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FIVE FOR PHAROAH IN BELMONT 147

On the eleventh of June 1977, Seattle Slew broke from post position five as the 2-5 favorite and led every step of the way to score by four lengths and become the 11th horse in history to complete a sweep of the Triple Crown. While Affirmed went on to become the third in the span of six years and most recent to accomplish the feat 12 months later, no fewer than 13 horses have since arrived in the Big Apple for a date with history, only to be derailed, including a trio conditioned to wins in the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. by Bob Baffert (Silver Charm, 1997; Real Quiet, 1998; and War Emblem, 2002). Zayat Stables' **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) is the latest to give it a whirl, and if he can see out the grueling 12-furlong distance and a handful of would-be buzz-killers, he will put racing on the front page and snap 37 years of futility.

During a midday ceremony held in the open-air outside of New York's iconic Rockefeller Plaza, the homebred colt was--just like Slew and 13 other previous winners--assigned post position five in a field of eight for the 'Test of the Champion' which will take place shortly before 7 p.m. Saturday evening. **Cont. p3**



American Pharoah arrived Tuesday for his date with history in Saturday's GI Belmont S. *Sarah Andrew photo*

GLOBAL CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, ON TAP AT PAN AM CONFERENCE *By T.D. Thornton*

The biannual Pan American Racing Conference opens in New York City on Thursday, hosted by The Jockey Club and planned in conjunction with the South American Organization for the Promotion of Thoroughbreds, which represents the sport in nine Latin and South American countries, and the Latin American Racing Channel.

"Globalization" will be the buzzword, a spirit that is reflected in the geographically diverse agenda for the two-day summit, which will also include speakers and presenters from Europe and Asia.

Topics like the importing and exporting of bloodstock, drug policing, international race ratings and classifications, marketing, stud book issues and the promotion of Thoroughbred ownership fill a wide-ranging program of events, which officially kicked off Wednesday night with a reception at the United Nations.

But beyond the Pan Am's specific agenda items, two themes loom large as the backdrop for the conference.

The first will deal with the fact that no matter how far-flung and geographically separate various racing entities might be, jurisdictions from different parts of the planet are essentially trying to come to grips with the same sorts of issues.

The second theme has to do with how, as the sport moves toward globalization, does racing strike a balance between striving for international standards while maintaining the unique flourishes each region has to offer?

"You do want to keep that individuality," said Andrew Chesser, who will be juggling dual roles at the conference as the manager of registration services at The Jockey Club and deputy secretary general for the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA). "Each distinct regional flavor is something that each racing authority should hold dear, but it's good to come together to see what similarities we can address as we're trying to promote the very best of global horse racing."

National Thoroughbred Racing Association president Alex Waldrop, who will be delivering Thursday's opening remarks, supported Chesser's viewpoint by giving an example of how Lexington, Kentucky, manages to remain true to both local and international values at the same time. **Cont. p10**



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Bathtime at Belmont: Triple Crown hopeful American Pharoah strikes a pose while getting a bath after his first look at Belmont Park Wednesday morning. He later drew post five for Saturday's G1 Belmont S. *Sarah Andrew photo*

Legatissimo Versus Ten in Oaks

Legatissimo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) will face 10 of her fellow 3-year-old fillies as she looks to become just the second filly in the last quarter-century to follow up on a victory in the G1 English 1000 Guineas with another in the G1 Investec Oaks Friday afternoon at Epsom.

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Bonomo Takes Leave of Absence

Only months after being appointed to the role of chairman of the New York Racing Association Reorganization Board, Anthony Bonomo has informed New York Governor Andrew Cuomo that he would be taking a leave of absence. The news comes in the aftermath of allegations that Bonomo's company offered a 'no-show' job to the son of embattled former State Senator Dean Skelos.

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"I'm reminded every year," Baffert said of Silver Charm and Real Quiet, who were denied by a matter of inches by Touch Gold and Victory Gallop,



American Pharoah heading out Wednesday morning Sarah Andrew

respectively. "[American Pharoah] is a different horse than they were. You really don't know until the whole series is over how good the horses are. I'm just hoping I brought the right horse here, but we won't know until halfway into the race. When I lead him over, I sort of feel like I have an edge, but coming in here and going 1 1/2 miles, it's a completely different story. "

After drawing the rail and being forced into a speed try in the Preakness a little over two weeks ago, Victor Espinoza--the regular rider for War Emblem and last year's Triple Crown aspirant California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit)--will likely have a few more options open to him this time around.

"I am very happy with the draw. Number five is a pretty good number," he commented. "I'm here again. I've come here twice and I'm feeling lucky this year. The third time is the charm. American Pharoah is always special. From the first time [Bob] Baffert put me on, he was special."

Owner Ahmed Zayat, whose Paynter (Awesome Again) made nearly all the pace before being run down by Union Rags (Dixie Union) in the 2012 Belmont, is humbled by the opportunity facing him this weekend.

"We are very honored and very blessed to be here," he offered. "What makes him special, in my opinion, is the way he moves. He's the best-moving horse I've ever seen and he does everything so easy. His stride and the way he's going into carry himself will allow him to get any kind of distance. We are coming in the best we could. Bob did a brilliant job as well as the entire team preparing him. The horse looks very healthy and very happy. We're going in with no excuses. It's an incredible feeling to go in confident that you have the horse to beat."

The defections earlier in the week of Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) and The Truth or Else (Yes It's True) leave seven would-be spoilers. **Cont. p4**

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Belmont Draw cont.

Jazil (Seeking the Gold) ran on well to be a dead-heat fourth with Brother Derek (Benchmark) in the 2006 Kentucky Derby and parlayed that effort into a rallying defeat of Bluegrass Cat (Storm Cat) at Big Sandy, becoming the first of two consecutive Belmont winners for his dam Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister). Godolphin's **Frosted** (Tapit) was one of the few to make any late impact beneath the Twin Spires last month and the GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S. hero arrives a fresh and dangerous competitor. The 5-1 second choice drew just to the outside of the chalk in stall six.

"No excuses. We weren't looking for any specific draw but in the middle is always a great place to be," trainer Kiaran McLaughlin stated. "In a mile-and-a-half race, they will all have plenty of time to sort it all out."

Alto Racing's '**TDN Rising Star**' **Materiality**, a son of the romping 2005 Belmont hero Afleet Alex, was another who closed off well in the Derby, passing



Materiality

Christie DeBernardis photo

seven rivals in the final eighth of a mile to finish sixth, beaten just under eight lengths. Seventeenth with a half-mile to run, the \$400,000 FTMMAY graduate will almost definitely show the type of speed he displayed when taking out the GI Florida Derby Mar. 28 and should have plenty to

say about the outcome from the widest berth in eight.

"I think with Materiality, if you look at his first three races he's always been close to the pace and unfortunately missed the break at Churchill and found himself in a position he'd never been in," said trainer Todd Pletcher, who will also saddle GII Peter Pan S. victor **Madefromlucky** (Lookin at Lucky). "I like the fact that we drew outside of American Pharoah. We're going to make sure we break well this time and go into the first turn trying to make sure there's an honest pace."

Saturday, Belmont Park

BELMONT S.-GI, \$1,500,000, 3yo, 1 1/2m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	ODDS
1	Mubtaahij (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire) (€450,000 yrl '13 ARQAU)	10-1
O-Essafinaat Ltd; B-Dunmore Stud Ltd (Ire); T-Michael F de Kock; J-Irad Ortiz Jr. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$1,461,335. Last Start: 8th GI Kentucky Derby May 2			
2	Tale of Verve (K)	Tale of Ekati (€150,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG; \$440,000 2yo '14 KEEAPR)	15-1
O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Dallas Stewart; J-Gary Stevens. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$354,640. Last Start: 2nd GI Preakness S. May 16			
3	Madefromlucky (K)	Lookin At Lucky (€70,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR)	12-1
O-Cheyenne Stables LLC & Mac Nichol; B-RMF Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-Javier Castellano. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$378,700. Last Start: 1st GII Peter Pan S. May 9			
4	Frammento (K)	Midshipman (€50,000 wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$85,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$260,000 2yo '14 FTFMAR)	30-1
O-Mossarosa; B-Mr & Mrs Oliver S Tait (KY); T-Nicholas P Zito; J-Mike Smith. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-1, \$139,700. Last Start: 11th Kentucky Derby			
5	American Pharoah	Pioneerof the Nile (€300,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG)	3-5
O/B-Zayat Stables (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Victor Espinoza. Lifetime Record: 7-6-0-0, \$3,730,300. Last Start: 1st Preakness			
6	Frosted	Tapit	5-1
O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-Kiaran McLaughlin; J-Joel Rosario. Lifetime Record: 8-2-4-0, \$936,800. Last Start: 4th Kentucky Derby			
7	Keen Ice (K)	Curlin (€48,000 wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$120,000 yrl '13 KEESEP)	20-1
O-Donegal Racing; B-Glencrest Farm LLC (KY); T-Dale Romans; J-Kent Desormeaux. Lifetime Record: 8-1-0-2, \$160,395. Last Start: 7th Kentucky Derby			
8	Materiality (K)	Afleet Alex (€260,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$400,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY)	6-1
O-Alto Racing LLC; B-John D Gunther (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-John Velazquez. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$656,028. Last Start: 6th Kentucky Derby			

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Belmont S. coverage cont.

EASY JOG IN THE PARK FOR 'PHAROAH'

by Steve Sherack

Just as he's done all spring in the mornings at Churchill Downs and Pimlico, dual Classic winner **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) continued to show all the right signs during his first piece of light exercise at Belmont Park Wednesday.



American Pharoah
Sherackatthetrack

With the sun attempting to peek through the clouds on a cool and overcast morning, the Zayat homebred looked as good as ever while entering the track with his neck slightly arched under a snug hold by his regular exercise rider Jorge Alvarez.

Accompanied by assistant trainer Jimmy Barnes aboard the Bob Baffert stable pony Smokey, American Pharoah jogged once the wrong way over a freshly harrowed surface immediately following the renovation break at 8:45 a.m.



Justin Zayat & Bob Baffert
Sherackatthetrack

"He was so strong when he got onto the track he was just marching right along," Baffert commented. "He was really full of himself so I called an audible on the radio with Jimmy because he was pretty strong so we let him jog all the way around. It was better off that way. Otherwise, he would have wanted to gallop and get too tough down the stretch."

