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AMERICAN PHAROAH TO ASHFORD

Ahmed Zayat, owner of GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. hero **American Pharoah** (Pioneer of the Nile--Little Princess Emma, by Yankee Gentleman), confirmed Wednesday morning on Twitter that the colt will enter stud at Ashford Stud upon completion of his racing days.

"Whatever happens in the Belmont, American Pharoah is an outstanding sire prospect and we're very grateful to the Zayat family for entrusting us with his



American Pharoah following his Preakness romp *Horsephotos*

stallion career," said Ashford Stud Manager Dermot Ryan. "He's already a champion 2-year-old and has won his first four starts at three by over 20 lengths. It's very exciting to think about how much more he might achieve."

A \$300,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga graduate, American

Pharoah dropped his career debut, but was named champion of his generation with wins in the GI Del Mar Futurity and the GI FrontRunner S. He is perfect in his four starts this season, with current earnings of \$3,730,300. He becomes the latest in a line of 2-year-old champions (Lookin at Lucky, Uncle Mo, Hansen--subsequently sold to Korea--Shanghai Bobby) to stand at Coolmore.

"They are a world-class organization and I particularly respect what John Magnier has achieved in this business," Zayat commented. "They are a fun group to be involved with, they enjoy their racing and they understand what it means to have a horse of that caliber."

Zayat confirmed that he intends to race American Pharoah into the second half of the season and that there are "kickers" in place for "benchmarks for prestigious, important races" and achievements, including wins in the Belmont and other important Grade I events, or being voted an additional Eclipse Award or be named Horse of the Year.

"He's fast, well-bred, well-conformed horse and what makes him special is the way he's able to move, it's like poetry in motion," Zayat responded when asked why he believes American Pharoah will appeal to prospective breeders. "He's undefeated except for his career debut, when he had excuses, and he's won at five different tracks--he doesn't need to take his track with him. He is a perfect, gorgeous horse and he can do anything--he can sit, he can be in the front. He's a once-in-a-lifetime horse."

THOROUGHBRED OWNER BILL BACKER IN MAD MEN SPOTLIGHT *By Mike Kane*

Monday morning, several hours after 'Mad Men' [closed its 7-year run](#) with the legendary jingle, "I Want to Buy the World a Coke," the phone started ringing at Bill Backer's home in The Plains, VA. He's been fielding calls ever since.

The first reporter who reached Backer--a longtime Thoroughbred owner and breeder--told him that his famous song in a remarkably successful 1971 Coca-Cola commercial had brought the acclaimed series on AMC to a conclusion. It was news to him.

"I didn't know and Coca-Cola didn't either," Backer, 88, said. "They had been called and said, 'we'd like to use your commercial sometime and we promise it will not denigrate the advertising or the product.' They trusted them and they were right. It didn't. They would have called me, but they didn't know." **Cont. p3**



Bill Backer
Mike Kane photo

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Infield crowds and the Preakness contenders: never the twain shall meet? *Steve Sherack photo*

This year's GI Kentucky Derby, won in determined fashion by American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), was watched by a record TV audience, despite a broadcast that wasn't always focused on the racing product itself. Last weekend's GI Preakness S. was far less popular with the viewing public: some six million consumers who watched the Run for the Roses found something better to do. In a TDN Op/Ed, Dean Towers examines the issue, pleading with the powers that be to maintain and indeed grow interest in Thoroughbred horse racing.

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A.G. Vanderbilt (pictured) and John H. Whitney will enter Racing's Hall of Fame as Pillars of the Turf. Story p6

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Backer's "I Want to Buy the World a Coke," song was the highest point of a brilliant advertising career in New York. By no means a one-hit wonder, Backer, often using his musical talent, was responsible for many, many very successful campaigns: "Things Go Better with Coke" and "It's the Real Thing" for Coca-Cola; composed the jingle "Little girls have pretty curls, but I like Oreo" for Nabisco; conceived "It's Miller Time" and the jingle "If You've Got the Time, We've got the



Backer in the Saratoga winner's circle in 2012 *Mike Kane*

Beer," and the concept for the long-running "Great Taste...Less Filling" commercials usually featuring feuding athletes that helped Miller Lite gain acceptance and become one of the most popular beers in America; and Lowenbrau's "Here's to Good Friends,

Tonight is Kind of Special." He developed the "Bring on the Campbell's, Soup is Good Food" campaign.

In 1995, Backer was a unanimous selection to the Advertising Hall of Fame. He was elected as a member of The Jockey Club in October 2004.

Backer's reaction to learning that his song was used to suggest that the series' troubled star Don Draper had regained his mojo and had the idea for the Coca-Cola commercial: "Well, things go the way they go," he said.

Though Backer and his wife Ann started watching the series when it came on the air in 2007, he said he lost interest in the second season. Backer considered Mad Men more of a soap opera and less about advertising, but said he will make a point to watch the final episode.

Backer grew up in Charleston, SC, spent two years in the Navy and graduated from Yale in 1950. In his first three years after college, he headed a small freelance music operation, worked as a production assistant at Columbia Pictures and rented office space. His first job as a trainee at McCann Erickson Advertising--the same company the fictional Don Draper eventually worked for--was in the mail room in 1953. He was the creative director when he resigned in 1979, several months before becoming a partner in his own firm.

Backer and Spielvogel Advertising had the fastest growth rate of any agency in history and had attained billings of \$480 million when it was sold to Saatchi and Saatchi in 1989. Backer stayed on as a consultant for a few years and wrote his book, "The Care and Feeding of Ideas" before moving into retirement on the farm.

In his book and in countless interviews before and since, Backer explained that he wrote what became the final words to the song on a napkin while stranded overnight near the Shannon Airport in Ireland.



NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

IMMEDIATE INDUSTRY ACTION NEEDED TO SUPPORT
MODERNIZATION OF PARI-MUTUEL TAX REGULATIONS

The U.S. Department of Treasury has indicated that it is closely monitoring both the quality and quantity of recently submitted comments related to attempts by the horse racing industry to convince the Treasury to modernize tax regulations relating to withholding and reporting of pari-mutuel winnings. The NTRA has set a goal to obtain 10,000 submissions by the June 2 deadline. To date, more than 3,000 comments have been made.

