



## ATTENDANCE CAP AT BELMONT S. COULD PROVE A CLEVER HEDGE FOR NYRA

by T.D. Thornton

Attendance at this year's GI Belmont S. will be capped at 90,000, the New York Racing Association announced on Wednesday.

The cap was revealed by NYRA chief executive officer and president Chris Kay at the tail end of a superlative-laden media teleconference to outline the details of the inaugural Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, which is being billed as a three-day "mega event" at Belmont Park June 4-6.



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Kay did not revisit specifics about the logistical difficulties that have plagued Belmont Park in recent years when a Triple Crown has been on the line. Instead, Kay

chose to underscore the proactive plan for this year, explaining that NYRA chose its 90,000 cap as a "means for everybody who is here to have an enjoyable day."

At first blush, it would seem that a 90,000-fan precaution is moot if GI Kentucky Derby winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) either loses the GI Preakness S. or doesn't show up for the 1 1/2-mile classic with the Triple Crown on the line.

But announcing an attendance cap one month before the Belmont could turn out to be a stroke of marketing genius for NYRA: The limited supply of admission tickets could drive up demand, as racegoers will be forced to make buying decisions much earlier in advance than usual.

"We're going to follow the lead of other major sporting events in New York," Kay said. "You may not be able to walk up on Belmont S. Day and just buy a ticket. They may all be sold in advance."

So NYRA could be setting itself up for a win-win hedge: If American Pharoah heads to Belmont Park with a Triple Crown sweep on the line, NYRA can say it took reasonable precautions to maximize guest comfort.

On the other hand, if a crush of customers buy Belmont tickets in the next 10 days without knowing the outcome of the Preakness, and it then turns out a Triple Crown is not in the cards, NYRA has cleverly locked in revenue from tens of thousands of customers who would otherwise have passed on attending.

Kay said that in 2014, NYRA sold out grandstand, clubhouse and all dining seating before the Preakness was even run (but even on race day, fans could still buy general admissions that did not guarantee a seat). "This year our ticket sales are running ahead of last year's pace," Kay said. "Those tickets are flying." **Cont. p3**

## DIVINING ROD CONFIRMED FOR PREAKNESS

Trainer Arnaud Delacour confirmed Wednesday that Lael Stable's **Divining Rod** (Tapit) is still on track for an expected start in the GI Xpressbet.com Preakness S. May 16. The Roy and Gretchen Jackson homebred earned enough points for his impressive win in Keeneland's Apr. 11

GIII Coolmore Lexington S. to have drawn into the GI Kentucky Derby off the also-eligible list, but his connections had already decided to wait for the middle leg of the Triple Crown.

"We weren't sure we had enough points," Delacour explained. "We were on the bubble, and it's very hard to train a horse to a race like the Derby not knowing if you're going to get in. That puts some pressure on.

Also, we would have been coming back in three weeks after a good effort in the Lexington and shipping. We thought that maybe it was coming back a little bit too quick. And also, the Jacksons saw statistics that showed horses that won the Lexington and came back in the Derby ran a little flat."

He added, "They were the first ones to say that if we didn't think that the horse was really going to be at his best that they would rather wait another two weeks. I was completely fine with that." **Cont. p4**



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## Pletcher Begins Preakness Planning

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**Materiality**  
*Horsephotos*

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## Familiar Faces in Chester Features

Trainer Aidan O'Brien looks for his sixth win in the last nine renewals of Chester's G3 Chester Vase, while Sir Michael Stoute seeks to add to his already record five victories in the G3 Huxley S.

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## TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for
9:40a	Huxley S.-G3, CHE	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>
10:10a	Chester Vase S.-G3, CHE	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>





**Attendance Cap cont. from p1**

Limiting attendance is just one way that Thoroughbred racing has sought to emulate other major sports in recent years. It's quite a departure from the inclusive mindset that prevailed in earlier decades, when marketers often trumpeted the fact that racing was the only sport where an average Joe could walk up to the admission booth on the day of a Triple Crown event and pay just a few bucks to potentially witness history.

But even within the context of recent civil unrest and rioting in Baltimore, capping the crowd not something officials at the Maryland Jockey Club have considered at Pimlico Race Course for the May 16 Preakness.

"No, no, no," said MJC vice president and general manager Sal Sinatra when asked about a Preakness attendance cap. "When we're sold out [is when] we're sold out."

Sinatra said he does not expect police and armed services presence to spike above the norm for this year's Preakness: "It's been relatively calm and quiet lately. This event, for the people of Baltimore, it's a huge deal. I don't think they're looking to use [Preakness Day] as a stage of any sort."

Churchill Downs officials did not respond to phone and email requests about whether an attendance cap has ever been considered for the Kentucky Derby.

In 2014, with California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) gunning for the Triple Crown, 102,199 Belmont Park customers were forced to endure long betting and bathroom lines, concession stands that ran out of food and water by late afternoon, and utterly chaotic parking and transportation strategies that were compounded by a mass post-race exodus.

Comparatively, attendance at the Belmont S. has paled in years when no Triple Crown is up for grabs, like in 2011 (47,562) and 2013 (55,779). The 2012 attendance of 85,811 was somewhat of an anomaly, because I'll Have Another was poised for a Triple Crown win but was retired the day before the Belmont after developing tendinitis.

The Belmont attendance record is 120,139, set in 2004 when Birdstone denied Smarty Jones a sweep of the Triple Crown. War Emblem's failed Belmont bid in 2002 drew 103,222.

Aside from the crowd cap, NYRA genuinely seems to have put some thought into better moving people in and out of Belmont Park on the only day of the year when the cavernous racetrack approaches capacity.

This year, both Friday's and Saturday's racing programs on Belmont Stakes weekend will be followed by winner's circle concerts that are included in the price of admission. Friday's band will be O.A.R. On Saturday, the Goo Goo Dolls will headline. **Cont. p4**

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**Attendance Cap cont.**

The musical acts, which Kay said will last about an hour, are designed to both entertain and mitigate crowd flow.

“I know in the past some people make a mad dash for the cars or the trains after the Belmont Stakes has been run,” Kay said. “What we’re doing this year is providing incentive and a reason and entertainment for you to stay... so there’s no reason to feel you have to bolt out of here.”

Other tweaks for Belmont S. Day announced at the teleconference included:

- If any of the 90,000 admission tickets remain to be sold on race day, fans must purchase them from kiosks outside the track. In an effort to speed up the admissions process, no cash will be accepted at the actual track entrances.
- Grandstand and clubhouse points of sale for concessions, hawkers, managers and waitstaff have all been increased, and will remain in place through the conclusion of the early evening concert.
- Two new “food truck villages” will be set up in the backyard and at the top of stretch.
- Cellular phone network capacity for the premises has been quadrupled, and wireless access has been boosted 75% across the property.
- The nearby Long Island Railroad station has undergone \$5 million in upgrades since last year’s Belmont S., including a platform extension that will increase boarding capacity from eight to 10 cars at a time.

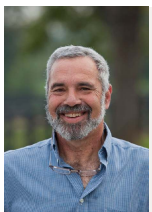
“We’re working very closely with the state department of transportation this year to enhance our traffic flow both leading to and from Belmont, and it’s something we’re taking extremely serious,” said NYRA vice president of security George Venizelos. “When you have 18,000 parking spaces, there’s going to be traffic. It’s going to take time, so we’re going to ask for patience. It’s not going to be in and out.”

On the racing side, NYRA announced that it will offer new owner, trainer and jockey awards to recognize top performers at the three-day festival.

Based on 5-3-2-1 point totals for a combined 30 races, points will be awarded to the top four finishers for the eight scheduled races on June 4; the 10 scheduled races on June 5, and the first 12 races on Belmont Stakes Day.

There will also be new post-race trophy presentations to owners of the second- and third-place Belmont S. finishers.

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While Delacour acknowledged that the Preakness field will be a tough one with the likes of the top three from the Derby, he noted that his charge’s fresh legs could prove an advantage.

“It’s a tough bunch of horses,” Delacour said. “Going into the Derby, everyone was talking about how good of a crop it was. I still feel the same way. The only thing is: I think everybody ran pretty hard, so you never know how they are going to come back in two weeks. We’ll see, but they are definitely tough horses to take on.”

Delacour says the son of MGISW Precious Kitten (Catienuis) has been doing well at Maryland’s Fair Hill Training Center since his last afternoon appearance, and will have his final breeze before the Preakness this Saturday.

“I think he came back well,” Delacour said. “We gave him two easy weeks where we trained him lightly and let him get his level of energy back. That worked out great. He’s had two breezes since--one easy breeze (5f over the all-weather in 1:03 flat {21/26} Apr. 25) and last week was a more significant breeze (5f in 1:00.80 {2/18} on the dirt May 2). I was pleased with both, really... I think he’s really fit now and is ready to go. We just need to keep him doing well all the way to the Preakness.”

Divining Rod finished second, beaten a neck, in Tampa’s GIII Sam F. Davis S. Jan. 31, and was third behind subsequent GI Blue Grass S. winner Carpe Diem (Giant’s Causeway) in the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 7.

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"They went back to the track today and jogged and seemed to be in good order," Pletcher said yesterday. "They'll go back to galloping tomorrow and we'll see how it goes." He added, "Of the 3-year-olds we ran on Derby Day, the only one that we've definitely excluded from consideration for the Preakness is [Derby ninth-place finisher] **Itsaknockout** (Lemon Drop Kid). That would leave **Competitive Edge**, **Materiality** and **Carpe Diem**. I wouldn't say they're probable, possible, unlikely or likely. We haven't excluded them from consideration."

