



'STELLAR' FAVORITE HEADLINES LOADED OAKS

Hronis Racing's **Stellar Wind** (Curlin) hopes to provide trainer John Sadler with his first GI Kentucky Oaks victory as the 7-2 morning-line favorite in a fully loaded field of 14 Friday. The chestnut earned her diploma at



Stellar Wind *Benoit Photo*

second asking with an 8 3/4-length romp going a mile at Laurel for previous trainer Donald Barr and owner Barbara Houck, after which she was privately purchased and transferred to Sadler. Rallying four-wide to capture Arcadia's GII Santa Ysabel S. Feb. 28, Stellar Wind dazzled with a

5 1/4-length romp next out in the GI Santa Anita Oaks Apr. 4 to stamp herself as the one to beat here.

"[Exercise rider Ricardo Peniche] says she's just floated over the track," Sadler said. "She hasn't had any problems handling it. We haven't breezed over it, but she trained really well at home before traveling. We're very excited, obviously. We're ready."

The GII Fair Grounds Oaks has produced four of the last seven Kentucky Oaks winners, and trainer Larry Jones has saddled two of them in 2008 winner Proud Spell (Proud Citizen) and 2012 victress Believe You Can (Proud Citizen). Jones hopes to saddle his third this year in Grayson Farm's **I'm a Chatterbox** (Munnings).

A debut winner at Keeneland for previous trainer Ken McPeck last fall, she was third in a Churchill Downs optional claimer Nov. 9 and fourth in the GII Golden Rod S. here Nov. 29. Transferred to Jones, the flashy chestnut really came into her own this season at Fair Grounds, starting with a front-running success in the Silverbulletday S. Jan. 17. Coming from last to capture the GIII Rachel Alexandra S. Feb. 21, I'm a Chatterbox sat a stalking trip when winning the Fair Grounds Oaks over **'TDN Rising Star' Shook Up** (Tapit) and **Forever Unbridled** (Unbridled's Song) Mar. 28.

Champion Untapable (Tapit) had an undefeated sophomore season that included wins in the Rachel Alexandra and Fair Grounds Oaks prior to her Kentucky Oaks victory last year. Jones has another good chance to win in Brereton C. Jones's GI Ashland S. winner **Lovely Maria** (Majesticperfection). Kicking off this term with a Fair Grounds optional claimer win over Shook Up, the bay finished second to her stablemate in the Rachel Alexandra prior to her impressive victory over **Angela Renee** (Bernardini) in the Ashland Apr. 4. *Cont. p6*



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Stonestreet Stables, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's **Stanford** (Malibu Moon) has been scratched from Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby and Mossarosa's **Frammento** (Midshipman) has drawn in off the also-eligible list.

"We entered the horse in the race to see what sort of post he might draw," trainer Todd Pletcher said of the GII Louisiana Derby runner-up. "We were on the fence as to whether or not to run him, but we thought we'd take a look. But after seeing the draw and talking to the owners, we decided it might be best to take him out and consider other options." *Cont. p3*



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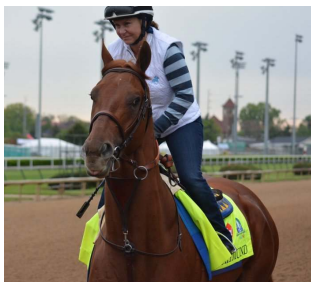


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Sherack at the Track

Steve Sherack continues to provide detailed trackside coverage from Churchill Downs. Want to know how your favorite Derby or Oaks contender looked Thursday morning? Sherack has you covered.

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Post Positions Drawn for 2000 Guineas

The Aidan O'Brien trained duo of 'TDN Rising Star' **OP' Man River (Ire)** (Monteju {Ire}) and **Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) headline a strong field of 19 in Newmarket's G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas. OP' Man River drew the two-hole, while his stablemate drew post 16 during Thursday's draw.

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3:02p	Alysheba S.-GII, CD	(Brisnet.com PPs)	NBCSN
4:02p	Twin Spires Turf Sprint S.-GIII, CD	(Brisnet.com PPs)	NBCSN
4:52p	Eight Belles S.-GIII, CD	(Brisnet.com PPs)	NBCSN
5:49p	Longines Kentucky Oaks-GI, CD	(Brisnet.com PPs)	NBCSN
10:51p	Texas Mile S.-GIII, LS	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG



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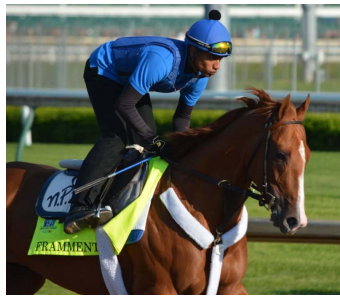
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Stanford Out of Derby, Frammento In cont. from p1

Pletcher continued, "We are now thinking that either the [GII] Peter Pan [S. at Belmont May 9] or the [GI] Preakness [S. May 16] might be better spots for him.



Frammento
Sherackatthetrack

The horse is fine. We'll train him [Friday] morning and we'll probably work him the morning of the Derby before we ship him to New York."

Stanford drew post 11 in Wednesday's draw, so the horses in posts 12 through 20 will each move over one stall and Frammento will be break from the 20 hole for trainer Nick Zito. Third in the GII Fountain of Youth S. at

Gulfstream Feb. 21, Frammento was last seen finishing fourth behind **Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway) in Keeneland's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 4.

"I got the call from the racing office this afternoon," Zito said. "We are all excited. We made it. Everybody is happy. He has been training great. I know we will have to break from the 20, but that is a lot better than Post Zero!"

Charles Fipke's **Tale of Verve** (Tale of Ekati), who broke his maiden at Keeneland Apr. 23, is now the lone also-eligible.

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MUBTAAHIJ BREEZES THREE FURLONGS

Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum's G2 UAE Derby hero and GI Kentucky Derby contender **Mubtaahij (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) breezed an easy three furlongs in :37.40 at Churchill Downs Thursday with jockey Christophe Soumillon aboard. The bay was clocked his first eighth in :13.20 and completed a half-mile gallop-out in :52.40.



Mubtaahij *Horsephotos*

"It was a very easy work just to stretch his legs," trainer Mike de Kock said. "It just gets them breathing a little bit deeper, gets the blood oxygenated, lets them stretch and get the circulation going into the muscles. I just told [Christophe] to let him stretch his legs out over the last 400 and just enjoy himself."

This was the first work at Churchill Downs for Mubtaahij, who had been training at Arlington Park since his arrival in the U.S. De Kock has been quite pleased with his charge since his arrival in Louisville.

"He goes out there to work and he doesn't flinch, he doesn't balk, he doesn't sweat up, he doesn't behave like an idiot," de Kock said. "He's doing everything right."

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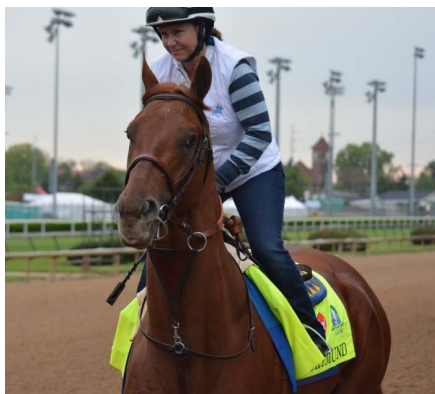
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ALMOST GAME TIME

An overcast and misty morning scared few away from the Churchill Downs backstretch Thursday. With the parking lot already quite occupied adjacent the Gate 10 entrance nearly an hour before the private training session for Derby/Oaks horses, the crowd, although not nearly as mighty as it was a day ago, was pretty well-spread throughout the backside.



Dortmund
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Eclipse Thoroughbred's Aron Wellman chatted with a group by the gap recalling the walkover for last year's Derby with Danza (Street Boss) and the GI Arkansas Derby winner's namesake, actor Tony Danza. The lightly raced chestnut ran well in defeat to finish a solid third.

Morning-line odds maker Mike Battaglia was spotted making the rounds while the Derby runners began to hit the track as the sky began to get a bit brighter behind the grandstand and iconic Twin Spires.

Dortmund (Big Brown) and **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) entered the track like they owned the place--nothing new there--while **Tencendur** (Warrior's Reward) briefly set up shop near the clubhouse turn to take in the scenery.



Firing Line
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El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) and **Frosted** (Tapit) may have had onlookers seeing double as the two grays, both piloted by exercise riders wearing blue, galloped by in rapid-fire succession.

Firing Line (Line of David) hugged the rail nicely while rounding the clubhouse turn.

There's certainly been plenty of buzz about him--and rightfully so--since his arrival from Southern California earlier this week.

Danzig Moon (Malibu Moon) also appears to be heading into the race sitting on a big effort based on his physical appearance. Fantastic jobs by their two trainers Simon Callaghan and Mark Casse. *Cont. p5*



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Steve Sherack at the Derby cont.

After working for dual Classic winner California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in 2014, fellow chestnut **War Story** (Northern Afleet) was also sporting a nasal strip for his morning preparations. Can't hurt, right?

It was nearly impossible to miss jockey Christophe Soumillon aboard **Mubtaahij (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}). The Belgian, sporting a bright orange windbreaker and bright yellow gloves, will partner the G2 UAE Derby hero for the second straight time Saturday. The long trip hasn't



Todd Pletcher & Elliott Walden
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seemed to take anything out of him at this point. Longshot stretch-runners **Keen Ice** (Curlin) and **Far Right** (Notional) caught the eye during their trackwork Thursday as well.

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), a bit unlucky at Wednesday's draw, hasn't missed a beat all week and still had

a pretty nice bounce in his step while exiting by the chute at 8:50 a.m. Trainer Todd Pletcher and WinStar's Elliott Walden chatted back at the barn, where NFL veteran defensive tackle and Super Bowl champ Vince Wilfork was also on hand.

Former jockey Jean Cruguet, who, of course, guided home the great Seattle Slew to a sweep in the 1977 Triple Crown, was also seen taking in the action on the backstretch. Is this finally the year? It certainly feels like something special is about to happen here in Louisville, that's for sure.

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1	Forever Unbridled O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Dallas Stewart; J-Mike Smith. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-2, \$114,100.	Unbridled's Song	15-1
2	Shook Up O-Regis Racing; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Robby Albarado. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$123,100.	Tapit	30-1
3	Include Betty (K) (\$42,000 yrl '13 KEESEP) O-Brereton C Jones & Timothy C Thornton; B-Lavin Bloodstock & Brereton C Jones (KY); J-Rosemary Homeister Jr. Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-1, \$303,030.	Include	20-1
4	Eskenformoney (K) (\$225,000 yrl '13 KEESEP) O-Starladies Racing; B-Ramspring Farm (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-Javier Castellano. Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$151,800.	Eskendereya	20-1
5	Condo Commando (K) (\$72,000 yrl '13 KEESEP) O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables & The Elkstone Group; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Rudy Rodriguez; J-Joel Rosario. Lifetime Record: 6-5-0-0, \$748,600.	Tiz Wonderful	4-1
6	Angela Renee O/B-Siena Farms LLC (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-John Velazquez. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$447,000.	Bernardini	15-1
7	Lovely Maria (K) (\$5,000 RNA wnlg '12 KEENOV) O-Brereton C Jones; B-Olin Gentry & Thomas Gaines (KY); T-J Larry Jones; J-Kerwin Clark. Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-0, \$402,600.	Majesticperfection	5-1
8	I'm a Chatterbox (K) (\$30,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP) O/B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray (KY); T-J Larry Jones; J-Florent Geroux. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$468,614.	Munnings	4-1
9	Money'soncharlotte (K) (\$72,000 wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$135,000 yrl '13 KEESEP) O-George & Lori Hall; B-Dr Oscar Benavides (KY); T-Kelly J Breen; J-Paco Lopez. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$136,750.	Mizzen Mast	50-1
10	Oceanwave (K) (\$40,000 yrl '13 KEEJAN; \$120,000 yrl '13 KEESEP) O-Gary & Mary West; B-Popato (KY); T-Wayne M Catalano; J-Rafael Bejarano. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$183,600.	Harlan's Holiday	30-1
11	Sarah Sis (K) (\$10,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN) O-Joe Ragsdale; B-Catherine Rene White (KY); T-Ingrid Mason; J-Gary Stevens. Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-0, \$215,000.	Sharp Humor	30-1
12	Stellar Wind (\$40,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG; \$86,000 yrl '13 FTMSEP) O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Keswick Stables & Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (VA); T-John Sadler; J-Victor Espinoza. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$327,200.	Curlin	7-2
13	Birdatthewire (K) (\$22,000 RNA yrl '13 KEEJAN; \$37,000 RNA yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$23,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT) O-Forum Racing LLC; B-Lynn & Kathy Jones (KY); T-Dale L Romans; J-Irad Ortiz Jr. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$346,010.	Summer Bird	6-1
14	Puca (K) (\$90,000 yrl '13 KEESEP) O-Donegal Racing; B-Jerry Crawford & Paul Pompa Jr (KY); T-William I Mott; J-Junior Alvarado. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$122,832.	Big Brown	15-1
AE	Peace and War (K) (\$300,000 yrl '13 KEESEP) O-Qatar Racing; B-Sally J Andersen (FL); T-Olly Stevens; J-Julien Lejaroux. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$255,018.	War Front	50-1

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'Stellar' Favorite Headlines Loaded Oaks cont. from p1

Siena Farms Angela Renee hopes to provide her trainer Todd Pletcher with his fourth Oaks victory. The conditioner's last winner came in 2013 with 37-1 shot Princess of Sylmar (Majestic Warrior), who reeled off three more Grade I wins that season. Angela Renee won't be flying quite so under the radar as she already owns a Grade I victory in the Chandelier S. last September. Failing to fire when 10th in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Nov. 1, the bay was third behind the streaking **Condo Commando** (Tiz Wonderful) in Aqueduct's GII Demoiselle S. Nov. 29 and finished fourth in the Rachel Alexandra prior to her runner-up effort in the Ashland. The Eclipse-winning conditioner also saddles GII Gulstream Park Oaks runner-up **Eskenformoney** (Eskendereya).

Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC and the Elkstone Group's Condo Commando is also already a Grade I winner, having captured last summer's



Condo Commando
Horsephotos

Spinaway S. at Saratoga. Flawless so far this season, the Rudy Rodriguez pupil posted front-running victories in Aqueduct's Busher S. Feb. 21 and GII Gazelle S. Apr. 4. "I don't want to change anything," Rodriguez said. "[Jockey Joel Rosario] knows the filly. Come

and catch me. It's a very good field. Very good horses. I don't need to look again. I know what they did. Hope for the best. Hopefully she breaks good and takes it from there." Also exiting the Gazelle are runner-up and **'TDN Rising Star' Puca** (Big Brown) and third-place finisher **Money'soncharlotte** (Mizzen Mast).

If Condo Commando sets the blistering pace she is expected to, Forum Racing's **Birdatthewire** (Summer Bird) and Brereton Jones and Timothy Thornton's **Include Betty** (Include) will likely be there to pick up the pieces. The Dale Romans-trained Birdatthewire broke her maiden at fourth asking over this strip last November and captured her sophomore debut in Gulfstream's GII Forward Gal S. Jan. 24. Missing by just a neck behind GIII Eight Belles S. contender Ekati's Phaeton (Tale of Ekati) in that venue's GII Davona Dale S. Feb. 21, the bay turned the tables on that rival last time with a victory in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks Mar. 28. "I expect her to win," Romans said. "If it wasn't for the points system, she'd be in the Derby with [the boys]." Trained by Tom Proctor, Include Betty followed her graduation with a win in Tampa Bay's Suncoast S. Jan. 31 and was fifth when trying the turf in that venue's GIII Florida Oaks Mar. 7. The blaze-faced chestnut came from last to earn a neck victory over **Oceanwave** (Harlan's Holiday) last time in Oaklawn's GIII Fantasy S. Apr. 4.

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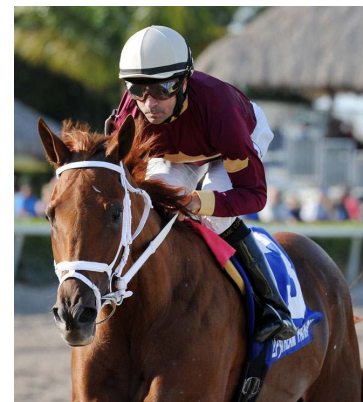
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GRADE I ON THE LINE IN LA TROIENNE

As many as nine fillies and mares look to earn their respective first Grade I victories in Friday's La Troienne S. at Churchill Downs. Leading the way on the morning line at 3-1 is Harold Queen homebred **Sheer Drama** (Burning Roma). The David Fawkes representative overcame a rough start to rally for second in Gulfstream's seven-panel Florida Sunshine Millions Distaff S. Jan. 17, and filled the same spot in the GIII Rampart S. over a flat mile there Feb. 21. She crushed Rampart winner House Rules (Distorted Humor) by 6 1/2 lengths in a powerful performance in the GII Royal Delta S. at this distance in Hallandale Mar. 21, and was flattered when that runner returned to annex Aqueduct's GIII Top Flight H. Apr. 11. **'TDN Rising Star' My Miss Sophia** (Unbridled's Song)



Sheer Drama
Kenny Martin

was second in the GI Kentucky Oaks on this card a year ago, and makes her first start here for new connections. A 7 1/2-length winner of the GII Gazelle S. at the Big A last April, the former Todd Pletcher/Mathis Stable representative pressed the pace in the Oaks before settling for second best behind eventual champion Untapable (Tapit). **Cont. p8**



Grade I on the Line in La Troienne cont.

She finished well back at odds-on in the one-mile GI Acorn S. on the GI Belmont S. undercard in June, and was fifth--at 30 cents on the dollar--in Monmouth's Lady's Secret S. Sept. 1. The chestnut brought \$2.15 million at last year's Fasig-Tipton November Sale, and resurfaces here for trainer Bill Mott in the colors of Alpha Delta Stables. She was scratched out of Keeneland's Gill Doubledogdare S. Apr. 17 in favor of



Gold Medal Dancer
Coady Photography

this spot, and blew out three furlongs in :35 flat in Lexington Apr. 27. Bill Cubbedge's **Molly Morgan** (Ghostzapper) finished second in this race 12 months ago, and took Ellis's Gill Gardenia S. in August and the local Gill Chilukki S. Nov. 1. A close third behind longshot **Frivolous** (Empire Maker) in the Gill Fall City H. here Nov. 27, the Dale Romans trainee was third

on seasonal debut in the Royal Delta. Pin Oak homebred **Gold Medal Dancer** (Medaglia d'Oro) upset the aforementioned Untapable in the Gill Azeri S. at Oaklawn Mar. 14, but could only manage third behind that rival in the GI Apple Blossom H. Apr. 10.

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LA TROIENNE S.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Tiz Windy	Tiznow	Leparoux	Nafzger	15-1
2	My Miss Sophia	Unbridled's Song	Castellano	Mott	7-2
3	Sweet Whiskey	Old Fashioned	Velazquez	Pletcher	5-1
4	America	A.P. Indy	Alvarado	Mott	10-1
5	Sheer Drama	Burning Roma	Bravo	Fawkes	3-1
6	Interest Free	Exchange Rate	Hernandez	Howard	20-1
7	Gold Medal Dancer	Medaglia d'Oro	Quinonez	Von Hemel	9-2
8	Molly Morgan	Ghostzapper	Lanerie	Romans	4-1
9	Frivolous	Empire Maker	Court	Oliver	12-1

FAVES LOOK FORMIDABLE IN ALYSHEBA

While Churchill's Gill Alysheba S. drew 10 older horses, two runners look particularly tough to get past on paper.

Sumaya U S Stables's **Protonico** (Giant's Causeway) was a solid late-season 3-year-old last term, annexing the Gill Smarty Jones S. at Parx in September and Gill Discovery H. two starts later at Aqueduct Nov. 1. The Todd Pletcher trainee finished a close second to Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday) in the GI Clark H. here Nov. 28, and was flattered when that runner returned to annex the Gill San Pasqual S. and the third-place finisher and stablemate Constitution (Tapit) went on to grab the GI Donn H. *Cont. p9*



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Faves Look Formidable in Alysheba cont.

