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CLOSE PUTTING BUCKLANDS ON THE MAP



Bucklands Farm & Stud stalwart Hellvelyn | Bucklands photo

By Chris McGrath

Despite the devoted posse of Staffordshire bull terriers swirling constantly about her, Roisin Close makes no bones about it. Her real pet is out there in his paddock.

Of the thousands of horses she dealt with during a 12-year apprenticeship down the road at Tweenhills Stud, Close could never have suspected that the little foal by Ishiguru (Danzig) who accompanied his dam for her next mating, back in 2005, would come to mean so much.

Hellvelyn (GB) (Ishiguru) went on to win the G2 Coventry S. but his brilliance as a juvenile had rather been forgotten by the time he came back to this corner of Gloucestershire. There had been a stint in the U.S., and a fallow final season back in Yorkshire with Bryan Smart. So here he was, already seven years old and his sire dead before he could properly make his name. If he merited a roll of the dice, nobody could expect a six. So Close's old boss at Tweenhills, David Redvers, got together with Hellvelyn's breeder Paul Thorman and offered her the chance to try and start a stallion on what she had only ever intended to be a boarding farm.

Though still only standing for £2,000, Hellvelyn has been handled so impressively that he has now been joined by two other stallions.

Coach House (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) is set to have his first runners in 2018, from a book that remarkably comprised 110 mares; while Pearl Secret (GB) (Compton Place {GB}) now has his first foals on the ground. Between them, they are putting Bucklands Farm on the map as a yeoman commercial stud with the drive and expertise to find a viable niche in a British market dominated by a handful of behemoths. But while the younger guns might best match that profile, Close insists that it is Hellvelyn who sets them an exacting standard in punching above his weight.

"He has had an uphill struggle," Close sighs. "It's infuriating because his stats have always been pretty impressive, given the type and quantities of mare he's been covering. Every year he produces black-type horses. But because he doesn't have the numbers, he's not throwing out winners every day, every week."

Maddeningly, it sometimes only takes a single breakout horse to provoke the market from its stupor. Hellvelyn's fortunes had slumped so precipitously--he only has eight yearlings coming through--that his owners were reluctantly toying with the idea of moving him on when he pulled Mrs Danvers (GB) out of his hat: unsold at a grand, unbeaten in five juvenile starts in 2016, taking in the lucrative Weatherbys Super Sprint and rounding off with the G3 Cornwallis S. Suddenly, Hellvelyn had over 60 mares queueing for his services last year. [Cont. p2](#)

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO TURN A MARE
DOWN, BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW
WHERE THAT NEXT WINNER'S GOING
TO COME FROM.

Roisin Close

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"Mrs Danvers did give him a bit of a flurry, and he has some really nice shareholders now, which will really bolster him," Close says. "But his stats were always good. Part of me thinks if we doubled his fee more people would send him mares."

Unfortunately, Mrs Danvers disappeared after meeting her first defeat on her sole start last year, but she is back in training with Jonathan Portman. If she can bounce back, that would help her sire ride out the next two, very small crops until that bigger, better book comes through. However, delighted that Hellvelyn is back from the brink, again likely to cover over 50 mares this spring, Close confesses that she still feels aggrieved on his behalf even when the farm's two younger sires are credited with greater glamour.

"We've probably more affection for him than a business should have," she admits. "Paul Thorman probably has even more affinity for the horse, having bred him. But we do believe in him, and just want him to do well. Yes, he's my pet too: he's part of the family, so to speak, me having met him as a foal. And of course I knew his sire as well. Ishiguru was a beautiful horse, and David [Redvers] was adamant he'd succeed. But then he got injured in the paddock. We thought we'd fixed him, too, when it all went south: it was so unfortunate."

"Hellvelyn has the most amazing temperament, and a lovely personality," she adds. "Still a stallion, but a kind horse, you just click with him; he's easy, knows his job, just a lovely chap to work with. You should see him puffing up his chest when he sees all the others at a stallion parade. And that temperament I think is the key to what he passes on. All his fillies want to do is work and eat, they're so laidback."

The Mrs Danvers spike enabled his owners to sell 10 shares in Hellvelyn, adapting a model introduced to Bucklands by Ed Harper of Whitsbury Manor Stud when he partnered with Thorman and Close in Coach House. The idea was that an upfront payment--securing two covers per share, for the first four years--not only helped fund marketing, insurance and so on, but also increased the spread of breeders with a stake in the rookie's success.

"And these days that's what it seems to boil down to: bums on seats," Close reasons. "It's become very clear it's all about numbers. Which in many ways is a shame. Because you can't

compete with stallions covering 150, 200 mares. That's nuts, in a way. But it does mean Coach House has a much better chance because we managed to get him so many mares in his first book, and just shy of 100 in his second. So he has plenty of ammunition. We all know about overproduction--but you can't afford to turn a mare down, because you just don't know where that winner's going to come from."

Coming to a working farm like this usefully informs the perspective of those of us dismayed by the headlong rush for unproven sprint sires. In each individual case, after all, you'll often be dealing with someone like Close: this down-to-earth, hard-working horsewoman, trying to make ends meet across 70 acres in a madly competitive environment. (In this particular case, moreover, you're dealing with someone doing so even as she copes with bereavement; Close lost her partner last September.)

As such, she has little choice but to make the most of her chances in a sector that prohibits access to anything other than what she candidly acknowledges as "cheap speed." For the time being, at any rate. Bucklands is soon likely to go on the market, having expanded to the point that Close is renting two other sites. And the dream is some day to stand a stallion who breaks through that commercially restrictive ceiling; who dismantles the absurd paradox that the yearlings who sell best are not necessarily the ones most likely to prove good racehorses.

"That is ridiculous, in some ways," Close concedes. "But it's difficult at this end of the market. For a long time Darley were champions of the smaller studs, because they would use them for their lesser sires. And they still do, in a few cases. But they have realised there's money to be made from their 'Club' horses. That was probably a bit of a kick in the teeth, for some people, because in some ways you just can't compete."

"But it is cheaper to send a mare here--you don't have to pay Newmarket prices--and it's not quite, but almost, more important to get the mares than the money. Because what we're trying to do is establish stallions. We're not trying to make a shedload of money. If it's a choice between selling nominations and getting the mares, and having to give a few away, then that's what you do. Of course the stud has to make money, otherwise it's not a viable concern; but I guess you hope that if you can establish a sire, you can start moving up his fee."

AFTER A WHILE I WAS DOING HORSES
BEFORE WORK, AT LUNCHTIME AND
AFTER WORK, SO I HAD TO
MAKE A DECISION.

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Coach House, certainly, could hardly have a more eligible commercial profile: a very early, very fast Ballydoyle 2-year-old, thwarted only by the freakish No Nay Never (Scat Daddy) in the Norfolk. Though Coach House suffered the compulsory third-season dip last year, down to 55 mares, the reception of his first foals at the sales means that he is busiest of the trio this spring.

"You'd think this could be a year you can do very well out of him, if he does have some good runners, as you'd hope," Close says. "He was unlucky to run into No Nay Never but still broke the track record that day. People say: 'Oh, he only ran at two and then injured himself.' And I say: 'Damned right he did, because otherwise he wouldn't be three grand-and he wouldn't be here!' He's huge value. And he has the pedigree behind him, too, by Oasis Dream out of a lovely group-winning mare."

"Potentially he could be the next Showcasing (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), he really could. Having such a good son of Oasis Dream already, Whitsbury wasn't really an option for Coach House. But Ed [Harper] is so on the ball, he's made a real niche for those stallions down there. And he's really helped me realise what needs to be done."

Close is no less grateful to Thorman and especially Redvers, who broke with tradition by appointing a young woman to supervise stallions at Tweenhills. "That was a real opportunity and I ended up managing the day-to-day operation of the stud," she says. "I learned so much there, again working with commercial stallions. We'd have nearly 400 mares going through every year, and David's so good at what he does. Of course, it's always difficult if you're working for someone else--you're fulfilling someone else's dreams, really, but the work is just as hard. So when this place came on the market, just the other side of the village, my parents helped me buy it."

"I thought I'd just be boarding and running walk-ins to Tweenhills and Overbury. But after a while I was doing horses before work, at lunchtime, and after work, so I had to make a decision. And then David and Paul came to me with the opportunity of having Hellvelyn. With Ed now, as well, I feel very lucky to have the input of three people so well established in the industry."

But then Close, from tenuous beginnings in girlhood riding lessons funded by a paper round in Cambridge, had managed to surround herself with the very best even during her inception into the bloodstock world. A former colleague of her father--himself an animal nutritionist, specialising in pigs, at a research institute--had gone to the Gluck Equine Research Center in Lexington and secured her an internship at Taylor Made.

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Close Putting Bucklands On The Map Cont.

Close remembers sitting miserably at Gatwick, full of fear and resentment--and, needless to say, loved every minute. "It was amazing, the best two years of my life," she says. "Everything was on a scale you don't see anywhere other than Kentucky. Daddy Joe [Taylor] was a proper inspiration, and I had some of the best young mares there in an old converted tobacco barn. User Friendly (GB) (Slip Anchor {GB}) came to me as a maiden; I took Mariah's Storm (Rahy) to Storm Cat as a maiden [to produce Giant's Causeway]; phenomenal mares, worth millions, you just took for granted in this little old barn."

After returning to complete a stud management course at Hartpury College, and a couple of stints elsewhere, Close would find her big break next door at Tweenhills. And if Bucklands is hardly Taylor Made as yet, then it is already an achievement of which she can be proud.



Pearl Secret parades at the TBA stallion parade | *Bucklands*

The arrival of Pearl Secret testifies to the reputation she is forging here. Unlike the other two stallions, she serves chiefly as landlady rather than co-proprietor, but Salcey Forest Stud, John Dance and the other shareholders have recognised how she is helping this neighbourhood expand its footprint in British commercial breeding.

Pearl Secret is a remarkable project, standing at £4,000 after being salvaged for just 42,000gns at the Tattersalls Horses-in-Training Sale in 2016. As a Group 2 winner, twice beaten no more than 1 1/2 lengths in the G1 King's Stand S., the striking chestnut had demonstrably gone to market with one or two issues. But those were successfully resolved and, combining a highly commercial track record with an intriguing outcross pedigree, he secured 60 mares in his first season.

"He's similar to Hellvelyn in that he's come to stud later in life," Close says. "But they took a punt on him and it's worked out really well. The lads at Salcey Forest have done a great job--contacting everyone who bred a winner by Compton Place, that kind of thing--and I think this horse represents proper English sprint breeding. He might not be on everyone's list, as the fashionable horse, but the shareholders have brought him some really good mares. So his first crop has every chance of being very decent, and they will continue to support him."

