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TWO-TIME CHAMPION TEPIN RETIRED



Tepin following her historic win in the Queen Anne | Horsephotos

Tepin (Bernstein--Life Happened, by Stravinsky), a graded winner on the dirt at two who went on to thrash the boys in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile and became the first American-based winner of the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot, has been retired from racing, owner Robert Masterson told the *TDN* Tuesday.

"Tepin is being retired. There is nothing physically wrong with her. She just isn't interested in running any more," Masterson told the *TDN*. "There are no plans to breed her this year. It's too late, and we've not made any decision on her future."

Bred in Kentucky by Machmer Hall, Tepin was a \$140,000 purchase by Masterson out of the 2012 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale and broke her maiden at second asking over the Keeneland Polytrack before closing nicely to win the GIII Delta Downs Princess S. in November 2013. Switched to the grass midway during her sophomore season, Tepin was runner-up in the GII San Clemente H., but blossomed at four, leading throughout to annex the GII Distaff Turf Mile S. on the 2015 Kentucky Derby undercard before rallying from slightly off the pace for a maiden Grade I victory in the Just a Game S. on Belmont S. day ([video](#)). The bay endured tough-luck losses in the GI Diana S. and in the GII Ballston Spa S., but relished easy ground when romping home by seven against her peers in Keeneland's GI First Lady S. ([video](#)) before a 2 1/4-length tally in the Breeders' Cup Mile ([video](#)). **Cont. p3**

'MO MONEY' TO WAIT FOR PREAKNESS

Conquest Mo Money (Uncle Mo), the GI Arkansas Derby and GIII Sunland Derby runner-up who would have had to be supplemented for \$200,000 in order to run in the GI Kentucky Derby May 6, will instead wait for the GI Preakness S. two weeks later May 20, announced owners **Tom and Sandy McKenna** at a press conference held at Sunland Park Tuesday afternoon. "This was one of the hardest decisions I've ever made in my life, and I've made lots of them," Tom McKenna said. "I made the choice based on what I think is best for the horse. That's the only reason we're here today. I do the same thing if it's a \$5,000 claimer or a million-dollar stakes horse--we haven't had many of those, this is the first one. We believe the best choice for Conquest Mo Money is the Preakness, and that's what we're going to do." **Cont. p4**

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| VERRAZANO | 1:50.27 | 95 |
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Initiation. After piloting Bert's Baby to victory at Turf Paradise on Monday, 16-year-old apprentice rider Amelia Hauschild is ceremonially doused with water by fellow jockeys in celebration of her first career win. | Coady Photography

FIVE SHARE FASTEST FURLONG AT OBS

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Five juveniles shared the fastest furlong time of :9 4/5 and a pair of youngsters shared the bullet quarter-mile time of :20 4/5 at the OBS under-tack show Tuesday.

MCCRACKEN BREEZES AT CHURCHILL

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Leading GI Kentucky Derby contender and 'TDN Rising Star' McCracken (Ghostzapper) posted a half-mile breeze at Churchill Tuesday morning.

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Tepin Retired cont.

Tepin picked up in 2016 where she left off, with soft wins in the GIII Endeavour S. and GII Hillsborough S. at Tampa, a barnstorming five-length tour-de-force in the GI Jenny Wiley S. (video) and a successful defense of her title in the Distaff Turf Mile. Having overcome all challenges on these shores, connections readied Tepin for a start in the Queen Anne, the first race of the Royal Ascot meeting. Never far from the front over ground on the heavy side of soft, she surged to the lead in the final 100 yards and had a half-length on Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) at the wire (video).

Originally penciled in for a return to action in last year's Ballston Spa, Tepin ultimately missed that engagement and was instead trained up to the GI Woodbine Mile, where she called on all her class to prevail by a half-length (video). Not quite able to reel in loose-on-the-lead Photo Call (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in defense of the First Lady, Tepin settled for second there and concluded her career with a gallant and tough-trip second behind Tourist (Tiznow) when in search of a second Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita last November (video).

With an eye on a return trip to the United Kingdom this spring, Tepin returned to training in early 2017, but was ruled out of this year's Endeavour in February after a minor colic attack, also dashing any plans of an appearance in the G1 Dubai Turf in late

March. Tepin refused to break off into a work at Palm Meadows Mar. 27 and was subsequently relocated to Churchill Downs, but after mulling over their options since, the decision was made to retire the mare.

"After she refused to work at Palm Meadows, she was moved to Churchill to see if a change of venue would improve her attitude towards racing, and she basically has no interest in it any more," Masterson explained. "She was always an enthusiastic worker, and enthusiastic in the mornings and about racing, and she is not any more.

"It's time to let her retire. She's done so much for us. She's done everything she can possibly do. I think she's been one of the greatest turf mares that has ever been. She doesn't owe us anything. It's all about the horse. She owes us nothing, and if that's what she

wants to do, that's what we're going to let her do. I appreciate all the fan support she's had over the last few years, the joy she brought to people, her way of running and the successes that she's had."

Trained throughout her career by Mark Casse, Tepin retires with a record of 23-13-5-1 and earnings of \$4,437,918.

--Additional reporting by Sue Finley



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The McKennas, who race as Judge Lanier Racing, must still make a \$150,000 payment in order for Conquest Mo Money to start in the Preakness. They paid \$8,500 for the New York-bred colt as part of the Conquest Stables dispersal at last year's Keeneland November sale. The Miguel Hernandez trainee, who annexed Sunland's Riley Allison S. and Mine That Bird Derby in January and February, respectively, has earned \$508,900 to date.

Added Sandy McKenna, "We've raced him very cautiously, and he's always performed very well. To put him on this trail where it's three weeks to the Derby, [two] weeks to the Preakness and three weeks to the [GI] Belmont S. is asking a lot of any horse ... Even though it would be wonderful to say, 'I've been to the Derby,' it's just a lot more logical to take this horse and go to the Preakness."

With the defection of Conquest Mo Money, **Cloud Computing** (Maclean's Music) now has a starting spot in the Derby. Should his connections also decide to skip the race, **Untrapped** (Trappe Shot) will get in.

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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM



TRAINING TIME

The preps are done, and as of today we're 2 1/2 weeks out from one of the most open-looking editions of the GI Kentucky Derby in recent years. The win by **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile) in last Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby makes him one of three (more or less) joint favorites as of now (*with apologies to T.D. Thornton's excellent review yesterday, click [here](#)*), along with GI Xpressbet Florida Derby winner **Always Dreaming**, from Bodemeister's first crop, and GII Wood Memorial winner and **'TDN Rising Star'** **Irish War Cry**, by Curlin.

One striking thing about this year's race is the dominance of Florida form among the contenders. Four of the last five winners were trained in California, but this year the Florida form looks best going in, with probably the top five in the betting having wintered in Florida and having run there at least once. The British bookmakers love novelty bets, like who will be the favorite in the 40-runner Grand National, and this year they could just about create a market for who will go off Derby favorite. There are quite a few probable runners who could be classified as 'live longshots', which we'll get to in a minute, but first let's look at the likely top six betting choices as of now.

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The year 2000 was the last time the Wood Memorial winner (Fusaichi Pegasus) went on to win the Kentucky Derby, whereas the Florida Derby has produced five winners since then, including Nyquist (Uncle Mo) last year and Orb (Malibu Moon) in 2013. That statistic would suggest that Always Dreaming should edge Derby favoritism over Wood winner Irish War Cry and Classic Empire, winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile (has produced Derby winners Street Sense 2007 and Nyquist 2016) and Arkansas Derby (Derby winners Smarty Jones and American Pharoah have won it since 2000). With 2 1/2 weeks to go, but no prep races left, the two factors which could still affect the betting are the dreaded injuries and how horses are reported as training in Louisville, especially the last 10 days before the Derby. Three-year-olds improve in the spring and sometimes one or two horses will just thrive at Churchill and train 'lights out'; that can, and probably should, affect the odds. But for now:

Always Dreaming (Bodemeister): Won the best prep, the Florida Derby, decisively. Beyer Speed Figure: 97. Predicted Odds: 5-1.

Classic Empire (Pioneer of the Nile): Won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (Beyer 102), then rebounded from his well-documented

troubled winter to score decisively in the Arkansas Derby last Saturday, time 1:48.9, but came back only a Beyer 94. Predicted Odds: 6-1, but if he looks great on the track he could get hot on the tote too.

Irish War Cry (Curlin): Ran the best last-race major prep Beyer (101) in the Wood. Showed he didn't have to have the lead, which will be a big plus. Predicted odds: 13-2 (6.5-1).

McCraken (Ghostzapper): The unbeaten Derby favorite until running third in the GII Toyota Blue Grass S., but, as has been widely mentioned, including by us, trainer Ian Wilkes's mentor, Carl Nafzger, won the Derby with Street Sense after losing the Blue Grass. The '**TDN Rising Star**'s best Beyer is a 93 in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. Predicted odds: 10-1.

Gunnevera (Dialed In): Second in the GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S., he won the GII Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S. (Beyer 97), and was a closing third in the Florida Derby. Very significantly, Javier Castellano sticks with him over GII Rebel S. winner, Arkansas Derby close fifth and '**TDN Rising Star**'

Malagacy (Shackleford). Besides Castellano, this colt has the advantages of plenty of seasoning and ran in the Florida Derby like he would get that 10th furlong no problem; but he was taking a long time to get there. Predicted odds: 10-1. **Cont. p6**

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Girvin (Tale of Ekati): He merits respect as the winner of both the GII Risen Star S. and the GII Louisiana Derby, though his best winning Beyer going two turns is a 93. Predicted odds: 12-1.

What makes this such an intriguing Derby is there are a number of other colts who aren't very far behind the top six, which means there could be some massive exotics payoffs with horses you look at afterwards and say, yeah, that could have happened: GI Santa Anita Derby winner **Gormley** (Malibu Moon), who ran a 93 Beyer winning the GIII Sham S., but ran only an 88 Beyer in winning the Santa Anita Derby; Blue Grass winner **Irap** (Tiznow), Beyer 93; GIII Sunland Derby winner **Hence** (Street Boss), whose winning Beyer was upgraded to 97 after GI Preakness S. bound Conquest Mo Money (Uncle Mo) ran second in the Arkansas Derby; **State of Honor** (To Honor and Serve), who placed in all three Florida Classic preps (Beyer 91); **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), who's run second in both the Fountain of Youth and Blue Grass (Beyer 92); and Santa Anita Derby runner-up **Battle of Midway** (Smart Strike) (Beyer 87).



Gormley | Benoit Photos

That's another six, discounting Conquest Mo Money, whose connections opted to pay \$150,000 to supplement to the Preakness instead of \$200,000 for the Derby. Throw in Blue Grass also-rans **Tapwrit** (Tapit) and **'Rising Star' J Boys Echo** (Mineshaft); as many as three more Pletcher possibles in Rebel winner and Arkansas Derby (close) fifth Malagacy, Wood Memorial second and fellow **'Rising Star' Battalion Runner** (Unbridled's Song), and Louisiana Derby bridesmaid **Patch** (Union Rags); possibly **Royal Mo** (Uncle Mo) and **Iliad** (Ghostzapper) out of the Santa Anita Derby; and two or three others I haven't mentioned, and you'll understand why I am going to be seriously looking for angles in the previous couple of races so I can hit the 'All' button in the Derby.

Nothing is more important to second-crop sires than Classic form, and naturally horses which have been winning Classic preps are putting their sires at the top of the second-crop lists. In the year-to-date North American list, Malagacy's win in the \$900,000 Rebel shot Darby Dan's **Shackleford** to the top of the list ([click here](#)), and he maintains a lead of nearly \$300,000 over WinStar's **Bodemeister** (sire of Always Dreaming), with Darby Dan's other \$15,000 second-crop sire, **Dialed In** (sire of Gunnevera), third by 2017 progeny earnings. Lane's End's **Union Rags** has moved up to fourth now--the top four all with 2017 earnings over \$1 million--and though Louisiana Derby runner-up Patch is his only possible Derby colt, Paradise Woods became his third Grade I-winning filly a couple of weeks ago in the GI Santa Anita Oaks and could give him a big boost in the earnings race if she contests the May 5 GI Kentucky Oaks. Besides those, Gainesway's **To Honor And Serve** is the only other second-crop sire to have a 'live Derby longshot' in State of Honor.

