



# Insiders' Bulletin

*"For Your Eyes Only"*

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## TEAM VALOR FIRING ALL OVER THE MAP AS JUNE APPROACHES SIX WINS AND A CLASSIC PLACING OVER LAST DOZEN RACES BELVOIR BAY COMES THROUGH FOR GR. 2 TALLY, PERFECT AS 5YO IN 2018



*Belvoir Bay yesterday collected her seventh stakes win and the 300<sup>th</sup> all-time for one of Barry Irwin's partnerships.*

Heart-wrenching defeats seemed to be mounting for Team Valor as Hayabusa One, Go Rose and Vulcan's Forge had all fallen short by the narrowest of margins in big races in early 2018, but the floodgates have opened at least a bit in the last two weeks as the stable has piled up six wins in 12 races, topped off by Belvoir Bay's Grade 2 victory last night in the Monrovia Stakes at Santa Anita.

In true Team Valor style, the hot stretch has been all over the map, from Uruguay (Sun Goddess) to France (Nisreen) to Germany (Glad Rock) to South Africa (Mixed Signals) to America, where First Premio also delivered a sharp allowance win at Churchill Downs earlier yesterday. Meanwhile, Go Rose achieved a classic placing on Sunday in the Group 2 German One Thousand Guineas, on the heels of a terrific and close fourth-place finish by Capla Temptress in the Group 1 French One Thousand Guineas on May 13 in Paris.

For the season, Team Valor's strike rate stands at 16.5 percent with 16 wins from 97 starts, with 17 seconds and 14 thirds. Belvoir Bay, First Premio, Hayabusa One, Go Rose, Vulcan's Forge, Talk Veuve to Me, Responsibleforlove, Juno, Rocking the Boat and Bombshell have all earned Black-Type.

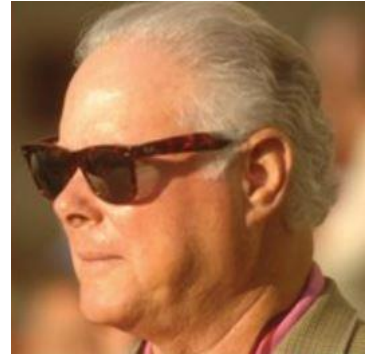
Belvoir Bay is a perfect 3-for-3 in 2018 with three stakes triumphs, and her latest accounted for the 300<sup>th</sup> stakes victory for one of Barry Irwin's racing partnerships.

### TEAM VALOR RUNNERS OVER LAST TWO WEEKS

Date	Horse	Track	Country	Finish
5/13	Sun Goddess	Maronas	URU	1st
5/13	Capla Temptress	Longchamp	FR	4 <sup>th</sup>
5/13	Battle in Seattle	Belmont	USA	9 <sup>th</sup>
5/16	Bronzed	Scottsville	SAF	4 <sup>th</sup>
5/19	Mixed Signals	Kenilworth	SAF	1 <sup>st</sup>
5/20	Pickford	Churchill Downs	USA	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5/21	Glad Rock (Ger)	Hannover	GER	1 <sup>st</sup>
5/27	Go Rose (Ger)	Dusseldorf	GER	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5/27	Nisreen	Lignieres	FR	1 <sup>st</sup>
5/28	First Premio	Churchill Downs	USA	1st
5/28	Rocking the Boat	Churchill Downs	USA	3rd
5/28	Belvoir Bay	Santa Anita	USA	1st, GR. 2

## **MILESTONE 300 STAKES WINS FOR RUNNERS SYNDICATED BY BARRY IRWIN BELVOIR BAY HITS UNPRECEDENTED MARK FOR A U.S.-BASED PARTNERSHIP NO OTHER PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP HAS COME CLOSE TO MATCHING OUTPUT**

When Belvoir Bay cruised to victory on Memorial Day, her Grade 2 triumph fashioned yet another new accomplishment for Barry Irwin's racing partnerships. Since 1987 Irwin's partnerships have developed 149 individual stakes winners that now have won 300 stakes races.



Although starting operations 18 years after Dogwood Stable, 5 years after Centennial Farms racing stable and 4 years before West Point Thoroughbreds, Irwin has more than doubled the output of stakes winners and stakes wins of his traditional competitors.

With a month remaining in the initial half of the current season, Team Valor has already sent out 9 runners that have earned stakes brackets by winning or placing in a black-type event. In 2018, TVI has won 3 stakes races and placed in an additional 10 stakes races. The good news is that some of the stable's most promising runners are only just getting untracked, among them runners eyeing Grade 1 races in June and July at Belmont Park and Saratoga in Talk Veuve To Me (Grade 1 Acorn), Kingstar (Grade 1 Belmont Derby) and Capla Tempress (Grade 1 Belmont Oaks).

