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THE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR? IT'S A HORSE, OF COURSE

By Bill Finley

This time, American Pharoah's competitors are not named Tonalist, Keen Ice, Effinex, Frosted or Firing Line but Curry, Rousey, Djokovic, Serena, Speith, Messi. They, along with American Pharoah, are among the 12 nominees for the coveted title of Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year. If there's any justice, if the panelists who decide who will win the award haven't spent the last year living under a rock, American Pharoah will beat these competitors as easily as he readily handled his four-legged foes on the racetrack.

As is always the case, there are many worthy contenders for the title as any year in sport features incredible feats and performances. But when it comes to American Pharoah, he is the only one for whom you can check all the boxes and do so without hesitation.

The award is for "the athlete or team whose performance that year most embodies the spirit of sportsmanship and achievement."

The achievement part is obvious.

American Pharoah did something in his sport that had not been done in 37 years, winning the Triple Crown. But that one concise sentence doesn't accurately sum up the accomplishment.

There was every reason to believe that no horse would ever again win the Triple Crown, that because of the changing times and the way modern racehorses are trained and bred for speed over stamina the feat had become virtually impossible. Between American Pharoah and the previous Triple Crown winner Affirmed (1978), 13 horses had won both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness but did not win the Belmont. On paper, some appeared to be invincible, but the difficulty of the task tripped them all up, at least until American Pharoah came along. American Pharoah's sweep of the Triple Crown would be like a pitcher winning 30 games. That, too, is something from a bygone era that is never supposed to happen again. **Cont. p3**

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This week, Andrew Caulfield studies the pedigree of G2 Daily Hai Nisai S. winner Air Spinel and looks at how sire King Kamehameha is ideally placed to cover the daughters and granddaughters of Sunday Silence.

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	War Front	\$200,000	3.22	\$8,751,613
2011	Kitten's Joy	\$100,000	2.53	\$10,509,932
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THE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR? IT'S A HORSE, OF COURSE *(cont. from p1)*

His on-track story didn't end with the Belmont. He continued to race and bring energy to a sport that is always in need of a lift. Before a record crowd, he won the Haskell at the Jersey Shore. Though he lost the Travers, he didn't duck the race when less sporting owners and trainers would have done so. He went out with a bang, romping in the Breeders' Cup Classic to become the only horse in history to win that race and the three Triple Crown events.

There's no easy way to compare horse racing to other sports but no one came close to having a bigger impact on their game than American Pharoah did in his.



Pharoah has already graced SI's cover once

The sportsmanship aspect of the award doesn't seem to weigh as heavily with voters as it once did. Recent winners might all be fine people, but the past three winners--Madison Bumgarner, Peyton Manning, LeBron James--were all obviously recognized for what they did on the field, court or diamond and not off of it.

But a sportsman is more than just a great athlete, and this shouldn't be an award just for who scored the most touchdowns, hit the most home runs or even who won the most important horse races. Sportsmanship is about conduct and character and here's another category where American Pharoah laps the field.

Owner Ahmed Zayat, trainer Bob Baffert and jockey Victor Espinoza all made notable contributions to charities from their American Pharoah bounty, but what was even more important is how Zayat and Baffert managed the horse. They never forgot that they had an obligation to the sport and to his fans.

After American Pharoah won the Belmont, there really wasn't much more that he could accomplish, at least when it came to his reputation, his place in history and his value as a sire. He was a Triple Crown winner, had wrapped up Horse of the Year and was going to enter the breeding business as one of the most in-demand, valuable sires in history. Zayat could have retired him then, exactly what many owners would have done. But Zayat understood that he owed it to the sport to keep the horse running, even if the potential risks outweighed the potential rewards.

After the loss in the Travers, he was so despondent that he wondered aloud if he should retire American Pharoah right then. Again, he was grappling with what was practical versus what was right for horse racing. He changed his mind, kept him in training and Baffert and American Pharoah did the rest, winning the Breeders' Cup.

