent. The *TDN* attempted to contact several



**Anthony Bonomo**  
*pri.com*

NYRA board members by phone, but could not reach them before deadline for this story.

However, no mention of a NYRA return to privatization was referenced in Cuomo's proposed 2015-16 budget that was passed by legislators shortly after 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, just after the start of the fiscal year. So it appears as if NYRA will operate through 2016 under state control.

David Skorton, the previous chairman, resigned effective Dec. 31, 2014. Skorton had announced months in advance that he would be also leaving his job as Cornell University president in June 2015 to head the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum and research complex.

Skorton was originally appointed by Cuomo and legislators as chair of the NYRA Reorganization Board in 2012 when the state put in place what it then termed "a temporary, publicly controlled body" to transform the structure, management and finances of Thoroughbred racing in New York State. At that time, Cuomo made it clear the state oversight of NYRA was expected to last only three years.

According to his NYRA bio, Bonomo, a Brooklyn attorney, is President of Administrators for the Professions, Inc., the insurance company management organization that operates, among others, Physicians' Reciprocal Insurers, a medical professional liability insurer.

Bonomo has served as a Trustee of Hofstra University, and founded the GAELS Foundation, which is dedicated to the development of youth through sports. He and his wife Mary Ellen have owned Thoroughbreds based in New York since 2005, racing primarily under the stable names Brooklyn Boyz Stables and MEB Stables.

The next NYRA board meeting is scheduled for Apr. 22.

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## STEVENS BACK HOME AT KEENELAND

by Alan Carasso

For 36-year-old trainer Olly Stevens, Saturday's GI Ashland S. will be a homecoming of sorts. Again.

When last seen at the historic Lexington oval, Stevens was unsaddling Qatar Racing's **Peace and War** (War Front) following a somewhat improbable victory in the track's GI Darley Alcibiades S. on the first Friday of October 2014. With a strong performance Saturday, Stevens is looking forward to the possibility of an appearance about 70 miles west on the first Friday of May.

Raised in Newmarket, the 'headquarters' of the English racing scene, Stevens cut his teeth while working under James Fanshawe and Jessica Harrington, then came to the U.S. and worked for a time with trainer Bob Hess in California. He later hooked up with and became the assistant to trainer Kellyn Gorder and, through Gorder's association with WinStar Farm, was hands-on in the development of such runners as GI Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver (Maria's Mon), as well as Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor), victorious in the GI Belmont S. and later the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

Stevens's wife Hetta is a key cog in the operation, having spent time at Lindsay Park in Australia before working the sales with Harry Herbert and John Warren.

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This experience led to a stint with bloodstock agent David Redvers, and, after winning a scholarship for assistant trainers, worked with Michael Dickinson until his retirement. After an additional period with Dale Romans, she linked up with the Gorder barn, and her relationship with Redvers, now racing manager to Sheikh Fahad, helped earn Stevens his first job as head trainer.

“It’s been an absolute pleasure and that’s very much from the heart,” Stevens commented, referring to the relationship with his employer. “Sheikh Fahad has been incredibly forgiving of mistakes I’ve made, which is something we all do. He’s a sportsman in the old-fashioned sense, this filly being a case in point--he’s willing to give it a shot and come over here and try something that really, on the face of it, might look crazy to a lot of people. He’s on a first-name basis with all my help, the first thing he’ll ask is how my kids are.

He continued, “He’s also started galloping horses for us. He’s going around to a lot of the trainers he has horses with and getting horses and getting fit for a charity race in Ireland. We even ran the London Marathon together, he’s just that kind of guy, the sort of guy you want to work for, just a real pleasure.”

Bred in Florida by Sally J. Andersen, Peace and War, a \$300,000 Keeneland September graduate, was the apple of the Qatar Racing team’s eye, and Stevens admits it was a case of love at first sight.

“She’s a filly we always thought a huge amount of, really from the second we saw her at the sale,” said Stevens, who trains a total of 32 horses, including 17 for Qatar Racing and other associated partnerships.

Sent off the 11-10 favorite in a six-furlong maiden over the Lingfield all-weather last May 27, Peace and War missed the break, but came after the leader inside the final furlong and

reported home a half-length winner ([video](#)). Tested for class next time in the G3 Albany S. at the Royal meeting June 20, she rallied from midfield to be sixth, beaten just over seven lengths, behind the classy Cursory Glance (Distorted Humor) and subsequent GI Del Mar Debutante winner Sunset Glow (Exchange Rate).

“She lived up to her reputation at home once we got her galloping, she broke her maiden first time out, and to be honest, I was kind of disappointed with her run at Ascot,” he offered. “I felt she was better than that based on the way she’d been training at home and her breezes.”

Runner-up in a conditions test over seven grassy furlongs at Haydock Aug. 8, Sheikh Fahad and team decided to roll the dice and programmed Peace and War for an appearance at Keeneland with a longer-term eye on the Breeders’ Cup.



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“We brought her over about 12 days prior and we nominated to both the Alcibiades and to the [GIII] Jessamine [S. on the turf],” Stevens recollected. “The owners were eager to give her a chance to run in the Breeders’ Cup. And I said the best shot to get in would be to run in Keeneland because we can breeze her on the dirt, figure out whether she likes it, and then we either go in the Alcibiades or the Jessamine. We breeze her on the dirt five days out from the Alcibiades and Julien Leparoux’s reaction made us all pretty excited.”

And thus the decision was made to give the main track a try in the Alcibiades, a “Win and You’re In” event for the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies. Let go at 23-1 over a rain-affected surface, Peace and War found next to last a half-mile into the race, but zoomed up into contention on the turn, and, despite encountering traffic a furlong and a half from the wire, managed to get up for a half-length success ([video](#)).

The keys to that effort?



Peace and War (shadow roll)  
*Coady photography*



**Stevens Back Home cont.**

“I’m not sure it was the dirt or the Lasix or the other reasons people might like to give to it,” Stevens admitted. “I think it was probably the distance, she’s probably not a six-furlong horse. The dirt seemed to help her. But she relaxes really well and quickens really hard.”

He added, “She’s got a lightning turn of foot at home, but looking at the others, I think they were stopping and our filly was just running even fractions in the Alcibiades. The times I get from her at home are the times I expect from sprinters with Grade I form.”

But in a game full of peaks and valleys, news came from Gordor, overseeing the progress of Peace and War, that she had suffered a ligament injury and would be forced to miss the Breeders’ Cup.

