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NY FINES ASMUSSEN \$10K; 10 OF 14 PETA CHARGES 'LARGELY UNFOUNDED'

by T.D. Thornton

In three related actions on Monday, the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) released a 176-page report on horse mistreatment allegations, announced it will pursue “sweeping equine drug medication regulations,” and issued a \$10,000 fine to trainer Steve Asmussen for multiple violations of administering a synthetic thyroid hormone supplement within 48 hours of raceday.

The actions are a direct result of complaints based on an undercover exposé orchestrated by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), which used, in part, surreptitious recordings of workers in Asmussen’s stable during the 2013 Saratoga Race Course meet.

The report, which can be accessed [here](#), cleared Asmussen and other involved parties of 10 of 14 specific “unfounded” allegations. But even among the four allegations that were “sustained,” the NYSGC conclusions left room for subjective interpretation.

For example, the NYSGC report stated that:

- 1) Partially completed furosemide eligibility forms were deemed to be not rules violations but “a deficiency in the regulatory process.”
- 2) Asmussen’s general practice of feeding the metabolism-boosting supplement Thyroxine to every horse in the stable was ruled “questionable,” but most of the horses were given a dose that was “actually below the minimum label recommendation of 35 mg daily for Thyroxine Powder.”

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Ten of the top 15 North American or European sires by average with their first foals selling this year (F2015 sires) and four or more sold, going into the final two mixed sales of the season, Tattersalls December and Arqana December, now stand in North America; five stand in Europe. I say ‘now’ because the leading sire so far on average, **Declaration of War** (War Front), stood at Coolmore in Ireland in 2014, then moved to their Kentucky satellite, Ashford, this year. **Cont. p8**

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re-entering training.
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Bill and Carole McAlpin's Greenwood Lodge Farm purchased the Juddmonte-bred Button Down (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) as a maiden at last year's Tattersalls December sale. The filly became a graded stakes winner Saturday at Churchill Downs.

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'Largely Unfounded' (cont. from p1)

3) Although at least 45 violations of feeding Thyroxine within 48 hours of raceday occurred, they were deemed “very unlikely to have affected the health or racing ability of the horses.”

4) A finding that “drugs were administered without evidence of medical necessity” was accompanied by an explanation that in lieu of written documentation, “the prescribing veterinarian stated that no horse was treated with thyroxine unless a diagnosis of hypothyroidism confirmed by blood testing had been made.”

Asmussen’s \$10,000 fine ([ruling here](#)), was issued because his horses “competed in pari-mutuel races at Saratoga Race Course from July 19 through Sept. 2, 2013 with the drug thyroxine having been administered within 48 hours of the scheduled post time of their races in violation of 9 NYCRR §§ 4043.2(e)(9) and 4043.4.”

In response to the ruling, Asmussen’s attorney, Clark Brewster, told *TDN* that before Asmussen would even consider appealing the fine, it needs to be established whether or not the NYSGC followed the proper steps in issuing it.

“You only appeal a matter that you’ve been a party to,” Brewster explained. “We’re not a party to this. It was a

third-party complaint, [initiated by] PETA....Mr. Asmussen has never been accused by any racing officials or given any due process to defend any accusations. I don’t know how they could impose a fine until he has an opportunity to understand what the charge is, and respond to it and offer evidence in defense of it.”

Brewster said the distinction about due process is important. He acknowledged that Asmussen attempted to be “totally transparent” and to comply fully with requests for interviews, training logs, and veterinary records after PETA “complained to like 18 different agencies.” But at no point in the past year and a half, Brewster said, was Asmussen informed that he had broken a NYSGC racing rule until the fine was made public on Nov. 23.

“My response would be, are they going to follow their own rules?” Brewster said. “Certainly, [the NYSGC] wants to follow their own rules, which gives due process rights to all licensees. I mean, I don’t think they want to dispense with that just because PETA made a complaint.”

In addition, Brewster said, it needs to be established whether the administration of a thyroid supplement counts as a “drug.”

“Here’s the critical issue,’ Brewster said. “New York’s rule is you cannot give any drug within 48 hours [of a race] with the exception of permitted medications [topical anti-biotics and furosemide]. **Cont. p4**

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“Thyroxine is a hormone, just like Regimate is a hormone,” Brewster continued. “Nobody has ever said you couldn’t give Thyroxine. I mean this is the first ever, and I defy you [to prove], if somebody else has ever been fined for giving a hormone supplement, I’m not aware of it. So do they apply the same rule to Regimate and other hormone supplements? I don’t think so. No horse in Steve’s barn in New York, for sure, was ever given a thyroid hormone supplement without a vet documenting it, either by a complete blood count, or a chemistry panel, or alternatively based upon physical exam.”

Separate from the report and fine, the NYSGC issued a press release on Monday underscoring how the entire PETA/Asmussen investigative process will lead to proactive regulatory changes in the future.

“While the troubling allegations of the PETA investigation were largely unfounded, our extensive review and other considerations have prompted the commission to put forth substantial changes to further combat the entrenched drug culture in horse racing,” NYSGC executive director Robert Williams said in a prepared statement. “We recognize PETA for playing a role in bringing about changes necessary to make Thoroughbred racing safer and fairer for all.”

The NYSGC release said the draft regulations will be released for industry comment in advance of official rulemaking. Among the proposed new mandates will be:

- No drug may be given to a horse except as an actual medical therapy.
- All metabolism-modifying drugs will be tightly controlled.
- Veterinarians may renew prescriptions based on only their medical judgment.
- The unnecessary use of any substance that abnormally affects a horse will be prohibited.
- Trainers must keep a log of all dispensed medicines administered by the stable.

PETA senior vice president Kathy Guillermo reacted with a statement about the NYSGC investigation, which read, in part: “We applaud this progress and hope it will mean greatly improved protection for Thoroughbreds. PETA’s goal was to ensure that horses are medicated only when they need it and that they won’t be raced or trained if they are injured and require drugs. Horses shouldn’t be fed thyroid hormones with their evening meals, and they shouldn’t be anywhere near a track if they’re in pain. We support the proposed new rules and urge the industry nationwide to back them as well.”

Although Brewster would not rule out legal action against PETA for damaging Asmussen’s reputation after the majority of its accusations were deemed unfounded by the NYSGC, he indicated that Asmussen seems to want to put the incident behind him (beyond his attorney-client relationship with Asmussen, Brewster said he has owned horses that have been trained by Asmussen, and that he has often socialized with Asmussen’s family).

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“We’ll go through the report carefully, and we will then make a decision as to whether we want to have the opportunity to set the record straight with regard to the thyroid hormone supplement or whether Steve just wants to move on down the way,” Brewster said.

Brewster added that Asmussen was deeply shaken by the March 2014 suicide of 27-year-old Harry “Hub” Johnson Jr., who once worked as a foreman for Asmussen. Johnson’s death came about a week after PETA released the controversial audio and video footage that Brewster said had been recorded without the consent or knowledge of workers in Asmussen’s barns.

“First of all, we had a young man who committed suicide over it. That means more than ‘Steve’s reputation’ to Steve,” Brewster said. “We had a young man who was so devastated by being taped and being confronted that he was driven to a suicidal act. That’s something that we’ll never be able to get back, and [PETA] did that.”

Brewster continued: “It cuts deep, any accusation that’s made for public consumption that does damage to [Asmussen’s] collateral reputation. What [PETA] did is just completely try to devastate an industry using Steve as the instrument. They didn’t care about what was true. They took five months of tape and released like 12 minutes with dubbed-in words. It was truly an outrage.

“The fact that [NYSGC] would give traction to an organization like this...is unfortunate.”

Two other licensees who figured prominently in the PETA tapes were exonerated by the NYSGC.

The commission found no evidence that jockey Ricardo Santana, Jr. possessed an unlawful electrical shocking device while riding any Asmussen-trained horse at the 2013 Saratoga Meet, as alleged by PETA.

Scott Blasi was interviewed extensively by the NYSGC for, among other allegations, his purported roles in knowing jockeys might be carrying illegal electrical devices and for allegedly being an assistant trainer tasked with facilitating unethical veterinary practices. But Blasi was not sanctioned or found to be at fault in any of the NYSGC findings published in the report.



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BUTTON DOWN MAKES GRADE FOR MCALPINS

by Jessica Martini

When **Button Down (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) powered home a 1 1/2-length winner of Saturday's GIII Cardinal H. ([video](#)), the filly was following a script that has worked for Bill and Carole McAlpin's Greenwood Lodge Farm in the past. The McAlpins acquired the filly as a winless 3-year-old for 65,000gns at last year's Tattersalls December from the draft of her breeder, Juddmonte Farms.



Button Down | Four Footed Fotos

"We've been buying out of the December Mares Sale for a long time and over the years we've bought several of the Juddmonte fillies that were being sold on by them," explained Bill McAlpin. "We basically bought her with the thought of converting her into a broodmare at some point, but you always like to have them win and, with a little luck, maybe do a little better if they have the ability to race a bit more. We've done that before, we've taken several who have not been successful at two or three and at least made them winners to improve their pedigrees a bit."

Button Down has done more than just become a winner. Under the tutelage of trainer Josie Carroll, the bay filly broke her maiden at Woodbine in May. An allowance winner next time out in July, she was second in both the Flaming Page S. and GII Canadian S. before finishing a close-up fifth in the GI E.P. Taylor S. She earned her first graded victory in the Cardinal.

The filly's success was not a complete surprise.

"This was a filly that we thought might have a little more potential than that," McAlpin confirmed. "And the Juddmonte guys did as well--Lord Grimthorpe was very cognizant that she might have ability. It was just one of those things, when you have the number of great horses that Juddmonte does, you're not going to keep a 4-year-old maiden even if you believe that she has real potential. It's clear that they understood that she was a nice filly and that she might have further possibilities."

McAlpin continued, "We relatively quickly began to feel that she had real promise. Obviously, it's been a lot of steps. Josie had to get her ready for racing. The filly arrived in the States in late December and she didn't run until that introductory race at Keeneland in April. Josie took a lot of time with her. She had a few physical issues to work through and she's been a little bit quirky. Josie, I think, has been the ideal trainer for her because she has taken so much time and cared for her. It's been a process of working through everything step by step." **Cont. p7**

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Saturday's graded stakes victory only serves to bolster Button Down's outstanding Juddmonte pedigree (Equineline.com [catalogue-style pedigree](#)). The filly's family also includes Elmaamul (Diesis {GB}), Reams of Verse (Nureyev) and Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).

"She has a spectacular pedigree--it's really an astonishing pedigree," McAlpin said. "She is very attractive, she has very nice conformation. And now, through Josie's efforts, she also has the racing record."

The McAlpins have been shopping at Tattersalls for going on two decades now.

"For whatever reason, we've always been more inclined to grass racing," McAlpin explained. "We have mares in Europe as well. We keep mares in France and we've had mares in England and Ireland. So we are inclined towards those kind of horses and those pedigrees anyway. For many years, you could buy some brilliant pedigrees, some Classic pedigrees and deep deep pedigrees very reasonably. I think it's getting a little competitive now. When we began to come over 15 years ago, we were almost the only North Americans really shopping. There were a couple other people that you might see regularly, but now there are quite a few Americans that shop over here. And anytime you've got a bigger buying audience, there is more competition."

The McAlpins' Greenwood Lodge Farm, based in Bourbon County, has been in a transitional phase over the last few years.