Though Sports Illustrated's editors will make the final decision, the magazine is allowing readers and fans to cast their vote on line and you can do so by clicking [here](#).

American Pharoah is more than holding his own as he has garnered 29% of the vote, trailing only the Kansas City Royals, who have 34%. Yes, the Royals won the World Series, the first time they had done so since 1985. But there was nothing particularly extraordinary about their feat and a 30-year drought is hardly an eternity in baseball. Had the Chicago Cubs won the World Series we'd be talking about something entirely different.

Lionel Messi is next at 14% and while he is the world's greatest soccer player, his 2015 season doesn't seem to surpass what he has been doing for years. This is not a lifetime achievement award.

American Pharoah's biggest obstacle might be that he performs in a sport outside the mainstream that may not mean much to Sports Illustrated's editors. The list of candidates comes from, among others, baseball, football, basketball, soccer, tennis and golf, all sports that are no doubt more on the radar screens of the voters than racing is. Only one person from racing has ever won the award that began in 1954 and that was jockey Steve Cauthen in 1977. Somehow, in 1973 Secretariat was beat out by Formula One World Champion Jackie Stewart.

Though admittedly knowing nothing of what Jackie Stewart accomplished in 1973, I have to believe that the voters got it wrong that year by not honoring Secretariat. Forty-two years later they have a chance to make amends to racing and the Triple Crown and to do so with arguably the best horse to come around since Big Red. With what he did, with the way he was managed, with how he energized an entire sport, how can they not?

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The Big Chief Racing colorbearer, who will carry 122 lbs., will break from the nine hole and was made the 2-1 morning-line favorite. Exaggerator covered five panels in 1:00 2/5 in his most recent work at Santa Anita Nov. 14. Dennis Drazin homebred

Sunny Ridge (Holy Bull) also looms large in this field. The New Jersey-bred gelding took Monmouth's Sapling S. Sept. 6 and was recently second behind Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini) in the GI Champagne S. at Belmont Oct. 3. Trainer Doug O'Neill, who won the 2012 edition of this race with Goldencents, has **Found Money** (Square Eddie) entered this year. The Reddam Racing homebred, who was victorious in June's Santa Anita Juvenile S., was most recently second in both Del Mar's restricted I'm Smokin S. and the Golden State Juvenile S. Oct. 30.

Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect) steps up in class for trainer Ron Moquett after graduating by an impressive 7 1/4 lengths in his Churchill unveiling Nov.6. **Memories of Winter** (Hard Spun) will also be trying stakes company for the first time. The dark bay won first out over the Oceanport oval Sept. 7 and annexed a Laurel optional claimer Oct. 9. The local Jean Lafitte S. trifecta is also entered in **Forevamo** (Uncle Mo), **Harlan Punch** (Harlan's Holiday) and **Texas Jambalaya** (Notional {Ire}).

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Forevamo	Uncle Mo	Hernandez	Stall	119
2	Memories of Winter 	Hard Spun	Valenzuela	Margotta	117
3	Sunny Ridge	Holy Bull	Ortiz, Jr.	Servis	119
4	Whitmore	Pleasantly Perfect	Albarado	Moquett	117
5	Harlan Punch 	Harlan's Holiday	Melancon	Amoss	117
6	Texas Jambalaya 	Notional	Martin, Jr.	Eoff	115
7	Found Money	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	O'Neill	119
8	Cowboy Classic	High Cotton	Inirio	Crane	117
9	Exaggerator 	Curlin	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	122
10	Iron Dome	Silver Tree	Bourque	Marshall	117

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1 Angelita ☼	Harlan's Holiday	Mora	Morris	117
2 Learning Curve ☼	Super Saver	Albarado	Moquett	117
3 Jet Black Magic	Hold Me Back	Morales	Calhoun	117
4 Above Fashion ☼	Paddy O'Prado	Hernandez	Faucheux	117
5 Shesthewinner ☼	Paddy O'Prado	Franco	Dorochenko	122
6 La Appassionata	Bernardini	Melancon	Asmussen	119
7 Charlie's Pal	My Pal Charlie	Chaves	Hukill	117