Close says three stallions is probably enough, for now: it is her hands-on approach that is making things work, so she does not want to outgrow its reach. Even as it is, between matings, walkouts and her own band of 10, she accommodated over 200 mares last year. And, if anything, her personal travails in the meantime have only confirmed her sense of good fortune; her determination to keep making the most of every chance that falls her way.

"The best way to deal with stuff like that is to be busy," she shrugs. "And I'm so lucky to do what I love. Even on a bad day, when the horses are only giving problems and it's pissing with rain, you go back in and think you could be in a lot worse places than this. Having people who believe in you, that's what it's about. And if you get opportunities, you bloody well take them, because you're not going to get them twice."

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BLUEBLOOD FOALINGS AT CHEVELEY PARK

With the foaling season well and truly underway, Cheveley Park Stud has seen the arrival of foals from some of its most prized mares. Group 1 winner **Echelon (GB)** (Daneshill), the dam of dual Group 1 winner Integral (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), produced a filly by Dubawi on Feb. 16 and is due to visit Cheveley Park's first-season sire Ulysses (Ire). Integral's half-sister **Provenance (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) visits Dubawi (Ire) this year.

Also set for Ulysses is champion 2-year-old filly **Hooray (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who foaled a colt by Gleneagles (Ire) on Feb. 9.

Cheveley Park went on a significant spending spree at the breeding stock sales last year and two of those purchases have foaled out. **Mesa Fresca** (Sky Mesa), a \$2-million Fasig-Tipton November purchase, foaled a War Front filly on Jan. 24, and she also visits Ulysses. **Angel Vision (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), plucked from the Ballymacoll dispersal for 600,000gns, produced a colt by Invincible Spirit on Jan. 26 and she goes to Dark Angel (Ire).

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Bluebloods Foaling at Cheveley Park Cont.

Cheveley Park will also be supporting first-season sire Almazor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) at Haras d'Etream with **Between Us (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), a half-sister to G1 Prix de Diane winner **Confidential Lady (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}). Continuing a French theme, she foaled a Le Havre (Ire) filly on Feb. 26.

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STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

TWILIGHT SON

Cheveley Park Stud's dual Group 1-winning sprinter Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) has had his first foals born, including a filly out of Resort (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a winning daughter of G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Gay Gallanta (Woodman) and closely related to Group 2 winner Byron (GB) (Green Desert).

"I am delighted with the foals seen to date by Twilight Son, who look neat, well-balanced, sharp shorts, as one would expect from their sire and grandsire, Kyllachy," said Cheveley Park Managing Director Chris Richardson.

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The Charlie Fellowes string canters up Warren Hill on a snowy Newmarket morning on Wednesday | *Emma Berry*

BRITAIN



OTTESEN APPOINTED CLERK OF THE COURSE AT NEWBURY

Keith Ottesen, currently clerk at both Chepstow and Ffos Las Racecourses, has been appointed Newbury Racecourse's Clerk of the Course, the racecourse announced on Wednesday. Ottesen will succeed Richard Osgood who leaves at the end of the year. Ottesen will shadow Osgood beginning in August and will take over on Jan. 1, 2019.

"It is a really exciting time to be joining Newbury Racecourse," said Ottesen. "As the redevelopment takes shape, I am looking forward to focusing on further developing its race programme to attract the best horses available."



Keith Ottesen | Newbury Racecourse

Julian Thick, CEO of Newbury Racecourse, added, "We are delighted that Keith will be joining us in the summer. He brings with him a wealth of experience and we look forward to working with him to develop the race programme here as he has done so proficiently in his role as clerk at both Chepstow and Ffos Las.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dubai Acclaim (Ire), c, 3, **Acclamation (GB)**--Bahati (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Intikhab. WOL, 2-28, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:15.05. B-Rathbarr Stud & Abbeylands Farm (IRE). *50,000gns Ylg '16 TATDEY. **Full to Tabarrak (Ire), MSW & GSP-Eng, \$131,881; and The Wagon Wheel (Ire), MSP-Eng, \$125,253.

GERMANY



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wierland (Ger), f, 3, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Wolkenburg (Ger) (SW & GSP-Ger), by Big Shuffle. NSS, 2-27, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:39.75. B-Gestut Ebbesloh (GER). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

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IN HONG KONG:

Dr Win Win (Ire), g, 5, **Makfi (GB)**--Baine (Fr) (SW & G1SP-Fr, \$247,889), by Country Reel. Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (£121k/€137k), 1650m (AWT), 1:38.29. B-Skymarc Farm. *Formerly Qatar Dream (Ire). **GSP-Ity. ***€140,000 Ylg '14 ARQAUG. **VIDEO**

IN AUSTRALIA:

Peribsen (Ire), h, 5, **Lonhro (Aus)**--Pepiniere (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Rosehill, 2-28, Hcp. (£23k/€26k), 2400mT, 2:32.40. B-Dayton Investments Ltd. *SP-Fr. **€180,000 Ylg '14 ARQAUG.

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OAKS ROUND THREE FOR FILLIES

Winter Lightning (Ire) (Shamardal), **Rayya** (Tiz Wonderful) and **Expressiy (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) filled the top three spots, in that order, in the 1400 metre UAE 1000 Guineas trial on Jan. 18 and again in the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas over a mile on Feb. 8, and they face off once again upped to 1900 metres in Thursday's G3 UAE Oaks at Meydan.

While just a head separated Winter Lightning and Rayya in the trial, with Expressiy 10 lengths back in third, Saeed bin Suroor's filly was much more authoritative in the Guineas itself, drawing off by two lengths from Rayya, who had set the pace on both occasions, with Expressiy getting closer, just a half-length off Rayya.

Winter Lightning is the one to beat on that form and bin Suroor described her latest work as "particularly good." Trainer Doug Watson said of Rayya, "She is in great shape and has been pleasing us at home. She is, we hope, improving all the time and we think the extra distance will suit. Obviously, Winter Lightning is going to be hard to beat but our filly is in top form."

Trainer Charlie Appleby expressed similar sentiments about Expressiy, saying, "The extra trip should certainly suit her and she has done nothing but improve this year. Obviously she has ground to make up but we certainly hope she can at least get closer to the two fillies who have beaten her twice."

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Winter Lightning and Rayya | DRC/Andrew Watkins

VAZIRABAD TUNES UP FOR HAT TRICK

The Aga Khan's **Vazirabad (Fr)** (Manduro {Ger}) has materialized into a perennial star of the Dubai World Cup card, winning the last two runnings of the G2 Dubai Gold Cup, and the 6-year-old gelding takes his first step toward a hat trick in that Mar. 31 target in Thursday's G3 Nad Al Sheba trophy at Meydan.



Vazirabad | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Vazirabad won the Gold Cup first-up over Big Orange (GB) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) two years ago, and was last year second to Beautiful Romance (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) in this race before turning the tables on her on World Cup night. The ultra-consistent Vazirabad has finished worst than second just twice in 19 starts, and after winning the G1 Prix du Cadran on Sept. 30 he comes here off a second in the G1 Prix Royal-Oak on

Oct. 22. He is joined by Alain de Royer-Dupre stablemate **Candera (Fr)** (Dalakhani {Ire}), winner of the Listed Prix Scaramouche on Oct. 4.

British-based trainer Charlie Fellowes recorded his first Meydan win two weeks back with **Prince of Arran (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}) in a 3200-metre handicap, and the 5-year-old reopposes here. Charlie Appleby saddles **Rare Rhythm (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who makes his local debut off a win in the Duke of Edinburgh S. at Royal Ascot on June 23 and the Listed John Smith's Silver Cup S. at York on July 15. The 6-year-old could be an interesting proposition, having gone undefeated since being gelded.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Etijaah	Daaher	Crowley	Watson	132
2	Saltarin Dubai (Arg)	E Dubai	Mullen	Seemar	124
3	Alabaster	Medaglia d'Oro	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	122
4	Galles	Bernardini	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	117
5	Don't Give Up (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
6	Active Spirit (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Hitchcott	Watson	122
7	El Loco (Ger)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	125
8	Our Last Summer (Ire)	Zamindar	SCR	SCR	119
9	Jupiter Light (GB)	Lonhro (Aus)	Barzalona	bin Ghadaye	119

Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 7:05 p.m. (10:05 a.m. EST/3:05 p.m. BST)

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Picture No Sound (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hitchcott	Watson	121
2	Centenary Diamond	Kitten's Joy	De Sousa	bin Harmash	121
3	Zaman (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Buick	Appleby	121
4	Waqquad	Quality Road	O'Shea	Bouresly	121
5	De Bruyne Horse (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Egan	Powell	121
6	Wasim (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Fresu	Mohammed	121
7	El Chapo (GB)	Lethal Force (Ire)	Morris	Nass	121
8	Racing Country (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mosse	bin Suroor	121
9	Freescape (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Cosgrave	Marnane	121
10	Mutamayel (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Crowley	Hayes	130
11	Circle Dream (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Mullen	Seemar	121
12	Doublet (Ire)	Epaulette (Aus)	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	121
13	Arroway	Kitten's Joy	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	121
14	Blue Laureate (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Marquand	Watson	121
Reserves:					
15	Thunderbolt Rocks (GB)	Farhh (GB)	No Rider	Palmer	121
16	Nordic Defense (Fr)	Makfi (GB)	No Rider	Petersen	121
17	Cozmo Star (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	No Rider	Bouresly	121

WORLDWIDE NEWS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION REAFFIRMS HIGH-HEALTH STATUS OF RACEHORSES

The European Commission has adopted a decision of the EC Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed to treat horses in the Equine Disease Free Zone (EDFZ) in Conghua, Guangzhou as having equivalent health status as horses in Hong Kong SAR, the Hong Kong Jockey Club announced on Wednesday. Horses at the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Conghua Training Centre (CTC) will be treated the same, for residency purposes prior to temporary export to the 28 member countries of the European Union, as all horses currently at Sha Tin. The EC decision followed a December site inspection, in conjunction with the International Conference on the Equine Disease Free Zone (ICEDFZ) jointly hosted by the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) of the Hong Kong SAR.

"The EC decision re-affirms the platinum-standard of the biosecurity arrangements which have been made to support our CTC operations," said Racing Authority Executive Director Andrew Harding. "Such a decision will continue to enable the temporary movement of horses between all of the member countries within the European Union and Hong Kong for international races held at Sha Tin and vice versa."