Developing stakes winners and winning stakes is nothing new for Barry Irwin, as in the past 31 racing seasons 1 in 4 of his runners has won a stakes race and 28 percent of his more than 1,000 wins have come in black-type races.

Among the runners, 20 of them worldwide have been accorded status either as Champions or Highweights at seasons end, among them Eclipse Award winning Colt at 3 Animal Kingdom, English Champion Mare Sweet Stream, Irish Champion Filly at 2 Torgau, South African Champion Fillies at 3 Ebony Flyer and Captain's Lover and Dubai Horse of the Year Ipi Tombe. Among the runners have been Breeders' Cup hero Prized in his first ever race on grass when he won the \$2-million Turf and homebred hero Pluck in the \$1 million Juvenile Turf for colts.



Pride of place among all of the runners surely must go to Animal Kingdom, a homebred developed into a winner of the Kentucky Derby and Dubai World Cup. This was a Team Valor partnership from the ground up, as Irwin has syndicated his sire Leroixdesanimaux and imported his dam Dalia from Germany. Unlike several partnerships one sees today, it was not a case of somebody buying or leasing a small percentage on the eve of the Derby and claiming an important accomplishment.

Irwin said "We owe a debt of gratitude to our loyal partners, for whose account all of these runners are campaigned, because without their loyal support and dedication, none of these accomplishments would have been possible. They have been mightily rewarded and deservedly so, because this is the toughest game played outdoors and it required fortitude, courage and long-term commitment."

# Four Wins In Seven Days





*From the Desk of*

# Barry Irwin

Options, options and more options...right now our horses seem to face uncertainty, as so many options are currently available to them from around the globe. Let's look at some of them:

**BELVOIR BAY:** after her win, Gary Barber and I talked about the options for the mare. We both agreed it was time to go for a Grade 1 win somewhere. I thought about Europe since the United States has no Grade 1 races other than the Breeders' Cup for grass sprints, but Gary zeroed in on the Grade 1 Highlander going 6 furlongs at Woodbine, which is back in a month with a ship. My only concern is the long stretch, because the filly's hole card is her explosiveness, which is easy to exploit on a course that include a sharp bend and a short stretch. But, as Gary points out, it's not like we would be giving up anything if she flopped, because the other options are non-existent. With the Highlander being a BC Win & You're In race, we decided to bite the bullet and go for it.

**TALK VEUVE TO ME:** we still have not come up with a definitive plan for her next race. Rodolphe Brisset put the cart before the horse by jumping her from a maiden to a Grade 2 last time and the filly ran very well, but had a hard, fast race. The Frenchman says that she has acted the same after her race as she did before it and has trained well in the interim. In the best of all possible worlds he would like to follow our original goal of running her a mile in the Grade 1 Acorn on Belmont Stakes day. He asked for my opinion. I told him that as far as I was concerned we were in "no man's land" with the filly because we went to the well too early. I told him he had put himself behind the 8 ball because of his previous decision and the next decision would be up to him because he created the dilemma. I don't know what Rodolphe will decide. His other option is an allowance at a mile this weekend in Louisville followed by a two-turn attempt in the \$200,000, Grade 3 Indiana Oaks going 1 1/16 miles.

**CAPLA TEMPTRESS:** after her bang-up comeback effort in the Group 1, Classic French Guineas, the form of which has flattered her (eighth-placed filly came back last weekend to run second in the Group 1 Irish Guineas), Royal Ascot's one-mile Group 1 Coronation Stakes was set as her next goal, but today Marco Botti introduced the idea of coming to Belmont on July 7 for the \$1-million Oaks at a mile and a quarter. I chatted extensively with Marco this afternoon and we both decided that although we think the filly would have a big chance at Ascot, that all things considered the New York race was more attractive. As I explained to Marco, there are two ways to be successful with a filly: increase her residual value in hopes of a big payday at public auction as a broodmare prospect or win as much prize money as possible at the races. With the filly being small, she would not be able to take full advantage of a Coronation victory at public auction, so prize money makes the most sense for this one. We will go for the Belmont Oaks and next year shoot for the Beverly D. It's all about the dollars.

**FIRST PREMIO:** after the colt's terrific second in the Opening Verse Stakes during Kentucky Derby week, Mark Casse asked me what I wanted to do next with him. "Win any race" was my answer. Mission accomplished yesterday. Mark told me after the race that this colt had a chance to be special. "You know once these horses start getting confident, nobody knows where they are likely to land. I saw it with Tepin and I saw it with World Approval." Now that his confidence has been restored our plan is to start racing in Graded stakes. Unfortunately there is not much on the immediate horizon, so the colt may wind up back at Woodbine for a Graded race. However, later in the summer, do not be surprised to find this rapidly improving 4-year-old headed to Del Mar for the Grade 2 Eddie Read or to Saratoga for the Grade 1 Fourstardave.

