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TRANSYLVANIA TAKE TWO

Originally scheduled as Keeneland's opening day feature Apr. 3, the Gill Transylvania S. will instead highlight Wednesday's card after lightning and heavy rains forced the Lexington oval to cancel the last half of their opening day card. Though the field has gone from 13 to seven in the interim, the 1 1/16-mile test for sophomore turf runners retained three of its top original contenders. Ken and Sarah Ramsey homebred



Luck of the Kitten
Benoit Photo

Luck of the Kitten (Kitten's Joy) gets the morning-line nod this time around. Graduating at second asking on the Arlington lawn Aug. 16, the chestnut finished second in the Kentucky Downs Juvenile S. Sept. 6 and wired the field next time out in

Santa Anita's grassy Zuma Beach S. Oct. 5. Remaining in Arcadia for the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Oct. 31, the Wesley Ward pupil set the pace, but was caught late by stablemate Hootenanny (Quality Road) and had to settle for second. The colt's Breeders' Cup pilot Mike Smith makes the trip east from California to ride. **Cont. p3**

NEW LASIX-FREE BONUSES, BUT SAME RESULTS AT OAKLAWN

By T.D. Thornton

Back in January, Oaklawn Park took a creative approach to try and reduce the number of horses running on Lasix at the 2015 meet: The track announced it would pay a 10% bonus above and beyond the winner's purse share to any horse that won a race without being administered the drug on raceday.



Oaklawn Park
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The incentive program sounded promising, and Oaklawn director of racing David Longinotti was cautiously optimistic before the meet that the bonuses would at least "move the needle" in terms of reducing Lasix usage.

But now that a full season is in the books,

allowing for a side-by-side comparison of 2014 to 2015, it appears as if the incentives didn't make a dent.

In fact, given an overall sample of 950 races, it's amazing how little the Lasix usage at Oaklawn changed from one year to the next, at least in terms of race winners. **Cont. p3**

WARMING UP FOR CRAVEN BREEZE-UP

by Emma Berry

Newmarket has shivered through months of fierce East Anglian winds so a warming blast of spring could not have been better timed ahead of Tattersalls' major breeze-up auction and the first day of the Craven meeting at the Rowley Mile.

Conditions were set fair for 125 2-year-olds to show off their paces up the stiff final two furlongs of the Rowley Mile turf Tuesday morning as an international gathering of potential buyers looked on, stop-watches in hand.

"By common consent, the ground was pretty much perfect and that's a huge credit to the Jockey Club



Watching the Tuesday breezes at Newmarket *Emma Berry*

Estates team," said Tattersalls' Marketing Director Jimmy George on the eve of the two-day Craven breeze-up auction which takes place after racing Wednesday and Thursday.

He added, "The consignors also deserve credit for the horses breezing very

professionally this morning. It was very encouraging to see a good cross-section of people from all corners of the globe, both at the breeze this morning and looking at horses at Park Paddocks this afternoon and the conditions look perfect for a successful few days."

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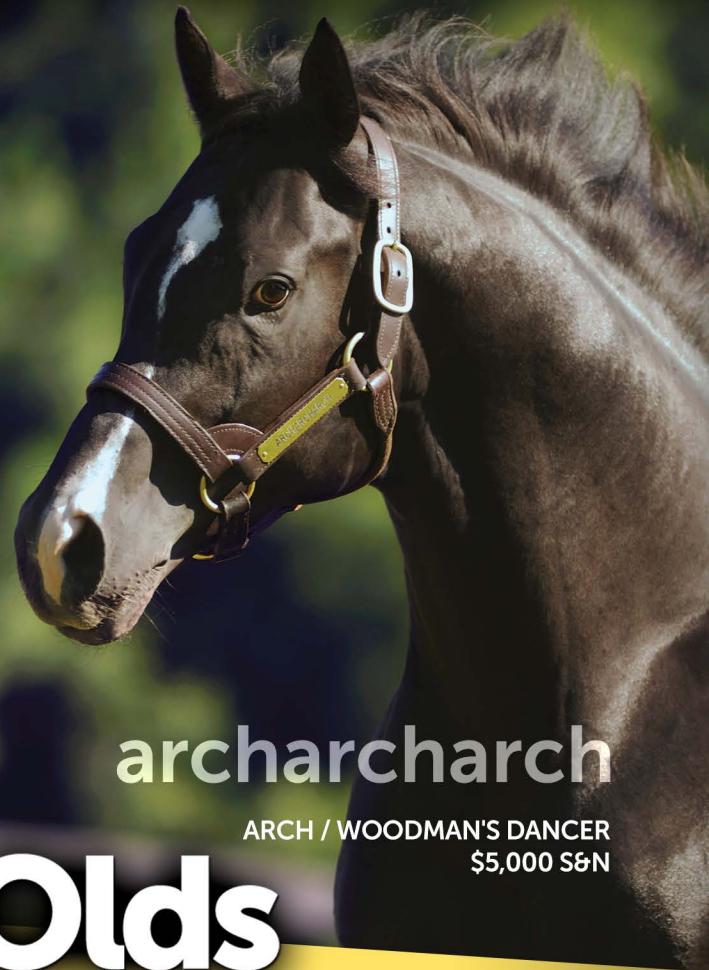


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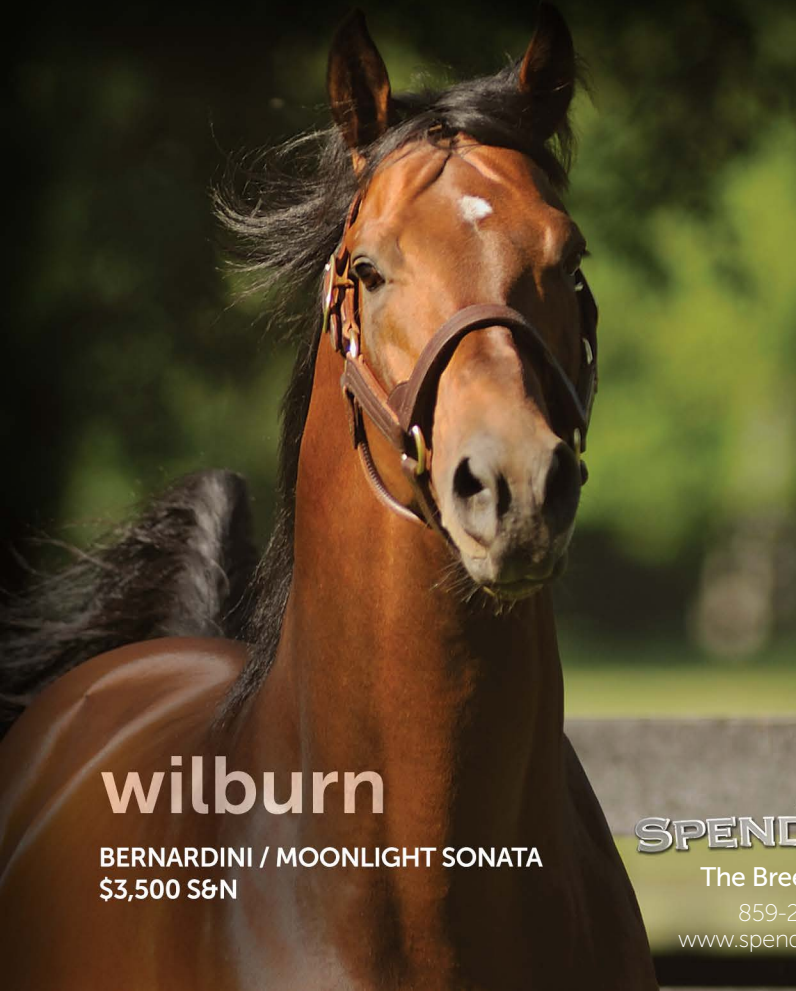
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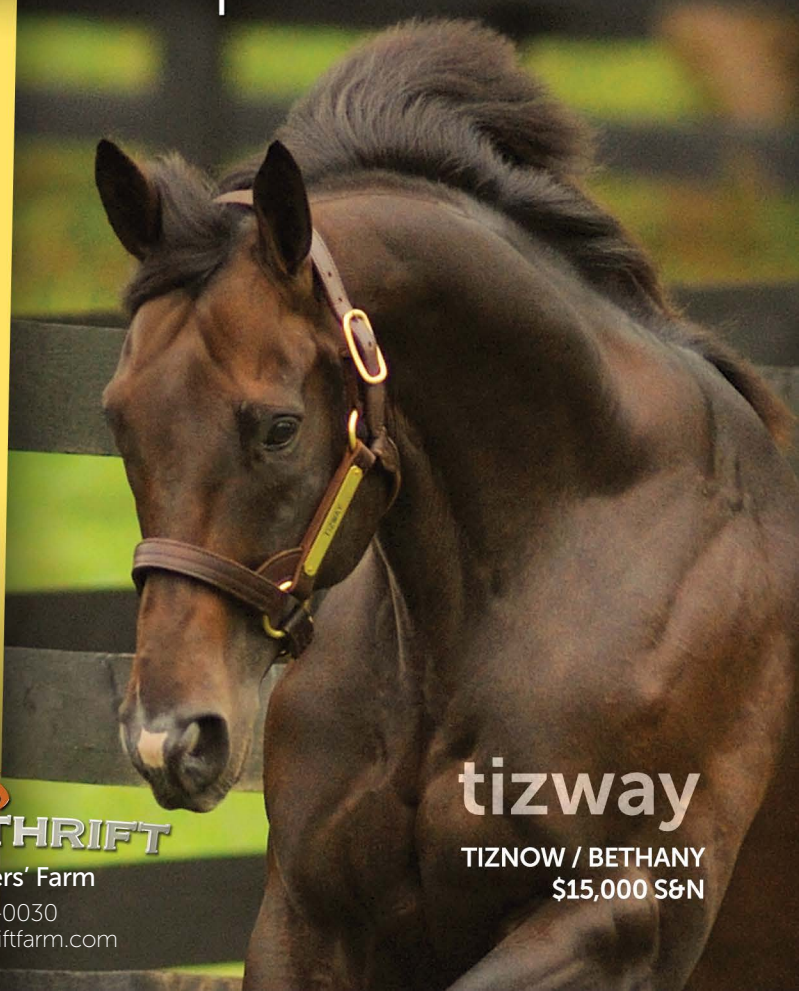
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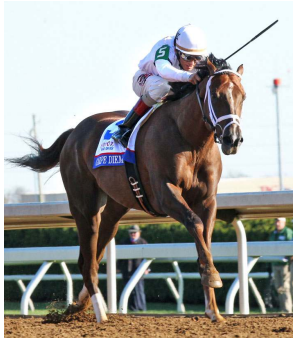
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From the Desk of Bill Oppenheim

