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DEPRIVING CASTELLANO OF AN ECLIPSE WOULD BE AN INJUSTICE

Javier Castellano & Honor Code after their Whitney win | *A. Coglianese*

by Bill Finley

Javier Castellano just finished a historic year in the saddle, one of the best ever for a jockey. He won more races (344) than any jockey and earned more money ($28,120,767) than any other rider. He won 17 Grade I races, seven more than any other jockey and 46 graded stakes, 15 more than anyone else. There was not a single category of any importance where Castellano's name was not on top.

He accomplished all this not only because he is a great rider, but he has a remarkable work ethic. With most jockeys, once they hit a peak point in their careers, you'll no longer see them ride the cheap races. Not Castellano. Give him a good mount in a $7,500 claimer for non-winners of two races lifetime and he'll take it every time. He had 1,507 mounts in 2015, surpassed by only by jockey T.D. Houghton (1,556). By way of example, he rode in 506 more races than John Velazquez did.

Yet, Castellano is no shoo-in to get the Eclipse Award over Victor Espinoza. In fact, he may not even be the favorite. The problem is the "Dancing With The Stars" factor.

This was the year of American Pharoah and, with good reason, just about anything anyone else accomplished in the sport was completely overshadowed. It was the year of Pharoah, Pharoah, Pharoah and more Pharoah. He will be a unanimous 3-year-old male champion, unanimous Horse of the Year and should have been named Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year. ***Cont. p3***

MOTION AT MAGIC MILLIONS

Guest Blog by Graham Motion

Graham Motion
Reed Palmer

After a few days here, the Magic Millions Sale reminds me of Del Mar: it has the same feel of being on the beach and the same relaxed holiday atmosphere. However, one difference from, say, the Keeneland Sale is having so many horses in one catalogue--to have them all on-site at once is a huge undertaking.

In general the Magic Millions yearlings seem very big and strong, although that may be because it's early in the year and I'm not expecting to see them look like that! ***Cont. p4***

in TDN Europe today...

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Speightstown	$100,000	$221,807	$221,250
Pioneerof the Nile	$125,000	$168,196	$212,142
Giant's Causeway	$85,000	$159,656	$190,000
Scat Daddy - *Deceased*	$100,000	$195,515	$185,294
Curlin	$100,000	$226,230	$160,909
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Happy 65th Birthday to Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey! McGaughey is pictured here with his 2013 GI Kentucky Derby winner Orb (Malibu Moon). *Sherackatthetrack*

MEDIA ECLIPSE AWARDS ANNOUNCED 5

Several of the Media Eclipse Awards were announced Tuesday with Jennie Rees taking home the award in the feature/commentary category; Tim Sullivan winning in the news/enterprise category; and Scott Serio receiving the award in the photography category.

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Depriving Castellano of an Eclipse Would be an Injustice
cont. from p1

He was the horse we had all been waiting for, for some of us, for a lifetime. And he's expected to carry his human connections to all the applicable Eclipse Awards.

Javier Castellano
Horsephotos

I have no problem with Bob Baffert and the Zayat stable winning awards. Baffert should be trainer of the year and Zayat should be both owner and breeder of the year. The importance of breeding and campaigning the first Triple Crown winner is something that should not be taken lightly. Yet what separates Baffert and Zayat from Espinoza is that in their categories they're not coming up against anyone nearly as formidable as Castellano.

Consider the difference in the year Castellano had versus Espinoza:

Wins: Castellano 344; Espinoza 88.

Earnings: Castellano $28.1 million; Espinoza $15.6 million

Grade I wins: Castellano 17; Espinoza 10

Graded stakes wins: Castellano 45; Espinoza 19.

Total Mounts: Castellano 1,507; Espinoza 495

Winning Percentage: Castellano 23%; Espinoza 18%

One of the reasons Espinoza had such a poor year outside of the Triple Crown is that he devoted a lot of time toward American Pharoah and somewhat less to being a jockey. You're not going to win many races when you're so busy dancing with Karina Smirnoff, appearing on Live with Kelly and Michael and doing autograph appearances.

There simply isn't any comparison. Castellano had the better year--and had the better year by a mile. But is riding a Triple Crown winner, plus all the notoriety (e.g. Dancing With the Stars) that comes with it, such an overwhelming accomplishment that the jockey becomes deserving of one of the highest honors in the sport?

Victor Espinoza | *Benoit Photo*

History says no. The Eclipse Awards were instituted in 1971 and prior to that season-ending championship honors were given only to horses and not humans. Thus, only three Triple Crown winning jockeys have ever been eligible for an Eclipse. And of those three, how many won? Zero. ***Cont. p4***

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War Front	$200,000	2	2
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Not only did Ron Turcotte win the Triple Crown aboard the greatest horse ever in Secretariat in 1973, but he was also the regular rider that year of Riva Ridge. The jockey Eclipse in 1973 went to Laffit Pincay Jr. In 1977, Jean Cruguet won the Triple Crown with Seattle Slew. The Eclipse that year went to the sensational young Steve Cauthen. Ironically, it was Cauthen who won the Triple Crown the next year with Affirmed, but he was beaten out for the Eclipse by Darrell McHargue.

None of this is meant as a slight to Espinoza. He did everything right in the Triple Crown, from riding the races well, to showing class and grace every step of the way, and he always had a smile on his face. Unlike few others in racing have ever done, he became a national celebrity and created a tremendous amount of good will and publicity for the sport.

He did a lot of things right. He just didn't have a better year than Castellano, one of the best and most underappreciated jockeys of all time. If Espinoza is holding the Eclipse statute Jan. 16 and not Castellano, the voters will have chosen the wrong jockey.

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Motion at Magic Millions cont. from p1

I'm very impressed with the Animal Kingdoms, their athleticism and their walks, and I see a lot of his traits in them. They have his unflappable demeanour which I think was such a big factor in his success. To win the Kentucky Derby, I always thought you had to have a horse that could handle the whole thing--150,000 people in a condensed situation, it takes a special kind of horse to deal with that, and it's important in Australian racing too.

John Velazquez and Graham Motion with Lot 81 (by Animal Kingdom) | *Vicky Leonard*

The Animal Kingdom--Cat By The Tale filly, Lot 81, is very athletic and attractive, with a lovely walk and a real presence about her. I've had photos taken with her a few times now and she handles it all very well. She just has a really nice way about her.