Baffert added, "He looked happy out there and that's the whole key--keep them happy. Things can change overnight, but the way he feels, the way he's trained, right now everything is going really smoothly. I like what I see."

Mubtaahij (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) was also out after the break, turning in another good-looking gallop. He continues to get over the surface very well here, and if willing to excuse his lackluster eighth-place finish in the GI Kentucky Derby, the bay figures to secure a much more favorable trip--think G2 UAE Derby--Saturday. The price should certainly be right.

With approximately 50-75 media types on hand standing behind a fence adjacent the recently refurbished Barn 1, Baffert graciously waved the adoring crowd over to get a closer look at American Pharoah while the champ was getting cleaned up following his day's work. Clearly no stranger to all the attention, American Pharoah remained cool as could be, and also got a good rise out of the crowd while previously walking the shedrow, stopping and turning his head to see what all the fuss was about outside.



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Belmont S. cont.

There was also plenty to see earlier in the morning, too. Preakness runner-up **Tale of Verve** (Tale of Ekati) was the first of the GI Belmont S. horses to make an appearance, galloping over a sloppy and sealed track at 5:45 a.m. Todd Pletcher's live duo of GI Florida Derby winner **Materiality** (Afleet Alex) and GII Peter Pan S. hero **Madefromlucky** (Lookin At Lucky)--both somewhat surprisingly still not sporting their Belmont S. towels--were out about a half an hour later to gallop. With



Madefromlucky
Sherackatthetrack

Belmont S. wins courtesy of the super filly Rags to Riches (A.P. Indy) in 2007 and Palace Malice (Curlin) six years later, as well as strong recent performances by Commissioner (A.P. Indy), Dunkirk (Unbridled's Song) and Stay Thirsty (Bernardini), Pletcher

certainly appears locked and loaded to add to that list this year.

'**TDN Rising Stars' Honor Code** (A.P. Indy) and **Tonalist** (Tapit) both immediately caught the eye during their respective gallops shortly thereafter, too. The popular duo are slated to line up in a GI Met Mile for the ages this weekend.

Frammento (Midshipman) was out for light exercise at 7:45 a.m. after arriving from Nick Zito's Saratoga base Tuesday. The flashy blaze-faced chestnut, 11th in the Derby, was accompanied by a stable pony during his initial tour around the 1 1/2-mile oval.

With all eight of the Belmont S. runners now stabled on the grounds, there will plenty more to come in this column the following two mornings before the main event. Stay tuned...

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'PHAROAH' EXTENDS HIS REIGN TO NYC

By Christie DeBernardis

The middle of Rockefeller Plaza, which six months ago was filled with ice skaters, played host to a much different scene on an unseasonably brisk June morning Wednesday. The plaza was bustling with many of horse racing's elite, as well as a plethora of media for the GI Belmont S. draw, which was held in Manhattan instead of its traditional home in Belmont's Garden Terrace.



Andy Serling (left) with Ahmed & Justin Zayat
Christie DeBernardis

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

WIDESPREAD INDUSTRY SUPPORT FOR PARI-MUTUEL TAX MODERNIZATION

Nearly 12,000 comments have been submitted directly to the U.S. Treasury over a 90-day period in support of a measure seeking to modernize tax regulations relating to pari-mutuel wagering. The comment period started in March and concluded on June 2.

The proposed changes would clarify withholding and reporting rules by redefining the "amount wagered" to include all of a bettor's investment into a single pari-mutuel pool, and not simply the base amount of the winning combination. Because of the wide scope of the economic benefits, support for the proposed modification came from all segments of the horse racing and breeding industry.

"We thank the thousands of individuals and dozens of organizations that took the time to submit a comment to the Treasury in support of this important effort," said NTRA President and Chief Executive Officer Alex Waldrop.

The NTRA will continue to push for modernization of tax regulations in a variety of ways, including a request to appear before a June 17 hearing scheduled by Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to speak in support of our tax modernization effort.

Visit NTRA.com for more information on this issue and to follow its progress.

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

The connections of Triple Crown hopeful **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) were the highlight of the draw with cameras clicking away, capturing their every move. Trainer Bob Baffert, owners Ahmed Zayat and son Justin and jockey Victor Espinoza all graciously accommodated the throngs of media seeking their attention.

NYRA's TV analyst and handicapper Andy Serling took over as master of ceremonies and was soon joined by NYRA CEO Chris Kay, who explained some of the changes to this year's Belmont Festival, including awards for the top owner, trainer and jockey of the festival, each of whom who will receive trophies designed by Tiffany.

NYRA announcer Larry Collmus was next up to the microphone for the draw of the loaded Belmont day undercard, which includes the GI Metropolitan H., GI Knob Creek Manhattan S., GI Ogden Phipps S., GI Acorn S. and GI Longines Just a Game S.

It was no surprise when GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine **Untapable** (Tapit) was installed as the prohibitive 2-5 chalk in the Ogden Phipps after drawing post four. It was last year's Belmont winner **Tonalist** (Tapit) who got the morning-line nod from oddsmaker Eric Donovan in an extremely loaded renewal of the Met Mile, for which he drew the four hole, a few minutes later.

Upon the completion of the undercard draw, Kay returned to the microphone to announce NYRA's newly signed a multi-year deal with NBC to telecast the Belmont, as well as several of their other major races at Belmont, Saratoga and Aqueduct. **Cont. p7**



Kay handed the reins back to Collmus for the highly anticipated Belmont draw after which Serling got back on the mic to interview the connections.

The first name to be drawn was Mossarosa's **Frammento** (Midshipman), who was assigned the four hole and pegged at odds of 30-1. The Nick Zito trainee, who was the only Belmont contender that did not have any representatives at the draw, was last seen finishing 11th in the GI Kentucky Derby and stepped onto the Belmont track for the first time just three hours earlier.

The next sheet handed to Collmus was that of dual Classic winner American Pharoah and his connections cheered and applauded as he drew the five. They were also the first ones called to the podium by Serling following the draw.

Baffert was up first and expressed his satisfaction with the draw, while adding that he didn't think there was a bad post in this eight-horse field. Asked how it would feel to win the Triple Crown, especially after three failed attempts, the Hall of Famer remained humble.

"I don't know how I'm going to feel about it because I know how tough it is, so I never get ahead of myself," Baffert remarked. "I want to win it for the horse because the horse is deserving of it."

Espinoza, who was in this same position last year with California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), was up next and expressed similar satisfaction with the post. He was quickly followed by the Zayats, who were both grateful and surprised to have a Triple Crown contender.

"I think this is going to be a rider's race," Ahmed Zayat said. "It's a small, but tough and talented field."

He added, "I'm confident in the ability of American Pharoah, because the horse is giving me that confidence. I'm not arrogant about it. I think he's a special horse."

Two-time Belmont winner Todd Pletcher was all business as he joined Serling on stage. His duo of GI Florida Derby hero **Materiality** (Afleet Alex) and GI Peter Pan S. winner **Madefromlucky** (Lookin at Lucky) drew posts eight and three, respectively.

"Both of them give me the impression they will [get the 1 1/2-mile distance,] Pletcher said. "Both of them have won twice at 1 1/8 miles. Materiality is by Afleet Alex, who is a Belmont winner. The way that he closed in the Derby after getting off to a bad start is encouraging as well."



Serling with Bob Baffert
Christie DeBernardis

Hall of Famer John Velazquez, who will ride 6-1 shot Materiality and Javier Castellano, who has the mount on 12-1 shot Madefromlucky, were next at the mic. Trading silks for sports coats, the pair explained how being a part of the Belmont jockey colony gives them an edge in the Test of a Champion.



John Velazquez (left) with Serling & Javier Castellano
Christie DeBernardis

"I definitely say it's an advantage for us because we are there the whole time," said two-time Belmont winner Velazquez. "We know where the poles are and where the racetrack is. You've got a good feeling now."

Castellano added, "We race a lot here and we have a lot of successes at

the track. And we know the poles, like Johnny said. And this is a very tricky track...and you have to be concerned about the stretch. It's the toughest stretch, too."

The very popular international trainer Mike de Kock made his way to the podium after an enthusiastic introduction from Serling. His charge, G2 UAE Derby winner **Mubtaahij (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) drew the rail and was given odds of 10-1 following his eighth-place effort in the Kentucky Derby. De Kock is confident Mubtaahij will improve in this second U.S. start and feels that having had the colt stabled in Elmont for several weeks, as opposed to the short time he had at Churchill prior to the Derby, will be an added advantage.

"He's done well," the South African-based trainer commented. "The fact he's been settled in one place for, I think just under three and a half weeks now, has made a difference to him. He settled in very well, training, very happy with the way he's going in training."

The affable Dallas Stewart represented GI Preakness S. runner-up **Tale of Verve** (Tale of Ekati), who entered the Preakness off a maiden win at Keeneland.

"He's a big horse and it's a big track," Stewart said. "I just really felt he would love it. So we got him up here and he had a good work in :59. He got over the ground great. I think he's pretty impressive."

Jimmy Bell, head of Darley America, was quite happy with GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial winner **Frosted** (Tapit)'s draw in post six. The 5-1 second choice was a late running fourth in the Derby.

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Belmont S. cont.

“He came out of that race very fresh, very well,” Bell remarked. “Came back to his home base--it’s nice to train in your own backyard. He has continued to keep climbing the ladder.”



Jerry Crawford
Christie DeBernardis

Last, but not least, at the podium was Donegal Racing’s Jerry Crawford, owner of **Keen Ice** (Curlin). The hulking bay drew the seven-hole and was given a morning-line quote of 20-1. When asked how he felt about his potential role as spoiler, Crawford first joked with Justin Zayat before getting serious.

“You know, to be serious about it, all of us who are running against

American Pharoah, on Saturday owe it to history, owe it to prior Triple Crown runners and owe it to American Pharoah to be that if he wins the race on Saturday, he will have earned it honestly and against great competition.”

That remark was met by a round of applause initiated by Ahmed Zayat, who was nodding along in agreement throughout Crawford’s comments.

The Belmont Stakes Festival kicks off Thursday with a full card of live racing.

