

2015 KTA KENTUCKY DERBY
TRAINERS' DINNER
TUESDAY, APRIL 28



Hyatt Regency Ballroom
 Louisville, Kentucky
 Cocktails at 6:00 pm | Dinner at 6:45 pm
 Hosts: **Jill Byrne and Paul Rogers**
 Single Ticket \$160 Cocktail Attire
 Table of 10 \$1500
MAKE RESERVATIONS (859) 259-1643



POMPA HOMEBRED ON THE PROWL

Paul Pompa, Jr. homebred **Night Prowler** (Giant's Causeway) registered a nice rally late in the stretch to take Keeneland's rescheduled Gill Transylvania S. Wednesday. The 8-5 second choice rated along the rail



Night Prowler
Coady Photography

in third as favored **Luck of the Kitten** (Kitten's Joy) set splits of :24.31 and :49.10 while **Saham** (Lemon Drop Kid) pressed in second. Saham drew even with the leader midway on the turn, and those two battled down the stretch. Night Prowler was behind those two foes midway down the lane, angled out with a

furlong to go and, with a late burst of speed, got up in time to hit the wire a neck in front of Luck of the Kitten.

"I had a beautiful trip," commented winning rider Javier Castellano. "I really liked the way he did it. He's got a great kick in the last part of the race, so I was really fortunate. I had a lot of trouble in his last race [in the Palm Beach]. He got covered up, and I didn't find any seam [to run through]. I was very fortunate today. He was able to work it out." **cont. p3**

FARKAS MAKES PINHOOKING BOW AT OBS

by Jessica Martini

Dennis Farkas has been a Thoroughbred owner for over two decades, but will be making his first foray into the pinhooking arena during next week's Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training.

Through the Woodford Thoroughbreds' consignment, Farkas will offer [hip 226](#), a filly by Tiznow and [hip 439](#), a daughter of leading sire Tapit.

"I've probably bought 60 or 70 horses in my day and I think I've sold one," Farkas said Wednesday. "But it's like any business that you're in, they tell you, you need to diversify. I guess that's what I am doing in the Thoroughbred business now, I'm diversifying. I like to race and that's what I've always done, bought to race. That's always what I enjoyed, but I am trying to diversify." **cont. p4**



Tapit--Silver Wolf
Louise Reinagel

OSAILA COMES OUT ON TOP

In a renewal that featured some unexposed wannabes, proven ability came to the fore with **Osaila (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) inching out New Providence in a pulsating finale in Newmarket's G3 Nell Gwyn S. Chanced in the G3 Albany S. over six furlongs at Royal Ascot in June, the bay was a respectable fifth there before scoring in a Doncaster conditions event and the G3 Princess Margaret S. at Ascot over that trip the following month. Fifth again when attempting this trip



Osaila, Frankie Dettori, Richard Hannon and Harry Herbert
Racing Post

in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. at The Curragh in September, she picked up the £300,000 Tattersalls Millions 2yo Fillies' Trophy over this course and distance in early October before finishing third behind Lady Eli (Divine Park) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf at Santa Anita in October.

Wide early without cover five lengths off the pace, she made up ground easily heading towards the quarter pole to join the similarly smooth-traveling New Providence and the shaken-up **Beautiful Romance** (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). **cont. p10**

They're
ON THE GO
in 2015

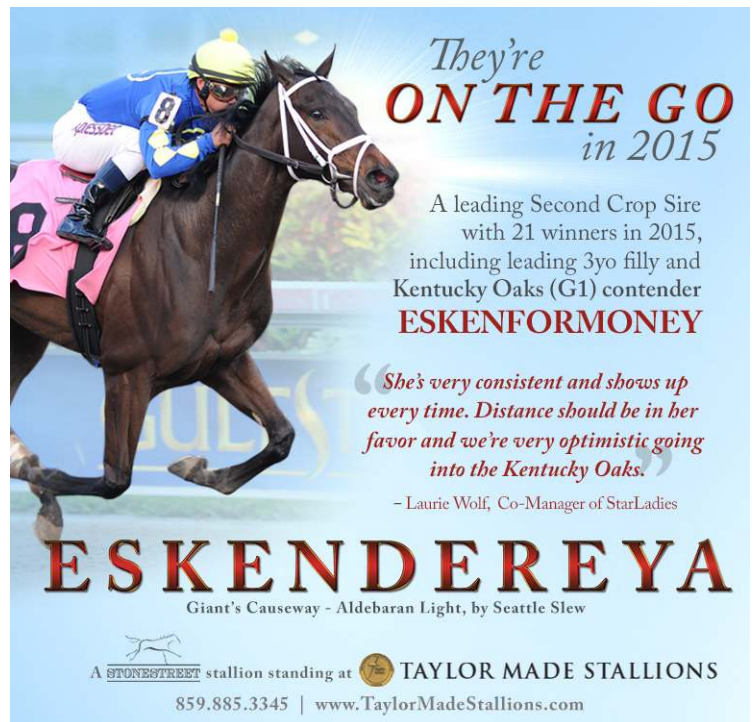
A leading Second Crop Sire with 21 winners in 2015, including leading 3yo filly and Kentucky Oaks (G1) contender **ESKENFORMONEY**

"She's very consistent and shows up every time. Distance should be in her favor and we're very optimistic going into the Kentucky Oaks."

- Laurie Wolf, Co-Manager of StarLadies

ESKENDEREYA
 Giant's Causeway - Aldebaran Light, by Seattle Slew

A **STONE STREET** stallion standing at **TAYLOR MADE STALLIONS**
 859.885.3345 | www.TaylorMadeStallions.com



IN THIS ISSUE

NY-BREDS LIT UP THE TOTEBOARD AT OBS MARCH...AND WHY NOT?

Buyers know that NY-Bred 2YOs will race for **\$2.6 million** in restricted stakes this year alone in New York.

Missed out on one in March?
DON'T MISS OUT AT OBS APRIL!



For the list of over 100 registered NY-Bred 2YOs on offer, [click here](#)



518.587.0777 • www.nytbreeders.org

THE FUND

518.388.0174 • www.nybreeds.com

TDN

THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS

President & Co-Publisher: Barry Weisbord
barryweisbord@thetdn.com
@barryweisbord

Sr. V.P. & Co-Publisher: Sue Finley
suefinley@thetdn.com @suefinley

V.P., International Operations: Gary King
garyking@thetdn.com @garykingTDN

EDITORIAL

editor@thetdn.com

Editor-in-Chief: Jessica Martini
Managing Editor: Alan Carasso
Senior Editor: Steve Sherack
Racing Editor: Brian DiDonato
Associate Editor: Justina Severni
Associate Editor: Christie DeBernardis
Assistant Editor: Heather Likins
Assistant Editor: Ben Massam

ADVERTISING

advertising@thetdn.com

Director of Advertising: Alycia Borer
Art Director: Lia Kusch
Sr. Ad Coordinator/Dir. of Distribution: Sarah K. Andrew
Advertising Designer: Amanda Crelin
Advertising Assistant: Amanda Foster
Social Media Strategist: Nichola Henry

CUSTOMER SERVICE

customerservice@thetdn.com

Dir. of Customer Service: Vicki Forbes

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Director of IT: Robert Williams
robertwilliams@thetdn.com

Director of Internal IT: Ray Villa
rayvilla@thetdn.com

WORLDWIDE INFORMATION

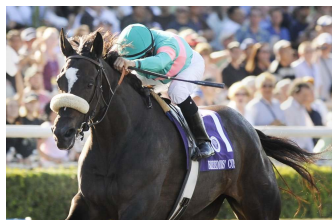
International Editor: Kelsey Riley
kelseynriley@gmail.com

Assistant Editor: Alix Choppin

Newmarket Bureau, Cafe Racing:
Sean Cronin & Tom Frary
caferacing@aol.com

60 Broad Street, Suite 100
Red Bank, NJ 07701
732-747-8060 | 732-747-8955 (fax)
www.thoroughbreddailynews.com
www.thetdn.com

Cozmic One Ready for Debut



Zenyatta

Sarah K. Andrew

Friday marks the unveiling of the sport's most eagerly anticipated first-time starter in years. But when Cozmic One (Bernardini) steps into the starting gate for the second race at Santa Anita Park, his trainer and jockey will be more focused on making sure the 3-year-old gets a good learning experience out of his debut rather than attempting to match the unbounded brilliance of Zenyatta, his famous dam.

Page 6

Street Babe Takes a Shot in Charlestown



Street Babe (outside)

Hodges Photography

It is understood that the majority of the racing world will have their eyes fixed on champion MGISW Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}) during the running of the lucrative GII Charles Town Classic Saturday. But for those looking for an intriguing subplot, late-developing Street Babe (Street Sense), recent winner of the GIII Mineshaft H., will be competing for a piece of Charles Town's \$1.5-million purse in just his fourth career start.

Page 8

Cliffs Colt Tops Craven Opener

Emma Berry reports from the opening day of the Tattersalls' Craven Breeze-up Sale, where lot 70, a colt by Canford Cliffs (Ire), topped the session when selling to Charlie Gordon-Watson for 300,000gns.

Page 13

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for	TV
10:30a	Abernant S.-G3, NEW	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
11:05a	Craven S.-G3, NEW	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
11:40a	Earl of Sefton S.-G3, NEW	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG





NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

Wednesday, Keeneland

TRANSYLVANIA S.-GIII, \$100,000, KEE, 4-15, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44, sf.

1--**NIGHT PROWLER**, 118, g, 3, by [Giant's Causeway](#)

1st Dam: **Mary's Follies (MGSW, \$338,889)**, by More Than Ready

2nd Dam: **Catch the Queen**, by Miswaki

3rd Dam: **Wave to the Queen**, by **Wavering Monarch**

(\$190,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSMAR). O/B-Paul Pompa Jr (KY); T-Chad C Brown; J-Javier Castellano. \$62,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, \$184,695. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A+.

Hidden Brook Foaled & Raised for Paul Pompa

ELIGIBLE FOR **KY BREEDERS' INCENTIVE FUND** AWARDS UP TO \$5,000

2--**Luck of the Kitten**, 123, c, 3, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Anura (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. O/B-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey (KY); T-Wesley A Ward. \$20,000.

3--**Saham**, 118, c, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Texas Kitty, by Forest Wildcat. (\$55,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '14 KEEAPR). O-Sultan Bin Mishal; B-Everest Stables Inc (PA); T-Brendan P Walsh. \$10,000.

SEQUEL BLOODSTOCK graduate

Margins: NK, HF, 3. Odds: 1.60, 1.00, 4.00.

Also Ran: Top of the Page, Majestico. Scratched: A Lot, Tuba.

Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Night Prowler, who got off the mark in his second career start over the yielding Belmont turf in October, finished his juvenile season with a third in Gulfstream Park West's Pulpit S. Nov. 29. The chesnut earned his first graded score with a closing run in the Gill Dania Beach S. at Gulfstream Jan. 3, and entered Wednesday's affair off a troubled fifth in the Gill Palm Beach S. Mar. 7. Night Prowler is the first foal out of MGSW Mary's Follies, who Paul Pompa purchased privately midway through her juvenile season. She produced a Tiznow colt in 2013 and has a Bernardini yearling.

[CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)



WHAT IS OPPENHEIM ON ABOUT NOW?

Whether it's sales, racing or breeding...read the latest musings from **Bill Oppenheim!**

You can find all of Oppenheim's columns in the [TDN Archive](#).



“The Irish people are probably the best horsemen in the world. They present a very good product and they really know how to do it”

BARRY IRWIN
(TEAM VALOR)



IRISH THOROUGHBRED
MARKETING

THINK THOROUGHBRED... THINK IRELAND!

PLEASE CONTACT ITM ON +353 45 443060, EMAIL INFO@ITM.IE OR VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.ITM.IE



FARKAS MAKES PINHOOKING BOW AT OBS

(cont. from p1)

Farkas, who is president of Trico Surveying and Mapping, a company founded by his father in 1971, traces his love of racing back to family vacations as a child.

“My mom and dad used to take us on vacations when I was a kid and we would always end up stopping at a horse track, Ellis Park or River Downs, and it was always a highlight of my summer to go to the horse races,” Farkas recalled.

It was in the 1980s that Farkas first got involved in racehorse ownership.

“I bought my first horse in the late ‘80s for about \$1,500,” he explained. “She was an Ohio-bred and I raced her over at River Downs, Beulah Park and Thistledown. Back in those days, I was hoping she would win so I could make my car payment.”

“I kind of got hooked,” he continued. “It was mostly claiming horses, we were claiming horses and buying some horses and racing them. In the last few years, I’ve done well with my business and things and I’ve had the opportunity to buy some better horses and have gone that route.”

With the help of trainer Ian Wilkes, Farkas purchased three yearlings last fall.

“We didn’t really go there with the idea that we were going to pinhook them all,” Farkas revealed. “Ian and I picked these three out, an Unbridled’s Song colt, the Tiznow and the Tapit.

“I wasn’t planning on keeping all of them; I was thinking I would probably sell at least one of them. We had the Unbridled’s Song colt in for [OBS] March [sale], but he had a splint and we ended up withdrawing him from the sale. So I get to race him and we decided to put these two in the sale.”

Farkas paid \$335,000 for the Tapit filly at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

“I don’t buy in that range usually,” Farkas said. “Actually, Ian won’t let me buy in that range,” he amended.

“I paid \$200,000 for a Malibu Moon filly back in 2013 and \$140,000 for a Congrats filly and \$160,000 for a Tiznow filly, but usually when Ian and I are in there bidding and the price starts to get up there about six digits, that’s usually when he starts elbowing me and telling me to stop. The funny thing with this Tapit filly, he never told me to stop. He liked her that much.”

The juvenile has not disappointed so far. *cont. p5*



Dennis Farkas (left), with racing partner Joe Hickman and trainer Ian Wilkes



Oneupmanship!

Midshipman, the number one second-crop sire in Kentucky, by winners to runners and Black Type winners to foals – and standing at a fraction of the fee of his rivals.

TOP KENTUCKY SECOND-CROP SIRE, 20+ STARTERS, BY WINNERS TO STARTERS

- | | | |
|----------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Midshipman | \$7,500 |
| 2 | Munnings | \$12,500 |
| 3 | Lookin At Lucky | \$25,000 |
| 4 | Majesticperfection | \$15,000 |

Yi-hah! \$560k two-year-old and star-in-the-making **Yiannis** strikes at Stakes level.

MIDSHIPMAN \$7,500 S&N
 Unbridled’s Song – Fleet Lady (Avenue Of Flags)
 859-255-8537 www.darleyamerica.com



AIRDRIE STUD

One Week

3 SPECIAL 3YO FILLIES



MAJESTICPERFECTION's
First-Crop Star
LOVELY MARIA Takes the
Grade I \$500,000 Ashland S.



DIVINE PARK's Brilliant
LADY ELI Remains Undefeated
by Dominating the Grade 3
Appalachian S.



INCLUDE's Talented and Game
INCLUDE BETTY Takes the
Grade 3 \$400,000 Fantasy S.

THE AIRDRIE STALLIONS: YOUR KEY TO RACING PROFIT

Think About It!

