

VALE DORI WORKS BULLET AHEAD OF BEHOLDER



Vale Dori | Benoit

by Jessica Martini

Trainer Bob Baffert sent a bevy of high-profile runners out to work at Santa Anita over the holiday weekend, with **Vale Dori (Arg)** (Asiatic Boy {Arg}) and **Collected** (City Zip) leading the way with bullet drills Monday.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum's Vale Dori worked five furlongs in a best-of-29 :59.60 in preparation for an expected match-up with champions **Stellar Wind** (Curlin) and **Finest City** (City Zip) in Saturday's GI Beholder Mile.

"She went very nice," Baffert said of the work. "She's ready for this week--ready for the big showdown."

Vale Dori takes a six-race win streak into the Beholder. She defeated GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint winner **Finest City** by 1 1/2 lengths in the nine-furlong GI Santa Margarita S. Mar. 18 and is coming off a half-length tally in the 1 1/16-mile GIII Adoration S. May 7. She cuts back to a mile for the first time since winning the Tranquility Lake S. last August at Del Mar.

As of Monday, only three horses had been confirmed for the Beholder. **Finest City**, third behind Beholder (Henny Hughes) and **Stellar Wind** when the race was run as the Vanity Mile last June, missed by just a neck when second behind Paulassilverlining (Ghostzapper) in the May 6 GI Humana Distaff S. **Stellar Wind** is coming off a win in the Apr. 14 GI Apple Blossom H. at Oaklawn Park. **Cont. p3**

GUN RUNNER WORKS FOR STEPHEN FOSTER

Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), off since finishing second behind **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) in the Mar. 25 G1 Dubai World Cup, worked five furlongs in :59.80 at Churchill Downs Monday. The 4-year-old is expected to start next in the June 17 GI Stephen Foster H. With jockey Florent Geroux in the irons, **Gun Runner** breezed through fractions of :12.20, :24.20, :36 and :47.80 before galloping out six furlongs in 1:12 and seven furlongs in 1:25.20.

"He's an awesome horse," trainer Steve Asmussen said of **Gun Runner**, who counts the GI Clark H. among his victories at Churchill Downs.

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Kendrick Carmouche receives 2017 Mike Venezia Award. "I've come a long way from Louisiana. I'm in the Big Apple and loving it," Carmouche said while accepting the award given to jockeys who epitomize the extraordinary sportsmanship and citizenship of the late rider. Venezia died after a spill at Belmont Park in 1988. | Adam Coglianesse

G.G. RYDER EARNS SECOND ALL AMERICAN

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G.G. Ryder (Chhaya Dance) wins his second GIII All American S. with a late-charging victory Monday at Golden Gate.

BROWN SCORES BIG APPLE HAT TRICK

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Trainer Chad Brown saddled three stakes winners at Belmont Park Monday, half of the six-stakes Big Apple Showcase. Brown's Fourstar Crook (Freud) commenced the slate's stakes portion with a victory in the Mount Vernon, Kathryn the Wise (Uncle Mo) won the Critical Eye S. and Offering Plan (Spring at Last) rallied to win the Kingston in the card's penultimate race.



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Vale Dori Works Bullet *(cont. from p1)*

Speedway Stable's Collected, who returned from nearly a year's absence to win the Apr. 1 Santana Mile and Apr. 22 GII Californian S., had been expected to go postward in last Saturday's GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita. The 4-year-old skipped that race--won by stablemate Cupid (Tapit)--after a subpar work, but returned to the work tab Monday with a six-furlong drill in 1:12.40 (1/8).

"I just want to see how he comes out of this work," Baffert said of plans for the chestnut. "Last time he worked well, but not like today. Today was a lot better. He worked with more energy today, so I'll just see how he comes out of it this week. I don't have any plans with him, but he's nominated to everything."

Also on the worktab for Baffert this weekend, GI Kentucky Oaks winner **Abel Tasman** (Quality Road) worked six furlongs in 1:11.00 (1/14) Sunday.

"She worked really well," Baffert said of Abel Tasman. "She is still pointing for the [June 10 GI] Acorn S."

Baoma Corp's **Drefong** (Gio Ponti), unraced since winning last year's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, returned to the work tab for the first time since February with a three-furlong work in :37.00 Sunday.

"He went very nice," Baffert said of last year's Eclipse sprint champion. "He's just getting back slowly, but he looked really good. He is a beautiful horse; conformation-wise he's the most beautiful horse you'll see out there. He's built like a rocket ship."

Of the extended absence, Baffert added, "I was just freshening him up. Now we'll get him ready for Del Mar."

Charles and Susan Chu's Baoma Corp. added to its roster at last week's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale, purchasing a colt by Ghostzapper (**hip 516**) for \$800,000.

"I have him, he's here now," Baffert said of the juvenile. "I'll go really lightly on them after the sale before we start. But he looks good. He's a beautiful colt."



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1--**G. G. RYDER, 122, h, 6, by Chhaya Dance**

1st Dam: Stormy Gigi, by Storm Boot

2nd Dam: Antifreeze, by It's Freezing

3rd Dam: I'm Really Smokin, by Golden Eagle II

O-Hollendorfer, LLC & George Todaro; B-Eagle Oak Ranch LLC (CA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; J-Irving Orozco. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 36-13-9-3, \$611,095. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Flamboyant (Fr)**, 122, g, 6, Peer Gynt (Jpn)--Relicia Bere (Fr), by Until Sundown. (€28,000 Ylg '12 OS12). O-David Bienstock & Charles N. Winner; B-SNC Regnier & San Gabriel Inv. Inc. (FR); T-Patrick Gallagher. \$20,000.

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3--**Alert Bay**, 122, g, 6, **City Zip**--Hickory (Chi), by Dushyantor. (\$65,000 Ylg '12 KEEJAN; \$42,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.; B-Thomas Newton Bell & Ross John McLeod (CA); T-Blaine D. Wright. \$12,000.

INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

Margins: HD, HD, NO. Odds: 10.90, 6.10, 1.00.
Also Ran: Street Lad, Dalmore, Star Student, Point Piper, Ike Walker, Camino Del Paraiso. [Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

G. G. Ryder captured his second renewal of the GIII All American S., charging up late to get the best of a blanket finish. The chestnut rated off the pace while racing three off the rail behind moderate fractions. Tipped out a path to split foes in upper stretch, he found his best stride in the last sixteenth and just got a nose in front on the line.



G. G. Ryder (red cap) sneaks through to win All American S.
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G. G. Ryder scored back-to-back graded victories in 2015, taking the GIII San Francisco S. over the turf before winning his first All American S. Attempting to repeat the double in 2016, he was fifth in the San Francisco and 11th in the All American. He was coming off a runner-up effort behind Alert Bay in the Apr. 29 GIII San Francisco.

Pedigree Notes:

Stormy Gigi, in foal to Super Saver, was purchased by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings for \$220,000 at the 2015 Keeneland November Sale. Breeder Eagle Oak Ranch had purchased the mare, a half-sister to graded stakes winner Force Freeze (Forest Camp), for \$370,000 at the 2008 OBS March Sale. Racing for Eagle Ranch, she won once in seven starts. She sold in foal to Kodiak Cowboy for \$50,000 at the 2015 Barretts January sale. Her Colonel John filly sold for \$100,000 at last year's OBS March sale. G. G. Ryder was her first foal. She produced a colt by Super Saver last year and a colt by Malibu Moon this year.



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SHINN TO RIDE AT ARLINGTON

Australian jockey Blake Shinn has been granted a license to ride in the United States beginning June 5, he announced Monday. Proven at the top level Down Under with wins aboard Viewed (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}) in the 2008 G1 Melbourne Cup, 'TDN Rising Star' Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}) in the 2016 G1 Golden Slipper S. and Summer Passage (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) in the G1 Sistema S. in New Zealand this year, among many others, Shinn will be based at Arlington Park in Chicago with trainer Wesley Ward. Shinn's U.S. stint will last until early July.

"I am excited to announce I have been granted a license to ride in America commencing from the 5th of June," Shinn said in a statement. "Special thanks to Mr. V'Landys, Mr. McGauran and everyone at Racing NSW who has assisted me with my application to ride in America. My return to Australia is anticipated in early July with dates to be confirmed."

For more information, please contact Shinn's manager David Rorison at rorison.racing@gmail.com or 0499788533.

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Blake Shinn | *The Championships*

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Breeders: 1-Haras Santa Maria de Araras S. A. &Tiznow Syndicate, 2-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr. &Marc McLean, 3-Country Life Farm, 4-Commonwealth, 5-Gilbert G. Campbell, 6-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 7-Bryant H. Prentice, III, 8-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 9-WinStar Farm, LLC



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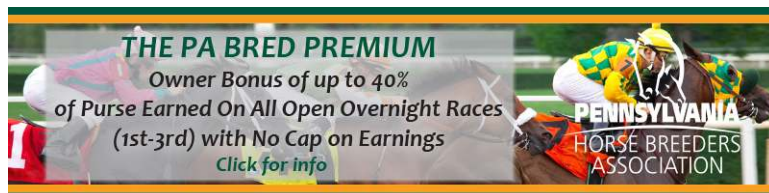
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Monday's Results:

CRITICAL EYE S., \$200,000, BEL, 5-29, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.70, sy.

1--**#KATHRYN THE WISE, 114, f, 4, Uncle Mo--Shea d'Lady, by Crafty Prospector.** (\$47,000 RNA Ylg '14 SARAUG). O/B-Lawrence Goichman (NY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$187,200. *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTNAUG.

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NBS GRADUATE

2--**Literata**, 116, m, 6, Read the Footnotes--Personal Wealth, by Personal Flag. (\$18,000 Ylg '12 OBSAUG; \$30,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT). O-Michael Dubb; B-Meadow View Thoroughbreds, LLC. (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. \$40,000.

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3--**Bee Noteworthy**, 118, m, 5, Read the Footnotes--Beesanees, by Anees. O-Check Mark Stables LLC; B-Sequel Stallions New York, LLC & Willard C Freeman (NY); T-H. James Bond. \$20,000.

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Margins: 8 1/4, 4 1/4, HF. Odds: 0.65, 24.75, 30.50.

Kathryn the Wise remained undefeated with a dazzling victory in the New York-bred Critical Eye S. A well-bet debut victress over state-breds Nov. 25 at Aqueduct, the homebred crushed a field of Empire-bred first-level allowance foes by 12 lengths Apr. 5 at the Big A and was made the 3-5 chalk to keep it going in this stakes debut. Breaking alertly from her outside draw, the bay attended the pace through a sharp :22.62 quarter and took charge soon after passing a :46.36 half. Spurting clear by five lengths in hand turning for home, the favorite opened up double digits nearing the furlong grounds and was wrapped up for the final sixteenth to win cantering home by six lengths in 1:38.70. Literata (Read the Footnotes) was clearly second-best. The winner's third dam Gold Beauty (Mr. Prospector) was champion sprinter in 1992, and she produced three-time English champion Dayjur (Danzig) as well as Maplejinsky (Nijinsky II), the MGISW dam of champion Sky Beauty (Blushing Groom {Fr}) and second dam of MGISW Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat).

"She's a really very talented filly," said winning trainer Chad Brown. "She had some issues as a young horse where we just stopped on her and let her get over them. [Owner] Mr. [Lawrence] Goichman has been very patient. He's owned horses for a very long time and he knows the game. He gave the horse plenty of time in order to receive the best care. Here she is, she has so much talent and she's a real pleasure to have in the barn. We figured our strategy on the stretch-out was to not take anything away from her. I told Irad [Ortiz Jr.] to let her be even if she goes a little fast early, just get a good forward spot, especially on a muddy track. She had a terrific post position to do that and Irad executed it perfect. She might have went a little quicker in that opening quarter, but he settled her down in the second quarter and she had plenty left as you could see."