Protonico was eased in the Feb. 7 Donn, but came right back to turn in his best effort to date--a smashing five length romp over **Neck 'n Neck** (Flower Alley) in Keeneland's GIII Ben Ali S. Apr. 11 that earned him a 107 Beyer Speed Figure. Lane's End Racing's lightly



Honor Code
A. Coglianese

raced **Honor Code** (A.P. Indy) seeks to continue adding to his already solid resume. Second in the GI Champagne S. and winner of the GII Remsen S. as a juvenile in 2013, the Shug McGaughey-trained '**TDN Rising Star**' was second to Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile) in a Gulfstream allowance last March before being forced off the Triple Crown trail

with a suspensory injury. He flew home to take a 6 1/2-furlong Aqueduct optional claimer Nov. 22, and rallied from out of the clouds to get up in the one-mile GII Gulfstream Park H. last time Mar. 7 over MGISW Private Zone (Macho Uno). Daniel Dougherty's **Ride On Curlin** (Curlin) was seventh in last year's GI Kentucky Derby S. with a tough trip, and improved to second in the GI Preakness S. Eased in the GI Belmont S. in June, he returned to take an Oaklawn sprint optional claimer Jan. 15 before a second in the Essex H. at this distance Feb. 14. The Billy Gowan pupil was a disappointing last of six last time over good ground in the GIII Razorback H. back in Hot Springs Mar. 14.

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Friday, Churchill Downs, post time: 3:02 p.m. EDT

ALYSHEBA S.-GII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Den's Legacy	Medaglia d'Oro	Borel	Moquett	20-1
2	Protonico	Giant's Causeway	Velazquez	Pletcher	7-5
3	Neck 'n Neck	Flower Alley	Leparoux	Wilkes	10-1
4	Ride On Curlin	Curlin	Albarado	Gowan	8-1
5	Tarpy's Surprise	Into Mischief	Lanerrie	Romans	20-1
6	Midnight Cello	Midnight Lute	Hernandez	Tomlinson	15-1
7	Honor Code	A.P. Indy	Castellano	McGaughey	8-5
8	Call Me George	Point Given	Graham	Forster	15-1
9	Noble Bird	Birdstone	Bridgmohan	Casse	15-1
10	Cougar Ridge	Johannesburg	Geroux	Morse	50-1

CALHOUN SEEKS SECOND EIGHT BELLES WIN

Bret Calhoun hopes to collect his second-straight victory in Churchill Downs's GIII Eight Belles S. Friday with the undefeated **Promise Me Silver** (Silver City). The conditioner captured last year's renewal of this seven-furlong test with fellow Texas-bred Fiftyshadesofgold



Promise Me Silver
Coady Photography

(My Golden Song). A perfect seven-for-seven, including a victory in this venue's Debutante S. last summer, Promise Me Silver kicked off this season with a win in Oaklawn's Dixie Belle S. Jan. 15. A 9 3/4-length winner back in against state-breds in Sam Houston's Two

Altazano S. Feb. 14, the Robert Luttrell homebred captured Oaklawn's Instant Racing S. last time Apr. 11, and faces her toughest challenge yet in this step up in class. Hall of Famer Bob Baffert holds a strong hand in this loaded renewal in the form of morning-line favorite **Callback** (Street Sense) and '**TDN Rising Star**' **Enchanting Lady** (Tale of the Cat). A second-out winner at Los Alamitos Dec. 4, Callback finished second in the GII Santa Ynez S. in Arcadia Jan. 3 and wired the field next out in that venue's one-mile GI Las Virgenes S. Jan. 31. The Spendthrift Farm colorbearer crossed the wire first ahead of stablemate Maybellene (Lookin at Lucky) and **Scat Means Go** (Scat Daddy) last time out in the Mar. 22 Sunland Park Oaks, but was disqualified and placed fourth for ducking and bothering **Fancy and Flashy** (Zensational) in the stretch. Kaleem Shah's Enchanting Lady earned her diploma at second asking in Arcadia's Landaluce S. last June before being benched for eight months. Returning with a fifth behind GI Kentucky Oaks favorite Stellar Wind (Curlin) in the GIII Santa Ysabel S. Feb. 28, the dark bay returned to her winning ways in the Santa Paula S. at Santa Anita Apr. 5. The Albaugh Family Stable's '**TDN Rising Star**' **Taylor S** (Medaglia d'Oro) takes another crack at graded stakes company for trainer Dale Romans. **Cont. p10**

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Calhoun Seeks Second Eight Belles Win cont.

A dominant optional claiming winner going six furlongs over this strip Nov. 29, the speedy dark bay finished third to GI Kentucky Oaks contender Birdatthewire (Summer Bird) in Gulfstream's GII Forward Gal S. Jan. 24. She was last seen burning up the track with a wire-to-wire victory over a field of overmatched foes in Gulfstream's six-panel Any Limit S.



Taylor S Lauren King

Mar. 14. Previously trained by Bill Kaplan, **Ekati's Phaeton** (Tale of Ekati) makes her first start for Hall of Famer Bill Mott in this spot. Winner of Hallandale's GIII Old Hat S., the Phaedrus Flights LLC colorbearer finished fourth in the Forward Gal, but got the better of Birdatthewire next out with a gritty neck victory over that foe in the one-mile GII Davona Dale S. A well-beaten seventh behind Birdatthewire last time in the 1 1/16-mile GII Gulfstream Park Oaks Mar. 28, the dark bay should appreciate the turn back to her preferred sprint distance here, and the presence of Hall of Famer John Velazquez is another plus.

Friday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:52 p.m. EDT

EIGHT BELLES S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Callback	Street Sense	Espinoza	Baffert	123
2	Promise Me Silver	Silver City	Albarado	Calhoun	120
3	Ekati's Phaeton (K)	Tale of Ekati	Velazquez	Mott	123
4	Mizz Money	Mizzen Mast	Torres	Flint	118
5	Fancy and Flashy (K)	Zensational	Bejarano	Dominguez	118
6	Scat Means Go (K)	Scat Daddy	Rosario	Dominguez	118
7	Lavender Chrissie (K)	Scat Daddy	Castellano	Romans	118
8	Enchanting Lady (K)	Tale of the Cat	Garcia	Baffert	118
9	Super Saks (K)	Sky Mesa	Saez	Lukas	118
10	Jugni (K)	Colonel John	Smith	Flint	118
11	Streetheart	Street Sense	Leparoux	Kenneally	118
12	Taylor S	Medaglia d'Oro	Lanerie	Romans	118

WHICH TURF FILLY WILL HAVE THE 'EDGE'?

Ten Broeck Farm's **Sunset Glow** (Exchange Rate) will look to hog the spotlight in the GIII Edgewood S. under the Twin Spires. Second in last June's G3 Albany S. at Royal Ascot, the Wesley Warned-trained miss ran away with Del Mar's GII Sorrento S. Aug. 6 and showed a new dimension to take the GI Del Mar Debutante S. 24 days later from off the pace. She set a very quick pace and held second to Lady Eli (Divine Park) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Santa Anita Oct. 31, and ran into that formidable foe once again when third on seasonal debut in Keeneland's GIII Appalachian S. Apr. 12. Tenth in the Juvenile Fillies Turf was **Quality Rocks** (Rock Hard Ten). **Cont. p11**

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Which Turf Filly Will Have the 'Edge' cont.

The Bill Mott pupil completed the exacta in Gulfstream's GIII Sweetest Chant S. Jan. 24, and earned her first graded victory over next-out stakes winner Consumer Credit (More Than Ready) and GI Kentucky Oaks contender Include Betty (Include) in Tampa's GIII Florida Oaks Mar. 7. Graham Motion is particularly deadly with European imports in graded stakes--just see 2014 dual Eclipse winner Main Sequence (Aldebaran)--and he'll saddle Town and Coutry Farms Corp.'s **My Year Is a Day (Fr)** (King's Best). Off the board just once from seven tries in France for Jean-Claude Rouget and owner Daniel-Yves Treves, the bay filly was last seen taking Craon's Criterium de l'Ouest Sept. 8.



Sunset Glow
Benoit Photo

PALACE MALICE OUT OF WESTCHESTER

Dogwood Stable and Three Chimneys Farm's 2013 GI Belmont S. hero **Palace Malice** (Curlin) has been scratched from his expected return in Belmont's GIII Westchester S. May 2 after being diagnosed with a bruised right front foot, according to Dogwood Stable's Cot Campbell. The bay will now point toward the GI Metropolitan H.



Palace Malice
NYRA/David Alcosser

"We're distressed about it, of course, but it is not serious," said Campbell. "He did not train yesterday or today, and may not train tomorrow, and to go into a race like the Westchester without full preparation is not right. We've waited a long time to run him. The plan is to move onto the [GI] Metropolitan H. [June 6]."

The Todd Pletcher charge was last seen running sixth in the GI Whitney S. at Saratoga Aug. 2, and was diagnosed with a bone bruise in his left hind cannon bone shortly after that race. Prior to his off the board finish in the Whitney, Palace Malice was undefeated in four starts last term, including victories in the GII Gulfstream Park H., GII New Orleans H., GIII Westchester S. and the Met Mile.

"It's a shame, because with the exception of Tonalist, the Westchester seemed like a good place to bring him back," Cambell said. We'll look ahead now to the Met Mile."

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Friday, Churchill Downs, post time: 1:26 p.m. EDT

EDGEWOOD S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Quality Rocks	Rock Hard Ten	Lezcano	Mott	3-1
2	B Rockett	After Market	Court	Oliver	30-1
3	Sunset Glow (K)	Exchange Rate	Rosario	Ward	8-5
4	My Year Is a Day (Fr)	King's Best	Velazquez	Motion	5-2
5	Lady Zuzu	Dynaformer	Saez	Lukas	15-1
6	Feathered	Indian Charlie	Castellano	Pletcher	4-1
7	Flying Tipat	Tapit	Albarado	Romans	30-1
8	Sweet Swingin (K)	Street Sense	Lanerie	Romans	20-1

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Friday, Lone Star Park, post time: 10:51 p.m. EDT

TEXAS MILE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Sr. Quisqueyno	Exclusive Quality	Melancon	Walder	6-5
2	Holiday Mischief (K)	Into Mischief	Berry	Offolter	8-1
3	Mal Guapo	Into Mischief	Diego	Caldwell	20-1
4	F J Uncle Vic	Uncle Abbie	Valdez-Jiminez	Eoff	20-1
5	Rise Up (K)	Rockport Harbor	Eramia	Amoss	4-1
6	Hip Four Sixtynine	Southern Image	Wade	Wilson	15-1
7	Bronce Bellator (K)	Repent	Contreras	Martinez Jr	30-1
8	Real Appeal Deal (K)	Successful Appeal	Mora	Asmussen	15-1
9	Texas Air	Texas City	Hamilton	Milligan	15-1
10	One King's Man (K)	One King	Rocco Jr	Sharp	9-2

*Result will appear in Sunday's TDN.

SKY CLASSIC DEAD AT 28

Canadian Hall of Famer member **Sky Classic** (Nijinsky II--No Class, by Nodouble), a pensioner at Pin Oak Stud



Sky Classic
Pin Oak Stud/Tony Leonard

where he stood his entire career until relieved of stud duty at the end of 2014, passed away in his paddock Thursday morning at 28-years-old. Earning the Eclipse for Champion Turf Horse in 1992, the Sam-Son Farm homebred was given his first Sovereign Award in 1990 when named Champion 2-Year-Old Colt and collected two

more in 1991 as Champion Older Horse and Champion Turf Horse. **Cont. p 12**

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Sky Classic Dead at 28 cont.

Conditioned by James Day, the chestnut set course records in both his wins at the highest level in the 1991 GI International S. at Woodbine and the 1992 GI Turf Classic Invitational S. at Belmont. In addition to his Grade I wins, he captured an additional seven graded stakes. At the time of his retirement to Pin Oak Stud at the age of six, his record stood at 29-15-6-1 with \$3,320,398 in earnings.

"Sky Classic's arrival at the farm remains fresh in my mind even after 23 years," said Pin Oak Stud manager Clifford Barry. "Standing a stallion of his caliber started a very exciting chapter for Pin Oak, and his impact on our breeding program has proven immeasurable. We lost a champion today, and the most faithful of servants to the farm, but we are honored and grateful to Sam-Son Farm for entrusting him to us for all these years."

During his tenure at Pin Oak Stud, Sky Classic sired six champions, including Sky Conqueror and Thornfield who were among his 10 Grade I winners. He also sired 59 stakes winners from 19 crops to race. As a broodmare sire, the blaze-faced chestnut is represented by three champions. His daughter have produced 43 stakes winners including English Classic winner Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and 2014 GISW La Tia (City Place). His progeny have earned over \$46 million. Out of Canadian Hall of Fame member No Class (No Double), Sky Classic was a half-brother to Canadian champions Classy 'N Smart (Smarten), Grey Classic (Grey Dawn II), Regal Classic (Vice Regent) and stakes winners Classic Reign (Vice Regent) and Always a Classic (Deputy Minister).

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RACING'S SOCIAL MEDIA POSITIONING IS A MAJOR INDUSTRY ASSET

by Dean Towers

This weekend there are three events on the sports slate, and none of them are small ball.

First, the NFL Draft starts Thursday and runs right through Sunday. Second, the GI Kentucky Derby goes to post at sometime around 6:30 ET on Saturday. Later that evening, the ultra-hyped fight between Mayweather and Pacquiao takes place at the MGM Grand in Vegas. It's a crazy sports weekend.

For the NFL Draft, the internal and external reporting of the event is flat-out monstrous. The first round of the draft has historically higher TV ratings than a Major League Baseball playoff game and the networks which cover it do so with added verve. For about two months now, the NFL Network has had wall-to-wall coverage, and ESPN has devoted many hours to mock drafts and the like. It's just huge.

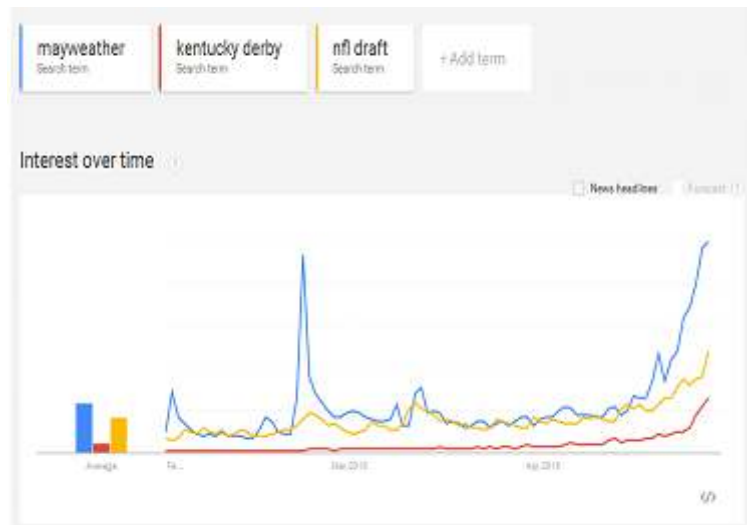
The welterweight championship bout is another event which has captured fight fans and casual observers alike. And the media--both earned and paid--is devoting hundreds of hours of coverage. It feels as electric as the Rumble in the Jungle, 30-some years ago.

As for the Derby, it's not quite the same. In fact, it's not even close. On the main ESPN Network, you'd need a microscope to find any real Derby coverage so far this week. The jokes about that on social media are relentless.

"No Derby coverage on ESPN this week, but you can watch the Pepsi IRL for \$79.99 on their pay per view," Tweeted AI.

"At least ESPN found something to show about horses this week," Tweeted another, while attaching an ESPN plays-of-the-day screen shot of a jockey who lost his pants in a race in Europe.

Everyone can be perplexed about the mainstream network coverage so far this week, but they should not be surprised. The Derby, despite huge TV ratings, is not on par with the goliath sports like the NFL, or a once-in-a-lifetime type event. The media follows the money.



Last 90 days, searches, Mayweather (blue), NFL Draft (yellow) and Kentucky Derby (red). *Source: google trends.*

I believe that in 2015, it just doesn't matter much. Horse racing has an edge for their big events that other sports can only at times dream about. People are now consuming media in many different ways.

This week, from the comfort of my recliner, I watched Dortmund gallop, American Pharoah's :58 and change work, and just about everything else, including them getting bathed afterwards (bath shots and the Derby are an interesting exacta). I've seen handmade interviews from fans with jockeys, bettors and others you'd want to hear from. I've listened to podcasts, read blog posts, and consumed other free media. Where did I see and watch all this? On Twitter. Point and click, on demand.

This is not by accident. While major networks can struggle with media rights, racing's are (for the most part) wide open. If you have a smartphone and catch a Derby horse galloping, you can upload it and Tweet it out without worrying about getting fined or yelled at. It's the same with pictures. If you want to know about any Derby horse, search for the horse's name on Twitter, you will find everything you need to know or see. **Cont. p13**



Dean Towers cont.

This is no small thing and it is not seen in other sports. Want to see Floyd Mayweather work out, or get inside the New England Patriots draft war room? Fat chance. Those camps only show you what they want you to see, and to even get that paltry access you likely have to be with an ESPN or Fox. The fans then get their news through that lens. In horse racing, we are shown what your average everyday fan sees, and at times it's magical.

"It's the one race [the Derby] that crosses over into mainstream consciousness, and it's a lot of fun to see casual fans and dedicated horseplayers sharing the excitement on social media," said Jessica Chapel, a Digital Media Consultant. "Horse racing is so accessible, even at the top level. It's possible to get close to the contenders and to feel close to the spectacle -- social media turns fans from observers into participants," she added.

Dana Byerly, co founder of Helloracefans.com notes the breadth of items shared on social media.

"What strikes me as potentially unique to racing is the wide variety of content being shared at all levels, from official channels to individuals," she typed via email. "You've got everything from foal pictures and baths to workout splits and speed figures. The statistical, handicapping stuff is probably a one-to-one to type of things you'd see around big sporting events, but are there pictures of football players as babies during Super Bowl week?"

As much as we may snicker about foal pictures--and getting people looking at them interested to bet is a whole other discussion--it does show how big tent this form of media is. For a Derby week, where buzz and eyeballs are paramount metrics, everything means something to someone.



Smartphones + social media at the Derby = increased visibility for racing. *Horsephotos*

This edge helps Thoroughbred racing promote itself to the grassroots sports fan in a cluttered sports landscape. If a newbie wants to get exposed to horse racing, he or she can head to social media and get what they're looking for.

These potential fans will speak directly with high-level bettors, or industry insiders, or other fans and get answers. When they do go to an event and Tweet out a picture or video they will be re-Tweeted by these same insiders. It's infectious.

Horse racing's resonance when it comes to old-time TV networks might seem weak and deficient, and being a niche sport, maybe it is. But I believe that it's far too overblown. This weekend, horses will trend on Twitter, as will a trainer or jockey. Millions of average sports fans might see "Materiality" on their trends, some will click the link and discover what everyone is talking about. They can then share their thoughts, all in real time. A 90-second spot on Sportscenter is supposed to be that much more vitally important for the sport? I doubt it.

Marketing writer Seth Godin in his seminal web marketing work "Purple Cow" said that for a business to succeed in today's world it needs to stand out and have an energized base that markets for you. Horse racing has an advantage with social media that beats almost any other sport.

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UDALL & PITTS INTRODUCE BILL TO END INTERSTATE HORSERACING WAGERING

Ahead of Saturday's gi Kentucky Derby, U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.) and U.S. Representative Joe Pitts (R-Pa.) introduced legislation to eliminate most wagering on horseracing Thursday, encouraging the sport to end doping and crack down on cheaters. Horseracing is the only sport specially permitted by federal law to offer online gambling and interstate betting.