Something I particularly enjoy about my work is travelling and getting to meet successful people in other countries. Yesterday, I met former champion jockey and now well-respected Sydney trainer Ron Quinton, and this morning I went out to the track with champion Australian trainer Gai Waterhouse. ***Cont. p5***

4 Grade 1 performers in 2015

STOPCHARGINGMARIA	Breeders' Cup Distaff [**Gr.1**], Keeneland Shuvee H. [**Gr.3**], Saratoga Allaire DuPont Distaff S. [**Gr.3**], Pimlico 2nd Madison S. [**Gr.1**], Keeneland
FAVORITE TALE	Smile Sprint S. [**Gr.2**], Gulfstream Park 3rd Breeders' Cup Sprint [**Gr.1**], Keeneland 3rd Alfred G Vanderbilt H. [**Gr.1**], Saratoga
APPEALING TALE	Kelso H. [**Gr.2**], Belmont Park Pat O'Brien S. [**Gr.2**], Del Mar 2nd Triple Bend S. [**Gr.1**], Santa Anita
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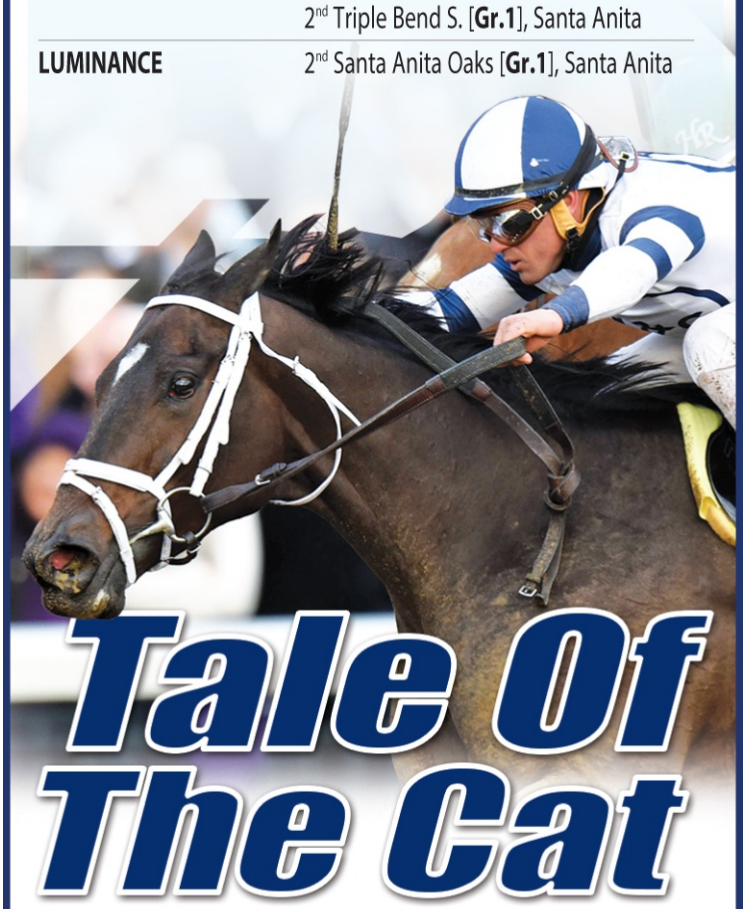

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Motion at Magic Millions cont.

It was fun to see how Gai works. I didn't realise that she tends to train her horses on the dirt, so it's not totally strange to us, but it's very quick, very fast-moving and it's very early!

It's also interesting to see so many international buyers and visitors here. I've seen a good number of familiar faces, including John Moynihan and Elliott Walden, so it doesn't feel like we're so far away from home after all.

Away from the sale, Anita, Jane, Chappy and I have taken a couple of boat-trips and done a jet ski safari along the coast, and we're hoping to see a little more of the country if we can. But first, I'm keen to see the first Animal Kingdom yearlings go through the ring Wednesday.

See TDN Europe/International for more Magic Millions coverage by Kelsey Riley.

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REES & SULLIVAN WIN MEDIA ECLIPSE AWARDS

Jennie Rees and Tim Sullivan have both won a 2015 Media Eclipse Award for Writing, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers And Broadcasters (NTWAB) announced Tuesday.

Rees won in the Feature/Commentary category for "Dyslexia Doesn't Slow Down Keen Ice Trainer Romans," a piece about trainer Dale Roman's battle with a severe reading disability which was published on the *Louisville Courier-Journal* website Oct. 28, 2015. This is the fifth Eclipse Award for Rees, who retired in November after 34 years with the *Louisville Courier-Journal*. Her previous Eclipses were for magazine writing in 1988, newspaper and news-enterprise writing in 1993 and 2011 and was the main writer for the *Courier-Journal's* Eclipse-winning entry in the multi-media category in 2008.

Jennie Rees | *Horsephotos*

"What a tremendous way to go out," said Rees. "This whole year has been tremendous. To be voted in the Joe Hirsch wing of the Hall of Fame, covering a Triple Crown winner and a Breeders' Cup at Keeneland. I am proud that Dale's story was written during a very busy week at the Breeders' Cup. This was the kind of story that you want to spend time writing at other times of the year, and you want to take a week to write it. I think it's a tribute to the power of the subject and Dale's willingness to open up about a very difficult subject."

Honorable mention in the Feature/Commentary category went to Vinnie Perrone for "Hall of Fame Ride: Maryland Trainer Leatherbury takes place among Thoroughbred Racing Legend," a profile of King T. Leatherbury, which appeared in the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* in August 2015; Joe Drape for "Ahmed Zayat's Journey: Bankruptcy and Big Bets," which appeared in *The New York Times* June 5, 2015; and to Melissa Hoppert, also of *The New York Times*, whose article "A Storied Trainer and a Witness to History," about Hall of Famer John Nerud, appeared on the publication's website June 6, 2015. Judges in this category were Ed Gray, former *Boston Herald* racing writer; Lynne Snierson, former sports writer for the *Boston Globe* and the *Miami News*; Hank Wesch, former racing writer for the *San Diego Union-Tribune*; and Richard Rosenblatt, racing and sports writer for *The Associated Press*.

Sullivan won in the News/Enterprise category for "Family, PETA at odds after Horseman's Death," an investigative report into circumstances surrounding the suicide of Hub Johnson, assistant to trainer Steve Asmussen, and his interaction with PETA informants which appeared in the *Courier-Journal* Sept. 6, 2015.

This is the first Eclipse Award for Sullivan, who has been a sports columnist with the *Courier-Journal* since 2012. He was a sports writer and columnist for the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and a sports columnist for the *San Diego Union-Tribune* prior to joining the *Courier-Journal*.

"I'm thrilled and honored to be chosen for an Eclipse Award, but my excitement is somewhat tempered by the tragedy of Hub Johnson," said Sullivan. "In the course of reporting this story, I developed a high regard for a young man I never met and a keen appreciation of how his loss has affected his family and friends. Their willingness to share personal and sometimes painful memories helped me gain insight into Hub's life as well as his death."

Johnson shot himself just 10 days after PETA allegations were released against Asmussen. Sullivan became interested in the Johnson story when he was considering writing a piece on Asmussen, and decided to change course.

"What began as a search for a single day's column stretched into a project that developed over a period of months," Sullivan recalled. "The story was much more involved than I had anticipated, and not all of the dots could be connected. Though I probably spent more time on this story than anything else I have written, I have not yet been able to get my head around the decision Hub Johnson ultimately made, and the desperation he must have felt. Like so many of his survivors, I remain puzzled that he chose to end his life."

Honorable mention in the News Enterprise Category went to Joe Drape for "American Pharoah Wins Belmont Stakes and Triple Crown," which appeared in *The New York Times* June 7. Judges for the News/Enterprise category were Dan Liebman, former *Blood-Horse* and *Frankfort (Ky.) State Journal* editor; Rob Longley of the *Toronto Sun* and David Papadopoulos, a managing editor at *Bloomberg News*.