In regards to where the New York bred might appear next, Brown added, "She trains and runs like a horse that can run in open company. We thought that this was a good race for her developmental wise a stakes race against fellow New York-breds, but if she keeps developing and training well, you'll definitely see her against open company." **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Kathryn the Wise | Chelsea Durand

COMMENTATOR S., \$200,000, BEL, 5-29, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.34, sy.

1--**WEEKEND HIDEAWAY**, 120, h, 7, **Speightstown--Apocalyptical**, by **Wiseman's Ferry**. (\$40,000 Ylg '11 FLZDIS). O-Red and Black Stable; B-Flying Zee Stables (NY); T-Philip M. Serpe; J-Luis Saez. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 39-12-5-6, \$1,004,632.

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2--**Diversify**, 116, g, 4, Bellamy Road--Rule One, by Street Cry (Ire). (\$150,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG; \$210,000 3yo '16 KEENOV). O-Lauren & Ralph M. Evans; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (NY); T-Richard A. Violette, Jr. \$40,000.

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3--**Governor Malibu**, 120, c, 4, Malibu Moon--Akilina, by Langfuhr. (\$175,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$135,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR). O-Jump Sucker Stable & Oak Bluff Stables; B-Richard Leahy Oak Bluff Stables (NY); T-Christophe Clement. \$20,000.

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Margins: NO, 2 1/4, NO. Odds: 6.30, 2.10, 2.95.
 Also Ran: Gypsum Johnny, Royal Posse, Empire Dreams, Eye Luv Lulu, Hit It Once More, Loki's Vengeance. Scratched: Bellamy Way, Celtic Chaos.

Weekend Hideaway, third at 17-1 in the 2014 Commentator H., captured this event in convincing fashion last Memorial Day, but had gone winless in his last five starts after annexing a state-bred allowance Aug. 22 at Saratoga.

Off as the fourth wagering preference to defend his title, the chestnut was put on the lead and dictated terms in the clear through a quarter in :23.04. Challenged by favored 'TDN Rising Star' Diversify passing a :46.04 half, he shook clear once again by three-quarters in 1:10.57, only to have to fend off one final charge from the chalk in the final yards, holding on by the slimmest of margins.

"You have to love a horse like this, he always gives you his best effort," said winning trainer Phil Serpe. "He loves the muddy track and he loves Belmont, so we're very happy. We do right by our horses, and if he needs a little break, he tells us. We gave him a little bit of time off and he came back great for us." **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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BOUWERIE S., \$125,000, BEL, 5-29, (S), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.19, sy.
 1--**#HOLIDAY DISGUISE**, 118, f, 3, by **Harlan's Holiday**

1st Dam: **Thin Disguise**, by **Yes It's True**

2nd Dam: **Naughty Natisha**, by **Known Fact**

3rd Dam: **Noble Natisha**, by **Noble Commander**

(\$70,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$220,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG). O-Lady Sheila Stable; B-Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor (NY); T-Linda Rice; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-3-0-0, \$149,150.

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2--**Noble Freud**, 116, f, 3, **Freud--Noble Fire**, by Hook and Ladder. (\$30,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-Head of Plains Partners LLC, Xpress Thoroughbreds LLC., Kisber et al.; B-Eklektikos Stable LLC & Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (NY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$25,000.

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3--**Tiznow's Smile**, 118, f, 3, **Tiznow--Serenity's Smile**, by Dixie Brass. (\$345,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTSAUG). O/B-Francis J. Paolangeli (NY); T-Charlton Baker. \$12,500.

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Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, 1. Odds: 3.05, 4.30, 18.40.
 Also Ran: Wilburnmoney, Timely Tradition, Bluegrass Flag, North End, Swing and Sway, Frosty Gal, Toni Tools. Scratched: Bree's Got Heart.

Holiday Disguise made it three victories in a row with a flying finish to capture the first stakes win of her young career. Showing late interest to be fourth on debut Mar. 18 at Aqueduct, the \$220,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga graduate scored next out there Apr. 9 and dominated a state-bred first-level allowance by 6 3/4 lengths here May 7. Made the second choice at a nickel above 3-1 in this stakes debut, the bay settled in eighth as Noble Freud showed the way through a sharp :22.64 quarter. Starting to rev up at the five-sixteenths pole, Holiday Disguise swung into the six-path at the top of the lane and steadily closed to reel in the pacesetter with 50 yards remaining en-route to a convincing tally. The winner's dam, a half to New York-bred staple Naughty New Yorker (Quiet American), is responsible for a juvenile Midnight Lute filly, a yearling colt by Verrazano and foaled a Tiznow filly Apr. 5. "This filly is getting more professional, obviously," trainer Linda Rice said. "She's got a great disposition, good mind for it. She lays back and really puts in a strong stretch run, so she's proved that she'll just get better with more experience." **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

MIKE LEE S., \$125,000, BEL, 5-29, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:25.06, sy.

1--**#T LOVES A FIGHT, 118, g, 3, by Girolamo**

1st Dam: Worth Fighting For, by Broken Vow

2nd Dam: Wortheroatsingold, by Naskra

3rd Dam: Pennyworth, by Key to the Mint

O/B-Hoffman Thoroughbreds LLC. (NY); T-Michael E. Hushion; J-Kendrick Carmouche. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-0, \$207,737.

2--**Syndergaard, 118, c, 3, Majesticperfection**--Magic Belle, by Gold Case. (\$92,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL; \$450,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Eric Fein, Christopher McKenna, Harris Fein, Guri Singh & Jerry Walia; B-Burleson Farms (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$25,000.

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3--**Pat On the Back, 120, c, 3, Congrats**--Accomplished, by Awesome Again. (\$70,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG). O-Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables & Nehoc Stables; B-Sugar Maple Farm (NY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. \$12,500.

Margins: 2 1/4, 4HF, 3 1/4. Odds: 1.85, 1.00, 17.90.

Also Ran: Blue Belt, Sal the Turtle, Terry O Geri. Scratched: Blame the Thief, Bavaro, Runaway Lute, Bobby On Fleek.

T Loves a Fight graduated from the maiden ranks in his sixth career start and doubled down with a score in a starter optional claiming event over the Aqueduct inner Mar. 18. He kept the ball rolling with a tally in a seven-furlong allowance on the main track in Ozone Park Apr. 8 and was last seen completing the exacta in the 6 1/2-furlong New York Stallion S. Apr. 23. Sent postward as the clear second choice here, the gelding raced off the pace at the rear of the pack as favored Syndergaard showed the way through lively fractions of :22.55 and :46.04. Punching through a seam between horses with good energy entering the lane, T Loves a Fight collared Syndergaard and moved clear to score decisively. "He keeps coming along," commented winning trainer Mike Hushion. "I don't really see the improvement in the barn day-to-day. He stays the same but certainly when he races, he's getting better." The winner has a pair of half-sisters of 2016 and 2017 by Paynter. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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KINGSTON S., \$125,000, BEL, 5-29, (S), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.40, yl. 1--**OFFERING PLAN, 116, h, 5, Spring At Last--Rosalie Road, by Street Cry (Ire)**. (\$32,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$135,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-M. Dubb, Nantucket Thoroughbred Partners, Bethlehem Stables LLC et al.; B-C. W. Swann & Cygnet Farm (NY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Javier Castellano. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP, 13-5-1-3, \$382,800.

Hidden Brook South Graduate
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2--**King Kreesa, 118, g, 8, King Cugat--Storm's Advance, by Storm Creek**. O-Gerald & Susan Kresa; B-Horse Partners (NY); T-Linda Rice. \$25,000.

Trained at Crupi's New Castle Farm

3--**Lubash, 120, h, 10, Freud--Nasty Cure, by Cure the Blues**. O/B-Aliyuee Ben J. Stable, Inc. (NY); T-Christophe Clement. \$12,500.

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 2.15, 4.90, 8.20.

Also Ran: Kharafa, Macagone, Wicked Freud, Iron Power, Mark My Style. Scratched: Get Jets, Fox Rules.

Offering Plan flashed considerable talent from day one and became a stakes winner with a score in the English Channel S. at Belmont in October 2015. Fifth in the GI Hollywood Derby to



Offering Plan | Chelsea Durand

close out his sophomore year, the dark bay had a steady 4-year-old campaign that saw him win once from five appearances and finish third in the Gill Poker S. and the state-bred restricted West Point S. Aug. 26.

He wrapped up 2016 with a runner-up effort in Belmont's Ashley T. Cole S. Sept. 24. Returning from a significant layoff in this spot, the Chad Brown trainee was unhurried in the early stages racing at the rear of a strung-out pack behind a quarter-mile in :24.85. Quickening stride rapidly with a sweeping move past a half in :49.40, he was hung four wide on the turn, but had ample energy in reserve, kicking on further once straightened out for the drive to power past the venerable King Kreesa in the final yards. Offering Plan's win gave owners Michael Dubb and Bethlehem Stables a sweep of the day's two turf stakes after winning the Mount Vernon S. with Fourstar Crook (Freud) earlier on the card. The winner's dam produced a colt by Bodemeister last year. "I think freshening him up helped him a lot," trainer

Chad Brown observed. "I know he had to overcome a layoff, but for him the rest was beneficial. This horse has run well fresh before. He's a horse that I thought needed a little bit of a break and much like you saw earlier with Fourstar Crook, owner Michael Dubb and partners did the right thing. Both horses were sound but a touch tired, and both horses came back good today, so they were awarded for their patience." **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

MOUNT VERNON S., \$125,000, BEL, 5-29, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.33, yl.

1--**FOURSTAR CROOK, 115, m, 5, Freud--Avril a Portugal, by D'Accord**. (\$55,000 Ylg '13 SARAUG; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '14 FTFMAR; \$110,000 2yo '14 EASMAY). O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC & Gary Aisquith; B-Kathleen M. Feron (NY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Javier Castellano. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 10-7-1-0, \$424,050.

A GARY YOUNG 2YO-IN-TRAINING SALES RECOMMENDATION

2--**Ack Naughty, 118, m, 5, Afleet Alex--Dash for Money, by General Meeting**. (\$20,000 RNA Ylg '13 SARAUG). O-Nantucket Thoroughbred Partners and Sheep Pond Partners; B-Waterville Lake Stables Ltd LLC (NY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$25,000.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

3--**Freudie Anne, 119, m, 5, Freud--Lake Toccet, by Toccet**. (\$14,000 Wlg '12 FTNMIX; \$9,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Marc Detampel, Fergus Galvin, Jayne Doi Johnson & Adrian Mansergh Wallace; B-Delaney Stable (NY); T-Thomas Morley. \$12,500.

Graduate of Fedamore Stable LLC

Margins: 3/4, 3HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.20, 5.20, 8.30.

Also Ran: Ancient Secret, Flipcup, Louisville First, Free N Clear. Scratched: Little Bear Cat.

Fourstar Crook broke her maiden over this turf course in October 2015 and has never looked back since, enjoying a

prolonged seven-race win streak that continued in this Memorial Day event. The bay bagged the state-bred restricted Yaddo S. at Saratoga and John Hettinger S. at Belmont last year and was sent to the sidelines



Fourstar Crook | Joe Labozzetta

for a rest following the latter win Sept. 25. Returning in this spot

as the clear favorite, she raced off the pace under confident handling on the outside behind fractions of :24.14 and :48.81. Given her cue coming off the turn, Fourstar Crook uncorked a strong wide bid and outkicked stablemate Ack Naughty to secure the victory. The winner's dam produced a Freud filly last spring and was bred back to that sire. "She's an impressive horse," trainer Chad Brown said of Fourstar Crook. "Now she has seven wins in a row on turf and that's hard to do. She's obviously very consistent and we're proud of her. She's wintered well. We gave her some time off and she put a lot of weight on and she had a great year last year flawless. Even this year I saw another step forward physically. She's a stronger horse." **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

3rd-BEL, \$62,000, (S), Msw, 5-29, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.14, sy. GIANT EXPECTATIONS (c, 4, Frost Giant--Sarahisitrue, by Is It True), closed after a slow break to be fourth in his debut last February at Santa Anita behind subsequent GISP 'TDN Rising Star' Ten Blessings (Smart Strike), was third behind GSW/MGISP American Freedom (Pulpit) two starts later before finishing second behind 'Rising Star', champion and world's top-rated horse Arrogate (Unbridled Song) June 5. Filling out the superfecta when last seen June 25, the chestnut was bet to 55 cents on the dollar removing blinkers in this New York debut. Perched three-deep in third past a :23.08 quarter, the \$135,000 OBS March buy took charge while well in hand past the five-sixteenths pole and quickly motored clear in the stretch to romp by 9 3/4 lengths with plenty left. Pirate's Treasure (Gemologist) was second-best. The winner has a juvenile full-brother named A True Giant and an unnamed yearling full-brother. Sarahisitrue was bred back to Frost Giant once more last term. Sales History: \$85,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$70,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$135,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$76,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Daniel J. Gatto & Ryan Exline; B-Sunrise Stables (NY); T-Peter Eurton.