Udall and Pitts have previously introduced legislation attempting to clean up the sport. This new approach takes their bipartisan push to the next level by repealing the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, which permits "off-track" and online wagering. Today about 90% of the \$11 billion wagered on horseracing comes from this type of betting in the 38 states that permit it.

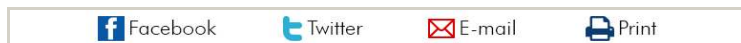
"Out of sight of the spectators in the grandstand, 19 of the 20 horses competing in this year's Kentucky Derby will be injected shortly before post time," Udall said. "In 2010, a drug cartel leader allegedly fixed the world's most celebrated Quarter Horse race by paying a \$110,000 bribe, according to witness testimony in a federal trial. A harness trainer racked up more than 1,700 medication violations--and no one caught giving racehorses dermorphin, a painkiller 40 times more powerful than morphine, has been permanently kicked out of the sport. New Mexico racetracks have some of the highest rates of horse fatalities and injuries, yet the state pays roughly \$50 million of taxpayer money into purse prizes each year." **Cont. p14**



Udall & Pitts Introduce Bill to End Interstate Horseracing Wagering cont.

Udall continued, "The stories go on, but the industry does little in response to scandal after scandal. It's time to crack down on corruption by ending horseracing's sweetheart gambling privileges. We must stop the abuse and restore integrity to this once-dignified sport."

"Horseracing is the Sport of Kings. Unfortunately, however, it's plagued by too many unscrupulous trainers, owners, veterinarians and other race track officials who race sickened or injured horses, pumping them full of painkillers or other performance enhancing drugs in order to try to win at all costs," Pitts said. "Despite years of promises of reform, horseracing groups have been unable to come together to develop uniform rules that protect both horses and the integrity of the sport. This legislation will end a federal exception for gambling on horseracing. Since 2008, over 7,000 race horses have died on America's racetracks. It's past time to put measures in place that protect racehorses from abuse at the track."



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Portrait of a Nation: The face of horse racing in the UAE Laura King is one of the most familiar faces and ambassadors of the UAE horse racing scene. She is a producer and broadcaster for Dubai Racing Channel, covering and keeping tabs on all of the country's competitive horses. **Naser Al Remeithi, The National.**

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Elliott Walden Interview on All Business with Jeffrey Hayzlett WinStar Farm CEO Elliott Walden discusses WinStar's Derby hopeful Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) on *All Business with Jeffrey Hayzlett*. **CBS Radio.**

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JOSEPH O'BRIEN RETURNS TO CLASSIC DUTY

Joseph O'Brien will be at the start of Saturday's G1 Qipco 2000 Guineas at Newmarket after Aidan O'Brien confirmed 'TDN Rising Star' **Ol' Man River (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) for the mile Classic alongside favorite **Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). With Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) set for next Sunday's G1 Poule des Poulains, the unbeaten G2 Beresford S. winner enters the fray as a notable second string for Ballydoyle, with O'Brien getting down to nine stone for the ride. Drawn



Aidan and Joseph O'Brien
Racing Post

in two with the stalls placed against the rail in a departure from the recent practice of occupying the center of the track, Susan Magnier's son of the brilliant 2007 1000 Guineas heroine Finsceal Beo (Ire) (Mr. Greeley) is away from his stable companion, who will exit from 16 towards the

outer under Ryan Moore. Since 2004, the Guineas has started from the middle but several field splits have seen the revision of the old policy with the addition of a false rail three meters off the permanent stand's side rail at the three-furlong pole. In a wide-open renewal, tactics will be key and a division of the runners is still a distinct possibility with some leading contenders pitched out wide. Furthest from the rail is Godolphin's supplementary entry **Territories (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who was third behind Gleneagles in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp on Arc day before being promoted above that colt into second. Booking his ticket here with a smooth performance winning that venue's G3 Prix de Fontainebleau

Apr. 12, the bay faces a potentially tricky situation attempting to overcome his draw. Sea the Stars (Ire) managed to win when coming from 17 of 17 six years ago, but early cover may be essential now that the stalls have moved back to the fence. Godolphin have opted to send the

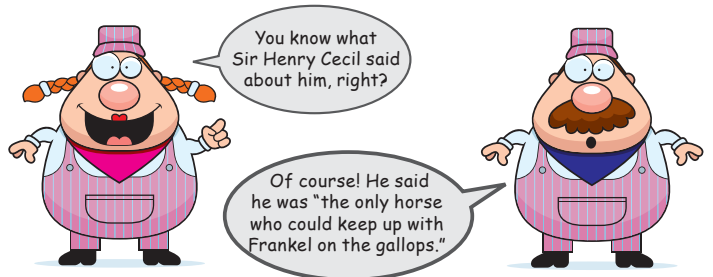
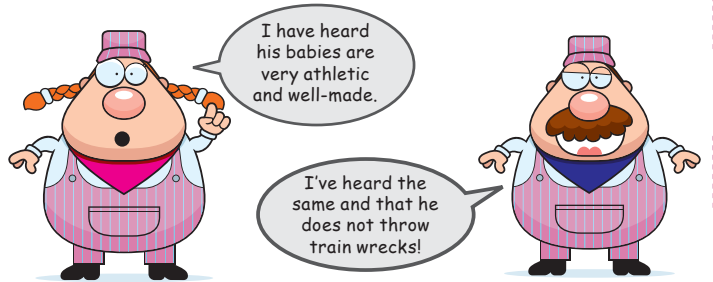


Elm Park
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G3 Somerville Tattersall S. and G3 UAE 2000 Guineas winner Maftool (Hard Spun) and G1 Dewhurst S. scorer Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) to Longchamp next Sunday, with the latter one of the most high-profile scratchings due to ground conditions. **Cont. p15**

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Joseph O'Brien Returns to Classic Duty cont.

The drying wind and lack of rain looks set to end the prospects of last year's G1 Racing Post Trophy and G2 Royal Lodge S. winner **Elm Park (GB)** (Phoenix Reach {Ire}) making the line-up. Qatar Racing's flagbearer has the alternative option of the G2 Dante S. at York May 14 and David Redvers, racing manager for Sheikh Fahad's operation, was yesterday pessimistic about his participation at Newmarket.

"Andrew [Balding] is going to walk the course and wait and see how the first race pans out, but we've made no secret of the fact that he's our Derby horse and there is no way Andrew is going to want to jar him up here," he said. "He's in phenomenal form and looks magnificent, but if the ground continues to dry out, the likelihood is that he'll run in the Dante and then the Derby. The ground was plenty quick enough for him when he did his racecourse gallop at Newbury and although we'd love to run here, as there is no better trial for the Derby and particularly as we sponsor the race, I suspect realistically he'll go to the Dante."

Redvers noted Elm Park has come on physically from last year. "He looked very good when I saw him yesterday," he said. "Physically, he looks the real deal and is unrecognizable from last year. I still have to pinch myself with regards to what he achieved last year."

If Elm Park lines up, he will race from stall 14, next to Susan Roy and Cheveley Park Stud's **Dutch Connection (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB} in 13, and William Buick has been called on to partner last year's G3 Acomb S. scorer and G1 National S. third.

"He did very little wrong last year and he worked very well at the Craven meeting," his rider commented. "He's got a decent draw and he's a pretty uncomplicated horse to ride who will get the trip. It's wide-open and you could make a case for a lot of them. Gleneagles has the form from last year and Territories looks an exciting horse. It's a good Guineas."

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Saturday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

QIPCO 2000 GUINEAS-G1, £498,750, 3yo, c/f, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE
1	12	Bossy Guest (Ire)	Medicean (GB)
(€70,000 wlng '12 GOFNOV; 72,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT) O-John Guest Racing; B-Dowager Countess Harrington; T-Nick Channon; J-Charles Bishop. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, £160,363. Last Start--WON Apr. 15 £100,000 Tattersalls Millions 3yo Sprint			
2	10	Cappella Sansevero (GB)	Showcasing (GB)
(20,000gns wlng '12 TATDEC; 25,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT; £1,300,000 HRA '14 GOFLOM) O-Qatar Racing Ltd; B-Genesis Green Stud Ltd; T-Ger Lyons; J-Oisín Murphy. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, £131,737. Last Start--4th Oct. 17 G1 Middle Park S.			
3	1	Celestial Path (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)
(€110,000 yrl '13 GOFORB) O-Gordon Woodall & Professor C Tisdall; B-Catherine Monaghan; T-Sir Mark Prescott; J-Luke Morris. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, £42,878. Last Start--3rd Oct. 25 G1 Racing Post Trophy			

4	4	Code Red (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)
O-Mrs Michelle Morgan; B-Carmel Stud; T-William Muir; J-Martin Dwyer. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, £20,029. Last Start--6th Apr. 18 G3 Greenham S.			
5	13	Dutch Connection (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)
O-Susan Roy & Cheveley Park Stud; B-Susan Roy; T-Charles Hills; J-William Buick. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, £83,115. Last Start--3rd Sept. 14 G1 Vincent O'Brien National S.			
6	14	Elm Park (GB)	Phoenix Reach (Ire)
O-Qatar Racing Ltd; B-Kingsclere Stud; T-Andrew Balding; J-Andrea Atzeni. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-1, £212,040. Last Start--WON Oct. 25 G1 Racing Post Trophy			
7	6	Estidhkaar (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)
(£200,000 yrl '13 DONAUG) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-BEC Bloodstock; T-Richard Hannon; J-Paul Hanagan. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, £130,011. Last Start--2nd Apr. 18 G3 Greenham S.			
8	18	Glenalmond (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)
(100,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT) O-Mrs Melba Bryce; B-Laundry Cottage Stud Farm; T-Karl Burke; J-Kieren Fallon. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, £16,303. Last Start--4th Apr. 15 Listed European Free H.			
9	16	Gleneagles (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
O-Michael Tabor, Susan Magnier & Derrick Smith; B-You'resothrilling Syndicate; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, £271,771. Last Start--3rd (DQ from 1st) Oct. 5 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere			
10	9	Hail the Hero (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
(525,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT) O-Middleham Park Racing XXIX & Partner; B-R Scarborough; T-David O'Meara; J-Daniel Tudhope. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, £5,921. Last Start--6th Apr. 16 G3 Craven S.			
11	17	Home of the Brave (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)
(£80,000 yrl '13 ARQAUG) O-Flemington Bloodstock Partnership; B-Ecurie du Grand Chene; T-Hugo Palmer; J-James Doyle. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, £30,153. Last Start--WON Apr. 15 Listed European Free H.			
12	11	Intilaaq 🌟	Dynaformer
O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC; T-Roger Varian; J-Dane O'Neill. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £5,945. Last Start--WON Apr. 18 Newbury maiden			
13	5	Ivawood (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)
(£65,000 wlng '12 GOFNOV; 220,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT) O-Westward Bloodstock Ltd; B-Ms M Davison & Ms D Kitchin; T-Richard Hannon; J-Richard Hughes. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, £147,836. Last Start--3rd Apr. 18 G3 Greenham S.			
14	7	Kool Kompany (Ire)	Jeremy
(£8,000 wlng '12 GOFNOV; £40,000 yrl '13 DONAUG; £730,000 RNA HRA '14 DONHIT) O-Kool Kompany Partnership; B-Imelda O'Shaughnessy; T-Richard Hannon; J-Pat Dobbs. Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-0, £236,729. Last Start--WON Apr. 16 G3 Craven S.			
15	15	Moheet (Ire) 🌟	High Chaparral (Ire)
(41,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT; 800,000gns 2yo '14 TATAPR) O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs; T-Richard Hannon; J-Frankie Dettori. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £10,661. Last Start--3rd Apr. 16 G3 Craven S.			
16	2	Ol' Man River (Ire) 🌟	Montjeu (Ire)
(£2,850,000 yrl '13 GOFORB) O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Micheal D Ryan; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Joseph O'Brien. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £63,654. Last Start--WON Sept. 28 G2 Beresford S.			

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G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas Draw Field cont.

- 17 3 Ride Like the Wind (Ire) Lope de Vega (Ire)**
 (€180,000 yrl '13 ARQAUG)
 O-Olivier Thomas; B-SF Bloodstock; T-Freddy Head; J-Maxime Guyon.
 Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, £59,029.
Last Start--WON Apr. 2 G2 Prix Djebel
- 18 8 Room Key (GB) Mount Nelson (GB)**
 (12,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT)
 O-The Picnic Partnership; B-R J C Wilmot-Smith; T-Eve Johnson
 Houghton; J-Jimmy Fortune. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, £15,847.
Last Start--5th Sept. 13 G2 Champagne S.
- 19 19 Territories (Ire) Invincible Spirit (Ire)**
 O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley; T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona.
 Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, £124,974.
Last Start--WON Apr. 12 G3 Prix de Fontainebleau
 All carry 126 pounds.

THE MAYDAY STAR

Undone only by the supreme test of the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in 2014, Antonio Caro and Gerard



Avenir Certain
Scoop Dyga

Augustin-Normand's **Avenir Certain (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) stages a keenly anticipated return to action over a mile Friday for Saint-Cloud's G2 Prix du Muguet.

Successful over this trip in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, the bay--who also captured the 10 1/2-furlong G1 Prix de Diane and G2 Prix

de la Nonette over a mile and a quarter--ended up being beaten just over six lengths when 11th in Longchamp's showcase.

"Everything has gone very well and Jean-Claude [Rouget] is very happy with her work," Sylvain Vidal, racing manager for Gerard Augustin-Normand, told *PA Sport*. "She's very easy to train. She's not a big filly, but she is very relaxed. The Muguet is a good race for her, as it's a nice distance of eight furlongs. She will need the race, but we think she will do well. Long term, we also think she will be a nice horse for the [G1] Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot."

Another talented filly in the line up is the Wertheimers' **Bawina (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who was fourth behind Avenir Certain in the Pouliches and again trailed that rival when seventh in the Diane. Subsequently successful in the G3 Prix de Lieurey over this trip at Deauville in August, the homebred wound up with a fifth in the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp the following month. Bolstering a potent distaff challenge is Baron Edouard de Rothschild's G1 Prix Rothschild winner **Esoterique (Ire)** (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}), while last year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains runner-up **Prestige Vendome (Fr)** (Orpen) bids to get back on track following a third successive off-the-board effort when sixth in the G3 Prix Edmond Blanc over this course and distance Apr. 5.

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20-year history

1994	Mister Baileys	3 of 23
1995	Pennekamp	1 of 11
1996	Mark of Esteem	12 of 13
1997	Entrepreneur	13 of 16
1998	King of Kings	2 of 18
1999	Island Sands	15 of 16
2000	King's Best	16 of 27
2001	Golan	1 of 18
2002	Rock of Gibraltar	1 of 22
2003	Refuse To Bend	3 of 20
2004	Haafhd	11 of 14
2005	Footstepsinthesand	3 of 19
2006	George Washington	9 of 14
2007	Cockney Rebel	10 of 24
2008	Henrythenavigator	6 of 15
2009	Sea the Stars	17 of 17
2010	Makfi	5 of 19
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2012	Camelot	12 of 18
2013	Dawn Approach	6 of 13
2014	Night of Thunder	3 of 14

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Friday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 3:50 p.m.
PRIX DU MUGUET-G2, €130,000, 4yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Avenir Certain (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Benoist	Rouget	127
2	6	Esoterique (Ire)	Daneshill Dancer (Ire)	Boudot	Fabre	127
3	5	Prestige Vendome (Fr)	Orpen	Thulliez	Clement	123
4	8	Saint Gregoire (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Eyquem	Rouget	123
5	4	Amaron (GB)	Shamardal	Lefebvre	Lowe	123
6	2	Spoil the Fun (Fr)	Rck of Gibraltar (Ire)	Auge	Ferland	123
7	7	Mogadishio (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Santiago	Smrczek	123
8	3	Bawina (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Guyon	Lffn-Parias	120



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Friday, Munich, Germany, post time: 4:20 p.m.

BANKHAUS VON DER HEYDT - SILBERNE PEITSCH-G3, €55,000,

3yo/up, 6 1/2ft

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Amarillo (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Starke	Schiergen
2	1	Beau Reve (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	Panov	Groschel
3	8	Birthday Prince (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	Frank	Sprengel
4	6	Donnerschlag (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Pardon	Carvalho
5	7	Kolonel (Ger)	Manduro (Ger)	de Vries	Hofer
6	5	Shining Emerald (GB)	Clodovil (Ire)	Pedroza	Wohler
7	2	Amy Eria (Ire)	Shamardal	Bertras	Rohaut
8	4	Invisible Bid (GB)	Araafa (Ire)	Linek	Maronka

All carry 132 pounds bar Amy Eria & Invisible Bid, 129.

TATTS SALE KICKS OFF GUINEAS WEEKEND

By Emma Berry

The second of Tattersalls' breeze-up sales gets underway Friday ahead of the two-day Guineas Festival just down the road at Newmarket's Rowley Mile.

In a fiercely cold wind, around 150 juveniles were put through their paces alongside the famous Classic course on Thursday morning, with one unfortunate accident at the start of the breeze resulting in a work rider being airlifted to hospital with a broken leg.

A colt by Blame was a late addition to the printed catalogue and is slated to sell as [lot 170A](#) from Oak Tree Farm, with Norman Williamson having given



Lot 170A, a colt by Blame
Emma Berry

\$50,000 for the brother to recent Fair Grounds maiden winner Blame Angel at Keeneland last September. The late April colt is a son of For Spacious Skies (Golden Missile), who is a winning half-sister to GI Travers S. winner Afleet Express (Afleet Alex).

War Front has been a warm order at Tattersalls events over the last few seasons, and this time last year his Gaybrook Lodge-consigned daughter of Pastel Gal (Lemon Drop Kid) topped trade when selling to David Redvers for 270,000gns. Now named War Alert, she was a dual winner last year for Qatar Racing and trainer David Brown.

There is once again a lone War Front juvenile in the catalogue--a filly out of Gold Collection, who traces back the champion 2-year-old filly Outstandingly (Exclusive Native) and was twice a winner herself. Chad Schumer bought the February-born first foal for \$52,000, and she is consigned today through Brown Island Stables as [lot 175](#).

Having sold three breezers for an average of 116,667gns at the Craven Sale a fortnight ago, Johnny Collins of Brown Island Stables is happy with the 2-year-old sales season so far and consigns another three today, with colts by Showcasing (GB) and Dream Ahead completing his trio of offerings by popular young stallions.

"I'm pleased with how things went this morning--the breeze went very smoothly," Collins said. "The colts both look fairly sharp and the War Front filly has a good action, though she's more likely one for later in the year."

He added, "We did really well at the Craven but I'm finding overall this year that the lower end of the market is still really tough. Fortunately there's still good trade for the nice horses."

Sir Percy (GB) 5-year-old Lady Pimpernel (GB) is a notable graduate of the Guineas Breeze-up, where she was purchased by her initial trainer Henry Candy for just 8,500gns. She proved to have been an absolute bargain for Candy, winning four times in the UK, including the Listed Upavon Fillies' S., before being sold to race in the U.S. Now trained by Carla Gaines, she



Agent Alex Elliott braves the cold at the breeze show
Emma Berry

added the GIII Robert J Frankel S. to her resume back in December. Her Derby-winning sire has just one 2-year-old in the sale, a colt out of Princess Aurora (Mr Greeley) ([lot 231](#)), who stretched out impressively on the Rowley Mile turf on Thursday morning and is one of 12 consigned by Willie Browne's leading Mocklershill operation.

Canford Cliffs (Ire), Dream Ahead, Frozen Power (Ire), Lilbourne Lad (Ire), Pour Moi (Ire), Roderic O'Connor (Ire) and Zoffany (Ire) are all currently locked in battle in the freshman sires' contest and have representatives set to go under the hammer today, including a Zoffany filly ([lot 163](#)) from the family of impressive recent G2 Dubai Gold Cup winner Brown Panther (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}), who is consigned by Sherbourne Lodge Stud.