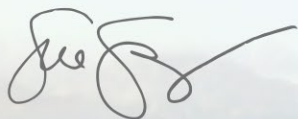


Shackleford | Matt Goins

In Other News...

There was a lot of it last weekend, too. Here are a few highlights. French sires: Haras de Colleville's **Kendargent** had his first decent-sized crop, after early successes, in 2013. Mme. Fabre bred to him that year and the resulting colt, Soleil Marin, who is therefore from Kendargent's sixth crop, won his fourth in a row, and his first in Godolphin colors, when upstaging my former G1 Epsom Derby fancy, Akihiro, in Monday's G3 Prix Noailles at Chantilly. The significance: this was 2100m (10 1/2 furlongs), establishing that, now given the chance, Kendargent is more than just a sire of precocious sprinters and milers. On the same card, the Le Havre team's Haras de la Cauviniere's **Rajsaman**, a/k/a 'The Last Linamix', had the winner of the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau, an important prep for next month's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains--French 2000 Guineas in Brametot ([click here to read Andrew Caulfield on Rajsaman yesterday](#)). **Cont. p7**

Those of us who have made horse racing our lives can certainly understand the fascination with it. One of the remarkable things about the sport is its ability to continually draw in new devotees, and to have it quickly become one of the most important things in their life. This month, we delve into the story of just such a person, Jaime Roth, one of racing's most successful new owners, who, along with her parents, operates LNJ Foxwoods. Also, if you love going to the races on days when the crowd gives you the feeling that something special is happening there, you'll love our off-the-beaten path story about racing in Sonoma's Wine Country, one of the sport's most enjoyable venues. In the Southern Hemisphere, if you're getting ready to go racing at the Sydney Carnival, we know just the woman to make sure you're properly outfitted. Back in Kentucky, spring means Keeneland, and we'll clue you in to Keeneland's hottest ticket—the annual Maker's Mark bottle signing, which has raised millions for charity, and has helped to keep the long bond between two Kentucky institutions strong. And finally, our popular TDN feature, This or That, makes its TDN Weekend debut in video form, just in time for OBS April.



Sue Finley, Co-Publisher



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Third in the race was Spotify, from the first French crop by champion Australian sire **Redoute's Choice**, when he stood at the Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval. It takes a little working out, but he has had eight winners from that crop this year, also including Goldikova's half-sister, the G3 Prix Vanteaux winner, Gold Luck. His crop's 2017 progeny earnings would rank him ninth among European second-crop sires if he were included on that list, which is headed by Darley's **Helmet**, sire of G2 UAE Derby winner Thunder Snow, and Juddmonte's **Frankel**.



Redoute's Choice | Arrowfield

Attention knockers of War Front: did you notice his new 4-year-old Grade I winner at Keeneland last Friday, **American Patriot** in the GI Maker's Mark Mile? Pedigree Alert: most impressive winner of the whole weekend might have been last year's G2 Queen Mary and G1 Prix Morny winner **Lady Aurelia** in the 5 1/2-furlong Giant's Causeway S., against older fillies and mares on the Keeneland turf. She did not break on top and didn't have the cleanest trip, but once Velazquez got her wound up and pointed in the right direction, she shot by those fillies like they were standing still. She will be a huge player for Stonestreet and partners and trainer Wesley Ward in the G1 King's Stand at Royal Ascot. As you know, she is by the late great Scat Daddy and is inbred 4x3 to Storm Cat, as she is out of a Forest Wildcat mare. Also by Scat Daddy and inbred 4x3 to Storm Cat: Melody's Spirit, the dam of **Whitmore**, who is by Pleasantly Perfect and placed in the GIII Southwest, GII Rebel, and GI Arkansas Derby last year, but is now unbeaten in five starts at six furlongs after cruising in the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. on the Arkansas Derby undercard. These two, Lady Aurelia and Whitmore, prove it: speed kills. By Scat Daddy, 4x3 Storm Cat: formula for killer speed. **Contact Bill Oppenheim at bopp@erb.com (cc suefinley@thetdn.com).**

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FIVE SHARE FASTEST FURLONG AT OBS

by *Jessica Martini*

Five juveniles shared the fastest furlong time of :9 4/5 and a pair of youngsters shared the bullet quarter-mile time of :20 4/5 during second session of the under-tack show for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's April Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training Tuesday in central Florida.

The :9 4/5 time, which equaled the standard set by a Wildcat Heir filly Monday, was turned in by colts by City Zip (**hip 211**) and Jimmy Creed (**hip 259**), as well as by fillies by Curlin (**hip 216**), Munnings (**hip 345**) and Friesan Fire (**hip 375**).

Julie Davies consigns and is co-owner of hip 259, a colt from the first crop of multiple Grade I winner Jimmy Creed. The chestnut is out of stakes winner Chitka (Jade Hunter).

"He has been a pleasure to train from day one," Davies said of the colt. "He has just taken everything in stride and every time he breezed, he did it with ease and he showed us more and more potential."

Of the youngster's :9 4/5 work, Davies added, "I knew he had the ability to do it, it was just a question of the stars aligning and it happening on the day. And it did."

Davies and Sarah Sharp purchased the colt for \$33,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October Yearling Sale.

"I liked him the first time I saw him," Davies said. "Sarah and I liked him physically and we thought he could jump through all the hoops at a 2-year-old sale. He just looked the part."

A native of England, Davies has been consigning under her own name for the last five years. She came to Ocala by way of south Florida, where she served as an assistant trainer at Calder Racecourse.

"I started out just working the sales," Davies recalled. "I had some horses of my own and I was selling them with other people and I thought, 'Why don't I just give this a try by myself?'"

Of the decision to go out on her own, Davies admitted, "It's stressful, but days like today make it all worth it."

Davies, who sold a Gemologist colt (**hip 171**) for \$300,000 after a :9 4/5 work at last year's March sale, has primarily consigned at OBS, but she will be making her debut at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale with two offerings next month.

Blue River Bloodstock, which sent out a colt by Wildcat Heir to work the under-tack show's fastest quarter of :20 2/5 Monday, was represented by the co-fastest quarter-mile time Tuesday when **hip 234**, a filly from the first crop of multiple graded stakes winner Prospective, covered the distance in :20 4/5.

A colt from the first crop of Grade I winner Violence (**hip 377**) also worked in :20 4/5 Tuesday. The juvenile, consigned by Top Line Sales, is out of the unraced Dying to Dance (Street Cry {Ire}). **Cont. p8**



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Five Share Fastest Furlong at OBS cont.

“We don’t fully prep them or hammer down on them, so needless to say that :20 4/5 was not expected,” admitted Top Line’s Torie Gladwell. “We knew he would work well, but we didn’t know he’d work that well. And he galloped out huge. He has a big stride and he covers a lot of ground. He did it easy.”

Of the decision to work the colt a quarter-mile, Gladwell added, “If we worked him an eighth, we thought he might go :10 flat or 10 1/5, but we knew he would put in a good effort to go a quarter. He is super fit. The horse has never worn a bandage, never had a day off. He is just a good, balanced, fit horse.”



Hip 377 | Tibor Szlavik

The bay colt was a \$33,000 purchase at last year’s Fasig-Tipton July Yearling Sale and Top Line sells on behalf of a pinhooking partnership.

“We sell a couple of horses for these guys every year and we take a little piece of the horse,” Gladwell explained.

In addition to the five horses who worked furlongs in :9 4/5 Tuesday, 13 horses shared the second-fastest time of :10 flat.

Top Line sent out seven horses to work Tuesday and Gladwell felt the track has been consistent throughout the first two sessions of the six-day breeze show.

“I think there were a couple more :9 4/5 and 10 flats today and it’s probably just a difference in horses,” Gladwell said.

“Yesterday, for us in particular, we only had two and both of them breezed just like we thought they would and today we knew we had some faster horses. We had a great tack show [Tuesday]--we started with a :10 1/5 and we ended with a :10 1/5, so we can’t complain.”

She added, “There were a lot more :9 4/5s in March, but when this track heats up when the weather gets hot, it gets a little slower, so I think that’s why we’re seeing a little slower times this week.”

Gladwell is looking for a deeper buying bench at next week’s April sale.

“The middle market at the March sale was a little slack, so I am hoping there will be a lot more middle-market buyers here and if there are, which I expect there will be, it will be a good sale,” she said.

The under-tack show for the April sale continues through Saturday with sessions beginning daily at 8 a.m. The auction will be held next Tuesday through Friday.

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OBS APRIL SALE

Tuesday’s Fastest Furlong Works

| Time | Hip | Sex | Sire | Dam |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| :9 4/5 | 211 | colt | City Zip | Candy Apple (Arg) |
| <i>Consigned by Crupi’s New Castle Farm, Agent III</i> | | | | |
| :9 4/5 | 216 | filly | Curlin | Capote Blues |
| <i>Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent II</i> | | | | |
| :9 4/5 | 259 | colt | Jimmy Creed | Chitka |
| <i>Consigned by Julie Davies, Agent V</i> | | | | |
| :9 4/5 | 345 | filly | Munnings | Diva N Disguise |
| <i>Consigned by Price Thoroughbreds LLC, agent</i> | | | | |
| :9 4/5 | 375 | filly | Friesan Fire | Duck the Punch |
| <i>Consigned by Rick Lopez Training & Sales</i> | | | | |

Tuesday’s Fastest Quarter-Mile Works

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| :20 4/5 | 234 | filly | Prospective | Calomaria |
| <i>Consigned by Blue River Bloodstock, Inc., Agent II</i> | | | | |
| :20 4/5 | 377 | colt | Violence | Dying to Dance |
| <i>Consigned by Top Line Sales, LLC, Agent XV</i> | | | | |

MCCRACKEN BREEZES AT CHURCHILL



McCracken breezing Tuesday at Churchill | Coady Photography

Whitham Thoroughbreds’ McCracken (**Ghostzapper**), who started his career with three consecutive wins over the Churchill Downs main track, breezed under the Twin Spires for the first time this year Tuesday, covering a half-mile in :47.80 under regular rider Brian Hernandez, Jr. **Cont. p9**

McCraken Breezes cont.

The bay **'TDN Rising Star'** clicked off splits of :12.60, :24.60 and :36.40 before galloping out five furlongs in 1:00 flat and three-quarters in 1:13.40. The move was McCraken's first major activity since finishing third as the favorite in the GII Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 8 at Keeneland, his first career defeat.

"He felt great," Hernandez said after the breeze. "Once he was a little settled going to the pole, he worked great. His gallop-out was very nice and he's right back home at Churchill where he likes it."

McCraken captured Churchill's Street Sense S. and GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. as a juvenile and started his 3-year-old campaign with a score in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. Feb. 11 at Tampa before his Blue Grass setback. Trainer Ian Wilkes, who plans to work his colt two more times before Derby day, was pleased with Tuesday's spin.

"The main thing is I wanted to see him finish, but finish without riding himself while doing it," Wilkes offered. "I got everything I wanted to see today."

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O p / E D

by Fred A. Pope

Sue Finley and her staff are giving our industry an amazing gift with the magazine *TDN Weekend*.

When I look back on 40-plus years in this industry, there is a lot of heart-pounding excitement from racehorses, but it is the people, sights, sounds and tastes that remind me how wonderful it is to experience Thoroughbred life around the world.

TDN Weekend is a rich, elegant celebration of what draws people into racing and breeding at the highest level.

No major sport is more closely allied to luxury goods and services than Thoroughbred racing. According to Bain & Company, luxury is a \$1 trillion market. But, the makers of luxury goods are not major sponsors of racing. Why?

In my career I've handled international media rights for equine events and sought advertisers and sponsors for a racing show Tom Hammond and I had on ESPN. When you have to sell this sport, you learn the truth. Racing targets men who gamble, however, the primary consumers of luxury goods are women.

Perhaps it is time for our sport and the makers of luxury goods to take a fresh look at how they can partner for a bright new future together.