**AIRDRIE
STUD** INC.

P.O. Box 487 • Midway, KY 40347 • 859-873-7270 • FAX 859-873-6140 • Web site: www.airdriestud.com

CAIRO PRINCE • CREATIVE CAUSE • DIVINE PARK • HAYNESFIELD • INCLUDE • ISTAN
MAJESTICPERFECTION • PROUD CITIZEN



“She is really awesome,” Farkas said. “It’s really kind of heartbreaking for me to even think about selling her. Everybody who has been around her, the guys over at Woodford and Ian, they are so high on her. It makes it harder for me to sell her. We’ve been around horses a lot and she is obviously the best horse I’ve ever owned. I’ve never spent that much on a horse, but she is by far the best filly that I’ve ever owned. I know that she hasn’t been to the track, but it’s going to be really hard for me to part ways with her.”

Still with his motto of diversification, Farkas decided to put the filly through the OBS sales ring.

“I talked to Ian about it and I talked to [Woodford general manager] Scott Kintz and [farm trainer] John Gleason and they all thought that, economic-wise, it made sense to go ahead and sell her, given that Tapit is doing as well as he is and they raised his stud fee to \$300,000. They thought right now would probably be a good economic decision to sell.”

The filly, out of a half-sister to Grade I winner Corinthian (Pulpit) and graded stakes winner Desert Hero (Sea Hero), worked a furlong during Wednesday’s third under tack show in [:10 1/5](#). Farkas watched the work on his computer.

“My wife watched the video with me this morning and as we were watching--I went ahead and hit the record on my phone because she gave me a price,” Farkas laughed. “And she said you can’t sell her for less than that. I’ve got it recorded, my wife telling me that.”

The Tiznow filly was a \$90,000 purchase at last year’s Fasig-Tipton October sale. She is out of Paradise Bound (Pulpit), a half-sister to graded stakes winner Unbridled Humor (Distorted Humor). The juvenile worked a quarter Tuesday in [:22 3/5](#).

“The Tiznow filly, we were a little disappointed in her time,” Farkas admitted. “She did everything well, she was well within herself and looked good on the track. She worked faster on the farm, quite a bit faster. We don’t really know why she didn’t work as fast as we thought she was going to, whether it was the track or just an off day, but she is one of those that will take a little time. I know a lot of people don’t like to hear that, but she is one that is probably going to need a little bit more time than the Tapit filly, but I think she is going to be a really nice filly, too. She looks good and has a good attitude. She is a Tiznow, she is just not going to be a two-furlong flying machine.”

On his own or in partnership, Farkas currently has three horses in training with Wilkes. The two juveniles could join the group.

“If things don’t work out, I’m not afraid to keep them at all,” he said. “If it doesn’t happen, I’m going to race them.”

With his 25 years in the business, Farkas is still looking for his big horse.

“I bought a filly off the track, her name was Aunt Patsy (Damascus), I bought her in 1990 or 1991,” Farkas said. “I raced her a little bit and I ended up breeding her to Is It True and got a filly named Iffy. She was my best horse. She never won a stakes, but she ran second in a couple of stakes.



NTRA SAFETY & INTEGRITY ALLIANCE REPORT

NTRA NAMES STEVE KOCH AS ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Recent Background: Koch arrives at the NTRA from Woodbine racetrack in Toronto, Canada, where he served since 2008 as vice president of thoroughbred racing. At Woodbine, he oversaw all strategic and operating aspects of the thoroughbred racing. Under his guidance, Woodbine has maintained Alliance accreditation since inception of the program in 2009.

Additional Experience: Koch held various posts at Woodbine from 2003 through 2007, including director of racing and director of backstretch operations. His early career included four years with Keeneland and an upbringing as a horseman at Claiborne Farm.



“Safety and integrity represent the most critical issues facing our sport and I look forward to helping the industry adopt the highest standards possible for the benefit of horses, riders and the betting public.”

– Steve Koch

For more information contact Steve Koch, executive director of NTRA Safety & Integrity Alliance, (859) 422-2668 or visit www.NTRAAlliance.com.

“We’ve had two or three pretty nice horses, but I’m always hoping to get that big horse.”

He concluded, “I don’t think you’re in this business unless you think you have a chance to have that horse one day. If you don’t have that dream, you’re probably not in this business.”

The OBS Spring breeze show continues through Saturday with sessions beginning daily at 8 a.m. The sale starts next Tuesday and continues through Friday. Bidding begins each day at 10:30 a.m.

[t f](#) [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#) [✉](#)



Hip 572, a filly by Any Given Saturday, registered the fastest quarter-mile breeze during Wednesday’s session of the OBS under tack show. She covered the distance in [:20 4/5](#). The filly is consigned by Eddie Woods.

Louise Reinagel photo



OBS SPRING

2-Year-Olds in Training Sale
Under-tack Show - Apr. 15
Fastest 1/8 mile works

Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10 flat	405	colt	D'Funnybone	Shakaleena
Consigned by King's Equine, Agent for Wellspring Stables				
:10 flat	420	filly	Tale of the Cat	She's Mine
Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XXXIX				
:10 flat	423	filly	Old Fashioned	Shezastormin
Consigned by Harris Training Center LLC, agent				
:10 flat	481	filly	Sky Mesa	Songandashinyband
Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XVI				
:10 flat	487	filly	Quality Road	Southern Flu
Consigned by Top Line Sales LLC, Agent for Small Batch Thoroughbreds				
:10 flat	509	filly	Super Saver	Start a Revolution
Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent I				
:10 flat	550	filly	Street Boss	Sweet Sierra
Consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales LLC, Agent VI				
:10 flat	562	colt	Lemon Drop Kid	Taittinger Rose
Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XLV				
:10 flat	575	colt	High Cotton	That's So Funny
Consigned by Harris Training Center LLC, agent				
:10 flat	581	colt	Here Comes Ben	Thundersnow
Consigned by Rick Lopez Training & Sales				
:10 flat	593	colt	City Zip	Tizado
Consigned by Parrish Farms, agent				
:10 flat	596	colt	Into Mischief	Top Royelle (GB)
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XLIV				

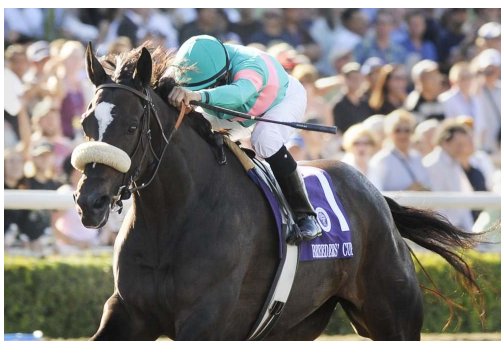
Fastest 1/4 mile works

Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:20 4/5	572	filly	Any Given Saturday	Tequilas Dayjur
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXVII				

COZMIC ONE READY FOR DEBUT

By T.D. Thornton

Friday marks the unveiling of the sport's most eagerly anticipated first-time starter in years. But when **Cozmic**



Zenyatta
Sarah K. Andrew

to match the unbounded brilliance of Zenyatta, his famous dam, who began her storybook career by capturing 19 straight victories and the heart of the racing nation.

One (Bernardini) steps into the starting gate for the second race at Santa Anita Park, his trainer and jockey will be more focused on making sure the 3-year-old gets a good learning experience out of his debut rather than attempting

"He's a little bit like his mother in some of his mannerisms. He was a wonderful stride like she had," said John Shirreffs, who trained Zenyatta for owners Jerry and Ann Moss and now has charge of the champion's first foal. "He's very strong and he feels good. For him, it's a manner of channeling his energy."

Jockey Victor Espinoza, who has been partnering with Cozmic One during morning training, said he relishes the anticipation of finding out how the long, lanky, dark bay colt will respond under the conditions of an actual race after schooling him to act with restraint over a long series of workouts this spring.

"For me, it's all about teaching him a good experience in his first race," Espinoza said. "Especially for a horse like him, I want him to enjoy the ride. The most important thing is I want him to have fun. I don't want it to be stressful for him. I don't want to be all aggressive and macho with him. I want him to have a good time, and to teach him, 'This is going to be your job.'"

Primarily because of Zenyatta's fervent fan base, and secondarily because Cozmic One's career coincides with an era in which even minute decisions about unraced racehorses from superstar matings get chronicled microscopically on social media, anticipation has been heightened for Friday's one-mile debut. Ever since his Mar. 8, 2012, foaling, fans of the colt with a white star on his forehead born under a full moon have had the first Saturday in May circled on their calendars. But the third Friday in April is just fine for Shirreffs, who is known for his patient approach.

"I think it's all about professionalism for a young horse," Shirreffs said. "You want them to go in a professional manner. If they do something well, you want them to repeat it as much as possible so you're not going backwards. You always want to feel like you're moving ahead, even if it's just baby steps."

"Coz," as he is known under the shedrow, first shipped to Shirreffs' Belmont Park barn last summer, and there were rumors that he would debut at age 2 at Saratoga. Shirreffs spent the entire Spa meet politely deflecting questions about when Coz would appear in the entries, knowing Zenyatta's baby wasn't even close to attempting a race.

Shirreffs shipped the colt west last autumn when his outfit returned to Santa Anita, and in December told *TDN*, "the big thing is you don't want people to jump to conclusions too quickly along the way of training him. I try to tell everybody 'one step at a time,' that's my philosophy."

As the winter progressed, so did Cozmic One. It was clear to Shirreffs that the physical ability was there, but the colt needed more work to get his mental act together. Through it all, the similarities to Zenyatta shined through: Coz developed his mother's muscular hind end and powerful shoulder. Even her coat sheen and color. And, of course, the headstrong attitude and confidence in a pack of horses, which Shirreffs said is a trait passed along to all of the foals out of Zenyatta's dam, Vertigineux (Kris S.). **cont. p7**



Cozmic One Ready for Debut cont.

Zenyatta's only loss came in her final career try, a narrow, heart-wrenching second-place defeat by a head in the 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Classic. She was the first female to win the Classic (2009), holds the North American record for Grade I victories by a filly/mare (13), and was voted champion older female in 2009 and 2010 while also winning Horse of the Year in 2010.

After Cozmic One, Zenyatta foaled a Tapit colt named Ziconic in 2013. Her 2014 weanling by War Front was euthanized last October after a paddock accident. Zenyatta was not bred last season and currently resides at Lane's End Farm in Kentucky. After the accident, Jerry Moss told *TDN* she would again be mated with War Front. Shirreffs said he does not get regular progress reports on Zenyatta, but added, "She's fine. I know that she's going to be bred soon."

Shirreffs said the turning point for Cozmic One came in mid-March, when the colt began to learn how change gears rather than kicking into overdrive and taking off as soon as he sensed the true speed part of a drill was about to begin.

"I'd say his last three works he's been able to finish really well," Shirreffs said. "Before that, he would be breaking off, getting into his work, but he really wasn't finishing well. And since then, he's really been in the bridle his last couple of works, so that was a big change for him. He's starting to focus and understand where the wire is.

"It's just a matter of him learning," Shirreffs continued. "Obviously, after you breeze horses a few times they anticipate [breaking off from a given pole], so they want to get right into it. He had to learn not to run through the bridle and to listen to his rider. That just comes with being patient and not asking to much in the beginning."

Espinoza said exercising a bit of reverse psychology on Coz seemed to provide the "ah-ha!" moment for the colt.

"He's very smart, and he learns things quick, which is sometimes good, sometimes not. Sometimes he's too smart," Espinoza said with a laugh. "He was a little bit aggressive, so I tried something different with him. When he thinks that I'm going to take a hold of him, I do it the opposite way and don't take a hold, trying to trick him.

"The first workout I went normal, and [when Coz took off] I was like, 'Whoa!'" Espinoza explained. "The second time he did that, I figured him out and I was like, 'Okay, I have to do something different.' The third work I didn't take a hold of him. The fourth work, when I didn't take hold and worked him behind horses, I was like, 'Wow, what happened?' He was very handy after that. I was like, 'Damn, this is pretty good!'"

Shirreffs said Coz's workmate has primarily been Captain Tim (Candy Ride [Arg]), another 3-year-old maiden owned by the Mosses, who ran fourth in his Apr. 5 debut at Santa Anita against maiden special weights going 6 1/2 furlongs.

Flip Flop on over
to celebrate Ocala Farm Ministry's
**CALL TO THE POST
DINNER AND AUCTION**

Sunday, April 19, 2015
HAPPY HOUR & AUCTION PREVIEW
Sail away at 6:00pm
7:00pm Dinner and Live Auction
ITW building at OBS

**Tickets \$100.00 per person,
\$800.00 per table (10)**

For more information, please contact
STEPHANIE BRENNAN - 352.427.8540
JAQUI DEMERIC - 352.843.0456

"The last two works he's gotten dirt kicked in his face," Shirreffs said. "We have to give [Captain Tim] a little bit of a head start because [Coz] jumps into gear quickly. It wouldn't do any good for him to run by the horse and have the workmate chase him around there."

Espinoza said he notices positive changes just by looking at Cozmic One before and after workouts.

"He's put on more weight. His body's filled out. He started getting sweaty before, and now he's like more calm and cool. He's started to get it," Espinoza said.

Friday's maiden race has drawn a field of seven, with Coz breaking from the rail.

"He's coming out of the one hole, so that sort of changes the complexion of the race for him," said Shirreffs. "I don't think he's got the kind of speed to make the lead out of the one hole, so he's going to have to somehow get to the outside. Whether or not or how early he can do that, I don't know. Obviously, we'd hate to see him stuck down on the rail."

Espinoza said he didn't see post one as too much of a hindrance.

"For a first-timer like him, I think the inside is good, because it's going to be a good experience for him," Espinoza said. "For a lot of horses, no. But for Cozmic One, I like the way he's going to come out of there. I think he's going to learn a lot first time out."

[CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)



STREET BABE CONTINUES TO CLIMB CLASS LADDER

by Ben Massam

It is understood that the majority of the racing world will have their eyes fixed on champion MGISW Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}) during the running of the lucrative GII Charles Town Classic Saturday. But for those looking for an intriguing subplot, late-developing **Street Babe** (Street Sense), recent winner of the GIII Mineshaft H., will be competing for a piece of Charles Town's \$1.5-million purse in just his fourth career start.

Michael Dilger, who trains Street Babe for primary client Anstu Stables, said that a patient approach has worked well for the talented gelding.

"We had him as a 2-year-old," explained Dilger. "He's always been a big horse. He's quite tall--probably 17



Street Babe (outside)
Hodges Photography

hands at this point. He showed us some promise at two, and we decided that he was still growing, so we sent him back to Kentucky. He spent last winter at the farm, and then he came back to me in the middle of May last year."

Given time to grow into his large frame, Street Babe trained with Dilger's string at Saratoga until the autumn of his 3-year-old season. When he made it to the starting gate for the first time at Aqueduct Nov. 20, the dark bay notched a decisive four-length victory in a one-mile maiden event.

Street Babe was sent to South Florida for the winter following that initial effort, and went to post as the heavy favorite in a Gulfstream Park allowance event on New Year's Eve. He set a contested pace in the 1 1/16-mile affair and was caught in the stretch by GISP Fast Falcon (Awesome Again). Although his charge held on to finish second, Dilger said that the result came as a surprise.