The breeze-up section of the sale is preceded by around 70 horses in training as well as a six-strong dispersal of horses on behalf of the family of the late Stefan Friberg, who died in February. The Swedish-born owner-breeder, who had significant Thoroughbred interests in Brazil, celebrated success in the 2010 G1 Dubai World Cup with Gloria De Campeao (Brz) (Impression {Arg}) and also enjoyed Group 1 success on the Rowley Mile seven years ago this weekend with G1 1000 Guineas heroine Natagora (Fr) (Divine Light {Jpn}). Energia Fox (Brz) and Energia Flavia (Brz), both by Agnes Gold (Jpn), are offered as horses in training, while the dispersal also includes four mares in foal, each to a representative of Lanwades Stud--Aussie Rules, Archipenko, Sir Percy and Leroidesanimaux (Brz).

The sale gets underway at 10 a.m. local time.

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ZAWRAQ DERBY TRIAL-BOUND

Sheikh Hamdan's **Zawraq (Ire)** (Shamardal), the unbeaten winner of the Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial Apr. 12, is likely to bypass the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas May 23 and instead take in the May 10 G3 Derby Trial at Leopardstown.

Zawraq is 8-1 for the G1 Investec Derby June 6. Angus Gold, racing manager to owner Sheikh Hamdan, said, "Sheikh Hamdan will, all being well, be over [at Newmarket] this weekend, so we'll talk about it then, but I think it's probably more than likely he'll run next weekend in the Derrinstown Derby Trial. I know that is what [trainer Dermot] Weld and [jockey Pat] Smullen want to do, so we'll discuss it with Sheikh Hamdan and then make a decision. That's probably the way we're going."

Gold added, "The other option is the Irish [2000] Guineas, but that is another two weeks on and whether it would be sensible to wait for that, I'm not sure. We don't have too many potential Derby horses and he is probably the best of them."



Zawraq with Dermot Weld and Pat Smullen *Racing Post*

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MOUNT ATHOS FUTURE UNCERTAIN

Globetrotting group winner **Mount Athos (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) faces an uncertain future on the racetrack after trainer Marco Botti revealed Wednesday the 8-year-old gelding could be retired. The Marwan Koukash silkbearer, who has not been seen since winning the Listed Aston Park S. almost a year ago,



Marco Botti *Racing Post*

was being readied for the May 8 G3 Ormonde S., a race he won in 2013, but Botti has now ruled him out of that contest.

"It was always the plan to bring him back for Chester but that has come too soon for him," the conditioner said. "He is a horse that has had plenty of issues and we

need to speak to his owner whether that is it and we call it a day."

Mount Athos could be replaced in the Ormonde by the Botti-trained Group 1 winner **Tac de Boistron (Fr)** (Take Risks {Fr}).

"He is entered at York for the Yorkshire Cup but if he gets his ground we might run him in the Ormonde S. at Chester next week," Botti said.

Botti also revealed that Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa's **Moohaarib (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), the winner of Wednesday's Listed Paradise S., will step up to Group 1 company in the Lockinge S. May 16.

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CRITERION TOUCHES DOWN IN NEWMARKET

Triple Australian Group 1 winner **Criterion (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus}), third in Sunday's G1 QEII Cup in Hong Kong, has arrived at trainer John Gosden's yard in Newmarket to prepare for the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot. Trained by David Hayes and Tom Dabernig, the 4-year-old's preparation will be overseen



(L to R) Criterion's trainer David Hayes, owner Sir Owen Glenn and jockey Craig Williams *Katrina Partridge*

by Gosden's son, Ben. "He's just arrived there after 24 hours traveling and from all reports he's settling in fine," Hayes told *racing.com*. "Ben will keep an eye on the horse while I'm [in Australia]. I'll probably head over to England around 10 days before he races."

Hayes said the 10-furlong Prince of Wales's, where he would be expected to meet American Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), would be Criterion's main target, but he also has an option in the one-mile G1 Queen Anne S. a day earlier.

"If he thrives and settles in quickly, the Prince Of Wales's is the obvious target but if he takes a week or two to settle in, the Queen Anne would be the better option because I wouldn't have done much work with him, as I won't work him hard until he settles in," Hayes explained.

Criterion won the A\$4 million G1 Queen Elizabeth S., Australia's richest weight-for-age contest, Apr. 11 for owner Sir Owen Glenn.

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THE WAY FORWARD

A fully subscribed field of 16 sophomore fillies lines up for Saturday's G1 Schweppes Oaks (the Australasian Oaks) as Group 1 action Down Under moves South, and Group 1 winner **Fenway (Aus)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) looks to get back on track after missing an intended start in the G1 Australian Oaks at The Championships in Sydney Apr. 11. The Alpara Lodge silkbearer earned her first win at the highest level over the heralded filly First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the G1 Vinery Stud S. over this distance in Sydney Mar. 28. *Cont. p19*



The Way Forward cont.

Since finishing last of 14 against the boys in the G1 Australian Guineas Mar. 7, Victorian shipper **Fontein Ruby (Aus)** (Turffontein {Aus}) has recorded back-to-back victories at a mile, including the Listed Alexandra S. at Moonee Valley Mar. 27. She also owns a win over this trip, however; the G3 Caulfield Classic in October. Western Australia raider **Delicacy (Aus)** (Al Maher



Fenway bests First Seal in the G1 Vinery Stud S.
Racing and Sports

{Aus}) rides a four-race win streak into this contest, including the G3 WA Oaks and the G2 WATC Derby, and if she can navigate a good trip from barrier 11, she should be in the mix. Leading Sydney trainer Chris Waller relies on Ingham Racing's **Wine Tales (Aus)**

(Tale of the Cat) here. The bay has met soft going in her two latest outings, including a second to the smart Hi World (Aus) in the G3 Frank Packer Plate at Randwick two weeks ago.

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Saturday, Morphettville, Australia, post time: 12:38 a.m. ET
SCHWEPPE OAKS-G1, A\$400,000 (US\$319,532), 3yo, f, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Fenway (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Shinn	L/S Hope
2	2	Fontein Ruby (Aus)	Turffontein (Aus)	Zahra	Smerdon
3	11	Delicacy (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Hall	Williams
4	8	Wine Tales (Aus)	Tale of the Cat	Bowman	Waller
5	1	Jurasound (Aus)	Vn Csta de Hro (Aus)	Walker	Hyes/Dbernig
6	10	Fitocracy (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	Pannell	O'Connor
7	13	Sea Spray (Aus)	Vn Csta de Hro (Aus)	Hall	Moloney
8	20	Knsas Sunflower (NZ)	Mastercraftsmn (Ire)	Symons	Oliver
9	17	Ungrateful Ellen (Aus)	Grey Swallow (Ire)	Williams	Smerdon
10	7	Lady Sharapova (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Dunn	Hawkeses
11	5	Nt A Hppy Cmptr (Aus)	Nt A Sngle Dbt (Aus)	Tourneur	Ellrton/Zahra
12	18	Redasun (Aus)	Haradasun (Aus)	Arnold	Eurell
13	19	Choix De Maia (NZ)	Choisir (Aus)	McLeod	Carey
14	3	Bahamas (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Oliver	O'Sullivan
15	4	Cathy's Mark (Aus)	Domesday (Aus)	Winks	Blackiston
16	15	Hipster Girl (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	Melham	Warren
Also Eligibles					
17	14	Try Your Best (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Neilson	Stokes
18	12	Coachella (NZ)	Mastercraftsmn (Ire)	Tourneur	Stokes
19	9	Rather Heroic (Aus)	Street Hero	Rawiller	Weir
20	16	Real Magnus (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	No rider	Clarken

All carry 123 pounds



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MIRACLE MARE BACK ON TRACK

Local hero **Miracles of Life (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) returns to the place she started her career and seeks her second Group 1 triumph in Saturday's William Hill Classic (the Robert Sangster S.). Miracles of Life recorded a pair of victories over this strip before shipping South to take the G1 Blue Diamond S. for



Miracles of Life
Racing and Sports

then-trainer Dan Clarken in 2013, and she was sold to Stonestreet Stables for A\$900,000 at the Magic Millions National Sale just weeks after winning the G2 Sportingbet S. back here last May. Transferred to Peter and Paul Snowden,

Miracles of Life has already won a pair of group races in the Stonestreet silks, and she was most recently third in the G1 Galaxy S. Mar. 21. Connections opted to bypass the A\$2.5 million G1 TJ Smith S. Apr. 6 and target this spot, noting their mare would enjoy the break between runs. Miracles of Life's greatest challenge in Australia's only 1200 meter Group 1 for fillies and mares could come from **Vain Queen (Aus)** (Artie Schiller), who has been knocking on the door at the highest level this season with a fourth in the G1 Oakleigh Plate and a second in the G1 William Reid S. Mar. 27. **Avoid Lightning (Aus)** (Blevic {Aus}) failed to threaten when 10th in the Galaxy, but bounced back over her favored soft going when winning the G2 Sapphire S. Apr. 11. She is not likely to get her ground here, however, and is drawn way out wide in 16.

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Saturday, Morphettville, Australia, post time: 1:58 a.m. ET
WILLIAM HILL CLASSIC (ROBERT SANGSTER S.)-G1, A\$400,000 (US\$319,532), 3yo/up, f/m, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Miracles Of Life (Aus)	Nt A Sngle Dbt (Aus)	Bowman	Snowdens	124
2	4	Magnifiso (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	Brown	Taylor	124
3	1	Platelet (Aus)	Strategic (Aus)	SCR	SCR	SCR
4	16	Avoid Lightning (Aus)	Blevic (Aus)	Clark	Bridge	124
5	13	Vain Queen (Aus)	Artie Schiller	Hall	Sadler	124
6	8	Gregers (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Williams	Hyes/Dbernig	124
7	14	Politeness (Aus)	Street Sense	Dunn	Smerdon	124
8	11	Tycoon Tara (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Melham	Wilde	124
9	3	Runway Star (Aus)	Nrthern Meteor (Aus)	Oliver	Moody	124
10	2	I Love It (Aus)	Artie Schiller	Baster	Salanitri	124
11	12	Text'N Hurley (Aus)	Hard Spun	Tourneur	Smith	124
12	17	Miss Steele (Aus)	Statue of Librty (Aus)	Zahra	Kent	124
13	15	Scarlett Billows (Aus)	Street Boss	Yendall	Weir	124
14	9	Fine Approach (Aus)	New Approach (Ire)	Pannell	Balfour	124
15	5	Natural Disaster (Aus)	Danerich (Aus)	Stewart	Stra	124
16	10	Sabatini (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Shinn	L/S Hope	121
17	6	Wawail (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Walker	Hyes/Dbernig	121

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DARLEY TO STAND GUINEAS WINNER

Last year's G1 Caulfield Guineas hero **Shooting To Win (Aus)** (Northern Meteor {Aus}--Listen Here {Aus}, by Elusive Quality) will join Darley Australia's Kelvinside



Shooting To Win
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roster in the Hunter Valley for the 2015 season, standing for A\$38,500. Trained by Peter and Paul Snowden--who branched out into a public training partnership a little over a year ago after eight years with Darley--Shooting To Win won the Caulfield Guineas and G2 Stan Fox S.

last spring and was third in this year's G1 Randwick Guineas. He retires as the highest-rated son of Northern Meteor, who was Australia's leading first-season sire in 2012-13 but died of colic in 2013. Shooting To Win joins fellow sophomores **Brazen Beau (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}) and **Hallowed Crown (Aus)** (Street Sense) as new members on the Darley roster.

"The trio of Brazen Beau, Hallowed Crown and now Shooting To Win enables us to offer breeders the best group of 3-year-old colts to retire to stud we could possibly hope for," said Alastair Pulford, Darley Australia's head of sales. "People who come to see Shooting To Win will be staggered by his physique. He is, to my mind, a commercial breeder's dream; an awesome-looking son of a great stallion who lived up to all expectations."

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:05 p.m.
CHAMPIONS MILE-G1, HK\$14,000,000 (US\$1,806,360), 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	Able Friend (Aus)	Shamardal	Moreira	Moore
2	4	Dan Excel (Ire)	Shamardal	Berry	Moore
3	6	Luger (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Purton	Size
4	1	Rewarding Hero (GB)	Excd & Excl (Aus)	Callan	Moore
5	5	Secret Sham (Aus)	Shamardal	Whyte	Moore
6	3	Real Specialist (NZ)	Storming Home (GB)	Teetan	Size

All carry 126 pounds.

CAN THE MAN TO SHUTTLE TO AUSTRALIA

Can the Man (Into Mischief), a Grade I-placed 2-year-old and Grade III-winning 3-year-old, will shuttle to Spendthrift Australia and participate in the farm's Share The Upside program in 2015. Can the Man will be offered for A\$5,500 as part of Share the Upside, and A\$3,850 on a standard live foal contract.

"Can the Man was a precocious Grade I performer, and he's the best-looking and best-bred son of our emerging sire Into Mischief," said B. Wayne Hughes, owner of Spendthrift Australia. "We believe Can the Man will offer Australian breeders a lot of value, especially through our Share The Upside Program. He really is a good-looking horse, and we think Australian breeders are going to like what they see."

Out of the dual French Group 2 winner and Group 1-placed Smolensk (Danzig), Can the Man hails from the outstanding family of Blush With Pride, responsible for broodmare of the year Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister) and her GI Belmont S.-winning progeny Rags To Riches (A.P. Indy) and Jazil (Seeking The Gold), as well as triple Group 1 and Classic winner Peeping Fawn (Danehill) and Group 1 winner and sire Thewayyouare (Kingmambo).



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DERBY DREAM MATERIALIZES

by Steve Sherack

A racing stable and a horse with ties to New Mexico have made plenty of headlines around this time of year recently. But this isn't another story about Mine That Bird's shocking upset in the 2009 GI Kentucky Derby.



Eddie Harrell
Horsephotos

The unbeaten 2015 GI Besilu Stables Florida Derby hero and 'TDN Rising Star' **Materiality** (Afleet Alex) will carry the colors of Alto Racing LLC--the nom-de-course of Eddie Harrell and Gil Moutray--as he heads into the starting gate with a perfect three-for-three record for Saturday's "Run for the Roses."

"Alto is a little town five or so miles north of Ruidoso Downs in

the mountains of New Mexico," Harrell commented.

"Gil Moutray and I both have second homes there and have known each other for quite a while and shared this interest. We named it for the community as much as anything."

Harrell founded Citation Oil & Gas Corp. in 1981. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, Citation (yes, it is named after the immortal 1948 Triple Crown winner) is one of the largest privately held independent oil and gas acquisition, development and production companies in the United States. Citation has invested \$1.7 billion in more than 80 oil and gas reserve acquisitions since 1985. Along with his wife Sandra and three adult sons Curtis, Forrest and Keith, Harrell Racing accounts for 75% of Alto Racing.

"I grew up in Arkansas in a little town just south of Hot Springs," the 80-year-old said. "As a 14- or 15-year-old teenager, I was sneaking into the racetrack. That's as close to trouble as you could get back in those days. I had an innate interest in me and have carried it ever since. I introduced my three sons to horseracing in New Mexico and taught them how to read the *Form* when they were young, book their bets, etc. Horse racing is a family activity for us."

Derby Dream cont. p2

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Derby Dream cont.

Harrell continued, "I'm in the oil business and not exactly risk averse. You don't own Thoroughbreds if you're not an optimist. It kind of fits my personality pattern. I just love the excitement of it, the beauty of the animals--the whole picture. And the risk-reward. I like a high-risk game."



Gil Moutray
Adam Coglianese

Harrell approached Moutray, a former New Mexico Racing Commissioner and friend of about 10-15 years, to help him launch a stable aimed at competing on the big stage. Moutray is president and chief executive officer of Seven Rivers, Inc., a private company in New Mexico that

owns and operates pecan orchards, development and commercial real estate, cattle feeding businesses and oil and gas interests. The longtime owner/breeder--he won his first race back in 1969 in El Paso, Texas, with a horse he purchased for \$500--liquidated his stable in the 1990s after becoming chairman of the New Mexico Racing Commission, but was game to join forces with the Harrell family after the lengthy hiatus.

"Eddie wanted to form a partnership to get back in at a higher level and compete at Class A tracks and in Grade I stakes races," Moutray, a 67-year-old native of Carlsbad, New Mexico, commented. "Eddie and his family have been so gracious and afforded my family the opportunity to own 25% of the company along with my two daughters [Dawn Moutray Clark and Kacy Ellis]. What I brought to the table was my previous experience in the horse racing industry." **Cont. p3**



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Derby Dream cont.

“Eddie asked me to recommend and help build a business plan--bloodstock agent, trainer, where we race, etc.,” Moutray continued. “We did that together and agreed on what we wanted to do and what level we wanted to do it. Todd Pletcher, our Eclipse Award-winning trainer, has helped take us to this level.”

He sure has.

Alto Racing, consisting of about 15-20 head, hit the ground running seven years ago and quickly made some noise with graded winners Peace Preserver (War Front), Sweet Whiskey (Old Fashioned) and Winning Cause (Giant’s Causeway), as well as the highly touted 2012 Saratoga debut winner and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Archwarrior (Arch). Winning Cause, winner of the 2013 GIII Coolmore Lexington S. and 2014 GIII Cliff Hanger S., has bankrolled just a shade under \$600,000. In addition to ‘TDN Rising Star’ Sweet Whiskey’s score in the 2014 GIII Old Hat S., she was also a close second in last year’s GI TVG Acorn S. on the GI Belmont S. undercard.

Along with their aforementioned Kentucky Derby contender Materiality, Alto also currently campaigns fellow promising 3-year-olds Chipit (Tapit) and Tapkee (Tapit).

“I’ve loved horse racing since I was a kid,” Harrell said. “In the past, [Gil Moutray] and I were both involved [as owners], but were doing it around the fringes and lower levels. When we decided to try it one more time, we decided that if we were going to do it, that we were going to compete at the top. It’s been a dream for us and our families.”

Materiality has certainly been the star of those dreams so far. Bred in Kentucky by John D. Gunther, the flashy bay debuted with a runaway win going six furlongs in the Gulfstream slop Jan. 11 ([video](#)). The April foal successfully stretched to nine furlongs with another smart tally in Gulfstream’s Islamorada H. Mar. 6 ([video](#)). Materiality earned a 110 Beyer Speed Figure--the highest of any 3-year-old this season--when gamely fending off the talented New York-bred Upstart (Flatter) by 1 1/2 lengths in the Florida Derby just 22 days later ([video](#)).

“When you win a race like the Florida Derby there are just no words to describe the chills that go down your back,” Moutray said. “It was like winning the Super Bowl.”

Alto’s bloodstock agent Steve Young signed the slip on Materiality--already named at the time--for \$400,000 at last year’s FTMMAY 2-year-old sale after covering an eighth in :10 2/5 at the breeze show. He previously brought \$260,000 from Venture Six as a KESEP yearling. Materiality’s half-sister and fellow ‘TDN Rising Star’ My Miss Sophia (Unbridled’s Song) was second in last year’s GI Kentucky Oaks and also won the GII Gazelle S. at Aqueduct. Materiality was produced by the Langfuhr mare Wildwood Flower, a stakes winner and multiple graded stakes placed runner of \$109,916. After losing a Nathaniel (Ire) foal, she was bred back to Intello (Ger) in 2014.



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“We’re obviously very excited about him,” Harrell said of Materiality’s chances in the Derby. “He’s done everything we’ve asked him to do, including winning the Florida Derby. It’s any horse guy’s dream [to compete in the Derby], but you don’t really expect it to happen. At least I didn’t.”

Unraced at two, Materiality’s toughest rival may be history. Apollo was the last to pull off the monumental feat way back in 1882 after failing to face the starter as a juvenile.

“He didn’t have any real problems [as a 2-year-old] and he seems to be improving through these first three races, so that doesn’t bother us,” Harrell said of the curse of Apollo, before concluding with a slight laugh, “The field bothers us though, there are a lot of awfully good colts in the field.”