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Velazquez--who has earned over 5,700 career victories--partnered his second career GI Kentucky Derby when Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) won May 6. A two-time GI Preakness S. winner, Castellano rode 13-1 longshot Cloud Computing (Macleans Music) to a narrow victory over juvenile champion Classic Empire in the second jewel in the Triple Crown May 20. Castellano, who has won the Eclipse Award for top jockey for the past four years, will be inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, New York this summer. Additionally, fans in attendance at Citi Field for the next six home games will have an opportunity to win tickets to the upcoming Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, presented by NYRA Bets. Tickets are available through www.belmontstakes.com.

EASTERN U.S.

Monday's Results:

2nd-MTH, \$48,000, Alw, 5-29, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:42.66, sy. COMMAND POST (c, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Danzig's Humor, by Lemon Drop Kid) followed up an impressive win at second asking at Gulfstream Park Apr. 15 with a convincing score in his first try around two turns at Monmouth Monday. The bay, bet down to even-money favoritism, went straight to the front and showed the way under a firm hold through a quarter-mile in :24.59 and a half in :49.35. Bracing for a challenge from a pair of rivals to his outside on the far turn, he drifted well off the rail and kicked clear again entering the stretch. Kept to his task late despite ducking in sharply approaching midstretch, the \$220,000 KEESEP yearling crossed the wire three lengths in front of Upper Room to complete a commonly sired exacta. The winner's dam is a half to influential sire Distorted Humor (Forty Niner), and his third dam is MGSW Sweetest Chant. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$53,120. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Gary & Mary West; B-Dattt Farm, LLC (KY); T-Jason Servis.

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Velazquez, Castellano to Throw Out First Pitch at Mets Game

Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez and four-time Eclipse Award-winning rider Javier Castellano will throw out the ceremonial first pitches tonight at Citi Field before the Mets play the Milwaukee Brewers, announced The New York Racing Association Inc. Monday. The first pitch ceremony will take place

8th-PRX, \$42,500, Alw (S), 5-29, (NW2BX), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.49, my.

GREAT SOUL (f, 4, Great Notion--What Am I Gonna Do, by Partner's Hero) graduated for trainer Tim O'Keefe against open company second time out going a mile in the mud at Laurel Dec. 31 before adding another at that track in the seven-furlong

Wide Country S. Feb. 15. Runner up in the Mar. 12 Caesars Wish S., the dark bay was shelved before resurfacing with a third under the guidance of her new trainer Tom Proctor in a \$25,000 optional claimer at Laurel Apr. 29. Installed the 3-1 second choice here, Great Soul jumped out to take an early advantage, maintained the lead at every call and strode clear late to post a 6 1/4-length victory over favored Keystone Kelly (Bernstein). Sales History: \$20,000 RNA Ylg '14 EASSEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-2-1, \$126,350. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Steve Long; B-Steven E & Jane M Long (PA); T-Thomas F. Proctor.

7th-MTH, \$40,320, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 5-29, 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :57.12, sy.

ALWAYS SUNSHINE (h, 5, West Acre--Sunny Again, by Awesome Again) returned from a seven-plus month layoff in style with a comfortable score in this event washed off the turf by heavy rain. Third in the GIII Tom Fool H. in March of last year, the bay captured the GIII Maryland Sprint H. just over a year ago and ran respectably, albeit off the board, in three subsequent stakes tries. Last seen finishing second, beaten a head, behind Chief Lion (Wildcat Heir) in a no conditions allowance at Parx Oct. 8, the handsome 5-year-old surfaced here as the 3-5 favorite and broke sharply to press the pace from the outside through a quarter-mile in :22.48. Let loose on the turn, Always Sunshine kicked clear and bounded home 4 1/4 lengths in front of Jrock (Deputy Storm). The winner is a full to My Sunshine Gal, SW & GSP, \$296,665. Lifetime Record: GSW, 16-6-4-2, \$374,650. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Stonehedge LLC; B-Gilbert G. Campbell (FL); T-Edward T. Allard.

3rd-MTH, \$38,000, Alw, 5-29, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:42.62, sy.

FOLLOW NO ONE (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Miss Red Delicious {MSW, \$203,425}, by Empire Maker) put forth a series of competitive efforts in special weight company to begin her career and was dropped in for a \$75,000 tag to break her maiden over the Gulfstream turf Feb. 1. The dark bay followed that effort up with a runner-up finish in a 7 1/2-furlong optional claimer over the lawn here Mar. 12. The Uncle Mo filly was allowed to meet the starter after this event was rained off the grass and was sent postward as the 8-5 second choice. Sent straight to the front, she showed the way in the clear through a half-mile in :47.77, turned back a rival's bid on the far turn and drew clear to score by a comfortable 5 1/2 lengths. Romantic Music (Maclean's Music) held on to complete the exacta. The winner's dam, who comes from a useful family of KatieRich Farms homebreds, won two stakes. She is also responsible for 2-year-old first-out

Keeneland maiden winner Nootka Sound (Lonhro {Aus}), a 2016 colt by Yes It's True and a 2017 filly by Lemon Drop Kid. Sales History: \$20,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$100,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$69,560. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sagamore Farm; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Horacio DePaz.

8th-PIM, \$35,000, (S), Alw, 5-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.75, ft.

ASCERTAIN (f, 3, Blame--Forestier {SW, \$195,710}, by Forestry) won at second asking going six furlongs at Gulfstream and finished a respectable third in the wake of Nonna Bella (Stay Thirsty) extended a panel longer in Hallandale Mar. 10. Bet down to 3-5 favoritism for this first appearance in Maryland, the dark bay tracked the leaders from the inside behind a quarter-mile in :23.41, angled off the rail and rallied to score by 3 3/4 lengths over longshot Sazerac Girl (E Dubai). The winner is a full to GSP Don't Blame Me, as well as a half to a weanling colt by Bodemeister. His stakes-winning dam is herself a half-sister to GSW Unbridled Hope (Unbridled). Sales History: \$115,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$135,000 2yo '16 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$51,350. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Juddmonte Farms, Inc.; B-Alan S. Kline (MD); T-William I. Mott.

Winning with Woodford

9th-MTH, \$34,200, Msw, 5-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:48.16, sy.

LITTLE MIZZY (f, 3, Mizzen Mast--Somerset West, by Gone West) finished an even third in her unveiling over the Gulfstream lawn Apr. 6 and was hammered down to 4-5 in this four-horse off-the-turf bunch. Off a length or two slowly from the rail, the gray settled in third behind splits of :24.20 and :48.74, crept into contention three-deep midway around the far turn, stuck her nose in front at the head of the stretch and quickly drew clear to graduate by 8 1/2 lengths under wraps. Magic Hatter (Hat Trick {Jpn}), the longest price of the quartet, completed the exacta. The victress is a full-sister to Seaspeak, GSW, \$270,262, and a half to Innovation Economy (Dynaformer), SW, \$272,503. Her dam, a half to MGISW Dynaforce (Dynaformer) and GISW Cetewayo (His Majesty), is responsible for a 2-year-old Mizzen Mast filly in Ireland and was bred to Temple City last spring. Sales History: \$80,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$25,920. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Newport Stables LLC & Jay Hanley; B-John A. Chandler (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



FLORIDA

Monday's Results:

8th-GP, \$40,000, Msw, 5-29, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.25, ft.

+STAINLESS (f, 2, Flatter--Spring Storm, by Unbridled's Song) was out-sprinted early, but rolled home in the stretch to win going away at first asking for the Todd Pletcher barn. Bet to even-money favoritism, the gray was driven early to travel a clear second behind tearaway leader Go Astray (Gone Astray). Beginning to eat up ground at the quarter pole, Stainless uncorked a strong closing kick to overtake the leader just outside the sixteenth pole and draw off to a 3 1/2-length success. The winner's second dam Kelli Cat (Storm Cat) is a half to 1997's champion 2-year-old filly and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine Countess Diana (Deerhound). Spring Storm is responsible for a yearling filly by Hard Spun and foaled a filly from the final crop of Proud Citizen Apr. 11. Sales History: \$30,000 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$75,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-StarLadies Racing; B-Sienna Farms LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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KENTUCKY

Monday's Results:

10th-CD, \$50,342, Alw, 5-29, (NW1X), 3yo, 7f, 1:22.27, ft.

COLONELSDARKTEMPER (c, 3, Colonel John--Sweet Temper, by Stormy Atlantic) graduated first out Feb. 18 at Oaklawn and was a respectable fourth in the Northern Spur S. there two starts later before finishing eighth in the GIII Pat Day Mile S. last out here May 6. Made the 17-5 second choice in this spot, the dark bay tracked the runaway speed of a longshot from second through a :21.99 quarter. Moving in tandem to overhaul the leader passing a :44.96 half, he shook clear by the three-sixteenths pole, only to be set upon by favored Awesome Saturday (Any Given Saturday) right after. Passed by that one inside the final 100 yards, he battled back tenaciously in the final 70 yards to prevail by a neck. The victor has a yearling half-brother by Artie Schiller. Sales History: \$35,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$92,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Anthony J. Foyt, Jr.; B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC (KY); T-William H. Fires.

 Warrendale Sold, *Congratulations To All The Connections* 

9th-CD, \$50,010, Alw, 5-29, (NW3L), 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.11, fm. **SONIC BOOM (c, 3, More Than Ready--Silent Circle, by Indian Charlie)** graduated over the Kentucky Downs turf last September and placed in Santa Anita's Zuma Beach S. going a mile Oct. 10. He closed out his 2-year-old season with a third-place finish in a one-mile optional claimer on dirt here Nov. 10.



Sonic Boom | *Coady photo*

The chestnut returned to the lawn to run fourth in Gulfstream's Feb. 4 Kitten's Joy S. and followed with a hard-fought triumph in the one-mile Columbia S. over the Tampa Bay turf Mar. 11.

Sonic Boom attended the pace and faded to finish seventh the in the GIII Transylvania S. at Keeneland Apr. 7 and was tabbed as the 3-5 choice in this return to allowance company. Never far back, he was a bit eager around the first turn and moved away to clear the field through a half-mile in :47.06. Going easily around the far turn, he glided home under mild encouragement to win as much the best by 3 3/4 lengths over Irish import Fizzy Friday (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}). The winner is a full to Galientos, GSP, \$160,882. Silent Circle is also responsible for a 2-year-old Lookin At Lucky colt named Luck Check. Sales History: \$135,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 8-3-1-1, \$187,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Lothenbach Stables, Inc.; B-Athens Woods, LLC & More Than Ready Syndicate (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.

8th-CD, \$49,560, Msw, 5-29, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.89, ft.

UNK (g, 4, Uncle Mo--Thunders Dove {MSW & GSP,\$287,715}, by Thunderello), third in his career bow at Gulfstream Dec. 19, went off the 3-2 choice in this second go. Settled in a stalking fifth through opening splits of :23.19, :45.96 and 1:10.43, he was fanned three wide turning for home, was guided over to the rail by Corey Lanerie in the stretch and got up in time to score by a head over Portal (Arch). The 2-1 second chance Souper Fly Over (Ghostzapper) rounded out the trifecta. Out of stakes winner and graded placed Thunders Dove, the winner is from the extended family of graded winners Living Vicariously (Time for a Change) and With Distinction (Strom Cat) and Grade I placed Resort (Pleasant Colony). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$33,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Windmill Manor Farm (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

CENTRAL U.S.