Please lend your support today by completing an easy-to-use, pre-populated message (that you may choose to edit) available at www.NTRA.com/IRScomment. The form takes less than two minutes to complete.

The influx of hundreds of millions of dollars in additional wagering through the proposed changes would benefit horseplayers, track operators, owners, breeders and horsemen, as well as state and local governments. [Click here](#) for background information on the NTRA's efforts to modernize these tax regulations, including the NTRA's full response to Treasury, support letters, news releases and editorials.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important initiative and please encourage others to get involved before the June 2 deadline.



For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of government relations and membership development, (859) 422-2677 or visit www.SupportHorseRacing.org.

Backer's Pan Am flight to London was diverted to Shannon because of fog at Heathrow and many passengers were unhappy and openly complaining about being inconvenienced. However, the next day Backer noticed some members of this international group of travelers chatting while drinking his client's beverage and wrote "I'd like to buy the world a Coke and keep it company." The rest of the lyrics and music followed and were produced as a radio ad and then filmed as the "Hilltop" ad for television.

The song was reworked, taking out the commercial links to Coke, and two versions of "I Want to Teach the World to Sing (In Perfect Harmony) were in Billboard's top 10 at the same time.

Shortly after beginning his advertising career, Backer and a partner spent about \$500 to purchase a Thoroughbred weanling. He said the colt, Wink Proof (Proof Coil), provided him with his first career victory in 1956 at the Bowie Race Track in Maryland. In the early 1980s, the Backers bought property in Northern Virginia and developed Smitten Farm, where they raise horses and cattle and grow grains and hay.

"We were smitten by the land and the whole idea of having this glorious place," he said, explaining the name of the farm. **Cont. p4**





Bill Backer cont.

These days, Backer has about 12 broodmares and a dozen runners in training with Hamilton Smith, Jonathan Sheppard and Bill Mott. Typically, he



The Backer-bred Hedonemewrongsong (out of Bitter Lemon) won under Rosie Napravnik at Saratoga in August 2012. Jonathan Sheppard trainer Mike Kane

campaigns turf horses. His best runner was Blind Date (Not For Love), winner of the 2009 Gill Virginia Oaks and Maryland's 3-year-old filly champ that year. Blind Date's dam, Snit (Fit to Fight), won 10 races, including the Gil Cotillion S. He bred and raced stakes winner Crab Grass (Known Fact) and her stakes-placd half-sister Fescue (Believe It). Blind Date's yearling son, Nice Try (Giant's Causeway), is growing up on Smitten Farm.

Backer has been in love with Thoroughbreds for decades.

"I just think all told they are the most versatile, wonderful breed," he said. "People forget that they come in all different sizes and colors."

As an example, Backer pointed to a pair of Hall of Famers, massive Forego and the compact Northern Dancer.

"They come in all shapes and sizes and temperaments," he said. "And from that breed you can pick wonderful individuals to go fox hunting on or racing on or polo on. They're just a terrific bunch of horses."

Forty-four years after Backer's widely heralded Coca-Cola commercial received vast public attention, the producers and writers of "Mad Men" put it back in the spotlight.

"It caught me by surprise," he said, "but I'm not surprised totally."

As a result, one of America's great ad men has had an unexpected flurry of activity to deal with this week.

"It's been busy," Backer said. "News people keep calling and old friends. You have to acknowledge everybody."

And so he has. But has it been fun?

"Yes," he said, "but I'll be glad when it's over."



op/ed by Dean Towers



WHEN THE SIDESHOW TRUMPS THE HEADLINER, THE SPORT OF HORSE RACING LOSES OUT

I watched Golf Channel's *Feherty* the other day when the host, David Feherty, was interviewing the CEO of the PGA Tour, Tim Finchem. I found one segment of the show particularly interesting.

Finchem told a story about 2003's Colonial tournament, an all-male event, which accepted the entry of golf legend Annika Sorenstam. Sorenstam, a conqueror of women's golf, was taking on the men on their turf; the first time in modern history to ever occur. This of course created a big buzz, but Finchem and others were not prepared for just how big it was. He noted it was the first time the PGA Tour website servers ever went down due to massive web traffic. It seemed that everyone--men, women, casual sports fans and the hardcore golf fans--wanted to see how she was doing. They followed her round like it was the last round of Jack Nicklaus's 1986 Masters.

This golf event did what big events in any sport should do: Drive many demographics, new users and old, to watch the sport itself. You hope it encourages more people to watch other tournaments on TV, visit one live, or take up the game of golf. Not many would argue that Ms. Sorenstam's effort was not only wonderful for women's golf, but golf as a sport. This is vitally important for a niche sport, or at least one not named football or baseball.

Three weeks ago at the Kentucky Derby, I glanced at the pre-game show for the first time in many years. There was very little talk about the Derby itself, but there was a whole lot of chatter about seemingly everything else; red carpets, fashion, movie stars. This sometimes does not sit well with traditional racing fans, but when the ratings themselves came out, the show delivered. The Derby telecast was the highest rated in 23 years, and over 15 million watched.

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Infield crowds and the Preakness contenders: never the twain shall meet? Steve Sherack photo



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**Dean Towers Op/Ed cont.**

Two weeks later, as American Pharoah splashed towards a hopeful Triple Crown at the Preakness, a funny thing happened. When the overnight ratings came out, they were not very good at all. They were the second lowest since NBC began televising the event 15 years ago. How, logically, do near record numbers watch the Derby, see a favorite win, and then not tune in two weeks later? Where and how did the sport lose so many viewers (more than six million) in only a fortnight?

I think a strong case can be made that the Derby viewers were viewing an event first, and a race second. Those who were captured by the sport itself were happy to tune in two weeks later. Those who were mesmerized by the rich and famous and celebrities found something else to do.

I read with interest [Harper Hutchins's article in the TDN](#) not long after the Preakness. She had a mandate to report on what she saw with her (younger) demographic at the event itself. She wrote:

"Standing in and around the concert venue for the day I would have had no idea that there were races going on. The separation of the concert goers from the racing fans was evident and impossible to ignore. Walking from one side of the infield to the other was like walking through a music festival and somehow ending up at the Preakness."