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NBC, NYRA REACH LONG-TERM EXTENSION

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The extension includes all multi-platform rights to the final leg of the Triple Crown--a race covered by NBC in nine of the past 14 years (2001-2005, 2011-2014)--supporting races on Belmont S. day and other key races from NYRA facilities throughout the year. Races like the GI Belmont Oaks July 4, summer races from Saratoga and the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup at the Belmont fall championship meeting are among the offerings to be included.

“We are excited to extend our partnership with the New York Racing Association for the Belmont Stakes and NYRA’s other high-profile races,” said NBC Sports Group Chairman Mark Lazarus. “Also known as ‘The Test of the Champion,’ the Belmont S. is a prominent feature of our Championship Season. This extension is a testament to the strength of the relationship between NYRA and NBC Sports Group, and underscores NBC’s commitment to the sport of horse racing.”

Added Chris Kay, CEO and President of NYRA, “We are thrilled to extend our strong partnership with NBC Sports. NBC Sports has given our great sport an unprecedented platform to further cultivate and grow a new generation of racing fans, and they have offered an unparalleled focus on the most prestigious races run at the New York Racing Association’s three championship tracks at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga.”

NBC coverage of American Pharoah’s attempt at the Triple Crown begins Saturday at 4:30 p.m. EDT.

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Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:49 p.m. EDT

METROPOLITAN H.-GI, \$1,250,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Private Zone ☼	Macho Uno	Pedroza	Navarro	123
2	Bay of Plenty	Medaglia d'Oro	Smith	McLaughlin	114
3	Noble Moon ☼	Malibu Moon	Ortiz	Gyarmati	113
4	Tonalist	Tapit	Velazquez	Clement	123
5	Tamarkuz ☼	Speightstown	Ortiz Jr	McLaughlin	119
6	Wicked Strong ☼	Hard Spun	Rosario	Jerkens	120
7	Bayern	Offlee Wild	Garcia	Baffert	123
8	Pants On Fire	Jump Start	Lopez	Breen	116
9	Honor Code	A.P. Indy	Castellano	McGhy	118
10	Kobe's Back	Flatter	Stevens	Eurton	116

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Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 1:52 p.m. EDT

OGDEN PHIPPS S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Rosalind	Broken Vow	Rosario	Brown	121
2	Wedding Toast	Street Sense	Lezcano	McLaughlin	117
3	House Rules ☼	Distorted Humor	Alvarado	Jerkens	119
4	Untapable	Tapit	Velazquez	Asmussen	123
5	Princess Violet	Officer	Ortiz	Rice	115
6	Shayjolie	Indian Charlie	Maragh	Contessa	115



Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 5:46 p.m. EDT

KNOB CREEK MANHATTAN S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Hyper	Victory Gallop	Leparoux	Brown	114
2	Twilight Eclipse ☼	Purim	Castellano	Albertrani	122
3	Finnegans Wake	Powerscourt (GB)	Espinoza	Miller	122
4	War Dancer ☼	War Front	Lezcano	Mott	116
5	Big Blue Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Bravo	Brown	118
6	Legendary (GB)	Excd & Excl (Aus)	Prado	Saville	118
7	Slumber (GB) ☼	Cacique (Ire)	Ortiz Jr	Brown	114
8	Biz The Nurse (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Rosario	Albertrani	114
9	Magic Artist (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Demuro	Figge	116
10	General a Rod	Roman Ruler	Velazquez	Pletcher	114
11	Jack Milton ☼	War Front	Nakatani	Pletcher	124



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Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 3:15 p.m. EDT

TVG ACORN S.-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Oceanwave ☼	Harlan's Holiday	Espinoza	Catalano	115
2	Wonder Gal	Tiz Wonderful	Stevens	Gyarmati	115
3	By the Moon	Indian Charlie	Ortiz	Nevin	121
4	Calamity Kate	Yes It's True	Lopez	Breen	117
5	Bar of Gold	Medaglia d'Oro	Alvarado	Kimmel	115
6	Curalina ☼	Curlin	Velazquez	Pletcher	117
7	Condo Commando ☼	Tiz Wonderful	Rosario	Rodriguez	121
8	Shook Up	Tapit	Albarado	Asmussen	115
9	Promise Me Silver	Silver City	Smith	Calhoun	121
10	Light the City ☼	Street Sense	Ortiz Jr	McLaughlin	115
11	Miss Ella ☼	Exchange Rate	Maragh	Motion	121
12	Danzatrice ☼	Dunkirk	McCarthy	Lynch	117

Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:00 p.m. EDT

LONGINES JUST A GAME S.-GI, \$700,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Lady Lara (Ire)	Excellent Art (GB)	Alvarado	Mott	121
2	Sandiva (Ire)	Ftstpsinthsnd (GB)	Smith	Pletcher	115
3	Discreet Marq	Discreet Cat	Ortiz Jr	Clement	117
4	Coffee Clique	Medaglia d'Oro	Velazquez	Lynch	123
5	Baffle Me ☼	First Samurai	Lopez	Hennig	113
6	Filimbi	Mizzen Mast	Rosario	Mott	117
7	J Wonder ☼	Ftstpsinthsnd (GB)	Lezcano	McGhy	113
8	Ball Dancing ☼	Exchange Rate	Castellano	Brown	123
9	Tepin	Bernstein	Leparoux	Casse	121
10	Photo Call (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Maragh	Motion	113

Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 12:39 p.m. EDT

WOODY STEPHENS S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Ready for Rye ☼	City Zip	Saez	Albertrani	123
2	March ☼	Blame	Ortiz Jr	Brown	123
3	Competitive Edge	Super Saver	Velazquez	Pletcher	123
4	Two Weeks Off ☼	Harlan's Holiday	Castellano	Pletcher	117
5	Cinco Charlie	Indian Charlie	Santana Jr	Asmussen	123
6	Classy Class ☼	Discreetly Mine	Velasquez	McLaughlin	117

Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 2:34 p.m. EDT

NYRA.COM BROOKLYN INVITATIONAL S.-GII, \$400,000, 4yo/up,

1 1/2m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Red Rifle ☼	Giant's Causeway	Lezcano	Pletcher	121
2	Call Me George ☼	Point Given	Graham	Forster	121
3	Wealth to Me	Tapit	Velasquez	Jacobson	115
4	Effinex	Mineshaft	Arroyo	Jerkens	119
5	Turco Bravo (Chi)	Caesarion (Ire)	Ortiz	Contessa	117
6a	Coach Inge	Big Brown	Velazquez	Pletcher	117
7	Ever Rider (Arg)	Rider Stripes (Arg)	Saez	Montoya	115
8	V. E. Day ☼	English Channel	Castellano	Jerkens	123
9	Neck 'n Neck	Flower Alley	Leparoux	Wilkes	115
10	Sky Kingdom ☼	Empire Maker	Espinoza	Baffert	119
11	Tacticus	A.P. Indy	Maragh	Cecil	117
12a	Micromanage ☼	Medaglia d'Oro	Ortiz Jr	Pletcher	119
13	Cary Street ☼	Smarty Jones	Mena	Walsh	121

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North American News cont.

Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 1:15 p.m. EDT

JAIPUR INVITATIONAL S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 6ft

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Power Alert (Aus)	Alert (Arg)	Velazquez	Lynch	120
2	Bellarmine (K)	Magna Graduate	Franco	Sharp	118
3	Brickyard Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Bravo	Perkins Jr	114
4	Ageless (m) (K)	Successful Appeal	Leparoux	Delacour	119
5	Unbridled's Note (K)	Unbridled's Song	Santana Jr	Asmussen	114
6	Something Extra (K)	Indian Charlie	Smith	Cox	122
7	Summation Time	In Summation	Ortiz Jr	Clement	116
8	Helwan (Fr)	Bernstein	Ortiz	Brown	114
9	Sandy'z Slew	Limehouse	Alvarado	Schosberg	114
10	Channel Marker (K)	Purim	Torres	Bauer	114
11	Spring to the Sky	Langfuhr	Castellano	Brown	122
12	Shrinking Violet (m) (K)	Congaree	Dsrmeux	Ward	119
13	Mosler (K)	War Front	Rosario	Mott	120

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 6:17 p.m. EDT

OLD FORESTER MINT JULEP H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m,

1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Aurelia's Belle (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Hill	Catalano	118
2	Femme Fatale	Distorted Humor	Quinonez	Reed	114
3	I'm Already Sexy	Ready's Image	Hernandez Jr	Catalano	118
4	Canny Nanny (K)	Smarty Jones	Rocco Jr	Casse	114
5	Bitty Kitty (K)	Kitten's Joy	Bridgmohan	Walsh	115
6	Strike Charmer	Smart Strike	Landeros	Carroll	117
7	Kiss Moon (K)	Malibu Moon	Lanerrie	Vance	115
8	Maid On a Mission	Strategic Mission	Pedroza	Mills	114
9	Kitty Wine (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Hernandez	Kenneally	115
10	Kepi	Strategic Mission	Loveberry	Willms	115
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“Communities like Lexington love Keeneland and its uniqueness,” Waldrop said. “No matter how international Keeneland has become--and it has become quite international, especially on the sales side--it is still uniquely Keeneland. No matter how global you become, you can never do away with the need to remain very, very, connected to the local market. You don't give that up in the globalization process.”

Stallion shuttling and simulcasting have emerged as two of the top trends between North and South America over the last several decades. Each sector is rife with both challenges and opportunities, Waldrop said.

“One of the challenges we'll be talking about is the Equator, and the different times of the year that make it difficult for horses to travel north-south as readily as we'd like,” Waldrop said. “And reciprocity is a big issue, that is, the ability to trade both north and south, especially in the simulcast area. Takeout issues are complicated in the Americas. Harmonization, racing rules, medication policies—there will also be a lot of talk about that.”

Chesser, who helped structure the Pan Am agenda, said one goal in lining up speakers was to try to offer fresh perspectives by juxtaposing the views of racing industry executives with those who are involved in outside endeavors.

Carlos Heller Solari, for example, can speak on both sides of that point. As the president of Club Hípico de Santiago and a leading breeder both in Chile and, more recently, North America (Haras Don Alberto), Solari also runs a premier soccer team, Club Universidad de Chile. He will deliver a presentation examining the global nature of racing and other professional sports in South America.

“We're trying to find the parallels between professional sports and racing,” Chesser said. “So he's going to talk a little bit about the likenesses between his soccer team and his breeding and racing operations.”

