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**'BELIEF' TRIES THE BULL RING**

While it would have been virtually unheard of just a few years ago for a horse of **Shared Belief** (Candy Ride {Arg})'s caliber to make an appearance at Charles Town, a monster \$1.5-million purse for Saturday evening's GII Charles Town Classic S. lures the co-top-rated horse in the world to West Virginia. If not for an



**Shared Belief & Mike Smith**  
*Benoit Photo*

unfortunate trip when controversially cut off at the start by winner Bayern (Offlee Wild) and forced to settle for fourth in the Nov. 1 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, the Jerry Hollendorfer pupil could be a perfect 11-for-11. The 2013 champion juvenile annexed the GII Los Alamitos Derby, GI Pacific Classic S. and GI Awesome Again S. last season before the Classic, but failed to make it into the top three in Horse of the Year voting despite finishing off the year with a hard-fought victory in Santa

Anita's GI Malibu S. Dec. 26. Shared Belief asserted his superiority over Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the GII San Antonio Invitational S. Feb. 7, and easily bested **Moreno** (Ghostzapper) while earning a 111 Beyer Speed Figure in the GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 7. Installed at 2-5 on the morning line, the dark bay will carry the colors of Jungle Racing, KMN Racing, Hollendorfer, Litt, Solis II and Todaro.

Southern Equine Stable's aforementioned Moreno, who landed last season's GI Whitney Invitational S., enters off a close third as the 6-5 favorite in the GI New Orleans H. Mar. 28. He figures to show his usual early speed, but could face pressure from the likes of **Warrioroftheros** (A. P. Indy). **Cont. p3**

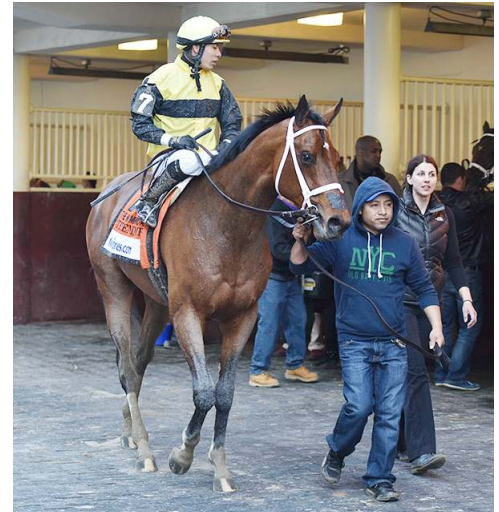
**BIRSH PREPARES TO TAKE HIS WAR HORSE INTO BATTLE AT THE KY DERBY** *By Mike Kane*

Owner-breeder Phillip Birsh and trainer George Weaver crunched some numbers in the days following **Tencendur's** (Warrior's Reward) second-place finish in the GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial and compared them to the other major prep races for the Kentucky Derby. They liked what the stats revealed.

The math exercise--showing a jump in speed figures and a favorable decline in the colt's Thoro-Graph number--made it clear that they really ought to consider taking the New York-bred to Churchill Downs for the Derby.

"All of that put together told us that we're in the conversation. So, we're coming," Birsh said.

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**Tencendur in the paddock after the Wood**  
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## A.P. Indy Mare Gets Another Graded Win

Sam-Son homebred **Deceptive Vision** (A.P. Indy) continued to flatter the 'TDN Rising Star' moniker yesterday at Keeneland, as she held off tough-luck **Lunar Surge** (Malibu Moon) to earn her second graded stakes victory on as many surfaces.



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**Richard Hannon and Ivawood**  
*Racing Post*

## Wood Burner

Saturday's G3 Aon Greenham S. at Newbury offers a middle ground for last year's sprinting juveniles attempting eventually to stretch out to the mile of the G1 2000 Guineas, which is where **Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}) is headed if he can prove his stamina here.

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## Rising Star Double at Keeneland

Keeneland Race Course played host to back-to-back 'TDN Rising Star'-earning performances yesterday. Bill Mott/WinStar firster **Speightster** (Speightstown) blitzed a maiden field in his unveiling, while Larry Jones-trained **Chief Istan** (Istan) went two-for-two for Sagamore Farm and Breerton Jones.

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# TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for	TV
8:45a	John Porter S.-G3, NBY	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	
9:15a	Fred Darling S.-G3, NBY	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	
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4:42p	Sixty Sails H.-GIII, HAW	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HR/TVG
5:13p	Elkhorn S.-GII, KEE	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HR/TVG
6:05p	Charles Town Classic S.-GII, CT	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HR/TVG
6:30p	Santa Barbara H.-GIII, SA	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HR/TVG
6:40p	Illinois Derby-GIII, HAW	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HR/TVG



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Saturday, Charles Town, 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	ML
1 Looking Cool	Candy Ride (Arg)	De La Cruz	Judy	30-1
2 Vyjack	Into Mischief	Montano	Rodriguez	12-1
3 <b>Street Babe</b> <sup>®</sup>	<b>Street Sense</b>	Rosario	Dilger	15-1
4 Shared Belief	Candy Ride (Arg)	Smith	Hollendorfer	2-5
5 Page McKenney	Eavesdropper	Karamanos	Eppler	20-1
6 Moreno	Ghostzapper	Velasquez	Guillot	7-2
7 General a Rod	Roman Ruler	Velazquez	Pletcher	12-1
8 Warrioroftheroses	A. P. Warrior	Dunkelberger	Dilodovico	50-1
9 <b>Imperative</b> <sup>®</sup>	Bernardini	Quinonez	Pappadromou	15-1

Perhaps the most formidable challenger to the heavy favorite is Skychai Racing and Starlight Racing's **General a Rod**. A winner of the Gulfstream Park Derby, second in the GII Fountain of Youth S. and third in the GI Florida Derby S. last term for Armando Rodriguez and Mike Maker, the dark bay was acquired privately by his current owners before competing in all three legs of the Triple Crown--his best finish was fourth in the GI Preakness S. General a Rod was benched after a seventh-place run in the GI Belmont S. last June, and reemerged to finish fourth in a seven-panel Gulfstream optional claimer Jan. 14. Subsequently transferred to Todd Pletcher, he aired by 6 1/4 lengths in Tampa's Mar. 7 Challenger S., good for a career-best 104 Beyer Speed Figure. The form of that affair was flattered when runner-up Old Time Hockey (Smarty Jones) returned to take a stakes race and third-place finisher Neck 'n' Neck (Flower Alley) finished second in the GIII Ben Ali S. at Keeneland a week ago.

Anstu Stables's lightly raced **Street Babe** makes just the fourth start of his career. A four-length debut winner over a mile at the Big A in November, the Michael Dilger trainee was second in a Gulfstream allowance on New Year's Eve. Dismissed at 21-1 in the GIII Mineshaft H. at the Fair Grounds Feb. 21, he stalked a hot pace and pounced to blow up the tote. For more on Street Babe, click [here](#).

Another runner with solid credentials is Pick Six Racing's **Vyjack**. Last year's GII Kelso H. winner was fifth in the GI Cigar Mile H. and second in Aqueduct's Queens County S. at this distance Dec. 13. He was most recently fifth in the Stymie S. in Ozone Park Mar. 22.

**Imperative** took down heavily favored Game On Dude (Awesome Again) to score at 26-1 here a season ago, but has finished no better than third--in the GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita and GI Pacific Classic S.--since that outing. The KM Racing Enterprise representative was sixth in the San Antonio and eighth in the Santa Anita H.

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## CASSE BIDS FOR ILL DERBY REPEAT

Trainer Mark Casse has two chances for a second-straight win in Saturday's \$400,000 GIII Illinois Derby, having saddled Dynamic Impact (Tiznow) in the somewhat maligned Hawthorne feature 12 months ago. Gary Barber's **Kantune** (Kantharos) knocked on the door six times before finally breaking through at Oaklawn Jan. 23, but was 10th in that venue's GIII Southwest S. over a sloppy track Feb. 22. The bay was third last time behind **Phenomenal Phoenix** (Summer Bird) in a Hot Springs allowance Mar. 26. Conquest Stables's **Conquest Curlinate** (Curlin) was fifth on debut sprinting at Woodbine in November, and rallied from out of the clouds to win well going long at Oaklawn Jan. 31. He too was most recently third in an allowance at that venue Feb. 19. Bob Baffert trainee Midnight Hawk (Midnight Lute) was out-nosed by Dynamic Impact in last year's race, but the Hall of Famer has a chance to exact revenge this time around with Pegram, Watson and Weitman's **Whiskey Ticket** (Ghostzapper). The dark bay has only been out once before--he dueled his way to a head success going a mile at Santa Anita Mar. 19, good for a 91 Beyer Speed Figure. **Cont. p4**



**Mark Casse**  
Coady Photography



**Illinois Derby cont.**

Favored on the morning line at 3-1 is another California invader in **Cross the Line** (Line of David). The Jerry Hollendorfer pupil took the California Derby at Golden Gate Jan. 17, and was second in the GIII El Camino Real Derby Feb. 14. He was most recently fifth in the GI Santa Anita Derby in his conventional dirt debut Apr. 4. Richard Ravin and Patricias Hope LLC's **Lewys Vaporizer** (Lewis Michael) is a bit of an x-factor. He showed very little in his Arlington debut last May, but resurfaced over six furlongs here Mar. 27 to post a head-turning 11 3/4-length romp. He scratched out of a six-furlong allowance Wednesday in favor of this obviously tougher spot.

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

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

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Kantune	Kantharos	Emigh	Casse	6-1
2 Verraco	Old Fshioned	Trujillo	Cassidy	5-1
3 Cross the Line	Line of David	Geroux	Hollendorfer	3-1
4 A. Rod Again	Awsme Again	Mena	Maker	10-1
5 Conquest Curlinate	Curlin	Bridgmohan	Casse	8-1
6 Whiskey Ticket	Ghostzapper	Pedroza	Baffert	7-2
7 Lewys Vaporizer	Lewis Michael	Sanjur	Rivelli	15-1
8 Phenomenal Phx	Summer Bird	Quinonez	Von Hemel	6-1
9 Private Prospect	Discreet Cat	Esquivel	Campbell	12-1

**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	ML
1 Dramey	Distorted Humor	Bravo	Aschinger	20-1
2 Biz The Nurse (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Saez	Albertrani	8-1
3 My Afleet	Afleet Alex	Rocco	Lawrence II	10-1
4 Unitarian	Pulpit	Castellano	Pletcher	9-2
5 Cary Street	Smarty Jones	Lopez	Walsh	6-1
6 Holiday Star	Harlan's Holiday	Maragh	Motion	5-1
7 Java's War	War Pass	Graham	Attfield	15-1
8 Optimizer	English Channel	Lanerie	Fernandez	6-1
9 Aldous Snow	Theatrical (Ire)	Lezcano	Pierce	8-1
10 Dynamic Sky	Sky Mesa	Leparoux	Casse	7-2
11 Xtra Luck	Exchange Rate	Hernandez	Howard	30-1

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

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

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Frivolity	Corinthian	Cruz	Jacobson	6-1
2 Mamdooha	Daaher	Ortiz Jr.	McLaughlin	7-2
3 Aireofdistinction	Songandaprayer	Alvarado	Jacobson	4-1
4 La Verdad	Yes It's True	Ortiz	Rice	1-2

