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THIRTEEN ENTER UP-FOR-GRABS SANTA ANITA DERBY

By Jeremy Balan

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If there are no scratches in the \$1 million Santa Anita Derby (G1) April 8, the 13-horse field entering the gate will be the largest since 1981 for the West Coast's top Triple Crown prep race.

The reason for the large field is simple. If Mastery had not sustained a condylar fracture moments after his romp in the March 11 San Felipe Stakes (G2), the undefeated Bob Baffert trainee surely would be the commanding favorite facing a short field (see Dortmund in 2015). But with the injury, the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) trail on the West Coast has changed entirely, and that was reflected in the Santa Anita Derby entry box.

"All season long it's been hard for (3-year-old horses) to put a couple races together, so everybody views it as an opportunity," said trainer John Shirreffs, who will send out both grade 1 winner Gormley and grade 3 victor Royal Mo.

Shirreffs isn't the only trainer with multiple entrants—Baffert (three) and Doug O'Neill (four) have more—but his two horses fit his own definition. Both are owned by Jerry and Ann Moss and both have had at least one moment of high quality and at least one that didn't measure up.

For Gormley, it's happened twice. The Malibu Moon colt broke through with a three-length win in the Oct. 1 FrontRunner Stakes (G1),



BERNIE PHOTO

Gormley (outside) and American Anthem (inside) finish a head apart in the Sham Stakes

then didn't fire in the Sentinent Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1), where he finished 16 1/4 lengths back in seventh.

In the new year, he fired fresh to edge fellow Santa Anita Derby entrant American Anthem in the Sham Stakes (G3), then came back to finish fourth, 9 3/4 lengths back in the San Felipe.

In both wins Gormley had things relatively his own way, either on the lead or just off, but Shirreffs "feels strongly" he'll be most successful with a stalk-and-pounce approach.

"Gormley hasn't developed a style yet," the trainer said. "That's the big thing. In the mornings, he's shown he has a late kick. He's won on or close to the lead, but I don't think that's his best style."

Royal Mo hit the road for the Rebel Stakes (G2) after his Robert B. Lewis Stakes (G3) victory, but finished an unthreatening ninth at Oaklawn Park and Shirreffs opted to keep the Uncle Mo colt home.

"I didn't feel like sending him again and it just seems like the best thing to keep him home," he said. "It seemed like he wasn't handling (the surface) very well, but in the mornings he was."

The comforts of home have also drawn O'Neill's quartet, which includes one that has already tried unsuccessfully to win out of town. Reddam Racing's So Conflated put himself into the conversation with a win in the California Derby on Golden Gate Fields' synthetic main track Jan. 21, but finished sixth in his only Kentucky Derby points race March 4 in the Gotham Stakes (G3) at Aqueduct Racetrack, where he came in 22 1/4 lengths behind winner J Boys Echo.

The other O'Neill starters have been homebodies, including Kaleem Shah's 7-2 morning-line favorite Iliad. O'Neill admits, at least in part, that the assigned favoritism has been by default. With no high-profile horses shipping in to

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challenge at Santa Anita Park, the logical favorite would figure to be the horse that got closest to Mastery in the San Felipe.

"If Mastery was in the race, he'd be the favorite, so because Iliad ran second, he's the logical favorite, and I think he's a legitimate favorite," O'Neill said. "In this scenario, if you had two horses who had to have the lead, it might be a tough spot for me, but they're all individuals and all have their own way of going.

"The fact that the race is void of a super favorite, it's in your own back yard, it offers a lot of Derby points and a big purse—that all goes into it."

Rounding out the O'Neill crew is off-the-turf Cecil B. DeMille Stakes (G3) winner Term of Art, who finished third in the San Felipe, and Milton Freewater, a Creative

Cause colt who earned placings in a trio of 2016 California-bred stakes.

Baffert's contingent includes American Anthem, who finished 10th in the Rebel after his game Sham performance against Gormley, and a pair exiting a key March 9 allowance won by fellow Santa Anita Derby entrant Battle of Midway.

The Jerry Hollendorfer-trained Battle of Midway just edged Baffert-trained Reach the World in that 1 1/16-mile test, and both are scheduled to take the step up to grade 1 competition Saturday, as well as the fifth-place finisher in that race, Irish Freedom.

Rounding out the field is grade 1-placed Midnight Pleasure, who finished third in his 3-year-old debut, a 6 1/2-furlong allowance at Santa Anita; impressive last-out maiden winner (4 1/2 lengths) Kimbear; and last-out maiden winner on turf Comma Sister. **BH**

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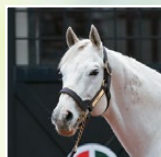
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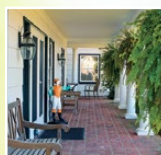
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IRISH WAR CRY AIMS TO REGAIN FORM IN WOOD MEMORIAL

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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They had barely situated themselves on Irish War Cry's bandwagon when the masses started abandoning ship.

It took one lackluster 1 1/16-mile run around the Gulfstream Park track March 4 for the son of Curlin to go from unbeaten upstart who defeated the reigning juvenile champion to a 3-year-old on the outside looking in where his prospects for the first Saturday in May are concerned.

Trainer Graham Motion doesn't mince words or make excuses for his charge's seventh-place finish in the Xpressbet Fountain of Youth Stakes (G2) last month, but what he has seen from the colt since has him hopeful said bad day was just that—a one-off aberration from a runner still getting a handle on his talent.

He also has never been one to force the pressure of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) onto a protege that wasn't giving off the right signals. Hence, Motion views the April 8 Wood Memorial Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G2) at Aqueduct Racetrack as Irish War Cry's opportunity to convince him his presence in the first leg of the Triple Crown is necessary.

"Obviously, he's going to have to step up and be competitive on Saturday otherwise he doesn't belong doing this—and I'm not going to force it to happen," Motion said.

Proving himself a solid Kentucky Derby contender didn't seem like it would be an issue for Irish War Cry in the aftermath of his 3 3/4-length win in the Feb. 4 Lambholm South Holy Bull Stakes (G2). In just his



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Irish War Cry's Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands status hangs in the balance

third career start and first try against graded company, Isabelle de Tomaso's homebred looked like a star in the making when he led at every point of call and bounded to the wire under mild urging, unchallenged by multiple graded stakes winner Gunnevera or reigning juvenile champion Classic Empire.

With strong form over the track and quality contenders already defeated, there was ample reason to believe Irish War Cry would live up to his even-money favoritism when he returned in the Fountain of Youth. Instead, that outing shone a light on improvements still needed in his game as he chased Three Rules through the opening fractions before fading to seventh while Gunnevera galloped to the win.

"It was a real head-scratcher," Motion said of the Fountain of Youth. "I was a little surprised that (jockey) Joel (Rosario) chose to lay so close to the pace. We'd kind of discussed the thing that I really wanted to get him to settle. I would have preferred he come back off the pace.

"I think I would have learned a little bit more about my horse—and I certainly am not blaming Joel for the way he ran because, you know, he really ran an

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IRISH WAR CRY AIMS TO REGAIN FORM IN WOOD MEMORIAL

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appalling race that day—but, I'd like to think he's going to settle on Saturday. And if he's not going to settle, he's going to have a hard time competing in these races."

With Rosario slated to ride grade 1 winner Practical Joke in Saturday's Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G2) at Keeneland, Irish War Cry will have a new pilot for his 1 1/8-mile run in the Wood Memorial in Rajiv Maragh. The duo's outside post position in the eight-horse field should give them the opportunity to follow Motion's wish to see the colt relax off the lead. Irish War Cry did show in his rallying, 4 1/2-length maiden win at Laurel Park in November that he could come from off the pace.

"Right now we're just trying to get him back on track and I wanted to run him in the race where he has

the best chance to show himself," Motion said.

Seven-time Eclipse Award winning-trainer Todd Pletcher already has a fistful of Derby contenders—including Xpressbet Florida Derby (G1) winner Always Dreaming. His enviable lineup could grow should Battalion Runner live up to his hype during his graded stakes debut in the Wood Memorial.

