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## KEEN ICE PREPS FOR THE DONN



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By Christie DeBernardis

Donegal Racing's GI Travers S. winner **Keen Ice** (Curlin) breezed five furlongs in 1:01.10 (3/11) at Gulfstream Park Tuesday morning in preparation for his next start in that venue's GI Donn H. Feb. 6.

"He went well," remarked conditioner Dale Romans when reached by phone Tuesday. "He just went nice and easy. We are pointing towards the Donn right now."



Dale Romans | Horsephotos

The hulking bay followed his upset of Triple Crown hero American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) in the Aug. 29 Travers with fourth-place efforts in both the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Oct. 31 and the GI Clark H. Nov. 27.

Fellow Romans trainee **Cherry Wine** (Paddy O'Prado) also breezed five furlongs in Hallandale Tuesday, covering the distance in a bullet :59.87. Owned by Frank Jones Jr. and William Pacella, the juvenile donned cap and gown by 9 1/4 lengths at fifth asking at Churchill Downs Nov. 28 and is pointing

towards an allowance race for his sophomore debut.

"We wanted a little more out of him," Romans said. "He is going to run a little sooner. Keen Ice's race is still a little ways away and we are going to take it easy for another work or so."

**Cont. p3**

## FROM THE DESK OF BILL OPPENHEIM: BEST VALUE SIRE ON THE PLANET

Must just about be **Kantharos** (Lion Heart), who stands at Ocala Stud in Florida for just \$5,000. From 51 named foals in his first crop, 3-year-olds of 2015, he's sired 45 starters (88%), 34 winners (67%), five black-type winners (9.8%), and nine black-type horses (17.6%), including GIII winners Mr. Jordan and X Y Jet, the latter recent winner of the GIII Mr. Prospector S. against 'olders' at Gulfstream Park. As a racehorse, Kantharos was unbeaten in three starts at two, then retired through injury and covered as a 3-year-old. **Cont. p3**



Kantharos

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A. Coglianese

## RICE DUO OUT OF JEROME

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Lady Sheila Stable's **Matt King Coal** (Cool Coal Man) and **Hotinthehamptons** (Summer Bird) have both been ruled out of Saturday's GIII Jerome S., according to trainer Linda Rice. Rice also provided Christie DeBernardis with updates on **Hot City Girl** (City Zip) and **La Verdad** (Yes It's True).

## MAKING THE MOST OF HIS SHOT

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Niall Brennan's **One More Shot** (Trappe Shot) donned cap and gown by eight lengths on debut at Tampa last Wednesday to become the ninth winner for his freshman sire (by Tapit). Editor-in-Chief Jessica Martini spoke with the leading juvenile consignor about his future plans for this promising 2-year-old.



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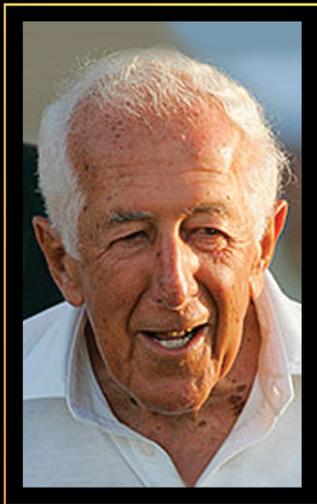
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**Keen Ice Preps for the Donn cont. from p1**

The 49-year-old conditioner received a late Christmas gift last Saturday when Forum Racing's **Birdatthewire** (Summer Bird) came charging late to spring a 10-1 upset in Santa Anita's GI La Brea S.

"She ran a big race," Romans commented. "I certainly thought



Birdatthewire | Benoit Photo

she was capable of that, but you never know if they are going to put it all together. She's a class act who does everything right and I was very impressed."

The trainer continued, "I haven't seen her, but they tell

me she came out of the race great. We are going to leave her out there for the winter. There are about three spots she can run in and hopefully she can repeat. There is another seven-eighths race [the GII Santa Monica S. Jan. 23] that is a possibility."



**Cont. from p1**

He has almost the exact same profile as Darby Dan's **Run Away And Hide** (by City Zip, and another big bargain at \$7,500) as a racehorse: in 2008, Run Away And Hide broke his maiden over 4 1/2f at Keeneland, then won the GIII Kentucky S. at Churchill Downs at five furlongs and the GII Saratoga Special at 6 1/2f. In 2010, Kantharos broke his maiden at Churchill Downs at five furlongs, won the GIII Bashford Manor S. at six furlongs at Churchill, then won the GII Saratoga Special. That kind of makes them both the Dark Angels of America, though he was retired through perceived lack of opportunities, not through injury. (For Bill Oppenheim's column on Frankel, click [here](#) or visit the TDN Europe/International section.)

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**RICE DUO TO SKIP JEROME**

By Christie DeBernardis

Lady Sheila Stable’s **Matt King Coal** (Cool Coal Man) and **Hotintheamptons** (Summer Bird) are both out of consideration for Saturday’s GIII Jerome S. at Aqueduct, according to trainer Linda Rice.

Third on debut over the Saratoga turf Aug. 8, Matt King Coal missed by just a nose when switched to a sloppy main track at Belmont Oct. 3 and romped by 5 3/4 lengths next out there Oct. 29.