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

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

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Silent Star	Silnt Nme (Jpn)	Stein	Bell	15-1
2 Wild Catomine	Milwkee Brew	Boulanger	Casse	8-1
3 Unspurned	Lemn Drp Kid	Garcia	Attfield	6-1
4 Sweater Weather	Milwkee Brew	Husbands	Tiller	8-1
5 Goldstryke Glory	Sond in Cmmnd	Campbell	Callaghan	2-1
6 Skylander Girl	Stroll	Contreras	Patykewich	4-1
7 More Than Bandeau	More Thn Rdy	Moreno	Di Pasquale	20-1
8 Executive Allure	Bold Executive	Da Silva	Banach	3-1

**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	ML
1 Yahilwa	Medaglia d'Oro	Trujillo	Cassidy	3-1
2 Awesome Flower	Flower Alley	Mena	Maker	1-1
3 Parc Monceau	Giant's Causeway	Geroux	Mott	5-1
4 Sea Shadow	Jump Start	Stephen	Colebrook	8-1
5 Ketel Twist	Dixie Union	Jimenez	Maker	6-1

**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	ML
1 Three Hearts	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Baze	Drysdale	7-2
2 Tangelo	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	Cecil	20-1
3 Fanticola	Silent Name (Jpn)	Talamo	D'Amato	4-1
4 Queen of The Sand (Ire)	Fstpsinhsand (GB)	Van Dyke	Gallagher	9-2
5 Walk Close	Tapit	Espinoza	Clement	6-1
6 Diversy Harbor	Curlin	Stevens	Proctor	3-1
7 Industrial Policy	Harlan's Holiday	Blanc	Casse	8-1
8 Habibi (NZ)	Ekraar	Prat	Mandella	6-1
9 Arethusia	A.P. Indy	Desormex	Harty	12-1

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Munnings	33	20
Majesticperfection	26	18
Kantharos	25	15
Midshipman	22	18
Super Saver	22	19
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**Friday, Keeneland**

**HILLIARD LYONS DOUBLEDODGARE S.-GIII**, \$100,000, KEE, 4-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft.

1--**DECEPTIVE VISION**, 120, m, 5, by A.P. Indy  
 1st Dam: Eye of the Sphynx (Ch. 3yo Filly-Can, GSW, \$688,340), by Smart Strike  
 2nd Dam: Queen of Egypt, by Vice Regent  
 3rd Dam: Forleana, by Forum

O/B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-Malcolm Pierce; J-John R Velazquez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 9-5-2-2, \$462,355. \*Full to Eye of the Leopard, Ch. 3yo Colt-Can, MSW, \$920,517; Hotep, MSW & MGSP, \$727,675. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + + \*Triple Plus\***.  
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2--**Lunar Surge**, 118, m, 5, [Malibu Moon](#)--Zoey Power, by Wolf Power (SAf). (\$115,000 wlng '10 KEENOV; \$155,000 yrl '11 KEESEP). O-Jim & Susan Hill; B-Dixiana Stables Inc (KY); T-George Weaver. \$20,000.

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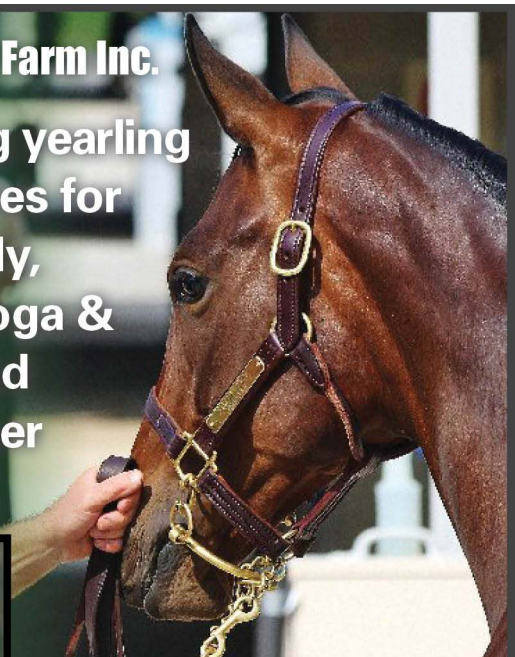
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Deceptive Vision earned 'TDN Rising Star' status following back-to-back scores on the Fair Grounds dirt in the winter of 2013, but hadn't been back on the main track until now. After spending exactly a year on the sidelines, the Sam-Son homebred reemerged to take a grassy optional claimer in New Orleans last February before heading to trainer Malcolm Pierce's Woodbine base for four graded attempts over the Etobicoke turf course. She was third in the GII Nassau S. in May, and finished second--beaten just a nose--in the GII Dance Smartly S. in July. After a brief freshening, the bay returned to annex the GII Canadian S. Sept. 14 over a field that included eventual Grade I winner La Tia (City Place). She was last seen checking in third behind the accomplished European invader Just the Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) in the GI E. P. Taylor S. Oct. 19.

Assuming the favorite's role after the scratch of fellow Grade II-winning 'Rising Star' My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song), Deceptive Vision enjoyed a pocket spot early behind splits of :24.21, :48.16 and 1:12.85. She was swung out into the clear by John Velazquez at the head of the lane while Lunar Surge uncorked a powerful rail rally from far back. Lunar Surge was forced to steady sharply as Deceptive Vision enjoyed an unencumbered run to the line, and while the former was finally able to squeeze through in the waning stages, her tough trip proved a difference maker.

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"She was traveling so well the whole way around," Velazquez said of the winner. "[At] about the sixteenth pole, it looked like she was going to win easily. As soon as she opened up a half-length with the other horses inside her, she started waiting. Her ears went up and she saw the tire tracks [from the starting gate]. She didn't really pay attention at all. So [I was] trying to keep her momentum going and keep her mind on running. She never saw the horse on the inside. I just wanted her to stay focused. She held on."



**Deceptive Vision**  
*Keeneland/Coady*

Corey Lanerie, who rode the runner-up, offered, "When I went for the hole, it was opening. When I got to it, it was shutting... The hole opened, then it shut--it was just racing luck."

Winning trainer Malcolm Pierce said, "She's a lovely filly. She's got a lot of talent. She made me sweat a little bit today. I didn't know whether she'd won or not, but I'm happy with the outcome." Noting that he had also been considering last Saturday's GI Jenny Wiley S. on the turf for Deceptive Vision, Pierce added, "We thought this would be a little easier race on her. She handles the dirt as well as she handles the turf. We've got some options from here."



## OBS SPRING

2-Year-Olds in Training Sale  
Under-tack Show - Apr. 17  
Fastest 1/8 mile works

Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10	<a href="#">836</a>	filly	<a href="#">Lemon Drop Kid</a>	Carafe <i>Consigned by Randy Miles, Agent 11</i>
:10	<a href="#">847</a>	filly	<a href="#">City Zip</a>	Cateleisha <i>Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XXIX</i>
:10	<a href="#">856</a>	filly	<a href="#">Tizway</a>	Cedar Summer <i>Consigned by Kings Equine, Agent for Spendthrift Farm</i>
:10	<a href="#">937</a>	filly	<a href="#">Congrats</a>	Darling My Darling <i>Consigned by Old South Farm LLC, agent</i>
:10	<a href="#">941</a>	filly	<a href="#">Tale of the Cat</a>	Days Like This <i>Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, Agent</i>
:10	<a href="#">943</a>	filly	<a href="#">Posse</a>	D' Country <i>Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent IX</i>
:10	<a href="#">968</a>	filly	Yesbyjimminy	Diplomatic Angel <i>Consigned by Blue River Bloodstock, Agent</i>
:10	<a href="#">978</a>	colt	Cool Coal Man	Donna Marie <i>Consigned by Eisaman Equine, Agent</i>
:10	<a href="#">997</a>	filly	<a href="#">Majesticperfection</a>	Echo Echo Echo <i>Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, Agent</i>

### Fastest 1/4 mile works

Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:20 4/5	<a href="#">934</a>	filly	<a href="#">Bernardini</a>	Dark Sky <i>Consigned by King's Equine, Agent X</i>



**Hip 934**, a filly by Bernardini, clocked the fastest quarter-mile breeze during Friday's session of the OBS April under tack show. The bay, who is consigned by King's Equine, covered the distance in :20 4/5.  
*Louise Reinagel*



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**Birsh cont. from p1**

Tencendur, a massive colt--he measures 17 hands--with a distinctive name, is an absolute unknown compared to the high-profile group of leading Derby contenders that includes American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile), Dortmund (Big Brown) and One Lucky Dane (Lookin at Lucky) from trainer Bob Baffert's barn; GII Louisiana Derby winner and qualifying points leader International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus); and trainer Todd Pletcher's phalanx of standouts headed by Carpe Diem (Giants Causeway), Materiality (Afleet Alex) and



**Phil Birsh**  
*Mike Kane photo*

Itsacknockout (Lemon Drop Kid). Never mind. Tencendur, who earned more than enough qualifying points in the Wood, finishing two lengths behind Frosted (Tapit), appears to be improving and will be the first Derby starter for Birsh, 57, and Weaver, 44, a native of Louisville.

While he wasn't having a Joe Namath moment and guaranteeing a Tencendur upset was

looming, Birsh noted that the best horse in the crowded field doesn't always win the Derby. He said it is possible that some of the standouts may have already reached their top level, and is quite sure that his colt is still far from the finished product.

"I think it's really important that people not write the headline before the story is done," he said.

The journalism reference is no accident. Birsh is the president and CEO of the family owned Playbill, Inc. which publishes the distinctive monthly theatrical magazine that wraps around the programs of many Broadway and off-Broadway productions. The Manhattan resident has owned horses for 25 years. Tencendur was foaled at the 100-acre Birsh Family Farm in Charlton, N.Y., about a 30-minute drive southwest of Saratoga Race Course.

At the top of the stretch in the Wood, it looked like Tencendur might pull off a shocker at odds of 21-1. Although Frosted ran his colt down in deep stretch, Birsh had a contented smile on his face as he watched Tencendur return to be unsaddled.

"He ran very well and I expected him to perform at the level he performed at," Birsh said, "because in several of his previous races, through no fault of our team or jockey, he was just incredibly green in some portion of every race. Yet he would flash enough talent that I sometimes didn't know that he knew he had. He kept flashing all this talent and kept having legitimate excuses for not winning. I just thought that sooner or later he was going to start putting it together."

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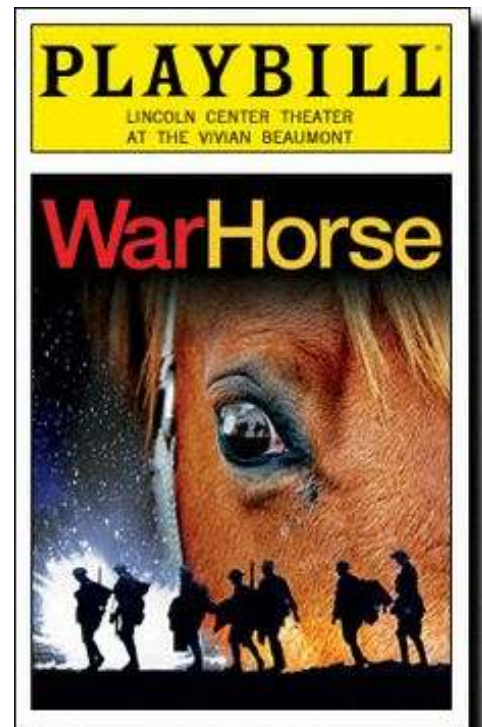
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The Wood was significant step forward for colt, who broke his maiden on Jan. 19. He was fourth in the GIII Withers and, wearing blinkers for the first time, was fifth in the GIII Gotham. Jose Ortiz was on him in the Wood, but he is the regular rider of Upstart, so there is likely to be a jockey change for the Derby. Birsh said he doesn't know who the next pilot will be.