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#1 OCHO OCHO OCHO - 50-1
 ([Street Sense](#)--Winner,
 by Horse Chestnut {SAf})
 (\$50,000 yrl '13 KEESEP;
 \$200,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR)
 O-DP Racing LLC; B-Siena Farm LLC
 (KY); T-James Cassidy; J-Elvis Trujillo.
 DI: 2.11
 Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$793,850

PROS: Ocho Ocho Ocho opened his account with a trio of very impressive wins, including the off-the-turf Juvenile Turf Sprint S., which earned him 'TDN Rising Star' status, and the Gill Delta Downs Jackpot S. last November...The dark bay has good gate speed, which



Coady Photography

could help get him out of trouble early in this large field... **CONS:** The speedy colt is likely to get caught up in a hot pace duel early with the likes of American Pharoah and Stanford and fade before the wire... He also appears to be the type that does not want to go this far and seems better suited to 1 1/16 miles or less... The DP Racing runner has already been soundly beaten by two of the likely favorites, Dortmund and Carpe Diem... **PEDIGREE:**

Ocho Ocho Ocho's bloodlines are on his side here, with his sire being 2007 GI Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense. The Eclipse winner also captured the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, GI Travers S., Gill Jim Dandy S. and Gill Tampa Bay Derby... Ocho Ocho Ocho's lightly raced dam Winner was a sprinter, but her sire Horse Chestnut (SAf) won over 12 furlongs on the turf in the G1 South African Derby...The dark bay hails from the strong Phipps family of champions Personal Ensign and Storm Flag Flying, MGISW millionaire My Flag and GISWs Miner's Mark and Mr Speaker... **VERDICT:** Ocho Ocho Ocho will likely only play a part in the race early, setting the pace before packing it in somewhere around the eighth furlong.

Ocho Ocho Ocho's Video Highlights

Date	Race	Finish
4/4/15	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	3rd
11/22/15	Gill Delta Downs Jackpot	1st
11/1/14	Juvenile Turf Sprint	1st

DERBY STATS

Fastest Time: 1:59.40 (Secretariat)
 Largest Winning Margin: 8 lengths (Assault/Whirlaway)
 Most wins by a jockey: 5 (Eddie Arcaro/Bill Hartack)
 Most wins by a trainer: 6 (Ben Jones)
 Most wins by an owner: 8 (Calumet Farm)
 Longest shot to win: Donerail at 91-1

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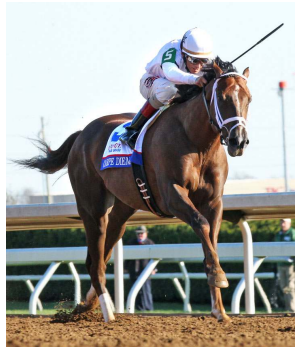
Lou Hodges, Jr.





#2 CARPE DIEM - 8-1
 ([Giant's Causeway](#)--Rebridled Dreams, by Unbridled's Song)
 (\$550,000 yrl '13 KEESEP;
 \$1,600,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR)
 O-WinStar Farm & Stonestreet Stables;
 B-Coffee Pot Stable (Ky); T-Todd Pletcher;
 J-John Velazquez. DI: 1.83
 Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, \$1,519,800

PROS: Carpe Diem boasts an excellent record, with his only loss coming when second behind the runaway Texas Red (Afleet Alex) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 1...However, he showed a new dimension in that runner-up effort, coming from far back off the pace for the first time with a wide late rally to edge Upstart (Flatter)...



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Like Dortmund, the hulking chestnut has also proven to be versatile in terms of his running style... He is flawless so far this season with both of his wins coming by open lengths and has continued to please his Eclipse winning conditioner in his morning preparations... This is another contender for whom distance does not appear to be a problem... **CONS:** The colt has done all of his Derby training at Keeneland, so he has no works or races over this surface...

Trainer Todd Pletcher is a seven-time Eclipse winner, but he has only had one Derby winner out of 40 starters...Carpe Diem is another one who could get caught up in a hot pace... **PEDIGREE:** Carpe Diem's European champion sire Giant's Causeway captured three Group 1 wins at 10 furlongs, albeit on the grass. His lone start on the dirt came in the 2000 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, where he missed by just a head to champion Tiznow... Stakes winning dam Rebridled Dreams never went farther than 1 1/16 miles, but won twice at that distance, and she produced GI Breeders' Futurity winner J.B.'s Thunder (Thunder Gulch)... She is by Unbridled's Song, who won both the GI Florida Derby and GI Wood Memorial S. at nine furlongs... **VERDICT:** Carpe Diem stamped himself as a major player from the beginning when tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' after his impressive debut victory at Saratoga, and has continued to live up to that moniker. If he continues his upward trajectory, he will definitely have a say in the outcome of this year's Derby.

Carpe Diem's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
4/4/15	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	1st
3/7/15	GI Tampa Bay Derby	1st
11/1/14	GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile	2nd

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#3 MATERIALITY - 12-1
 (Afleet Alex--Wildwood Flower, by Langfuhr)
 (\$260,000 yrl '13 KEESEP;
 \$400,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY)
 O-Alto Racing, LLC; B-John D. Gunther (Ky);
 T-Todd Pletcher; J-Javier Castellano.
 DI: 2.33 Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$656,028

PROS: "TDN Rising Star" Materiality hasn't put a foot wrong in three lifetime starts, jumping from a six-furlong debut score in January to a dominating victory over stablemate Stanford (Malibu Moon) when stretched to nine furlongs in the Mar. 6 Islamorada H.

He earned his ticket to the Kentucky Derby by defeating the more seasoned Upstart (Flatter) in the Mar. 28 GI Florida Derby, earning a 110 Beyer, highest of any 3-year-old this season...

CONS: He is the most lightly raced runner in the field and faces that most-enduring of Derby drought as he looks to become the first winner of the Roses to not race as a 2-year-old since Apollo in 1882...

PEDIGREE: Materiality is by champion Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet), who won two-thirds of the Triple Crown in 2005. The Gainesway stallion is also the sire of last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Texas Red, as well as 2010 GI Travers S. winner Afleet Express, who is out of a half-sister to Materiality's dam Wildwood Flower. The latter was represented on the first weekend in May last year when My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song) finished second in the GI Kentucky Oaks. A stakes winner over six furlongs, Wildwood Flower is also a half to Eye of the Tiger (American Chance), who was fifth behind Funny Cide in the 2003 Derby... **VERDICT:** The stout bay is clearly talented and with a bright future, but would likely need more seasoning to figure here.



Materiality
A Coglianese

Materiality's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
3/28/15	GI Florida Derby	1st
3/6/15	Islamorada H.	1st
1/11/15	GP Msw	1st

DERBY DOUBLE		
Stallions with 2 Kentucky Derby winners since 1970		
Stallion	KY Derby Winner	Year
Bold Bidder	Cannonade	1974
	Spectacular Bid	1979
Exclusive Native	Affirmed	1978
	Genuine Risk	1980
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#4 TENCENDUR - 30-1
 ([Warrior's Reward](#)--Still Secret, by Hennessy)
 O/B-Philip S Birsh (NY); T-George Weaver; J-Manuel Franco. DI: 1.40
 Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$253,500

PROS: Tencendur showed marked improvement in his second start with blinkers when runner-up in the GI Wood Memorial, despite traveling wide throughout the race... Seems to be developing at the right time and has run well in both stalking and closing scenarios...




Tencendur
Joe Labozzetta

CONS: While he ran the race of his life in the Wood, he proved no match for Frosted--who covered more ground and came from further back behind a pedestrian pace that day... His one victory came in a state-bred event over a muddy inner track at Aqueduct... Has only raced in Ozone Park and was handily beaten by El Kabeir in both the GIII Withers S. and GIII Gotham S... **PEDIGREE:** His sire, Warrior's Reward, annexed the GI Carter H. at seven furlongs, but never won around two turns... He is a half to MSW & MGSP Mother Russia (Mayakovsky), who produced this year's

9 1/2-furlong G2 UAE Derby third-place finisher Golden Barows (Tapit)... Fair to say that 10 furlongs is a bit of a question for him... **VERDICT:** With the depth of this year's field, it is remarkable to think he is the 'third string' New York-bred in the starting gate... A win seems out of his reach, and a minor award would seem to be his ceiling.

Tencendur's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
4/4/15	GI Wood Memorial S.	2nd



#5 DANZIG MOON - 30-1
 ([Malibu Moon](#)--Leaveminthedust, by Danzig)
 (\$160,000 yrl '13 KEESEP)
 O-John C Oxley; B-William D Graham (Ont-C); T-Mark E Casse; J-Julien Leparoux
 DI: 3.44
 Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$251,120

PROS: With the exception of his fourth-place finish in the GII Tampa Bay Derby, Danzig Moon has improved with every start, culminating with the GI Toyota Blue Grass S., where he made up over nine lengths on winner Carpe Diem from their previous meeting... He covered more ground than any of his rivals in the Blue Grass and confirmed his ability to rally into a moderate pace... Owns experience both racing and training over the local surface, including a bullet five-furlong move in :58 flat Apr. 18...



Danzig Moon
Adam Coglianese

CONS: Despite his steady improvement, he was soundly beaten by Carpe Diem in both of his stakes preps and has yet to prove he can match strides with the top of his class... **PEDIGREE:** The distance should not be an issue for this son of Malibu Moon, who sired 2013 Derby winner Orb... His dam Leaveminthedust was winless in three career starts, but is a full sister to GSW Defer and a half to GSWs Reload and Philanthropist... Danzig Moon comes from the extended family of champions Inside Information and Smuggler, both of whom excelled at a route of ground... **VERDICT:** He has been training well over the local surface, and he appears to have the requisite stamina to stay the 10 furlongs successfully... Seems like a live longshot to complete the trifecta or superfecta.

Danzig Moon's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
4/4/15	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	2nd

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#6 MUBTAAHIJ (IRE) - 20-1
 (Dubawi {Ire}--Pennekamp {Ire},
 by Pennekamp)
 (€450,000 yrl '13 ARQAUG)
 O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al
 Maktoum; B-Dunmore Stud Ltd (Ire);
 T-Michael F De Kock; J-Christophe
 Soumillon. DI: 1.00
 Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$1,461,332.

PROS: Since turning in a pair of lackluster efforts at Newmarket last fall, Mubtaahij really blossomed with a switch to the dirt at Meydan, including a defeat of his elders when he was still two years of age last Dec. 31... He seemed to thrive as the distances increased at the Dubai International Racing Carnival and



Mubtaahij working at Arlington Park
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has not one, but two wins over 9 1/2 furlongs in the Listed Al Bastakiya S. and in the G2 UAE Derby... He is the most qualified winner of that latter test to try the Derby and is trained by one of the world's truly elite conditioners, who has traveled horses

successfully all over the world... **CONS:** Though he won his races in Dubai with total authority, Mubtaahij will be tested for class in the Derby like never before... And, after working out ideal trips in his last couple of runs, he will have to deal with the possibility and indeed likelihood of a tougher time of it at Churchill... Christophe Soumillon is one of the world's most accomplished riders, but he could be viewed as a negative owing to his lack of experience in this race...

PEDIGREE: His sire, a paternal great-grandson of Seeking the Gold, has been responsible for the likes of major 10-furlong winners Monterosso (GB) and Prince Bishop (GB) (Dubai World Cup), Al Kazeem (GB) (Eclipse S.) and Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Hong Kong Cup), to name but a few... Half-sister Lily of the Valley (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) won the G1 Prix de l'Opera over 10 grassy furlongs, while broodmare sire Pennekamp--who was admittedly best at distances up to a mile--is a half-brother to Nasr El Arab, winner of the GI San Juan Capistrano H. at 14 furlongs, albeit on grass... Mubtaahij will stay the Derby distance. **VERDICT:** Given all the variables, it's tough to endorse him as a potential winner against this bunch. But he's a good bet to give a positive account of himself.

Mubtaahij's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
3/28/15	G2 UAE Derby	1st
3/7/15	Al Bastakiya S.-Listed	1st
1/15/15	UAE 2000 Guineas Trial	1st

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#7 EL KABEIR - 30-1
 (Scat Daddy--Great Venue,
 by Unbridled's Song)
 (\$250,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG)
 O-Zayat Stables LLC; B-Rustlewood Farm
 Inc. (FL); T-John Terranova; J-Calvin Borel.
 DI: 3.57
 Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-2, \$768,892

PROS: El Kabeir already owns a win over the Churchill Downs surface in last November's GII Kentucky Jockey Club S... Churchill specialist and Hall of Famer Calvin Borel, who was in the irons for that victory, gets back aboard Saturday... The gray dominated in the New York prep series this winter with wins in the GIII Jerome S. and the GIII Gotham S., a second in the GIII Withers S. and a third in the GI Wood Memorial S... The versatile colt has also proven to be able to work out a trip from the front end, stalking and coming from off the pace... **CONS:** While the 'TDN Rising Star' cleaned up in New York this winter, he did not face very strong fields. His toughest foes came in the form of Far From Over (Blame) and Frosted (Tapit), who beat him in the Withers and Wood Memorial, respectively...



Adam Coglianese

Distance remains a question for the gray after the nine-furlong Wood Memorial... **PEDIGREE:** El Kabeir's sire Scat Daddy won both the GII Fountain of Youth S. and GI Florida Derby at nine furlongs, and was fifth to Street Sense in the 2007 GI Kentucky Derby after a troubled trip... His dam Great Venue was unraced, but her sire Unbridled's Song won both the Florida Derby and the Wood... The dam also has a pair of siblings who are multiple stakes winners at both nine and 10 furlongs... **VERDICT:** El Kabeir probably is not quite good enough to knock heads with the big guns in this field. However, the gray could complete the super or the tri if Borel works out one of his golden rail trips.

El Kabeir's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
3/7/15	GIII Gotham S.	1st
1/3/15	GIII Jerome S.	1st
11/29/14	GI Kentucky Jockey Club S.	1st

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Winner	Sire	Auction Price
Fusaichi Pegasus	Mr. Prospector	\$4,000,000 yrl '98 KEEJUL
Winning Colors	Caro (Ire)	\$575,000 yrl '86 KEEJUL
Alysheba	Alydar	\$500,000 yrl '85 KEEJUL
Big Brown	Boundary	\$190,000 2yo '07 KEEAPR
Monarchos	Maria's Mon	\$170,000 2yo '00 FTTFEB
Go for Gin	Cormorant	\$150,000 yrl '92 FTSAUG
Silver Charm	Silver Buck	\$100,000 2yo '96 OBSAPR
Animal Kingdom	Leroidesanimaux	\$100,000 yrl '09 KEESEP

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#8 DORTMUND - 3-1

(Big Brown--Our Josephina, by Tale of the Cat)
 (\$85,000 RNA wnl '12 KEENOV;
 \$90,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$140,000 2yo
 '14 FTMMAY) O-Kaleem Shah Inc.;
 B-Emilie Gerlinde Fojan (KY); T-Bob
 Baffert; J-Martin Garcia. DI: 2.38.
 Lifetime Record: 6-6-0-0, \$1,289,400

PROS: First and foremost, Dortmund is undefeated with a perfect six-for-six record that includes two Grade I victories, as well as an optional-claimer victory at Churchill Downs that earned him 'TDN Rising Star' status... The big chestnut has proven to be versatile with wins coming from off the pace, stalking and going




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wire-to-wire... He also proved to be a fighter in the Gill Robert B. Lewis S. when he clawed his way back to win after being headed by Firing Line (Line of David) in the stretch... The colt has shown that distance is no problem so far and should be perfectly suited to going 10 furlongs... **CONS:** If Dortmund goes right for the lead as he did in his last two starts, he could get caught up in what is expected to be a hot pace early... As a large horse he may also have a hard time navigating

between rivals in this 20-horse field... **PEDIGREE:** Dortmund is by 2008 GI Kentucky Derby winner Big Brown, who was the last undefeated horse to win the Run for the Roses. Big Brown also won the GI Preakness S. and GI Haskell Invitational S., which adds to the argument that distance shouldn't be an issue for his son... His dam Our Josephina won three times between six and seven furlongs, including a listed stakes... Her sire, Gill Kings Bishop S. winner Tale of the Cat, was most successful at shorter distances, but did finish second in the 1 1/8-mile GI Whitney H. and had an allowance win going two turns... **VERDICT:** Many people have called Dortmund a monster or a freak and, given his past performances, that is hard to dispute. The massive chestnut has every chance to follow in his father's footsteps Saturday.

Dortmund's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
4/4/15	GI Santa Anita Derby	1st
2/7/15	Gill Robert B. Lewis S.	1st
11/29/14	Alw/OC-CD	1st



#9 BOLO - 30-1

(Temple City--Aspen Mountain,
 by Chief Seattle)
 O-Golden Pegasus Racing & Earle Mack;
 B-Spendthrift Farm (KY); T-Carla Gaines;
 J-Rafael Bejarano. DI: 2.00
 Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$249,700

PROS: Bolo, the first Derby starter for trainer Carla Gaines, eye-balled the undefeated Dortmund in upper stretch of the Gill San Felipe S. and, after a wide trip, came home a creditable third in his first start on the main track. Versatile enough to settle off the pace in the GI Santa Anita Derby, he was third behind that same strapping chestnut after another wide trip. **CONS:**



Bolo Benoit photo

His only two lifetime wins have both come on the turf, where he was an impressive winner of the Eddie Logan S. in March. **PEDIGREE:** Bolo is from the first crop of Spendthrift's Temple City (Dynaformer), who won the 1 1/2-mile Cougar II H. over the main track. The

10-year-old stallion missed by just a head when second over the turf in the 2010 GI Hollywood Turf Cup. He has sired turf stakes winners Startup Nation and Papacoolpapacool. Temple City's dam Curriculum is a half-sister to Malibu Moon, who is the sire of three other Derby starters this year. Bolo is out of Aspen Mountain, who is a half-sister to the dam of 2009 Derby winner Mine That Bird and GI Pacific Classic winner Dullahan. **VERDICT:** Promising runner looks more likely to find his home on the turf.

Bolo's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
4/4/15	GI Santa Anita Derby	3rd
3/7/15	Gill San Felipe S.	3rd
3/6/15	Eddie Logan S.	1st
11/29/14	Dmr Msw	1st



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#10 FIRING LINE - 12-1
 ([Line of David](#)--Sister Girl Blues,
 by Hold for Gold)
 (\$65,000 wnlg '12 KEENOV;
 \$150,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL;
 \$240,000 2yo '14 KEEAPR)
 O-Arnold Zetcher LLC; B-Clearsky Farms
 (KY); T-Simon Callaghan; J-Gary Stevens.
 DI: 3.00.
 Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, \$574,800.

PROS: Firing Line ran potential post-time favorite Dortmund to a head in both the GI Los Alamitos Futurity and the GIII Robert B. Lewis S., earning a career-top 104 Beyer speed figure in the latter effort... Enters the Derby off a 14 1/4-length demolition of the



Firing Line
Horsephotos

GIII Sunland Derby field--an effort that may serve to boost the colt's confidence... Has the services of Hall of Fame rider Gary Stevens, a three-time Derby winner... Has never been beaten more than a half-length in his five starts. **CONS:** He


twice had the lead over Dortmund in the stretch, but was unable to finish the job... Faced a decidedly weaker field at Sunland and consequently encountered very little adversity in that contest... Enters the Derby off a 41-day layoff, longer than any other competitor in the field (Animal Kingdom [2011] is the only winner to enter off an equivalent layoff in the past 50 years)...

PEDIGREE: His sire, Line of David, won the nine-furlong GI Arkansas Derby but was beaten over 60 lengths in the 2010 Kentucky Derby when he failed to handle the off track... Sister Girl Blues was Grade I-placed at nine furlongs, and has produced one other sibling to race who never won beyond six furlongs... 10 furlongs may be stretching the limits of his pedigree. **VERDICT:** A colt who obviously possesses a considerable amount of talent, he is possibly the toughest read in the entire field... He may prove to be a notch below the heaviest hitters over 10 furlongs, but he will offer good value in a stronger-than-average field... Will need to run the race of his life to be there at the finish.

