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MILLIONS OF REASONS TO PLAY

Though each race carries a seven-figure purse, the connections of just 21 3-year-old males decided to take a swing at Saturday's trio of Triple Crown preps from coast-to-coast. In New York, Aqueduct plays host to the GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S., and while Zayat Stables' **'TDN Rising Star'** El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) has been able to rule the roost, by and large over the



Daredevil Adam Mooshian

winter, the mere presence of GISW **Daredevil** (More Than Ready) means that today's waters are deeper by definition. The Wood lost some of its intrigue earlier this week with news that GIII Withers S. upsetter Far From Over (Blame) had been ruled out with a condylar fracture, but it picked up two new entrants, including **Tiz Shea D** (Tiznow), most recently runner-up to El

Kabeir in the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 7. In the nation's midsection, the GI Toyota Blue Grass offers a \$1-million purse for the first time in its history, and **'TDN Rising Star'** Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) will go off a heavy favorite to become the first dirt horse since Round Table (1956-1957) to complete the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity/Blue Grass double. Dullahan (Even the Score) won both races in the Polytrack era in 2011 and 2012. The GI Santa Anita Derby has lured the smallest of the three groups with just six answering the call, but it is a quality-over-quantity type situation. **Dortmund** (Big Brown), yet another **'TDN Rising Star'**, will try to follow in the hoofprints of his sire to enter the GI Kentucky Derby undefeated in his career. A perfect five-for-five thus far, the towering chestnut has the rail and is the 3-5 chalk as he faces **Prospect Park** (Tapit) and **Bolo** (Temple City), immediately behind him last time out in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 7. **Cont. p3**

'BEAST' HEADLINES LOADED CARTER

The Big Beast (Yes It's True), winner of last summer's GI King's Bishop S. at Saratoga, gets the nod as the 5-2 morning-line favorite in Saturday's GI Carter H. at the Big A. The **'TDN Rising Star,'** owned by Alex and JoAnn Lieblong, kicked off his 4-year-old campaign with a measured allowance tally going six furlongs at Oaklawn Mar. 1. "Physically, he's about the same way as he was last summer, but mentally he has matured and become more focused and understands his job now," trainer Tony Dutrow commented. **Cont. p7**

FILLIES SHARING THE SPOTLIGHT

Each of the three tracks hosting premier Kentucky Derby preps Saturday afternoon will also stage their final local lead-ups for the GI Kentucky Oaks to take place the first Friday in May. At Keeneland, Qatar Racing's **Peace and War** (War Front) returns to the scene of her watershed moment in last year's GI Darley Alcibiades S. and will likely need a first- or second-place effort in the GI Ashland S. to secure a spot in the Oaks starting gate. The nation's other Grade I Oaks prep takes place in Arcadia, where the progressive **Stellar Wind** (Curlin) will try to cement her status as the best in the West. A repeat of her last, a 2 3/4-length thrashing of Light in the City (Street Sense) and Glory (Tapit) in the GIII Santa Ysabel S. Feb. 28, would make her dangerous right back and would stamp her a legitimate threat at Churchill in a little less than four weeks' time. **Condo Commando** (Tiz Wonderful) and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies third **Wonder Gal** (Tiz Wonderful) represent a powerful 1-2 punch for their expatriated sire in Aqueduct's GII Gazelle S., with the former entering the race with a decided fitness edge off a 4 3/4-length tally in the Feb. 21 Busher S. At Oaklawn Park, the Racing Festival of the South gets underway with the running of the GIII Fantasy S. Easily the most puzzling of the four filly preps, the \$400,000 test could come down to a repeat of the track's GIII Honeybee S. Mar. 7 in which **Sarah Sis** (Sharp Humor) led home **Oceanwave** (Harlan's Holiday) and **Pangburn** (Congrats).

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The Championships Rescheduled

Rain spoiled the first day of The Championships at Royal Randwick in Sydney Australia Saturday. The already easy ground deteriorated further and the Racing New South Wales stewards declared the meet cancelled. The four Group 1 races--the Doncaster Mile, TJ Smith S., Australian Derby and Sires' Produce S.--will be run Easter Monday, Apr. 6.

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TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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4:05p	Commonwealth S.-GIII, KEE	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
4:20p	Gazelle S.-GII, AQU	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
4:42p	Shakertown S.-GIII, KEE	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
4:52p	Bay Shore S.-GIII, AQU	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
5:20p	Ashland S.-GI, KEE	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
5:30p	Wood Memorial-GI, AQU	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
6:00p	Santa Anita Oaks-GI, SA	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
6:00p	Blue Grass S.-GI, KEE	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
6:04p	Carter H.-GI, AQU	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
6:09p	Fantasy S.-GIII, OP	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
6:30p	Santa Anita Derby-GI, SA	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
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PLETCHER LOOKS TO SEIZE THE BLUE GRASS

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) looks to solidify his spot as one of the top GI Kentucky Derby contenders in Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland. With a total of 170 Derby points on the line, seven other competitors are up to the challenge. Carpe Diem has been close to perfect so far in his budding career. A pillar-to-post debut winner at Saratoga in September, earning the **TDN Rising Star** moniker in the process, the chestnut romped by 6 1/4 lengths in the



Carpe Diem
Tampa Bay Downs

GI Breeders' Futurity over this course Oct. 4. Wide throughout, Carpe Diem rallied nicely as the 9-5 favorite to finish second to Texas Red (Afleet Alex) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 1. After a three-month winter break, Carpe Diem returned in the GII Tampa Bay Derby, easily cruising to a five-length victory Mar. 7.

Danzig Moon (Malibu Moon), who was fourth to Carpe Diem in the Tampa Bay Derby is hoping their rematch to go a bit differently. The Oxley silkbearer, who got off the mark in his third start at Gulfstream Feb. 7, posted a half-mile bullet in :47 3/5 at Palm Meadows Mar. 27.

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Ocho Ocho Ocho** (Street Sense) began his career with three consecutive victories in a special weight at Santa Anita Oct. 11, the rained-off Juvenile Turf S. Nov. 1 and in the GIII Delta Jackpot S. Nov. 22. He never factored when eighth in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 7, and will have to bounce back from that effort in order to factor today.

"He broke a tad slow and got banged around," trained Jim Cassidy commented. "[The Gomper] was running off and we were bounced around, hitting the rail. [San Felipe rider] Mike [Smith] said to throw that one out; he didn't even have a chance to run."



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The Kieran McLaughlin-trained **Classy Class** (Discreetly Mine) will look to tally his second career win here. Successful in his unveiling at Belmont in October, the colt has run solid efforts against graded company with a fourth-place effort in the GII Remsen S. Nov. 29 and thirds behind El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) in the GIII Withers S. Feb. 7 and behind Far From Over (Blame) and El Kabeir in the muddy GIII Gotham S. Mar. 7.

"He's knocking on the door for a graded stakes win," Austin Luttrell, assistant to McLaughlin explained. "He ran very well in his second start in the Remsen. The problem was there's a very good horse up there [in El Kabeir]. We were right behind him the entire winter, so hopefully Saturday will be his time to shine."

Trainer Nick Zito will look for a fourth Blue Grass victory with **Frammento** (Midshipman). The chestnut colt graduated in his second start going 1 1/16 miles over this track in October and wrapped-up his juvenile campaign with a fourth in a Churchill optional claimer and finished second behind Bluegrass Singer (Bluegrass Cat) in a one-mile claimer at Gulfstream. He didn't fire when sixth in the GII Holy Bull S., but jumped into the spotlight when he finished a good third in the GII Lambholm South Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 21 at odds of 63-1.

"He is a ready horse and for this he has to be ready," Zito said. "His third in the Fountain of Youth was amazing to close that much ground on that track. A lot of people are really happy with a win and that's how we were for finishing third." **Cont. p4**



Toyota Blue Grass S. Preview cont.

Team Valor International's **Unrivaled** (Super Saver) will take a big step-up in class today, but he has a good chance to figure in this race off his last two efforts. The bay began his career for breeder WinStar farm and



Unrivaled and trainer Maria Montoya before his Mar. 15 allowance at Parx
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Kellyn Gorder. He was claimed by Waldorf Racing at the end of last year and transferred to the Marya Montoya stable. Unrivaled was second in the slop at Parx and then graduated by 15 lengths to end the season Dec. 23. Privately purchased by Team Valor off

that effort, he returned to easily rally for a five-length allowance win Mar. 15. Montoya revealed that Unrivaled's subpar early efforts may have been due to his "quirks" and that the addition of a shadow roll vastly improved his performance.

"There was a time that we thought we had a horse who could run but wasn't worth anything because we couldn't overcome the gate," said Montoya. "Now he's broken three times perfect."

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Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT

TOYOTA BLUE GRASS S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Ocho Ocho Ocho	Street Sense	Gonzalez	Cassidy	6-1
2 Gorgeous Bird	Unbridled's Song	Hernandez	Wilkes	8-1
3 Pepper Roani	Broken Vow	Mena	Maker	12-1
4 Unrivaled	Super Saver	Albarado	Montoya	12-1
5 Carpe Diem	Giant's Causeway	Velazquez	Pletcher	1-1
6 Frammento	Midshipman	Stevens	Zito	8-1
7 Classy Class	Discreetly Mine	Alvarado	McLaughlin	6-1
8 Danzig Moon	Malibu Moon	Leparoux	Casse	8-1

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DARING TO BE DIFFERENT

A couple of years ago, Normandy Invasion (Tapit) entered the GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S. in need of a runner-up effort or better to secure a spot in the field for the



Daredevil Susie Raisher

GI Kentucky Derby under the new points structure and got his nose down right on the wire to punch his ticket. Back in 2004, when earnings in graded stakes was the criteria for a Derby berth, Eddington was just touched out of second in the Wood by Master David (Grand Slam), and was shut out of the Run for the Roses. A similar scenario faces Let's Go Stable, WinStar Farm LLC and the China Horse Club's **Daredevil** (More

Than Ready) in Ozone Park Saturday afternoon.

One of the more brilliant members of his crop last season, the handsome chestnut colt defeated Upstart (Flatter) by 2 1/2 solid lengths in the GI Champagne S. in October, but flopped in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 1, trailing in a distant last. Connections got a late start to the season, but Daredevil's big-figure second to Ready for Rye (City Zip) in the GII Swale S. Mar. 7 at Gulfstream certainly seems an effort upon which he can improve, and if that's the case, the others will be fighting out the minors. Daredevil completed his final Wood work with a half-mile in :48.85 over the Belmont training track last Sunday to the satisfaction of assistant trainer Byron Hughes.

"I thought he did it very well," said Hughes. "He looked good doing it, went very easily, and galloped out strong; we're definitely happy with the work."

Daredevil has but 10 Derby points heading into today's race. Let's Go Stable campaigned 2013 Wood hero Verrazano, also by More Than Ready.

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TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S. cont.

El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) has acquitted himself very well in the Big Apple over the winter months and, with another strong run here, could be one of as many as three representatives in the Derby for Zayat Stables. Winner of the GIII Jerome S. Jan. 3, he dropped a 1 3/4-length decision to Far From Over (Blame) in the Withers, but atoned for that with a modestly rated victory over **Tiz Shea D** (Tiznow) in the GIII Gotham S. four Saturdays ago.

"We want to see him continue to hold his form and go forward, and we'll see how he handles the added distance," said trainer John Terranova. "All along we've been taking it one race at a time and not getting too far ahead of ourselves, so we're gearing up for an exciting race."

Runner-up in the GII Remsen S. over this course and distance last November, **Frosted** (Tapit) was second to Upstart in the GII Holy Bull S. on seasonal debut Jan. 24 and an alibi-free fourth in the GII Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 21. He returned to trainer Kiaran McLaughlin's base instead of taking in last weekend's GI Florida Derby and it's make-or-break time, says the conditioner.

"We feel like we've accounted for every issue, and he has no excuse not to run his best race," said McLaughlin. "We know he has talent; he has to show it on Saturday. The track was very tiring for the Fountain of Youth and was again [Mar. 28 for the Florida Derby], so we're happy with our decision."

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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

BAFFERT DUO DRAWN INSIDE FOR DERBY

Trainer Bob Baffert has won the GI Santa Anita Derby a half-dozen times since Cavonnier (Batonnier) gave him his first back in 1996. That's the good news. The negative side of that coin is that, with a certain amount of frustration, none of the six winners has managed to go on to GI Kentucky Derby success, though Cavonnier and Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker) were second, while Point Given was the beaten favorite behind in 2001.

The silver-haired conditioner has two very legitimate chances in Saturday's race, including the 3-5 morning-line favorite, Kaleem Shah's undefeated **TDN Rising Star Dortmund** (Big Brown). The burly chestnut has handled everything that's been thrown at him, and his two tough-as-nails defeats of Firing Line (Line of David) in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity and in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. in February look that much better within the context of the Arnold Zetcher runner's 14 3/4-length romp in the GIII Sunland Park Derby Mar. 22. In the absence of that rival in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 7, Dortmund led throughout to best the progressive **Prospect Park** (Tapit) by 1 1/4 lengths, with turf-to-dirt **Bolo** (Temple City) another half-length behind in third.