Owned by St. Elias Stable, Battalion Runner enters off a 1 1/4-length allowance win going 1 1/16-miles at Gulfstream Feb. 3, and was originally entered in the Florida Derby before being scratched in favor of Saturday's test. The son of Unbridled's Song will make his fourth career start and showed front-end brilliance last December when he broke his maiden by 8 3/4-lengths at Gulfstream Dec. 31.

"We feel like he's consistently run well fresh, and we've been training all along with either running in the Florida Derby or the following weekend in mind, so hopefully we have him fit enough and ready enough to run his best," said Pletcher, who will also saddle

maiden winner Bonus Points in the Wood.

Tony Dutrow trainee Mo Town won the Remsen Stakes (G2) over the Aqueduct surface in November but was a well-beaten fifth during his seasonal bow as the 3-2 favorite in the Feb. 25 Risen Star Stakes (G2) at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots.

"He is proven over the Aqueduct racetrack, so that was the biggest decision maker (to run in the Wood Memorial)," said Dutrow. "We've been training him the same way and he's been responding to it, so I just kept things the way they've been." **BH**

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Battalion Runner could become yet another Kentucky Derby contender for Todd Pletcher

PEGASUS WORLD CUP PURSE RAISED TO \$16 MILLION

By BloodHorse Staff

The Stronach Group announced April 5 plans to raise the Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes (G1) purse to \$16 million for 2018.

The inaugural Pegasus World Cup was contested at Gulfstream Park Jan. 28 for \$12 million with owners, or their stakeholders, each paying \$1 million for a starting gate spot. The 2018 Pegasus, which will again be contested at Stronach Group-owned Gulfstream Jan. 27, will follow that format with the additional \$4 million contributed by The Stronach Group.

"The 2017 Pegasus World Cup Invitational surpassed our expectations and we believe took the sport of Thoroughbred racing to an exciting new level," said Stronach Group president Belinda Stronach. "Our company is committed to building on the momentum that was inspired by our founder and honorary chairman, Frank Stronach. In 2018, we will bring an even bigger, more modern, and unforgettable entertainment experience to a global audience."

The Pegasus World Cup surpassed the \$10 million Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1) as



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The trophy for the Pegasus World Cup

the world's richest race. However, in an interview with *CNN Sports* during this year's Dubai World Cup, Sheikh Mohammed announced intentions to raise the purse to again make it the sport's loftiest.

Juddmonte Farms' champion Arrogate won both the 2017 Pegasus World Cup and Dubai World Cup. He is North America's all-time leading earner with more than \$17 million. **BH**

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PARADISE WOODS STEPS UP FOR SANTA ANITA OAKS

By Jeremy Balan

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In the days following four-time champion Beholder's departure from the barn of Richard Mandella, the Hall of Fame trainer was asked a simple question—what's next?

It didn't take long for Mandella to respond on the Santa Anita Park apron, where he was observing morning workouts.

"Well, we like this filly," Mandella said directly.

That's as ringing an endorsement as you'll ever get from Mandella on a filly who hadn't raced yet, but a few months and two starts later, Steven Sarkowsky and Martin and Pam Wygod's Paradise Woods has found her way into top-level competition in the \$400,000 Santa Anita Oaks (G1).

By Union Rags, Paradise Woods ran well but didn't win her debut Jan. 26 at Santa Anita—as highly regarded Mandella prospects are wont to do (Beholder lost her debut as well)—then came back to win impressively March 11 in a 5 1/2-furlong maiden special weight race under jockey Flavien Prat.

Stakes competition, especially at the grade 1 level, is a serious step up for the Kentucky-bred filly, but with the absence of superstar Unique Bella, who will miss both the Santa Anita Oaks and Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1) because of a shin injury, the prospects look a little better.

The April 8 Santa Anita Oaks has been a springboard to championships in recent years, with three of the last four winners—Beholder (2013), Stellar Wind (2015), and Songbird (2016)—all winning the 3-year-old filly year-end honor, and even without the Jerry Hollendorfer-trained Unique Bella, the field features ample quality.



Paradise Woods has found her way into top-level competition in the Santa Anita Oaks

While 2016 Starlet Stakes (G1) winner Abel Tasman might garner favoritism after challenging Unique Bella during the stretch in the Santa Ysabel (G3) and winding up second-best, Hollendorfer will counter with Tommy Town Thoroughbreds' It Tiz Well. The Arch filly shipped out of California to win her last start, the March 11 Honeybee (G3) at Oaklawn Park, and impressively won a seven-furlong allowance at Santa Anita Feb. 3 after running a far-back second to Unique Bella in the Jan. 8 Santa Ynez Stakes (G2).

Also returning home from an out-of-town win is Reddam Racing's Mopotism. Like others in the field, the Uncle Mo filly finished second behind Unique Bella. Her runner-up effort to the talented Hollendorfer trainee was in the Feb. 5 Las Virgenes, before she shipped to Sunland Park to win the Island Fashion Stakes Feb. 26. The only maiden in the Santa Anita Oaks field, Majestic Quality, may be winless in eight starts but is coming off a quality second-place effort behind likely Kentucky Oaks favorite Farrell in the Feb. 25 Rachel Alexandra (G2) at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots for trainer Keith Desormeaux.

Rounding out the field is 9 1/4-length maiden winner Bernina Star, who finished fourth on grass last time out in the China Doll Stakes, and recent allowance winner Princess Karen. **BH**

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MISS TEMPLE CITY TO MISS KEENELAND MEET

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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Multiple grade 1 winner Miss Temple City will not make her seasonal bow during the upcoming Keeneland spring meet after suffering a minor setback in training, trainer Graham Motion confirmed April 5.

The 5-year-old daughter of Temple City got loose in the expansive stable area at Palm Meadows Training Center a few weeks ago, a jaunt that resulted in some filling in a leg. The dark bay mare had been working steadily towards a start in either the April 14 Maker's 46 Mile (G1T), which she won last year, or the Coolmore Jenny Wiley Stakes (G1T) April 15. However, she has not breezed since March 4 in the wake of her incident.

"She got loose in Florida and missed a couple breezes, but is now back galloping," Motion said.

Motion said the Churchill Downs Distaff Turf Mile (G2T) on the undercard of the May 6 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) is the new target for Miss Temple City's 2017 debut. A return to Royal Ascot in June is also "still the plan."

Some of Miss Temple City's greatest career moments came over the Keeneland turf last season. After besting males in the spring to earn her first top-level victory in the Maker's 46 Mile, she duplicated that feat in the fall with a narrow triumph in the Shadwell Turf Mile Stakes (G1T), toppling a field that included eventual Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T) winner Tourist.



BERNIE PHOTO

Miss Temple City after her win in the Matriarch last December at Del Mar

Miss Temple City placed fifth in the Breeders' Cup Mile, but ended 2016 on a high note capturing the Dec. 4 Matriarch Stakes (G1T) at Del Mar.

Bred and co-owned by Bob Feld in partnership with Sagamore Farm and Needle In a Haystack, Miss Temple City was a 2016 Eclipse Award finalist for champion turf female. She has won six of 16 starts with \$1,453,038 in earnings. **BH**

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MISS SKY WARRIOR HEADS GAZELLE

By BloodHorse Staff

Both have done everything asked of them this season, producing a string of successes. Now Arlene London's homebred Miss Sky Warrior and Danny Chen's Yorkiepoo Princess meet in the \$300,000 Gazelle Stakes (G2) April 8 at Aqueduct Racetrack, a race that will determine the likelihood of their progression to the Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1).

Miss Sky Warrior, third on the Kentucky Oaks leaderboard and winner of the March 4 Davona Dale Stakes (G2) last out going a mile at Gulfstream Park, has back-class at Aqueduct, where she is undefeated for trainer Kelly Breen. She is the only member of the nine-horse field who has won at the Gazelle's 1 1/8-mile distance, and looks for her fifth straight win, fourth consecutive stakes score, and third grade 2 victory in a row in the 122nd running of the Gazelle.

"She seemed to like the track, so that's why we're coming back. Things are going well, so why change

things?" said Breen, who sent the filly out to a four-furlong breeze in :47.90 at Palm Meadows Training Center March 29 before shipping her north.