"We were very confident that day, and I thought he should win," recalled Dilger. "He broke sharp and wound up on the rail getting pressed the whole way around, and he was just nipped on the wire by a horse that came wide. He never saw the horse and never got to engage with him, so he got beaten. We were sort of surprised by that and disappointed, but we knew from his training that we had a very nice horse."

Having regrouped from the defeat at Gulfstream, Dilger affirmed his confidence in Street Babe by entering him in the Mineshaft at the Fair Grounds Feb. 21.

Overlooked by the wagering public at odds of 21-1 in New Orleans, Street Babe raced wide around both turns and rallied to score by 3/4 of a length over Mystery Train (Arg) (Not For Sale {Arg}), a two-time G1SW in Argentina. According to Dilger, the effort provided both redemption for the earlier defeat and represented a noticeable improvement in the maturity of his trainee.

"I was very pleased with that race for a couple of reasons," Dilger commented. "Obviously because he won, but also because he broke sharply and was able to sit third on the outside just off the pace. He dug in and battled well at the end to win, so it was a very professional way to win a race."

Dilger said that he considered running Street Babe back in the Mar. 28 G2 Godolphin Mile in Dubai or the GII New Orleans H. at the Fair Grounds, but ultimately decided to give the gelding more time to recover. A bid at the Charles Town Classic, he noted, made the most sense due to its spot on the calendar.

Given a 15-1 morning-line chance from post three in the Classic, Dilger is well aware that Street Babe will be asked to make another significant jump up the class ladder while facing the likes of Shared Belief.

"He's trained very well and we've got a lot of faith in him," the trainer continued. "We were taking a big jump in class when we went to New Orleans for the Mineshaft, and we're going to be doing the same thing again up against all these more experienced horses. But we think we have a nice horse."

Dilger, who has a stable of 24 horses, also sends out a pair of sophomore stakes competitors on Saturday. Team Valor International's **To the Victor** (Street Sense) goes in the seven-furlong Robert Hilton Memorial S. on the Charles Town undercard, while Anstu Stables' **Eh Cumpari** (Elusive Quality)--recent winner of the GIII Palm Beach S.--has been entered in Aqueduct's Woodhaven S. over 1 1/16 miles on the turf.

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

DIVINING ROD LOOKS TOWARD PREAKNESS

GIII Coolmore Lexington S. winner **Divining Rod** (Tapit) is being aimed toward a start in the GI Preakness S. May 16. "Yes, I'm thinking of the Preakness," trainer Arnaud Delacour said. "The timing seems right. It's five weeks after the Lexington. We had the Preakness in mind before we entered in the Lexington, hoping he would step up to that caliber of horses. His win in the Lexington was very encouraging. I was very pleased because he really did it the right way. He took back a little bit, just relaxed there and came with a big run in the stretch, so that was pretty exciting. He came back very well from it."

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)



You can also pick up a copy
of the TDN today at the
OBS Spring Sale.



THOROUGHBRED
RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION



HAY!

When you give to the 2015 Hay Drive, you feed the TRF's 925 horses at 24 farms across the country that are working as teachers athletes, and healers.

But did you know?
Your gift also supports local farming communities, helps to conserve land, and provides education in equine care.

To support the Hay Drive, visit: www.trfinc.org

Help us reach our goal! Click here to make a gift now!

THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT FOUNDATION
PO BOX 834 | SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866
WWW.TRFINC.ORG | 518-226-0028



CARPE DIEM TO BREEZE SUNDAY

GI Toyota Blue Grass S. winner and 'TDN Rising Star' **Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway) will breeze Sunday at Keeneland in preparation for a start in the GI Kentucky Derby May 2.

"He has looked very good," Pletcher said of the colt. "He has handled the moisture in the track very well and I applaud Keeneland for having a terrific track." Pletcher is not sure when Carpe Diem will ship to Churchill Downs, explaining that "He likes a quiet environment and he is doing so well here. We will play that by ear."

[t f](#) **CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY**

FEATURE PRESENTATION • GII CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC



MUCHO MACHO MAN
\$15,000 S/N

BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC CHAMPION

Precocious 2YO. Classic 3YO.
Dominant Older Horse.

MGSP at 2, SW at 3, 4, 5 & 6!

ADENA SPRINGS KENTUCKY / www.AdenaStallions.com / (859) 987-1798

Saturday, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, post time: 6:05 p.m. EDT

CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC S.-GII, \$1,500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Looking Cool	Candy Ride (Arg)	De La Cruz	Judy	118
2 Vyjack	Into Mischief	Montano	Rodriguez	118
3 Street Babe (K)	Street Sense	Rosario	Dilger	120
4 Shared Belief	Candy Ride (Arg)	Smith	Hollendorfer	123
5 Page McKenney	Eavesdropper	Karamanos	Eppler	118
6 Moreno	Ghostzapper	Velasquez	Guillot	118
7 General a Rod	Roman Ruler	Velazquez	Pletcher	118
8 Warrioroftheroses	A. P. Warrior	Dunkelberger	Dilodovico	118
9 Imperative (K)	Bernardini	Quinonez	Pappadromou	118

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

DIXIANA ELKHORN S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Dramedy (K)	Distorted Humor	Bravo	Aschinger	118
2 Biz The Nurse (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Saez	Albertrani	118
3 My Afleet	Afleet Alex	Rocco	Lawrence II	118
4 Unitarian	Pulpit	Castellano	Pletcher	118
5 Cary Street (K)	Smarty Jones	Lopez	Walsh	120
6 Holiday Star	Harlan's Holiday	Maragh	Motion	118
7 Java's War	War Pass	Graham	Attfield	118
8 Optimizer	English Channel	Lanerie	Fernandez	118
9 Aldous Snow	Theatrical (Ire)	Lezcano	Pierce	118
10 Dynamic Sky	Sky Mesa	Leparoux	Casse	118
11 Xtra Luck (K)	Exchange Rate	Hernandez	Howard	118

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 1:51 p.m. EDT

DISTAFF H.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Frivolity (K)	Corinthian	Cruz	Jacobson	112
2 Mamdooha	Daaher	Ortiz Jr.	McLaughlin	117
3 Aireofdistinction (K)	Songandaprayer	Alvarado	Jacobson	115
4 La Verdad	Yes It's True	Ortiz	Rice	118

Saturday, Hawthorne, post time: 6:40 p.m. EDT

ILLINOIS DERBY-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Kantune	Kantharos	Emigh	Casse	123
2 Verraco (K)	Old Fshioned	Trujillo	Cassidy	123
3 Cross the Line	Line of David	Geroux	Hollendorfer	123
4 A. Rod Again	Awsme Again	Mena	Maker	123
5 Conquest Curlinate (K)	Curlin	Bridgmohan	Casse	123
6 Whiskey Ticket (K)	Ghostzapper	Pedroza	Baffert	123
7 Lewys Vaporizer	Lewis Michael	Sanjur	Rivelli	123
8 Phenomenal Phoenix (K)	Summer Bird	Quinonez	Von Hemel	123
9 Private Prospect (K)	Discreet Cat	Esquivel	Campbell	123

Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:38 p.m. EDT

WHIMSICAL S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6fA (AWT)

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Silent Star	Silnt Nme (Jpn)	Stein	Bell	119
2 Wild Catomine (K)	Milwkee Brew	Boulanger	Casse	119
3 Unspurned (K)	Lemn Drp Kid	Garcia	Attfield	119
4 Sweater Weather	Milwkee Brew	Husbands	Tiller	121
5 Goldstryke Glory	Sond in Cmmnd	Campbell	Callaghan	117
6 Skylander Girl	Stroll	Contreras	Patykewich	117
7 More Than Bandeau (K)	More Thn Rdy	Moreno	Di Pasquale	115
8 Executive Allure	Bold Executive	Da Silva	Banach	121

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

SIXTY SAILS H.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Yahilwa (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Trujillo	Cassidy	118
2 Awesome Flower	Flower Alley	Mena	Maker	118
3 Parc Monceau (K)	Giant's Causeway	Geroux	Mott	117
4 Sea Shadow	Jump Start	Stephen	Colebrook	115
5 Ketel Twist (K)	Dixie Union	Jimenez	Maker	113

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

SANTA BARBARA H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Three Hearts	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Baze	Drysdale	119
2 Tangelo	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	Cecil	111
3 Fanticola	Silent Name (Jpn)	Talamo	D'Amato	117
4 Queen of The Sand (Ire)	Fistpsinhsand (GB)	Van Dyke	Gallagher	118
5 Walk Close (K)	Tapit	Espinoza	Clement	116
6 Diversity Harbor (K)	Curlin	Stevens	Proctor	120
7 Industrial Policy	Harlan's Holiday	Blanc	Casse	115
8 Habibi (NZ)	Ekraar	Prat	Mandella	116
9 Arethusia	A.P. Indy	Desormex	Harty	114

TDN **Follow the TDN staff on Twitter**
Thoroughbred Daily News

@theTDN

[@kelseynriley](#) [@BDiDonatoTDN](#) [@SteveSherackTDN](#)

[@CBossTVG](#) [@JSeverniTDN](#) [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

[@CDeBernardis](#) [@EquinealTDN](#) [@HLikinsTDN](#)

[@njthoroughbred](#) [@MKane49](#) [@barryweisbord](#)

[@suefinley](#) [@garykingTDN](#) [@NicholaHenry](#)



Wednesday, Newmarket, Britain

LANWADES STUD NELL GWYN S.-G3, £60,000, NMT, 4-15, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:23.24, gd/fm.

1--**OSAILA (IRE)**, 126, f, 3, by [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: **Mennetou (Ire)**, by **Entrepreneur (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Detroit (Fr)**, by **Riverman**

3rd Dam: **Derna (Fr)**, by **Sunny Boy (Fr)**

(220,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT). O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Mennetou Syndicate (IRE); T-Richard Hannon; J-Frankie Dettori. £34,026. Lifetime Record: GISP-US, 8-4-1-1, £305,135. *Full to Obama Rule (Ire), GSW-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**New Providence (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Bahamian Bounty (GB)--Bayja (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. (£22,000 yrl '13 DONAUG; 30,000gns RNA 2yo '14 TATAPR).

O-Mr Chris Humber; B-James Ortega Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Hugo Palmer. £12,900.

3--**Beautiful Romance (GB)**, 126, f, 3, [New Approach \(Ire\)](#)--

Mazuna (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). O-Godolphin; B-Darley Stud Management Co Ltd (Rabbah) (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. £6,456.

Margins: SHD, 1HF, HF. Odds: 4.00, 7.00, 3.33.

Also Ran: **Astrelle (Ire)**, **Bond's Girl (GB)**, **Lady Correspondent**, **Marsh Hawk (GB)**, **Muraaqaba (GB)**.

[Click for the Racing Post result](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

As the latter struggled to find another gear instantly, Osaila gained the edge over New Providence at the furlong pole and, despite that rival's game rally, it was always the Hannon trainee who held the aces as the line neared.

"She is not there in her coat yet and there is three to five pounds to come from that," her conditioner commented. "Sky Lantern got beat in this race two years ago and went on to win the Guineas and this filly is hopefully as good, as there is not lot of difference between them. She will improve a lot for that and will have a great chance on Guineas day. Today she was drawn quite poorly and things were quite difficult for her. Hopefully that will be different in the Guineas."

[t f](#) [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

© Copyright Thoroughbred Daily News.
 This newspaper may not be reproduced in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, without prior written permission of the copyright owner, MediaVista. Information as to the American races, race results and earnings was obtained from results charts published in Daily Racing Form and utilized here with the permission of the copyright owner, Daily Racing Form.

Wednesday, Chantilly, France

PRIX SIGY-G3, €80,000, CHY, 4-14, 3yo, 6fT, 1:09.56, gd/sf.

1--**#@EL VALLE (FR)**, 123, c, 3, by **Dobby Road (Fr)**

1st Dam: **Dohibane (Fr)**, by **Danehill**

2nd Dam: **Liver de Saron**, by **Mt. Livermore**

3rd Dam: **Lyre de Saron (Fr)**, by **Luthier (Fr)**

O/B/T-Valerie Dissaux (Fr); J-Mickael Barzalona. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 13 starts, 2 wins, 7 places, €90,000. **Werk Nick Rating: First SW from this cross.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Finsbury Square (Ire)**, 123, c, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--

Diamond Square (Fr), by Dyhim Diamond (Ire).

O-Berend van Dalfsen. €16,000.

3--**Goken (Fr)**, 127, c, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Gooseley Chope (Fr), by Indian Rocket (GB). O-Guy Pariente. €12,000.

Margins: SNK, HF, HF. Odds: 53.30, 10.00, 2.10.

Also Ran: **Projected (GB)**, **Souvenir Delondres (Fr)**, **El Topo (Spa)**, **Attentif (GB)**, **Immediate (GB)**, **Snow and Ice (Fr)**, **Chambois (Fr)**, **Mocklershill (Fr)**. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

El Valle, who was runner-up in Fontainebleau's Listed Prix Zeddaan Nov. 20, ran fourth in a Polytrack maiden here on seasonal return Jan. 23 and shed maiden status, at the 11th attempt, back at Fontainebleau Mar. 4. He slipped to seventh tackling another Fontainebleau sprint last time Mar. 23, and raced in rear following an awkward exit sporting first-time headgear here. Inching into midfield at halfway, the bay came under pressure soon after and kept on resolutely under a drive to claim a career high at huge odds in the dying strides.

"Although he didn't win last year, he had good form as a 2-year-old," commented Valerie Dissaux. "He has matured over the winter and prefers good ground, which wasn't the case in many of his races. He'll go abroad eventually, but I'll look at the program carefully because, at this stage, I'd like to keep him against 3-year-olds."

THE CRAVEN CREW

With none of today's protagonists for Newmarket's G3 Novae Bloodstock Insurance Craven S. quoted at



White Lake
Racing Post

less than 14-1 in the ante-post lists for the upcoming G1 2000 Guineas, it is fair to say that the latest renewal of this time-honored trial is lacking some gravity.

Nonetheless, with the mile Classic looking at present to be wide-open and missing a star turn, the way is

open for some of the darker prospects to state their case over the same course and distance. **cont. p11**



'TDN Rising Star' White Lake (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) looked every bit a genuine Guineas hope when accounting for the smart Secret Brief (Ire) (Shamardal) on debut over seven furlongs in York's Convivial Maiden at the Ebor meeting in August before running below expectations when fourth in the Listed Flying Scotsman S. over that trip at Doncaster's St Leger festival the next month. With a winter's rest to renew him, Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's still-promising bay remains one of the intriguing outsiders in the Classic picture, and Luca Cumani is keeping an open mind.

"White Lake has wintered well and looks our chief Classic hope among the colts at this point, but it's difficult beyond that to say too much right now," he explained. "He has been very pleasing at home and had a racecourse gallop last week, so we go to Newmarket hopeful that the boy can turn into a man."

Heading the opposition is his Flying Scotsman conqueror **Nafaqa (Ire)** (Sir Percy {GB}), who bids to stack up Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's collection of Guineas contenders. Having mastered the subsequent impressive G2 Mill Reef S. winner Toocoolforschool (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}) and the smart Hannon trainee Peacock (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}) as well as White Lake at Doncaster, he ran into Elm Park (GB) (Phoenix Reach {Ire}) when a length second to that eventual G1 Racing Post Trophy scorer in the G2 Royal Lodge S. over this track and trip in September.