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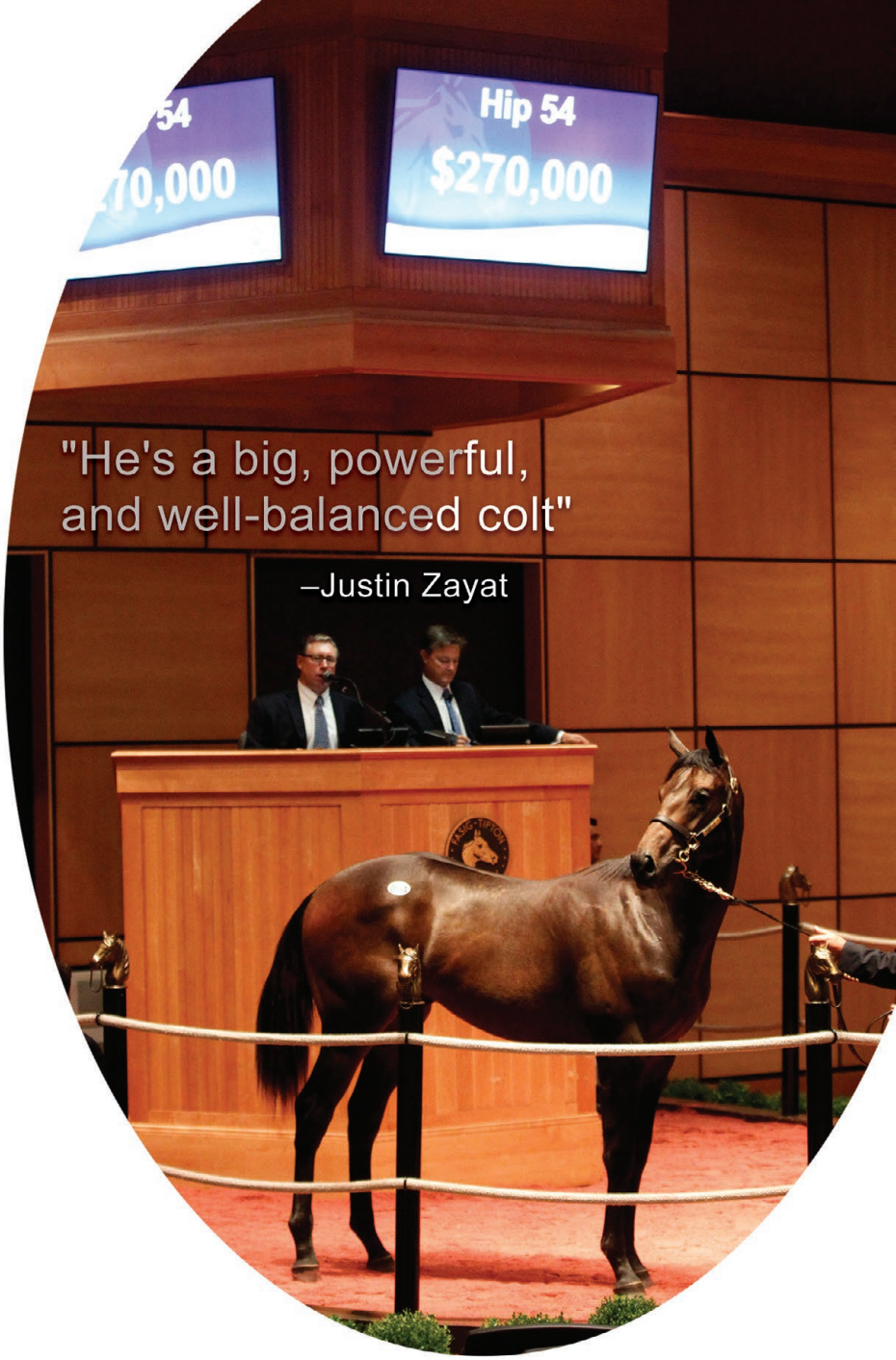

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Scott Serio has won the 2015 Media Eclipse Award for Photography for his photograph of Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) working out on the Keeneland training track, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters announced Tuesday. The photograph appeared in the *Cecil (Md.) Guardian* Nov. 4 and the *Thoroughbred Daily News* Nov. 5, as well as in other outlets.

This is the first Eclipse Award for Serio, who is president of Eclipse Sportswire photography service. A 20-year veteran of the Baltimore City police department, who retired as a Detective Lieutenant in 2013, Serio wanted to return full-time to photojournalism and started his company with Bob Mayberger, also a Photography Eclipse Award winner (2011).

"It is great to see all the hard work covering race days and racing events pay off," said Serio. "I've always loved horse racing, but I also love the scene. It's always been about the people at the venues and the size and magnitude of the events. I want people to say, 'I wish I was there,' so if I have taken them to a place through my photographs that they haven't been before, then I have succeeded."

Serio's photo of American Pharoah with regular rider Jorge Alvarez was taken with a NIKON D4S with a 300 MM Lens on the Thursday of Breeders' Cup week.

"I ended up shooting with a team of photographers, so I gambled a little bit and found the right place," Serio recalled. "It had been raining for three days and finally the sun came out and we were able to take some fall images, so all the forces cooperated."

Honorable mention in the photography category went to Ron Garrison for a photograph of American Pharoah crossing the finish line in the Breeders' Cup Classic, which appeared in the *Lexington Herald Leader* Nov. 1, 2015; Wendy Wooley for her photo of American Pharoah in the stretch of the Breeders' Cup Classic, which appeared on the *Paulick Report* Oct. 31, 2015 and to Skip Dickstein for a photo of Victor Espinoza spraying champagne at American Pharoah's owner, Ahmed Zayat, after the GI Kentucky Derby, which was published in *The Blood-Horse* May 9, 2015.

Judges in the Photography category were Rayetta Burr of Benoit Photo; Rob Carr of Getty Images, Bill Denver of Equi-Photo, Inc. and Dr. Glen Kleine, retired Photo/Journalism Professor and Dept. of Mass Communications Chairman at Eastern Kentucky University.

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Scott Serio

IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Non-Industry Media

The Dark Side: The Secret World of Sports Doping *Liam Collins, working on behalf of Al Jazeera's Investigative Unit, spent six months undercover investigating the murky world of performance-enhancing drugs — what athletes refer to as "the dark side".* **Investigative Unit, *Al Jazeera America***

American Pharoah Becomes a Stallion - ESPN Video *Kenny Mayne explains why American Pharoah plans to follow his Triple Crown year with an even better 2016.* ***ESPN.com***

Barn fire in Puslinch, Ont., kills more than 40 racehorses *The loss of over 40 racehorses in an overnight fire at a multimillion-dollar stable and training facility in Puslinch, Ont., is like the death of family members, according to a trainer who lost 17 horses in the fire.* ***CBC News***

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"In addition to an overall increase in U.S. pari-mutuel wagering in 2015, Thoroughbred racing also realized healthy increases in wagering per race [+7.25%], purses per race [+4.27%] and starters per race [+1.8%]," commented Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. "These are positive trends and a reflection of the fact that our sport continues to resonate with customers across North America and around the world when we present a competitive and compelling product."

Wagering also saw a healthy 8.09% increase during the month of December when compared to 2014 figures. These gains come despite slight declines in purses and total race dates.