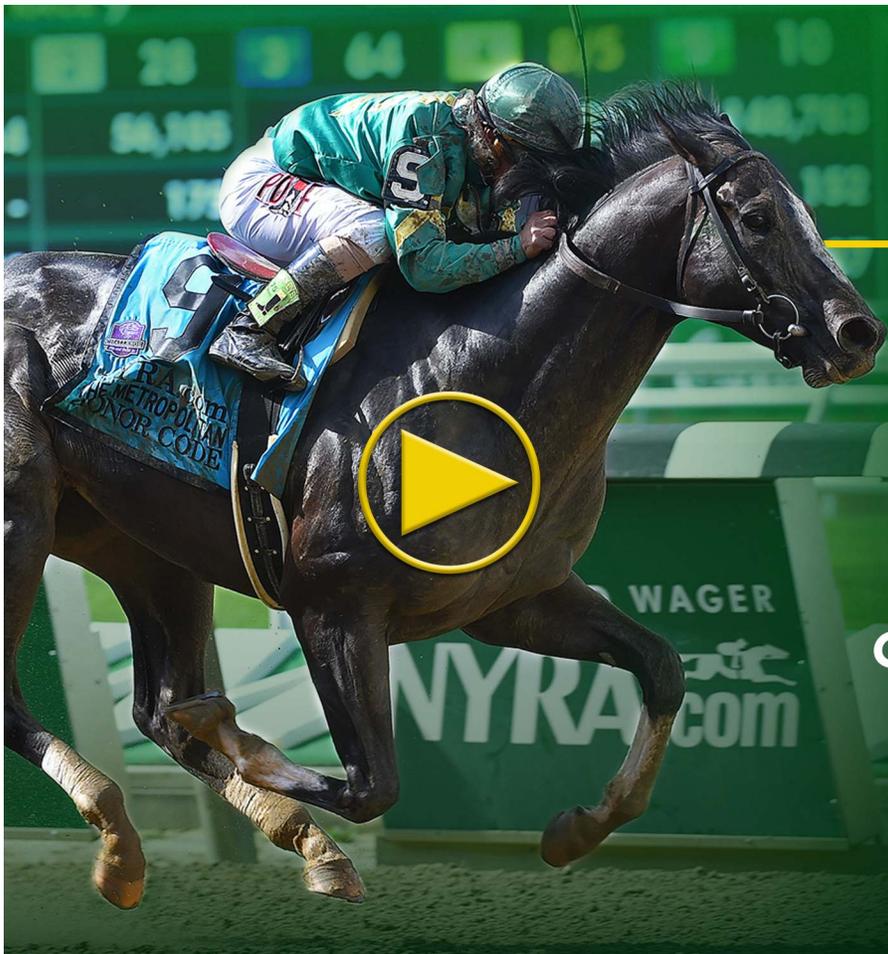
"We breed mostly to sell," McAlpin said. "Obviously, we do race as well. We've actually had a dispersal over the last two years of the basic broodmare core. We have a number of young horses that are just having their first foals or we are breeding them in Europe. We have quite a few fillies in training."

Of the dispersal, McAlpin added, "It was partially that we were uncertain really which direction we wanted to go with the business and how we wanted to do it. We had been doing it quite a long time and, frankly, as you get older, your priorities change a little bit. So we don't want to leave the industry completely, but we certainly wanted to reduce the number of horses that we had."

The McAlpins are back in England as this year's renewal of the Tattersalls Mares sale draws near, but the original plan wasn't to shop the auction.

"We were over here [in England] doing something else and some of our plans got changed, so yes, we are in Newmarket and we are going to look at some," McAlpin said, before adding with a chuckle, "but it was almost accidental."

Button Down is expected to return to the races as a 5-year-old next season. **Cont. p8**



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“She is so sound and she has gotten better after every race to this point,” McAlpin said. “She is continually improving. Now she is maturing. She’s getting heavier, thicker and stronger. Mentally she seems very good. We’re hoping to have a good year with her next year if everything goes to plan. Perhaps she will just keep improving--she might well do.”

Greenwood Lodge also campaigned this year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf runner Gliding By (Artie Schiller).

“She didn’t deal with the soft turf and she didn’t run as well as we hoped she would,” McAlpin said of Gliding By. “We’re hoping she’ll come back and do well next year also.”

Reflecting on Button Down’s Cardinal victory, McAlpin said, “It certainly keeps you excited about it. It’s wonderful to have a good horse. You know how few and far between the really good ones are and it’s fun to have it all come together.”

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Oppenheim: The Class of 2015 (cont. from p1)

Through the end of Goffs’ Foal Sale last Friday, Declaration of War, the winner of the G1 Queen Anne S. and Juddmonte International S., and third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic on the dirt in 2013, had five foals sell for an average of \$241,756, headed by an \$800,000 filly at Keeneland out of Hanky Panky, herself slated to sell at Tattersalls next week.

There is liable to be a lot of shake-up in these numbers as Tattersalls kicks off five days of selling, with 1,275 foals catalogued, today through Saturday, with nearly 300 more



catalogued at Arqana’s **Declaration of War, leading F2015 sire by NA/EU foal average | Coolmore** December Sale, beginning Dec. 5 .

Declaration of War has 12 catalogued this week. Of the five European sires that have had four or more sell so far for an average of \$40,000+, Darley Kildangan’s **Dawn Approach** (New Approach), who was champion European 2-year-old of 2012 and won the 2013 G1 English 2000 Guineas, is the leading European-based F2015 sire so far, with 10 foals averaging \$116,767; he has 15 catalogued at Tattersalls. Coolmore’s **Camelot**, the only G1 Epsom Derby winner by Montjeu to also win the G1 English 2000 Guineas, has had 10 sell, for an average of \$73,856; he has 18 catalogued this week.

Dawn Approach and Camelot--both Sadler’s Wells-line sires, you’ll note--are two of the three top-priced candidates from this sire crop left in Europe after Declaration of War’s move to Kentucky.

The other is **Intello**, the 2013 G1 Prix du Jockey Club (2100 meter version) winner for the Wertheimer Brothers, by Galileo out of a Danehill mare. He stood his first two seasons at Cheveley Park, but has now moved, as was planned all along, to the Haras du Quesnay for 2016. He had one foal sell at Goffs (\$37,572), but has nine at Tattersalls this week. Gestut Fahrhof’s **Maxios** (Monsun) has a blockbuster pedigree--his second dam, Coup de Genie, was a champion full-sister to Machiavellian--and made a big impression as an individual when he was brought to Newmarket for the stallion show last year. Maxios had four foals average \$55,421 at Goffs, and has nine more catalogued between Tattersalls and Arqana; his first foals are making a good impression at the sales so far.

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Two sires that stand in England but had a few foals each sell at Goffs round out the European representatives in this particular top 15. Cheveley Park, which stood Intello, also stands **Lethal Force**, who really put his sire Dark Angel on the map when he scored consecutive six-furlong Group 1 wins in 2013 in Royal Ascot's G1 Diamond Jubilee S. and Newmarket's G1 July Cup.



Lethal Force has 43 foals catalogued for Tattersalls | *Racing Post*

Lethal Force had seven foals average \$59,707 at Goffs, but has no fewer than 43 more catalogued this week. Similarly, Tweenhills' **Havana Gold** (Teofilo), winner of the 2013 G1 Prix Jean Prat, had seven sell at Goffs, for an average of \$47,249; he has 49 more catalogued this week. Whitsbury Manor's sprinter **Swiss Spirit** (Invincible Spirit), also British-based, had four foals average \$33,588 at Goffs, but has another 32 catalogued this week.

Four other Irish-based sires had 20 or more sell at Goffs, and all will have more at Tattersalls this week. Darley Kildangan's **Epaulette** (Commands), a reverse shuttler who won two Group 1's in Australia sprinting, had 33 foals average \$31,997 at Goffs, and has 27 more catalogued at Tatts. Tally-Ho Stud's **Society Rock** (Rock of Gibraltar), like Lethal Force a dual Group 1 winner sprinting (Society Rock won the Golden Jubilee, before it became the Diamond Jubilee, and the Haydock Sprint Cup), had two sell at Goffs for an average of \$26,944, and has 15 more catalogued at Tattersalls.

Coolmore's **Most Improved** (Lawman) had 21 sell for an average of \$19,815, and Ballyhane's **Red Jazz** (Johannesburg) had 29 average \$14,303; they have nine and eight, respectively, catalogued this week.

Four stallions now standing in France have eight or more catalogued from their first crops at Deauville. Two are the first stallions to stand at the Al-Thani's Haras De Bouquetot: **Planteur** (Danehill Dancer) won the G1 Prix Ganay, ran second to Lope de Vega in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby), and ran third twice in the G1 Dubai World Cup. He has one catalogued in Newmarket and 15 at Arqana. **Style Vendome** (Anabaa), winner of the 2013 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas), also stands at Bouquetot; he has eight catalogued at Arqana. Unbeaten 2011 French champion 2-year-old **Dabirsim** (Hat Trick) stood his first two seasons at Gestut Karlshof in Germany, but is now at the Haras de Grandcamp in France; he has 10 catalogued at Deauville. And the Haras de la Hetraie's **George Vancouver** (Henrythenavigator), winner of the 2012 G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, has nine catalogued in Deauville from his first crop.

This week's first-year headlines are likely to be made by Darley's Dawn Approach and Coolmore's Declaration of War and Camelot, but there will be lots of opportunities, too, from the first crops by Havana Gold (49), Lethal Force (43), Swiss Spirit (32), Epaulette (27), Overbury's G1 winner by Selkirk, **Cityscape** (18), and the others we have mentioned. We'll be back next Monday (Nov. 30), opening day of the Mare Sale, to catch up on developments. **Contact Bill Oppenheim at bopp@erb.com (cc suefinley@thetdn.com).**

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Rank EU	Rank NA	Rank NA+EU	SIRE	2016 Fee	2014 Fee	Ring	Sold	\$Average	\$Median	Tatts	Arqana
	1	1	DECLARATION OF WAR	40,000	40,000	6	5	241,756	135,000	12	2
	2	2	ORB	25,000	25,000	18	16	120,342	120,000		
1		3	DAWN APPROACH	35,000	35,000	11	10	116,767	80,194	15	3
	3	4	ANIMAL KINGDOM	35,000	35,000	10	9	110,777	95,000		
	4	5	PAYNTER	25,000	25,000	21	11	101,676	95,000		
	5	6	GRAYDAR	15,000	15,000	23	16	93,812	77,500		
	6	7	OXBOW	17,500	20,000	5	5	89,000	105,000		
	7	8	VIOLENCE	15,000	15,000	31	24	73,875	75,000		
2		9	CAMELOT	25,000	25,000	11	10	73,856	50,991	18	0
	8	10	SHANGHAI BOBBY	15,000	20,000	25	21	67,571	62,000		
3		11	LETHAL FORCE	10,000	12,500	8	7	59,707	28,984	43	0
4		12	MAXIOS	10,000	10,000	4	4	55,421	50,222	5	4
	9	13	JUSTIN PHILIP	5,000	12,500	12	10	50,020	42,500		
5		14	HAVANA GOLD	8,500	8,500	10	7	47,249	34,352	49	0
	10	15	TAKE CHARGE INDY	17,500	20,000	12	9	43,000	40,000		

FANTASY GAMING: THREAT OR OPPORTUNITY FOR RACING?

Editor's note: This is the first piece in a two-part installment about fantasy sports gaming and the racing industry.

By T.D. Thornton

To understand the currently complex relationship between daily fantasy sports (DFS) games and the Thoroughbred racing industry, it's helpful to turn the clock back about half a year.

More precisely, zero in on June 5, 2015. It was 24 hours before **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) would attempt to outrun history and become the sport's first Triple Crown winner in 37 years.

At Belmont Park, workers were tasked with putting the finishing touches on prominent advertisements for DraftKings, one of the dominant online DFS portals that allow Americans to buy into single-day contests for cash and prizes based on the performance of individual athletes in professional team sports.



American Pharoah won the Belmont Stakes with a DraftKings saddle towel.
Horsephotos

presenting sponsor for the GI Belmont S., using words like "proud" and "excited" to describe how the DFS site's logo would be emblazoned atop the starting gate, on all of the entrants' saddle towels, and on a blanket that would adorn the winning horse. Other negotiated perks included a branded DraftKings Player Lounge and an exclusive hospitality area for VIP race fans.

Simultaneously, across the East River in the ballroom of the Grand Hyatt hotel in Manhattan, National Basketball Association commissioner emeritus David Stern had been invited to address the sport's prestigious Pan American Conference hosted by The Jockey Club. His role was to offer out-of-the-box ideas that might raise the racing industry's international profile, the way he did with the NBA during his three-decade tenure as the league's chief brand ambassador.