Columnist Bill Oppenheim provides his estimates on what the odds of the top eight GI Kentucky Derby contenders will be on the first Saturday in May.

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Wide Open Renewal of G3 Nell Gwyn S.

Beautiful Romance (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) and Lady Correspondent (War Front) headline an evenly matched field of nine in the G3 Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn S., a prep for the 1000 Guineas.



Beautiful Romance
Racing Post

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Another 'Jewel' for Head/Wertheimer

Wertheimer and Frere homebred Queen's Jewel (Pivotal {GB}) stamped herself as a Classics contender for trainer Freddy Head with a decisive victory in Saint-Cloud's G3 Prix Penelope S. Tuesday.

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TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for	TV
8:05a	Prix Sigy-G3, CHA	-----	----
11:05a	Nell Gwyn S.-G3, NMK	Brisnet.com PPs	----
4:22p	Transylvania S.-G3, KEE	Brisnet.com PPs	HR/TVG



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Transylvania Take Two cont. from p1

The always dangerous Hall of Fame team of Bill Mott and John Velazquez join forces here with **A Lot** (Tapit). A second-out graduate when switched to the turf at Belmont Sept. 28, the Amerman Racing Stables runner was fourth next time over that course in the Awad S. Oct. 26. Second to **Night Prowler** (Giant's Causeway) in Gulfstream's GIII Dania Beach S. Jan. 3, the bay overcame a bump at the start to return to his winning ways last time in a grassy one-mile optional claimer in Hallandale Feb. 22. Owned by Paul Pompa Jr., Night Prowler earned his diploma at second asking on the Belmont sod Oct. 17 and was third by just a head next time in Gulfstream Park West's Pulpit S. Nov. 29. Charging late to earn a half-length victory in the Dania Beach, the Chad Brown trainee was a head-scratching fifth last time in the Palm Beach.

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

TRANSYLVANIA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Luck of the Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Smith	Ward	2-1
2	Night Prowler	Giant's Causeway	Castellano	Brown	5-2
3	Majestic	Majesticperfection	Graham	Lukas	8-1
4	Tuba	Magna Graduate	Geroux	Smith	10-1
5	Saham	Lemon Drop Kid	Lopez	Walsh	8-1
6	Top of the Page	Parading	Lanerier	McKeever	15-1
7	A Lot	Tapit	Velazquez	Mott	5-2

Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:13 p.m. EDT

HILLIARD LYONS DOUBLEDODGARE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Lunar Surge	Malibu Moon	Lanerier	Weaver	118
2	Liberated	Curlin	Bravo	Oliver	118
3	Deceptive Vision	A.P. Indy	Velazquez	Pierce	120
4	Twenty in One	Invasor (Arg)	Lopez	Arnold II	118
5	Blue Violet	Curlin	Clark	Jones	118
6	Pretty Fancy	Lemon Drop Kid	Castellano	Arnold II	118
7	Handmade	Candy Ride (Arg)	Hernandez	Howard	118
8	My Miss Sophia	Unbridled's Song	Rosario	Mott	120
9	Tiz Windy	Tiznow	Leparoux	Nafzger	120

New Lasix-Free Bonuses, But Same Results at Oaklawn cont. from p1

In 2014, when no bonus program was in effect, Oaklawn ran 473 races. Five races were won by Lasix-free Thoroughbreds (four horses total, with one repeat winner). Overall, barely 1% of all winners ran Lasix-free.

In 2015, with the 10% winning bonus, Oaklawn ran 477 races. Five races were won by Lasix-free Thoroughbreds (four horses total, with one repeat winner)--exactly the same as the previous year.

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"We haven't really done the full evaluation yet, but looking at the numbers from this year to last year, I'm not sure we had any impact," Longinotti said earlier this week.

Had the bonus program been in effect in 2014, Oaklawn would have theoretically paid out \$14,850. This year the incentives totaled \$12,803 (the bonus money came from the track itself and not from the purse account).

Lasix (also branded Salix) is furosemide, a once-unsanctioned but now nearly universally prescribed legal diuretic in American racing. It gained widespread use in the 1970s for its ability to reduce exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage in equine athletes.

In the decades since its legalization, there has been heated debate over the role of Lasix as a performance-enhancer and in fostering a culture of over-medication. Well into the 1980s, long after Lasix became commonplace at tracks nationwide, Oaklawn had resisted its acceptance. According to Longinotti, Arkansas was one of the last tracks in the country to permit its regulated use.

Was Longinotti surprised that the incentives didn't work better?

"Not really," Longinotti said. "Shortly after we announced it, you heard some talk about it [among horsemen], maybe the first ten days of the race meeting. But after that it kind of went away."

A season-long study of result charts by the *TDN* bears out Longinotti's line of reasoning about the interest tailing off: Through the first seven dates of the 2015 season in January, 32 horses started without Lasix. **Cont. p4**



New Lasix-Free Bonuses, But Same Results at Oaklawn cont.

Over the last seven dates of the meet in April, only 17 runners were Lasix-free. There were no Lasix-free winners between Mar. 9 and the end of the meet.

In fairness, Oaklawn does not conduct 2-year-old racing, and a sizable shift within the industry has been for owners of juveniles to pledge not to race their young horses on Lasix.

Back in January, Longinotti told the *TDN* that he expected maiden races, particularly those for newly turned 3-year-olds, to be responsible for a sizable segment of the Lasix-free population.

“Kind of what we expected was that if you had a first-time starter, you might give him a race without it, and then evaluate based on that performance,” Longinotti reiterated.

Based on a day-to-day tallying of the charts, the bulk of non-Lasix users did tend to clump in maiden races and races for 3-year-olds. Three of the winners who earned Lasix-free bonuses were 3-year-olds (a maiden-claimer, a maiden special weight, and a NW2L allowance). A 4-year-old, A.P. Brannigan (People’s Choice) won an Arkansas-bred maiden-claimer and a state-bred NW2L in back-to-back starts.

Conversely, showcase racing dates, when the cards were heavier on allowance and stakes horses, represented a higher cluster of horses that raced with Lasix. For example, the Oaklawn’s two biggest days of racing, GI Rebel S. Day (March 14) and GI Arkansas Derby Day (April 11) combined to yield 216 starters, but only one horse out of that two-day aggregate was entered Lasix-free.

As far as the future of the bonus program at Oaklawn, Longinotti said it was too early to tell if the incentives would be brought back for 2016 or tweaked into a different format.

“I think it’s too premature at this point to determine if it had an impact or if it didn’t. We’ll do that here in the next couple of months,” Longinotti said.

Longinotti said Oaklawn has been monitoring other developments in the realm of drug use reduction, such as Keeneland Race Course’s plans to run a limited number of Lasix-free races in 2016. Keeneland’s plan follows a contentious vote in March by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to allow the carding of races restricted by medication conditions.

“When this whole thing came up last summer, doing something along those lines was something that we kind of considered,” Longinotti said. “But then we determined that the one thing we did not want to do was to incentivize a horse who needed Lasix to not run on it.”

Longinotti said he prefers to take a broader perspective when considering how the Lasix issue fits into his overall racing program at Oaklawn.

