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Prize Exhibit (5) tackles Shrinking Violet and holds off Ageless | Benoit

PLENTY OF PROMISE FOR ALBERTRANI IN '16

by Ben Massam

After closing out 2015 on a decidedly strong note, trainer Tom Albertrani has plenty of reason to be optimistic about the status of his barn at the outset of the 2016 season. As a trainer known



Always Thinking | Leslie Martin

for his typically patient approach, Albertrani admitted that he was pleased to see a number of his runners graduate from the maiden ranks early in their careers.

The trainer kicked off his most recent string of success when **Always Thinking**

(Street Sense) won at first asking in a Dec. 23 dash at Gulfstream Park. Dismissed at odds of 19-1, the filly closed from 10 lengths off the pace to win going away by 1 1/2 lengths. **Cont. p5**

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



The form book shows that any American owner considering importing a European turf filly could do much worse than choosing a daughter of the champion 2-year-old and sprinter Oasis Dream. The 2009 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf provided ample evidence of their suitability for

America's firm turf tracks. One daughter, the diminutive Visit, hung onto fourth place after leading much of the way, with victory going to another daughter, Midday. Visit had earlier gone close to winning the Gamely S. and the Yellow Ribbon.

Then there was Tuscan Evening. Although she had been group-placed in Ireland, this daughter of Oasis Dream had failed to win in 11 attempts in Europe. It was a very different story after her transfer to California. Sixteen starts yielded 12 victories, with the GI Gamely S. heading her eight successes at graded level.

Among the others which have done well in the U.S. are Quiet Oasis (GII Royal Heroine S. and GIII Wilshire H.), Strathnaver (GIII Bewitch S.) and Button Down (GIII Cardinal H. last November). It is worth mentioning that Button Down's official rating in Britain stood no higher than 83 after she had failed to win in seven attempts, while Strathnaver's was 81. **Cont. p3**

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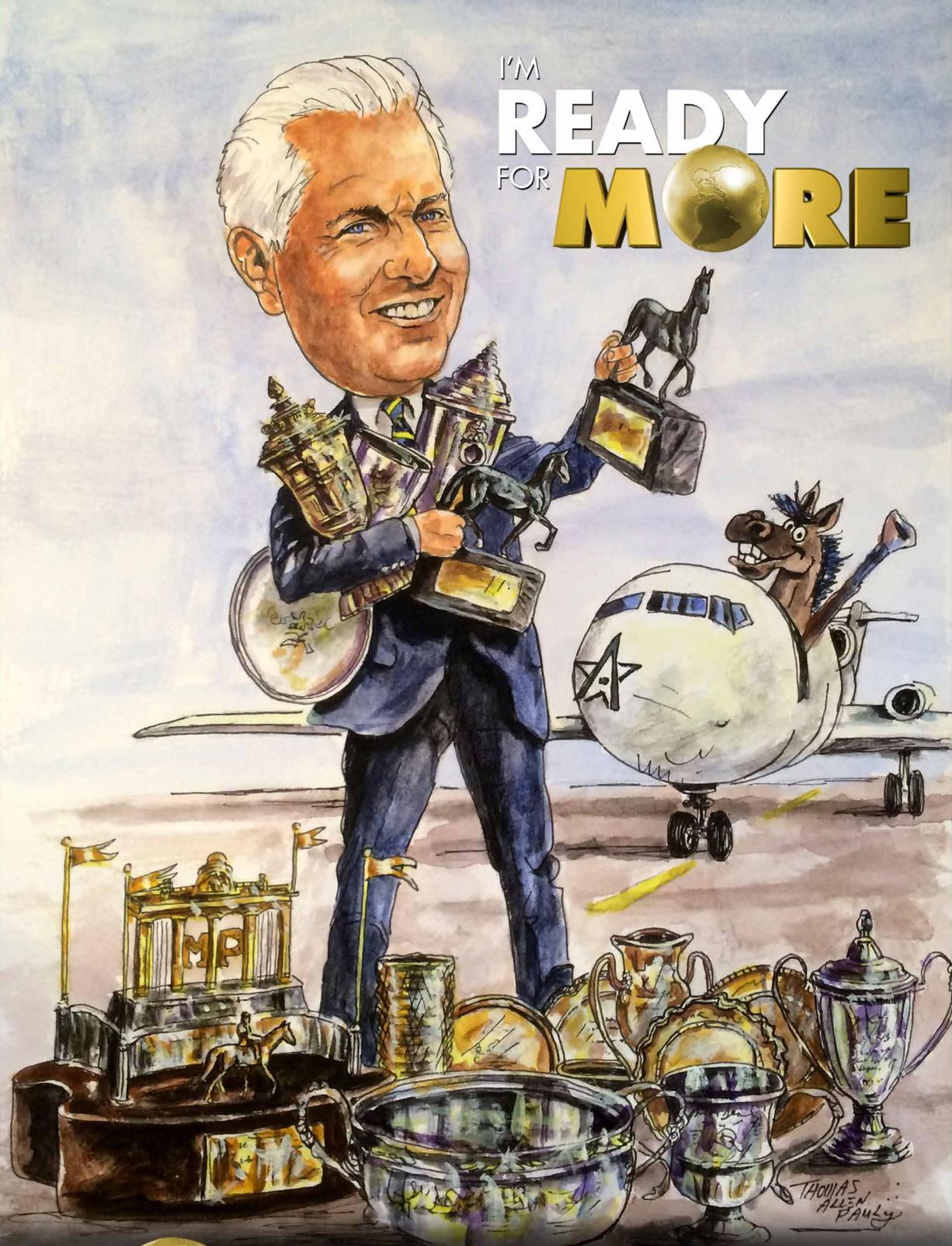
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TCA Stallion Season Auction Begins

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The 26th annual Thoroughbred Charities of America Stallion Season Auction began Monday and will run until Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. EST. The auction offers a number of stallion seasons, halters, and experiences.

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1st Dam: Roodeye (GB) (SP-Eng), by Inchinor (GB)

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3rd Dam: Shall We Run (GB), by Hotfoot (GB)

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In these circumstances, we shouldn't be too surprised that Prize Exhibit, a filly from the first crop by Oasis Dream's son Showcasing, is doing so well in the U.S. This 4-year-old was winning her third graded stakes when she triumphed in the Gil Monrovia S.--a race once won by Tuscan Evening.

Prize Exhibit has proved she's tough, as the Monrovia was her 20th start--and she's also versatile in terms of distance, though she has yet to win at a mile and an eighth.

Kasseopia, a colt by Showcasing, was second in the GIII Grey S. at Woodbine last October and it should be interesting to follow the progress of Showcasing's ex-French son Projected, who is joining Juddmonte's American squad.

I have to admit that Prize Exhibit's sire, Showcasing, ultimately proved one of the biggest disappointments to me during my long association with Juddmonte Farms. His first few starts were good enough to suggest that he might be capable of following in Oasis Dream's footsteps by dominating his generation at two.

PRIZE EXHIBIT (GB), f, 2012

Showcasing (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Green Desert	Danzig	
		Hope (Ire)	Foreign Courier	
	Arabesque (GB)	Zafonic	Dancing Brave	
		Prophecy (Ire)	Bahamian (Ire)	
Roodeye (GB) 18-2-2-2 8 Fls, 1 GSW	Inchinor (GB)	Ahonoora (GB)	Gone West	
		Inchmurrin (Ire)	Zaizafon	
	Roo (GB) 22-2-5-2 12 Fls, 1 GSP	Rudimentary	Warning (GB)	
		Shall We Run (GB) 15 Fls, 1 GSW	Andaleeb	
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Having failed by only a head to wear down the future G1 Prix Morny winner Arcano on debut, Showcasing then easily won a maiden at Yarmouth before stepping into group company in the historic Gimcrack S. Showcasing won this G2 contest in style, lowering the 2-year-old six-furlong course record in the process. He then attempted to emulate Oasis Dream's victory in the G1 Middle Park S., but could finish only third.

Showcasing's next mission was to try to become as good a sprinter as his sire and his quest started very well. As the youngest in a 12-horse field for the G2 Duke of York S., Showcasing faced a difficult task on his return to action at three. However, he confirmed his potential in finishing a close second. Unfortunately, it all went horribly wrong after that, with Showcasing trailing home last of 24 next time and 13th of 14 on what proved to be his final appearance. He didn't look very enthusiastic towards the end of his career, but maybe something was hurting him.