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THOROUGHBRED RACING ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR YEAR-END 2015

Indicator	U.S. Wagering*	U.S. Purses	Race Days
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Dec. 2014	$642,209,289	$58,258,720	287
% Change	+8.09%	-0.57%	-2.09%
YTD 2015	$10,676,223,640	$1,093,667,566	4,754
YTD 2014	$10,551,219,302	$1,111,714,495	4,973
% Change	+1.18%	-1.62%	-4.40%

Stats provided by Equibase Company

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

January 7, 1916...Pan Zareta, who would go on to win 76 races, makes her Fair Grounds debut, winning a six-furlong sprint under 124 pounds.

January 11, 1950...Five-year-old Citation returned after more than a year off to win an allowance race at Santa Anita. Sidelined after taking his 15th straight race, the Tanforan H. December 11, 1948, he claimed his 16th in a row at odds of 3-20 by a length and a half.

January 14, 1932...Jockey Eddie Arcaro rode his first career winner at Agua Caliente.

January 14, 1953...Pimlico's Preakness S., originally slated for May 16, was put back to May 23, allowing a three-week layover after the Kentucky Derby for the first time.

January 14, 1989...Jockey Kent Desormeaux scored his 1,000th career win in the 10th race at Laurel Racecourse, aboard Eesee's Taw, in the Francis Scott Key H.

January 15, 1932...Australian champion Phar Lap arrived in San Francisco. He was shipped by steamship to the U.S., en route to Agua Caliente in Mexico, where he was to make his North American racing debut in the March 20 Agua Caliente H., then the continent's richest race.

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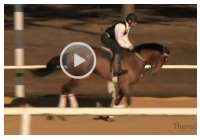
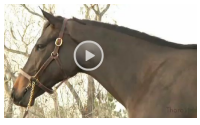

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142nd Derby and Oaks, Renamed Wise Dan Top Churchill Spring Meet:

The 142nd runnings of the $2 million GI Kentucky Derby and $1 million GI Kentucky Oaks top a docket of 26 stakes events worth $8.25 million combined during the Churchill Downs spring meeting. Twenty-three of the 26 stakes events are graded, headlined by seven graded events on the Saturday May 7 program, which includes the Derby. The Oaks will be contested Friday May 6 as the centerpiece of a card that includes six graded stakes.

Among the notable changes on the spring stakes schedule is a new name, distance, and placement for the GII Wise Dan S., a 1 1/16-mile turf test formerly known as the Firecracker. The race, which two-time Horse of the Year Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry) won twice during his career, will be run on Saturday June 18 as part of a "Downs After Dark Presented by Stella Artois and Old Forester" card featuring the GI Stephen Foster H.

"It means so much to us to have that race named to honor Wise Dan," said Wise Dan's trainer Charlie LoPresti. "He's been a great horse, and we've had so much fun with him and we're proud of him. I've often thought that someday somebody would name a race after him, and I'm glad that Churchill was the first to come up with it because he's won so many races there and is such a big part of Churchill Downs."

The Spring Meet runs begins with another "Downs After Dark" card Saturday Apr. 30 and concludes Saturday July 2 with a "Closing Night" celebration. For more information, visit www.churchilldowns.com.

INDUSTRY INFO

Sol Kumin Chosen as New Owner of the Year:

Sol Kumin, part owner of undefeated **Lady Eli** (Divine Park) and GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint victress **Wavell Avenue** (Harlington), has been named New Owner of the Year, OwnerView announced Tuesday. The award honors a new Thoroughbred owner who has been successful in the sport and has made a positive impact on the industry.

Kumin, who hails from the greater Boston area, purchased his first Thoroughbred in 2014 and submitted the winning bid for 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Lady Eli one month later. He has helped create six different racing partnerships and has an ownership interest in over 65 racehorses, including stakes performers such as Slumber, Undrafted, Stallwalkin' Dude and Dacita (Chi).

As the CEO and founder of Folger Hill Asset Management, Kumin has brought a wide spectrum of new faces into the game, and has also been instrumental in supporting Thoroughbred retirement initiatives. He donated a portion of earnings from each of his Breeders' Cup entrants to the New Vocations racehorse adoption program.

"I am honored to be given this award for New Owner of the Year," Kumin said. "I feel extremely lucky to have been introduced to horse racing at this stage in my life. In a short period of time, I have been fortunate enough to win some races and form some incredible friendships that I know I will have for many years to come."

The award will be presented to Kumin at the Thoroughbred Owner Conference at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach, Florida, in January.

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Twenty Stallion Farms Contributed to TAA in 2015:

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance received funding from 20 farms in 2015 through stud fees from 119 stallions. The stallions' connections pledged to donate 25% or more of the advertised stud fee for each horse.

"WinStar is involved at every level of the Thoroughbred industry, which includes aftercare," stated Elliott Walden, president and CEO of WinStar Farm. "We feel it is our responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of the core of our business, the Thoroughbred. WinStar is proud to contribute to an organization dedicated to supporting nationwide aftercare and shining a positive light on the sport."

Jimmy Bell, president of the TAA and Darley America, said, "As one of the cornerstones of our Alliance, these stallion farms continue to provide funds, leadership, and an overall awareness of how important the TAA is to our industry."

The participating stallion farms were:

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Shadwell Farm
Taylor Made Stallions
Three Chimneys Farm
Unusual Heat Syndicate
Walmac Farm
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NTRA Asks Fans to Submit Photos with American Pharoah:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association and Xpressbet are asking fans and horsemen to submit their personal photos with Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) for inclusion in a video montage to be shown during the 45th Annual Eclipse Awards ceremony Jan. 16.

Submissions can be made on Twitter by tagging @NTRA or using the hashtag #APandMe; via Facebook by posting an image to the wall of the official NTRA page (Facebook.com/NTRA1); or by e-mail at APandMe@NTRA.com. The deadline to submit is Jan. 12. Only JPG files will be accepted at the e-mail address.

"American Pharoah has served as racing's greatest ambassador in the past year, posing for photos with thousands of visitors," said Keith Chamblin, NTRA Chief Operating Officer and Senior Executive Producer of the Eclipse Awards. "This Eclipse Awards ceremony will be a celebration not only of the Triple Crown winner's historic feats on the track but also of his immense popularity and influence beyond racing. With everyone's participation the NTRA and Xpressbet hope to demonstrate the special connection American Pharoah had with the public in a very personal way."

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+Useung Line, g, 3, Congrats--Glenarcy, by Forestry. Busan, 1-3, Hcp. *($46k)*, 1000m. B-Aaron & Marie Jones (KY). *$47,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; $50,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR.

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IN BRITAIN:

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ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, January 6

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

BIG DRAMA (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, $10K, 108/13/1
5-GP, Mcl, 1mT, +Who's Your Drama, $60K EAS MAY 2yo, 4-1

CAPE BLANCO (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, $18K, 258/15/1
5-GP, Mcl, 1mT, Megacosm, 20-1

FLAGSHIP (El Prado {Ire}), Byerpatch Farm, $2, 9/1/0
1-MVR, Msw, 6f, Dontransomtheship, $1,000 FTK OCT yrl, 8-1

GIANT OAK (Giant's Causeway), Millennium Farms, $8K, 67/2/1
1-MVR, Msw, 6f, Tune Up, 5-2

TWIRLING CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, $15K, 144/25/0
5-GP, Mcl, 1mT, Twistcat Candy, $35K OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1

UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, $35K, 261/29/7
2-TAM, Aoc, 1m, Uncle Jerry, $75K KEE SEP yrl, 6-5

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8th-SUN, $33,100, (S), 1-5, (NW2X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.84, ft.