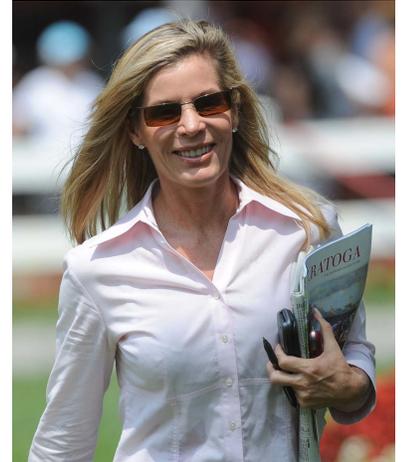
“Matt King Coal had spiked a fever and has some respiratory stuff going on, so I sent him out for a couple of weeks to the farm to have a little rest,” Rice told the *TDN* by phone Tuesday afternoon. “I would assume he will miss the first two 3-year-old races, but I think we will have him back for the third one in New York [the Mar. 5 GIII Gotham S.]”

A non-factor 10th behind eventual GI Champagne S. winner Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini) sprinting at the Spa Sept. 5, Hotintheamptons graduated against \$75,000 maiden claimers on the lawn at Belmont Oct. 9. The bay faded to eighth last time in that venue’s grassy Awad S. Oct. 30.

“Hotintheamptons is not going to be ready to go [for the Jerome],” Rice remarked. “He was actually recently castrated and needs more time.”

With the colts on the bench, a pair of speedy half-sisters, **Hot City Girl** (City Zip) and **La Verdad** (Yes It’s True), continue to be Sheila Rosenblum and Rice’s stable stars. The former set a speedy pace in last Saturday’s GI La Brea S. at Santa Anita and was just caught on the wire by the late-flying Birdatthewire (Summer Bird).

“Hot City Girl came out of the La Brea very well,” Rice commented. “She is actually en route back to New York right now.” *Cont. p5*



Linda Rice | A. Coglianesse



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Rice continued, “She came out well. We were slightly disappointed that we didn’t get the win, but very happy in general. We are pointing her right now towards the [GII] Barbara Fritchie at Laurel Feb. 13, which is seven furlongs. She won [the Safely Kept S.] over that track last month.”

The sophomore’s older sister La Verdad had one of her best seasons yet in 2015 starting with six straight black-type victories in New York. The bay went to the GI Breeders’ Cup F/M Sprint just one week after winning Belmont’s Iroquois S. and was tagged on the line by a late-running Wavell Avenue (Harlington) after setting the early pace.

Rosenblum withdrew the 5-year-old from the Fasig-Tipton November sale with the intention of breeding her in 2016, but--after finishing sixth in the GIII Fall Highweight H. Nov. 26--there is a chance she could return to the track once more.

“La Verdad is not retired yet,” Rice said. “Actually Ms. Rosenblum has been traveling for the holidays with her kids. We will wait for her return to make some decisions. It is possible she will race again. Sheila will be back this week, so we will put everything on hold until she returns.”

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**Indelible Mark: Trainer Casse soaking in the year of a lifetime** Mark Casse never did have a Plan B. There was no crossroads moment of what career path he would ultimately set upon, no net of another livelihood to catch him if he ever abandoned the tightrope that is his chosen profession. **Alicia Wincze Hughes, *Lexington Herald-Leader***

**RB Wild Promise triumphs at Ohio track as 206-1 longshot** One of the biggest long shots in horse racing history came through Monday afternoon, as a horse with 206-to-1 odds prevailed in a race at Mahoning Valley Race Track. **Darren Rovell, ESPN**



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“He looks like he is going to be a good one,” trainer Jamie Ness said after One More Shot’s eight-length debut victory last Wednesday at Tampa Bay Downs. The colt’s dominant performance rewarded the patience of Ocala-based horseman and leading juvenile consignor Niall Brennan, who purchased the youngster for \$100,000 out of last year’s Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale with the intention of re-selling at the 2-year-old sales this year.



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One More Shot is out of Orion’s Daughter, a half-sister to the dams of multiple graded stakes winner Sailors Sunset (Petionville) and Grade I winner Wickedly Perfect (Congrats). He became the ninth winner, and first of three over the holiday weekend, for his freshman sire, Trappe Shot (by Tapit).

“We really like the colt,” Brennan said. “He’s a little atypical for his sire. He’s tall and scopey. He’s not a compact Quarter-Horse type that a lot of the Trappe Shots seem to be. He’s a good-sized, scopey colt and he has a huge stride on him. That’s why we ran him two turns first time out. We just felt like he’s a very smooth colt and does everything right and he wants to run long. He’s a mile to a mile and a quarter horse--he’s not a sprinter. And we just let him do what he wanted to do.”

Brennan admitted he was impressed by the colt’s first effort.

“We were delighted,” he said of One More Shot’s debut. “I thought he would need a race--he drew the one hole and everybody else had already started. The jockey said he was green, but he was much the best and, at the end of the race, he could have gone around again. The jockey was impressed with the way he did it. You don’t know what you beat down there in a Tampa maiden. But it is Tampa and it’s a very testing racetrack. It’s a very good racetrack for horses to run on to test them out a little bit.”

The race caught the interest of several potential buyers and, should a private sale not materialize beforehand, One More Shot could make it to the OBS sales ring after all. He is catalogued as [hip 593](#) in next month’s Winter Mixed Sale.