“At the time, it was frustrating, but I suppose the silver lining is that she’s come back really good,” he explained. “The hardest thing to do is to do right by the horse. It would be easy to say let’s medicate her and take her to California. The much tougher decision was to bring her home, but I’m glad we did. She’s still in one piece, and had we done the other thing, we might not be. I can sleep at night anyways.”

Peace and War was sent over to WinStar Farm and recovered well under the watchful eye of the farm’s Richard Budge before returning to England with purchases from the Keeneland November sale. Stevens, who conditions Lightning Thunder (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), runner-up in the G1 English and Irish 1000 Guineas last season, is not especially concerned with bringing his filly back first-up off the extended absence.

“I wouldn’t want to campaign a good filly through the winter,” Stevens insists. “Fillies especially, I think, need a break. If we were campaigning her for the Guineas, we would have taken her straight to the Guineas. We’re campaigning her towards the [Kentucky] Oaks, she’s a course-and-distance winner at the Grade I level and I like the idea of going in there. We’re a little light on points. Keeneland was my base for so long and they look after her so well here and we really wanted to make this race.

“We might be thinking in five days’ time, ‘Well, at least we tried,’ and be flying home, but you dream of Classics,” he reasoned. “Last year we had a genuine Classics contender in our second year of training and we’re only small, numerically, and I really didn’t think it could be happening again so soon.”

With a positive run Saturday, it would likely be on to Churchill and the Kentucky Oaks May 1. But “we’re keeping our options open,” the conditioner says.

“We’ve also discussed the [G1 Investec] Oaks [at Epsom] and the [G1] Coronation S. [at Royal Ascot],” he stated, referring to potential plans B. “The evidence is there that American pedigrees go well at Ascot, they’re pretty effective there, so that’s an option for her.”

Regardless of her next run, it’s a good chance Peace and War will be seen on these shores again come summertime.

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“In my heart of hearts, I really like the [G1] Alabama for her,” Stevens said, referring to the Saratoga 3-year-old filly feature. “If the dream scenario came around, I really like the distance of the Alabama.”

For Stevens and Peace and War, it really does seem like America might just become home, sweet home.

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Date	Race	Track
Apr. 3	GIII Transylvania S.	KEE
Apr. 4	GI Carter H.	AQU
	GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial	AQU
	GI Central Bank Ashland S.	KEE
	GI Madison S.	KEE
	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	KEE
	GI Santa Anita Derby	SA
	GI Santa Anita Oaks	SA
	GII Gazelle S.	AQU
	GIII Bay Shore S.	AQU
	GIII Shakertown S.	KEE
	GIII Commonwealth S.	KEE
	GIII Fantasy S.	OP
Apr. 9	GIII Providencia S.	SA
	GIII Count Fleet Sprint H.	OP



### DREAMS TO REALITY?

Thursday's G3 Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte offers the opportunity for a clutch of French colts to stake a claim for the G1 2000 Guineas, with one of the most intriguing being the unbeaten Andre Fabre project **Make Believe (GB)** (Makfi {GB}). A half-brother to the high-class Dubawi Heights (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Prince Faisal's rare foal purchase had the re-opposing fellow



**Andre Fabre**  
*Racing Post*

Guineas entry **Sinfonietta (Fr)** (Sinndar {Ire}) back in second on his debut over 7 1/2 furlongs at Deauville in late October before following up over the same trip at Saint-Cloud the following month. By Makfi, who annexed this race in 2010 prior to taking Newmarket by storm, the unexposed colt will make a serious impact on the

upcoming Classic if he is able to upstage some solid if unexciting rivals here. Chief among them is **Nucifera** (More Than Ready), who met his match in Full Mast (Mizzen Mast) when second in the G3 Prix la Rochette at Longchamp in September before finishing eighth of nine in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere back there on Arc day. Full Mast's stable companion **Alpha Bravo (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) represents Khalid Abdullah and Criquette Head-Maarek here, having filled the runner's-up spot behind the enterprisingly ridden Fabre-trained filly Alea lacta (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon over a mile at Saint-Cloud in October. Despite being comprehensively outgunned by that lone runner, the homebred still managed to best Karaktar (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) as he won the battle for minor honors on the far rail and the Aga Khan's colt was very impressive in the Listed Prix Francois Mathet on Saturday.

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Thursday, Maisons-Laffitte, France, post time: 2:20 p.m.

**PRIX DJEBEL-G3**, €80,000, 3yo, c/g, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	10	Alpha Bravo (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Thulliez	Head-Maarek
2	3	Sweet Revenge (Fr)	Evasive (GB)	Peslier	Lemer
3	7	Sir Andrew (Fr)	Polan (Fr)	Tejera	Gonzalez
4	8	Make Believe (GB)	Makfi (GB)	Boudot	Fabre
5	2	Nucifera	More than Ready	Pasquier	Pease
6	4	Kenfreeze (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Jarnet	Pantall
7	9	Svoul (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Atzeni	Graffard
8	6	El Suizo (Fr)	Meshaheer	Veron	Pantall
9	5	Ride like the Wind (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Barzalona	Head
10	1	Sinfonietta (Fr)	Sinndar (Ire)	C Demuro	Chappet

All carry 128 pounds.

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### HOLDING THE ACES

In the absence of the G1 1000 Guineas-bound High Celebrity (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), today's G3 Prix Imprudence looks a soft touch for His Highness Aga Khan's **Ervedya (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) as Maisons-Laffitte hosts the first significant Classic trial of 2015. Whether or not the leading 3-year-old filly of the Pau stable of Jean-Claude Rouget will be in the line-up across the sea in just over four weeks' time remains to be seen, but she would be one of the main contenders if she builds on her solid juvenile form here. Last seen finishing runner-up to Ballydoyle's current Guineas ante-post favorite and 'TDN Rising Star' Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the flagship G1 Prix Marcel Boussac on



**Jean-Claude Rouget**  
*Racing Post*

Longchamp's Arc card, the homebred who had previously won over six furlongs in Deauville's G3 Prix de Cabourg and finished third in that track's G1 Prix Morny in August sets the standard. If there is a "dark horse" lurking among the field, it could be Katsumi Yoshida's purchase **Fontanelice (Ire)** (Vale of York {Ire}) who has been switched to the Criquette Head-Maarek barn which holds the record of 10 winners of this prize.