If a tree falls at the finish line, would anyone in the infield hear it?

This is something that racing--struggling with attendance and relevance--has leaned on for some time. Food trucks, festivals, bands. For the Belmont this year, I have seen more ads for the Goo Goo Dolls than I have since Clinton's third year in office. It's a formula that racing has used to try and up attendance for events. But have the concerts, bands, food trucks, infield, hats and fashion trumped the event itself? How much good do they do long-term for horse racing?

It wasn't always like this.

In October of 1938, a horse embarked on a whistle-stop tour on his way from California to Pimlico, for a Nov. 1 match race against the mighty War Admiral. It was reported that over 40 million listened to the Seabiscuit--War Admiral race on the radio, and thousands made their way to Pimlico to see the race live. They were there for one thing and one thing only: To see a horse race. I realize it was a different time, but the race itself drove everything, not sideshows. And that event transcended the United States sports audience.

Seven decades later we saw a highly rated Breeders' Cup Classic. Zenyatta, the undefeated mare, fresh off an appearance in front of millions on CBS's 60 Minutes, was taking on the boys in her last start. Fans of the sport tuned in, paid a huge ticket price to watch live, or huddled around computer screens to see if the big mare could go out a winner. The stretch drive, the electricity, the crowd, the setting, everything was pure, unapologetic horse racing. It was magic.

Although those two races were 72 years apart, the sport, not sideshows, drove viewership or listenership. There were no bands, no food trucks, no bobblehead giveaways or urinal runs. There was just a good old-fashioned horse race.

I don't for a second blame Churchill Downs or Pimlico doing what they've done. Big-event days are important to their bottom lines, and in some cases they can make or break a meet. In addition, with horses retiring early, racing infrequently, or unable to meet (for goodness sakes, the sport could not even get Rachel and Zenyatta together, despite numerous opportunities), perhaps maybe that's the method of operation needed. However, to look at an attendance figure, or ratings number for a Derby, I have no idea what to feel. 15 million? 20 million? It just seems hollow, meaningless; a nothing for the sport.

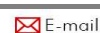
Like Annika Sorenstam's visit to the Colonial in 2003, I believe horse racing has equally compelling stories and interesting races that can capture the hearts and minds of casual sports fans. I simply wonder, the way the sport is presented, if anyone will care. After all, it's tough to understand the meaning of a stretch drive--two horses digging deep for every inch in a display of equine sporting excellence--if the announcer's voice is being drowned out by a cover band.



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VANDERBILT, J.H. WHITNEY ADDED TO HOF

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt and John H. Whitney, two names synonymous with Thoroughbred racing and breeding, will join the 2015 class of the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame after being elected as 'Pillars of the Turf,' it was announced Wednesday.

The London-born and Massachusetts-raised Vanderbilt assumed control of his mother's 600-acre farm—named Sagamore—in Glyndon, Maryland, at the age of 21 in 1933, registered his silks and scooped up a horse he would name Discovery for \$25,000. It was the beginning of a rich seven decades in the business. While still in his 20s, Vanderbilt purchased and took over the



A.G. Vanderbilt at Belmont Park in 1940
Alfred Eisenstaedt,
courtesy sagamoreraing.com

management of Pimlico Race Course, consolidating major stakes races on a single program to create buzz at the track and helped to increase the visibility and popularity of the track's Preakness S. Elected to The Jockey Club in 1937 at the age of 24, Vanderbilt helped arrange the historic match race between Seabiscuit and War Admiral, and in 1940, began running Belmont Park. He ran both tracks until military service in World War II.

Vanderbilt bred no fewer than 77 stakes winners in his illustrious career, including Next Move, Bed o'Roses, Now What, Petrify and Native Dancer, his most famous runner. He later joined Discovery and Bed o'Roses in the Hall of Fame after winning 21 of his 22 career starts. Winner of the Eclipse Award of Merit in 1994, Vanderbilt died five years later at the age of 87.

Born in Maine, John Whitney—like Vanderbilt—was a Yale graduate and studied at Oxford, England, until his father's passing in 1927. Always passionate about racing, Whitney received two yearlings as a gift from his father and joined The Jockey Club at the age of 24 in 1928. He campaigned his first American stakes winner in 1931, and Shining Wood gave him his first U.S. stakes success when winning the Futurity S. in 1933. Appointed to the state commission of racing in New York in 1934, Whitney helped found the American Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, the organization which would morph into TOBA over time.

Upon his mother's death in 1944, Whitney inherited a 63% controlling interest in her Greentree Stud in Lexington, while his sister, Joan Whitney Payson, received the remaining 37%. Together, the brother-and-sister team bred its first \$100,000 earner in 1945 (Mesmer), and Capot, the 1949 Horse of the Year. Greentree also bred Stage Door Johnny, Late Bloomer and Bowl Game among 91 stakes winners. Whitney's best horse was Tom Fool, a private purchase from breeder Duval Headley as a yearling. He became the Horse of the Year in 1953, winning the Metropolitan, Suburban, Brooklyn, Whitney and Carter Handicaps. Upon Joan Whitney Payson's death in 1975, her stake in Greentree passed to her husband, Charles Shipman Payson. Whitney bought out that interest in 1980 to obtain sole ownership of Greentree. He died two years later at the age of 77.

A committee of racing experts and historians, under the guidance of chairman D.G. Van Clief, comprise the Pillars of the Turf Selection Committee: Van Clief, Edward L. Bowen, Christopher Dragone, Jane Goldstein, Ken Grayson, Jay Hovdey, G. Watts Humphrey, Bill Marshall, Leverett Miller, Bill Mooney, Mary Simon, Michael Veitch and Gary West.