Monday's Results:

7th-LAD, \$22,000, (S), Msw, 5-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.42, ft.

+I'LL TAKE IT ALL (f, 3, Include--Hussy, by Unaccounted For)

hinted at ability with a pair of bullet half-mile workouts over the local main track May 3 and 13, and was made a 3-1 proposition. Dueling for command through a :23.43 quarter, the bay inched away by the furlong grounds and held sway for a 1 3/4-length tally over Ellashoo (My Pal Charlie). The winner is a half to Go Tiger Jack (Victory Gallop), SW, \$265,750. Her dam foaled a filly by Archarcharch named Trefoil last season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Melissa Cantacuzene (LA); T-Ralph R. Irwin.

CALIFORNIA

Monday's Results:

SNOW CHIEF S., \$201,035, SA, 5-29, (S), 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.45, fm.

1--#MARCKIE'S WATER, 120, c, 3, by Tribal Rule

1st Dam: Russian River, by Stravinsky

2nd Dam: Prairie View, by Honor Grades

3rd Dam: Steady Gaze, by Storm Bird

O-Little Red Feather Racing; B-Frank Mermenstein & Tom McCrocklin (CA); T-Richard Baltas; J-Joseph Talamo. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$155,585.

2--Alsatian, 120, c, 3, Acclamation--Lucky C. H., by A.P. Indy. (\$200,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Calumet Farm; B-Harris Farms (CA); T-Neil D. Drysdale. \$38,000.

Sold as a yearling by **VALKYRE STUD**

3--Dr. Troutman, 120, c, 3, Vronsky--Black Valentine, by Cindago. O-Kretz Racing LLC; B-Kretz Racing, LLC (KY); T-George Papaprodromou. \$22,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, HF, NO. Odds: 11.50, 9.10, 53.40.

Also Ran: Accountability, More Power to Him, B Squared, Elwood J, Cheekaboomboom, Ninety Nine Proof, Milton Freewater, Calli Way. Scratched: Highlight Show, Kings River King.

Marckie's Water made it two-for-two since adding blinkers and followed up a maiden score with an upset victory in the California-bred Snow Chief S. Showing steady progression to be third in his fourth career start here Mar. 18, the chestnut was

given a hood to face elders over course and distance Apr. 22 and responded by earning his cap and gown. Off as the seventh choice in this Sunday feature, he broke sharply and settled in fifth behind splits of :22.51 and :46.69. Awaiting room on the turn, he swung six-deep at the top of the lane and accelerated strongly outside the furlong grounds, sweeping to the lead soon after and triumphing going away. Alsatian was second-best ahead of longest shot in the field Dr. Troutman. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

MELAIR S., \$192,000, SA, 5-29, (S), 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.69, ft. 1--S Y SKY, 124, f, 3, by Grazen

1st Dam: Sky Marni, by Sky Mesa

2nd Dam: Miss Marni, by Broad Brush

3rd Dam: Arctic Lady, by Housebuster

O/B-Nicholas B. Alexander (CA); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Joseph Talamo. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$234,560. *Full to Grazen Sky, SW & GSP, \$435,162.

2--Miss Sunset, 126, f, 3, Into Mischief--Tuscan Sunset, by Trippi. O-Alan Klein & Philip Lebherz; B-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC & Alan Klein (CA); T-Jeff Bonde. \$38,000.

3--Queen Bee to You, 120, f, 3, Old Topper--Silk Queen, by Touch Gold. O-Christopher St. Hilaire; B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA); T-Michael Pender. \$22,000.

Margins: HF, 8HF, 6 1/4. Odds: 0.40, 3.40, 7.00.

Also Ran: Radish, Ocean Dream, So Heres the Thing.

S Y Sky aired at first asking by 5 1/2 lengths in the state-bred Evening Jewel S. sprinting here Apr. 8 and found only GI Chandelier S. third-place finisher Zapperkat (Ghostzapper) a length too good in a local mile optional claimer May 4. Heavily favored to rebound Monday, the gangly chestnut rated in midpack three off the fence in the wake of an opening quarter in :23.51. Let out a notch after a half-mile in :46.95, S Y Sky drew even with the pacesetting Miss Sunset on the far turn and a ding dong battle ensued. Neither filly gave an inch until the dying strides, as S Y Sky stubbornly clawed past to return to the winner's circle. She is a full-sister to a yearling filly and a colt of this year born Jan. 27. Pilot Joe Talamo was pleased with the result, but acknowledged the riding prowess of veteran Mike Smith aboard the runner-up, saying, "I just wish he'd retire, that sonuvagun! Mike's filly really tried hard, but my filly is so nice. She's getting better with every race and she kept to her task and fought that other filly off." It was the third Melair S. victory in a row for conditioner Phil D'Amato, who said, "Joe didn't rush her, but Miss Sunset, she's no slouch. It was a great battle down the stretch." **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Monday's Results:

3rd-SA, \$59,705, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.45, ft.

MAJESTIC VIXEN (f, 3, Majesticperfection--Stirling Bridge {MSW, \$179,890}, by Prized) was off the board in a pair of turf tries to kick off her career, but woke up with an open-lengths graduation at 12-1 over track and trip Apr. 28. Sent off at 17-5 to double up here, the \$240,000 Keeneland September buy tracked the speed of Dis Smart Cat (Square Eddie) through fractions of :24.12 and :47.64. Driven by the three-eighths pole, she appeared rebuffed by the frontrunner until the final sixteenth, where she began to surge before just getting up by a nose in the final jump. The winner is a half to Washington Bridge (Yankee Gentleman), GSW, \$273,502; Jose Sea View (Badge of Silver), MSW, \$272,689; and Fire Path (Tale of the Cat), GSP, \$192,881. Her dam has a juvenile Bellamy Road filly named Countenance and foaled a colt by Creative Cause earlier this year. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$66,690. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Gary Broad; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Peter Eurton.

FELD FAMILY FIND

6th-SA, \$56,070, Msw, 5-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:13.75, fm. +MEADOWSWEET (f, 3, Smart Strike--Tranquility Lake, by Rahy), far back early, came with a powerful stretch bid to get up in the last jump and graduate first out at Santa Anita. Showing a



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promising worktab for the Wygods and trainer Cliff Sise, including a six-furlong spin in 1:11 flat (1/5) to wrap up preparations May 20 at San Luis Rey, the homebred was given a 6-1 chance and dropped back to run in eighth behind a sizzling :21.17 quarter going down the hill. Angling into the clear at the top of the turn, the dark bay drew to within five of the front after a :44.05 half and flew home in the final furlong to nail She'sashocker (First Dude) by a nose in the shadow of the wire. The victress is a half to After Market (Storm Cat), MGISW, \$903,685; Courageous Cat (Storm Cat), GISW, \$1,165,760; and Jalil (Storm Cat), GSP-UAE, SP-US, \$345,788. She is the final foal out of her turf millionaire dam, who died in 2016. Tranquility Lake was a half-sister to MGSW Benchmark (Alydar) and this is the extended family of Classic hero Caveat (Cannonade).

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$32,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Pam & Martin Wygod; B-Wygod Family, LLC (KY); T-Clifford W. Sise, Jr.



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7th-SA, \$55,725, Msw, 5-29, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16.47, ft. JUST A LITTLE HOPE (f, 3, Flatter--My Hopeful Heart, by Strong Hope) finished strongly in her local Apr. 8 debut to be second and was let go at 14-5 to go one better here. Off a bit awkwardly, the homebred was shuffled back to run eighth behind a six-way pace scramble through a :21.77 quarter. Advancing while saving ground on the turn, she angled out smoothly approaching the stretch and wore down favored Bob Baffert firster Wild At Midnight (Midnight Lute) to earn a half-length success. Her dam is responsible for a juvenile colt by Scat Daddy and a yearling Majestic Warrior colt. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$43,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Catherine Zoc (KY); T-Dan L. Hendricks.

Sunday Night's Result:

8th-SA, \$55,035, (S), Msw, 5-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.65, ft. +TRAP QUEEN (f, 3, Good Journey--Solo Landing, by Fusaichi Pegasus), sent off at 7-2 in this unveiling, showed good early dash and settled in a pressing second the first few strides from the chute. She stuck her neck in front shortly thereafter through splits of :22.33 and :46.14. Pursued gamely by Hailey Rachele (Bedford Falls) in deep stretch, she fended off that rival to win by a half-length. Solo Landing, herself a half-sister to MGISW Free House (Smokester), has a yearling filly by Coil and she was covered by that sire and Einstein (Brz) in 2016. Sales history: \$37,000 RNA Ylg '15 BARSEL. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$32,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Richard Barton; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Michael Machowsky.



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Sunday Night's Result:

KENT S., \$50,000, EMD, 5-28, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16.80, ft.
1--RISQUE'S LEGACY, 119, f, 3, Atta Boy Roy--Risque Humor, by Mingun. O/B-Karl Krieg (WA); T-Tom Wenzel; J-Rocco Bowen. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$73,185.

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2--Retreat Yourself, 119, f, 3, Harbor the Gold--Retreat After Me, by Liberty Gold. O/B-Mark E. Malnati (WA); T-Doris Harwood. \$10,000.

3--Blazinbeauty, 119, f, 3, Tale of Ekati--Rockport Beauty, by Rockport Harbor. (\$18,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Darrin L. Paul; B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY); T-Frank Lucarelli. \$7,500.

Margins: 1, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 3.50, 32.50, 10.40.

Also Ran: Sorceress Warning, Reginella, Alliford Bay, Daddyalwayssays, Irish Lass.

Risque's Legacy, a winner of her first two triumphs by a combined 12 lengths including the state-bred WA Cup 2-Year-Old Filly S. locally Aug. 28, was caught late after setting the early pace in the Seattle S. and settled for second in her sophomore debut May 7. Second choice on the board, Risque's Legacy lay behind a swift early tempo in second before taking command in the lane and drawing off to win comfortably. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

INDUSTRY INFO

Meredith Downey Joins TOBA:

Meredith Downey has joined Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association as the organization's Director of Marketing and Education, while Aly Kirchner has been named Director of Membership/Owners Concierge. Downey is a University of Kentucky graduate who comes to TOBA after spending the past six years in the hospitality and tourism industry, most recently working as the marketing manager at The Woodford Inn. She will be responsible for the continued development of the association's marketing and communications, as well as planning and implementing the association's seminars, clinics and special events.

Kirchner joined the TOBA staff in 2015 as the director of marketing and membership after working at several leading central Kentucky Thoroughbred farms and sales agencies. She will now be responsible for the development and service of TOBA's membership, as well as the daily management of the TOBA Owners Concierge.

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- ASTROLOGY** (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, \$7.5K, 156/34/2
 1-IND, Aoc 1mT, Prince Arlo, \$7K OBS MAR 2yo, 4-1
 8-PRX, Alw 5fT, The Gemini Man, \$16K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1
 - BODEMEISTER** (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 262/31/4
 3-FL, Msw 6f, Gratifying, \$200K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-5
 - GEMOLOGIST** (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 205/33/3
 5-PRX, Aoc 6f, Diamond Jim, \$120K EAS MAY 2yo, 2-1
 - JERSEY TOWN** (Speightstown), Darby Dan Farm, \$10K, 90/11/0
 5-PRX, Aoc 6f, Uplifting, \$24K I '16 KEE NOV, 3-1
 - NOBLE'S PROMISE** (Cuvee), Breakway Farm, 16/2/1
 9-IND, Msw 1 1/16mT, Amelia Grace, 30-1
 - SMART BID** (Smart Strike), Milky Way Farms, \$4.5K, 27/2/0
 6-FL, Msw 5 1/2f, October Blaze, 3-1
 - TAPIZAR** (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 181/33/2
 5-PRX, Aoc 6f, Thurman Merman, \$8K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
 - 1-IND, Aoc 1mT, Stapleton, \$70K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 5-1

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IN BRITAIN:

Last Kingdom, c, 3, Frankel (GB). See "France."