Typically, Birsh races his fillies, retiring the good ones to his small broodmare band that now numbers six, and sells his colts. He broke form and kept Tencendur, a son of his mare Still Secret (Hennessy), though. **Cont. p8**



**Birsh, president and CEO of Playbill, will bring his own war horse to the Derby.**



Birsh cont.

“He just was always a very impressive physical specimen,” Birsh said. “His mother produces really good horses with excellent cardiovascular systems and throats. I felt that was a very big advantage. He was always an impressive candidate. He always stood out. He was always quiet and nice. Sometimes a little immature; he’s still immature, frankly. He’s still not fully developed or grown up, but he’ll get there, sooner or later.”

Birsh purchased Still Secret for \$18,000 to support his stallion, Mayakovsky. They produced Mother Russia, who was sold and earned over \$500,000 while being trained by Linda Rice. Mother Russia is a broodmare in Japan now and her colt, Golden Barows, was third in the G2 U.A.E Derby Mar. 28. Still Secret was sent back to Spendthrift’s Warrior’s Reward this year.

Last summer, Birsh said he received glowing reports from Kentucky horsemen preparing the colt for the track and turned down a \$200,000 offer from a bloodstock agent.

“I decided I wanted a serious name for a serious horse, so I named him Tencendur,” Birsh said. “His father’s name is Warrior’s Reward and I wanted to name him after one of the great warrior horses in history. King Charlemagne is a man who is credited with putting down some of the foundation of modern Europe. His horse was named Tencendur. My wife is French and there is no end to the amount I’ll go to please her.”

The exploits of Charlemagne and Tencendur in the Battle of Roncevaux in 778 are part of the French epic poem [La Chanson de Roland](#), the oldest surviving major work in French literature.

Birsh said he let Weaver make the call on whether to try the Derby, but he’s tickled to be going.

“It is a dream come true to be part of this extraordinary, legendary institution called the Kentucky Derby,” he said. “It is a privilege to be a part of this race. It is a privilege to be associated with this historic moment in the racing year. It’s a true fantasy to be able to think that in decades to come, that your children will tell their grandchildren that their father had a horse in the Derby. That kind of continuity of the history of racing is so joyful for a man who cares so much about racing and wants to succeed if possible at a level like this.

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It’s very hard to do. I’m grateful and I really do understand what it means. I appreciate it.”

Tencendur delivered as Birsh had hoped in the Wood and the owner expects him to get better with more seasoning.

“If he stays healthy and continues to mature, maybe in late spring or early summer we’ll see the full creation,” Birsh said.

“He’s very young, very green.


That’s why I feel so confident about him. Despite himself, he’s here.”


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## BEST DERBY EVER?

By Bill Finley, special to ESPN

When was the last time a group this good lined up to start in the Kentucky Derby? Think about it. Twenty years ago? Forty years ago? Never?

The usual refrain around this time of year is the current 3-year-old crop is not a strong one. It's not that we have any real evidence to base that on. We just like to say it. But no one is saying it this time around, and if they did, they'd have to be either be crazy or ignorant or a combination of both. This year's Kentucky Derby figures to be quite the treat as the group of horses about to assemble in Louisville is nothing short of phenomenal.

It starts with American Pharoah. With any of these horses it's too early to tell just how good they are or whether they will live up to the hype. But, then again, there's every chance he could be one of the greatest horses of our times. He reminds you of Seattle Slew. It's more than he beats his competition. He just flat out outruns them, flaunting his superiority every step of the way.

He'll be the Kentucky Derby favorite. In 19 years out of 20 it would be his stablemate, Dortmund, who would be the chalk. He's never lost in six career starts, ran away and hid from his opposition in the Santa Anita Derby and has twice beat an exceptional horse in Firing Line.

Can you find a fault in Carpe Diem? I can't. He is so well bred he cost \$1.6 million at the yearling sales and has looked like he's worth ten times that much this year at the races. He dominated in the Tampa Bay Derby and the Blue Grass Stakes. He's quality through and through. Like Dortmund, in any other year he would be a solid Kentucky Derby favorite.

Is Materiality a freak? Based on what he did at Gulfstream, winning the Florida Derby in just his third lifetime start, he very well could be.

These four horses will likely make up the four betting favorites in the race and their record is a combined 17 for 19.



**Affirmed, on the rail, and Alydar, red silks, gave fans a thrilling Triple Crown run in 1978.**

*Robert Riger/Getty Images*

back on dirt he proved that he's more than a synthetic sensation and he obliterated the field he faced in Dubai. Plus, he's trained by one of the most able men in the business in Mike De Kock, and is exceptionally well-bred himself.

And let's not forget about the UAE Derby winner Mubtaahij. That race has never produced a serious Kentucky Derby contender, but this is a very different story. Now that that the race is

The group is so good that no one is talking about a horse like International Star, who won all three of the major preps in Louisiana this year, or Frosted, another exceptionally well-bred horse that just happened to win the Wood Memorial.

Whether or not this is actually one of the best Derby fields ever won't be determined for some time. We have to see how these horses do down the road. If too many fizzle out, this class won't look nearly as glamorous. But I seriously doubt that's going to happen.

When it comes to the best Derby fields in modern times here are a handful that comes to mind:

### 1973:

The presence of Secretariat alone makes this among the greatest Derby fields ever. Sham, of course, was a terrific horse, who might have won the Triple Crown if not for the fact he was born the same year as Secretariat. The field also included Hall of Famer Forego, but he wasn't Forego at the time. He had had just seven starts and was just an allowance winner at the time.

**1978:** You not only had a Triple Crown winner in Affirmed and a fellow Hall of Famer in Alydar, but also Believe It and Sensitive Prince. Believe It was a stalwart out of the Woody Stephens barn and Sensitive Prince came into the race at 6-for-6 for Allen Jerkens.

**1988:** Winning Colors remains the last filly to win the Kentucky Derby. Runner-up Forty Niner was a fantastic horse. Risen Star finished third and was probably the best of that group. Seeking the Gold finished seventh, but went on to make \$2.3 million.

As things stand now, I'll take the class of 2015 over any of them.

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**WOOD BURNER**

Saturday's G3 Aon Greenham S. at Newbury offers a middle ground for last year's sprinting juveniles attempting eventually to stretch out to the mile of the G1 2000 Guineas, which is where **Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}) is headed if he can prove his stamina here. Westward Bloodstock's bay looked to have more than a fair share of star quality when capturing the G2 July S. at Newmarket and Goodwood's G2 Richmond S. over six furlongs last summer before surrendering his perfect record when nosed out by Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) in the G1 Middle Park S., also over that trip back at Newmarket in October. "We are very hopeful," trainer Richard Hannon commented. "We didn't go to Newmarket, because we wanted to run over seven before we went over a mile in the Guineas and he doesn't have a penalty. He'll definitely stay seven, but has an awful lot of speed so [the mile] is a concern. We won't know until tomorrow or possibly not even until the afternoon of the Guineas." Jockey Richard Hughes added, "He's moving absolutely wonderful and although he's not much bigger than last year, he was big enough then. There is a bit of improvement left in him and I'd like to think that the run at Newbury will bring him on. I'd be disappointed if he got beat, as he's a very clear-winded horse and if he wins it's all systems go for the Guineas."

In what looks a much stronger trial than Thursday's Craven, Godolphin and Prince Faisal's **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) looks to uphold the impression he created when a clear-cut winner of Newmarket's G1 Dewhurst S. in October. Trainer Roger Varian commented, "I have been happy with Belardo throughout the winter and he has trained well this spring. I have always had it in my mind to run him in the Greenham as his prep race for the 2000 Guineas and I think it will put him just right for Newmarket in two weeks' time. He showed in the Dewhurst that he is a very high-class colt and this looks like the ideal spot to launch his 3-year-old campaign."

Only fourth in the Dewhurst, Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Estidhkaar (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) was notably slowly away and seemed to underperform after his taking wins in the G2 Superlative S. at Newmarket in July and the G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster in September.

"I've been particularly pleased with Estidhkaar," Richard Hannon said. "When he came back from Newmarket he had a tiny hairline fracture and didn't run his race. Physically, he's done probably the best of all of them. Ivawood seems to have a taller reputation, but I'm very happy with both of them."

Also in the Shadwell silks are **Fannaan** (Speightstown) and **Muhaarar (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) and racing manager Angus Gold said of that pair, "Fannaan has won both his starts very nicely. He's from quite a speedy family and, physically to look at, it wouldn't surprise me if he turned out to be a sprinter, but as with all the horses at this time of year you have to give them the opportunity to see if they can stay further. It's a similar thing with Muhaarar, who showed a lot of speed last year to win the [G2] Gimcrack and we'll see if he can stay a bit further this year or not."

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**Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 2:50 p.m.**

**AON GREENHAM S.-G3, £60,000, 3yo, c/g, 7fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Belardo (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Doyle	Varian
2	7	Code Red (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Dwyer	Muir
3	9	Dick Whittington (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
4	1	Estidhkaar (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hanagan	Hannon
5	8	<b>Fannaan</b>	Speightstown	O'Neill	Gosden
6	6	Flaming Spear (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Atzeni	K Ryan
7	2	Ivawood (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Hughes	Hannon
8	4	Muhaarar (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Dettori	C Hills
9	5	Toocoolforschool (Ire)	Showcasing (GB)	de Sousa	Burke

All carry 126 pounds.



**Richard Hannon and Ivawood, one of his two contenders in the Greenham**  
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## WIGGY WOO

On last year's sprinting form, there is no doubt that **Tiggy Wiggy (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) is in a league of her own lining up for Saturday's G3 Fred Darling S., but the small matter of a seventh furlong is the troubling scenario as connections face the age-old question of the spring. Potensis Bloodstock's flying filly was ablaze in the G2 Lowther S. at York in August and G1 Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket in September, but



**Tiggy Wiggy and Richard Hughes**  
*Racing Post*

that natural fire will have to burn more steadily in the hands of Richard Hughes today. "In her coat and physical well-being, she looks a million dollars and looks like a colt," he commented. "If she stays, she stays and it's not the end of the world if she doesn't, so I'm going to try and drop her in.

She's only been dropped in once in her career and she settled quite well and if I go and make it, I would then have to try and drop her in first time in the Guineas. I'd rather do the homework and use it as a trial on Saturday and hope that she settles."

While Richard Hannon is a name accustomed to the big time, Jonny Portman is the opposite, but he supplies a genuine contender here in **Royal Razalma (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}). Successful in the five-furlong G3 Cornwallis S. at Newmarket in October, the chestnut is stepping up markedly in trip but her conditioner is expecting her to relish the test. "She has wintered well and she's training well," he told *PA Sport*. "We had anticipated starting her off on slightly softer ground, but it's not the end of the world. We are looking forward to seeing her out and seeing what her trip is going to be and how good she is going to be. I'd be confident of seven furlongs being no problem for her. It might give us some clues that she might get the mile as well."

John Gosden puts forward the promising **Jellicle Ball (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) for the Lloyd-Webbers and she looked a filly with a bright future when scoring on debut over this trip on Kempton's Polytrack in October.

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Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 2:15 p.m.