“We’ve had some calls and some interest in him, obviously,” Brennan confirmed. “Because he’s a 2-year-old, winning first-time out going two turns at this time of the year by eight lengths, it kind of grabs the attention. So we’ve had some interest in him and he’s entered in the OBS January sale in the horses of racing age section. That was always the intention, if we have horses that we have left, we try to get them to the races and then have them in the January sale and just move on to the next project.”

While Brennan would not completely rule out another start before the Winter sale, he indicated it was unlikely One More Shot would be under his colors again.

“We haven’t really discussed it, but we probably wouldn’t start him again because the sale is coming up in four weeks’ time,” the Irishman explained. “So it would be right when we would normally run him back.”

“He’s a young horse and he’s improving,” Brennan continued. “I think if we just do right by the horse, if we don’t sell him before, more than likely we wouldn’t run him, we’d just put him in the sale.” -*Jessica Martini*

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## TODAY’S INSIGHTS

### 2nd-GPX, \$50k, MSW, 2yo, f, 1mT, post time: 1:05 p.m. ET

Ramsey homebred **CHANT FOR KITTEN ([Kitten’s Joy](#))** debuts for trainer Mike Maker. Out of High Chant (War Chant), the bay filly is a full-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Csaba. David Fawkes sends out firster **American Dimples ([Afleet Alex](#))**, a half-sister to graded stakes winner and Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf victoress Maram (Sahm). [TJCIS PPs](#)

### 4th-GPX, \$41k, OC/NW1X, 2yo, f, 1m, post time: 2:05 p.m. ET

Jamm Ltd.’s **SMART SHOPPING (Smart Strike)**, a half-sister to Grade I-winning juvenile Power Broker (Pulpit), looks to follow up on her debut victory going seven furlongs at Churchill Nov. 28. The filly is out of Shop Again (Wild Again), a half-sister to Grade I winner Miss Shop (Deputy Minister) and graded stakes winner Trappe Shot (Tapit). Adele Dilschneider and Dell Hancock’s **Arraign ([Blame](#))**, a debut winner at Parx in September, will try to rebound from a lackluster finish in the Nov. 1 Rags to Riches S. at Churchill. [TJCIS PPs](#)

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**ARCHARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 123/16/2  
8-SA, Msw, 1 1/16m, Dreamarcher, \$150K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1

**BIG DRAMA** (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 68/12/1  
5-GP, Msw, 6f, Two Times Book, \$35K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1  
2-GP, Msw, 1mT, Determined Lady, 20-1  
2-GP, Msw, 1mT, Rontos Lily, \$25K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

**BROOKS 'N DOWN** (Montbrook), 8/3/0  
4-GP, Aoc, 1m, Silent Prayer, 8-1

**GIANT SURPRISE** (Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud, \$4K, 30/4/2  
6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Cause for Surprise, 3-1

**GIO PONTI** (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 110/8/0  
2-GP, Msw, 1mT, Tiyo, \$100K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

**HAYNESFIELD** (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 78/10/1  
5-GP, Msw, 6f, Sir Hannoun, \$72K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

**MT WAVERLY** (Mt. Livermore), 5/0/0  
7-HAW, Msw, 6f, Audrey and Annie, 20-1

**PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 106/15/1  
6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Irish Filibuster, \$50K KEE NOV wnl, 10-1

**REGAL RANSOM** (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$8K, 48/8/0  
2-GP, Msw, 1mT, Regal Roma, \$30K EAS MAY 2yo, 12-1

**SIDNEY'S CANDY** (Candy Ride (ARG)), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 87/9/0  
6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Yummy Bear, \$62K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

**TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride (ARG)), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 92/25/0  
1-SA, Mcl, 1m, Passau, \$37K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1

**VINEYARD HAVEN** (Lido Palace {Chi}), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 9/2/0  
5-GP, Msw, 6f, +Absolute Pinnacle, 6-1

**WILBURN** (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 106/20/0  
4-GP, Aoc, 1m, She Takes Heart, \$9K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 12-1  
4-GP, Aoc, 1m, Will Be Magical, \$32K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

**First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, December 30**

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

**MUNNINGS** (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$13K, 165/77/13  
4-TUP, Stk, 1m, Oh Newman, \$28K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

**WARRIOR'S REWARD** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 173/73/5  
4-TUP, Stk, 1m, Ian a Wolverine, \$135K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 20-1



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-HAW, \$29,820, 12-29, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.87, sy.**

**LOOKING FOR BITS (f, 4, Monarchos--Carolsails, by Explodent)**  
Lifetime Record: 14-7-5-1, \$92,634. O/B-Judy Dorris & Ken Sentel (IL); T-Chris Dorris. \*1/2 to Pampered (Peaks and Valleys), SP, \$158,498.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Eternal Dream, f, 3, Hostile Takeover--Eternal Glory, by Danzatore. MVR, 12-29, (S), 6f, 1:17.54. B-Double D Farm Corp. (OH). \*1/2 to Neverlacken (Smoke Glacken), SW, \$139,631.**

**UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES**

Date	Race	Track
1/2	GII San Gabriel S.	SA
	GII Santa Ynez S.	SA
	GIII Hutcheson S.	GP
	GIII Old Hat S.	GP
	GIII Dania Beach S.	GP
1/3	GIII Jerome S.	AQU
	GIII Monrovia S.	SA
	GIII Midnight Lute S.	SA
1/9	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GII San Pasqual S.	SA
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
1/16	GIII Sham S.	SA
	GII La Canada S.	SA
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
1/18	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
	GIII Toboggan S.	AQU
	GIII Megahertz S.	SA