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Formerly with Stefano Botti, one of the luminaries of a beleaguered Italian racing scene in 2014 dead-headed in the six-furlong G3 Premio Primi Passi and captured the G3 Premio Dormello over a mile at the San Siro in June and October respectively. Effective from the front, the bay encounters testing ground for the first time and that could prove her achilles heel. Jean-Claude Seroul's **Ameenah (Fr)** (American Post {GB}) had the Niarchos Family's highly promising but ultimately disappointing **'TDN Rising Star' Night of Light (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and Guy Pariente's **Kenouska (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) back in second and third respectively in the G3 Prix Miesque over this course and distance in November and could yet enter the fray for Newmarket, despite not holding an entry at present.

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**Thursday, Maisons-Laffitte, France, post time: 1:50 p.m.**

**PRIX IMPRUDENCE-G3, €80,000, 3yo, f, 7fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	9	Filly Green (Fr)	Diamond Green (Fr)	Coutier	Chappet
2	7	Ervedya (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Soumillon	Rouget
3	4	Queen Bee (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Benoist	Lellouche
4	8	See Your Dream (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	Scratched	Scratched
5	13	La Berma (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Mendizabal	Chappet
6	6	Vamos Espana (Spa)	Siyouni (Fr)	Tejera	Sanchez
7	14	Fond Words (Ire)	Shamardal	Barzalona	Pantall
8	2	Strelkita (Fr)	Dr Fong	Thulliez	Smaga
9	11	Preciously (Fr)	Lrd of England (Ger)	Piccone	Cherel
10	12	Night of Light (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Pasquier	Bary
11	10	Kenouska (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Veron	Pantall
12	5	Power of the Moon (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Badel	M&S Nigge
13	3	Ameenah (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Blondel	F Rossi
14	1	Fontanelice (Ire)	Vale of York (Ire)	Jarnet	Head-Maarek

All carry 126 pounds.

### ERA DENIES STRANGLES BLAME

The Emirates Racing Authority has said it is "extremely unlikely" that the case of strangles identified in a horse trained by Marco Botti earlier this week originated in the UAE.

An unidentified Marco Botti-trained horse that had campaigned in Dubai over the carnival tested positive for strangles after its return to Newmarket. It is the first case of strangles in the town since 2009, and the ERA said there has not been an outbreak in the UAE for more than 10 years, "and there were no signs suggestive of strangles at any time in horses participating in the Dubai International Racing Carnival."

The statement continued, "It should be noted that the apparent symptoms of strangles were not identified until 14 days after the horse arrived back at Newmarket. This would indicate that the horse was infected post departure from the UAE. As a precautionary measure, blood samples taken from the applicable horse during its stay in the UAE and prior to its departure are currently being analyzed for strangles. The ERA will release the results once the analysis is complete as final confirmation that the horse in question was clear of the contagion before it left the UAE."

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## NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

### NTRA LEGISLATIVE ANNUAL REPORT ONLINE

The 2014 NTRA Legislative Action Campaign annual report is now available online. [Click here](#) to view the report that summarizes last year's federal legislative activity and how the NTRA serves the horse racing industry on Capitol Hill.

Features of the annual report include: a list of the 2014 contributors; a federal legislative summary featuring issues important to horse racing; comments from NTRA contributors, including consignors, owners, breeders and trainers; a photo collage of NTRA-attended industry events; videos that describe the NTRA legislative fundraising programs; and information on the NTRA Advantage membership benefits program available to contributors.

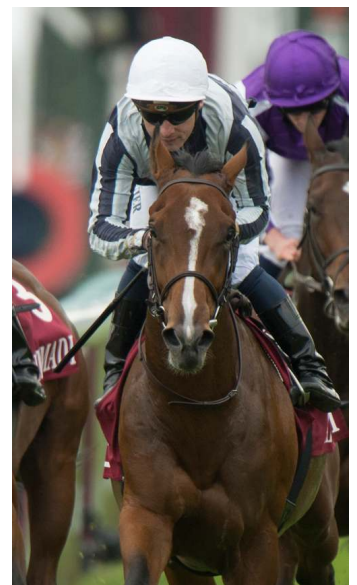
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For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of government relations and membership development, (859) 422-2677 or visit [www.SupportHorseRacing.org](http://www.SupportHorseRacing.org).

### KARAKONTIE TARGETING LOCKINGE

The Niarchos Family's **Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein), winner of last year's GI Breeders' Cup Mile and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, is expected to open his 4-year-old campaign in the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury May 16.

"Karakontie has wintered well and the Al Shaqab Lockinge S. is the race we are looking at," said Alan Cooper, racing manager to the Niarchos Family, after the race's 36 initial entries were revealed Wednesday. "We will obviously have to see nearer the time but we feel he is a horse who needs good ground so he may well make his reappearance at Newbury. We have also entered a pacemaker, Maximum Velocity."



**Karakontie**  
*Racing Post*

After winning the French 2000 Guineas last May, Karakontie finished eighth when stepped up to 10 1/2 furlongs for the G1 Prix du Jockey Club, and he checked in 11th in the seven furlong G1 Prix de la Foret Oct. 5 prior to the Breeders' Cup. **Cont. p10**



**Karakontie Targeting Lockinge cont.**

“Karakontie won very well at the Breeders’ Cup and there was no fluke about his performance in America,” Cooper added. “After he won the French 2000 Guineas, we got him ready for the Prix du Jockey Club but he did not appreciate the extra distance and it took him a long time to get over it. He was not really sparking and it was not until the second half of September that he really began to flourish again.”

Cooper said later season objectives for the Jonathan Pease trainee will be the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot, the G1 Sussex S. and the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois.

Other entries for the Lockinge include **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), who could make his European debut at Newbury ahead of a start in the G1 Prince of Wales’s S. at Royal Ascot; **Mshawish** (Medaglia d’Oro), **Night of Thunder (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), **Integral (GB)** (Dalakhani {Ire}) and **Rizeena (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}).

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**‘Championships’ Coming of Age cont.**

“In the end, we have to be satisfied with the contest we put on and the turnout of spectators,” Messara said at the time. “It was good, but I think we can build on it.”

Three days out from the first day of the second running of The Championships, the event’s organizers have appeared to deliver on their promises. Set for Apr. 4 and 11, The Championships has drawn fields overflowing with Group 1 winners, and a few tweaks to the program provide added dimensions to the festival.