BIRD LADY (f, 4, Nacimiento--Bird On the Rise, by Birdonthewire) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, $58,638. O-Barbara Jean Brown; B-Byron Ritchie (NM); T-Barbara Jean Brown.

4th-SUN, $28,200, 1-5, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.10, ft.

FLAT GONE (g, 5, Flatter--Me Gotta Go {SP, $183,697}, by Kayrawan) Lifetime Record: SP, 24-3-1-2, $127,138. O-Double Down Racing, LLC.; B-Linn Davis (KY); T-Shaun C. Morrow. *$32,000 Ylg '12 FTKJUL; $65,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.

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2000	Kalanisi (Ire) (4)
2001	Fantastic Light (5)
2002	High Chaparral (Ire) (3)
2003	High Chaparral (Ire) (4)
2004	Kitten's Joy (3)
2005	Leroidesanimaux (Brz) (5)
2006	Miesque's Approval (7)
2007	English Channel (5)
2008	Conduit (Ire) (3)
2009	Gio Ponti (4)
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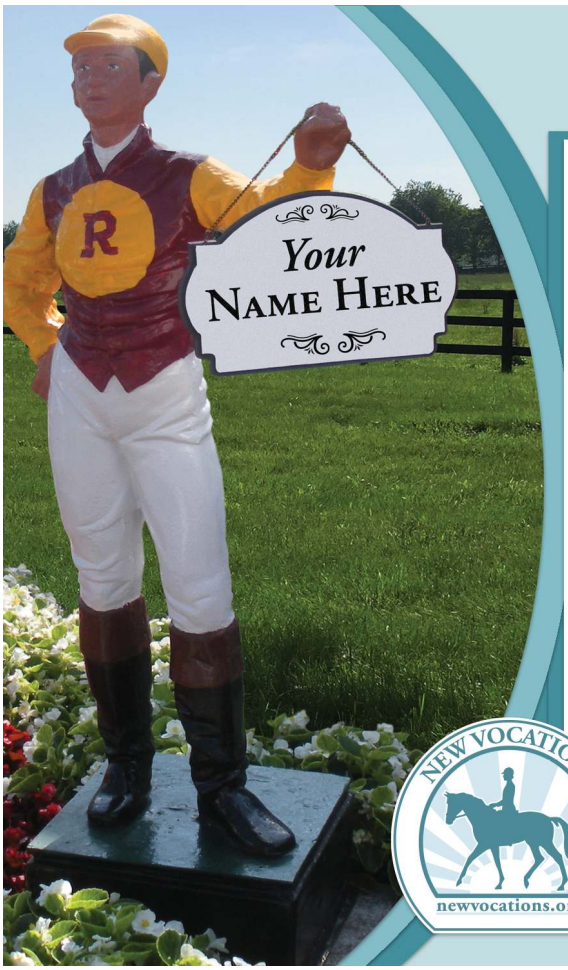

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RAIN DOESN'T SPOIL MAGIC PARADE

Yearlings are on parade on the Gold Coast | *Magic Millions*

By Kelsey Riley

Rain showers descended on Australia's Gold Coast early Tuesday, but that didn't stop shoppers from coming out in full force to inspect the more than 1000 yearlings on offer at this week's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. The Southern Hemisphere's curtain-opening auction kicks off Wednesday and runs through Tuesday with a dark day Monday.

Magic Millions' Managing Director Vin Cox described the Gold Coast catalogue as "the best catalogue we've ever had," last month, and Cox said yesterday that feedback from potential buyers has mirrored that statement.

"We thought we had a very good catalogue coming in, both from a pedigree point of view and a physical point of view, and the buyers are telling us that, so we're very happy with what they're saying," he said. "There is a good vibe around the grounds, so hopefully that translates into a nice sale."

Bloodstock agent James Harron echoed that sentiment, and said there appeared to be a horse for every shoppers on the grounds.

"It's a really good group of horses," he said. "There is a lot of variety; there is probably a horse here for everybody at all different levels."

"The catalogue certainly reads better on paper [than in previous years] and there's a lot of good types here also," Harron added. "There's good consistency throughout the catalogue and a good representation of stallions."

The Gold Coast sale offers annually the first look at the stock of the country's first-season sires. Last year freshman Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality) caused waves when represented by the sale-topping A$1.2 million colt as well as an A$850,000 filly, and other first-season sires last year to enjoy strong results included Smart Missile (Aus) and So You Think (NZ). This year's first-season sire crop includes highly anticipated racetrack rivals Pierro (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) and All Too Hard (Aus) (Casino Prince {Aus}), as well as GI Kentucky Derby and G1 Dubai World Cup winner Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), and Harron said the first-crop sires were well represented at Magic Millions.

"I think the farms have done a good job in getting a nice bunch here, so you're getting a good handle on them as types," he noted. "There are good numbers here of Pierros and All Too Hards; I think they've all got some nice horses. They've covered big books of mares, so you'd expect that." **Cont. p2**

in TDN America today...

CASTELLANO DESERVES ECLIPSE

Bill Finley pens a column arguing that Javier Castellano deserves the Eclipse Award for outstanding jockey over Triple Crown winner Victor Espinoza.

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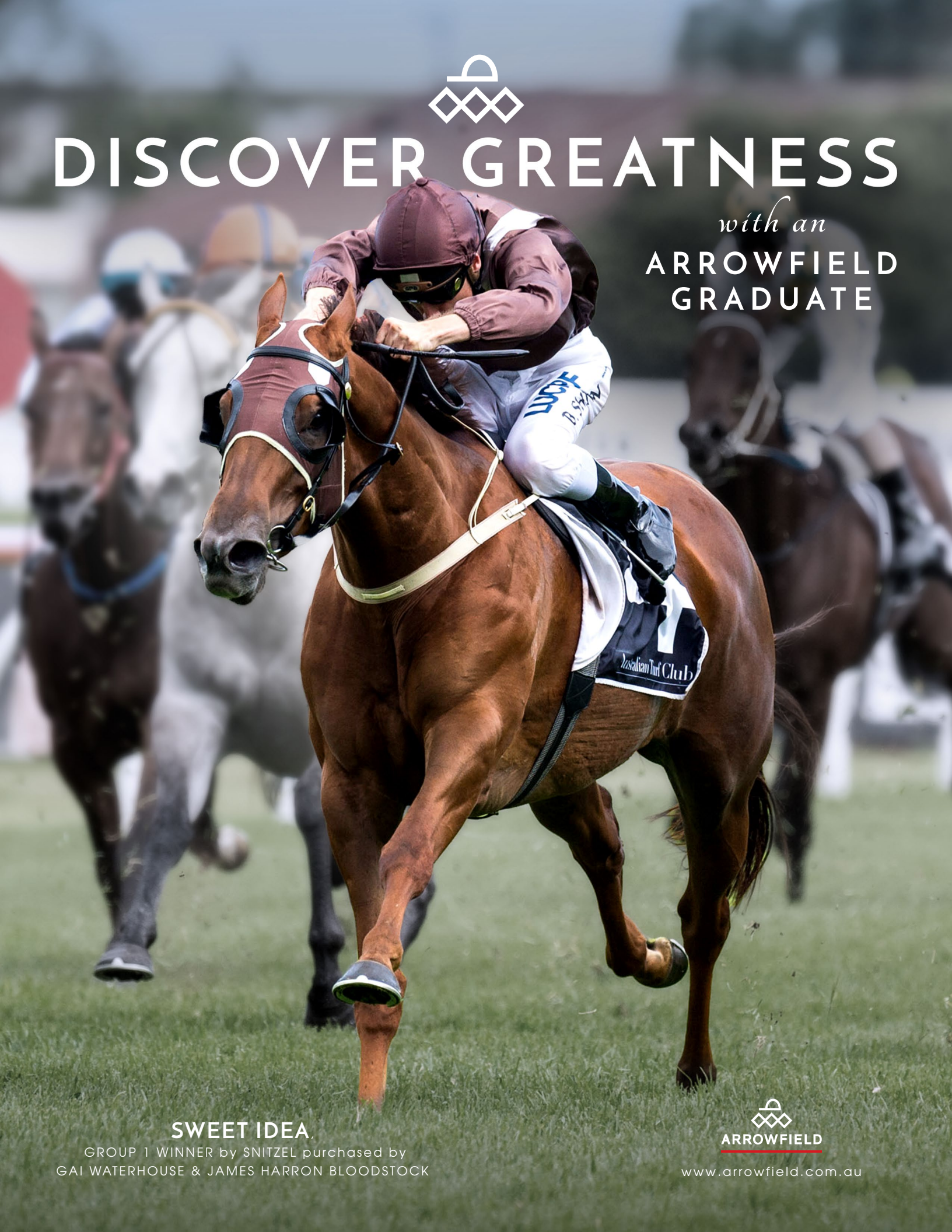
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Sellers also expressed satisfaction with the action on the grounds this week. Widden Stud owner Antony Thompson said this week he's had the busiest inspections days he's ever seen.