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## 2016: FRANKEL HAS RUNNERS



Frankel at Banstead Manor | *Racing Post*

by *Bill Oppenheim*

Every year is important, but 2016 will be especially significant because we will see the first crop of **Frankel** (Galileo) the freak, the highest-rated and best racehorse of all time. Two laws, or at least tendencies, of Genetics--that any population generally breeds back to the middle; and that outliers (freaks) cannot reproduce themselves anyway--make it not a slam-dunk that he will repeat what he did on the racecourse as a sire. Moreover, two pieces of history don't contribute to confidence either: Secretariat definitely bred back to the middle (and the jury is out on Sea The Stars in that respect); and -- a more immediate worry -- Frankel's first crop of sales yearlings didn't wow all the judges either. They weren't exactly offering them at a discount -- 19 of 26 offered sold, for an average equivalent to \$712,617 and a median of \$500,000 -- but there were mutterings: he doesn't stamp them, we heard; they throw to the dam or the damsire, physically.

On the other hand: he really was the greatest racehorse not just of our time, but of all time. Trained by the legendary Sir Henry Cecil, Frankel--named after another legendary trainer, Bobby Frankel--won 14 times in 14 starts, 10 of them Group 1's, including his last nine starts beginning with the 2011 G1 English 2000 Guineas. We should use the word 'breathtaking' sparingly, because Frankel's race in the English 2000 really was breathtaking. He just gunned clear of his field, and must have been 10 lengths in front after a half-mile. He ended up winning by an official six lengths, but that was only in second gear.

**Cont. p2**

## RACENIGHT: AL RAYYAN

by *Steve Sherack*

The familiar voice of former Churchill Downs announcer Mark Johnson welcomed the compact, but enthusiastic crowd on hand for the first card of the two-day Qatar International Derby Festival as the sun began to set on a delightful Tuesday evening at Al Rayyan Racecourse.

A pulsating blanket finish in the opener over grass for Arabian maidens followed shortly thereafter by highly entertaining rapid fire heats on the dirt course. Now this is fun.

Although failing to threaten the 1,400 seating capacity in the grandstand (maybe about 2/3 full at its peak would be generous), those in attendance did really seem to be having a great time. No gambling or alcohol at a racetrack? Clearly not an issue for the Qataris.

While a line began to form to obtain entry cards for a contest to win a car, small children enjoyed pony rides in a nearby section in the very family friendly facility. **Cont. p4**

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### RICE DUO OUT OF JEROME

The Linda Rice & Lady Sheila Stable duo of **Matt King Cool** (Cool Coal Man) and **Hotinthehamptons** (Summer Bird) have been ruled out of Saturday's GIII Jerome S.

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**2016: Frankel Has Runners (cont. from p1)**

Frankel was awarded a Racing Post Rating (RPR) of 133 in that race, probably 10 points better than the average winner. At Royal Ascot, in the St. James’s Palace S. he was nearly caught by, interestingly, Zoffany (Dansili), as Tom Queally, who rode him in all his races, let Frankel loose far too early and he tired up the stretch as Zoffany closed to within 3/4 of a length. It looked like it flattered Zoffany at the time, but considering Zoffany is the Leading Freshman Sire in Europe this year, maybe not.

The St. James’s Palace was Frankel’s seventh start. In his next six starts his average winning margin was 6.6 lengths, before he closed out his career with a still pretty easy 1 3/4 length defeat of Cirrus des Aigles in the 2012 G1



**Frankel’s sales yearlings averaged \$712,617**  
*Racing Post photo*

Champion S., his second start at 10 furlongs, and on soft ground. After Royal Ascot he ran twice more as a 3-year-old, defeating Canford Cliffs (who never ran again) by five lengths in the G1 Sussex S. (RPR 137), then whacking Excelebration (Exceed And Excel) by four lengths in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. (RPR 139) on the inaugural British Champions Day in 2011.

At four, Frankel ran three times at a mile, then stepped up to 10 furlongs for his final two starts. He came back in the G1 Lockinge in May (RPR 139), defeating Excelebration by five lengths. Then he turned in another truly breathtaking performance, powering away by 11 lengths from Excelebration in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot (RPR 143), and followed that up by beating Farhh (Pivotal) by six lengths for his second win in the G1 Sussex S (RPR 138). He then stepped up to 10 1/2 furlongs and beat Farhh by seven lengths in the G1 Juddmonte International (RPR 143 again), and finished off in the G1 Champion S. by defeating Cirrus des Aigles, on Cirrus's favored soft ground, with Nathaniel (Galileo) third and Pastorius (Soldier Hollow) fourth in the six-horse field (RPR 136). So in Frankel's seven starts – all in Group 1's, of course - after the St. James’s Palace, his average winning margin was over 5 1/2 lengths, and his average RPR was 139.2. As a racehorse, he was a total freak – the greatest.

We’ve said a number of times in print that proximity to Frankel has to be a strong positive indicator of sire success, whatever he does himself as a sire. **Zoffany**, who many of us beforehand didn’t even rate as being part of this discussion, turns out to be the first for whom Frankel was a ‘sire pointer’, and Zoffany could hardly have started better: he’s leading European Freshman Sire by progeny earnings by a wide margin, including three Group 2 winners who are all Group 1-placed: the filly Illuminate, and the colts Washington DC and Foundation.