After breaking her maiden Oct. 15 at Parx Racing, Miss Sky Warrior took home the Nov. 5 Tempted Stakes (G3) going a mile, then stretched to 1 1/8 miles to win the Nov. 26 Demoiselle Stakes (G2) by half a length. The First Samurai filly breaks from post 5 under Paco Lopez as the 122-pound heavyweight.

Yorkiepoo Princess could also stamp her ticket to the May 5 Kentucky Oaks, with points on a 100-40-20-10 scale on the line to the top four finishers. The daughter of Kantharos is another who puts an impressive winning streak on the line, trying for her fourth straight stakes win. After ending her juvenile campaign with a win on the track in the six furlong Furlough Stakes Nov. 24, she kicked off her sophomore season with a 7 1/2-length triumph in the Ruthless Stakes at the same distance on Aqueduct's inner dirt track. Last time out, she closed convincingly to take the Busher Stakes at 1 1/16 miles on the inner surface.

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Trainer Kelly Breen has Miss Sky Warrior set to stretch back out for breeder Arlene London

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The Florida-bred filly, who was acquired for the bargain price of \$8,000 as a 2-year-old in training and has gone on to earn \$244,811, has 50 points toward the Kentucky Oaks, but is not nominated. However, trainer Edward Barker noted that a first or second-place Gazelle finish will land her in Louisville and in the Oaks starting gate.

"She's doing very, very good. She's excellent. We're ready to go," said Barker, who breezed the filly three times in nine days due to a weather disruption in the normal training schedule.

Leading Aqueduct rider Irad Ortiz, Jr., aboard for all three of Yorkiepool Princess' stakes wins, gets the return call. The two will depart from the rail.

"I'd like to see her run the same way she did in the Busher," Barker said of the filly's demonstrated ability to come from off the pace. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it. It looks like there's going to be speed in the race. But the last time she ran long, she improved. So hopefully she'll improve again this time."

Full House, a full sibling to multiple graded stakes-placed Classy Class, was the runner-up behind Yorkiepool Princess in the Busher last out. Now trainer Jimmy Jerkens hopes to turn the tables as they stretch out around two turns. The daughter of Discreetly Mine comes into the Gazelle with 20 Oaks points. Regular rider Rajiv Maragh retains the mount from post 2.

Busanda Stakes winner Lockdown, who ships in from Hall of Famer trainer Bill Mott's winter base at Payson Park, seeks her third straight win as she returns from a 2 1/2-month layoff. The homebred filly has 10 Kentucky Oaks points and carries the famed green-and-pink colors of Juddmonte Farms, who won the 2013 Gazelle with eventual champion Close Hatches.

The Todd Pletcher-trained Mike Repole homebred Stay Fond graduated from the maiden ranks at second asking March 15 when she took a one-mile race at Gulfstream with Hall of Fame rider John Velazquez. A



COGLIANESE PHOTOS/JOE LABOZZETTA

Yorkiepool Princess must put in a strong Gazelle run to proceed to the Longines Kentucky Oaks

daughter of Stay Thirsty, she is being asked to handle a substantial class hike in her first stakes try and stretching out to the Gazelle distance.

Aspen Hilltop lost all chance in the Davona Dale when she stumbled over a fallen foe shortly after the start and was eased, so trainer Gary Contessa drew a line through the race.

"We didn't get anything out of the race, but she's coming into the Gazelle pretty well," he said. "I know it's a stretch to go a mile and an eighth out of the box, but she's training very well for this race. She's also a (daughter of) Bernardini, so she should like the distance."

Trainer Chad Brown, who won last year's Gazelle with Lewis Bay, sends out North End under Javier Castellano. The Into Mischief filly graduated from the maiden ranks in her second start March 15 going a mile over the inner track.

Tiz Rae Anna, third in the Busher and second in the Ruthless, and Rimanisempreforte, a supplemental nomination and the recent winner of a starter optional claiming affair, complete the field.

The Gazelle is carded as the 11th race on a 12-race program that also features the \$750,000 Wood Memorial Presented by NYRA Bets (G2). **BH**

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UNIFIED TAKES AIM AT GRADE 1 CARTER HANDICAP

By Frank Angst

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After winning four of his first five starts, Centennial Farms' Unified will try grade 1 company for the first time in the \$400,000 Carter Handicap (G1) April 8 at Aqueduct Racetrack.

Making the leap a bit easier for the 4-year-old Candy Ride colt will be a field of nine that doesn't feature the usual depth expected in a top-level test. The seven-furlong main-track race on the undercard for Saturday's Wood Memorial Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G2) has attracted just one horse with a grade 1 placing, Green Gratto, who finished second in the Carter in 2015.

Trained by Jimmy Jerkens for Centennial Farms, Unified opened his season with a neck victory over Mind Your Biscuits in the \$100,000 Gulfstream Park Sprint Stakes (G3) Feb. 25. Mind Your Biscuits went on to win the \$2 million Dubai Golden Shaheen Sponsored by Gulf News (G1) March 25 at Meydan Racecourse.

The victory in the 6 1/2-furlong Gulfstream Park Sprint kept Unified undefeated in sprint races. He won his six-furlong maiden debut in February of 2016 at Gulfstream, then followed with a three-length score in the Bay Shore Stakes (G3), a seven-furlong test for 3-year-olds contested on last year's Wood Memorial undercard.

Unified successfully stretched out to 1 1/16 miles when he scored a victory in last year's Peter Pan Stakes (G2) at Belmont Park before finishing fifth in the Pegasus Stakes (G3) at Monmouth Park in June.

Anthony and Gaston Grant's Green Gratto wintered in New York, where he scored a frontrunning win in the Toboggan Stakes (G3) Jan. 16 on the Aqueduct inner track. Trained by Gaston Grant, he will try to bounce back from a seventh-place finish in the Tom Fool Handicap (G3) March 11, a six-furlong test on the Aqueduct inner track won by Spartatis, who will try the Carter along with the third-place finisher from that race King Kranz.

Making his first start at Aqueduct will be Fred Brei homebred Awesome Banner, who boasts five previous stakes wins—all at Gulfstream—including last year's Swale Stakes (G2). Making his debut for trainer Kenneth Decker, Awesome Banner will try to improve on his fourth-place effort in the Hardacre Mile Gulfstream Park Handicap (G2) Feb. 11 at Gulfstream, when he was saddled by Mark Casse.

Other graded stakes winners in the field include Tommy Macho, who picked up his third grade 3 win in this season's Hal's Hope Stakes, and grade 3 winners Sassicaia and Ocean Knight. **BH**

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Unified wins the Gulfstream Park Sprint by a neck over Mind Your Biscuits

MONGOLIAN SATURDAY TOPS SHAKERTOWN FIELD

By Ron Mitchell

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In October 2015, the connections of Mongolian Saturday brightened the Keeneland winner's circle with their colorful native wear following the gelding's scintillating upset victory in the TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1T).

The Kentucky-bred son of Any Given Saturday, who also showed his affinity for the Keeneland turf course by winning last year's Woodford Stakes Presented by Keeneland Select (G3T), headlines a field of nine entered in the \$200,000 Shakertown Stakes (G2T) at 5 1/2 furlongs.

Carded as the seventh race on a card that features five stakes, including the Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G2), the Shakertown is slated to go at about 4:28 p.m. EDT.

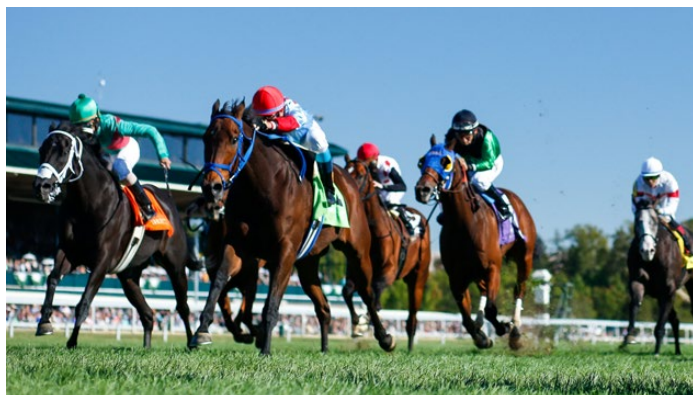
Trained by Enebish Ganbat for Ganbaatar Dagvadorj's Mongolian Stable, Mongolian Saturday has traveled the world en route to compiling a record of 8-8-7 from 39 starts with earnings of more than \$1.1 million. The 7-year-old was bred by Normandy Farm and purchased for \$60,000 at the 2011 Keeneland September yearling sale.