**Materiality**, who won the first three starts of his career, including the GI Florida Derby Mar. 28, came flying late in the Derby after a poor start.



**Materiality**  
*Horsephotos*

"I was very pleased with the way he finished," Pletcher said of the \$400,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic grad. "I was obviously disappointed with the start of the race. It kind of left him in a position where he had too much to do turning for home. I thought he ran very well. It's kind of frustrating to think what may have been had he gotten off to a better start. But he came out of it very well. He proved his class anyway."

Of **Carpe Diem**'s disappointing finish as the 7-1 third choice, Pletcher offered, "He came out of it very well. The outcome was disappointing. He put himself in perfect position. He got a perfect trip, but I never felt truly confident watching him that he was handling the surface as well as he has others. Despite that, he seemed to be fighting on until the end and wasn't beaten too far."

Stonestreet and the Coolmore partners' **Stanford** (Malibu Moon), scratched from the Derby two days out, was not entered in Saturday's GII Peter Pan S. at Belmont, one of the spots he was being considered for.

"We didn't feel like he was quite ready for the Peter Pan, so we're going to pass on that," Pletcher said. "We'll see how he does this week and come up with a game plan."

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**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 5:28 p.m. EDT**

**MAN O' WAR S.-GI**, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Imagining	Giant's Causeway	Ortiz Jr	McGghy	121
2 Hyper	Victory Gallop	Velazquez	Brown	115
3 War Dancer (K)	War Front	Lezcano	Mott	115
4 Twilight Eclipse (K)	Purim	Castellano	Albertrani	115
5 Comes the Dream (K)	Lion Heart	Alvarado	Weaver	115
6 Hardest Core (K)	Hard Spun	Saez	Graham	124
7 Dynamic Sky	Sky Mesa	Velasquez	Casse	121

**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT**

**VANITY S.-GI**, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Warren's Veneda	Affirmative	Baze	Lewis	124
2 Gas Total (Brz)	Sulamani (Ire)	Prat	Mandella	119
3 Beholder (K)	Henny Hughes	Stevens	Mandella	121
4 My Sweet Addiction	Tiznow	Smith	Jones	119
5 Legacy (K)	Sightseeing	Garcia	Sadler	119

**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 2:53 p.m. EDT**

**RUFFIAN S.-GII**, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Shayjolie	Indian Charlie	Velasquez	Contessa	121
2 House Rules (K)	Distorted Humor	Castellano	Jerkens	123
3 Macha (K)	Majestic Warrior	Franco	Rodriguez	115
4 Princess Violet	Officer	Ortiz	Rice	123
5a Via Strata	Street Cry (Ire)	Ortiz Jr	McLaughlin	119
6a Wedding Toast	Street Sense	Lezcano	McLaughlin	117

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

**PETER PAN S.-GII**, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Wolf Man Rocket (K)	Mineshaft	Ortiz Jr	Baffert	120
2 Madefromlucky (K)	Lookin At Lucky	Castellano	Pletcher	116
3 Conquest Curlinate (K)	Curlin	Bridgmohan	Casse	116
4 Two Weeks Off (K)	Harlan's Holiday	Velazquez	Pletcher	116
5 Tiz Shea D (K)	Tiznow	Lezcano	Mott	116

**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:26 p.m. EDT**

**BEAUGAY S.-GIII**, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 J Wonder (K)	Ftstpsinthsnd (GB)	Castellano	McGghy	115
2 Radiator (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Rosario	Mott	115
3 Recepta (K)	Speightstown	Alvarado	Toner	115
4 Photo Call (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Maragh	Motion	115
5 Caroline Thomas	Giant's Causeway	Ortiz	Tagg	115
6 Testa Rossi (Fr)	Dr Fong	Ortiz Jr	Brown	119
7 Discreet Marq	Discreet Cat	Velasquez	Clement	119

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**Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:41 p.m. EDT**

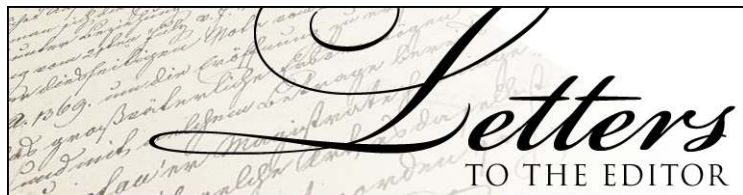
**HENDRIE S.-GIII, C\$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Checkered Past	Smart Strike	Da Silva	Pierce	119
2	Paladin Bay	Sligo Bay (Ire)	Olguin	Ladouceur	119
3	Miss Mischief	Into Mischief	Campbell	Capuano	119
4	Unspurned (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Garcia	Attfield	121
5	Disco Barbie (K)	Pure Prize	Husbands	Capuano	115
6	Skylander Girl	Stroll	Ramsammy	Patykewich	117

**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT**

**AMERICAN S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Enterprising	Elusive Quality	Stevens	Proctor	121
2	War Academy (K)	Giant's Causeway	Nakatani	Mode	119
3	Winning Prize (Arg)	Pure Prize	Bejarano	Drysdale	119
4	Gabriel Charles (K)	Street Hero	Baze	Mullins	119
5	Talco (Fr)	Pivotal (GB)	Espinoza	Sadler	119
6	Little Jerry (K)	Candy Ride (Arg)	Pedroza	Baltas	119
7	Home Run Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Talamo	Hofmans	119
8	Bal a Bali (Brz)	Put It Back	Prat	Mandella	121



Barry:

Absolute and awesome insights in your editorial today ([TDN 5/5/15](#)). I spent Kentucky Derby day at Monmouth Park, and without a live racing card, I was treated to a spectacular day and full crowd. I saw a lot of young men and women enjoying the festival-like atmosphere, talking Derby, betting the races from Churchill, and sharing in a world-class event--The Kentucky Derby.

What impressed me most was how the younger generation was really into the Derby mystique--young women were dressed as if they were at Churchill Downs with beautiful hats and all, some of the men were equally well-attired. Too often we go to a racetrack and the demographics hint at a sport on the decline and perhaps moving toward extinction. But Saturday was different...it tells me that the American people still love their horses and will always want Thoroughbred racing action.

If our great sport is to survive and prosper, we must collectively weed out the problems (drugs--owners, vets, trainers) one step at a time. We can't solve everything all at once. Create a forum to bring true horsemanship back to Thoroughbred racing, eliminate the fodder for the naysayers (media & government), and let's all build this together. Greatest sport there is!

Excellent editorial. Thank you, **Jerry Kane**

**IN OTHER NEWS...**

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Non-Industry Media

**No Triple Crown Coming for Pharoah**

Although American Pharoah lived up to his role as the betting favorite in last Saturday's Kentucky Derby, I seriously doubt he will become the first horse since Affirmed in 1978 to complete the difficult sweep of the American Triple Crown. **Steve Davidowitz, Gamingtoday.com**



**HANS UP**

Ballydoyle have already stamped their considerable presence on Chester's May meeting and Thursday's G3 MBNA Chester Vase has been a happy hunting ground of late, with Aidan O'Brien capturing five of the last eight renewals. With the chief candidate Giovanni Canaletto (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) ruled out of the equation earlier this week, it is up to Michael Tabor's **Hans Holbein (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}) to fly the flag and he is a typical improver based on his latest maiden win over 10 furlongs at Leopardstown Apr. 15. Godolphin rely on **Future Empire (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}), who tackles this trip for the first time having finished runner-up to Christophermarlowe (Tapit) in the 10-furlong Epsom Derby Trial last time Apr. 22. "Future Empire stayed on well at Epsom Downs and has been working nicely since then," trainer Saeed bin Suroor commented. "He is ready for the step up to a mile and a half and I am hopeful that he can run a good race."



**Hans Holbein**  
Racing Post

William Haggas has opted to send Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum's **Storm the Stars** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) back into action just 12 days after his authoritative 10-furlong Leicester maiden success and that is significant. "He won with a bit in hand at Leicester and this mile and a half will suit him," the owner's racing manager Bruce Raymond told *PA Sport*. "We were disappointed with his first run of the season at Newmarket, but William made the horse's mind up for him by making the running at Leicester and it worked out great." **Field p7**



**Thursday, Chester, Britain, post time: 3:10 p.m.**

**MBNA CHESTER VASE-G3, £75,000, 3yo, 12f 66yT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Future Empire (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Doyle	bin Surroor
2	5	Hans Holbein (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
3	1	Medrano (GB)	Archipenko	G Lee	Brown
4	3	Proposed (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Levey	Hannon
5	6	Storm the Stars	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Fanning	Haggas
6	2	Tannaaf (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Cosgrave	de Kock

All carry 126 pounds.