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NASSAU S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Strut the Course	Strut the Stage	Contreras	Minshall	120
2	Skylander Girl	Stroll	Ramsammy	Patykewich	116
3	Overheard	Macho Uno	Da Silva	Pierce	122
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5	Surtsey	Heatseeker (Ire)	Moreno	Attard	118
6	Llanarmon	Sky Mesa	Wilson	Attfield	118
7	Sky Treasure	Sky Mesa	Boulanger	Casse	116
8	Copper Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Olguin	Bell	118
9	Deceptive Vision	A.P. Indy	Husbands	Pierce	122
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LOUISVILLE H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

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1	Royal Blessing	Kitten's Joy	Mena	Walsh	114
2	Cozy Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Leparoux	Maker	114
3	Calvados (Arg)	Snipewalk	Hernandez	Correas IV	115
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5	Majestic Harbor	Rockport Harbor	Lanerie	McGee	116
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'RULER' DONE FOR SEASON

Coolmore partners and Al Shaqab Racing's 2013 G1 Epsom Derby hero **Ruler of the World (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) will miss the remainder of the 2015 breeding season after suffering an injury in the breeding shed this past weekend Coolmore announced Wednesday. A winner of the G2 Qatar Prix Foy and G3 Chester Vase S. in addition to his Derby triumph, the 5-year-old should be completely recovered to resume covering duties for next year's breeding season said the veterinarians at Coolmore.



Ruler of the World
Coolmore Stud

"Because many mares have been slow this spring, Ruler of the World still had quite a portion of his 100-plus book left to cover so it's unfortunate that he will miss the last month of the season," said Coolmore's Christy Grassick. "We are doing our best to accommodate all the clients with mares yet to be covered and thankfully we have several attractive options for them to choose from."

A resident of Coolmore Stud in Ireland, the chestnut stood for €15,000 in his initial season at stud. His first foals are expected next year.

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GODOLPHIN PURCHASE SHARE IN HOBBS

Godolphin has joined the partnership that owns G2 Dante S. runner-up **Jack Hobbs (GB)** (Halling {GB}). The John Gosden-trained colt will race in the Godolphin silks and is a leading fancy for the G1 Epsom Derby June 6. Prior to his Dante second to stablemate **Golden Horn (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) at York May 14, Jack Hobbs won his first two trips to the post at Wolverhampton last December and a



Jack Hobbs
Racing Post

10-furlong affair at Sandown Apr. 24.

John Ferguson, bloodstock advisor to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed, commented, "Jack Hobbs has run just three times and has shown remarkable progression. John Gosden, who also trained his sire Halling for us, has a high opinion of the colt. He has loads of scope and class and looks the kind of horse that will only improve with age."

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The deal was brokered by Blandford Bloodstock, whose Tom Goff said, "There has been a lot of interest in Jack Hobbs. The possibilities for him are the Derby, the [G1] King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot and the [G1] Irish Derby. I believe he's got an exciting future."

Jack Hobbs will remain in training with John Gosden.

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GUINEAS WINNER ON OAKS TRAIL

Twenty five fillies remain in the G1 Epsom Oaks scheduled for June 5, on the eve of the G1 Epsom Derby. The market is headed by **Legatissimo (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) who announced her arrival in the big leagues when winning the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 3. While not set in stone, it would appear Legatissimo is on target for the race with her trainer David Wachman commenting, "She seems fine and we're thinking of going to Epsom. All options are open and we're not going to tie ourselves down to anything, but that [Oaks] is the most likely target."



Legatissimo Winning at Newmarket
Racing Post

Of the eleven Irish entries seven hail from Ballydoyle, including the

impressive Listed Cheshire Oaks winner **Diamondsandrubies (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner **Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). Jessica Harrington has two entries with her G1 Irish 1000 Guineas hope **Bocca Baciata (Ire)** (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) in the mix along with stablemate **Jack Naylor (GB)** (Champs Elysees {GB}), last seen finishing third behind Found at Longchamp in October. Newmarket trainer Ed Dunlop has entered **Arethusa (GB)** (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) and this filly gets the chance to book her Oaks ticket Thursday when tackling the Listed Height of Fashion S. at Goodwood, a race won en route to Oaks glory by another Dunlop trained filly in the form of Snow Fairy (Ire) (Intikhab).

"We are in the position with Arethusa at the moment where we don't quite know where we are with her so that is why we have decided to go down this route," said Dunlop. "We have chosen to go back to Goodwood as she won there last year. Let's keep our fingers crossed and see how she gets on. The Goodwood race looks pretty competitive unfortunately. I am happy with the way she has progressed but we just need to know where we stand with her."

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STRONG ENTRIES FOR CORONATION

Tapestry (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) looks set to be the sole Ballydoyle representative in the G1 Coronation Cup on Epsom Derby day June 6. Trainer Aidan O'Brien has already won the middle distance contest seven times and relies on the 4-year-old filly, who last year lowered the colors of **Taghrooda (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks before running unplaced behind **Treve (Fr)** (Motivator {GB}) in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp in October. A quality field of colts and geldings will also be in the mix with a strong Gallic challenge headed by **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB})



Cirrus Des Aigles winning the Coronation Cup in 2014
Racing Post

and **Cirrus Des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}). The evergreen Cirrus Des Aigles looks set to take in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan en route to defending his title in the race and will also face tough competition from the Alain De Royer-Dupre trained **Dolniya (Fr)** (Azamour {Ire}). This Aga Khan homebred filly already has a victory over Flintshire to her name

when beating the Juddmonte colt in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in Dubai this March.

Another veteran who could take his chance is **Red Cadeaux (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereaux {GB}). Ed Dunlop's globetrotter has been kept busy this year having already faced the starter in Australia and Hong Kong. Dunlop commented, "It is a race under consideration--his next run is likely to be at either Epsom or Royal Ascot. We will see how he is nearer the time. He is on the comeback trail at the moment after returning from his latest world travels."

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HEAD COLD RULES OUT FREE EAGLE

Moyglare Stud's homebred **Free Eagle (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) will miss his eagerly awaited comeback run this weekend due to a head cold reported *Racing Post*. The Dermot Weld trained colt was antepost favorite for the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh this Sunday. Weld told the *Racing Post* Wednesday, "Free Eagle has picked up a head cold and we've decided to be cautious. The weather has been



Free Eagle
Racing Post

very changeable and apart from the head cold he is fine. But he won't be running on Sunday and we will train him for Royal Ascot where he will have a choice of engagements."