Without the Group 1 win which Juddmonte usually demands of future stallions, Showcasing was sold to Whitsbury Manor Stud--an establishment which did so well with Young Generation and his son Cadeaux Genereux. Showcasing began his career at a fee of £5,000, which fell to £4,500 in each of the next three years. You can gauge how well he has started from the fact that his fee rose to £15,000 after his first 2-year-olds raced in 2014 and it has now climbed to £25,000. Showcasing owes this substantial rise to his achievement of siring three first-crop group/graded winners, while his second includes Quiet Reflection, a Group 3 winner who has been beaten only once in four starts, and the very useful Tasleet.

Another indication of his potential was the popularity of Showcasing's third-crop yearlings in 2015. At 42 foals, this third crop is roughly half the size of its two predecessors and it bears repeating that it was sired at a fee of only £4,500. Even so, Shadwell was prepared to pay six-figure sums to secure the top two, paying 330,000gns for Tawaafiq, a colt out of Gilt Linked, and £170,000 for Waqaas, a colt out of Red Mischief. Altogether these third-crop yearlings averaged nearly 48,000gns, which suggests that they have sufficient quality to compensate for their lack of quantity.

Incidentally, Shadwell's eagerness to acquire Showcasing yearlings reflects the success of Tasleet, a second-crop colt who earned nearly £220,000 for Sheikh Hamdan last year.

Showcasing's success surely bodes well for Muhaarar, Shadwell's champion son of Oasis Dream who starts his career at a fee of £30,000. However, it is unrealistic to expect every son of a high-class stallion to make the grade as a sire. For example, three young group-winning sons of Oasis Dream have recently moved location after failing to make a big enough impact with their early crops.



FOREVER DARLING *Santa Ynez S. (G2)*



LIFE IMITATES ART *Dania Beach S. (G3)*

Setting the pace for a successful 2016, Keeneland sales graduates scored two trifectas this past weekend.

Baltas, Herbert Bloodstock and J K Racing's **FOREVER DARLING** won the Santa Ynez Stakes (G2) and Klaravich Stables and William H. Lawrence's **LIFE IMITATES ART** won the Dania Beach Stakes (G3).

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Arcano has moved from Ireland to Italy, as has Frozen Power, and Approve (sire of the smart Group 3 winner Waady) has gone from Ireland to Turkey.

I am expecting better things from Power, Oasis Dream's G1 National S. and G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas winner, when his first 2-year-olds race this year. This tough horse achieved such prices as 180,000gns, 160,000gns and €150,000 with his yearlings.

Coincidentally, Power and Prize Exhibit share the same broodmare sire in Inchinor. This son of the remarkable Ahonoora stood only 15.1 hands, but that didn't diminish his eagerness for a fight. His five victories included one gained by a short head, two by a neck and one by half a length, so he possessed admirable determination.

As a very small horse who won nothing more important than a trio of Group 3 races over seven furlongs, Inchinor can't have found it easy to establish himself as a stallion. He was also only 13 when he died, so his total output stood at only 527 foals. Among them, though, were nearly 4% group winners, headed by the Group 1 winners Notnowcato, Latice, Cape of Good Hope, Silca's Sister and Summoner.

His broodmare daughters have 16 group winners to their credit, including the Group 1 winners Power, Curvy, We Are and Dominant.

Prize Exhibit's dam Roodeye wasn't a stakes winner but wasn't far from that standard, with a Timeform rating of 100. She was also closely related to Inchinor's son Bannister, winner of the G2 Gimcrack S. in 2000. In addition to sharing the same sire as Roodeye, Bannister was a half-brother to Roodeye's dam, the speedy Roo. This family isn't short of speed and 2-year-old talent and has produced winners of both the G1 Cheveley Park S. (champion filly Dead Certain) and G1 Middle Park S. (Astaire).



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PLENTY OF PROMISE FOR ALBERTRANI IN '16

(Cont. from p1)

"[Always Thinking] came out of the race really well," Albertrani said. "I'm not sure if I'd be jumping the gun to step her up into a little stake [next out], but I think I'm just going to see how she trains over the next couple of weeks before I decide where she goes next. I guess we could get a little brave and run her in the [Jan. 30 Gil] Forward Gal, but I would probably look at a non-winners of two race before jumping her up into something like that."

Given that Always Thinking demonstrated a late-running style over a sometimes speed-favoring surface, Albertrani added that he believes the bay will likely improve over increasing distances.

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“I thought she ran a very impressive race in her first start, making up that kind of ground coming from last to first over a track that hasn’t been very helpful toward closing horses,” the trainer explained.

Just four days later, West Point Thoroughbreds’ **Awesome Dame** (Awesome of Course) kept the ball rolling for Albertrani with a wire-to-wire score going one mile in Hallandale Dec. 27. Despite drifting out in the stretch, Albertrani said that the \$70,000 OBS March acquisition should fit well in restricted stakes company in Ocala later this month.

“She came out of the race fine,” the conditioner noted. “She was drifting quite a bit in that last race. I didn’t quite know where that was coming from, but it seemed like she came out of the race fine. We’re most likely headed to Ocala with her on Jan. 26 for the [OBS Championship S.]”

Robert C. Baker and William L. Mack’s **Giant Run** (Giant’s Causeway) added another victory for Albertrani in the New Year, wiring a full field of maidens over a grassy 1 1/16 miles at Gulfstream Jan. 2. The colt has demonstrated clear aptitude over the lawn, earning Beyer Speed Figures of 89 and 90 for his two efforts over the surface. Now equipped with a win under his belt, the trainer said he is confident that his Maryland-bred charge has a future in stakes company.

“His two turf races were very promising races,” Albertrani noted. “Apart from his previous race back on the dirt, he definitely came back and ran every bit as well in his second turf race. So we definitely have high expectations for him as well. I’m not sure whether we’d be rushing him back in the [Jan. 30] Kitten’s Joy S. or maybe the [Feb. 27 GIII] Palm Beach S. later on, but I definitely think he’ll fit well in those kind of races.”

While Albertrani has enjoyed plenty of racing action at Gulfstream, the trainer is also busy in the mornings at Palm Meadows Training Center preparing a pair of talented fillies for their sophomore debuts. **Desert Tune** (Street Cry {Ire})--fifth in the GI Frizette S. Oct. 3--and **Libreta** (Girolamo)--sixth in the GII Matron S. Oct. 18--worked four furlongs in :51.90 and :50.90, respectively, Monday morning.

“Both are doing well--we brought them down [to Florida] and basically gave them a nice freshening over the last couple of months,” the trainer said. “We should see them both back in the entries pretty soon. With Desert Tune, we may switch over to the turf in the middle of the month and bring her back in a non-winners of two. There’s some turf on her side as well, being [a half-sister to MGISW] Better Lucky. Better Lucky was very good on the turf, but she managed to run well on both surfaces. I think Desert Tune may be more [of a turf type].”

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Albertrani added that he is also looking forward to the seasonal debut of **Estelle** (Distorted Humor), who broke her maiden over a mile at Aqueduct Nov. 11. The Godolphin-owned gray has posted two four-furlong breezes at Palm Meadows since her arrival to South Florida. She is joined by male counterparts **Wheels Up Now** (Smart Strike) and **Toughest 'Ombre** (Tale of the Cat) as other newly minted sophomores expected to compete in the near future.

"We've been sitting on a good season with our [3-year-olds]," reflected Albertrani. "I think we have some interesting horses to follow this season. I think from a year ago, we've had close to 10 2-year olds already break their maiden. So it's a pretty promising year for our 3-year-olds, hopefully."

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First Foal for MGSW & MGISP Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway)

- Exotic Storm (Distorted Humor) produced a dark bay filly at Brandywine Farm in Paris, KY, Sunday Jan. 3.

NBC SPORTS WINS MEDIA ECLIPSE AWARD

NBC Sports has won the Media Eclipse Award for Television – Live Racing Programming for its broadcast of the 2015 Belmont Stakes featuring American Pharoah's victory, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters announced Monday.

"On behalf of the dedicated men and women who work on NBC's horse racing coverage, I am honored to accept this prestigious award," said Rob Hyland, coordinating producer of NBC Sports Group's horse racing coverage. "When American Pharoah crossed the finish line at Belmont Park, our production philosophy was very simple--document the moment and let the moment speak for itself. As Bob Costas so eloquently said that afternoon, the Triple Crown is 'just so difficult, so unlikely, so rare, so stupendous an achievement that we won't soon forget what we witnessed today at Belmont Park.' June 6, 2015, is a day that all of us at NBC Sports will remember for the rest of our lives. It was a privilege and an honor to be a part of such a defining moment in sports history."