**ROODEYE ROUSER**

Chester's May meeting is one of the smallest of the British flat festivals, but its main races are still coveted by the leading trainers and Thursday's G3 Betfair Huxley S. has been a favorite of Sir Michael Stoute



**Cannock Chase**  
*Racing Post*

who holds the current record of five wins. The master of Freemason Lodge relies on Saeed Suhail's **Cannock Chase** (Lemon Drop Kid), who was an encouraging third in Sandown's G3 Gordon Richards S. over this trip Apr. 24 on his first start since winning the G3 Tercentenary S. at Royal

Ascot last June. "We were delighted with him at Sandown on ground that was probably a bit soft for him," the owner's racing manager Bruce Raymond told *PA Sport*. "The ground might be soft again at Chester and I don't think Sir Michael would run him if it got too bad. He needed the run at Sandown in preparation for the rest of the season, so the ground maybe took the edge off him, fitness-wise. The ground should not be as big an issue now--he's a fitter horse. I'd be surprised if he didn't turn out to be a very decent horse this summer." Godolphin's **Windhoek (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) beat the subsequent G3 Rose of Lancaster S. winner Amralah (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the Listed Gala S. at Sandown July 4 and took the Anatolia Trophy on Veliefendi's Polytrack in September either side of a third placing in the G2 York S. over an extended 10-furlong trip in late July. Trainer Saeed bin Surroor said, "Windhoek won well on his latest start in Turkey and we gave him a break after that run. He has been working well and I have been happy with his preparation. He's ready to go and I am looking forward to seeing him get his season started." Any further rain will aid the cause of Lady Cobham's **Air Pilot (GB)** (Zamindar), who signed off with a win in the Listed James Seymour S. over this trip at Newmarket at the start of November. "It's a perfect race to start off," trainer Ralph Beckett told *PA Sport*. "He's in good shape and his work this spring has been fine. The rain that has fallen will suit him, as he's better when there's juice in the ground."

**Thursday, Chester, Britain, post time: 2:40 p.m.**

**BETFAIR HUXLEY S.-G3, £60,000, 4yo/up, 10f 75yT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Windhoek (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Doyle	bin Surroor
2	5	Air Pilot (GB)	Zamindar	Kingscote	Beckett
3	1	Cannock Chase	Lemon Drop Kid	Moore	Stoute
4	6	Fattsota (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Tudhope	O'Meara
5	3	Gabrial (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Spencer	Fahey
6	2	Grandeur (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Dettori	Nosedda
7	4	Maverick Wave	Elusive Quality	Buick	Gosden

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**Wednesday, Longchamp, France**

**PRIX D'HEDOUVILLE-G3, €80,000, LCP, 5-6, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:41.77, vsf.**

- 1--**@MELEAGROS (IRE), 123, h, 6, by King's Best**  
**1st Dam: Viola Royale (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Royal Academy**  
**2nd Dam: Wood Violet, by Riverman**  
**3rd Dam: Honor Tricks, by Bold Bidder** (14,500gns wnlg '09 TATDEC). O-Denis Gorse; B-Oak Hill Stud (Ire); T-Alain Couetil; J-Adrien Fouassier. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 22 starts, 7 wins, 11 places, €249,480. \* 1/2 to St Andrews (Ire) (Celtic Swing {GB}), SW & GSP-Eng, \$249,714. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** **Werk Nick Rating: B.**
  - 2--**Teletext, 123, c, 4, Empire Maker--Conference Call** (GB), by Anabaa. O-Prince Faisal bin Khaled; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Pascal Bary. €16,000.
  - 3--**Cocktail Queen (Ire), 127, m, 5, Motivator (GB)--Premier Prize (GB), by Selkirk.** O-J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud (Ire); T-Myriam Bollack-Badel. €12,000.
- Margins: 2HF, HF, HF. Odds: 3.20, 2.70, 6.00.  
 Also Ran: Manatee (GB), Spirit's Revench (Fr), Arkaitz (Spa), Donn Halling (Ire). Scratched: Meadow Creek (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Cont. p8



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**Prix d'Hedouville cont.**

Second to Spiritjim (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}) in this 12 months ago, Meleagros returned to go one better and register a first pattern-race success to reward the patience of his trainer Alain Couetil. Following his effort here last term, the bay had gone on to be fifth in the



**Meleagros**  
*Scoop Dyga*

G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in June--a year on from filling fourth spot behind Novellist (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) in the same race. Winning the Listed Grand Prix de Nantes in October and Mar. 28 Listed Prix de la Porte de Madrid at Saint-Cloud over this trip on his last two outings, he

earned the reward for his consistency with a career-best performance on ground he relishes. Settled with two behind early, Meleagros made ground easily on the outer leaving the back straight and rolled by Cocktail Queen before the quarter pole and into the clear. Last year's G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris winner Manatee (GB) (Monsun {Ger}) made late progress, looking in need of the outing.

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**BELARDO OUT OF FRENCH 2000 GUINEAS**

Roger Varian's G1 Dubai Dewhurst S. winner **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) was among 10 colts taken out of the G1 French 2000 Guineas at the latest forfeit stage. Well beaten on his return to action in the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury, connections have decided to wait for the G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh May 23 instead. Godolphin bought a share in



**Belardo**  
*Racing Post*

Belardo after his Dewhurst win. "There are likely to be around 20 runners on the round course at Longchamp and that can be a bit of a scrum, so we opted for the [G1] Irish Guineas instead," Varian reported on [www.godolphin.com](http://www.godolphin.com).

"The horse is very well and in great form." Added, John Ferguson, bloodstock advisor to Sheikh Mohammed, "We are really excited by this Group 1 winner, he showed his class in the Dewhurst and The Curragh's galloping track should suit him."

**Bellardo cont.**

After the defections, 19 entries remain, with the possibility the maximum field of 20 could still be reached with a supplementary stage Thursday, with G3 Prix Fontainebleau runner-up **Karar (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) expected to be entered. Aidan O'Brien has left in four, including Goodwood G2 Vintage S. winner **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). Charlie Hills will be hoping the ground dries up for G3 Greenham S. winner **Muhaarar (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), with **Flaming Spear (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) left in by Kevin Ryan. Richard Hannon's **Smaih (Ger)** (Paco Boy {Ire}) and Saeed bin Surror's **Maftool** (Hard Spun) are other possible British-trained challengers. Andre Fabre could run **Make Believe (GB)** (Makfi {GB}) and **New Bay (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) with **El Suizo (Fr)** (Meshaheer) and **Cornwallville (Ire)** (Makfi {GB}) also engaged.

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**14 LEFT FOR FRENCH 1000 GUINEAS**

Just listed winner **Irish Rookie (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire}) and **Royal Rizalma (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) remain as British-trained possible runners in Sunday's G1 French 1000 Guineas. Seven fillies were taken out at the latest forfeit stage, including Hugo Palmer's **New Providence (GB)** (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), leaving 14 left in.

Martyn Meade, Irish Rookie's trainer, said, "We've left her in and the thinking at this stage is that we'll go. A few came out today and let's hope a few more do, too! Obviously the draw will have a big say, so the less runners there are the better. There are a few other things to fall into place before she's a definite runner, but at this stage the intention is to run."



**Irish Rookie**  
*Racing Post*

The home team is led by **Ervedya (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), owned by the Aga Khan and trained by Jean-Claude Rouget. **Queen Bee (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) is another to have shown group-race form with Criquelette Head-Maarek's **Fontanelice (Ire)** (Vale of York {Ire}) also engaged. Andre Fabre will send out **Mexican Gold** and (Medaglia d'Oro) **Soft Drink** (Lemon Drop Kid). Group 3 Prix Miesque heroine **Ameenah (Fr)** (American Post {GB}) is another major player.

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**NEXT RACES OUTLINED FOR VARIAN CHARGES**

Roger Varian reports Shadwell homebred and G2 Summer Mile S. hero **Aljamaaheer (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) to be on course for a shot at the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. at Newbury later this month, May 16. Although the 6-year old has been given an entry in the Listed Pertemps Network Spring Trophy S. at Haydock Saturday, the Newmarket handler still has the Group 1 mile contest as his primary target. Despite tasting defeat on his seasonal return when finishing a close second to Coulsty (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) at Leicester, Varian is pleased with the son of Dubawi's progress.

"We put Aljamaaheer in at Haydock on Saturday, but the Lockinge is the agenda," commented Varian. "He is really well and was very unlucky on his return where he was certainly the moral winner. He will come on for that. Having finished third in the race two seasons ago, we thought we would like to have another go at it. He likes fast ground so we hope it remains on the quick side."

Varian has hinted he could step fellow Shadwell homebred and 'TDN Rising Star' **Intilaaq** (Dynaformer) up to 10 furlongs on his next outing after finishing down the field in the G1 2000 Guineas May 2. After routing his rivals in a maiden at Newbury last month, the 3-year old failed to make any impact in the mile colts' Classic, finishing 15th behind winner **Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}).

"I don't think he really came down the hill," said Varian. "He had a good position and traveled nicely, but it all unraveled quickly as the ground ran away from him. That combined with his inexperience was his downfall and [jockey] Dane O'Neill was not hard on him. It was a big ask for him on Saturday, but I am still confident he is a nice horse so we will take our time with him. He has come out of the race fine and we won't rush back. We have not made any firm plans with him but we could step him up to 10 furlongs next time."

Paul Smith's 2014 G1 St Leger hero **Kingston Hill (GB)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) is reported to be taking the right steps towards making a comeback later in the campaign. The 4-year old was ruled out of the first half of the season after sustaining a leg injury.

"Kingston Hill is doing well and there is no change from what I said previously about him," said Varian. "He is having to sit out the early part of the season, but we are looking forward to getting him back in the second half of the season."