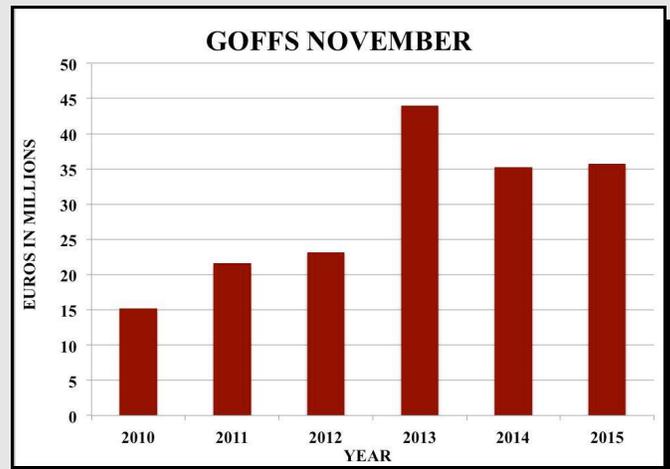
When asked point-blank if the meteoric growth of fantasy sports should be considered a threat or an opportunity, Stern was emphatic: "Opportunity. Enormous opportunity," he told the room of racing dignitaries.

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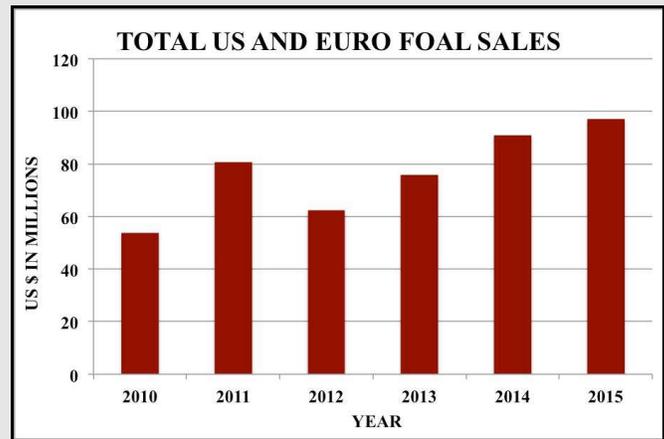
In a marketing deal announced the week before the most important horse race of the 21st Century, New York Racing Association president Christopher Kay had gushed in a press release about DraftKings being named the

Weekly Sales Ticker by Bill Oppenheim

"Like the foal sales in Kentucky, Goffs catalogued 22% more foals last week than last year. They sold 9% more foals, but the clearance rate from the catalogue dropped 7.6%, the gross dropped by 6% and the average by 14%. Overall (bottom graph and table show Kentucky + Ireland combined) the 'foal market' (new category we're introducing) is still up in gross and average (marginally) but the number catalogued is up 25% in two years. Tattersalls this week is key. Goffs' mare sale was good, overall sale gross up 1%".
- Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	1,674	1,464	1,124	8.6%	79.6%	72.8%	€35,678,900	€31,743
2014	1,438	1,247	1,038	13.3%	83.2%	72.2%	€35,270,100	€33,979
2013*	1,436	1,249	1,049	13.0%	84.0%	73.1%	€44,050,300	€41,993
2012	1,384	1,168	874	15.6%	74.8%	63.2%	€23,158,350	€26,497
2011	1,257	1,062	769	15.5%	72.4%	61.2%	€21,583,800	€28,067
2010	1,289	1,082	709	16.1%	65.5%	55.0%	€15,166,400	€21,391



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	2,981	2,333	1,689	21.7%	72.4%	56.7%	\$97,194,009	\$57,545
2014	2,659	2,135	1,645	19.7%	77.0%	61.9%	\$90,773,853	\$55,182
2013	2,372	1,918	1,583	19.1%	82.5%	66.7%	\$75,941,982	\$47,973
2012	2,630	2,090	1,524	20.5%	72.9%	57.9%	\$62,264,248	\$40,856
2011	2,320	1,889	1,479	18.6%	78.3%	63.8%	\$80,597,574	\$54,495
2010	2,529	1,966	1,423	22.3%	72.4%	56.3%	\$53,827,353	\$37,827

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

"Thoroughbred racing is actually one better than fantasy," Stern continued. "If you have an itch to gamble, you can scratch it directly."

But, Stern cautioned on the eve of the Triple Crown, racing seemed on the brink of losing that exclusive advantage without having sufficiently capitalized on it: "Once fantasy has arrived, how far behind can outright [sports] betting be here in the United States?"

Now, nearly six months later, numerous federal and state officials-along with an assortment of racing industry regulators, racetrack operators and casino lobbyists-are arguing that moment is already upon us.

In the eyes of an increasing number of attorneys general, the millions of Americans who risk money in an effort to win life-changing riches via sites like DraftKings and FanDuel are engaged in gambling. This clashes with the "games of skill" description that DFS companies insist is what goes on when customers put up cash to play in lucrative contests.

Within the past several weeks, New York

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—Brad McKinzie

has ordered DraftKings and FanDuel to stop doing business with state residents. Nevada has attempted to bar DFS sites from operating until they apply for and are granted gaming licenses. Other states and municipalities are mulling similar sanctions, and the U.S. attorney in Manhattan has launched an investigation into the federal legality of DFS.

Within the narrower focus of the racing world, last spring's description of fantasy sports play as an "opportunity" seems to have been overtaken by an autumn sentiment that it's now a "threat" requiring defensive action. At an Oct. 21 meeting of the California Horse Racing Board's pari-mutuel, advance-deposit wagering and simulcast committee, the topic commanded center stage in what amounted to the industry's first public debate on DFS.

"How in the hell is this legal?" asked Brad McKinzie, the general manager of Los Alamitos Race Course. "I thought sports betting was illegal. When you've got a guy holding up a check on TV, saying 'I won \$1 million,' that's gambling. Is there any movement in this state to shut these things down? Because if we think for a second that we can compete with football/basketball/baseball fantasy, we are living in a fantasy. This is pure sports betting. I do not understand how it's even legal in this state."

The definition of gambling

The definition of "gambling" is precisely what will be at stake in determining legality. Beyond the "game of skill" argument, DFS operators claim an exception for fantasy sports under the federal Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006. But there's a hazy overlap between that law and other federal betting statutes. Plus, when the UIGEA was conceived, sports fantasy leagues were more of a fan-centric hobby than a multi-billion dollar business.

Individual states can and do have laws that additionally restrict or permit DFS play. Arizona, Iowa, Louisiana, Montana and Washington bar it. Kansas appeared to have legalized it earlier this year, but an attorney for the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission recently admitted that the commission is having difficulty determining how to interpret the law.

"It is a contest," said CHRБ executive director Rick Baedeker, describing at the committee meeting one way how DFS differentiates its modus operandi as something other than betting. "You are choosing a combination of players from different teams so that the performance of a particular individual cannot affect the outcome of the game. It is not based on the results of that game but just on compiling aggregate performances of different players throughout the league. That's considered to not be a wager."

Although the exact definition of what happens when money changes hands for this sort of arrangement is in legal limbo, all sides agree that the stakes are enormous.

According to the Fantasy Sports Trade Association, an estimated 56.8 million North Americans will spend \$257 each on some form of DFS play this year. That combined annual dollar turnover-which was not even tracked before 2012-is just shy of the \$15.5 billion pari-mutuel handle racing last enjoyed in 2006. In the eight years since, The Jockey Club has reported that North American betting on racing has declined in every year except one, bottoming out at \$11.1 billion in 2014.



Rick Baedeker | Horsephotos

According to the Wall Street Journal, FanDuel (based in New York, founded in 2009) and DraftKings (Boston, 2011), together control 95% of the continent's DFS market. Both companies are valued at over \$1 billion, but neither is reportedly profitable because of their staggering start-up costs and all-out ad blitzes to compete for customers. **Cont. p12**

FanDuel generated \$57 million in revenue in 2014 while paying out \$564 million in prizes; DraftKings took in \$30 million while returning \$300 million. Both competitors have vowed to eclipse the \$1 billion mark in winnings payouts this year.

"And look how quickly it's gone up like this," Baedeker said when spelling out the plight for the racing industry. "All of a sudden we're looking at significant, significant cannibalization. Those dollars have got to come from someplace."

A Pricing Advantage

Although the danger of DFS to racing's handle is evident, the extent of that erosion is not easily quantifiable.

In addition to racing's daunting challenge of competing against sheer popularity of professional sports, DFS also boasts a significant pricing advantage. Measured in terms of entry fees retained above payouts, the rough estimate for what would amount to a DFS "takeout" ranges between 8-10%. For racing, the most-often reported round number for "blended takeout" is 20-25%. That makes it at least twice as expensive for customers to stake money on horse races than on a DFS entry.

Another way for the racing industry to calibrate the potential impact of DFS on the industry is to look both above and below where it sits on the totem pole of America's gambling hierarchy.

On the smaller end of the scale--and admittedly, from a purely anecdotal standpoint--TDN spoke with one Boston-area bookie last week who described his illicit business as "getting killed" by the attrition of regular customers to DFS. He said his greatest loss was "all the little guys who bet small but bet consistently, \$50 or \$100 a week, purely for the action."

Yet higher up on gambling's food chain, America's most profitable gaming entities--casinos--are also dealing with the loss of that same demographic. Casual casino-goers who previously budgeted \$100 or so for slots or poker play are also migrating to DFS. The chief difference is that unlike a nation of corner bookies, corporate casinos can and do employ powerful lobbyists and public relations armies to make sure elected officials get the message that, in their opinion, DFS sites are unregulated, illegal gambling operations that need to be served cease-and-desist orders.

Ever since the advent of legal gambling in the U.S., the most vocal opponents of other forms of expanded gambling have been existing gambling licensees. In 2015, many casino corporations include "racinos" in their gaming portfolios, but they generally only take on the horse racing portion of the business because it's a requirement for being allowed to operate slot machines and other forms of gaming at tracks.

So it was no shock when, in the wake of New York attorney general Eric Schneiderman's move earlier this month to shut down DFS companies, the *New York Post* pointed out that since 2010, casino and racino interests have contributed more than \$150,000 into Schneiderman's campaign coffers.

"New York's brick-and-mortar casinos hit the jackpot with their wager on [Schneiderman], who is moving to shut down online fantasy sports-betting operations," the *Post* reported on Nov. 16.

Citing filings with the state Board of Elections, the *Post* noted that among the AG's campaign donors were: 1) \$48,350 from the New York

Gaming Association, which represents nine racinos across the state, including Genting's Resorts World Casino New York; 2) Genting Resorts World itself, which contributed \$40,000; 3) Two Genting lobbyists

who gave \$6,000 combined; 4) \$36,000 from Jeff Gural, who owns Tioga Downs (and, in New Jersey, the Meadowlands); 5) The Saratoga Racing Casino and Racetrack Gaming Resource, which gave \$9,500.

PRO FOOTBALL
Attorney General Tells DraftKings and FanDuel to Stop Taking Entries in New York



PHOTO BY MICHAEL PEREIRA AND JACQUELINE WILLIAMS NOV. 16, 2015
The New York Times reports on the DFS order in New York

Fantasy Sports and Racing

So what has happened to turn the tide on DFS within racing in the past six months? Why has "fantasy" seemingly devolved into the industry's unpalatable F-word?

Two weeks ago TDN contacted NYRA to find out what effect the recent regulatory backlash and adverse press about DFS had on any future marketing initiatives that might involve fantasy games.

NYRA director of communications John Durso Jr. chatted briefly about the subject, but was firm that neither he nor any NYRA executive would comment on any aspect of fantasy gaming. Neither would Durso give an on-the-record reason for why the topic was suddenly taboo.

That unwillingness to go on the record about DFS was echoed by one of the country's other major players in the racino sphere, Churchill Downs, Inc. Last week TDN requested an interview with any appropriate CDI executive, or even just a statement outlining the corporation's position on fantasy gaming. After several phone calls and email exchanges, Churchill's vice president of racing communications, John Asher, apologized that CDI could only offer "no comment" on anything having to do with the subject.