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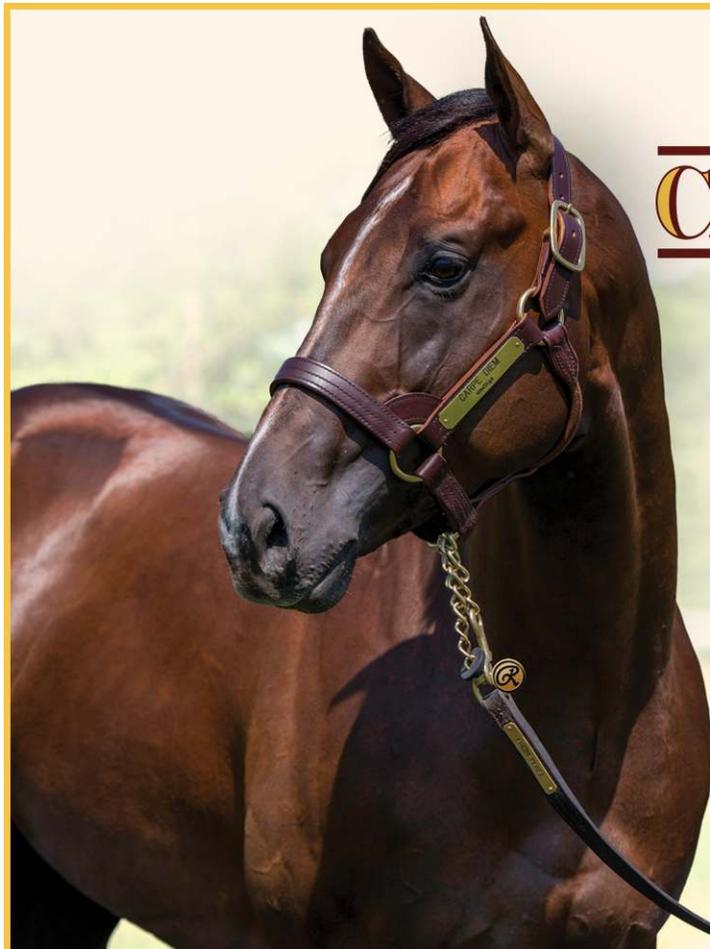
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The research fund is named after Kentucky-based Irishwoman Ann Hanley, wife of former Curragh trainer and current manager of WinStar Farm David Hanley, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at age 49. Hanley is a member of a research team led by Professor Greg Gerhardt and Dr. Craig Van Horne in Kentucky which is developing a surgery known as Deep Brain Stimulation Plus Nerve Graft to attempt to change the course of Parkinson's Disease.

"The Ann Hanley Parkinson's Research Fund has been set up solely to fund these surgeries and allow this research to continue," Hanley explained. "We have only begun our journey and need funding to learn more about the brain and the different areas that control our movements, mood and speech. Anybody who helps with this cause is leaving a legacy, we have the potential to change the world of brain disease. The only obstacle to our progress is funding."

Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby added, "Parkinson's Disease is a disease that touches virtually all of us in one way or another and we are pleased to be able to help in a very small way by holding the nominations auction at Goffs at a time when so many breeders will be here."