Kingston Hill is not the only horse from Varian's yard that is set for a spell on the sidelines with last year's impressive G1 Criterion International winner and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas entry **Vert De Grece (Ire)** (Verglas {Ire}), who races for Britannia Thoroughbreds, is also ruled out for the near future.

Continued Varian, "Vert De Grece has had a little setback which means he will miss all the early season Classic races. We are not too sure when he is likely to be back."



**INGLIS BROODMARE SALE WRAPS**

The fourth and final session of the Inglis Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale wrapped up Wednesday with a clearance rate of 80% and over A\$24 million in gross sales for 194 weanlings, 432 fillies and mares and two stallion shares.

"Vendors were rewarded by getting first crack at the weanling market and offering their fillies and mares to breeders wanting to buy at this sale so they can secure spots to the stallions that are quickly booking out at Australia's leading studs," said Inglis' National Bloodstock Director Jonathan D'Arcy. "Good, quality weanlings and broodmares have been well received with a lot of horses exceeding their reserves. Ending the sale with a total clearance rate of 80% for the



lot 710  
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week is a great start to the breeding stock sales season and we look forward to trading further weanlings and mares at the Great Southern Sale in June."

Topping the final day of selling was listed stakes winner Bacchanal Woman (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) ([lot 710](#)), who

sold for A\$340,000 to Andrew Perryman on behalf of Pan Sutong's Goldin Farms. Consigned by Widden Stud, the grey was in foal to Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality). She will visit G1 Hong Kong Cup hero Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), a resident of Goldin Farms in South Australia, in 2015. **Cont. p10**

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• No. Offered	494	399
• No. Sold	387	339
• RNAs	107	60
• % RNAs	21.7%	15%
• High Price	A\$605,000	A\$800,000
• Gross	A\$17,461,775	A\$18,426,400
• Average (% change)	A\$45,121 (-17%)	A\$54,355
• Median (% change)	A\$17,000 (-10%)	A\$20,000



**Inglis cont.**

“She’s correct, with good bone, she’s a quality horse with a great body to her, and she’s a stakes-winning sprint mare, so it was obvious choice,” said Goldin Farms’ Stud Manager Andrew Perryman. “We’re supporting Akeed Mofeed heavily, but he is certainly open to outside mares as well. He covered a book of just over 70 mares last year with excellent fertility, and with this mare and the others we’ve picked up at Inglis this week he will get his chance.”

The second-highest lot on the day was Brand New Choice (Aus) (lot 734), a 4-year-old, who was snapped up by Widden Stud for A\$300,000. In foal to Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), the Arrowfield Stud-consigned daughter of Redoute’s Choice (Aus) is a full-sister to stakes winner Come Hither (Aus) and a half-sister to stakes winner Fun in Flight (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus). The bay will visit champion Australian juvenile Sebring (Aus) (More Than Ready), who holds court at Widden, this coming breeding season.



**lot 734**  
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“We are thrilled to have purchased this mare in partnership,” said Widden’s Stallion Nominations Manager Ryan McEvoy. “She was a city winner on debut, by Redoute’s Choice. She is a half to two juvenile stakes winners and is from the immediate family of Not A Single Doubt (Aus) and Snippets (Aus).”

Added McEvoy, “She is going to make a mighty broodmare, like his recently retired Group 1 winner Bonaria, this mare will be another lovely daughter of Redoute’s Choice visiting Sebring this season.”

Cressfield Stud consignee Absolutelyfabulous (Aus) (lot 690), a Group 3-winning daughter of Langfuhr, was purchased by Paul Willetts on behalf of Three Bridges Thoroughbreds for A\$260,000, to take third-place honors Wednesday. In foal to More Than Ready, the G1 Myer Classic runner-up will visit group winner Unencumbered (Aus) (Testa Rossa {Aus}).

“We always come to Inglis for our broodmares, and this is the mare we have been waiting to buy the whole sale,” commented Three Bridges’ Manager Toby Liston. “She’s a great type of mare, after she foals down the More Than Ready she will visit our resident stallion Unencumbered which will be a perfect cross for her mating, so there are exciting times ahead.”

A Fusaichi Pegasus half-sister to the dam of Black Caviar (Aus), Baltics (Aus) (lot 715), was knocked down on a bid of A\$150,000 to Gilgai Farm, the breeders of the undefeated champion. Eliza Park consigned the bay, who is in foal to the champion’s sire, Bel Esprit (Aus).

At the conclusion of the select broodmare session Wednesday, the gross was A\$3,927,600, for 102 sold and the average was A\$38,506. The median was A\$15,000. The general broodmare session grossed A\$304,900 for 66 head with an average of A\$6,776 and a median of A\$2,000.

Across the four days of selling, seven weanlings sold for A\$150,000 or greater and nine broodmares made in excess of A\$300,000. The most active buyer was Damon Gabbedy’s Belmont Bloodstock, who snapped up three weanlings for a total of A\$151,000 and 21 broodmares for A\$1,851,000. Arrowfield Stud was the leading vendor with 14 broodmares grossing \$1,884,750, with Widden Stud taking the number two spot with 39 lots sold for A\$1,559,650.

Passed in lots are still available for private sale via the [Inglis Make-An-Offer Service](http://Inglis Make-An-Offer Service). For more information and complete statistics of the 2015 Inglis Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale, go to [inglis.com.au](http://inglis.com.au).

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**INGLIS AUSTRALIAN BROODMARE SALE  
SESSION FOUR TOP LOTS**

Lot	Name	Status	Price (A\$)
<u>710</u>	<b>Bacchanal Woman (Aus)</b>	<b>if Sepoy (Aus)</b>	<b>340,000</b>
	<i>(11, Encosta de Lago {Aus}--M’Lady Fonteyn {NZ}, by Zabeel {NZ})</i> Consigned by Widden Stud Purchased by Goldin Farms		
<u>734</u>	<b>Brand New Choice (Aus)</b>	<b>if Dawn Approach (Ire)</b>	<b>300,000</b>
	<i>(4, Redoute’s Choice {Aus}--Hanky Panky {Aus}, by Anabaa)</i> Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by Widden Stud Australia Pty Limited		
<u>690</u>	<b>Absolutelyfabulous (Aus)</b>	<b>if More Than Ready</b>	<b>260,000</b>
	<i>(11, Langfuhr--Joker’s Girl, by Rory’s Jester)</i> Consigned by Cressfield Purchased by Paul Willetts Bloodstock Consultancy		
<u>887</u>	<b>La Fluorescent (NZ)</b>	<b>if Medaglia d’Oro</b>	<b>165,000</b>
	<i>(5, General Nediym {Aus}--Generous Nature {Aus}, by Carnegie {Ire})</i> Consigned by Rheinwood Pastoral Co. Purchased by Glenn Burrows Bloodstock		
<u>798</u>	<b>Divine City (Aus)</b>	<b>if Written Tycoon (Aus)</b>	<b>160,000</b>
	<i>(6, Ferocity {Aus}--Miss Katy Louise {Aus}, by Anabaa)</i> Consigned by Kulani Park Purchased by Daandine Stud/Boomer Bloodstock (FBAA)		
<u>715</u>	<b>Baltics (Aus)</b>	<b>if Bel Esprit (Aus)</b>	<b>150,000</b>
	<i>(11, Fusaichi Pegasus--Scandinavia {Aus}, by Snippets {Aus})</i> Consigned by Eliza Park International Purchased by Gilgai Farm		
<u>744</u>	<b>Bulladini (Aus)</b>	<b>if Medaglia d’Oro</b>	<b>150,000</b>
	<i>(5, Bernardini--Bulla Borghese {Aus}, by Belong to Me)</i> Consigned by Werai Park Stud Purchased by Inglis, As Agent		

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**Saturday, Doomben, Australia, post time: 1:27 a.m. ET**  
**THE BUNDABERG RUM DOOMBEN CUP-G1, A\$650,000**  
 (US\$521,210), 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	14	Green Moon (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	C Schofield	Hickmott	130
2	9	Foreteller (GB)	Dansili (GB)	McDonald	Waller	130
3	5	Moriarty (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	Bowman	Waller	130
4	2	Hawkspur (Aus)	Purrealist (Aus)	Berry	Waller	130
5	7	Banca Mo (Aus)	Tough Speed	Holland	Brunton	130
6	8	Weary (Fr)	Astronomer Royal	G Schofield	Waller	130
7	11	Leebaz (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Byrne	Hawkes	130
8	6	I'm Imposing (GB)	Danehill Dncr (Ire)	Angland	Waller	130
9	3	Escado (Aus)	Csino Prnce (Aus)	Baster	Laurie	130
10	4	Pornichet (Fr)	Vespone (Ire)	Shinn	Watrhous	130
11	13	Hopgarten (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Browne	Heathcote	130
12	15	Addictive Habit (NZ)	Colombia (NZ)	Cahill	Somervell	130
13	10	Silent Achiever (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	McEvoy	James	125
14	1	Gypsy Diamond (Aus)	Nt a Sngl Dbt (Aus)	Williams	Snowden	125
15	12	Epingle (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Colless	Kent	125