“I’ll be honest with you, I think there are a lot more important issues that the industry’s facing rather than Lasix or no Lasix,” Longinotti said. “We have a lot of issues to face. That’s just one of them.”

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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM

COUNTDOWN

In my 40-some years of reading form and betting on horses, one of the best angles I’ve ever found has to do with staying 10 furlongs, not nine furlongs, especially at Churchill Downs. I can recall three occasions in which this principle resulted in big payoffs. The first was in the 1993 Breeders’ Cup Classic, which was of course at 10 furlongs, but in this instance at Santa



Arcangues keyed a huge payday in the 1993 BC Classic *breederscup.com*

Anita, not at Churchill Downs. I had followed Bertrando his entire career, and though he did win the GI Pacific Classic at 10 furlongs, I always believed he didn’t really get the trip. I knew he was a bad favorite in the Breeders’ Cup Classic this year, and

fortunately I hit the all button in the final leg of the Pick 3. I don’t claim to have picked Arcangues, the 133-1 winner under Jerry Bailey, but I did cash a \$10,000 Pick 3 that day. **Cont. p5**



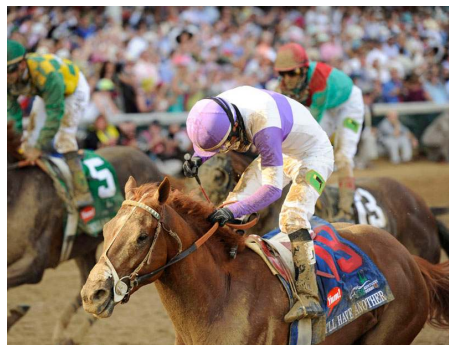
Bill Oppenheim cont.

In the 2005 GI Kentucky Derby, I remember I had made a bunch of different bets without a lot of conviction--Bellamy Road was the 5-2 favorite, with Afleet Alex at 7-2, and for some reason, with about five minutes to go, I bet a \$1 Exacta Box with five longshots I thought had some remote chance to get the trip. I don't remember who the other three were, but two of them ran one-two, Giacomo at 50-1 and Closing Argument at 71-1. Afleet Alex stayed on for third and won the subsequent two legs of the Triple Crown, and I collected almost \$5,000 for my \$1 exacta box--because they got the trip.



Giacomo (left) bests Closing Argument in 2005 to key a monster exacta
Horsephotos

My final case is a rare example of a 3-year-old I felt sure would stay 10 furlongs: I'll Have Another in the 2012 GI Kentucky Derby. Creative Cause had caught Bodemeister to win the GII San Felipe S., after which Baffert sent Bodemeister to Oaklawn Park where he led wire-to-wire to win the GI Arkansas Derby by eight lengths. But when I'll Have Another nailed Creative Cause in the GI Santa Anita Derby, I thought, this horse could win the Kentucky Derby; he will get the trip. On the day, Bodemeister was the 4-1 favorite, Creative Cause was 11-1, and I'll Have Another, to my astonishment, was 15-1. I had one of my all-time biggest bets that day. I made a few zeroes less than I'll Have



I'll Have Another *Horsephotos*

Another's owner, Paul Reddam, but I was ahead for the year after that day. I bet him back at 3-1 in the Preakness, too, when Bodemeister was made the 8-5 favorite, and I remain convinced he was a certainty to win the Triple Crown when injury intervened and forced his retirement two days before the GI Belmont S.

American Pharoah's romp in last Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby completed the major preps for this year's Derby, now 17 days away. As we discussed last week, there are eight colts for which one can make a pretty good case, and I'm not even including among those some live 20-1 shots like GII Louisiana Derby winner **International Star** (Fusaichi Pegasus), GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S. third **El Kabeir** (Scat Daddy), and GI Arkansas Derby second **Far Right** (Notional).

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All three of them do look like likely candidates to stay the trip after their last races, but it is questionable whether they really have the speed to win the race, and more have the profiles of colts who will run on to finish third or fourth.

The fact there are eight top contenders and no standout means the betting should be wide-open. Included on the accompanying table are my guesses of the odds of the top eight, which I predict will range from 11-2 (really high for a favorite) to 15-1, with the others at 20-1 or higher. I envision the Baffert pair of Arkansas Derby winner **American Pharoah** (Pioneer of The Nile) and unbeaten GI Santa Anita Derby winner



Dortmund
Benoit Photo

Dortmund (Big Brown) disputing favoritism; I'm predicting American Pharoah will start a slight 11-2 favorite over Dortmund at 6-1, but that could easily be reversed. There's no question both these horses are good enough to win the race, with nine-furlong Beyers of 105 and 106, respectively; but, like all the

major contenders, they both race prominently or in front, and we just won't know if they will stay or not until they do or don't. American Pharoah might be brilliant enough that he's a class above, and it's hard to fault Dortmund for toughness and grit. But neither is guaranteed to stay. **Cont. p6**



Bill Oppenheim cont.

Materiality (Afleet Alex) has the highest nine-furlong Beyer, when he won the GI Florida Derby with a Beyer 110, with **Upstart** (Flatter) running 108 in spite of the last three furlongs taking just under :40 seconds and a final time of 1:52:1/5. The track did look very slow that day, but to win, Materiality has to become the first horse since 1882 (that's 133 years) to win the Derby having not raced at two, while Upstart has now had three hard races in Florida.



Upstart
A. Coglianese

Those are the four colts to have run Beyers of 105 or above. The accompanying table also shows the Racing Post Ratings (RPR), compiled by the Racing Post, of course, as well as the horses' Equibase figures, calculated by the Equibase Company, which now compiles all official North American racing data. The Equibase figures use more like the 120-126 'normal' top like RPR's and Timeform, whereas the Beyer scale would be more of a 110 'normal' top. Materiality (E115) and Upstart (E113) have the two highest last-race Equibase figs, as they have the two highest Beyers, but

the Racing Post rates American Pharoah's Arkansas Derby win top at RPR 121, with Materiality next at RPR 118.

Pletcher's second horse is GI Blue Grass S. winner (Beyer 95) **Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway), and we will get a definite tip as to which Johnny Velazquez and agent Angel Cordero prefer as "Johnny V." has ridden both Materiality and Carpe Diem in all of their races. Which of the two he ends up on should definitely affect the betting. We envision Wood Memorial winner **Frosted** (Tapit) starting around the 10-1 mark, with California-based **Firing Line** (Line of David) and Dubai invader **Mubtaahij (Ire)** (Dubawi) around 15-1. Which of these is really guaranteed to stay 10 furlongs?

A final twist, though: when so many of the main contenders have strong form at nine furlongs, is it really likely that they all collapse in the final furlong, and something slower up 'til then swoops to conquer? Often when so many of the better horses are on or close to the pace, it will be one or two which surge home and hold off the stayers; so not necessarily a case for the 'All' button. It's one of the most intriguing editions of the Kentucky Derby I can remember. Further study is required.

NEXT WEEK: A first look at the English Classics, after racing at Newmarket and Newbury this week.

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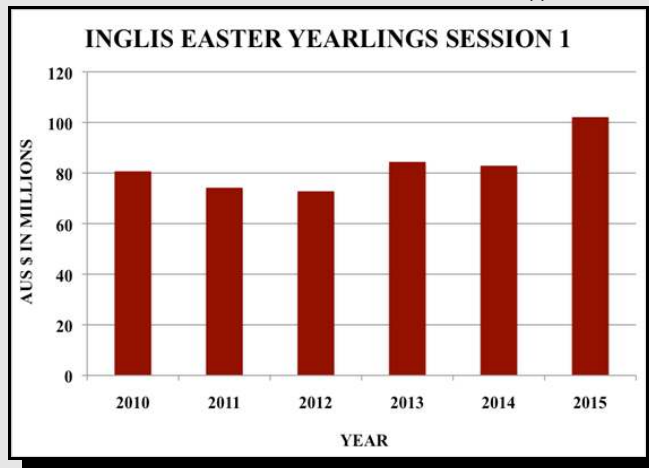
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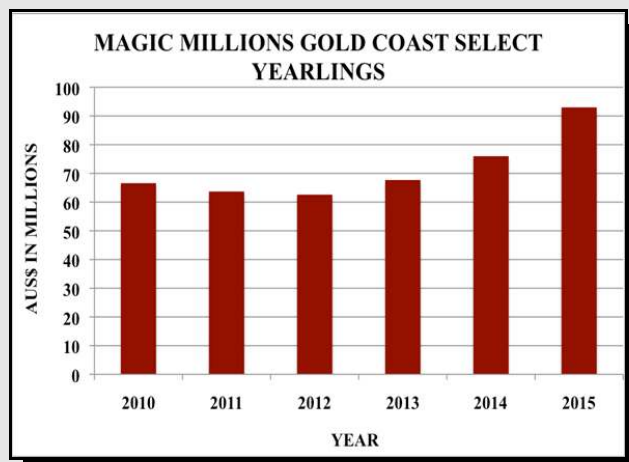
by Bill Oppenheim

"The U.S. dollar is very strong now against the British pound, the Euro, and the Australian dollar. Still, when you convert to U.S. dollars (.7622 yesterday, according to xe.com), Australasia's top yearling sale, Inglis Easter Session 1, grossed the equivalent of US\$ 77.8m and averaged the equivalent of US\$ 222,366, for 350 yearlings sold (75.4% of those catalogued). January's Magic Millions Select had grossed about US\$ 70.8m and averaged the equivalent of US\$ 127,437. Combined those two select sales (906 sold) grossed about US\$ 148.6m., average about US\$ 164k."

- Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	464	423	350	8.8%	82.7%	75.4%	\$102,110,000	\$291,743
2014	437	393	328	10.1%	83.5%	75.1%	\$82,942,500	\$252,873
2013	422	372	290	11.8%	78.0%	68.7%	\$84,444,090	\$291,187
2012	451	398	330	11.8%	82.9%	73.2%	\$72,825,000	\$220,682
2011	417	383	310	8.2%	80.9%	74.3%	\$74,240,000	\$239,484
2010	500	456	366	8.8%	80.3%	73.2%	\$80,710,000	\$220,519



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	693	630	556	9.1%	88.3%	80.2%	\$92,961,500	\$167,197
2014	663	601	537	9.4%	89.4%	81.0%	\$75,952,000	\$141,438
2013	660	600	497	9.1%	82.8%	75.3%	\$67,677,500	\$136,172
2012	645	583	492	9.6%	84.4%	76.3%	\$62,570,000	\$127,175
2011	674	618	503	8.3%	81.4%	74.6%	\$63,669,000	\$126,579
2010	690	631	515	8.6%	81.6%	74.6%	\$66,640,500	\$129,399

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

LEADING CONTENDERS For The 2015 KENTUCKY DERBY

HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	POS	GR	RACE	Beyer	RPR	EQBa	PROB ODDS
AMERICAN PHAROAH	Pioneerof The Nile	B. Baffert	1st	G1	Arkansas Derby	105	121	107	11 to 2
DORTMUND	Big Brown	B. Baffert	1st	G1	Santa Anita Derby	106	114	108	6 to 1
			1st	G2	San Felipe	104	114	111	
			1st	G3	Robert B. Lewis	104	114	114	
MATERIALITY	Afleet Alex	T. Pletcher	1st	G1	Florida Derby	110	118	115	7 to 1
CARPE DIEM	Giant's Causeway	T. Pletcher	1st	G1	Blue Grass S.	95	115	110	8 to 1
			1st	G2	Tampa Bay Derby	98	114	105	
UPSTART	Flatter	R. Violette	2nd	G1	Florida Derby	108	115	113	8 to 1
			DQ	G2	Fountain of Youth	93	116	89	
			1st	G2	Holy Bull	105	114	111	
FROSTED	Tapit	K. McLaughlin	1st	G1	Wood Memorial	103	112	102	10 to 1
FIRING LINE	Line of David	S. Callaghan	1st	G3	Sunland Derby	97	114	106	15 to 1
			2nd	G3	Robert B. Lewis	104	109	114	
MUBTAAHIJ	Dubawi	M. De Kock	1st	G2	UAE Derby	pr 95	118	N/A	15 to 1

*Beyer ratings from drf.com. Racing Post Ratings (RPR) from racingpost.com
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Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10 flat	202	Filly	Jump Start	Office Miss <i>Consigned by King's Equine, Agent VI</i>
:10 flat	232	colt	Cowtown Cat	Pat's Sister <i>Consigned by Louie Rogers Thoroughbreds LLC</i>
:10 flat	241	filly	Tale of Ekati	Perfect Paula <i>Consigned by Price Thoroughbreds LLC, agent</i>
:10 flat	294	filly	Ghostzapper	Queen's Lady <i>Consigned by Top Line Sales LLC, agent for Small Batch Thoroughbreds</i>
:10 flat	352	filly	Super Saver	Rosy Humor <i>Consigned by Randy Miles, Agent I</i>
:10 flat	364	colt	Elusive Quality	Russian Symbol (Ire) <i>Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XX</i>
:10 flat	395	colt	Summer Bird	See Rock City <i>Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent</i>

Fastest 1/4 mile works

Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:21 flat	278	filly	Zensational	Private Dreams <i>Consigned by Off the Hook LLC, Agent VIII</i>

Fastest 3/8 mile works

:33.2	257	colt	Tale of Ekati	Poetic Champion <i>Consigned by All Dreams Equine, agent</i>
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Hip 278, a filly by Zensational, had the fastest quarter-mile work Tuesday during the second day of the OBS April under tack show. She is out of dam Private Dreams and is consigned by Off the Hook LLC, Agent VIII. The OBS April Sale will be held Apr. 21-24.

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Letters
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BRIAN FLOETL

In regard to [Fred Pope's letter](#) to the editor concerning IHA approval clause:

Elimination of the IHA approval clause would render horseman a toothless dog in any fight to negotiate a fair contract.

Without the ability to withhold a signal, tracks could simply say take it or leave it. Leaving horsemen powerless to the whims of track owners.

I believe that power was written into the law, so that tracks and horsemen maintain a partnership and not a slave and master relationship.

One needs only to look at CHDN current demands of the horsemen in Illinois to understand why the [ITHA approval clause](#) needs to be left intact.

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Warming Up for Craven Breeze-Up cont. from p1

The two days of trade last year each saw a new European record for a breeze-up horse set, with that title still resting on the shoulders of the Mocklershill-



Lot 113 Emma Berry

consigned son of Claiborne Farm's War Front--Julie From Dixie (Dixie Union), who was the only juvenile to breach the seven-figure mark when selling for 1.15 million guineas to McCalmont Bloodstock. Now named General Marshall, the colt was placed five times in

Ireland for Aidan O'Brien before racing for Mike de Kock in Dubai earlier this year.

It would be no surprise if there's a sense of deja vu to this week's proceedings, with the sole War Front 2-year-old in the catalogue once again being consigned by Willie Browne's operation as lot [113](#). *Cont. p9*

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Divining Rod winning the G3 Coolmore Lexington S. by 3 lengths, 3/4 of a second off the track record



Warming Up for Craven Breeze-Up cont.

The March-foaled son of the Coronado's Quest mare Rehear, and thus a half-brother to GI Spinaway S. winner Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot) and GII San Felipe S. winner Hear The Ghost (Ghostzapper), was a \$400,000 purchase at Keeneland September and impressed onlookers with strong breeze, appearing hard to pull up past the line ([video](#)).

The second-top lot of last year's sale, an 800,000gns High Chaparral (Ire) colt called Moheet (Ire), won his sole start at Salisbury last October and is set to appear in Thursday's G3 Craven S. for champion trainer Richard Hannon and Al Shaqab Racing.

Jim McCartan of Gaybrook Lodge was the happy pinhooker who turned the 41,000gns yearling into a very expensive 2-year-old and he consigns six youngsters this week, including lot [104](#), a Sea The Stars (Ire) half-sister to multiple listed winner Gusto (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) from the Stowell Hill Stud family which includes young stallion Gale Force Ten (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).

Declaring himself to be very happy with the morning's breeze, McCartan, who also topped the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-up Sale in 2014 with a 270,000gns War Front filly, said: "Conditions were ideal. The ground is always presented very well here with a lovely cover of grass. The Sea The Stars filly is very stylish with a great attitude--she just loves it. Moheet runs on Thursday and hopefully he'll put his best foot forward for everyone. It's very exciting to think what he might do this year."

Another consignor who had plenty to smile about in 2014 was Brendan Holland of Grove Stud, who topped the Arqana Breeze-up Sale with a €750,000 Invincible Spirit (Ire) colt and saw his previous year's graduate The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) become a dual Group 1 winner.

After a smooth morning's breeze, he reported, "The horses are all back safe and sound--that's the main thing. They do a great job at producing good ground here and we're all very happy."

Holland claims, however, he will not be basking in the glory of past success.

"The important thing is to keep producing good horses," he added. "We spent a lot more money trying to up the quality of our draft for this year--you have to have a nice horse to show people."



William Huntingdon, Liam Norris and James and Jacko Fanshawe
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Newmarket's hottest afternoon of the year so far saw Park Paddocks play host to a lively crowd of vendors,



The Moores--left to right Ryan, Josh & Jamie and Ted Walsh
Emma Berry

agents and interested parties, including leading jockey Ryan Moore, who was in attendance with his two jump jockey brothers, Jamie and Josh, the former nursing a broken leg and the other a broken collar bone following recent racecourse falls. There's little doubt that the action, both on the track and in the ring, will be heating up over the next

few days to match the unseasonably warm weather.

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TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE-UP
16, f, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Alexander Loyalty (Ire),
by Invincible Spirit (Ire)
B-Mountarmstrong Stud
Consigned by Greenhills Farm

Hailing from the extended female family of the legendary stayer Yeats (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), this Irish-bred filly, who celebrates her actual second birthday Thursday, cost a mere €5,000 at the 2013 Goffs November Sale and just €21,000 when offered at the Tattersalls Ireland yearling sale last September. If her work up the rise Tuesday ([video](#)) is any indication, she could be making that look like money well invested.