Chesser said Solari's talk will dovetail with a Q & A session with National Basketball Association commissioner emeritus David Stern, who will focus on the global growth and success of the NBA during his tenure.

“What did the NBA look like 25 years ago, and how do we translate that to what our sport of racing looks like today?” Chesser said. “We're steering the conference in a manner that racing is not something that we concentrate on only our home soil. We want to make it something that the rest of the world can appreciate.”

New York Racing Association senior vice president of racing operations Martin Panza will moderate a panel titled Delivering International Racing and Content to Bettors & Fans.

“That really will be a topic of conversation for the whole two days,” Chesser said. “Creating racing that is appealing not just to our home countries, but for the rest of the world.”

Richard Cheung, the executive director of customer marketing for the Hong Kong Jockey Club, will moderate a discussion called Enhancing the Racing Customer Experience. In that panel, global media executives will “speak about how media itself is changing,” Chesser said.

“How do you get viewers, readers, and ultimately the people who bet on races into the mix?” Chesser said. “I think this will be one of the really strongest panels over the two days.”

Former and current jockeys will be represented at the Pan Am conference. Dr. Rita Rocca, a veterinarian from Maroñas Racetrack in Uruguay, will moderate a talk among John Velazquez, Ramon Dominguez and Chris McCarron that will cover important issues facing riders internationally.

“This is a global sport and it's not uncommon for jockeys to travel to different parts of the world to compete. It's important to be familiar with policies and practices, whether you're riding in South America, North America, Europe or Asia,” said McCarron.

“Think about all the really successful Latin and South American jockeys who have left their mark on U.S. racing,” Chesser said. “What should we be doing in terms of investing to continue to encourage this influx of jockeys from Latin and South America?”



Considering the prevalence of doping and medication reform in the global headlines, it is no surprise that topics pertaining to drugs will be covered in substantial detail, having been allotted panels in four separate time slots on Friday afternoon.

The British Horseracing Authority's zero-tolerance approach to anabolic steroids, the IFHA's global program to certify laboratories at the highest proficiency levels, and South America's efforts at phasing out raceday medication will all be up for discussion.

"A lot of South American countries in the last few years have gone through the effort toward the gradual elimination of raceday medications, including Lasix," Chesser said. "We've not had a chance, at least at this global level, to learn how this came about and what the subsequent consequences might be in terms of field size and starts per horse. I think we're going to learn that those fears aren't quite so pronounced as some people might believe."

In addition, an outside-the-industry doping perspective will be provided by David Howman, director general of the World Anti-Doping Agency, who will share insights on the creation of the World Anti-Doping Code and his organization's efforts at bringing international consistency to drug policies.

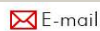
"It's an ambitious two days," said Chesser. "We come together at these conferences as sort of a think tank, to see how we can collectively pool our resources to address a lot of similar topics that affect racing throughout the world. I think we're stronger together than we are apart."



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ONE DRAW POSER FOR LEGATISSIMO

Legatissimo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) faces just 10 rivals as she bids to become only the second filly since 1990 to complete the G1 1000 Guineas-Investec Oaks double at Epsom on Friday, but has the potentially tricky stall one to overcome to do so. Ryan Moore faces the age-old dilemma on Michael Tabor's May 3 Newmarket Classic

heroine, with the almost-instant swing to the right meaning that a forwardly ridden runner might be trapped wide while traffic issues could dog one settled in behind. Having already won over



Oaks Favorite Legatissimo
Racing Post

excess of a mile in Gowran Park's Listed Victor McCalmont Memorial S. Apr. 26 and being from the immediate family of the Ascot Gold Cup winner Fame and Glory (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), the stamina box is ticked as the bay bids to become the first Irish-trained filly outside of the Ballydoyle stable to win this in 24 years. "A mile is as short as she would ever go," trainer David Wachman said at the recent "Breakfast With the Stars" morning at Epsom. "We have always liked her a lot, but last year she was quite big and tall. She has definitely got stronger since her win at Newmarket."

Aidan O'Brien withdrew the long-time ante-post favorite Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), as expected, and left in the strong trio of **Diamondsandrubies (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), **Together Forever (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Qualify (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) with Joseph O'Brien booked for last year's G1 Fillies' Mile scorer Together Forever. Susan Magnier's bay was a highly encouraging second under a penalty to Lady Bamford's **Star of Seville (GB)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) in the G3 Musidora S. at York May 13, while Roisin Henry's colors will be carried by Seamie Heffernan on Diamondsandrubies. Successful by six lengths in Chester's Listed Cheshire Oaks last time May 6, she bids to avenge the defeat of her dam Quarter Moon (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) by the last Guineas-Oaks heroine Kazzia (Ger) (Zinaad {Ire}) in 2002. She will be the fifth from the immediate family to attempt to win this, with Quarter Moon's sisters Yesterday (Ire) and All My Loving (Ire) also placing second and third in 2003 and 2007 respectively.

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Aidan O'Brien said of the trio, "We are very happy with Diamondsandrubies, who put in a good trial at Chester and likes to be ridden patiently. Together Forever ran a lovely race at York, as she was a little ring-rusty before the two-pole and then stayed on so she looks like a filly who will definitely get a mile and a half well. Qualify ran a very good race [when 10th] in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas [at The Curragh May 24] and should improve for a step up in trip. She is in good form." Heffernan partnered Was (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) to success three years ago and that performer's 5-million guineas full-sister **Al Naamah (Ire)** is the sole French contender this time. Al Shaqab Racing's '**TDN Rising Star**' was second on her sophomore bow in Saint-Cloud's G3 Prix Cleopatre over 10 1/2 furlongs May 13 and it is significant that Andre Fabre sends her to this race over the G1 Prix de Diane.

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Friday, Epsom, Britain, post time: 4:30 p.m.

INVESTEC OAKS-G1, £450,000, 3yo, f, 12f 10yT

SC PP HORSE SIRE
1 3 Al Naamah (Ire) Galileo (Ire)
 (5,000,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT)

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Lodge Park Stud; T-Andre Fabre; J-Gregory Benoist. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £26,570.
 Last Start: 2nd May 13 G3 Prix Cleopatre

2 7 Bellajeu (GB) Montjeu (Ire)
 (37,000gns wing '12 TATDEC; 300,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT)

O-Qatar Racing Ltd, Sheikh Suhaim Al Thani & Mohamed Al Kubaisi; B-Windymains Farm Ltd; T-Ralph Beckett; J-Andrea Atzeni. Lifetime Record: 4-0-2-0, £9,687.
 Last Start: 2nd May 9 Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial S.

3 8 Crystal Zvezda (GB) Dubawi (Ire)

O-Sir Evelyn de Rothschild; B-Southcourt Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Richard Hughes. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, £44,099.
 Last Start: WON May 16 Listed Newbury Fillies' Trial S.

4 5 Diamondsandrubies (Ire) Fastnet Rock (Aus)

O-Roisin Henry & Susan Magnier; B-Premier Bloodstock; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Seamus Heffernan. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, £32,405.
 Last Start: WON May 6 Listed Cheshire Oaks

5 9 Jack Naylor (GB) Champs Elysees (GB)
 (€10,500 yrl '13 TATIRE)

O-Gerard Byrne; B-Oliver Costello; T-Jessica Harrington; J-Fran Berry. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, £104,477.
 Last Start: 4th May 24 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas

6 10 Jazzi Top (GB) Danehill Dancer (Ire)

O-Helena Springfield Ltd; B-Meon Valley Stud; T-John Gosden; J-Frankie Dettori. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, £26,749.
 Last Start: WON May 3 Listed Pretty Polly S.

7 11 Lady of Dubai (GB) Dubawi (Ire)
 (450,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT)

O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Fittocks Stud; T-Luca Cumani; J-Adam Kirby. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, £35,332.
 Last Start: WON May 21 Listed Height of Fashion S.

8 1 Legatissimo (Ire) Danehill Dancer (Ire)
 (350,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT)

O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Newsells Park Stud; T-David Wachman; J-Ryan Moore. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, £279,024.
 Last Start: WON May 3 G1 1000 Guineas

9 2 Qualify (Ire) Fastnet Rock (Aus)

O-Mrs Chantal Consuelo Regalado-Gonzalez; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Colm O'Donoghue. Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, £51,300.
 Last Start: 10th May 24 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas

10 6 Star of Seville (GB) Duke of Marmalade (Ire)

O/B-Lady Bamford; T-John Gosden; J-William Buick. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, £71,321.
 Last Start: WON May 13 G3 Musidora S.

11 4 Together Forever (Ire) Galileo (Ire)
 (€680,000 yrl '13 GOFORB)

O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Vimal & Gillian Khosla; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Joseph O'Brien. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, £192,356.
 Last Start: 2nd May 13 G3 Musidora S.

All carry 126 pounds.

Thursday, Baden-Baden, Germany, post time: 4:50 p.m.

BADENER MEILE-G2, €70,000, 3yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Red Dubawi (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Hardouin	Mader
2	2	Amaron (GB)	Shamardal	Starke	Lowe
3	5	Felician (Ger)	Motivator (GB)	de Vries	Leve
4	3	Gereon (Ger)	Next Desert (Ire)	D Schiergen	Zschache
5	6	Giovanni Boldini (Ire)	War Front	Wilson	Andersen
6	8	Guiliani (Ire)	Tertullian	Minarik	Carvalho
7	1	Peace At Last (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Veron	Pantall
8	4	Coco Sun (Fr)	Marchand de Sable	Peslier	Mongil

All carry 128 pounds bar Red Dubawi, 129, & Coco Sun, 125.

ILLUMINATE SET TO SHINE AT ASCOT

The Richard Hannon-trained filly **Illuminate (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}), who made a very favorable impression when winning a Salisbury maiden on her debut in May, is on course for the G3 Albany S. at Royal Ascot. Her clearcut defeat of stablemate **Great Page (Ire)** (Roderic O'Connor {Ire}) reads all the better now following the subsequent impressive victory of the runner-up in a listed race at Naas on Monday. Speaking on behalf of owners Denford Stud Paul Webber said, "The thinking is she will go for the Albany. The form took a huge boost on Monday and time may tell it was too good to be true, but it certainly was pleasing. I spoke to Richard [Hannon] and we were thinking of the Albany rather than the G2 Queen Mary S, but plans can always change. She won't run before, it will be straight to Ascot now." Last years race was won by the exciting Cursory Glance (Distorted Humor) who beat the Wesley Ward trained subsequent G1 Del Mar Debutante S. winner Sunset Glow (Exchange Rate).