Free Eagle has only run four times in total and was last seen chasing home Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and Al Kazeem (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the G1 Champion S. at Ascot last October. He holds Royal Ascot entries in both the G2 Hardwicke S. and the G1 Prince of Wales S., for which he is currently 7-2 in the market.

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Saturday, Doomben, Australia, post time: 1:57 a.m. ET
JAMES BOAG'S PREMIUM DOOMBEN 10,000-G1, A\$750,000
(US\$590,972), 3yo/up, 1350mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	17	Temple of Boom (Aus)	Piccolo (GB)	Rodd	Gollan	130
2	8	Boban (Aus)	Bernardini	Schofield	Waller	130
3	13	Fontelina (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Harrison	Cummings	130
4	15	Knoydart (Aus)	More Than Ready	McDonald	O'Shea	130
5	9	Big Money (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Thompson	Northam	130
6	7	Sacred Star (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Purton	Pike	130
7	12	Our Boy Malachi (Aus)	Top Echelon (Aus)	Berry	Hawkes	130
8	6	Generalife (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Bowman	O'Shea	130
9	16	Charlie Boy (Aus)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Shinn	Snowden	130
10	4	Rock Sturdy (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Bell	Pride	130
11	14	Neo (NZ)	One Cool Cat	El-Issa	Kendrick	130
12	1	Flamingo Star (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	Angland	Waller	130
13	5	Srikandi (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Browne	Maher	125
14	11	Scissor Kick (Aus)	Rdout's Chce (Aus)	Boss	Messara	125
15	10	Time For War (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Byrne	Kendrick	125
16	2	Brng Me th Maid (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	McEvoy	Moody	121
Also Eligibles:						
17	3	Nite Rocker (Aus)	More Than Ready	Bowditch	Kennewell	130

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IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

Neonatal Nannies

"Manning is a volunteer foal-sitter in the neonatal intensive care unit at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center in Kennett Square. During foal season--roughly between February and June--the center recruits about 100 volunteers to assist them in the round-the-clock monitoring that the very sick fillies and colts admitted there require." **Natalie Pompilio, *The Inquirer***

With future of Preakness foggy, commission focuses on improving Maryland horse racing

"To hear Preakness organizers and the owners of Maryland's Pimlico and Laurel Park racetracks tell it, the middle jewel of the Triple Crown is only one piece, albeit an important one, of the state's broader racing culture." **John Meoli, *The Baltimore Sun***

New York

Wednesday's Results:

6th-BEL, \$60,000, Msw, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5, fm.

EX EX EX (c, 3, Read the Footnotes--Stelluchella, by Honor Grades) was markedly improved in his last race, finishing second against \$40,000 taggers when routing over the main track Apr. 30. The 14-1 chance shot to the front out of the gates and comfortably set the early pace. The bay was still in charge entering the stretch and opened up en route to a two-length victory. Apollo Eleven (Medaglia d'Oro) completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Alfonsina (Grand Slam), MGSP, \$120,547. Sales history: \$52,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$44,743. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Mark Valentine. B-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC, A Lakin & Sons & Hidden Lake Farm (NY). T-Gary C Contessa.

SEQUEL BLOODSTOCK graduate

9th-BEL, \$60,000, Msw, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43, fm.

CELTIC SUNRISE (f, 4, Freud--Uppity, by Colony Light) was third first out over this track and trip against fellow Empire-breds last June and had been on the bench since. The 2-1 pick for this re-emergence rated towards the back of the field early. She swung out about five wide on the bend, charged down the stretch to catch the leaders a furlong out and hit the wire 3/4 of a length in front of Outtacypresshills (Big Brown). The winner is a half to Two Sixty Four (Dance Brightly), SW, \$197,705; and is a full to Market Psychologys, MSP, \$174,221. Sales history: \$50,000 yrl '12 FTNAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$42,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Susan T Harris. B-Brian Moran (NY). T-Christophe Clement.

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• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK

Mubtaahij (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), 4f, :48.34, 2/22

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Bayern (Offlee Wild), 6f, 1:11.80, 1/1

Medal Count (Dynaformer), 5f, 1:00.40, 1/14

MONMOUTH PARK

Just Call Kenny (Jump Start), 4f, :47.00, 1/2

Private Zone (Macho Uno), 4f, :47.00, 1/2

SARATOGA

Sweet Whiskey (Old Fashioned), 4f, :49.36, 3/14

Eastern U.S.

Wednesday's Results:

WINTER MELODY S., \$50,125, DEL, 5-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:43 1/5, ft.

1--#SEA SHADOW, 122, f, 4, Jump Start--Evening Shadows, by Dixieland Band. (\$17,000 RNA yrl '12 FTKJUL). O-Ben & Mary Jo Colebrook; B-John Bonziglia, Ben & John T Colebrook (PA); T-Ben Colebrook; J-Anthony Stephen. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-4, \$182,006. *Ran without Lasix.

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2--Power of Snunner, 122, m, 5, Power by Far--Snunner, by Yarrow Brae. O-James M Courtney. \$10,000.

3--Tapit's World, 120, m, 5, Tapit--Higher World, by Peaks and Valleys. O-Terra Di Sienna Stables. \$5,500.

Margins: 4 3/4, 3/4, NK. Odds: 15.40, 2.00, 3.40.

Sea Shadow closed out her 3-year-old season with a win in a sloppy Parx allowance against state-breds in December and returned to the races dead-heating for the win in an allowance there Mar. 21. Most recently, she never factored when stretched out to 1 1/8 miles in the Gill Sixty Sails H. Apr. 18. Adding blinkers for the first time, Sea Shadow rated off the early pace and improved her position on the turn. The longshot caught pacesetter Tapit's World in the stretch and held off a late rally by Power of Snunner for the win. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

7th-DEL, \$34,250, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft.