31, f, Kodiac (GB)--Cassava (Ire), by Vettori (Ire)
B-Tally-Ho Stud
Consigned by Grove Stud

Another interesting resale prospect, this Apr. 19 foal was knocked down to Brendan Holland's Grove Stud for 75,000gns during Book 2 of last year's October Sale on these grounds. Produced by a half-sister to champion and dual G1 Oaks heroine Sariska (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and to the dam of GSW Eagle Top (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), she too stayed on strongly up the Rowley Mile ([video](#)) and looks another promising sort.

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Hip Happenings cont.

34, c, Exchange Rate--Chapala, by Meadowlake
B-Respite Farm (KY)

Consigned by Lynn Lodge Stud

Fresh off a magnificent weekend of results highlighted by GISW Ball Dancing, GSW Miss Ella and GSP Sunset Glow (already a GI winner), Three Chimneys' Exchange Rate can keep the ball rolling here. One of four catalogued for his sire, the grey colt fetched a bid of \$110,000 from the BBA Ireland as a KEENOV weanling in the fall of 2013, but was led out unsold on a bid of 55,000gns here last October. Hailing from the female family of U.S. champion juvenile Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie), he was a touch green up the straight Tuesday ([video](#)), but should have his fair share of admirers.

36, c, Cape Blanco (Ire)--Claire Soleil, by Syncline
B-Ashleigh Stud (Frank & Jackie Ramos) (KY)

Consigned by Mocklershill Stud

Offered by his breeders as a KEENOV weanling in 2013, this Apr. 27 foal made \$95,000 from Bradley Thoroughbreds, agent, who saw the colt's stock rise when his half-brother Toast of New York (Thewayouare) ran off with the G2 UAE Derby. Re-offered at KEESEP a few weeks after Toast of New York finished a strong second in the GI TVG Pacific Classic, he was purchased by Corrib Racing for \$160,000. ([video](#))

58, c, Blame--For Spacious Skies, by Golden Missile
B-Claiborne Farm (KY)

Consigned by Oak Tree Farm

Bred by Claiborne Farm and by that nursery's promising young sire of GIII Withers S. hero Far From Over, the Apr. 23 foal hails from a live female family. The bay is a son of For Spacious Skies, a half-sister to GI Travers S. hero Afleet Express (Afleet Alex) and his MSW & MGSP half-brother Reporting for Duty (Deputy Commander). Further down the page is SW & MGSP Wildwood Flower (Langfuhr), whose son 'TDN Rising Star' Materiality (Afleet Alex) is undefeated in three starts, including the GI Florida Derby. ([video](#))

SPRING TO ACTION

With the British climate on the up at last, Newmarket commences the Craven meeting today, with the main focus on the fillies assembling for a wide-open renewal of the traditional 1000 Guineas prep, the G3 Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn S. As befits any Classic trial, there is



Beautiful Romance
Racing Post

the customary mix of last year's proven pattern-race performers and the ones whose light was hidden more under a bushel for a variety of reasons. In the latter category are two who could yet quicken the pulse from two of the most formidable organizations in **Beautiful Romance (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}) and **Lady Correspondent (War Front)**.

While the former, who races in the royal blue of Godolphin, was all visual

consternation with her nine-length romp in a one-mile Doncaster maiden in late October, Juddmonte's Lady Correspondent had much less in hand over her rivals at the finish of her course-and-distance debut in September.

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Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Katie's Eyes	Leroidesanimaux (BRZ)	Giant's Causeway S.	107
Proceed	Desert God	Sunland Park H.	107
Protonico	Giant's Causeway	Ben Ali S.-G3	107
Race Day	Tapit	Oaklawn H.-G2	106
Alsvid	Officer	Count Fleet Sprint H.-G3	105
American Pharoah	Pioneerof the Nile	Arkansas Derby-G1	102
Beholder	Henny Hughes	Santa Lucia S.	101
Masochistic	Sought After	Kona Gold S.-G2	100
Holy Boss	Street Boss	Bachelor S.	98
Jack Milton	War Front	Maker's 46 Mile S.-G1	97
Untapable	Tapit	Apple Blossom H.-G1	97
Divining Rod	Tapit	Coolmore Lexington S.-G3	96
Serious Talk	Forestry	Woodstock S.	96
Yiannis	Midshipman	San Pedro S.	96
Wolf Man Rocket	Mineshaft	Northern Spur S.	95
House Rules	Distorted Humor	Top Flight H.-G3	94
Lady Eli	Divine Park	Appalachian S.-G3	94
Home Journey	Good Journey	Las Cienegas S.-G3	93
Spring Included	Include	Carousel S.	93
Ball Dancing	Exchange Rate	Jenny Wiley S.-G1	92
Lasting Bubbles	Pulling Punches	Wayne Hanks Memorial S.	92
Ancient Goddess (FR)	Iffraaj (GB)	Star Shoot S.	91
Recount	Limehouse	Land of Lincoln S.	91

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Khalid Abdullah's racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe is keeping his usual sense of perspective, despite the encouraging vibes emanating from John Gosden's stable. "She has obviously just had the one run and won her maiden well," he said. "She's had a good winter and a very straightforward time in her preparation and we're looking forward to seeing her run. We're obviously working towards the Guineas, if she's good enough."

Of those who would not need any great leap to book their Guineas ticket, the Richard Hannon trainees **Osaila (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and **Marsh Hawk (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) hold sway, with the former bidding to get Al Shaqab off to a flyer in one of the most important races so far during the still-budding 2015 European flat season. Last seen finishing third behind Sunday's GIII Appalachian S. romper Lady Eli (Divine Park) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf at Santa Anita in October, she had earlier won the G3 Princess Margaret S. at Ascot in July.

"Osaila was a good filly last season, when she had the class to win the Princess Margaret S. at Ascot, despite the six furlongs being too sharp," Hannon commented. "The Rowley Mile will suit her ideally and she has developed enormously through the winter, so we go there hopeful." Of the G1 Fillies' Mile fourth Marsh Hawk, he added, "She won twice last season and also ran really well in the Fillies Mile here, so she, too, deserves the utmost respect."

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Wednesday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 4:05 p.m.

LANWADES STUD NELL GWYN S.-G3, £60,000, 3yo, f, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Astrelle (Ire)	Makfi (GB)	Harley	M Botti
2	3	Beautiful Romance (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Doyle	bin Suroor
3	4	Bond's Girl (GB)	Monsieur Bond (Ire)	Mathers	Fahey
4	7	Lady Correspondent	War Front	Moore	Gosden
5	9	Marsh Hawk (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
6	8	Muraqaba (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Hanagan	Johnston
7	5	New Providence (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Crowley	Palmer
8	2	Osaila (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Dettori	Hannon
9	1	Terror (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Atzeni	Simcock

All carry 126 pounds.

Wednesday, Chantilly, France, post time: 2:05 p.m.

PRIX SIGY-G3, €80,000, 3yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Goken (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Peslier	Pantall
2	3	Projected (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Cheminaud	Fabre
3	10	Chambois (Fr)	Whipper	Benoist	Delzangles
4	4	El Valle (Fr)	Dobby Road (Fr)	Barzalona	Dissaux
5	6	Mocklershill (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Mendizabal	Chappet
6	2	El Topo (Spa)	Caradak (Ire)	Jarnet	Vidal Santos
7	7	Finsbury Square (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	C Demuro	Chappet
8	9	Snow and Ice (Fr)	Paris	Rispoli	Castanheira
9	11	Attentif (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Guyon	Head
10	1	Souvenir Delondres (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Badel	Pease
11	8	Immediate (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Thulliez	Smaga

All carry 123 pounds bar Goken, 127, & Immediate, 120.

ANOTHER 'JEWEL' FOR HEAD/WERTHEIMER

Off the mark on debut over 10 furlong at Saint-Cloud Mar. 10, Queen's Jewel (Pivotal {GB}) added further ammunition to Freddy Head's Classic assault in 2015 with a strong performance in the G3 Prix Penelope, a stepping stone to the G1 Prix de Diane. Having registered a comfortable debut win over the subsequent scorer Taniya (Fr) (High Chaparral {Ire}), the chestnut had to prove she could mix it in this company, but the assembled punters fully believed with some positive stable vibes



Queen's Jewel and connections
Scoop Dyga

surrounding her.

Settled in third initially, the homebred had sauntered to second by halfway and when shaken up at the top of the stretch, began to apply the pressure. Gradually edging further ahead under driving from Maxime Guyon from the quarter pole, she was firmly on top at the line with her trainer eyeing a potential top-level engagement. "She won well first time, but had not run on ground this fast and so took a little while to find her best stride," Head explained.

Head continued, "She won quite nicely in the end, but I don't yet know just how good she is. I think she is quite good and you'll see her again in either the [May 13] G3 Prix Cleopatre back here or the G1 Prix Saint-Alary [at Longchamp May 24]."