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“I was thrilled that we won this award because it was a collaborative effort, which formed a beautiful multi-media piece,” said Simon, who lives in Lexington. “I have always been a racing historian. Regret has fascinated me all along and the fact that she came along at the peak of the women’s suffrage movement, she was a wonderful inspiration for gender equality. So much started changing at the time and Regret was also symbolic of what was going on.”

Honorable mention in the Audio/Multi-Media and Internet category went to *Thoroughbred Daily News* for “[The Education of Bobby Flay](#),” written by Lucas Marquardt, which appeared on the TDN website on Oct. 28, 2015 and Sirius XM radio for “Allen Jerkens Remembered,” produced by Steve Byk, which aired on Mar. 15, 2015.

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DIGITAL KITCHEN & THE HENNEGAN BROTHERS WIN ECLIPSE

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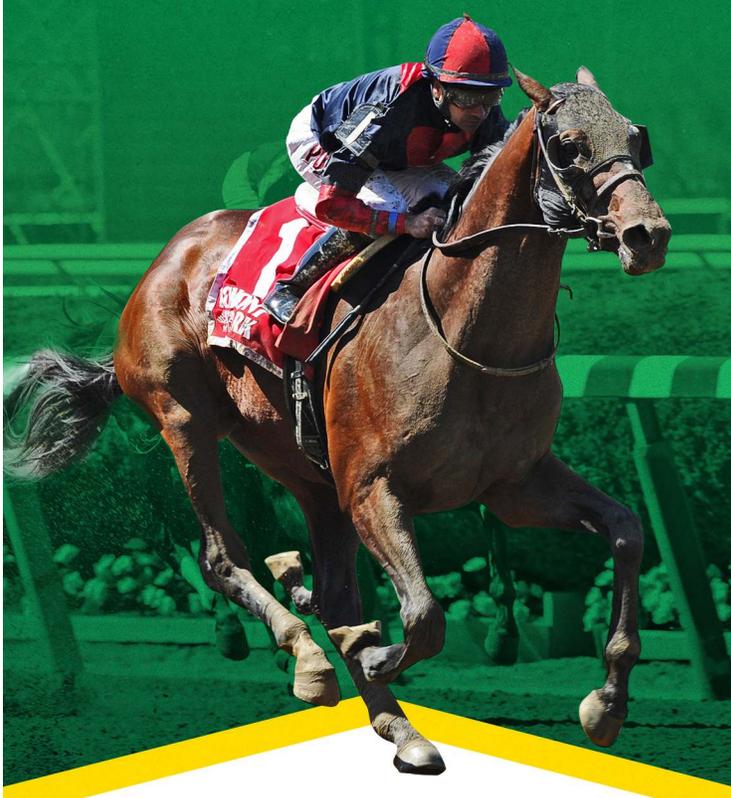
Perry Ouzts, the 11th leading Thoroughbred jockey of all-time based at Belterra Park in Cincinnati, Ohio, which aired on AT&T U-Verse Sports Aug. 15, 2015. It is the second Eclipse Award for Brad and John Hennegan, who won for the television feature “First Saturday in May.” The awards will be announced at the 45th

Annual Eclipse Awards dinner and ceremony at Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino in Hallandale Beach, Florida Saturday Jan. 16.

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How American Pharoah Changed Racing: From an Insider’s Perspective

As we look back on the year that was, the importance of



American Pharoah winning the Belmont | Sarah K. Andrew

American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile)’s incredible year has had time to sink in. From his stellar spring campaign, to his historic Triple Crown run, his breathtaking GI Haskell Inv., gutsy GI Travers S. and absolutely unbelievable GI Breeders’ Cup Classic, American Pharoah certainly

made an impact on sports and the news worldwide. We’ve asked a number of industry insiders how he or she believe American Pharoah changed the racing landscape on both a historic and personal level.

Harper Hutchins, college student and TDN Intern who blogged about American Pharoah’s Preakness and Belmont for the TDN:

American Pharoah’s win meant one very simple thing to me: hope. Over the past few years, I had truly lost faith in the racing industry. Due to the way the general public views horse racing, I was sure the end was near and inevitable. American Pharoah’s truly brought hope to all. I was at the Preakness and the Belmont, and I have never seen such a large group of people all together in support of one thing. Sure, there were people who thought he wasn’t going to win, but the overwhelming majority was there to witness history. Everyone wanted him to win simply because he deserved it and the sport deserved it. For me, American Pharoah meant a turning point in American racing.

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- Bill Oppenheim

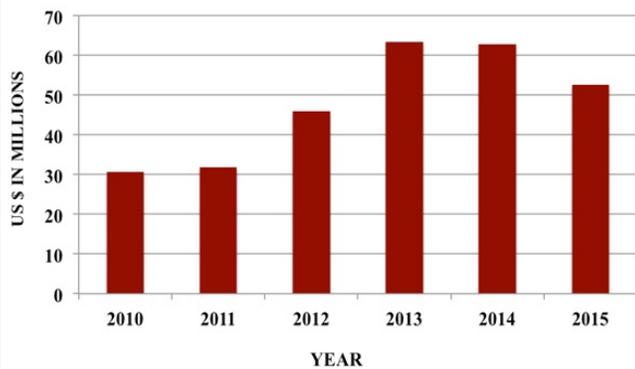
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"Though first-half North American & European Mixed Sales combined only constituted 4% of the \$1.62-billion total NA/EU auction marketplace, they are the earliest indicators we have of the state of the auction market, at least until the 2-Year-Old Sales get underway. Last year's Keeneland January Book 1 grossed \$27.8-million, about 43% of the combined first-half mixed sale market. Meanwhile the A\$100-million (in 2015) Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale is underway".

- Bill Oppenheim

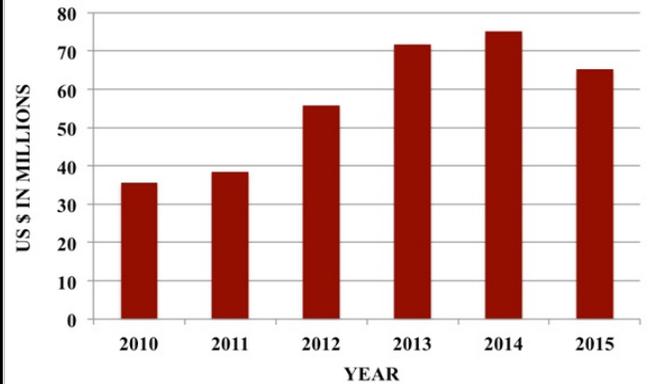
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	3,112	2,495	1,937	19.8%	77.6%	62.2%	\$52,722,000	\$27,218
2014	3,303	2,685	2,120	18.7%	79.0%	64.2%	\$62,906,600	\$29,673
2013	2,973	2,385	1,791	19.8%	75.1%	60.2%	\$63,360,300	\$35,377
2012	2,692	2,170	1,670	19.4%	77.0%	62.0%	\$46,012,300	\$27,552
2011	3,079	2,441	1,769	20.7%	72.5%	57.5%	\$31,809,450	\$17,982
2010	3,077	2,487	1,737	19.2%	69.8%	56.5%	\$30,589,700	\$17,611

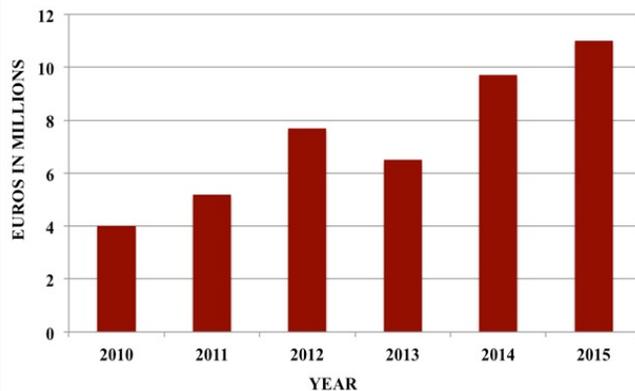
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TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN 1ST HALF MIXED SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	4,293	3,490	2,731	18.7%	78.3%	63.6%	\$65,174,705	\$23,865
2014	4,377	3,547	2,788	19.0%	78.6%	63.7%	\$75,130,883	\$26,948
2013	4,110	3,325	2,464	19.1%	74.1%	60.0%	\$71,778,159	\$29,131
2012	3,828	3,121	2,330	18.5%	74.7%	60.9%	\$55,823,537	\$23,959
2011	4,029	3,232	2,312	19.8%	71.5%	57.4%	\$38,435,898	\$16,625
2010	4,120	3,331	2,206	19.2%	66.2%	53.5%	\$35,709,011	\$16,187