IN JAPAN:

Soleil De Paris, c, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Chatham (MSP, \$156,431), by Maria's Mon. Tokyo, 5-27, Alw, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$58,550. O-Chizu Yoshida; B-Stone Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori. *\$535,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. ** 1/2 to Air Force Blue (War Front), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ire, G1SW-Eng, MG1SW-Ire, \$844,919. ****"He jumped well from the gate and got a good position," said winning jockey Christophe Lemaire. "It was an easy ride and he handled the dirt very well."

A Shin Vision, c, 4, **Lonhro (Aus)**--Christine Daae (SP, \$120,590), by Giant's Causeway. Tokyo, 5-27, Alw, 7f. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$288,919. O-Eishindo Inc.; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; T-Hideaki Fujiwara. *\$120,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. ***"This was my first ride, but he was very strong and showed good acceleration when I asked him," said winning jockey Keita Tosaki. "He is still green and was tense, but I think he can compete in a higher class."

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Bella Posa, f, 4, **Tapit**--Livin Lovin (GSW, \$162,153), by Birdstone. Tokyo, 5-28, Alw, 8f. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$144,595. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.; T-Noriyuki Hori. *\$325,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$575,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR. ***"She traveled nicely and ran her race today," said jockey Noriyuki Hori.

BREEDERS' EDITION

STAKES RESULTS:

JIM RASMUSSEN MEMORIAL S., \$65,000, PRM, 5-29, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.77, ft.

1--**#WAY STRIKING, 123, g, 4, Smart Strike--Indian Way (SW & GISP, \$264,760), by Indian Charlie.** O/B-Mercedes Stables LLC (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro; J-Daniel P. Vergara. \$38,100. Lifetime Record: 14-5-4-0, \$219,495.

2--**American Dubai, 123, c, 4, E Dubai--Smash Review,** by Bates Motel. (\$13,000 Wlg '13 EASDEC; \$35,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-Richard Keith; B-C. Oliver Iselin (VA); T-Rodney C. Richards. \$12,700.

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3--**Code West, 116, r, 7, Lemon Drop Kid--Charitable donation,** by Saint Ballado. (\$340,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP). O-Bryan, Leo & Tim Hawk; B-Edward P. Evans (VA); T-Boyd Caster. \$6,350.

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Margins: 3 3/4, 2, 3 1/4. Odds: 2.80, 3.70, 5.80.

NORTHBOUND PRIDE OAKS, \$50,000, CBY, 5-29, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.70, fm.

1--**#HOTSHOT ANNA, 119, f, 3, Trappe Shot--Avalos (SP, \$209,401), by Holy Bull.** (\$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Hugh H. Robertson; B-Paul Tackett (KY); T-McLean Robertson; J-Alex L. Canchari. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$119,650.

2--**Starr Bear, 118, f, 3, Broken Vow--Aidan,** by Dixieland Band. O/B-Donald R. Dizney, LLC (FL); T-Brad H. Cox. \$10,000.

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3--**Super Marina, 118, f, 3, Warrior's Reward--Lil's Lassie,** by Lil's Lad. (\$17,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-R. A. Hill Stable; B-Frederick J. & Wilhelmina M. McEwan (KY); T-George Weaver. \$5,500.

 **LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE** 
 **SGV THOROUGHBREDS GRADUATE** 

Margins: NK, 3/4, 1. Odds: 1.70, 3.30, 6.40.

HONOR THE HERO S., \$50,000, CBY, 5-29, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.36, fm.

1--**#SHADOW ROCK, 117, g, 7, Distorted Humor--Dream Time,** by Storm Cat. O-Michael M. Hui; B-Courtlandt Farm (KY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Deshawn L. Parker. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 45-11-4-4, \$376,467.

2--**Wildfire Kid, 117, g, 7, Holy Bull--My Oh My,** by Broken Vow. (\$24,000 Ylg '11 FTKOCT; \$25,000 RNA 2yo '12 EASMAY; \$56,000 2yo '12 OBSOPN). O-Exelby, Randy, Fitch Racing Stable LLC, Gary Kropp & Randy E. Marriott; B-The Neuman Group (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. \$10,000.

3--**Shogood, 118, c, 4, Nobiz Like Shobiz--Good and Rough,** by Good and Tough. O-William Stiritz; B-Terry L. Morgan (IL); T-Scott Becker. \$5,500.

Margins: 3/4, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.10, 4.60, 1.00.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-BEL, \$64,000, (S), 5-29, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:10.62, yl.

FIRE KEY (f, 4, Friesan Fire--U R Key, by Albert the Great) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-1, \$134,235. O/B-Backwards Stable (NY); T-Patrick J. Kelly.

8th-MTH, \$50,176, (S), 5-29, (C), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.64, sy.

CHUBBLE MAKER (h, 6, Hey Chub--Thatholeinmypocket, by Pure Prize) Lifetime Record: SW, 15-7-2-3, \$239,786. O-Monster Racing Stables; B-Joe-Dan Farm (NJ); T-Jorge Navarro. *1/2 to Geeky Gorgeous (Devil His Due), MSW, \$525,644; and Lookinforchange (Gilded Time), SW, \$208,508.

5th-CD, \$49,356, 5-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:16.18, fm.

SISTER BLUES (m, 5, Pioneerof the Nile--Philadelphia Blues, by Wild Again) Lifetime Record: 20-3-7-4, \$149,047. O/B-Lucky Seven Stable (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. *1/2 to Moyer's Pond (Monarchos), MGSP, \$454,141.

7th-PRX, \$49,068, 5-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.19, my.

FAST RUNNER (h, 5, Bandini--Natural Carma, by Valiant Nature) Lifetime Record: 23-3-4-4, \$130,440. O-Emmanuel Tzortzakis; B-Walmac Farm LLC & DSR Farm Inc. (VA); T-Emmanuel Tzortzakis.

7th-PIM, \$46,032, 5-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5ft, :58.59, fm. UNAQUOI (f, 3, Gattopardo--Jumelle Springs, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: SW, 12-4-2-3, \$125,903. O/B-Ray M. Pennington III (WV); T-Ollie L. Figgins, III.

5th-PID, \$39,210, 5-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.65, ft. CANDID CATHY (m, 7, Rimrod--Last Valentine, by Devil His Due) Lifetime Record: 13-6-2-1, \$143,523. O/T-Jonathan E. Sheppard; B-Derry Meeting Farm & Ashwell Stables (PA). *1/2 to Last Heartbreaker (Sunday Break {Jpn}), SP, \$268,322.

5th-CBY, \$32,730, (S), 5-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.37, ft. JAVA CHICK (f, 3, Eastwood Dacat--Chick Fight {MSW, \$252,089}, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$35,554. O-Bleu Valley Farm, LLC; B-Jeff H. & Debora J. Hilger (MN); T-Michael E. Biehler.

8th-CBY, \$32,730, (S), 5-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.58, ft. RICHARD THOMAS (g, 4, My Pal Charlie--Shakopee {SW, \$102,706}, by Evansville Slew) Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, \$58,270. O-Gary M. Scherer & Robert Bernacki; B-Camelia J. Casby (MN); T-Gary M. Scherer. *1/2 to Polar Plunge (Successful Appeal), MSW, \$287,174; and Wind Chill Factor (Successful Appeal), MSW, \$279,214.

4th-CBY, \$32,700, (S), 5-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7 1/2ft, 1:30.31, fm. WHERE'S JORDAN (g, 4, Kela--Olga S, by Quick Cut) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, \$41,185. O/B/T-Virginia Peters (MN).

8th-GG, \$31,190, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 5-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.26, ft. FERVENT FEMME (f, 4, Run Away And Hide--Daedal, by Orientate) Lifetime Record: 14-3-0-2, \$84,010. O-Anthony Zankich & Michael D. Lofino, Sr.; B-Ronald Kirk, Greg McDonald & John Bates (KY); T-John F. Martin. *\$45,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

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9th-GG, \$29,718, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:37.53, ft. MENDED (f, 4, Broken Vow--Fair and Square, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: 21-8-2-4, \$99,790. O-Troy & Maritza Onorato; B-Sheltowee Farm, Mariah Thoroughbreds LLC & Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY); T-John F. Martin. *\$45,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$6,500 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

5th-AP, \$29,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 5-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 5ft, :59.24, gd.

LUVIN BULLIES (m, 5, Flashy Bull--Little Luvins, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 21-3-7-1, \$116,935. O-Jeff Larson; B-Equus Farm (KY); T-Hugh H. Robertson. *\$17,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

8th-GG, \$28,422, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-29, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:38.64, ft.

FORCE (IRE) (g, 4, Raven's Pass--Holly's Kid, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 19-3-2-3, \$44,530. O-Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC; B-Brian Walsh (IRE); T-John F. Martin. *€30,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; £45,000 RNA Ylg '14 DNPRM; £160,000 2yo '15 DONBRE; 65,000gns 3yo '16 TATAHI.

8th-SRP, \$27,000, (S), 5-29, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.30, ft.

DESERT MYSTERY (g, 6, Desert God--Favorite Jewel, by Favorite Trick) Lifetime Record: 32-8-7-6, \$230,819. O-Tom Metzger, Sr., A.A. Equine, Paul Miller; B-Terry Bill Adams (NM); T-Justin R. Evans.

1st-LS, \$24,000, (NW16MX)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 5-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.96, fm.

EMERALD POND (m, 5, More Than Ready--Emma Song, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 18-5-3-0, \$164,176. O-John James Revocable Trust; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$150,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV.



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5th-TDN, \$24,000, 5-29, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.04, ft. MORE THAN GOOD (c, 3, Macho Uno--My Mancita, by Mr. Greeley) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$29,170. O/B-Charlie J. Williams, LLC (KY); T-Charlie J. Williams.

IMAGINE...

6th-LAD, \$24,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 5-29, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.82, ft.

KNOCKIT OFF (g, 5, Count the Time--Knocking, by Go for Gin) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-5, \$83,430. O-Darrah Wentworth; B-I. Lee Lange & Gene Patin (LA); T-Harvey Lourd, III.

8th-BTP, \$23,300, (S), 5-29, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.66, ft. RONNI'S SECRET (f, 4, Sun King--Mililani, by Lord Carson) Lifetime Record: 16-2-5-0, \$50,189. O-Holly Delaney; B-Tracy Farmer & Frank J. Ballard (OH); T-Glenn Kopp.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+My Peeps, f, 2, **Concord Point**--Galaxy Miss, by Arch. CD, 5-29, (C), 5f, :59.37. B-Nuckols Farm (KY). *\$1,500 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

Sea N Redd, f, 2, **Trappe Shot**--Decatur, by Orientate. EMD, 5-29, 4 1/2f, :52.78. B-Fleming Thoroughbred Farm LLC & Dr. Dorothee Kieckhefer (CA). *\$11,500 RNA Ylg '16 BARSEL; \$10,000 Ylg '16 ARZNOV.

Just Howard, c, 3, **English Channel**--Aruban Sandwich, by Alphabet Soup. PIM, 5-29, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.76. B-Howard M. Bender (MD). *\$37,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.



Angelo's Ashes, f, 3, **Exchange Rate**--Court Reception, by A.P. Indy. CD, 5-29, (C), 6f, 1:10.27. B-Dr. Thomas A. Castoldi (KY). *\$120,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Ruby's Reception (Rubiano), GSW, \$365,130; and Heritage Hall (Unbridled's Song), GSP, \$180,797.

Flux Capacitor, g, 3, **Mission Impazible**--Point Reyes (SP), by Subordination. FL, 5-29, (S), 1m 40y, 1:44.58. B-Hidden Lake Farm & Fred Rosen (NY).