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Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX PENELOPE-G3, €80,000, SCD, 4-14, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:18.19, gd.

1--#@QUEEN'S JEWEL, 126, f, 3, by Pivotal (GB)

1st Dam: Safari Queen (Arg) (Ch. 2yo Filly & MG1SW-Arg, MGSW-US, \$632,239), by Lode

2nd Dam: Safari Girl (Arg), by Sonus (Ire)

3rd Dam: Sally Girl (Arg), by Fain (Arg)

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Freddy Head; J-Maxime Guyon. €40,000. Lifetime Record:

2 starts, 2 wins, €52,500. *1/2 to Royalmania (GB) (Elusive Quality), SW & GSP-Fr, \$120,702. **Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--Spring Leaf (Fr), 126, f, 3, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--

Spring Wave (Ire), by Dr Fong. O/B-Haras de la Perelle; T-Stephane Wattel. €16,000.

3--Princess Charm (Ire), 126, f, 3, Rip Van Winkle (Ire)--

Gold Charm (Ger) (SW-Fr), by Key of Luck. (€15,000 RNA wlng '12 ARQDEC; €8,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT).

O-Gerard Tocze, Carlos Lerner, Yann Lerner, Michel Tocze, Romain Tocze & Mme Sylviane Tocze;

B-Malcolm Parrish (Ire); T-Carlos & Yann Lerner. €12,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1HF, SHD. Odds: 1.90, 10.00, 7.20.

Also Ran: Balsamine, Baltic Comtesse (Fr), Starsic (Fr).

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JUDDMONTE TO SPONSOR MIDDLE PARK S.

Newmarket Racecourses have announced that Juddmonte Farms has signed a three-year deal to sponsor the G1 Middle Park S., to be run at



Frankel (left), winner of the G2 Royal Lodge S., and Oasis Dream, who took the G1 Middle Park S.
Trevor Jones

Newmarket's Rowley Mile Racecourse Sept. 26. This sponsorship adds to the existing association with the G2 Royal Lodge S., another juvenile event held on the same card and which has been sponsored by Juddmonte since 2006. The Juddmonte Middle Park S., a six-furlong £180,000 contest for 2-

year-old colts, will be celebrating its 150th running this year. **Cont. 13**

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Recent winners include the Juddmonte homebred Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert), who went on to score in the G1 July Cup and now forms part of the stellar stallion roster available at Prince Khalid Abdullah's Banstead Manor Stud on the outskirts of Newmarket.

The roll of honor for the one-mile Royal Lodge S. also features several Juddmonte-breds headed by the greatest of them all, Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), who won the race in 2010 on the third of his 14 victorious starts. He too now stands at Banstead Manor Stud, and his first yearlings will be eagerly awaited at this year's sales.

Douglas Erskine Crum, CEO of the Juddmonte Group, said, "Juddmonte Farms is delighted to sponsor one of the top Group 1 2-year-old races in Europe with the history of the Middle Park, especially as Prince Khalid has won it twice with successful sires Known Fact and Oasis Dream. Running this race alongside the Royal Lodge, which was won by Frankel, is a great attraction as well. With Frankel and Bated Breath's first 2-year-olds hitting the track next year it makes our sponsorship on this day all the more exciting. Juddmonte has a long history of sponsorship and believes that this supports the industry and upholds the quality of such races."

Amy Starkey, Regional Director of the Jockey Club Racecourses in the East Region, added, "We are delighted to welcome His Highness Prince Khalid's Juddmonte Farms as the new sponsor of the Group 1 Middle Park S. which becomes part of the Cambridgeshire Meeting once again later this year. Juddmonte Farms are already a much valued partner at the popular meeting, having sponsored the Royal Lodge S. since 2011. We are delighted with this new arrangement which means that the Home of Racing and one of the most prestigious stud farms in the world will work together to promote two of Britain's most famous flat races for the next three years."

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TREVE IN FLYING FORM

Dual Arc winner **Treve (Fr)** (Motivator {GB}) pleased her connections in a grass gallop Tuesday morning as she continued to prepare for her seasonal return in the G2 Prix Corrida at Saint-Cloud May 29. "It is the fourth time she's galloped since being back in training," trainer Criquelette Head-Maarek told *Equidia* as she watched the 5-year-old pull clear from her sparring-



Treve enjoys an easy workout on Les Aigles
Scoop Dyga

partner in effortless fashion. "She is very well, very relaxed. She was following her lead horse very easily. I'm very pleased with her work," she continued.

Asked about the niggling back issues that plagued the Al Shaqab color-bearer last year, notably causing a lack-luster third in the G1 Prince's Of Wales's S., Head-Maarek commented, "You can see from her behavior that she feels much better. She is a happier horse, as she is no longer in pain. Between her feet and back problems, we were in trouble last year. Now it seems that these issues are behind us. She is a mature horse now at the age of five. She grew over the winter and her spell at Quesnay did her a lot of good as she had no one on her back for three months. Now we must see how she reacts when we build up her work. This was an easy workout but we're going to step her up gradually now."

Head-Maarek commented on the decision to start Treve off in the G2 Prix Corrida as opposed to the G1 Prix Ganay a year ago, "This is a good prep race so she can be in top form for the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. It will be much easier than the Ganay as she will only be facing mares and the timing is perfect with one month between the two races." To watch Treve's workout, [click here](#).

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ELM PARK TO GALLOP AT NEWBURY

Qatar Racing's G1 Racing Post Trophy winner **Elm Park (GB)** (Phoenix Reach {Ire}) will fine-tune his preparation for the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas with a racecourse gallop at Newbury Friday according to trainer Andrew Balding. Speaking at a press event at his



Elm Park on parade at Kingsclere
Racing Post

Kingsclere stables Tuesday, Balding voiced upbeat comments about his charge. "I can't remember the last time we went through the winter with a 2-year-old as exciting as this and he has just got the physical make-up to be even better," he said. "We

are very pleased with him. His dad [a multiple international Group/Grade 1 scorer for Balding] improved with age and hopefully he will be the same." The Kingsclere homebred won four of his five outings as a juvenile including the G2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge S. and G1 Racing Post Trophy. Initially campaigned under the Kingsclere Racing Club banner, he was partially purchased by Sheikh Fahad Al Thani's Qatar Racing on the back of an impressive listed win at Salisbury.

"[Elm Park] will be galloping after racing with Andrea [Atzeni] at Newbury on Friday, all being well, and if that goes to plan he will be off to the Guineas," Balding continued. "I think the gallop should put him spot-on as he's probably 80% now and after the gallop he will be 90 per cent--we are just about there."

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'CIRRUS' ON TRACK FOR GANAY RETURN

Six-time Group 1 winner **Cirrus Des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}), who was last seen when finishing fourth to Designs On Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the G1 Hong Kong Cup Dec. 14, is nearing his nine-year-old debut in the G1 Prix Ganay at Longchamp, a race in which he upstaged the great Treve (Fr)



Cirrus Des Aigles
Racing Post

(Motivator {GB}) last year. "He is very well at the moment," reported trainer Corine Barande-Barbe. "We gave him a nice time after his run in Hong Kong."

"He's amazing," she continued. "Every morning you think you are dreaming with him, he is acting very well and he is joking around. He has been out working on

the grass and will go to the Ganay next month [May 3] and then to the Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp, the same as last year." A re-match with Treve in the Ganay is not on the cards as the dual Arc heroine is being aimed at the G2 Prix Corrida for her seasonal bow, but 'fighting Cirrus' will find himself up against Roger Charlton's triple Group 1 scorer Al Kazeem (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who impressed when taking the G2 Prix d'Harcourt first up Apr. 6.

Outlining future traveling plans for her stable star, Barande-Barbe added, "I have just entered him in the Coronation Cup at Epsom as he loves going to England. It's good for him as he is a gelding and there are more opportunities for him. If he is well, he will return to Ascot in October for the Champions S. again."

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RECORD-SETTING SEASON AT OAKLAWN

Highlighted by a season high crowd of 67,500, Oaklawn's 2015 live meet ended Saturday, Apr. 11, with record-setting purses and increases in total handle.

"We couldn't have asked for a better end to the season," said Director of Racing David Longinotti. "We had picture-perfect weather the final week and unbelievable performances by champions Untapable and



American Pharoah winning the Arkansas Derby.
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American Pharoah. We believe our fans witnessed something special this season, and hope that those memories will carry them through the Triple Crown season and beyond. We also wish the best of luck to all of the horsemen who participated in our racing program and look forward to welcoming




them all back next year."

With business good across the board--on track, off track, Oaklawn Anywhere, Instant Racing and gaming--Oaklawn was able to increase purses three times during the season. Total purses were a record \$24.2 million, an average of \$465,000 per day. This marked a 13% increase over 2014 and a 70% increase over just 10 years ago. Despite losing seven days to weather, total handle topped last year by 3%, \$174,201,721 compared to \$169,248,051.