Every sport has a bellwether event establishing the maximum viewership of that sport in each country. In the U.S., the Super Bowl is the top football event; the Masters the top golf event; the NBA Finals the top basketball event, etc. Only the Super Bowl consistently beats The Kentucky Derby in viewership.

NBC, producer of The Kentucky Derby, is not interested in several thousand racing veterans who want hard-boot information about the race and odds. NBC is focused on improving the telecast beyond the 16 million viewers its sponsors pay to reach. By the way, the fashion segments they added now deliver an audience that is 51% female.

In a recent interview, Craig Bandoroff of Denali Stud lamented how wealthy girls get into riding and minor horse sports, but as they grow up, they don't get into racing. Maybe the reason is most racing telecasts do not connect with them, and importantly, racing does not connect with their peers.

This is not about everyday racing. This is about the opportunity to use our major racing events to add a new revenue stream into the sport.

If the objective is to provide racing entry into the \$1 trillion market for luxury goods and services, it cannot be faked. It has to be real and authentic, designed for the consumers of luxury goods and services.

In the telecasts of major racing events, instead of the producer saying, "We're here to boost gambling," the producer should say, "We're here to boost this event." That means the telecast is to capture everything we enjoy at major racing events. If NBC can capture the look and feel of a Derby Day experience, everyone wins: the sponsors, the industry, Churchill Downs and the little girls Craig wants to grow up liking our sport.

Maybe, just maybe, we should realize women are central to the future of this sport.

Luxury is an enormous market and it is fiercely competitive. Last year, it was stagnant and perhaps that provides an opening for the brands to find new ideas to gain market share.

If Chanel, Hermes, or Louis Vuitton wanted to reach an international audience of luxury goods consumers, what sport would best deliver such an audience? Football? Soccer? Hardly. No international sport targets women, however, a new brand of international racing can fill that void.

Luxury goods are international. They need an international sport that is designed to appeal to the consumers of their products. They need a sport with the natural, universal attraction of horses.

Today people gamble on every sport, but the major sports do not talk about gambling on their telecasts, where sponsors are paying billions of dollars to be associated with them. Technology today provides the gambler instant access that is separate from the telecasts. That might provide the way to make a new international program a reality.

Every attempt at an international racing series has failed because the racing authorities in each country cannot agree on wagering splits. With more revenue in media rights and sponsorship than wagering, a partnership with luxury goods can grow and develop the image of racing around the world. It will raise all boats. **Cont. p10**

Op/Ed cont.

A new, non-gambling brand of international racing that is focused on the sport, fashion and lifestyle of the Thoroughbred industry just might provide entry into China, a country that prohibits gambling and is the leading consumer of luxury goods. What would that be worth to our industry?

Luxury goods also need for Thoroughbred racing to reestablish itself as a real sport. Hermes was founded on craftsmanship in saddlery and their brand would benefit greatly when racing has new relevance and credibility with future generations.

Longines is one luxury goods company that is making a push by sponsoring racing around the world and it has a monthly show on CNN International called *The Winning Post*, with Ally Vance. Like *TDN Weekend*, it is a welcome, elegant presentation about horseracing around the globe.

While a Thoroughbred lifestyle show is good, it lacks the heart-pounding excitement and the mass media power that only live, major sporting events deliver. It's the difference between an audience of thousands and one of many millions.

The Kentucky Derby, Melbourne Cup, Epsom Derby, Japan Cup and The Arc are bellwether events. If you total up the major racing events in each country, the total viewership would be exceeded only by soccer.

Bringing sponsors into international racing means the telecasts will need to be produced on a level their consumers expect in sports like soccer. New revenue can drive state-of-the-art production, with new techniques that capture racing in ways we never imagined. The better our racing events look, the more sponsors will want to be associated with them.

Every business calculates return on investment in advertising and promotion. Finding a good fit is difficult these days because of social media, online sales and the fragmentation of media. Sports are very efficient for many sponsors, but not personal luxury goods. Thoroughbred racing can provide a new partnership with brands of luxury goods and services that no other sport can deliver.

The racing product that luxury goods makers need does not exist today. It must be designed. How would it be different in content from current racing telecast? Can we bring a new look of elegance and style to racing telecasts that women, men and sponsors will embrace?

What do women want to change about racing telecasts? I've commissioned extensive consumer research on racing in the U.S. and some of it is reflected in this piece. But before designing a new international racing program that is focused on the consumers of luxury goods, we need to ask the sponsors and representative groups of those consumers.

The major stakeholders in international racing and breeding make up a very short list of individuals. Like the top brands in luxury goods, they are fiercely competitive. They have always taken whatever the racing authorities have offered in purses from gambling, but now they should consider how the future of

racing should be expanded far beyond the single revenue stream of gambling. There are already signs of innovation.

Arrogate has now won more than \$17 million and little of that money came from gambling. Thanks to The Stronach Group and Sheikh Mohammed, innovative means were found to fund the races he won. Belinda Stronach just announced the 2018 Pegasus Cup purse would blossom to \$16 million.

There can be a new brand in international racing that celebrates the excitement of the sport and the lifestyle of Thoroughbred racing.

TDN Weekend provides us a taste of how international racing can attract a new economic model and provide the families in this industry an unbelievably bright future.

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You could always find horses like Tepin, Wise Dan, Main Sequence or Lady Eli at sales, but you can also, if you really try, find a needle in a haystack. Yearling sales have traditionally been geared toward dirt horses and those interested in finding a horse with a future in the turf had to look especially hard. That's about to change as Fasig-Tipton will hold the inaugural Turf Showcase sale in September. We welcome their President and CEO Boyd Browning to discuss this new and interesting concept.

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INSIDE THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

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CLASSIC EMPIRE, LA CORONEL TOP OXLEYS' GOLDEN WEEKEND *by T.D. Thornton*

"Inside the Winner's Circle, Presented by Keeneland" is a new series showcasing graduates of the Keeneland September sale that have gone on to achieve success on racing's biggest stages.

Owner John C. Oxley and his wife, Debby, celebrated two important graded stakes wins this past week that have them looking ahead to the future. But they were also recognized for past accomplishments at Keeneland Race Course, as the Apr. 13 score by **La Coronel** (Colonel John) in the GIII Appalachian S. earned the couple a Keeneland Tray for eight lifetime graded stakes wins at the Lexington track.

There was also a Keeneland connection to **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile)'s win in the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 15 [\[video\]](#), as the juvenile champion sold for \$475,000 at the association's September 2015 yearling sale [\[click for video\]](#).

La Coronel Dominates in Appalachian...

La Coronel was bottled up behind fillies at the top of the stretch in the Appalachian before punching through assertively and extending her stride to win by 3 1/4 empathic lengths.

"She's just really a wonderful filly," Oxley said via phone Monday. "She has a tremendous turn of foot. So being in traffic and behind horses wasn't so much of a problem so long as she can find a seam to run through. She just really opened up when she was clear, and she won rather easily."



The Appalachian field breaks from the gate, with La Coronel (2) directly to the outside of stablemate Dream Dancing | *Coady photo*



La Coronel | *Coady photo*

Oxley said he and trainer Mark Casse are keeping open minds about the filly's next start.

"We're looking seriously at racing against the boys, against 3-year-old colts on [GI Kentucky] Derby weekend [in the GII American Turf S.]," Oxley said. "That's under consideration. It might be a stretch, but we're looking at all options. I might say further that we've been invited to Royal Ascot in June. We'd love to go over there to race against 3-year-old fillies on the turf."

Classic Empire Eyes the Roses...

Oxley expressed both relief and optimism that Classic Empire seems to have pushed past his physical and psychological setbacks that caused missed training and races earlier in the season as the Casse-trained colt heads to Louisville for the GI Kentucky Derby May 6. He, too,

had to wait for racing room before being fully unleashed in the Arkansas Derby, which he won by a determined half-length.

"Going into the Arkansas Derby, we didn't know if he would be fit enough, really," Oxley said. "We hoped he would be. But he proved that he's a great horse. I don't know if he's peaked yet. I hope not--I hope he peaks on Derby Day. But I think he's really coming along well because he's lightly raced, and he's going into the Derby relatively fresh--and yet coming off a mile-and-an-eighth win--so I like our position right now.



Classic Empire | *Coady photo*

“At Oaklawn, he was just a model of confidence with a perfect demeanor, a real gentleman,” Oxley continued. “When he’s right, I think he has great confidence in himself. He likes the race itself, he doesn’t particularly think he needs to take time to train. But in the afternoons, he’s ready to run at any time. I’m not concerned about him at Churchill, really. I think he’ll be well-mannered, and he’s going in with a win, which is a confidence builder.”



Mark Casse and Florent Geroux (left) join Debby and John Oxley as they receive the Keeneland Tray, presented by Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason. | Coady photo

Part of a Rich Tradition...

Oxley is just the 20th owner to win eight graded stakes and receive a Keeneland gold trophy Tray. As part of Keeneland’s Milestone Trophy program, graded-stakes winning owners receive an engraved Trophy Cup. After the eighth graded stakes win, the Tray--which holds the eight Trophy Cups--is awarded.

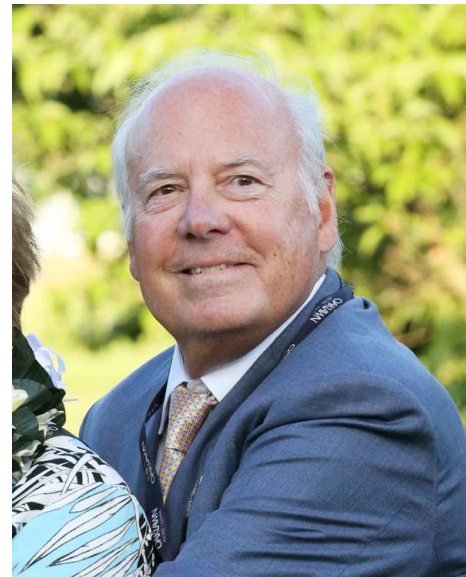
Another eight Trophy Cups earns the owner a Keeneland Pitcher. Eight more graded stakes wins equates to a Keeneland Bowl. Yet another eight graded stakes victories means the owner will receive the newest Milestone piece, the Keeneland Vase, unveiled last October. All of the pieces are hand-crafted by Tiffany & Co.

From the 1952 fall meet, when the program was inaugurated, through 1993, Keeneland presented a Trophy Cup to the

winning owner of almost every major stakes race. Over time, the number of Cups required to win each Milestone Trophy has increased from six to eight to reflect the increased number of graded stakes races.

“I began to buy yearlings in the 1970s at Keeneland. It’s been so long that I don’t even remember all of my horses from back then,” Oxley said with a laugh. “But what does stand out in my mind is that Keeneland has always been old-world. It’s class, and the way all racing should be, if it could. In some ways other tracks have not kept up. They have with money, but not with the courtesies and traditions. I know that many owners, as well as Debby and me, appreciate these considerations and the quality of the presentations at the track.”

As for the next Keeneland stakes milestone--the Pitcher--Oxley said, “That’s eight stakes wins away. Hopefully we’ll stay healthy and need to find a spot for that one.”



John Oxley | Coady photo

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Click above to watch La Coronel capture Thursday’s GIII Appalachian S., earning owner John Oxley a Keeneland Tray commemorating eight graded stakes wins at the track.

Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT

HILLIARD LYONS DOUBLEDODGARE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Power of Snunner | Power by Far | James M. Courtney | Sharp | Smith | 118 |
| 2 | Lady Fog Horn | Zavata | The Elkstone Group, LLC | Granitz | Jimenez | 120 |
| 3 | Dear Elaine | Broken Vow | Klein Racing | LoPresti | Leparoux | 118 |
| 4 | Twirl Girl | Twirling Candy | Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch | Sharp | Castellano | 118 |
| 5 | Unbridled Mo | Uncle Mo | Red Oak Stable | Pletcher | Velazquez | 120 |

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SUPER DERBY SWITCHED TO TURF

The Super Derby, the signature event at Louisiana Downs, will be contested on the turf for the first time Sept. 9, the track announced Tuesday. Inaugurated in 1980, the race once carried Grade I status and a purse as high as \$1 million. This year's Super Derby purse will be \$200,000, and it will not be graded.