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CONFIRMED JAPANESE RUNNERS FOR DWC NIGHT

G1 Dubai Sheema Classic (2400mT)

MOZU KATCHAN (JPN) (f, 4, Harbinger {GB})

REY DE ORO (JPN) (c, 4, King Kamehameha {Jpn})

SATONO CROWN (JPN) (h, 6, Marju {Ire})

G1 Dubai Turf (1800mT)

CROCOSMIA (JPN) (m, 5, Stay Gold {Jpn})

DEIRDRE (JPN) (f, 4, Harbinger {GB})

NEOREALISM (JPN) (h, 7, Neo Universe {Jpn})

*REAL STEEL (JPN) (h, 6, Deep Impact {Jpn})

*VIVLOS (JPN) (m, 5, Deep Impact {Jpn})

G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen (1200m)

DIOS CORRIDA (JPN) (c, 4, Kane Hekili {Jpn})

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Nicolas de Chambure
Haras d'Etreham



Cathal Beale
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Joseph O'Brien
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ASIA

Wednesday's Result:**EMPRESS HAI**-Listed, NAR, ¥59,500,000

(US\$557,395/£404,432/€456,619), Kawasaki, 2-28, 4yo/up, f, 2100m, 2:16.30, gd.

1--**ANGE DESIR (JPN)**, 119, f, 4, **Deep Impact (Jpn)****1st Dam: Tickle Pink (Jpn)**, by **French Deputy****2nd Dam: Blushing Princess**, by **Crafty Prospector****3rd Dam: Princess Laika**, by **Blushing Groom (Fr)**

O-Koji Yasuhara; B-Tsuji Farm (Jpn); T-Mitsugu Kon; J-Norihiro Yokoyama; ¥35,000,000. Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-1. *1/2 to Akito Crescent (Jpn) (War Emblem), GSP-Jpn, \$1,028,581.

2--**Princia Cometa (Jpn)**, 121, m, 5, **Spicule (Jpn)**--**Belmont Feliz (Jpn)**, by **Adjudicating**. O-Takayuki Yoshikawa; B-Belmont Farm (Jpn); ¥12,250,000.3--**Salsa Dione (Jpn)**, 119, f, 4, by **Gold Allure (Jpn)**--**Salsa Queen (Jpn)**, by **Lindo Shaver**. O-Hirotaka Sugawara; B-Araya Farm (Jpn); ¥7,000,000.Margins: 1HF, NO, 1HF; Odds: 3.90, 1.60, 33.20. **VIDEO**.**GUNNISON FAIR SEVENTH ON HK DEBUT**

Making his first start in nearly a year, 2017 G2 Todman S. winner **Gunnison (Aus)** (Not a Single Doubt {Aus}) turned in a respectable effort in a Class 2 handicap over the Sha Tin all-weather track, finishing 3 1/4 lengths adrift of the victorious **Blocker Dee (Aus)** (Hidden Dragon {Aus}) in seventh in the 1200-metre heat.

Sent off a \$7.70 chance, Gunnison displayed decent speed from gate seven to be part of the mix early on, but gradually drifted back into about sixth position as the field hit the turn. Shuffled back a couple spots on the circle, he was pulled out about five wide at the top of the lane and finished his final 400 metres in a solid :22.83 while making up a few lengths on his rivals ([video](#), saddle towel #7). The final time of 1:08.17 was inside class standard by 0.18 seconds.

Originally an A\$850,000 Inglis Easter Yearling graduate, Gunnison was part of a select group entered for the inaugural Inglis Chairman's Sale of Elite Racing Prospects and topped that select group on a bid of A\$1.4 million.

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Trainer John Size (fourth from right) celebrates his 1,100th Hong Kong victory with the connections of Five Stars Agent (Aus) (Champions Gallery {GB}) and jockey Olivier Doleuze Wednesday evening at Sha Tin. Only John Moore (1,586) and Tony Cruz (1,141) have recorded more winners | HKJC photo

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS**IN HONG KONG:**

Travel Emperor (Aus), g, 4, **Duporth (Aus)**--**Baby Corn (Aus)** (SW & GSP-Aus, A\$164,425), by **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**. Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (A\$144k), 1200m (AWT), 1:09.24. B-Kitchwin Hills, Whitby Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW). *Full to **Cornrow (Aus)**, MG1SP-Aus, A\$426,910. **A\$180,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS; HK\$7,200,000 HRA '17 HKIS. **VIDEO**

Remarkable (Aus), g, 4, **More Than Ready**--**Jujube (Aus)** (SP-Aus), by **Encosta de Lago**. Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (A\$144k), 1800m (AWT), 1:47.77. B-Wood Nook Farm Pty Ltd (Vic). *A\$180,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Majestic Glory (Aus), c, 3, **Equiano (Fr)**--**Perfect Spirit (NZ)**, by **Perfectly Ready (Aus)**. Scottsville, 2-28, Hcp., 1000mT, :56.32. O/B-Ms J V Borg (Vic); T-Paul Lafferty.

TDN  **Sales PPs**

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Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 7:40 p.m. (10:40 a.m. EST/3:40 p.m. BST)

UAE OAKS SPONSORED BY AL NABOODAH CONSTRUCTION GROUP-G3, \$250,000, NH & SH 3yo, F, 1900m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rayya	Tiz Wonderful	Watson	Dobbs	125
2	Line House (GB)	Kheleyf	Burke	Mullen	125
3	Expressiy (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Appleby	Buick	125
4	Sa'ada	Bellamy Road	bin Harmash	Fresu	125
5	Queen Estoril (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Olsen	Chaves	125
6	Winter Lightning (Ire)	Shamardal	bin Suroor	Cosgrave	125

Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 8:50 p.m. (11:50 a.m. EST/4:50 p.m. BST)

NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY SPONSORED BY AL NABOODAH CIVIL ENGINEERING-G3, \$200,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2810mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Canndera (Fr)	Dalakhani (Ire)	De Royer-Dupre	Berto	117
2	Rare Rhythm (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Buick	125
3	Rembrandt Van Rijn (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	bin Ghadayer	Ziani	125
4	Natural Scenery (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	bin Suroor	Mosse	121
5	Carbon Dating (Ire)	The Carbon Unit	Seemar	O'Shea	125
6	Red Galileo (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	bin Suroor	Cosgrave	125
7	Tiaemah (KSA)	Premium Tap	Bruss	De Sousa	121
8	Sheikhzayedroad (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Simcock	Harley	125
9	Barreesh (Ire)	Giant's Causeway	Ramadhan	Morris	125
10	Vazirabad (Fr)	Manduro (Ger)	De Royer-Dupre	Soumillon	125
11	Prince Of Arran (GB)	Shirocco (Ger)	Fellowes	Doyle	125

Saturday, Royal Randwick, New South Wales, Australia, post time: 3:30 p.m. (11:30 p.m. EST/4:30 a.m. BST)

TAB CHIPPING NORTON S.-G1, A\$600,000 (US\$467,648/£382,879/€339,158), WFA, 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Classic Uniform (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Moore	Adkins	130
2	3	Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)	Yamanin Vital (NZ)	Waller	Angland	130
3	1	Libran (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Waller	Avdulla	130
4	4	Prized Icon (Aus)	More Than Ready	Lees	Schofield	130
5	5	Stampede (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Waterhouse/Bott	Clark	130
6	9	Jemadar (Aus)	Sepoy (Aus)	Pfiever	Hyeronimus	130
7	6	Winx (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Waller	Bowman	125
8	7	Lasqueti Spirit (Aus)	Beneteau (Aus)	Curtis	Ford	125
9	8	Vinland (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	McEvoy	McEvoy	123

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TDN  Progeny PPs

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Saturday, Royal Randwick, New South Wales, Australia, post time: 4:10 p.m. (12:10 a.m. EST/5:10 a.m. BST)**JAMES BOAG'S PREMIUM SURROUND S-G1**, A\$500,000 (US\$389,592/£282,667/€319,058), 3yo, f, 1400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Shoals (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Freedman	Parr	123
2	10	Alizee (Aus)	Sepoy (Aus)	Cummings	Schofield	123
3	9	Melody Belle (NZ)	Commands (Aus)	Autridge/Richards	Bowman	123
4	5	Frolic (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	O'Rourke	Collett	123
5	3	Rimraam (NZ)	Commands (Aus)	D&B Hayes/Dabernig	McEvoy	123
6	1	Shumookh (Aus)	Dream Ahead	Waterhouse/Bott	Clark	123
7	11	Torvill (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Connors	Reith	123
8	7	Unforgotten (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Lees	Lloyd	123
9	6	Yulong Xingsheng (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Lees	Lloyd	123
10	2	Moss Trip (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	P&P Snowden	Avdulla	123
11	8	Touch Of Mink (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Smith	King	123

Saturday, Ellerslie, New Zealand, post time: 5:20 p.m. (11:20 p.m. EST/4:20 a.m. BST)**VODAFONE NZ DERBY-G1**, NZ\$1,000,000 (US\$721,954/£523,729/€591,393), 3yo, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	19	Scott Base (NZ)	Dalghar (Fr)	Benner/Wynyard	Colgan	124
2	17	Civil Disobedience (NZ)	Raise The Flag (GB)	Weir	Allen	124
3	4	On The Rocks (NZ)	Alamosa (NZ)	Moroney/Gerard	Bayliss	124
4	11	Mission Hill (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Baker/Forsman	Johnson	124
5	14	Vin De Dance (NZ)	Roc De Cambes (NZ)	Baker/Forsman	Waddell	124
6	2	Mongolianconqueror (NZ)	Ocean Park (NZ)	Autridge/Richards	McNab	124
7	20	Endowment (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Logan/Gibbs	A Collett	124
8	9	Humble Pie (NZ)	Sakhee's Secret (GB)	A&H Bull	Myers	124
9	1	Irish Flame (NZ)	Zed (NZ)	Wheeler	Riddell	124
10	3	Time Lord (NZ)	Guillotine (NZ)	Collett	S Collett	124
11	13	Secret Ambition (NZ)	Jimmy Choux (NZ)	Wallace/Peard	Parkes	124
12	6	He's A Freak (NZ)	He's Remarkable (NZ)	Latta	Tanaka	124
13	8	The Mayor (NZ)	Rock 'n' Pop (Aus)	O'Sullivan/Scott	Hutchings	124
14	15	Maktoum (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	McKee	Du Plessis	124
15	16	Joe's Legacy (NZ)	Guillotine (NZ)	Price	Innes	124
16	21	Tavlin (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Logan/Gibbs	Spratt	124
17	10	Jimmy Rocket (NZ)	Jimmy Choux (NZ)	James	Coleman	124
18	7	Danzdanzdance (Aus)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Logan/Gibbs	Cameron	120
19	5	Bel Ragazzo (Aus)	Helmet (Aus)	Crawford	McKay	124
20	18	Morrellmac (Aus)	Excelebration (Ire)	Priscott	No Rider	124
<i>Emergency:</i>						
21	12	Iffraajinator (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	Fursdon	No Rider	124



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WITH LOFTY GOALS, PORTER STARTS HORSE WELFARE OPERATION



Rick Porter | Sarah K Andrew

By Bill Finley

Prominent owner Rick Porter does not believe that the slaughter of retired racehorses is an unsolvable problem. Along with Victoria Keith, the executive vice president of Porter's Fox Hill Farms, Porter has started the National Thoroughbred Welfare Organization, which he says will be an all-encompassing organization whose mission is to end slaughter and deal with other welfare issues, such as the illegal doping of horses.