**John Messara**

This year’s Championships was shifted back a week, allowing it to bookend the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, which takes

place in Sydney Apr. 7 to 9. Messara explained Racing NSW has previously aligned the state’s biggest race days with the sale.

“This change of dates is actually a ‘back to the future’ move for us, because the original four-day Sydney Autumn Carnival also used to bookend the Inglis Sale when it was always scheduled around Easter,” he explained.

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“However, we’ve now re-shaped the entire event on both the global and local levels, and worked more closely with Inglis to connect The Championships with what is now one of the world’s great yearling sales. The fixing of the Championships to the first and second Saturdays of April, with the sale between them, creates a clearly defined ‘destination week’ that everyone can remember and plan for from one year to the next.”

Last year’s Championships hosted a pair of international visitors--Hana’s Goal (Jpn) (Orewa Matteruze {Jpn}) and Gordon Lord Byron (Ire) (Byron {GB}). While neither triumphed at The Championships, both picked up Group 1 wins before leaving Australia, with Hana’s Goal taking the G1 All Aged S. and Gordon Lord Byron scoring in the G1 George Ryder S. This year, the Japanese have ramped up their presence by sending Group 1 winner **Real Impact (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) as well as group winners **Tosen Stardom (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), **To The World (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) and **World Ace (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), while three-time Melbourne Cup runner-up **Red Cadeaux (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) ships from Britain to race in Sydney for the first time in the 3200 meter G1 Sydney Cup.

Due to limited time to prepare for last year’s event, the international visitors were forced to train at the Werribee quarantine facility in Victoria and ship to Sydney for the main event. This year, however, the shippers have had the use of a new quarantine facility at Canterbury Racecourse in Sydney, and the results have thus far been encouraging. **Cont. p11**



Real Impact won the George Ryder two weeks ago, while Tosen Stardom and To The World both finished second first-up in the G1 Ranvet S. Mar. 21 and the G1 The BMW last weekend, respectively.

“Those results confirm that we've got an outstanding quarantine facility, 20 minutes from The Championships' host track, Royal Randwick, and 20 minutes from Sydney Airport,” said Messara. “The



The paddock area at Randwick

international horses have exclusive six-week use of Canterbury Park Racecourse, which is regarded as one of the best surfaces in Australia.”

Messara said he hopes these results will

encourage more international visitors from more areas of the world in the future, although he admitted that the timing of the event is inconvenient for some nations like the U.S. and Europe, where the major racing is just getting started while the Southern Hemisphere is winding down.

“I hope that we'll see more international visitors, especially from the world's major stables with the range of horses, the resources and the competitive ambition to target specific races anywhere in the world,” Messara said. “However, it is likely that Asia will provide most of the future international competitors, given the timing of The Championships. I am looking forward to the day that we can host an American champion, most likely from the West Coast.”

In addition to the new dates and quarantine facility, another new concept rolled out by The Championships this year has been the NSW Country and Provincial Championships. This series of nine races, which began in early March, is restricted to horses under the care of country trainers, rather than horses based at the Metropolitan tracks like Randwick, Rosehill and Warwick Farm.

The series consists of eight lead-up races, each worth A\$100,000, from which the top two finishers qualify for the A\$300,000 Country Championships Final at Royal Randwick Apr. 4.

Messara said the idea behind this concept was to encourage participation in racing at all levels of the sport.

“This is a development intended to generate a more inclusive approach to regions outside Sydney, which often act as racing's nursery--not only of horses, but also of punters, owners, trainers, jockeys, breeders and all the skilled people who work with horses,” Messara explained. “Country people's love of the horse and the sport of racing is something we need to nurture and strengthen. We were confident the Country and Provincial Championships concept would go down well, but it's already exceeded our expectations in terms of attendance, turnover and the sheer enthusiasm of participants.”

With the enthusiasm displayed across all levels of The Championships, it is poised to be an event of international importance for years to come.

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UAE-based trainers at a press conference in Chengdu, China ahead of Friday's second Chengdu Dubai International Cup meeting, which will host five races worth more than \$600,000.

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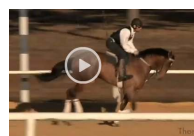
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**Jimmy Bell**  
*Horsephotos*

Aftercare Alliance, the non-profit organization that serves as both an accrediting body for facilities that care for Thoroughbreds at the conclusion of their racing careers and a fundraising engine to support aftercare facilities approved by the alliance.

A partnership agreement signed by leaders of the three organizations calls for Kentucky HBPA member owners to contribute \$5 to the TAA for each of their horses that start in races at the two tracks. Churchill Downs and Keeneland would




then match each contribution generated in their respective races. The owner contribution and matching racetrack donations will begin on the opening day of each track's spring racing sessions.

Keeneland is set to open its 15-day Spring Meet Friday, Apr. 3, and the first of 38 days of Spring Meet racing at Churchill Downs is set for Saturday, Apr. 25.

Participation in the partnership by Thoroughbred owners is voluntary. Owners who wish to opt-out of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance funding partnership can do so by contacting the Horseman's Bookkeepers at the tracks.

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, a Lexington, Ky.-based non-profit organization created in 2012, awarded more than \$2.4 million in grants to 42 accredited agencies in 2014.

"Churchill Downs, Keeneland and the Kentucky HBPA have all demonstrated their deep commitment to Thoroughbred aftercare through this initiative and they are to be commended for doing so," said Jimmy Bell, president of both Darley America and the TAA. "We are immensely grateful to the owners who will be paying the \$5-per-start fee and sincerely appreciate Churchill Downs and Keeneland matching those donations. We hope horsemen and racetracks in other parts of the country follow their example."

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 **New York**

**Wednesday's Results:**

**8th-AQU, \$81,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$100,000), C, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36 2/5, ft.

1--**RED VINE, 120, h, 5, Candy Ride (Arg)--Murky Waters, by Storm Creek.** (\$200,000 yrl '11 FTSAUG; \$290,000 RNA 2yo '12 FTFMAR). O-Jon & Sarah Kelly; B-Alastar Thoroughbred Co (KY); T-Christophe Clement. Lifetime Record: 15-4-5-4, \$290,715.

 **Recommended mating & dam purchase by Ramona Good** 

**XIB** Yearling purchase by Xavier Int'l Bloodstock **XIB**

2--**Kid Cruz, 118, c, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Layreebelle, by Tale of the Cat.** (\$80,000 yrl '12 KEESEP).