2016 Super Derby winner **Texas Chrome**
Coady Photography

“The decision to move the Super Derby to the turf was made with several considerations in mind,” said Trent McIntosh, Louisiana Downs assistant general manager. “We felt that the surface switch would result in a larger field size for the Super Derby and attract a deeper and more competitive field. It was also important to maintain purse structure for the other 83 race days in the meet. The Super Derby will always be a valued signature race at Louisiana Downs; this restructuring will enable us to offer a higher quality overall meet for our horsemen and horseplayers.”

Louisiana Downs's 84-day meet begins May 6 and concludes Sept. 27. Its 14 stakes races offer purses of \$950,000.

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Chad Brown sends out **VOLATILITY INDEX (Mizzen Mast)** for Klaravich Stables Inc. and William H. Lawrence on the back of a 5 3/4-length romp at first asking going this distance over the Gulfstream Park lawn Jan. 16. She is out of a winning daughter of MSW Terreavigne (Belong to Me), who ran third in the Gill Gallorette H. during her racing days. Juddmonte's **Battlement (GB) (Dansili {GB})** makes her U.S. debut for the Bill Mott barn.

A three time winner in England from nine starts, the grey half-sister to MGSW & GISP Suffused (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) earned some black-type when third in the October S. at Ascot in October and signed off with a fourth in the Listed Prix Petite Etoile at Deauville Nov. 29 for trainer Roger Charlton. Her dam is a half-sister to Irish/UAE highweight Cityscape (GB) (Selkirk) and to English GSW & MG1SP Bated Breath (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

TJCIS PPs --Heather Anderson

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REMEMBRANCES

JANE PROCTOR

Jane Proctor passed away Monday at the age of 61. One of the first successful female jockeys in the Pacific Northwest and Northern California as Jane Driggers, she married Hap Proctor in 1984, and worked alongside her husband at Glen Hill Farm in Ocala for many years. A private family service will be held at a later date.

INDUSTRY INFO

ThoroStride OBSAPR Vids Online:

Inspection videos for next week's OBS April Sale are now online at www.thorostride.com. Included are the full drafts of Cutting Edge Equine, RiceHorse Stables, Winners Circle Thoroughbreds and Woodside Ranch, and horses from the consignments of Sequel Bloodstock, Paul Sharp, Wavertree Stables, and Ian Vickers. Most videos will be re-edited through the week to include breeze and gallop-out footage. Freshman sires represented include Emcee, Flat Out, Graydar, Jimmy Creed, Liaison, Morning Line, Orb, Overanalyze, Paynter, Prospective, Shanghai Bobby, Take Charge Indy and Violence.

NHC Champion Featured on ARCI Panel:

Paul Matties, Jr., winner of the 2016 National Handicapping Championship, will be among those featured in panel discussions during the Association of Racing Commissioners International's Conference on Racing Integrity and Welfare held Tuesday through Thursday in Charlestown, SC.

NHC Champion Featured on ARCI Panel Cont.

Matties will be part of Wednesday morning's panel entitled "Questioning Wether Racing Officials Get It Right" alongside veteran steward Hugh Gallagher, chair of the Racing Officials Accreditation Program and the New York Racing Association's first safety steward; and Maryland Racing Commission executive director and ARCI treasurer Mike Hopkins. Outgoing ARCI chair and 2001 NHC winner Judy Wagner will serve as moderator.

"Any time I can represent the horseplayers, I'm always honored," said Matties, a 47-year-old professional gambler and horse owner from Ballston Spa, NY. "It's become commonplace in the industry over time that the players are the ones who are forgotten when decisions need to be made. I'm optimistic that somebody is reaching out. All horseplayers go about things in different ways. I've been thinking about it, so I can represent everybody--not just what I believe. I'm going to think of it as we're a group.

"I'm not going there to be critical of anything that has been done in the past. Let's look at future things. I'm excited to go, and I'm curious what kind of things I'll be asked. I hope Judy doesn't take it easy on me. I want it to be substantive."

More information on the ARCI Conference is available [here](#).

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Dolkong, c, 3, **Afleet Alex**--Swampoodle, by Broken Vow. Seoul, 4-14, Hcp. (\$65k), 1700m. B-Eileen B Kill Kelley (KY). *Won by four lengths as the 3-5 favorite. **\$52,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo 16 OBSAPR.

Flying Champ, f, 3, **Cowboy Cal**--Mrs. Ed, by Meadowlake. Seoul, 4-16, Hcp. (\$66k), 1400m. B-Stoneview Farm Inc (TX). *1/2 to He's Boy Wonder (Littleexpectations), SW, \$152,657. **\$18,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo '16 FTMMAY.

Hi Sexy, f, 3, **Maclean's Music**--Point Me Home, by Point Given. Busan, 4-14, Hcp. (\$48k), 1200m. B-Steve Long Thoroughbreds (FL). *Graduated by 2 1/2 lengths as the 8-5 favorite in her second career start. **\$47,000 RNA Wlg '14 OBSOCT; \$35,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN.

King of Ace, c, 3, **Malibu Moon**--Cintarosa (SW, \$177,730), by Grand Slam. Busan, 4-14, Hcp. (\$66k), 1600m. B-Jack Grunwald (KY). *Sent off the prohibitive 1-5 chalk to run his

record to a perfect three-from-three, King of Ace took control of the race at an early stage and kicked away down the lane to score by seven lengths. **\$200,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTSAUG; \$28,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR; \$85,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN; \$50,000 2yo '16 FTKNOV. **VIDEO**

Winning with Woodford

Clean Up Joy, g, 6, **Purge**--Greta's Joy, by Joyeux Danseur. Seoul, 4-16, Herald Business Cup (NB) (\$219k), 2000m. B-James Meadows (KY). *Drew off by four lengths as the 1-10 chalk under 130 pounds to post his 13th victory from 23 career starts with career earnings approaching US\$1.4 million. **1/2 to Livi Makenzie (Macho Uno), SW & MGSP, \$354,069. ***\$1,400 Wlg '11 KEENOV; \$7,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT; \$14,000 2yo '13 OBSJUN. **VIDEO**

IN PERU:

Warrior Gal, f, 3, **Majestic Warrior**--Just Outta Here, by Rahy. Monterrico, 4-15, Cond., 1200m. B-Teneri Farm Inc & Bernardo Alvarez Calderon (KY). *Won by 2 1/2 lengths to remain perfect in two trips to the post. **VIDEO**

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AWESOME PATRIOT (Awesome Again), Spendthrift Farm, \$3.5K, 37/0/0 4-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Amberspatriot, \$1K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

4-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Reaganize, 20-1

1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Prairie's Gift, 15-1

BRETHREN (Distorted Humor), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$6K, 37/0/0

2-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Baylor, 3-1

2-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Minaj, 7-2

DATA LINK (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 99/0/0

2-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Di Maria, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

FLAT OUT (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 103/1/0

4-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Chateau, \$6K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1

ORB (Malibu Moon), Claiborne Farm, \$25K, 99/0/0

4-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Orbatron, \$100K FTS AUG yrl, 5-1

OVERANALYZE (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, \$10K, 112/0/0

1-AQU, Msw 4 1/2f, +Analyzeyurspending, 2-1

SHANGHAI BOBBY (Harlan's Holiday), Ashford Stud, \$20K, 113/0/0

4-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Vital, \$160K OBS AUG yrl, 5-2

SOLDAT (War Front), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$5K, 87/0/0

2-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +La Chica Ripool, 8-1

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- ALCINDOR** (Unbridled's Song), Byerpatch Farm, 15/5/0
8-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, Pappias Pleasure, 20-1
ALGORITHMS (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 155/20/2
1-AQU, Msw 4 1/2f, +One Last Cast, 9-5
ASTROLOGY (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, \$7.5K, 156/27/2
3-AQU, Aoc 7f, Horoscope, \$75K OBS APR 2yo, 7-5
1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, Taurus C, \$2K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 20-1
BRILLIANT SPEED (Dynaformer), Three Chimneys Farm, Dead, 55/12/1
1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Abby Brilliant, 12-1
BULLET TRAIN (GB) (Sadler's Wells), Crestwood Farm, \$7.5K, 89/4/1
1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, Bullet Bandit, \$1,000 KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
COUNTRY DAY (Speightstown), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 60/4/0
6-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, +Tough Stuff, 9-5
CREATIVE CAUSE (Giant's Causeway), Airdrie Stud, \$15K, 174/29/3
2-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Lounge Act, \$65K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
DIALED IN (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 174/25/5
3-IND, Aoc 1m, Spanish Arch, \$45K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 8-1
GET STORMY (Stormy Atlantic), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 141/14/1
1-MVR, Msw 1m, Sheena's Song, \$17K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 8-1
HANSEN (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 129/32/3
3-IND, Aoc 1m, Que Hansen, \$37K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 9-2
JERSEY TOWN (Speightstown), Darby Dan Farm, \$10K, 90/7/0
5-KEE, Alw 5 1/2fT, Jay Wow, \$3K FTK OCT yrl, 50-1
5-KEE, Alw 5 1/2fT, Jersey Heist, \$47K OBS OPN 2yo, 5-1
MACLEAN'S MUSIC (Distorted Humor), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$6.5K, 148/28/3
5-KEE, Alw 5 1/2fT, Texas Music, \$32K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1
MAD FLATTER (Flatter), Diamond B Stables, 36/5/0
8-PEN, Msw 6f, Madly Precise, \$22K EAS OCT yrl, 8-1
NOBLE'S PROMISE (Cuvee), Breakway Farm, 16/2/1
8-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, Noble Sowle, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
SANGAREE (Awesome Again), R Star Stallions, \$1.5K, 29/1/0
8-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, Lizzy's Lure, \$9K PSP RIN 2yo, 12-1
8-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, +Lotta Grit, \$2K PED IND yrl, 20-1
SHACKLEFORD (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 208/30/2
8-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, Shack's Harem, 50-1
SIMMARD (Dixieland Band), Mill Creek Farm, \$2.5K, 74/3/0
6-AQU, Alw 1m, Peaches and Spice, \$12K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 8-1
STATELY VICTOR (Ghostzapper), OH, \$5K, 18/1/0
6-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, +Neighbor's Outlaw, 8-1
STAY THIRSTY (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 160/36/2
3-IND, Aoc 1m, Mydrinkselection, \$125K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
7-IND, Alw 6f, Oh So Thirsty, \$40K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1
UNION RAGS (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 221/24/4
3-KEE, Msw 1 1/16mT, Fairybrook, \$42K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 5-1
WISE RIVER (Belong to Me), 3/0/0
8-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, Leota Lightning, 30-1

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5th-PRX, \$51,260, 4-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.84, ft.
ATLANTIS ROMANCE (f, 4, Cowtown Cat--Command the Waters, by Deputy Commander) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$96,030. O-Robert Reidy; B-Red Oak Stable (FL); T-Mario Serey, Jr.

2nd-IND, \$34,500, (S), 4-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.79, ft.
THUNDER BYE (g, 4, Thunder Gulch--Pass Bye {SP, \$210,061}, by Schossberg) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$49,440. O-Charles Watt; B-Southern Indiana Racing Company, LLC (IN); T-Kim Hammond.

5th-IND, \$32,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-18, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:39.79, ft.

HANDIWORK (g, 4, Eddington--Corrine, by Chief Seattle) Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-4, \$98,718. O-Steve Landers Racing LLC; B-David W. & Loren Hebel-Osborne (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

8th-WRD, \$22,154, 4-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.85, ft.
SCOUT LEADER (g, 7, A.P. Indy--Two Trail Sioux {GSW & GISP, \$664,960}, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 39-5-10-4, \$219,551. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-W. S. Farish & Mooney Stables LLC (KY); T-Karl Broberg.



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Talk Less, c, 3, Blame--Aristra, by Afleet Alex. MVR, 4-18, 1m 70y, 1:46.13. B-C. Oliver Iselin (VA). *\$120,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

Defy, f, 3, Into Mischieff--Shy Lil (MSW), by Lil's Lad. IND, 4-18, 5 1/2f, 1:03.16. B-Hart Farm (KY). *\$65,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$250,000 Ylg '15 FTSAUG.