Dortmund and owner Kaleem Shah Benoit photo

Pam and Marty Wygod homebred Prospect Park has improved in each of his last four appearances, having finished boldly to win a first-level allowance by better than five lengths Jan. 30 before trimming Dortmund's winning margin down to a little more than a length in the San Felipe despite showing signs of greenness. He figures to appreciate today's extra ground.

TDN Rising Star One Lucky Dane (Lookin at Lucky) gets tested for class as he backs up off just 16 days' rest. After defeating Prospect Park by 9 1/2 lengths to graduate trying the dirt for the first time Oct. 4, the \$490,000 Keeneland September graduate was a wide sixth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 1, but made light work of a Mar. 19 allowance, bolting up by 9 3/4 lengths with a final quarter in :24.14 according to DRF Formulator. He should have early company in the form of the returning **TDN Rising Star Bad Read Sanchez** (Warrior's Reward), and it will be interesting to see just what Rafael Bejarano aboard One Lucky Dane chooses to do. In any event, those two figure to run away from Dortmund, a fact which will shed some light on the favorite's ability to chase horses.

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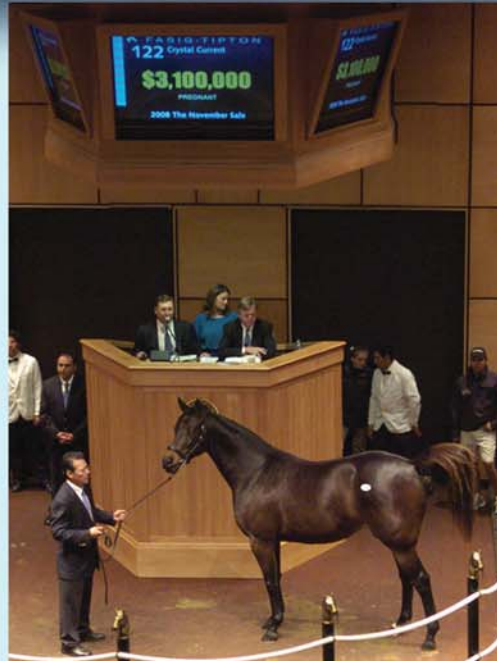
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PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Dortmund (K)	Big Brown	Garcia	Baffert	3-5
2 One Lucky Dane (K)	Lookin At Lucky	Bejarano	Baffert	5-1
3 Cross the Line	Line of David	Hernndz	Hollndrfr	15-1
4 Bolo	Temple City	Smith	Gaines	4-1
5 Prospect Park	Tapit	Desrmaux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

PEACE AND WAR IS BACK FOR MORE

Qatar Racing's **Peace and War** (War Front), winner of the GI Alcibiades S. over this track Oct. 3, will headline the seven-horse field lined up for the GI Central Bank Ashland S. Saturday afternoon. The Olly Stevens trainee was successful in her debut over the Lingfield synthetic last May and was sixth in Ascot's G3 Albany S. trying the turf in June. She was a narrowly-beaten second in a Haydock allowance before her rallying upset in the Alcibiades. The Florida-bred was sidelined with a minor injury and has been on the bench since that effort.



Peace and War (outside) in the Alcibiades Coady Photography

the seven-horse field lined up for the GI Central Bank Ashland S. Saturday afternoon. The Olly Stevens trainee was successful in her debut over the Lingfield synthetic last May and was sixth in Ascot's G3 Albany S. trying the turf in June. She was a narrowly-beaten second in a Haydock allowance before her rallying upset

GI Chandelier S. victress **Angela Renee** (Bernardini) looks to return to the winner's circle for the first time since that effort. The Siena Farm homebred disappointed when she finished 10th as the favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. She has since been third in the GII Demoiselle S. Nov. 29 and fourth in the GIII Rachel Alexandra S. at the Fair Grounds Feb. 21.

Lovely Maria (Majesticperfection) kicked off her sophomore campaign with a wire-to-wire optional claiming victory going an extended mile at the Fair Grounds Jan. 26 and was second to I'm a Chatterbox (Munnings) stretching out to 1 1/16 miles in the Rachel Alexandra S. Feb. 21. In a field that has so far shown very little early speed, Lovely Maria could find herself in a good position on the front end. Lovely Maria fired a five-furlong bullet in 1:00 2/5 at Fair Grounds Monday before shipping up to Keeneland.

"Her work was very good and so was the one before that," trainer Larry Jones said. "This one wasn't as fast as her bullet two weeks ago, but [regular jockey] Kerwin [Clark] said it was even better. She had her ears pricked."

Gary and Mary West homebred **West Coast Belle** (Tapit) took consecutive stakes at the tail-end of her juvenile year in Churchill's Rags to Riches S. Oct. 26 and the GII Golden Rod Nov. 29. She was unplaced in her next two starts at the Fair Grounds when fourth in the Silverbulletday S. Jan. 17 and sixth in the Rachel Alexandra.

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Last Week - Managed to gain a narrow advantage over DiDonato without getting a win last weekend... **Golden Barows** took way more money than expected in the UAE Derby, and while no match for the impressive Kentucky Derby-bound winner, he just missed second after racing a bit too eager in the early stages. Thankfully, finishing third counts as a place wager in Dubai... It wasn't quite how I drew it up, but **Stanford** ran a huge one at 7-1 to just miss in the Louisiana Derby after setting the early pace while favored **Upstart** followed suit with a solid runner-up effort after a thrilling stretch run in the Florida Derby... It's been a formful (and quite chalky) Triple Crown trail thus far, and that trend appears more than likely to continue, at least for the time being...

GI Wood Memorial - Was pretty surprised to see **Frosted** tabbed as the 5-2 second choice when entries were taken, but after further review, there really aren't a lot of directions to go in here. A horse with some solid form over the track that enters off a disappointing winter at Gulfstream. Sound familiar? While he won't be anything near the 9-1 that **Wicked Strong** was in the Wood last year, last term's Remsen runner-up looks primed for a bounce-back effort. Any chance he's closer to 7-2? **Selection: #4 Frosted (5-2).**

GI Blue Grass S. - Carpe Diem, an impressive winner while making his sophomore debut in the Tampa Bay Derby, seems to have everything that you look for in a Kentucky Derby winner and he should make easy work of this field while punching his ticket to Louisville. Wouldn't be surprised to see last October's Claiborne Breeders' Futurity winner take the initiative if they aren't aggressive with **Ocho Ocho**. The even-money morning-line seems a bit generous, no? **Selection #5 Carpe Diem (1-1).**

GI Santa Anita Derby - The presence of **Bad Read Sanchez** and **One Lucky Dane** certainly ensures a different type of pace scenario than what we saw in the San Felipe, but in the end, it shouldn't make much of a difference. **Dortmund** is the best horse in the race (and West Coast for that matter) and he's tactical enough to win from just about anywhere they place him. Hate selecting another low-priced runner, but I'm tired of picking against this guy, especially after loving him early in his 2-year-old season. **Selection: #1 Dortmund (3-5).**

Wagered: \$3,000. Current Total: \$3,170.

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Last Week - My Johnny Be Good never ran a step in the UAE Derby, and I have no idea what to make of winner **Mubtaahij**. That was an impressive performance, but Dubai to Kentucky in five weeks is a tough task. **Keen Ice's** run came too late to be fourth in the Louisiana Derby. That **International Star** has sure gotten some nice trips, eh? Luckily **Materiality** got the job done nicely in the Florida Derby to avoid a shutout. He's clearly talented, but I wonder if the Derby will prove to be too much, too soon. Now to claw my lead back from Sherack. . .

GI Wood Memorial - Frosted finished up last season with an extremely impressive runner-up finish in the track-and-trip **GII Remsen S.** in which he covered all the ground, but he hasn't *quite* lived up to that promise so far in two 2015 starts at Gulfstream. The **Sheikh Mohammed** homebred finished a distant second to **Upstart** in the **GII Holy Bull S.**, but settled for fourth behind that ultimately DQ'd rival and subsequent **GI Florida Derby** runner-up in the **GII Fountain of Youth S.** last out. **Frosted** pressed a quick pace in the **Fountain of Youth**, and likely moved too soon--he blew the race open on the home bend and seemed to be en route to a convincing victory before growing leg weary late. With a better-timed ride, over a surface in which he's 2-1-1-0, the grey looks poised for a big effort. **Selection: #4 Frosted (5-2).**

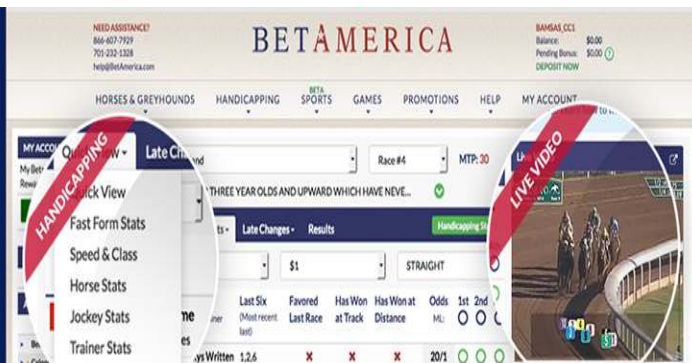
GI Blue Grass S. - There doesn't appear to be a ton of speed signed on in this year's renewal of the **Blue Grass**, so I'll look for **Ocho Ocho** to be hard sent from the inside post and try to steal it. He was quick enough to battle through a :21.48 opening quarter in last November's rained-off **Juvenile Turf** sprint, and was never far from a very quick pace when he narrowly annexed the **GIII Delta Downs Jackpot** three weeks thereafter. Sandwiched at the start of the **GII San Felipe**, the dark bay was headstrong into the first turn, and came up empty when the real running began. It would've been nice to see him show more in the lane, but he figures to step forward second off the bench--especially with an advantageous trip. **Selection: #1 Ocho Ocho Ocho (6-1).**

GI Santa Anita Derby - I've been a big fan of **One Lucky Dane** since his maiden breaker, and liked him in last year's **GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile** ([click here](#)), where he checked in a distant sixth. The bay went missing for the first part of this year, but reemerged with a 9 3/4-length romp in allowance company **Mar. 19**. That effort was very reminiscent of his graduation score, and there's no reason he can't build on it here. **Selection: #2 One Lucky Dane (5-1).**

Wagered: \$3,000. Current Total: \$3,040.

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Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 5:20 p.m. EDT

CENTRAL BANK ASHLAND S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Lassofthemohicans (K)	Indian Charlie	Lopez	Walsh	4-1
2	Temper Mint Patty	Congrats	Lanerie	Romans	12-1
3	Peace and War (K)	War Front	Leparoux	Stevens	3-1
4	Angela Renee	Bernardini	Velazquez	Pletcher	7-2
5	Silverpocketsfull (K)	Indian Charlie	Hernandez	Wilkes	10-1
6	Lovely Maria (K)	Majesticprfction	Clark	Jones	7-2
7	West Coast Belle	Tapit	Bridgmohan	Catalano	4-1

Carter H. cont. from p1

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

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Dads Caps	Discreet Cat	Ortiz	Rodriguez	7-2
2	Clearly Now (K)	Horse Greeley	Rosario	Lynch	4-1
3	The Big Beast (K)	Yes It's True	Castellano	Dutrow	5-2
4	Green Gratto	Here's Zealous	Jara	Smith	30-1
5	Street Shark (K)	Street Sense	Worrie	Chatterpulp	50-1
6	Palace	City Zip	Velasquez	Rice	5-1
7	Wild Dude	Wildcat Heir	Ortiz Jr	Hollndrfer	3-1
8	Dream Saturday (K)	Any Given Saturday	Franco	Nevin	20-1

Clearly Now makes his first attempt since a puzzling eighth-place finish as the 4-5 favorite in the GI Forego S. at Saratoga Aug. 30. The dark bay previously posted a breakthrough win when defeating **Palace** by 6 1/4 lengths in the GIII Belmont Sprint Championship S. July 5, good for a gaudy 113 Beyer.

"He's in good order and has been training very well," trainer Brian Lynch said of Clearly Now. "It's not easy having to come back in a Grade I race, but when you have a horse of his capability, there's really not that



Clearly Now Adam Coglianesse

many races that he's eligible for. We couldn't be happier with where he's at heading in."

After capturing Saratoga's GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. Aug. 2 and GI Forego S. Aug. 30, Palace closed out the term with a third-place finish in

Belmont's GI Vosburgh S. Sept. 27 and a sixth-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Santa Anita Nov. 1. He is three-for-three over the main track here.