**DUBAI DUTY FREE S. (FRED DARLING S.)-G3, £60,000, 3yo, f, 7fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	Air of Mystery (GB)	Sakhee's Secret (GB)	O'Neill	Tregoning
2	3	Bonnie Grey (GB)	Hellvelyn (GB)	Murphy	Millman
3	5	Jellicle Ball (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Moore	Gosden
4	7	Jelly Monger (Ire)	Strategic Prince (GB)	Crowley	French Davis
5	8	Lacing (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Hanagan	Fahey
6	13	Lyfka (GB)	Kheleyf	Morris	Cole
7	1	Pastoral Girl (GB)	Pastoral Pursuits (GB)	Doyle	Given
8	9	Redstart (GB)	Cockney Rebel (Ire)	Dobbs	Beckett
9	12	Royal Razalma (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Kingscote	Portman
10	4	Russian Punch (GB)	Archipenko	G Lee	Given
11	10	Shagah (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Dettori	Hannon
12	6	Silver Rainbow (Ire)	Strsprngdbanner (Aus)	Drowne	C Hills
13	11	Tiggy Wiggy (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Hughes	Hannon

All carry 126 pounds.

Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 1:45 p.m.

**DUBAI DUTY FREE FINEST SURPRISE S. (JOHN PORTER S.)-G3,**

£60,000, 4yo/up, 12f 5yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Pether's Moon (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Dobbs	Hannon	131
2	8	Arab Spring (Ire)	Monsun (Ger)	Moore	Stoute	126
3	3	Aussie Reigns (Ire)	Aussie Rules	Kirby	Knight	126
4	2	Don't Stare (GB)	Zamindar	Queally	Fanshawe	126
5	7	Red Galileo (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Atzeni	Dunlop	125
6	4	Romsdal (GB)	Halling	Doyle	Gosden	125
7	5	Scotland (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Crowley	Balding	125
8	1	Windshear (GB)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon	125

## MALABAR TO GO STRAIGHT TO GUINEAS

John and Julia Aisbitt's **Malabar (GB)** (Raven's Pass) will go straight to the May 3 G1 1000 Guineas without a prep race, trainer Mick Channon told *Racing UK*. Winner of last year's G3 Prestige S. at Goodwood,



**Malabar**  
*Racing Post*

Malabar finished fourth in both the G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac.

"She's done very well over the winter and I think she's quite forward--all the fillies are," Channon said. "We've had a pretty good run, lots of sun has helped, even though it's been cold."

The conditioner said he could see his charge

successfully stepping up in distance.

"She could be a mile-and-a-quarter filly; she's in the [G1] French [Oaks], she's in everything," he noted. "All options are open with her really."

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**The Queen with jockey Richard Hughes in the paddock at Newbury Friday before her filly Ring of Truth finished second in her first start**  
*Racing Post*



## IVANHOWE LATEST AUSSIE IMPORT

By Michael Sharkie

As dawn broke over Flemington Friday, trainer Lee Freedman unveiled perhaps the most anticipated European import to arrive in Australia since



**Trainer Lee Freedman**  
*Racing and Sports*

G2 Hardwicke S. winner Sea Moon (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}) stepped onto the same track in September 2013.

Sea Moon has since been returned to Ireland by owner Lloyd Williams after a disappointing run, but **Ivanhowe (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB})'s connections are hoping their dual Group 1-winning German entire will enjoy a far more successful career Down Under.

Purchased by London-based agent and ex-pat Aussie David Baker on behalf of Australian clients in December, Ivanhowe will be prepared for the G1 Cox Plate and G1 Melbourne Cup later this year before embarking on an international campaign.

Showing no signs of a brief bout of travel sickness acquired during transit to Melbourne, the G1 Grosse Preis Von Baden winner and conqueror of German Horse Of The Year Sea The Moon (Ger) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) looked in rude health when breezing down the Flemington straight, cuddled through the 800 meter heat by champion jockey Damien Oliver (white sleeves and red cap--[video](#)).



**Ivanhowe prior to last year's Japan Cup, where he finished sixth**  
*Racing and Sports*

"We were thrilled to get a horse of his quality and despite a little bit of a rocky start he's been really well for the last 11 or 12 weeks," Freedman said. "I'm more than happy with his trial this morning, as was Damien and we may give him a little look around in a mile race in Adelaide in a few weeks."

Ivanhowe joins an ever-growing list of horses relocated from Europe to Australia in the last five years, with import rates doubling during that time. The Australian Stud Book shows that European imports represented 27% of total imports in 2014, up from just 12% in 2010. That number is expected to exceed 30% by the end of 2015 in a market that seemingly cannot be sated. And this comes as Britain's Thoroughbred Breeder's Association hopes to plug the leak of its quality staying stock to Australia with the release of a study into the future of British stayers and staying races, which found that 50 individual stakes winners bred in Europe were able to win under Australian tutelage since 2011.

Although the TBA release roused interest among patriotic Brits, it barely caused a stir in Australia with a number of prominent buyers unfettered by the news when speaking on industry radio station RSN on Monday ([click here](#)); they concurred the demand for tried stock is too great and sales prices too lucrative for any call to curb trade to be taken seriously in either hemisphere any time soon.

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## SATONO IN SEARCH OF GUINEAS CROWN

Fifteen sophomores will face the starter in Japan's first colts' Classic of the season, the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), and **Satono Crown (Jpn)** (Marju {Ire}) is the 2-1 morning line favorite as he looks to extend his unbeaten record to four. Wrapping up a two-race juvenile campaign with a Group 3 score under Ryan Moore at Tokyo in November, the dark bay resumed Mar. 8 with a victory over **Bright Emblem**



**Satono Crown**  
*JRA*

(Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}) in the G2 Hoshi Hai Yayoi Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas Trial). That rival was also a Group 3 winner as a 2-year-old, but could manage only seventh behind **Danon Platina (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) when trying Group 1

company for the first time in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity. Bright Emblem's most recent performance suggests he has progressed, however.

Danon Platina won three straight last year after finishing a debut second, culminating in the Asahi Hai and juvenile championships honors, but he could manage only third on seasonal debut behind **Kitasan Black (Jpn)** (Black Tide {Jpn}) and **Real Steel (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G2 Spring S. over 1800 meters of this strip Mar. 22. Like the favorite, Kitasan Black goes into this Classic an unbeaten three-for-three. He has made all his starts since Jan. 31, and won over this distance at Toyko Feb. 22. Real Steel got going shortly before Kitasan Black, breaking his maiden on debut Dec. 27, and followed up in the G3 Tokinominoru Kinen Feb. 15 prior to suffering his first defeat. **Cont. p13**



**Satsuki Sho cont.**

The G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. winner Harbinger (GB) (Dansili {GB}) is represented here by his first-crop son **Beruf (Jpn)**. Among the more seasoned competitors in the lineup, Beruf has started five times for three wins, all over this 2000 meter distance. Beruf was fourth when dropping back to 1800 meters in the Spring S., and should relish the step back up in trip.

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**Sunday, Nakayama, Japan, post time: 2:40 a.m. ET**  
**THE SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS)-G1, ¥227,700,000**  
 (US\$1,913,019), 3yo, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Bright Emblem (Jpn)	Neo Universe (Jpn)	Tanabe	Kojima
2	Duramente (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Demuro	Hori
3	Spirits Minoru (Jpn)	Deep Sky (Jpn)	Sakai	Honda
4	Wonder Atleta (Jpn)	Empire Maker	Shibata	Kawachi
5	Real Steel (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Yahagi
6	Tagano Espresso (Jpn)	Black Tide (Jpn)	Hishida	Igarashi
7	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Black Tide (Jpn)	Hamanaka	Shimizu
8	Satono Crown (Jpn)	Marju (Ire)	Lemaire	Hori
9	Musee Alien (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Shibayama	Kuroiwa
10	Beruf (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Tosaki	Ikee
11	Danon Liberty (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Iwata	Otonashi
12	Bell Lap (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Miura	Sugai
13	Komet (Jpn)	Black Tide (Jpn)	Kato	Tsuchida
14	Clarity Sky (Jpn)	Kurofune	Yokoyama	Tomomichi
15	Danon Platina (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Ebina	Kunieda

All carry 125 pounds.

**CRITERION, RED CADEAUX SETTling IN**

Despite having to fly out just 48 hours after their respective runs in the G1 Longines Queen Elizabeth II S. at Royal Randwick last Saturday, the victorious **Criterion (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus}) and fan-favorite **Red Cadeaux (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) have settled in nicely in Hong Kong as they prepare for that jurisdiction's Queen Elizabeth II Cup a week from Sunday.

"The horse is really well," said Criterion's trainer David Hayes, speaking from Australia. "He lost about eight kilos [17 pounds] going over, which is very good given that he had a race on the Saturday and then the flight on the Monday night. I understand Red Cadeaux was exactly the same in terms of weight loss.



**Criterion gallops over the Sha Tin all-weather Friday morning HKJC.com**

and be right to go on the Sunday."

He continued, "Criterion has been eating up well since he arrived and put that weight back on. I'll come up on Tuesday and he'll have his final piece of work on Wednesday morning. He's very fit as it is and he doesn't need a lot of work. He'll have a nice breeze-up



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Criterion is familiar to the local fans, as he was an excellent third to Designs on Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and Military Attack (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup Dec. 14. He faces a rematch with those rivals, who have accounted for the last two runnings of the QE II.

Red Cadeaux is also no stranger to Hong Kong, having won the 2012 G1 Hong Kong Vase for former Hong Kong Jockey Club executive Ron Arculli. The three-time runner-up in the G1 Melbourne Cup earned another huge payday in Sydney last weekend, and also seems to have taken the race and the travel in his stride.

"He travelled great and he's as fit as a flea," said Robin Trevor-Jones, assistant to trainer Ed Dunlop. "We just wanted to give him an easy week because he ran last Saturday. He'll do a little bit more next week but he's so fit, we don't really need to do much. He's not a horse that gets big and stuffy - he's a clean-winded horse. He's the same weight now as he was when he ran [fifth] in the [G1] Australian Cup [Mar. 14], so we're happy."

Japan's **Staphanos (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), third in this year's G2 Nakayama Kinen, was out for some light work after arriving overnight, while the final foreign raider, the Niarchos Family's **Smoking Sun** (Smart Strike), was expected to arrive Saturday.

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**35 YEAR OLD OTTB TEACHES INMATES TO LISTEN**

by Sue Salk, courtesy of [offtrackthoroughbreds.com](http://offtrackthoroughbreds.com)

Sir Prize Birthday, the oldest of the 900+ horses within the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) herd, approaches his 35th year of life next month as an accomplished racehorse and teacher who is best remembered as much for his ability to transform self-absorbed inmates as his grit to knock in 206 lifetime races.

Now missing a few teeth at the hands of the loving dentist, and lacking the muscle he displayed as a mighty racing adversary, Birthday comes gently but firmly into the sphere of inmates working in the TRF Second Chances horsemanship program at Walkill Correctional Facility. And with the flick of his ears, and a swish of his tail, he changes the focus of men who once thought only of themselves, says James Tremper, program manager of the horsemanship program.

“Older horses like Birthday have made such a huge difference in the way that some of the guys think, and in their ability to do something for another living creature, other than themselves,” Tremper says. “A lot of these guys have had drug problems, and their whole lives have been preoccupied by feelings that focus on how badly they’ve been treated, by society, by their parents, by the criminal justice system ... but when they come into contact with Birthday, and other older horses, who only ask to be fed and groomed and given water ... it changes them.”