Mizztic Tale, g, 3, **Mizzen Mast**--Tales in Excess (SW, \$122,750), by Tale of the Cat. LAD, 5-29, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.48. B-Rick & Jeff Awtrey (KY).

Questeq, f, 3, **Paddy O'Prado**--Bullcat (SP), by Holy Bull. BEL, 5-29, (S), (C), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47.39. B-Machmer Hall & Milan Kosanavich (NY). *\$5,500 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$45,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

She's Achance Too, f, 3, **Redeemed**--She's Achance, by American Chance. PIM, 5-29, 6f, 1:10.88. B-Joan & W. Dale Everett (MD).



Saratoga Charlie, c, 4, **Discreetly Mine**--Roaring Ghost, by Roaring Fever. BEL, 5-29, (S), (C), 7f (off turf), 1:26.92. B-Pinnacle Farms I LLC (NY). *\$19,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTNMIX.



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Never mind Christmas, as all good *turfistes* know, this truly is the most wonderful time of the year right now, as each bright new dawn brings us ever closer to Derby day.

The fact that this year's race looks pretty open with no solid favourite only heightens the intrigue of a race which could potentially provide the first British Classic winner for Frankel (GB), or even a debut Classic triumph for a 69-year-old trainer who sent out his first jumps winner in 1972 and, after a hiatus, only returned to the training ranks in 2014. A victory for **Eminent (Ire)** and Martyn Meade would fulfil both these criteria and return the Derby trophy to Newmarket for the seventh time since the turn of the century. Irish trainers have been particularly dominant of late, none more so than Aidan O'Brien, who has of course won all four British and Irish Classics so far this season with just two horses.

Pearling A Gem For Blue Diamond...

It was 10 years ago that Authorized (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) became the most visually impressive winner of the Derby since Shergar (GB) (Great Nephew {GB}), his five-length rout giving Frankie Dettori a first win in the race. That came a year after Araafa (Ire) (Mull Of Kintyre) got the better of George Washington (Ire) (Danehill) in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas.

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GALILEO GOLD RETIRED FROM RACING

Classic winner **Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}--Galiciux {GB}, by Galileo {Ire}) has been retired from racing due to a soft tissue injury sustained in the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. at Newbury earlier this month. The Hugo Palmer-trained colt built on the promise he showed as a 2-year-old, which included winning the G2 Qatar Vintage S. at Goodwood, by kicking off his 3-year-old season in style with a clear-cut win in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket last year. Although beaten by Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas on his next start, he got his revenge on that rival when beating The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Awtaad in the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot on his next start.

Frankie Dettori was at his tactical best that day and commented, "Galileo Gold was a very willing partner with a big heart. We had some great moments together, it's a real shame that he can't continue his racing career." **Cont. p5**

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LANKAN RUPEE (g. by Redoute's Choice). Joint Head of the 2014 World Thoroughbred Rankings (Sprint). Horse of the Year & Champion Sprinter in Australia in 2013-14. **11 wins** to 200m, A\$4,094,510, ATC TJ Smith S., **Gr.1**, VRC Newmarket H., **Gr.1**, Lightning S., **Gr.1**, MRC Oakleigh P., **Gr.1**, MVRC Manikato S., **Gr.1**, MRC Rubiton S., **Gr.2**, Kevin Heffernan S., **Gr.3**, VRC Dilmah Earl Grey S., **L**, 2d MVRC AJ Moir S., **Gr.1**, Ian McEwen S., **Gr.2**, VRC Living Legends H., 3d VRC Darley Classic, **Gr.1**.

Inspired Estelle (f. by Manhattan Rain). **Winner**. See below.

Charming Estelle (f. by Redoute's Choice). Unraced. Dam of-

MANHATTAN STREET (Manhattan Rain). **3 wins** at 2 in 2015-16, Levin RC Ryder S., **L**, 2d Wanganui Guineas, **L**. Regal Stage (c. by Redoute's Choice). **\$1,800,000 Inglis Easter Yearling in 2016**

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Ana Zeel, by Zabeel. **3 wins** from 1900m to 2150m, BOP RC Gartshore Group H., 2d ARC Queen Elizabeth H., **Gr.2**, 3d Taranaki Cup, **Gr.2**. Sister to **Tricia Ann** (dam of **LA SIZERANNE**), three-quarter-sister to **GROSVENOR**, **NATIONAL GALLERY**, **KYRIE ELEISON**, **GARFUNKEL**. Les Lilas (dam of **REQUIEM**, **LAUREL GROVE**), half-sister to **MY MARSEILLAISE** (dam of **BON CHER**, **DE LISLE**), Concia (dam of **MAHAYA**, **SHADEA**). Dam of 9 named foals, 7 to race, **all winners**, inc:-

ESTELLE COLLECTION (Stravinsky). **3 wins**. See above.

Hastein (Viking Ruler). **9 wins** from 1200m to 2050m, A\$204,760, SAJC Dominant H, 2d SAJC Tokyo City Cup, **L**.

3rd dam

MY TRICIA, by Hermes. Unraced. Half-sister to **ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE**, **Tristino**, Spring Delight (dam of **VERNAL**). Dam of 12 foals, all raced, **11 winners**, inc:-

GROSVENOR (Sir Tristram). Second on The 1982-83 Australasian 3YO Classification (2100m+). Joint third on The 1981-82 Australasian 2YO Classification. **6 wins-3** at 2-from 900m to 2500m, A\$465,350, Victoria Derby, **Gr.1**, VRC Sires' Produce S., **Gr.1**, VATC Caulfield Guineas, **Gr.1**, 2d MVRC WS Cox P., **Gr.1**, Sires' Produce S., **Gr.1**, 3d STC Golden Slipper S., **Gr.1**. **Successful sire**.

NATIONAL GALLERY (Sir Tristram). **3 wins-1** at 2-from 1200m to 2400m, A\$176,800, Western Australian Derby, **Gr.1**, SAJC Morphetville PH., **L**, VRC Exford H., 2d Victoria Derby, **Gr.1**.

KYRIE ELEISON (Sir Tristram). **3 wins** from 1600m to 2000m, NZ\$85,475, Manawatu Breeders' S., **Gr.3**, 2d Great Northern Oaks, **Gr.2**, ARC Royal S., **Gr.2**, Matamata RC Tidal Light H., 4th Counties Cup, **L**.

GARFUNKEL (Sir Tristram). **3 wins** from 2000m to 2400m, STC Parramatta Cup, **L**, AJC Mulgoa H., Father & Son H., 2d AJC Anniversary H., **L**, Handicap, 3d AJC Handicap, 4th AJC Summer Cup, **Gr.3**. Sire.

MY MARSEILLAISE (Marceau). **3 wins-1** at 2-at 1200m, 1600m, VATC Heath S.H., **L**, Sapphire H., STC Rego H., 3d VRC Sterling S.H., **L**, VATC Catanach's H., **L**, 4th VRC Bloodhorse Breeders' P., **Gr.2**, Ottawa S., **L**.

Tricia Ann (Zabeel). **2 wins** at 1600m, Avondale JC Prestige Carpets H., Hawkes Bay Be Happy Be Healthy H., 3d ARC Championship S., **Gr.2**. Grandam of-

TAVAGO (Tavistock). **4 wins** from 1600m to 2400m, NZ\$70,775, A\$1,563,250, to 2016-17, **ATC Australian Derby Gr.1**.

Concia. **2 wins** at 1200m. Dam of-

MAHAYA (Sir Tristram). Joint third top filly on The 1992-93 Australasian 3YO Classification. **5 wins-1** at 2-from 1350m to 2400m, A\$599,340, AJC Oaks, **Gr.1**, 2d VRC Oaks, **Gr.1**, 3d STC Ranvet S., **Gr.1**. Producer.

SHADEA (Straight Strike). Second top filly on The 1990-91 Australasian 2YO Classification. **2 wins** at 2, A\$226,266, STC Sweet Embrace S., **Gr.3**, 2d AJC Sires' Produce S., **Gr.1**, Champagne S., **Gr.1**. Dam of-

LONHRO (Octagonal). Horse of the Year in Australia in 2003-04. Champion 3YO in Australia in 2001-02 & Joint top of the 2004 World Rankings (mile). Top of the 2001-02 Australasian 3YO Classification (middle). **26 wins-2** at 2-from 1100m to 2000m, A\$5,790,510, VRC Australian Cup, **Gr.1**, AJC Chipping Norton S., **Gr.1**, Queen Elizabeth S., **Gr.1**, George Main S., **Gr.1**, VRC LKS Mackinnon S., **Gr.1**, MRC CF Orr S., **Gr.1**, Yalumba S., **Gr.1**, twice, STC George Ryder S., **Gr.1**, twice, VATC Caulfield Guineas, **Gr.1**. Champion sire.

NIELLO (Octagonal). **4 wins-1** at 2-from 1100m to 2000m, A\$977,370, AJC Spring Champion S., **Gr.1**, STC Canterbury Guineas, **Gr.1**, Rosehill Guineas, **Gr.1**. Sire.

Race Record : Metropolitan Winner at 2, A\$83,285, in 2015-16, MRC Ladbrokes.com.au 2YO Fillies H., 3d BRC Harding Steel P, MRC Ladbrokes Info Hub H., 4th **MRC Angus Armanasco S., Gr.2**, Kevin Hayes S., **Gr.3**



A city winning 2YO and beaten just 2.2L in the Group 2 MRC Angus Armanasco Stakes in February. She is ready to race on and was an eye-catching third in open company on May 20th - click left to watch her latest run. She sells with a nomination to the Listed Helen Coughlan Stakes at Eagle Farm on 3rd June. Full X-Rays, Video Scope and Breeding Cert in repository

THE WEEKLY WRAP by Emma Berry



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Those twin Classic successes laid the bedrock for owners Saleh Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar to become significant owner-breeders in Europe following the purchase of two farms on the outskirts of Newmarket which would be united in the name of Blue Diamond Stud.

Under the guidance of racing and bloodstock manager Tony Nerses, an appealing broodmare band was assembled, the queen of which, for now at least, is Pearling (Storm Cat). As a sister to Giant's Causeway and You're resothrilling--each of whom continues to make significant marks on the breeding industry--and carrying to Galileo (Ire), it was no wonder that she cost 1.3 million guineas at Tattersalls in 2011. In delivering the stud its first homebred Group 1 winner, **Decorated Knight (GB)**, who added to his Jebel Hatta victory with Sunday's Tattersalls Gold Cup triumph, Pearling has done her bit to repay this investment and, after a couple of luckless years at stud, is back in foal to Galileo.



Decorated Knight (r) as a weanling | Emma Berry



Nativia stretches clear | *Racing Post*

Blue Diamond Stud also recently provided the first stakes winner for Bated Breath (GB) in **Vik The Billy (GB)**, who won the **Listed Premio Alessandro Perrone** in Rome on May 21. The daughter of Epiphany (GB) (Zafonic) is from the family of another G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner, Indian Haven (GB) (Indian Ridge (GB)), and his half-brother Count Dubois (GB) (Zafonic), who won at the top level in Italy when landing the Gran Criterium for William Haggas in 2000.

Linking these two horses is Roger Charlton, the trainer of both Decorated Knight and Bated Breath. His Beckhampton team is in rip-roaring form and, 27 years after he delivered the Derby trophy for Juddmonte in his first season of training with Quest For Fame (GB) (Rainbow Quest), Charlton has a decent chance to provide the same owner with success in the Oaks, not to mention a first Classic winner for Nathaniel (Ire), when he saddles **Nativia (GB)** at Epsom on Friday. [Cont. p3](#)

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The Weekly Wrap Cont.

Havana Great Run...

Permian (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), who was supplemented for Epsom yesterday along with last week's Cocked Hat S. winner **Khalidi (GB)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), remains the Derby pick in this camp for many reasons, not least that it would provide the chance for Teofilo to break the stranglehold of his sire Galileo (Ire) on this season's Classics.