3--**Three Alarm Fire, 120, g, 4, Pyro--Tres Tres Joli, by Gone West.** (\$140,000 yrl '12 KEESEP).

Margins: 3, 3/4, HF. Odds: 4.90, 3.25, 2.20.

Never worse than fourth in his first 13 outings on the lawn, Red Vine showed a new dimension when making a five-wide bid to score in an off-the-turfer going 1 1/8 miles over the Aqueduct main track Dec. 4. Trainer Christophe Clement decided to give the main track another try after that performance, and that decision paid off Wednesday in a loaded optional claimer field. Tracking from a ground-saving third through moderate early splits, the 5-year-old tipped out two-wide to take on the chalky pair of Mail (Medaglia d'Oro) and 'TDN Rising Star' Three Alarm Fire turning for home. Swiftly closing the door on that duo, Red Vine surged clear in the stretch with his only pursuer being Gil Dwyer S. hero Kid Cruz, who came charging late for second.

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 **Florida**

**Wednesday's Results:**

**CUTLER BAY S., \$60,000, GPX, 4-1, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36, fm.**

1--**#FORCE THE PASS, 117, c, 3, by Speightstown**

1st Dam: **Social Queen (MGSW, \$344,164), by Dynaformer**

2nd Dam: **Gal on the Go, by Irgun**

3rd Dam: **Gypsy, by Marfa**

O-Richard Santulli; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Alan E Goldberg; J-Rajiv Maragh. \$36,084. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$68,084.

 **LAMBHOLM SOUTH Training Graduate** 

2--**High Noon Rider, 116, c, 3, Distorted Humor--Modesty Blaise, by A.P. Indy.** (\$400,000 yrl '13 KEESEP). O-R A Hill Stable. \$11,640.

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3--**Black Martino, 118, c, 3, Two Step Salsa--Eyes a Fox, by Foxhound.** (\$22,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY).

O-Honors Stable Corp. \$5,820.

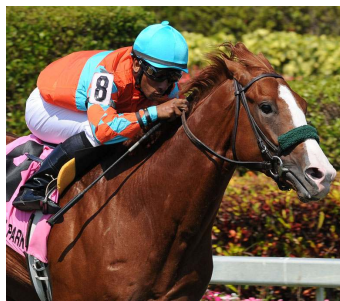
 **Kip Elser's KIRKWOOD STABLES** 

Margins: NK, 2 1/4, NK. Odds: 0.80, 4.30, 16.90.



**Cutler Bay S. cont.**

Force the Pass, second on debut here Feb. 14, earned his diploma last time going 7 1/2 furlongs over this course Mar. 7, despite being bumped repeatedly at the half. Hammered down to overwhelming 4-5 favoritism in this non black-type affair, the chestnut kept tabs on the leaders from a two-wide fifth early and was inched into third by Rajiv Maragh after a half in :49.24. Powering past the leaders in the lane, Force the Pass kept on finding to repel a late run from High Noon Rider (Distorted Humor)



**Force the Pass**  
Lauren King

and score his second straight victory. "This horse is really highly regarded from [trainer] Alan Goldberg, and once I got on him, I really liked him too," said Maragh. "He does everything to make you think that he's got a chance to be a very good horse. When [Goldberg] let me know that he was going to run [in this race], I wanted to stay and ride him, and it's working out good. He was always putting me into the race and felt like how he's been running the first two times--very comfortable--and he finished strong." The winner is out of MGSW Social Queen, who is a half-sister to the dam of 'TDN Rising Star' and GII Gazelle S. contender Wonder Gal (Tiz Wonderful), winner of the Lynbrook S., runner-up in the GI Frizette S. and third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. **Click for the**

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**7th-GPX, \$48,200, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, 5fT, :54 3/5, fm.**

**SUMMATION TIME (c, 4, In Summation--Load Up, by Dove Hunt)**, a neck secon on debut going a mile over the Monmouth Park lawn July 5, was fourth going that distance over the Saratoga sod against \$65,000 maiden claimers Aug. 18. Given a brief freshening, the dark bay was cut back to six furlongs on the grass at Belmont and broke through with a 6 3/4-length success against \$40,000 maiden claimers Oct. 26. Successful once again in a 5 1/2-furlong allowance over the Laurel turf course Nov. 15, the 4-year-old was installed as the 5-2 chalk for this seasonal bow. Away well from the outside post in this eight-horse affair, Summation Time pressed from an eager third through a speedy first quarter. Ranging up three-wide in the lane, the dark bay took control in the final furlong and drew clear to win by a length over Bye Bye Bernie (Bernstein). The winner is a half to St. Joe (Trippi), GSP, \$267,744. Sales history: \$25,000 yrl '12 OBSAUG; \$250,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$89,040. **Click for the** [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Waterford Stable. B-Oakleaf Farm (FL). T-Christophe Clement.



**8th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2FT, 1:28 3/5, fm. LUCKNOW (f, 4, [Medaglia d'Oro--Sahara Gold {GSW, \\$248,742}](#), by [Seeking the Gold](#))**, a non-factor ninth in her sprint debut over this strip in February of last year, improved to be second when extended to 1 1/16 miles in her return from that 11-month layoff over a sloppy main track here Jan. 11. Completing the exacta again last time when cut back to 7 1/2 furlongs and switched to the local turf course Jan. 29, the 5-2 second choice bided her time in fifth as the longshot leader blazed along through speedy early splits while well clear of the field. Pushed out five wide turning for home, Lucknow came surging late to overtake the leaders just in time for a one-length victory. First timer Chia (Elusive Quality) was the runner-up. The winner is a half to Better Lucky (Ghostzapper), MGSW, \$1,278,950; and Sahara Heat (A.P. Indy), SW, \$170,858. Lucknow's second dam is GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Desert Stormer (Storm Cat). Her dam Sahara Gold produced a Bernardini colt named Proven Commodity in 2012, and a Street Cry (Ire) filly named Desert Tune in 2013. She was not covered in 2014 and foaled a Ghostzapper colt this year. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$40,790. **Click for the** [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Godolphin Racing LLC. B-Darley (KY). T-T. Albertrani.