**Frankel in the Lockinge | Racing Post**

Frankel, of course, stands at Juddmonte’s Banstead Manor Stud, and Zoffany stands at Coolmore. Newsells Park Stud stands **Nathaniel**, whose yearlings sold well above expectations (76 offered, 57 sold, average equivalent to \$163,683, over five times his GBP20,000 stud fee), and really impressed the judges. Nathaniel met Frankel twice, ironically in what was the first and last starts for both horses. In the first, in a mile maiden at Newmarket in August of their 2-year-old year, Frankel beat Nathaniel the a half-length; in the last, Nathaniel was third to Frankel and Cirrus des Aigles in the 2012 G1 Champion S. on soft ground, beaten 4 1/4 lengths. In between, as a 3-year-old, Nathaniel won the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot, defeating Fiorente (who went on to win the G1 Melbourne Cup)



**Excelebration | Coolmore photo**

by five lengths, then upset the previous year’s G1 Epsom Derby winner, Workforce, in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. At four Nathaniel kicked off by defeating Farhh in the G1 Eclipse S. at 10 furlongs; was then

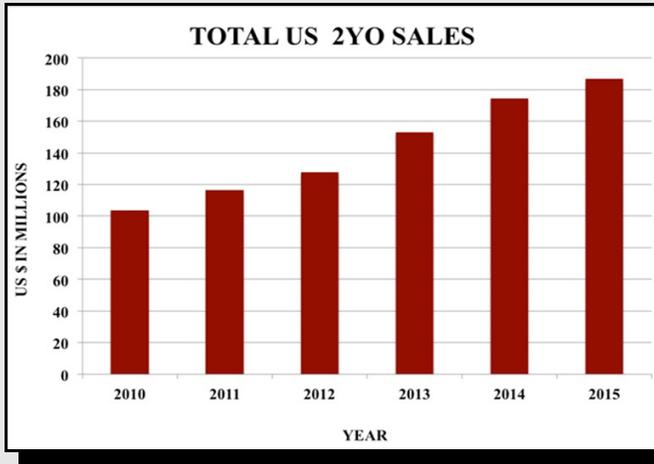
beaten by a dirty nose by Danedream in the 2012 ‘King George’; then ran second to Snow Fairy in the G1 Irish Champion S., and third to Frankel in the G1 Champion S., as previously noted. In four of his last five starts Nathaniel ran RPR 127, which is remarkable top-level consistency.

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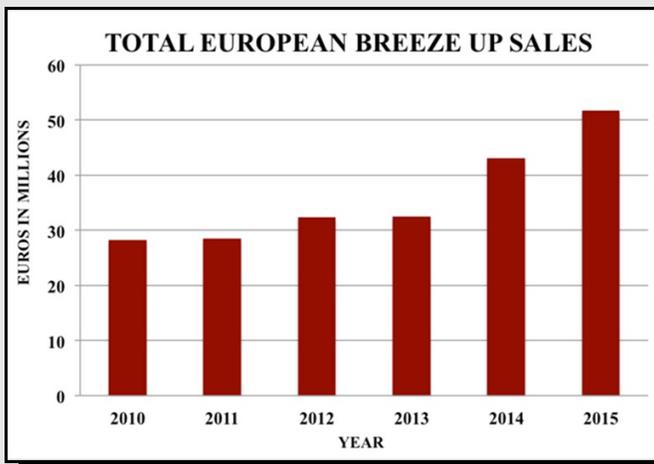
# Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"In contrast to the yearling and mixed sales markets, the North American 2-Year-Old market recovered more quickly than the European: the NA gross jumped 20%, from \$127.5m in 2012 to \$153.2m in 2013. As the EU 2-year-old market remained flat at €32.4 in 2013, at that point North America accounted for 81% of the combined NA + EU 2-year-old market. Since then the NA market is up another 22% (46% since 2012), the EU market is up 59% since but North America is still 77% of the combined market".  
- Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	4,030	2,825	2,145	29.9%	75.9%	53.2%	\$186,980,800	\$87,171
2014	4,080	2,971	2,311	27.2%	77.8%	56.6%	\$174,557,200	\$75,533
2013	3,413	2,506	1,987	26.6%	79.3%	58.2%	\$153,248,050	\$77,125
2012	3,529	2,613	2,028	26.0%	77.6%	57.5%	\$127,566,100	\$62,902
2011	3,855	2,837	2,135	26.4%	75.3%	55.4%	\$116,571,000	\$54,600
2010	3,294	2,530	1,864	23.2%	73.7%	56.6%	\$103,477,900	\$55,514