On the track, jockey Ricardo Santana Jr. secured his third straight leading rider title, while trainer Chris Hartman earned his first Oaklawn trainer's title after coming on strong in the final month. Danny Caldwell was the leading owner for the second straight year.

Some of the meet's highlights include champion American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) romping in both the GI Rebel S. Mar. 14 and GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 11; and Far Right (Notional) capturing both the Smarty Jones S. Jan. 19 and GIII Southwest S. Feb. 22.

Oaklawn's 2016 season begins Friday, Jan. 15 and continues through Apr. 16, Arkansas Derby Day.

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 **New York**

Funeral Services for Dan Farrell:

Funeral services for *New York Daily News* photographer Dan Farrell, who passed away Monday at age 84, will begin Wednesday. The wake, which will be held at Christopher T. Jordan Funeral Home in Island Park, N.Y., will be held Wednesday, Apr. 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., as well as Thursday Apr. 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held Friday, Apr. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony's Parish in Oceanside, N.Y.

 **Kentucky**

Mereworth Farm Preserved as Horse Sanctuary:

Mereworth Farm, a 1,200-acre property in Lexington, K.Y. used for generations as a nursery for over 170 stakes-winning Thoroughbreds, is continuing to make history as a sanctuary for unwanted equines and retired racehorses. Officially christened in 1924 by Walter J. Salmon Sr., Mereworth Farm became famous in the American Thoroughbred industry for two generations under the leadership of Mr. Salmon and his son Walter J. Salmon, Jr. Salmon Sr. won the GI Preakness S. three times in the 1920s, including once with a homebred.

Some of the most notable Mereworth-breds include Hall of Famers Battleship and Discovery.

Mr. Salmon's granddaughter Susan Salmon Donaldson, acquired Mereworth Farm in 1986 upon her father's death. Almost immediately thereafter, in 1989, she established the Susan S. Donaldson Foundation to preserve Mereworth after her death as a home for unwanted animals into perpetuity.

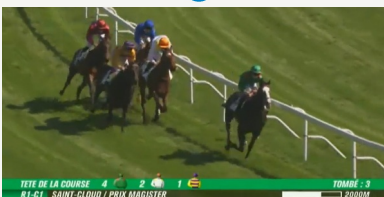
Donaldson passed in 2011, and her Foundation's trustees and farm manager Jimmy Boyd have worked tirelessly with Mereworth staff to restore the farm, including installing new fence lines, seeding pastures, rehabilitating barns and clearing brush. With 140 horses on the property, 131 of which are Thoroughbreds, Mereworth is fulfilling Donaldson's mission of providing a safe haven for horses in need.

Elizabeth Hughes, president of Donaldson's Foundation, said, "I was fortunate to know Susan for 20 years. She loved animals, and particularly horses, with her heart and soul. She knew she was blessed to have the resources to create something truly unique and desperately needed. We intend to honor Susan's legacy--and that of her father and grandfather--by creating a world-class equine sanctuary, a place where unwanted horses that cannot be rehabilitated or retrained can spend their golden years."

To further expand the Foundation's mission, Mereworth Farm has partnered with New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program to house some of the program's ex-racehorses in need of rehabilitation from injuries sustained while racing or training to race. An expansion of this relationship, which will include a retraining facility, will be announced later this month.

TODAY'S FEATURED VIDEO REPLAYS

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California

William Bianco Passes Away:

William Bianco Jr., a former racing commissioner and horse owner, died Apr. 11 after suffering a stroke. The California resident was 75-years-old. Bianco co-founded Kinetic Systems Inc., which provided process systems for the semi-conductor, biotech, pharmaceutical and food industries. After selling the company in 1998, he increased his involvement in Thoroughbred racing by partnering with Fog City Stables. He also bred and raced Cal-breds in partnership with his son William Bianco III under the name Sunset Stables. Bianco was appointed to the California Horse Racing Board in March 2001 and served six years as racing commissioner through January 2007. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, their four children and two grandchildren. A memorial service is pending.

Western U.S.

Monday's Results:

COPPER TOP FUTURITY, \$74,447, SUN, 4-13, (S), 2yo, c/g, 4 1/2f, :51 2/5, ft.
 1--**#NAEVUSSQUALL**, 120, g, 2, **Squall--Brh Up to Naevus**, by Naevus. O/B-W T Stradley & Tom A Williams (NM); T-Fred I Danley; J-Ry Eikleberry. \$37,225. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$38,075. *Raced without Lasix.

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2--**Seasalt N Vinegar**, 120, g, 2, **Seacliff--Salty Air**, by Salt Lake. (\$4,000 yrl '14 RUIAUG). O-Barbara Jean Brown. \$14,890.

3--**Casey Jones Who**, 120, g, 2, **Quinton's Gold--Who's Rumor**, by Hadif. O-Sam E & Sammy L Stevens. \$8,934.

Margins: 3 1/4, HF, 3 3/4. Odds: 3.30, 2.50, 2.90.
 Naevussquall, who was disqualified from second to third when a neck behind Funwayhome (The Way Home) in a state-bred track and trip allowance when unveiled Mar. 21, zipped straight to the lead and rolled through fractions of :21.90 and :45.27. He began to tire inside the final 100 yards, but had accrued a large enough advantage to graduate and secure a stakes win by a comfortable margin. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

• ON THE WORKTAB •

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Judy the Beauty (Ghostzapper), 6f, 1:13.00, 1/2

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}), 4f(aw), :51.80, 9/10

SANTA ANITA PARK

Home Run Kitten (Kitten's Joy), 5f, 1:00.80, 10/27

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2nd-KEE, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, 1:36 p.m. ET

Wesley Ward sends out **ASSOULIN (Candy Ride {Arg})** for Gainesway Stable in this debut. From a barn that has an excellent strike rate with its 2-year-olds, the Kentucky-bred fired a three-panel bullet (1/29) in :35 4/5 here Apr. 11 and she is 9-5 on the morning line. Her second dam is MGSW Atelier (Deputy Minister), herself a daughter of GSW Aishah (Alydar). This is the family of GSW Aldiza (Storm Cat) and Assoulin's fourth dam is Broodmare of the Year Courtly Dee (Never Bend). [Click for Brisnet.com PPs](#).

6th-KEE, \$66K, Alw, 4yo/up, 1mT, 3:40 p.m. ET

Stepping down to allowance company for the first time since spending his 3-year-old season exclusively in graded stakes, Phipps Stables homebred and 2014 GI Belmont Derby hero **MR. SPEAKER (Pulpit)** looks to get back in the winner's circle after running fifth in the GI Travers S. at Saratoga Aug. 23. The Shug McGaughey charge ended his year with a sixth over soft turf in Belmont's nine-panel Gill Hill Prince S. Oct. 4 and has not faced the starter in the interim. His second dam is the undefeated champion and Broodmare of the Year Personal Ensign (Private Account). Jim and Susan Hill's GI King Edward S. winner **Grand Arch (Arch)** is also looking to regain the winning thread. A length short of two-time Horse of the Year Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry) in the GI Shadwell Turf Mile over this grass course during the Keeneland October Meet, the Brian Lynch trainee was a distant 11th after having to steady in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita Nov. 1 and will be looking for both redemption and a clean trip. [Click for Brisnet.com PPs](#).

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IN FRANCE:

Henri's Delight, f, 3, [Henrythenavigator](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN PERU:

Con Couer, f, 4, [Discreet Cat](#)--Dance to Reason, by Devil's Bag. Monterrico, 4-12, Hcp., 1000mT, :55.55. B-Mike Betz & E T Buckley (KY). *\$9,000 RNA wnlg '11 KEENOV; \$14,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP.

Cascajo, g, 5, **Forestry**--Gal of Mine, by Mining. Monterrico, 4-12, Hcp., 1500mT, 1:29.88. B-Hidden Brook Farm (KY). *1/2 to America America (Mister Baileys {GB}), MSW & MGSP-US, MSP-Eng, SP-Ger, \$403,093; and So Long George (Arch), GSW, \$290,307. **\$15,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

Hidden Brook foaled, raised & sold

Condor de Oro, g, 5, [Medagliad'Oro](#)--Sweet Sierra, by Crafty Prospector. Monterrico, 4-10, Hcp., 1000m, :55.03. B-Liberation Farm & Brandywine Farm (KY). *Winning for the seventh time in nine career starts. **1/2 to Golden Country (Menifee), MSW, \$340,645. **\$14,000 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '12 FTMMAY.



American-breds cont.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Top Admiral, f, 4, **Silver Train**--Candybedandy (SW, \$230,497), by Holy Bull. Busan, 4-12, Hcp. (\$78k), 1200m. B-Cooper Thoroughbred Management LLC (KY). * \$25,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$35,400, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14 1/5, ft.

LOVE RULES (c, 3, Not for Love--Rules R Rules {SW}, by Peace Rules) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$43,098. O-Old Coach Farm. B/T-Michael E Gorham (PA).