**Saturday, Doomben, Australia, post time: 2:07 a.m. ET**  
**UBET BTC CUP-G1, A\$500,000 (US\$401,207), 3yo/up, 1200mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Temple of Boom (Aus)	Piccolo (GB)	Harrison	Gollan	129
2	3	Trst in a Gst (Aus)	Kept the Fith (Aus)	Rawiller	Weir	129
3	1	Fontelina (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Byrne	Cummings	129
4	2	Hot Snitzel (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Shinn	Snowden	129
5	15	Big Money (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Thompson	Northam	129
6	8	Sacred Star (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Bell	Pike	129
7	9	Knoydart (Aus)	More Than Ready	McDonald	O'Shea	129
8	7	Our Boy Mlachi (Aus)	Top Echelon (Aus)	Berry	Hawkes	129
9	14	EI Roca (Aus)	Fastnet Rck (Aus)	Bowman	Bsutn & Yng	129
10	5	Cape Kidnapers (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	McMahon	Schweida	129
11	4	Scissor Kick (Aus)	Rdute's Chce (Aus)	Angland	Messara	125
12	13	Time For War (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Tarrant	Kendrick	125
13	16	Nostradamus (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	McEvoy	Hawkes	125
14	12	Villa Verde (Aus)	Nt a Sngl Dbt (Aus)	Colless	Cummings	124
15	11	Srikandi (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Browne	Maher	124
16	10	Brng Me the Md (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Schofield	Moody	121

**Saturday, Morphettville, Australia, post time: 1:23 a.m. ET**  
**SCHWEPES OAKS-G1, A\$500,000 (US\$401,207), 3yo, 2500mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	18	Werther (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Callow	Campbell
2	2	October Date (Aus)	Brlly a Mmnt (Aus)	Cahill	Smart
3	20	Magicool (Aus)	Fastnet Rck (Aus)	Oliver	Kavanagh
4	9	Boom Time (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Duric	Moody
5	6	Manapine (Aus)	Mnhattan Rn (Aus)	Dunn	Blackiston
6	1	Allergic (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Moloney	O'Shea
7	10	Chu Chu Charlie (Aus)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Yendall	Daniel
8	7	All I Survey (Aus)	Domesday (Aus)	McLeod	Carey
9	3	Triple Gold (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Nolen	Moody
10	17	Lucques (Aus)	High Chparral (Ire)	No Rider	Elrtn & Zahra
11	8	Crimson Cape (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Zahra	Smerdon
12	16	Cuban Fighter (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Bowditch	Laing
13	19	Turbo Street (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	Neilson	McEvoy
14	5	Maysoor (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Tourneur	Price
15	12	Time Walker (Aus)	Pentire (GB)	Arnold	Stokes
16	14	Delicacy (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Hall	Williams

Also Eligibles:

17	4	Gifted Lad (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Walker	Bsutn & Yng
18	13	Light Motion (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	No Rider	Smerdon
19	15	Thermogenic (Aus)	Northern Mteor (Aus)	No Rider	Stokes
20	11	Grumpy Guru (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Lindop	Mcdnid & Glys

All carry 124 lbs bar Delicacy (Aus) at 120 lbs.

**HONG KONG QUINTET BOUND FOR KRANJI**

The Singapore Turf Club has released the prospective fields for the upcoming G1 Singapore Airlines International Cup and G1 KrisFlyer International Sprint May 17, with three previous winners set to make the 4-hour journey from Hong Kong.

Runners from that jurisdiction have accounted for each of the last two renewals of both races, and defending champions **Dan Excel (Ire)** (Shamardal) and **Lucky Nine (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) will look to defend their titles in the SAI Cup and KrisFlyer, respectively. Lucky Nine, who is looking for his third consecutive victory in the 1200-meter test, will be joined by fellow top-class sprinters **Rich Tapestry (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), a last-out third in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen Mar. 28, and



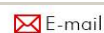
**Tommy Berry guided Dan Excel to victory in the 2014 SAI Cup** [turfclub.com.sg](http://turfclub.com.sg)

G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint hero **Aerovelocitv (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}), who will look to follow up on his determined score in the G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen at Chukyo Mar. 29. The last of the five Hong Kong representatives is **Military Attack (Ire)** (Oratorio {Ire}), the 2013 SAI Cup winner who was third to Dan Excel in defense of his title last season.

**Smoking Sun** (Smart Strike) split the Hong Kong duo last year and will return for another try for the Niarchos Family and trainer Pascal Bary, who saddled Gloria de Campeao (Brz) (Impression {Arg}) to win the 2009 Cup. Previously trained in Dubai by Doug Watson, **Cooptado (Arg)** (Equal Stripes {Arg}) has relocated to Singapore and will run for trainer Patrick Shaw in the SAI Cup. Winner in his native land of the G1 Gran Premio Nacional in 2013, the bay was a listed winner at Meydan last December, but was last home in the G2 Dubai Gold Cup at the end of March.

Locally based horses have failed to win since Ouzo (NZ) (Oregon) landed the inaugural running in 2000, and among those who will try to bring the trophy back to Singapore is the former U.S. galloper **Parranda** (English Channel). The 6-year-old won the CEFC Singapore Cup in her Kranji debut Feb. 22 and was a close third to **Stepitup (Aus)** (Hussonet) and **Quechua (Arg)** (Pure Prize) in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup over the SAI Cup course and distance Apr. 26.

The home team has been somewhat more successful in the KrisFlyer, with wins in 2011 and 2012, and they have a real chance in the form of **Zac Spirit (Aus)** (Flying Spur {Aus}). Third to Lucky Nine 12 months ago, the 5-year-old was most recently runner-up while looking for back-to-back scores in the Lion City Cup Apr. 26. Joao Moreira, who racked up over 700 winners in four full seasons in Singapore, has taken the call for trainer Cliff Brown.





# New York

**Wednesday's Results:**

**6th-BEL, \$75,460, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$80,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 2/5, fm.

**DIANNESTILLWORKS (f, 3, [Scat Daddy](#)--Golden Roses, by Gilded Time)** earned her diploma at third asking when dropped in for a \$75,000 tag at Aqueduct Nov. 14 and finished third to 'TDN Rising Star' Overprepared (Quality Road) in the Busanda S. over that venue's inner track Jan. 16. Completing the trifecta again in Laurel's Wide Country S. Feb. 16, the dark bay filled that same spot in a one-mile and 70-yard allowance at Parx last time Apr. 12. Pressing from second off a moderate early pace in this turf debut, the 12-1 shot was kept out of trouble by pilot Irad Ortiz Jr. after Josdesanimaux (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) lost her rider at the start and ran past the field before easing up to run alongside Diannestillworks after the first half-mile. With the loose horse out of the way after the field rounded the far turn, Diannestillworks quickly took control and spurred clear to spring the upset by a length. Tap It Out (Tapit) edged past favored Path (Tapit) to be second. Sales history: \$45,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: MSP, 7-2-0-4, \$111,065.

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**3rd-BEL, \$73,500, Alw, NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m,** 1:44 2/5, ft.

**GROUPTHINK (g, 4, [Majestic Warrior](#)--Road to Mandalay {SW, \$98,788}, by Sea of Secrets)** kicked off this term with a third against state-breds sprinting over the Aqueduct inner Feb. 27 and was a close second in a one-mile New York-bred test on the main track there Apr. 11. Keeping close tabs from third off leisurely early splits, the even-money chalk drew even with leading Zabaione (Raffie's Majesty) turning for home and dueled that rival into the stretch. Groupthink edged ahead of Zabione in the final sixteenth and held off a late run from Repent Twice (Repent) to win by a head. Repent Twice outnosed Zabione for second. The winner is a half to La Concerto (Aptitude), SW, \$248,056; and Game Token (Gold Token), SP, \$312,363. Sales history: \$220,000 yrl '12 FTNAUG. Lifetime Record: 13-2-6-3, \$181,905. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Klaravich Stables Inc & William Lawrence. B-Seth Gregory (NY). T-Chad C Brown.



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**7th-BEL, \$73,150, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22 4/5,** ft.

**MATTERHORN (c, 4, [Tapit](#)--Winter Garden {MGSW & GISP, \$902,788}, by Roy)**, eighth to Tonalist (Tapit) in last term's GI Belmont S., closed out his sophomore campaign with a third in a two-turn Saratoga allowance Aug. 16. Sixth in his seasonal bow sprinting over the Aqueduct inner Feb. 28, the bay was second last time in a seven-panel allowance over the main track there Apr. 4. Supported as the 3-5 chalk in this four-horse affair, Matterhorn broke slowly and trailed the field through a first quarter in :23.03. Finding his best stride soon after, the bay swiftly advanced up the outside to be on even terms with Between the Lines (Read the Footnotes) entering the bend. Battling that rival down the stretch, Matterhorn kicked clear in the final furlong to win by 1 1/2 lengths. Between the Lines finished 9 1/4 lengths clear of third-place finished Culprit (Street Sense). The winner is a half to Title Contender (Pulpit), MGSW, \$317,457. Sales history: \$110,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$625,000 2yo '13 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$163,649. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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T-Todd A Pletcher.



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**1st-BEL, \$75,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.** **EASTERN ROSE (f, 4, [Bernardini](#)--Prime Investor, by Deputy Minister)** finished second behind next-out Churchill Downs allowance winner Curalina (Curlin) in her seven-panel unveiling at Gulfstream Mar. 28, and was heavily favored at 1-9 to go one better here. Slipping up the rails to dictate terms early, the bay clocked an unpressured first quarter in :22.54 and a half in :46.11. Eastern Rose steadily drew away from her oponents in the stretch under a hand ride from Luis Saez to win by three lengths over Calling Me Home (Graeme Hall). Winter Palace (Smart Strike), the first foal out of GISW Jessica Is Back (Put It Back), trailed throughout. The winner is a half to Miss Moses (Gulch), SW, \$102,870; and Lemonlime (Lemon Drop Kid), MSW, \$125,824. Sales history: \$270,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$55,000. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Andrew Rosen & Edward Easton. B-Mt Brilliant Farm and Ranch LLC (KY). T-Claude R McGaughey III.