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ZAWRAQ UPDATE

G1 Epsom Derby second favorite **Zawraq (Ire)** (Shamardal) is reported to have made "substantial improvement" in his race against time to be fit for Saturday's showcase. Dermot Weld's colt has been in the news regularly this week owing to an injury scare following a satisfactory piece of work on Tuesday morning, after which he was found to have been slightly lame. Initial X-rays and scans suggested the injury was not serious and his leg has been iced during the last 24 hours. Hamdan Al Maktoum's unbeaten 3-year-old engaged in light exercise on Wednesday morning, and connections will be playing it late when it comes to decision time. Angus Gold, racing manager for owner



Angus Gold
Racing Post

Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, said "I have just spoken to Mr Weld and, in his words, the horse is 80% better than he was this time yesterday. Leigh Roche, who has done most of the work on him, trotted him and he thought he felt 100%." During what must be a nerve racking few days for connections Gold added, "They will now continue with the icing and he will be X-rayed again and rescanned this afternoon, just to check nothing more sinister has come to light. As long as they are clear and as long as he's sound, he'll have a good canter tomorrow morning with Pat Smullen aboard and how he comes out of that will obviously be crucial. Being positive, if he canters and everything is fine, I would imagine he'll be declared."

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KINGSGATE KEEN FOR MORE GROUP GLORY

Evergreen sprinter **Kingsgate Native (Ire)** (Mujadil) is to step back up to pattern level following the 10-year-old gelding's heartwarming win in the Listed Achilles S. at Haydock last Saturday. It is 8 years since Cheveley Park Stud's speedster won the G1 Nunthorpe S. as a 2-year-old and judging on last weekends performance under Graham Lee the old boy has a lot more to offer.



Kingsgate Native wins at Haydock
Racing Post

His trainer Robert Cowell is eyeing the G3 Coral Charge at Sandown July 4 as the next target and commented, "Kingsgate Native is a superstar and, as Graham Lee said on Saturday, that is the sort of thing that puts a smile on your face. For him to show those younger horses a clean pair of heels in a Listed race is not far of one of his best efforts in recent years." Cowell added, "I think we will go for the Coral Charge, a race which he has run in before a few times and has been second in the last two years. Given the nature of Sandown you need luck in running, but if he gets an untroubled passage he will go close." Kingsgate Native had a fruitless stud career having proved infertile and his last success brought his career earnings to well over £800,000.

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END OF AN ERA AT JUDDMONTE

Philip Mitchell has today announced that he will be standing down as General Manager of Juddmonte Farms later this year. During the next six months, he will work with the Juddmonte team to ensure a smooth transition. Mitchell, based primarily at Banstead Manor Stud in Newmarket, has been part of the world class organization for 27 years and has overseen the careers of such luminaries as Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Kingman (GB) {Invincible Spirit {Ire}} and Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert), among others. "I could not have worked for a more knowledgeable or fairer person than Prince Khalid Abdullah to whom I am indebted," Mitchell said. "I am very proud of what we have achieved here. I am confident that Juddmonte will continue to thrive going forward and will be working with the team to ensure the continued success of this great organisation." Douglas Erskine Crum, CEO Juddmonte Group, added, "Philip is not departing for six months, but it is not too early to say, on behalf of everyone connected with Juddmonte, a very big thank you to him. Philip has been at the heart of Juddmonte's success and established himself at the very top of the worldwide breeding industry. He has guided the operation with professionalism, skill and humour and is rightly widely respected."



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IFHA CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMEN RE-ELECTED

During a meeting at the Pan-American Conference, the Executive Council of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities re-elected incumbent chairman Louis Romanet and present Vice-Chairmen Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges (Asia), Jim Gagliano (Americas) and Brian Kavanagh (Europe) to three-year terms from October 2015 through October 2018. Following the election, Romanet expressed his core objectives for his eighth mandate as Chairman of the Federation. "In an increasingly globalized industry, the IFHA must remain focused on its mission as a conduit of good regulation and practices on international matters," said Romanet. "With the newly re-elected Vice-Chairmen we will develop an action plan in order to meet the Federation's goals for the next three years."

According to Romanet, main strategic aims for the IFHA include:

- Implement a global anti-doping policy through the certification of labs, harmonization of drug control, and out-of-competition testing. The foundations of such a policy have already been built with Article 6 of the IABRW extensively reorganized and 5 laboratories across all regions selected for initial performance capability assessment and certification.
- Achieve a no medication on race-day policy for all IFHA member countries
- Advance measures to protect the welfare and safety of horse and rider while working with industry stakeholders to understand the current situation in individual countries and regions.
- Realize greater uniformity in the race-day rules of IFHA members in order to support the development of an international fan base for racing, reduce the risk of controversy, and foster simulcasting and commingling arrangements which improve the revenues of the sport. This will build on the major progress already achieved in connection with the "protest" rule.
- Apply rules and regulations that ease movement of horses to facilitate international competition while allowing for disease control. The 5-year Collaboration Agreement with the OIE (World Animal Health Organization) and the partnership with the FEI in the International Horse Sports Confederation will be major vehicles for progressing these matters.

- Foster the development of robust legal protection of racing's intellectual property rights against unauthorized use by wagering operators. The principles first articulated by the IFHA in Art.28 IABRW are now capable of being crystallised in a new statutory racing right and the IFHA will actively promote this and other legal protections of racing's intellectual property rights.

- Develop and execute a robust communication strategy in conjunction with its members, focusing on promoting the best of global racing through traditional and new media.

- Continue to grow the federation's partnership with Longines, building awareness of the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings, the Longines World's Best Jockey, and corresponding awards and ceremonies.

- Further employ quality control of graded and black-type races through the International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee and the regional pattern committees.

MM DAY TWO TRADE STEPS UP A NOTCH

Day two of the Magic Millions National Yearling Sale saw trade step up a gear from the opening day session. Three yearlings sold for A\$200,000 or more with proceedings headed by a son of I Am Invincible (Aus) who was knocked down to John Crowley for Mecca Thoroughbreds for A\$260,000. The colt, catalogued as lot [1862](#), will be trained in Sydney. "He's the best colt in the sale. He's a very athletic horse," Crowley commented. "He moves very well and he's going to make a lovely 3-year-old--just a real athlete." On pedigree alone the colt was always going to be popular. Not only is his sire doing exceptionally well but he is also a half brother to two stakes performers including the John O'Shea trained Haptic (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). Selling kicked off in style Wednesday morning when the very first lot into the ring, hip [1712](#) sold for A\$200,000. The Snitzel (Aus) colt, from the family of Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet) was consigned by Arrowfield Stud and was bought by Mick Price Racing. This price was matched later in the day when South African buyer Hassen Adams secured Lot [1824](#), a colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus) offered by Newgate Farm. Adams previous purchases at this sale include Gimmethgreenlight (Aus) (More Than Ready), a promising first season sire in South Africa. So far the first two days of the National Yearling Sale have grossed over A\$6.8 million for 267 lots sold at an average price of A\$25,699 and clearance rate of 71%. "It was a little stronger today, the quality lots attracted plenty of attention," Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox stated. "It was also pleasing to see so much international activity including Hong Kong, Singapore, Macau, New Zealand, South Africa and the Philippines."



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MAGIC MILLIONS NATIONAL YEARLING SALE
DAY TWO TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
1862	c	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Troubeaut (Aus)	260,000
B-Mr K Justin Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud, agent Purchased by Mecca Thoroughbreds				
1712	c	Snitzel (Aus)	Quiet Maggy	200,000
B-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd & Cloros Bloodstock Consigned by Arrowfield Stud, agent Purchased by Mick Price Racing				
1824	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Suitely (Aus)	200,000
B-Raffles Dancers (N Z) Pty Ltd Consigned by Newgate Farm, agent Purchased by Hassan Adams				
1772	c	Sebring (Aus)	Sequential (Aus)	160,000
B-Highgrove Stud, Mr R T Gilbert Consigned by Highgrove Stud, agent Purchased by Robert Roulston Bloodstock				
1768	f	Medaglia d'Oro	Seduced (Aus)	155,000
B-Mr BT Agnew, Mr Peter Hawks Consigned by GP & JM Brilley Purchased by Te Akau Racing				
1922	c	Sepoy (Aus)	Alberton Park (NZ)	145,000
B-M J & S C Murdoch, Bowcock Bloodstock Consigned by Fig Tree Thoroughbreds Purchased by Magic Millions, agent				
1875	c	Smart Missile (Aus)	Varied (Aus)	130,000
B-Mr NJ Nolan Consigned by Noralla Stud Purchased by Michael Freedman				
1843	c	So You Think (NZ)	Tennessee Love (Aus)	130,000
B-Mr G Harvey Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Magic Millions, agent				

Saturday, Doomben, Australia, post time: 1.37 a.m. ET
AAMI STRADBROKE H.-G1, A\$2,000,000 (US\$1,557,632), 3yo, 2200mT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Boban (Aus)	Bernardini	Shcofield	Waller	58
2	Hot Snitzel (Aus)	Snitzel	Shinn	Snowden	55.5
3	Sacred Star (Aus)	Flying Spur	Purton	Pike	55
4	Smokin Joey (Aus)	Encsta De Lgo	Symons	Hunter	54.5
5	Generalife (Aus)	Lohnro	Bowman	O'Shea	54.5
6	Temple Of Boom (Aus)	Piccolo	Rodd	Gollan	54.5
7	Lord Of The Sky (Aus)	Danerich	Berry	Laing	54
8	Charlie Boy (Aus)	Myboycharlie	Williams	Snowden	54
9	Knoydart (Aus)	Morethanready	McDonald	O'Shea	54
10	Big Money (Aus)	Choisir	Thompson	Northam	54
11	Black Heart Bart (Aus)	Blackfriars	Smith	Sigley	53.5
12	Fontelina (Aus)	Testa Rossa	No Rider	Cummings	53.5
13	El Roca (Aus)	Fastnet Rock	Bell	Busuttin	53.5
14	Srikandi (Aus)	Dubawi	McEvoy	Maher	53
15	Fast 'N' Rocking (Aus)	Fastnet Rock	Newitt	Hayes	53
16	Delectation (Aus)	Shamardal	Boss	Waller	52