Wild Dude, trained by Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer, invades from California following a win in the GII San Carlos S. Mar. 7. Carter defending champ **Dads Caps** has gone winless in eight subsequent attempts, including a last out second in the GIII Tom Fool H. Mar. 7.

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LUMINANCE GETS CHANCE TO SHINE IN OAKS

Kaleem Shah's undefeated 'TDN Rising Star'

Luminance (Tale of the Cat) looks to keep her perfect record intact while taking a big step up in class in Saturday's GI Santa Anita Oaks. An impressive debut winner sprinting over the Del Mar synthetic July 20, the Bob Baffert pupil was subsequently shelved for the



Luminance
Benoit Photo

season. Returning in Arcadia seven months later, the bay overcame a slow start and wide trip to out nose **Wild at Heart** (Indian Charlie) in a one-mile optional claimer Feb. 28. John Sadler saddles the morning-line favorite in Hronis Racing's **Stellar Wind** (Curlin), who sprung a mild upset in the track-and-trip GIII Santa Ysabel S. in her

debut for the Sadler barn last time Feb. 28. The chestnut was privately purchased from Barbara Houck following an 8 3/4-length graduation in her second start going a mile at Laurel for previous trainer Donald Barr Dec. 18. Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer sends out the second and third-place finishers from the Santa Ysabel in **Light the City** (Street Sense) and **Glory** (Tapit). Owned by Cheyenne Stables, Light the City followed a debut win with a victory over subsequent GII Santa Ynez S. heroine **Seduire** (Elusive Quality) in this venue's Anoakia S. Oct. 12. Third in Del Mar's Desi Arnaz S. and fifth in the Santa Ynez Jan. 3, the bay was a close second in the GI Las Virgenes S. Jan. 31. Earning her diploma at second asking here Jan. 10, Fox Hill Farms's **Glory** missed by just a neck in Golden Gate's California Oaks going 1 1/16 miles on the synthetic Feb. 7, prior to finishing third in the Santa Ysabel. Another lightly-raced 'TDN Rising Star' getting her first shot at the big leagues is Warren Williamson homebred **Curlin's Fox** (Curlin). The Carla Gaines pupil made an impressive six-wide run to capture her career bow sprinting over the Arcadia turf course Feb. 1. The chestnut overtook **She's a Big Winner** (Bellamy Road) late to finish second behind **Singing Kitty** (Minister's Wild Cat) in the China Doll S. going a mile on the local lawn Mar. 7, and tries dirt for the first time here. The Peter Eurton-trained **She's a Big Winner** did not seem to take to the dirt when finishing 11th in her lone try over the surface last year. However, she is a two-time winner on the sod, including a victory in the Sweet Life S. here Feb. 14.

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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	ML
1	Light the City	Street Sense	Desrmaux	Hollndrfer	5-1
2	Glory	Tapit	Bejarano	Hollndrfer	8-1
3	Curlin's Fox	Curlin	Smith	Gaines	4-1
4	Singing Kitty	Ministers Wild Cat	Gryder	Chew	12-1
5	Luminance	Tale of the Cat	Garcia	Baffert	5-2
6	Stellar Wind	Curlin	Espinoza	Sadler	9-5
7	Wild At Heart	Indian Charlie	Prat	Mandella	8-1
8	She's a Big Winner	Bellamy Road	Blanc	Eurton	12-1

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'STOPCHARGING' STARTS UP AGAIN

Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat) will get back to action Saturday under her new connections in the GI Madison S. Successful as a juvenile, with wins in the GIII Tempted S. and GII Demoiselle S. at Aqueduct that fall for Repole Stable, she really started rolling last May with a string of victories that included the GII Black Eyed Susan S. May 16, GI Coaching Club American Oaks July 20 and the GI Alabama S. Aug. 16. She wrapped up her campaign with a second in the GI Beldame Invitational at Belmont Sept. 27 before heading through the Fasig-Tipton November sales ring where she RNA'd for \$3.15 million. She was privately purchased by Town and Country Farm and remains in the Todd Pletcher barn.

"She has trained well in Florida," Pletcher's assistant Dermott Magnier said. "This is a nice race to start her off. It should suit her."

Sam's Sister (Brother Derek) enters this one off her only career loss when fourth shipping East for the first time in the GII Barbara Fritchie H. at Laurel Feb. 14. The



Sam's Sister
Benoit Photo

GI La Brea S. and GII Santa Monica S. winner will get the help of Hall of Fame pilot Gary Stevens today. The Barbara Fritchie first- and second-place finishers **Lady Sabelia** (Majestic Warrior) and **Princess Violet** (Officer) will also contest the Madison. The former

enters off a four-race winning streak, which includes Laurel's sloppy Willa on the Move S. Dec. 6 and muddy What a Summer S. Jan. 3.

"She stepped up to win a Grade II and now we will see if she can step up again and get a Grade I," said trainer Robin Graham. "We were looking at some races around Preakness Week, but that's a couple of months off, so we thought we would come here and see what she could do and then maybe come back in the fall [for the Breeders' Cup World Championships at Keeneland]."

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Madison S. cont.

Barry K. Schwartz homebred Princess Violet took the Empire Distaff H. against state-bred competition in Oct. 18 before completing the exacta in the GII Go for Wand H. Nov. 28 at Aqueduct and in the Barbara Fritchie. She makes her first start since transferring to the Linda Rice stable today.

Wedding Toast (Street Sense) capped her 2013 season with a win in the Big A's GIII Comely S. and was second in her only start of 2014 in the Cat Cay S. there in April. She returned to the races this year with a win in the Miami Shores S. at Gulfstream Jan. 7, but disappointed when third as the prohibitive favorite in the GIII Rampart S. there Feb. 21.

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Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 3:28 p.m. EDT

MADISON S.-GI, \$350,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Sam's Sister	Brother Derek	Stevens	Hollendorfer	3-1
2 Wedding Toast	Street Sense	Lezcano	McLaughlin	4-1
3 Stopchargingmaria	Tale of the Cat	Velazquez	Pletcher	5-2
4 Lady Sabelia	Majestic Warrior	Karamanos	Graham	3-1
5 Clearly Confused	Successful Appeal	Leparoux	Baltas	12-1
6 Princess Violet	Officer	Alvarado	Rice	4-1

'COMMANDO' LOADED FOR GAZELLE

All eyes will be on GISW **Condo Commando** (Tiz Wonderful) in Saturday's GII Gazelle S. at the Big A.

The daughter of 2004 GII Black-Eyed Susan S. heroine Yearly Report (General Meeting) returned from the bench with a sharp win in the Busher S. over the inner track Feb. 21. The Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables and Elkstone Group colorbearer won Aqueduct's GII Demoiselle S. by 11 1/2 lengths in November.

"This race is important and earning more [Kentucky Oaks] points at the same time are very, very important for us, and for her, too," trainer Rudy Rodriguez said of last summer's GI Spinaway S. winner. "I believe she is



Michael Dubb & Condo Commando
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coming up to the race as good as she can be and she has all the talent, but in a race like this the other horses are going to be tough."

'TDN Rising Star' Wonder Gal (Tiz Wonderful) kicks off her sophomore campaign here. A runaway debut winner versus state-breds in Belmont's Lynbrook S. July 6, the Treadway

Racing Stable runner followed a second-place finish in the GI Frizette S. Oct. 4 with a close third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies last time Nov. 1.

Puca (Big Brown), a troubled sixth in the Juvenile Fillies, looks to get back on track after a fourth-place finish in Gulfstream's one mile GII Davona Dale S. Feb. 21. The Donegal Racing colorbearer was tabbed as a **'TDN Rising Star'** after airing by 16 lengths in a Belmont maiden special weight last October.

Fellow **'TDN Rising Star' Sweet Corine** (Pulpit), a half-sister to MGISW Verrazano (More Than Ready), heads straight to the big leagues after her impressive maiden breaker at Gulfstream Jan. 18.

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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	ML
1 Puca	Big Brown	Franco	Mott	6-1
2 Sweet Corine	Pulpit	Castellano	McGaughey	4-1
3 Money'soncharlotte	Mizzen Mast	Cancel	Breen	20-1
4 Wonder Gal	Tiz Wonderful	Ortiz Jr.	Gyarmati	7-2
5 Condo Commando	Tiz Wonderful	Rosario	Rodriguez	8-5
6 Jacaranda	Congrats	Saez	Pletcher	12-1
7 Noble and a Beauty	Noble Causeway	Ortiz	Violette Jr	8-1



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OAKS 'FANTASIES' FOR 3YOS AT OAKLAWN

Oaklawn Park's series of races for 3-year-old fillies culminates Saturday afternoon with a contentious renewal of the GIII Fantasy S. over 1 1/16 miles. Joe Ragsdale's **Sarah Sis** (Sharp Humor) proved that her narrow loss to reigning champion Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway) in the Jan. 31 Martha Washington S. was no fluke, recently returning to annex the trip-and-track GIII Honeybee S. by 1 1/2 lengths Mar. 7.



Feathered
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The Ingrid Mason trainee has been first or second in all six of her previous starts, and breaks from the rail in this event. Gary and Mary West's **Oceanwave** (Harlan's Holiday) has shown flashes of considerable talent in her four-race career, including a seven-furlong maiden score at Keeneland Oct. 19 in which she

defeated subsequent GSP Lassofthemohicans (Indian Charlie) by a nose. The grey weaved her way through traffic to finish a clear second behind Sarah Sis in the Honeybee last out. Trainer Todd Pletcher has already shipped runners in to win two stakes contests at this meet, and looks to add to that total with MGISP **Feathered** (Indian Charlie). Second by a half-length to the aforementioned Take Charge Brandi in Los Alamitos' GI Starlet S. to close out her 2-year-old season, the bay returned with a dull fourth-place finish as the heavy favorite in a seven-furlong optional claimer at Gulfstream Park Mar. 6. Tabbed as the slight favorite in this spot, she worked a bullet four furlongs in :47.97 one week ago at Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs base.

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	ML
1	Sarah Sis (K)	Sharp Humor	Felix	Mason	7-2
2	Sweet Opportunity (K)	Distorted Humor	Quinonez	Von Hmel	12-1
3	Harlans Belle (K)	Harlan's Holiday	Court	Cox	20-1
4	Feathered	Indian Charlie	Santana Jr	Pletcher	3-1
5	Lady Tapit (K)	Tapit	Pereira	Sadler	8-1
6	Purr	Bluegrass Cat	Johnson	Hartlage	30-1
7	Pangburn	Congrats	Castanon	McPeck	8-1
8	Achiever's Legacy	City Zip	Rocco Jr.	Hollndrfr	5-1
9	Super Saks (K)	Sky Mesa	Thompson	Lukas	15-1
10	Oceanwave (K)	Harlan's Holiday	Vazquez	Catalano	5-1
11	Include Betty (K)	Include	Homeister	Proctor	15-1

NO 'SHOR'-TAGE OF TALENT ON DISPLAY

Impressive GII Fasig-Tipton Swale S. winner **Ready for Rye** (City Zip) and West Coast invader **Lord Nelson** (Pulpit) figure to vie for favoritism in Saturday's GIII Bay Shore S. at Aqueduct. Ready for Rye, second behind



Ready for Rye
Kenny Martin

subsequent GIII Hutcheson S. winner Barbados (Speightstown) as the even-money favorite in Gulfstream's Spectacular Bid S. Jan. 3, broke through with a sensational 2 3/4-length win over GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S. morning-line favorite Daredevil (More Than Ready) in the Swale. The Chalk Racing colorbearer earned an eye-catching 105

Beyer that day. Second behind GI Blue Grass S. morning-line favorite and 'TDN Rising Star' Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) on debut at the Spa, the bay rolled to a seven-length maiden win in the Belmont slop Oct. 11. Cont. p11

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"He's doing very well right now," trainer Tom Albertrani said. "He really surprised us in the Swale. Javier Castellano had ridden him previously and hadn't given us any indication that he would want to go farther [than six furlongs], but he relaxed nicely and handled the seven-eighths well."

Albertrani continued, "We don't want to change anything too dramatically, considering how well he ran [in the Swale]. We have a nice schedule lined up for him, with a possible start in the [GII] Woody Stephens [June 6] after the Bay Shore. After that, maybe we'll try something different with him."

Lord Nelson, a narrow winner over GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero Texas Red (Afleet Alex) in the seven-furlong GII San Vicente S., returns to his preferred trip after a flat fourth behind unbeaten 'TDN Rising Star' Dortmund (Big Brown) in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 7. Hall of Famer Bob Baffert trains for Peachtree Stable.