## BELVOIR BAY DOMINATES DOWN SANTA ANITA'S TOBOGGAN SLIDE COURSE ENGLISH IMPORT EXPLODES TO OPEN UP AND CRUISE TO DAYLIGHT SCORE UPS EARNINGS TO MORE THAN \$550,000 IN GRADE 2 MONROVIA STAKES WIN



Belvoir Bay, small in stature but not in breadth, speed or heart, once again dominated her rivals in a sprint down the hill at Santa Anita by taking her first career Grade 2 in the \$200,000 Monrovia on Memorial Day. It followed on the heels of a similarly easy tally against males in the Grade 3 San Simeon Stakes in her previous outing this season down the hillside infield turf course.

Owned and raced by Gary Barber in partnership with a Team Valor LLC, Belvoir Bay has won on dirt and turf, sprinting and routing at Santa Anita and Del Mar.

Although she is versatile and can win from 5 to 8 furlongs, either on the lead, stalking or coming from behind, it seems obvious that her best situation is sprinting between 5 and 6 ½ on grass when coming from off the pace. In the Monrovia, she improved her best Beyer figure by 5 points to a whopping 101.

Yesterday, Victor Espinoza—subbing for the injured Tyler Baze—rode to instructions. The filly broke like a Quarter Horse, but the jockey did not get lured into setting the pace, which turned out to be just average in terms of speed. Instead, Victor kept the filly on the fence, saving ground and energy. At the top of the lane, he slipped through a rapidly closing seam, bulled his way through and in a matter of a few strides the filly exploded to a 3-length lead. She cruised the rest of the way with pricked ears. Running time of 1:12 4/5 was the mare's best time down the course, which had been playing a bit slow of late.



*Gary Barber and Peter Miller definitely got the memo: Pink on Monday!*

In the process the mare achieved two milestones, one for herself and one for her syndicator:

- **EARNINGS:** She increased her earnings to more than \$558,000. In 20 career outings she has 9 wins (7 of them stakes).
- **STAKES WINS:** She was scoring in stakes win number 300 for a horse syndicated since 1987 by Barry Irwin, CEO and sole owner of Team Valor International.

**BELVOIR BAY**, who will likely make her next outing vs. males in the Breeders' Cup Win & You're In Grade 1 Highlander at the end of June at Woodbine over 6 furlongs, hails from the same female line as her third dam representative Redkirk, which most recently won the Group 1 Newmarket Handicap for a second consecutive year at Flemington Racecourse near Melbourne, Australia. He is set to represent Oz at Royal Ascot in his next start.

The replay is [here](#).

From *Daily Racing Form* comes the following:

## **Belvoir Bay Makes It Three in a Row in Monrovia Stakes**



Belvoir Bay won her third consecutive stakes on the hillside turf course at Santa Anita in Monday's Grade 2 Monrovia Stakes even though jockey Victor Espinoza had a moment of concern.

A very brief moment.

Espinoza had Belvoir Bay positioned behind the leaders when the field approached the crossing from the hillside portion of the course to the main oval. Espinoza felt Belvoir Bay was running strongly, but needed racing room.

"I was tracking the leaders," he said. "I couldn't move out and couldn't move in. I was waiting for a little gap to appear.

"When she crossed the dirt, it was there."

Belvoir Bay rallied between pacesetter Algorhythmic and Mongolian Shopper and quickly took the lead. She held an advantage by a length with a furlong to go and won by 1 1/2 lengths. Sent off favored, Belvoir Bay ran about 6 1/2 furlongs on the hillside turf course in 1:12.80. She returned \$5.60.

"I didn't think she'd win that easy," Espinoza said.

Ancient Secret, the winner of the Grade 2 Lake George Stakes for 3-year-old fillies at Saratoga in 2016, finished second, 1 1/2 lengths in front of 7-1 Compelled, the winner of the Mardi Gras Stakes at Fair Grounds earlier this year.

Coniah finished fourth, followed by Blame It On Alphonie, Mongolian Shopper, Algorhythmic, Causeway Carolyn, and Miss Sugars.

Belvoir Bay, a 5-year-old British-bred mare by Equiano, has won 9 of 20 starts and earned \$558,361. Owned by Gary Barber and the Team Valor International partnership and trained by Peter Miller, Belvoir Bay is unbeaten in three starts this year. She won the Mizdirection Stakes on March 25 and the Grade 3 San Simeon Stakes against males on April 29.