## Kentucky

**Enhanced Technology for Keeneland Meet:**

The addition of live streaming of Keeneland races on its Race Day app and a new interactive online fan education tool explaining how to read the race-day program augment Keeneland's commitment to giving fans cutting-edge technology as part of their racing experience. The Keeneland Race Day app puts information at fans' fingertips, while the revamped GI Toyota Blue Grass microsite details Keeneland's signature Spring Meet race. The Spring Meet runs Friday, Apr. 3, through Friday, Apr. 24, with live racing Wednesday through Sunday.



**Jockey Ricardo Santana Jr. helps trainer Steve Asmussen 'celebrate' a milestone at Oaklawn Park Wednesday**  
Coady Photography



## Central U.S.

### Wednesday's Results:

**8th-OPX, \$68,500, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:10, ft.**

**HENRY JONES (c, 3, Temple City--Gold Bowl, by Seeking the Gold)**, sixth in his career bow going 1 1/16 miles over the Saratoga lawn July 19, faded to be ninth at that course and distance next out Aug. 9. Earning his diploma next out when switched to a main track sprint at Churchill Downs Sept. 26, the bay was third when last seen in a 1 1/16-mile allowance at Keeneland Oct. 22, after which he was shelved for the season. Sent off at 4-1 in this seasonal bow, the sophomore dueled for the early lead and seized command after a first quarter in :22.23. Settling in on the rail, Henry Jones cruised clear in the stretch to register a one-length victory over Ike Walker (Bellamy Road). Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$70,262. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Holy Cow Stable LLC. B-Z Kobak (KY). T-D.W. Lukas.

**9th-OPX, \$66,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.**

**DISTRACTION (f, 3, Warrior's Reward--Treedom, by Forestry)** missed by just a neck in the slop here Feb. 1 and returned on just 20 days rest to fill that spot again in another sloppy one-mile test. Fading to finish a dead-heat third after setting the pace in a muddy 1 1/16-mile event here last time Mar. 13, the 5-2 shot broke on top from her rail draw and set moderate early fractions from the fence. Hard pressed by her rivals every step of the way, the bay never faltered and kept on finding in the stretch to draw clear for a 2 1/4-length victory over You Should Be Here (Niagara Causeway). Sales history: \$32,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-1, \$77,081. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Black Hawk Stable. B-Haymarket Farm LLC (KY). T-Chris Hartman.

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## INDUSTRY INFO

### Brothers Joins WHOA:

Former jockey and racing commentator Donna Brothers has joined the Water Hay Oats Alliance in support of federal legislation to ban raceday drugs. "I support the Water Hay Oats Alliance and federal legislation to bring clean racing to our sport because this is something that we have been unable to achieve by ourselves," Brothers said. The Water Hay Oats Alliance is a grassroots movement of individuals who support the passage of federal legislation to prohibit the use of performance-enhancing drugs in the sport of horse racing.

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**CHARITABLE MAN** (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 80/11/0  
9-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Great Red Dragon, 12-1  
6-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Generous Woman, 7-2  
**CONCORD POINT** (Tapit), Hill N Dale, \$8K, 91/16/2  
8-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Attempt to Dream, \$55K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1  
**KANTHAROS** (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/20/1  
7-GP, Alw, 5fT, Savingtime, 15-1  
**QUALITY ROAD** (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/24/3  
1-SA, Mcl, 6f, Quality Chimes, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1  
7-GP, Alw, 5fT, Like a Charm, \$40K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1  
**SUPER SAVER** (Maria's Mon), Winstar, \$20K, 203/29/4  
8-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Hauler, \$325K OBS MAR 2yo, 12-1  
**WARRIOR'S REWARD** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/24/1  
9-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Susan's Reward, \$75K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1  
8-OP, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Corsa Veloce, \$42K OBS OPN 2yo, 12-1

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### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Beyond the Green**, c, 3, **Freud**--Beyond the Limit, by Unbridled. AQU, 4-1, (S), 1m, 1:39. B-Patricia Generazio (NY).  
**Colorado Grandslam**, g, 3, **Latent Heat**--Sister to the Nth, by Ecton Park. AQU, 4-1, (S), (C), 1m, 1:39 2/5. B-Rodney J Winkler (NY).  
**Que Facil**, g, 3, **Sharp Humor**--Fallseed, by Forest Wildcat. HAW, 4-1, (S), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-T/C Stable LLC (IL). \*\$30,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

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
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### IN BRITAIN:

**Giantouch**, g, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

### IN IRELAND:

**On Location**, f, 4, [Street Cry \(Ire\)](#). See "Breeders' Edition, Europe."

### IN HONG KONG:

**Renaissance Art**, c, 4, [More Than Ready](#)--Lady Siphonica, by Siphon (Brz). Happy Valley, 4-1, Hcp. (\$137k), 1800mT, 1:48.32. B-Lucy Bassett (KY). \*\$25,000 yrl '12 KEESEP.

### IN SOUTH KOREA:

+ **Bold Kings**, c, 3, [Afleet Express](#)--Bold Arrival, by Gilded Time. Busan, 3-29, Hcp. (\$50k), 1000m. B-M Lyn Burlson & Scott Ahlschwede (KY). \*\$14,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT.

+ **Grand Marketing**, f, 3, **After Market**--Grand In Grey (MSP, \$213,827), by Alphabet Soup. Seoul, 3-29, Hcp. (\$50k), 1000m. B-Charles P Merrick (KY). \*\$17,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY.

**Real Ten**, c, 3, **Rock Hard Ten**--French Jeannette, by French Deputy. Seoul, 3-29, Hcp. (\$81k), 1800m. B-Catesby W Clay Investment LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Undrafted (Purim), GSW & GISP, \$528,325. \*\*\$50,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

**Step First**, f, 3, **Two Step Salsa**--Strict Forum, by Open Forum. Seoul, 3-28, Hcp. (\$36k), 1200m. B-Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc (FL). \*\$6,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG; \$10,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN.

**Clean Up Cheonha**, c, 4, **El Corredor**--Loh Collado, by More Than Ready. Seoul, 3-28, Hcp. (\$63k), 1800m. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). \*1/2 to La Rambla (City Zip), SP. \*\*\$77,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '13 OBSJUN.

### IN PERU:

**The Federal**, c, 4, **Orpen**--Jacky Halo (Arg) (MGSP-Arg), by Southern Halo. Monterrico, 3-29, Hcp., 1200m. B-Clearsky Farms (KY). \*Remained undefeated in three career starts. \*\*1/2 to Renacere (Arg) (Pure Prize), GSW & G1SP-Arg. \*\*\*\$27,000 2yo '13 KEEJAN.