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

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Lord Nelson	Pulpit	Rosario	Baffert	2-1
2	Papa Upa	Kantharos	Arroyo	Preciado	20-1
3	Ready for Rye	City Zip	Saez	Albertrani	9-5
4	Easy to Say	Eskendereya	Carmouche	Perkins Jr	15-1
5	March	Blame	Ortiz Jr.	Brown	8-1
6	Final Chapter	Thunder Gulch	Franco	Hushion	12-1
7	Ackeret	Mach Ride	Ortiz	Rodriguez	12-1
8	Majestic Affair	Majesticperfection	Castellano	Brown	6-1

DIVERSE GROUP SET FOR PROVIDENCIA

A half-hour after the GI Santa Anita Derby is contested Saturday afternoon, the graded stakes action rolls on at the Arcadia oval with a full field of sophomore fillies set to go in the GIII Providencia S. In addition to a number of entrants with previous graded stakes experience, the nine-furlong turf test features the first try against winners for pair of impressive recent maiden graduates. **Frosty Friday** (Eskendereya)



Frosty Friday
Benoit Photo

jetted clear in the lane to annex a one-mile special weight event over this course Mar. 1, a performance which earned her 'TDN Rising Star' status. Trained by Mark Casse and carrying the familiar colors of Gary Barber, the bay makes her third career start in this spot, having checked in

third in a five-furlong dash on dirt at Churchill Downs May 15. She will be joined in the starting gate by Stepside Farms LLC's **Entrech** (Giant's Causeway), installed as the 4-1 second choice on the morning line off a runaway score going 6 1/2 furlongs down the hill here Feb. 14--an effort that was validated when the second and fourth-place finishers from that event came back to complete the exacta in a Mar. 15 contest.

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The dark bay adds Lasix for this first try at an extended distance. In contrast to the lightly-raced maiden winners, DP Racing's **Prize Exhibit (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) makes her 11th career start here, and has been tabbed as the 7-2 morning line favorite. The dark bay won twice from eight starts as a juvenile in Great Britain while under the care of Jamie Osborne, and shipped to this venue to finish fourth in the one-mile GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf Oct. 31. Kept in America with trainer James Cassidy following that race, she most recently registered a half-length victory in a one-mile optional claimer over the local course Jan. 25.

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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	ML
1	Lutine Belle	Bellamy Road	Solis	Hollndrfr	12-1
2	Oi' Fashion Gal	Sky Mesa	Trujillo	Casse	12-1
3	Miss Boom Boom	Run Away and Hide	Desmaux	Hollndrfr	12-1
4	Entrech	Giant's Causeway	Prat	Drysdale	4-1
5	Jaded Glory	Smart Strike	Van Dyke	Proctor	20-1
6	Spanish Queen	Tribal Rule	Blanc	Baltas	6-1
7	Frosty Friday	Eskendereya	Smith	Casse	6-1
8	Prize Exhibit (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Espinoza	Cassidy	7-2
9	Havana Belle (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Bejarano	D'Amato	12-1
10	Spirit of Xian (Ire)	Kodiak (GB)	Talamo	Mandella	6-1
11	Lady Zuzu	Dynaformer	Baze	Lobo	6-1
12	Sister of Mercy (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Perez	Gaines	30-1
13	Show Stealer	Eskendereya	Scr	Scr	Scr



Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 4:05 p.m. EDT

COMMONWEALTH S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	I Got It All (K)	Tiz Wonderful	Hill	Swearingen	5-1
2	Kobe's Back	Flatter	Stevens	Eurton	5-2
3	Bourbon Courage	Lion Heart	Lopez	Gorder	3-1
4	Rocket Time (K)	Tiz Wonderful	Borel	Stall Jr.	5-1
5	Jessica's Star (K)	Magna Graduate	Graham	Stidham	8-1
6	Hip Four Sixtynine	Southern Image	Albarado	Wilson	12-1
7	C. Zee	Elusive Bluff	Zayas	Gold	7-2

Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 4:42 p.m. EDT

SHAKERTOWN S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, 5.5fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Mellow Fellow	The Cliff's Edge	Vargas	Richrdsn	50-1
2	Go Blue Or Go Home (K)	Bluegrass Cat	Mena	Baker	10-1
3	Zee Bros	Brother Derek	Lopez	Lukas	8-1
4	Something Extra (K)	Indian Charlie	Bridgmhn	Cox	10-1
5	Choctaw Chuck	Bwana Charlie	Rice	Rice	30-1
6	Berlino Di Tiger (Brz)	Tiger Heart	Geroux	Caramori	50-1
7	Mosler (K)	War Front	Lezcano	Mott	12-1
8	Heaven's Runway	Rn Awy & Hide	Alvarado	Ice	30-1
9	Channel Marker (K)	Purim	Torres	Bauer	30-1
10	Power Alert (Aus)	Alert (Arg)	Leparoux	Lynch	7-2
11	Amelia's Wild Ride	D'wildcat	Alvarado	Preciado	6-1
12	Tightend Touchdown	Pure Precision	Bravo	Servis	5-1
13	Undrafted (K)	Purim	Velazquez	Ward	5-2

“LIVE RACING FIRST” CONCEPT SPARKS

MARYLAND RENAISSANCE *By T.D. Thornton*

For the past decade or so, the images conjured up by the phrase “Maryland racing” have been anything but optimistic. The once-proud circuit had bet big and lost on its on-site casino gamble, and outside of the tradition-rich GI Preakness S., Maryland Jockey Club (MJC) tracks Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course were losing money.

So when parent company The Stronach Group (TSG) announced it was attempting a major rebranding and spiffing-up initiative some six months ago, past performances dictated there were reasons to be skeptical the changes would be anything other than cosmetic.

Then Sal Sinatra was hired away from the management team at Parx Racing in suburban Philadelphia to become MJC vice president and general manager, and Tim Ritvo, president of chief operating officer of TSG, was mandated to spend a good chunk of his winter away from Gulfstream Park to oversee the overhaul at Laurel and Pimlico.



Sal Sinatra: “Laurel has a gorgeous turf course and we don’t run in June or July.” *MJC/Jim McCue*

As 2015 dawned, Sinatra and Ritvo put renewed emphasis on the on-track experience by investing \$7 million in improvements: new stables on the backstretch and extensive remodeling in the MJC grandstands and clubhouses. A new racing schedule, revamped wagering menu and lowered takeouts. A plan to incentivize horsemen both at the local level (a turf starter series with bonus money) and on a national scale (actively courting top horses with appearance fees and bonuses for Preakness S. weekend).

“It’s a really good feeling right now,” said Tim Keefe, president of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association. “You ask anybody on the backside, even the naysayers who were out there two months ago saying ‘this will never work, just enjoy the honeymoon now because it’ll be over soon,’ are excited. You really get the feeling that we’re all in this together.”

Sinatra, reached by phone Thursday morning as he was conducting an opening day walk-through of Pimlico, underscored that TSG’s work is only just beginning in Maryland. But he spoke with the refreshing tone of a racetrack executive who—in an era when the sport seems tethered to racino revenue like an intravenous drip—has been given a clear directive to focus first and foremost on live racing.

“I think that Tim Ritvo and myself, just from the short time we were at Laurel, what we noticed was the energy from the fans, and that they kept coming back,” Sinatra said. “We think there’s a fan base down here that’s been neglected. We’re just trying to get everybody back in the swing. With these facility changes and wagering changes, [the live racing experience] just needed to be dusted off a little bit. I’m hoping that these changes will make for a positive atmosphere all around.”

Ritvo agreed: “We don’t think it’s a dying industry. We think it’s an industry that’s been neglected. Just small, low-budget changes right now have really moved the crowd. Eventually, once we get everything right, we’ll start a strong marketing initiative to get people back out to the game.”

Despite being bombed by bad weather and a simulcast impasse that kept the Laurel product out of a wide swath of betting outlets nationwide, the MJC aspires to build upon the momentum of the recently concluded Laurel meet, where total average handle was up 14.6% and the live product saw a 15.8 % boost over last year.

“Obviously, the betting component is the number one thing that drives the engine,” Ritvo said. “But without a fan base, nobody’s going to be interested in it. It means a lot to us whether people are betting on our product or not. Purses, because they’re high by being subsidized with slot revenue, don’t make us a good meet. What makes us a good meet is when people start betting on our product.” **Cont. p13**



Laurel’s historic paddock
MJC/Jim McCue



Maryland Renaissance cont.

Keefe and Ritvo both said that not having a casino on-site may turn out to be a hidden reward because the MJC still receives purse subsidies from gaming. Sinatra, based on his racino experience at Parx, is particularly attuned to often-skewed dynamics of racetracks becoming slaves to casino masters.

“At these other tracks that have casinos on the property, management teams there focus on [the casino] and neglect the racing,” Sinatra said. “In my opinion, being from Parx, it’s a blessing not having a casino right next to us. The two management teams butt heads. Racing’s expensive, we all know that. [The subsidies] help the purses, but here there’s no [gaming component] that everybody’s glued on. All we see is racing--barns, racetrack and grandstand, you know?”

Ritvo put it this way: “The casino subsidies are nice, but they’re not the cure. I haven’t seen too many racetracks that have turned into racinos where racing



California Chrome chases the leaders into the first turn at last year’s GI Preakness
S. MJC/Jim McCue

has thrived. Actually, [tracks] become a nuisance to the casino operators. The good thing with TSG, any casino subsidy goes right back into the industry. We’re not looking to cut [live racing initiatives] with subsidies, we’re looking to create with them. We think that horsemen and everyone else need to look at those subsidies as a short-term crutch, because eventually, I think in all jurisdictions, those are going to be going away.”

Sinatra identified increasing field size as a chief goal going into the Pimlico meet.

“There’s no silver bullet,” Sinatra said. “March was a bad month, a transition month. If I can get back on the turf that will help. And the harsh winter has everybody behind on their 2-year-olds.”

But Ritvo said over the long term, TSG’s plan to bolster its live product through across-the-board upgrades is what will make horsemen want to call Maryland home.

“If horsemen see those commitments, they start to think, ‘maybe this is a good place for me to raise my family and run my horses,’” Ritvo said. “I just don’t think it comes down to the matter of having the biggest purses. That’s the Stronach initiative: Give them good backsides, good stabling, a safe place to live, and they stay with you and race with you. And that’s how we compete for horses.”

Keefe said he can already sense momentum swinging back to Maryland.

“For many, many years, Maryland-breds were sought after,” Keefe said. “But compared to what Pennsylvania’s done with their program in recent years, Maryland’s just been straight down the tubes--until this past year. You talk to people in the breeding industry, we’ve now got more mares coming to Maryland to foal. I’ve got owners that want me to go to the sales to look at Maryland-breds. So it’s really an exciting time to be in racing here in Maryland.”

Given the amount of money spent on MJC upgrades, year-round racing in Maryland--or at least a shared system that involves getting the region’s racetracks to commit to a circuit--might be in the cards. But Sinatra and Ritvo both said it’s too early to speculate on what a retooled mid-Atlantic schedule might look like.

“Laurel has a gorgeous turf course and we don’t run in June or July. We’re building barns, and if I have horses that want to run on my nice turf course at Laurel, if I can provide decent-sized fields for handicappers, I want to run those dates,” Sinatra said.

“The short answer is we would love to increase race dates when it makes economic sense,” Ritvo said. “The more days TSG runs in California and Florida, the more profitable we are. We need to get to that position in Maryland by increasing field size, getting more eyeballs on our product, and then we will increase the number of days that we run. And if we can do it cooperatively, by working with Virginia and Delaware to put together one racing schedule that makes sense for everybody, then all of a sudden your field size issues go away. Those things will be looked at from a long-term perspective, and hopefully within the next couple of years we can iron those things out.”

Keefe said the idea of a “central racing office” that handles entries for Pimlico, Laurel, Delaware Park and Colonial Downs in Virginia (which did not run a meet in 2014) could be an option, with dates split up among the various tracks.

“With a shrinking horse population and, as you say, a glut of racing here in the mid-Atlantic in the summer, we would like to do a circuit with Delaware, and even throw Virginia in there somewhere,” Keefe said.

“Whether Virginia runs their dates here at Laurel or we figure out a different scenario, we’ve got actually a tentative circuit that we’ve worked out without overlapping dates. From the Maryland horsemen’s perspective, we certainly need to utilize our turf courses more than we ever have before, and I think you’ll see that this year when we add the August dates [at Laurel].”

Keefe said the future of Maryland racing hinges on the present.

“Obviously, the MJC is not going to be able to stay in business unless they turn a profit,” Keefe said. “So they’ve got to fix the model or find a model that works. The cooperation that the horsemen have had with the ownership here, it’s like never before. We really feel like we’re true partners in this.”

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TEXAS RED'S STATUS UNCHANGED

The status of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile romper **Texas Red** (Afleet Alex) is relatively unchanged, but he will get an ultra sound Saturday to decide whether he will remain at Santa Anita or go back to the farm.