The news of the founding of the National Thoroughbred Welfare Organization was first reported by the *Blood-Horse*.

"Can we end the slaughter of Thoroughbreds 100%? Maybe not, but I think we can end it 95%, and that would be pretty big," Porter said. "But our goal is to end it 100%."

There are hundreds of horse rescue operations in the U.S., but Porter and Keith foresee their group as an attempt to take horse welfare problems and have them addressed primarily by one large, well-funded organization that has the assets to put a huge dent into the problem.

"We have other people cleaning up our mess and this is the industry's mess, so the industry needs to be the one that cleans it up," Keith said. "We also believe the industry needs to say they have an all-encompassing Thoroughbred welfare organization run by an industry that looks after the horses. If racing is going to have a future it's going to have to have something like this." **Cont. p3**

OLCZYK BATTLES ON WITH OPTIMISM

by Perry Lefko

Hockey/horse racing broadcaster Eddie Olczyk will not find out until early April following a scan if he is in remission from colon cancer, but he is glad to have finished 12 rounds of chemotherapy to shrink the tumor first diagnosed last August.

"Am I scared? Yeah, I'm still scared," he said on his way from his home in Chicago to St. Louis to work as part of the broadcast crew for NBC Sports Network's televised National Hockey League game between the Blues and Detroit Red Wings Wednesday night.

"I don't know what that scan is going to say, but all I can do is listen to my doctors and trust them that what they told me back in August is going to be the same thing they tell me in April," he added. "They're going to let my body get back to some normalcy [before doing the scan], but just to be five days away from my last treatment I feel a sense of relief and achievement. I don't feel great, but I feel better because I know I don't have to go back in there next Monday and do it all over again. **Cont. p4**

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Beast from the East. "The only thing this weather is good for is Christmas cards," said trainer Ed Vaughan Wednesday morning, and his string proves his point in the Warren Hill woods. Despite this week's inclement weather in England, The Jockey Club in Newmarket has kept the training facilities open. | Emma Berry

GOOD MAGIC UNLIKELY TO RUN IN FLORIDA DERBY 7

Two-year-old champion **Good Magic** (Curlin) will make his 2018 debut in Saturday's Gil Fountain of Youth S., but it appears it will be his last start at Gulfstream for some time to come.

WESTERDALE FEELS LIKE HOME FOR MORLEY 9

Joe Bianca chats with trainer Tom Morley about his recent impressive maiden breaker **Westerdale** (Flat Out).

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Porter said he would write a sizeable check to get the NTWO off the ground and then would solicit help from others.

Just this week Keith visited a slaughter auction in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where she said she saw about six racehorses being sold. There is a new trend in the auction-slaughter business where buyers are paying more for the horses than they are worth strictly for their meat and then posting them on social media. They inform people that the horses are for sale, at a price higher than what they paid for them, and that if someone does not buy them they will be slaughtered. It's more or less a matter of holding the horse for ransom. For that reason, Keith said she is going to focus first on Louisiana.

However, her goal is not to outbid the killer buyers at every slaughter auction in the country, knowing the costs to do that would be prohibitive. Rather, she wants to hire agents at every racetrack in the country whose job it is to buy any horses owners or trainers may want to discard, therefore keeping them out of the slaughter pipeline. The NTWO will pay the owners or trainers at least what the horse is worth at the slaughter sales.

"I want to get all my contacts lined up and have full-time workers, agents at every track," Keith said. "Their job will be to develop a congenial relationship with the trainers and tell them we will take their horses. I want posters. I want a hot line. There should be one national number that everyone in racing has on

their contact list in their phone that they can call if they have a horse they need to find a home for."

Keith hopes as many NTWO horses as possible can be retrained and then sold as riding or pleasure horses. Money from the sales will be used to help fund the project. But she says they will not turn away any horses, even if they are unsuitable for a post-racing career.

"We have to take all horses," she said. "If we say we are going to be your outlet and we are going to help you that means we have to take every horse. We plan to do that. That also means we will incur expenses. Unfortunately, if someone brings us a horse and the only humane thing to do is euthanize it and they don't want to pay for it we will. You never want to do it because it's sad, but we won't have a problem euthanizing a horse if our vets tells us this is the right thing to do."

What to do with the horses that come off the racetrack too unsound to go on to a second career figures to be a bigger problem. Keith said there are no current plans to buy land or a farm where they can live out their years, but says that is under consideration. She also believes that many unsound horses, with the right veterinary care, can be patched up and used as riding horses. She also will put all the horses on a website in hopes that people will adopt the them, even if they can be nothing more than a pasture pet.

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Porter cont.

“It’s going to be a long project,” Porter said. “One of the biggest things we’re going to need is the racetrack’s help and to convince people at the racetracks to stay away from the slaughter people. We’ll take the horse from you and we are going to make it as easy as possible. It’s really horrible what’s going on with the slaughter part of it. There are so many things we can do to make racing better. We’re going to give it 100% and make a difference.”

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Olczyk cont. from p1



Eddie Olczyk | *Xpressbet photo*

"Once I got unhooked on the 21st at 9:47 in the morning, I pretty much said to myself, 'this is the first day of the rest of my life.' That's how I'm approaching it. As nice as everybody is down at Northwestern Hospital, I can do without seeing everybody there until at least April 2."

He said while the doctors are fully confident they have shrunk the tumor, they aren't sure if something is festering somewhere inside.

"It's just way too early," he said. "You've got to let the chemo and the medicine kick in. You just hope (the doctors) are right. But all I can go on is what they told me. Could I have walked away and not done the chemo and taken my chances? Yes. But once they said, 'we're here to cure you, not treat you,' that got my attention and that's where my focus was."

He said the toughest part going through the treatments--and something he felt others who have endured chemo can relate to --is the mental, physical and emotional effects. **Cont. p5**

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Olczyk cont.

"The body is an amazing thing," he said. "Early on in my treatment it was rough. It was brutal. I had some rough times when I got into treatments seven, eight and nine, but it wasn't as violent as it was early. You gain some confidence when you go through it for the first six weeks, but the psychological part is probably the greatest obstacle for anybody that is dealing with it or will go through it--or somebody that is living with somebody that is battling it. That to me is the greatest challenge for anybody that is dealing with it--not just what I battled or anything else similar to that. You go to places you've never been before. You just drift into oblivion sometimes. You question your strength and your mortality.

"When you hear cancer, the first thing I think about is death or dying. That's just the reality, regardless of what the doctors are telling you. There's just that human nature. I set goals for myself over the course of the six months, whether it was getting back to broadcasting hockey games or the Breeders' Cup or the Pegasus or my daughter graduating from Alabama or Christmas or the New Year. Instead of thinking 'it's 180 days, how am I going to do this,' you just start marking off landmarks.

"The one thing I found out talking to people who have battled this is you feel weak. You feel like you are a burden. Initially when you get the diagnosis, you feel like you've let people down being a husband and a father and somebody in the public eye, but once you get over that hurdle you prove to yourself that

you're not weak. It's a horrible disease and it's sad, but you have to have that mindset.

"That's the greatest obstacle I felt as this thing went on--the psychological dealings of it, and not just your treatments but your off weeks, too. You feel good and you're able to work and then all of a sudden you get knocked down again. That's the greatest challenge I felt. I don't care how strong you are or how tough you are, initially it knocks you down. It levels you.

"The one thing I've learned and proved to myself is I'm way tougher than I ever thought I was. Anybody that goes through this needs to know they are tough and strong. You're not weak. You are way stronger than this and you will endure and you will conquer."

He felt empowered by the support from family, friends, the horse racing community, the hockey community and NBC.

"I couldn't do it by myself," he said. "I certainly felt like I had a lot of people behind me. I wasn't fighting only for myself. I was fighting for my family and people I care about and fighting for people I don't even know. At the start I just wanted to go under a rock--just go and deal with this and not burden anybody--and the more I thought about it, maybe I can help somebody stay away from this. I've gotten thousands of people reaching out and saying things such as, 'I went in and got a colonoscopy a little bit early because I wasn't feeling well and saw my doctor.' It just makes you feel so good."

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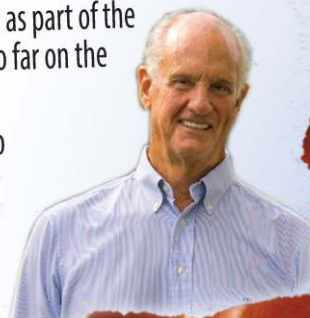
"I'd look for him to have a big chance."

Breeder Arthur Hancock said, "Air Force Blue was a 2YO champion, was very fast, was a grand-looking horse, and is out of what I think was one of Bill Young's best families. None of us know for sure, but I'd look for him to have a big chance."

Having bred and sold the horse, Hancock sent a mare to Air Force Blue as part of the horse's first brood and got a "really nice foal" that is one of the 25-30 so far on the ground from the first crop by Air Force Blue.

What breeders have seen so far is positive, and Hancock is planning to send more mares to the horse in 2018. He said, "I'm going to breed a couple more mares to him this year, based on what I've seen so far."

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On Tuesday, Mike Quigley, the U.S. Representative for Illinois' Fifth Congressional District, stood up in the House of Representatives and praised Olczyk for being open about his fight and for raising the profile about colorectal cancer [video]. With Olczyk's Chicago Blackhawks' jersey with the number 16 and his name on the back, Quigley called him a "native son of Chicago [who] exemplifies the heart, grit and character of the city we call home."

"I like to think I've helped more than one person and I will continue to do that, but that was my kind of mission to start-- my goal--and it just makes you feel really good that even in this trying time you've helped people you know and you don't know, and hopefully will keep more people away from going through it," Olczyk said.

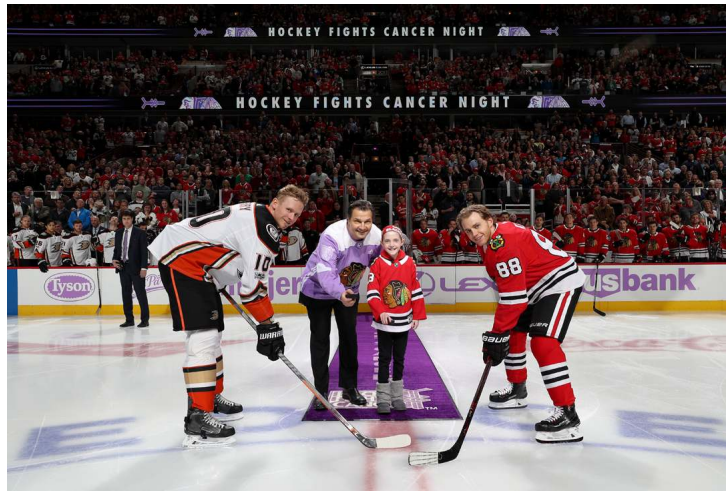
He gained almost 40 pounds because of prescribed steroids and lost a little bit of hair.