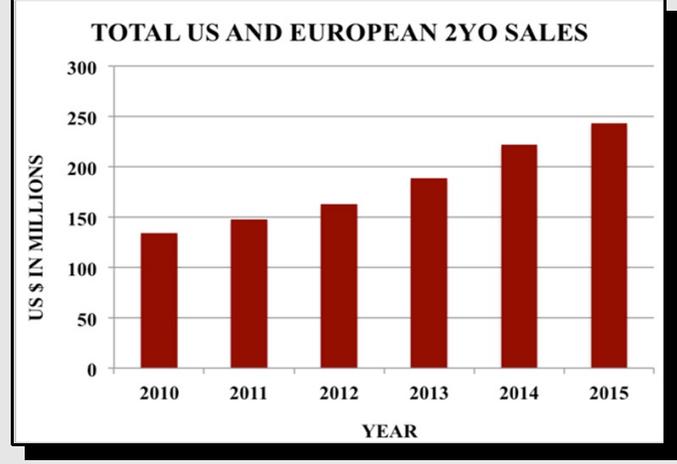
YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	1,075	904	726	15.9%	80.3%	67.5%	€51,684,579	€71,191
2014	1,023	852	685	16.7%	80.4%	67.0%	€43,109,010	€62,933
2013	927	777	615	16.2%	79.2%	66.3%	€32,477,035	€52,808
2012	1,020	868	667	14.9%	76.8%	65.4%	€32,395,587	€48,569
2011	932	796	594	14.6%	74.6%	63.7%	€28,461,317	€47,915
2010	947	833	630	12.0%	75.6%	66.5%	€28,185,501	€44,739

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

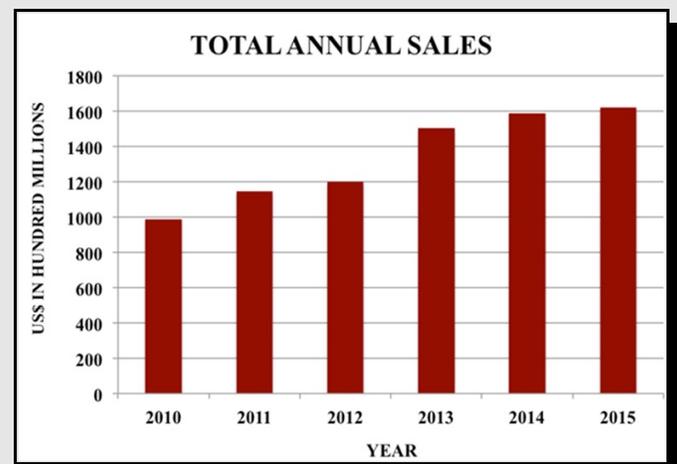
# Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"The overall combined North American and European major auction markets recovered by 25% - a massive \$305-million - between 2012 and 2013. The European sector of the 2-year-old market stalled in 2013, so in that year the 2-year-old sector accounted for 12.6% of the combined overall market. With substantial growth since, both in NA and EU, in 2015 the 2-year-old sector accounted for 15.0% (\$243m) of the overall total of \$1.621-billion. This sector is likely to continue increasing, especially in North America".  
- Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	5,105	3,729	2,871	27.0%	77.0%	56.2%	\$243,804,203	\$84,920
2014	5,103	3,823	2,996	25.1%	78.4%	58.7%	\$221,952,394	\$74,083
2013	4,340	3,283	2,602	24.4%	79.3%	60.0%	\$188,954,167	\$72,619
2012	4,549	3,481	2,695	23.5%	77.4%	59.2%	\$163,182,671	\$60,550
2011	4,787	3,633	2,729	24.1%	75.1%	57.0%	\$147,862,103	\$54,182
2010	4,241	3,363	2,494	20.7%	74.2%	58.8%	\$134,465,790	\$53,916



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	36,260	29,474	22,921	18.7%	77.8%	63.2%	\$1,621,229,882	\$70,731
2014	35,798	29,622	23,468	17.3%	79.2%	65.6%	\$1,587,948,435	\$67,664
2013	32,647	27,129	21,914	16.9%	80.8%	67.1%	\$1,502,245,904	\$68,552
2012	32,594	27,055	21,143	17.0%	78.1%	64.9%	\$1,197,817,046	\$56,653
2011	33,653	27,630	21,103	17.9%	76.4%	62.7%	\$1,145,986,157	\$54,304
2010	36,078	29,848	21,741	17.3%	72.8%	60.3%	\$988,003,307	\$45,444

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

**Excelebration**, like Zoffany, stands at Coolmore, and like Nathaniel has his first 2-year-olds racing in 2016. Originally trained by Marco Botti, the Coolmore partners bought into him midway through his 3-year-old year, and he moved to Aidan O'Brien for his 4-year-old campaign. At three he placed three times behind Frankel: in the G3 Greenham S., a G1 English 2000 Guineas prep; he was third to Frankel and Zoffany in the G1 St. James's Palace; and second to Frankel, at Ascot, in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. on the inaugural British Champions Day in 2011. When not running into Frankel Excelebration won the G2 German 2000 Guineas by seven lengths, and the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, at a mile, against older horses. At four he was twice more second to Frankel, in the G1 Lockinge and G1 Queen Anne (by 11 lengths, as mentioned), but then when Frankel stepped up to ten furlongs, Excelebration was an impressive winner of two more one-mile races, the G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois, and the 2012 edition of the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. Excelebration had 53 yearlings from his first crop sell, for an average equivalent to \$89,725.