Firing Line's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
3/22/15	GIII Sunland Derby	1st
2/7/15	GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	2nd



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#11 STANFORD - SCRATCHED
 ([Malibu Moon](#)--Rosy Humor,
 by Distorted Humor)
 (\$120,000 yrl '13 KEESEP;
 \$550,000 2yo '14 BESMAR)
 O-Stonestreet Stables LLC & S Magnier,
 M Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-WinStar Farm
 (KY); T-T Pletcher; J-F Geroux. DI: 3.36
 Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$199,400

PROS: A pricey Barretts March juvenile, Stanford has improved with each of his three starts this term, most recently earning a career-best 98 Beyer when a neck second behind International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus) in the GII Louisiana Derby... **CONS:** Offered little

resistance to stablemate Materiality (Afleet Alex) when finishing second, disqualified and placed sixth, in the Islamorada and couldn't hold off International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus) after having things all his own way on the front end in



Stanford
A Coglianese

Louisiana... **PEDIGREE:** Stanford is by Malibu Moon, who sired 2013 Derby winner Orb, and his dam Rosy Humor is by Distorted Humor, who sired 2003 winner Funny Cide. His second dam, Show Me the Roses (Storm Cat), is a half-sister to champion juvenile Johannesburg. **VERDICT:** Likely to be a pace factor early, but unlikely to be there late.

Stanford's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
3/28/15	GII Louisiana Derby	2nd
3/6/15	Islamorada S.	2nd dq to 6th
2/8/15	GP Opt Clm	1st

**HOW THEY GOT THERE:
 KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS' PREPS SINCE 1980**

Year	Winner	Last Prep
2014	California Chrome	1st, Santa Anita Derby
2013	Orb	1st, Florida Derby
2012	I'll Have Another	1st, Santa Anita Derby
2011	Animal Kingdom	1st, Vinery Spiral S.
2010	Super Saver	2nd, Arkansas Derby
2009	Mine That Bird	4th, Sunland Derby
2008	Big Brown	1st, Florida Derby
2007	Street Sense	2nd, Blue Grass
2006	Barbaro	1st, Florida Derby
2005	Giacomo	4th, Santa Anita Derby
2004	Smarty Jones	1st, Arkansas Derby
2003	Funny Cide	2nd, Wood Memorial
2002	War Emblem	1st, Illinois Derby
2001	Monarchos	2nd, Wood Memorial
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	1st, Wood Memorial
1999	Charismatic	1st, Coolmore Lexington
1998	Real Quiet	2nd, Santa Anita Derby
1997	Silver Charm	2nd, Santa Anita Derby



#12 INTERNATIONAL STAR - 20-1

(Fusaichi Pegasus--Parlez, by French Deputy)
(\$85,000 yrl '13 FTMSEP)

O-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey; B-Katharine
M Voss & Robert T Manfuso (NY); T-Mike
Maker; J-M Mena. DI: 4.09

Lifetime Record: 9-5-2-0, \$1,010,979

PROS: A model of consistency this term, International Star stands firmly atop the GI Kentucky Derby Points Leaderboard with 171 points after three straight off-the-pace victories at the Fair Grounds in the GIII LeComte S. Jan. 17, the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 21 and the GII Louisiana Derby over nine panels Mar. 28...



International Star
Lou Hodges

The versatile bay also managed to win Woodbine's GIII Grey S. over the synthetic and ran second in the GII With Anticipation S. over the Saratoga sod both during a six-start juvenile campaign... He does not lack seasoning, as he is in a three-way tie in second for most

racetrack appearances (9) with El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) and Far Right (Notional) behind race-leader Mr. Z (Malibu Moon) who has 11 starts to date...

CONS: Each of his three sophomore victories was accomplished with ground-saving rail trips where gaps opened at the appropriate time and with a full 20-horse Derby field, it seems less likely the Ramsey colt could work out a similar path to success... The distance is a question mark.

**KENTUCKY DERBY WINNING
BEYER SPEED FIGURES**

Horse	Beyer	Time	Yr
California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit)	97	2:03.66	'14
Orb (Malibu Moon)	104	2:02.89	'13
I'll Have Another (Flower Alley)	101	2:01.83	'12
Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux)	103	2:02.04	'11
Super Saver (Maria's Mon)	104	2:04.45	'10
Mine That Bird (Birdstone)	105	2:02.66	'09
Big Brown (Boundary)	109	2:01.82	'08
Street Sense (Street Cry)	110	2:02.17	'07
Barbaro (Dynaformer)	111	2:01.36	'06
Giacomo (Holy Bull)	100	2:02.75	'05
Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality)	107	2:04.06	'04
Funny Cide (Distorted Humor)	109	2:01.19	'03
War Emblem (Our Emblem)	114	2:01.13	'02
Monarchos (Maria's Mon)	116	1:59.97	'01
Fusaichi Pegasus (Mr. Prospector)	108	2:01.12	'00
Charismatic (Summer Squall)	108	2:03.29	'99
Real Quiet (Quiet American)	107	2:02.38	'98
Silver Charm (Silver Buck)	115	2:02.44	'97
Grindstone (Unbridled)	112	2:01.06	'96
Thunder Gulch (Gulch)	108	2:01.27	'95

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PEDIGREE: By a sire who took the Run for the Roses as the 2-1 favorite in 2000 and has sired winners of the 1 1/8-mile GI Haskell Invitational S. and the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. as well as a GI Belmont S. runner-up... Is the third stakes winner--and first to win over nine furlongs--by a son of Mr. Prospector produced from the winning French Deputy mare Parlez, who scored twice at 1 1/16 miles, but was never tried over farther... Broodmare sire French Deputy won the one mile GII Jerome H. and sired star-crossed champion older horse and MGISW Left Bank during his tenure in America as well as Japanese champion Kurofune when transferred to the Land of the Rising Sun... **VERDICT:** If there is a pace meltdown amongst the more fancied starters, he should be there to nab a piece of the pie, if not all of it.


International Star's Video Highlights

Date	Race	Finish
3/28/15	GII Louisiana Derby	1st
2/21/15	GII Risen Star S.	1st
1/17/15	GIII LeComte S.	1st


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#13 ITSACKNOCKOUT - 30-1
 ([Lemon Drop Kid](#)—Stormy B, by Cherokee Run)
 (\$130,000 wnlg '12 KEENOV;
 \$350,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG)
 O-Starlight Racing; B-Brookfield Stud (KY);
 T-Todd A Pletcher; J-Luis Saez. DI: 1.29
 Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$313,760



#14 KEEN ICE - 50-1
 ([Curlin](#)--Medomak, by Awesome Again)
 (\$48,000 wnlg '12 KEENOV;
 \$120,000 yrl '13 KEESEP)
 O-Donegal Racing; B-Glencrest Farm (KY);
 T-Dale Romans; J-K Desormeaux.
 DI: 2.73. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-2, \$160,395

PROS: Itsaknockout won his first two trips to the post in a seven-panel Gulfstream maiden special weight Dec. 7 and an optional claimer there going a mile Jan. 4 and took his record to three for three with help from the stewards who took down the number of fellow Derby entrant Upstart in the GII Besilu Stables Fountain of Youth S... Todd Pletcher has already won the



Itsaknockout
 Lauren King

GI Kentucky Derby, accomplishing that milestone in 2010 with WinStar's Super Saver (Maria's Mon)... Worked four furlongs in :48 flat (7/78) under the Twin Spires Apr. 24... **CONS:** Even if he'd had a clean trip in the Fountain of Youth S., the Kentucky-bred colt was not going to catch the winner and his

fourth, beaten 21 lengths in the GI Besilu Stables Florida Derby Mar. 28, does not inspire confidence as a final Derby prep... Only his stablemate Materiality (Afleet Alex) has fewer trips to the post than Itsaknockout with three... **PEDIGREE:** By 1999 GI Belmont S. winner and champion older horse Lemon Drop Kid, whose progeny appreciate a distance of ground regardless of surface... Dam Stormy B (Cherokee Run) won once in six starts, getting off the mark over a mile at Lone Star Park as a 3-year-old, but is a half-sister to 12-furlong GII Nijinsky S. hero Rush Bay (Cozzene)... Her sire, a champion sprinter, stayed well enough to win the 1 1/8-mile GII Dwyer S. and was runner up over an additional sixteenth in the GI Preakness S. earlier that season... **VERDICT:** Lacks the experience and ability to make an impact in the top four, but will stay better than some.

PROS: Made a big middle move when fifth behind Upstart (Flatter) in the GII Holy Bull S... Farther off the pace when third in the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 21, did not enjoy the easiest of trips, but still ran on well despite covering that extra ground to gain some black-type. It was a similar story when fourth in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 28... Closing style should suit, as this year's Derby seems to be full of speed and stalking types... Should relish the added ground... Breezed well in a five-panel move in 1:01.60 (15/67) at Churchill Downs Apr. 25... **CONS:** Has yet to win a race besides his maiden... Class is in question... **PEDIGREE:** The only



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foal from his once-raced dam (1 1/16mT, ran 8th), prior to her export to Saudia Arabia, but she is a half-sister to GSW & GISP Coal Play (Mineshaft) and female family is loaded with gritty GSWs... Fourth dam is GI Ashland S. heroine Chic Shirine (Mr. Prospector)... Sire was a

two-time Horse of the Year, who excelled at Classic distances, including a victory in the GI Preakness S., a third in the GI Kentucky Derby, runner-up in the 1 1/2-mile GI Belmont S. by a head after a stretch-long battle with 3-year-old filly champion Rags to Riches (A.P. Indy) and won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic to end his year... Curlin has already experienced Classic success with Belmont S. hero Palace Malice and is having a banner year at stud in 2015... **VERDICT:** Definitely worth a shot and will be a price on Derby Day. His style of racing and distance pedigree outweigh possible class shortcomings and he's had enough racing in tight quarters for the 20-horse field to not hinder his performance.

Itsaknockout's Video Highlights

Date	Race	Finish
3/28/15	GI Besilu Stables Florida Derby	4th
2/21/15	GII Besilu Stables Fountain of Youth S.	DQ P1

Keen Ice's Video Highlights

Date	Race	Finish
3/28/15	GII Louisiana Derby	4th
2/21/15	GII Risen Star S.	3rd
1/24/15	GII Holy Bull S.	5th

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#15 FROSTED - 15-1
 (Tapit--Fast Cookie, by Deputy Minister)
 O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (Ky);
 T-Kiaran McLaughlin; J-Joel Rosario.
 DI: 2.67
 Lifetime Record: 7-2-4-0, \$836,800.

PROS: Earned a career-best 103 Beyer Speed Figure while overcoming a wide trip to annex the GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S. last out... Owns a win and a very good second in the GII Remsen S. last November in his two nine-furlong attempts... Will be piloted for the second time by Joel Rosario, rider of 2013 Derby winner Orb (Malibu Moon). **CONS:** Last



Frosted
Chelsea Durand

start represented a significant speed figure top for the grey, and there's some chance for a regression or bounce this time... May have a particular affinity for Aqueduct, and will not have had a workout over the local strip... **PEDIGREE:** By leading sire Tapit, who was responsible for last year's GI Belmont S. and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup hero Tonalist... Frosted's dam Fast Cookie annexed the GII Cotillion H. over 1 1/16 miles of dirt, and was also GSP at 1 1/8 miles on dirt and at 1 1/16 miles on grass. His MGSW

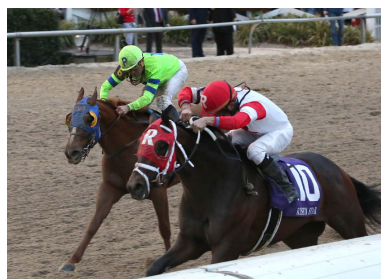
second dam Fleet Lady (Avenue of Flags) was a Grade II winner at 1 1/8 miles, and produced champion juvenile Midshipman (Unbridled's Song)... **VERDICT:** If he runs his 'A' race, there's no reason he can't provide Sheikh Mohammed with a first Derby victory.

Frosted's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
4/4/15	GI Wood Memorial S.	1st
11/29/14	GII Remsen S.	2nd
10/30/14	Msw-AQU	1st



#16 WAR STORY - 50-1
 (g, Northern Afleet--Belle Watling, by Pulpit)
 (\$90,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$58,000 RNA
 2yo '14 OBSMAR; \$51,000 2yo '14
 FTMMAY). O-Looch Racing Stables Inc,
 Glenn Ellis & Christopher Dunn; B-Jack
 Swain III (KY); T-Tom Amoss; J-Joe Talamo.
 DI: 2.64
 Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$243,600.

PROS: Owner of a victory beneath the Twin Spires, War Story was acquired by these connections and more than held his own in stakes company following his maiden-breaker in New Orleans in late December...



War Story (left) finishing second in the Risen Star *Hodges photography*

Slow starts cost him valuable position in the GIII Lecomte S. and in the GII Risen Star S., but he ran with credit on each occasion to finish second to International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus)... The shape of Saturday's race should suit his come-from-behind running style... **CONS:** Despite those exacta finishes in

the first two legs of the New Orleans road to the Triple Crown, he was mostly free of excuses and simply was not good enough when third to International Star and pacesetter Stanford (Malibu Moon) when last seen in the GII Louisiana Derby, lost ground in the final furlong of that race and appears too slow on paper...

PEDIGREE: Sire Northern Afleet is best known as the sire of Afleet Alex, an unlucky third in the 2005 Derby before annexing the GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S. in spectacular fashion... Broodmare sire Pulpit was a Grade I winner at nine panels and was a gallant fourth behind Silver Charm when injured in the 1997 Run for the Roses... War Story hails from the female family of champion and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Epitome (Summing), whose son Essence of Dubai (Pulpit) was ninth behind War Emblem in the 2002 Derby... **VERDICT:** A deserving longshot and not one we're going to war with.

War Story's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
3/28/15	GII Louisiana Derby	3rd
2/21/15	GII Risen Star S.	2nd
1/17/15	GIII Lecomte S.	2nd



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#17 MR. Z - 50-1
 ([Malibu Moon](#)--Stormy Bear, by Storm Cat)
 (\$60,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP;
 \$135,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT)
 O-Zayat Stables. B-Richard D Maynard (KY);
 T-D Wayne Lukas; J-Ramon Vazquez.
 DI: 3.00
 Lifetime Record: 12-1-4-4, \$652,226

His dam Stormy Bear was unraced, but is a half-sister to MGISW, U.S. Eclipse Award recipient and seven-time Sovereign Award winner Chief Bearhart (Chief's Crown), who did his best work between 10 and 12 furlongs on the turf... While the distance of the race may not be his greatest enemy here, he has not finished his previous races off like a horse who will relish added ground... **VERDICT:** Although seasoning and race experience can play to his benefit in a 20-horse field, he has not given any indication that he can compete with many of his rivals in here, including commonly owned American Pharoah, who dispatched him by over eight lengths three weeks ago... Would be an upset of epic proportions.

PROS: As Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas has pointed out, Mr. Z is the most experienced runner in the field with 12 career starts... Despite a number of peaks and valleys in the interim, he was only beaten a head by Dortmund in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity last December... **CONS:** Simply put, he's still eligible for a 'one-other-than' allowance race after 12 trips to the post and is likely not fast enough to run with the chief contenders in here... Lukas has stated that the colt is headed back in the right direction, but his owner, Ahmed Zayat, expressed dissatisfaction with his final workout over the Churchill Downs strip... **PEDIGREE:** His sire, Malibu Moon, accounted for 2013 Derby winner Orb...



Mr. Z's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
4/4/15	GI Arkansas Derby	3rd
2/22/15	GIII Southwest S.	3rd

KENTUCKY DERBY TO PREAKNESS			
Recent Longshot Derby Winners with Preakness Odds			
Horse	Derby	Preakness	Finished
Mine That Bird (2009)	50-1	6-1	2nd
Giacomo (2005)	50-1	6-1	3rd
Charismatic (1999)	31-1	8-1	1st
Thunder Gulch (1995)	24-1	7-2	3rd
War Emblem (2002)	20-1	5-2	1st



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#18 AMERICAN PHAROAH - 5-2
 ([Pioneerof the Nile](#)--Littleprincessemma,
 by Yankee Gentleman)
 (\$300,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG)
 O/B-Zayat Stables LLC (KY); T-B Baffert;
 J-V Espinoza. DI: 4.33
 Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$1,411,500

PROS: Undoubtably the leader of the pack, American Pharoah strides into Louisville having swept all before him. Wins in last year's GI Del Mar Futurity and GI FrontRunner S. solidified his juvenile championship honors, and the Zayat homebred came back even stronger in 2015... He splashed home an unchallenged winner of the GI Rebel S. and added an extra half-



American Pharoah
Benoit

furlong for an even more impressive performance in the GI Arkansas Derby, earning a career-high 105 Beyer... **CONS:** With dominant victories over fields of questionable quality, the champ may not be nearly as battle-tested as some of his foes. Speedy runner will likely find plenty of competition up front.

PEDIGREE: American Pharoah is by Zayat's 2009 Derby runner-up Pioneerof the Nile, who in turn is by 2003 Derby runner-up and GI Belmont S. winner Empire Maker. That Juddmonte runner is a son of 1990 Derby winner Unbridled. American Pharoah's dam Littleprincessemma failed to hit the board in just two lifetime starts. His dam sire Yankee Gentleman and second dam Exclusive Rosette (Ecliptical) were both stakes-winning sprinters... **VERDICT:** A deserving favorite off his Arkansas Derby win, there are still enough question marks for him to be a bet against.

American Pharoah's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
4/11/15	GI Arkansas Derby	1st
3/14/15	GI Rebel S.	1st
9/27/14	GI FrontRunner S.	1st
9/3/14	GI Del Mar Futurity	1st

KENTUCKY DERBY FAVORITES				
Year	Winner	Trainer	Odds	Finish
2007	Street Sense	Nafzger	4.90	1st
	<i>Previous Start: 2nd GI Blue Grass S. Apr. 14</i>			
2008	Big Brown	Dutrow Jr	2.40	1st
	<i>Previous Start: 1st GI Florida Derby Mar. 29</i>			
2009	Friesan Fire	Jones	3.80	18th
	<i>Previous Start: 1st GI Louisiana Derby Mar. 14</i>			
2010	Lookin At Lucky	Baffert	6.30	6th
	<i>Previous Start: 3rd GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 3</i>			
2011	Dialed In	Zito	5.20	8th
	<i>Previous Start: 1st GI Florida Derby Apr. 3</i>			
2012	Bodemeister	Baffert	4.20	2nd
	<i>Previous Start: 1st GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 14</i>			
2013	Orb	McGaughey	5.40	1st
	<i>Previous Start: 1st GI Florida Derby Mar. 30</i>			
2014	California Chrome	Sherman	2.50	1st
	<i>Previous Start: 1st GI Santa Anita Derby</i>			

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#19 UPSTART - 15-1
 (r, [Flatter](#)--Party Silks, by Touch Gold)
 (\$130,000 yrl '13 FTNAUG)
 O-Ralph M Evans; B-Mrs Gerald A Nielsen
 (NY); T-Rick Violette Jr;
 J-Jose Ortiz. DI: 3.00
 Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-1, \$971,480.