Texas Red
Horsephotos

"He'll have a thorough examination and then we'll decide if we're going to send him off to the farm again, but I don't think that's going to happen," trainer Keith Desormeaux said. "He's doing great, his legs look great. We're going to do an ultra sound tomorrow to make sure things are progressing nicely, and as long as they are, he's

going to remain here. If the doc thinks the horse might benefit more by going to the farm, then we'll do that, but in my estimation, he'll be staying here."

An abscess was discovered in the bay's right front foot following a runner-up effort in the GII San Vicente S. Feb. 1. Desormeaux originally thought the sophomore would be ready to return in the GI Santa Anita Derby Saturday, but the foot did not progress as quickly as he had hoped.

"I would have liked to been part of the Santa Anita Derby festivities but the horse is still here at Santa Anita and his status hasn't changed much," said Desormeaux.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY ONE POSTPONED

The first day of The Championships, set for Saturday at Royal Randwick in Sydney, Australia, has been postponed until Monday due to heavy rain. The card will include four Group 1 races: the Doncaster Mile, T.J. Smith S., Australian Derby and Sires' Produce S. The second day of The Championships will take place Apr. 11. All scratchings will be re-instated into the fields, and all bets on the Group 1 races will stand for Monday's card.

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'SIGNAL' LIKELY TO REAPPEAR IN 2000 GUINEAS

Al Shaqab Racing's G1 Prix Morny hero **The Wow Signal (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) is set to have a racecourse gallop at Pontefract Tuesday ahead of the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas. Trainer John Quinn scrapped plans to take him to Wetherby a week ago and has



The Wow Signal
Racing Post

decided to put him through his paces at the West Yorkshire track. A winner of the G2 Coventry S. at Ascot in addition to his French triumph, The Wow Signal now appears unlikely to take in the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury Apr. 18 and is set instead to go straight for the first colts' Classic at Newmarket May 2.

"I'm very pleased with him and

I'm going to take him to Pontefract Tuesday, I'm very grateful to Mr. [Norman] Gundill and his team there for allowing us," Quinn told *Racing UK*. "While he will be entered in the trials, I would prefer to take him straight to the Guineas. I wanted to run him in the Greenham, but the Guineas is only two weeks later and I don't think two weeks is enough, as he puts everything in. He's well on his way and is having a day out at Pontefract. He's a very good colt and I feel he will stay a mile."

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Special Fighter (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) wins the Chengdu Dubai International Cup presented by Longines Friday--the highlight of a five-race card at Jinma Lake Racecourse, China--with Silvestre de Sousa aboard for 2014-15 UAE champion trainer Musabab Al Muhairi.

Dubai Racing Club/Andrew Watkins

IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Non-Industry Media

[Dortmund, Leading Derby Contender, Is Horse Discoverer's Latest Star](#)

On the first Saturday in May 1996, Donato Lanni, amid final exams to complete a business degree at Concordia University in Montreal, watched the unheralded California Thoroughbred trainer Bob Baffert come within a nose of winning the Kentucky Derby with a gelding named Cavonnier. Weeks later, Lanni packed up his Volkswagen Golf and headed for Lexington, Ky., to fulfill a lifelong goal of working in the racehorse industry. "I literally didn't know one person," Lanni said of arriving in the world's horse capital. **Katie Lamb, *The New York Times***

[NYRA Bars Official and Jockeys' Agents During Investigation](#)

A clocker for the New York Racing Association and two jockey agents were taken away from Aqueduct on Thursday by security agents and told their privileges were revoked until an investigation by the Queens district attorney, into allegations of unlawful access to a computer system, is concluded. No charges were filed against Stephen Foster, a clocker and a placing judge for the association or the agents Mike Gonzalez and Jose Morales Jr. **Joe Drape, *The New York Times***

[California Chrome: America's Horse Lands in the UK](#)

"California Chrome--named 2014 Horse of the Year in the U.S. after famous victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes--has already arrived in the UK to prepare for the prestigious flat-racing event." **Sarah Holt, *cnn.com***

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track	
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	
	GII Dixiana Elkhorn S.	KEE	
	GIII Illinois Derby	HAW	
	GIII Sixty Sails H.	HAW	
	GIII Santa Barbara H.	SA	
	GIII Whimsical S.	WO	
	Apr. 19	GIII San Simeon S.	SA
	Apr. 24	GIII Bewitch S.	KEE
		GIII Texas Mile S.	LS
Apr. 25		GIII Excelsior S.	AQU
Apr. 25	GIII San Francisco Mile	GG	
	GIII Miami Mile H.	GP	
	GIII Last Tycoon S.	SA	
	Apr. 26	GIII Wilshire S.	SA

Kentucky

Friday's Results:

5th-KEE, \$59,910, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24, sy.
STREETHEART (f, 3, [Street Sense](#)--**Kentucky Whisper**, by **Southern Halo**) dead-heated for the win at first asking at Churchill Downs Sept. 27, then was a well-beaten fifth at odds of 7-1 in the Rags to Riches S. Oct. 26. She was last seen finishing fourth behind recent Any Limit S. heroine and 'TDN Rising Star' Taylor S (Medaglia d'Oro) in an optional claimer beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 29. Off to a slow beginning after hopping at the start, the 3-1 shot recovered to secure a good position in fourth through a half mile in :46.55, challenged with a four-wide move at the top of the stretch and drew clear to score by 2 1/4 lengths. Kathballu (Bluegrass Cat) was second. The victress is a half-sister to Love to Tell (Stage Colony), MSW & GSP, \$310,204; Volcat (After Market), GSW, \$204,950; and Special Skills (Bernstein), GSP, \$158,369. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$54,752. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
 O-Edmond A & Sharon Hudon. B-Sierra Farm (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally.

3rd-KEE, \$49,910, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23 4/5, sy.
SWEETGRASS (f, 3, [Street Sense](#)--**Mondenschein**, by **Brahms**) rolled a pair of threes in her first two starts at Gulfstream Jan. 3 and Feb. 8, then broke through with a two-length graduation over nine rivals going a one-turn mile in Hallandale Mar. 1. Sent off as the 9-5 second choice to put them back to back, the bay trailed the field early in seventh. With Florent Geroux aboard, she began to advance with a rail run entering the turn, was guided to the far outside for the stretch and was along in time for a half-length decision over 6-5 favorite White Clover (Exchange Rate). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$62,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
 O-Six Column Stables LLC, Randall L Bloch, John Seiler and Fred Merritt. B-Randy Bloch, et al (KY). T-Ian R Wilkes.

 Yearling Half Brother Sells with **LANTERN HILL FARM** 




1st-KEE, \$57,565, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, sy.
DICKINSON (f, 3, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--**Little Belle** {GISW, \$666,395}, by **A.P. Indy**), a debut second behind subsequent Cicada S. heroine Noble and Beauty (Noble Causeway) at Aqueduct Nov. 30, was a well-beaten third in that track's Ruthless S. in the slop Jan. 4. Favored at 2-1 in her two-turn debut over the inner track Mar. 22, she stumbled badly at the start and tossed rider Junior Alvarado. Supported as the 8-5 pick to get it done here, she held a narrow advantage through fractions of :24 .22 and :49, drew clear while remaining on her left lead for most of the stretch and stayed on to graduate by 3/4 of a length. Miss Cobblestone (Afleet Alex) was second. Fellow Sheikh Mohammed homebred Little Belle (A.P. Indy), winner of the 2008 GI Ashland S. at Keeneland and runner-up behind Proud Spell (Proud Citizen) in the GI Kentucky Oaks, produced a full brother to the winner in 2013. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-1-1-1, \$57,786. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
 O-Godolphin Racing LLC Lessee. B-Darley (KY). T-Kieran P McLaughlin.



They're off in the opener at Keeneland
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New York

Friday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$72,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 4/5, ft.

CHECKUPFROMZNECKUP (f, 4, Dixie Union--Unbridled Lassie {GISP, \$170,220}, by Unbridled), a Belmont maiden winner in an off the turfer last October, ran second in a rained-off allowance at this venue Nov. 29. The \$55,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase completed the trifecta in an optional claimer on the inner track Feb. 7 and improved to be runner-up over a mile and 70 yards in another optional claimer when last seen Mar. 13. The narrow 7-5 pick was scrubbed on to keep up with the first flight down the backstretch and found her best stride along the outside to take command turning for home. Kept to task under strong handling from Kendrick Carmouche in upper stretch, she coasted away from her rivals to win by 4 1/2 lengths. Hold Me Down (Hold Me Back) was second. Winning dam Unbridled Lassie (Unbridled), third in the GI Coaching Club American Oaks, produced a colt by Discreet Cat last year. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$125,260. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC & Robert I Sahn. B-Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY). T-Chad C Brown.

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Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

Eastern U.S.

Friday's Results:

7th-PIM, \$43,386, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.

NONNA'S BOY (c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Nonna Mia {GISP, \$127,150}, by Empire Maker), a decisive debut victor over subsequent Rockville Centre S. runaway winner Bustin It (Bustin Stones) in the mud at Belmont June 13, finished a close fourth after making an early move in the GIII Sanford S. at Saratoga July 19 and faded to seventh in the GII Saratoga Special S. most recently Aug. 10. Bet down to 4-5 favoritism for this return off that eight-month layoff, the bay tracked from third through an opening quarter in :23.75. Drawing even with the leaders rounding the bend after a half in :47.18, Nonna's Boy kicked clear in the lane and was geared down late to register a 2 1/4-length victory over 65-1 shot Hertzalot (Smart Strike). "It set up perfect, just how we wanted," winning rider Trevor McCarthy said. "Todd [Pletcher] just told me to keep him relaxed the first part of the race, not rush him there, just let break on his own. He said, 'I want to see him running the last part.' Today, I didn't have to do much work on him, except hang on." **Cont.**

7th-PIM cont.

The winner's dam is a half-sister to MGSW Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile). Owner Mike Repole also campaigned the winner's dam, the 2009 GI Frizette S. third-place finisher Nonna Mia (Empire Maker). She produced a colt by Uncle Mo in 2013 and a filly by Stay Thirsty in 2014. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$77,240.

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O/B-Repole Stable Inc (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.



Trained at Crupi's New Castle Farm



8th-PIM, \$43,840, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:01, ft. POP OF COLOR (f, 4, Old Fashioned--Splendid Honor, by Double Honor), a debut second for trainer Juan Arias and owner Anthony Costanzo at Gulfstream Park West last October, tired late to be second for these connections sprinting over a sloppy Aqueduct surface to kickstart her 4-year-old season. Losing all chance after stumbling at the break when last of nine there Feb. 12, the chestnut's front-running tactics just failed her when runner-up in the mud over 5 1/2 furlongs at Laurel Mar. 15. The Kentucky-bred signaled her readiness with a three-panel bullet (1/28) in :35 flat at Big Sandy Mar. 8 and was sent off at 4-5. The favorite was headstrong from the stalls and soon assumed her usual pacesetting duties against the pine. Asked for everything she had in upper stretch, Pop of Color just held off the rapidly closing firster Star Eighty (M Eighty) by a half-length. Sales history: \$48,000 yrl '12 OBSAUG; \$15,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$50,980. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Robert Masiello. B-Machmer Hall, Carrie & Craig Brogden (KY). T-Thomas Morley.

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▶ Florida

Friday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$44,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), C, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:33 2/5, fm.

SHATAK (h, 5, Cryptoclearance--Grecian Devil, by Atticus), fifth in a grassy Keeneland allowance going this distance Oct. 25, never made an impact when dropping a spot after racing wide on both turns over yielding turf at Aqueduct against similar Nov. 22. The dark bay put it all together over course and distance in a Hallandale allowance Dec. 27 and was looking to make it back-to-back wins while racing without Lasix in this 5-year-old bow. The 6-1 chance found himself near the rear of the field as the leaders set a taxing tempo through the early stages. With just a quarter mile remaining, Shatak rallied four wide up the center of the track past the tiring front-runners to win by 1 1/2 lengths. McIlroy (Modigliani) was second. Grecian Devil (Atticus) produced a colt by Hat Trick (Jpn) in 2015. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$91,075. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Silver Moon Racing LLC. B-Gerlinde & Sharon Ferguson (KY). T-George Weaver.

Freshened at MARGAUX FARM

▶ Central U.S.

Friday's Results:

7th-OPX, \$66,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

DION (c, 3, Distorted Humor--Endless Journey, by A.P. Indy), a \$300,000 KEEJAN yearling turned \$450,000 OBSMAR juvenile purchase, kicked off his career with a fifth-place effort at the Fair Grounds Dec. 14. Second in another try at today's distance in New Orleans Jan. 30, he recently was runne-rup to Dunbrody (Awesome Again) in a trip-and-track effort Mar. 14. Hammered down to 4-5 favoritism in this spot, the chestnut quickly established position tracking the pace along the rail through a quarter-mile in :21.97. Shifted out to the three path on the far turn, Dion gained control entering the stretch and held off a late challenge from Doodle Hopper (Bluegrass Cat) by a half-length. The winner's dam is a full sister to GSW & GISP Jump Start (A.P. Indy). Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$61,370. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Regis Racing. B-Christine Hayden (ON). T-S Asmussen.