The fourth stallion prospect with close form ties to Frankel, besides Zoffany, Nathaniel, and Excelebration, is Darley's **Farhh** (Pivotal). Like the other four, Farhh was a member of the 2008 foal crop, but he ran just once each year at two and three (winning both). He won a Handicap called the Thirsk Hunt Cup in his first start at four, then stepped into Group 1 company, when he ran third to So You Think in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot. He was then beaten a half-length by Nathaniel in the G1 Eclipse S. in early July; then beaten six lengths and seven lengths, respectively, when second to Frankel in both the one-mile G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood, then in the 10 1/2-furlong G1 Juddmonte International at York; and closed out his 4-year-old campaign with a head defeat by the top-class filly Moonlight Could in the G1 Prix de Moulin de Longchamp in early September. At five Farhh started twice and won two Group 1 races, the Lockinge at Newbury in May, and the 2013 edition of the G1 Champion S.

Frankel doesn't have to be the Leading Freshman Sire next year to become a top sire; Galileo's first 2-year-olds included exactly one black-type winner in 2005, but when they became 3-year-olds – different story. And even if Frankel proves not to be as good a sire as he was a racehorse (that's a high bar), the progress of his closest challengers will also be very important. So, observers will be carefully charting not just how Frankel will be doing as a sire, but also Zoffany (first 3-year-olds 2016), Nathaniel, Excelebration, and Farhh. But other point: if Frankel is anywhere near as good as a sire as he was as a racehorse, he could change history.

*(For more on Bill Oppenheim's continuing Value Sires series, please see TDN America.)*

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## FAHEY'S QUEST CONTINUES

Richard Fahey's quest to break the record number of winners by a British-based trainer in a calendar year continues for another day at least as his two runners at Southwell on Tuesday were both beaten favorites. It looked good for the Yorkshire trainer as his **Mitre Peak (GB)**

(Shamardal), racing in the trainer's own colors, traveled strongly in the lead into the home straight in the seven-furlong maiden, but was overhauled well inside the last furlong to finish second to Karmadal (Ire)

(Shamardal). Fahey's remaining runner **Spirit Of Zeb (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}) was

ultimately well beaten in the five-furlong handicap. Fahey has three chances to break the record at Wolverhampton on Wednesday and if he draws a blank there, he has four entries on the final day of the year at Lingfield on Thursday.

There was, however one record broken at Southwell on Tuesday when **La Estrella** (Theatrical {Ire}) landed the opening contest. It was the Don Cantillon owned and trained 12-year-old's 27th victory on the all-weather. His other win came on the turf at Pontefract over eight years ago and the proud trainer commented, "I am pretty damn speechless. I am so, so proud of the horse. It is nothing to do with me, it is him. He is a truly amazing horse. He is so special, if ever I ride out, he is the only one I ride and he is a handful, but I am so honored to have him."



**Richard Fahey could have seven more chances to break the record |**  
*Racing Post*



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### Tuesday's Results:

**6th-SOU, £4,500, Alw, 12-29, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:17.81, ft. ARIZONA SNOW (GB) (g, 3, Phoenix Reach {Ire}--Calgary {GB}, by Pivotal {GB})** Lifetime Record: 17-2-1-1, \$9,961. O-Ridge House Stables Ltd; B-Winterbeck Manor Stud (GB); T-Ronald Harris. \*£2,000 Ylg '13 DONNOV.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Wolowitz (Ire)**, g, 2, **Intense Focus**--Tranquil Sky (GB), by Intikhab. SOU, 12-29, 5f (AWT), :59.26. B-Jerry O'Sullivan (IRE). \*€20,000 Ylg '14 GOFSP.

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**Karmadal (Ire)**, f, 3, **Shamardal**--Karmifira (Fr) (SW & G1SP-Fr, \$126,449), by Always Fair. SOU, 12-29, 7f (AWT), 1:30.03. B-Forenaghts Stud & Tinnakill Bloodstock (IRE). \*95,000gns Wlg '12 TATFOA; 120,000gns RNA Ylg '13 TAOCT. \*\*1/2 to On Verra (Ire) (Smart Strike), G1SP-Fr, \$182,588; and Keladora (Crafty Prospector), MSP-Fr, \$122,253.



**Tuesday's Results:**

**1st-NEU, €5,000, Alw, 12-29, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:35.34, ft. ROCK ACADEMY (GER) (g, 3, Areion {Ger}--Rocket Light {Ger}, by Lando {Ger})** Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-0, €22,400. O-Guido W Schmitt; B-Marlene Haller (GER); T-Mario Hofer.



**RACENIGHT: AL RAYYAN (cont. from p1)**

Similar to Keeneland, but much farther apart, there are separate saddling and parade rings, with the latter located directly in front of the stands.

Jockey Frankie Dettori drew plenty of attention (a television cameraman couldn't have been more than three feet from his face as he twirled his riding crop), nothing new there, upon entering the paddock before the featured US\$100,000 Al Rayyan S. (N) for 2-year-old Thoroughbreds going seven furlongs. But it was another horse with European connections that stole the show beneath the lights.



**Photo finish | Sherackatthetrack**

Sibbertoft Bloodstock Limited's **Perkunas (Ire)** (Baltic King {GB}), trained by Brian Meehan, unleashed a powerful stretch run down the center of the course under a flawless ride by Jamie Spencer to win going away by two lengths. The wall-to-wall smile of his female handler, one of very few not wearing a helmet, may still not have worn off yet.

"I'm delighted; it's a lot of pleasure bringing a 2-year-old out here," Meehan commented before accepting the hardware.