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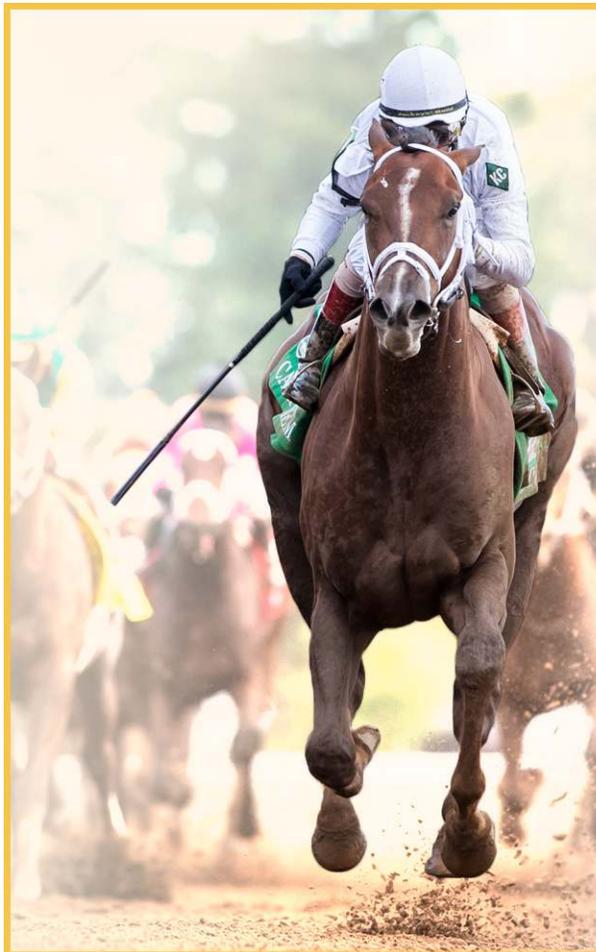
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New York

Zivo to Irish Hill Century Farm:

Graded stakes winner and Grade I-placed New York-bred millionaire **Zivo** (True Direction--American Skipper, by Quiet American) has been retired from racing and will stand the 2016 season at Irish Hill Century Farm in New York for a fee of \$6,000, the farm announced Monday. Winner of last year's GI Suburban H. at Belmont Park, the Thomas Coleman homebred will be the only stallion standing at the Saratoga Springs farm and will be supported by mares from Coleman, Irish Century Hill and commercial operations such as The Club and Off the Hook.

"Zivo is one of the most durable and talented horses I have trained to date," commented conditioner Chad Brown. "He raced year round in New York throughout his career, all of his starts on the dirt. I can't wait to see what his offspring can do."

The 6-year-old, who also captured three New York-bred stakes and ran second behind MGISW Tonalist (Tapit) in the 2014 GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, retires with an overall record of 19-9-3-4 and earnings of \$1,017,300.

For more information about Zivo, contact Sean Feld of Feld Family Stallions at 859-519-9665, or Rick Burke of Irish Century Hill at 518-527-2701.

Eastern U.S.

Monday's Results:

7th-PRX, \$38,200, (S), Msw, 11-16, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:21.02, ft. +LUCY N ETHEL (f, 2, During--Kid Silver, by Silver Ghost) posted seven workouts over the local strip dating back to early September and completed her preparations for this career unveiling with a five-furlong breeze Nov. 3. Given a 7-2 chance for the meet's leading trainer, she was away in good order from post 11 and quickly cleared the field to set the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.81. The dark bay opened up a sizeable advantage on the turn and had enough gas left in the tank to hold off a late bid from Move (Silver Train) to win by one length. The homebred winner is a full-sister to commonly owned and trained Jake N Elwood, SW, \$437,100, who captured an allowance event here Nov. 3. She is also a half to Hey Kiddo (Stonesider), SW, \$361,768, who annexed the local Roamin Rachel S. for these connections Oct. 3. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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2 GOMO
Alcibiades Stakes-Gr.1, Keeneland, by 2¾ lengths

3 UNCLE VINNY
Sanford Stakes-Gr.3, Saratoga

4 UNCLE BRENNIE
Sunday Silence Stakes, Louisiana Downs

5 FOREVAMO
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ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, November 17

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

HAYNESFIELD (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 78/9/1

3-HAW, Aoc, 1mT, Brerry, \$140K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

RODMAN (Malibu Moon), 6/2/0

1-FL, Msw, 1m, Biker, 2-1

UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 165/24/7

3-HAW, Aoc, 1mT, Uncle Jimmy, \$10K EAS MAY 2yo, 20-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, November 17

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (Gone West), A & A Ranch, \$3K, 40/16/1

11-ZIA, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Asnowdream, 30-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-DMR, \$54,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 11-15, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.44, fm.