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:00 p.m. EDT

ECHO EDDIE S., \$200,000, (R), 3yo, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Rocko's Wheel	Grazen	Talamo	D'Amato	118
2	Pay the Fine	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	O'Neill	116
3	McHeat	Unusual Heat	Abrams	Prat	118
4	Richard's Boy	Idiot Proof	Perez	Miller	120
5	Run Like a Million	Kafwain	Desrmeux	Hlndrfer	118
6	Chief of Staff	Majestic Warrior	Smith	Hlndrfer	118
7	Grazen Sky	Grazen	Bejarano	Miyadi	120
8	Over Par	Square Eddie	Trujillo	O'Neill	116
9	Gimme da Lute	Midnight Lute	Garcia	Baffert	118

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

EVENING JEWEL S., \$200,000, (R), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Long Hot Summer	Street Boss	Talamo	D'Amato	122
2	Niassa	Papa Clem	Garcia	Morey	120
3	Desert Thief	Desert Code	Delgadillo	Palma	118
4	Ashley's Sassy	Decarchy	Smith	Eurton	120
5	Bad Ju Ju	Desert Code	Stra	Machowsky	120
6	Can Can Babe	McCann's Mojave	Trujillo	Specht	120
7	Tribal Express	Lucky Pulpit	Quinonez	Knapp	116
8	Alwazabridesmaid	Kafwain	Van Dyke	Hlndrfer	118
9	Sheer Pleasure	Birdonthewire	Baze	D'Amato	118
10	Jenna's Faith	Idiot Proof	Bejarano	Bacorn	118
11	Grand Yodeler	Swiss Yodeler	Desrmeux	Truman	120
12	Princess Bertrando	Bertrando	Maldonado	Bonde	118
13	Easter Fever	Stormin Fever	Espinoza	Miller	116

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT

THUNDER ROAD S., \$75,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Quick Casablanca (Chi)	Until Sundown	Baze	McAnally	116
2	Enterprising	Elusive Quality	Van Dyke	Proctor	123
3	Bacelo (Brz)	Northern Afleet	Garcia	Lobo	118
4	Winning Prize (Arg)	Pure Prize	Bejarano	Drysdale	116
5	Si Sage (Fr)	Sageburg (Ire)	Delgadillo	Vienna	116
6	Talco (Fr)	Pivotal (GB)	Espinoza	Sadler	118
7	Pure Tactics	Pure Prize	Desrmeux	O'Neill	123
8	Fleet Eagle	Don't Get Mad	Valdez	Capestro	116
9	Ganesh (Brz)	Sulamani (Ire)	Prat	Mandella	123
10	County Lineman	Silent Name (Jpn)	Trujillo	Cerin	116
11	Mr. Commons	Artie Schiller	Solis	Shirreffs	116
12	Moulin de Mougim	Curlin	Smith	Mandella	118
Also Eligible					
13	Cummings Road	Speightstown	Talamo	Casse	116
14	Gabriel Charles	Street Hero	Baze	Mullins	116

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

3rd-KEE, \$58K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, post time: 1:43 p.m. EDT
JAPAN (Medaglia d'Oro) was bet into 2-1 favoritism for his 6 1/2-furlong bow on the Gil Fountain of Youth S. undercard at Gulfstream Feb. 21, but he had nothing go his way, as he made a mess of the break, was very wide on the turn and passed a few rivals late en route to a distant sixth-place effort. The Barry K. Schwartz runner will stretch out to two turns for the first time here, and is well-bred to do so, as his full-brother Al Khali is a dual graded winner and six times Grade I-placed at distances of 9 1/2 grassy furlongs and beyond. **Wisecracker (Distorted Humor)** ran 'TDN Rising Star' Khozan (Distorted Humor) to three lengths when second in a Jan. 24 Gulfstream maiden and fell victim to another 'TDN Rising Star' performance from Unbridled Juan (Unbridled's Song) going a mile in Hallandale Mar. 7. He tries a two-turn route for the first time here. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

3rd-AQU, \$80k, Msw, 3yo, 6 1/2f, post time: 1:48 p.m. EDT
 Paul Pompa Jr.'s **DEFINED (Desert Party)** was the fourth-highest priced of his sire's first-crop yearlings when sold for \$180K at KEESEP in 2013, but despite working an eighth of a mile in a bullet :9 4/5 at last year's FTFMAR sale, was bought back on a bid of \$245K. Re-routed for the FTMMAY sale at Timonium, the half-brother to SW & MGSP Britt's Jules (Jules), MSW Probation Ready (More Than Ready) and GISP Social Probation (Jules) drilled a quarter mile in a best-of-sale :21 1/5 and was knocked down for \$425K. Defined's last two works over the Belmont training track, in which he went four furlongs in :48 flat each time and outworked a total of 174 horses, should have him sitting on go for this debut. Shadwell homebred **Ekhlaas (Bernardini)** should prove a formidable foe. A maternal grandson of champion Shadayid (Shadeed), the bay was third to subsequent GSW Ocean Knight (Curlin) on his Dec. 13 debut over the inner track and most recently fought the well-meant Lord Alexander (Giant's Causeway) to a runner-up effort Feb. 7. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

4th-KEE, \$68K, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 2:18 p.m. ET
 Ken and Sarah Ramsey's MGISW **BIG BLUE KITTEN (Kitten's Joy)** returns off a four-month plus absence, after running second in the Gill Red Smith H. at Aqueduct to end his 6-year-old campaign Nov. 15. A winner of the GI United Nations S. and GI Sword Dancer at five, the hardy bay steps outside of stakes S. company for the first time since May of 2013 for trainer Chad Brown and is even-money as part of a joint entry with Gil Bowling Green H. hero **Hyper (Victory Gallop)**, to land the spoils. He kick-started his 2014 season with a victory in the restricted Lure S. at Saratoga and despite going without a win in four more appearances--all at the graded level, including a second in the GI Pattison Canadian International S. at Woodbine Oct. 19, was never out of the top four. [Brisnet.com PPs](#).

11th-KEE, \$58k, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT
 Klaravich Stable & William H. Lawrence's **PAID UP SUBSCRIBER (Candy Ride {Arg})** was sold for \$135K a handful of steps from the main entrance to the Keeneland grandstand in September 2013 and comes into this career debut with some gorgeous works to recommend her. After going five furlongs over the Fair Grounds main in :59 4/5 Mar. 7 (2/51), the chestnut clocked :47 flat from the gate Mar. 15, outworking the likes of the fleet GSW Rise Up (Rockport Harbor), MGSW Istanford (Istan) and GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Commanding Curve (Master Command). Francisco Torres has the assignment. Chad Brown saddles first-time starter **High Ridge Road (Quality Road)** for owner Martin S. Schwartz. A \$180K KEESEP yearling purchase, the half to GSW Senor Rojo (Out of Place) and to GISP Connie and Michael (Roman Ruler) went a quarter mile in :21 ahead of last year's OBS April sale and was knocked down for \$350K. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Saturday., April 4
Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/

*BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
BLAME (Arch), Claiborne, \$30K, 152/13/1
 9-AQU, Stk, 7f, March, \$320K KEE NOV wnl, 8-1
 4-SA, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Scandal, \$240K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
 11-KEE, Msw, 6f, Conquest Archangel, \$350K KEE APR 2yo, 9-2
BULLSBAY (Tiznow), Northview, \$3K, 37/4/1
 8-GP, Msw, 1mT, Chilly Bay, \$24K EAS SEP yrl, 10-1
CHARITABLE MAN (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 80/11/0
 6-CT, Alw, 7f, Shepherd's Pride, 9-2
COOL COAL MAN (Mineshaft), Journeyman, \$4K, 57/15/1
 6-TAM, Stk, 7f, Cool Union Man, 8-1
DESERT PARTY (Street Cry {Ire}), Sequel, \$8K, 115/17/3
 3-AQU, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Defined, \$425K EAS MAY 2yo, 4-1
DISCREETLY MINE (Mineshaft), Lanes End, \$10K, 181/24/1
 10-KEE, Stk, 1 1/8m, Classy Class, \$250K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1
ESKENDEREYA (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 194/25/0
 9-AQU, Stk, 7f, Easy to Say, 15-1
 11-GP, Msw, 7 1/2fT, Able Archer, 20-1
 9-SA, Stk, 1 1/8mT, Frosty Friday, \$245K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1
 9-SA, Stk, 1 1/8mT, Show Stealer, 20-1
HOLD ME BACK (Giant's Causeway), Winstar, \$6K, 153/12/1
 3-AQU, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Sir Dream a Lot, \$45K F '14 KEE NOV, 20-1
 3-PRX, Msw, 6f, Wake Up Mama, \$15K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1
KANTHAROS (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/21/1
 9-AQU, Stk, 7f, Papa Upa, \$15K EAS MAY 2yo, 20-1
 5-TAM, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Big Yum, \$47K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 3-1
LINE OF DAVID (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 90/14/2
 8-SA, Stk, 1 1/8m, Cross the Line, \$90K RNA BAR MAR 2yo, 15-1
 2-SA, Msw, 5 1/2f, Canadian Exchange, \$95K RNA FTF MAR 2yo, 20-1
 11-KEE, Msw, 6f, Carolina Jasmine, \$60K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/37/4
 8-SA, Stk, 1 1/8m, One Lucky Dane, \$490K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
MACH RIDE (Pentelicus), Bridlewood Farm, \$2K, 13/3/1
 9-AQU, Stk, 7f, Ackeret, \$53K OBS OPN 2yo, 12-1
MAJESTICPERFECTION (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/27/2
 5-KEE, Alw, 7f, Distant Kingdom, \$32K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1
 9-KEE, Stk, 1 1/16m, Lovely Maria, \$5K RNA KEE NOV wnl, 7-2
 9-AQU, Stk, 7f, Majestic Affair, \$12K RNA ARZ NOV yrl, 6-1
MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/25/2
 7-PRX, Alw, 7f, We Miss Anthony, 12-1
 10-KEE, Stk, 1 1/8m, Frammento, \$260K FTF MAR 2yo, 8-1
MUSKET MAN (Yonaguska), Elite Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 38/7/1
 7-AQU, Aoc, 1m, Ostrolenka, 7-5
QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/24/3
 3-KEE, Msw, 1 1/16m, Transformative, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
 5-AQU, Msw, 6 1/2f, One Sided, \$180K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2
 11-KEE, Msw, 6f, +High Ridge Road, \$350K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1
SHOWCASING (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)), Whitsbury Manor Stud, \$5K, 166/34/3
 9-SA, Stk, 1 1/8mT, Prize Exhibit (GB), \$47K TAO CT yrl, 7-2
SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (Gone West), A & A Ranch, \$3K, 40/8/1
 9-SUN, Alw, 6f, Caliente Carson, 10-1
STREET MAGICIAN (Street Cry {Ire}), Heritage Stallions, \$3K, 57/8/2
 7-PRX, Alw, 7f, Blitzensmajikreign, 7-2
SUMMER BIRD (Birdstone), Japan, \$15K, 191/16/1
 7-OP, Msw, 6f, Summer Forever, 10-1
SUPER SAVER (Maria's Mon), Winstar, \$20K, 203/29/4
 11-GP, Msw, 7 1/2fT, Deep Consideration, 5-1
 10-KEE, Stk, 1 1/8m, Unrivaled, \$60K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 12-1



Rookies cont.

TEMPLE CITY (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 161/17/4
8-SA, Stk, 1 1/8m, Bolo, 4-1
TIZDEJAVU (Tiznow), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 95/11/1
8-GG, Aoc, 1mT, Allthatnmore, \$7K NCA AUG yrl, 15-1
WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/25/1
5-KEE, Alw, 7f, Yockey's Warrior, \$140K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
8-SA, Stk, 1 1/8m, Bad Read Sanchez, \$340K RNA KEE APR 2yo, 30-1
10-AQU, Stk, 1 1/8m, Tencendur, 12-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-OPX, \$69,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 4/5, ft.
FULL DANCER (g, 6, Fullbridled--Dixiegrace, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 34-13-8-3, \$254,319. O/T-Charles Kardoush. B-Barbara Kelly (CA).

1st-AQU, \$58,900, NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 3/5, ft.

UNDERSTANDING (m, 5, Eddington--Stand On Top {GSP}, by Peaks and Valleys) Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-4, \$89,472. O-Helen M Polinger. B-Fedwell Farms (NY). T-Timothy L Keefe. *\$30,000 2yo '12 FTMMAY; \$19,000 RNA yrl '11 FTNAUG.

6th-KEE, \$54,600, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44 2/5, sy.