Saturday, Doomben, Australia, post time: 12.17 a.m. ET
BMW JJ ATKINS.-G1, A\$600,000 (US\$467,289.71), 2yo, 1600mT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Counterattack (Aus)	Redoute's Chce	Bowman	Waller	57
2	Press Statement(Aus)	Hinchinbrook	Angland	Waller	57
3	Bassett (NZ)	Savabeel	Nolen	Moody	57
4	Cylinder Beach (NZ)	Showcasing	Fradd	Foster	57
5	Feast For Eyes (Aus)	More Than Ready	Purton	Waller	57
6	Agree To (Aus)	Authorized	Cahill	Laming	57
7	Pepperano (Aus)	Court Command	Browne	Birchley	55
8	Blueberry Hill (Aus)	Myboycharlie	Cassidy	Birchley	55
9	Look To The Stars	I Am Invincible	Tarrant	Connors	55
10	Typing (Aus)	Sebring	Byrne	Kendrick	55
11	Sagaronne (Aus)	Real Saga	Shinn	Edmonds	55
12	Ashlee Marie (Aus)	Face Value	Rodd	Laming	55

Saturday, Doomben, Australia, post time: 12.57 a.m. ET
CHANNEL SEVEN QUEENSLAND DERBY-G1, A\$600,000 (US\$467,290), 3yo, 2200mT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Werther (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Byrne	Campbell
2	Upham (NZ)	Mastercraftsman	McEoy	Moody
3	Sadler's Lake (Aus)	High Chaparral	Shinn	Waller
4	Jumbo Prince (Aus)	Outback Prince	Bell	Nolan
5	Magicool (Aus)	Fastnet Rock	Winks	Kavanagh
6	Worthy Cause (Aus)	Choisir	Stanley	Zielke
7	High Midnight (Aus)	High Chaparral	Clark	Cummings
8	Quick Strike (Aus)	High Chaparral	Berry	Waller
9	Redoutable Heart	Redoute's Choice	McDonald	Waller
10	Master Of Arts (NZ)	Mastercraftsman	Boss	Weir
11	Chillin With Dylan	Dylan Thomas	Wiggins	Ahrens
12	Thermogenic (Aus)	Northern Meteor	Williams	Stokes
13	Inauguration (Aus)	Authorized	Bowman	Moody
14	Rising Luck (Aus)	Bradbury's Luck	Rodd	Thomas
15	Spur On Gold (Aus)	Flying Spur	Cahill	Carey
16	Grappa Brandy (Aus)	Real Saga	Fradd	Morrisey

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No. Sold	267	290
RNAs	109	125
RNAs %	29%	30%
High Price	A\$260,000	A\$300,000
Gross	A\$6,861,500	A\$10,082,000
Average (% change)	A\$25,699 (-26%)	A\$34,766



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NYRA CHAIRMAN TAKES LEAVE OF ABSENCE AMID NO-SHOW JOB SCANDAL *By T.D. Thornton*

Anthony Bonomo's reign as chairman of the New York Racing Association Reorganization Board lasted barely two months.

According to multiple news reports, Bonomo took a leave of absence from the NYRA board Tuesday, just days after his company was revealed to have allegedly provided a "no-show" job to the son of former state Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos.



Anthony Bonomo
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"I do not want to have recent events distract from the ongoing work of NYRA," Bonomo wrote in a letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo that was reprinted in part by the *Albany Times Union*. "I wish you and NYRA continued success."

Bonomo's words about not wanting to be a distraction seem at odds with his actions. He is stepping away

from the NYRA helm just days before the GI Belmont S. with a Triple Crown bid on the line, and during the same week that New York City is teeming with hundreds of global racing dignitaries who are attending the Pan American Racing Conference.

NYRA President and Chief Executive Officer Christopher Kay is scheduled to deliver opening remarks at the Pan Am Conference Thursday. NYRA is a "gold sponsor" of the conference.

Bonomo's absence creates the second void in the last half year for the top slot on the NYRA board. David Skorton, the previous chairman, resigned effective Dec. 31, 2014, having announced months in advance that he would be leaving to head the Smithsonian Institution. The chairmanship sat vacant into early April, when Bonomo was appointed.

According to his NYRA bio, Bonomo, a Brooklyn attorney, is President of Administrators for the Professions, Inc., the insurance company management organization that operates, among others, Physicians' Reciprocal Insurers, a medical professional liability insurer.

The New York *Times* reported that Monday, Dean Skelos pleaded not guilty in United States District Court to charges that he pressured companies that do business with the state to give his son, Adam, hundreds of thousands of dollars in jobs and commission posts. Both the elder Skelos and his son face six charges of extortion under color of official right, soliciting bribes and gratuities, and conspiracy to commit honest services fraud.

Physicians' Reciprocal Insurers was not named in the indictment and has not been accused of wrongdoing, but the firm has been identified in multiple news reports as having allegedly provided a no-show job.

Bonomo has served as a Trustee of Hofstra University, and founded the GAELS Foundation, which is dedicated to the development of youth through sports. Bonomo and his wife Mary Ellen have owned Thoroughbreds based in New York since 2005, racing primarily under the stable names Brooklyn Boyz Stables and MEB Stables.

According to the *Times*, vice chairman Michael DelGiudice will assume the responsibilities of the chairman.

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 **New York**

Thursday, Belmont Park, post time: 1:52 p.m., EDT

ASTORIA S., \$250,000, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 One Minute	Run Away and Hide	Velazquez	Asmussen	6-1
2 Moment Is Right	Medaglia d'Oro	Rosario	Ward	3-1
3 La Nina	Tale of the Cat	Cruz	Lawrence	15-1
4 Decked Out	Street Boss	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	2-1
5 Tonasah	Malibu Moon	Castellano	Pletcher	7-2
6 Little Cherie	Pleasantly Perfect	Smith	Maker	5-1

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Thursday, Belmont Park, post time: 3:57 p.m. EDT

INTERCONTINENTAL S., \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Lemon Point	Lemon Drop Kid	Lezcano	Mott	20-1
2 Token of Love (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Smith	Motion	8-1
3 Ecstatic Miss	Consolidator	Silvera	Beech	50-1
4 Devilish Love	Not For Love	Velazquez	Dutrow	12-1
5 Carolina Shag	Bop	Cruz	Cooney	20-1
6 Believe in Charlie	Indian Charlie	Saez	Bush	20-1
7 King Kune (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Velasquez	Nicol	30-1
8 A Little Bit Sassy	More Than Ready	Alvarado	Matz	15-1
9 Distorted Beauty	Invasor (Arg)	Ortiz	Levine	8-1
10 Zindaya	More Than Ready	Franco	Clement	5-1
11 Mabre Rose (Ire)	Smart Strike	Ortiz Jr	Clement	7-2
12 Shrinking Violet	Congaree	Desormeaux	Ward	4-1
13 Radiator (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Rosario	Mott	6-1
14 Dauphine Russe (Fr)	Russian Blue (Ire)	Castellano	Brown	12-1

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APPOINTMENTS

Nathan McCauley: appointed to the Board of Directors for Thoroughbred Charities of America

- A native of Lexington, KY, and now residing in Nashville, TN, McCauley owns and manages the Providence Auto Group. He has better than two dozen horses in training on the family farm in Nicholasville, KY..
- "We are pleased to welcome Nathan McCauley to the TCA board. Nathan's energy, enthusiasm and creativity will be a huge asset and I look forward to working with him," said Dan Rosenberg president of TCA.



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Wednesday's Results:

OUR MIMS S., \$50,375, DEL, 6-3, 3yo, f, 1m70y, 1:41, gd.

1--**#WHITE CLOVER, 120, f, 3, by [Exchange Rate](#)**

1st Dam: Red Mischief, by Thirty Six Red

2nd Dam: Wajima Street, by Wajima

3rd Dam: Majestic Street, by Majestic Prince

O-Calumet Farm; B-Bluegrass Hall LLC (KY); T-J Larry Jones; J-Kerwin D Clark. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$102,830. *Full to Ermine, GISW, \$880,134.

2--**Peace and War, 118, f, 3, [War Front](#)--More Oats Please, by Smart Strike.** (\$300,000 yrl '13 KEESEP). O-Qatar Racing. \$10,000.

3--**Cayman Croc, 120, f, 3, Bob and John--Cayman Sunset, by Wolf Power (SAf).** (\$28,000 RNA wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$56,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT). O-Stoneway Farm. \$5,500.

Margins: 1HF, 1HF, HF. Odds: 7.20, 2.30, 2.00.

Seventh in the Gill Rachel Alexandra S. at the Fair Grounds this February, White Clover was a good second in the Keeneland slop going seven furlongs Apr. 3. A last-out allowance winner cut back to five furlongs at this venue May 16, the gray was seeking her first stakes win. After the race was held up by the late scratch of Catcha Rising Star (Red Giant), White Clover proved none the worse for the wait and quickly assumed leadership duties. After doling out easy splits and getting three-quarters in 1:12.03, the Calumet colorbearer faced a stiff challenge to her outside, as Gl Alcibiades S. heroine Peace and War got within a half-length in upper stretch. White Clover proved too game however, clawing back along the inside to cozily earn her first black-type rosette. The winner's dam, Red Mischief, produced a colt by resident stallion Oxbow this year. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

7th-DEL, \$34,250, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, gd.
+ **CENTERING (g, 4, Rock Hard Ten--Quies, by Quiet American)**, making his racetrack debut here off a five-panel work over the Fair Hill synthetic in 1:02 flat (4/10) May 29, was overlooked at 14-1. Racing without Lasix, the bay was hustled out to sit second, one off the rail as favorite Ray Knows (Majesticperfection) showed the way through a :22.24 first quarter. Scrubbed on to close the gap, Centering spun three wide in between horses off the bend and ground past that rival in deep stretch to score by a length. Pea Shooter Pro (Candy Ride {Arg}) closed to take second by a neck ahead of Ray Knows. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Lael Stables. B-Mr & Mrs M Roy Jackson (KY). T-Arnaud Delacour.

1st-PID, \$27,530, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:11 2/5, ft.