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## Florida

### Wednesday's Results:

#### First Winner for Freshman Sire

**3rd-GPX, \$46,600, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :53 2/5, gd. + SILENT PRAYER (f, 2, Brooks 'n Down--Sacred Psalm, by Awesome of Course)** displayed an upbeat worktab over this strip and was dispatched as the 2-1 second choice in this debut. Sprinting up to the head of affairs, the bay clocked a quarter-mile in :22.32 and skipped clear in the stretch under little urging to register a 1 1/2-length victory. Nasha Nadezhda (Ghostzapper) was the runner-up. "I was worried I'd be disappointed," he added, "because she'd done everything good. At first, I had no aspirations about her other than to see what goes on, but she kept beating what I'd been breezing, and I'm saying, 'She can run!' She didn't disappoint, and that's what you like to see. They run like they train, and they stay consistent. But you know how it changes with the babies, so let's just take this, enjoy it, see where we go from here, and go on to the next." The winner, who ran without Lasix, is the first runner and first winner for her freshman sire (by Montbrook), who is a half-brother to champion Awesome Feather (Awesome of Course). Silent Prayer is one of eight horses in her sire's first crop, seven of which, including the winner, are Florida-breds and Jacks or Better Farm homebreds. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$29,500. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc (FL). T-Stanley I Gold.

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## Central U.S.

### Wednesday's Results:

**2nd-IND, \$34,000, Alw, NW2L, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. OLD MEXICO (c, 3, Kodiak Cowboy--Leading Role {MGSP, \$457,971}, by Demaloot Demashoot)** made one start as a juvenile, finishing eighth on debut at Saratoga Sept. 1 behind like the likes of MGISW 'TDN Rising Star' Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) and GII Swale S. winner Ready for Rye (City Zip). Narrowly earning his diploma in his Mar. 20 return at Oaklawn, the bay was eighth to 'TDN Rising Star' Chief Istan (Istan) last time in a six-panel Keeneland allowance Apr. 17. Hammered down to even-money favoritism while facing much easier company here, Old Mexico settled off a quick early pace, made a five-wide bid turning for home and kicked clear late to win by 1 1/4 lengths. Wings Locked Up (Munnings) was second. Sales history: \$29,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$82,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$59,515. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

O-Clark O Brewster. B-Jeanne Bruce (KY). T-Sтивен M Asmussen.

## Kentucky

### Keeneland Expands Wagering to Include Red Mile:

Keeneland will move its year-round simulcast wagering operations to The Red Mile, the historic Standardbred track in Lexington, beginning July 15. Keeneland and The Red Mile will offer wagering on Thoroughbred, Standardbred and Quarter Horse racing at one Lexington location.

The two tracks are investing nearly \$2 million to significantly upgrade the grandstand area of The Red Mile for simulcast patrons.

"Our goal is to create a destination experience which will positively impact the entire horse industry as well as the local economy," Keeneland Vice President and COO Vince Gabbert said. "We believe that by consolidating our simulcast operations in a premier location we will enhance fan interest in live racing."

Simulcast wagering will continue to be offered at Keeneland during the track's spring and fall race meets and annual Thoroughbred auctions (in limited areas), and for special-event days such as the GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Kentucky Derby.

Keeneland and The Red Mile partnered last year on a historical racing initiative with revenue to benefit both the Thoroughbred and Standardbred industries. A total of 1,000 historical racing machines will be housed exclusively in a new facility at The Red Mile scheduled to open in September 2015.

## INDUSTRY INFO

### Yarmuth & Boustany Continue Support for Modernizing Tax Rules for Pari-Mutuel Winnings:

Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY) and Rep. Charles Boustany (R-LA) have submitted a letter to the U.S. Department of Treasury reinforcing their support for amending Treasury regulations regarding withholding and reporting of pari-mutuel winnings. The letter, filed late last week, highlighted the economic impact of Thoroughbred racing in advance of the GI Kentucky Derby, which generated a record \$194.3 million in wagering.

"Unfortunately, the rules which regulate the tax treatment of these wagers were first put in place in the 1970s and do not reflect changes in betting over the past four decades," the letter says.

Yarmuth and Boustany go on to endorse the public comments submitted last month by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and urge the Treasury Department to review and consider those comments as the process moves forward. Last June, Yarmuth and Boustany were joined by a bipartisan group of 15 other congressmen when they sent a letter to the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury urging tax modernization of pari-mutuel regulations relating to pari-mutuel withholding and reporting. **Cont. p3**



**Yarmuth & Boustany cont.**

“The entire horse racing industry is united and in agreement that these proposed changes will benefit all participants in the sport, including horseplayers, as well as federal and state governments,” said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop. “We thank Rep. Yarmuth and Rep. Boustany for their continued leadership on this issue. We urge all horse racing organizations, industry stakeholders and horseplayers to make their voices heard before the public comment period ends June 2.”

The NTRA has created an easy-to-use form that makes it easy for the public to submit an e-mail directly to the appropriate IRS and U.S. Treasury officials at [www.ntra.com/IRSComent](http://www.ntra.com/IRSComent). Nearly 2,000 comments originating from all 50 states and the District of Columbia have already been submitted via [NTRA.com](http://NTRA.com).

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# ROOKIES

**First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, May 7**

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

**ARCHARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 122/1/0

1-CD, Msw, 4 1/2f, Tia Chuy, \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl

**LONHRO (AUS)** (Octagonal {NZ}), Darley Kelvinside, \$30K, 88/1/0

3-GP, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Long Road, \$92K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

**PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 105/0/0

1-EVD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Mimosa Morning, \$40K BSC YRL yrl, 5-2

**REGAL RANSOM** (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$8K, 47/1/0

1-EVD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Reckless Ransom, \$7K EVA MAR 2yo, 4-1

**TIZ THE ONE** (Tiznow), 33/0/0

1-EVD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Tiz Fast, \$4K EVA MAR 2yo, 10-1

**TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 91/0/0

3-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Mint Julep Taffy, \$11K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

**First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, May 7**

*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

3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Charitable Star, 3-1

**ESKENDEREYA** (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 195/28/0

1-CD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Grand Kendra

**LINE OF DAVID** (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 90/15/2

1-CD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Purple Flowers, \$37K FTK JUL yrl

**LOOKIN AT LUCKY** (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 176/39/4

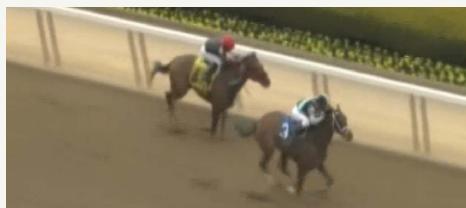
1-CD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Lucky Me Lucky You, \$20K KEE SEP yrl

**SMOOTH AIR** (Smooth Jazz), Gulf Coast Equine, \$3K, 33/2/0

1-EVD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Kid Creole, \$5K EVA MAR 2yo, 2-1

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**NON BLACK-TYPE RESULTS:**

**First Stakes Winner for Freshman Sire**

**ATBA SPRING SALES S.**, \$60,492, TUP, 5-5, 2yo, 5f, :59, ft.

1--#EZ DELUXE, 119, c, 2, Ez Dreamer--Gallatin Gal, by **Fantastic Fellow**. (\$30,000 yrl '14 ARZOCT).

O-Sawyer Cattle Company; B- Fleming Thoroughbred Farm LLC & Tom Ramsey (AZ); T-Dan L McFarlane; J-Geovanni Franco. \$38,051. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$40,031. \*First stakes winner for freshman sire (by In Excess {Ire}).

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2--**Taste's Secret**, 119, g, 2, Taste of Paradise--Girl Secrets, by Twin Spires. (\$7,000 RNA yrl '14 ARZOCT). O-David B Bloom. \$10,221.

3--**Chargin Bye**, 118, f, 2, Tavasco--Charging, by General Gem. (\$4,200 RNA yrl '14 ARZOCT).

O-Rachael Hall & Sarah Crane. \$5,110.

Margins: NK, 3HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 6.10, 1.30, 1.70.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**4th-TDN**, \$39,700, NW3X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:46 1/5, ft.

**STORMIN LARRY** (g, 7, Storm Boot--Hurricane McGuerty, by L'enjoleur) Lifetime Record: SP, 36-8-4-5, \$118,666.

O-Judy Meyers. B-John J Jacob (OH). T-Shane Meyers. \*\$2,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

**3rd-IND**, \$36,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, ft.

**CAT'S IN THE MOOD** (g, 4, Cougar Cat--Aphrodisiac, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-1, \$98,056.

O-Spencer Robinson, Lance Grebe, Perry Norsworthy & Richard Southard. B-Spencer Robinson & Mike Wade (IN). T-Larry W Holt.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Tiger of Wales**, c, 3, D'wildcat--Cuckoo Sue, by Notebook. GPX, 5-6, (C), 1m, 1:37 4/5. B-Carol Kemp (FL). \*\$13,000 wng '12 OBSOCT; \$36,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG; \$45,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY.