"Monday and Saturday were I think the busiest days I've had at a sale," he said. "We started parading at eight o'clock and didn't finish until after five, and we were flat out all day. They were very successful days so hopefully they all buy."

"The horses arrived here on New Year's Eve and we started parading New Year's Day," Thompson added. "We've been very busy right through; some of our best horses have had over 150 inspections now, so we're incredibly busy but it's great to see, and buyers from all around the world are here, so we're excited."

Widden Stud's lot 216 | *Magic Millions*

Widden offers 37 yearlings this week, and Thompson offered lot 216, the final lot through the ring Wednesday, as a highlight. A son of Widden's resident sire Sebring, who is represented by the likes of Australian Horse of the Year Dissident (Aus) and globetrotter Criterion (NZ), the bay is the second foal of the stakes-placed Fast Talker (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), whose Northern Meteor (Aus) colt sold to the China Horse Club for A$300,000 at Inglis Easter last year.

Chris Watson of Mill Park Stud, whose consignment last year included the aforementioned A$850,000 Sepoy filly and a A$575,000 Redoute's Choice colt of Dances On Waves (Aus) (Anabaa), said he expects a strong top end of the market.

"I think we'll have a much larger buying bench in the top end here; we have a lot more new people turning up, so hopefully there will be a good flow effect all the way through the sale," he said. "I think it's pretty well on par with inspections from last year, but there's probably much more interest so we're very happy."

Watson pointed to lot 139, a Street Cry (Ire) colt out of Dances On Waves, and lot 189, a Snitzel (Aus) filly out of Elusive Wonder (Aus) (Elusive Quality) as the likely highlights of his draft.

"We commenced inspections five days ago and there's been really good, steady interest in all our horses," he noted. "We have a lovely bunch of horses here that will suit a wide range of people so we're very happy with what we have."

Newgate Farm's Henry Field said he's expecting a "selective" market. Cont. p3

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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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50 yearlings on offer at the Magic Millions, January

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"I think the market will be relatively selective but the quality should sell very well," Field said. "Magic Millions have done a wonderful job bringing a lot of international buyers into town, so full credit to them--they've done a great job putting together a great catalogue of horses and a great catalogue of [buyers] as well."

Field, whose sellers last year included the sale's A$1.05 million top-priced filly, said his draft this year is one of his best ever.

"Inspections have been up on the last couple years, but we also have what we think is our best draft, so we hope that would correlate," he explained.

The first session of the Gold Coast yearling sale begins Wednesday at 10 a.m. local time.

First Gold Coast Visit For WinStar...

The U.S. has been well represented at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in recent years, and Americans have bought the top lots at this sale the last two years; Jon Kelly spent A$1 million on a Redoute's Choice colt in 2014, and Spendthrift bought a Sepoy colt for A$1.2 million last year. Another American superpower could join the buying ranks this year, with WinStar Farm's Elliott Walden in attendance at Magic Millions for the first time.

Walden noted the visit is a continuation of WinStar's forays into foreign markets, which also includes yearlings bought at last year's JRHA sale in Japan.

"A lot of good horses come out of this sale," Walden explained of his reason for making the journey. "Over the past year we've entered into some global-type situations, with going to Japan and buying some yearlings, and we're just looking to see what we can come up with."

Elliott Walden | *Horsephotos*

WinStar already owns a piece of one horse in training Down Under. Taj Mahal (Aus), a 2-year-old colt by WinStar's resident sire and successful shuttler More Than Ready, was placed on debut Nov. 28 for trainers Peter and Paul Snowden, and is owned in partnership with the likes of Newgate Farm, Stonestreet and the China Horse Club. WinStar is also a part owner of 3-year-old colt Super One (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), who won his last three starts in Singapore including the Golden Horseshoe S. in May.

Another high-profile visitor making a return to Magic Millions is Shadwell's Angus Gold, and Magic Millions' Managing Director Vin Cox said the presence of such shoppers is a tribute to the catalogue.

"We're thrilled to bits to have people of that caliber on our grounds," he said. "It shows they respect our catalogue to be here. Whether they find the horse they want to buy remains to be seen, but it's great having them here nonetheless. We're looking forward to hosting everyone here for the next few days; it's going to be a fun week and the million-dollar raceday on Saturday will be extra special."

Magic Millions' Managing Director Vin Cox | *Racing and Sports*

Walden said he thinks there is a lot to like about the Australian industry.

"It's a very healthy market," he said. "It ties in well with what we do, and I love the fact that there's a lot of people that enjoy racing in the country. There's a focus on it here in the mainstream media so that's very intriguing."

And could we see the WinStar silks on Australia's racetracks in the future?

"We'll see," Walden said. "We're here to have a look around."

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MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLING SALE THURSDAY--DAY TWO

233, c, Snitzel (Aus)--Flidais (Aus), by Timber Country
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud

This September-foaled chestnut is a full-sibling to Sweet Idea (Aus), a graduate of this sale who went on to win the A$1 million Magic Millions 3YO Guineas and the G1 Galaxy H. before selling for A$1.6 million at last year's Magic Millions National Sale. He is also a half to the stakes-winning Rush (Aus) (Charge Forward {Aus}).

242, f, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Forest Native, by Forest Wildcat
Consigned by Coolmore Stud

The progeny of champion sire Fastnet Rock are always popular at Australia's yearling sales, and this filly is sure to draw plenty of attention, being a full-sibling to two stakes winners by that sire, including the Group 1 winner Foxwedge (Aus). The dam, the U.S. stakes-placed Forest Native, has produced four winners from four to race. Her Redoute's Choice filly was bought by John Warren at this sale last year for A$380,000.