The Monrovia Stakes was her richest and most prestigious win and seventh career stakes win. Espinoza rode Belvoir Bay for the first time on Monday. Espinoza said after the race that he worked Belvoir Bay earlier this year at Del Mar, but was unable to ride her because of an out-of-town commitment. Tyler Baze rode Belvoir Bay in her first two starts this year, but has not ridden since May 19 because of body soreness from a one-horse spill.



From the *TDN* comes the following:

**MONROVIA S.-GII, \$201,380, Santa Anita, 5-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:12.80, fm.**  
**1--BELVOIR BAY (GB), 123, m, 5, by Equiano (Fr)**  
 1st Dam: Path of Peace (GB), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)  
 2nd Dam: Persian Song (GB), by Persian Bold (Ire)  
 3rd Dam: Arrangement (GB), by Floribunda (GB)  
 (20,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-Team Valor International & Gary Barber; B-Mrs R. D. Peacock

(GB); T-Peter Miller; J-Victor Espinoza. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 20-9-3-2, \$558,361. Werk Nick Rating: A++.

Belvoir Bay exploded to the lead and powered clear to win her third straight stakes race down the hill at Santa Anita in Monday's GII Monrovia S. The victory was the 300th stakes win for the Team Valor partnerships. Sent off the 9-5 favorite, Belvoir Bay chased the pacesetters down the hill before settling just in behind Algorithmic (Vronsky) who set the tempo through splits of :21.76 and :44.15. In tight quarters crossing over the dirt track, Belvoir Bay surged through a narrow seam and grabbed the lead before scampering clear to the wire.

Belvoir Bay has now won four of five starts on the downhill turf course. Winner of the 2016 Unzip Me S., she opened 2018 with a victory in the Mar. 25 Mizdirection S. and added the Apr. 29 GIII San Simeon S. last time out.

*Pedigree Notes:*

Path of Peace is a half-sister to group-placed Raindancing (Ire) (Tirol {Ire}), Group 1 placed Mountain Song (GB) (Tirol {Ire}) and group winner Please Sing (GB) (Royal Applause). This is also the family of 1985 GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Bold Arrangement (GB) (Persian Bold {Ire}). Path of Peace produced a filly by Dream Ahead in 2017. Her Lethal Force (Ire) colt sold for 115,000gns at last year's Tattersalls October Yearling Sale and her Kyllachy (GB) filly sold for 230,000gns to John Ferguson at last year's Tattersalls April sale. She had been purchased for 120,000gns by Willie Browne at the 2016 Tattersalls October sale.

## GO ROSE GAME THIRD IN GROUP 2 GERMAN 1000 GUINEAS AT DUSSELDORF BEATEN A NOSE FOR SECOND IN ROUGH RACE THAT LED TO A JOCKEY DQ FILLY WILL PREP FOR G1 OAKS ON JULY 7 IN GROUP 3 TRIAL AT 1 3/8 MILES



*Go Rose temporarily surges to narrow lead in the final furlong.*

Go Rose, making only the third start of her career, once again showed a remarkable brand of courage when gamely missing second on a head bob in the Classic, Group 2 German 1000 Guineas to the same filly in Malakeh that beat her a head for the Listed win in her debut at 3. The replay is [here](#).

Last time she got beat on the square, but this time she deserved to be a clear second, as her outside draw caused a series of maladies that found her pushed wide throughout the mile contest and repeatedly getting bumped. It was so bad that the rider on the second favorite was suspended by the German racing officials immediately after the race. In 3 starts to date she has a win, a second and a third.

The principals were pretty much in a line in mid-stretch before the English invader Nyaleti, a Group winner in the United Kingdom at 2 and a sharp Listed winner of her last outing, powered into a daylight advantage with half a furlong remaining and drove off to a 4½-length victory. Go Rose hit the wire on the wrong bob for a second consecutive time and was beaten a nostril for second.

The winner's trainer announced after the race that Nyaleti will point for the Grade 1 Beverly D at Arlington Park in August. *Racing Post* elevated the filly's rating to 109, a career topper.

German racing officials elevated Go Rose's official rating to 101, up 2 points or 1 kilo. "She is making steady progress," Barry Irwin said. "If she continues at this rate and improves again and likes the Oaks distance, she can jump up significantly by the August 5 renewal of the Group 1 Diana (Oaks). She will never make more progress in her life than over the next 90 days."