**Mabee Ramona**, f, 3, Mr. Mabee--Ramona's Rose (SW-\$133,322), by Lac Ouimet. IND, 5-6, (S), 1m, 1:40 4/5. B-Lake Shore Farm LLC (IN). \*1/2 to Classic Ramona (Crown Ambassador), SW, \$139,990.

**Mangold**, c, 4, Disco Rico--Obsession for Gold (SP-Pr), by Imperial Fling. BEL, 5-6, (S), (C), 1mT, 1:36 3/5. B-Monhill Farm LLC (NY).

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**Dynamic Dash**, c, 3, **Pleasantly Perfect**--See Rock City, by Tapit. Busan, 5-1, Hcp. (\$79k), 1800m.

B-Fredericka V Caldwell & Mitchell Skolnick (KY). \*\$12,000 RNA wnlq '12 KEENOV; \$19,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT. \*\*Ch. Imp. 2yo Colt-Kor. \*\*\*1/2 to One More (Holy Bull), GSP, \$103,820.

### IN PERU:

**Anathor**, c, 3, **Congrats**--Brunilda (Arg) (GSW-US, GSP-Arg, \$379,066-US), by Mutakddim. Monterrico, 5-3, Cond., 1500mT. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (FL). \*\$5,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT.

**Alcindoro**, c, 3, **Istan**--Great Family, by Harlan's Holiday. Monterrico, 5-3, Cond., 1500m. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). \*\$14,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

**Essenza**, f, 3, **Langfuhr**--Distorted Echo, by Distorted Humor. Monterrico, 5-1, Cond., 1000m. B-Andreas Bezzola (KY).

**Arezzo**, c, 4, **Rock Hard Ten**--Love Sting (SW, \$198,750), by Lit de Justice. Monterrico, 5-1, Hcp., 1500m. B-Kenneth Littrell (KY). \*\$27,000 yrl '12 KEESEP.

**Cascajo**, h, 5, **Forestry**--Gal of Mine, by Mining. Monterrico, 5-3, Hcp., 1900mT. B-Hidden Brook Farm (KY). \*1/2 to America America (Mister Baileys {GB}), MSW & MGSP-US, MSP-Eng, SP-Ger, \$403,093; and So Long George (Arch), GSW, \$290,307. \*\*\$15,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

### **Hidden Brook Foaled, Raised & Sold**

**Rocketazo**, h, 5, **Spring At Last**--Evil's Causeway, by Giant's Causeway. Monterrico, 5-2, Hcp., 2000m. B-Donarra Thoroughbreds LLC (FL). \*GSW-Per. \*\*1/2 to True Way of Grace (Yes It's True), SW, \$171,408. \*\*\*\$5,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; \$24,000 2yo '12 OBSJUN.

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**Mi Evita**, m, 6, **Sky Mesa**--Flying Afleet, by Afleet. Monterrico, 5-3, Premio Combato del Dos de Mayo-Listed, 1200m. B-John C Oxley (KY). \*1/2 to Flying Jazz (Jambalaya Jazz), SP, \$179,591; and Queen Hazel (Monarchos), GSP. \*\*\$20,000 RNA wnlq '09 KEENOV; \$17,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

**Gran Profeta**, h, 6, **Unbridled's Song**--Exotic Elegance, by Storm Cat. Monterrico, 5-3, Hcp., 1000m. B-Hertrich/McCarthy Livestock LLC, F W Hertrich III & Unbridled's Song Syndicate (KY). \*MGSP-Per. \*\*\$250,000 wnlq '09 KEENOV; \$32,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

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### Wednesday's Results:

**ARKLE FINANCE CHESHIRE OAKS (FOR THE ROBERT SANGSTER MEMORIAL CUP)**-Listed, £40,000, CHE, 5-6, 3yo, f, 11f 79yT, 2:30.34, gd/sf.

1--**#DIAMONDSANDRUBIES (IRE)**, 126, f, 3, by **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**

1st Dam: **Quarter Moon (Ire)** (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, G1SW-Ire & MG1SP-Eng, \$460,788), by **Sadler's Wells**

2nd Dam: **Jude (GB)**, by **Darshaan (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Alruccaba (Ire)**, by **Crystal Palace (Fr)**

O-Roisin Henry & Susan Magnier; B-Premier Bloodstock (Ire); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £22,684. Lifetime Record: SP-Ire, 4-2-0-1, £32,405.

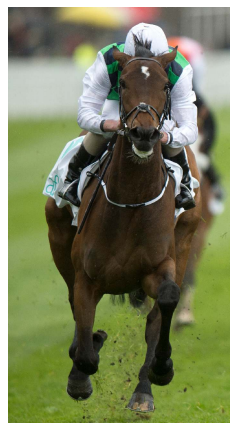
2--**Entertainment (GB)**, 126, f, 3, **Halling--Opera Comique (Fr)**, by **Singspiel (Ire)**. O-Godolphin. £8,600.

3--**Zamoura (GB)**, 126, f, 3, **Azamour (Ire)--Move (GB)**, by **Observatory**. (42,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT). O-Ann Black, Mohammed Al-Qatami & Khalid Al-Mudhaf. £4,304.

Margins: 6, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 1.25, 20.00, 7.00.

Also Ran: **Banzari (GB)**, **Mile High (GB)**, **Sweet Dream (GB)**, **Victoria Pollard (GB)**, **Loaves and Fishes (GB)**, **Tepeleni (GB)**, **What Say You (Ire)**. Scratched: **Affileo (GB)**, **Jasmine Blue (Ire)**.

Following an authoritative nine-furlong maiden win at Tipperary Apr. 9 with a third placing in the Listed Salsabil S. over 10 furlongs at Navan nine days later,



**Diamondsandrubies**  
*Racing Post*

Diamondsandrubies showed she is moving forward at a fast rate with a convincing score in this G1 Epsom Oaks prep. Roisin Henry's high-class but quirky Quarter Moon (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) had already had two siblings try their hand in this contest, with All My Loving (Ire) losing out to subsequent Oaks heroine Light Shift (Kingmambo) in 2007 and Betterbetterbetter (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) denied by just a short head three years ago, but her daughter Diamondsandrubies was in a class of her own this time. Routed along from the break to sit in a handy third, the bay needed a way out on the

final bend and after muscling into space received a crack on the nose with a rival jockey's whip. Undeterred, she powered clear in the last furlong to provide trainer Aidan O'Brien with a fourth edition since 2008. "She couldn't have done that any better," jockey Ryan Moore said. "She traveled very easily and quickened up like a smart filly, so you'd have to be pleased with that. For a big filly, she's gone round there easily." Roisin Henry was on hand to pay tribute to the winner, who will bid to go one better than her dam in the Epsom Classic June 5. "We were worried about the ground, but she's really come good today. She's not straightforward either--she's her mother's daughter I would say." *Cont. p5*



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**Cheshire Oaks cont.**

Coolmore spokesman Kevin Buckley added, "She won in decisive fashion and Ryan said she gave him a really good feel. There is plenty of stamina on the dam's side and now that Fastnet Rock has come to the Northern Hemisphere, he seems to be able to put stamina in his progeny too. We've spoken to Aidan since the win and he's confirmed that Epsom is the target." **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**



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**BETWAY CHESTER CUP H.**, £120,000, CHE, 5-6, 4yo/up, 18f 147yT, 4:12.87, gd/sf.

1--**TRIP TO PARIS (IRE)**, 121, g, 4, [Champs Elysees \(GB\)](#)

--**La Grande Zoa (Ire)**, by **Fantastic Light**. (37,000gns wnlg '11 TATDEC; 35,000gns RNA yrl '12 TATOCT; 20,000gns 2yo '13 TATGNS). O-La Grange Partnership; B-Paul & T J Monaghan (Ire); T-Ed Dunlop; J-Graham Lee. £74,700. Lifetime Record: 14-5-1-0, £127,989.

2--**Quick Jack (Ire)**, 127, g, 6, Footstepsinthesand (GB)

--Miss Polaris (GB), by Polar Falcon. O-John Breslin. £22,368.

3--**Zafayan (Ire)**, 122, g, 4, Acclamation (GB)--Zafayra (Ire), by Nayef. (£40,000 HRA '14 DONHIT). O-Dr Ronan Lambe. £11,184.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 10.00, 4.00, 6.00.

Trip to Paris, who had competed at handicap level in 10 of his 13 prior starts, carried bottom weight for this marathon test coming off wins at Lingfield Apr. 11 and at Ripon last time Apr. 25. Settled off the pace in midfield for the most part, he was asked to close inside the final half-mile and stayed on relentlessly under a drive in the straight to claim this large pot nearing the line. "He has been a revelation to us this year," revealed trainer Ed Dunlop. "He's got speed, he's a mile-and-a-half to two-mile horse with a turn of foot as opposed to being an out-and-out galloper. He might be the sort of horse to come into the picture for the [G1] Melbourne Cup, but he'll need to go up in the weights again. We have Red Cadeaux (GB) for that race again and it would be cheaper to take two horses as it's very expensive to get them out there." **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

**1st-CHE**, £20,000, Cond, 2yo, 5f 16yT, 1:07.52, gd/sf.

**RAH RAH (GB)** (f, 2, Lonhro {Aus}--Rahiyah {G1SP-Fr & GSP-Eng, \$116,279}, by Rahy), who bagged a debut score at Kempton last time Mar. 28, broke well from an inside gate to seize control after the initial strides of this second go. Coming under a drive when threatened by Silver Wings (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}) at the top of the short straight, the 2-1 favorite was headed by that rival with 100 yards remaining, but rallied gamely to reclaim a half-length buffer in the dying strides. "She is so tough and what a game filly," commented trainer's wife Deirdre Johnston. "She shows lot of speed, is very professional and stayed on well on that soft ground. I think she can go either five or six furlongs and Royal Ascot is the dream." Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £16,548. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. B-Darley (GB). T-Mark Johnston.