KNOW PLANS (g, 6, Unusual Heat--True Melody, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 20-3-0-3, \$119,010. O-Slam Dunk Racing, Mark Gorman & Gordon Jacobsen; B-Barry Abrams & Madeline Auerbach (CA); T-Philip D'Amato. *Full to Lightmyfirebaby, GSW, \$444,437; and 1/2 to Miss Guts (American Chance), SW, \$193,183.

3rd-MVR, \$26,700, (S), 11-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:16.02, ft.

DON'T GET ME (m, 5, Don't Get Mad--Jeanie Sue, by Level Sands) Lifetime Record: 12-3-5-2, \$76,156. O-Robert Alvin Reeves; B-Jane Rees & Donn Rowe (OH); T-Donn A. Rowe.

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Friday **AUNTIE JOY**
#22 won first out at Churchill Downs for Brendan P. Walsh

Saturday
7TH FIRST CROP STAKES WINNER
LOST RAVEN won Smart Halo Stakes by 3 lengths for Todd Pletcher and Mike Repole to remain unbeaten



Saturday **LITTLE MO**
#23 won first out at Gulfstream Park for Carlo Vaccarezza

Sunday **MO D'AMOUR**
#24 won gate-to-wire first out at Aqueduct for Todd Pletcher following a bullet drill at Saratoga

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Jezabel's Charm, f, 3, **Canadian Frontier**--Sam's Sunny Halo (SW, \$407,204), by Prospector's Halo. MVR, 11-16, (S), 6f, 1:16.94. B-Gregg Neuman (OH). \$14,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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Stone Crab, g, 3, **Stephen Got Even**--Mango Margarita, by Not For Love. FL, 11-16, 1m, 1:42.00. B-Gabrielle Farm (NY).

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IN JAPAN:

+Strobe Flash, f, 2, **Speightstown**--Sheraton Park (SP, \$181,585), by Cozzene. Tokyo, 11-14, Maiden Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$57,377. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Doug & Felicia Branham; T-Yukihiro Kato. *\$225,000 yrl '14 KEESEP; \$320,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSMAR.

Total Heat, f, 4, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Lethal Heat (MGSW & MGISP-US, \$655,988), by Unusual Heat. Tokyo, 11-14, Mitaka Tokubetsu, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 19-4-5-2, \$492,131. O-Carrot Farm; B-Shadai Corporation LTD; T-Osamu Hirata.



WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRES

IN JAPAN:

Seta Corona (Jpn), f, 2, **Distorted Humor**--C. S. Silk (GSW & MGISP-US, \$780,396), by Medaglia d'Oro. Kyoto, 11-15, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$40,984. O-G1 Racing; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yasutoshi Ikee. *\$1,450,000 i/u '12 FTKNOV.

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Lucy N Ethel (During) scores a debut victory at Parx Racing.

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2YO Big Louie D became the 99th stakes winner for Champion sire Stormy Atlantic with his 4 1/2 length victory in the \$75,000 Christopher Elser Memorial Stakes at Parx Racing.

The win comes on the heels of Up With the Birds' runner up performance in the Grade 1 Pattison Canadian Int'l Stakes and 2YO Stormy Antarctic's second place finish in the historic Group 1 Criterium International in France.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



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It is now nearly 250 years since the colourful gambler Dennis O'Kelly correctly predicted at Epsom that "it will be Eclipse first, the rest nowhere." Perhaps using his winnings, O'Kelly went on to buy this brilliant horse, who retired

unbeaten in 18 starts before developing into the ancestor of the vast majority of today's Thoroughbreds.