"I've never been 249 in my life, but it will come off eventually," he said. "The weight more than the hair bothers me, but I just know that it's part of the process."

In addition to going back to a regular slate of hockey games pending how he feels, he is also looking forward to broadcasting horse racing events. He may return for the [GI] Santa Anita Derby, but says he is "for sure a thousand percent" that he'll be at the Kentucky Derby. Because of his hockey and horse racing assignments, he has to juggle his schedule.

In the midst of his cancer battle, Olczyk received international attention when he won the Pegasus World Cup Betting Championship in January.

He nailed the winner, Gun Runner, the exacta of Gun Runner and West Coast, and the trifecta with Gunnevera, collecting the first-place prize of \$137,500. While he wasn't at the race, his NBC colleagues gave out his winner and exacta before the race. He gave out the cold exacta and trifecta on Xpressbet.com.



Olczyk (center) | Getty Images



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He was sitting about 96th overall out of 135 heading into the race and just decided to take his best shot with his exotic wagers. It was his trifecta bet that sealed the win.

"I just felt so strongly about Gun Runner and West Coast and I thought Gunnevera was going to run a huge race," he said.

"West Coast's last work prior to the race was breathtaking. I thought that horse was sitting on a big race. I didn't think he could beat Gun Runner, but I thought he could run huge. You've got to have conviction and sometimes you've got to take what the track gives you. I never thought West Coast would be second favorite.

"Every squirrel finds a nut every once in a while," he joked. "The stars were aligned that day. That week of chemo I didn't feel as bad winning that tournament on Saturday night. But handicapping has always been a passion of mine. I've been very lucky. I've had some really good days and some really bad days, but that's horse racing and that's handicapping. But it doesn't get much better than that when you win a tournament like that in the first year they have it."

By winning the tournament, he gained automatic entry into the 2018 Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge and the 2019 National Handicapping Championship. He is eligible for a \$1-million bonus put up by The Stronach Group if he wins one of the other

tournaments.

"I knew I won the tournament, but I didn't realize there was that perk, too, to win a \$1-million bonus," he said. "I'm sitting in a pretty good spot. Can I do it? Yeah, I think I can, but I'm going to need some luck. I have to be sharp and have the stars aligned and go for it."

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BROWN: GOOD MAGIC UNLIKELY TO RUN IN FLORIDA DERBY *by Bill Finley*

Two-year-old champion **Good Magic** (Curlin) will make his 2018 debut in Saturday's GII Fountain of Youth S., but it appears it will be his last start at Gulfstream for some time to come. Normally, the Fountain of Youth is a stepping stone for the GI Florida Derby, but trainer Chad Brown said yesterday that it's unlikely his colt will return for Gulfstream's signature 3-year-old race.

"The Florida Derby is actually unlikely," he said. "I'm focused on either the [GII] Wood Memorial or the [GII] Blue Grass. I like the timing of those races. We'll see how he runs here Saturday and then take it from there. But right now I'd say those races fit his schedule the best." **Cont. p8**

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Good Magic cont.

The Florida Derby will be held March 31, four weeks after the Fountain of Youth and five weeks prior to the GI Kentucky Derby. The Florida Derby has been a popular race with many trainers because they like the five-week spacing between it and the Derby. But Brown said he'd prefer to add an extra week to Good Magic's schedule after the Fountain of Youth, which he can do by going in the Wood or Blue Grass. Those two races are on April 7.

"Either way you gain a week or lose a week no matter what you do," he said. "For me, after his first race back I figured maybe the horse would need an extra week on that end to recover, especially if he comes out a little too sharp and runs really hard, versus needing that extra week leading up to the Derby. You could argue it either way. But right now I feel like I'd prefer the extra week from race one to race two and then go into Churchill with four weeks between races."


One reason to choose the Florida Derby over the Wood Memorial and/or the Blue Grass is that it is a Grade I and the others are not. But with Good Magic having already won a Grade I race in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and having been named a champion, that's not a worry for Brown. He doesn't necessarily need another Grade I win at this point in the horses' career to strengthen his credentials as a potential stallion.

"That's not an issue with this particular horse," he said. "He's already a champion and already a Grade I winner. I'm not taking anything away from the Florida Derby, but all three of these races are very prestigious. Whatever the grade is, I think they carry a lot of weight so far as the breeding markets go and history goes. Now that he's already established the main thing I have to focus on is trying to get him to Kentucky Derby the best I can."


On Saturday, Brown will have two goals: to win the Fountain of Youth, and to make sure he's left plenty in the tank with the Kentucky Derby being what really matters.



Chad Brown | Horsephotos



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"The goal is the Kentucky Derby and I'm really working backwards from there," he said. "To the best of my ability, I'm trying to get the horse to run a lifetime best race on the first Saturday in May. That's what I'm trying to do. I know how far the race is and I know when the race is. So it's my job to try to get him there the best way I can to run a new top. I enter horses to win and that hasn't changed. We're not going to give him any races. But in his training I'm trying to guide him to a lifetime best on Derby Day. I think he's good enough to win the Fountain of Youth, but I haven't completely tightened the screws on this horse and I don't want him to run some extraordinary number in whatever his final prep is. But when we put this horse in the gate, we're trying to win. It's a fine line that you walk."

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WESTERDALE FEELS LIKE HOME FOR MORLEY



Westerdale romping at Aqueduct | Adam Coglianese

by Joe Bianca

Tom Morley had waited a while to use the name. The British-born trainer, expanding his footprint in racing every year, laid eyes on a handsome colt by Flat Out at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling sale and ended up as the winning bidder in conjunction with Boomer Bloodstock for \$150,000. Since then, that purchase has been a revelation for Morley and as such, has earned the name **Westerdale**, in tribute to the small rolling-field village in North Yorkshire, England where Morley grew up. This past Sunday, the equine Westerdale showed himself capable of living up to that honor with an impressive

14 3/4-length, maiden-breaking romp at rainy Aqueduct.

“He was a smashing-looking yearling and his pedigree would suggest a horse who’s going to get better the older he is,” Morley said Wednesday. “He was always a colt where we envisioned his 3, 4, 5-year-old years being his most important on the track.”

Westerdale has always been ahead of schedule, however, and after getting rave reviews in his early training, Morley split up the horse’s equity among clients Jerry Zaro, Mike Lyden, Paul Braverman and Imaginary Stables, while making sure not to divest entirely.

“I loved the horse an enormous amount myself, so I decided to keep a 25% interest,” he said.

Westerdale made his debut going 6 1/2 furlongs Oct. 20 at Belmont, and was good a third behind ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ and subsequent stakes winner Mask (Tapit). Considering that wasn’t the unveiling spot Morley had envisioned, he was encouraged by the ridgling’s run.

“He came to me in super fashion three weeks before Saratoga and I left him at Belmont,” he said. “In the typical European style, I slowly ticked away at him getting him ready for the fall. He’s an extremely straightforward colt to train, never missed a day and we’re in no rush with him. We entered him in a race that didn’t go, which was a bit frustrating since he was ready about a month before he debuted. Then he debuted in a very hot maiden race on paper. I’m a slightly smaller trainer than Kieran [McLaughlin], [Bill] Mott, Todd [Pletcher] and Chad [Brown], who all had runners in that maiden, but I wasn’t at all surprised to see how well he ran.”

The dark bay made the lead prematurely in that effort before flattening some in the stretch, producing an effort that was the perfect building block as Morley aimed to stretch him out.

“He wanted to just jump out of the gate and run and had a bit of a more juvenile performance in that sense,” Morley said of Westerdale’s debut. “He didn’t relax, was very raw and got run down. Obviously Mask has won a stake since and I was very encouraged by that, especially with the pedigree suggesting he wanted no part of 6 1/2.”

Westerdale was third again going a mile at the Big A Nov. 23, stalking the pace more professionally but showing a bit of immaturity when relinquishing a stretch lead.

“Again it was a very solid bunch of horses, but it wasn’t totally surprising to see him run as greenly as he did,” Morley said. “He was accustomed to Belmont and had been training there. He hit the front at the top of the lane, but was looking at the grandstand and stayed on his left lead.”

Morley and his owners decided to give their charge a small break to prepare for his 3-year-old campaign, when they had anticipated him starting to hit his best stride all along.



Tom Morley | Adam Coglianese

Morley cont.

“Anything he did as a 2-year-old was going to be a bonus in our eyes,” Morley said. “We decided we would give him 30 days off. I’m very much of the European ilk where for these Classic-type 3-year-olds, you get a start or two in them at two, then give them a bit of a break to mature over the winter. He went down to Camden Training Center for a month to just put his head down and be a horse. I was absolutely thrilled with how he came back in and it’s been nonstop since then. He hasn’t missed a beat.”

In Sunday’s off-track event, Westerdale drew the rail post under Kendrick Carmouche, a concern for Morley as he had been trying to get the horse to more amicably sit behind horses his morning training. There also was the issue of whether or not he was cranked enough in his first sophomore outing. Thanks in tandem to the horse’s talent and an equipment change, none of it would matter.

“I felt maybe going into Sunday that we were one breeze from being really tight and fit, but also felt it was time to get his 3-year-old year started with the major preps coming up,” Morley said. “We added blinkers which has helped him relax enormously in the morning, then we went with them in the afternoon and Kendrick [Carmouche] said he was a different horse.”

Not hard sent from the fence, Westerdale nevertheless made the front and clicked off sharp fractions before getting away in hand on the turn and quickly concluding proceedings by widening to a double-digit lead soon after straightening for home.



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“We went over to Aqueduct hoping and expecting to see a nice run from him, but he did slightly surprise me,” Morley said of the romp. “I left it up to Kendrick on the basis that he looked like the best horse in the race and in the paddock. Kendrick said afterward, ‘If he’d needed to, he would’ve relaxed.’”

Coming out of the race well, Westerdale has given Morley and his partners confidence that the time is fast-approaching to take a big swing.

“All being well, he’ll go to the [GII] Wood [Memorial] next,” Morley revealed. “He has two starts as a 2-year-old and then the maiden win, and we can run him on a track he’s already run on twice. Then we will plot and plan accordingly.”

If he runs well in the Wood, Westerdale likely would earn a shot at one of the Triple Crown races and with it, representing on the world stage the tiny place so close to his trainer’s heart.

“I waited a while to find a horse that went through the early process of his life without a hitch and could be special,” Morley said. “That’s why he carries the name.”

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MENDELSSOHN REROUTED TO ENGLAND



Mendelsohn | *Breeders’ Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

Mendelsohn (Scat Daddy), last-start winner of the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf at Del Mar Nov. 4, will make his sophomore debut in Saturday’s Listed Spring Cup S. going seven furlongs over the all-weather track at Lingfield after his intended return in Friday’s Listed Patton S. at Dundalk in Ireland was postponed due to a winter storm.