**5th-CHE**, £14,000, Mdn, 3yo, 10f 75yT, 2:16.84, gd/sf.

**CYMRO (IRE)** (c, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Dictatrice {Fr}, by Anabaa), who was upped in trip for the first time following a latest third in a mile maiden at Ripon Apr. 16, was sent off the 8-1 second favorite due to the overwhelming presence of Ballydoyle's 3.6million gns TATOCT yearling and 1-6 favorite Sir Isaac Newton (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). Unlike that rival, who was free early towards rear from his wide draw, Cymro enjoyed a perfect early trip under cover in third before joining battle with that full-brother to the G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up Secret Gesture (GB) after the home bend. Showing tenacity as the pair pulled clear of the remainder, the €21,000 GOFNOV weanling and €50,000 GOFORB yearling got the better of the argument in the last 100 yards and drew away to best Sir Isaac Newton by 3/4 of a length. The winner is a half-brother to Tatoosh (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), Ch. Older Mare-Scandinavia, MSW-Nor, SW-Swe, \$182,971. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-1, £14,374. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-D Passant & Hefin Williams. B-M McGlynn (Ire). T-Tom Dascombe.

**Fortnum & Mason Joins Forces with Goffs:**

Fortnum & Mason will be an official partner to the Goffs London Sale in association with QIPCO, officials at Goffs announced Wednesday. The second Goffs London Sale will offer roughly 60 horses to go under the hammer at the Kensington Palace Orangery on the eve of Royal Ascot, June 15. Guests will be treated to Fortnum & Mason's hospitality including afternoon tea and various refreshments.

"On behalf of Goffs and our title partner QIPCO, I am delighted to welcome Fortnum & Mason as an official partner to the Goffs London Sale," said Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby. "Building on the success of the inaugural London Sale by further improving the quality of horses on offer and the customer experience is very much our focus. As an iconic British brand that has held many Royal Warrants in its history, Fortnum & Mason is the perfect fit for our eve of Royal Ascot sale. Afternoon tea and picnic hampers are a much loved feature of Royal Ascot week and it is wonderful that the London Sale experience will be enhanced by the best of the best from Fortnum & Mason."

Added Rebecca Burdess, head of Client Sales at Fortnum & Mason, "We are delighted to bring our Fortnum's sense of fun, celebration and pleasure to Kensington Palace as Goffs captures the excitement and passion of the racing fraternity at this unique sale on the eve of Royal Ascot."

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**Wednesday's Results:**

**PRIX DE PONT-NEUF-Listed**, €55,000, LCP, 5-6, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.15, vsf.

- 1--#**LA BERMA (IRE)**, 121, f, 3, by **Lawman (Fr)**  
1st Dam: **Full Snow Moon (SP-Fr)**, by **Vindication**  
2nd Dam: **Netherland (Arg)**, by **Roy**  
3rd Dam: **Nitida (Arg)**, by **Pepenador**

(€52,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT). O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard, Antoine Gilibert, Fabrice Chappet & Benoit Chalmel; B-C Marzocco, L Marzocco & L Disaro (Ire); T-Fabrice Chappet; J-loritz Mendizabal. €27,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €67,000.

- 2--**Kenfreeze (Fr)**, 125, c, 3, **Kendargent (Fr)**--**Damdams Freeze (Fr)**, by **Indian Rocket (GB)**. O-Guy Pariente. €11,000.

- 3--**Jolly Good Kitten**, 125, c, 3, **Kitten's Joy**--**Ballade's Girl**, by **Saint Ballado**. O-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey. €8,250.

Margins: 6, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.30, 3.60, 5.00. Also Ran: **Royal Spring (Fr)**, **Ross (Ire)**, **Eddystone Rock (Ire)**, **Gomati (GB)**. Scratched: **Baghadur (Ire)**.

Runner-up in Chantilly's G3 Prix Eclipse over six furlongs in October, La Berma returned to be soundly beaten when 12th of 13 in the G3 Prix Imprudence over this trip at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 2 but rebounded under a reversion to positive tactics to open her black-type account in impressive fashion. Quickly placed in front by loritz Mendizabal, the bay flashed her tail throughout as she had done in the Prix Eclipse, but when asked to extend proved entirely genuine in putting clear daylight between her and her toiling rivals without feeling the whip. "It all went wrong in the Imprudence, as we decided to wait with her and she obviously prefers to run on the lead or close to the pace," conditioner Fabrice Chappet commented. "The way she won today, she'll stay at least a mile and that opens up the program for her." [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

**Thursday, Lyon-Parilly, post time: 6:15 p.m.**

**COUPES DES TROIS ANS-Listed**, €55,000, 3yo, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Big Blue (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Barzalona	Fabre
2	1	Khareef (Ire)	Monsun (Ger)	Veron	Pantall
3	2	Realgar (Fr)	Muhaymin	Piccione	Heloury
4	5	Erupt (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Pasquier	Graffard
5	4	Duke of Ellington (Fr)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	Rispoli	Clement

All carry 128 pounds.

**Words Pointing to Royal Ascot**

Trainer Aidan O'Brien is likely to be looking towards Royal Ascot with the promising filly **Words (Ire)** (Dansili {GB}), a beautifully-bred daughter of G1 Irish Oaks winner Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}). She looked to have a huge future when beating the classy Raydara (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) on her only run at The Curragh last season, but she met with a slight setback over the winter which has ruled her out of the early Classics. As low as 14-1 in places for the G1 Oaks, O'Brien could wait for the G2 Ribblesdale S. at Ascot instead.

"The lad who rides her out home says she'll win the Ribblesdale, so he's obviously not thinking of the Classics," O'Brien told *At The Races*. "We're going to go gently with her, she might not be ready for the Classics so we might end up at Ascot with her, but we'll see. Looking at her I thought she could be a miler. She looked like a Guineas filly the day she won, but we didn't have a clear run and couldn't get a consistent spell of long training into her which is why she's a bit behind."

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**Wednesday's Results**

**HYOGO CHAMPIONSHIP-Listed**, ¥42,000,000 (US\$351,362), Sonoda, 5-6, 3yo, 1870m, 2:00.40, gd.

- 1--#**CROSS KRIEGER (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, **Admire Aura (Jpn)**--**Big Queen (Jpn)**, by **Brian's Time**. O-Takashi Tsuji; B-Hokusei Murata Farm; T-Yasushi Shono; J-Yasunari Iwata; ¥28,000,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1.
  - 2--**Lia Fail (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, **Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)**--**Chrysoprase (Jpn)**, by **El Condor Pasa**. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥7,000,000.
  - 2--**Pomme Figlia (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, **Fourty Niners Son-Nanayo Tiara (Jpn)**, by **Meiner Love**. O-Dearest; B-Kojima Farm; ¥3,360,000.
- Margins: 9, 5, 5. Odds: 0.60, 1.60, 27.80.

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### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-LCP, €28,000, 5-6, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:46.39, vsf.  
**DON BOSCO (FR)** (h, 8, **Barathea {Ire}**--**Perfidie {Ire}**,  
 by **Monsun {Ger}**) Lifetime Record: MGSW-Fr,  
 40 starts, 11 wins, 20 places, €480,375. O-Omar El  
 Sharif & Alain Michel Haddad. B-Haras d'Etream &  
 Vision Bloodstock Ltd (Fr). T-David Smaga. \*€55,000  
 yrl '08 ARQAUG. \*\*1/2 to **Vodkato (Fr)** (Russian Blue  
 {Ire}), MSW-Fr, \$273,997; and **Orcus (Fr)** (Russian Blue  
 {Ire}), MSP-Fr, \$131,802.

### HANDICAP RESULT:

7th-CHE, £16,000, 5-6, 3yo, 12f 66yT, 2:45 3/5,  
 gd/sf.  
**NOT NEVER (GB)** (g, 3, **Notnowcato {GB}**--  
**Watchoverme {GB}**, by **Haafhd {GB}**) Lifetime Record:  
 3-2-0-0, £13,585. O-Mrs Denis Haynes. B-Wretham  
 Stud (GB). T-Hugo Palmer.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Fast Gold (Ire)**, c, 2, **Fast Company (Ire)**--**Gold Tobougg**  
 (GB), by **Tobougg (Ire)**. BTN, 5-6, 5f 59yT, 1:07.52.  
 B-Ciaran Mac Ferran. \*€33,000 wnlq '13 GOFNOV;  
 £20,000 yrl '14 DONAUG.  
**Covert Love (Ire)**, f, 3, **Azamour (Ire)**--**Wing Stealth (Ire)**,  
 by **Hawk Wing**. CHD, 5-6, 10f (AWT), 2:06 2/5.  
 B-Sommerville Bloodstock (Ire). \*€26,000 yrl '13  
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