PROS: One of three New York-breds in this year's race, Upstart has never set a hoof wrong and built a strong foundation at two with placings in the GI Champagne S. and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile... He could not have been more brilliant in annexing the GI Holy Bull S. in his first start this year and could have won his last two as well, if not for a controversial DQ to second behind Itsaknockout (Lemon Drop Kid) in the GI Fountain of Youth S. and a potential no-call when runner-up to



Upstart
Lauren King

Materiality (Afleet Alex) in the GI Florida Derby last time out... Should be able to drop back and make a run from behind here, a luxury he has not been afforded thus far this season.. **CONS:** There is a question mark on just how much a toll those last two efforts have

exacted, given the laboring nature of the Gulfstream surface on each occasion... He missed a handful of days of training in the immediate aftermath of the Florida Derby and an uninterrupted lead-up to a race like the Derby is much preferred... Sports an eerily similar profile to former Violette trainee Read the Footnotes, who posted a tough win in the Fountain of Youth, lost the Florida Derby and was down the field at Churchill in 2004... **PEDIGREE:** One of two in the race bred on the very successful cross of A.P. Indy over Deputy Minister-line mares, Upstart is out of an unraced half-sister to Grade II-winning sprinter Josh's Madelyn (Quiet American)... His broodmare sire derailed the Triple Crown dreams of Silver Charm in 1997... **VERDICT:** Upstart is the Rodney Dangerfield of this field given what he has accomplished to date. In exchange, he will be one of the fields biggest overlays come post time, pound for pound. Race dynamics have dictated trips closer to the pace than connections may have liked and he should be able to get further back in the run here. He's a must-use in all pools and will offer tremendous value in the win pool in the low to mid double digits.

Upstart's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
3/28/15	GI Florida Derby	2nd
2/21/15	GI Fountain of Youth S.	DQ-P2
1/24/15	GI Holy Bull S.	1st



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1989	Sunday Silence	Halo	Wnr
1990	Unbridled	Fappiano	SW
1991	Strike the Gold	Alydar	Wnr
1992	Lil E. Tee	At the Threshold	Wnr
1993	Sea Hero	Polish Navy	GISW
1994	Go for Gin	Cormorant	GSW
1995	Thunder Gulch	Gulch	GSW
1996	Grindstone	Unbridled	Wnr
1997	Silver Charm	Silver Buck	GSW
1998	Real Quiet	Quiet American	GISW
1999	Charismatic	Summer Squall	Wnr
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	Mr. Prospector	pl
2001	Monarchos	Maria's Mon	pl
2002	War Emblem	Our Emblem	Wnr
2003	Funny Cide	Distorted Humor	SW
2004	Smarty Jones	Elusive Quality	SW
2005	Giacomo	Holy Bull	GISP
2006	Barbaro	Dynaformer	SW
2007	Street Sense	Street Cry (Ire)	Ch, GISW
2008	Big Brown	Boundary	Wnr
2009	Mine That Bird	Birdstone	Ch-Can
2010	Super Saver	Maria's Mon	GSW
2011	Animal Kingdom	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	Wnr
2012	I'll Have Another	Flower Alley	GSP
2013	Orb	Malibu Moon	Wnr
2014	California Chrome	Lucky Pulpit	MSW



#20 FAR RIGHT - 30-1
 (Notional--Zindi, by Vindication)
 (\$2,500 yrl '13 KEEJAN)
 O-Robert V LaPenta & Harry T Rosenblum; B-Nossab LLC & Patrick J Crowley (KY); T-Ron Moquett; J-Mike Smith. DI: 1.50
 Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-2, \$625,766.

PROS: Has displayed steady improvement from start-to-start and earned a career-best 92 Beyer Speed Figure when closing from eighth to complete the exacta beneath Derby favorite American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) last time out in the GI Arkansas Derby... The presence of Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith, who piloted Giacomo (Holy Bull) to upset the 2005 Derby, could hardly be viewed as a negative... Has run well in two tries beneath the Twin Spires--a runner-up effort for previous connections last May before graduating



Far Right Coady photography

impressively by five lengths in his first run for this barn in September... He should get plenty of pace to set up his late run. **CONS:** Though he arguably could have gone better without trouble when third to Ocho Ocho (Street Sense) in last year's GIII Delta

Jackpot S., he capitalized on an ideal trip (and a wayward Mr. Z) to win the Smarty Jones S. and got the right run in a sloppy renewal of the GIII Southwest S... **PEDIGREE:** Far Right is the only winner produced by his dam, an unraced daughter of 2002 champion 2-year-old Vindication (Seattle Slew)... Though the names of the good sprinters Reneesgotzip (City Zip) and Big Jag (Kleven) appear in his pedigree, Far Right can switch off and come with a run, enhancing his ability to stay Saturday's trip... **VERDICT:** This bargain-basement yearling purchase is one of this race's great over-achievers, but he'd be doing well to finish in the top 10.

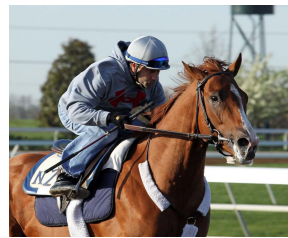
Far Right's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
2/22/15	GIII Southwest S.	1st
1/19/15	Smarty Jones S.	1st
11/22/14	GIII Delta Jackpot S.	3rd

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#21 FRAMMENTO - 50-1
 ([Midshipman](#)--Ginger Bay, by Golden Missile)
 (\$50,000 wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$85,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$260,000 2yo '14 FTFMAR)
 O-Mossarosa; B-Mr & Mrs Oliver S Tait (Ky); T-Nicholas Zito; J-C Nakatani. DI: 3.50.
 Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$139,700.

PROS: Trainer Nick Zito knows how to claim a Classic, having won the Derby and GI Belmont S. twice and the GI Preakness S. once. **CONS:**



Frammento
 Coady Photography

Has just won once in his career, and hasn't run a race that puts him anywhere close to contention--has just an 85 Beyer Speed Figure top. **PEDIGREE:** Sire Midshipman was a champion juvenile who never traveled beyond 1 1/16 miles, while dam Ginger Bay was a stakes winner at 5 1/2.

VERDICT: Hard to envision him making an impact should he draw into the race.

Frammento's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
4/4/15	GI Blue Grass S.	4th
10/4/15	Msw-KEE	1st

TALE OF VERVE (AE)		
(Tale of Ekati --Verve, by Unbridled)		
(\$150,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG; \$440,000 2yo '14 KEEAPR)		
O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Dallas Stewart; J-B Hernandez Jr.		
DI: 2.25. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$54,640.		

PROS: If nothing else, the homebred finished strongly to take a rare 9 1/2-furlong maiden at Keeneland Apr. 23... Trainer Dallas Stewart has sent out a pair of Derby runners-up in recent years... **CONS:** Does not measure up on class and requires two defections to get in... **PEDIGREE:** His very well-bred sire won the GI Wood Memorial in 2008 and the GI Cigar Mile H. at the end of that season. His high-class female family includes Grade I winners Zoftig (Cozzene) and her Grade I-winning daughters Zaftig (Gone West) and Zo Impressive (Hard Spun)... **VERDICT:** Would do much better to tune in on TV.

Tale of Verve's Video Highlights		
Date	Race	Finish
4/23/15	KEE MdSpWt	1st

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#1 OCHO OCHO OCHO (c, [Street Sense--Winner](#), by Horse Chestnut {SAf}) - T: J Cassidy. J: E Trujillo. - 50-1

BD: Looked like a legitimate Derby chance at the end of last year, but just hasn't done enough in his two tries this season to warrant serious consideration... Post really does him in. **SS:** Game Jackpot winner has done little at three to merit a look here... One of the first tosses.

#2 CARPE DIEM (c, [Giant's Causeway--Rebridled Dreams](#), by Unbridled's Song) - T: T Pletcher. J: J Velazquez. - 8-1

SS: For me, he's the complete package... With a pedigree that screams distance, last year's \$1.6-million OBS March co-topper immediately showed his class with a wire-to-wire debut win going 5 1/2f at the Spa... The most important race of the MGISW's career, experience wise, may have actually come in defeat when a well-beaten second after rallying from far back into a hot pace in the BC Juvenile... Tactical enough to sit the right trip and won his two preps with something left... Top pick. **BD:** Steve and I couldn't differ more in our opinions on this one... I don't like him at all. He hasn't run a particularly fast race, and won a decidedly sub-par renewal of the Blue Grass last time. Strikes me as a runner who will blink when he faces some adversity.

#3 MATERIALITY (c, [Afleet Alex--Wildwood Flower](#), by Langfuhr) - T: T Pletcher. J: J Castellano. - 12-1

SS: An undefeated runner with the highest Beyer Speed Figure of his crop is the co-fourth choice on the morning-line... Just shows you how deep a field this is... Plenty of ability, but lack of seasoning is impossible to ignore... **BD:** Liked him last time in the Florida Derby, and he's done absolutely nothing wrong so far in his career, but this strikes me as a case of too much, too soon. Might be your Haskell winner.

#4 TENCENDUR (c, [Warrior's Reward--Still Secret](#), by Hennessy) - T: G Weaver. J: M Franco. - 30-1

BD: Maybe it makes no sense to like Frosted and toss this horse, but his effort last time was just too sharp of an improvement for me to take at face value... Also not sure he'll relish 10 panels. **SS:** May have already run his Kentucky Derby when finishing a clear-cut second with a perfect trip after leading in the stretch at 21-1 in the Wood... Can't see him doing it again.

#5 DANZIG MOON (c, [Malibu Moon--Leaveminthedust](#), by Danzig) - T: M Casse. J: J Leparoux. - 30-1

SS: Bounced back with a solid runner-up effort in the Blue Grass after a very disappointing performance over the tricky Tampa surface... With a deep Phipps female pedigree on his page, the Classic distance may be right up his alley... Interesting longshot to consider for a small piece. **BD:** I guess there's no reason he can't clunk up for a piece, but I'm against horses coming out of the Blue Grass and other bombs interest me more.

#6 MUBTAAHIJ (IRE) (c, [Dubawi {Ire}--Pennegale {Ire}](#), by Pennekamp) - T: M de Kock. J: C Soumillon. - 20-1

BD: Anyone who has a strong opinion on this horse one way or the other is either kidding themselves or a much better handicapper than I am... This seems like a big ask, and it's hard to know who he was really beating in Dubai, but he has been extremely visually impressive while enjoying some very easy trips. Hard to toss out completely, but also hard to back with any confidence. **SS:** Certainly proved that he deserves to be here with a pair of sensational wins in Dubai and you know the distance won't be an issue... The price should be right if you decide to back him, but at the end of the day, isn't this a tall enough task without having to travel halfway around the world, too?

#7 EL KABEIR (c, [Scat Daddy--Great Venue](#), by Unbridled's Song) - T: J Terranova. J: C Borel. - 30-1

SS: Graded winner over this course should benefit from a textbook Calvin ride in this speed-laden affair, but hard to imagine that it will be enough to take him over the top... Pass. **BD:** Has accomplished a lot and earned plenty of money, but has just always struck me as being a cut below the best of this crop... Presence of Borel is sort of interesting, but may deflate his price.

#8 DORTMUND (c, [Big Brown--Our Josephina](#), by Tale of the Cat) - T: B Baffert. J: M Garcia. - 3-1

SS: Unbeaten, battle-tested and still appears to be improving... Physically imposing son of Big Brown looks like he could be the speed of the speed, but will certainly have to run hard every step of the way to get Bob Baffert his fourth Derby win... Worthy of favoritism and everyone knows it. **BD:** There really aren't many knocks on him other than the question of whether he's too quick for his own good and might get sucked up into a quick pace. The hype is warranted, but how short a price can you really take against this bunch?

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#9 BOLO (c, [Temple City--Aspen Mountain](#), by Chief Seattle) - T: C Gaines. J: R Bejarano. - 30-1

SS: If you buy into the theory (like I do) that a top-flight grass runner will typically give you at least one really big effort on the dirt--see his third-place finish with a career-high 101 Beyer in the San Felipe--this son of Temple City is not for you... Already looking forward to his return to the lawn later this summer. **BD:** Endured wide trips in both of his dirt races, and was far from embarrassed in either effort... Hails from the family of Derby winner Mine That Bird and there's that whole 'turf horses like Churchill' angle to consider... Exotics candidate.

#10 FIRING LINE (c, [Line of David--Sister Girl Blues](#), by Hold for Gold) - T: S Callaghan. J: G Stevens. - 12-1

BD: Flying squarely under the radar despite some solid credentials... Wouldn't want to toss completely because of his price, but others appeal more. **SS:** Easily one of the most forgotten runners in the field... Went pound for pound with the mighty Dortmund and won with something left while setting a new track record at Sunland... Has made a very favorable physical impression since arriving from SoCal and may offer the best value in the field... Disregard at your own risk.

#11 STANFORD (c, [Malibu Moon--Rosy Humor](#), by Distorted Humor) - T: T Pletcher. J: F Geroux. - 30-1

SS: Thought he could be a star in the making after his Monmouth debut last summer and still haven't gotten over his tough Louisiana Derby defeat... Pace scenario doesn't bode well for him, but will still be playing some saver tickets. **BD:** Has set fairly average paces in his two route attempts in which he crossed the wire second... Will either be a pace casualty, or will fail to make the lead and get out-kicked by others.

#12 INTERNATIONAL STAR (c, [Fusaichi Pegasus--Parlez](#), by French Deputy) - T: M Maker. J: M Mena. - 20-1

BD: The reason you're not supposed to like him is that he's had perfect trips in each of his last three outings, but then again, what if he gets the same trip here? He's a picture of consistency and has the right running style to work out another smooth journey, and if he does, he's going to hit the board at the very least unless all the potential monsters show up with their best... Can't leave him off my tickets. **SS:** Feel exactly the same way... Phenomenal job by Miguel Mena riding this son of the 2000 Derby hero to three straight wins at Fair Grounds with nearly identical ground-saving trips... Doesn't have the same flash as the main headliners, but is awfully hard not to respect while riding a very hot hand.

#13 ITSAKNOCKOUT (c, [Lemon Drop Kid--Stormy B](#), by Cherokee Run) - T: T Pletcher. J: L Saez. - 30-1

SS: The only 'KO' to make headlines Saturday evening will be in Las Vegas during the blockbuster Mayweather/Pacquiao fight... Hard to get in his corner. **BD:** Shouldn't have been put up in the Fountain of Youth, and was a complete no-show in the Florida Derby... Hard to like.

#14 KEEN ICE (c, [Curlin--Medomak](#), by Awesome Again) - T: D Romans. J: K Desormeaux. - 50-1

SS: Has been a very frustrating horse to follow thus far--will let BD expand on that--but the king of the gallop out will finally get his desired trip here... This year's Golden Soul/Commanding Curve? **BD:** On paper, he's nowhere close to good enough--and he probably isn't to actually win--but he has that look of a horse who blows up the Derby tri or super... Or maybe I've been getting tricked by his gallop-outs. Toss Romans (Dullahan, Paddy O'Prado) runner completely at your own risk... Or do, and you'll probably look smarter than me.

#15 FROSTED (c, [Tapit--Fast Cookie](#), by Deputy Minister) - T: K McLaughlin. J: J Rosario. - 15-1

BD: He hasn't garnered the hype of the top few favorites, but his performance in the TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial was in many ways just as good as blowout wins from American Pharoah, Dortmund and Carpe Diem... He first caught the eye with a valiant runner-up effort in last year's Remsen, and put it all back together last time despite a no-cover trip behind a slow pace... Distance doesn't seem like a major issue, and the price should be right. **SS:** Did they finally figure this son of Tapit out or did he just beat up on a very weak field in his return to his favorite racetrack in the Wood? Should get a dream set-up if he's good enough; just can't seem to trust him 100% off his prior form, though.

#16 WAR STORY (g, [Northern Fleet--Belle Watling](#), by Pulpit) - T: T Amoss. J: J Talamo. - 50-1

SS: Wide trips haven't exactly helped while chasing home International Star this spring and like the way he's been moving over the Churchill surface during his morning preparations... Will still need to step up his game in a big way to factor here, though. **BD:** Always had tougher trips than International Star in his three stakes at the Fair Grounds, but also lacked the kick to make up for it... Seems like a cut-back candidate.

#17 MR. Z. (c, [Malibu Moon--Stormy Bear](#), by Storm Cat) - T: D W Lukas. J: R Vazquez. - 50-1

BD: Almost beat Dortmund and Firing Line at the end of last year, but hasn't stepped forward at all from there... Consistent and a check-getter, but would be shocked if he made an impact here. **SS:** Has shown serious heart holding up through a grueling 12-race campaign without a layoff line, including some epic throwdowns in the Jackpot, Futurity, and Southwest... But c'mon, he's still eligible for a NW1X!

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#18 AMERICAN PHAROAH (c, [Pioneerof the Nile--Littleprincesemma](#), by Yankee Gentleman) - T: B Baffert. J: V Espinoza. - 5-2
BD: What can you say? Last year's champion juvenile has done nothing but continue to impress in two outings this year, and he's definitely worthy of favoritism. I've still got some questions about his dam side pedigree for 1 1/4 miles, however. I'll use him defensively in the pick four, but I'm going against him in intra-race bets. **SS:** His legend seems to be growing--if that was even possible--since his jaw-dropping bullet workout beneath the Twin Spires Sunday... Not smart enough to make him my key horse, but won't exactly be leaving him off any tickets, either...No reason to believe that he isn't the real deal.

#19 UPSTART (c, [Flatter--Party Silks](#), by Touch Gold) - T: R Violette Jr. J: J Ortiz. - 15-1
BD: Boasts several fast races, and will likely benefit from the dynamics of this one. He was probably closer than he wanted to be in his Florida efforts because the fields were a little shorter, but he should be able to take back a little bit more here and make one run... The distance shouldn't be a problem, and he seems to have bounced out of a very minor illness no worse for wear. Post isn't ideal, but hopefully solidifies an off-the-pace strategy. **SS:** NY-bred is plenty talented and ran one of the faster preps of the season in Holy Bull comebacker... Big fan of his, but not so sure that this 10-furlong trip will bring out his best... I guess you can't use them all.

#20 FAR RIGHT (c, [Notional--Zindi](#), by Vindication) - T: R Moquett. J: M Smith. - 30-1
BD: Has displayed a nice closing kick, but not sure he has the running style or the pedigree to be the type who clunks up for a piece in the Derby--seems more like a sprinter/miler type. **SS:** Hard not to pull for a \$2,500 yearling buy in a race of this magnitude... And like International Star, he has displayed the ability to rally through traffic... At the end of the day, though, other longshot stretch-runners seem a bit more appealing.

#21/AE Frammento (c, [Midshipman--Ginger Bay](#), by Golden Missile) - T: N Zito.
BD: Couldn't possibly fathom. **SS:** Bigger upset than Mine That Bird?

#22/AE Tale Of Verve (c, [Tale Of Ekati--Verve](#), by Unbridled) - T: D Stewart.
SS: I'm not even looking at this horse's past performances. **BD:** Well, he should like the distance and he's by the right trainer to spice up the exotics. Kind of hope he doesn't get in so I can save a few bucks.

STEVE SHERACK'S TOP FIVE

1. Carpe Diem
2. American Pharoah
3. Dortmund
4. Firing Line
5. Danzig Moon

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2. Upstart
3. International Star
4. Bolo
5. Keen Ice



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New York

Friday, Belmont Park, post time: 2:22 p.m. EDT

GOLD FEVER S., \$100,000, 3yo, 6f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Money Changer	Exchange Rate	Prado	Pletcher	5-1
2 El Deal	Munnings	Cruz	Lakeman	2-1
3 Ackeret	Mach Ride	Arroyo	Rodriguez	4-1
4 Nonna's Boy	Distorted Humor	Maragh	Pletcher	8-5
5 Gypsum Johnny	City Zip	Velasquez	Contessa	8-1

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Kentucky

Thursday's Results:

10th-CDX, \$51,784, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m,
1 1/16mT, 1:41 4/5, fm.

CREATIVE SPIRIT (f, 4, Smarty Jones--Little Hussy {GSP}, by Horse Chestnut {Saf}), a half brother to Spirited Miss (Sky Mesa), SW, \$211,484; and Ol' Fashion Gal (Sky Mesa), GSW, \$125,100, broke her maiden by an emphatic 8 3/4 lengths sprinting over the Keeneland synthetic last April. Fourth on the local main track almost exactly 12 months ago, the chestnut was fifth trying the Gulfstream turf Feb. 15, and checked in second over soft Keeneland lawn going this distance Apr. 8. Off at 2-1, the homebred pressed an average pace, seized command in midstretch and held sway by 3/4 of a length over the persistent Bugle (War Front). Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$90,890. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](http://Brisnet.com) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-John C Oxley (KY). T-Mark E Casse.