WOODFIELD SPRINGS (c, 4, Raven's Pass--Communique {MGSW & GISP, \$594,841}, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: GSP, 13-2-2-3, \$105,960. O/B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY). T-George Arnold II. *\$230,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP.

6th-PIM, \$43,386, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00, ft.
WINNING SAGA (f, 4, Tale of the Cat--Bird Chatter {SP}, by Birdonthewire) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-4, \$82,990. O-The Elkstone Group LLC. B-Catesby W Clay (KY). T-Thomas Iannotti IV. *\$38,000 RNA yrl '12 FTKOCT; \$42,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSAPR; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSJUN.

4th-PEN, \$29,500, 4-2, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.
TWIN SIX (g, 7, Include--Double Sixes {GSW, \$271,385}, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 30-9-3-4, \$146,525. O-Robert L Leo. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-Mark V Salvaggio. *\$150,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. **1/2 to Misty Sixes (Summer Squall), MSW & GSP, \$450,548; Broadway View (Broad Brush), SW & GSP, \$243,430.

7th-HAW, \$27,588, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), C, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.
COUNTERCYCLICAL (g, 5, Circular Quay--City of Dreams, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-1, \$83,992. O-AI & Bill Ulwelling. B-Nick & Jaqui de Meric & Ralph Patichio (FL). T-Gary M Scherer. *\$14,000 wlng '10 OBSOCT; \$85,000 2yo '12 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Dream of Atlantis (Stormy Atlantic), SP, \$225,839.

8th-CTX, \$27,000, 4-2, NW3LX, 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52 3/5, ft.

ATTEMPT TO DREAM (g, 3, Concord Point--Attempt to Name, by Consolidator) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$52,424. O-Angel Gonzalez Racing Stable. B-Pinnacle Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Angel Gonzalez. *\$22,000 wlng '12 KEENOV; \$45,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY; \$32,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSMAR.

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6th-CTX, \$26,000, 4-2, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53 4/5, ft.

ELUSIVE CAMILLA (f, 4, Bop--Krista's Orage, by Eternal Orage) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$34,910. O-Lee Couchenour & John Oller. B-Leslie Condon (WV). T-Lee Couchenour.

4th-CTX, \$26,000, 4-2, NW2LX, 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52 4/5, ft.

FIERY STAR (f, 4, Elusive Quality--Fiery Pulpit, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$48,135. O-Thin Blue Line Stable LLC. B-Triton Farms LLC (KY). T-Scott A Lake. *\$57,000 RNA yrl '12 FTKJUL.

5th-HAW, \$24,200, C, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12, ft.
SHANGHAI RED (g, 5, Newfoundland--Ayla, by Sandpit {Brz}) Lifetime Record: 23-4-8-7, \$105,097. O-William Stiritz. B-John W Wiseman DVM & Candy Wiseman (IL). T-Scott Becker. *\$2,200 RNA yrl '11 FTKOCT.

6th-HAW, \$23,100, C, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47, ft.

PRAIRIE VISTA (f, 4, Pollard's Vision--Bluestem Meadow, by Meadowlake) Lifetime Record: 17-2-5-1, \$68,994. O/B-Asiel Stable (IL). T-Carlos H Silva. *1/2 to Caruso (Cape Canaveral), MSW, \$337,052.

10th-TAM, \$23,100, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55 4/5, fm.

MY SWEET DOVE (f, 4, Hello Broadway--Royal Dove, by Dove Hunt) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-3-4-3, \$148,619. O-Ups and Downs Racing. B-Peter Lawson (FL). T-Monte R Thomas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Stormy Day, f, 3, Attila's Storm--Garter, by Bernardini. SUN, 4-3, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5. B-R D Hubbard (NM).
+ **Man O Manassas, g, 3, Copelan Too--Sweet Aloha,** by Western Cat. CTX, 4-2, (S), 4 1/2f, :54. B-Alan Cook (WV).

Trained at **Crupi's New Castle Farm**

Island Fever, f, 3, Discreetly Mine--Summer Cruise (MSW, \$103,483), by Vicar. KEE, 4-3, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18. B-W S Farish & Gasparilla Stable LLC (KY). *\$130,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

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Razia Sultana, f, 3, **Harlan's Holiday**--Little Indian Girl, by Indian Charlie. AQU, 4-3, (S), 1m, 1:40. B-My Meadowview LLC (NY). * 1/2 to Samraat (Noble Causeway), MGSW & GISP, \$878,200; Original Fate (Grand Slam), SP-Jpn, \$793,248. **Won by 10 1/2 lengths.

Stormy Regatta, f, 3, **Midshipman**--Storm Front, by A.P. Indy. GPX, 4-3, (C), 1mT, 1:35 2/5. B-Pleasant Hill Partners (KY). * \$27,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSJUN.

Another Big Fish from **BLUEWATER**

Nowalking, c, 4, **Hard Spun**--Ice Lady (SP), by Cat Thief. SAX, 4-3, 1 1/16m, 1:43 2/5. B-Alex Venneri (KY).

Rockabye Barry, g, 4, **Rock Hard Ten**--Malia, by Regal Classic. SUN, 4-3, 1m, 1:38 4/5. B-Blandford Stud (KY). * \$22,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '13 FTMMAY.

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Star Act, f, 4, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Starrer (MGSW, \$1,043,033), by Dynaformer. GGX, 4-3, 1 1/16mT, 1:46. B-George Krikorian (KY).

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Moonlightnavigator, c, 3, **Henrythenavigator**. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

Buthelezi, g, 7, **Dynaformer**--Ntombi (SW), by Quiet American. MBG, 4-3, 14fT, 3:11.20. B-Dr John A Chandler (KY). * GSP-Eng. ** \$300,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; £22,000 HRA '14 DONMAY.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

April 6, 2002...War Emblem took the final running of the GII Illinois Derby at Sportman's Park by 6 1/2 lengths. Subsequently acquired by the Thoroughbred Corporation, the near-black colt would go on to win the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S.; the Illinois Derby was moved to Hawthorne.

April 7, 1979...Jockey Steve Cauthen made his first race in England a winning one, riding Marquee Universal (Ire) to victory at Salisbury.

April 7, 2001...Thunder Blitz dominated by 6 1/4 lengths in the final running of the GIII Flamingo S. at Hialeah Park.

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Friday's Results:

CORAL EASTER CLASSIC ALL-WEATHER MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS S.,

£200,000, LIN, 4-3, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:08.60, ft.

1--**TRYSTER (IRE)**, 131, g, 4, **Shamardal**--Min Alhawa (MSP-Eng), by Riverman. (150,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Herbertstown House Stud (Ire); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £124,500. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 8-6-0-1, £223,162. * 1/2 to Ajhar (Diesis {GB}), GSP-Eng & SP-Aus, \$207,535; and Mutasallil (Gone West), SP-UAE, \$279,198.

2--**Complicit (Ire)**, 131, c, 3, Captain Rio (GB)--Molomo (GB), by Baratheia (Ire). (21,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). O-9.36 from Paddington. £37,280.

3--**Grendisar (Ire)**, 131, h, 5, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Remarkable Story (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). (€15,000 wnlg '10 GOFNOV; 30,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT; 75,000gns 2yo '12 TATGNS). O-Mohamed Albousi Alghufli. £18,640.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 0.50, 5.00, 4.00.

Giving credence to the concept that the All-Weather Championships Finals Day is a culmination of the British all-weather season, Tryster, the campaign's leading performer, put his stamp on the day and maintain his perfect record on artificial surfaces. On the shelf since a fourth-place finish in a 10-furlong turf handicap at Newmarket in July, the bay returned to score despite showing marked greenness at Chelmsford Jan. 11. He was more professional when following up at Wolverhampton Feb. 9 and was impressive when bringing up a trio of scores over this trip at Kempton Mar. 4. He showed decisive acceleration again to come from behind and annex the G3 Winter Derby over this course and distance 10 days later. Anchored in rear early by William Buick, Tryster tended to over-race without cover off the tepid fractions and as the field fanned out at the top of the stretch, he appeared to be in deep water still four lengths adrift of leader Complicit. Unperturbed, his rider cajoled him to that rival's side and past in the last 50 yards in a display of elan to light up the card. "He was impressive and gave me a great feel," his rider said. "Everything happened as I thought it would beforehand, with a slow pace and he's one who would thrive on a fast pace, but he showed his quality and has a good future ahead of him. The second got away from me, but he swallowed him up and he's much better than these." Charlie Appleby added, "He was beaten in a handicap at Newmarket on the turf, but unfortunately went wrong that day. That's why he had the time off and the break has done him the world of good. He has really strengthened and is in great nick at the moment. I thought the runner-up had got too far ahead, but there's no doubt he's a good horse and we'll give him a break now and make a plan for the summer." [Click for the Racing Post result.](#)
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**32RED.COM ALL-WEATHER FILLIES' & MARES' CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS S.,** £150,000, LNG, 4-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:23.12, ft.

- 1--**FRESLES (IRE), 126, f, 4, [Royal Applause \(GB\)](#)--Luna Celtica (Ire), by Celtic Swing (GB).** (€50,000 wnlg '11 ARQDEC). O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-E Puerari, F McNulty & Oceanic Bloodstock (Ire); T-Pia Brandt; J-Gregory Benoist. £93,375. Lifetime Record: SW-Fr & SP-Eng, 11-4-1-1, £160,607. * 1/2 to Celtic Rock (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Ch. Imp. Grass Horse-Spa, GSW-Fr, SP-Spa, \$102,499; and La Pernelle (Ire) (Beat Hollow {GB}), GSP-Fr, \$191,778.
- 2--**Lamar (Ire), 126, f, 4, Cape Cross (Ire)--Deveron, by Cozzene.** (40,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). O-Saif Ali. £27,960.
- 3--**Don't Be (GB), 126, m, 5, Cape Cross (Ire)--Faslen, by Fasliyev.** (55,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT). O-Mrs Olivia Hoare. £13,980.

Margins: NK, NO, 2 3/4. Odds: 3.50, 2.00, 3.00.

Less than a year after trainer Pia Brandt made an impact on these shores with a runner-up placing with L'Amour de Ma Vie (Dansili {GB}) in the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. at Royal Ascot, Fresles provided her with a first English winner with a game display from the front in the All-Weather Championships Finals Day opener. Tried in the G3 Prix Imprudence at this time last year over Maisons-Laffitte's seven-furlong straight, she was only ninth in that Guineas pointer and thereafter managed a third in the Listed Prix Amandine over the same track and trip in July. Second in the Listed Golden Rose S. over six here in November, she signed off with a first black-type success in the Listed Prix Miss Satamixa over 7 1/2 furlongs on Deauville's Polytrack. Fresles warmed up for this tilt with a fourth over a furlong shorter on that surface at Chantilly Mar. 3. Quick into stride and able to enjoy a marginal lead from the outset, she fended off the pace pressure by the home turn and despite drifting right, was able to cling on from Lamar and Don't Be on either side. "We had the perfect draw and trip and she has a big heart when she is in front," jockey Gregory Benoist explained. "In France, I cannot ride her like this as the pace isn't fast enough and she doesn't give her all when she's in behind horses. She likes the all-weather." Brandt is eyeing a return, albeit on turf. "International competition is important, we like to travel abroad and want to be where things are happening," she said. "She has been here before so we knew she could handle the track, even though she is a big, powerful filly, so we had no worries about that. It's great to win today and she could come back here for a Group 3 [the Chartwell S.] next month." [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)



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UNIBET ALL-WEATHER SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS S., £150,000, LNG, 4-3, 4yo/up, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:09.59, ft.

- 1--**PRETEND (IRE), 131, g, 4, [Invincible Spirit \(Ire\)](#)--Fafinta (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire).** (€70,000 wnlg '11 GOFNOV). O-Godolphin; B-Azienda Agricola Loreto Luciani (Ire); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £93,375. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 10-6-0-1, £162,154. * 1/2 to Fiulin (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), SW & GSP-Eng, \$111,698.
- 2--**Alben Star (Ire), 131, g, 7, Clodovil (Ire)--Secret Circle (GB), by Magic Ring (Ire).** (18,000gns yrl '09 TATOCT; 30,000gns 2yo '10 TATGNS). O-J K Shannon & M A Scaife. £27,960.
- 3--**Chookie Royale (GB), 131, g, 7, Monsieur Bond (Ire)--Lady of Windsor (Ire), by Woods of Windsor.** O-Raeburn Brick Ltd. £13,980.

Margins: 1, NK, HF. Odds: 1.20, 8.00, 4.50.