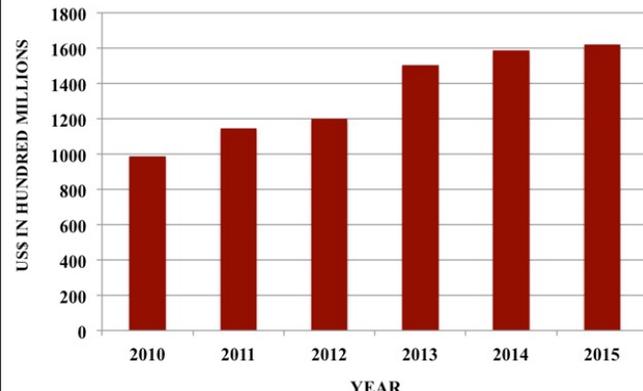
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TOTAL EUROPEAN 1ST HALF MIXED SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	1,181	995	794	15.7%	79.8%	67.2%	€10,998,372	€13,852
2014	1,074	862	668	19.7%	77.5%	62.2%	€9,748,206	€14,593
2013	1,137	940	673	17.3%	71.6%	59.2%	€6,478,770	€9,627
2012	1,136	951	660	16.3%	69.4%	58.1%	€7,681,589	€11,639
2011	950	791	543	16.7%	68.6%	57.2%	€5,191,819	€9,561
2010	1,043	844	469	19.1%	55.6%	45.0%	€3,996,304	€8,521

TOTAL ANNUAL SALES



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN ANNUAL SALES

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

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Monday's Results:

8th-LRL, \$51,828, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000-\$50,000), 1-4, 3yo, 1m, 1:40.21, ft.

CHARMED VICTORY (r, 3, [Flatter](#)--American Victory {SW}, by Victory Gallop) closed from well off the pace to annex his six-panel debut here Dec. 19 and was sent postward as the 3-1 second choice in this first start facing winners. The sophomore raced in midpack behind a half-mile in :46.95, launched a wide rally to the front and won going away by six lengths. Wychmere (Cape Blanco {Ire}) completed the exacta. The winner, who sold for \$260,000 as an EASSEP yearling, has an unnamed yearling full-sister. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$60,762. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Hillwood Stable LLC & Richard L.Golden; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC (MD); T-Rodney Jenkins.

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TCA Stallion Season Auction Begins:

The 26th annual Thoroughbred Charities of America Stallion Season Auction began Monday and will run until Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. EST. The auction offers a number of stallion seasons, halters, and experiences. Telephone bids will also be accepted during that time. The live Select Stallion Season Auction, which will be hosted by Tom Durkin, will take place Saturday Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Keeneland Entertainment Center in Lexington. In addition to seasons, the live auction will feature non-season lots such as John Deere riding mower, African safari, equine air transportation from H.E. Tex Sutton, a two-year lease on a 2016 Dodge Ram Crew Cab or 2016 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited, shadowboxed halters worn by Tapit, Orb, American Pharoah, California Chrome and Beholder and much more. There will also be a silent auction. A list of seasons and registration is available [here](#). For further information regarding the 26th annual TCA Stallion Season Auction, including bidder registration and tickets, please visit www.tca.org or call (859) 276-4989.

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Applications Open for 2016 Thoroughbred Makeover:

The Retired Racehorse Project opened online applications for participation in the 2016 Thoroughbred Makeover. The Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium will be held Oct. 27-30 at the Kentucky Horse Park. It features competition in freestyle, eventing, barrel racing, dressage, polo, show jumping, working ranch, show hunter, field hunter, and competitive trail,

with prize money of \$100,000 including a \$10,000 America's Most Wanted Thoroughbred prize and a \$5,000 Thoroughbred Ambassador Award.

"Last year's Makeover created what was described as 'a run on retired racehorses' at about this time of year," said RRP founder and president Steuart Pittman. "It comes as a shock and a thrill to folks at the tracks when they discover that their retiring horses are no longer what the industry calls 'unwanted horses.' With increased demand comes higher prices, giving racing owners an incentive to retire horses sound and taking pressure off of aftercare facilities so that they can help the horses in most need. That's why we do this."

For Thoroughbred Makeover rules, information and applications, visit www.RetiredRacehorseProject.org.

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Hampton Court to Shuttle to Spendthrift:

Australian Group 1 winner **Hampton Court (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}--Roses 'N' Wine, by Broken Vow) will shuttle to Spendthrift Farm in Lexington. Hampton Court stood his first breeding season at Spendthrift Australia in Victoria. He will stand for \$7,500 as a participant in Spendthrift's "Share The Upside" and "Breed Secure" programs. "We are excited to be able to offer American breeders the opportunity to 'Share The Upside' or 'Breed Secure' on Hampton Court, a record-breaking Grade 1 winner by one of the world's very best stallions over the course of the last dozen years," said B. Wayne Hughes, Spendthrift owner. "Redoute's Choice is Danehill's best son at stud, and Danehill was Danzig's best son at stud. We believe Hampton Court can be an important and unique stallion for American breeders from a highly-successful sire line, and we look forward to showing him off to those who want to stop by the farm and see him."

▶ Florida

TOBA Owners Concierge Launches VIP Program at GP:

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announced the launch of the TOBA Owners Concierge VIP Program, an extension to its pilot concierge program, Monday. The new VIP program is designed to provide owners with a higher level of personalized on- and off-track care. Services include the creation of a personalized portfolio to help serve each VIP member; outlining and assisting with hotel, dining and transport options, in addition to serving as a liaison between VIP members and racetrack hospitality.

Structured around Gulfstream Park's 2016 Championship meeting in Hallandale Beach, Fla., the service will be offered free of charge to existing and new TOBA members. **Cont. p2**

TOBA cont.

The introductory period runs from Jan. 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016. For more information and the complete list of VIP services, click [here](#).

“Since its launch last spring, the TOBA Owners Concierge has been very well received by every segment of the industry and we are excited to continue the development of the program, while bringing a higher level of individualized care to owners and horsemen,” said Christina Bossinakis, TOBA Owners Concierge Director. “It was the logical next step to assist trainers with the care of their owners, since they are often the intermediary between the owner and racetrack hospitality. By starting at the source, we aim to support trainers and/or the stable’s hospitality staff with the care of their clients. Essentially, we are freeing trainers to focus on their horses, while we look after their owners. It’s a win-win situation for all involved.”

During the introductory period, the TOBA Owners Concierge will continue to offer remote assistance with hospitality at racetracks nationally. For a complete listing of participating racetracks, visit www.ownersconnection.horse.

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Tickets Available for Florida Thoroughbred Managers’ Dinner:

The Florida Thoroughbred Farm Managers’ Annual Award Dinner will be held Saturday Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Ocala, Florida. The dinner will host a industry leaders round table topic on decoupling. Tickets, which include dinner and two complimentary cocktails, are available for \$75 per person or two tickets for \$130 by calling (352) 843-8713.

Central U.S.

Elusive Bluff Moves to Indiana:

Undefeated juvenile **Elusive Bluff** (Elusive Quality--Megans Bluff, by Pine Bluff) has moved to Southern Indiana Equine in Indiana. A winner of the GIII Pilgrim S. at two, he is the sire of GIII Gulfstream Park Sprint winner C. Zee and multiple stakes winner A M Milky Way. Out of MGSW Megans Bluff, the 10-year-old will stand the 2016 season as property of Justice Farm for a fee of \$1,500.



JockeyTalk360.com

Congratulations to last week’s JockeyTalk360.com Jockey of the Week Joel Rosario, who won the GIII Dania Beach S. aboard Life Imitates Art (More Than Ready).



Monday Cancellations

PORTLAND MEADOWS
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INDUSTRY INFO

BC Classic Named Brisnet Performance of the Year:

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile)’s GI Breeders’ Cup Classic victory was the top performance of the year based on measurements provided by Brisnet.com, TwinSpires announced Monday. "In a year filled with superlative performances, American Pharoah’s Breeders’ Cup Classic stands tall as an effort that looks to have been good enough to defeat any other horse this year on his or her best day," said TwinSpires.com Director of Communication Ed DeRosa.