Andreas Woehler is convinced Go Rose will enjoy a test of stamina and plans to find out on July 7 in a Group 3 prep for the Oaks going 11 furlongs at Hamburg. "I like this prep the best and I have always used it. I think that going longer, she doesn't have to race close up. She can settle early into a nice rhythm, go along steadily and produce that same turn of foot in the stretch. I fully expect her to improve both physically and because of the added distance."

*Both Hanz and Franz are pumped up about the chances of Go Rose in the August 5 Oaks.*



**FIRST PREMIO CAT-HOPS TO 3¼-LENGTH CHURCHILL WIN FOR MARK CASSE  
COLT FASHIONS NEW BEYER TOP OF 97 IN SCORE AIDED BY CLASS RELIEF  
IRWIN: “JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED, POISED FOR GRADED RETURN”**



First Premio ran his eyeballs out when a good second Derby week in the Opening Verse Stakes. When Mark Casse asked Barry Irwin what he wanted to do next with the Irish import he responded by saying “It’s for him to win a race. He ran too good at Churchill not to get a win and I think that if he can win a race right now, it will get his head right back in the game.”

That spot appeared Monday under the Twin Spires, where the strapping chestnut made odds of 4-5 look generous, as he stalked in second most of the way, commenced a rally entering the far turn, emerged with a solid lead entering the stretch and easily strode away to win by daylight.

Beyer rated the performance a 97, a new career top, surpassing the 96 he had earned in the Opening Verse in his prior outing. The replay is [here](#).

Irwin said “We’ve tried him on synthetic, dirt and turf and while he is adept on all three surfaces, it now seems certain that turf is his best gig, as from 3 starts on the greensward, he has this win and two seconds in stakes races.

“We’ve got him just where we want him now, with his confidence level up and it is time to return him to Graded company and go hunting for bear.”

First Premio was imported last year as a possible Triple Crown candidate, but a case of bone bruising sent him directly to the sidelines. But he has made it back and only just getting warmed up.

## **VA BANK FACES 11 IN GERMAN GROUP 2 ON THURSDAY AT BADEN-BADEN POLISH HERO IS BACK AT THE SITE OF HIS BIGGEST WIN TRAINER WÖHLER EXPECTS A STRONG SHOWING AFTER A YEAR AWAY**

The last year or so has been forgettable for Va Bank, but he is now sound and flashing signs of his old self with a new, top-class trainer, so hope is rekindled as he begins 2018 with a stiff assignment on Thursday in the Group 2 Badener Meile in Germany.



*Va Bank's prep race was canceled a few weeks ago but he got in a racecourse gallop at Dortmund (red, white and blue cap).*

return in an allowance earlier this month but only two other horses were entered and the race was canceled.

Wöhler acknowledged that the Baden-Baden Group 2 will be daunting after such a long break, but he fully expects Va Bank to run well. Bauyrzhan Murzabayev, the jockey in both of Go Rose's races for Team Valor, will get a leg up with post six. Unless the French channel Equidia decides to air the race live, there will be no streaming video available in the U.S. Team Valor will keep partners posted and send out a replay.

From *Gallop Sport* comes the following:

### **BADENER MEILE**

Thursday in Iffezheim will feature the first sporting highlight of this year's spring meeting, in the form of the 40th Badener Meile for a purse of 70,000 Euros. Stormy Antarctic and Wonnemond are the headliners, with Wonnemond as the local leader with a budding hot streak and Stormy Antarctic coming from England, where he finished second in a Group 2 last month after winning a Group 3 in France on heavy ground earlier this spring.

Their main threats are Iffezheim specialists. Those include Palace Prince, the defending "Mile" winner, and Degas, who ran second in last year's edition. Incidentally, Degas also is in the catalog for the BBAG spring auction on Friday. A 2018 debut will come from Va Bank on Thursday for trainer Andreas Wöhler. He won the Group 3 Sparkessen two years ago in Iffezheim and makes a curious reappearance in this race, as does Peace In Motion, whom trainer Waldemar Hickst called his "secret hope" in a recent poll.

The Polish champion achieved his biggest win over this very same course in August 2016 when he toppled the Andreas Wöhler-trained Potemkin in a Group 3 over 10 furlongs. Now, Wöhler is the trainer of both Va Bank and Potemkin, who just won a German Listed race last Monday to end a dry spell of his own.