+ **WORTHURWEIGHTNGOLD (g, 4, [Tiago](#)--Copa de Oro, by Coronado's Quest)**, sent off at 6-1 as part of a coupled entry, raced second last against the pine as the leading bunch posted solid splits. Shifted to the outside turning for home, the gelding quickly sped past rivals and was within striking distance six off the rail with just under two furlongs to travel. Given a couple righthanders, Worthurweightngold burst to the head of affairs in the shadow of the wire to win going away by 2 1/2 lengths. D'avignon (Smart Strike) completed the exacta. The winner raced without Lasix. Sales history: \$31,000 2yo '13 OBSJUN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,200. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
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California

Stronach Group Issues Statement on Coalition:

Officials at The Stronach Group, owner/operator of Gulfstream Park and Santa Anita, among other tracks, issued a statement Wednesday regarding the 'Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity.' The statement read:

"The Stronach Group (TSG), long at the forefront of equine and human safety in racing, recognizes and has actively promoted significant advances in racing medication with the belief that safety measures and jockey welfare are paramount to the advancement and perception of Thoroughbred racing throughout the world.

In view of recent legislative efforts advanced by the "Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity," which is supported by several industry groups, TSG reaffirms the following list of foundation principles it deems necessary for the continued growth and development of Thoroughbred racing on a national and international scale:

- 1) Mutually agreed upon, uniform testing procedures and protocols at all North American tracks, which include out-of-competition testing.
- 2) Nationally uniform rules that clearly define prohibited and permitted medications, substances and methods in all jurisdictions.
- 3) Regional testing laboratories that strictly adhere to uniform standards and which are subject to regular accreditation.
- 4) Penalties for violations must be uniform and administered in a timely fashion.
- 5) Investigations and prosecutions must be fair and uniform on a national scale. **cont. p3**



Stronach Statement cont.

6) Public perception is our highest priority. As such, the aforementioned objectives must be pursued enthusiastically by the entire racing industry in order to maintain a level playing field for our sports' stakeholders and most importantly, the betting public.

The Stronach Group looks forward to the many challenges we as an industry face, and to building an ever brighter and more transparent future.

INDUSTRY INFO

NTRA: 12,000 Comments on Withholding Changes:

Officials at the National Thoroughbred Racing Association announced Wednesday that, following the close of the 90-day comment period, nearly 12,000 comments were submitted directly to the U.S. Treasury in support of efforts to modernize tax regulations related to pari-mutuel wagering. The proposed changes would clarify withholding and reporting rules by redefining the "amount wagered" to include all of a bettor's investment into a single pari-mutuel pool, and not simply the base amount of the winning combination. Because of the wide scope of the economic benefits, support for the proposed modification came from all segments of the horse racing and breeding industry. The effort also received strong backing from dozens of state and federal legislators who realize the economic benefits derived from a healthy and vibrant horse industry in their home states.

Hight to Succeed Nicholson at Equibase:

Ian D. Hight, who has served on the Equibase Management Committee since 2010, has been tabbed to replace Nick Nicholson as the company's new chairman. Nicholson, the former president and CEO of the Keeneland Association, will remain on the board. A partner at the private equity firm Court Square Capital, Hight became a member of The Jockey Club in 2006 and was appointed to the board of stewards the following year. He currently serves as the organization's secretary-treasurer. "Ian's deep passion for the Thoroughbred industry and his incisive business acumen will serve Equibase well in the years ahead," said Nicholson. Hight becomes the fourth chairman in the 25-year history of Equibase, following James E. "Ted" Bassett III, Alan Marzelli and Nicholson. "It will be a great honor to serve in the role of chairman for Equibase," Hight said. "The success of this organization is a testament to the leadership of Ted, Alan and Nick and the enthusiastic cooperation of our partner racetracks, and I look forward to being part of the next chapter."

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, June 4

*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, 122/2/0
 4-PRM, Msw, 5f, Classic Arch, \$4K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1
DROSSELMAYER (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$18K, 94/0/0
 4-PIM, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Find Joy, \$55K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1
FRIESAN FIRE (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 61/0/0
 4-PIM, Msw, 4 1/2f, +First to Fire, 6-1
GENERAL QUARTERS (Sky Mesa), Crestwood Farm, \$9K, 38/0/0
 7-GP, Msw, 4 1/2f, Sumfloridasunfun, \$14K RNA OBS AUG yrl, 12-1
HERE COMES BEN (Street Cry {Ire}), McMahon of Saratoga T'breeds, \$8K, 43/0/0
 4-PRM, Msw, 5f, Here Comes Gwen, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
IQBAAL (Medaglia d'Oro), 5/0/0
 4-GP, Msw, 5fT, Iron in the Fire, 5-2
PADDY O'PRADO (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 105/0/0
 7-GP, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Happy Lady, 15-1
 7-GP, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Above Fashion, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
TRAPPE SHOT (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 96/0/0
 4-GP, Msw, 5fT, +Mozelle, 6-1
TWIRLING CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 91/1/0
 5-SA, Msw, 5f, Mint Julep Taffy, \$11K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 164/2/0
 5-SA, Msw, 5f, +Gomo, \$75K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, June 4

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/32/1
 4-BEL, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Strong Incentive, \$200K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-IND, \$36,720, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:31 1/5, fm.
JESTER AND ME (f, 4, Zanjero--Jester, by Kiri's Clown)
 Lifetime Record: 17-5-2-2, \$96,415. O-Freddy Lewis III. B-Freddy Lewis Jr (KY). T-Michael J Maker. *1/2 to Fish (Yonaguska), SP, \$153,048.

6th-IND, \$34,000, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38 1/5, fm.
CHRISTIE'S READY (f, 3, More Than Ready--Christies Treasure {SP, \$113,602}, by Belong to Me) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$36,260. O-Eutrophia Farm. B-Elisabeth Alexander (KY). T-Charles LoPresti. *1/2 to Sacristy (Pulpit), GSW, \$252,112.

2nd-PID, \$29,800, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16 3/5, ft.
GRANNY'S DRINK (f, 4, Old Fashioned--Cintarosa {SW, \$177,730}, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$44,100. O-James E Hunt. B-Jack Grunwald (KY). T-S Matthew Kintz. *\$360,000 yrl '12 FTSAUG; \$40,000 HRA '14 KEENOV.

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7th-TDN, \$29,000, NW3L, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05, ft.
CAJUN SILVER (c, 4, Porto Foricos--Luanne's Gift {SP}, by Monetary Gift) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, \$56,720. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Darryl Breland (LA). T-Robert M Gorham. *\$5,500 HRA '14 OBSJAN.

6th-TDN, \$27,000, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 4/5, ft.
CHERAY (f, 3, Stephen Got Even--Asset Class, by Maria's Mon) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-1, \$49,783. O-Gene Burkholder. B-H Allen Poindexter (KY). T-Ronald W Puhl.

3rd-LAD, \$24,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), C, 3yo/up, 5f, :57 2/5, ft.
TOP CAT BOOGIE (g, 6, Big Top Cat--Dancing Deer, by Deerhound) Lifetime Record: MSW, 29-9-5-1, \$378,928. O/B-Circle H Farms (LA). T-Alan Klanfer.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Bloss, f, 2, Diabolical--La Fever, by Stormin Fever.**
 ALB, 6-3, (S), 5f, :59 2/5. B-Diana Bringham (NM).
Bourbon N Lime, g, 3, Limehouse--Bourbon Street, by Dixie Union. IND, 6-2, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:46 4/5. B-Michael E & Penny S Lauer (IN).
Shopper, f, 4, Bernstein--Art Show (SW, \$243,500), by Out of Place. PID, 6-2, (S), 1m70y (AWT), 1:43 2/5. B-William M Backer Revocable Trust (PA).
Tiz Orchestral, f, 4, Mancini--Tiz Vavace, by Tiznow. IND, 6-3, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:45 2/5. B-John O'Meara (IN). *\$7,000 RNA yrl '12 FTKOCT.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Georgeous Bird (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:00.80, 1/6

KEENELAND

Finnegan (Ire) (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :52.00, 17/18

WOODBINE

Conquest Harlanate (Harlan's Holiday), 5f (aw), 1:00.60, 3/24



Wednesday's Results:

BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF TOTEPOOL

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OAKS S.-Listed, £42,000, NOT,
 6-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 10f 50yT, 2:09.07, gd.

1--**#MUTATIS MUTANDIS (IRE), 126, f, 4,**
Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Amathia (Ire) (SW & GSP-Fr),
by Darshaan (GB). (160,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT).
 O-Chasemore Farm; B-Kildaragh Stud (Ire); T-Ed Walker; J-Luke Morris. £23,818. Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-0, £52,671. *1/2 to Distant Memories (Ire) (Falbrav {Ire}), GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr & SP-Ire, \$232,235.
 2--**Dream Child (Ire), 126, f, 4, Pivotal (GB)--Poseidon's**
 Bride, by Seeking the Gold. O-Godolphin. £9,030.
 3--**This is the Day (GB), 126, f, 4, Footstepsinthesand**
 (GB)--Miss Pinkerton (GB), by Danehill. O-A E Oppenheimer. £4,519.
 Margins: HF, 2 1/4, HD. Odds: 12.00, 3.50, 25.00.

Nottinghamshire Oaks S. cont.

Mutatis Mutandis had finished third, before being promoted to second, in the Listed Doonside Cup over 10 furlongs at Ayr in September on her best attempt at black-type but arguably came here off a career-high having won an extended 11-furlong handicap at Windsor May 18. Held up in rear early as she had been on that occasion, the grey was still last approaching the quarter pole but when asked the question surged down the outer to take over from Dream Child in the last 50 yards and secure a convincing success. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

1st-CHD, £8,000, Mdn, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.33, ft.
PICK YOUR CHOICE (GB) (c, 3, Elusive Quality--Enticement {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Montjeu {Ire}), third over course and distance last time May 12, traveled easily in the slipstream of the leaders throughout the early stages. Sent to the front with a quarter mile to race, the 4-7 pick drew away down the center of the track to score by 4 1/2 lengths from Rifle Range (Ire) (Shamardal). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £5,752. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O/B-The Queen (GB). T-William Haggas.

1st-RIP, £6,000, Mdn, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.37, gd/sf.
ODE TO EVENING (GB) (c, 2, Poet's Voice {GB}--Ever Love {Brz} {Ch. 2yo & 3yo Filly & MG1SW-Brz, \$116,471}, by Nedawi {GB}), who was fifth after a tardy start to a competitive York maiden on debut May 14, broke well against the stand's side and quickly had control. Sent clear inside the final quarter mile, the 7-4 favorite was eased to record an impressive nine-length success from Flying Pursuit (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}). Ode To Evening becomes the third winner for his first-season sire (by Dubawi {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,881. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

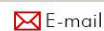
O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum.
 B-Darley (GB). T-Mark Johnston.