Following his Breeders' Cup success, Mongolian Saturday went to Hong Kong for two off-the-board efforts in international group 1 company and then finished ninth and 11th, respectively, in similar company in England.

Returned to the U.S. last fall, Mongolian Saturday annexed the Woodford before shipping to Santa Anita Park to finish ninth in an attempt to defend the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint title. In his 2017 debut, the gelding was 10th, only four lengths off the winner, in the Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint. Most recently, Mongolian Saturday rallied from last to get third in the Silks Run Stakes at Gulfstream Park.

Mongolian Saturday will have the services of jockey Jose Lezcano as he breaks from post 6 while carrying 122 pounds, compared with the 120 impost for the other eight starters.

Another horse with Keeneland success in the Shakertown field is RGH Bloodstock and Dan Gale's Shakhimat.



Mongolian Saturday (red cap) wins the 2016 Woodford Stakes Presented by Keeneland Select

Trained by Roger Attfield, the 4-year-old son of Lonhro won last year's 1 1/16-mile Transylvania Stakes Presented by Keeneland Select (G3T) and will be making his first start since finishing fifth in the Queen's Plate at Woodbine in July. Julien Leparoux will have the mount on Shakhimat for the first time as they break from the outside post position. Lightly raced, Shakhimat has won three of seven starts.

Durable veteran campaigner Hogy will be seeking his second stakes win in a row after defeating Green Mask by a length in the Colonel Power Stakes at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots Feb. 25. Trained by Scott Becker for William Stiritz, the 8-year-old Offlee Wild gelding has a closing style that has resulted in 16 victories and 15 placings in 41 career starts, with earnings of \$848,727. Florent Geroux is slated to ride Hogy.

Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Partly Mocha has been no worse than third in his past 11 starts. The 8-year-old Half Ours gelding enters off a pair of turf sprint victories at Sam Houston Race Park. Trained by Mike Maker, Partly Mocha has a record of 9-8-7 in 36 starts while earning \$445,392.

Trainer Wesley Ward sends out Zayat Stables' Justin Squared, a front-runner who accounted for the Chick Lang Stakes at Pimlico Race Course last year and is making his second grass start.

Green Mask, conditioned by Brad Cox for owner Abdullah Saeed Almaddah, seeks to rebound off a facile second to Hogy in the Colonel Power. The 6-year-old Mizzen Mast gelding, who has earned \$610,716, won the Bonapaw Stakes at the end of 2016 after finishing fifth in the the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. **BH**

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A. P. INDIAN SET FOR SEASON DEBUT IN COMMONWEALTH

By Lenny Shulman

A .P. Indian, who had a five-race win streak broken in the TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) in November, looks to get back on track in the \$250,000 Commonwealth Stakes (G3) April 8 at Keeneland.

Green Lantern Stables Indian Charlie gelding won the Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix Stakes (G2) at Keeneland last October. He has a pair of grade 1 victories to his credit and although he lacked a winning kick in the Breeders' Cup, he did stay on for fourth and was eventually placed third after the disqualification of Masochistic.

The seven-furlong Commonwealth for older horses will mark the 2017 debut for the 7-year-old. Normally, a return at seven furlongs could be cause for concern, but A.P. Indian is perfect in four tries at the distance.

"He was turned out for 45 days after the Breeders' Cup and then he was at Classic Mile in Ocala (Florida)

where I have a barn," said trainer Arnaud Delacour. "When his training picked up, he moved on to Tampa and this is the race we pointed to (to start the year)."

Ami's Flatter won the Commonwealth a year ago by daylight, but has not visited the winner's circle since. Usually a late runner, the Flatter horse finished second to the well-regarded Stanford last out in a stakes race at Tampa Bay Downs after stalking the entire route around two turns. He was defeated by A. P. Indian in the Phoenix.

A nose behind A. P. Indian in the Phoenix last October, Limousine Liberal finished fifth (placed fourth) in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. He is making his first start in five months here, but has fired fresh in the past. He has not yet broken through versus stakes company, but was a Keeneland track record-setter last April 9 going 6 1/2 furlongs.

Fish Trappe Road won the Dwyer Stakes (G3) last summer and has been running with tough foes like Drefong and Whitmore since. He finished third in the March 11 Hot Springs Stakes behind Whitmore and Ivan

Fallunoalot in his last start.

Awesome Slew took the Smarty Jones Stakes (G3) last autumn and was most recently second behind Sharp Azteca last out in the Feb. 11 Hardacre Mile Gulfstream Park Handicap (G2).

Tale of S'avall draws the rail off a third in the Fred W. Hooper Stakes (G3) last out but also has yet to prove himself against these types.

Riding in the Wind, Redesdale, and Yockey's Warrior complete the field. **BH**



A. P. Indian (red cap) rounds the turn for home on his way to win the Phoenix at Keeneland

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SNITZEL GETS SIRES PRODUCE STAKES TRIFECTA

By Tara Madgwick

The first day of The Championships at Randwick April 1 produced many highlights, but from a breeding perspective the day belonged to Arrowfield Stud's Snitzel.

The heir apparent to champion sire Redoute's Choice, Snitzel put the icing on the cake with a rare group 1 trifecta in the AU\$1 million Inglis Sires Produce Stakes for 2-year-olds.

The Peter and Paul Snowden trained colt Invader was first past the post in the 1,400-meter (about seven-furlong) race, followed by the Kiwi-trained colt Summer Passage, already a group 1 winner in New Zealand. Trapeze Artist, another classy colt, took third.

An AU\$475,000 (US\$335,920) Magic Millions purchase for the China Horse Club from the Arrowfield stud draft, Invader runs for a syndicate that also includes Newgate Farm, Aquis Farm, Horse Ventures, and WinStar Farm.

His dam Flame of Sydney will be offered at the inaugural Inglis Chairman's Sale for elite breeding prospects at Newmarket April 7.

A stakes-winning daughter of the reigning champion Australian broodmare sire Encosta de Lago, Flame of Sydney will be offered in foal to Medaglia d'Oro.

The sale also features a premium selection of weanlings by first-season sires such as Brazen Beau, Dissident, Deep Field, Olympic Glory, Shooting to Win, and Snitzel's group 1-winning son Wandjina. **BH**

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Invader led a trifecta of Snitzel colts to the wire in the Inglis Sires Produce Stakes



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REAL DELIGHT'S ASHLAND/OAKS DOUBLE

By Tom Hall

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Come April, racing returns to the Bluegrass. The opening Saturday card looks forward to the first weekend in May, with prep races for the first of the spring classics that had their inaugural runnings in 1875: the Ashland Stakes for the Kentucky Oaks and the Blue Grass Stakes for the Kentucky Derby.

Keeneland's Ashland Stakes is a reincarnation of the Ashland Oaks, named for the home of Kentucky statesman Henry Clay. Originating in 1879, the Oaks was held at the Kentucky Association track until its closure in 1933. When Keeneland held its first spring meet in 1936, the Ashland Stakes, which Keeneland originally wrote for older fillies and mares the first two years, carried the Oaks prep tradition forward following a two-year hiatus of the Ashland in 1938-39.

The first Ashland Oaks winner to complete the double was Lucy May in 1881. Prior to the move to Keeneland, seven more fillies added the Kentucky Oaks to their Ashland win. Under Keeneland's administration, 12 Ashland winners have captured the spring double, the first being Valdina Myth in 1941.



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Real Delight in the winner's circle after taking the Black-Eyed Susan

Calumet Farm is tied with Cain Hoy Stable for the most number of Ashland wins with three, and in 1952 won the 15th running of the Ashland Stakes with Real Delight (who followed Calumet's 1948 Ashland winner Bewitch).

So powerful was the Calumet string in the 1950s that the stable, under the father/son guidance of trainers Ben and Jimmy Jones, staged a two-pronged attack on U.S. racing with a division in the East and in the West.