264, c, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Gold Anthem (Aus), by Made Of Gold (Aus)
Consigned by Milburn Creek

This colt, who hails from one of the most prolific Australian families of recent years, is a half-brother to the European and Australian champion sprinter Starspangledbanner (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}) as well as Gold Chant (Aus) (El Moxie {Aus}), the dam of G1 Thousand Guineas winner Amicus (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). This colt's full-sister was a A$700,000 Inglis Easter yearling last year, and a full-brother realized A$2.4 million at that sale three years ago.

269, c, Snitzel (Aus)--Good Weekend (Aus), by Hussonet
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud

This bay, by Arrowfield resident sire Snitzel, is the second foal out of an unraced full-sister to Weekend Hussler (Aus) (Hussonet), the winner of seven Group 1 races. Also under the second dam is dual Group 1 winner Lucky Hussler (Aus) (Husson {Arg}).

275, c, Zoffany (Ire)--Green Mirage (Aus), by Green Desert
Consigned by Coolmore Stud

Europe's champion first-season sire Zoffany is represented here by this October-foaled bay colt, who is out of a mare that has produced three winners from three to race. Two of Zoffany's five Northern Hemisphere stakes winners are out of Green Desert-line mares: G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. and G3 Albany S. winner Illuminate (Ire) and Listed Windsor Castle S. winner Washington DC (Ire).

411, f, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Mani Bhavan, by Storm Boot
Consigned by Kia-Ora Stud

Three of Mani Bhavan's five foals are by Fastnet Rock, and that is a mating that has worked out well for her in sales rings thus far. Her first foal, a filly by that sire, realized A$1.55 million at Inglis Easter in 2013, and another colt by Fastnet Rock cost the sire's former trainer Paul Perry A$400,000 at the same sale last year. Mani Bhavan, the winner of the GI Spinaway S. and GI Adirondack S., cost Kia-Ora A$650,000 at Fasig-Tipton November in 2009 through agent James Bester. Mani Bhavan has a colt foal by Medaglia d'Oro.

Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale Day Two Outs
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PP	SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Candika (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Hmmersly	O'dea	121
2	1	Capitalist (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Shinn	Snowdens	125
3	5	Nikitas (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Cahill	Wood	125
5	13	Conchita (Aus)	Uncle Mo	Huet	Perry	121
8	7	Just Orm (Aus)	Falvelon (Aus)	Berry	Gollan	125
9	6	Niccolance (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	McDonald	Snowdens	125
11	4	Sundance (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Lloyd	Edmonds	125
12	9	Highland Beat (Aus)	Excd and Excel (Aus)	Lane	Hys/Dberng	125
13	16	Rare Occrrnce (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	Stewart	Kendrick	121
14	3	Dieters (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Griffin	McLachlan	125
15	12	Faraway Town (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	Collett	Smith	121
16	8	Punishing (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	Browne	Birchley	125
17	2	Claro El Banco (Aus)	Statue of Liberty	G Schofld	Petch	125
18	15	Mooshakissa (Aus)	Duporth (Aus)	Zahra	Snowdens	121
19	10	Zldy's Nght Out (Aus)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Byrne	Gollan	121
20	14	Slumber Party (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	McEvoy	Wterhouse	121
Also Eligibles:						
4	19	Party Pardee (Aus)	Red Dazzler (Aus)	No rider	Suli	125
7	17	Rny Dy Womn (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Payne	Ross	121
10	20	Par Oneri (Aus)	Lve Cnqurs All (Aus)	No rider	McCall	125
21	18	Zafina (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	No rider	Portelli	121

Saturday, Gold Coast, Australia
GOLD COAST MAGIC MILLIONS 3YO GUINEAS-Restricted Listed,
A$2,000,000 *(US$1,436,850)*, 3yo, 1400mT

PP	SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	14	Atalanta Miss (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	Payne	Payne	121
2	6	In His Stride (Aus)	Rothesay (Aus)	Browne	Lipp	125
5	12	Single Gaze (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	O'Hara	Olive	121
6	16	Egyptin Symbl (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	G Schofld	Baker	121
7	4	Dram Of Red (Aus)	Red Element (Aus)	Lloyd	Dunn	125
8	11	Typing (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Byrne	Kendrick	122
9	5	I'm Belucci (Aus)	Cptain Sondor (Aus)	Boss	Forster	125
10	3	Most Important (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Harrison	Gollan	125
11	2	Real Good (Aus)	Real Saga (Aus)	Cahill	Miller	127
14	13	Flmbyant Lass (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	McDonald	Wterhouse	121
15	10	Sagaronne (Aus)	Real Saga (Aus)	Avdulla	Edmonds	122
16	8	Madotti (Aus)	Falvelon (Aus)	Angland	Dunn	123
17	15	Star Of Night (Aus)	Wicked Style (Aus)	Griffin	Kelly	121
19	9	Flippant (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	McEvoy	Snowdens	122
20	1	Mahuta (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Rawiller	Weir	128
21	7	Sir Bacchus (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Oliver	Waller	125
Also Eligibles:						
3	20	Sga of the Strm (Aus)	Real Saga (Aus)	No rider	Birchley	121
4	17	We're Sure (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	No rider	Snowdens	125
12	18	Hesitation (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	Cahill	Wood	121
13	19	Shtacrss the Bw (Aus)	Rothesay (Aus)	No rider	Murphy	125
18	21	Perfect Dare (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Byrne	Dunn	125

CHAMPION MARE DELICACY RETIRES

The dual Group 1-winning mare **Delicacy (Aus)** (Al Maher {Aus}) has been retired following injuries sustained during her record weight-carrying victory in the G2 Perth Cup on Jan. 2. The G1 SA Derby and G1 Australasian Oaks victrix tore both front tendons in posting the 12th success of her career when beating her stablemate Neverland (Aus) (Big Brown) by three-quarters of a length.

Bred by her owner Bob Peters of Peters Investment Ltd, Delicacy won her sole start at two and recorded her first of seven black-type victories in the G3 W.A. Champion Fillies' S. Subsequent wins in the West Australian Oaks and Derby provided the springboard to further success in South Australia, where she recorded both her Group 1 triumphs. The stellar season for the Grant Williams trainee culminated in her being crowned champion 3-year-old filly in Australia and named West Australia's Horse of the Year.

Delicacy's 4-year-old campaign continued in similar vein, with back-to-back wins in the G2 C.B. Cox S. and the Perth Cup coming just a fortnight apart.

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Tuesday's Results:

3rd-LIN, £4,500, Mdn, 1-5, 3yo/up, f, 10f (AWT), 2:05.61, ft. **STARS AT NIGHT (IRE) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Miarixa {Fr}, by Linamix {Fr})**, who ran fourth going one mile at Kempton last time Dec. 15, broke well from the inside box and held sway throughout this one. Quickening decisively on the home turn, the 5-4 favorite lengthened clear of toiling rivals under mild urging in the short straight to easily best O'Connor's Girl (GB) (Roderic O'Connor {Ire}) by four lengths. The winner, who is a full-sister to a 2-year-old colt and a yearling filly, is also kin to G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish Oaks victrix Blue Bunting (Dynaformer), Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 11-14f, MG1SW-Eng & G1SW-Ire, $1,066,879. Her second dam is the G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Mrs Arkada (Fr) (Akarad {Fr}), who is out of a half-sister to G1 Prix Jacques le Marois winner Miss Satamixa (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $5,145. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Miarixa Syndicate (IRE); T-John Gosden.