"We think a lot of Nafaqa and everyone has been very pleased with how has done over the winter," jockey Paul Hanagan said. "This will be the first time I have sat on him this year. He was still a big baby last year, although he did have some very good form. Hopefully the penny has dropped with him this year."

Richard Hannon relies on a duo with contrasting backgrounds, and the unexposed **'TDN Rising Star' Moheet (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) is the more interesting following his seven-length success over this trip at Salisbury at the start of October. Al Shaqab Racing's racing manager Harry Herbert commented, "He's come on really well and is a magnificent horse to look at. Physically, he's really thrived since that run last season and his work coming into this has been extremely good. I saw him work at the weekend with Richard's best 3-year-olds and he was certainly well up there with them. This will tell us a lot more about whether he'll handle the track and we just thought it was sensible to come here and see what we've got. We hope the bubble doesn't burst and we can head on to the Guineas."

Aidan O'Brien, who currently houses the ante-post Guineas favorite Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), sends across a reliable yardstick in **War Envoy** (War Front), and Susan Magnier's bay will provide an accurate measure of his rivals' merit, having contested some of the better juvenile events in 2014. He also has race-fitness to help, having run second on his return in the Listed Patton S. over seven furlongs on Dundalk's Polytrack at the beginning of the month.

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

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

NOVAE BLOODSTOCK INSURANCE CRAVEN S.-G3, £60,000, 3yo, c/g, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Kool Kompany (Ire)	Jeremy	Hughes	Hannon
2	2	Aces (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Atzeni	C Hills
3	6	Hail the Hero (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Tudhope	O'Meara
4	1	Moheet (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Dettori	Hannon
5	3	Nafaqa (Ire)	Sir Percy (GB)	Hanagan	B Hills
6	4	War Envoy	War Front	Moore	A O'Brien
7	7	White Lake (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Kirby	Cumani

All carry 126 pounds bar Kool Kompany, 129.

Thursday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 4:40 p.m.

WEATHERBYS GENERAL STUD BOOK EARL OF SEFTON S.-G3, £60,000, 4yo/up, 9fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	8	Glory Awaits (Ire)	Choisir (Aus)	de Sousa	K Ryan
2	7	Arod (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Atzeni	P Chapple-Hyam
3	2	Educate (GB)	Echo of Light (GB)	Kirby	Mohammed
4	4	French Navy (GB)	Shamardal	Buick	C Appleby
5	6	Grandeur (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Moore	Nosedá
6	3	Iman (Ger)	Dansili (GB)	Eaves	Gnsera-Leveque
7	5	Mondialiste (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Tudhope	O'Meara
8	1	Niceofyoutotellme (GB)	Hernando (Fr)	Doyle	Beckett

All carry 125 pounds bar Glory Awaits, 130.

Thursday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 3:30 p.m.

CONNAUGHT ACCESS FLOORING ABERNANT S.-G3, £60,000, 3yo/up, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	11	American Hope	Lemon Drop Kid	Kelly	Murphy
2	6	Astaire (Ire)	Intense Focus	Spencer	K Ryan
3	1	Chookie Royale (GB)	Monsieur Bond (Ire)	Eaves	Dalglish
4	5	Gamesome (Fr)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Atzeni	Stevens
5	3	Jack Dexter (GB)	Oriente (GB)	Lynch	Goldie
6	2	Magnus Maximus (GB)	Holy Rmn Emperor (Ire)	Egan	Littmoden
7	7	Musical Comedy (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Hughes	Hannon
8	9	Music Master (GB)	Piccolo (GB)	O'Neill	Candy
9	12	Rivellino (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Harley	Burke
10	10	Watchable (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Tudhope	O'Meara
11	4	Lucky Kristale (GB)	Lucky Story	Queally	Margaron
12	8	Angelic Lord (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Kingscote	Dascombe

All carry 132 pounds bar Lucky Kristale, 129, & Angelic Lord, 121.

HIGH CELEBRITY OUT OF GUINEAS PICTURE

Leading 1000 Guineas fancy **High Celebrity (Fr)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) has been ruled out of that fillies' Classic, for which she was 8-1, as a result of a setback suffered two weeks ago. Trainer Andre Fabre had initially expressed hope that the Ecurie Victoria Dreams colorbearer would recover in time for the May 3 contest, but he admitted defeat Wednesday.



High Celebrity
Scoop Dyga

"She will have to be rested," he said. "I was hoping we could get her there but it didn't work. Obviously I hope to get her back as soon as possible, but to be honest I

have no idea how long she will need; she suffers from a problem with her stifle." **cont. p12**



High Celebrity has won two of four starts, including the G3 Prix d'Arenberg last September, and she was last seen finishing third behind Tiggy Wiggy (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in the G1 Cheveley Park S. Sept. 27.

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

FOUND LEADS OAKS ENTRIES

Last year's G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner **Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) headlines 59 entries for the G1 Epsom Oaks June 5. The Tabor, Smith and Magnier colorbearer is the 4-1 favorite with Coral, and her trainer, Aidan O'Brien, has 11 total entries that also include G1 Fillies' Mile winner **Together Forever (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (14-1); Group 3 winner **Qualify (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Ire}) (16-1) and flashy maiden winner **Words (Ire)** (Dansili {GB}) (16-1). O'Brien seeks his fifth Oaks score.



Early Oaks favorite Found
Racing Post

Current second-choice at 12-1 is Doncaster maiden winner **Star of Seville (GB)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), trained by John Gosden for Lady Bamford. Gosden also conditions the 14-1 co-third choice **Jellicle Ball (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) for Lord Lloyd-Webber, and Wednesday's G3 Nell Gwyn S. sixth **Lady Correspondent** (War Front) for Khalid Abdullah. **Al Naamah (Ire)**

(Galileo {Ire}), the 5 million-guineas full-sister to 2012 Oaks winner Was (Ire), is 16-1.

Entries for the Oaks closed six weeks later than usual this year, resulting in an expected drop in entries.

"The later closing date meant that the number of entries was bound to drop," said Andrew Cooper, head of racing and clerk of the course at Epsom Downs. "We had 75 entries last year and I was hoping for between 50 and 60 this time so to get 59 is very pleasing. What we have received is a more realistic list of potential Investec Oaks runners and includes five fillies from France. Part of the reason for the later closing date was to encourage more French entries and we hope this results in a French runner or two on June 5."

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS...

Get pedigree expert **Andrew Caulfield's take on racing's newsmakers!**
You can find all of Caulfield's columns in the [TDN Archive](#).

ARQANA TO SPONSOR NEWMARKET RACES

French auction house Arqana will sponsor a pair of Group 2 contests on the opening day of Newmarket's July Festival July 9. The two races are the Princess of Wales's Arqana Racing Club S. for older horses over 1 1/2 miles, and the Arqana July S. for juveniles.



Eric Hoyeau
Arqana

"We are very proud to become a partner in one of the most internationally significant race meetings hosted by the Jockey Club, and held at British racing's historic headquarters," said Arqana President Eric Hoyeau. "Since the inception of Arqana 10 years ago, we have put a lot of effort into the internationalization of our sales. As a result, a significant number of British-bred horses now travel to Deauville and Saint-Cloud

to be auctioned, while even greater numbers of horses bought at our sales, particularly yearlings and 2-year-olds in training, are exported to race in the UK."

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

FABRE EYES BRITISH TARGETS

Trainer Andre Fabre is targeting contests at Newmarket's Guineas Festival May 2 and 3 for a pair of his Godolphin 4-year-olds, **Fintry (Ire)** (Shamardal) and **Manatee (GB)** (Monsun {Ger}).

Fintry, who won last year's G2 Prix Sandringham and G3 Atalanta S., was last seen finishing third over Newmarket's Rowley Mile in the G1 Sun Chariot S. Oct. 4, and she is expected to make her seasonal debut in the G2 Charm Spirit Dahlia S. over 1 1/8 miles. All



Andre Fabre
Racing Post

her prior starts have been at a mile, but Fabre said the added distance isn't a concern.

"She has wintered well and I am quite optimistic that she will stay this extra furlong," the conditioner said. "If she does it will open a number of doors for her."

"An obvious reason for her to come for the Dahlia is that she escapes a penalty for her Group 2 win in last June's Prix de Sandringham," Fabre added. "In France they punish the good horses for their wins and I think that the British system is much wiser." **cont. p13**



Manatee recorded a career high when winning the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris when last seen in October, and his four starts to date--three wins and a second--have all come over soft going. He is entered for the G2 Dunaden at Overbury Jockey Club S.

"The Jockey Club S. is just a starting point for him as there are no other suitable races, but I would be disappointed if he didn't go very close--he is a good horse," Fabre said. Fabre has won the Jockey Club twice, including with GI Breeders' Cup Turf victor Shirocco (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), and he put Manatee on that level.

"I have won the Jockey Club S. twice before with Getaway and Shirocco. They were both 5-year-olds while he is only four and needs to get stronger. But in time I would hope that he could be as good as them--possibly even better. Manatee might prefer a bit of cut in the ground as he has been efficient on soft ground to this point. But the theory that Monsun's progeny need to have soft ground is not proven. The best Monsun that I ever had was Manduro and he loved fast ground."

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

BRITISH STINT FOR SCHOFIELD

Australian jockey Chad Schofield will complete a three-month riding stint with trainer Ed Dunlop in Newmarket.

Schofield will leave for Britain later this month, and he told *Sky Sports Radio*, "I am really looking forward to learning a bit more and hopefully building some contacts. I will primarily ride for Ed Dunlop at Newmarket; he has been so helpful and keen to get me over. Terry Henderson from OTI Racing has been a big help in setting it all up. It is a great stable to get into and hopefully I can fit in nicely and do well over there."

Schofield will get the services of agent Tony Hind.

"I have been able to secure one of the better managers over there, Tony Hind, who does Ryan Moore and a couple others, so hopefully with a good stable behind me and a good manager I can slot in nicely," Schofield added.

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

CLIFFS COLT TOPS CRAVEN OPENER

By Emma Berry

A son of Coolmore's first-season sire Canford Cliffs (Ire) ([lot 70](#)) was one of the last horses through the ring at Tattersalls' Craven Breeze-up Sale Wednesday evening, but he shot straight to the top of the charts when selling to Charlie Gordon-Watson for 300,000gns.

Named Sparte Quercus (Ire) and consigned by Paddy Twomey's Athassel House Stud, the son of the listed-placed mare Khaizarana (GB) (Alhaarth {Ire}) had been bought by Crispin de Moubray for €65,000 at Arqana's October Sale and ended up as the subject of an across-the-ring duel between Gordon-Watson and eventual under-bidder Luke Lillingston.

Tattersalls Craven Sale Day Two Outs
85, 110, 111, 112, 119, 140, 145

"He's going to Hong Kong for a new client," said Gordon-Watson, who claims the times of the breeze don't affect his judgement on the individual. "I'm very excited about the stallion and this is a thoroughly nice horse. We've had plenty of luck buying from Paddy in the past."



Charlie Gordon-Watson
Tattersalls

With 41 of the 57 lots offered through the first session, the clearance rate climbed to 72% from last year's 68%.


However, the 800,000gns European record for a breeze-up horse set at the equivalent session in 2014--and subsequently beaten at 1.15 million gns just 24 hours later at the same sale--contributed to other markers dropping. The

average price of 80,585gns represented a drop of 31% while the median fell 14% to 65,000gns. The aggregate of 3,304,000gns was a decrease of 39%.

Ferguson's Recurring Dream...

Just four lots ahead of the session-topper, John Ferguson had gone to 250,000gns on behalf of Sheikh Mohammed for an Oasis Dream (GB) half-brother to dual Group 1 winner and Newsells Park Stud stallion Mount Nelson (GB) ([lot 66](#)). The colt's full brother, Monitor Closely (GB), has also brought honor and glory to the family with his G2 Great Voltigeur S. victory and placed finish in the G1 St Leger.

For the colt's breeder, Philip Freedman, it was a case of 'if at first you don't succeed,' as the youngster was presented at Tattersalls as a yearling, where a foot abscess on the eve of the sale scuppered his chances of a decent return. **cont. p14**



Tel: 718.978.8200
www.mersant.com

SPONSORS OF THE FOLLOWING STATS FOR THE:

TATTERSALLS CRAVEN SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	73	83
• No. Offered	57	68
• No. Sold	41	46
• RNAs	16	22
• % RNAs	28%	32%
• No. \$500K+	0	1
• High Price	300,000gns	800,000gns
• Gross	3,304,000gns	5,403,000gns
• Average (% change)	80,585gns (-31%)	117,457gns
• Median (% change)	65,000gns (-14%)	76,000gns



Freedman explained, "We put him through the ring as I wanted him to be eligible for the Tattersalls Millions sales races in case I didn't sell him at the breeze-ups. I'm absolutely delighted he's going to such a good home."



Lot 66
Emma Berry

Ferguson confided that the colt had been on his shortlist in October and that he was pleased to be able to add him to the Godolphin roster of horses in training.

"We came very close to buying him as a yearling," he said. "So it's nice to come back here and see him show himself off as a 2-year-old. He's not an

obvious type of breeze-up horse in that you'd expect him to be more a horse for the second half of the season but he was a real athlete with arguably the best pedigree in the catalogue."

The colt was consigned for Freedman by Malcolm Bastard, who breaks in and pre-trains a number of the breeder's homebreds and added, "He was a really lovely colt to prepare--straightforward from the start. Hopefully one day we'll see him as a stallion."

The international diversity of the Tattersalls buying bench was evident from the start on Wednesday when two of the early leading lights were bought by owners from Hong Kong and Japan.

A colt by Stormy Atlantic ([lot 27](#)) was an early success story for Brendan Holland's Grove Stud when selling for 200,000gns to agent Alastair Donald for an undisclosed Hong Kong-based client. The first foal of the Group

3-placed winner Bea Remembered (GB) (Doyen {Ire}) will remain in Newmarket to be trained by Ed Walker. Donald, who also bought a Cape Blanco (Ire) colt ([lot 4](#)) for the same client for 90,000gns, said of his Stormy Atlantic purchase, "He was the one I wanted from the sale. He did an



Lot 27
Tattersalls

excellent breeze and he's a gorgeous individual with a lovely temperament. The mare was pretty decent--she maybe just lacks a bit of pedigree--but he was such a fabulous mover that I felt I'd have to give about this much for him."

Another colt by an American-based sire, this time Distorted Humor ([lot 61](#)), made the top 10 list when selling through Brown Island Stables for 160,000gns to Italian agent Marco Bozzi, while Japan's Shadai Farm snapped up the most expensive filly of the session ([lot 31](#)), a speedy daughter of Kodiak (Ire) out of a Vettori half-sister to Lady Bamford's dual Oaks winner Sariska (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), for 130,000gns.

Another Dream on the Rise...

Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB}) was bred by Darley but was sold as a foal at Keeneland for just \$11,000. Since notching five Group 1 victories and retiring to Ballylinch Stud in Ireland, the top sprinter has become one of the most sought-after young stallions in Europe with a first-crop yearling average of 73,220gns. Now 2-year-olds, that same crop are proving just as popular at the breeze-up sales, with three sold during the first session of Tattersalls for an average price of 86,667gns to make him leading freshman sire with more than one lot sold.

Top of the trio was Oak Tree Farm's colt out of the Tremolino mare Chanterelle (Fr) ([lot 33](#)), from a family that has produced the G1 1000 Guineas-placed filly Vista Bella (GB) by Dream Ahead's sire Diktat. Bought for €60,000 as a yearling by Mags O'Toole at Arqana, the half-brother to juvenile winner King Bolete (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ore}) realized 150,000gns to a bid from Darley's Dick O'Gorman.

Another buyer who has been keen on Dream Ahead since the yearling sales is Tony Nerses, who spent £130,000 on a yearling colt by him at least year's DBS Premier Sale and waded back in to sign for Brown Island Stables' filly ([lot 13](#)) to the tune of 90,000gns. The April-born filly is out of the dual juvenile winner and Group 3-placed Absolute Music (Consolidator).

BHA In Agreement on Tripartite...

The British Horseracing Authority welcomed a new Chief Executive in January when Nick Rust took the reins from Paul Bittar, and Rust--along with BHA Chairman Steve Harman and seven non-executive directors of the board--joined together to buy [lot 25](#), a Tally-Ho Stud-consigned son of Zebedee (GB), for 78,000gns. A half-brother to listed winner Terror (Ire) Kodiak {Ire}--who was scratched from Wednesday's G3 Nell Gwyn S. at Newmarket--the colt has already been named Tripartite and will be trained by Jeremy Gask at the Sutton Veny farm owned by new BHA director and the colt's part-owner Eamonn Wilmott.

The second and final session of the Craven Breeze-up Sale commences at 6 p.m. local time Thursday.

[t f](#) [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

TODAY'S FEATURED VIDEO REPLAYS

Sponsored by Fasig-Tipton



Night Prowler (Giant's Causeway) closes quickly to annex the Gill Transylvania S.

[Click here to watch this race, and all of our featured video replays.](#)



**TATTERSALLS CRAVEN SALE
SESSION ONE TOP LOTS**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
70	c	Canford Cliffs (Ire) <i>(breeze video)</i> (€65,000 yrl '14 ARQOCT) B-Daniel Chassagneux Consigned by Athassel House Stud Purchased by C Gordon-Watson Bloodstock	Khaizarana (GB) <i>(breeze video)</i>	300,000
66	c	Oasis Dream (GB) <i>(breeze video)</i> (250,000gns RNA yrl '14 TATOCT) B-Cliveden Stud Consigned by Mr Malcolm Bastard Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock	Independence (GB) <i>(breeze video)</i>	250,000
27	c	Stormy Atlantic <i>(breeze video)</i> (68,000gns wnl '13 TATDEC) B-East Bloodstock Consigned by Grove Stud Purchased by SackvilleDonald	Bea Remembered (GB) <i>(breeze video)</i>	200,000
61	c	Distorted Humor <i>(breeze video)</i> (\$80,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Summer Wind Farm Consigned by Brown Island Stables Purchased by Marco Bozzi Bloodstock	Genuine Devotion (Ire) <i>(breeze video)</i>	160,000
33	c	Dream Ahead <i>(breeze video)</i> (€60,000 yrl '14 ARQAUG) B-Ship Commodities Consigned by Oak Tree Farm Purchased by R O'Gorman Bloodstock	Chanterelle (Fr) <i>(breeze video)</i>	150,000
64	c	Invincible Spirit (Ire) <i>(breeze video)</i> (€75,000 yrl '14 GORORB) B-Hot Ticket Partnership Consigned by Church Farm Stables Purchased by Peter & Ross Doyle Bloodstock	Hot Ticket (Ire) <i>(breeze video)</i>	140,000
31	f	Kodiac (GB) <i>(breeze video)</i> (75,000gns yrl '14 TATOCT) B-Tally-Ho Stud Consigned by Grove Stud Purchased by Shadai Farm	Cassava (Ire) <i>(breeze video)</i>	130,000

HIP HAPPENINGS

Sponsored by

JUSTICE
REAL ESTATE

Click here to view the largest
selection of farms for sale
in the Bluegrass region

www.kyhorsefarms.com 859.255.3657 Lexington, Kentucky

TATTERSALLS CRAVEN SALE DAY TWO

96, c, Showcasing (GB)--Nizhoni, by Mineshaft
Consigned by Gaybrook Lodge Stud

Another member of the ever-potent breeze-up draft of Gaybrook Lodge, this chestnut was picked up by Jim McCartan for 55,000gns at last fall's Tattersalls October Book 3. The continued success of his then first-season sire should help his case today, and his dam has produced one winner from one to race. It is the extended family of multiple Grade III winner and Grade I-placed Pachattack (Pulpit) ([breeze video](#)).

113, c, War Front--Rehear, by Coronado's Quest
Consigned by Mocklershill

Willie Browne's Mocklershill sent out the sale-topping War Front colt at this sale last year, and Browne will look for history to repeat itself today when he sends this War Front colt through the ring. The half-brother to Grade I winner Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot), G2 San Felipe S. victor Hear the Ghost (Ghostzapper) and stakes-placed Datt Echo (Stormy Atlantic) was a \$400,000 purchase by Browne at last year's Keeneland September sale. He is similarly bred to last weekend's GI Maker's 46 Mile winner Jack Milton (War Front) and is from the extended family of Speightstown (Gone West). ([breeze video](#)).

117, f, Exchange Rate--Ruler's Charm, by Cape Town
Consigned by Oak Tree Farm

Another Keeneland September graduate, this filly was picked up by Norman Williamson for \$45,000 last fall. She is a half-sister to a pair of restricted stakes winners in Toccet's Charm (Toccet) and Simmstown (Limehouse), as well as the restricted-placed Bay Finn (Harlan's Holiday) ([breeze video](#)).

141, f, Galileo (Ire)--Theann (GB), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)
Consigned by Mocklershill

A full-sister to the Grade III-placed Photo Call (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), this bay filly hails from a family that has been very popular of late in sales rings. Her second dam is the G2 King's Stand S. winner Cassandra Go (Ire), who has produced G1 1000 Guineas victress Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (Pivotal {GB})--herself the dam of Group 3 winner Flying the Flag (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})--as well as Group 3 winner Tickled Pink (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), the dam of German stakes winner Best Regards (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}); and a Shamardal colt that made 1.7 million guineas from John Ferguson at Tattersalls October last year. Anthony Stroud paid 340,000gns for Best Regard at last year's Tattersalls December Mare Sale, while the previous year John Ferguson shelled out 500,000gns for her Teofilo (Ire) half-sister at Tattersalls October ([breeze video](#)).

A Helpful TDN Tip:



Hold Ctrl key when clicking on a link in the publication, and it opens in a new tab.

When you close the new tab, you'll be right back where you were in the TDN, and not back to page 1.



Hip Happenings cont.

142A, f, Shamardal--Two Marks, by Woodman
Consigned by Mocklershill

A 65,000gns purchase by Fairhill Stables at last year's Tattersalls October yearling sale, this bay filly is a half-sister to four winners. Her dam is a half-sister to GI Travers S. and GI Woodward S. winner Alpha (Bernardini), as well as stakes winner Mystic Melody (Seattle Slew). It is the extended family of Canadian champion Kamar, responsible for numerous Grade/Group 1 winners including Hollywood Oaks winner Gorgeous (Slew O'Gold); Kentucky Oaks winner Seaside Attraction (Seattle Slew); Santa Anita Oaks winner Turbulent Descent (Congrats); and multiple Group 1 winner Fantastic Light (Rahy) ([breeze-up video](#)).

143, f, Distorted Humor--Two Trail Sioux, by Indian Charlie
Consigned by Brown Island Stables

This daughter of Grade II winner Two Trail Sioux was picked up by agent Chad Schumer for \$67,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. She is a half-sister to the stakes-placed Cheyenne Pass (Smart Strike), and from the further family of GI Kentucky Derby and GI Florida Derby victor Monarchos (Maria's Mon) ([breeze-up video](#)).

61 colt Distorted Humor Genuine Devotion (Ire) 160,000
B-Summer Wind Farm (KY)
 Consigned by Brown Island Stable
 Purchased by Marco Bozzi Bloodstock

Produced by a Grade III-winning close relative to champion Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), this Jan. 16 foal was offered at last year's Keeneland September sale and was hammered down to 12 Gates Racing for \$80,000. The colt has done well over the last seven months and tripled in value by the time he went through the ring Wednesday ([breeze-up video](#)).



'FRIEND LEADS CHAMPIONS MILE INVITEES

Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal), recently named the world's co-highest rated racehorse along with Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}), heads a list of eight runners invited to the HK\$14-million (*US\$1,805,910*) G1 BMW Champions Mile to be contested at Sha Tin Racecourse Sunday, May 3.

Owned by Dr. & Mrs. Cornel Li, Able Friend, an A\$550,000 Inglis Easter yearling purchase, has proved an unstoppable force during his current campaign, with stirring successes in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile, G1 Stewards' Cup and G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup ahead of a last-out



Able Friend takes out the Chairman's Trophy *HKJC.com*

defeat of **Beauty Flame (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) in the Chairman's Trophy Apr. 7. He figures a hot favorite for the Champions' Mile, a race in which he was runner-up to South African raider Variety Club (SAf) (Var) last May. Another strong performance is likely to lead to a maiden overseas voyage, either to Royal Ascot or Japan in June.

The strapping chestnut could be joined by as many as three other stable companions, including **Dan Excel (Ire)** (Shamardal), who seems to be rounding into shape after an Australian spring campaign was dashed due to illness. Winner of the 2013 renewal, the 7-year-old finished one spot behind Able Friend in defense of his title last spring, then took his show on the road and prevailed in the G1 Singapore Airlines International Cup over 2000 meters just two weeks later. Most recently fourth, beaten 1 1/2 lengths in the Chairman's Trophy, Dan Excel is programmed for a return to Singapore following the Champions' Mile. **cont. p17**



Michael T. Levy • (859) 253-1114 • www.muirfieldinsurance.com

Hip Sex Sire Dam Price (gns)
27 colt Stormy Atlantic Bea Remembered (GB) 200,000

B-East Bloodstock
 Consigned by Grove Stud
 Purchased by SackvilleDonald

Bred in England, this chestnut colt made his first trip through a sales ring at this auction house's December foal sale, attracting a bid of 68,000gns from Canirola Bloodstock. The first produce for his Group 3-placed dam, he improved tremendously, worked very well at Tuesday's breeze-up ([breeze-up video](#)) and was purchased on behalf of Hong Kong interests Wednesday. "Thought I'd have to pay that," said Alastair Donald. "He is a lovely individual, did an excellent breeze, has a lovely temperament and although he is lacking a bit of pedigree, his mare was a decent runner."

33 colt Dream Ahead (GB) Chanterelle (Fr) 150,000
B-Ship Commodities

Consigned by Oak Tree Farm
 Purchased by R O'Gorman Bloodstock

As mentioned above, the progeny of Dream Ahead have been well-received, and this colt was no exception. Mags O'Toole was the winning bidder at €60,000 when the bay went through the Arqana Deauville August sale last summer, and Dick O'Gorman saw fit to make for a nice return on that investment for O'Toole ([breeze-up video](#)).

46 colt Rip Van Winkle (Ire) Dollar Chick (Ire) 120,000
B-Paul Monaghan & Peter Kelly

Consigned by Lynn Lodge Stud
 Purchased by Jamie McCalmont

Hailing from the female family of G1 1000 Guineas victress Virginia Waters (Kingmambo) and champion In the Wings (GB), this Irish-bred colt was purchased by this vendor for 37,000gns in a private transaction out of last year's Tattersalls October 2 sale. The Mar. 18 foal, bred on the very successful Galileo/Danehill cross proved a sought-after commodity Wednesday afternoon ([breeze-up video](#)).



'Friend' Leads Champions Mile Invitees cont.

In most years, the Hong Kong Derby winner remains at that 10-furlong trip for the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup, but the connections of **Luger (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}) have passed on that opportunity in favor of a David-versus-Goliath clash with Able Friend. Victorious in five of his first seven local appearances, the 4-year-old took a Class 2 handicap over 1800 meters Feb. 15 before overcoming a very wide trip to score by 3/4 of a length in the Derby Mar. 15.

"This year's Champions Mile does not have an overseas challenger but that does not lessen the quality of the race," commented Bill Nader, the executive director of racing for the Hong Kong Jockey Club. "Able Friend is a horse of immense aptitude and his appeal is such that he is capturing the imaginations of a global audience. He will be tough to beat, but in the potentially world-class Luger, he has a new and exciting challenger to contend against."

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

Saturday, Randwick, Australia, post time: 12:25 a.m. ET
MOET & CHANDON CHAMPAGNE S.-G1, A\$400,000 (US\$307,220),
 2yo, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	The Barrister (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	Berry	Warren
2	5	Odyssey Moon (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Oliver	Northam
3	9	Takedown (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	McEvoy	Moore
4	3	Tarquin (Aus)	Hard Spun	McDonald	O'Shea
5	2	Street Rapper (Aus)	Street Boss	Shinn	Waterhouse
6	8	Rhode Assassin (Aus)	Lookin At Lucky	Collett	Cummings
7	1	Reckless Russell (Aus)	Excellent Art (GB)	Cassidy	Myfld-Smith
8	4	Pasadena Girl (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Bowman	Moody
9	6	Mine Two (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Boss	Frazier

All carry 124 pounds bar Pasadena Girl & Mine Two, 120 pounds.

Saturday, Randwick, Australia, post time: 1:45 a.m. ET
SCHWEPES ALL AGED S.-G1, A\$400,000 (US\$307,220), 3yo/up,
 1400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Chautauqua (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Berry	Hawkeses
2	6	Dissident (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Cassidy	Moody
3	2	Terravista (Aus)	Captain Rio (GB)	Bowman	Pride
4	13	Lucky Hussler (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	Boss	Weir
5	8	Rebel Dane (Aus)	California Dane (Aus)	Shinn	Portelli
6	11	Famous Seamus (NZ)	Elusive City	McEvoy	Myfld-Smith
7	7	Laser Hawk (Aus)	Artie Schiller	Arnold	Pride
8	10	Weary (Fr)	Astronomer Royal	G Schfld	Waller
9	5	Fontelina (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Collett	Cummings
10	9	Generalife (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	McDonld	O'Shea
11	3	Shooting To Win (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Clark	Snowdens
12	12	Wandjina (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Oliver	Waterhse
13	4	Scissor Kick (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Angland	Messara

All carry 130 pounds bar Shooting To Win, Wandjina, Scissor Kick, 124 pounds.



Scan this QR code and sign up for a free subscription to the TDN. All we need is your name and email.

Sharing The Responsibility All Their Lives.

Your donation of 50 cents per \$1,000 at Barretts, Fasig-Tipton, Keeneland and OBS supports 42 accredited aftercare organizations across the U.S and Canada.

Join the Community!