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**Madera de Guerrero**, c, 4, [Street Cry \(Ire\)](#)--ltnab (GB) (GSW-Eng), by Green Desert. Monterrico, 3-28, Hcp., 1600m. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). \*\$20,000 yrl '12 FTKOCT.

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### IN AUSTRALIA:

**Pornichet (Fr)**, c, 4, **Vespone (Ire)**--Porza (Fr), by Septieme Ciel. Rosehill, 3-28, Sellwood S.-G3 (A\$150k), 2000mT. B-H Honore & Mme C Rouxel. \*€425,000 RNA HRA '14 GOFLOM.

**Excess Knowledge (GB)**, h, 5, **Monsun (Ger)**--Quenched (GB), by Dansili (GB). Rosehill, 3-28, Doncaster Prelude S.-G3 (A\$150k), 1500mT. B-Juddmonte Farms Limited.

## BRITAIN

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### Wednesday's Results:

**2nd-KMP**, £4,500, Mdn, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT), 1:39.35, ft.

**JAZZI TOP (GB)** (f, 3, [Danehill Dancer {Ire}](#)--Zee Zee Top {GB} {G1SW-Fr, SW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$272,103}, by Zafonic), beaten at odds-on when third on her latest outing over seven furlongs at this track in October, shadowed the early pace-setter Hundi (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) throughout the early stages. Gaining the edge over that rival passing the quarter pole, the 5-6 crowd's choice asserted to score by a length. The winner is a half-sister to Izzi Top (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), G1SW-Ire & Fr, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, \$632,530. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, £4,065. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Helena Springfield Ltd. B-Meon Valley Stud (GB). T-John Gosden.

## APPOINTMENTS

**Alix Choppin: Head of Marketing and Communications, Arqana**

- Alix Choppin, previously in charge of communications at Arqana from 2008 to 2011, will return to the company in an expanded role as Head of Marketing and Communications.
- Choppin has worked for Weatherbys, Barnes Thompson, the French Racing and Breeding Committee, Generation Galop, Thoroughbred Daily News and Destination Europe.
- Olivier Delloye, General Manager of Arqana, commented: "We are delighted to welcome Alix back with an expanded role that will see her get more involved with Arqana's development, innovation strategy and customer relations."
- Choppin added, "I feel very honored to be given the opportunity to re-join the Arqana team. They are such a dynamic, forward-thinking group of people who do their utmost to make France a pivotal place to buy, sell, breed and racehorses. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Generation Galop, TDN and Destination Europe and wish to thank all their teams for the opportunities they gave me."



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**Wednesday's Results:**

**PRIX ZARKAVA-Listed**, €48,000, SCD, 4-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 10 1/2fT, 2:16.71, hy.  
 1--**ALL AT SEA (GB)**, 128, f, 4, by **Sea the Stars (Ire)--Albanova (GB)** (Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 14f+, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng & Ger at 11-14f, **MG1SW-Ger & MSW-Eng, \$486,735**), by **Alzao**. O/B-Kirsten Rausing (GB); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €24,000. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €78,250.  
 2--**Felcine (Ire)**, 123, f, 4, Duke of Marmalade (Ire)--Red Rosie, by Red Ransom. O-Eledy SRL. €9,600.  
 3--**Sahrawi (Ger)**, 123, f, 4, Pivotal (GB)--Sand River (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). O-Ballymore Thoroughbred Ltd. €7,200.  
 Margins: 6, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 3.30, 20.00, 2.90. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

All At Sea conquered this distance when annexing the Sept. 1 Listed Prix de Liancourt at Longchamp, her first black-type score, but slipped to fifth when upped a quarter mile for the Oct. 4 G2 Prix de Royallieu back at the Bois de Boulogne venue next time. Kirsten Rausing's homebred bay dropped another two spots to seventh when closing her sophomore campaign in the Oct. 30 G3 Prix de Flore over this strip last time, and rebounded in style with a dominant display in this seasonal return. Steadied in third after the initial exchanges, she loomed large off the home turn and was urged ever clear once taking over at the 300-meter pole to easily enhance her portfolio.

**1st-SCD**, €29,000, Cond, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:17, hy.  
**MAIMARA (FR)** (f, 3, **Makfi {GB}--Hideaway Heroine {Ire} {SP-Eng}**), by **Hernando {Fr}**), beaten just under a length when hitting the board at Deauville on debut last time Oct. 23, was keen under attempted restraint in sixth until striding into the lead along the back straight here. Shaken up soon after passing the quarter-mile marker, the 19-5 third choice was ridden out inside the final furlong to comfortably best Ana's Best (Fr) (King's Best) by a length. Sales history: €65,000 wlng '12 ARQDEC. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €18,250. **[Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#)**. O-Alain Louis-Dreyfus. B-Le Thenney SA & Edy SRL (Fr). T-Mikel Delzangles.

**OBSERVATIONS**  
on today's European racing scene

**2.50 Saint-Cloud, Mdn, €25,000, 3yo, f, 10fT**  
**SAMADRISA (IRE)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) is introduced by Alain de Royer-Dupre for His Highness The Aga Khan against more experienced fillies and she could be anything at this stage as a half-sister to the three-time Group 1 scorer--most notably in the Prix de Diane--Sarafina (Fr) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}). She is also a half-sibling to the smart pattern-race performers Sanaya (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), Sandagiyr (Fr) (Dr Fong) and Sanjida (Ire) (Polish Precedent).

**4th-SCD**, €29,000, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:16.31, hy.  
**ETERNAL (GB)** (c, 3, **New Approach {Ire}--Sharp Mode, by Diesis {GB}**), a five-length debut winner going one mile here Nov. 13, was set alight trapped wide early before finding a measure of cover behind the leading trio. Nudged along at the top of the lane, the 2-5 chalk challenged at the quarter-mile marker and kept on strongly under continued urging to prevail by a short neck from Metramo (Fr) (Kouroun {Fr}). The winner is a half to Amralah (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$149,938. It is also the family of G1 Epsom Oaks winner Reams of Verse (Nureyev) and GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf victress Middy (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €27,000. **[Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#)**. O-Prince A A Faisal. B-Nawara Stud Company Ltd (GB). T-Andre Fabre.