The top Speed Rating of the year went to Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), who earned a 116 when winning the Sword Dancer Invitational S.

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BREEDERS’ EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-LRL, \$44,646, 1-4, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.49, ft.

THOROUGHBRED FUEL (g, 5, Talent Search--Juilette Girl, by Roman Ruler) Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-1, \$121,800. O-Golden Oak Farm LLC (Stepanoff); B-Golden Oak Farm LLC (PA); T-Cathal A. Lynch.

8th-GG, \$27,525, 1-3, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.89, yl.

MISS BOOM BOOM (f, 4, Run Away and Hide--Heat Street, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-1, \$117,135. O-Jerry Hollendorfer, Steve Melen & Steve Taub; B-Michael Riordan & Aaron Sones (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dicey Flats, f, 4, **Flutter**--Casino Blues (SP), by Thirty Six Red. LRL, 1-4, 1m, 1:41.21. B-Charles Deters (KY). *\$37,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESep; \$32,000 RNA 3yo '15 OBSWIN. **1/2 to Bluesbdancing (Golden Gear), MSW, \$412,503; and Master the Blues (Master Command), SW, \$200,574.

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Timmy T, g, 4, **Two Punch**--Polish Choice, by Polish Numbers.
LRL, 1-4, 7f, 1:25.83. B-Julie Arbogast & Joann D. Alexander (PA).

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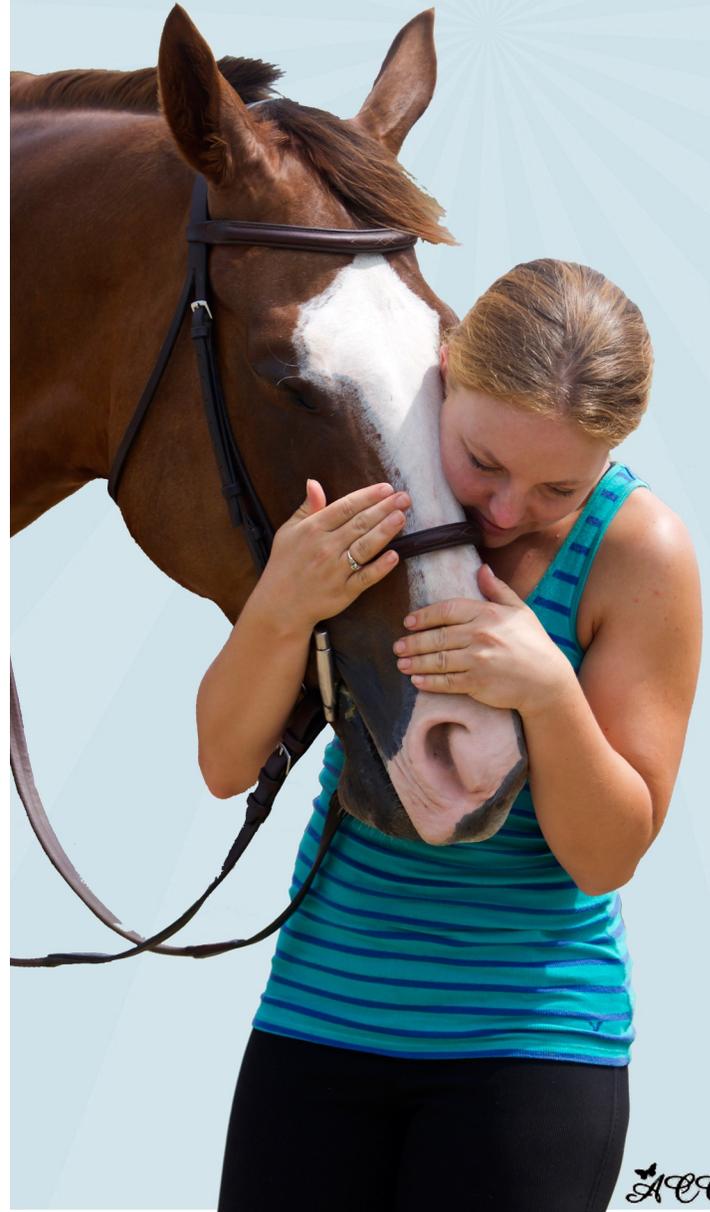
UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
1/9	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GII San Pasqual S.	SA
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
	GIII Sham S.	SA
1/16	GII La Canada S.	SA
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
1/18	GIII Toboggan S.	AQU
	GIII Megahertz S.	SA
1/23	GII Santa Monica S.	SA
1/30	GII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GII Holy Bull S.	GP
	GII Swale S.	GP
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	GP
	GIII Withers S.	AQU
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GOSDEN STARS POISED FOR BIG YEAR



Jack Hobbs | *Racing Post*

When John Gosden provides an update on some of his stable stars, it signals the European flat season is not all that far away. When the updates involve stars such as G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby hero **Jack Hobbs (GB)** (Halling), MG1SW **Shalaa (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and GSW and G1 Racing Post Trophy third-place **Foundation (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}), then it really gets the pulse racing. Jack Hobbs, owned in part by Godolphin, always looked the type that would benefit from another year of physical development and Gosden reports the 4-year-old to be wintering well. He has a few potential targets in mind for the colt.

"Jack Hobbs is in great form and I'm happy with him," commented Gosden. "He has done well and has strengthened up and is now just filling out. He won't be out in early spring, but maybe something like the [G3] Brigadier Gerard S. or the [G1] Tattersalls Gold Cup might be where we start."

For a horse like Jack Hobbs mapping out a summer and autumn campaign is usually quite straightforward and Gosden intends to keep it simple, aiming the bay to the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S., before tackling the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Continued Gosden, "His big aim will be the King George, then in the autumn he will be trained for the Arc."

Al Shaqab Racing's Shalaa had a sparkling juvenile season posting Group 1 victories in the Juddmonte Middle Park S. at Newmarket and the Darley Prix Morny at Deauville and such is the speed he showed, Gosden has no plans to stretch him out to a mile. [cont. p2](#)

MAGIC MILLIONS ARROWFIELD'S KINGDOM

By *Kelsey Riley*

John Messara and his team at Arrowfield Stud have a lot to look forward to this week at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. The Hunter Valley Stud--whose Group 1-winning graduates in 2015 included Sweet Idea (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), Wandjina (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) and South African Champion mare Majmu (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus})--sends a draft of 48 to the Gold Coast, one of its largest-ever consignments for the sale and second only to Gerry Harvey's Baramul Stud (79) in numbers catalogued this year.

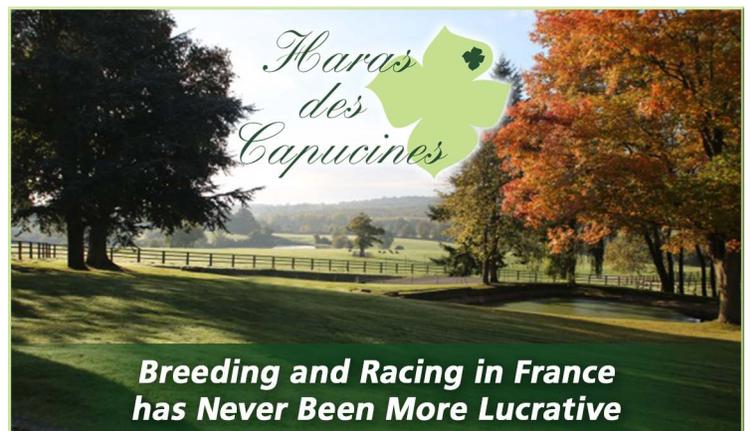
That group includes the progeny of Arrowfield's three-time champion sire Redoute's Choice and his exciting son Snitzel (Aus); promising young sire Smart Missile (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}); and the perennially popular Charge Forward (Aus) and Not A Single Doubt (Aus). [cont. p4](#)

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Andrew Caulfield profiles Sunday's GII Monrovia S. heroine **Prize Exhibit (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}).

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Gosden Stars Poised For Big Year cont.

"We will look at all the sprints with Shalaa and the sprint [G1 Commonwealth Cup] at Royal Ascot will be his target," said Gosden. "He might go for the [G3] Pavilion S. [at Ascot at the end of April] first."

Foundation is a different type to Shalaa in that he had enough stamina to win the G2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge S. over a mile at Newmarket before he found just **Marcel (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr}) too good in the G1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster. Gosden has no fears about upping the Highclere Thoroughbred Racing colorbearer in distance, but intends to do it by degrees.