(859) 224-2756 thoroughbredaftercare.org



Foaling news sponsored by Shadwell Farm

Breeders' Cup Winner
 G1 Millionaire

ALBERTUS MAXIMUS

Albert the Great - ChasetheWildwind, by Forty Niner

Stallion inquiries:
 859-224-4585
 shadwellfarm.com

Half-brother to
2YO G1 Winner DAREDEVIL
 (Champagne S.-G1)
 1st Crop 2YO's this Year

DADE BABE, 8, Cimarron Secret--Zooming, by Doonazon

Foal born Mar. 25, a colt by Lemon Drop Kid. Will be bred back to Hard Spun.

Owned and boarded at The New Hill Farm LLC. Accomplishments: GSW, \$164,866.

TRIX IN THE CITY, 9, Friends Lake--Trix City, by Carson City

Foal born Mar. 25, a filly by Tale of the Cat. Will be bred back to More Than Ready.

Owned by Jeff & Chiquita Reddoch. Boarded at Stonehaven Steadings. Accomplishments: SW, \$197,940.

CALIFORNIA TRAINER MIKE MITCHELL DIES

Trainer Mike Mitchell, who won no fewer than 19 titles on the Southern California circuit in a career that spanned five decades, passed away late Tuesday in his Monrovia home after a length battle with brain cancer. Mitchell was 11 days shy of his 67th birthday.

The son of trainer Earl Mitchell, Mike Mitchell was born in Bakersfield, California, in 1948 and worked for the likes of legendary conditioners Farrell Jones and Willard Proctor



The late Mike Mitchell and his wife Denise
Benoit photo

before striking out on his own in 1974. He won his first race that season at Bay Meadows. Regarded for much of his career as a claiming trainer, Mitchell nevertheless had his fair share of success at the stakes level, and took his first added-money event at Santa Anita in 1978, when Johnny’s Image won the Santa Catalina S. It was the first of 20 stakes winners at the ‘Great Race Place’ for Mitchell, his last stakes success coming via the popular gray mare Egg Drop (Alphabet Soup) in the GI Matriarch S. in late 2013. Mitchell orchestrated the career of Kela, who provided him with his first Grade I in the 2004 Bing Crosby H. Obviously (Ire) (Choirir {Aus}), perhaps the best horse trained by Mitchell, was a five-time graded-stakes winner, including back-to-back runnings of the GI Shoemaker Mile S. in 2013 and 2014. Mitchell curtailed his activity after being diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2012, and handed over the stable to his long-time assistant Phil D’Amato in April 2014. At the time, he was the fifth all-time leading trainer at Santa Anita with 659 wins, trailing only Bobby Frankel, Charlie Whittingham, Bob Baffert and Ron McAnally.

Of his 19 training titles, six came at the various meetings at Santa Anita including his first during the 1992-93 winter/spring stand. He won an additional four titles at Oak Tree (1983, 1995, 1996, 2004), five times at Hollywood Park (1982, 1983, 1985, 1993, 1997) and was seven times the leading conditioner at Del Mar (1981-84, 1995-96, 2011), where he remains the all-time leading trainer by number of career victories with 476. He also won the training title at the Fairplex in 2008. According to Equibase statistics, Mitchell recorded a total of 2,690 career victories with stable earnings of nearly \$67.3 million.

Friends and colleagues paid tribute to Mitchell Wednesday.

“The thing about Mike that I loved about him, was he had so much faith in himself, so much confidence,” said retired Hall of Fame jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr. “He was one of my biggest supporters and we had a lot of success together.

“He knew his horses and every time he told me a horse was doing well, they ran that way,” Pincay continued. “When I rode for Mike, he never gave me instructions and when I rode for him, I had a lot of confidence. He was a great trainer with claiming horses and with stakes horses. He was one of the best I ever rode for.”

Added well-regarded jockeys’ agent Scotty McClellan, “As competitive as he was, Mike loved to laugh. He just loved to laugh and hear new jokes--and play practical jokes. He was a great trainer and a great person as well--one of the best I’ve ever been around.”

Mitchell is survived by his wife of 30-plus years, Denise, a twin sister Cheryl and brothers Earl Jr., Guy and Casey. His daughter McCall is married to Boomer Bloodstock’s Craig Rounsefell, while daughter Shea is the wife of jockey Julien Leparoux. Funeral services are pending.

 [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#) 

 **Boomer Bloodstock** @CraigRounsefell · 18h

My Father-in-Law, Mentor & Great Friend fought the good fight, he finished the race & kept the faith. I will miss him



 [View more photos and videos](#)

American-Bred Winners Abroad
BROUGHT TO YOU BY: **IRT**  Thanks for flying IRT.
Phone +1 630 377 2300
[Click here to visit irt.com](http://irt.com)

IN BRITAIN:
Wakea, c, 3, [Cape Cross \(Ire\)](#)--lmlloa, by Kingmambo.
KMP, 4-15, 16f (AWT). B-Sanford R Robertson.

IN FRANCE:
Soft Drink, f, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#). See “France.”

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.



Kentucky

Wednesday's Results:

6th-KEE, \$65,010, Alw, NW2\$RTY+X, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 3/5, sf.

1--**GRAND ARCH, 118, g, 6, Arch--Bacinella, by El Gran Senor.** (\$80,000 wlng '09 KEENOV; \$120,000 yrl '10 KEESEP). O-Jim & Susan Hill; B-Hunter Valley Farm & S Hillen (KY); T-Brian A Lynch. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 19-5-6-6, \$697,730.

Raised & Sold by Hunter Valley Farm

Freshened at MARGAUX FARM

AN EQUIX SELECTION | WWW.EQUIXBIO.COM

SOLD BY INDIAN CREEK FOR IROQUOIS

2--**Sky Captain, 118, h, 5, Sky Mesa--Anchors Away,** by Smarty Jones. (\$210,000 yrl '11 KEESEP).

3--**Rose Brier, 118, g, 6, Mizzen Mast--Mexicali Rose,** by El Gran Senor. (\$67,000 yrl '10 KEESEP).

Margins: NK, HD, 1HF. Odds: 3.30, 4.20, 5.40.

Grand Arch, winner of last year's Gil King Edward S., was second in the Oct. 4 GI Shadwell Turf Mile before ending his 2014 campaign with an 11th-place finish in the Nov. 1 GI Breeders' Cup Mile. The bay gelding chased longshot Mellow Fellow (The Cliff's Edge) as that runaway leader zipped through fractions of :22.51 and :45.76. Mellow Fellow still had a five-length advantage into the stretch, but Grand Arch was first to overtake the pacesetter with a furlong to run and he held on determinedly in a close finish. Grade I winner Mr Speaker (Pulpit), in his first start since last October, loomed a threat in the stretch, but tired late to be fourth. Favored Sayaad (Street Sense) was pulled up in the stretch and vanned off. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

3rd-KEE, \$61,954, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 2/5, sf.

SYCAMORE LANE (c, 4, Artie Schiller--Friend of a Friend, by Crafty Friend), a maiden winner over the Belmont lawn last October, added a nose victory over Ironicus (Distorted Humor) in an Aqueduct optional claimer Nov. 16. He resurfaced with a third-place effort at Gulfstream Jan. 17 and was most recently fourth in Hallandale Mar. 7. Sent off at 9-2, the bay colt took the lead into the first turn and was in front through a half in :49.29. He ceded his advantage late on the backstretch, but clawed his way back to take the lead into the stretch and then determinedly held off the wide-rallying Ironicus to win by a half-length. Sales history: \$85,000 yrl '12 FTKOCT; \$60,000 yrl '12 KEEJAN; \$95,000 RNA yrl '12 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$156,887. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck) & William Graves. B-Liberation Farm (KY). T-William I Mott.

Foaled, Raised & Sold by Trackside Farm

2nd-KEE, \$49,888, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :53, gd.
+ **LITTLE CHERIE (f, 2, Pleasantly Perfect--All Giving {MSW, \$588,235}, by Allen's Prospect),** sent off at 9-2, settled off the pace as favored Assoulin (Candy Ride {Arg}) and Back at the Ranch (Artie Schiller) battled through an opening quarter in :22.64. Back at the Ranch assumed command at the top of the stretch, but Little Cherie was finding her best gear in deep stretch and strode clear in the dying strides to win by 1 1/2 lengths. Storming Cecelia (Hold Me Back) was third and Assoulin tired to fourth. Tony Smith's Concepts Unlimited, along with his sister Catherine Smith, purchased the winner's dam for \$75,000 at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale. All Giving went on to win seven stakes for the family, including the 2009 Maryland Million Distaff H. Little Cherie is her second foal. She was bred to Proud Citizen last year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Concepts Unlimited Stable. B-Concepts Unlimited & Catherine J Smith (KY). T-Michael J Maker.

Foaled, Raised and Broken at OAK LODGE USA

BELMONT PARK ASTORIA STAKES • \$250,000 • JUNE 4 • F2YO NOMINATE NOW

New York

Wednesday's Results:

5th-AQU, \$75,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:46 1/5, gd.

BLACKTYPE (FR) (g, 4, Dunkerque {Fr}--Theorie {Fr}, by Anabaa), a two-time winner in his native France for previous trainer J. P. Gauvin, was shipped to America and placed in the care of Christophe Clement last summer. Making his U.S. debut in Belmont's GIII Hill Prince S., the dark bay finished fifth behind Ring Weekend (Tapit) Oct. 4 and was third when last seen at this course and distance Nov. 10. Gelded in the interim and adding blinkers for this return, the even-money favorite bided his time near the back of the pack in a ground-saving sixth off leisurely early splits. Circling the field on the far turn in search of running room, Blacktype powered up the outside to take on Barrel of Love (Not For Love) in the stretch and that pair battled to the wire with Blacktype getting his nose in front just in time to score. Sales history: 7,500 EUR yrl '12 ARQNOV. Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-3, \$128,228. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Jump Sucker Stable. B-1 OeARL Haras Du Quesnay (FR). T-Christophe Clement.



Scan this QR code and sign up for a free subscription to the TDN. All we need is your name and email.



3rd-AQU, \$70,560, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 4/5, ft.

COURT DANCER (f, 4, War Chant--Gosh All Get Out, by d'Accord), a two-time winner over the inner track this winter, was coming off a fourth-place effort Mar. 22. The 2-1 shot took the lead soon after the break and led throughout to score by 6 1/4 lengths. Sharp Quality (Elusive Quality) was second. The winner was a \$35,000 FTNAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: SP, 13-4-2-2, \$207,268. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Bona Venture Stables. B-Akindale Farm LLC (NY). T-George Weaver.

NY-BRED OWNER AWARD: \$4,320 nybreds.com

SGV THOROUGHBREDS GRADUATE

2nd-AQU, \$58,800, Msw, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

+ DEAN VERDILE (c, 3, Yes It's True--Unbridled Grace {MSP}, by Unbridled Jet) was shuffled back to last as four horses battled for the lead shortly after the break. He inched into contention along the rail heading into the turn and engaged Whale Rock (Mineshaft) in upper stretch before outbattling that game foe to the wire to win by a neck at 5-1. Dean Verdile RNA'd for \$42,000 as an FTNAUG yearling. His dam Unbridled Grace was a \$55,000 Keeneland January purchase in 2007. Twice stakes placed, the 13-year-old mare produced a filly by More Than Ready last year and was bred back to Gio Ponti. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Thomas N Mina. B-Mina Equivest LLC (NY). T-Bruce N Levine.

▶ Florida

Wednesday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$38,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35 1/5, fm.

LEMON LASHES (m, 5, Lemon Drop Kid--Plenty {GSP, \$189,625}, by Boundary), a well-beaten ninth in her career bow sprinting over the Keeneland synthetic Apr. 10, donned cap and gown when switched to the sod and extended to 1 1/16 miles at Belmont Oct. 25 for previous trainer John Terranova. Supported as the 5-2 chalk in this debut for the Marty Wolfson barn, the chestnut saved ground in a close fourth through moderate early splits. Splitting rivals in mid-stretch, Lemon Lashes surged to the lead and drew away to win by 1 3/4 lengths over Engless Light (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). The winner is a half to Congo (Johannesburg), MSP, \$178,691; and Plethora (First Samurai), SW. Sales history: \$200,000 yrl '11 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$73,966. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Newtown Anner Stud. B-Claiborne Farm (KY). T-Martin D Wolfson.

Rehabilitated at Kinsman Farm
SGV THOROUGHBREDS GRADUATE

3rd-TAM, \$21,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 4/5, fm.

PRADO'S SWEET RIDE (f, 3, Fort Prado--Excellent Idea, by General Meeting), fifth over Arlington's all-weather surface on debut last August, graduated when switched to the turf in Chicago Sept. 4 and added a win over Keeneland's lawn Oct. 5 in her final start for trainer Chris Block. The 5-1 shot was unhurried early and raced near the back of the field. She took closer order leaving the backstretch, waited for racing room at the top of the lane and snuck through along the rail late to win going away by one length. Showersofblessings (Leelanau) was second. The winner is a half-sister to With a Twist (Cashel Castle, SP, \$168,634). [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$73,650.

O/B-Darrell & Sadie Brommer (IL). T-Chad J Stewart.

7th-TAM, \$20,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.

COMEDIA (f, 4, Smart Strike--Tabarin, by El Prado {Ire}) was a debut winner on the Laurel sod Oct. 2 and finished fourth in a course-and-distance allowance next out Feb. 25. She was fourth again in a one-mile allowance over the local lawn Mar. 18, but was promoted to third through disqualification. Breaking a step slow from the nine-hole in this 10-horse affair, the 2-1 chalk quickly found her stride and shot to the front to take a clear lead on the field through early splits of :23.11 and :49.19. Reeled in by Be Playful (Pure Prize) at the top of the lane, the bay still retained a narrow lead, and kept on finding every time that determined foe came at her to secure a half-length victory. The winner is a half to Abraham (Distorted Humor), SW & GSP, \$429,461. Comedia's dam is a half to MGSWs Miss Isella (Silver Charm) and Sir Cherokee (Cherokee Run). Sales history: \$250,000 yrl '12 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$37,800. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Waterville Lake Stable. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). T-Arnaud Delacour.

LANE'S END Sales Graduate

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK

La Madrina (Tapit), 4f, :52.78, 10/10
V.E. Day (English Channel), 7f (tr), :1:29.69, 1/1
Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), 1m (tr), 1:42.20, 1/1

CHURCHILL DOWNS

War Story (Northern Afleet), 4f, :49.40, 12/18

KEENELAND

Chocolate Ride (Candy Ride {Arg}), 4f, :50.20, 24/28

SANTA ANITA

Bayern (Offlee Wild), 7f, 1:24.40, 1/3

Got the TDN app?



Central U.S.

Wednesday's Results:

6th-HAW, \$22,407, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000),
NW1\$X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11, ft.

DADTAUGHTMEWELL (c, 3, Eddington--Burrito, by Tabasco Cat), unplaced in his first two starts on grass, graduated by 20 1/4 lengths when switched to the dirt here in a \$25,000 maiden claimer Nov. 20, and scored again next out sprinting on the Tampa Bay main track Jan. 7. Heavily supported at 4-5 in this four-horse field, the chestnut broke a bit slow and settled in a two-wide third through early splits of :22.70 and :46.26.