One could be forgiven for thinking that a similar situation currently prevails in the Japanese breeding industry, with the all-conquering force being the 2005 Japanese Triple Crown winner Deep Impact. The Japan Racing Horse Association published a list of fees for the stallions represented in its 2015 Select Sale, with Deep Impact's price given as ¥25,000,000 (around \$200,000 at today's exchange rate). Only four other stallions were listed with fees higher than ¥5,000,000, these being King Kamehameha and Heart's Cry at ¥8,000,000 (around \$65,000) and Stay Gold and his son Orfevre at ¥6,000,000. In other words, Deep Impact is more than three times the price of his nearest rivals. (Incidentally, Empire Maker, who returns to Kentucky at a fee of \$100,000, was priced at ¥3,500,000).

Some of Japan's recent Group 1 events also reflect Deep Impact's dominance. The Tenno Sho (Autumn), which regularly attracts Japan's best performers, had nine of Deep Impact's progeny among its 18 contestants. **Cont. p3**

ARQANA TOPPER FOR BARBE

Chirico Vallis (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}) became the highest-priced jumping prospect to ever sell at the Arqana Autumn Sale when bringing a final bid of €355,000 from bloodstock agent Hubert Barbe during the auction's opening session in Deauville Monday. Barbe fended off Harold Kirk for the 3-year-old gelding ([lot 255](#)), who has been second in two lifetime outings for Senonnes-based trainer Laurent Viel.

"He is a most exciting horse for the future," Barbe said. "I have bought him for an existing client in the UK. We will rest him over the winter to give him time to fill his frame, then start him off over hurdles."

Barbe's Horse Racing Advisory was also the name on the ticket for Monday's third and fourth highest lots, as he secured **Brelan d'As (Fr)** (Crillon {Fr}) ([lot 215](#)) for €225,000 and **Dream Berry (Fr)** (Dream Well) ([lot 267](#)) for €205,000. Barbe was the session's leading buyer, taking home four lots for a total of €915,000. **Cont. p2**

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Bill Finley makes his case for Triple Crown hero American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) to be voted Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year. **Story in today's TDN America.**

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Arqana Topper for Barbe (cont. from p1)

Trainer Robert Collet purchased the day's second-highest lot, bidding €260,000 for listed winner **Mocalacato Has (Fr)** (Poliglote {GB}) ([lot 247](#)). Collet, bidding from the restaurant, outlasted Seamus Murphy in a protracted bidding duel.

"I've already got the best 3-year-old filly over hurdles [Chimere du Berlais], so now I'll have another of the best from this generation and it will take some of the opposition out," quipped Collet.



Chirico Vallis | Arqana photo

Monday's top-priced flat horse was **Meadow Creek (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) ([lot 200](#)), who sold for €160,000 to Jean-Pierre Deroubaix's F.B.A. The Prince Faisal colorbearer was placed on four occasions at stakes and pattern level for trainer André Fabre. He was third in the G3 Grand Prix de Vichy last summer.

"He is a lovely horse who will go to Dubai this winter and probably come back to France after the Carnival," said Gavin Hernon, who signed the docket alongside Deroubaix. "He is for an existing client of ours."

During Monday's first session of the three-day sale, 167 head grossed a record €4,960,000. A year ago, the same number sold for €4,467,500. The average of €29,701 was up 11% from 2014, while the median increased 40% to €14,000.

"Obviously we are only a couple of days after the horrible terror attacks in Paris and I think that today's sale was a great testimony to the resilience of the French people," commented Arqana President Eric Hoyeau. "It was a very solid session and we are delighted with the figures, especially on the back of such a strong renewal last year. It was good to see so many members of the NH fraternity coming over and we would like to thank all the buyers for their support, as well as the vendors who have identified this sale as an opportunity to sell good horses: they bring to the ring horses with the right profile to suit the market requirements and are rewarded with good prices."

The Autumn sale, which continues through Wednesday, resumes at 1 p.m. Tuesday with 204 yearlings catalogued.