"Foundation could start off in a race like the [G3] Craven [S. at Newmarket]. We could then look to go to the [G1] 2000 Guineas, but there is also the [G1] French 2000 Guineas. I think he will be solid up to a mile and a quarter, but I wouldn't know beyond that."

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ARQANA OFFERS THIRD SIYOUNI SHARE

A share in smart young sire **Siyouni (Fr)** (Pivotal {GB}) will be offered at arqanaonline.com from Jan. 11-12, Arqana announced Monday. The buyer will receive a free 2016



Siyouni | Aga Khan Studs

nomination to the sire, and, as it is an odd share, will receive an extra nomination in 2017 and every two years following. Registration for the online sale is now open, with bidding beginning at 3:00

p.m. local time Jan. 11.

In 2015, two shares were offered in the sire of triple Group 1 winner and French Classic heroine Ervedya (Fr), each selling for €355,000, with the first going to England-based Hesmonds Stud of Nurlan Bizakov of Kazakhstan. The second went to the Irish branch of Merrielle Stable, based in the United States. A leading sire of 2-year-olds in France in 2014, Siyouni has made a good start at stud with seven stakes winners, including G3 Prix des Reservoirs heroine Trixia (Fr). His 2015 yearling average currently sits at \$117,657, while his 2015 weanling average is \$92,383. He is already booked full for 2016, standing for a career high of €30,000, up from €20,000 in 2015 at the Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval. For more information, please visit www.arqana.com.

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The Top 10 Australian Sires in 2014/15 ranked according to their season's AEI. Sebring is the youngest, active sire in the Top 10.

Rank	Stallion	AUS\$	AEI
1	Street Cry (IRE)	7,773,314	2.43
2	Sebring (AUS)	8,665,532	2.33
3	Redoute's Choice (AUS)	8,399,469	2.31
4	Encostade Lago (AUS)	8,527,698	2.18
5	Exceed and Excel (AUS)	8,960,611	2.14
6	Snitzel (AUS)	7,694,802	1.98
7	Northern Meteor (AUS)	6,899,343	1.92
8	Fastnet Rock (AUS)	10,288,914	1.79
9	Lonhro (AUS)	8,042,035	1.25
10	Not Single Doubt (AUS)	6,978,483	1.24

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ELM PARK PLEASING BALDING

Andrew Balding is looking forward to the summer with Group 1-winning juvenile **Elm Park (GB)** (Phoenix Reach {Ire}). The G1 Racing Post Trophy winner was widely regarded as a leading G1 Investec Derby candidate last year, a race in which he disappointed, but after which he was subsequently quite jarred up. The Qatar Racing colorbearer reappeared three months later for a cosy listed race success at Sandown in September before a



Elm Park | *Racing Post*

respectable effort in the G1 QIPCO Queen Elizabeth II S. where he finished fifth to champion Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). Thinking ahead, Balding is hoping to have Elm Park ready for action in April.

"Elm Park is in good form at home and won't run until the turf season starts again," said

Balding. "Obviously he was very jarred up after the Derby, but I thought he ran well when winning at Sandown and I thought he ran a good race in the QEII when he was the first 3-year-old home that day. We will probably look towards the mile Group 2 race [G2 Bet365 Mile] at Sandown in April. The [G1] Lockinge is also a possibility, but we might step him back up to a mile and a quarter. These are things we need to discuss with the owners."

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PALMER COLT STRIPPED OF GROUP WIN

Hugo Palmer will have to give back one of the group races he won in 2015, as his **Home Of The Brave (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) has been disqualified from his win in the G3 Minstrel S. at The Curragh last July. The colt tested



Home Of The Brave | *Racing Post*

positive for the banned substance hydroxydantrolene and the news sees **Gordon Lord Byron (Ire)** (Byron {GB}) promoted to first place, gifting the Tom Hogan trained 8-year-old his 13th career win. Hydroxydantrolene is a muscle relaxant and was administered to the colt to treat a hamstring

injury. Palmer adhered to the rules and the advised withdrawal period but the sample still contained traces of the drug, leading to inevitable disqualification. As he followed the guidelines Palmer escaped a fine, however the disqualification takes some of the gloss off an otherwise outstanding 2015 for the Newmarket trainer who recently welcomed his first intake of 2-year-olds from Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms.

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PLUS 10 EXPANDS TO 3YOS

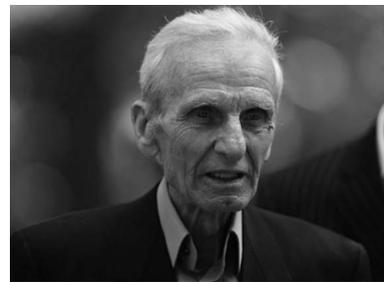
Three-year-olds racing in Great Britain and Ireland will be eligible to win the £10,000 Plus 10 bonuses beginning in 2016, with 60 races in Britain and 26 bonuses in Ireland on tap, Plus 10 announced Monday. Combined with the 2-year-old Plus 10 program, this raises the value of the Plus 10 bonus scheme to £5.5 million.

"Owners and breeders with Plus 10 2-year-olds in training in 2015 enjoyed a thrilling ride and it was rewarding to see so many individual owners and breeders share in the multi-million-pound bonus prize pool," said Plus 10 Chairman Julian Richmond-Watson. "The scheme has become a key part of the British and Irish bloodstock and racing landscape, and it has been pleasing to see more horses being registered for the scheme each year; buyers paying more money to buy a Plus 10 horse in the sales ring; and owners and breeders sharing in £10,000 checks won on the track. In 2015, Plus 10 proved its immense value to owners and breeders, and the industry as a whole, and we look forward to 2016 when 3-year-olds will compete for Plus 10 bonuses for the first time."

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GESTUT ETZEAN FOUNDER DEAD AT 88

Heinz Weil, founder of successful German stud Gestut Etzean, passed away near the end of December, reported *Galopponline.de*. The Frankfurt, Germany native was 88. Weil founded Gestut Etzean in the Odenwald area of Germany in 1969. As a breeder, Weil bred many top-level winners including



Heinz Weil | *Galopponline.de*

G1 Preis der Diana heroines Night Magic (Ger) (Sholokhov {Ire}) and Feodora (Ger) (Lord Of England {Ger}). He also bred G2 Oppenheim Union-Rennen hero Lecroix (Ger) (Assert {Ire}), who also finished runner-up in the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden and G1 Aral Pokal. Weil also stood

leading German sire Dashing Blade (GB) (Elegant Air {GB}) and currently stands his son Lord Of England (Ger), as well as Jukebox Jury (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and Amaron (GB) (Shamardal).

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CORRECTION: The *TDN* omitted Sir Michael Oswald, who managed the Royal Studs at Sandringham for Her Majesty The Queen for many years and served as racing manager for the Queen Mother, from those knights in service to racing. We regret the error.

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Monday's Results:

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

With Pleasure (GB), g, 3, **Poet's Voice (GB)**--With Fascination (GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$179,691), by Dayjur. WOL, 1-4, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:49.71. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB). *14,000gns Ylg '14 TATYEA. **1/2 to With Interest (GB) (Selkirk), SW-Eng, \$336,715.

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Monday's Results:

1st-DVL, €25,000, Mdn, 1-4, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.78, ft. +CANDY REAL (c, 3, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--Beauty O'Gwaun {Ire} {GSW-Ire, \$108,525}, by Rainbow Quest), a \$165,000 KEESEP yearling, was away well from an outside gate and soon led in this first go. Stoked up at the top of the straight, the 13-2 chance kept on strongly under final-quarter urging to safely hold Listed Prix Yacowlef third Diabolo James (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}) by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner, a half to a 2-year-old by Quality Road and a yearling by Blame, hails from the family of Classic winners Millenary (GB) (Rainbow Quest), Sun Princess (GB) (English Prince {Ire}) and Spectrum (Ire) (Rainbow Quest). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Fabien Boson, Pegasus Frams Ltd, MD Bloodstock Ltd & T-Pia Brandt; B-Neil Jones (KY); T-Pia Brandt.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Galantes Ivresses (Fr), f, 3, **Nombre Premier (GB)**--Loyal Lass, by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). DVL, 1-4, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.82. B-Ecurie ABU (FR). *1/2 to Sainte Amarante (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), MSW & MGSP-Fr, \$145,254.



Magic Millions Arrowfield's Kingdom cont.