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Princess Elsana, f, 3, Omega Code--Summer Event, by Event of the Year. WRD, 4-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.92. B-Rosalie A Smith & Robert E Lewis (OK).

Handfuls Baby Girl, f, 3, Quite a Handful--Not So Silent Dawn, by Eishin Masamune (Jpn). IND, 4-18, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.01. B-Jay J. & Arven P. Holden (IN). *First winner for sire (by Mutakddim).

Danny Paycheck, g, 3, Save Big Money--Swiss Blend, by Swiss Yodeler. WRD, 4-18, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.95. B-Adios Reality Farms LLC (OK).

Christian Miss, f, 4, Sold to Wallstreet--Angelic Accord, by Unanimous Vote (Ire). IND, 4-18, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.58. B-Gail Diane Riggs (IN).



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INTELLO COLT HEADS INTENSE CRAVEN TRADE



Tuesday's session-topping Intello colt at the breeze show | Tattersalls

By Emma Berry

Newmarket, UK--The tone was set from the first horse into the ring on Tuesday evening, as six-figure lots peppered the bid-board during a frenetic first session of the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-up Sale.

Just shy of 7 million gns was traded for 49 horses in three hours, a near doubling in turnover from the corresponding session of 12 months ago when only 37 lots found buyers. If Wednesday's trade continues in similar vein, the sale is well on target for a record average, with the first day's figure rocketing by 48% to 141,939gns, and the median up 83% at 60,000gns. As ever, the market at this level was selective, and the clearance rate remained virtually unchanged from last year at 74%.

A new name was out in front after the dust had settled with Intello (Ger), who has split the first few years of his new career between Cheveley Park Stud and Haras du Quesnay, passing a solid test in the commercially-driven arena of 2-year-old sales when his first-crop son of the listed winner Marika (GB) (Marju {Ire}) elicited a bid of 575,000gns from John Ferguson. The Godolphin chief was chased to the line for lot 26 by the husband-and-wife team of Jeremy Nosedo and Kerri Radcliffe. [Cont. p2](#)

ANOTHER STAR FOR RAVEN'S PASS

Cholet is not accustomed to welcoming future stars, but the venue in western France had already played host to the eventual G3 Prix Noailles winner Soleil Marin (Ire) (Kendargent {Fr}) in September, and it may be that another will emerge on the glory trail as **Midnight Fair (Ire)** (Raven's Pass) created a lasting impression on debut on Tuesday, earning the 'TDN Rising Star' tag and becoming the second Rising Star in 10 days for her sire following Tocco d'Amore (Ire) at Naas on Apr. 9. A daughter of the late Gita Weld's runaway G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Nighttime who fetched 450,000gns as a TATOCT yearling, Midnight Fair was slowly out of the gates and anchored in last by Pierre-Charles Boudot initially prior to being taken across to the far rail to loop the entire field before halfway. In a clear lead when brought back from there, the 2-1 favourite raced markedly greenly but was in a totally different league all the way as she delivered a tour de force to win by eight lengths from **Mont Dore (Ire)** (Kendargent {Fr}). [Cont. p6](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

CHAMPION TURF MARE TEPIN HAS BEEN RETIRED

Champion **Tepin** (Bernstein), who won the GI Breeders' Cup Mile and the G1 Queen Anne S., has been retired owner Robert Masterson announced Tuesday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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With a physique that suggests Derby over early juvenile races, the long-striding chestnut has half-siblings who have won listed races in France and Australia, and hails from the further family of Godolphin's G1 Prix d'Ispahan winner and Derby fourth Best Of The Bests (Ire) (Machiavellian). He failed to find a buyer in the same ring during Book 1 of the October Sale, bought back by breeder Shutford Stud at 100,000gns.

"He's beautifully athletic," said Ferguson of the colt who was prepared for the breeze by one of the stand-out consignors in his field, Brendan Holland.

"For a horse with as much scope as he has to have breezed the way he did is a major plus. These sales are proven to produce some really good racehorses. The team all really liked this one and Sheikh Mohammed was keen to have him."



John Ferguson | Tattersalls

Ten lots later, Ferguson returned to the chute to buy a Kyllachy half-brother to Del Mar Grade III winner Belvoir Bay (GB) (Equiano {GB}) from the Mocklershill draft (lot 36) for 230,000gns.

Another stallion with his first runners this year made a splash at Park Paddocks when lot 53 became another high-priced 2-year-old for Adena Springs's Point Of Entry. Following the \$675,000 sale of a colt at the OBS March Sale, the son of Dynaformer struck again, with Angus Gold of Shadwell going to 390,000gns for another of Point Of Entry's sons who won't turn two until May 5.

Sheikh Hamdan has already enjoyed success with the family as he owns his half-brother Taareef (Kitten's Joy), winner last year of the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein and G3 Prix Daphnis, but who is unfortunately one of the horses currently in quarantine following an EHV-1 outbreak at Jean-Claude Rouget's stable. The colt was bought under the name of Wycombe House at Keeneland September for \$140,000 and consigned at Tattersalls by Malcolm Bastard.

The proven names of Darley stud-mates Exceed And Excel (Aus) and Shamardal provided another two of the most expensive

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individuals of the evening. Blandford Bloodstock agent Richard Brown was pushed to 370,000gns for lot 40, the Exceed And Excel son of G2 Cherry Hinton S. winner Please Sing (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}). It is a family he knows well and which also includes the Kyllachy colt bought earlier in the evening by Godolphin, who is out of Please Sing's half-sister Path Of Peace (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). **Cont. p3**

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TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE-UP SALE

| SESSION TOTALS | 2017 | 2016 |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| • Catalogued | 76 | 70 |
| • No. Offered | 66 | 51 |
| • No. Sold | 49 | 37 |
| • RNAs | 17 | 14 |
| • % RNAs | 25.8% | 27.5% |
| • High Price | 575,000gns | 360,000gns |
| • Gross | 6,955,000gns | 3,547,500gns |
| • Average (% change) | 141,939gns (+48%) | 95,878gns |
| • Median (% change) | 110,000gns (+83.3%) | 60,000gns |



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Intello Colt Heads Intense Craven Trade Cont.

"I bought the dam for the Wates family of Langton Stud so I've known him since he was a foal," said Brown, who couldn't name his client. The April-born colt was bought by Geoffrey Howson and Matt Houldsworth for 48,000gns for Thomond O'Mara, who consigned him in his six-strong Knockanglass Stables draft. Brown added, "The fact that I know he's had no issues all the way through was a major plus and Thomond has had a lovely touch here. Exceed And Excel's record speaks for itself, this is a good fast cross and he's a mature individual. But, look, it's a breeze-up sale and he went out there and did a phenomenal breeze."



Richard Brown | Tattersalls

SESSION TOPPERS

**TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE-UP SALE
 TUESDAY'S TOP SIX COLTS**

| Hip | Sire | Dam | Price (gns) |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 26 | Intello (Ger) | Marika (GB) | 575,000 |
| | (95,000gns Wlg '15 TATDEF; 100,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TATOCT) | | |
| | <i>B-Shutford Stud (GB)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Grove Stud | | |
| | Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock | | |
| 53 | Point of Entry | Sacred Feather | 390,000 |
| | (\$140,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP) | | |
| | <i>B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Malcolm Bastard | | |
| | Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company | | |
| 40 | Exceed and Excel (Aus) | Please Sing (GB) | 370,000 |
| | (66,000gns Wlg '15 TATDEF; 48,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT) | | |
| | <i>B-Michael E Wates (GB)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Knockanglass Stables | | |
| | Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock | | |

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|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 3 | Distorted Humor | In Bloom | 300,000 |
| | (\$120,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN; \$130,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP) | | |
| | <i>B-Russell L Reineman Stable Inc (KY)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud | | |
| | Purchased by C Gordon-Watson Bloodstock | | |
| 12 | Camelot (GB) | Kiss Me Goodbye (GB) | 250,000 |
| | (70,000gns i/u '14 TATDEM; 125,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT) | | |
| | <i>B-The Kiss Me Goodbye Syndicate (Ire)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Mocklershill | | |
| | Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club | | |
| 46 | Violence | Raised Right | 210,000 |
| | (\$85,000 i/u '14 KEENOV; \$7,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP) | | |
| | <i>B-TNIP LLC (KY)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Star Bloodstock | | |
| | Purchased by Hillen/Ryan | | |

TUESDAY'S TOP FIVE FILLIES

| Hip | Sire | Dam | Price (gns) |
|------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 18 | Shamardal | Lavender and Lace (GB) | 320,000 |
| | (€100,000 Ylg '16 ARQAUG) | | |
| | <i>B-Al-Baha Bloodstock (GB)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Mocklershill | | |
| | Purchased by Alliance Bloodstock/John Egan | | |
| 36 | Kyllachy (GB) | Path of Peace (GB) | 230,000 |
| | (120,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT) | | |
| | <i>B-Mrs R D Peacock (GB)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Mocklershill | | |
| | Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock | | |
| 14 | Dark Angel (Ire) | Lady Duxyana (GB) | 230,000 |
| | (€120,000 Ylg '16 TATIRE) | | |
| | <i>B-Yeomanstown Stud (Ire)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Mocklershill | | |
| | Purchased by SackvilleDonald | | |
| 37 | Epaulette (Aus) | Pearls of Wisdom (GB) | 220,000 |
| | (€32,000 Ylg '16 GOFSEP) | | |
| | <i>B-Stephanie Hanly (Ire)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud | | |
| | Purchased by Al Shaqab Racing/Doyle | | |
| 60 | Kitten's Joy | Silent Emotion | 220,000 |
| | (\$45,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP) | | |
| | <i>B-Mike Abraham (KY)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Brown Island Stables | | |
| | Purchased by Al Shaqab Racing/Mandore | | |

Intello Colt Heads Intense Craven Trade Cont.

Mocklershill's Shamardal filly (lot 18) out of a Baratheia (Ire) half-sister to French Group 1 winners Mandaeon (GB) (Manduro {Ger}) and Wavering (Ire) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}) ended the session

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as the top-priced distaffer, with jockey John Egan outlasting Ibrahim Araci on behalf of Alliance Bloodstock at 320,000gns.

"I've ridden her in Ireland and she breezed very well," said Egan, who added that the filly would likely be trained in England for his Middle East-based clients.

After the first lot in the ring, Lynn Lodge Stud's first-crop son of Declaration Of War, had been knocked down at 180,000gns to Jamie McCalmont for Michael Tabor, he was swiftly followed by a 300,000-guinea son of popular WinStar veteran Distorted Humor (lot 3). Dr Johnny Hon is the colt's new owner, with Charlie Gordon-Watson bidding on his behalf.

"He'll go to Ed Dunlop," confirmed the agent. "He's a very nice horse who did a very good breeze and he looks like one you could really get on with nice and early."

The \$120,000 short yearling at Keeneland January, who failed to sell in September, was bought in Kentucky by Marco Bozzi and consigned through Tally-Ho Stud. He's the first foal of winning 3-year-old In Bloom (Discreet Cat), a grand-daughter of Listed Chou Croute S. winner Gracious Granny.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club continued its rare breeze-up spending, which started last week in Doncaster, with the purchase of a colt from the debut crop of dual Derby winner Camelot (GB) (lot 12) for 250,000gns.

Intello Colt Heads Intense Craven Trade Cont.

The first foal of provincial French winner Kiss Me Goodbye (GB) (Raven's Pass), herself a daughter of the G3 Prix Chloe winner Khumba Mela (Ire) (Hero's Honor), was pinhooked by Willie Browne for 125,000gns at Tattersalls last October.

Browne's Mocklershill operation, which ended the evening as leading vendor with five sold for 1,073,000gns, was also responsible for **lot 14**, a Dark Angel (Ire) filly who is closely related to the high-earner Sovereign Debt (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), winner this year of the ITM Cup in Doha and the All-Weather Mile



Willie Browne | *Racing Post*

Championships on Good Friday to bring his tally of victories to 12 for £658,345. Alastair Donald purchased the daughter of Lady Duxyana (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}), a full-sister to Sovereign Debt's dam Kelsey Rose (GB), who will be trained by Andrew Balding for an undisclosed client.