"It was really great. I love taking horses abroad--trying to win with them in the States, too, and so on. It was just another challenge, really, for the yard and the team at home. It's a real pleasure when you take them abroad and win. Especially races like this. They looked like a nice bunch of horses going out onto the track. I was really impressed. He's a late-maturing type and clearly improving."



**Al Rayyan | Sherackatthetrack**

Meehan became the first European-based conditioner to saddle a winner in Qatar.

"It's a wonderful atmosphere here this evening," he concluded.

Nasser Al Kaabi, general manager of the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club, added, "I am delighted that a European horse has won the Al Rayyan S. and become the first European winner in Qatar as well."

A third-out maiden winner at Brighton in Britain Sept. 7, the 42,000gns TATMAY 2-year-old graduate--selected by bloodstock agent Anthony Stroud--entered off a very close fourth in Crazy Horse (GB) (Sleeping Indian {GB})'s G3 Horris Hill S. at Newbury Oct. 24.

The Al Rayyan was held as the fourth race during a seven-race program. Wednesday's card, capped by the US\$500,000 Qatar Derby, begins at 5 p.m (17:00) local time. -@SteveSherackTDN



**Qatar Derby contender Tannaaf (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), trained by Mike de Kock, takes in his surroundings at Al Rayyan Tuesday morning | Sherackatthetrack**



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**TOKYO DAISHOTEN-G1**, ¥136,000,000 (US\$1,130,241), Oi, 12-29, 3yo/up, 2000m, 2:03.00, gd.

1--**&SOUND TRUE (JPN)**, 126, g, 5, French Deputy

1st Dam: **Kyoei Truth (Jpn)**, by **Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: **Kyoei Yoshino (Jpn)**, by **Proud Debonair**

3rd Dam: **Kyoei Meet (Jpn)**, by **Crowned Prince**

O-Hiroshi Yamada; B-Okada Stud; T-Noboru Takagi; J-Takuya Ono; ¥80,000,000 Lifetime: 32-8-7-9. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**  
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2--**Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Madam Cherokee (Jpn), by Cherokee Run. O-Michiaki Yabe; B-Ichikawa Farm; ¥28,000,000.

3--**Wonder Acute (Jpn)**, 126, h, 9, Charismatic--Wonder Heritage, by Pleasant Tap. O-Nobuyuki Yamamoto; B-Fukuda Farm; ¥16,000,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 6, NK. Odds: 2.90, 1.30, 26.20.

Also Ran: Copano Ricky (Jpn), Namura Victor (Jpn), Happy Sprint (Jpn), Grand City (Jpn), Summit Stone (Jpn), Keiai Leone (Jpn), Eurobeat (Jpn), Pretiolas (Jpn), Falcon Claw (Jpn), Touch Duel (Jpn), Yusei Queen Sa (Jpn). **Click for the [JRA chart and video](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

An eighth win and first at the top level for Sound True as he took the final Group 1 of 2015 in Japan and the sole international contest offered by the NAR circuit rather than the Japan Racing Association. In doing so, the 5-year-old foiled the



Sound True | JBIS Photo

two-time defending champion Hokko Tarumae in his hat-trick bid in the race. The winner backed up his previously promising display when third to Sambista (Jpn) (Suzuka Mambo {Jpn}) in the G1 Champions Cup at Chukyo Dec. 6 to claim the honors by

a 1 3/4 lengths under jockey Takuya Ono with a further six-length break back to Wonder Acute in third.

**TOP JOCKEYS FOR HONG KONG**

Silvestre De Sousa and Ryan Moore are two star names added to the Hong Kong jockey roster from next month. Britain's champion De Sousa, who has been riding the New York circuit this winter, will begin a three-week stint beginning Jan. 9, while Moore has a six-week stay planned to kick off Jan. 17. The two additions will help alleviate a current shortage of jockeys in Hong Kong at the moment and Steve Railton, licensing committee secretary for the Hong Kong Jockey Club commented, "Silvestre has very good credentials, some great

achievements behind him, he is light and it was a case of when it was a good fit for both him and the club."

De Sousa made a recent winning trip to Hong Kong when riding a winner for Tony Cruz at the International Jockeys Challenge and speaking to the *South China Morning Post* Railton added, "I spoke to Silvestre when he was here for the IJC and, who knows, maybe the fact he rode a winner that night whetted his appetite. Anyway, he has agreed to drop what he is doing and come here for three weeks, which certainly helps our jockey numbers during January."



Silvestre De Sousa | *Racing Post*

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**NO CONCERNS OVER CAPITALIST**

**'TDN Rising Star' Capitalist (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) remains on course for the A\$2-million Magic Millions Jan. 9 despite missing an intended trial at Randwick Tuesday morning. The Peter and Paul Snowden-trained colt is favorite for his next big test on the back of two impressive winning starts, including last time out in the Wyong Magic Millions Classic Dec 17. Alleviating fears that all may not be well with the colt, co-trainer Paul Snowden explained to *racing.com*, "He had a temperature



Capitalist | *Racing And Sports*

just a tick or two above what is normal, but he's still licking the bin and feeling good. He could have trialed and if he wasn't the hot favorite for a \$2-million race, then he would have had a spin around, but we just decided to err on the side of caution

because of the big stakes that are up for grabs." Snowden is not concerned with missing the trial and feels time is still on his side to get the colt to the race in peak condition. "We've got plenty of time up our sleeve as he won't leave to go to the Gold Coast until next Wednesday," added the trainer.

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