Unraced as a juvenile, the tall, rangy Real Delight opened her 3-year-old campaign in the West with Jimmy Jones, winning both starts easily.

Calumet shipped her to Ben Jones in Kentucky, where the bay daughter of Bull Lea—Blue Delight, by Blue Larkspur, entered the second division of the Ashland Stakes.

With Calumet's regular rider Eddie Arcaro in the saddle, Real Delight, the 8-5 favorite in the field of seven made short work of the then six-furlong Ashland. Having stalked the pace of Ave, she took command at the head of the stretch and won by five lengths over the pacesetter, with Level Sands three lengths back in third.

Real Delight won the Kentucky Oaks (Calumet's third) while Calumet's Hill Gail, also by Bull Lea and an invader from California, took the Kentucky Derby (Calumet's fifth).

Following her Oaks victory, Real Delight did not lose for the remainder of the year. She picked up victories in Pimlico's Black-Eyed Susan Stakes and Belmont's Coaching Club American Oaks, which gave her the unofficial Triple Crown for fillies. She earned championship honors for 1952.

Real Delight proved as valuable as a broodmare for Calumet as she had been as a runner. One of her three stakes winners, Plum Cake (by Calumet's 1949 Kentucky Derby winner Ponder) produced 1977 Kentucky broodmare of the year Sweet Tooth (On-and-On), whose son Alydar (Raise a Native), returned to Keeneland to win Calumet's sixth Blue Grass Stakes and whose daughter Sugar and Spice (Key to the Mint) emulated her great-granddam, by taking the 1980 Ashland Stakes (Calumet's third). **BH**

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STAKES RESULTS

HERITAGE STAKES

Leopardstown, 4/5, €42,300, 4yo/up, 8f, 1:45.01, sft.

1—**Rose de Pierre (IRE)**, 129, b f, 4..... €26,550
Dubawi (IRE)—**Profound Beauty (IRE)**, by Danehill
O—Moyglare Stud Farm, B—Moyglare Stud Farm (IRE), T—WELD DERMOT, J—SMULLEN PAT

2—**Marshall Jennings (IRE)**, 131, b g, 5.. €8,550
Lawman (FR)—**Zuniga's Date**, by Diesis (GB)
O—CARMICHAEL JENNINGS PARTNERHIP, B—J F TUTHILL (IRE), T—HARRINGTON MRS JESSICA, J—O'DONOGHUE COLM

Sale History: 2013 DONPRE, \$334,239.

3—**Onenightdreamed (IRE)**, 131, ch g, 6 €4,050
Footstepsinthesand (GB)—**Pivotalia (IRE)**, by **Pivotal (GB)**

O—NEW PENSION FUND SYNDICATE, B—BRIAN O'NEILL (IRE), T—STACK J A, J—HAYES CHIRS

Sale History: 2012 TATOC2, \$38,478, 2011 GOFNOF, \$18,957.

Margins: head, 1¼, 2½. **Others:** FLYING FAIRIES (IRE), ROUND TWO (IRE), SRUTHAN (IRE), WILD AS THE WIND (IRE), STRONGER THAN ME (IRE).

ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Aqueduct, Race 3, AOC

4/5, \$67,000, 3yo, 6.5f (dirt), 1:17.75, track good.

1—**Always a Suspect**, 120, dk b/br g, 3, Exchange Rate—Copper Beauty, by Deputy Commander, \$40,200, O—Victory Racing Partners, B—Exchange Rate Syndicate & M. J. Hogan Enterprises Inc. (KY), T—Kiaran P. McLaughlin, J—Junior Alvarado

Sale History: 2015 KEESEP, \$85,000.

Margin: 8½, 4 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Aqueduct, Race 8, ALW

4/5, \$57,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:17.70, track good.

1—**Kathryn the Wise**, 124, b f, 4, **Uncle Mo**—Shea d'Lady, by Crafty Prospector, \$34,200, O—Lawrence Goichman, B—Lawrence Goichman (NY), T—Chad C. Brown, J—Irad Ortiz, Jr.

Sale History: 2014 FTNAUG, (\$47,000 RNA).

Margin: 12, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

MAIDEN RESULTS

Aqueduct, Race 2, MSW

4/5, \$60,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:10.45, track good.

1—**Patternrecognition**, 124, b c, 4, **Adios Charlie**—Almost a Valentine, by **High Cotton**, \$36,000, O—Klaravich Stables,

Inc. and Lawrence, William H., B—Ocala Stud (FL), T—Chad C. Brown, J—Jose L. Ortiz

Sale History: 2015 OBSAPR, \$420,000.

Margin: 4¼, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Aqueduct, Race 4, MSW

4/5, \$60,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:38.96, track good.

1—**No Need to Appeal**, 117, b f, 3, **Tapizar**—O So Appealing, by **Forestry**, \$36,000, O—Waterford Stable, B—Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY), T—Chad C. Brown, J—Jose L. Ortiz

Sale History: 2015 FTKJUL, \$110,000.

Margin: 2¼, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Gulfstream Park, Race 3, MSW

4/5, \$36,000, 3yo, f, 7f (dirt), 1:22.37, track fast.

1—**Overture**, 120, dk b/br f, 3, **Congrats**—Toccet Over, by **Toccet**, \$21,600, O—WinStar Farm LLC, B—Hickstead Farm (FL), T—William I. Mott, J—Edgar S. Prado

Sale History: 2016 OBSMAR, \$385,000.

Margin: 4, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Penn National, Race 1, MSW

4/5, \$33,300, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:12.87, track fast.

1—**Pisutoru**, 122, ch f, 3, **Reflect Times (JPN)**—Lupinus, by **Tanino Gimlet (JPN)**, \$19,980, O—Short Straw Stable and Stites, Tracy, B—Flint W. Stites (PA), T—Flint W. Stites, J—Tyler Conner

Margin: 3, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)



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UPCOMING ENTRIES

SANTA ANITA DERBY (G1)

Santa Anita Park, Saturday, April 8, Race 8
9f (dirt), \$1,000,000, 3yo, 3:30 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Term of Art	Tiznow	3/c	Tyler Baze	124	-	Calumet Farm
2		Reach the World	Tapit	3/c	Mike E. Smith	124	-	Don Alberto Stable
3		Battle of Midway	Smart Strike	3/c	Corey S. Nakatani	124	-	Fox Hill Farms, Inc.
4		Comma Sister	Tale of the Cat	3/c	Israel Ocampo	124	-	Kretz Racing, LLC
5		So Conflated	Eskendereya	3/r	Mario Gutierrez	124	-	Reddam Racing, LLC
6		American Anthem	Bodemeister	3/c	Martin Garcia	124	-	WinStar Frm LLC, China Hrse Clb or Hd of Plains Ptnrs LLC, Et Al
7		Kimbear	Temple City	3/c	Joseph Talamo	124	-	Albert, Giordano or Lewkowicz, Et Al
8		Gormley	Malibu Moon	3/c	Victor Espinoza	124	-	Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Moss
9		Iliad	Ghostzapper	3/r	Flavien Prat	124	-	Kaleem Shah, Inc.
10		Milton Freewater	Creative Cause	3/c	Tiago Josue Pereira	124	-	Kramer Racing or Sheep Pond Partners or Jaime, Et Al
11		Irish Freedom	Pioneerof the Nile	3/c	Rafael Bejarano	124	-	Donegal Racing
12		Midnight Pleasure	Midnight Lute	3/c	Jamie Theriot	124	-	Ruis Racing LLC
13		Royal Mo	Uncle Mo	3/c	Gary L. Stevens	124	-	Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Moss

Breeders: 1–Whisper Hill Farm, LLC; 2–Don Alberto Corporation; 3–Thor-Bred Stables, LLC; 4–Chester Prince; 5–Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds; 6–WinStar Farm, LLC; 7–John C. Oxley; 8–Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate; 9–Sungyeoun Lim; 10–Dr. Mikel C. Harrington & Patricia O. Harrington; 11–Philip Robertson & Brenda Robertson; 12–Roger Long; 13–Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson).