Tremper continues, “When they’re working with the older horses who are coming to the end of their lives, not the younger horses, I can see a change in attitude. They become less self-absorbed and they become better listeners.”



**Sir Prize Birthday, who turns 35 in May, is the oldest retired racehorse in the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation herd. He is pictured with inmate-caretaker William Douglas.**

In the 17 years he has worked with Birthday at the Walkill Correctional Facility in New York, Tremper has marveled at the ways of the dark bay ex-racehorse who earned \$300,000 in a lengthy race career before retiring fit, shiny and full of fire to the farm in 1998. Back then, Birthday was an alpha horse who confidently took on the role as herd leader.

As time has worn the body of the once-vibrant horse, he just needs a little protection now from the other horses who might steal his food. So Birthday is separated from the herd at feed time, so he can enjoy

his double rations of senior feed and grain that helps keep both his and his spirits weight up. And the fight in him has long been replaced by a Zen attitude toward life.

“Nothing bothers him,” Tremper says. “He has no arthritis. He still trots around his field and every once in a while he breaks into a canter. Physically, he’s nowhere near what he used to be; he has a pretty good swayback now and not much muscle around his hips. But aside from that, you can’t tell he’s old.”

When the faint of heart were bemoaning the long, hard winter, Birthday was out rolling in the snow, he adds.

And twice a day, he gets hands-on care. And with his cues, like ear pinning if something isn’t done just right, he communicates with people who have had it rough, but who forget their edge when


they peer into the wizened face of a Thoroughbred who only asks for a gentle touch and a kind word.

As onetime inmate Anthony told Off-Track Thoroughbreds in an interview last year, Birthday heals in the most unexpected ways.

“He gets along with you, and you don’t feel fear; it’s love,” Anthony says. “Everybody loves Birthday. He’s inspiration in times of desperation.”

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**7th-KEE, \$60,000, Alw, NW2L, 3yo, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.**

**CHIEF ISTAN**, c, 3, by [Istan](#)

1st Dam: **My Indian**, by Indian Charlie

2nd Dam: **Carsona**, by Carson City

3rd Dam: **Askmysecretary**, by Secretariat

Chief Istan, a flashy runaway front-running debut winner over four rivals going five furlongs at Delaware last September, was ready to roll in his first attempt off the bench. The bay tuned up with a five-furlong move in :59 3/5 at Fair Grounds Mar. 27 and a four-furlong breeze in :48 1/5 at Keeneland Apr. 12, and was sent off at odds of 9-2 in his sophomore debut here. Drawn widest of all in post nine, Chief Istan battled on the outside through an opening quarter in :22.41. He began to shake clear on the far turn, headed for home with a decisive advantage as rider Kerwin Clark took a quick look in the rearview mirror, and dropped the hammer in the stretch after some left-handed encouragement to score by 8 3/4 lengths. Harvey (Curlin), a sharp maiden winner at Fair Grounds with an 89 Beyer Speed Figure Mar. 21, was second. The winner is the first foal from the unraced dam My Indian. The 7-year-old produced a filly by Haynesfield in 2013 and a colt by Desert Party in 2014. My Indian is a half-sister to Gill Prairie Meadows Cornhusker BC H. winner Siphon City (Siphon {Brz}). Sales history: \$15,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$54,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). Click for the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

O-Sagamore Farm & Brereton C Jones. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-J Larry Jones.

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**6th-KEE, \$57,565, Msw, 3yo, a7f, 1:26 3/5, ft.**

**+ SPEIGHTSTER**, c, 3, by [Speightstown](#)

1st Dam: **Dance Swiftly**, by Danzig

2nd Dam: **Classy 'n Smart**, by Smarten

3rd Dam: **No Class**, by Nodouble

WinStar Farm homebred Speightster--produced by a full sister to the brilliant Dance Smartly (Danzig) and a half-sister to leading sire Smart Strike (Mr. Prospector)--showed an upbeat worktab for Hall of Famer Bill Mott, including a bullet three-furlong move in :35 at Keeneland Apr. 13 (1/14). Drawn on the fence here, the 5-1 chance was hustled to the front and forced the early issue after being guided to the outside of pacesetter Sir Alfred (Munnings). The chestnut made a bold run to challenge for command on the far turn, took over while confidently handled by Jose Lezcano at the top of the lane and drew off nicely to graduate by seven lengths. Sir Alfred stayed on for second. Speightster is a half-brother to fellow 'TDN Rising Star' West Coast Swing (Gone West), SW & GSP, \$175,827; and Paiota Falls (Kris S.), SW, \$177,354. The unraced mare Dance Swiftly brought \$2.4 million from Bloodstock Advisory while in foal to Gone West at the 1999 KEENOV sale. The 20-year-old produced a Speightstown colt in 2013; a Bodemeister colt in 2014; and slipped in 2015. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$34,800. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). Click for the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**



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**8th-KEE, \$56,238, Alw, NW3\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 1/5, yl.**

**DANZA CAVALLO (FR) (Sunday Break {Jpn}--Tropical Mark {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire})** won three of her 11 starts in France--only two of which came against females--for previous trainer J. Boisnard, including her final attempt in her native country, the Listed Prix Madame Jean Couturie S. at Vichy July 22. Shipped to America and transferred to trainer Chad Brown, she missed by just a neck in her U.S. debut as the 8-5 favorite in Aqueduct's GIII Long Island H. going 1 1/2 miles over yielding turf Nov. 8., and was subsequently shelved for the season. Supported at 2-1 to go one better in this 4-year-old bow, Danza Cavallo was bumped at the start and a bit head strong while taken back early. She settled in 10th through a half mile in :48.90 while parked wide. The Michael Dubb and Sheep Pond Partners colorbearer made a flashy sweeping move on the far turn and came charging down the center of the course to score by a good-looking 1 1/2 lengths. Llanarmon (Sky Mesa) was second. The winner is a half to Trip to Rhodos (Fr) (Rail Link {GB}), Ch. Stayer Slov, Hwt Older Horse-Ity at 14f+, SW-Ger & Ity, MSP-Slov & SP-Fr. Sales history: €16,000 yrl '12 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: SW-Fr & GSP-US, 13-4-4-2, \$189,840. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Michael Dubb & Sheep Pond Partners. B-Sylviane Jeffroy (FR). T-Chad C Brown.

**10th-KEE, \$57,130, Msw, 3yo, a7f, 1:28 2/5, ft.**

**HOLLYWOOD CRITIC (c, 3, Blame--Kalosca {Fr} {GSP-US, SP-Fr, \$119,085}, by Kaldoun {Fr})**, third in his first two trips postward for Barbara Minshall, including Woodbine's GIII Grey S. Oct. 5, was runner-up in the Nov. 1 Display S., but faltered home sixth in a maiden Nov. 23 and headed south for the winter. Sent out to a runner-up effort behind subsequent SP Pepper Roani (Broken Vow) in a single appearance for Tom Drury at Turfway Park Jan. 31, he was trying a conventional dirt surface in his debut for the Al Stall barn. One of the first away, Hollywood Critic vied for the lead from between rivals down the backstretch and still had company on either side as the quarter pole arrived. Odds-on Aldrin, the Malibu Moon half-brother to Tapit, switched out to the four path and had every chance in the final eighth of a mile, but Joel Rosario got after Hollywood Critic in earnest and his mount accelerated nicely to take it by 1 3/4 lengths as the 3-1 second choice. The winner is closely related to the Lunsford-bred Arravale (Arch), Horse of the Year & Ch. Turf Mare-Can, MGISW, \$1,129,697. Lifetime Record: GSP, 6-1-2-2, \$81,234. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Bruce Lunsford (KY). T-Albert M Stall Jr.

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**3rd-KEE, \$58k, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, post time: 2:07 p.m. EDT EARLYBIRDSPECIAL (Super Saver)**, a homebred for William Shively's Dixiana Farms, brings a good-looking series of works into this career unveiling. The dark bay is the third foal to make the races from the SP Early Vintage (Jump Start), herself a \$500k FTFEB 2yo purchase and already the dam of the stakes-winning Conquest Top Gun (Pioneer of the Nile). There is pedigree appeal further down the page, as Early Vintage is kin to the dams of MGSW Concord Point (Tapit) and Sws Simply Spiteful (Speightstown) and Praetereo (Giant's Causeway) and to MGSW & GISP Tasha's Miracle (Harlan's Holiday). **Blame It on Ed (Blame)** is a son of the talented Puxa Saco (Dehere), who aired by 7 1/2 lengths in her career debut and produced the good filly Exclusive Diva (Bernardini) for the late Jerre Paxton, whose Northwest Farms acquired Puxa Saco for \$875,000 at Keeneland November in 2005. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

**4th-KEE, \$64k, Alw (NC), 3yo, 5 1/2fT, post time: 2:38 p.m. EDT** Last seen winning the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Santa Anita Nov. 1, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's Eclipse Award finalist **HOOTENANNY (Quality Road)** gets his season started in this abbreviated test. Though he proved he could handle the mile in the Breeders' Cup, the bay colt was equally proficient over sharper trips last season, with a victory in the Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot in June ahead of a runner-up effort in the G1 Darley Prix Morny at Deauville in August. He is coupled in the wagering with Sue Magnier's **Asia (Lookin at Lucky)**, a daughter of world-record setter One Hot Wish (Bring the Heat), who is undefeated in a pair of starts over the winter in Florida. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

**8th-KEE, \$58k, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, post time: 4:42 p.m. EDT** G. Watts Humphrey Jr's **SPINNING WHEEL (Smart Strike)**, a granddaughter of GISW Victory Ride (Seeking the Gold), looks to have really picked it up in a pair of local breezes since arriving from South Florida late last month. She drilled five furlongs in :59 3/5 Apr. 6 and capped off her worktab with a best-of-49 five-eighths from the gate in 1:00 flat Apr. 12. Spinning Wheel's dam, the Grade III-placed Magical Ride (Storm Cat), is the dam of Classic-placed Ride on Curlin, himself a grandson of the late Smart Strike. Fellow debuter **Goodlookinlucky (Lookin at Lucky)** hails from the same sire line and is out of Saravati (Giant's Causeway), a half-sister to five-time Grade I winner You (You and I). [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

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# New York

**Friday's Results:**

**PLENTY OF GRACE S.**, \$95,000, AQU, 4-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38 3/5, gd.

1--**STELLAR PATH (FR)**, 115, f, 4, **Astronomer Royal--America Nova (Fr) (SW-Fr)**, by **Verglas (Ire)**. (€140,000 yrl '12 ARQAUG; €380,000 HRA '14 ARQDEC). O-Trevor C Stewart; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (FR); T-Christophe Clement; J-Luis Saez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 14-6-3-1, \$291,120. \*Full to Weary (Fr), MGSW & MG1SP-Aus, GSP-Eng & SP-Fr.

2--**Cushion (GB)**, 115, m, 5, **Galileo (Ire)--Attraction (GB)**, by **Efisio (GB)**. O-Guy Roxburghe & Mrs John Magnier. \$20,000.

3--**Principessa Ava (Ire)**, 117, f, 4, **Ad Valorem--Creme De La Creme (Ire)**, by **Montjeu (Ire)**. (€500 yrl '12 GFOCT; €1,500 RNA wlng '11 GOFNOV). O-Kevin Galbraith. \$10,000.

Margins: HF, 3 3/4, 1. Odds: 1.05, 3.45, 4.50.