Wöhler received Va Bank late last year and originally hoped to campaign him in Dubai in February and March but the 6-year-old horse's ankle flared up and required some extra time and treatment. He responded well and was ready to



## BROODMARES AND MATING PLANS

*Chantilly Nayla's Magician filly.*

No. Hemisphere	2017 Cover	2018 Stallion	Status
All Elegance	Animal Kingdom filly 4-5	Animal Kingdom	Bred 5-8, IN FOAL
Angegreen	Barren	Animal Kingdom	Barren
Blasé		Magician	Bred 3-11, IN FOAL
Champagne Forever		Tourist	
Chantilly Nayla	Magician filly 5-12	Animal Kingdom	
Colorado Girl	Barren	Shackleford	Bred 2-23, IN FOAL
Cult Classic		Tapizar	Bred 5-29
Driver's Girl		Cairo Prince	Bred 3-18, IN FOAL
Ebony Flyer	Silvano filly 10-16	Duke of Marmalade	Bred 2-8, IN FOAL
Esstadista	Animal Kingdom colt 4-1	Animal Kingdom	Bred 4-29, IN FOAL
Gatabakana	Animal Kingdom filly 9-20	Animal Kingdom	Bred 2-21, IN FOAL
Ginger Sea	Lost foal	Animal Kingdom	Bred 5-10, IN FOAL
Juno		Animal Kingdom	Bred 3-31, IN FOAL
Madame Dubois		Animal Kingdom	Bred 5-5, IN FOAL
Pura Classe	Lost foal	Hard Spun	Bred 5-29
Sutil	Animal Kingdom filly 2-5	Tourist	Bred 3-11, IN FOAL
That's Hot	Hard Spun colt 2-16	Air Force Blue	Bred 4-28, IN FOAL
Victory Party	Curlin filly 1-21	Classic Empire	Bred 2-25, IN FOAL
Upperville	No cover	Recorder	Bred 5-15
Wide Range	Medaglia d'Oro colt 2-23	Violence	Bred 5-4, IN FOAL
So. Hemisphere	Status	2017 stallion	Status
<b>Australia</b>			
Alexandra Rose	Olympic Glory colt 9-26	Animal Kingdom	Bred 10-23, IN FOAL
Future Choice	Barren	Animal Kingdom	Bred 9-10, IN FOAL
Happy Valentine	More Than Ready filly 8-10	Redoute's Choice	Bred 10-16, IN FOAL
<b>Brazil</b>			
Linda Rafaela	Out of Control colt 8-4	Put It Back	Bred 11-4, IN FOAL
<b>South Africa</b>			
Agra	Visionaire colt 11-28	Visionaire	Barren
Bountiful Harvest	No cover	Futura	Bred 11-27, IN FOAL
Catch the Wind	Willow Magic filly 10-17	Noble Tune	Bred 10-30, IN FOAL
Captain's Lover	Barren	Futura	Bred 9-10, IN FOAL
Comtesse Dubois	Barren	Visionaire	Bred 9-5, IN FOAL
Highly Decorated	Visionaire colt 10-7	Visionaire	Barren
My Kazzie	Master of My Fate filly 11-22	Elusive Fort	Barren
On Her Toes	Barren	Visionaire	Bred 12-5, IN FOAL
Princess Chloe	Visionaire colt 10-5	Master of My Fate	Bred 11-2, IN FOAL
Royal Pleasure	Jay Peg colt 8-30	Var	Bred 9-29, IN FOAL
She's On Fire	Visionaire filly 11-5	Gimmethelight	Bred 12-2, IN FOAL
She's a Pippa	Visionaire filly 11-12	Futura	Bred 12-10, IN FOAL
State Coach	Barren	Visionaire	Bred 9-16, IN FOAL
Sunshine Lover	Barren	Master of My Fate	Bred 10-28, IN FOAL
Valor Red	Master of My Fate filly 9-15	Trippi	Bred 10-17, IN FOAL

## NOTES

**KINGSTAR** boasts the highest official rating among 10 candidates for a Class 1 allowance on Saturday at Longchamp, serving as his intended prep for the Grade 1 Belmont Derby after a long break. Trainer Pia Brandt said last week that the colt has really come on in his recent work and should be ready to fire. The final field is due on Thursday.

**TALK VEUVE TO ME** worked another sharp half mile yesterday at Keeneland, going in :48 2/5, which ranked second of 16 at the distance. Barry Irwin was on hand and spoke at length about race options with trainer and co-owner Rodolphe Brisset, including the Grade 1 Acorn Stakes on Belmont Day. A decision is imminent. The filly continues to sparkle in her training, but she had a grueling race in her second-place finish in the Grade 2 Eight Belles last month and this next assignment will be pivotal.

**SENECA** was photographed Saturday in Brazil, where the Team Valor-bred yearling filly by ex-U. S. racehorse and sire Forestry is in about August if she were in North America. The daughter of Grade 1-winning Kentucky-based mare Sutil, which has an Animal Kingdom filly foal in the Bluegrass, will begin her racing career in Brazil and be imported if she proves to be good enough. Her sire was represented in AK's foal crop by the Preakness hero Shackleford. The mare was bred to Breeders' Cup hero Tourist this season.