Trainers: 1–Doug F. O'Neill; 2–Bob Baffert; 3–Jerry Hollendorfer; 4–George Papaprodromou; 5–Doug F. O'Neill; 6–Bob Baffert; 7–J. Eric Kruljac; 8–John A. Shirreffs; 9–Doug F. O'Neill; 10–Doug F. O'Neill; 11–Bob Baffert; 12–Mick Ruis; 13–John A. Shirreffs.

CARTER H. (G1)

Aqueduct, Saturday, April 8, Race 9
7f (dirt), \$400,000, 4yo/up, 5:15 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		All Star Red	Five Star Day	5/h	Manuel Franco	113	-	Carl Lizza Racing Stables, LLC
2		Tommy Macho	Macho Uno	5/h	Luis Saez	117	-	Pompa, Jr., Paul P. and J Stables
3		Sassicaia	Bernardini	6/h	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	114	-	LaPenta, Robert, V.
4		Awesome Banner	Awesome of Course	4/c	John R. Velazquez	115	-	Brei, Fred, J.
5		King Kranz	Munnings	4/c	Kendrick Carmouche	115	-	Zayat Stables, LLC
6		Spartiatis	Scat Daddy	7/g	Rajiv Maragh	116	-	Belar, Constantine, Peter
7		Green Gratto	Here's Zealous	7/h	Christopher P. DeCarlo	116	-	Grant, Gaston and Grant, Anthony
8		Unified	Candy Ride (ARG)	4/c	Javier Castellano	120	-	Centennial Farms
9		Ocean Knight	Curlin	5/h	Paco Lopez	115	-	Stonestreet Stables LLC

Breeders: 1–Steve C. Snowden & Dan Considine; 2–John Liviakis; 3–Masaichiro Abe; 4–Jacks or Better Farm Inc.; 5–Bob Austin & Alice Austin; 6–C. Peter Belar; 7–Kaz Hill Farm; 8–Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC; 9–Thor-Bred Stables, LLC.

Trainers: 1–Rudy R. Rodriguez; 2–Todd A. Pletcher; 3–Rudy R. Rodriguez; 4–Kenneth Decker; 5–John P. Terranova, II; 6–Leon J. Blusiewicz; 7–Gaston Grant; 8–James A. Jerkens; 9–Kiaran P. McLaughlin.

SANTA ANITA OAKS (G1)

Santa Anita Park, Saturday, April 8, Race 6
8.5f (dirt), \$400,000, 3yo f, 2:30 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Mopotism	Uncle Mo	3/f	Mario Gutierrez	121	-	Reddam Racing, LLC
2		It Tiz Well	Arch	3/f	Corey S. Nakatani	121	-	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC
3		Paradise Woods	Union Rags	3/f	Flavien Prat	121	-	Wygod or Sarkowsky
4		Abel Tasman	Quality Road	3/f	Mike E. Smith	124	-	China Horse Club or Clearsky Farms
5		Bernina Star	Harlan's Holiday	3/f	Santiago Gonzalez	121	-	DP Racing
6		Majestic Quality	Quality Road	3/f	Kent J. Desormeaux	121	-	Big Chief Racing LLC, Rocker O Ranch LLC or Desormeaux
7		Princess Karen	Stay Thirsty	3/f	Gary L. Stevens	121	-	Bonde, Brown, Jr. or Norton

Breeders: 1–Frank T Batten; 2–Allen Branch & Susan Branch; 3–Herman Sarkowsky; 4–Clearsky Farms; 5–Siena Farms LLC; 6–C. Kidder & N. Cole; 7–Bell Tower Thoroughbreds.

Trainers: 1–Doug F. O'Neill; 2–Jerry Hollendorfer; 3–Richard E. Mandella; 4–Bob Baffert; 5–James M. Cassidy; 6–J. Keith Desormeaux; 7–Jeff Bonde.

UPCOMING ENTRIES

WOOD MEMORIAL S. PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS (G2)

Aqueduct, Saturday, April 8, Race 10
9f (dirt), \$750,000, 3yo, 5:52 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Glennrichment	Pioneerof the Nile	3/c	Kendrick Carmouche	123	-	Zayat Stables, LLC
2		Mo Town	Uncle Mo	3/c	Javier Castellano	123	-	Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B., Smith, Derrick and Team D
3		Battalion Runner	Unbridled's Song	3/c	John R. Velazquez	123	-	St. Elias Stable
4		Bonus Points	Majestic Warrior	3/c	Luis Saez	123	-	Three Diamonds Farm
5		True Timber	Mineshaft	3/c	Paco Lopez	123	-	Calumet Farm
6		Stretch's Stone	Bustin Stones	3/g	Manuel Franco	123	-	Valente, Roddy, J.
7		Cloud Computing	Maclean's Music	3/c	Irado Ortiz, Jr.	123	-	Klaravich Stables, Inc. and Lawrence, William H.
8		Irish War Cry	Curlin	3/c	Rajiv Maragh	123	-	de Tomaso, Isabelle

Breeders: 1–Zayat Stables, LLC; 2–John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock; 3–Dell Ridge Farm, LLC; 4–Country Life Farm; 5–Mr. & Mrs. Marc C. Ferrell; 6–Roddy Valente; 7–Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc & Stretch Run Ventures, LLC; 8–Isabelle deTomaso.

Trainers: 1–Rudy R. Rodriguez; 2–Anthony W. Dutrow; 3–Todd A. Pletcher; 4–Todd A. Pletcher; 5–Kiaran P. McLaughlin; 6–Bruce N. Levine; 7–Chad C. Brown; 8–H. Graham Motion.

GAZELLE S. (G2)

Aqueduct, Saturday, April 8, Race 11
9f (dirt), \$300,000, 3yo f, 6:25 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Yorkiepool Princess	Kantharos	3/f	Irado Ortiz, Jr.	120	-	Chen, Danny, J.
2		Full House	Discreetly Mine	3/f	Rajiv Maragh	114	-	Shields, Jr., Joseph, V.
3		Rimanisempreforte	Eskendereya	3/f	Luis Saez	114	-	Drawing Away Stable
4		Lockdown	First Defence	3/f	Kendrick Carmouche	120	-	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.
5		Miss Sky Warrior	First Samurai	3/f	Paco Lopez	122	-	Arlene's Sun Star Stable
6		Aspen Hilltop	Bernardini	3/f	Manuel Franco	114	-	Pokoik, Lee
7		Tiz Rae Anna	Tiz Wonderful	3/f	Rosario Montanez	114	-	Bran Jam Stable and Clark, David W.
8		North End	Into Mischief	3/f	Javier Castellano	114	-	Dubb, M., Sheep Pond Partners, Bethlehem Stables LLC and The Elkstone Group LLC
9		Stay Fond	Stay Thirsty	3/f	John R. Velazquez	114	-	Repole Stable

Breeders: 1–A. FRANCIS VANLANGENDONCK & BARBARA VANLANGENDONCK; 2–Gunpowder Farms, LLC; 3–Brooklyn Boyz Stable; 4–Juddmonte Farms Inc; 5–Arlene London; 6–SF Bloodstock; 7–Diana Shoop; 8–J Rita Young Thoroughbreds; 9–Repole Stable Inc.

Trainers: 1–Edward R. Barker; 2–James A. Jerkens; 3–Robert N. Falcone, Jr.; 4–William I. Mott; 5–Kelly J. Breen; 6–Gary C. Contessa; 7–John T. Toscano, Jr.; 8–Chad C. Brown; 9–Todd A. Pletcher.

ROYAL HEROINE S. (G2T)

Santa Anita Park, Saturday, April 8, Race 5
8f (turf), \$200,000, 4yo/up f/m, 2:00 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Juno (BRZ)	Setembro Chove (BRZ)	5/m	Kent J. Desormeaux	120	-	Team Valor International
2		Sweet Charity (FR)	Myboycharlie (IRE)	4/f	Santiago Gonzalez	120	-	Hronis Racing, LLC
3		Prize Exhibit (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	5/m	Mike E. Smith	122	-	DP Racing
4		Lady Valeur (IRE)	Multiplex (GB)	4/f	Flavien Prat	120	-	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners
5		Pretty Girl (ARG)	Harlan's Holiday	6/m	Victor Espinoza	120	-	Stud RDI, LLC or Bonne Chance Farm, LLC
6		Harmonize	Scat Daddy	4/f	Junior Alvarado	124	-	Larkin Armstrong
7		Hillhouse High	Exchange Rate	6/m	Corey S. Nakatani	120	-	Golden Eagle Farm Investment, L.P.
8		Mokat	Uncle Mo	4/f	Rafael Bejarano	122	-	J K Racing Stable, LLC

Breeders: 1–Stud Chesapeake; 2–HUBERT HONORE; 3–Mrs R. F. Johnson Houghton; 4–EDMOND KENT; 5–El Chanar; 6–Jack Swain III; 7–Runnymede Farm Inc.; 8–Dr. Charles S Giles.