Stellar Path was a solid performer in her native country for trainer Xavier Thomas Demeaulte, winning the 2013 G3 Prix des Reservoirs and finishing a respectable fifth in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. The gray beat the boys in the Listed Prix Millkom S. at Le Bouscat last September, then closed out her 3-year-old campaign three weeks later with an eighth-place finish in the G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua at San Siro in Italy. Adding Lasix for this U.S. debut after switching hands for €380,000 at the ARQDEC sale, she raced close-up in third after bobbling at the start as the field of four raced single file through a half mile in :50.50. Stellar Path hit the gas with a three-wide move on the far turn, made it to the front by midstretch and held a late rally from Cushion to get the money. "I don't think she was a 100% fit, but she really ran well today," trainer Christophe Clement said. "She was good in the gate and stumbled a little bit coming out of it, but that might have been a blessing because she was still able to get a perfect trip. When [Luis Saez] swung her out at the half-mile pole, it was just a matter of getting her there, but she really ran well. We'll have to see how she comes out of the race before we decide where we want go next but she's very promising." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:24 p.m. EDT**

**WOODHAVEN S.**, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1*	Market Conduct	Super Saver	Ortiz Jr	Brown	8-5
2	Chief Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Ortiz Jr	Brown	5-2
3	Made In Detroit	Arch	Alvarado	Violette	5-1
4	Vision Perfect	Pollard's Vision	Franco	Donk	2-1
5	Eh Cumpari	Elusive Quality	Hill	Dilger	3-1
6	Zandar	Kitten's Joy	Ortiz	Morley	7-2

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# Eastern U.S.

**Friday's Results:**

**1st-PIM, \$41,320, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5, ft.**  
**DR. TOOLE (c, 3, Super Saver--Nonsuch Bay {GISW, \$747,078}, by Mr. Greeley)** improved his position to report home a well-beaten fourth in his debut going a mile at Gulfstream Mar. 28. Favored at 3-2 while making his two-turn debut here, he sat just off the leaders in fourth. With Sheldon Russell aboard, he came alive once guided off the rail in the stretch, subsequently split horses and reeled in Uncle Duncan (Bellamy Road) to win by a neck. Sales history: \$60,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR; \$30,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,800.

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**4th-PIM, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.**  
**CHIEF OF COMMAND (c, 3, Talent Search--The Great Tyler {SW, \$157,420}, by Doneraile Court)** showed speed and tired to finish a well-beaten third in his Pimlico unveiling Apr. 2. On the engine again here, the 9-1 chance was pressured through an opening quarter in :23.49, began to shake clear heading off the far turn and drew off to score by 6 1/4 lengths. Richie's Rich (Forestry) was second. Sales history: \$2,800 wlng '12 FTMDEC. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$27,200. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Cheryl London. B-Willa LLC (PA). T-Kieron Magee.

**Saturday, Pimlico, post time: 3:30 p.m. EDT**

**STORMY BLUES S.**, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Justlookatmenow	Old Fashioned	Castellano Jr	Weaver	8-1
2	Wildly Good Lookin	Wildcat Heir	No Rider	Ryan	12-1
3	Streamsong	Kodiak Cowboy	Russell	Keefe	6-1
4	Spotted Heart	Lion Hearted	Toledo	Shuman	20-1
5	Irish Jasper	First Defence	No Rider	Ryan	12-1
6	Stormalina	Stormy Atlantic	Carrasco	Rodriguez	8-1
7	Lady Shipman	Midshipman	Nunez	O'Connell	9-5
8	Comforter	Nobiz Like Shobiz	Chirnos	Krebs	12-1
9	Harlan's Honor	Harlan's Holiday	McCarthy	Lynch	7-2
10	Regina Christina	Stonesider	Carmouche	Dlodvco	15-1

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**Saturday, Pimlico, post time: 4:55 p.m. EDT**

**FEDERICO TESIO S.**, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Top of Mind	Curlin	Carrasco	Jenkins	3-1
2	All Hands	Unbridled's Song	Jara	McLghlin	2-1
3	Jack O Liam	Lookin at Lucky	Pimentel	Magee	12-1
4	Noteworthy Peach	Read the Fnotes	Karamanos	Capuano	6-1
5	Ghost Bay	Ghostzapper	Boyce	Murray	12-1
6	Bodhisattva	Student Council	McCarthy	Corrales	5-2
7	Slick William	Great Notion	Toledo	Smith	10-1

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**Collmus, Scheinman Named Old Hilltop Recipients:**

NBC Triple Crown announcer Larry Collmus and journalist John Scheinman will be the recipients of the Old Hilltop Award for covering Thoroughbred racing with excellence and distinction at the Alibi Breakfast Thursday, May 14 at Pimlico Race Course. Collmus is a Baltimore native who got his start calling races at Bowie at the age of 18, and Scheinman won the 2014 Eclipse Award for writing in a feature/commentary category for his moving story on the late horseman Richard Small.

Collmus, who will be calling his fifth Triple Crown for NBC Sports, is the regular race caller for Gulfstream Park and the New York Racing Association. He called his first race in 1985 at Bowie and was the assistant announcer at the Maryland tracks before calling races full-time at Birmingham, Golden Gate Fields, Suffolk Downs, Monmouth Park and Churchill Downs. Collmus got his first taste of racing at Timonium Race Track, where his father operated the sound system. He began hanging around the press box at the Maryland tracks and practicing race calls before calling his first race at Bowie.

Scheinman, a graduate of American University in Washington, began his journalism career in New York City working for Bert Sugar at *The Ring* magazine and *Boxing Illustrated*. He wrote about racing for the *Washington Post* for eight years and has contributed to *The Blood-Horse* and Thoroughbred Racing Commentary. Scheinman has also worked as an on-air analyst for the nationally televised "Ballroom Boxing" series and has produced sketch comedy that has been performed at, among other places, the Warehouse and Source theaters in Washington.

## ▶ California

**Friday's Results:**

**4th-SAX, \$58,250, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$80,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37, ft.

**ROKSANA (f, 3, [Eskendereya](#)--Board Battle, by Seeking the Gold)** checked in a distant fourth at 41-1 to recent GII Beaumont S. third-place getter Fantastic Style (Harlan's Holiday) going six panels over this surface Jan. 19, but, given some time to recover from that effort, belied odds of 17-1 to graduate with a stretchout to two turns Mar. 20. Let go at 7-1 here--twice her morning-line quote--Roksana was sent away from the inside gate by Felipe Valdez and floated a touch wide into the first turn as the field raced in saddle-towel order for the first 3 1/2 furlongs. That all changed when odds-on and slow-starting Majestic Presence (Majestic Warrior) went for an early run and was a three-wide third at the third corner. Meanwhile, Roksana was still going well on the engine, and although the heavy chalk looked like she had her measure into the final furlong, she kicked on to score by 3 3/4-lengths. **Cont.**

**4th-SAX cont.**

The winner hails from the Janney female family of GISW Carriage Trail, a daughter of Eskendereya's sire Giant's Causeway. Sales history: \$52,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$71,760. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**  
O-Michael R Ellis. B-William B Harrigan (KY). T-Martin F Jones.

**2nd-SAX, \$57,258, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:37, ft.**

**TRIED AND TRUE (c, 3, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Dearly {GB} {GSW-Ire, \$113,809}, by Rahy)** finished sixth on debut behind subsequent San Pedro S. winner Yiannis (Midshipman) and Echo Eddie S. winner Gimme Da Lute (Midnight Lute) going 5 1/2 panels here Jan. 31. Despite breezing a best-of-73 five panels here in :58 3/5 Apr. 12, the bay was let go at odds of 10-1 due to the presence of steadily improving D'Church (Majestic Warrior), who went off the even-money favorite, and the drifting 9-5 second choice Cozmic One (Bernardini), the first foal out of Horse of the Year Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}). Last away from the stalls, Tried and True, who ran without Lasix, kept tabs on the leaders from fourth through a moderate first quarter in :23.79 and advanced to by a close-up third after a half in :48.43. Drawing even with the leading duo entering the far turn, the bay battled Volume (Blame) down the length of the stretch and edged clear of that rival in the final sixteenth to win by a half-length. Favored D'Church pressed from third just off the heels of the pacesetter early and retreated briefly in the stretch, before re-rallying late to just miss third. Trailing the field by several lengths from the get go, Cozmic One managed to close the gap in early stretch, but was mostly one-paced and finished last of the sextet. Tried and True's dam Dearly (GB), winner of Ireland's G3 Blandford S., is a half-sister to GI Frizette S. winner Balletto (UAE) (Timber County), who was runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and placed in six other Grade I events. The winner is a half to True Cause (Storm Cat), SW-Eng & GSP-US, \$211,945. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,850. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**  
O-Godolphin Racing LLC. B-Darley (KY). T-Eoin G Harty.

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:56 p.m. EDT**

**LA PUENTE S., \$75,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Anytime Anyplace	Any Given Saturday	Desrmeux	Ktchngrmn	4-1
2	Papacoolpapacool	Temple City	Stevens	D'Amato	9-5
3	Perfect Temptation	Majesticperfection	Prat	O'Neill	8-1
4	Hero All Ten	Rock Hard Ten	Baze	Mullins	7-2
5	Rockin Robin	Rock Hard Ten	Talamo	Glatt	6-1
6	Pretentious	Super Saver	Gonzalez	Cassidy	15-1
7	Ernest Shackleton	Dke of Mrlmde (Ire)	Valdez	O'Neill	12-1
8	Ride Hard Kowboy	Kodiak Kowboy	Van Dyke	Pearson	4-1