Yet Scott Daruty, president of simulcast signal broker Monarch Content Management, LLC, was not at all shy about testifying at the Oct. 21 CHRB meeting how his parent company, The Stronach Group, which operates tracks like Gulfstream Park and Santa Anita, intends to approach DFS. **Cont. p13**

"We view it as a competitive threat because it's another form of wagering, but also view it as an opportunity," Daruty said. "Because if it is determined after the current analysis and investigation that [what's] going on is legal...if they do anything other than outright outlaw it, then it's going to be another form of wagering on the landscape and we would intend to participate in it in some way shape or form, ideally using our brick-and-mortar facilities to attract people to come and to play fantasy sports under whatever framework ends up in place after this current investigation."

In trying to come to grips with the
 "Maybe, instead of fighting it, maybe we should look at a way that it can benefit our own industry..."
 —George Krikorian

overwhelming impact of DFS on horse racing, George Krikorian, the chairman of the CHRB's pari-mutuel/simulcast committee, came up with a different take at that meeting on how the industry might deal with fantasy play.

"The thing is, you've got 51 million people betting on fantasy wagering," Krikorian said. "And so right now it's maybe a \$20 billion industry and growing. So maybe, instead of fighting it, maybe we should look at a way that it can benefit our own industry; if it's possible to participate...with integrity, and if it's controlled the right way."

Krikorian was touching on the idea of fantasy horse racing. This idea is not new, but it is not exactly mainstream within the industry either. A number of companies--DerbyWars, Derby Jackpot, and Race Track Warriors to name a few--have popped up in this sector over the past few years.

Some of these fledgling firms are attempting to gain a foothold by recognizing that fantasy horse racing play differs from DFS in one crucial way: Pro team sports are wildly popular in America but lack a legal betting pipeline. Horse racing, on the other hand, is not as popular but does have well-established pathways to legal wagering.

So wouldn't it be a no-brainer to create a fun, educational, fantasy horse racing platform that not only attempted to grow racing's fan base but simultaneously encouraged new and lapsed customers to wager on the sport?

You might think so, at least in theory. But in practice, fantasy horse racing is facing daunting challenges, not only because of all of the external pressures described in this article, but from fear and uncertainty within the industry itself.

Tomorrow, the second piece of this two-part installment will examine whether fantasy horse racing will be able to get a fair chance at trying to prove its merit--ven as the racing world struggles to discern whether fantasy gaming is a threat or an opportunity.
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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
11/26	GII Hollywood Turf Cup	DMR
	GII Falls City H.	CD
	GIII Fall Highweight H.	AQU
	GIII River City H.	CD
11/27	GI Clark H.	CD
	GII Seabiscuit H.	DMR
	GIII Commonwealth Turf	CD
11/28	GIII Go for Wand H.	AQU
	GI Cigar Mile	AQU
	GI Hollywood Derby	DMR
	GII Demoiselle S.	AQU
11/29	GII Remsen S.	AQU
	GII Golden Rod S.	CD
	GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.	CD
	GII Hawthorne Gold Cup H.	HAW
	GIII Comely S.	AQU
	GIII Jimmy Durante S.	DMR
	GIII Native Diver H.	DMR
11/29	GI Matriarch S.	DMR
	GIII Cecil B. DeMille S.	DMR
	GIII Valedictory S.	WO

in sharper focus.

KEY CENTS S., \$100,000, AQU, 11-22, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.85, ft. 1--**#FROSTY MARGARITA, 120, f, 2, by Frost Giant**

1st Dam: Mango Margarita, by Not For Love

2nd Dam: Ginger N Sugar, by Gold Token

3rd Dam: Northern Nation, by Northrop

O/B-Gabrielle Farm (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, \$195,800.

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Frosty Margarita's victory in Sunday's Key Cents S. at Aqueduct was a rewarding win for owner/breeder Chip Acierno of Gabrielle Farm. With just two broodmares in its band and five horses in training, a stakes win from a second-generation Gabrielle Farm homebred is noteworthy.

"I loved it," Acierno said of the win. "Any time you have a homebred, particularly a second-generation homebred, win a stakes race--that's why we do this."



Frosty Margarita | NYRA

Frosty Margarita, who was second on debut at Belmont July 9, graduated against fellow Empire-breds Aug. 24 at Saratoga. The dark bay was runner-up in two state-bred stakes--the Joseph A. Gimma S. in Elmont Sept. 27 and the Maid of the Mist S. Oct. 24.--before going pillar-to-post in the Key Cents.

Gabrielle Farm purchased second dam Ginger N Sugar for \$40,000 at the 2003 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale. The multiple allowance winner produced dam Mango Margarita, who was unraced. Frosty Margarita is the second foal out of Mango Margarita and has a yearling half-sister by Freud and a weanling half-brother by Teuflesberg.

Acierno, who has been in racing for almost two decades, boards his two mares at Saratoga Glen Farm.

"Generally, they're good mares that I had bred," Acierno said of the mares he keeps for his band. The breeder noted that, although they occasionally sell weanlings or yearlings, Gabrielle Farm mostly breeds with the track in mind.

"We basically breed to race," he explained. "It's much more rewarding than claiming or buying a horse when it's your own."

The Brooklyn native, who owns and operates a corporate car service, has always had an interest in racing.

"My ancestors had stagecoaches and about 100 horses in Italy and they actually raced some of them," Acierno said. "I think it's in my blood because the first day I stepped on the track, I was in

love with it."

As for Frosty Margarita who, "came out of the race really well," according to Acierno, she will be aimed for a start in the



The connections of Frosty Margarita | NYRA

whether it's financially or seeing your horses win or lose or get hurt, when you have a good one like this, it makes it so much more rewarding."--*J.M. Severni*

New York Stallion Series Fifth Avenue Division S. at Aqueduct Dec. 20.

"It's super rewarding when you have a homebred win a race," Acierno concluded. "For us, this makes all the bad days go away. All the stuff you go through as an owner during the year,

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Correction: In yesterday's edition of the *TDN*, we incorrectly ran an Equix Biomechanics bullet ad for Melodic, the 2nd-place finisher in the Key Cents S. at Aqueduct. We regret the error.

INDUSTRY INFO

TCA to Honor Bourbon Lane Stable:

The Thoroughbred Charities of America will honor Bourbon Lane Stable, founded and managed by McMahon & Hill Bloodstock, with its Allaire duPont Leadership Award and The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Incentive Program will receive the group's TCA Industry Service Award at the 26th Annual Select Stallion Season Auction Jan. 9 at the Keeneland Entertainment Center. "Bourbon Lane Stable and the Thoroughbred Incentive Program have made tremendous contributions to Thoroughbred aftercare," said Dan Rosenberg, president of TCA. "Bourbon Lane is a shining example of responsible ownership and TIP has successfully worked to increase demand for off-track Thoroughbreds by incentivizing and rewarding owners. Both of their efforts speak to the mission of Thoroughbred Charities of America and for that we are very appreciative."

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Nasa (Smarty Jones) wins an allowance race at Parx Racing.

Central U.S.

Monday's Results:

STEEL VALLEY SPRINT S., \$200,000, MVR, 11-23, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.05, ft.

1--**#LEWYS VAPORIZER, 119, g, 3, by Lewis Michael**

1st Dam: Western Mindy, by Western Borders

2nd Dam: Smiling Mindy, by Robyn Dancer

3rd Dam: Dovv Lady, by Time for a Change

O-V-Leaf Stables LLC & Richard Ravin; B-Jean White & Larry Rivelli (IL); T-Larry Rivelli; J-Irad Ortiz Jr. \$117,600. Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-3, \$241,160.

2--**Bayerd, 117, c, 3, Speightstown**--Cherokee Jewel, by Cherokee Run. (\$135,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$170,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSMAR; \$75,000 2yo '14 EASMAY). O-Clark O. Brewster; B-Alpha Delta Stables LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$39,200.

Recommended for purchase by Barry Berkelhammer

3--**Hebbronville, 124, c, 3, Majesticperfection**--More d'Amour, by Tour d'Or. (\$55,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$135,000 Ylg '13 FTKJUL; \$120,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSMAR; \$250,000 2yo '14 EASMAY). O-Choctaw Racing Stable, Winning Horse Stable & Scott Galloway; B-Padua Stables (KY); T-Lynn S. Whiting. \$19,600.

Margins: 1HF, 5 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.00, 2.50, 3.20.

Also Ran: Sharm, Tanner's Popsicle, Proper Touch, On Spirit River, Bobbys Dream.

Lewys Vaporizer climbed up the class ladder with a trio of scores in Illinois and earned a career-top 98 Beyer Speed Figure in capturing a 6 1/2-furlong allowance test at Parx Sept. 19.

Recently third after setting the pace in Keeneland's Perryville S.

on the Breeders' Cup undercard, the gelding retained the services of Irad Ortiz, Jr. and received the slight nod as the favorite in this contentious affair. The chestnut rocketed straight to the lead and opened up a clear advantage through a quarter-mile in :22.92. Never threatened

turning for home, Lewys Vaporizer grew a bit leg-weary in the stretch, but held it together under strong encouragement to earn his initial stakes victory. "My game plan was to go to the lead," commented Ortiz. "He broke sharp and really liked the track and was never challenged. I hit him a few times in the stretch to keep him focused but it really was a pretty easy win." **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**



Lewys Vaporizer | Mahoning Valley Race Course

HOLLYWOOD GAMING MAHONING DISTAFF S., \$75,000, MVR, 11-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.51, ft.

1--**HEYKITYKITYKITY, 125, f, 4, Tactical Cat--Eternal Joy, by New Way.** O-Westrock Stables LLC; B-Diamond G Ranch Inc. (OK); T-Ron Moquett; J-Ricardo Santana, Jr. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP, 21-10-8-1, \$496,511.

2--**Donita's Ruler, 125, f, 4, Roman Ruler--Kat Nan Do, by Formal Gold.** (\$17,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Robert O'Hara, Jr. & Gwyneth Gower; B-Kildare Stud & L. Schmidt (KY); T-Matt Kordenbrock. \$15,000.

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3--**Helluva Notion, 116, f, 3, Notional--Plunderthepeasants, by Petionville.** O-Marion F. Gorham; B-Hardwood Horses L.C. (KY); T-Robert M. Gorham. \$7,500.

Margins: 8 1/4, 8 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.30, 5.80, 52.10.

Also Ran: In Mid Heir, Chella, Belle Natalie, Tizzy Be Hot, Miss Tapit, Lotta Attitude. Scratched: Needmore Flattery.

Heykitykitykity, only off the board twice from 20 previous starts, reaffirmed her strong form with a hard-fought score. Runner-up in the Gill Winning Colors S. at Churchill Downs in May, the filly was a dull seventh in the Saylorville S. at Prairie Meadows June 26. The gray returned from a brief freshening to run second in the Open Mind S. at Churchill Sept. 12 and missed by less than a length when filling out the place spot again behind Fioretti (Bernardini) in the GII TCA S. over this trip at Keeneland Oct. 3. She recently captured the six-furlong Oklahoma Classics Distaff Sprint S. for state-breds, and took heavy public support to repeat in this return to open company. The 4-year-old tracked the pace set by Donita's Ruler through a half-mile in :47.08 and moved to confront that rival while exchanging bumps in the lane. The pair crossed the wire on even terms, but the stewards disqualified Donita's Ruler for initiating the contact, leaving Heykitykitykity with sole possession of the win. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

Eastern U.S.

Monday's Results:

6th-PRX, \$66,984, Alw, 11-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.90, ft.

NASA (c, 3, Smarty Jones--Shootforthestars, by Seattle Slew), representing the same connections who campaigned his GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S.-winning sire, won twice from four starts as a juvenile, including a score in the restricted Pennsylvania Nursery last December. The bay checked in second behind El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) in the GIII Jerome S. at Aqueduct Jan. 3 and was sent to the sidelines for over nine months following that effort. *Cont. p3*

Parx Race 6 cont.

Third and sixth in a pair of six-furlong allowance races here Oct. 11 and Nov. 2, Nasa was tabbed as the 2-1 favorite to return to the winner's circle in this return to a route distance. Forwardly placed from the outset, the colt took back to track the pace along the rail for the opening quarter and punched through to assume a narrow advantage through a half in :50.28. He came under pressure from a duo of rivals on the final turn, dropped back to cede the lead to Sheikinator (Curlin) in midstretch and re-rallied determinedly to score by a head. The homebred winner is a full to Centralintelligence, GISW, \$309,171; and a half to Golden Rainbow (Seeking the Gold), SP, \$299,090; General Consensus (Giant's Causeway), MGSP, \$255,444; and My Elusive Star (Elusive Quality), SP, \$153,764. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-2, \$190,244. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Someday Farm; B-Patricia L. Chapman (PA); T-John C. Servis.