+TIDAL SURGE (f, 3, Bernardini--Storm Tide, by Storm Cat), the 5-2 second choice for her debut, was away well and stalked the pace from off the rail down the backstretch. The Robert Evans homebred ranged up on the turn, chased down Milaya (Eskendereya) by midstretch and finished 1 1/4 lengths the best. The winner is a half to American Lion (Tiznow), MGSW, \$417,800. Second dam City Band (Carson City) was a GISW. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/-Robert S Evans (KY). T-Christophe Clement.

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ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, May 21

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- ARCHARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 122/1/0
1-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Joan of Arch, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- EZ DREAMER** (In Excess {Ire}), 13/1/1
4-PRM, Msw, 4 1/2f, Heidi's in Charge, \$33K ARZ NOV yrl, 3-1
- GENERAL QUARTERS** (Sky Mesa), Crestwood Farm, \$9K, 38/0/0
2-GP, Msw, 4 1/2f, Sumfloridasunfun, \$14K RNA OBS AUG yrl, 15-1
- GONE ASTRAY** (Dixie Union), Northwest Stud, \$5K, 68/0/0
2-GP, Msw, 4 1/2f, +It's High Time, 9-5
- HERE COMES BEN** (Street Cry {Ire}), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$8K, 43/0/0
4-PRM, Msw, 4 1/2f, Here Comes Gwen, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- ICE BOX** (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 71/0/0
1-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Sky High Skyler, 10-1
- INDYGO MOUNTAIN** (A.P. Indy), Valor Farms, \$3K, 7/0/0
1-CD, Msw, 5f, More Than Most, 3-1
- PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 105/0/0
4-PRM, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Uplayuwintriumph, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
- UNCLE MO** (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 164/1/0
1-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Uncle Vinny, \$175K KEE SEP yrl, 3-5
1-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Modonna, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, May 21

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

- ESKENDEREYA** (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 195/28/0
1-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Right There, \$55K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2
- LINE OF DAVID** (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 90/17/2
1-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +She's On the Line, \$95K BAR MAR 2yo, 4-1
- SMOOTH AIR** (Smooth Jazz), Gulf Coast Equine, \$3K, 33/3/0
2-GP, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Lady Soyadora, \$3K OBS WIN yrl, 20-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

- 7th-IND, \$44,640**, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46, fm.
- WILD SWAVA** (m, 5, Offlee Wild--El Swava, by El Prado {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW, 23-13-4-2, \$312,596. O-William J Butler. B-John OMeara (IN). T-Michael J Maker. *\$7,500 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP.

7th-TDN, \$41,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

PYRITE BLUES (m, 5, Toccet--Blue Sword, by Crusader Sword) Lifetime Record: MSP, 19-6-5-3, \$184,942. O-Pyrite Stables. B-D W Frazier MD (OH). T-Miguel A Feliciano. *1/2 to Cosmo Bell (Formal Dinner), MGSP-Jpn, \$1,514,325; Bernie Blue (Bernstein), MSW, \$946,948.

4th-IND, \$36,000, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.

POMEROYS UPRISING (f, 3, Pomeroy--Cheyann Uprising, by Texas Glitter) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$60,208. O-C J Equine Service Inc & Ragnar Korthase. B-CJ Equine (IN). T-Jon M Cowan.

6th-TDN, \$28,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:44 2/5, ft.

GLOBAL SLOWDOWN (g, 4, Dynaformer--Global Finance {MSW, \$181,000}, by End Sweep) Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-2, \$45,937. O/T-Kenneth W Marshall. B-Dr Charles Giles, Taylor Made Farm Inc, Pat Payne & Buckpace Ltd (KY). *\$200,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP. *1/2 to Prenuptial (Broken Vow), SW, \$120,470.

6th-PID, \$27,720, 5-19, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10 3/5, ft.

VALKYRIA (f, 3, Value Plus--Cacoon, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$30,000. O/B-Thomas K Equels (FL). T-Gerald S Bennett.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

La Rambla, f, 3, **City Zip**--Loh Collado, by More Than Ready. IND, 5-20, 7 1/2fT, 1:34 1/5. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). *\$52,000 wlng '12 KEENOV. **SP.

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- Lone Truth**, g, 3, **Proud and True**--Snow Ruby, by Cornish Snow. LAD, 5-20, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Charles Howard DeCou (LA).
- + **Athena Star**, f, 3, **Star Cat**--Athenavega (MSW, \$196,652), by Olympio. IND, 5-20, (S), 6f, 1:13. B-Connie Snyder & Richard Snyder (IN). *\$17,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP.
- Dr. Dan Z**, g, 3, **Star Cat**--Hello Val, by Siphon (Brz). IND, 5-19, (S), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Ron Bates Racing Stables LLC (IN).
- Sun Bonnet**, f, 3, **Successful Appeal**--Kip Seville, by Kipling. LAD, 5-20, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:48. B-Center Hills Farm (IL). *\$32,000 wlng '12 KEENOV.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Bold Kings, c, 3, **Afleet Express**--Bold Arrival, by Gilded Time. Busan, 5-15, Hcp. (\$64k), 1200m. B-M Lyn Burleson & Scott Ahlschwede (KY). *Won by five lengths as the 1-2 chalk to take his record to two wins from as many appearances. **\$14,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT.

**American-bred Winners Abroad cont.**

Model Line, f, 3, **Desert Party**--Playing Footsie, by Valiant Nature. Seoul, 5-16, Hcp. (\$50k), 1400m. B-Alliand Equine (KY). *Won by nine lengths as the 3-5 favorite. *1/2 to Heliodor (Scrimshaw), MSP-Eng, SP-SAF. **\$18,000 RNA yrl '13 KEEJAN; \$30,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT; \$30,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

Clean Up Cheonha, c, 4, **El Corredor**--Loh Collado, by More Than Ready. Seoul, 5-17, Hcp. (\$100k), 1800m. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). *1/2 to La Rambla (City Zip), SP. **\$77,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '13 OBSJUN.

Gamdonguibada, m, 6, **Werblin**--Radyla, by Country Pine. Busan, 5-17, Hcp. (\$96k), 2000m. B-Michael & Judy Crowe & Karen & Jim Perrone (FL). *Won for the 13th time in her 28 career starts and took her career earnings to over \$1.8 million. **MSW-Kor. ***\$3,000 wnlng '09 OBSOCT; \$31,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR.