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Unfortunately history is trying to repeat itself with Duramente. King Kamehameha managed only one start after his Derby success, because he bowed a tendon in November, and Duramente was sidelined for a lengthy period soon after his Derby success, because of distal fractures in both forelegs. He had already been talked of as a possible contender for the Arc.

Even if Duramente fails to make it back into action next year, King Kamehameha looks set to shine with Air Spinel, another young son who was impressive in taking the G2 Daily Hai Nisai S. three days ago. ([Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Click for JRA VIDEO.](#))

Air Spinel acts as a reminder that King Kamehameha—unlike many of the other leading stallions in Japan—is ideally placed to cover many of the accomplished daughters and granddaughters of the breed-shaping Sunday Silence.

Even though Sunday Silence died in 2002, his influence is still immense. Believe it or not, eight of the top 10 places on the current leading sires' list are occupied by sons of Sunday Silence, the only exceptions being second-ranked King Kamehameha and eighth-placed Kurofune. In these circumstances, it isn't so surprising that equineline credits King Kamehameha with no fewer than 377 foals of racing age out of 251 daughters of Sunday Silence.

AIR SPINEL (JPN), c, 2012

King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Kingmambo	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
		Miesque	Gold Digger
	Manfath (Ire)	Last Tycoon (Ire)	Nureyev
		Pilot Bird	Pasadoble
Air Messiah (Jpn) MSW-Jpn, 12-4-4-2 4Fls, 1GSW	Sunday Silence	Halo	Try My Best
		Wishing Well	Mill Princess (Ire)
	Air Deja Vu (Jpn) SW, 13-2-5-2 11Fls, 2SW	Northern Taste	Blakeney (GB)
		Dreamed a Dream 10Fls, 1Ch, 2SW	The Dancer (Fr)
			Hail to Reason
			Cosmah
		Understanding	
		Mountain Flower	
		Northern Dancer	
		Lady Victoria	
		Well Decorated	
		Hidden Trail	

Despite this near-total domination of the sires' table, the Sunday Silence clan still manages to make an impact on the broodmare sires' list, though nothing like as strong. Sunday Silence, with many more starters than any of his rivals, holds a very clear lead, with his sons Dance in The Dark and Fuji Kiseki in second and fifth places.

Air Spinel is out of a Sunday Silence mare, as are several other top winners by King Kamehameha, such as Duramente, the Japan Cup winner Rose Kingdom, the Japan Cup Dirt winner Belshazzar and the G2 winners Dia de la Madre, To The Glory, To The World and Solitary King. The high-class Lovely Day has a dam by Dance In The Dark, whereas Let's Go Donki has a dam by Marvelous Sunday.

Air Spinel has every right to develop into a Classic colt next year. His dam Air Messiah had an excellent record. At three she failed by only a neck to hold off Cesario in the Oaks over a mile and a half, with Cesario next running out a four-length winner of the GI American Oaks at Hollywood Park. Air Messiah later earned two fine wins over a mile and a quarter, notably defeating the very smart Rhein Kraft in the Shuka Sho. She also finished second in a couple of good races at four, over seven furlongs and a mile, so she was admirably versatile.

The quality extends to Air Spinel's second dam, Air Déjà Vu. A Group 3 winner, she was second in the Oaks and third in both the 1,000 Guineas and the Shuka Sho. Air Déjà Vu's sire Northern Taste could be described as the Sunday Silence of his time. This flashily marked son of Northern Dancer won the Prix de la Foret before helping the Yoshidas' Shadai operation develop into the powerhouse it is today. Northern Taste was champion sire 10 times in 11 years, compared to Sunday Silence's 13 consecutive championships.