There have been promising signs from another of Teofilo's sons of late, with the G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Havana Gold (GB) having made a decent start to his second career.

There are different ways in which to gauge a stallion's success--and when it comes to first-season sires these are dangerously early days to form any rigid opinions--but strike-rate remains an important indicator. Havana Gold, now in residence at Tweenhills Stud, is second in the freshman table by prize-money but has an eye-catching 37% strike-rate with four winners from his 11 runners to date. These include last Thursday's Listed National S. winner **Havana Grey (GB)**, bred in partnership by Richard Kent and Lady Caroline Lonsdale, who, along with Saturday's decent Chester winner **Headway (GB)**, has Royal Ascot on his agenda.

Wall Sitting Pretty...

The racing interests of the high-spending organisation Phoenix Thoroughbred Limited made an inauspicious start on Saturday when recent breeze-up purchase **Gotti** (More Than Ready) played up in the stalls and had to be withdrawn ahead of his intended debut at Salisbury. The incident will doubtless have been frustrating for the outfit's newly-retained jockey Gerald Mosse, who will be travelling regularly from France to ride the Phoenix horses trained in Newmarket. In this role, Mosse's first call will be to Jeremy Nosedo, but other trainers have been quick to secure the excellent Frenchman's services and, from seven rides in the UK over the last two weekends, Mosse has won three races, including two listed contests.

On Saturday, Gotti's antics had at least been compensated for in advance by Mosse's assertive ride aboard **First Sitting (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) when winning the Festival S. for Chris Wall. A chance meeting with Wall on Newmarket Heath a few mornings prior to that was a pleasant reminder of the fact that he is not only one of the most decent trainers in the town, but one who doesn't receive anywhere near his fair share of attention.

Among the various topics of discussion that morning was Wall's assertion that he likes the horses to tell him when they're ready to perform, rather than imposing his will on them.

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The Weekly Wrap Cont.

Bart Cummings's famous line about patience costing nothing is an attitude trainers are finding harder to adhere to in an age in which quicker returns are increasingly demanded and where, for some, horse trading has become as exciting as horse racing.

But sticking to his principles has reaped dividends for Wall when it comes to the still progressive 6-year-old First Sitting. We hear plenty about how David O'Meara improves horses--and he does--but this horse has improved 15lbs and counting since being bought by Wall from O'Meara's stable.

The Juddmonte-bred's first stakes win, coming on the back of Wall's success in the G3 Chartwell Fillies' S. with 4-year-old **Mix And Mingle (GB)**

(Exceed And Excel {Aus}), is a reminder that so often good things come to those who wait. It may be a worn cliché, but when it comes to racehorses, it's a saying worth bearing in mind.



Mix And Mingle | *Racing Post*

What's In A Name?...

I've long been of the view that if you give a horse a bad name then it's your own fault if he turns out to be not very good. This opinion is echoed in the charming book *A Guide To The Classics*

or How To Pick The Derby Winner, originally written in 1936 by Guy Griffith and Michael Oakeshott and recently republished with forewords by Sean Magee and Peter Osborne.

The introduction includes the following lines: "The Derby being a Classic race, it is felt that the winner must have at least a not quite undignified name, and from this feeling arises the doctrine of the winning name. Sansovino, Blenheim and Hyperion, for example, would be given a very good chance on this method of selection, and

believers in this doctrine would at once rule out of consideration Sponge Bun or Cabbage Patch."

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The Weekly Wrap Cont.

There are thankfully no such horrors among the field for this year's Derby, this method doubtless meaning Eminent should be the hot favourite.

In an aside that will only appeal to children of the 1970s, as a devoted fan of *The Magic Roundabout*, I'm still yearning to buy a yearling by Zebedee (GB) simply for the naming possibilities. Boing is at the top of the list.

Richard Fahey was a brave man to name Brian The Snail (Ire) as he did, but presumably the trainer already knew that the grey Zebedee colt was anything but snail-like and he duly won his first two starts as a juvenile over five furlongs before being bought by Godolphin, for whom he won again this spring.

Godolphin also ended up with the unfortunately named Skanky Biscuit (GB)--there really is no excuse for not being able to find a good name for a colt by Peintre Celebre--and this is a hazard of buying a horse in training whose name can't be changed.

Fans of *Black Adder* will have enjoyed following Strangely Brown (Ire), who was given his title by his first trainer Stuart Williams. Not everyone was amused, however, and after he was sold on at the horses-in-training sale his new owners had their revenge by calling themselves the 'We Didn't Name Him Syndicate.'

My naming theory fell down somewhat in the result of the six-furlong handicap at Chantilly on Sunday when Hopeless (Fr) beat Victorious Champ (Fr), even if the margin of victory was only a short-head.

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Al Shaqab's general manager Khalifa Al Attiya commented, "Galileo Gold will remain a very special racehorse to us all at Al Shaqab, who made history by bringing home our very first Classic trophy. He will now be starting a new exciting career at stud, and we feel confident that such a standout miler who performed at the highest level at 2 and 3-years-old will be very well received by the European breeders."

Out of a half-sister to MG1SW Goldream (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Galileo Gold retires with a race record of 12-5-3-1 for earnings of £960,886. Galileo Gold's fourth dam is French highweight, GSW and G1SP Floripedes (Fr) (Top Ville {Ire}), who produced European champion and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Montjeu (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Stud plans will be announced later.

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Galileo Gold Retired From Racing Cont. from p1

Galileo Gold lost nothing in defeat on his next start when just outgunned by The Gurkha in the G1 Qatar Sussex S. at Goodwood with subsequent dual Group 1 winner Ribchester (Ire) in third. That was the last time Galileo Gold would finish in the top three.

Trainer Hugo Palmer commented, "I feel enormously privileged to have trained Galileo Gold. He was a standout from the very start and at his peak, in the 2000 Guineas and the St James's Palace, he proved himself to be an exceptional miler. If his progeny inherit half his talent and willingness they will be a joy to train."

TWENTY STILL IN CONTENTION FOR DERBY

Nineteen colts and one filly remain in Saturday's G1 Investec Epsom Derby after Monday's five-day stage. John Gosden's **Cracksman (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) and Aidan O'Brien's **Cliffs Of Moher (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) have been vying for favouritism for a while now and both stand their ground. Aidan O'Brien has left in seven candidates in total, with six being sons of Galileo (Ire) including **Capri (Ire)**, **Douglas Macarthur (Ire)**, **Finn McCool (Ire)**, **The Anvil (Ire)** and **Venice Beach (Ire)** with **Wings Of Eagles (Fr)** (Pour Moi {Ire}) completing the septet. Cracksman represents the same owner/breeder/trainer combination as 2015 winner Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and John Gosden could also be represented by **Crowned Eagle (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), **Pealer (Ger)** (Campanologist), **Glencadam Glory (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) and the supplemented **Khalidi (GB)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), winner of a listed race at Goodwood last Friday, while former Derby winning jockey Joseph O'Brien has **Rekindling (GB)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) still engaged. [Cont. p6](#)



Cracksman & Pealer experience the Epsom contours | *Racing Post*

Twenty Still in Contention for Derby Cont.

Godolphin could have up to three runners in the Derby with **Benbatl (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), **Best Solution (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) and **TDN Rising Star Dubai Thunder (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) all in the mix. York's G2 Betfred Dante winner **Permian (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) is on course, as is Martyn Meade's G3 Craven S. winner **Eminent (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) while **Salouen (Ire)** (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) could represent Lambourn trainer Sylvester Kirk. The filly and rank outsider **Diore Lia (Ire)** (Yeats {Ire}) completes the line up at this stage.

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CONDON HAS ROYAL APPOINTMENT

Ken Condon has some nice juveniles this season and one of these 2-year-olds, **Romanised (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), will bid to give The Curragh trainer his first Royal Ascot winner next month. A debut winner at Navan Apr. 24 in the colours of Hong Kong based Robert Ng, Romanised bypassed a potential outing at The Curragh last weekend and is likely to aim for the G2 Coventry S. on opening day June 20.

"He just had a little setback after Navan and the race last Saturday was coming up a bit quick for him," said Condon. "He's done very well since Navan physically and the plan now is to go straight to Royal Ascot. He'll get entries in both the Coventry S. and the Norfolk, but it will more than likely be the Coventry."

The trainer went close to a Royal Ascot win when Newsletter (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}) was beaten three quarters of a length into third in the G2 Queen Mary S. in 2014, while he sent In Salutem (GB) (Sakhee's Secret {GB}) over to win at the course on Shergar Cup day last year and Condon is confident Romanised has what it takes to be competitive in what is usually a high-class contest.

"I think the maiden he won will work out to be very good," added Condon. "There was a lot of chat beforehand and the third has won well since. We think a fair bit of our horse. Ever since he started doing fast work, he's always shown a nice bit of ability. He's a talented colt and one to look forward to."

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ESCOBAR POINTS TOWARDS JERSEY

Hugo Palmer has decided to train the smart **Escobar (Ire)** (Famous Name {GB}) for the G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot in three weeks time. Once thought a potential Guineas candidate following a win in the Listed Denford Stud Washington Singer S. at Newbury last year, Escobar swerved the mile Classics and began his season over the same trip in the Listed Heron S. at Sandown last week. Despite only missing out by a neck to **Khafoo Shememi (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) Palmer thinks the Fiona and Ian Carmichael-Jennings owned colt could benefit from dropping back a furlong.

"We are going to think about the Jersey with him as he has got that seven-furlong speed," said the trainer. "It looked like he came there to win his race at Sandown and I know the winner had the run of the race, but it was possible that he just outstayed us over that stiff mile. Seven furlongs at Ascot should suit him and the owners are from Jersey, so it would be lovely to win the Jersey for them," he added.

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Escobar pictured at Hugo Palmer's stables last month | *Emma Berry*

YORK TARGET FOR ALMANZOR

French racing fans' loss could be British fans' gain as it looks like Jean-Claude Rouget is planning two trips to York this summer with the brilliant **Almanzor (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}). As the 4-year-old continues to come to the boil after being afflicted with a serious virus earlier in the year, Rouget has pencilled in the G2 Skybet York S. July 29 as a possible starting point for the colt who racked up a stunning five-race winning streak last year culminating in a defeat of Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 QIPCO Champion S. at Ascot in October. Assuming Almanzor comes through his reappearance in pleasing fashion a return to the top level for the following month's G1 Juddmonte International S. would then be the objective.

"The plan is to prepare him for July," said Rouget. "If he runs well, then hopefully he'll go back there for the Juddmonte International. The horse is okay now but we have two months' work to have him very well."

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CLASSICALLY-BRED FILLIES ASCOT BOUND

While Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Winter (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) were strutting their stuff at The Curragh over the weekend, their younger own siblings both made their racecourse debuts in the same 2-year-old fillies maiden at The Curragh on Saturday. **Clemmie (Ire)** named after the wife of Winston Churchill fared the better of the pair when finishing an eye catching third to the Jim Bolger trained Gasta (Ire) (Vocalised) despite being slow to break and running noticeably green through the early stages.

"Ryan [Moore] was very happy with Clemmie," said O'Brien. "She was out the back early and I thought she was going to run badly looking at her early, but she finished very well. Churchill ran a race a little bit like that when he ran there on his debut."

Winter's sister **Snowflakes (Ire)** encountered traffic problems and finished towards the rear, but Aidan O'Brien was far from disappointed with her performance.

"Donnacha [O'Brien] was very happy with Snowflakes as well," he continued. "It just closed up around her and he felt he went to the line on the bridle. She's obviously very smart as well."

Churchill won the Listed Chesham S. at Ascot on his second start last year and O'Brien is eyeing a similar route with his sister.

"Ascot probably will be in the equation for both and that was the reason for getting them out. We could look at the [Listed] Chesham [S. June 24] and the Albany [S. June 23], even though they will come on from it. If they go to Ascot and are green, so be it, it will be good experience for them and we'll definitely look at it."