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**Wednesday's Results:**

**PATTON S.-Listed**, €45,000, DUN, 4-1, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:24.14, ft.  
 1--**CONVERGENCE (IRE)**, 129, c, 3, by **Cape Cross (Ire)**  
**1st Dam: Zahoo (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Nayef**  
**2nd Dam: Tanaghum (GB), by Darshaan (GB)**  
**3rd Dam: Mehthaaf, by Nureyev**  
 (€32,000 yrl '13 TATNOV). O-Vincent Gaul; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Ger Lyons; J-Colin Keane. €29,250. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 9-3-0-2, €90,149.  
 2--**War Envoy**, 129, c, 3, **War Front**--La Conseillante, by Elusive Quality. O-Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Joseph Allen LLC. €8,550.  
 3--**Wychwood Warrior (Ire)**, 129, c, 3, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Pearlitas Passion (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). O-M J Enright. €4,050.  
 Margins: 1, 3/4, 6. Odds: 8.00, 1.38, 5.50.  
 Also Ran: Intense Style (Ire), Rapid Applause (GB), Orcia (Ire), Sparklingsovereign (GB). Scratched: Song of Love (Ire).

Mixing with the best in 2014, Convergence gave an early indication as to his quality when upstaging subsequent G1 Criterium International scorer Vert de Grece (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) in a seven-furlong Leopardstown maiden in June. Just under a length third of three behind Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) back over that track and trip for the G3 Tyros S. the next month, the bay registered a five-length success in the Listed Canford Cliffs S. over slightly further at Tipperary in early August before again coming up short behind Gleneagles when last of five in the G2 Futurity S. at The Curragh 16 days later. Trying a mile in the G2 Beresford S. returning to Kildare the following month, he was a respectable fourth to **TDN Rising Star Ol' Man River (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) prior to a non-staying sixth in the nine-furlong Listed Eyrefield S. back at Leopardstown in October. **Cont. p6**



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Settled in fourth early off the strong tempo, Convergence gained first run on Ballydoyle's War Envoy when striding to the front passing the quarter pole and was always keeping that rival at bay as the more prominently ridden Wychwood Warrior stuck to his guns to finish clear of the remainder. "He's a good honest horse and he came on well over the winter" trainer Ger Lyons told *irish-racing.com*. "He's still in the Irish Guineas, but that's a huge jump from here to there. We have the Jersey and races like that, there are plenty of options. I thought last year he'd want 10 furlongs, but on what he showed tonight, we'll keep him to seven and a mile for the moment." **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**GORESBRIDGE BREEZE UP CATALOGUE ONLINE**

The catalogue for the Goresbridge breeze-up sale, Ireland's only flat breeze-up sale, is now online and comprises 236 juveniles. The sale takes place May 21 with the horses breezing at Gowran Park the previous day, and this year's draft will look to follow in the footsteps of past Group 1-winning graduates including Fiesolana (Ire) (Aussie Rules), Music Show (Ire) (Noverre) and Willyconker (Ire) (Pyrus). To view the catalogue, [click here](#).

**New Zealand**

**SHOWCASING FEE UP IN NEW ZEALAND**

**Showcasing (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), among the leading first-season sires in Europe last year, will have his stud fee increased to NZ\$10,000 this year from NZ\$7,500 after making a fast start Down Under, according to *Racing Post*. He has sired two stakes winners and two stakes performers from his first crop in New Zealand, including the Group 2 winner Showboy (NZ). Showcasing stands Southern Hemisphere time at Haunui Farm alongside **Iffraaj (GB)**, whose fee remains unchanged this year at NZ\$15,000. Haunui Managing Director Mark Chitty told *Racing Post*, "We couldn't have asked for a better start to Showcasing's career and Iffraaj's progeny just keep getting better, with him not only the leading 3-year-old sire but sitting third on the general sires table behind Savabeel and Darci Brahma and ahead of O'Reilly, Pins and Tavistock. Both stallions have seen service fee increases in the northern hemisphere and they are certainly in far superior positions in terms of racetrack and sale ring performance than they were at this time last year. That being said, we are mindful of the current climate in the New Zealand breeding industry and it is with that in mind, that we have set our fees for 2015 at what I am sure breeders will agree, are very reasonable and competitive levels."



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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Giantouch**, g, 3, **Giant's Causeway**--Beauty O' Gwaun (Ire) (GSW-Ire, \$115,777), by Rainbow Quest. CHD, 4-1, 10f (AWT), 2:08.64. B-Neil Jones (KY). \*\$80,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; 50,000gns 2yo '14 TATAPR.

**INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE**

**Aussie Andre (GB)**, g, 4, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Hana Dee (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). KMP, 4-1, 12f (AWT), 2:33 1/5. B-Willoxton Farm Stud (GB). \*24,000gns wlng '11 TATDEC; 70,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT.

**On Location**, f, 4, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Film Maker (GISW-US, \$2,203,730), by Dynaformer. DUN, 4-1, 8f (AWT), 1:38 2/5. B-Courtlandt Farm. \*\$215,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$85,000 HRA '14 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Film Shot (Distorted Humor), MGSP-US, \$203,106.

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	GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial	AQU
	GI Central Bank Ashland S.	KEE
	GI Madison S.	KEE
	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	KEE
	GI Santa Anita Derby	SA
	GI Santa Anita Oaks	SA
	GII Gazelle S.	AQU
	GIII Bay Shore S.	AQU
	GIII Shakertown S.	KEE
	GIII Commonwealth S.	KEE
	GIII Fantasy S.	OP
	GIII Providencia S.	SA
Apr. 9	GIII Count Fleet Sprint H.	OP
Apr. 10	GI Maker's 46 Mile	KEE
	GI Apple Blossom H.	OP
Apr. 11	GI Arkansas Derby	OP
	GI Jenny Wiley S.	KEE
	GII Oaklawn H.	OP
	GII Kona Gold S.	SA
	GIII Las Cienegas S.	SA
	GIII Top Flight H.	AQU
	GIII Ben Ali S.	KEE
	GIII Coolmore Lexington S.	KEE
Apr. 12	GII Beaumont S.	KEE
	GIII Appalachian S.	KEE
Apr. 17	GIII Doubledogdare S.	KEE
Apr. 18	GII Distaff H.	AQU
	GII Charles Town Classic	CT
	GIII Dixiana Elkhorn S.	KEE
	GIII Illinois Derby	HAW
	GIII Sixty Sails H.	HAW
	GIII Santa Barbara H.	SA
	GIII Whimsical S.	WO