Sunday Silence also enjoyed success with Air Spinel's third dam, the American import I Dreamed A Dream. Their son Air Shakur went very close to landing the Japanese Triple Crown in 2000. However, I Dreamed A Dream had won just two of her 22 starts in North America and it took only \$57,000 to buy this daughter of Well Decorated in 1993. **Cont. p5**

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MOST IMPROVED COLT TOPS GOFFS OPENER

The Goffs November Foal Sale kicked off its five-day run Monday in Kildare with a colt by Coolmore's first-crop sire Most Improved (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) topping the session with a final bid of €39,000. The first session of the newly expanded auction saw 134 horses gross €1,063,200.

The average was €7,928 and the median was €5,000.

During the first of four sessions a year ago, 176 horses grossed €2,108,900 for an average of €11,982 and a median of €8,500.



Lot 143 | Goffs photo

Castlehyde Stud paid the day's top price, going to €39,000 to acquire [hip 143](#). A bay weanling from the Sweep Lane Stud consignment, the session-topper is out of the unraced Mafaaza (Jazil), a half-sister to stakes winner and multiple group placed Tazahum (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). He was bred by Aidan Sexton. Coolmore's Most Improved captured the 2012 G1 St James's Palace S.

The Goffs Foal sale continues Tuesday at 11 a.m.

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ELVSTROEM TO FRANCE

Elvstroem (Aus) (Danhill--Circles of Gold {Aus}, by Marscay {Aus}), who had been standing at Blue Gum Farm in Australia, will relocate to Haras du Petit Tellier in France for the 2016 breeding season, *Racing Post* reported. A five-time Group 1 winner on the racetrack, the 15-year-old stallion captured the 2005 G1 Dubai Duty Free and 2004 G1 Caulfield Cup. He had been standing at Blue Gum since his retirement in 2005. Elvstroem has been represented on the track by Group 1 winner Hucklebuck (Aus), as well as group winners Carrara (Aus) and Go the Knuckle (Aus).

The deal to bring Elvstroem to France was brokered by Gavelhouse.

QATAR DERBY FESTIVAL IN DECEMBER

The Qatar International Derby Festival will be held Dec. 29 and 30 at the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club. The Dec. 29 feature will be the US\$100,000 Al Rayyan S. for 2-year-olds over seven furlongs, while the Dec. 30 feature will be the US\$500,000 Qatar Derby over 10 furlongs. Entries for the races close Dec. 1 with invitations made within a week of the closing date. Shipment of invited horses will be arranged and paid for by QREC, as will the travel costs of connections of overseas runners.

"The Qatar International Derby Festival now has some strong Thoroughbred races with good prize money and travel incentives," commented Nasser Al Kaabi, General Manager of the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club. "We want to attract some international runners for both races as we evolve the race meeting."

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on today's European racing scene

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ALWAYS WELCOME ([Elusive Quality](#)) debuts for the George Strawbridge-John Gosden connection responsible for his dual Group 1-winning half-sister Rainbow View (Dynaformer). The homebred, who is also a half to another top-level campaigner in Just As Well (A. P. Indy), encounters Sanford Robertson's fellow newcomer **Cap Canaille** ([Giant's Causeway](#)), a son of the 2003 G3 Musidora S. winner Cassis (Red Ransom).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kordestan (Ire), f, 2, [Zoffany \(Ire\)](#)--Khandaar (Ire), by Xaar (GB). FKT, 11-15, 8fT, 1:40.60. B-Dr. S Oschmann (IRE). *€10,000 RNA Ylg '14 BB14. **29th winner for first-season sire (by Dansili {GB}).

Never Change (Ire), f, 3, **New Approach (Ire)**--Auspicious (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). WOL, 11-16, 7f 32y (AWT), 1:27.96. B-L K I Bloodstock & Diomed Bloodstock (IRE). *€160,000 Ylg '13 GOFORB.



WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES

IN JAPAN:

Bravissimo (Jpn), c, 3, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--May Kiersey (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Tokyo, 11-15, Okutama S., 7fT. Lifetime Record: 16-4-4-1, \$596,148. O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Shadai Farm; T-Naosuke Sugai. *¥50,000,000 yrl '13 JRHJUL.