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Clemmie (farside) finishing third at The Curragh | Racing Post

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Monday's Results:

1st-CHD, £7,000, Cond, 5-29, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.43, st.

JOE'S SPIRIT (IRE) (c, 2, Swiss Spirit {GB}--Dimensional {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), second on debut over five furlongs at Bath May 1, started as the 10-3 joint-favourite and skipped straight to the lead. Harried by Tangled (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}) for the final furlong, the 17,000gns TATFOA foal and £42,000 GOUKPR yearling dug in to prevail by a head. The winner is a grandson of Nashmeel (Blushing Groom {Fr}), who won the G2 Prix d'Astarte and was second in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois, GI Yellow Ribbon Invitational S. and GI Matriarch S. Her daughter Light Jig (GB) (Danehill) went one better in the Yellow Ribbon and also produced Seek Again (Speightstown), who captured the GI Hollywood Derby and GI Fourstardave H. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$8,465. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Middleham Park Racing XCI & Partner; B-Mr S. Gorman (IRE); T-Michael Bell.

1st-WDS, £5,500, Cond, 5-29, 2yo, 6f 12yT, 1:14.82, g/s.

+OPTIMUM TIME (IRE) (c, 2, Manduro {Ger}--Mypreciousblue {GB}, by Peintre Celebre), broke well from an inner gate to track the pace in third against the rail from the outset of this unveiling. Nudged along passing the two pole, the 9-2 chance was angled off the fence to deliver his bid approaching the final eighth and was ridden clear in the closing stages to prevail by 3 1/2 lengths from Zabaletaswansong (Ger) (Maxios {GB}).

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1st-WDS Cont.

The bay is out of a winning daughter of Listed Grand Prix du Nord placegetter Pony Girl (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), who also produced this term's G3 Abu Dhabi Championship runner-up Sharpalo (Fr) (Shamardal), and his family includes G1 Prix Marcel Bousac heroine Indonesienne (Ire) (Muhtathir {GB}) and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and GI Ramona H. victress Matiara (Bering {GB}), as well as MGSW sires Pyrus (Mr. Prospector) and Marathon (Diesis {GB}). Sales history: €10,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV; €18,000 Ylg '16 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,555. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-The Picnic Partnership; B-A Kirwan (IRE); T-Eve Johnson Houghton.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Chatburn (Ire), c, 2, **Dream Ahead**--Mistress of Rome (GB), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). RED, 5-29, 5fT, :59.04. B-Thomas Hassett (IRE). *£12,000 Ylg '16 GOUKPR.

Black Salt (GB), g, 3, **Equiano (Fr)**--Marine Girl (GB), by Shamardal. RED, 5-29, 5f 217yT, 1:11.94. B-D R Tucker (GB). *£28,000 Ylg '15 DNSIL

Fair Cop (GB), f, 3, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Speed Cop (GB) (SW & MGSP-Eng, \$113,346), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). WDS, 5-29, 5f 21yT, 1:02.07. B-Littleton Stud (GB).

Perfect In Pink (GB), f, 3, **Raven's Pass**--Fashion Rocks (Ire) (SW-Eng), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). LEI, 5-29, 11f 179yT, 2:35.79. B-Ashbrittle Stud (GB). *35,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; 100,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT.

OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

1.50 Leicester, Mdn, £8,000, 2yo, 6fT

WESTERLAND (GB) (Frankel {GB}) bids to build on his promising debut second in a potentially decent Newbury maiden earlier this month for Juddmonte and John Gosden. The son of the listed-winning sprinter Arabesque (GB) (Zafonic) is a half-brother to the successful sires Showcasing (GB) and Camacho (GB) and faces Doreen Tabor's **Match Maker (Ire) (Declaration of War)**, a Simon Crisford-trained half-brother to the GIII Miesque S. scorer More Than Love (More Than Ready).

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4.20 Leicester, Cond, £10,000, 2yo, 5fT

ROUSSEL (IRE) (Kodiac {GB}) debuts for Godolphin and Charlie Appleby, having fetched £360,000 at last month's Goffs UK Breeze-Up. Out of a half to the G3 Cornwallis S. winner Ponty Acclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), he encounters fellow newcomer **Mutabaahy (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB})**, Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Ed Dunlop-trained daughter of the G3 Albany S. scorer Habaayib (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}).

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Monday's Results:

3rd-MLF, €35,000, Cond, 5-29, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:37.60, gd.

LIGHTUPTHENIGHT (GB) (f, 3, Dutch Art {GB})--Nuit Polaire {Ire}, by Kheleyf) was off the board over this course and distance in the May 6 Listed Prix Volterra after graduating in her Mar. 21 Chantilly debut, and led from flagfall here. Asked to stretch at the quarter-mile marker, the 17-5 chance was ridden out inside the final furlong to safely hold Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit third Thrust Home (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) by 1 1/4 lengths. The €450,000 ARAUG yearling is out of a winning half-sister to G2 Oaks d'Italia victress Night of Magic (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), who produced dual G1 Preis von Europa heroine Nightflower (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), and to G3 Fahrhofer Stutenpreis second and 2015 German Broodmare of the Year Neele (Ire) (Peintre Celebre).

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3rd-MLF Cont.

She in turn is the dam of G1 Deutsches Derby hero Nutan (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin victress and G1 Preis der Diana runner-up Nymphaea (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), and GSP Listed Premio Terme di Merano winner Nazbanou (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}). From a family which also includes G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire Next Desert (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}) and his G1 Preis der Diana-winning sibling Next Gina (Ger) (Perugino), the bay is half to the 2-year-old colt Intellogent (Ire) (Intello {Ger}), a yearling colt by Excelebration (Ire) and a filly foal by Gleneagles (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €28,950. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-H H Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Ecurie des Monceaux (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

2nd-MLF, €35,000, Cond, 5-29, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:37.20, gd.

LAST KINGDOM (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Compelling {Ire}, by Kingmambo), who broke through over this course and distance in his Apr. 10 seasonal return last time, found a comfortable rhythm in fifth through the early fractions of this one. Making smooth headway into contention from halfway, the 7-10 chalk challenged approaching the final eighth and was pushed out late to assert by a length from Normandy Spirit (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}). He is out of a winning daughter of G1 Phoenix S.-winning British and Irish highweight Damson (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}), who also produced MGSW sire Requinto (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) and G3 Curragh S. second Independence Day (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). From a family which also includes G1 Prix Royal-Oak-winning sire Tiraaz (Lear Fan), the \$500,000 KEESEP yearling is kin to a 2-year-old colt by Smart Strike, a yearling filly by Kitten's Joy and a filly foal by Tapit. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, €43,910. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Prince A A Faisal; B-Michael & Reiko Baum (KY); T-Andre Fabre.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+Cead Mile Failte (Fr), f, 2, Dabirsim (Fr)--Wave City (Ire), by Elusive City. SPR, 5-29, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.18. *€20,000 RNA Ylg '16 ARAUG; €12,000 Ylg '16 ARQNOV. **3rd winner for freshman sire (by Hat Trick {Jpn}).

Illuminator (Fr), c, 3, Elusive City--Zamid (FR), by Namid (GB). SPR, 5-29, 9fT, 1:54.92. B-Hubert Honore & SA Cheval Invest (FR). *€45,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG.

RETRAINED RACEHORSE DAY A SUCCESS

Au-Dela Des Pistes held the first retrained racehorse day of the year at Le Lion d'Angers Racecourse on May 25. Demonstrations of polo--by the Passion Polo Club--and eventing--by Anais Rimbod and Manon Fillious of the Mikel Delzangles stable--took place in between races. The longest cross country race in the world--the Anjou Loire Challenge--was also held before a crowd of over 13,000 spectators.

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Polo during the first retrained racehorse day of 2017 held by Au-Dela Des Pistes | Zuzanna Lupa Photography

WORLDWIDE NEWS**BRISBANE CARNIVAL MOVES TO DOOMBEN**

Following widespread criticism of the racing surface at Eagle Farm the remainder of the Brisbane Winter Racing Carnival has been transferred to Doomben. Three days of Group 1 action had been scheduled to take place at Eagle Farm over the next four weeks beginning with the G1 Queensland Oaks on Saturday, the Stradbroke meeting June 10 and the G1 Tatts Tiara June 24. However following consultation with various stakeholders the decision was made in the interest of fairness to make the switch.

"The consensus from feedback was that while Eagle Farm was safe for racing, it is an inferior racing surface," Racing Queensland CEO Dr. Eliot Forbes told *Racing.com*. "Racing Queensland is committed to providing outcomes that are in the best interests of the industry as a whole and that includes a racing surface befitting the quality of the horses and races being contested. Eagle Farm and Doomben are premier venues for racing in Queensland and we want to ensure the racing experience at both is consistent with that standard."

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HIGH CHAPARRAL SON TO NEW ZEALAND

The late High Chaparral (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) has been and continues to be a highly influential stallion in the Southern Hemisphere and New Zealand breeders can look forward to utilizing a unique son of the stallion in GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner **Wrote (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}--Desert Classic {GB}, by Green Desert). The former Aidan O'Brien-trained 8-year-old has been standing at Northwest Farm in Florida but a deal has been struck by Brent Gillovic of Highview Stud in New Zealand to bring him Down Under.

"He's the only Group 1-winning 2-year-old son of High Chaparral in the world," Gillovic said of the stallion, who has 2-year-olds on the ground in Florida.

Speaking to *Racing And Sports* he added, "I was first alerted to the horse by an American agent when I went to the US Masters Golf at Augusta in 2015 and I went down to Florida to see him. I liked what I saw. He's very much in the image of his sire--a powerful, correct horse."

Gillovic didn't manage to secure Wrote for stallion duties back then, but he didn't give up and has since come to an arrangement with his owners.

"I had hoped to purchase him, but he is owned by a group who had bought him as part of a package of horses to race and they aren't interested in selling him. I couldn't get the horse out of my mind and last year I made more inquires. Now, I've managed to acquire him as a shuttle stallion and I couldn't be more excited." Wrote was bred by Rob Speers and in addition to his win at Churchill Downs in 2011 he also finished third to then stable-mate Daddy Long Legs (Scat Daddy) in both the G2 Royal Lodge S. and the G2 UAE Derby. He will stand for a fee of NZ\$5,000 at Highview Stud.

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Wrote winning the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf | *Racing Post*

TBA COMMIT TO NEW R&D FUND

The Australian bloodstock industry will benefit from a newly formed research and development fund that will be rolled out in the new financial year. Thoroughbred Breeders Australia (TBA) has already committed to contribute A\$200,000 to the fund with any money spent on future projects to be matched dollar for dollar by federal government funding. Under a new levy, which was included in the recent federal budget, breeders will pay A\$10 per mare and A\$10 per stallion return. This in itself will raise about A\$400,000 per year which will also be put in the fund for R&D. The TBA contribution will have an immediate impact, as it means research can begin straight away on issues that are deemed important to Australian breeders. It is estimated that once up and running the fund could yield up to A\$1m annually which will be allocated to research that benefits the thoroughbred breeding industry.

Tom Reilly, chief executive of TBA, said: "Research into disease control, fertility and many other valuable areas is crucial to the long term health of our industry. The board had discussed previously funding projects but, as we made progress with establishing a government matched levy, it made sense to hold off so that the money TBA contributed to research was effectively doubled. I'd like to thank Racing Australia for their support as it is through the Australian Stud Book that the levy will be collected and they have been working hard to ensure this is possible from a technology front."

TBA is in the process of selecting the board that will oversee the spending of the funds and there will be a strong representation of breeders to ensure the money goes towards projects that return real benefits to the breeding industry. Deputy Prime Minister and Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce, believes the levy will produce a significant return for breeders.

"This levy will provide the industry with greater certainty about available funding in future years and enable forward-year planning to deliver priority R&D for the benefit of the whole industry," he said. "The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences estimates a A\$12 return for industry from every A\$1 invested, which is good for industry and good for those at the farm gate," Joyce added.

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