Sweeping up to take control in the stretch, he was briefly engaged by Pepon (Parading), but swiftly closed the door on that rival to secure a 2 1/2-length victory. Sales history: \$4,500 yrl '13 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$31,860. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-James Divito & Dennis Panches. B-Lavin Bloodstock (KY). T-James P DiVito.

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

INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

INDUSTRY INFO

M2 Transport, Schumer Bloodstock Awarded Contract:

M2 Transport, in conjunction with Schumer Bloodstock Agency, has been awarded contract for the exclusive listing rights to solicit offers for the purchase of an undivided 20% interest in Curlin (Smart Strike). Curlin, who stands at Lane's End Farm for \$35,000, sired GI Belmont S. and GI Metropolitan H. winner Palace Malice in his first crop and GI Preakness S. runner-up Ride On Curlin in his second. He has three graded stakes winner so far this year in Stellar Wind, Diversy Harbor and Ocean Knight. M2 Transport and Schumer Bloodstock were awarded the contract under Solicitation No. DJM-15-A44-Q-0011 with the US Department of Justice, US Marshals Service, Asset Forfeiture Division.

RMTC Has Approved a Testing Threshold for Gamma-Aminobutyric Acid:

The executive committee of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium has approved a uniform testing threshold of 110 parts per billion (ppb) in blood for the naturally occurring amino acid gamma-aminobutyric acid, according to a release. The threshold, which was developed by the RMTC's Scientific Advisory Committee, will be submitted today to the Association of Racing Commissioners International for consideration as a model rule at RCI's meeting next week.

"This proposal is designed to protect the health and welfare of the race horse," explained Dr. Scott Hay, RMTC SAC co-chair. "It is always challenging to determine thresholds on substances that are both endogenous and can be used inappropriately in an attempt to influence the outcome of a race.

The RMTC SAC spent a significant amount of time to make sure that illegal race day administrations of GABA would be controlled without risking inadvertent positive tests of a substance that is naturally present in a horses system."

RMTC Chair Alex Waldrop added, "I applaud the SAC for their work on the GABA issue. The expert members of this committee play an imperative role in providing the science behind all of our recommendations to the industry--ensuring fair and safe uniform regulations."

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thurs., 16

*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, 152/16/2

7-KEE, Alw, 6f, Caval, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2

6-KEE, Msw, 7f, +Port Charlotte, \$100K KEE NOV wnl, 5-1

HOLD ME BACK (Giant's Causeway), Winstar, \$6K, 153/13/1

3-SA, Aoc, 1m, Commute, \$50K OBS AUG yrl, 5-1

JUSTENUFFHUMOR (Distorted Humor), McMahon of Saratoga NY, \$3K, 51/1/0

8-AQU, Mcl, 1 1/16mT, El Grillo, 6-1

LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/37/4

8-AQU, Mcl, 1 1/16mT, Lucky Foursome, \$65K SAR AUG yrl, 15-1

QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/26/3

7-KEE, Alw, 6f, Roaming, \$120K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

SUPER SAVER (Maria's Mon), Winstar, \$20K, 203/29/4

6-KEE, Msw, 7f, Super Stylish, \$75K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/25/1

7-EVD, Alw, 7f, Traiteuse, \$85K FTK JUL yrl, 6-1

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, April 16

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/

*BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

CAPE BLANCO (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, 165/0/0

2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, Patchouli, \$2K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-KEE, \$59,910, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m,
1:51 2/5, ft.

ANOTHER INCIDENT (f, 4, Sun King--Rose Jade, by Jade Hunter) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-2, \$119,544.

O-Lucky Shamrock Stable. B-Lucky Shamrock Partners LLC (KY). T-Nicholas P Zito.

8th-HAW, \$28,640, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.

FLYING MR K. (g, 5, Giacomo--Denoun N Deverb

{MSW, \$311,468}, by Denouncer) Lifetime Record:

15-6-1-1, \$86,247. O-Leroy Hellman, Betty & Tom Ninnis. B-Ken Fisher, Tom & Betty Ninnis (IL). T-Leroy Hellman. *Full to Sasy Ms Elizabeth, MSW, \$126,410.

[Click here to access TDN Progeny PPs](#)



6th-MVR, \$25,800, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14 4/5, ft. GUILDED REWARD (m, 8, Grand Reward--Time for a Heart, by Gilded Time) Lifetime Record: 62-14-10-7, \$202,543. O-Judy Meyers. B-Langsem Farm Inc (OH). T-Shane Meyers. *\$4,700 yrl '08 KEESEP.

8th-MNR, \$20,700, 4-14, NW4LX, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40 4/5, ft. FEDERAL AGENT (g, 5, Curlin--Gwenjinsky, by Seattle Dancer) Lifetime Record: 24-3-5-3, \$83,357. O-317 Irish Racing Partnership. B-W S Farish & Lazy F Ranch (KY). T-Richard Estvanko. *1/2 to Lead Story (Editor's Note), MGSW, \$842,031; Capejinsky (Cape Town), SW, \$188,411; Prize Catch (A.P. Indy), SW, \$138,810.

7th-TUP, \$20,000, 4-14, NW16M, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03 2/5, ft. TIGGER TOWN (g, 5, Tale of the Cat--Angelina Capote {SW, \$151,085}, by Capote) Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-5-6-0, \$100,500. O-Jill J Lindell. B-Dixiana Stables Inc (KY). T-Greg Tracy. *\$50,000 wlng '10 KEENOV; \$35,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

TAYLOR MADE FOR YOU!

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Alexa's Spirit, c, 3, Congrats--Far and Away, by Strong Hope. AQU, 4-15, (S), (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:47 2/5. B-James Doyle (NY). *\$100,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP.

Blackwater Charly, c, 3, Distorted Humor--Redverse (SP, \$170,777), by Menifee. GPX, 4-15, (C), 1m, 1:41. B-Woods Edge Farm LLC (KY). *\$150,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN.

WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE

BRITAIN results sponsored by Destination Europe
www.destinationeuropeoperacing.com

Wednesday's Results:

CSP EUROPEAN FREE H.-Listed, £37,000, NMT, 4-15, 3yo, 7fT, 1:22.22, gd/fm.

1--#HOME OF THE BRAVE (IRE), 125, c, 3, by Starspangledbanner (Aus)

- 1st Dam: Blissful Beat (GB), by Beat Hollow (GB)
- 2nd Dam: Pleasuring (GB), by Good Times (Ity)
- 3rd Dam: Gliding (GB), by Tudor Melody (GB)

(€80,000 yrl '13 ARQAUG). O-Flemington Bloodstock Partnership; B-Earl Ecurie du Grand Chene (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer; J-James Doyle. £20,982. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 4-2-1-1, £30,153.

2--Tupi (Ire), 123, c, 3, Tamayuz (GB)--Carioca (Ire), by Rakti (GB). (100,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT). O-Michael Kerr-Dineen & Martin Hughes. £7,955.

3--Faydhan, 125, c, 3, War Front--Agreeable Miss, by Speightstown. (\$500,000 yrl '13 KEESEP). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. £3,981.

INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

Margins: 1 3/4, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 4.50, 20.00, 0.50. Also Ran: Glenalmond (Ire), Jungle Cat (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

All eyes were on Shadwell's much-vaunted Faydhan here, but the talk of the town failed to live up to lofty expectations as Home of the Brave made all under the enterprising tactics employed by James Doyle. Highly



Home of the Brave
Racing Post

regarded himself, the chestnut had wired a six-furlong maiden on the July Course last summer before disappointing when only third as the 11-10 favorite for Kempton's G3 Sirenia S. over that trip on Polytrack in September. Taking a keen hold left alone in front, he never looked like folding as Tupi

chased hard, while Faydhan made up some ground from rear without ever threatening. Trainer Hugo Palmer told *PA Sport*, "We'll have to sit down and have a long think and watch what happens tomorrow and Saturday. He might be the perfect type for the G3 Jersey S. [at Royal Ascot June 17]. He was a bit gassy, as he always is in a race and we might have to get some skin-tight silks as noises are not his best friend--he is a very sensitive horse."

Faydhan's trainer John Gosden afterwards dismissed a tilt at the 2000 Guineas following the lack of fireworks from the favorite. "It was not unexpected, as he has only won a maiden and is a slow learner," he told *PA Sport*. "He ran on steadily at the finish, but I have ruled him out of the Guineas. I see him as more of a Royal Ascot type, with either the Jersey or [June 16] G1 St James's Palace S. as the race to go for."

[t f](#) [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

FEILDEN S.-Listed, £37,000, NMT, 4-15, 3yo, 9fT, 1:48.16, gd/fm.

1--#GOLDEN HORN (GB), 126, c, 3, by Cape Cross (Ire)
1st Dam: Fleche d'Or (GB), by Dubai Destination
2nd Dam: Nuryana (GB), by Nureyev
3rd Dam: Loralane (GB), by Habitat

(190,000gns RNA yrl '13 TATOCT). O-Mr A E Oppenheimer; B-Hascombe and Valiant Studs (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Frankie Dettori. £20,982. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £27,452.

2--Peacock (GB), 126, c, 3, Paco Boy (Ire)--Rainbow's Edge (GB), by Rainbow Quest. O-The Queen. £7,955.

3--Disegno (Ire), 126, c, 3, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Seven Magicians, by Silver Hawk. O-Niarchos Family. £3,981.

Margins: 1HF, HF, HF. Odds: 2.00, 4.00, 6.00. Also Ran: Festive Fare (GB), Puissant (Ire), Mustadeem (Ire), Algaith. [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Cont. p6

TDN TODAY
Regional Report..... 9 pages



FEILDEN S.-Listed result cont.

Overcoming a slow start to get off the mark on debut in taking style over an extended mile at Nottingham in late October, Golden Horn was only slightly more



Golden Horn
Racing Post

streetwise here, but belied his inexperience to maintain his perfect record. Settled in last early after missing the kick, the homebred made ground wide under urging before halfway and, after settling into the rhythm of the race, showed a smart turn of acceleration to grab the lead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining.

Staying on despite rolling down on to the rail, the bay was comfortably holding fellow closer Peacock on the run to the line. “We always thought he was a good horse and he won like a good horse, but he was still a bit green,” jockey Frankie Dettori told *PA Sport*. “I’ve suggested to John to go to the Dante, but there is the French Derby as well, so there’s all to play for.”

[t f](#) [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

£100,000 TATTERSALLS MILLIONS 3-Y-O SPRINT (COND), £103,616, NMT, 4-15, 3yo, 6fT, 1:10.05, gd/fm.

1--**BOSSY GUEST (IRE), 131, c, 3, Medicean (GB)--Ros the Boss (Ire), by Danehill.** (€70,000 w/wing '12 GOFNOV; 72,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT). O-John Guest Racing; B-Dowager Countess Harrington (IRE); T-Mick Channon. Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 8-3-2-1, £160,363.

2--**Ballymore Castle (Ire), 131, g, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Ballymore Lady, by War Chant.** (67,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum. £25,479.

3--**The Warrior (Ire), 131, c, 3, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Aymara (GB), by Darshaan (GB).** O-Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier. £10,196.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2, HD. Odds: 5.00, 8.00, 2.00. Also Ran: Encore d'Or (GB), Sulaalaat (GB), Excellent George (GB), Nuno Tristan, Heartbreak Hero (GB), Big McIntosh (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Bossy Guest had finished runner-up in the Listed Ripon Champion Two Yrs Old Trophy over this trip in August prior to filling the same spot behind Secret Brief (Ire) (Shamardal) in the £100,000 Tattersalls Millions Median Auction Trophy over this course and distance in September, and was third behind that rival in the seven-furlong £500,000 Tattersalls Millions 2YO Trophy in October. Detached early in the last trio, the bay gradually made up ground off the fast early pace to earn the lead passing the furlong marker and stayed on gamely up the rising ground.

“He got squeezed out a bit at the start when the horses came across him, quickened up and got away a few lengths, but he won nicely in the end,” trainer Mick Channon commented. “He was a good horse last year and I’m pleased he’s gone on. He’s entered for the [G1] 2000 Guineas, but we’ll get him home and then see.”

2nd-NMT, £13,000, Cond, 2yo, 5fT, :59.78, gd. + GIFTED MASTER (IRE) (c, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Shobobb {GB}, by Shamardal), sent off the 4-1 second choice, was tardy from the gates but soon recovered taking a fierce grip on the heels of the early leaders racing stand’s side. Granted a gap on the fence inside the final quarter mile, the 75,000gns TATOCT yearling was sent through to grab the lead approaching the furlong pole and drew away to win with authority by four lengths from City of Stars (Ire) (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £8,410.

O-Dr Ali Ridha. B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE). T-Hugo Palmer.

7th-NMT, £8,500, Mdn, 3yo, 10fT, 2:06.15, gd/fm. GLOBAL FORCE (IRE) (g, 3, Shamardal--Pioneer Bride, by Gone West), a 115,000gns TATDEC weanling and 250,000gns TATOCT yearling, was last seen finishing runner-up over an extended mile at Nottingham in November and helped force the early pace. Gradually asserting his superiority from the furlong marker, the 8-1 shot registered a two-length score from Great Glen (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}). The winner is a half-brother to Yamal (Ire) (Green Desert), SW-Eng, \$230,027. Horseshoe Bay (Ire) (Arch), the son of Sweepstake (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), was up in the thick of the action throughout and kept on to be fourth. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £6,269. The winner’s dam is a half-sister to the dam of G1 Irish Oaks winner Lailani (GB) (Unfuwain). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Godolphin. B-Tinnakill Bloodstock (IRE). T-Saeed bin Suroor.

1st-NMT, £8,000, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:22.90, gd/fm. CARNIVAL KING (IRE) (c, 3, Arcano {Ire}--Validate {GB}, by Alhaarth {Ire}), sent off at 25-1 based on his latest eighth in a seven-furlong maiden at Wolverhampton in September, was always towards the fore. Asserting from the furlong pole, the 31,000gns TATDEC weanling and 55,000gns TATOCT yearling had a length to spare over the unlucky Hakam (War Front) at the line. Godolphin’s newcomer Gossiping (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the son of Gossamer (GB) (Sadler’s Wells) and half-brother to Ibn Khaldun (Dubai Destination), faded to be fourth. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £5,608. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Mr Phillip Gore. B-B Kennedy & Mrs Ann Marie Kennedy (IRE). T-Brian Meehan.



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS...
Get pedigree expert Andrew Caulfield’s take on racing’s newsmakers!
You can find all of Caulfield’s columns in the [TDN Archive.](#)



2nd-BEV, £5,000, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT, 1:05.18, gd.
+ TAKING LIBERTYS (GB) (c, 2, Makfi {GB}--Liberty Chery {GB} {MSP-Fr}, by Statue of Liberty), an £18,000 DONAUG yearling, started slowly and was green racing in seventh through halfway. Picking off rivals inside the two pole, the 8-1 chance looked comfortably held in third entering the final eighth, but engaged turbo in the closing stages to overhaul Halsall (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) for a half-length success. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,235. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXVIII. B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd (GB). T-Kevin Ryan.