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 Congratulations to last week's [JockeyTalk360.com](#) Jockey of the Week Luis Contreras, who won the GII Kennedy Road S. aboard Stacked Deck (First Samurai).

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George Woolf Award Finalists Announced:

The finalists for the 2016 Santa Anita George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award were announced Monday. Veteran jockeys Joe Bravo, Javier Castellano, Victor Espinoza, Gerard Melancon and Joe Steiner are the finalists for the trophy that has been presented annually by Santa Anita since 1950. Named in honor of Woolf, who died in a spill at Santa Anita in 1946, the award recognizes riders whose careers and personal character earn esteem for the individual and the sport of Thoroughbred racing. The winner, who will be decided by a vote of jockeys across the country, will be announced in February.

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ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, November 24

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

DUBLIN (Afleet Alex), Keane Stud, \$8K, 71/3/0

7-FL, Msw, 6f, Holly's Star, \$11K EAS MAY 2yo, 10-1

FLAGSHIP (El Prado (IRE)), 9/1/0

1-MVR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Dontransomtheship, \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl, 20-1

GIROLAMO (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$15K, 87/16/1

7-FL, Msw, 6f, Sacred Season, 3-1

MT WAVERLY (Mt. Livermore), 5/0/0

2-HAW, Msw, 6f, Audrey and Annie, 12-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$53,500, 11-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.89, ft. SCORE ONE (g, 6, Montbrook--Improvised {SP, \$157,277}, by Dove Hunt) Lifetime Record: 27-6-6-1, \$141,185. O-Happy Tenth Stable; B-Pinky Mendoza (FL); T-John J. Tammaro III.

3rd-MVR, \$27,700, (S), (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 11-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:15.47, ft.

CHAIN YANKER (f, 3, Delta Miner--Yankee Cruz {MSP, \$111,783}, by Yankee Victor) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, \$61,055. O-Mark D. Kuntz; B-Double D Farm Corp. (OH); T-Larry E. Smith.

8th-FL, \$20,400, (S), 11-23, (NW3BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.51, ft.

ONE MORE ACT (f, 3, Patriot Act--Hurricane Betsy, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 12-6-3-0, \$87,594. O/T-Michael S. Ferraro; B-Stonewall Farm (NY).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bruntino, c, 2, Colonel John--Smart Woman, by Smarty Jones. ZIA, 11-23, 1m, 1:38.91. B-Dell Ridge Farm LLC & Desmond Ryan (KY). *\$90,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$65,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

Jason's Angel, f, 3, Ecclesiastic--Waveland, by Woodman. PRX, 11-23, (S), 6f, 1:14.44. B-Randy Knerr (PA). *1/2 to Sailor's Revenge (Purge), SW, \$387,807.



NEW APPROACH COLT TOPS TATTS YEARLINGS



Lot 175, sale-topping New Approach colt | Tattersalls

By Emma Berry

The 10-day Tattersalls' December Sale commenced Monday with the final chance to buy a yearling in Europe at the single-session December Yearling Sale. To be precise, there were 178 chances, and 142 of those sold brought 4,091,400gns in turnover. The aggregate was down by 11% on last year's auction, at which 19 more yearlings were sold, but the clearance rate improved by one point at 80%, as did the average of 28,813gns, while the median posted the biggest rise, up 11% at 20,000gns.

Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum is the new owner of the day's two most expensive yearlings after going to 200,000gns for [lot 175](#), a New Approach (Ire) half-brother to Group 2 winners Bonfire (GB) (Manduro {Ger}) and Joviality (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). The colt, offered by Highclere Stud, was a 360,000gns vendor buyback at October Book 1.

Trainer Mark Johnston signed the ticket for the chestnut son of Night Frolic (GB) (Night Shift), and will oversee his racing career from his Kingsley House Stables in Middleham.

The highest-priced filly, [lot 137](#), will also run in the blue and white of Shadwell and this time it was trainer Simon Crisford who did the bidding on the Sheikh's behalf, eventually seeing the hammer fall in his favor at 170,000gns. **Cont. p2.**

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



MAURICE PUTS SCREEN HERO IN BIG LEAGUES

Only last week, in [my column](#) on the Japanese 2-year-old Air Spinel (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), I mentioned that Northern Taste, a speedy son of Northern Dancer, was Japan's champion sire 10 times in 11 years, prior to the reign of Hail To Reason's brilliant grandson Sunday Silence. The latter, a winner of the GI Kentucky Derby, GI Preakness S. and GI Breeders' Cup Classic, put himself into the Sadler's Wells league by notching up 13 consecutive championships. **Cont. p3**

in TDN America today...

ASMUSSEN FINED

In three related actions on Monday, the New York State Gaming Commission released a 176-page report on horse mistreatment allegations, announced it will pursue "sweeping equine drug medication regulations," and issued a \$10,000 fine to trainer Steve Asmussen for illegally administering a hormone supplement.

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LOT 1993 KENZADARGENT (FR)



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Epistolienne

Gay Mecene (USA)

Princesse Kali

KENZADARGENT (FR): won 4 races at 2 to 4 years, 2015 in France and in U.S.A. and £184,413 including Prix des Jouvenceaux et des Jouvencelles, Vichy, **L.** and Miss Liberty Stakes, Monmouth Park, **L.**, placed 10 times including second in Prix des Reservoirs, Deauville, **Gr.3**, Prix Vanteaux, Longchamp, **Gr.3**, Eatontown Stakes, Monmouth Park, **Gr.3**, third in Prix de Sandringham, Chantilly, **Gr.2**, fourth in Prix La Camargo, Saint-Cloud, **L.**

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1st Dam

QUIZA BERE (FR), won 2 races at 2 and 3 years in France and £18,309 and placed twice; dam of **one winner** from 2 runners and 3 foals of racing age viz-

KENZADARGENT (FR) (2011 f. by Kendargent (FR)), see above.

2nd Dam

BELISONDE (FR), ran in France;

dam of **seven winners** from 10 runners and 12 foals of racing age including-

BARTEX (FR) (g. by Groom Dancer (USA)), won 8 races at 2 to 7 years in France and £181,378 including Prix Altipan, Saint-Cloud, **L.**, second in Prix de Pontarme, Chantilly, **L.**, Prix Matchem, Chantilly, **L.**, Prix Herod, Evry, **L.**, Prix de Montretout, Longchamp, **L.**, third in Prix Edmond Blanc, Saint-Cloud, **Gr.3**, Grand Prix de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, **L.**

IZA BERE (FR), won 2 races at 2 years in France and £38,177; dam of a winner.

Relicia Bere (FR), ran in France at 3 years; dam of winners.

FLAMBOYANT (FR), 3 races at 2 and 3 years, 2014 in France and in U.S.A. including La Puente Stakes,

Santa Anita and **\$278,368**, placed 7 times including second in Pennine Ridge Stakes, Belmont Park and third in Belmont Derby Invitational Stakes, Belmont Park, **Gr.1**.

3rd Dam

PRINCESSE KALI, won 1 race at 3 years in France and placed twice;

dam of **four winners** from 9 runners and 10 foals of racing age including-

VILAGRO, won 3 races in Belgium and in France including Grand Prix de Bruxelles, **Gr.1**.

Princesse Kathy (FR), won 2 races at 3 years in France and placed 4 times including second in Prix Belle de Nuit, Evry, **L.** and third in Prix Joubert, Evry, **L.**; dam of winners.

ATHYKA (USA), won Ciga Prix de l'Opera, Longchamp, **Gr.2** (twice); dam of **ATTICUS (USA)**, won Oaklawn Handicap, Oaklawn Park, **Gr.1** and second in Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Longchamp,

Gr.1; sire, **Miss Lago (IRE)**, 1 race in France, placed second in Prix Royal-Oak, Longchamp, **Gr.1** (She has a 2014 f. by Daiwa Major (JPN) and a 2015 c. by Heart's Cry (JPN)); third dam of **BLACKOUT (FR)**, 1 race at 2 years, 2015.

IRIKA (USA), winner in France; dam of **ALLYBAR (IRE)**, won Shadwell Estate Maktoum Challenge 2, Meydan, **Gr.3**, third in Dubai World Cup, Meydan, **Gr.1**.

Kiryaki (USA); dam of **Thunder Dragon (IRE)**, 6 races at home and in U.S.A., third in Gimcrack Stakes, York, **Gr.2**; grandam of **Traditional Chic (IRE)**, 6 races at 3 to 7 years, 2015 in Italy and placed 17

times including second in Premio Tadini, Rome, **Gr.3**, third in Premio Tadini, Rome, **Gr.3**.

Toujours Irish (USA), unraced; dam of **DUBAI SURPRISE (IRE)**, won Premio Lydia Tesio, Rome, **Gr.1**, second in Criterium International, Saint-Cloud, **Gr.1**.

Pedrillo (FR), won 2 races in France, placed third in Prix de Villebon, Longchamp, **L.**; sire, Aspern (FR), ran in France at 3 years; dam of winners.

CUDAS (USA), won Prix Lupin, Longchamp, **Gr.1** and third in Prix du Jockey Club Lancia, Chantilly, **Gr.1**.

THEORETICALLY (USA), won C L Weld Park Stakes, Curragh, **Gr.3**, second in Del Mar Oaks, **Gr.1** and third in Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup, Keeneland, **Gr.1**; dam of **NIAGARA CAUSEWAY (USA)**,

won Tokyo City Handicap, Santa Anita, **Gr.3**; sire; grandam of **MOOHAJIM (IRE)**, 2 races at 2 years including Mill Reef Stakes, Newbury, **Gr.2**, second in Middle Park Stakes, Newmarket, **Gr.1**; sire.

RIVER MIKE (USA), won Preis der Hotellerie Baden-Baden, Baden-Baden, **L.**

Malmo (USA), winner in U.S.A., second in Gallant Fox Handicap, Aqueduct, **Gr.3**; sire.

Fasta (USA), winner in U.S.A., second in Violet Handicap, Meadowlands, **Gr.3**.

PRINCESS OF TIDES (USA), winner in Argentina; dam of **VITALINA (ARG)**, won GP Duque de Caxias, Gavea, **Gr.2**, **BUCAREST (ARG)**, won Copa A.N.P.C. - Eguas, Gavea, **Gr.3**; grandam of

PATAQUES (ARG), won Gran Premio Montevideo, Palermo, **Gr.1**, **INDIANETTE (BRZ)**, won GP Oswaldo Aranha, Gavea, **Gr.2**, **RAZINE (BRZ)**, 3 races from 3 to 5 years, 2015 in Brazil,

DESEJADO ITAJARA (BRZ), 2 races at 3 and 4 years, 2015 in Brazil.

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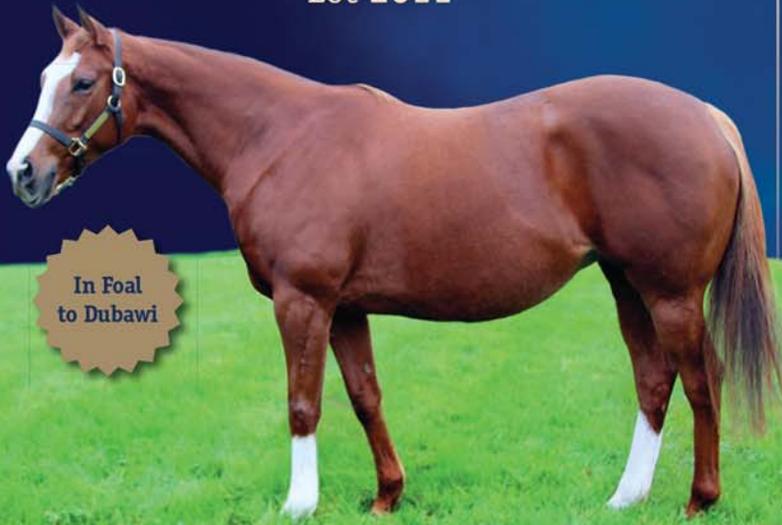
- TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER -

HIGHCLERE STUD DRAFT

HANKY PANKY

(GALILEO X MARIAH'S STORM)

Lot 2011



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(DUBAI DESTINATION X BIANCA NERA)

Lot 2015



In Foal
to Dubawi

The Property of Hill 'n' Dale Farms (John G. Sikura)

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Dam of King George V1 and
Queen Elizabeth Stakes Gr.1 winner
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New Approach Colt Tops Tatts Yearlings cont. from p1.