Buying through both Peter and Ross Doyle and Nicolas de Watrigant, Al Shaqab Racing added three juveniles to its string, including two bought

for 220,000gns. **lot 60**, Brown Island Stables's daughter of Kitten's Joy--a sister to GII Mrs Revere S. winner Emotional Kitten--represented another good pinhook for the vendor of G3 Acomb S. winner Syphax (Arch), Johnny Collins, who bought the filly privately when she failed to sell at \$45,000 at Keeneland.

Al Shaqab also bought the most expensive Epaulette (Aus) 2-year-old of the sale, **lot 37**, a half-sister to two multiple winners from the family of decent juvenile Presto Vento (GB) (Air Express {Ire}), who was bought by Anthony Bromley of Highflyer Bloodstock for €32,000 at Goffs and sold through Tally-Ho Stud for 220,000gns. Three youngsters by the Darley freshman sold in the session for an average of 128,333gns.

Less than a week ago at Goffs UK the star pinhook badge went to Jim McCartan, who turned a \$5,000 More Than Ready yearling into a £200,000 juvenile. So far this week the badge can be worn by John Kilbride, who also uncovered an incredible bargain at Keeneland when buying a first-crop son of Violence for \$7,000 on behalf of Star Bloodstock. That team's preparation transformed the son of the unraced half-sister to Elusive Quality and Rossini (**lot 46**) into a 210,000gns breezer. Stephen Hillen was the buyer and the half-brother to Horse Fly (Mineshaft) will be trained by Kevin Ryan.

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Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale Day Two Outs
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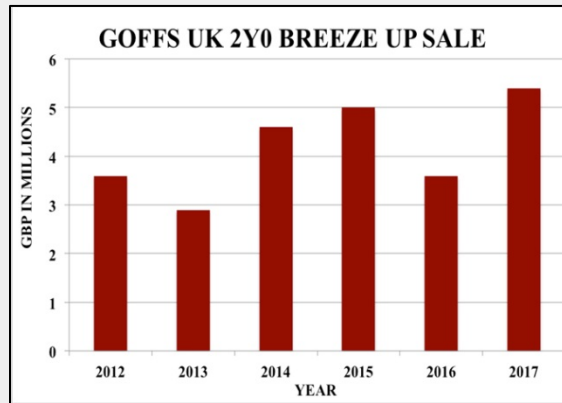
It is 11 years since Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) went on to 1000 Guineas glory after winning the G3 Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn S., but it would be no surprise to see Wednesday's edition at Newmarket throw up a Classic heroine with some proven and potential class acts in attendance. Last year's G1 Cheveley Park S. first and second **Brave Anna** (War Front) and **Roly Poly** (War Front) are back at headquarters from Ballydoyle, while Sunderland Holdings's **Sea of Grace (Ire)** (Born To Sea {Ire}) appears the leading British-trained representative and **'TDN Rising Star' Pamplemousse (Ire)** (Siyouni {Fr}) comes in from France with a weight of expectation behind her. The latter made a striking impression on debut when successful by 4 1/2 lengths over 6 1/2 furlongs on the Polytrack at Chantilly on Apr. 4 and hails from the in-form Andre Fabre stable. If successful, she will become the first French-trained filly to prevail since Flying Water (Fr) (Habitat) in 1976. Hugo Lascelles, racing manager for owner Lady Bamford, said, "She was very good first time out and has come out of the race very well. She has travelled down to Newmarket fine, but we are very much on a fact-finding mission with her. Andre really wants to find out which way to go with her in the long term, but he has been very pleased with her progress."



Brave Anna bests **Roly Poly** and **Lady Aurelia** in the G1 Cheveley Park S. | *Racing Post*

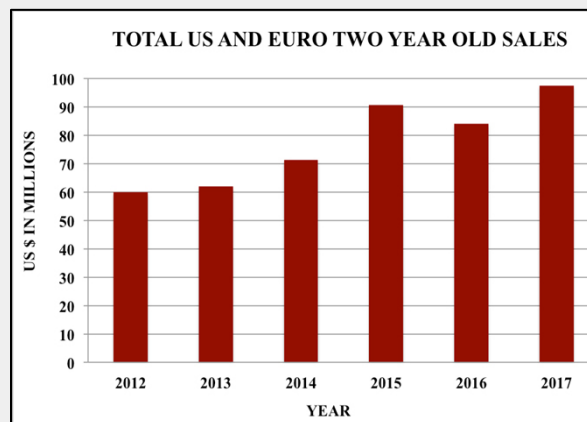
Roly Poly, who also captured the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. over six furlongs at the July meeting here, has a three-pound swing with her stablemate Brave Anna who denied her a short-head in the Cheveley Park and goes well fresh.

“Finally, a hot sale not in Australia: Goffs UK (ex Doncaster) 2-year-old sale last week. They sold a Kodiak colt for £360,000, a sale record, but even more impressively, the gross was up 50% from last year, the average up by 37%, to £45,025, and the median was up 36%, to £30,000, with an unheard-of (for a 2-year-old sale) 79% of those catalogued listed as sales. For whatever the reasons (we know it’s not the prize money), it shows what a difference it makes when there is true demand in a middle five-figure market. The overall NA/EU 2-year-old market is up by double digits in gross and average so far this year, though the clearance rate from the catalogues is exactly 50%: enter one in a 2-year-old sale, and it’s even money whether it will eventually sell in the ring.”



GOFFS UK 2YO BREEZE UP SALE

| YEAR | CAT | RING | SOLD | % W/D | % S/R | % S/C | GROSS | AVE |
|------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------------|---------|
| 2017 | 152 | 134 | 120 | 11.8% | 89.5% | 78.9% | £5,408,000 | £45,067 |
| 2016 | 168 | 149 | 110 | 11.3% | 73.8% | 65.5% | £3,605,750 | £32,780 |
| 2015 | 181 | 147 | 132 | 18.8% | 89.8% | 72.9% | £5,032,500 | £38,125 |
| 2014 | 182 | 149 | 127 | 18.1% | 85.2% | 69.8% | £4,646,250 | £36,585 |
| 2013 | 145 | 120 | 98 | 17.2% | 81.7% | 67.6% | £2,901,300 | £29,605 |
| 2012 | 192 | 160 | 122 | 16.7% | 76.3% | 63.5% | £3,601,500 | £29,520 |



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN 2YO SALES AS OF APRIL 18, 2017

| YEAR | CAT | RING | SOLD | % W/D | % S/R | % S/C | GROSS | AVE |
|------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|------------|
| 2017 | 1,227 | 792 | 613 | 35.5% | 77.4% | 50.0% | \$ 97,398,187 | \$ 158,888 |
| 2016 | 1,163 | 809 | 592 | 30.4% | 73.2% | 50.9% | \$ 84,106,282 | \$ 142,071 |
| 2015 | 1,199 | 865 | 658 | 27.9% | 76.1% | 54.9% | \$ 90,667,778 | \$ 137,793 |
| 2014 | 1,029 | 713 | 515 | 30.7% | 72.2% | 50.0% | \$ 71,319,280 | \$ 138,484 |
| 2013 | 898 | 632 | 461 | 29.6% | 72.9% | 51.3% | \$ 61,985,507 | \$ 134,459 |
| 2012 | 1,020 | 728 | 518 | 28.6% | 71.2% | 50.8% | \$ 59,879,738 | \$ 115,598 |

Classic Pointers in Nell Gwyn Cont.

Last seen finishing ninth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Santa Anita in November, she also comes from a stable which has started 2017 with a flourish. Trained in Ireland last term, Sea of Grace drops back from a mile after winning the G3 Flame of Tara S. at The Curragh in August. "I am excited getting Sea of Grace on to the track and if she has any pretensions to being a 1000 Guineas candidate, she will need to run a good race," her new handler William Haggas said. "I have had her since November and she is in good shape, she's a very straightforward filly. She was a group winner as a 2-year-old, so her form is fine and I know that she was held in high regard by Mr. Oxx. It looks to be a strong enough race, as you would hope a proper trial would be, and we should find out if she is a genuine Classic contender. I am keen to run her at Newmarket to see how she handles the course, although I am convinced that she will be better at a mile. She could stay a bit further, so I have put her in both the Prix de Diane and the Prix Saint-Alary so that we have options over a mile and a quarter."

Not to be left out of equations is the G3 Oh So Sharp S. scorer **Poet's Vanity (GB)** (Poet's Voice {GB}) and trainer Andrew Balding said, "She's quite a big filly and I think this run will do her the power of good. She looks very well and has trained very well, but this is a prep run for what lies ahead later in the season. I think she will come on a great deal for it."

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Another Star For Raven's Pass Cont. from p1

Nighttime's first black-type performer was the listed-placed Weld homebred Sleeping Beauty (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), but she was followed by a genuine class act in Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 9 1/2-11f, MGSW-Ire, \$239,313. Still in training at Rosewell House seeking a surefire Group 1 win in 2017, she has demonstrated well-above average ability when winning the G3 Kilternan S. and G3 Blue Wind S. on her favoured testing ground. This filly's purchaser, John Ferguson, also won the bidding war at €1,100,000 for the dam's 2015 colt by Dubawi (Ire) at the Goffs November Foal Sale, while she also has a yearling filly by Zoffany (Ire).



1st-CHT, €16,000, Debutantes, 4-18, 3yo, 10 1/2ft, 2:19.00, vs. +MIDNIGHT FAIR (IRE), f, 3, by Raven's Pass
1st Dam: Nightime (Ire) (G1SW-Ire, \$299,507), by Galileo (Ire)
2nd Dam: Caumshinaun (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)
3rd Dam: Ridge Pool (Ire), by Bluebird

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,000. **Click for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Mme C L Weld (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

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Midnight Fair is the second 'TDN Rising Star' for Raven's Pass within the last 10 days | Darley

BRITAIN



Wednesday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 2:25 p.m.

BET365 EUROPEAN FREE H.-Listed, £35,000, 3yo, 7fT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|---------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-----|
| 1 | Sir Dancealot (Ire) | Sir Prancealot (Ire) | Kelly | Elsworth | 133 |
| 2 | Seven Heavens (GB) | Frankel (GB) | Dettori | Gosden | 133 |
| 3 | Private Matter (GB) | Mayson (GB) | Hamilton | Fahey | 131 |
| 4 | Perfect Angel (Ire) | Dark Angel (Ire) | Probert | Balding | 125 |
| 5 | Majeste(GB) | Acclamation (GB) | Levey | Hannon | 128 |
| 6 | Miss Infinity (Ire) | Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) | De Sousa | Johnston | 125 |
| 7 | Rodaini | Exchange Rate | Crowley | Crisford | 131 |
| 8 | Whitecliffsofdover | War Front | Moore | O'Brien | 133 |

Still a recognised trial for the 2000 Guineas, although without a winner to go on to glory in that Classic since 1991, this race's protagonists are weighted according to their positions in the 2016 Thoroughbred Rankings. Topping the list and therefore setting the standard is **Whitecliffsofdover**, who was second when **Sir Dancealot** was third in the G3 Tattersalls S. over this course and distance in September and third in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp on Arc day. **'TDN Rising Star' Seven Heavens** remains of interest despite his flop in the G1 Dewhurst S. also over this track and trip in October, but he will have to prove more amenable to restraint than he was when last of seven there.

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Tuesday's Results:

BET365 FEILDEN S.-Listed, £37,000, NEW, 4-18, 3yo, 9fT, 1:50.43, g/f.

1--#KHALIDI (GB), 126, c, 3, by High Chaparral (Ire)

1st Dam: Bezique (GB) (MSW-Ity), by Cape Cross (Ire)

2nd Dam: Batik (Ire), by Peintre Celebre

3rd Dam: Dali's Grey (GB), by Linamix (Fr)

(170,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Mr Nizar Anwar; B-Aston House Stud (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Frankie Dettori. £20,983. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, £39,672.