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1st-WLV, £4,500, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 216y (AWT), 1:15.47, ft.

LOCKRAM (c, 2, Lonhro {Aus}--Silk Blossom {Ire} {GSW-Eng, \$748,302}, by Barathea {Ire}), who was fourth on debut at Ayr May 20, disputed with Sign of the Kodiak (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}) initially before taking command at halfway. Sent clear in the stretch, the 2-1 pick asserted to score by 2 3/4 lengths from that rival, with Criminalistic (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the son of the MG1SW Forensics (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}), 1 1/4 lengths behind in third. Lockram becomes the second winner by his first-season sire (by Octagonal {NZ}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,229. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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



British Report cont.

Tuesday Night's Result:

5th-WLV, £4,500, Mdn, 3yo/up, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:48.66, ft.

HAKKA (GB) (c, 3, [Dansili {GB}](#)--[African Rose {GB}](#) {Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 5-7f, G1SW-Eng, SW & G1SP-Fr, \$403,111}, by [Observatory](#)), runner-up on his racecourse bow over this track and trip Apr. 25, started as the 15-8 second choice and stalked the early pace against the fence. Left in front by an errant front-runner turning for home, the homebred stayed on strongly to account for Important Message (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £3,777. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Khalid Abdullah. B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (GB). T-Sir Michael Stoute.



Wednesday's Results:

PRIX MATCHEM-Listed, €55,000, MLF, 6-3, 3yo, c/g, 9fT, 1:54.10, gd.

1--**#ASHLAN (FR)**, 123, c, 3, by [Dansili \(GB\)](#)

1st Dam: [Ashalanda \(Fr\) \(GSW-Eng & Fr, GSP-Ity, \\$223,266\)](#), by [Linamix \(Fr\)](#)

2nd Dam: [Ashaninka](#), by [Woodman](#)

3rd Dam: [Intriguing](#), by [Deputy Minister](#)

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (Fr); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €60,700.

2--**Inordinate**, 123, c, 3, [Harlan's Holiday--Out of Reach \(GB\)](#), by [Warning \(GB\)](#). O-Khalid Abdullah. €11,000.

3--**Madrieno (GB)**, 123, c, 3, [Sir Percy \(GB\)](#)--[Alizadora \(GB\)](#), by [Zilzal](#). (12,000gns wlng '12 TATDEC).

O-Alfredo Lopez Del Pozo. €8,250.

Margins: SHD, 2HF, 3/4. Odds: 1.40, 2.40, 11.00.

Also Ran: [The Comissioner \(Ire\)](#), [Jolly Good Kitten](#), [Beyond the Clouds \(Fr\)](#).

On a roll after 10-furlong conditions wins at Saint-Cloud Apr. 14 and at this venue May 11, Ashlan continued his momentum to earn a first black-type score in this keenly contested affair. Held up with one behind early, the grey was tanking along in Christophe Soumillon's hands as Inordinate battled to keep command up front passing the quarter pole. The winner was let loose, but took until the dying strides to subdue the talented Juddmonte representative. The connections are contemplating shipping Ashlan for the GI Secretariat S. at Arlington Park this summer.

"Obviously the [G2] Prix Eugene Adam [July 19] is an option and I think it is likely he will go to Chicago for the [GI] Secretariat S. [Aug. 15] as well," trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre told *Racing Post*. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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3rd-LTS, €27,000, Cond, 3yo, f, 9fT, 1:50.82, gd/fm.

MOONLIGHT IN PARIS (FR) (f, 3, [Literato {Fr}](#)--[Isalou {Fr}](#), by [Unfuwain](#)), who prevailed by five lengths going one mile in an Apr. 27 firsters' at Chantilly last time, raced under restraint in fourth through the early fractions of this return. Shuffled down a spot to fifth along the backstraight, the 3-10 lock was shaken up with 300 meters to go and kept on well under whipless cajoling in the closing stages to prevail by a short head from Iromea (Ire) ([Dansili {GB}](#)). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €26,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Ecurie Jean-Louis Tepper (Fr). T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

1st-MLF, €25,000, Mdn, unraced 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:07.40, gd.

+ **SHALOUSKA (IRE) (f, 3, [Dalakhani {Ire}](#)--[Shalama {Ire}](#), by [Kahyasi {Ire}](#))** raced in a handy fifth after the initial strides of this first go. Improving one spot before halfway, the 41-5 chance made further progress in the straight to lead passing the two pole and was ridden out from there to hold [Chloe Triomphe \(Fr\) \(Cima de Triomphe {Ire}\)](#) by 3/4 of a length. [Borgia's Best \(Ire\) \(Lope de Vega {Ire}\)](#), a daughter of [MG1SW Borgia \(Ger\) \(Acatenango {Ger}\)](#), raced in midfield until making some late headway to finish fifth. The winner is a half to G1 Irish Derby third [Shalapour \(Ire\) \(Darshaan {GB}\)](#), G1SP-Ire, \$210,465. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-H H The Aga Khan. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (Ire). T-Mikel Delzangles.

3rd-MLF, €25,000, Mdn, unraced 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:07.80, gd.

+ **KHEZERABAD (FR) (c, 3, [Dalakhani {Ire}](#)--[Khelwa {Fr} {SP-Fr}](#), by [Traditionally](#))** shadowed the leaders racing wide in third until sent to the front just before halfway. Maintaining easy control thereafter, the 4-5 chalk was shaken up with 350 meters remaining and lengthened clear under minimal urging inside the final furlong to easily best [Bubble King \(Ire\) \(King's Best\)](#) by eight lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-H H The Aga Khan. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (Fr). T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.



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New Zealand

New Commission Structure at Karaka:

New Zealand Bloodstock has announced it will be introducing a new commission structure for its two mid-year sale events held at Karaka. In a bid to encourage breeders to offer their higher value stock at these sales, the revised commission rate on each horse sold at the annual National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale in May and the Winter Mixed Bloodstock Sale held in July shall be 10% plus GST on the first \$100,000, with a reduction to 5% plus GST thereafter. "We are hoping to build the quality of both weanlings and broodmares in these sales," commented NZB Co-Managing Director Andrew Seabrook, before adding. "The good weanlings sold extremely well last month but we didn't have enough of them. The appetite from buyers was there but we couldn't meet their demand for quality stock. Further to that, we have struggled to attract genuine quality breeding stock over the last few years. Hopefully this lower cost structure will entice vendors to offer some better weanlings and broodmares so these sales can realize their full potential." The new commission rate structure shall come into effect at this year's Winter Mixed Bloodstock Sale to be held at Karaka on July 31.

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HANDICAP RESULTS:

4th-NOT, £25,000, 6-3, 3yo/up, 8f 75yT, 1:44.82, gd. BIG BAZ (IRE) (g, 5, Pivotal {GB}--Gracefully {Ire} {GSW-Eng}, by Orpen) Lifetime Record: 18-5-5-2, £70,190. O-The Big Baz Partnership. B-Haras de la Perelle (Ire). T-William Muir. *€65,000 yrl '11 ARQAUG. *1/2 to Giofra (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Co-Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Eng, GSW & MG1SP-Fr, G1SP-HK & UAE, \$994,175; and Gradara (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$144,576.

3rd-NOT, £10,000, 6-3, 3yo, 8f 75yT, 1:45.77, gd. ROXY STAR (IRE) (f, 3, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Sweet Dreams Baby {Ire}, by Montjeu {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £10,221. O-Mrs Deborah June James. B-Barronstown Stud (Ire). T-William Haggas. *€50,000 yrl '13 GOFORB.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-MLF, €28,000, 6-3, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:10.90, gd. MUHARAAJ (IRE) (c, 4, Iffraaj {GB}--Desert Sprite {Ire}, by Tagula {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 16 starts, 4 wins, 5 places, €92,850. O-Zalim Bifov. B-Mme Emma Bifova (Ire). T-Matthieu Palussiere. *14,000 RNA yrl '12 TATDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Belle Postiere (Fr), f, 2, American Post (GB)--Melancolie (GB), by Spectrum (Ire). MLF, 6-3, 6fT, 1:12.90. B-Mme Isabelle Corbani & Jedburgh Stud (Fr). *€14,000 yrl '14 ARQOCT.**
- + The Turning Point (Fr), c, 2, Hurricane Cat--L'Ete (Chi) (G1SP-Chi), by Hussonet. LTS, 6-3, 6fT, 1:13.96. B-SNC Regnier & San Gabriel Investments Inc (Fr). *€23,000 yrl '14 OSASEP.**
- + Shaden (Ire), f, 2, Kodiak (GB)--Lady Avenger (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Namid (GB). NOT, 6-3, 5f 13yT, 1:00.66. B-Deerpark Stud (Ire). *40,000gns yrl '14 TATOCT.**
- + Villebaudon (Fr), f, 2, Le Havre (Ire)--Vidiyna (Fr), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). LTS, 6-3, 6fT, 1:13.64. B-Franklin Finance SA (Fr).**
- Wedge (Ire), c, 2, Zebedee (GB)--Jalmira (Ire) (MSW-Ire & SW-Eng, \$461,829), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). CHD, 6-3, 5f (AWT), 1:00 2/5. B-Sean Dalton & Jimmy O'Meara (Ire). *€48,000 wnlg '13 GOFNOV; 62,000gns yrl '14 TATOCT.**
- + Majrooh (Ire), c, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Neve Lieve (Ire), by Dubai Destination. WLV, 6-3, 7f 32y (AWT), 1:29 4/5. B-Kabansk Ltd & Rathbarry Stud (Ire). *45,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.**
- Russian Heroine (GB), f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Russian Rhythm (Ch. European 3yo Filly, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 7-9.5f & 9.5-11f, MG1SW-Eng, \$1,260,634), by Kingmambo. RIP, 6-3, 6fT, 1:12. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB).**
- Saint Opportune (Ire), f, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Orange Bitter (Fr), by Night Shift. LTS, 6-3, 9fT, 1:49.50. B-Berend van Dalfsen (Ire). *€30,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT.**

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