*Seneca has grown into a well-developed young filly in Brazil.*

**SUN GODDESS** will make her turf bow over the new course at Las Maronas on June 10 going 7 furlongs. She won her recent comeback by more than 8 lengths last time out in Uruguay. Her sire was a dirt horse but family has sod.

**GONDORA**, the older sister to Go Rose, has left her temporary home at the German yard of trainer Andreas Woehler and is en route to New York, where the recent impressive winner will be trained by Christophe Clement. She started off her career well last season, but fizzled into the Group 1 Oaks and did not race from August until this spring, when she returned to her winning ways. She is eligible to the first allowance condition in New York. Interests in her remain available.

**LA SARDANE** smoked another bullet Monday morning at Belmont Park, where her 1:00 3/5 was the fastest five-eighths of 15 taking to the Long Island grass course. She has become razor sharp and appears to be coming up to her U. S. Graded stakes debut in fine fettle for Neil Drysdale.

**GAUGUIN** worked fast on the grass course yesterday morning as well at Belmont, where his breeze just under 1:01 was tied for the second-fastest move on the tab for trainer Bill Mott, who will bring the German import out a couple of days before the Belmont Stakes for a nw1 allowance test over 11 furlongs on the greensward. This is his second speedy drill since he finished second in his seasonal debut. He should be sitting on go for his Hall of Fame conditioner.

**NISREEN** won easily by a length and a half going a mile in France on Sunday to improve her career record in 3 starts to 2 wins and a third. The replay is [here](#). The Shadwell Stud reject is being brought along nicely by John Hammond (r), who recommended her purchase last fall to Barry Irwin. She has 4 partners: B. Irwin, Nick Ben-Meir, Jonathan Hensley and Ed Barker. Look for her to bring her act to Paris for her next start, perhaps in a big handicap, in which she will run with a feather on her back.



**CULT CLASSIC**, a homebred for Mark Polivka and Barry Irwin, was checked in foal recently but yesterday was found not to be in foal anymore. She was covered again today by top young stallion Tapizar, sire of Kentucky Oaks heroine Monomoy Girl in his first crop of foals to the races this season.

**PURA CLASSE** was bred to Hard Spun this morning and had a good cover.

**GINGER SEA** was in foal to Animal Kingdom on her 16-day exam with twins. One of the two has been pinched.

**THAT'S HOT** was in foal to Air Force Blue on her 30-day exam today.

**ESSTADISTA** was in foal to Animal Kingdom on her 30-day exam today.



**EVER SO TRUE** is at left in a photo courtesy of partner Elaina Rickert at San Luis Rey Downs over the weekend.

**ROCKING THE BOAT** ran well to finish third in his Monday comeback sprint at Churchill Downs, in spite of being mired down on the deeper going along the rail, as he was boxed in for much of the race. "A normal horse would have chucked it and fallen back, but not this guy," said jockey Channing Hill. "Actually, even though it was tough down there, I thought this was the first time that the colt ran all out from the quarter pole to the wire. I think being stuck down in there brought out the fight in him. He should be ready to win again next time." The Kellyn Gorder trainee was making his first outing in a couple of months and was beaten about a neck for second and about 4 lengths for the win. Look for him to stretch out a bit from the 6 ½ furlongs in his next outing, hopefully at

Churchill Downs again.

**KASSEOPIA's** gate troubles are clearly not behind him, as he refused to leave the starting gate in what was supposed to be his comeback on Saturday at Gulfstream. A champion sprinter in Australia, Chautaugauy, is currently posing the same issue and it has put his career in jeopardy. Kasseopia could be banned if he keeps this up.

**BECKONING** resurfaces on Thursday in a 7-furlong allowance at Belmont Park, rather than pitching her back into the deep end in this weekend's Penn Oaks. This should help to clarify the filly's preferred trip. Barry Irwin thinks she is more of a sprinter. Bill Mott tried her in a route right out of the box in the Grade 3 Florida Oaks in March (she lacked a punch over 8 ½ furlongs and ran evenly, finishing seventh) and made the suggestion to bring her back in the Penn National race. Ankle trouble interrupted her spring but she has looked sharp in workouts at Saratoga, gets a red-hot jockey in Manny Franco and is drawn well with post seven. Post time is 4:14 p.m. Eastern and past performances are [here](#).



**STORM RUNNER** (left) worked a half mile today in :49 1/5, galloping out 5 furlongs in 1:02, and has switched targets at Churchill Downs: instead of an allowance this weekend, he will point for the Grade 3 Matt Winn Stakes on June 16 over a mile and a sixteenth.