2--Salouen (Ire), 126, c, 3, Canford Cliffs (Ire)--Gali Gal (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). (€85,000 Ylg '15 GOFSP). O-Mr H. Balasuriya. £7,955.

3--Law and Order (Ire), 129, c, 3, Lawman (Fr)--Catbells (Ire), by Rakti (GB). (40,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Saeed Manana. £3,981. Margins: NK, 3 1/4, 3. Odds: 3.50, 2.50, 6.00.

Also Ran: Max Zorin (Ire), Apex King (Ire), Al Hamdany (Ire), Montataire (Ire).

Off the mark with authority at the third attempt in a mile maiden at Goodwood in August, Khalidi followed up in a competitive nursery at that trip at Doncaster the following month before returning to the latter venue to be third attempting to give upwards of eight pounds to the useful Godolphin pair Bin Battuta (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and First Nation (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in an extended 10-furlong handicap Apr. 2. With that experience up his sleeve, he was primed to give the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere runner-up and G1 Racing Post Trophy third Salouen something to think about and he duly proved the one to subdue that rival and book a rise in class. Racing towards the back of the field initially after being baulked at the start, the bay gradually crept into contention out wide and, after gaining the upper hand over the favourite passing the furlong pole, stayed on to secure a first black-type success.

"That was probably his Derby day," trainer John Gosden revealed, suggesting he is not cut from the same cloth as the stable's previous winner Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). "He ran very well at Doncaster, trying to give weight away to unexposed horses as he's only a little guy. We knew he'd love the ground today and I don't think it was a vintage Feilden, to be honest, so it seemed like the right race to go for. I think we should step him up in trip and avoid soft ground and I'm all for going straight over a mile and a half now. He's a genuine colt, but very diminutive and I think we can have a look at Chester now and be bold."

The first foal out of a dual listed winner in Italy, Khalidi is bred to stay at least a mile and a half being connected to the G3 Geelong Cup winner and G1 Melbourne Cup runner-up Bauer (Ire) (Halling). Also from the Lagardere family of the sire Diamond Green (Fr), the dam's 2-year-old is the colt House Edge (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) and she also has a yearling colt by Iffraaj (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Khalidi | Racing Post

3rd-NEW, £14,000, Cond, 4-18, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.40, g/f.

BEAT THE BANK (GB) (g, 3, Paco Boy {Ire}--Tiana {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Diktat {GB}), acquired by connections after breaking through for Darren Bunyan over this trip at Dundalk on debut on Feb. 24, was a shade keen in fourth during the initial stages of this turf bow. Inching closer once passing the three-furlong pole, the 7-1 chance was shaken up to take a slender lead entering "the dip" and was pushed out up the hill to hold Salsabeel (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) by a neck. He is out of Listed Oh So Sharp S. third Tiana (GB) (Diktat {GB}), who has already produced the useful listed-placed sprinter Salt Island (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and yearling filly by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Tiana is a half-sister to G3 Molecomb S. runner-up Mary Read (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), and hails from a speedy family which boasts G1 Middle Park S. and G2 Gimcrack S.-winning sire Stalker (GB). Sales history: 18,000gns RNA Wlg '14 TATFOA; 30,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £14,839. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Abudiencia Co Ltd; B-A S Denniff (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

2nd-NEW, £7,000, Cond, 4-18, 2yo, 5fT, :59.89, g/f.

+SOUND AND SILENCE (GB), (c, 2, Exceed and Excel {Aus}--Veil of Silence {Ire}, by Elusive Quality) was smartly into stride and raced in a prominent third from the outset of this debut. Arriving on the front end approaching the final quarter mile, the crowd's 7-2 pick was shaken up at the foot of the hill and ridden out in the closing stages to assert by a half length from Never Back Down (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). Sound and Silence, half to a yearling filly by Pivotal (GB), is the third scorer produced by an unraced daughter of MG1SW British and Irish highweight distaffer Gossamer (GB) (Sadler's Wells), who registered a career highlight in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas. Gossamer is a full-sister to MG1SW European Horse of the Year and sire Barathea (Ire).

2nd-NEW Cont.

Her three black-type performers are headed by G1 Racing Post Trophy hero Ibn Khaldun (Dubai Destination). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,528. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

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Sound and Silence | *Racing Post*

1st-NEW, £10,000, Mdn, 4-18, unraced 3yo, 8fT, 1:38.77, g/f. **+NIGHT CIRCUS (IRE), (c, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Surrealism {GB}, by Pivotal {GB})** was well away and settled into a smooth rhythm stalking the pace in an overall fourth through the early fractions of this debut. Nudged along to close with three furlongs remaining, the 13-2 chance quickened to challenge at the two pole and was ridden out up the hill to deny Jalela (GB) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length. Elyaasaat (Frankel {GB}), a son of MGISW Lahudood (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), recovered from a slow departure to lead the far-side group in second overall and faded under tender handling in the closing stages to finish sixth.



Night Circus | *Racing Post*

The homebred bay is the second scorer out of a winning half-sister to G3 Geelong Cup-winning G1 Melbourne Cup runner-up Bauer (Ire) (Halling), and he is a half-brother to MSW G3 Prix Perth second Momayyaz (Ire) (Elusive Quality) and a yearling colt by Dawn Approach (Ire). His second dam Dali's Grey (GB) (Linamix {Fr}) is a winning full-sister to G2 Prix de Malleret-winning G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Diamilina (Fr), and a half-sister to MG1SP G3 Prix La Rochette-winning sire Diamond Green (Green Desert). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £6,469. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

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6th-NEW, £8,000, Mdn, 4-18, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:24.84, g/f.

JEWEL HOUSE (GB) (c, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Arizona Jewel {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), who was last seen finishing 8 1/2-lengths third behind the Craven-bound 'TDN Rising Star' Benbatl (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in a maiden at this trip at Doncaster on Apr. 2, bagged the rail and the early lead. Tackled and briefly headed by Top Mission (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) inside the final quarter mile, the 15-2 shot began to reassert from 150 yards out and win by 1 3/4 lengths. Arizona Jewel, who showed ability for the late Sir Henry Cecil but was ultimately disappointing when fourth when favourite for the G3 Musidora S., also has a 2-year-old full-sister to the winner named Desert Diamond (GB). The second dam is the G3 Lancashire Oaks winner Rainbow Lake (GB) (Rainbow Quest), whose three best progeny were the G1 Arlington Million and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup-winning sire Powerscourt (GB), the G2 Ribblesdale S., GII Sheepshead Bay S. and GII New York S. scorer Riposte (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and G3 Prix de Barbeville winner and G1 Grand Prix de Paris runner-up Last Train (GB) (Rail Link {GB}). Another of hers, the sprinter Kind (Ire) (Danehill), has now entered folklore as the dam of the great Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) as well as the G1 Champion S. hero Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and smart Bullet Train (GB) and Joyeuse (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$8,356. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.

3rd-SOU, £4,500, Mdn, 4-18, 3-5yo, 8f (AWT), 1:46.18, stn.

PASSCODE (GB) (f, 3, Camacho {GB}--Passata {Fr}, by Polar Falcon), a debut third going seven panels at Newmarket last time on Oct. 19, duelled for the lead after the opening exchanges of this sophomore bow. Pushed along off the home turn, the 11-8 chalk struggled to assert superiority inside the final quarter mile and was driven out to bravely deny Amitie Waltz (Fr) (Sinndar {Ire}) by a short head in a thrilling bobber. Passcode is a half-brother to German highweight and MGSW sire Pomellato (Ger) (Big Shuffle), G3 St Leger Italiano-winning highweight Parivash (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and Listed Coupe des Trois Ans third Pom Pom Pom (GB) (Big Shuffle). **Cont. p9**

3rd-SOU Cont.

Their dam Passata (Fr) (Polar Falcon) is a winning daughter of GSW G1 Prix de Diane third Premier Amour (Ire) (Salmon Leap) and has also produced the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Unwritten (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £3,488. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-David & Nicola Leggate (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

HANDICAP RESULT:

4th-NEW, £20,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:38.02, g/f.

NEXT STAGE (GB) (c, 4, ~~Dubawi {Ire}~~--Dash To The Front {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Diktat {GB}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$23,568. O-Godolphin; B-Meon Valley Stud (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. *800,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT. **1/2 to Speedy Boarding (GB) (Shamardal), Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9 1/2-11f, Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 9 1/2-11f, MG1SW-Fr, SW & G1SP-Eng, \$746,200.



Tepin (Bernstein), impressive winner of the 2016 G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot, has been retired from racing. Full story in TDN America. | racingfotos.com

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4.45 Newmarket, Mdn, £8,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

GLITTERING JEWEL (Bernardini) debuts for a Godolphin operation which has already started the Craven meeting with a bang. A half-sister to the champion juvenile and GI Kentucky Derby-winning sire Street Sense, the Charlie Appleby trainee encounters several similarly notably bred individuals including Juddmonte's 600,000gns TATOCT purchase **Natavia (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), a

Roger Charlton-trained half-sister to the G1 Sun Chariot S. winner Spinning Queen (GB) (Spinning World); Fawzi Abdulla Nass's **Saniyaat (GB) (Galileo {Ire})**, a €1,050,000 GOFORB yearling under the care of rookie trainer George Peckham; and Paul Makin's homebred **Tranquil Star (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, a daughter of his dual Group 1 winner We Can Say It Now (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}), already responsible for last year's G3 Prix du Prince d'Orange scorer Sky Kingdom (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}).

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FRANCE

**Tuesday's Results:**

PRIX LORD SEYMOUR-Listed, €52,000, MLF, 4-18, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:42.96, gd.

1--TALISMANIC (GB), 132, c, 4, ~~Medaglia d'Oro~~--Magic Mission (GB) (GSW & GISP-US, GSP-Fr, \$398,111), by Machiavellian.

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (GB); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-0, €223,960.

2--Zemindari (Fr), 126, g, 5, Zanzibari--Villa Joyeuse (Fr), by Kahyasi (Ire). O-Mme Biden Ashbrooke & Mme Henri Devin. €10,400.

3--Apilobar (Fr), 126, c, 4, Slickly (Fr)--Popee (Fr) (SP-Fr, \$133,357), by Take Risks (Fr). (€18,000 Ylg '14 OSLATE). O-Gerard Augustin-Normand, Kevin Morize, Mme Elisabeth Vidal & Fabrice Vermeulen. €7,800.

Margins: 1HF, HD, 3. Odds: 0.90, 7.50, 3.50.

Also Ran: Launched (Ire), Tres Rock Glory (Ire), Brave Impact (GB).

Not far from the premises when fourth in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly in June, Talismanic ran fifth in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris over this trip at Saint-Cloud on Bastille Day before returning to the latter course and distance to take the Listed Prix Turenne in September. Put away for the winter after finishing 11th in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe back at Chantilly in October, the flashy dark bay returned to be second in the Listed Prix de la Porte de Madrid again at this trip at Saint-Cloud on Mar. 28, which served as a perfect sharpener. Soon in front in habitual fashion, he had all rivals on the stretch halfway up the straight and maintained the pressure all the way to the line to win with something to spare.

Magic Mission, who started off for this stable before being transferred to Neil Drysdale and winning the GIII Royal Heroine S. and placing twice in the GI Matriarch S. and also in the GII Las Palmas H. and GII Palomar Breeders' Cup H., descends from the GIII Vineland H. winner and GII Matchmaker S. and G2 Sun Chariot S. runner-up Capo di Monte (Ire) (Final Straw {GB}).

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Listed Prix Lord Seymour Cont.

She in turn is a half-sister to the G1 Aral-Pokal-winning highweight and G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up Wind In Her Hair (Ire) (Alzao), dam of the legendary Japanese champion Deep Impact (Jpn) from the extended family of Nashwan and Nayef. Still to come from the dam is an as-yet unraced 3-year-old filly by Pivotal (GB) and a 2-year-old colt by New Approach (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

4th-MLF, €35,000, Cond, 4-18, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:37.70, gd.