IN PERU:

#Ivetta, f, 3, **Eddington**--Athruz Breeze, by Alphabet Soup. Monterrico, 5-16, Premio Republica de Paraguay-Listed, 1300mT. B-Nuckols Farm Inc (KY). *\$10,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

War of Saints, h, 6, **War Front**--St. Hildegard (SP, \$103,941), by Arch. Monterrico, 5-17, Hcp., 1000mT. B-A Lakin & Sons Inc (KY). *SW-Per. **\$8,500 yrl '10 KEESEP.

IN PANAMA:

Sensorial, c, 3, **Street Sense**--Greeley Mae, by Mr. Greeley. Remon, 5-16, Maiden, 1400m. B-Blue Mountain Breeders (KY). *Won by nine lengths as the 4-5 favorite. **\$10,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT.

IN IRELAND:

Hardstone, c, 4, **Birdstone**--Songerie (GB) (GSP-Fr & GSP-Eng, \$109,664), by Hernando (Fr). DUN, 5-19, 12f (AWT). B-Kirsten Rausing. *€52,000 yrl '12 GOFORB.

The latter led from the outset whereas the former raced in fourth after recovering from a bump received at the break. Both came under pressure inside the final quarter mile and, as Ferryover looked likely to hold on in the latter stages, Ancient Astronaut closed relentlessly to join that rival on the line. Ancient Astronaut is a half to Tariq (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), MGSW & G1SP-Eng, \$378,503. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

3rd-KMP, £5,000, Mdn, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:16.41, ft. + **PINK ANGEL (IRE)** (f, 2, **Dark Angel {Ire}**--**Xarzee {Ire}**, by **Xaar {GB}**), sent off at 7-1, was trapped wide early behind the leading trio and over-raced as a result. Brought with her challenge to lead in the last 50 yards, the £22,000 DONAUG yearling had enough in reserve to fight off Rial (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and win by a neck. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,235. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-P F I Cole Ltd. B-P A Cluskey (Ire). T-Paul Cole.

2nd-LIN, £4,800, Mdn, 3yo/up, 11f 106yT, 2:34.98, gd.

WONDER LAISH (GB) (c, 3, **Halling--Wonder Why {Ger}**, by **Tiger Hill {Ire}**), who was runner-up by a neck going 10 panels at Windsor on seasonal return last time Apr. 27, led after the initial strides here and maintained a slender advantage until turning for home. Skipping into a decisive lead approaching the final quarter mile, the 6-5 second favorite surged clear thereafter to account for Smart Motive (GB) (Motivator {GB}) by a facile 15 lengths. "He's a nice horse, but we were surprised he got beat at Windsor last time," said winning rider Pat Cosgrave. "He has shown nice work at home and came back today to show what he can be. He's won now and, hopefully, can go on from this." Trainer's wife Maureen Haggas proposed a possible tilt at Royal Ascot's King George V H. June 18. The winner, a G1 Irish Derby entry, is a half to Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), G1SW-HK, SW & GSP-Ire, \$421,667. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £4,404. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Jaber Abdullah. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB). T-William Haggas.

2nd-KMP, £3,500, Mdn, 3-4yo, 7f (AWT), 1:27.80, ft. **TAJATHUB (GB)** (c, 3, **Bahamian Bounty {GB}**--**Galapagar**, by **Miswaki**), who caught the eye on debut when fourth after a troubled trip in a seven-furlong maiden on Lingfield's Polytrack in October, started as the 10-11 favorite and tanked his way to the lead after a furlong from his wide draw. Kept up to his work late on, the 150,000gns TATOCT yearling responded gamely to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Lord Reason (GB) (Sixties Icon {GB}). The winner is a half-brother to Emirates Flyer (GB) (Acclamation {GB}), MGSP-UAE & GSP-Eng, \$477,540. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,481. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-Carmel Stud (GB). T-Ed Dunlop.

**Wednesday's Results:**

1st-AYR, £6,600, Mdn, 2yo, 6fT, 1:16.49, gd/sf. (DH)-- + **ANCIENT ASTRONAUT (GB)** (c, 2, **Kodiac {GB}**--**Tatora {GB}**, by **Selkirk**) Sales history: 70,000gns wlng '13 TATDEC; £80,000 RNA yrl '14 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,770. O-Harlen Ltd. B-D R Botterill (Ire). T-John Quinn.

(DH)--**FERRYOVER (GB)** (c, 2, **Pastoral Pursuits {GB}**--**Charlotte Vale {GB}**, by **Pivotal {GB}**) Sales history: 6,500gns wlng '13 TATDEC; £15,000 yrl '14 DONYRL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £3,540. O-J Nixon. B-Peter J Davies (GB). T-Kevin Ryan.

Ancient Astronaut (GB), a newcomer let go at 11-2, and Ferryover, the 9-4 second choice coming back from a May 4 debut second at Beverley, could not be separated by the judge here.



British Report cont.

Thursday, Goodwood, post time: 4:25 p.m.

BIBENDUM HEIGHT OF FASHION S.-Listed, £40,000, 3yo, f, 9f 192yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Arethusa (GB)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Moore	E Dunlop
2	4	Encore l'Amour (GB)	Azamour (Ire)	Crowley	Simcock
3	2	Jellicle Ball (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden
4	3	Juventas (GB)	Sixties Icon (GB)	Bishop	Channon
5	5	Lady of Dubai (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Kirby	Cumani
6	1	Loaves and Fishes (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Doyle	Cox
7	7	Lulani (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Hughes	H Dunlop
8	8	Miss Giler (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Buick	Gosden

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Wednesday's Results:

1st-MLF, €34,000, Cond, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:14.60, gd/sf.
GOONA CHOPE (FR) (f, 2, Namid {GB}--Gooseley Lane {GB} {SW-Ger}, by Pyramus), an Apr. 29 two-length debut winner at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat last time, was keen through early strides and was allowed her head to lead after a furlong here. Cutting across to the rail, the 4-5 chalk was stoked up approaching the final eighth and kept on strongly to comfortably best Amisha (Fr) (Naaqoos {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Sales history: €50,000 yrl '14 OSASEP. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €28,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Alain Chopard, Jean-Claude Rouget & Francois Nicolle. B-Alain Chopard (Fr). T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