The \$3-million topper from the 2016 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, the half-brother to multiple champion Beholder (Henny Hughes) and to leading sire Into Mischief (Harlan’s Holiday) was to launch a possible GI Kentucky Derby campaign in the Patton S., a points race on the European Road to the Derby and a test being used as a possible steppingstone to the G2 UAE Derby at Meydan Mar. 31. Mendelsohn was one of a half-dozen runners from the Aidan O’Brien stable engaged to the Patton S., but only two of his stablemates were entered alongside him for the Spring Cup–SW & G1SP **Seahenge** (Scat Daddy) and the maiden winner **Threandfourpence** (War Front). Each of the O’Brien trainees holds an entry for the 1 3/16-mile UAE Derby.

Another Kentucky Derby points race scheduled for Kempton Thursday has attracted Phoenix Thoroughbreds’ **Gronkowski** (Lonhro {Aus}), who figures a warm favorite to follow up on a six-length victory at Newcastle Feb. 9. Jamie Spencer is named to ride for trainer Jeremy Nosedo, but that meeting also remains under a weather cloud and a determination will be made early Thursday as to whether racing will go forward. Should the track pass inspection, post time for the ‘Road to the Kentucky Derby’ Conditions S. is set for 7:30 p.m. local time (2:30 p.m. ET).

Mendelssohn cont.

The Patton S. and the entire Dundalk program that has been scrapped Friday will now take place Mar. 9. The final Kentucky Derby points race in Europe is the Mar. 30 Burradon S. at Newcastle.

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FLOODING INUNDATES OHIO RIVER VALLEY TRACKS, HORSEMEN SHOW RESOLVE

by Jennie Rees

Flooding along the Ohio River in recent days left the track surfaces at Cincinnati's Belterra Park and Ellis Park in Henderson, KY, largely under water. But trainers have found a way to keep going at the riverside facility that actually houses horses in the winter--Riverside Downs training center.

Riverside Downs, also in Henderson and a three-mile drive across the river and down U.S. 41 from Ellis Park, faced significant flooding after almost six inches of rain fell in a four-day span, including almost three inches this past Saturday. The ground was already saturated from the prior six inches of rain since the beginning of the month, with the Ohio River expected to crest at near-record levels in the Henderson-Evansville area.

The Ohio River is so close to Riverside that Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) board member John Hancock said, "We can stand in our barn and watch the barges go by." But while the Riverside levee has not been breached, the torrential rain late last week caused the training center's infield lake to overflow onto the track.

Hancock said the tight-knit group of trainers, who have more than 60 horses total at Riverside, have found ways to splash through the challenges. With the track straightaways submerged, trainers the past two days have jogged horses on the turns that were above water because of banking. Every stable has jumped into clean-up mode, even as new hurdles arose, he said.

"It's pretty amazing, those guys who are making this work in the worst of circumstances," said Marty Maline, executive director of the Kentucky HBPA. "They're doing everything they can to ride this out and at the same time be concerned about the safety of their horses and making sure they are cared for properly."

Hancock, a Kentucky HBPA board member, credits Brandon Bowling, one of three Riverside owners, with preventing an even worse situation by taking his front-loader and building a dam out of stockpiled dirt on Monday, Feb. 26. That makeshift engineering kept water from gushing in through the back gate. With that main entrance already impassable, horsemen used a circuitous gravel access road to get to the barns.

"We'd have had a lot more water inside otherwise," Hancock, a third-generation owner-trainer from Henderson, said of the dam. "It turned out to be a major plus for us on the backside."

Horsemen are dealing with seepage developing in some stalls but have kept an upbeat attitude while waiting for the river to crest and start receding.

"Right now everybody is just chilled out," Hancock said. "Everybody is taking care of their own business, and we take turns monitoring it. We're all working together; everybody in here is really patient."

"We're making do right now, as long as it doesn't get any worse," echoed trainer Jeff Barkley. "Our barns are pretty good. But it's definitely an inconvenience getting in and out....Hey, I was in Ellis Park in 1997, and it was a whole lot worse then than it is now. I only had one horse, and I loaded him up and drove my truck and trailer on the levee to the highway to get out."

Ellis Park and Belterra have no horses on the grounds during the winter. While Belterra's gaming and simulcasting operations have been closed since Feb. 19 because of the river levels, Ellis has remained open in spite of its own flooding

of the racetrack and low-lying land in the barn area, as well as between the grandstand and U.S. 41.

Ellis offered horsemen refuge in its barns with higher elevation. Hancock said he appreciated the offer but believes the Riverside horsemen were just as well off staying put.



Exercise rider Brooke Bays aboard a John Hancock trainee at Riverside Downs | Dana Hancock photo

“It’s kind of like this: We’re in here as a group, and we’re going to do what we have to do,” he said. “We’re all taking care of each other. It’s a great group in here. We’ve been through this before, but it’s been awhile since it’s been this bad. We are blessed that we have the people who own this place to take care of us and help us.”

Riverside Downs has been a winter training facility in recent years for seven to 10 Henderson-based trainers who move there after Ellis Park stabling ends in the fall. It opened as Audubon Raceway in 1955, conducting mainly harness racing, but also briefly Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing during its financially-challenged years as a race track.

Much of Belterra was **covered with water**, including parking lots, the track’s turf course and infield and into the barn area. A large stretch of Kellogg Avenue in front of the facility was submerged.

Dave Basler, the executive director of the Ohio HBPA, said the main issues are potential damage to the main track, the clean up and disinfecting the barn area. Basler said he anticipates the purse account to be “negatively impacted” with the loss of more than 10 days of revenue from Belterra’s video lottery terminals.

He said he doesn’t expect the April 27 start to the live racing season to be impacted. The track, which butts up to the Ohio, was known as River Downs until being rebuilt by its casino owners and renamed Belterra Park in 2013.

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CALEDONIA ROAD TOPS KY OAKS NOMINEES

Champion 2-year-old filly **Caledonia Road** (Quality Road) tops the roster of 90 early nominations to the \$1 million GI Longines Kentucky Oaks May 4.

Also nominated to the Oaks were the top three finishers from the GII Rachel Alexandra S. **Monomoy Girl** (Tapizar), **Classy Act** (Into Mischief) and **Wonder Gadot** (Medaglia d’Oro); undefeated GISW **Dream Tree** (Uncle Mo); “**TDN Rising Star**” **Fly So High** (Malibu Moon); etc.

Mark Casse and Kenny McPeck led all trainers with five nominations each.

Each of the 90 fillies nominated to the Oaks was made eligible by a \$200 payment that was due Feb. 17. A complete list of nominations will be available [here](#). Fillies not nominated to the Kentucky Oaks can be made eligible through a \$1,500 late fee due April 14 or a \$20,000 supplemental nomination due at the time of entry.

The Oaks field is limited to 14 starters and up to four fillies can be designated as “also-eligible” to start. Eligibility to compete is determined by points amassed during the “Road to the Kentucky Oaks” point series.

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A total of 157 juveniles have been catalogued for the Barretts April Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training and the catalogue is now on-line. The auction will be held Wednesday, April 4 in the Surfside Raceplace located on the grounds of Del Mar Racetrack at 2:00 p.m. PDT. The catalog can be viewed [here](#).

The official training preview is scheduled to be held Apr. 2 on the Del Mar racetrack beginning at 10:00 a.m. PDT. The preview will be streamed live at [barretts.com](#).

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CDI ACQUIRES PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS

Churchill Downs Incorporated (CDI) announced Wednesday that it has reached two separate agreements to buy Presque Isle Downs & Casino in Erie, PA and Lady Luck Casino in Vicksburg, MS. The total for the two transactions, which are pending closing conditions and gaming license approvals, will be \$229.5 million.

“We are excited about welcoming both of these properties to the Churchill family,” said CDI CEO Bill Carstanjen in a release. “Presque Isle will give us a foothold in Pennsylvania which has recently passed legislation authorizing real money online gaming. The Lady Luck Vicksburg is immediately adjacent to our Riverwalk facility and offers us operational efficiencies in a stable region. Both properties fit our investment criteria and will be immediately accretive to our shareholders.”

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FIRST MARES IN FOAL

GORMLEY, Spendthrift Farm

● Two-time Grade I winner Gormley had his first mare confirmed in foal. MSP Canopy Lane (Forestry) was among the first mares the former Jerry and Ann Moss colorbearer covered.



Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 6:09 p.m. EST

XPRESSBET FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	He Takes Charge 🍀	Tapit	Schettine, William C. & John C. Oxley.	Casse	Gaffalione	116
2	Free Drop Billy 🍀	Union Rags	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Albarado	122
3	Peppered	Tapizar	Paul Braverman & Timothy Pinch	Baker	Juarez	116
4	Strike Power 🍀	Speightstown	Courtlandt Farms	Hennig	Saez	122
5	Storm Runner	Get Stormy	Team Valor International & Gemstone Stables	Romans	Rosario	116
6	Good Magic 🍀	Curlin	e Five Racing T'bred & Stonestreet Stables LLC	Brown	Ortiz	122
7	Gotta Go 🍀	Shanghai Bobby	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Wilkes	Landeros	120
8	Marconi 🍀	Tapit	Bridlewood Farm, Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith & Michael B. Tabor	Pletcher	Castellano	116
9	Machismo 🍀	More Than Ready	Loooch Racing Stables, Inc. & Ashley Quartarolo	Quartarolo	Jimenez	116
10	Promises Fulfilled 🍀	Shackleford	Robert J. Baron	Romans	Ortiz, Jr.	116

Breeders: 1-William C. Schettine, 2-Helen K. Groves Revokable Trust, 3-Oak Ridge Farm, 4-Courtlandt Farm, 5-Hurstland Farm, James H. Greene Jr. & Courtney O'Brien, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Machmer Hall, 8-Brushwood Stable, 9-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 10-David Jacobs

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:00 p.m. EST

DAVONA DALE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sultry 🍀	Malibu Moon	Joseph W. Sutton	Kenneally	Bravo	120
2	Sunny Skies 🍀	Animal Kingdom	Normandy Farm	McPeek	Leparoux	120
3	Heavenhasmynikki	Majestic Warrior	Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.	Quartarolo	Ortiz, Jr.	116
4	Alter Moon	Alternation	JAL Racing	Velez	Zayas	116
5	Miss Mo Mentum	Uncle Mo	Gary Barber	Casse	Gaffalione	120
6	Take Charge Paula 🍀	Take Charge Indy	Peter Deutsch	McLaughlin	Lopez	122
7	Cache 🍀	Distorted Humor	Courtlandt Farms	Hennig	Castellano	116
8	Fly So High 🍀	Malibu Moon	Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Ortiz	116