Tuesday Cancellations
WILL ROGERS DOWNS (all races)
(inclement weather)

APPOINTMENTS

Joe Migliore: West Point Thoroughbreds Sales Associate

- "Having grown up in the New York racing industry, Joe possesses an extensive amount of world-class racing experience enhanced by his roles at NYRA, Irish National Stud, and Arrowfield Stud," said West Point Chief Operating Officer Tom Bellhouse. "His experience in and passion for the game fit precisely into our philosophy of expanding the sport to new owners and delivering the highest caliber of client service that defines West Point Thoroughbreds."
- Graduated from University of Delaware and spent summers working for the NYRA communications department. Also, completed the Irish National Stud course.

Matt Crawford: Delta Downs Race Secretary

- Most recently served as director of racing and racing secretary at Hialeah Park in South Florida. His resume also includes working as an assistant racing secretary at Fair Grounds, Louisiana Downs and Lone Star Park. Earlier in his career he worked with both Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds as a trainer and an assistant trainer.
- "We are very happy to have Matt on our team here at Delta Downs," said Chris Warren, director of racing at Delta Downs and Evangeline Downs. "His prior work in the racing industry along with his ability to communicate effectively with the horsemen will be a valuable asset to this racetrack as we continue to grow into the future."

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, April 15

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
ARCHARCHARCH (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 122/0/0
2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, Tia Flor, \$2K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, April 15

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
AFLEET EXPRESS (Afleet Alex), Gainesway, \$5K, 49/8/0
3-EVD, Msw, 1mT, Top Afleet, \$15K RNA EQL 2YO 2yo, 6-1
ESKENDEREYA (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 194/26/0
3-EVD, Msw, 1mT, Eskadoodle, 8-1
HOLD ME BACK (Giant's Causeway), WinStar, \$6K, 153/13/1
2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Storming Cecilia, \$5K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
MAJESTICPERFECTION (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/27/3
8-KEE, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Majestico, \$90K OBS OPN 2yo, 8-1
WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/25/1
3-EVD, Msw, 1mT, Rikleiner, \$36K BSC YRL yrl, 12-1

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TBA Launches Campaign in Defense of British Stayer:

The Thoroughbred Breeders Association held a press conference in London Monday to disclose the findings of a study into British stayers and staying races, which according to the organization, reveals that "the future of the British Stayer and British racing's diversity is in serious jeopardy". The main concern highlighted by the study, which was carried out by Clive Webb-Carter Bloodstock Services, is the shrinking number of horses with staying pedigrees that are bred in the UK--a fact evidenced by 53% of the winners over long distances in Britain from 2004 to 2013 having been bred in Ireland. The effect of this trend is reinforced by rising export figures, with the study pointing at the more than 50 European-bred horses who have won stakes races for Australian-based trainers since 2011.

TBA Chairman Richard Lancaster explained, "This research was commissioned as a result of two triggers, the European Pattern Committee downgrading the Queen's Vase and then the Bahrain Trophy being put on the 'at risk' list. Both deliver a worrying picture that the staying pattern and black-type program is under threat and, as a consequence, the stayer is in decline. The TBA wanted to ascertain a complete and thorough analysis of the breeding and racing staying landscape in order to act quickly before the issue escalated and more vulnerable black-type staying races are downgraded."

The TBA consequently called upon stakeholders, including the British Horseracing Authority and racecourses, to "collectively renew their efforts to support a review and protect a vital part of the sport's heritage." The organization also shared a number of suggestions to rectify the situation, including boosting the value and number of opportunities for staying profiles, colts and fillies, as well as introducing maiden races for horses by stallions that won over 2000 or 2400 meters.

GENERAL QUARTERS

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284	F.	General Quarters–Proud Beauty	de Meric Sales
517	F.	General Quarters–Storm Fleet	de Meric Sales
545	C.	General Quarters–Sweet Baklava	Pleasant Acres Farm
781	F.	General Quarters–Belle Amidst	Woodford Tbreeds
1069	F.	General Quarters–Geeze Louise	Lance Stokes

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Lookin at Lucky	62	37	59.68%
Majesticperfection	46	27	58.70%
Concord Point	30	17	56.67%
Tale of Ekati	39	22	56.41%
Discreetly Mine	62	26	41.94%
Line of David	34	14	41.18%
Super Saver	71	29	40.85%
Quality Road	68	26	38.24%
Blame	42	16	38.10%
Temple City	48	18	37.50%
Warrior's Reward	67	25	37.31%
Hold Me Back	42	13	30.95%



Watch for a First Crop 2YO selling at OBS April!

1064 F. Tizdejavu–Galileo's Star SGV Thoroughbreds



British Report cont.

Wednesday, Newmarket, post time: 3:30 p.m.

CSP EUROPEAN FREE H.-Listed, £37,000, 3yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Jungle Cat (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Buick	C Appleby	133
2	4	Glenalmond (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	de Sousa	Burke	130
3	3	Faydhan	War Front	Hanagan	Gosden	125
4	2	Home of the Brave (Ire)	Strspngldbnr (Aus)	Doyle	Palmer	125
5	1	Tupi (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Hughes	Hannon	123

Wednesday, Newmarket, post time: 4:40 p.m.

SSR SITE SOLUTIONS FEILDEN S.-Listed, £37,000, 3yo, 9fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Algaith	Dubawi (Ire)	Hanagan	B Hills
2	6	Disegno (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Moore	Stoute
3	7	Festive Fare (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	C Appleby
4	4	Golden Horn (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden
5	5	Mustadeem (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	O'Neill	Meehan
6	2	Peacock (GB)	Paco Boy (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
7	3	Puissant (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Spencer	M Botti

All carry 126 pounds.

Wednesday, Newmarket, post time: 2:55 p.m.

£100,000 TATTERSALLS MILLIONS 3YO SPRINT (COND), £103,616, 3yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Ballymore Castle (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Doyle	Fahey
2	8	Big McIntosh (Ire)	Bushranger (Ire)	Kirby	J Ryan
3	4	Bossy Guest (Ire)	Medicean (GB)	Bishop	Channon
4	2	Encore d'Or (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Kingscote	Beckett
5	9	Excellent George (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Harley	Williams
6	6	Heartbreak Hero (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Sanders	Haggas
7	7	Nuno Tristan	Henrythenavigator	Gibbons	Jarvis
8	5	The Warrior (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Moore	A O'Brien
9	3	Sulaalaat (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Hanagan	Meehan

All carry 131 pounds bar Sulaalaat, 126.

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Tuesday's Results:

1st-SCD, €24,000, Cond, 3yo, 10fT, 2:12.73, gd.
ASHLAN (FR) (c, 3, Dansili {GB}--Ashalanda {Fr} {GSW-Eng & Fr, GSP-Ity, \$223,266}, by Linamix {Fr}), sixth going one mile at Compiègne last time Mar. 26, raced in fifth until allowed some rein to gain control along the backstraight. Turning for home with a cozy buffer, the 63-10 chance kept on strongly under minimal urging inside the final quarter mile to easily best Broadway Boogie (Ire) (Distorted Humor) by a geared-down three lengths. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €16,200. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-H H The Aga Khan. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (Fr). T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

Asia

Tuesday's Results:

MARINE CUP-Listed, ¥35,700,000, FUN, 4-14, 3yo/up f/m, 1600m, 1:38.40, sy.

1--SAMBISTA (JPN), 128, m, 6, Suzuka Mambo (Jpn)--White Carnival (Jpn), (SW-Jpn, \$532,483) by Misil. O-Hidaka Breeders Union; B-Grand Farm; T-Katsuhiko Sumii; J-Yasunari Iwata; ¥21,000,000. Lifetime Record: 22-9-2-5.

2--Trois Bonheur (Jpn), 123, m, 5, Bago (Fr)--Chunyi (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Koji Murano; B-Shadai Farm; ¥7,350,000.

3--Acti Beauty (Jpn), 123, m, 8, Bago (Fr)--Foundry Obokko (Jpn), by Wassl Touch. O-Miyauchi Farm; B-Miyauchi Farm; ¥4,200,000.

Margins: 4, 3, 3. Odds: 0.60, 1.40, 7.80.

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IN HONG KONG:

Jun Huo (Ire), r, 5, Excellent Art (GB)--Enchanting Way (GB), by Linamix (Fr). Sha Tin, 4-12, Hcp. (\$137k), 1650m (AWT). B-Austin Curran. *Formerly Arms (Ire). **€40,000 wnlg '10 GOFNOV; €4,000 RNA yrl '11 GOFSP.

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CONDITION RESULT:

2nd-CAP, €18,700, 3yo, 8.5fT, 1:48.12, gd
VERBINSKY (IRE) (c, 3, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Noble Indiana {Ity}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1 €16,700. O/B La Nuova Sbarra (Ire). T-B. Grizzetti & L. Riccardi.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Henri's Delight, f, 3, Henrythenavigator--Belle Turquoise (Fr), by Tel Quel (Fr). AGN, 4-13, 12 1/2fT, 2:47.07. B-Fares Farm LLC (KY). *\$15,000 yrl '13 KEEJAN.



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