**CYRIELLE's** race this week at Santa Anita failed to fill and is iffy to be used anytime soon.

**BEHOLD THE QUEEN** finished second in a trial yesterday at Werribee on the outskirts of Melbourne and displayed progress with new trainer David Hayes, as although she still fights for her head, she has learned to submit to a waiting ride. The video is [here](#).

**BRIDAL VEIL** will bid for her second career win on Saturday at Greyville in a 7-furlong, low-rated handicap. Since she will carry the second highest impost of 59.5 kilos (131 pounds), veteran jockey Bernard Fayd'Herbe can make the weight and will guide the 3-year-old filly from post six of 12 for the Polytrack course. Bridal Veil finished third last time with an apprentice on her back and seems to be progressing since she joined trainer Doug Campbell.

## UPCOMING RACES

Horse	Date	Track	Trip	Class	Purse
Va Bank	May 31	Baden-Baden	8 T	Badener Meile-G2	\$85,000
Beckoning	May 31	Belmont	7 T	Allowance	\$77,000
Bridal Veil	Jun 02	Greyville	7 AW	Handicap	\$6,000
Kingstar	Jun 02	Longchamp	10.5 T	Allowance	\$50,000
Gauguin	Jun 07	Belmont	11 T	Allowance	\$90,000
La Sardane	Jun 07	Belmont	7 T	Intercontinental S.-G3	\$200,000
Pillar Mountain	Jun 08	Belmont	8 T	Allowance	\$90,000
*Talk Veuve To Me	Jun 09	Belmont	8	Acorn S.-G1	\$700,000
Radiant Splendour	Jun 10	Turffontein	7 T	Non-Black Type stakes	\$11,000
Storm Runner	Jun 16	Churchill	8.5	Matt Winn S.-G3	\$100,000
Vulcan's Forge	Jun 17	Belmont	8 T	Poker S.-G3	\$300,000
First Premio	Jun 30	Woodbine	8 T	King Edward S.-G2	\$135,000
Belvoir Bay	Jun 30	Woodbine	6 T	Highlander-G1	\$192,440
Capla Temptress	Jul 07	Belmont	10 T	Belmont Oaks-G1	\$1,000,000
Kingstar	Jul 07	Belmont	10 T	Belmont Derby-G1	\$1,200,000
Go Rose	Jul 07	Hamburg	11 T	Hamburg Stutenpreis-G3	\$65,000
Go Rose	Aug 05	Dusseldorf	11 T	German Oaks-G1	\$600,000

## PERFORMANCE GRID FOR UNITED STATES, EUROPE, SOUTH AFRICA

Top Speed Figures				
Runner	Desc	Best Ragozin	Thoro Graph	Best Beyer
Hayabusa One	5 h	5	2.75	101
Vulcan's Forge	5 h	6	2	98
Storm Runner	3 c	6	5.5	84
Belvoir Bay	5 m	6.25	5.25	101
First Premio	4 c	6.5	2.5	97
Juno	6 m	7	5	94
Kasseopia	5 h	7.25	7.25	85
Talk Veuve to Me	3 f	7.5	1.5	93
Responsibleforlove	5 m	8.5	4.25	93
Rocking the Boat	4 c	8.75	4	94
Gauguin	5 h	9	6	92
High Hours	7 h	9.75	8.5	88
Rose Velvet	4 f	10.5	8	76
Bombshell	5 m	11	4.25	82
La Sardane	4 f	11.5	7	83
Ever So True	3 f	11.75	10	78
Thora Barber	4 f	11.75	9.5	76
Capla Temptress	3 f	12.75	10	71
Pickford	3 c	15	6	73
Cyrielle	3 f	16	11.5	70
Beckoning	3 f	16.5	12.75	68
Madame Dubois	6 m	18	10	80

Top Timeform & Racing Post Ratings			
Runner	Desc	Time Form	RPR
Va Bank	6 h	121	113
Capla Temptress	3 f	112	106
Hayabusa One	5 h	111	105
La Sardane	4 f	110	108
Belvoir Bay	5 m	110	101
Brave Mary	3 f	105	102
Go Rose	3 f	104	99
Responsibleforlove	5 m	105	105
Kingstar	3 c	104	104
Battle in Seattle	4 c	99	100

Top South African Merit Ratings			
Runner	Desc	Best	Current
Brave Mary	2f	106	106
Flying Ice	4 f	103	103
Madame Dubois	4 f	102	102
Anna Pavlova	3 f	96	96
Radiant Splendour	3 f	89	89

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