Breeders: 1-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 2-Normandy Farm LLC, 3-Langsem Farm, Inc., 4-C. Hunter & E. Claire Hager, 5-Ralph Kinder, Erv Woolsey & Uncle Mo Syndicate, 6-Extern Developments LTD., 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Mt. Brilliant Broodmares II, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:34 p.m. EST

MAC DIARMIDA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sadler's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Woodslane Farm	Albertrani	Leparoux	119
2	Some in Tieme (Brz)	Shirocco (Ger)	Some In Time, Inc	McPeek	Cruz	119
3	One Go All Go 🍀	Fairbanks	Rodney Paden	Dickey	Landeros	117
4	Muqtaser	Distorted Humor	Shadwell Stables	McLaughlin	Bravo	119
5	Markitoff 🍀	Giant's Causeway	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	117
6	Gold Shield 🍀	Medaglia d'Oro	Lane's End Racing and Kinsman Stable	McGaughey III	Ortiz, Jr.	119
7	Bernay (Ire)	King's Best	Michael Dubb, Head of Plains Partners LLC and Long Lake Stable LLC	Brown	Gaffalione	119

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8	Patterson Cross	Arch	James S. Karp & James Patterson	Mott	Lezcano	117
9	Nessy	Flower Alley	Sierra Farm	Wilkes	Castellano	117
10	Run Time 🌿	Gio Ponti	Allen Racing LLC and Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Maker	Rosario	121
11	Big Bend 🌿	Union Rags	Union Rags Racing LLC	Proctor	Lopez	123
12	Oscar Nominated	Kitten's Joy	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey	Maker	Ortiz	123

Breeders: 1-Woodslane Farm, LLC., 2-Haras Santa Maria de Araras, 3-Albert P. Coppola, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 6-Kinsman Farm, 7-G. Rollain, 8-James S. Karp, 9-Sierra Farm, 10-Indian Creek, 11-Daniel J. Burke & Kathleen Schweizer, 12-Mrs. Jerry Amerman

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:00 p.m. EST**THE VERY ONE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Palinodie (Fr)	Doctor Dino (Fr)	Sallusto and Albina Racing	Clement	Rosario	117
2	Westit (GB)	Tapit	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Velazquez	117
3	Daring Duchess 🌿	Arch	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey	Maker	Ortiz	121
4	Holy Helena	Ghostzapper	Stronach Stables	Jerkens	Ortiz, Jr.	119
5	Empressof the Nile 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	William L. Clifton, Jr.	Bond	Bravo	117
6	Summersault	Rock Hard Ten	William Parsons, Jr. & David S. Howe	Hennig	Castellano	119
7	Shezaprado 🌿	Paddy O'Prado	Out Of This World Racing LLC	Maker	Lopez	117

Breeders: 1-Ecurie Maulepaire, 2-Wertheimer et Frere, 3-Kennelot Stables LTD., 4-Adena Springs, 5-Pam Doddridge, 6-William Parsons Jr. & David S. Howe, 7-Paradox Farm, Inc. & D. Andrews

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST**CANADIAN TURF S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Galleon Mast	Mizzen Mast	Anne D. Scott	Fawkes	Saez	121
2	Conquest Sandman 🌿	Scat Daddy	Costa Brava	Abarrio	Lezcano	121
3	Blind Ambition	Tapit	Gainesway Stable	Pletcher	Castellano	121
4	Highland Sky	Sky Mesa	Joyce B. Young, Gerald & Jerrie Stewart McManis	Tagg	Ortiz	117
5	March 🌿	Blame	Robert V. LaPenta	Thomas	Gaffalione	119
6	Hogy 🌿	Offlee Wild	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	121
7	Shakhimat 🌿	Lonhro (Aus)	Dan Gale, Roger Attfield & William K. Werner	Attfield	Velazquez	123
8	Derby Champagne	Pulpit	Preston Madden	Arnold, II	Albarado	117

Breeders: 1-H & A Stables LLC, 2-Josham Farms Limited, 3-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 4-Bonner Young, 5-Lakland Farm, 6-Dr. John E. Little, 7-Adena Springs, 8-Preston Madden

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 2:00 p.m. EST**PALM BEACH S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Speed Franco 🌿	Declaration of War	Grupo 7C Racing Stable	Delgado	Jaramillo	120
2	Maraud 🌿	Blame	Treadway Racing Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	114
3	Renaissance Frolic 🌿	Paynter	Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc.	Fawkes	Castellano	118
4	Neepawa	Scat Daddy	Chiefswood Stable	Casse	Gaffalione	114
5	Eye of a Jedi 🌿	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Montalvo	114
6	Therapist	Freud	Oak Bluff Stables	Clement	Ortiz, Jr.	121
7	Hawkish	Artie Schiller	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC & Robert V. LaPenta	Toner	Ortiz	114

Breeders: 1-Ice Wine Stables, 2-John R. Penn & Frank Penn, 3-Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc., 4-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Oak Bluff Stable, LLC & C. Clement, 7-AJ Suited, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 2:30 p.m. EST**HERECOMESTHEBRIDE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Princess Warrior	Midshipman	Evan, Matthew & Andrew Trommer	McPeek	Leparoux	114
2	My Favorite Gift 🌿	Tapit	Grupo 7C Racing Stable	Delgado	Jaramillo	114
3	Thewayiam (Fr)	Thewayyouare	Great Point Stables LLC, Dubb, The Elkstone Group LLC & Bethlehem Stables LLC	Motion	Ortiz	120
4	Brattata 🌿	More Than Ready	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	114
5	Amertume	Tapit	Wertheimer and Frere	Pletcher	Velazquez	114
6	Queen Rose 🌿	More Than Ready	Partner Stable LLC	Sano	Perez	114
7	She's Pretty Lucky	Lookin At Lucky	Will Kari	Kenneally	Bravo	118
8	Malibu Saint 🌿	Malibu Moon	Treadway Racing Stable	Maker	Saez	118

Breeders: 1-George M. Veloudis Jr., 2-Grousemont Farm, 3-SCA La Perrigne, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Wertheimer et Frere, 6-Mrs. Nagako Fujita, 7-Will Kari, 8-Jim Wells & Candy Meadows LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:02 p.m. EST**GULFSTREAM PARK SPRINT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Extravagant Kid	Kiss the Kid	DARRS, Inc.	Walsh	Velazquez	121
2	Eight Town 🌿	Speightstown	Jim & Susan Hill	Lynch	Ortiz	117
3	First Growth 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Michelle Winters	Londono, Jr.	Corrales	121
4	Classic Rock 🌿	Maclean's Music	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Ritvo	Saez	119
5	Richard the Great	Distorted Humor	Arindel	Gold	Jaramillo	121
6	Favorable Outcome	Flatter	Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William H. Lawrence	Brown	Castellano	117
7	Noholdingback Bear 🌿	Put It Back	Bear Stables, Ltd.	De Paulo	Gaffalione	119
8	Sweetontheladies	Twirling Candy	The Four Horsemen Racing Stable, Inc. & Lady Lindsay Racing Stables	Collazo	Meneses	119
9	Mr. Jordan	Kantharos	David Melin, Leon Ellman & Laurie Plesa	Plesa, Jr.	Zayas	121
10	Unbridled Outlaw 🌿	Unbridled's Song	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Albarado	117
11	Rock and Fellers (Arg)	Munnings	Juan Antonio Stables LLC.	Navarro	Lezcano	117

Breeders: 1-Vicino Racing Stable, 2-A & G Racing Stables, 3-Alexander Groves Matz, LLC, 4-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent, 5-Arindel Farm, 6-Charles T. Matses, 7-Jerry Jamgotchian, 8-English Range Farm, 9-Philip & Karen Matthews, 10-Betz/Blackburn/J. Betz/Ramsby/CNHHNK, 11-Don Florentino

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST**SANTA YSABEL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	One Fast Broad	Decarchy	Ruis Racing LLC	Ruis	Franco	120
2	Spring Lily 🌿	Union Rags	Wygod, Pam and Martin	Shirreffs	Roman	120
3	Midnight Bisou 🌿	Midnight Lute	Allen Racing LLC and Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Spawr	Smith	120
4	Thirteen Squared	Liaison	Arnold Zetcher LLC	Baffert	Baze	120
5	Sweetsongofthenile 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Piper, Gary, Ferro, Angelo and Connor, Larry	Moger, Jr.	Prat	120
6	Dream Tree 🌿	Uncle Mo	Phoenix Thoroughbred III	Baffert	Van Dyke	124

Breeders: 1-Richard Allen Kritzski & AGR Racing, 2-Emily Wygod, 3-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 4-Arnold Zetcher LLC, 5-Keithshire Farm, 6-Mike & Pat Freeny



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1	Blame <i>(2006) by Arch</i>	2	7	1	2	--	--	83	25	\$120,000 <i>Fault</i>	\$984,953
			<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>								
2	Quality Road <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality 1</i>	2	3	1	2	--	--	95	26	\$92,400 <i>Paved</i>	\$957,953
			<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$70,000</i>								
3	Munnings <i>(2006) by Speightstown</i>	3	3	1	1	--	--	68	25	\$64,800 <i>Om</i>	\$721,134
			<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$25,000</i>								
4	Warrior's Reward <i>(2006) by Medaglia d'Oro</i>	3	3	--	--	--	--	94	25	\$65,000 <i>Battle Station</i>	\$624,172
			<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>								
5	Kantharos <i>(2008) by Lion Heart</i>	2	3	--	--	--	--	69	14	\$130,760 <i>X Y Jet</i>	\$619,794
			<i>Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>								
6	Super Saver <i>(2007) by Maria's Mon</i>	2	3	--	--	--	--	85	23	\$115,000 <i>Mourinho</i>	\$599,985
			<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$35,000</i>								
7	Lookin At Lucky <i>(2007) by Smart Strike</i>	1	3	1	2	--	1	83	12	\$120,000 <i>Accelerate</i>	\$535,813
			<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$17,500</i>								
8	Midshipman <i>(2006) by Unbridled's Song</i>	1	4	--	1	--	--	64	12	\$95,650 <i>In the Navy Now</i>	\$489,634
			<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: \$8,500</i>								
9	Tale of Ekati <i>(2005) by Tale of the Cat</i>	--	2	--	2	--	--	60	15	\$115,010 <i>Anna Perenna</i>	\$406,625
			<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>								
10	Desert Party <i>(2006) by Street Cry (Ire)</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	51	12	\$60,500 <i>Aunt Babe</i>	\$405,439
			<i>Stands: Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions NY Fee: \$2,500</i>								
11	Majesticperfection <i>(2006) by Harlan's Holiday</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	49	11	\$61,700 <i>Our Majesty</i>	\$348,204
			<i>Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000</i>								
12	Hold Me Back <i>(2006) by Giant's Causeway</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	54	16	\$50,530 <i>Blacktieandtux</i>	\$327,462
			<i>Stands: Irish Hill Century Farm NY Fee: \$5,000</i>								
13	Temple City <i>(2005) by Dynaformer</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	61	8	\$134,066 <i>Kimbear</i>	\$321,044
			<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>								
14	Discreetly Mine <i>(2007) by Mineshaft</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	76	12	\$54,000 <i>Full House</i>	\$320,757
			<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>								
15	Concord Point <i>(2007) by Tapit</i>	1	3	--	2	--	--	27	5	\$45,000 <i>Exclamation Point</i>	\$306,134
			<i>Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY Fee: Private</i>								

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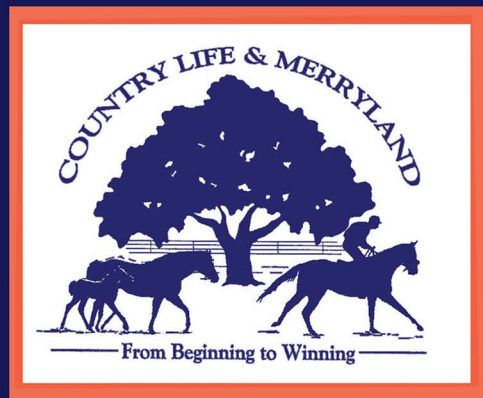
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TRAINER DAN PERLSWEIG DEAD AT 91

by Bill Finley

Dan Perlsweig, the trainer of 1981 GI Florida Derby winner and 1980 2-year-old champion Lord Avie, passed away Tuesday due to complications related to old age. He was 91.