The Sea The Stars (Ire) filly is a grand-daughter of former Shadwell star Mehthaaf (Nureyev) and was a 75,000gns pinhook by Barouche Stud.

“It’s a family Sheikh Hamdan knows well. She’s a lovely filly with a great pedigree so let’s hope she’s lucky for him,” said Crisford.

The third of Shadwell’s purchases of the day was another in the top ten, [lot 122](#), a Shamardal half-brother to freshman sire Harbour Watch (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), who sold through Riversfield Stud for 100,000gns. Roger Varian was the successful



Simon Crisford | *Racing Post*

bidder and will train the great grandson of Fall Aspen for Sheikh Hamdan.

A rare offering at Park Paddocks from Haras du Mezeray filled the joint-third spot on the leaderboard, with Charlie Gordon-Watson going to 115,000gns for the

Normandy farm’s son of Shamardal out of the listed winner Astrologie (Fr) (Polish Precedent) ([lot 182](#)). The colt’s sibling Barreesh (Ire), by Shamardal’s sire Giant’s Causeway, was a dual winner in the UK this season for Al Shaqab Racing.

The same price was reached for Staffordstown’s Archipenko half-brother to G3 Prix Thomas Bryon winner Alea lacta (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) ([lot 179](#)), the duo being great grandchildren of Kirsten Rausing’s dual G1 Champion S. winner Alborada (GB) (Alzao).

The second of only two fillies by Sea The Stars in the catalogue ([lot 183](#)) also achieved a six-figure return, selling for 105,000gns to Nick Bradley and Jason Kelly. Out of the Aga Khan’s listed winner Behkiyra (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}), herself a daughter of champion filly Behera (GB) (Mill Reef), the Castlefarm Stud consignee will be trained by David O’Meara. The duo also went to 90,000gns for [lot 168](#), a first-crop son of Nathaniel (GB)--a half-brother to G3 Somerville Tattersall S. winner Crius (Ire) (Heliostatic {Ire})--offered by Baroda & Colbinstown Studs.

Chantal Regalado Gonzalez is selling one of next week’s most enticing broodmare and racing prospects in this year’s Investec Oaks winner Qualify (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who will be offered as lot 1987 through the Castlebridge Consignment a week Tuesday. But the Classic-winning owner was in buying mood on Monday and, in partnership with Breeders’ Cup-winning trainer Jo Hughes, went to 80,000gns for a son of Lope De Vega (Ire) ([lot 139](#)). The chestnut colt is out of the Indian Ridge (GB) mare Indian Express (GB) and is a half-brother to Gil Mrs Revere S. winner Hoh Buzzard (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}) and G3 Bentinck S. winner Ashdown Express (Ire) (Ashkalani {Ire}).

The first of five days of foal sales begins today at 2 p.m. with 112 weanlings catalogued to go under the hammer during the abridged session.

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TATTERSALLS DECEMBER YEARLING SALE

TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
175	c	New Approach (Ire) <i>(360,000gns RNA yrl '15 TATOCT)</i> <i>B-Highclere Stud and Floors Farming</i> Consigned by Highclere Stud Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company	Night Frolic (GB)	200,000
137	f	Sea The Stars (Ire) <i>(75,000gns wnl '14 TATDEC)</i> <i>B-Aiden Murphy</i> Consigned by Barouche Stud Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company	Edaraat	170,000
182	c	Shamardal <i>B-Haras du Mezeray</i> Consigned by Haras du Mezeray Purchased by C Gordon-Watson Bloodstock	Astrologie	115,000



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Tattersalls December Yearling Sale

CUMULATIVE	2015	2014
• Catalogued	224	247
• No. Offered	178	203
• No. Sold	142	161
• RNAs	36	42
• % RNAs	20.2%	20.7%
• High Price	200,000gns	325,000gns
• Gross	4,091,400gns	4,573,700gns
• Average (% change)	28,813gns (+1%)	28,408gns
• Median (% change)	20,000gns (+11%)	18,000gns

- 179** c **Archipenko** **Almiranta (GB)** **115,000**
B-Miss K Rausing
 Consigned by Staffordstown Stud
 Purchased by BBA Ireland

- 183** f **Sea The Stars (Ire)** **Behkiyra (Ire)** **105,000**
(€150,000 wnl '14 GOFNOV)
B-Roundhill Stud & T Stewart
 Consigned by Castlefarm Stud
 Purchased by Nick Bradley/Jason Kelly

- 122** c **Shamardal** **Gorband** **100,000**
B-T Molan
 Consigned by Riversfield Stud
 Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company

- 194** f **Exceed and Excel (Aus)** **Naruko** **100,000**
(45,000gns wnl '14 TATDEC; €100,000 yrl '15 GOFORB)
B-Ms Patricia Walsh
 Consigned by Rathbarry Stud
 Purchased by Demi O'Byrne

It was only natural that daughters of Northern Taste would be sent to Sunday Silence and among the resultant 194 foals were some of Sunday Silence's fastest representatives, such as the two-time Mile Championship winner Daiwa Major, the leading sprinter-miler Durandal and the six-furlong Group 1 winner Admire Max.

One of this nick's less successful representatives was the twice-raced filly Running Heroine. In 2003 she visited Grass Wonder, an American-bred who had shown admirable versatility during his racing career in Japan, where his victories as a 4-year-old included the G2 Keio Hai Spring Cup over seven furlongs and Group 1 races over 1 3/8 miles and 1 9/16 miles. It



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is easy to see why Running Heroine's owners were tempted to send her to Grass Wonder. With Roberto and Danzig as his grandsires, Grass Wonder created a pedigree featuring 4x 4 inbreeding to two phenomenally influential stallions--Hail To Reason and Northern Dancer.

There was every reason to expect that the resultant foal would be tough. After all, Hail To Reason had packed 18 starts into a 1960 campaign which earned him the title of champion 2-year-old, while Northern Dancer had been durable enough to race 18 times in the space of 11 months.

Sure enough, Running Heroine's Grass Wonder colt--named Screen Hero--was able to face the starter 23 times during his four years in training. Although the emphasis in Japan is largely on turf racing, six of Screen Hero's first seven starts were on dirt--with his connections possibly recalling that Hail To Reason and Northern Dancer were predominantly dirt performers. Screen Hero won two of these six dirt races, but eventually became a full-time turf performer.



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lot 137, f, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Edaraat, by Rahy

Consigned by Barouche Stud

Barbara Facchino's Kildare-based Barouche Stud paid 75,000gns for this filly at last year's Tattersalls December Foal Sale, and saw 95,000gns added to her value Monday when she fetched 170,000gns from Shadwell to be the most expensive filly of the sale.

ANDREW CAULFIELD PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

(cont. from p1)

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

MILE CHAMPIONSHIP S.-G1, ¥195,460,000, Kyoto, 11-22, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:32.80, fm.

1--**MAURICE (JPN), 126, c, 4, by Screen Hero (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Mejiro Frances (Jpn), by Carnegie (Ire)

2nd Dam: Mejiro Monterey (Jpn), by Mogami (Fr)

3rd Dam: Mejiro Quincey (Jpn), by Fidion (Fr)

O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Togawa Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Ryan Moore; ¥103,822,000. Lifetime Record: 12-7-0-1,

¥313,008,000. **Werk Nick Rating: D+**. [Click for the](#)

[eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). [Click for the Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [JRA VIDEO](#).

MAURICE (JPN), c, 2011

Screen Hero (Jpn)	Grass Wonder	Silver Hawk	Roberto
		Ameriflora	Gris Vitesse
	Running Heroine (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Danzig
		Dyna Actress (Jpn)	Graceful Touch
Mejiro Frances (Jpn) 8-0-0-0 8 Fls, 1 GSW	Carnegie (Ire)	Halo	Northern Taste
		Wishing Well	Model Sport
	Mejiro Monterey (Jpn) 6-4-0-1 8 Fls, 1 SP	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer
		Detroit (Fr)	Fairy Bridge
	Mejiro Quincey (Jpn) 11 Fls, 1 SW	Mogami (Fr)	Riverman
			Derna (Fr)
		Lyphard	No Luck
		Fidion (Fr)	Mejiro Bosatsu (Jpn)

I would be lying if I said that the transition to turf brought an instant transformation in his fortunes. It wasn't until he was four, after an 11-month absence, that he finally registered his first turf success, at his seventh attempt.

He quickly confirmed he was on the upgrade, notably winning a JPN-G2 handicap, the Copa Republica Argentina, to earn a place in the lineup for the 2008 Japan Cup three weeks later. The betting public weren't convinced he was up to the task, sending him off at 40-1 in the Japan Cup. The betting was dominated by the last two winners of the Japanese Derby--the colt Deep Sky and the outstanding filly Vodka--but neither could match Screen Hero in the closing stages.

Unfortunately, that proved to be Screen Hero's final success and he reached the first three in only one of his six subsequent starts, when second in the 2009 Tenno Sho (Autumn). His final figures stood at just five wins from 23 starts and his disappointing final season can't have helped when he retired to Lex Stud in 2010.

Although the likes of Deep Impact and King Kamehameha regularly sire crops numbering more than 150 foals, the Japan Bloodstock Information System records that Screen Hero had 54 registered foals in 2011, 43 in 2012 and only 34 in 2013. In other words, he has only 131 foals of racing age.

His yearling crop is also on the small side, at 46 registered foals, but you can be pretty sure that he is going to be much more popular now that his progeny have had a chance to prove themselves. He has four graded stakes winners to his credit this year, thanks to Musee Alien (G3), Guanciale (G3), Gold Actor (who recently followed in his sire's footsteps by winning the G2 Copa Republica Argentina) and Maurice.

Maurice has been something of a revelation this year. Although he won twice over seven furlongs from three juvenile starts in 2013, he didn't take the progression into graded company in his stride during the first part of 2014. However, he didn't race after May 31 last year and he has clearly benefitted from the break. Returned to action in January, he has won all five of his starts this year and became only the sixth horse to win both the G1 Yasuda Kinen and G1 Mile Championship in the same year, another being the previously-mentioned Daiwa Major.

It will be fascinating to see how Maurice fares if he travels to Hong Kong in three weeks' time for either the Hong Kong Mile or the Hong Kong Cup over a mile and a quarter. As he has done nearly all his racing at up to a mile and an eighth, the Mile looks the more natural option--especially in view of the acceleration he was able to produce in the final quarter of the Mile Championship.

The Hong Kong bettors have learned to treat Japanese raiders with respect, as there have been Japanese winners of all four of

the major events at Sha Tin in December, including Hat Trick and Eishin Preston in the Mile, Lord Kanaloa in two editions of the Sprint, Stay Gold in the Vase and Agnes Digital in the Cup.

Despite his record, there is no reason on pedigree why Maurice shouldn't stay at least a mile and a quarter. In addition to being by a winner of the Japan Cup, he is out of a mare by the 1994 Arc winner Carnegie. His second dam Mejiro Monterey was another smart performer at up to a mile and a half, notably winning the G2 Copa Republica Argentina, so Maurice is bred well enough to eventually become yet another stallion for the Yoshida family.



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CLASSIC FAMILIES FOR SALE AT ARQANA

By Kelsey Riley

On Dec. 5, the European sales action will move to the charming seaside town of Deauville, France for the continent's final major sale of the year, the Arqana Breeding Stock Sale, which runs through Dec. 8. Not only is Deauville the ideal locale for buyers and sellers alike to wind down after a busy sales season and enjoy some top-drawer shopping and dining; it also presents buyers the perfect opportunity to add some stock from top-class families to their portfolios while reaping the current benefits of shopping in the Euro.