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# ROOKIES

**First/second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, April 18**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/  
BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- AFLEET EXPRESS** (Afleet Alex), Gainesway, \$5K, 49/8/0  
7-MVR, Stk, 6f, Boot Legger, \$7K RNA KEE JAN yrl, 10-1
- ALL AMERICAN (AUS)** (Red Ransom), Arrowfield Stud, \$17K, 22/3/0  
4-HAW, Msw, 6f, +All American Man, \$8K MNS AUG yrl, 5-1
- BLAME** (Arch), Claiborne, \$30K, 152/16/2  
3-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Blame It On Ed, \$60K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- CHARITABLE MAN** (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 80/11/0  
10-CT, Stk, 7f, One More Time, 6-1  
10-CT, Stk, 7f, Charitable Annuity, 10-1  
1-CT, Stk, 4 1/2f, Too Much to Do, 5-1
- CONCORD POINT** (Tapit), Hill N Dale, \$8K, 91/17/2  
10-CT, Stk, 7f, Attempt to Dream, \$55K EAS MAY 2yo, 12-1
- COOL COAL MAN** (Mineshaft), Journeyman, \$4K, 58/16/1  
1-GG, Msw, 2f, +The Canary Lived, 9-5
- DISCREETLY MINE** (Mineshaft), Lanes End, \$10K, 181/26/1  
10-CT, Stk, 7f, Control Stake, \$85K OBS AUG yrl, 5-2
- EMERALD PRIDE** (Proud Irish), 1/0/0  
4-ALB, Msw, 5f, +Emerald Socks, 20-1
- ESKENDEREYA** (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 195/26/0  
6-GP, Msw, 1 1/16m, +Kremlin, 6-1
- HOSTILE TAKEOVER** (Dixie Union), 10/1/0  
7-MVR, Stk, 6f, He's Taken, 6-1
- JAFMIL** (Distorted Humor), 10/0/0  
1-PRM, Msw, 6f, +Jafmils Persuader, 6-1
- KANTHAROS** (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/21/1  
9-HAW, Stk, 1 1/8m, Kantune, \$80K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
- LINE OF DAVID** (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 90/14/2  
9-HAW, Stk, 1 1/8m, Cross the Line, \$90K RNA BAR MAR 2yo, 3-1
- LOOKIN AT LUCKY** (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 176/37/4  
9-PIM, Stk, 1 1/16m, Jack O Liam, \$30K OBS OPN 2yo, 12-1
- MAJESTICPERFECTION** (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/27/3  
4-SA, Stk, 1 1/8mT, Perfect Temptation, \$75K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1
- MANY RIVERS** (Storm Cat), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 26/1/0  
1-GG, Msw, 2f, +Smoked too Many, 5-1
- MIDSHIPMAN** (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/28/3  
6-PIM, Stk, 5f, Lady Shipman, \$35K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 9-5
- MUNNINGS** (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/41/4  
1-CT, Stk, 4 1/2f, Sir A. J. Munnings, 12-1
- PAULLINUS** (A.P. Indy), 4/0/0  
4-WO, Msw, 5f, +Molinaro Deputy, 20-1
- ROCK THE ROCK (IRE)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), L.J. Harsche, \$1K, 6/0/0  
5-PRM, Msw, 6f, +Northern Rock, \$2K IOW SEP wnl, 15-1
- SOUTHWESTERN HEAT** (Gone West), A & A Ranch, \$3K, 40/8/1  
9-ALB, Stk, 7f, Southern Fire, \$15K RUI MIX yrl, 20-1
- SUMMER BIRD** (Birdstone), Japan, \$15K, 191/16/1  
6-MVR, Stk, 6f, Kathy's Reward, \$15K RNA FTK JUL yrl, 2-1
- 9-HAW, Stk, 1 1/8m, Phenomenal Phoenix, \$28K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1
- SUPER SAVER** (Maria's Mon), Winstar, \$20K, 203/29/4  
5-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Market Conduct, \$100K SAR AUG yrl, 8-5
- 4-SA, Stk, 1 1/8mT, Pretentious, \$200K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1
- 3-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Earlybirdspecial, \$45K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 4-1
- TALE OF EKATI** (Tale of the Cat), Darby Dan Farm, \$15K, 128/22/1  
6-SA, Msw, 6f, +Forest Blue, \$60K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1

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- TEMPLE CITY** (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 161/19/4  
7-MVR, Stk, 6f, Triple Strike, \$1,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl, 9-2
- 4-SA, Stk, 1 1/8mT, Papacoolpapacool, \$14K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 9-5
- TEN A PENNY** (Gulch), 8/0/0  
4-ALB, Msw, 5f, +Cash in Pennies, 5-2
- WARRIOR'S REWARD** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/25/1  
5-GP, Msw, 7 1/2fT, +Whitesoftheireyes, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-AQU, \$75,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), C, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22 1/5, ft.

**STALLWALKIN' DUDE (g, 5, City Place--Chelle Spendabuck, by Dare and Go)** Lifetime Record: 25-9-1-3, \$259,352. O/T-David Jacobson. B-Maria M Haire (FL).

**5th-KEE, \$61,442**, NW2X, 4/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:03 1/5, yl.  
**FOREST ELF (g, 6, Kitten's Joy--Cherokee Probe, by Cherokee Run)** Lifetime Record: 30-8-7-6, \$163,315. O-Fast N Easy LLC. B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY). T-Angel O Montano Sr. \*\$5,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

**2nd-PIM, \$59,180**, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57 3/5, fm.  
**BOLD THUNDER (h, 5, Bold N' Flashy--Stormy Kristine, by Storm Creek)** Lifetime Record: 21-7-2-4, \$291,280. O-Andrew Sulley. B-Ameer Group (KY). T-Patricia Farro. \*\$34,000 RNA 2yo '12 OBSJUN; \$47,000 RNA HRA '13 OBSJAN. \*\*Ben's Cat (Parker's Storm Cat) finished second in his 9-year-old debut.

**Graduate & Sold by Gayle Woods TRAINING**

**3rd-GGX, \$30,776**, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5, fm.

**MAGNIFICENT SHIRL (m, 5, Heatseeker {Ire}--Fantastic Shirl {SW & MGSP, \$251,505}, by Fantastic Light)** Lifetime Record: SP, 21-3-7-1, \$157,060. O-Jerry Hollendorfer & John Stuart. B-Dell Ridge Farm LLC (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

**Graduate of Donna Freyer's Custom Care Equine LLC**

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**3rd-HAW, \$28,072**, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

**BELLA ANN (m, 5, Artie Schiller--Avalos {SP, \$209,401}, by Holy Bull)** Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-5, \$93,220. O-Hugh H Robertson & Shirley Hulse. B-Paul Tackett (KY). T-Hugh H Robertson. \*\$40,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

**7th-EVD, \$25,200**, 4-16, NW2L, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25, sy.  
**FLOR DE LA LUNA (f, 3, Malibu Moon--Instrumentalist {GSP}, by Bernstein)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$54,910. O-Club House Racing LLC. B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY). T-Arthur L Pike III. \*\$140,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$170,000 RNA 2yo '14 FTMMAY.



**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Pinot Noir**, f, 3, **Cowboy Cal**--Miss Marni (SP), by Broad Brush. EVD, 4-16, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:41 4/5. B-Chrislin LLC (LA). \*\$30,000 yrl '13 LTBSEP.

**Jrock**, c, 3, **Deputy Storm**--Mass Romantic, by Not for Love. KEE, 4-17, (C), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Dr & Mrs Thomas Bowman & Rebecca Davis (MD). \*\$70,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY. \*\*1/2 to Romancing the Gold (Medallist), SP, \$264,150.

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**Camille's Storm**, f, 3, **Stormy Atlantic**--Raffie's Dream (SP, \$170,652), by Raffie's Majesty. AQU, 4-17, (S), 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Well Spring Stables LLC (NY). \*Full to Stormy's Majesty, MSW, \$336,649.

**Wealth Creation**, f, 3, **Super Saver**--Lunargal (SW), by Yes It's True. AQU, 4-17, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:48. B-Reata Thoroughbred Farm, LLC (KY). \*\$165,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$250,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR.

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**Silvertown**, f, 4, **Badge of Silver**--Sharp Apple (SW, \$176,740), by Diesis (GB). PIM, 4-17, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 4/5. B-Dr John A Chandler (KY). \*\$15,000 yrl '12 FTKOCT; \$115,000 HRA '15 KEEJAN. \*\*1/2 to Pomology (Arch), Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 11-14f, GSW & G1SP-Fr, GSW-Eng, \$258,728. \*\*Won by 7 1/4 lengths.

**Benny Is a Jet**, g, 4, **Benny the Bull**--Ashley and I, by You and I. TAM, 4-17, 5fT, :57 1/5. B-Mary Jean Bonfili (FL).

**Freddies Dream**, g, 4, **Good Journey**--Cahill Royalty, by Cahill Road. SAX, 4-16, (S), 1 1/8mT, 1:49 3/5. B-Fred A & Carolyn I Krinkie (CA).

**Wicked Finance**, g, 5, **Broken Vow**--Global Finance (MSW, \$181,000), by End Sweep. SAX, 4-17, 1mT, 1:37 3/5. B-Dr Charles Giles (KY). \*\$50,000 wlng '10 KEENOV; \$130,000 yrl '11 KEESEP. \*\*Full to Prenuptial, SW, \$120,470.

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Saturday, Navan, post time: 3:30 p.m.

**IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF SALSABIL S.-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 10ft**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Athassel Abbey (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Lordan	Wachman
2	1	Bocca Baciata (Ire)	Big Bad Bob (Ire)	Berry	Harrington
3	9	Cocoon (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D O'Brien	A O'Brien
4	6	Cruidin (Ire)	Intense Focus	Whelan	Bolger
5	3	Diamondsandrubies (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Heffernan	A O'Brien
6	2	Hot Sauce (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	King	JJ Murphy
7	5	Lily's Rainbow (Ire)	Intikhab	Foley	Foster
8	7	Marise (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Keane	McCourt
9	10	Pleascach (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Manning	Bolger
10	8	Summaya (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Smullen	Weld

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**Friday's Results:**

**WHITSBURY MANOR STUD & EBF STALLIONS**

**LANSDOWN FILLIES' S.-Listed, £40,000, BTH, 4-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f 11yT, :59.74, fm.**

1--**#ZUHOOR BAYNOONA (IRE), 116, f, 3, Elnadim--Spasha (GB), by Shamardal.** O-Mr Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Richard Fahey; J-Patrick Mathers. £22,684. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, £39,603.

2--**Holley Shiftwell (GB), 126, f, 5, Bahamian Bounty (GB)--Persario (GB), by Bishop of Cashel (GB).** (40,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT). O-Mr J W Parry. £8,600.

3--**Newsletter (Ire), 116, f, 3, Sir Percy (GB)--Payphone (GB), by Anabaa.** (€25,000 yrl '13 TATIRE). O-Gravity Partnership. £4,304.

Margins: 1, NK, HF. Odds: 7.00, 33.00, 4.00. **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Third in the Listed Marygate S. over five furlongs at York last May, Zuhoor Baynoona was tried in the G1 Cheveley Park S. after a subsequent four-month absence and failed to make an impact in a hot renewal of that Newmarket feature. Besting the useful Lightscameraction (Ire) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) by four lengths in a conditions event over this trip at Musselburgh the following month, the bay returned in similar vein here to open her black-type account. Always positioned ideally near the pace, the homebred was committed on the front end approaching the furlong marker and quickly put safe distance between her and the chasers.

**3rd-NBY, £16,000, Cond, 3yo, 10f 6yT, 2:04.10, gd/fm.**

**STAR OF SEVILLE (GB) (f, 3, Duke of Marmalade {Ire}--Stage Presence {Ire}, by Selkirk),** who made all to shed maiden status by six lengths at Doncaster last time Oct. 24, went straight to the front in an attempt to repeat the dose in this sophomore bow. Shaken up with three furlongs to go, the 4-1 third choice stayed on strongly under mild urging in the closing stages to easily best Ooty Hill (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) by 3 1/2 lengths. The homebred bay, who is now as low as 10-1 for the G1 Epsom Oaks, is a half to English Ballet (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$132,627. Star of Seville's dam is a half-sister to the dam of four-time Grade I winner on the turf, Winchester (Theatrical {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, £14,611. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Lady Bamford (GB). T-John Gosden.



**Frankie Dettori and Star of Seville**  
*Racing Post*



**2nd-NBY, £10,000, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 34yT, :59.30, gd/fm.**  
**+ HARVARD MAN (GB) (c, 2, Equiano {Fr}--Fabulously Fast {GISW-US, \$213,100}, by Deputy Minister),** who sold for 50,000gns as a TATDEC foal and 120,000gns as a TATOCT yearling, raced in second from the outset of this first go. Looking set fair for a smooth score when coasting to the front soon after halfway, the 7-1 chance required rousting to just hold the late thrust of Ring of Truth (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) by a short head. Sanaadh (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), a son of G1SW Queen's Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge), was scratched. The winner's dam, Fabulously Fast, took the GI Test S., and his second dam is the GI Susana S. winner Fabulous Notion (Somethingfabulous). Fabulously Fast was purchased by Newsells Park Stud for \$1.7 million at Keeneland November in 2002 in foal to Giant's Causeway. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £6,469. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-The Honorable Earle I Mack. B-Newsells Park Stud (GB). T-Brian Meehan.