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

£200,000 TATTERSALLS MILLIONS 3YO TROPHY (COND), £207,231, 3yo, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Azmaam (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hanagan	Hannon
2	6	Cape Clear Island (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Moore	A O'Brien
3	5	Greatest Journey (GB)	Raven's Pass	Doyle	bin Suroor
4	1	Groor (GB)	Archipenko	Morris	Tate
5	9	Proposed (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
6	7	Rocky Rider (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Atzeni	Balding
7	8	Secret Brief (Ire)	Shamardal	Buick	C Appleby
8	4	Tannaaf (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	O'Neill	de Kock
9	2	Melodious (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Keniry	Elsworth

All carry 131 pounds bar Melodious, 126.

SHERGAR CUP CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED

The four team captains for the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup, a rider's competition at Ascot Aug. 8, have been announced. Frankie Dettori will head up team Europe; Australian rider Kerrin McEvoy will captain the Rest of the World team; Jamie Spencer will lead team Great Britain and Ireland; and Canadian jockey Emma-Jayne Wilson leads the Girls team.

Team Europe won last year's renewal over the Girls team by one point.

"Last year's nail-biting one point win over the Girls in front of a massive Ascot crowd with a great atmosphere was one of the highlights of my season," Dettori said. "The Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup is always a magnificent occasion and I am delighted to be part of it again this year."

Wilson won two races on last year's card and nearly clinched the Silver Saddle Trophy as the meeting's leading rider, and she said she has a score to settle this year.

"I am thrilled to be coming back to Ascot for the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup and captaining the Girls team again," Wilson said. "Hopefully we can show what girls can do and really prove ourselves. Last year I was so hungry for the win and the fact that we were only one point off winning was huge. My plan is to come back this year and put things right."

All horses in the *TDN* are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated

OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

1.15 Longchamp, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 10fT

DARIYAN (FR) (Shamardal) is unleashed by Alain de Royer-Dupre for His Highness The Aga Khan in this enticing introductory affair and is of specific note, being a son of the G1 Hong Kong Vase heroine Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk). Also in attendance is one of the Wertheimers' legion of potential stars, the Andre Fabre-trained **Etendard (Smart Strike)**, a grandson of the high-class Honest Lady (Seattle Slew) whose dam, a half-sister to the G1 Forego S.-winning sire First Defence, was a \$3.1 million purchase by the Wertheimers at Keeneland November six years ago.

2.20 Longchamp, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, f, 10fT

ROYANA (FR) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) is another fascinating newcomer to represent His Highness The Aga Khan and Alain de Royer-Dupre, being the first foal out of the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Rosanara (Fr) (Sinndar {Ire}). She is joined by stable companion **Sacrifice My Soul (Ire) (Nayef)**, Salinity Stables's half-sister to the G1 Epsom H. hero I'm Your Man (Fr) (Cape Cross {Ire}), while they encounter another Andre Fabre-trained blueblood in the Wertheimers' **Solilea (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, a daughter of the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner Plumania (GB) (Anabaa).

1:45 Newmarket, Mdn, £7,000, 2yo, f, 5fT

SENSE OF FUN (Distorted Humor) is introduced by Charlie Appleby over a trip that may prove too sharp, given that she is a full-sister to the G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Aesop's Fables descended from the promoted 1989 Epsom Oaks winner Snow Bride (Blushing Groom {Fr}) from the family of Lammtarra.

2:20 Newmarket, Debutantes, £10,000, 3yo, 8fT

MUSTAAQEEM (Dynaformer) is introduced in this famed Wood Ditton S. by Sir Michael Stoute, who started off the brilliant Harbinger (GB) (Dansili {GB}) here, among others. Out of the MSW & GSP Wasseema (Danzig), Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's homebred has been showing up well on the local terrain but remains an unknown quantity alongside Normandie Stud's **Fallen for a Star (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire})**, a John Gosden-trained half-brother to the stable's G1 Coronation S. heroine Fallen for You (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

5:10 Newmarket, Mdn, £8,000, 3yo, f, 7fT

GOLDEN LAUGHTER (Bernardini) debuts for the Anthony Oppenheimer-John Gosden connection which enjoyed recent success with the half-sister Belle d'Or (Medaglia d'Oro). More importantly, she is a half-sister to the G1 2000 Guineas hero and sire Footstepsinthesand (GB) (Giant's Causeway) and the G1 Phoenix S. scorer Pedro the Great (Henrythenavigator) from an excellent dynasty also responsible for Power (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).

© Copyright Thoroughbred Daily News.

This newspaper may not be reproduced in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, without prior written permission of the copyright owner, MediaVista. Information as to the American races, race results and earnings was obtained from results charts published in Daily Racing Form and utilized here with the permission of the copyright owner, Daily Racing Form.



IRELAND

results
sponsored by



Destination
Europe

www.destinationeuropereading.com

Wednesday's Results:

HERITAGE S.-Listed, €45,000, LEP, 4-15, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:46.17, sf.

1--**FASCINATING ROCK (IRE)**, 136, c, 4, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--**Miss Polaris (GB)**, by **Polar Falcon**. O/B-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd (Ire); T-Dermot Weld; J-Pat Smullen. €29,250. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Ire, 7-4-0-0, €174,030.

2--**Alive Alive Oh (GB)**, 126, m, 5, Duke of Marmalade (Ire)--Higher Love (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. (97,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT). O-Sue-Ann Foley. €9,000.

3--**Euphrasia (Ire)**, 126, m, 6, Windsor Knot (Ire)--Bishop's Lake (GB), by Lake Coniston (Ire). (12,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT; 500,000gns HRA '13 TATDEC). O-Mrs C C Regalado-Gonzalez. €4,500. Margins: 1 3/4, 4 1/4, NK. Odds: 0.90, 6.50, 14.00.

Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).

Leopardstown's 2014 G3 Ballysax S. and G3 Derby Trial S. winner Fascinating Rock, who gained the latter in the stewards' room, slipped below the standard required when subsequently eighth in the June 7 G1 Epsom Derby and fifth in the June 28 G1 Irish Derby.

On the shelf since that Curragh Classic, he continued trainer Dermot Weld's hot start to the turf campaign with a determined victory, conceding weight all round, in this comeback. The bay, who dropped down to a mile for the first time since his 2013 debut fifth at this track, settled in a share of third for most of the contest. Making his bid full of run passing the quarter-mile marker, he ran on strongly under final-furlong urging to set the seal on a satisfactory return. "He's very adaptable in that ground, it was a pleasing performance and he'll probably come back here for the [May 10 Listed]



Fascinating Rock
Racing Post

Amethyst S.," Weld told *irishracing.com*. "He got a little bit tired in the last half furlong which I expected. He's up a good few kilos on last year, but, equally, he has matured from last year." Weld said he was target races between a mile and 1 1/4 miles with Fascinating Rock.

"Hopefully he'll have a long and successful season," Weld said. "He had a busy year last year and raced on very fast ground. He was a bit stiff and sore after the Irish Derby so we said we'd leave him off until this year. He's always been a very good horse and I see him campaigning here in the immediate future before traveling as the year progresses."

5th-LEP, €12,000, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:18.19, sf. **HANS HOLBEIN (GB)** (c, 3, [Montjeu {Ire}](#)--**Lia {GB}** {SP-Eng}, by **Shirley Heights {GB}**), a six-length runner-up at Cork last time Apr. 4, made a slick exit and seized control after the initial strides of this one. Unperturbed until turning for home, the 3-1 second favorite was stoked up approaching the two pole and maintained a high tempo under continued urging in the closing stages to prevail by 2 3/4 lengths from Valac (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}).



Joseph O'Brien aboard Hans Holbein with mother Anne-Marie O'Brien alongside
Racing Post

"He relaxed well and got an easy lead, and it's nice to get a [first] winner [of the new season]," winning rider Joseph O'Brien told *irishracing.com*. "He seems to handle a little bit of juice in the ground and I think he can step up in trip. He improved plenty

from Cork and hopefully he can progress again. There was plenty of chat about [the runner-up] Valac and I was expecting him to come at me. Our horses always improve from their first run." The winner, a 50,000gns TATOCT yearling, is a half to Sans Frontieres (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-Eng & Ire at 14f + , G1SW-Ire & MGSW-Eng, \$372,616; and Kootenay (Ire) (Selkirk), MSW & MGSP-Eng, SW & MGSP-Ity, \$196,646. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, €10,875. [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Teo Ah Khing. B-The Lavington Stud (GB). T-Aidan O'Brien.

BOLGER ASSISTANT HEADS STABLE STAFF WINNERS

Pat O'Donovan, assistant trainer to Jim Bolger, won the Irish Racing Excellence Award, as well as the Rider/Groom award, at the Irish Stud and Stable Staff Awards sponsored by Godolphin Tuesday. The other winners were Martin Horan, Leadership Award; Tom Gallagher, Head Lad/Girl or Traveling Head Lad/Girl; Carmel Bowden, Stud Employee Award; Wendy Normile, Administration Award; Seamus Cregan, Dedication to Racing Award; Michael O'Rahilly, Lifelong Learning Award; Jim Reilly, Ancillary Services Award; and Leopardstown Racecourse, Racecourse Grooms Canteen Award.



Pat O'Donovan
Jennifer O'Sullivan

The winners of the Leadership, Rider/Groom, Head Lad/Girl, Stud Employee and Administration awards received a trophy and €5,000 with an additional €4,000 for employees from the winner's company. **Cont. p9**

D' FUNNYBONE

D'wildcat - Elbow, by Woodman / \$2,500 Live Foal

He's No Joke!

D' FUNNYBONE's
1st 2YOs worked well!

Hip 405 in :10 FLAT

Co-fastest work that day!

[Click to View](#)

1st CROP 2YOs
by an **Outstanding 2YO**

OBS Spring 2YOs In-Training

405	C	Shakaleena	King's Equine, Agt for Wellspring Stables LLC
561	C	Tactical Go Go	de Meric Sales, Agt XXXIX
594	C	Tiz Paula	SBM Training and Sales, Agt V
653	F	Wanda Nevada	Julie Davies, Agt V
965	F	Diamond Dina	RiceHorse Stables

**5-time
Graded SW**

1st Saratoga Special S.-G2

1st Futurity S.-G2

1st Hutcheson S.-G2

1st Swale S.-G2

1st Woody Stephens S.-G2



NYBREDS.COM
NEW YORK THOROUGHBRED BREEDING & DEVELOPMENT FUND

Erin Robinson 859.421.7531 Lere Visagie 518.851.6616

5384 Route 9H-23 Hudson, New York 12534

www.rockridgestud.com

© BARBARA LIVINGSTON



The two runners-up in these categories each received €500. O'Donovan received a second trophy and a further €5,000 for the Excellence award, with an additional €5,000 for employees from Bolger's yard.

The prize for the winners of the Dedication to Racing, Lifelong Learning, Ancillary Services and Racecourse Grooms Canteen awards was a trophy and €2,500.

"I'd like to congratulate all the award winners and acknowledge the extremely high standard of nominations we received for the first year of Godolphin's generous sponsorship of the Irish Stud and Stable Staff Awards," said Bernard Caldwell of the Irish Stable Staff Association. "I'd like to thank all of our partners and everyone who helped make the evening such a success."



Wednesday's Results:

1st-CHY, €29,000, Cond, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:38.95, ft.

SOFT DRINK (f, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Toppisme {SP-US}, by Saint Ballado) hit the board at Deauville July 3 and at Longchamp Sept. 7, and lined up for this seasonal return coming off a 10th in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac back at the Bois de Boulogne track Oct. 5. Breaking well from the outside gate to stalk the pace in second, the 19-5 second choice quickened smartly to lead approaching the final eighth and was ridden out in the closing stages to comfortably best Parade Music (Giant's Causeway) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €24,600. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY). T-Andre Fabre.

2nd-CHY, €29,000, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:37.94, ft.

PHILOSOPHER (IRE) (c, 3, [Shamardal](#)--Philae, by Seeking the Gold), a short-neck debut winner at Deauville last time Mar. 5, slotted in to race a handy fourth after the initial strides of this one upped a half panel. Looming large once into the stretch run, the 9-10 favorite was sent to the front approaching the eighth pole and lengthened clear under mild coaxing from there to easily account for Leonida (Fr) (Lawman {Fr}) by 3 1/2 lengths. The winner's dam is a full-sister to former Godolphin luminary Dubai Millennium. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €27,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Godolphin. B-Darley (Ire). T-Andre Fabre.



WHAT IS OPPENHEIM ON ABOUT NOW?

Whether it's sales, racing or breeding...read the latest musings from Bill Oppenheim!

You can find all of Oppenheim's columns in the [TDN Archive](#).



HOPPEGARTEN BUYS TRAINING CENTER

Berlin-Hoppegarten Racecourse is set to purchase the historic Neuenhagen training track near the racecourse. The purchase option is part of the 2008 purchase of the Hoppegarten racecourse estate, and the contract is expected to be completed Sept. 30. Neuenhagen was under threat after Hoppegarten was privatized in 2008, but now racecourse owner Gerhard Schoningh plans to develop the training track into a state-of-the-art training facility.

"Since the privatization of the racecourse in 2008, Hoppegarten has become the track with the biggest improvement in the quality of its racing, in racecourse attendance and betting," said Schoningh. "My ambition is to restore racing and training at Hoppegarten and Neuenhagen to its historic number one position in Germany, and our dynamic capital Berlin provides us with a good backdrop for this plan. Securing this historic and well-located track for the future will benefit racing in Germany and is an important part of this strategy."



HANDICAP RESULT:

8th-NMT, £20,000, 4-15, 3yo, 6fT, 1:10 4/5, gd/fm.

SALT ISLAND (GB) (c, 3, [Exceed and Excel](#) {Aus}--Tiana {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Diktat {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £16,173. O-Julie Martin & David R Martin & Partner; B-Mr A S Denniff (GB); T-Charles Hills. *55,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.

6th-BEV, £7,500, 4-15, 3yo, 9f 207yT, 2:04.82, gd.

ANTIQUARIUM (IRE) (c, 3, [New Approach](#) {Ire}--Antillia {GB}, by Red Ransom) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, £9,049. O-Godolphin. B-Darley (Ire). T-Charlie Appleby.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Briardale (Ire), g, 3, [Arcano](#) (Ire)--Marine City (Jpn), by Carnegie (Ire).** BEV, 4-15, 9f 207yT, 2:05.95. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (Ire). *15,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.

Chapeau Bleu (Ire), f, 3, [Haatef](#)--La Petite Bleue (Ger), by Fantastic Light. KMP, 4-15, 6f (AWT), 1:13 4/5. B-Woodleigh Stables (IRE). *€6,000 wlng '12 GOFNOV; €3,500 yrl '13 GOF OCT; £11,000 2yo '14 BRITYO.

Sacrificial (Ire), g, 3, [Showcasing](#) (GB)--Armanda (Ger), by Acatenango (Ger). LEP, 4-15, 8fT, 1:48.53. B-Eric Puerari & Oceanic Bloodstock (Ire). *€27,000 yrl '13 ARQAUG; €210,000 2yo '14 ARQMAY.

Qatar Storm (Ire), c, 3, [Zebedee](#) (GB)--Sierva (Ger), by Darshaan (GB). MLN, 4-14, 8fT, time: n/a. B-Noel Finegan & Noel Cogan (Ire). *€65,000 wlng '12 GOFNOV.