Having already advertised his prowess on this surface, Pretend was expected to light up this card and the imposing bay proved the hope was not misplaced as he overcame some hardened specialists here. Raced only once on turf so far, the bay has adapted to the all-weather with comfort and first showed progression with a brace of six-furlong handicap wins in the space of a week at Wolverhampton either side of Christmas. After a blip when eighth at Chelmsford Jan. 28, he returned to the former Midlands venue to add a third success Mar. 7 before impressing on the eye and the clock when swooping on Alben Star to take the Listed Hever Sprint S. over five furlongs a week later. Ideally tucked in behind the fast leaders throughout the early stages, Pretend overhauled the trail-blazing Chookie Royale with 150 yards to race and was pushed into the clear as old rival and last year's winner Alben Star emerged out of the pack. "We had a smooth trip around and everyone has done a great job at home producing him for this," his rider said. "We had a proper horse to take us for as long as we wanted and it was how I wanted and how I thought it would pan out. He's a very useful horse who is going to improve again." Trainer Charlie Appleby added, "We felt stepping back up to six furlongs would bring Pretend back into his comfort zone, even though he proved last time over five that he has lots of speed. We will give him a break now with a view to possibly going for one of the Group 1 sprints at Royal Ascot." [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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32RED ALL-WEATHER 3YO MILE CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS S., £150,000, LNG, 4-3, 3yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:36.87, ft.

1--**FOUR SEASONS (IRE)**, 131, c, 3, [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)--**Please Sing (GB) (GSW-Eng, \$171,208)**, by **Royal Applause (GB)**. (200,000gns wnlg '12 TATDEC). O-Godolphin; B-Michael E Wates (Ire); T-Charlie Appleby; J-Adam Kirby. £93,375. Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-1, £124,722.

2--**Tempus Temporis**, 131, c, 3, Dynaformer--Tempus Fugit, by Alphabet Soup. (\$300,000 yrl '13 KEESEP). O-Godolphin. £27,960.

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3--**Lexington Times (Ire)**, 131, c, 3, Paco Boy (Ire)--Fuaigh Mor (Ire), by Dubai Destination. (€48,000 wnlg '12 GOFNOV; €60,000 yrl '13 GOFORB). O-Middleham Park Racing C. £13,980.

Margins: 1 1/4, NO, NO. Odds: 6.00, 2.00, 2.75.

Further proof of Godolphin's current strength within the British all-weather scene was delivered by Four Seasons, who posted a dynamic performance to bring up the second leg of a treble for the Charlie Appleby barn during this valuable fixture. Thrown into the Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot in June, the bay could only manage 16th in that furiously run test before being switched back to nursery company. It was when he was taken on to the Polytrack that he began to find his feet and three wins over seven furlongs followed at Kempton Nov. 5 and at this circuit Nov. 22 and Mar. 4. Fourth when the 11-10 pick for the Listed Spring Cup also over that trip Mar. 14, Four Seasons rebounded under positive tactics stretching out to a mile for the first time. Soon in front, he settled into a steady rhythm for Adam Kirby and when asked to kick before the home turn had all his rivals flat-footed. Comfortably clear as a quartet of closers struggled in behind, he earned plaudits from his rider. "He's a nice horse and last time he was a little bit free, so today I thought I'd let him roll," he said. "I thought it would take a good one to catch me turning in." Appleby added, "He's a decent little horse and very versatile as to trip and surface. He is a fun horse to have in the yard and should be able to hold his own at Listed or Group 3 level on the turf." [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)



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LADBROKES ALL-WEATHER MILE CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS S., £150,000, LNG, 4-3, 4yo/up, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:35.34, ft.

1--**GREY MIRAGE (GB)**, 131, g, 6, [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)--**Grey Way (GSW-Ity & GSP-US, \$173,449)**, by **Cozzene**. (€62,000 RNA yrl '10 ITYSEP; 65,000gns RNA HRA '13 TATGNS). O-Giuliano Manfredini; B-Grundy Bloodstock SRL (GB); T-Marco Botti; J-Ryan Moore. £93,375. Lifetime Record: 28-8-5-4, £222,683. *1/2 to Distant Way (Distant View), Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 9.5-11f & MG1SW-Ity, \$1,229,954; and Cima de Pluie (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), GSW-Ity, \$188,758.

2--**Sovereign Debt (Ire)**, 131, g, 6, Dark Angel (Ire)--Kelsey Rose (GB), by Most Welcome (GB). (105,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT; £145,000 HRA '14 TATFEB). O-Lady O'Reilly. £27,960.

3--**Captain Joy (Ire)**, 131, g, 6, Dark Angel (Ire)--Ardea Brave (Ire), by Chester House. (14,500gns yrl '10 TATOCT). O-Herb M Stanley. £13,980.
Margins: NK, NK, HD. Odds: 6.50, 2.50, 5.00.

One of the stalwarts of the British all-weather crowd, Grey Mirage rarely runs below-par and underlined his consistency when narrowly failing to reproduce his win in a feature seven-furlong handicap from a wide draw at this track Feb. 21. Again posted high when a respectable fifth in a competitive renewal of the Mar. 7 Listed Lady Wulfruna S. over an extended seven furlongs on Wolverhampton's Tapeta last time, the bay received more favorable attention from the gods this time and was able to draft on the rail under ample cover. Full of run under Ryan Moore turning into the straight, he was angled out to lead with 100 yards remaining as Sovereign Debt ran into a pocket and that proved decisive with the runner-up flashing by past the line. "We had a nice stall and had a good trip round and he deserved to win this sort of prize, as he's had things go against him in the past," Moore commented. [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

UNIBET 3YO SPRINT ALL-WEATHER CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS S., £150,000, LIN, 4-3, 3yo, 5f 6y (AWT), :57.40, ft.

1--**LIGHTSCAMERACTION (IRE)**, 131, c, 3, **Pastoral Pursuits (GB)--Silca Boo (GB) (MSP-Eng)**, by **Efisio (GB)**. (14,500gns RNA wnlg '12 TATDEC; €22,000 yrl '13 GOFORB). O-LCA Lights Camera Action Ltd; B-Timmy & Michael Hillman (Ire); T-Gay Kelleway; J-Luke Morris. £93,375. Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-0, £116,393.

2--**Blue Aegean (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Blue Azure, by American Chance. (25,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT; 210,000gns 2yo '14 TATAPR). O-Godolphin. £27,960.

3--**Merdon Castle (Ire)**, 131, c, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Siren's Gift (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). O-J C Smith. £13,980.

Margins: NK, 2HF, HD. Odds: 20.00, 6.00, 4.50.

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Unable to add to his debut win over five furlongs on turf here last July, Lightscameraction picked a dramatic occasion to end the drought and derail the Godolphin bandwagon. Fourth in both the Listed Prix de la Vallee d'Auge at Deauville and Listed Roses S. at York in the space of eight days in August, the chestnut carried that form over to the all-weather without improving markedly in four starts. Stepped up to six furlongs last time, he managed a fourth at Wolverhampton Mar. 26 reverting to old positive tactics and they were employed again here as Blue Aegean set off in the lead to cap a memorable afternoon for the boys in blue. Chasing that filly throughout as the remainder failed to make any inroads, he faltered for a few strides with a furlong remaining and looked to have given best to the front-runner. Gathered together for one last surge, Lightscameraction was able to deliver the vital extra that his first-time blinkers are often able to draw out. "[Trainer] Gay [Kelleway] said he was really ready to run today and she had him spot-on," rider Luke Morris explained. "We went a real gallop all the way, but the way it is riding today seems more of a speed-favoring track which suited him. I thought I'd get the runner-up in the straight, but in fairness she made it hard for me." Godolphin's more favored 'TDN Rising Star' Portamento (Ire) (Shamardal) was disappointing and never made a serious impact on the proceedings before finishing sixth. [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

32RED ALL-WEATHER MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS S., £150,000, LIN, 4-3, 4yo/up, 15f 169y (AWT), 3:26.76, ft.

- 1--**MYMATECHRIS (IRE)**, 127, g, 4, High Chaparral (Ire) --**Splendeur (Fr)**, by Desert King (Ire). (€68,000 yrl '12 GOFORB). O-David Brownlow; B-Derrick Fisher (Ire); T-Andrew Balding; J-David Probert. £93,375. Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-1, £114,053.
 - 2--**Anglophile (GB)**, 127, g, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Anna Palariva (Ire), by Caerleon. O-Godolphin. £27,960.
 - 3--**Hidden Gold (Ire)**, 122, f, 4, Shamardal--Melikah (Ire), by Lammtarra. O-Godolphin. £13,980.
- Margins: HD, HF, 1. Odds: 8.00, 2.25, 2.50.

Another turf exile, Mymatechris adapted quickly to the all-weather lifestyle with a handicap success over 11 furlongs at Kempton in October before running over 12 furlongs here for his next four starts. After two more wins in the space of a week in early December--one of which was posted by nine lengths--he ran a short-head second to Anglophile Dec. 20 and was third behind another Godolphin representative in Pinzolo (GB) (Monsun {Ger}) Mar. 13. Settled in fifth early by David Probert against the fence, the dark bay was unhurried as Anglophile made his move out wide on the final bend. Getting a gap to take a narrow advantage with 150 yards remaining, he put his head down where it mattered to prevail in a bobber over his rallying old rival. "The main thing was to get him relaxed and in a good rhythm," his jockey said. "The trip was a question mark, but he relished it and he's been improving all winter." [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Friday's Results:

1st-MBG, £15,000, Cond, 2yo, 5fT, 1:05.54, sf.
+ TRIBESMAN (GB) (c, 2, Equiano {Fr}--Millsini {GB}, by Rossini) broke well to lead early before accepting a tow in this unveiling. Shuffled back to third and coming under pressure soon after halfway, the 13-2 chance made solid headway to challenge inside the eighth pole and was pushed out in the closing stages to comfortably assert by 2 1/4 lengths from First Bombardment (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}). The chestnut was mooted as a possible for Royal Ascot's June 16 G2 Coventry S. by trainer David Brown in the immediate aftermath of this victory. Sales history: 12,000gns RNA wnlg '13 TATDEC; £35,000 yrl '14 DONAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £9,704. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-John Fretwell. B-C J Mills (GB). T-David Brown.

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5.30 Cork, Mdn, €11,000, 3yo, 10f 50yT
PIROLO (IRE) (Teofilo {Ire}) debuts in the Bolger colors so often prominent in the better Irish maidens and pattern races at this time of year. From one of the Coolcullen master's most established families of the sires Sholokhov (Ire) and Soldier of Fortune (Ire), he meets Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier and Teo Ah King's **Hans Holbein (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire})**, a half brother to the 2010 G1 Irish St Leger winner Sans Frontieres (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and another Calumet Farm-Dermot Weld project in the unraced **Sight Hound (English Channel)**, a son of the MGISW Fiji (GB) (Rainbow Quest) and therefore a half-brother to the 2006 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains runner-up Marcus Andronicus (Danehill).

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Australasia

Harris to Retire After Final NZ Group 1 Ride:

Former New Zealand champion jockey Noel Harris will retire after his final ride aboard Pondarosa Miss (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}) in the G1 Fiber Fresh New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' S. at Te Aroha in New Zealand Apr.4, according to *Racing and Sports*. Harris, 60, would become the oldest jockey to win at the highest level if Pondarosa Miss pulls through Saturday. The current record is held by Lester Piggott who was 57 when he captured the 1992 G1 2000 Guineas aboard Rodrigo De Triano. Harris is among an elite club of six riders who have won more than 2,000 New Zealand winners and his current tally stands at 2163. "If I get the Group 1 that would be great, but it means more to me not to let people down," Harris told *Racing and Sports*. "I was all set to finish up after the cup and I thought it would be a good way to go out, riding in a Group 1 two-mile race, but then Peter talked about Te Aroha. Peter and Darrell Hollinshead and Pondarosa Miss' owners have been loyal putting me on the horse and I just want to be fair to them." Harris was the New Zealand champion apprentice jockey in 1971-72 and was outright champion Kiwi jockey a year later. He has captured 42 Group 1 wins split between New Zealand (34) and Australia (8). Once he begins his retirement, Harris will serve as a riding master and mentor with the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.

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HANDICAP RESULTS:

3rd-MBG, £50,000, 4-3, 3yo, 8fT, 1:45.58, sf.
MOONLIGHTNAVIGATOR (c, 3, [Henrythenavigator](#)--
Victorica {SW & GSP-US, \$293,067}, by Exbourne)
 Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, £45,906. O-Malcolm Walker.
 B-Highfield Farm (KY). T-John Quinn. *\$32,000 RNA
 yrl '13 KEESEP; £230,000 2yo '14 DONAPR.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-MUS, £25,000, 4-3, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:03 2/5, sf.
TANGERINE TREES (GB) (g, 10, **Mind Games {GB}**--
Easy to Imagine, by Cozzene) Lifetime Record: Hwt.
 Older Horse-Fr at 5-7f, G1SW-Fr, GSW-Eng, 55-14-3-8,
 £294,784. O-Tangerine Trees Partnership. B-Mrs B A
 Matthews (GB). T-Bryan Smart. *8,000gns RNA yrl '06
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