**1st-NBY, £8,500, Mdn, 3yo, f, 10f 6yT, 2:08.17, gd/fm.**  
**+ VICTORIA POLLARD (GB) (f, 3, [Sir Percy {GB}](#)--Victoria Montoya {GB} {MSP-Eng, \$116,665}, by High Chaparral {Ire}),** who garnered the "best turned out" prize in advance of this debut, found cover off the pace towards the rear after the early strides. Making smooth headway in the long straight, the 11-2 chance challenged on the bridle passing the two pole and comfortably asserted under mild urging from there to deny Stubbins (GB) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length.

Yet Again (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a daughter of the 2004 G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine and G1 St Leger runner-up Quiff (GB) (Sadler's Wells), held every chance in the straight, but was unable to land a telling blow and finished fifth. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,499.

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O-Kingsclere Racing Club. B-Kingsclere Stud (GB). T-Andrew Balding.

**8th-NBY, £8,500, Mdn, 3yo, f, 10f 6yT, 2:09.77, gd/fm.**  
**JASMINE BLUE (IRE) (f, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--Impressionist Art, by Giant's Causeway),** third over a mile on Kempton's Polytrack at the start of the month, was allowed to bowl to the early lead from her wide stall before being asked to extend inside the last half mile. Stretching her rivals thereafter, the 5-2 second choice had 1 1/4 lengths to spare over Forever Popular (Dynaformer) at the line. Shoal (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), the full-sister to Midday (GB), was slowly away and made no impression before finishing seventh. Jasmine Blue's dam is a half-sister to the dam of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas scorer Roderic O'Connor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £5,932. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Mrs Fitri Hay (IRE). T-Paul Cole.

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**6th-NBY, £7,500, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:23.64, gd/fm.**  
**+ YASMEEN (GB) (f, 3, [Sea the Stars {Ire}](#)--Wissal, by Woodman),** sent off the 7-2 second favorite, showed early pace to race prominently. Pushed to the front approaching the furlong marker, the homebred drew away to score by two lengths from Little Prairie (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). The winner, who is a half-sister to Muwaary (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), GSP-Eng, \$112,875, is also the stable companion of the 2-1 pick Multilingual (GB) (Dansili {GB}). That daughter of the 2002 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Zenda (GB) (Zamindar) and half-sister to last year's European Champion Miler Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), showed up well for much of the contest before fading into sixth. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,852. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum. B-Shadwell Estate Co (GB). T-John Gosden.

## OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

**2.55 Navan, Mdn, €15,500, 2yo, f, 5fT**  
**KNOW ([Street Cry {Ire}](#))** is sent out early in 2015 by trainer David Wachman, having obviously shown abundant pace at home. The Niarchos Family's daughter of the 2010 GI Matriarch S. heroine Gypsy's Warning (SAf) (Mogok) encounters some fast fillies from the top stables including Susan Magnier and Anne Marie O'Brien's **Californiadreaming (Ire) ([Fastnet Rock {Aus}](#))**, a full-sister to stable companion Cougar Mountain (Ire) who was fifth in the G1 July Cup on only his second start last year.

**5.15 Navan, Mdn, €11,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT**  
**FLUFF (IRE) ([Galileo {Ire}](#))** debuts in the Michael Tabor silks carried with esteem by her precocious sister Maybe (Ire) four years ago. Like that G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner, she is under the care of Aidan O'Brien and although her sibling's light went out after some early accomplishments, this is also the family of the Classic winners Dancing Rain (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) and Dr Devious (Ire). Among the other unraced fillies is Sunderland Holdings' **Blue Paraiba (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}), a John Oxx-trained daughter of the G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Germance (Silver Hawk).

**5.45 Navan, Mdn, €11,000, 3yo, c/g, 8fT**  
**IN MY POCKET (IRE) ([Dubawi {Ire}](#))** starts out for Sunderland Holdings and John Oxx and is a half-brother to two class acts who plied their trade in France. One is the 2009 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Silver Frost (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) and the other the subsequently disqualified G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner Spiritjim (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}).



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**Friday's Results:**

**PRIX DE SURESNES-Listed**, €55,000, MLF, 4-17, 3yo, c/g, 9fT, 1:55.20, gd/sf.

1--**#MOSTANEER (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by Dutch Art (GB)  
1st Dam: King's Doll (Ire), by King's Best  
2nd Dam: Party Doll (GB), by Be My Guest  
3rd Dam: Midnight Lady (Fr), by Mill Reef (€205,000 yrl '13 ARQAUG). O-Muteb bin Abdullah; B-Castlemartin Stud & Ecurie Skymarc Farm (Ire); T-Nicolas Clement; J-Thierry Thulliez. €27,500.  
Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €65,250.  
\*Full to More Than Sotka (Fr), SW-Fr, \$145,148; and 1/2 to King Rubi (GB) (Green Tune), SP-Fr, \$102,452.

2--**Kahouanne (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Cockney Rebel (Ire)--Bramaputra (Ire), by Choisir (Aus). (€20,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT). O-Robert Ng. €11,000.

3--**Almanaar (GB)**, 128, g, 3, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Baqah (Ire), by Bahhare. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. €8,250.

Margins: HD, 1, 2. Odds: 3.30, 4.60, 3.30.  
Also Ran: Eternal (GB), Echo Maker (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Mostaneer, who opened up with an Aug. 23 debut score at Deauville, hit the board in the Sept. 25 Listed Criterium de Lyon at Lyon-Parilly on stakes bow, and arrived here off a snug win at Fontainebleau in his juvenile-season closer Oct. 16. Positioned in third behind a sedate pace following a level break, he was delivered along the fence for his bid approaching the two pole and kept on well under a drive to edge Kahouanne for a career high after a prolonged duel.

1st-MLF, €25,000, Mdn, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:14.90, gd/sf.  
**AME BLEUE (GB)** (f, 3, **Dubawi {Ire}**--**Aquarelliste {Fr}** {Hwt. Older Mare-Eng & Fr at 11-14f, MG1SW-Fr & G1SP-HK, \$1,357,577}, by Danehill), runner-up at Deauville in her second start last time Dec. 18, asserted for an early lead in this return. Nudged along when threatened nearing the quarter-mile marker, the 61-10 shot kept on resolutely under continued urging inside the final 300 meters to prevail by a neck from Stone Roses (Fr) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}). The winner's dam, Aquarelliste, took the G1 Prix de Diane as well as the G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Prix Ganay. Aquarelliste is a full-sister to dual Grade I winner Artiste Royale. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €17,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Ballymore Thoroughbred Ltd. B-Dayton Investments Ltd (GB). T-Andre Fabre.

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2nd-MLF, €25,000, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:09.60, gd/sf.

**ANDALOU (FR)** (c, 3, **Dubawi {Ire}**--**Anna Mona {Ger}** {GSP-Fr}, by Monsun {Ger}), a debut fifth over this trip at Saint-Cloud last time Mar. 10, occupied a prominent berth in third after the initial strides here. Improving one spot as Siegfried Line (Ger) (High Chaparral {Ire}) scooted clear at halfway, the 7-1 chance reduced arrears in the straight and kept on in game fashion once taking over at the eighth pole to hold Untold Secret (GB) (Shamardal) by a nose in the bobber. The winner's third dam is G2 German Oaks winner Anna Paola (Ger) (Prince Ippi {Ger}), the second dam of Anabaa. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €13,750. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Haras de Saint Pair (Fr). T-Freddy Head.

## New Zealand

### PER INCANTO COLT TOPS SOUTH ISLAND SALE

A colt by leading first-season sire Per Incanto led the way at Friday's New Zealand Bloodstock South Island Sale when hammering to Paul Shailer of Shailer Thoroughbreds for NZ\$82,500.

"He was the standout horse in the sale, both on type and pedigree," said Shailer of [lot 50](#). "I think he was an obvious choice, which was indicated with the interest that surrounded him including Bryce Tankard [of Waikato Bloodstock]. I think he will be a precocious horse who is by an in-form sire and is bred on a similar cross to Dal Cielo [a first-crop Group 1 winner by Per Incanto]. He will be a Karaka Million horse and we will have shares available for anyone interested."

A total of 63 yearlings changed hands for NZ\$655,250, compared to 103 sold for NZ\$1,106,950 last year. The buyback rate was nearly the same at 35.7% compared to 35.2%, while the average dropped marginally (3%) to NZ\$10,401. The median was down 20% to NZ\$6,000. **Cont. p10**

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• RNAs	35	56
• % RNAs	35.7%	35.2%
• High Price	NZ\$82,500	NZ\$64,000
• Gross	NZ\$655,250	NZ\$1,106,950
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**NZB South Island Sale cont.**

NZB, as agent, purchased the next two highest-priced lots for an undisclosed client in Singapore: [lot 90](#), a colt from the first Southern Hemisphere crop of juvenile champion Uncle Mo for NZ\$35,000; and [lot 65](#), a son of Choisir (Aus), for NZ\$30,000.

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**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

4th-NBY, £20,000, 4-17, 3yo, 7fT, 1:22.79, gd/fm.  
**DESERT FORCE (GB)** (c, 3, Equiano {Fr}--Mail the Desert {Ire} {G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng & GSP-Ger, \$263,097}, by Desert Prince {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, £21,132. O-Malih Lahej Al Basti. B-Newsells Park Stud (GB). T-Richard Hannon. \*€90,000 wlng '12 GOFNOV; 140,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

6th-MLF, €28,000, 4-17, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:40.90, gd/sf.  
**DON BOSCO (FR)** (h, 8, Barathea {Ire}--Perfidie {Ire}, by Monsun {Ger}) Lifetime Record: MGSW-Fr, 39 starts, 10 wins, 20 places, €466,375. O-Omar El Sharif & Alain Michel Haddad. B-Haras d'Etreham & Vision Bloodstock Ltd (Fr). T-David Smaga. \*€55,000 yrl '08 ARQAUG. \*\*1/2 to Vodkato (Fr) (Russian Blue {Ire}), MSW-Fr, \$273,997; and Orcus (Fr) (Russian Blue {Ire}), MSP-Fr, \$131,802.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

- + **Nag's Wag (Ire)**, f, 2, **Approve (Ire)**--Street Kitty (Ire), Tiger Hill (Ire). BTH, 4-17, 5f 11yT, 1:02 3/5. B-Mrs Ann Foley & William Neville (IRE). \*£5,200 yrl '14 TATIRE.
- + **Blood Moon (GB)**, g, 2, **Equiano (Fr)**--First Eclipse (Ire), by Fayruz (GB). DUN, 4-17, 5f (AWT), :59. B-Miss Emma Foley (GB). \*£28,000 yrl '14 DBSAUG.
- Fact Or Folklore (Ire)**, f, 3, **Lope de Vega (Ire)**--luturna, by Intidab. DUN, 4-17, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:19. B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE). \*€12,000 RNA yrl '13 GOFORB; €25,000 2yo '14 GORMAY.
- Stunned (GB)**, c, 4, **Shamardal**--Amazed (GB), by Clantime. CHD, 4-16, 5f (AWT), :59 4/5. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud & Pigeon House Stud (GB). \*220,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT; 27,000gns HRA '14 TATHIT. \*\*1/2 to Dazed and Amazed (GB) (Averti {Ire}), MSW-Eng, \$104,087.



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