Arqana President Eric Hoyeau was quick to point out that while the sale won't offer any Classic or Group 1 winners this year, the catalogue is choc-full of fillies and mares from some of the world's best families.



L'Amour De Ma Vie will be the only mare in foal to Galileo at auction in Europe this year | DRC

"It's a fact that we don't have any Classic or Group 1 winners in the catalogue--they are very difficult to get in Europe--but we have a few group and listed winners and plenty of strong families; daughters of and sisters to Classic and Group 1 winners," he noted.

"Deauville is the perfect place to find some strong European families with the attraction of buying in the Euro. It is a perfect venue to enter into big Classic families."

Among the well-related offerings are G2 Balanchine S. winner and G2 Duke of Cambridge S.-second **L'Amour De Ma Vie** (Dansili {GB}) ([lot 162](#)), who is the only mare in Europe catalogued at a breeding stock sale this year in foal to Galileo (Ire). The 6-year-old mare will be consigned by Coulonces Consignment and is entered in the sale to dissolve a partnership.

She is joined by the likes of **Jessica Rocks (GB)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) ([lot 66](#)), a half-sister to Group 1 winner Havana Gold (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}) in foal to first-crop covering sire No Nay Never; **Portland River (Fr)** (Stormy River {Fr}) ([lot 126](#)), a half-sister to Australian Group 1 winner Pornichet (Fr) (Vespone {Ire}) in foal to Sepoy (Aus); **Embellishment (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) ([lot 177](#)), a daughter of G1 Coronation S. winner Sophisticat (Storm Cat) in foal to Kingman (GB); and **Luckbealadytonight (Ire)** (Mr. Greeley) ([lot 194](#)), a half-sister to G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Maybe (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), from the family of Classic winners Dancing Rain (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and Dr Devious (Ire) (Ahonoora {GB}), in foal to Australia (GB). Two sisters to Group 1 winners this year are catalogued: **Princesse Eva (Fr)** (Manduro {Ger}) ([lot 125](#)), a half-sister to G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Prix de l'Opera winner Covert Love (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}); and **Triptyka (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) ([lot 155](#)), a half-sister to G1 Prix Jean Romanet scorer Odeliz (Ire) (Falco). Also catalogued are half-sisters to War Command (War Front) ([lot 121](#)), Illuminate (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) ([lot 133](#)) and Dream Peace (GB) (Dansili {GB}) ([lot 203](#)). **Lady Sybil (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) ([lot 152](#)), the winner of this year's Listed Prix Amandine, is offered by trainer Henri-Alex Pantall. **Beautiful Heroine (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) ([lot 180](#)), the winner of this year's G3 Prix Andre Baboin and third in the Nov. 8 Premio Roma GBI Racing, was added to the sale Monday as one of five wildcard entries.

The Arqana Breeding Stock sale has grown in stature in recent years and is now firmly established as one of the European market leaders alongside the likes of Tattersalls and Goffs. The average at the Arqana Breeding Stock Sale has improved every year since 2007 and the median each of the last four years. The increased profile of the sale can also be attributed in part to the leading French breeders who support it year on year. The Wertheimer brothers sell their culls exclusively at Arqana, and operations like The Aga Khan, Ecurie Des Monceaux, Haras du Quesnay, Darley, Haras du Bois Roussel, Haras du Mezeray, Shadwell, and Haras d'Etream also bring strong drafts. The leading lights from those drafts include **Mandheera** (Bernardini) ([lot 87](#)), a winning daughter of triple Group 1 winner Mandesha (Fr) (Desert Style {Ire}); **Edilisa (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire}) ([lot 168](#)), a winning daughter of a half-sister to four Group 1 winners including Ascot Gold Cup winner Estimate (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}); **Ennaya (Fr)** (Nayef) ([lot 172](#)), a half-sister to this year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Coronation S. winner Ervedya (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) in foal to Le Havre (Ire); **Pickaway (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) ([lot 178](#)), a half-sister to Grade II winner and sire Silent Name (Jpn) (Sunday Silence); and **Voyelle** (Broken Vow) ([lot 34](#)), a daughter of GI Beverly Hills H. winner Corrazona (El Gran Senor) and therefore a half-sister to stakes winners Olmodavor (A.P. Indy) and Slow Down (Seattle Slew).

The catalogue also contains drafts from leading German breeders like Gestut Faehrhof, Gestut Etzean and Gestut Wittekindshof.

"The big consignors are an important [foundation] for the sale to have," Hoyeau noted. "The Arqana Breeding Stock sale has given buyers and vendors a lot of

confidence the last few years and has improved a lot, especially because we have the confidence of the big consignors like the Wertheimer brothers and the big consignors from Germany."

Another vote of confidence for the sale was given by Australia's Rosemont Stud, which choose Deauville exclusively as the spot to send three mares covered by Starspangledbanner (Aus) Northern Hemisphere-time. The fertility-troubled Starspangledbanner made a big impression with his first Northern Hemisphere 2-year-olds last year, his progeny including Group 1 winner The Wow Signal (Ire) and G2 Queen Mary S. winner Anthem Alexander (Ire). Plans to shuttle Starspangledbanner to Ireland once again in 2015 were thwarted; however, Rosemont covered a handful of mares Northern Hemisphere time and those are now available for sale. They are **Scarlet (Chi)** (Dushyantor) ([lot 23](#)), a full-sister to Chilean Horse of the year Belle Watling (Chi) and two other group winners; **Doubleyou one (Aus)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) ([lot 39](#)), who is out of a full-sister to G2 Prix Royallieu winner Moon Queen (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), the dam of stakes winners Beauty Parlor (Elusive Quality) and The Brothers War (War Front); and **Noisy Feet** (Tapit) ([lot 214](#)), a stakes-winning full-sister to Grade III winner Touching Beauty.

The Arqana Breeding Stock catalogue also includes 296 foals by leading sires in both France and internationally. France has seen a resurgence in its sire power in recent years thanks to the likes of Le Havre (Ire), Siyouni (Fr) and Kendargent (Fr), who are growing increasingly recognizable on an international scale, and Hoyeau said their demand could help drive the success of the sale.

"For a few years we had no real leading sires in France, but now we do and we are on the way to proving that you can find value and a good sire in France, too," he said.

Among the well-bred foals are a half-brother to Odeliz from the first crop of Dawn Approach (Ire) ([lot 132](#)); a Footstepsinthesand (GB) colt out of champion Elle Danzig (Ger) (Roi Danzig) ([lot 41](#)) and a brother to three stakes winners; a Sea The Stars (Ire) colt who is the first foal out of stakes winner



Arqana President
Eric Hoyeau | *Scoop Dyga*

Gotlandia (Fr) (Anabaa) ([lot 53](#)); an Oasis Dream (GB) filly out of the stakes-placed Hideaway Heroine (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}) ([lot 119](#)), and therefore a half-sister to three stakes winners; a Siyouni half-brother to Group 2 winner Ming Dynasty (Fr) (King's Best) ([lot 91](#)); and a Dark Angel (Ire) colt out of stakes winner Trip To The Moon (GB) (Fasliyev) ([lot 201](#)) and therefore a half-brother to Group 3 winner Trois Lunes (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}).

Travelers to France may no doubt be concerned by the recent attacks in Paris, but Hoyeau was quick to alleviate worries, pointing to Arqana's Autumn Sale that was hosted without a hitch in Deauville just days after the attacks last week.

"In the provinces and in the country nothing has happened," said Hoyeau. "Deauville is a very quiet place, as we proved with last week's sale."

The Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale runs Dec. 5 to 8. Visit www.arqana.com for the catalogue.

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Wildcards Added to Arqana...

Five wildcards have been added to Arqana's Breeding Stock Sale and are set to sell Dec. 5 in Deauville. They are **Baby Houseman (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) ([lot 140](#)), a stakes-producing daughter of stakes winner Photogenic (GB) (Midyan) and from the family of Group 1 winners Colorspin (Fr), Opera House (GB), Kayf Tara (GB) and Zee Zee Top (GB), in foal to Le Havre (Ire); the Group 3-placed **Porthilly (Fr)** (Pivotal {GB}) ([lot 150](#)); **Irish Cliff (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}) ([lot 160](#)), a half-sister to multiple Grade/Group 3 winner Sandiva (Ire) (Footstepinthesand {GB}) in foal to Le Havre; **Moi Meme (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}) ([lot 170](#)), a stakes-placed daughter of dual Group 3 winner Di Moi Oui (Fr) (Warning {GB}); and **Beautiful Heroine (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) ([lot 180](#)), the winner of this year's G3 Prix Andre Baboin and third in the Nov. 8 Premio Roma GBI Racing, from the yard of Francis-Henri Graffard.

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'L'Amour' Offers Galileo Opportunity...

By Sue Finley

Over the past several years, it has become increasingly rare to find a mare in foal to Galileo (Ire) in the marketplace. Two sold in 2014, one in Europe and one in America, and this year, only one, [More Hennessy](#), who brought \$1.5 million from Summer Wind Farm at Fasig Tipton November, has come on the market.

So all eyes will be on [lot 162](#), **L'Amour De Ma Vie** (Dansili {GB}-Cuaba, by Smoke Glacken), when she steps into the ring Saturday, Dec. 5 at Arqana, as the sole mare in foal to Galileo to be offered in Europe this year.

The American-bred mare was originally sold as a weanling at Keeneland November as part of the dispersal of her breeder, Palides Investments N.V. She was purchased and successfully campaigned by Herve Barjot's Pegasus Farms Ltd., beating a



L'Amour de Ma Vie (grey) at Royal Ascot | *Racing Post*

tough field in the G2 Balanchine S. in Dubai, and finishing second to Integral (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) in the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. at Royal Ascot. She is offered here by Coulonces Consignment to dissolve a partnership.

"She was a very good racemare, but she's also a

great individual," said Coulonces' Anna Drion, who has prepared the mare at the family's Haras du Grand-Chene about an hour south of Deauville. "You meet these great mares that are queens, and she's a queen. She's one of those. She's just above it all. She is very, very good-looking, with all the qualities of a great racehorse, and also as a broodmare. She has the most amazing walk, which is so important, and she's got a great temperament."

The opportunity, of course, is becoming more rare. Last year, two were offered, and averaged \$2,436,390; in 2013, five were offered, and only three met their reserve, for an average of \$847,493.

"It is very special indeed," said Arqana's Olivier Delloye. "She is not only a group winner, having defeated some of the best fillies of her generation

(Certify, Sky Lantern, Fiesolana and Flotilla) and a good-looking, athletic mare, but she is also the only mare selling in foal to Galileo in Europe.

Galileo needs no introduction, of course, and figures speak for

themselves: champion sire every year since 2010, 52 Group 1 winners and the highest average prices at yearling sales. This cover will then provide the future foal with the magical cross of Galileo/Danehill."

Her consignor agreed. "If you look at her pedigree and look at her," she said, "being by Dansili, Galileo is a quite obvious choice. When you have a group-winning mare by Dansili, the



L'Amour de Ma Vie at Grand-Chene

Danehill line, to go to something with Sadler’s Wells, you’re going to the best of the best with the Danehill/Sadler’s Wells cross. I can imagine when they were going to do the mating, it was very simple. These seriously good horses, Frankel, it’s this cross. It also makes this offering really unique.”

“It is a great opportunity,” she continued. “To get in to a stallion like Galileo is not that easy. You’ve got to have a mare that ticks all the right boxes, and it’s a big price to pay. She’s the only mare in Europe that’s going on public auction. You don’t know next year, but one imagines it will basically be similar. They’re so, so rare on the market. He’s sired 52 Group 1 winners, and you’ve got a seriously good chance of getting a good racehorse.”

Having the opportunity to offer this mare for sale will be extra special for Anna, as L’Amour de Ma Vie was trained by fellow Swede and close friend Pia Brandt. “I’m delighted because Pia is one of my best friends and she came to France about the same time as I did.”

L’Amour de Ma Vie was cross-entered in the Tattersalls December Mare sale, but was withdrawn when the decision was made by the owners to sell her at Arqana instead.