6th-CDX, \$50,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.
LEMON DROP TITLE (c, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Title Seeker, by Monarchos) finished second to the well-regarded Yockey's Warrior (Warrior's Reward) and ahead of four next-out graduates sprinting at Fair Grounds Feb. 21, and was a close third as the favorite over seven furlongs at Keeneland Apr. 12. Backed at even-money for this first two-turn try, the Fipke homebred tracked in a perfect spot early drafting behind the first flight. He came well off the inside along the home bend, allowing a couple of rivals to sneak up inside of him, but catapulted past his competition entering the straight as pacesetter Chivalrous (Street Cry {Ire}), a \$1-million KEESSEP half brother to GISW Paynter (Awesome Again), cut the corner. Chivalrous dug deep, but Lemon Drop Title eventually wore him down to post a 1 1/4-length victory. The winner, who RNA'd for \$100,000 as a juvenile at OBSJUN, is a half to Seeking the Title (Seeking the Gold), GSW & GISP, \$273,916. Her second dam is Broodmare of the Year Personal Ensign (Private Account). This is the extended female family of GI Kentucky Derby entrant Ocho Ocho (Street Sense). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$43,600. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](http://Brisnet.com) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Charles Fipke (KY). T-Dallas Stewart.

MCKATHAN BROTHERS Training Graduate

8th-CDX, \$50,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.

JAPAN (c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Maya, by Capote), sixth as the crowd's pick when unveiled for trainer Michael Hushion going 6 1/2 furlongs in Hallandale Feb. 21, was transferred to Bill Mott and promptly completed the exacta behind 'TDN Rising Star' Wisecracker (Distorted Humor) over this trip at Keeneland Apr. 4. Off at 1-5, the chalk kept a close eye on the leader from a tracking second and began to edge closer after the half. The dark bay loomed ominously off the rail on the far turn, took charge by midstretch and quickened away to win by seven lengths. l'mbetterthangood (Exchange Rate) was the runner-up by a nostril over Nileator (Pioneerof the Nile). The winner is a full to Al Khali, MGSW & MGISP, \$1,010,169. Japan's third dame is GI Ashland S. heroine and influential producer Chic Shirine (Mr. Prospector). Sales history: \$300,000 yrl '13 KEESSEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$42,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](http://Brisnet.com) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Barry K Schwartz. B-Emory A Hamilton (KY). T-William I Mott.

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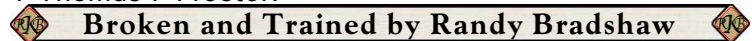
Eastern U.S.

Thursday's Results:

7th-PIM, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft.

+HIP HOP N JAZZ (f, 3, Speightstown--Solo Survivor {GSW, \$244,195}, by Pleasant Tap) showed a steady worktab at Tampa Bay Downs and most recently at Fair Hill, and was bet all the down to 4-5 for this high-profile barn. The Heider homebred broke in the middle of the pack, but dropped far back under a patient Trevor McCarthy while kept off the inside. Longshot Tiz Emily and Jill (Tiz Wonderful) took a clear advantage into the lane, but began to grow leg weary in midstretch as Hip Hop N Jazz emerged down the center of the track to reel in that foe and kick away to an easy 2 1/4-length score. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](http://Brisnet.com) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Heider Family Stables LLC. B-Courtney C Heider (KY). T-Thomas F Proctor.

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First Winner for Freshman Sire

1st-PIM, \$40,000, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53 2/5, ft.
+ IF YOU BUILD IT (g, 2, Native Ruler--Danceinthestreets, by Citidancer), part of a 3-1 entry as he sought to become the first winner for his freshman sire (by Elusive Quality), was hard ridden early from his rail draw, but had to settle for fourth into the bend. He cut the corner tightly into the stretch, and looked likely to rally for a minor award, but rider Cecily Evans had other ideas. She guided If You Build It off the rail in midstretch, and he inhaled two rivals like they were standing still to score by 1 3/4 lengths.
 Iwantapronotion (Notional). Sales history: \$16,000 yrl '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800.
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O-PTK LLC. B-Ashby Thoroughbreds (IA). T-Dane Kobiskie.

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California

Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 3:58 p.m. EDT

ULTRAFLEET S., \$75,000, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Avenge	War Front	Prat	Mandella	8-5
2 Moons Over Me	Majesticperfection	Van Dyke	Cassidy	8-1
3 Mio Me	Eskendereya	Nakatani	Casse	5-1
4 Ethan's Baby	Offlee Wild	T Baze	Dollase	6-1
5 She's a Big Winner	Bellamy Road	Blanc	Eurton	9-5
6 Suva Harbor	Rockport Harbor	Talamo	Sadler	4-1

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Thursday's Results:

2nd-SAX, \$75,474, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), C, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:15 1/5, ft.

SUNDAY RULES (f, 4, Tribal Rule--Sunday Dress, by General Meeting) debuted a winner against Cal-breds when unveiled over the Del Mar all-weather in August of 2013 and took the six-panel restricted Generous Portion S. as the heavy favorite there for the late Mike Mitchell later that month. She kept her winning streak alive with an 8 3/4-length romp for Mitchell's longtime assistant Phil D'Amato going 6 1/2 panels when trying



Sunday Rules
Benoit

dirt in an optional claimer at Santa Anita June 26, but hadn't faced the starter since. The crowd's 2-5 pick rolled straight to the head of affairs through the early going and zipped the first quarter in a snappy :21.80. After four furlongs in :44.25, Sunday Rules set sail for

home and coasted to the wire, 2 1/2 lengths to the good of Wasted At Midnight (Midnight Lute).

2nd-SAX cont.

"The next step for her will be a Cal-bred stakes at the end of the month [\$150,000 Spring Fever S. May 23]," said winning trainer Philip D'Amato. "Then after that, maybe we can think about some graded stakes along the line. She's been training like a more mature filly, a little classier than she was as a younger filly, so I thought I would see a more composed performance today, and I saw that." Sunday Dress (General Meeting) produced a full-brother to the winner in 2014. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-4-0-0, \$224,880. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O/B-Nicholas B Alexander (CA). T-Philip D'Amato.

6th-SAX, \$57,000, Msw, 3yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 4/5, fm.

FUELED BY BOURBON (c, 3, Stroll--Bend {MSP, \$144,946}, by Arch) debuted in a very salty maiden special weight that produced the likes of GIII Bob Hope S. winner No Problem (Munnings) going this distance over the local main track Sept. 27, and hadn't been seen since. Let go at 12-1 despite a worktab that included a bullet :59 1/5 breeze Apr. 10, the dark bay advanced after the start to press the pace. Closest to the rail of three rivals one the lead as they crossed over the dirt, he found his best stride under energetic encouragement to handle favored firster Roy H (More Than Ready) by 1 3/4 lengths. The winner, a \$42,000 KEESEP yearling turned \$85,000 OBSMAR juvenile, is a half to Clearly Now (Horse Greeley), MGSW & GISP, \$892,094. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,850. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O/Bourbon Lane Stable. B-Claiborne Farm (KY). T-Dan Blacker.

3rd-SAX, \$56,750, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52 2/5, ft.

+ SHE'S A CLASSIC (f, 2, Square Eddie--Classic Moment {SP}, by Dixie Brass), ignored at 24-1 for a barn that was seeking its first win of the year, out-footed a rival to grab the lead into the turn and never looked back en route to a sharp four-length victory. Favored Esmerelda Belle (Dixie Chatter) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,600. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O/B-Reddam Racing LLC (CA). T-Edward R Freeman.

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4th-SAX, \$56,250, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43, ft. SMART TRANSITION (c, 3, [Smart Strike](#)--Zardana {Brz} {GSW & G1SP, \$469,858}, by [Crimson Tide](#) {Ire}) finished second sprinting here Feb. 22, but fourth when stretched to a mile Mar. 19 behind subsequent Illinois Derby winner Whiskey Ticket (Ghostzapper). Heavily favored at 3-5 to get off the mark, the bay homebred took the first turn very wide and was unable to tuck in as he bided his time in midpack. He inched ominously closer down the backside, leveled off in midstretch and galloped home to a commanding 2 1/4-length score from Rosicky (Flatter). The winner's dam, who defeated the great Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) in the 2010 New Orleans Ladies S. for these connections, has an unraced 2-year-old colt by Giant's Causeway and produced a son of Bernardini this year. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$48,160. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Arnold Zetcher LLC (KY). T-John A Shirreffs.

INDUSTRY INFO

TCA Announces April Award of Merit Winners:

Akindale Thoroughbred Rescue, Dennis Miller and Hope After Racing (H.A.R.T.) were Thoroughbred Charities of American Award of Merit honorees in April. Akindale Thoroughbred Rescue is devoted to rescue, rehabilitation and retraining of Thoroughbreds no longer able to race and received its award at the New York Thoroughbred Breeders Association Awards Banquet Apr. 6. A former executive for CANTER Arizona, Dennis Miller has aided owners and trainers at Turf Paradise in the rehoming of their racehorses and broodmares as well as donating shipping, feed and care for retired Thoroughbreds. He was recognized at the Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders Association's Awards Banquet Apr. 24. Hope After Racing focuses on Thoroughbred adoption from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and they were honored at the Iowa Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association Apr. 26. The award recipients were nominated by the leadership of various state Thoroughbred owners and breeders associations, who felt that the honorees worked towards providing a better life for Thoroughbreds or the people who care for them--the mission of the TCA.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, May 1

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
RUN BROTHER RON (Perfect Mandate), Paradise Road Ranch, \$500, 8/0/0 3-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Runbrorun, \$22K NCA AUG yrl, 4-1
SIERRA SUNSET (Bertrando), Paradise Road Ranch, \$3K, 30/1/0 3-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Phantom Heat, \$5K NCA AUG yrl, 15-1
SLEW'S TIZNOW (Tiznow), Rancho San Miguel, \$3K, 21/0/0 3-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Castle, 10-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, May 1

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
CHARITABLE MAN (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 80/11/0 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Charitable Mark, 4-1
ESKENDEREYA (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 195/28/0 2-SA, Stk, 6 1/2f, Mio Me, \$130K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
11-CD, Stk, 1 1/8m, Eskenformoney, \$225K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
FOREST COMMAND (Monarchos), Oak Hill Farm, \$3K, 18/1/0 3-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Tumbleweedprincess, \$22K BAR OCT yrl, 5-2
GRASSHOPPER (Dixie Union), Lane's End Texas, \$4K, 52/7/1 3-LS, Msw, 4 1/2f, +She's a Hopper, \$2K TEX OCT yrl, 15-1
HOLD ME BACK (Giant's Causeway), Winstar, \$6K, 154/18/1 9-EVD, Stk, 5fT, My Miss Venezuela, 15-1
LINE OF DAVID (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 90/14/2 8-PRM, Stk, 6f, Solomon, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
MACH RIDE (Pentelicus), Bridlewood Farm, \$2K, 13/3/1 3-BEL, Stk, 6f, Ackeret, \$53K OBS OPN 2yo, 4-1
MAJESTICPERFECTION (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/28/3 2-SA, Stk, 6 1/2f, Moons Over Me, \$85K BAR MAY 2yo, 8-1
11-CD, Stk, 1 1/8m, Lovely Maria, \$5K RNA KEE NOV wnl, 5-1
MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/29/3 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Slip the Cable, 5-2
MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/42/4 3-BEL, Stk, 6f, El Deal, \$57K KEE NOV wnl, 2-1
11-CD, Stk, 1 1/8m, I'm a Chatterbox, \$30K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
SILVER CITY (Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm, \$2K, 33/9/1 10-CD, Stk, 7f, Promise Me Silver, 9-2
SUMMER BIRD (Birdstone), Japan, \$15K, 191/16/1 11-CD, Stk, 1 1/8m, Birdatthewire, \$23K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1
TALE OF EKATI (Tale of the Cat), Darby Dan Farm, \$15K, 128/25/1 10-CD, Stk, 7f, Ekati's Phaeton, \$150K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-BEL, \$62,000, NW1 \$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:09 2/5, fm.

LADY KREESA (f, 4, Stonesider--Storm's Advance {SP}, by Storm Creek) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-2-1-3, \$116,806. O/B-Gerald & Susan Kresa (NY). T-David G Donk. *1/2 to King Kreesa (King Kugat), GSW & GISP, \$792,870.



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7th-BEL, \$62,000, NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:08 4/5, fm.

ROYAL JEST (m, 5, King Cugat--Gregorian Jest, by Phone Trick) Lifetime Record: 12-2-5-1, \$151,347. O/B/T-Richard J Lugovich (NY).

9th-CDX, \$51,764, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

VIVA MAJORCA (c, 4, Tiago--Quick Town, by Cape Town) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$148,140.

O/B-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC (KY). T-Ian R Wilkes.

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6th-PIM, \$47,835, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57 1/5, fm.

KIDS TUITION (f, 4, Malibu Moon--Jealous Forum {MSW & GISP, \$306,736}, by Open Forum) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$107,610. O-Run To Win Again Stable LLC (Brangers, et al). B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). T-D Michael Smithwick Jr. *\$32,000 wlng '11 KEENOV; \$37,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP; \$65,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSAPR. **Full to Epic Forum, GSP-Arg.

8th-PIM, \$42,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 4/5, fm.

TAKE IT INSIDE (m, 6, Disco Rico--Deer Berry, by Deerhound) Lifetime Record: 39-5-6-6, \$170,874. O/B-Steeplechase Farm (NY). T-Michael E Gorham. *1/2 to Wild Berry (Wild Event), MSP, \$254,288; and Berry Bound (Boundary), SP, \$160,178,

5th-PEN, \$34,220, 4-29, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

PESCI TO DE NIRO (g, 4, Petionville--Captain Nepal, by Captain Bodgit) Lifetime Record: 21-3-7-3, \$121,862. O-Andrew Sulley. B-Larry Ciletti (PA). T-Patricia Farro.

7th-GPX, \$32,000, Opt. Clm. (\$12,500), NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, gd.

DELTA BLUESMAN (h, 5, Wagon Limit--Smoke Alarm, by Darn That Alarm) Lifetime Record: 30-4-8-4, \$125,292. O-White Wabbit Wacing LLC. B-Denis A Dwyer (FL). T-Jorge Navarro.

9th-EVD, \$29,500, 4-29, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24, ft.

ANOTHER PINOT (f, 4, B. J.'s Mark--Pinot Pals {SP}, by Pulling Punches) Lifetime Record: MSP, 17-2-6-2, \$120,015. O/B-Dr Glen Warren DVM & Andy Leggio (LA). T-Andrew Leggio Jr. *1/2 to Skip the Pinot (G. W.'s Skippie), SW, \$220,200.

8th-ALB, \$25,600, 4-29, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24, ft.

JAVA BIRD (g, 5, So Long Birdie--Yummy Yummy, by Grand Jewel) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-3, \$44,520. O/B-Raymond & Wanda Johnston (NM). T-Bart G Hone.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Great Harbour Cay, c, 3, **Greatness--Point Lily**, by Bon Point (GB). GPX, 4-30, (C), 6f, 1:12. B-Dr Myron R Wilson (FL). \$5,500 yrl '13 OBSAUG; \$37,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN.

She Mabee Wild, f, 3, **Mr. Mabee--Wild Flower**, by Wild Zone. CDX, 4-30, (C), 7f, 1:26 1/5. B-Michelle Shaw (IN).

Giagiajoe, f, 3, **Wildcat Heir--B T Delite**, by Cahill Road. EVD, 4-29, 5f (off turf), :58 2/5. B-Jorge Tabraue (FL). *1/2 to Sr. Henry (Straight Man), GSP, \$329,665; and Miss Delite (Exchange Rate), SW, \$121,900.

McQuaid, c, 4, **Birdstone--Along Came Mary** (MSW, \$311,202), by Citidancer. BEL, 4-30, (S), (C), 1 1/16m, 1:43. B-Mrs Gerald A Nielsen (NY).

Shades of Indygo, f, 4, **Indygo Shiner--Stellar Maiden**, by Raffie's Majesty. BEL, 4-30, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:45. B-Wellspring Stables LLC (NY). *1/2 to Lenders Way (Hook and Ladder), MSP, \$248,513.

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Wednesday's Result:

7th-BDX, €33,000, Cond, 3yo, 12fT, 2:44.98, gd/sf. **NIGHT RUN (FR) (c, 3, Martaline {GB}--Spring Morning {Fr}, by Ashkalani {Ire})**, who doubled his win tally in an 11-furlong conditions heat at Lyon-Parilly last time Mar. 20, quickly negated a sluggish getaway and was steadied in third behind a modest pace for most of this one. Nudged along to challenge on the home turn, the 7-5 joint-favorite fought his way to the front under a drive passing the eighth pole and stayed on strongly once there to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths from Mr Luxor (Ire) (Champs Elysees {GB}). The winner, a €75,000 ARQAUG yearling, is a half-brother to G1 Criterium International winner and G1 2000 Guineas runner-up French Fifteen (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 7-9f, G1SW-Fr & G1SP-Eng, \$500,629. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €36,300. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Daniel-Yves Treves. B-Gilles & Aliette Forien (Fr). T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

2.45 Chepstow, Mdn, £7,500, 3yo/up, 10f 36yT

HEARTLESS (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) debuts at this minor Welsh circuit for Qatar Racing and Andrew Balding and is a half-sister to the 2011 G1 Irish Derby and G1 Secretariat S. hero Treasure Beach (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), as well as last year's Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial winner Honor Bound (GB) (Authorized {Ire}). Among her rivals is Lady Howard de Walden's Perrault (Ire) ([Rip Van Winkle {Ire}](#)), a Ralph Beckett-trained colt whose dam is a half to Grand Lodge.

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Australasia

TRAINER GRIFFITH SUSPENDED FOUR YEARS

Scone, Australia-based trainer Luke Griffith has been suspended for four years after three horses in his care returned positive tests for the banned substance methylamphetamine, which is described as a central nervous system stimulant, earlier this year. Griffith himself tested positive to the substance Mar. 12 and Apr. 21. Samples taken from Griffith's stable staff were all negative for methylamphetamine. Stewards found that Griffith did not deliberately administer the substance to his horses, but the conditioner pleaded guilty to presenting them to race with it in their systems.

Griffith's suspension begins May 8, and the horses currently under his care will not be permitted to start in races during that time. His nine runners at Muswellbrook Friday and his one runner at Hawkesbury Saturday will be scratched by stewards.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

HANDICAP RESULT:

4th-RED, £10,000, 4-30, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:25 3/5, gd/fm.
BOW AND ARROW (GB) (c, 3, [Iffraaj {GB}](#)--Isobel Archer {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, £25,080. O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Dragon Rouge (Fr)**, c, 2, **Myboycharlie (Ire)**--Debby, by Woodman. BDX, 4-29, 5fT, 1:01.96. B-SCEA des Prairies (Fr). *€18,000 yrl '14 ARQOCT.

+ **Goono Chope (Fr)**, f, 2, **Namid (GB)**--Gooseley Lane (GB) (SW-Ger), by Pyramus. BDX, 4-29, 5fT, 1:00.37. B-Alain Chopard (Fr). *€50,000 yrl '14 OSASEP.

Maureb (Ire), f, 3, **Excellent Art (GB)**--Almost Blue, by Mr Greeley. RED, 4-30, 7fT, 1:27 3/5. B-Lynn Lodge Stud (IRE). *€15,000 yrl '13 TATIRE.

Alhella (GB), f, 3, **Kyllachy (GB)**--Maid in the Shade (GB), by Forzando. RED, 4-30, 6fT, 1:13 4/5. B-Azienda Agricola Rosati Colarieti (GB).

Red Rubles (Ire), g, 3, **Soviet Star**--Shantalla Peak (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). LNG, 4-30, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.41. B-John Dunleavy (Ire). *€3,500 wlng '12 GOFNOV; 14,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.



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