Perlsweig, who was based in New Jersey and Florida, was also known for his dedication to backstretch workers. In 1999, he won the Dogwood Dominion Award, which was presented to an unsung hero in racing. At Monmouth and Gulfstream, he created backstretch appreciation days, which were picnics for the grooms, hot walkers and their families.

According to Perlsweig's daughter Judy, her father always had a love affair with horses and began with them cleaning stalls for the Philadelphia police's mounted patrols. He then began fox hunting.



Danny Perlsweig | *Equi-Photo*

After returning from the Navy, he began working as an exercise rider before becoming a jockey. He was involved in a serious spill in the forties at Havre de Grace, which led him to becoming a trainer. He was a fixture at the Mid-Atlantic and Florida tracks from the forties until his retirement in 1999.

Lord Avie was his best horse. He won three Grade I races and loomed the possible favorite for the GI Kentucky Derby after winning the Florida Derby, but a minor injury kept him out of the race. He returned to finish second in the GI Haskell Invitational and third in the GI Travers S. He suffered another injury in the Travers and was retired to stud at Spendthrift Farm.

"He was one of the nicest horses I've ever, ever been around, and he loved people," Perlsweig told the *Daily Racing Form* in 2012. "Once in a while, he'd have some play in him and you'd have to be tied on. But most of the time he galloped like a pony. The old groom who rubbed him was named Charlie Butler. Lord Avie would lay down and take a nap, and Charlie would go in there and lay on his belly."

After his wife passed away in 2002, Perlsweig decided to take a cruise and found a second career.

"He had always been a dancer," Judy Perlsweig said. "Any opportunity to dance, he would. When he went on the cruise, he caught on to the fact there were men there dressed in

tuxedos dancing with women. He found out they had a position called dance host. They weren't paid, but got free room and board on the ships. All his dance steps were spot on except for his waltz. That needed to be refined. My kids called him 'Pop Pop the Gigolo.'"

Perlsweig is survived by Judy, his son Mark, a former trainer, and three grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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'18 GULFSTREAM SPRING/SUMMER MEET INCLUDES FIVE MORE STAKES

Gulfstream Park's 2018 Spring/Summer meet will include five more stakes and \$250,000 in additional purse money compared to last year. Highlights will include the Florida Sire Stakes series, Breeders' Cup 'Win and You're In' GII Princess Rooney S. and GIII Smile Sprint S. The Princess Rooney and Smile Sprint highlight the five-stakes Summit of Speed card June 30. The finals of the \$1.4-million Sire Stakes, the \$400,000 In Reality S. and \$400,000 My Dear Girl S. for males and female juveniles, respectively, will take place Sept. 29. "Our 2018 stakes schedule reaffirms our commitment to a strong year-round racing calendar in Florida," said Gulfstream General Manager Bill Badgett. "With a strong stakes schedule and more horsemen deciding to remain in South Florida or keep a year-round presence here, we're looking at this being the best spring and summer of racing in Florida in a decade." Visit www.gulfstreampark.com for the complete stakes schedule.

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Imprimis (Broken Vow) makes it two-for-two with Wednesday victory at Gulfstream.

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FLORIDA

Wednesday's Results:

1st-GP, \$44,000, (S), Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-28, 4yo/up, 5fT, :55.72, fm.

IMPRIMIS (g, 4, Broken Vow--Shoppers Return, by Put It Back) was an authoritative 1 1/2-length winner in his debut over course and trip Feb. 2 and came into this second start off a pair of bullet works at Gulfstream Park West. The 7-2 shot settled off the pace behind an opening quarter in :21.95. He tipped out four wide at the top of the stretch and bound to the lead after a half in :44.27 before drawing away to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Favored Our Independence (Put It Back) was second under the wire, but was disqualified and placed fifth. Starship Wildcat (Wildcat Heir) was promoted to second. Owner/breeder Craig Wheeler served as manager at Jack Dreyfus's historic Hobeau Farm, which bred the winner's dam Shoppers Return, a half to stakes winner and graded stakes placed Fifth Avenue (Monarchos). The winner's third dam Shopping (Private Account) produced the dam of Grade I winner Power Broker (Pulpit) and Grade I winner Miss Shop (Deputy Minister), who is the dam of graded stakes winner Tin Type Gal (Tapit), as well as graded stakes winner Trappe Shot (Tapit). Shoppers Return produced a filly by Summer Front last year and was bred back to Violence. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$57,100.

O/B-Craig L Wheeler (FL); T-Timothy A. Hills.

1/2-sis by Violence sells with Craig Wheeler at OBSAPR • 352.843.0332

7th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.44, fm.
GUNNISON (c, 3, Bernardini--Madame Du Lac, by Lemon Drop Kid), seventh in an off-the-turfer at Woodbine in his debut last November, was sixth at this trip over the Gulfstream lawn Dec. 31 and fifth after a wide trip at that same course and distance last time out Jan. 27. Sent off at 5-1, the bay colt jumped out to the early lead, setting fractions of :23.80 and :48.59 while tracked by favored Big Agenda (Data Link). Big Agenda was sent after the pacesetter after three-quarters in 1:12.37. He briefly got a nose in front of his rival, but Gunnison battled back bravely along the rail to eke out a nose victory. The winner is a half-brother to Kitten's Kid (Kitten's Joy, GSP) and to Divisidero (Kitten's Joy, MGISW, \$1,137,950). He RNA'd for \$60,000 as a KEESEP yearling and is campaigned by Divisidero's owner Gunpowder Farms in partnership with breeder Hinkle Farms. **Hinkle Farms** purchased Madame du Lac, with Divisidero in utero, for \$150,000 at the 2011 Keeneland November sale.

The mare's filly by Orb sold for \$260,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale. She was bred to Into Mischief last spring. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$13,355. O-Gunpowder Farms LLC & Hinkle Farms; B-Hinkle Farms & Darley (KY); T-Kelly Rubley.



CENTRAL U.S.

126 Head Entered in Texas 2-Year-Old Sale:

A total of 126 head have been consigned for the Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, which will be held at Lone Star Park Apr. 10. The under tack show is scheduled for Apr. 8 at 11:00 a.m. Selling on the 10th begins at noon. The catalogue for this year's auction is 20% larger than it was in 2017. "I am very excited about this year's sale," said Sale Director Tim Boyce. "Along with the solid increase in numbers and quality, I look forward to working with the Dillon [Video and Photo] crew for the production of our under tack show. This is something the market has wanted, and I am glad we are able to give it."

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4yo/Up Male	Mobile Bay (Lone Star Special)
Broodmare of the Year	Buttercup's Song
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-MVR, \$33,000, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-28, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.14, ft.

ALTISSIMO (g, 5, Noble Causeway--Great Goin Rose {SP}, by Albert the Great) Lifetime Record: SP, 26-8-3-3, \$176,888. O-Nancy Lavrich; B-Nancy J Lavrich & Niknar Farm LLC (OH); T-R Zielinski. *1/2 to Uptown Gal (Don't Get Mad), SW, \$140,980.

6th-TAM, \$23,250, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.06, ft.

PINK MAMA (m, 5, Mass Media--Hay Cheif, by Chief Seattle) Lifetime Record: 25-13-5-2, \$181,890. O-Juan Cacho Castro; B-Richard & Mary Tortora (FL); T-Gerald S. Bennett.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Miraculously, f, 3, **Hat Trick (Jpn)**--Miracle Heat, by Unusual Heat. GP, 2-28, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.55. B-Madeline Auerbach & Barry Abrams (KY). *\$13,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

Agujero, c, 3, **Quality Road**--Indy Trouble (SP), by A.P. Indy. GP, 2-28, (C), 1m, 1:38.93. B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & St. George Farm, LLC (KY). *\$20,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

Soliloquy, f, 4, **Exchange Rate**--Richer by Love, by Clever Trick. HOU, 2-28, 5fT, 1:00.13. B-Stonecrest Farm (KY). *1/2 to Dyani (Dynaformer), SP, \$168,342.

Zabette, f, 4, **Kodiak Cowboy**--Xena War Princess, by Deposit Ticket. HOU, 2-28, 5fT, :59.60. B-Anthony E. Guida (KY).

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BERNARDINI, Gunnison, c, 3, o/o Madame Du Lac, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 2-28, Tampa Bay

BROKEN VOW, Imprimis, g, 4, o/o Shoppers Return, by Put It Back. AOC, 2-28, Gulfstream Park

EXCHANGE RATE, Soliloquy, f, 4, o/o Richer by Love, by Clever Trick. MSW, 2-28, Sam Houston

HAT TRICK (JPN), Miraculously, f, 3, o/o Miracle Heat, by Unusual Heat. MCL, 2-28, Gulfstream Park

KODIAK KOWBOY, Zabette, f, 4, o/o Xena War Princess, by Deposit Ticket. MSW, 2-28, Sam Houston

MASS MEDIA, Pink Mama, m, 5, o/o Hay Cheif, by Chief Seattle. AOC, 2-28, Tampa Bay

NOBLE CAUSEWAY, Altissimo, g, 5, o/o Great Goin Rose, by Albert the Great. AOC, 2-28, Mahoning Valley Race Course

QUALITY ROAD, Agujero, c, 3, o/o Indy Trouble, by A.P. Indy. MCL, 2-28, Gulfstream Park

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