“I think France has proven to be a really, really strong market internationally,” she said. “Arqana has shown that they’re capable of bringing the clients to France.”

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American Pedigrees Shine at Deauville...

By Sue Finley

U.S. participation at the Arqana December sale has grown over the past few years to the point that you’re as likely to hear English being spoken—often with an American accent—as you are French. It couldn’t be long, then, until pedigrees appealing to both Europeans and Americans would start to shine in Deauville.

Embellishment (Ire) ([lot 177](#)) has just that kind of crossover appeal; offered for sale by Haras d’Etreham, she is a daughter of Galileo (Ire) out of the Serena’s Song daughter Sophisticat (Storm Cat), herself a full-sister to the stallions Grand Reward (standing at Argentina’s Haras La Quebrada), and Schramsberg, and a half-sister to Harlington. Serena’s Song’s daughter Serena’s Tune (Mr. Prospector) is the granddam of GI Whitney and Metropolitan winner Honor Code, who stands his first season at Lane’s End Farm in 2016.

Embellishment sells in foal to the popular first-season stallion Kingman (GB), the 2014 Cartier Horse of the Year and 3-year-old colt, a four-time Group 1 winner, who stands at Banstead Manor Stud for a fee of £55,000.

Embellishment is the property of Etreham, said the farm’s Nicolas de Chambure. “We acquired her last winter. We had

purchased her half-sister, the Kingmambo mare Sefroua, and she was good to us as a listed winner in France and group-placed in America. Her first foal, Sivoliere (Ire), is also a listed winner and group-placed.”

With Serena’s Song—the champion 3-year-old filly in America whose 18 victories and 11 Grade I wins included the Haskell Invitational over males—as her second dam, the family, observed de Chambure, “is mainly known in America. Almost every year, we see on the track the great results from that family. So we were keen to get another one, a daughter of Galileo, from this family. It’s really because we have her half-sister that we are putting her on the market.”



Lot 177, Embellishment, selling in foal to Kingman (GB)

Physically, said de Chambure, “she is a nice mare as a type. We picked Kingman for her because he was the right type, a good match, and it was good to bring a bit of Green Desert to that family. I loved Kingman as a racehorse.”

“She is a good mix between Galileo and

Storm Cat,” said de Chambure. “To me, she has more strength, more hindquarter than some of the Galileo fillies, who can be a bit more light-framed. She has a great shoulder and she’s a very good walker, with a nice presence to her.”

After being covered by Kingman Apr. 9, she returned to France and has been at Etreham since that time, and should have tremendous crossover appeal to Americans and Europeans alike, said de Chambure.

“It’s quite an opportunity. I would think Americans could think it’s a cheaper way to get into the family because she’s being sold in France, but at the same time, she has great appeal in Europe because she’s by Galileo. To have that American female line with that great Galileo family, who is doing such a good job as a broodmare sire, is pretty unique. She is carrying a son or daughter of Kingman who could be any kind of yearling and racehorse in America or in Europe.”

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SHADAI BUYS GERMAN OAKS WINNER

Teruya Yoshida's Shadai Farm has purchased this year's G1 Preis Der Diana (German Oaks) winner **Turfdonna (Ger)** (Doyen {Ire}--Turfaue {Ger}, by Big Shuffle) from Australian Bloodstock, according to *Racing Post*. Trainer by Andreas Wohler, Turfdonna earned her lone stakes win in the Aug. 2 Diana over eventual Group 1 winner Nightflower (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) after finishing third in Hamburg's G3 Almased-Cup. Turfdonna had not run since the Diana due to injury. The deal was brokered by Ronald Rauscher, who told *galopponline.de*, "The filly had only a small fissure and could have run again in the coming year, but the Australians did not refuse the offer. The filly is no longer with Andreas Wohler and is at Newsells Park Stud instead. The buyers are still considering whether Turfdonna will be covered early in the year before she goes to Japan."

Other recent German purchases by Yoshida include G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. winner Novellist (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and King George winner Danedream (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}) and Turfroze (Ger) (Big Shuffle), a full-sister to Turfdonna's dam.

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LEOPARDSTOWN RENOS TO CONTINUE

Leopardstown Racecourse in Dublin will begin early in the New Year the next phase of an overall €20 million redevelopment, including a new restaurant and bar and betting and entertainment areas; a new saddling area; and a new weigh room. €12 million will be spent on the 2016/2017 renovations, including a €4.7 million grant aid from Horse Racing Ireland. Work on the project started this year includes the new



Plans of Leopardstown's new marquee structure | HRI

Champions Bar, a restaurant and an owners' and trainers' lounge.

A major part of the redevelopment will be the installation of a marquee-style pavilion for racegoers between the parade ring and the main entrance, which will accommodate raceday

previews, musical entertainment, fashion, food events and children's entertainment.

"Leopardstown has been consistently improving its facilities over recent years and further improvements will be evident to racegoers at the forthcoming Christmas Festival," said HRI Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh. "This final phase of work will mean

that all of Leopardstown's facilities will have been upgraded over a five-year period as befits the home of some of our best national hunt fixtures and the Longines Irish Champions Weekend."

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FRANCE GALOP STAGES ELECTIONS

France Galop Monday held its elections--which are staged every four years--for representatives of its various committees both nationally and regionally. The winners, according to *Jour de Galop*, are as follows:

Owners: Syndicat des Proprietaires (P. Fellous/H. Chamarty/ J. Ch. Coude, 32.19%, three seats); PP-AQPS (H. Tassin/A.-A. Maggiar/J.-J. Chiozzi, 27.12%, three seats) Pour le Renouveau (D. Augereau/M. Chaouat, 23.29%, two seats); and Generation Galop (C. Henry de Villeneuve/H. Morin, 17.39%, two seats).

Breeders: Syndicat des Eleveurs (L. Malivet/A. Forien/J. Biraben/R.-Y. Simon, 42.7%, four seats); PP-AQPS (B. De la Motte Saint-Pierre/J. Cyres, 28.6%, two seats) Pour le Renouveau du Galop (E. Doumen, 15%, one seat); and Generation Galop (G. Rimaud, 13.7%, one seat).

Trainers: Association des Entraîneurs (Ch. Head-Maarek/E. Leenders, 53.33%, two seats); and Association des Entraîneurs-Proprietaires (M. Boutin/P. Khozian, 46.67%, two seats).

Jockeys: Association des Jockeys (T. Gillet, 100%, one seat).

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TOKYO SPORTS HAI NISAI S.-G3, ¥61,550,000, Tokyo, 11-23, 2yo, 1800mT, 1:49.50, fm.

1--**@#SMART ODIN (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, Danon Chantilly (Jpn)

1st Dam: Lady Upstage (Ire) (GSW-Ire, G1SP-Fr & Can, & GSP-Eng, \$290,482), by Alzao

2nd Dam: She's The Tops (GB), by Shernazar (Ire)

3rd Dam: Troystops (GB), by Troy (GB)

O-Toru Okawa; B-Sky Beach Stable; T-Kunihide Matsuda; J-Yutaka Take. ¥32,385,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: B+.**

2--**Prodigal Son (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Loves Only Me, by Storm Cat. (¥180,000,000 yrl '14 JRHAJUL) O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm; ¥13,110,000.

3--**Meiner Rafflesia (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, Jungle Pocket (Jpn)--Flying Melissa (Jpn), by Dance in the Dark (Jpn). O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm. ¥8,055,000.

Margins: 1, NK, NK. Odds: 6.00, 2.60, 10.50.

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Monday's Result:

7th-CHD, £8,000, Mdn, 11-23, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:04.27, ft. MARKABAH (IRE) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}–Ghaidaa {Ire} {MSP-Eng}, by Cape Cross {Ire}), who ran second going one mile at Thirsk last time July 1, broke well and led from the outset of this one. Shaken up to poach a decisive lead on the home turn, the 6-1 chance stretched ever clear under urging in the two-furlong straight to score by an easy five lengths from U S Navy Seal (War Front). Markabah's second dam is the G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Epsom Oaks winner Midway Lady (Alleged), herself the dam of Oaks winner Eswarah (GB) (Unfuwain). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$9,222. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

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Tuesday, Chantilly, France, post time: 12:45 p.m.

PRIX HEROD-Listed, €55,000, 2yo, 7fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
7	Rougeoyant (Fr)	Air Chief Marshal (Ire)	Jarnet	de Montzey	128
6	Post Var (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Bachelot	Wattel	125
2	La Cressonniere (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	C Demuro	Rouget	125
4	Fourioso (Fr)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Boudot	Borgel	125
5	Pastrida (Fr)	Alexandros (GB)	Guyon	Pantall	121
1	Jet Setting (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	Mendizabal	Keatley	121
3	Athas An Bhean (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Barzalona	Keatley	121

APPOINTMENTS

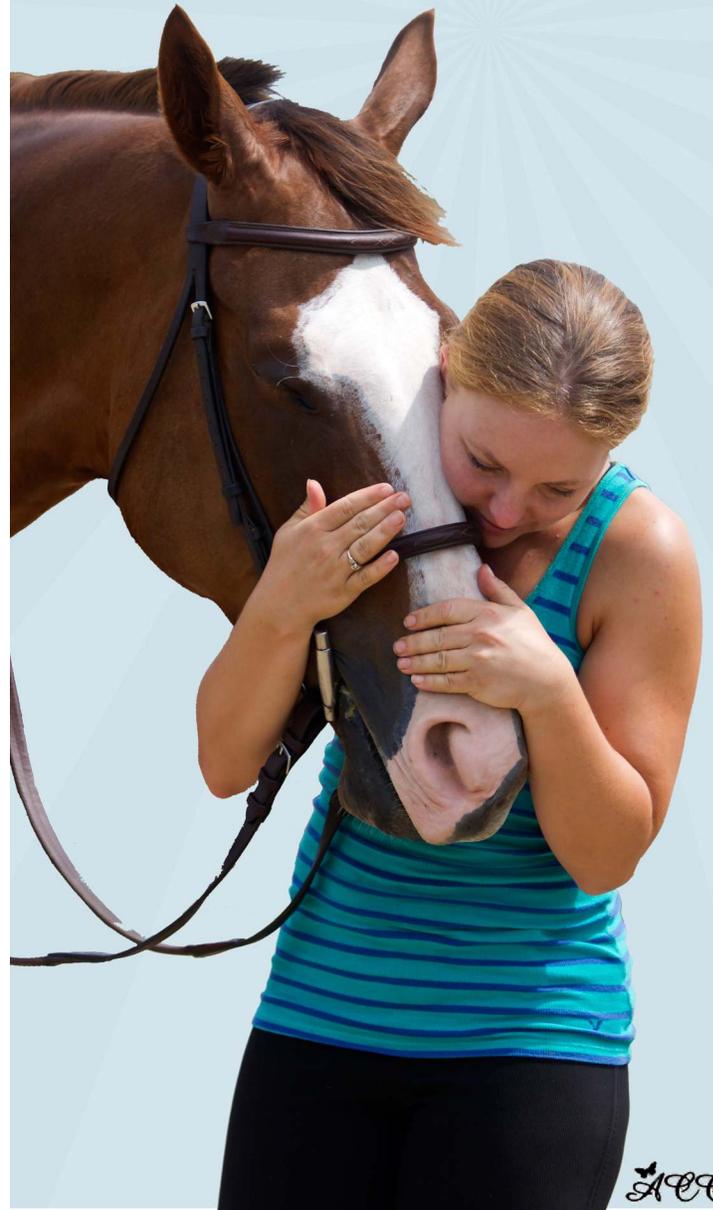
Sile Hayes, Barnes Thompson

- Sile Hayes joins Newmarket-based Thoroughbred marketing agency Barnes Thompson, having recently completed a Master's of Science in Marketing Degree at Limerick University.
- Simon Thompson said, "Sile's years of industry experience have furnished her with invaluable insight into the commercial equine racing, breeding and performance markets. Her international experience is extensive, as evidenced by her time with industry leaders such as William Inglis & Son Ltd, The Irish National Stud, BBA Ireland Ltd., and Magic Millions Pty Ltd. She is now looking forward to working with and on behalf of both our new and established client base."

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