5th-MLF, €25,000, Mdn, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 1:20.80, gd/sf.
ROSE ET OR (IRE) (f, 3, Iffraaj {GB}--Cracovie {GB}, by Caerleon), who was second going six-furlongs at Deauville July 31 and Chantilly last time May 2, broke sharply and raced in a prominent second. Cruising to the front nearing the two pole, the crowd's 7-10 pick was not threatened thereafter and was pushed out to easily assert by 2 1/2 lengths from Novecento (Fr) (Mr. Sidney). The winner is a half to Coquerelle (Ire) (Zamindar), G1SW-Fr & GISP-US, \$299,086. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €22,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Famille Moussac. B-Haras du Mezeray (Ire). T-Andre Fabre.

OBSERVATIONS
on today's European racing scene

5.55 Sandown, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, f, 5f 6yT
JUSTICE ANGEL (IRE) (Dark Angel {Ire}) debuts in the Robert Ng silks brought to prominence this term by her half-brother Success Days (Ire) (Jeremy). David Elsworth trains the sibling of the G3 Ballysax S. and G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial winner and leading Irish Derby hope and she will be tested by Jon and Julia Aisbitt's experienced **Kassia (Ire) (Acclamation {GB})**, a Mick Channon trainee who was second in a hot Ascot maiden earlier this month.

Australasia

Excellent Sales Returns at Inglis:

The 2015 Inglis Select Yearling Sale Series has drawn to a close with 2,019 yearlings sold by the sales company across their six sales with an overall clearance rate of 85%.

"I would like to thank our vendors who entrusted us to get the best possible result for their yearlings, and to our purchasing clients who helped us to achieve a clearance rate in excess of 80% at each of our Select Yearling Sales in 2015," said Inglis' Managing Director Mark Webster. "Numerous sales records were set across our select auctions in Sydney, Melbourne and Scone, with clients



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bringing yearling drafts from New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia and New Zealand to sell under the Inglis banner."

A record-breaking Inglis Classic Yearling Sale in February set the precedent for an outstanding year, setting new highs for gross (A\$19,178,000), clearance (86%) and average (A\$41,782) for the sale. The Inglis Premier Yearling Sale continued its upward spiral setting new record average (A\$95,886) and median (A\$80,000) prices, plus a seventh consecutive rise in gross receipts to new record levels (A\$48,651,000 overall). Greatness was achieved at Australia's benchmark yearling sale, the Inglis Easter Sale, with Session One statistics hitting seven year highs (A\$290,881 average) and Session Two setting more records (A\$80,000 median). The VOBIS Gold Yearling Sale improved for the third consecutive year since its inception grossing 37% more than in its founding year, and the HTBA Scone Yearling Sale closed the series with a clearance rate of 89%.

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SPONSORS OF THE FOLLOWING STATS FOR THE:

Inglis Select Yearling Sales Series

TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	2628	2572
• No. Offered	2382	2295
• No. Sold	2019	1900
• RNAs	363	395
• % RNAs	15.2%	17.2%
• Gross	A\$186,268,000	A\$150,157,081
• Average	A\$92,258	A\$79,030



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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-MLF, €28,000, 5-20, 4yo, 8fT, 1:42 2/5, gd.
ICE LOVE (FR) (f, 4, Three Valleys--Xcape To Victory {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 18 starts, 4 wins, 5 places, €75,650. O-Stephan Hoffmeister & Alexis Doussot. B-Mme B Moser (Fr). T-Tony Castanheira. *€13,000 yrl '12 ARQOCT; €35,000 RNA HRA '14 ARQDEC.

8th-MLF, €28,000, 5-20, 4yo/up, 10 1/2fT, 2:12 3/5, gd.
AL WAAB (IRE) (g, 5, Danehill Dancer {Ire}--Aunt Julia {GB} {MSP-Eng}, by In the Wings {GB}) Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, 18 starts, 4 wins, 6 places, €89,720. O-Mubarak Al Naemi. B-Aunt Julia Syndicate (Ire). T-G E Mikhalides. *€75,000 yrl '11 GOFSP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fanfaron (Fr), c, 2, Falco--Farwana (Fr), by Sinndar (Ire). MLF, 5-20, 6fT, 1:14.10. B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain (Fr). *€22,000 yrl '14 BBASEP.
Scrutinise (GB), g, 3, Intense Focus--Tetravella (Ire), by Groom Dancer. CHD, 5-19, 10f (AWT), 2:09 3/5. B-Catridge Farm Stud (GB). *26,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.
Qatar Light (Ire), c, 3, Zebedee (GB)--Belle Child (Ire), by Bijou d'Inde (GB). MLF, 5-20, 6 1/2fT, 1:20 3/5. B-Mme L Lynch (Ire). *€12,000 wnlg '12 GOFNOV.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
May 23	GII Nassau S.	WO
	GIII Louisville H.	CD
May 24	GII Charles Whittingham S.	SA
	GIII Selene S.	WO
May 25	GI Gamely S.	SA
	GIII Los Angeles S.	SA
	GIII Lone Star Park H.	LS
	GIII All American S.	GG
	GIII Winning Colors S.	CD
May 30	GI American Oaks	SA
	GII Californian S.	SA
	GII Connaught Cup	WO
	GIII Aristides S.	CD
June 5	GII Penn Mile	PEN
	GII New York S.	BEL
	GII True North S.	BEL

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Upcoming Sales Distribution Dates:

**Magic Millions Gold Coast
National Yearling Sale**
June 2-4

OBS June 2YOs & HRA
June 8-13, 16-19

**Fasig-Tipton - The July Sale
& Summer Selected HRA Sale**
July 6-9

Tattersalls July Sale
July 7-10

Fasig-Tipton - The Saratoga Sale
August 8-11

Fasig-Tipton NY Bred Preferred Yearlings
August 12-16



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