One of the most exciting names in the Arrowfield pages, however, must be Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}). The GI Kentucky Derby and G1 Dubai World Cup winner is represented by eight first-crop yearlings at Magic Millions, seven of which hail from the Arrowfield draft. They include [lot 81](#), a filly out of GII San Gorgonio winner Cat By The Tale (Tale of the

Cat), the dam of the Group 2-placed Raphael's Cat (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}); [lot 382](#), a grandson of champion filly Alinghi (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and half-brother to the dual Group 3-placed Regatta Rebel (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}); [lot 429](#), a granddaughter of G1 Oakleigh Plate winner Miss Kournikova (Aus) (Mr. Greeley); and [lot 477](#), a half-sister to two stakes horses including listed winner Wild Rain (Aus) (Manhattan Rain {Aus}) who is also from the family of champion Northerly (Aus).



Animal Kingdom at Arrowfield Stud |
Bronwen Healy

Messara said he has thus far heard good things about Animal Kingdom's progeny.

"The impression made so far has been a positive one," he said. "It's good to hear people agreeing with us that they're good-bodied athletes with scope, size and quality."

Arrowfield acquired the majority interest in Animal Kingdom's breeding rights in late 2012, just a few months before he won the Dubai World Cup and was also bought into by Darley for Northern Hemisphere duties. Messara said it was a variety of favorable factors that drew his team to the strapping chestnut.

"Animal Kingdom was a brilliant racehorse with what we thought was a compatible outcross pedigree for Australia and good looks, who was effective on all surfaces; that made him a target for us. I was first interested in his sire Leroidesanimaux, and that's how he came across our radar."

The overwhelming success of former Arrowfield sire Danehill Down Under has created a saturation of that line in Australia, leaving breeders looking for alternatives for their Danehill-line mares. American shuttlers have worked well in the past, with some of the better examples including More Than Ready and Street Cry (Ire).

Animal Kingdom stands for A\$33,000, and Messara admitted that despite his racetrack accomplishments, Australian breeders are taking somewhat of a cautious approach.



John Messara | *Bronwen Healy*

"Animal Kingdom's book sizes have been moderate, having served about 270 mares in his first three years, as Australian breeders are generally a little cautious about Northern Hemisphere horses which have not raced in Australia," he explained. "I remember suffering this with Danehill before he proved himself here." [cont. p5](#)

Magic Millions Arrowfield's Kingdom cont.

Magic Millions generally offers a chance for the most precocious yearlings to flourish--its spot on the calendar would be equivalent to a Northern Hemisphere yearling sale in June--and as such one wouldn't be surprised to see the progeny of a stallion like Animal Kingdom to make their mark later in the season. However, Messara described the Gold Coast sale as a good starting point for a young sire.

"Magic Millions represents the start of a new year and is a good forum for presenting the first progeny of new stallions," he said. "The sale is very well attended and has an increasingly international buying bench."

International visitors to Magic Millions will include this year, for the first time, Graham Motion and John Velazquez, trainer and jockey of Animal Kingdom. Motion and Velazquez will attend the sale and Magic Millions raceday to see and help promote the Animal Kingdom yearlings.

While the Animal Kingdom youngsters will be star attractions for domestic and international buyers alike, they are far from the only draws of the Arrowfield draft. Other standouts on paper include [lot 131](#), a Snitzel colt out of Group 1 winner Covertly (Aus) (Metal Storm {Fr}) and therefore a full-brother to this year's Listed Breeders' Plate second Detective (Aus), a A\$220,000 purchase here last year; [lot 202](#), a Redoute's Choice

colt out of Evasion (Empire Maker), a daughter of champion mare Inside Information (Private Account); [lot 228](#), a half-brother to Australian Group 3 winner and twice Group 1-placed Not Listenin'tome (Aus) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), who won Hong Kong's Bauhinia Sprint Trophy on New Year's Day and ran third in the 2015 G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint since being exported there last year;



Lot 233, full-brother to Sweet Idea | Magic Millions

[lot 233](#), a full-brother to G1 Galaxy H. winner Sweet Idea (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) and a half to stakes winner Rush (Aus) (Charge Forward {Aus}); [lot 269](#), the second foal out of Good Weekend (Aus) (Hussonet {Aus}), a full-sister to Australian Horse of the Year Weekend Hussler (Aus); and [lot 470](#), a Smart Missile filly out of Negotiate, already the dam of two stakes horses and a full-brother to this filly who made A\$700,000 here last year.

Messara explained that the growth in numbers of the Arrowfield draft is a product of the operation's expansion. [cont.p6](#)

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Magic Millions Arrowfield's Kingdom cont.

“Our broodmare band has grown to over 220 mares now, so our yearling numbers are increasing,” he noted. “We sell most of what we breed and try to place the yearlings in the most appropriate sale to suit their pedigrees and their level of development. Having said that, the Magic Millions sale has continued to develop in recent years, they are an excellent company to work with and the expanded race program with major prize money for 3-year-olds and older horses, as well as 2-year-olds, is certainly an attraction.”

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COOLMORE RELISHING MAGIC RUN

By Kelsey Riley

Coolmore Stud is one of the most recognized names in the bloodstock industry globally, and its Australian satellite has certainly kept pace with the staggering success achieved in Europe and the U.S. In fact, 2015 proved a banner year for Coolmore Down Under. Coolmore Australia produced 25 stakes winners in 2015 and the winners of eight Group 1 races. Those Group 1 graduates include Cox Plate, Epsom H. and Queensland Oaks winner Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) and G1 Golden Slipper winner Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), who were both sold at Magic Millions. Pride of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) solidified



Coolmore and Magic Millions graduate Winx | Magic Millions

huge credentials when winning the G1 Blue Diamond S. and G1 Sires' Produce S. and another Coolmore grad, Japonisme (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}), took the G1 Coolmore Stud S., the country's most important 3-year-old sprint.

“That’s quite amazing by anybody’s standards,” said Coolmore Australia General Manager Michael Kirwan, reflecting on the farm’s success over the last year. “It’s a source of enormous pride for everyone throughout the farm. It’s a collective effort.”

“There are instances when every ounce of hard work going into everything pays off, and that’s been the case the last couple years,” Kirwan added. “The effort that everyone has put into it over a prolonged period of time has paid off, which is great for the farm and great for our clients.”

An operation as successful as Coolmore doesn’t make progress by looking back, however, and with a Magic Millions Gold Coast

Yearling Sale consignment described by Kirwan as “the strongest draft we’ve ever brought to this sale,” Coolmore’s sights are clearly set towards the future. The farm will send out 45 yearlings this week, 25 of which are the progeny of or siblings to black-type horses, including full-sisters to Group 1 winners Foxwedge (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) ([lot 242](#)) and Miracles Of Life (Aus) (Not A Single Doub {Aus}) ([lot 148](#)) and a half-brother to 3-year-old sprint sensation Zoustar (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}) by exciting first-crop sire All Too Hard (Aus) ([lot 745](#)).

Another exciting sidebar to the sale for team Coolmore will be the sale of first-crop yearlings by its resident stallion and 2-year-old Triple Crown winner Pierro (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}).

“The enthusiasm for Pierro has been great,” said Kirwan. “Australia is synonymous with speed and this horse was the ultimate speed colt. He was wonderfully precocious but had the mind and physical attributes to let him progress again further at three. He’s potentially the foundation of our roster for quite a long time, should he materialize and develop into the sire we hope he will.”

One well-bred member of the Coolmore draft by Pierro is a filly out of Monsoon Wedding (Aus) (Danehill) ([lot 448](#)), the full-sister to champion sire Redoute’s Choice (Aus) who cost



Lot 448, Pierro filly out of Monsoon Wedding | Magic Millions

Coolmore A\$2.3 million carrying this filly at Magic Millions’s National Sale in 2014. The 14-year-old Monsoon Wedding has produced four stakes horses, including the Group 3-winning Precious Lorraine (Aus) (Encosta de

Lago {Aus}). In addition to Redoute’s Choice, Monsoon Wedding is also a sibling to Group 1 winners Platinum Scissors (Aus) (Danehill) and Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) as well as Sliding Cube (Aus) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), the dam of new Coolmore sire Rubick (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). Kirwan noted the filly has the physical characteristics to match her pedigree.

“The filly measures up to everything you’d want her to be when you see her in the flesh,” he said. “It’s a privilege to be able to take a filly of that caliber to a sale like this and not just offer her to the best domestic investors but potentially some of the most significant international investors as well. She’s a quality filly with a beautiful head and fantastic hindquarters—everything you’d look for in a quintessential speed filly.” **cont. p7**

Coolmore Relishing Magic Run cont.