Trainers: 1–Neil D. Drysdale; 2–John W. Sadler; 3–James M. Cassidy; 4–Patrick Gallagher; 5–Paulo H. Lobo; 6–William I. Mott; 7–Richard Baltas; 8–Richard Baltas.

BAY SHORE S. (G3)

Aqueduct, Saturday, April 8, Race 6
7f (dirt), \$250,000, 3yo, 3:25 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Miggys	Hard Spun	3/c	Irado Ortiz, Jr.	114	-	LaPenta, Robert, V.
2		Even Thunder	Even the Score	3/g	Rajiv Maragh	120	-	Green, Leonard, C.
3		Caledonian	Concord Point	3/c	Eric Cancel	120	-	Curragh Stables
4		Long Haul Bay	Quality Road	3/c	Manuel Franco	114	-	Alpha Delta Stables
5		Theory	Gemologist	3/c	John R. Velazquez	123	-	WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd., SF Racing LLC et al.
6		You're to Blame	Distorted Humor	3/c	Javier Castellano	116	-	Woodford Racing, LLC

Breeders: 1–Oily Tait; 2–Deborah L. Ward & Phil & Judy Needham; 3–Kaleem Shah, Inc.; 4–Alpha Delta Stables; 5–Fred W. Hertrich III & Ronald K. Kirk; 6–Bryant H. Prentice III.

Trainers: 1–Rudy R. Rodriguez; 2–John C. Servis; 3–John P. Terranova, II; 4–Chad C. Brown; 5–Todd A. Pletcher; 6–Chad C. Brown.

UPCOMING ENTRIES

EXCELSIOR S. (G3)

Aqueduct, Saturday, April 8, Race 8
10f (dirt), \$150,000, 4yo/up, 4:40 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Bellamy Way	Bellamy Road	5/r	Manuel Franco	117	-	Two Tone Farms
2		Send It In	Big Brown	5/g	John R. Velazquez	117	-	Pompa, Jr., Paul, P.
3		Discreet Lover	Repent	4/c	J. D. Acosta	115	-	St. Lewis, Uriah
4		Hereditary	Medaglia d'Oro	6/h	Javier Castellano	117	-	Phipps Stable
5		Tu Brutus (CHI)	Scat Daddy	5/h	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	115	-	Winning Move Stable, Green, Saltor Thoroughbred Stables, Pines Stables et al.
6		Admiral Blue	Admiral Alex	4/c	Rajiv Maragh	115	-	Blusiewicz, Leon, J.
7		Doyouknowsomething	Awesome Again	5/g	Angel S. Arroyo	115	-	Valente, Roddy, J.

Breeders: 1–B P Walden, Jr. & John Stuart; 2–Paul Pompa Jr.; 3–Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC.; 4–Phipps Stable; 5–Haras Paso Nevado; 6–Daniel T. O’Ryan & Katherine S. O’Ryan; 7–Mike Abraham.

Trainers: 1–David A. Cannizzo; 2–Todd A. Pletcher; 3–Uriah St. Lewis; 4–Claude R. McGaughey III; 5–Gary C. Contessa; 6–Leon J. Blusiewicz; 7–A. C. Avila.

PROVIDENCIA S. (G3T)

Santa Anita Park, Saturday, April 8, Race 9
9f (turf), \$150,000, 3yo f, 4:00 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Sircat Sally	Surf Cat	3/f	Mike E. Smith	120	-	Joe Turner
2		Union Strike	Union Rags	3/f	Brice Blanc	120	-	Ruis Racing LLC
3		You Missed It	Lookin At Lucky	3/f	Mario Gutierrez	120	-	Reddam Racing, LLC
4		Beau Recall (IRE)	Sir Prancealot (IRE)	3/f	Joseph Talamo	120	-	Slam Dunk Racing
5		Princess Roi	Roi Charmant	3/f	Corey S. Nakatani	120	-	GGG Stables or Sarno
6		War Moccasin	War Chant	3/f	Tiago Josue Pereira	120	-	Horseplayers Racing Club, McCanna or Sherry
7		Tiburtina (IRE)	Holy Roman Emperor (IRE)	3/f	Gary L. Stevens	120	-	The Kathryn Stud
8		Emphatically	Scat Daddy	3/f	Flavien Prat	120	-	Glen Hill Farm

Breeders: 1–Joe Turner; 2–Pollock Farms, Brian Kahn, Taylor Brothers Property, et al; 3–Westrock Stables, LLC; 4–Tom Wallace; 5–GGG Stables; 6–Calumet Farm; 7–The Kathryn Stud; 8–Glen Hill Farm.

Trainers: 1–Jerry Hollendorfer; 2–Mick Ruis; 3–Doug F. O’Neill; 4–Simon Callaghan; 5–Richard Baltas; 6–Tim McCanna; 7–Patrick Gallagher; 8–Thomas F. Proctor.

EVENING JEWEL S.

Santa Anita Park, Saturday, April 8, Race 4
6.5f (dirt), \$200,000, 3yo f, 1:30 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Cioppino Pasadino	Time to Get Even	3/f	Tiago Josue Pereira	120	-	Brown or Martin
2		Radish	Square Eddie	3/f	Mario Gutierrez	120	-	Reddam Racing, LLC
3		Adios Cali	Adios Charlie	3/f	Norberto Arroyo, Jr.	120	-	Gary Barber
4		You're Late	Lucky Pulpit	3/f	Stewart Elliott	124	-	Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams
5		My California	Calimonco	3/f	Jamie Theriot	120	-	Mercedes Stable, LLC
6		S Y Sky	Grazen	3/f	Joseph Talamo	120	-	Nick Alexander
7		Starr of Quality	First Dude	3/f	Tyler Baze	120	-	Altamira Racing Stable
8		Miss Sunset	Into Mischief	3/f	Edwin A. Maldonado	124	-	Klein or Lebherz

Breeders: 1–Terry C. Lovingier; 2–Reddam Racing, LLC; 3–Steve Bussjaeger, Ed Gredvig, John Mendenhall & Marko Swan; 4–Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams; 5–Mercedes Stables LLC; 6–Nick Alexander; 7–Donald R Dizney, LLC; 8–Premier Thoroughbreds LLC & Alan Klein.

Trainers: 1–Rafael Becerra; 2–Doug F. O’Neill; 3–Peter Miller; 4–Jeff Bonde; 5–Robertino Diodoro; 6–Philip D’Amato; 7–Peter Miller; 8–Jeff Bonde.

ECHO EDDIE S.

Santa Anita Park, Saturday, April 8, Race 10
6.5f (dirt), \$200,000, 3yo, 4:30 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Will Tell	Creative Cause	3/g	Kent J. Desormeaux	120	-	Tess Stapleton
2		B Squared	Square Eddie	3/c	Corey S. Nakatani	120	-	Reddam Racing, LLC
3		Tribal Storm	Papa Clem	3/r	Rafael Bejarano	122	-	Curt & Lila Lanning, LLC
4		Mr. Hinx	Ministers Wild Cat	3/g	Tyler Baze	122	-	Gary Barber
5		Ninety Nine Proof	Idiot Proof	3/c	Ignacio Puglisi	122	-	Shane Thompson Racing, Begley or Hughes, Et Al
6		Green With Eddie	Square Eddie	3/c	Mario Gutierrez	124	-	Reddam Racing, LLC
7		Dr. Troutman	Vronsky	3/c	Martin A. Pedroza	120	-	Kretz Racing, LLC
8		California Diamond	Harbor the Gold	3/c	Norberto Arroyo, Jr.	124	-	Rockingham Ranch
9		Elwood J	Vronsky	3/g	Flavien Prat	122	-	Joe L. Turner

Breeders: 1–Teresa Stapleton; 2–Reddam Racing, LLC; 3–Curtis C. & Lila L. Lanning LLC; 4–Gary Barber; 5–Judi Garfi-Partridge & Serenity Oak Farms, LLC; 6–Reddam Racing, LLC; 7–Kretz Racing, LLC; 8–Stormy B. Hull; 9–Old English Rancho, Patsy Berumen & Sal Berumen.