FLOWER FASHION (FR) (f, 3, Flower Alley--Winter Fashion {Fr}, by Kendor {Fr}), a Jan. 16 debut first at Chantilly and a last-out sixth in the Mar. 19 Listed Prix La Camargo at Saint-Cloud, was well away and asserted for the lead. Holding sway thereafter, the 123-10 chance came under pressure when threatened with 300 metres remaining and was pushed out to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Cheries Amours (Fr) (Air Chief Marshal {Ire}). The winner RNA'd at €50,000 as an ARAUG yearling and is out of Listed Prix Amandine victress Winter Fashion (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), who has produced three winners from as many foals to race. Her family includes GI Wood Memorial-winning sire Thirty Six Red (Slew o' Gold) and GI Beverly Hills H. victress Corrazona (El Gran Senor), and she is kin to a 2-year-old colt and a yearling colt, both by Style Vendome (Fr). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €28,950. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Derek M James & Nicolas Clement; B/T-Nicolas Clement (FR).

2nd-MLF, €35,000, Cond, 4-18, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:38.16, gd.

MANKIB (GB) (c, 3, Tamayuz {GB}--Natagora {Fr} {Ch. 2yo Filly-Eur, MG1SW-Eng, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$1,608,173}, by Divine Light {Jpn}), who broke through over this strip last time Oct. 14, seized early control of this seasonal return. In command throughout, the 13-5 chance was last to come off the bridle and kept on strongly under increased urging inside the final quarter mile to hold the persistent threat of Veranda (Fr) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) by a short neck. Glen Shiel (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), Godolphin's homebred from the family of Farhh (GB), was unable to improve upon the fourth position he raced in from the outset. Mankib is out of MG1SW European champion juvenile filly Natagora (Fr) (Divine Light {Jpn}) and is a half to Listed Star S. third Raaqy (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and a 2-year-old filly by Dubawi (Ire). Natagora is out of a winning half to Listed Prix de Bonneval victor Reinstare (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}), and is herself a half to Listed Prix Maurice Caillault runner-up Sinnkosako (Fr) (Anabaa). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €35,350. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Freddy Head.

1st-MLF, €26,000, Cond, 4-18, 2yo, 5fT, :59.12, gd.

RIOTICISM (FR) (f, 2, Rio de la Plata--Romanticism {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}) went postward as the 3-1 second choice coming back off a 3 1/2-length breakthrough score at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat on Mar. 31, and raced in third through the early strides of this one. Gaining an advantage on the bridle passing the quarter-mile marker, she was ridden clear inside the final 300 metres to easily account for Lamchope (Fr) (Captain Chop {Fr}) by a 3 1/2-length margin. The €8,000 OSLATE yearling is the fourth winner out of Romanticism (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and is a half-sister to the yearling filly Rosapark (Fr) (Wildpark {Ger}). Her third dam is G1 Prix Saint-Alary victress Rosefinch (Blushing Groom {Fr}), herself a daughter of MG1SW British champion and Triple Crown heroine Oh So Sharp (Ire) (Kris {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €22,000.

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O-Mme Theresa Marnane; B-Haras d'Haspel (FR); T-Matthieu Palussiere.

6th-CHT, €16,000, Mdn, 4-18, 3yo, f, 9 1/2fT, 2:04.60, vs.

FULLMOON IN PARIS (FR) (f, 3, Literato {Fr}--Isalou {Fr}, by Unfuwain), runner-up on debut over this trip at Nimes on Feb. 19, languished in mid-division throughout the early stages. Sent to the front approaching the furlong pole, the 6-4 market-leader drew away to beat Money Royale (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) with a degree of comfort by 2 1/2 lengths. The winner is a full-sister to the G3 Prix de Lieurey runner-up Moonlight in Paris (Fr) and a half-sister to Two Days in Paris (Fr) (Authorized {Ire}), SP-Fr, \$126,033. Descended from the prolific top-level scorer and champion Lady's Secret (Secretariat), the dam has a 2-year-old filly and a yearling colt also by Literato, with the latter named Major Dundee (Fr). Sales history: €30,000 RNA Ylg '15 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €10,600. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-SARL Ecurie J L Tepper & Mme Gilles Forien (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget (S).

CONDITIONS RESULT:

5th-CHT, €20,000, 4-18, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:15.76, vs.

LOOPER (FR) (c, 3, Air Chief Marshal {Ire}--Ma Yen {Ity} {SW-Ity}, by Doyen {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €18,000. O-Gottfried Reims; B-Appapays Racing Club (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *€20,000 RNA Ylg '15 BBASEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Kimfa (Fr), f, 4, **Makfi (GB)**--Rockette (Fr) (SW-Fr, \$194,466), by Ange Gabriel (Fr). CHT, 4-18, 10 1/2fT, 2:16.05. B-Mme H Devin, M Offenstadt & S Fargeon (FR). *€50,000 Ylg '14 ARQAUG.

SWEDEN

SWIPE NOMINATED TO BREEDERS' CUP

Swipe (Birdstone) has become the first Swedish-based stallion to be nominated to the Breeders' Cup. As such, all foals by Swipe will be automatically nominated to the Breeders' Cup.

Swipe was North America's second-highest rated 2-year-old of 2015 behind only Nyquist (Uncle Mo), to whom he ran second four times, including three times in Grade I company. One of those was the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Swipe, who was bred by Lou Oppenheim, stands at Ivan Sjoberg's Ravidansen Stud for \$2,000. Oppenheim's husband, pedigree expert Bill Oppenheim, said, "Sweden has a lot of dirt racing, and breeders need to have every opportunity open to them to market their horses. Ivan has quite a few mares with dirt pedigrees and from American families, including the dam of last year's Svensk Derby second Ramstein, who is by Summer Bird, like Swipe a son of Birdstone. We agreed that nominating Swipe to the Breeders' Cup would give Scandinavian breeders a shot at the American market, since when selling a horse to America having Breeders' Cup eligibility is a big plus. Also Lou and I are breeding a mare to Swipe ourselves and Ravidansen is supporting him strongly, so we might well decide to send his produce to race there ourselves."

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Swipe at Ravidansen Stud

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Sunny Way (Fr), g, 4, **Youmzain (Ire)**--Lady Fashion (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Sha Tin, 4-17, Hcp. (£124k/€148k), 1400mT, 1:22.05. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited. *Formerly Suits You (Fr). **SW-Eng. ***€12,000 Ylg '14 OSASEP. **VIDEO**

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Emerald Gal (Ire), f, 4, **Galileo (Ire)**--Emerald Ring (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Johannesburg. Kenilworth, 4-18, Maiden Plate, 1200mT, 1:12.45. B-Emerald Ring Syndicate. *A\$110,000 Ylg '14 INGEAS.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

PAKISTAN STAR TRIALS TOWARDS QE II

by Alan Carasso

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Pakistan Star (Ger)** (Shamardal), a latest second to Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) in the lucrative BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m) Mar. 19, tuned up for his next appearance in the Apr. 30 G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup with a smart six-furlong barrier trial over the Sha Tin all-weather track



Pakistan Star sharp heading towards QE II
HKJC photo

Tuesday morning.

Trained by Tony Cruz, Pakistan Star has had his fair share of trouble getting away from the gates in his brief career, but jumped alertly and settled in fourth position and in the clear for the opening 800 metres. Steered out wide off the home turn while still being quietly ridden by Matthew Chadwick, the bay showed a quick turn of foot entering the final eighth of a mile and skipped clear to 'win' the trial by 2 3/4 lengths with something in reserve in the smart time of 1:09.66 (video). Eroico (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}), a reliable Class 1 winner on dirt, was second.

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Pakistan Star Trials for QEII Cont.

“The way he trialled last time and this time, the main difference was his acceleration,” Chadwick told the Hong Kong Jockey Club’s Andrew Hawkins. “Before the Derby, I was saying to the boys that I don’t think he can open up in those 21-second sectionals anymore. After that trial--and again, it is 2000m, so it depends how it plays out--but there’s a good chance he will be able to finish off in the low-22s, that’s how he feels.”

Chadwick rode Pakistan Star to wins in his first two career trips to the post, but Silvestre de Sousa, who was in the irons for all three legs of the 4-year-old series, is set to fly in from England for the QE II.

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

+Amusing City (Aus), g, 2, **Sebring (Aus)**--Amusements (Aus), by Anabaa. Sha Tin, 4-17, Griffin Race (*A\$140k*), 1000mT, :57.17. B-B S Russell (Qld). *A\$130,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS; A\$200,000 2yo '16 MMGC2YO. **VIDEO**

Magic Legend (Aus), g, 3, **Red Element (Aus)**--Trail of Secrets (Aus), by Secret Savings. Sha Tin, 4-17, Hcp. (*A\$299k*), 1200mT, 1:08.64. B-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld). *Formerly Hostwin Legend (Aus). **A\$50,000 Ylg '15 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

IN SINGAPORE:

Kolombia (Aus), g, 4, **All American (Aus)**--Aristocracy (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Danehill. Kranji, 4-16, Hcp. (*A\$57k*), 1200mT, 1:11.36. B-Highgrove Stud, R T Gilbert (Qld). *Formerly General Wind (Aus). **A\$130,000 Ylg '14 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

Lightning Fast (Aus), g, 4, **Hard Spun**--Bahamian Star (Aus) (GSP-Aus), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). Kranji, 4-16, Hcp. (*A\$76k*), 1200mT, 1:10.30. B-Air Horse Transport (Vic). *Formerly Jawbreaker (Aus). **VIDEO**

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Baramui Heunjeok (Aus), g, 3, **Equiano (Fr)**--Glorious Spirit (Aus), by Hold That Tiger. Busan, 4-16, Hcp. (*A\$64k*), 1300m. B-Lauriston Thoroughbred Farm (Vic). *Won by five lengths. **A\$5,000 Ylg '15 INGVBS; A\$60,000 2yo '15 MMGC2YO.

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LANWADES STUD NELL GWYN S.-G3, £60,000, 3yo, f, 7FT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 7 | Brave Anna | War Front | Heffernan | A O'Brien | 129 |
| 2 | 3 | Choumicha (GB) | Paco Boy (Ire) | Atzeni | Palmer | 126 |
| 3 | 11 | Daban (Ire) | Acclamation (GB) | Dettori | Gosden | 126 |
| 4 | 10 | Kazimiera (GB) | Dubawi (Ire) | Buick | Appleby | 126 |
| 5 | 9 | Kilmah (GB) | Sepoy (Aus) | de Sousa | Johnston | 126 |
| 6 | 5 | Pamplemousse (Ire) | Siyouni (Fr) | Boudot | Fabre | 126 |
| 7 | 4 | Poet's Vanity (GB) | Poet's Voice (GB) | Murphy | Balding | 126 |
| 8 | 2 | Roly Poly  | War Front | Moore | A O'Brien | 126 |
| 9 | 6 | Sea of Grace (Ire) | Born To Sea (Ire) | Cosgrave | Haggas | 126 |
| 10 | 1 | Tallulah Rose (GB) | Exceed and Excel (Aus) | de Vries | Burke | 126 |
| 11 | 8 | Unforgettable Filly (GB) | Sepoy (Aus) | Doyle | Palmer | 126 |

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BET365 EARL OF SEFTON S.-G3, £60,000, 4yo/up, 9FT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|-----------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|-----|
| 1 | 7 | Abdon (GB) | Cacique (Ire) | Dettori | Stoute | 125 |
| 2 | 5 | Autocratic (GB) | Dubawi (Ire) | Moore | Stoute | 125 |
| 3 | 1 | Berkshire (Ire) | Mount Nelson (GB) | Crowley | Cole | 125 |
| 4 | 6 | Bravery (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | Tudhope | O'Meara | 125 |
| 5 | 3 | Folkswood (GB) | Exceed and Excel (Aus) | Buick | Appleby | 125 |
| 6 | 8 | Spark Plug (Ire) | Dylan Thomas (Ire) | Fortune | Meehan | 125 |
| 7 | 4 | Steel Of Madrid (Ire) | Lope de Vega (Ire) | Dobbs | Hannon | 125 |
| 8 | 2 | Viren's Army (Ire) | Twirling Candy | Doyle | Appleby | 125 |



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