Other standouts by Pierro in the Coolmore consignment include [lot 152](#), a colt who is the third foal out of the stakes-winning Delta Girl (NZ) (General Nediym {Aus}); [lot 331](#), a colt who is the second foal from G1 1000 Guineas winner Irish Lights (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), a descendant of the star producer Fall Aspen; and [lot 492](#), a filly who is the second foal out of stakes winner Paprika (Aus) (General Nediym {Aus}).

Kirwan said the Coolmore team has found Pierro's stock to be "very much in his own mold; strong, athletic, purposeful movers with good limbs."

"I couldn't overstate the excitement leading into this sale around a horse like him," Kirwan added. "Everyone in the industry I think would like to see him work, given the fact that he's Danehill-free."

The dominance of Danehill in Australia has created a situation where breeders are now in need of outcrosses to that line, and another young Coolmore sire with promise in that regard is Uncle Mo. America's champion freshman sire of 2015 by a wide margin, Uncle Mo has made an exciting start with his first Australian runners. He currently sits third on the Australasian first-crop sire list with the season half-over, and has notched two winners from two starters including Conchita (Aus), a Coolmore/Magic Millions graduate who is set to contest the Magic Millions 2YO Classic.

"What's exciting about a horse like [Uncle Mo] is that he's Danehill-free," Kirwan noted. "Conchita is out of a mare by Danehill Dancer so it paints a really clear picture to people that if this horse can prove himself a consistent source of quality runners in this part of the world, he's going to be a very important stallion for



Uncle Mo | Coolmore

Australasia because we're crying out for quality outcrosses. Horses like Uncle Mo, Pierro, So You Think--they're fundamentally important to our operation and to the industry as a whole."

Coolmore also stands the champion European first-crop sire Zoffany (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), and Kirwan pointed to a colt out of Green Mirage (Aus) (Green Desert) ([lot 275](#)) as another highlight of the draft.

"It's interesting that Green Mirage is a Green Desert mare, and Zoffany has already shown in Europe a very strong affinity with mares from the Green Desert line," Kirwan pointed out. "He has a couple of smart stakes winners out of granddaughters of Green Desert so it'll be interesting to see to what extent that nick carries over here."

While Coolmore has a number of exciting up-and-coming stallions, its flagship sire is no doubt the champion Fastnet Rock (Aus). Long an established sire Down Under, the 14-year-old enjoyed a breakthrough year in Europe in 2015, with Group 1 winners Qualify (Ire), Diamondsandrubies (Ire) and Fascinating Rock (Ire) to his credit.

"He's a stallion international investors have been aware of for a long time," Kirwan said. "A lot of American investors have invested in him and European breeders have been familiar with him for a long time. He's a world-class stallion and what's happened this year has just served to illustrate that perfectly."

Coolmore will offer 10 by Fastnet Rock this week. A highlight will undoubtedly be the aforementioned full-sister to Foxwedge, and another who carries the same successful cross as her is [lot 551](#), a colt out of Ronan's Bay (Johannesburg).

"This horse is bred on something of a magic cross for Fastnet Rock, given he has shown such an affinity for mares carrying Storm Cat," Kirwan said. "He's a colt with outstanding quality and a real presence about him. He doesn't necessarily look sharp, but he's so athletic, it wouldn't surprise were he to show some class as a 2-year-old. That said, he's going to develop into a beautiful 3-year-old."



Lot 551, Fastnet Rock colt out of Ronan's Bay | Magic Millions

Of Foxwedge's full-sister, Kirwan added, "She's the real deal physically. She's a beautiful filly with a beautiful head and fantastic hindquarters--everything you'd look for in a quintessential speed filly."

With some of Coolmore Australia's greatest successes in 2015 traceable back to Magic Millions, Kirwan was quick to praise the effort of that company in making its sale a world-class fixture.

"Gerry Harvey, Vin Cox and their whole team there deserve enormous credit for the manner in which they've gone about promoting the sale and their company over the last number of years," he said. "I'd be amazed if there was a bloodstock professional in the world who didn't know what was happening on the Gold Coast the first couple weeks in January, such is the scale and scope of the promotion they've put in place many months in advance of the sale. It creates a tremendous confidence among vendors when you see a sale company investing that much time, effort and money into promoting a sale."

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MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLING SALE WEDNESDAY--DAY ONE

15, c, Street Cry (Ire)--Aloha (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus) *Consigned by Baramul Stud*

Gerry Harvey's Baramul Stud--which brings by far the sale's largest consignment with 79--kicks off the first session with a pair of regally bred colts by the late Street Cry. The first through the ring is this second foal out of G1 Coolmore Classic winner Aloha, herself a half-sister to the dam of Group 2 winner My Emotion (Aus) (Savabeel {Aus}). The second is [lot 30](#), a colt out of G1 VRC Oaks winner Arapaho Miss (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), already the dam of the stakes-placed Da Little Engine (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}).

81, f, Animal Kingdom--Cat by the Tale, by Tale of the Cat *Consigned by Arrowfield Stud*

This sale sees the sales rings debut of the first-crop Southern Hemisphere yearlings by G1 Kentucky Derby and G1 Dubai World Cup winner Animal Kingdom. This late September filly is the fourth foal out of G11 San Gorgonio H. winner Cat by the Tale, who has also produced the Group 2-placed Raphael's Cat (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).

136, c, All Too Hard--Custard (Aus), by Lonhro (Aus) *Consigned by Segenhoe Stud*

Magic Millions also sees the highly anticipated first crop of All Too Hard, the four-time Group 1-winning half-brother to Black Caviar (Aus). Segenhoe's Peter O'Brien said of this son of the stakes-winning Custard, and therefore a half-brother to Group 3 winner Serene Majesty (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), "this colt just ticks every box and has the action and pedigree to match."

148, f, Not A Single Doubt (Aus)--Dazzling Gazelle (Aus), by More Than Ready *Consigned by Coolmore Stud*

Any full sibling to a Group 1 winner is bound to draw attention when it steps into a sales ring, and this filly should be no exception to that rule, being a full-sister to the G1 Blue Diamond S. and G1 William Hill Classic winner Miracles of Life (Aus), who was herself sold to Stonestreet Stables while in training at the 2014 Magic Millions National Sale for A\$900,000.

152, c, Pierro (Aus)--Delta Girl (NZ), by General Nediym (Aus) *Consigned by Coolmore Stud*

Not to be discounted in the first-season sire conversation is Pierro, who--as the 2-year-old Triple Crown winner who went on to win two more Group 1s at three--must be one of the country's most exciting sire prospects in many years. He has 41 catalogued, and this representative is the third foal out of the stakes-winning Delta Girl, who was also third in the G2 Magic Night S.

168, f, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Dream Play, by Hennessy *Consigned by Kia-Ora Stud*

G11 Comely S. winner Dream Play--a half-sister to G1 Hollywood Starlet S. winner Diplomat Lady (Forestry)--has produced two winners from two to race Down Under, headed by G2 VRC Sires' Produce S. winner Zululand (Aus), this filly's full-brother who cost Coolmore A\$1.5 million as an Inglis Easter yearling.

Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale Day One Outs

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DELICACY SUSTAINS POSSIBLE TENDON INJURY

Australian champion sophomore filly **Delicacy (Aus)** (Al Maher {Aus}) pulled up sore following her G2 Perth Cup victory at Ascot in Perth, Australia Saturday, reported *Racing and Sports*. The Bob and Sandra Peters homebred, who carried a record 130 pounds in the 2400-meter feature, was taken to a veterinary clinic for treatment Monday.

"She's pulled up sore in the front legs," Peters told *Racing and Sports*. "She's absolutely out of the autumn and it maybe even means retirement, I don't know. We have to get the results. She won't be scanned and X-rayed until tomorrow [Tuesday]."



Delicacy | *Racing SA*

The West Australian-based Southern Hemisphere 4-year-old captured four Classics during a six-race winning streak during the '14/'15 season including the G1 Australasian Oaks and G1 William Hill S. A. Derby against males. Surpassing the A\$2-million mark with her win Saturday, the Grant Williams trainee earlier in the season captured the G2 C. B. Cox S. Dec. 19 and finished a nose behind homebred stablemate **Perfect Reflection (Aus)** (More Than Ready) in the G1 Kingston Town Classic.