Trainers: 1–Vladimir Cerin; 2–Doug F. O’Neill; 3–Ed Moger, Jr.; 4–Steven Miyadi; 5–Andy Mathis; 6–Doug F. O’Neill; 7–George Papaprodromou; 8–Peter Miller; 9–Jerry Hollendorfer.

UPCOMING ENTRIES

CAROUSEL S.

Oaklawn Park, Saturday, April 8, Race 9

6f (dirt), \$150,000, 4yo/up f/m, 5:09 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		D R C's Pretty Sky	Sky Mesa	4/f	Geovanni Franco	115	-	B G Stables (George Yager) & Shaby Selman
2		Chanteline	Majesticperfection	5/m	Luis Contreras	122	-	Ten Broeck Farm (David Mowat)
3		Natural Wonder	Summer Bird	5/m	Jon Kenton Court	115	-	Copper Cap Farm (Marie Robertson & Suzanne Johnson)
4		Illusion Artist	Drosselmeyer	4/f	Richard E. Eramia	115	-	Steve Landers Racing LLC (Steve Landers)
5		Marquee Miss	Cowboy Cal	4/f	Ramon A. Vazquez	115	-	Rags Racing Stable LLC (Joe Ragsdale)
6		Pleasant Tales	Tale of Ekati	5/m	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	119	-	Charles E. Fipke
7		Athena	Street Sense	5/m	Joseph Rocco, Jr.	122	-	Mary Grum

Breeders: 1—John C. Oxley; 2—Brereton C. Jones; 3—Copper Cap Farm Inc.; 4—4 M Ranch; 5—David Jacobs; 6—Charles Fipke; 7—Gary L. Chervenell.

Trainers: 1—Robertino Diodoro; 2—Steven M. Asmussen; 3—Sally Sue Schu; 4—Brad H. Cox; 5—Ingrid Mason; 6—Dallas Stewart; 7—Helen Pitts.

ARKANSAS BREEDERS' S.

Oaklawn Park, Saturday, April 8, Race 8

8.5f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo/up, 4:38 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Gently Tapped	Yankee Gentleman	4/g	Katie Clawson	120	-	Travis Swan Murphy & Barry Koch
2		Mallard's Bro	It's No Joke	7/g	Richard E. Eramia	114	-	Five Star Racing Stable
3		Racer	Jonesboro	4/g	Jon Kenton Court	123	-	Val Yagos
4		Weast Hill	Rockport Harbor	5/g	Joseph Rocco, Jr.	123	-	Starsky Weast
5		J P of Galilee	Jonesboro	5/g	Calvin H. Borel	120	-	Terrence W. Dunlavy, Janet A. Dunlavy & Tammy Hornsby
6		Midnight Ruler	Sonny Dom's Day	4/g	Geovanni Franco	117	-	I. P. C. Stables LLC (Paul & Sunny Carson)
7		October Sky	Street Hero	6/g	Walter De La Cruz	117	-	Joseph R., Phillip & Robbin Martin
8		Chantmeupbaby	War Chant	5/g	Joe M. Johnson	114	-	Mr. S Racing LLC (Arthur Kent Starr)
9		Arch Revenge	Archarcharch	3/c	Alex Birzer	118	-	Dwight Prueett

Breeders: 1—Robby Robinson & Treissa Robinson; 2—Rick Christian; 3—Robert Yagos; 4—Starsky Weast; 5—Janet Dunlavy; 6—Sunny Elaine Shepard; 7—Philip Martin & Joe Martin; 8—Jon L. Starr; 9—McDowell Farm.

Trainers: 1—Larry Frazee; 2—Al Cates; 3—Timothy E. Martin; 4—Brad H. Cox; 5—Tammy Hornsby; 6—Tim Dixon; 7—William N. Martin; 8—Gary G. Hartlage; 9—William H. Fires.

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TOP BREEDERS

Listed below are the top 10 leading breeders by 2017 North American earnings through April 4, 2017. Racing statistics are 2017 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Clearsky Farms	58	13	8	8	\$7,334,354	22%	50%
2	Adena Springs	229	32	38	29	\$3,021,730	14%	43%
3	Calumet Farm	204	26	28	17	\$1,592,337	13%	35%
4	Jones Brereton C.	351	55	48	38	\$1,588,009	16%	40%
5	WinStar Farm, LLC	309	48	44	47	\$1,502,879	16%	45%
6	Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey	332	59	42	43	\$1,213,487	18%	43%
7	Anthony Edwin	11	0	1	2	\$1,012,635	0%	27%
8	Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC	144	24	19	16	\$910,801	17%	41%
9	Bob Austin & John Witte	8	4	1	0	\$889,530	50%	63%
10	Dixiana Farms LLC	135	22	18	20	\$873,259	16%	44%

2017 SECOND-CROP SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading second-crop sires by 2017 Northern Hemisphere earnings through April 4, 2017. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America, and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2017 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'17 Earnings
1	Shackleford	Forestry, '08	\$15,000	Darby Dan Farm, KY	Malagacy (\$586,800)	\$1,175,526
2	Bodemeister	Empire Maker, '09	\$25,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	Always Dreaming (\$624,800)	\$1,042,445
3	Dialed In	Mineshaft, '08	\$15,000	Darby Dan Farm, KY	Gunnevera (\$399,200)	\$943,021
4	Stay Thirsty	Bernardini, '08	\$10,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Cosmo Charlie (\$175,000)	\$854,528
5	To Honor and Serve	Bernardini, '08	\$10,000	Gainesway, KY	State of Honor (\$298,800)	\$733,323
6	Hansen	Tapit, '09	N/A	N/A	Fast and Accurate (\$320,712)	\$712,849
7	Maclean's Music	Distorted Humor, '08	\$8,500	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	Rockshaw (\$119,400)	\$678,004
8	Union Rags	Dixie Union, '09	\$50,000	Lane's End, KY	Patch (\$230,020)	\$667,591
9	The Factor	War Front, '08	\$25,000	Lane's End, KY	Cistron (\$43,140)	\$577,467
10	Gemologist	Tiznow, '09	\$25,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	Appalachian Gem (\$57,000)	\$535,256

2017 TURF SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by 2017 North American turf earnings through April 4, 2017. Only stallions that have at least one turf runner in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2017 North American only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'17 Turf Earnings	% Total Earnings
1	Kitten's Joy	El Prado, '01	\$100,000	Ramsey Farm, Inc., KY	Sadler's Joy (\$157,480)	\$1,366,170	82%
2	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	Dream Dancing (\$90,760)	\$732,397	28%
3	Scat Daddy	Johannesburg, '04	Died	N/A	Celestine (\$244,900)	\$698,289	48%
4	Wildcat Heir	Forest Wildcat, '00	Died	N/A	Pay Any Price (\$64,453)	\$474,040	31%
5	English Channel	Smart Strike, '02	\$25,000	Calumet Farm, KY	Heart to Heart (\$98,580)	\$472,364	66%
6	Temple City	Dynaformer, '05	\$15,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Bolo (\$168,000)	\$463,439	64%
7	Elusive Quality	Gone West, '93	\$30,000	Darley, KY	Enterprising (\$274,600)	\$449,700	63%
8	Vronsky	Danzig, '99	\$6,500	Old English Rancho, CA	What a View (\$167,500)	\$444,201	56%
9	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	\$75,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Mississippi Delta (\$84,600)	\$420,115	42%
10	War Front	Danzig, '02	\$250,000	Claiborne Farm, KY	Designed for War (\$40,900)	\$408,305	54%