4th-SOU, £4,500, Mdn, 1-5, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:35.77, ft. **SIGNED SEALED (c, 4, Giant's Causeway--Latice {Ire} {Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Fr, GISP-Can & MGSP-US, $797,391}, by Inchinor {GB})**, a last-out fourth at Chelmsford in his fifth start Dec. 21, was positioned in a close-up second after the initial exchanges of this one. Taking over from Brave Richard (Ire) (Jeremy) with a half mile remaining, the crowd's 11-10 choice stretched ever clear under mild coaxing in the straight to defeat that rival, geared down, by a facile seven lengths. Signed Sealed, whose sire Giant's Causeway raised the profile of this low-key track when prepping here before running second in the 2000 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, is a half-brother to Fencing (Street Cry {Ire}), MSW & G1SP-Eng, $198,944. His dam Latice, who bagged a career high in the G1 Prix de Diane and is herself a half-sister to G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Prix Jean Prat victor Lawman (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), has also produced a 2-year-old colt by Galileo (Ire). Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, $10,193. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-George Strawbridge (PA); T-John Gosden.

British Report cont.

1st-LIN, £3,500, Mdn, 1-5, 3yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:12.20, ft.
KHAMEELA (GB) (f, 3, Equiano {Fr}--Mina {GB}, by Selkirk {GB}) hit the board going seven furlongs at Wolverhampton on debut last time Oct. 20, and raced in second after a level break dropped one panel for this return. Seizing control soon after straightening for home, the 1-2 lock surged clear inside the final eighth to comfortably account for Magic Garden (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}) by 3 1/2 lengths. The winner, a half to Minalisa (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SW-Ire & MSP-Eng, $178,287, hails from the family of G1 July Cup-winning European highweight Owington (GB) (Green Desert). Sales history: 75,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT; €9,000 2yo '15 GOFNOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $4,026. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Huckleberry Racing; B-C J Mills (GB); T-David Simcock.

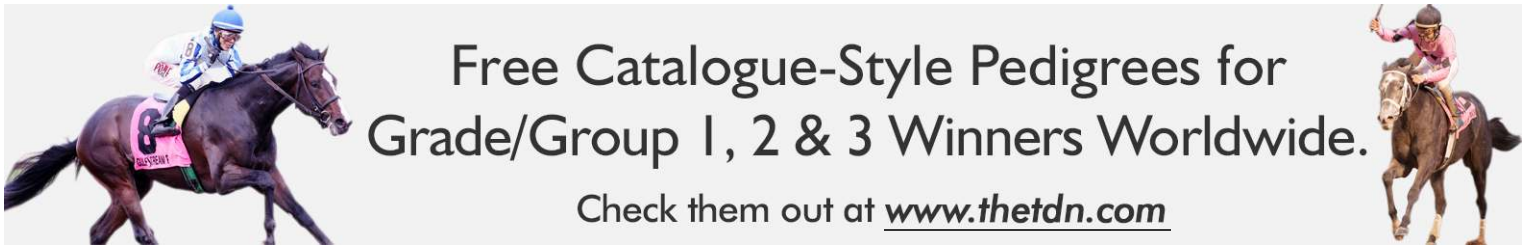
CONDITIONS RESULTS:
4th-LIN, £11,500, Alw, 1-5, 3yo, 5f 6y (AWT), :57.14, ft.
GRACIOUS JOHN (IRE) (c, 3, Baltic King {GB}--Dorn Hill {GB}, by Lujain) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr & SP-Eng, 7-4-0-2, $74,842. O-Terry Reffell; B-Skeaghmore Hill (IRE); T-David Evans. €10,000 2yo '15 ARJUL.

Tuesday's Results:
CONDITIONS RESULTS:
8th-PTB, €15,000, Alw, 1-5, 4yo, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:40.33, ft.
NAYFAH (FR) (f, 4, Falco--Street Kendra {Fr}, by Kendor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €19,500. O-Khalifa Mohammed Al Attiyah; B-Haras du Mezeray & Richard Phillips (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *€55,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG. **1/2 to Silas Marner (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), GSW-Fr, $383,965.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Never Compromise (Fr), g, 3, **Astronomer Royal**--Noor Forever (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr), PTB, 1-5, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:41.44. B-Haras de Manneville (FR). *€6,000 Ylg '14 ARNOV.
Jolie Madame (Fr), f, 3, **Stormy River (Fr)**--Vodka (Fr), by Ali-Royal (Ire), PTB, 1-5, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:43.08. B-Gilles & Aliette Forien (FR). *€10,000 Ylg '14 OSSEP.

Tuesday, Nakayama, Japan
NIKKAN SPORTS SHO NAKAYAMA KIMPAI-G3, ¥78,050,000, Nakayama, 1-5, 4yo/up, 2000mT, 2:01.20, fm.
1--**YAMAKATSU ACE (JPN), 123, c, 4, by King Kamehameha (Jpn)**
1st Dam: Yamakatsu Marilyn (Jpn), by Grass Wonder
2nd Dam: Except for Wanda, by Tejabo
3rd Dam: Unique Gal, by Bold Ruckus
O-Kazuo Yamada; B-Okada Farm; T-Kaneo Ikezoe; J-Kenichi Ikezoe; ¥41,525,000. Lifetime Record: 15-5-1-2. **Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**
2--**Meiner Frost (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Black Tide (Jpn)--Three Snow Grass (Jpn), by Grass Wonder. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Keiyu Farm; ¥16,150,000.
3--**Fluky (Jpn)**, 127, h, 6, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Sunday Smile (GB), by Sunday Silence. (¥30,000,000 yrl '11 JRHAJUL) O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm ; ¥10,075,000.
Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.90, 5.90, 2.40.
Click for the Japan Racing Association chart and VIDEO.

Tuesday, Kyoto, Japan
SPORTS NIPPON SHO KYOTO KIMPAI-G3, ¥78,170,000, Kyoto, 1-5, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.00, fm.
1--**#@WIN PRIMERA (JPN), 117, m, 6, by Stay Gold (Jpn)**
1st Dam: Erimo Pretty (Jpn), by Forty Niner
2nd Dam: Stocks Up, by Kris S.
3rd Dam: Sunshine Starshine, by Marshua's Dancer
O-Win Inc.; B-Big Red Farm; T-Ryuji Okubo; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥41,609,000. Lifetime Record: 27-5-4-6. **Werk Nick Rating: C+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**
2--**T M Taiho (Jpn)**, 126, h, 7, New England (Jpn)--Mandarin Mama, by Lord At War (Arg). O-Masatsugu Takezono; B-Takeo Wakabayashi; ¥16,174,000.
3--**Mikki Love Song (Jpn)**, 119, c, 4, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Koiuta (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn). (¥60,000,000 yrl '12 JRHAJUL). O-Mizuki Noda; B-Shadai Farm; ¥10,087,000.
Margins: HF, 1HF, HD. Odds: 5.10, 36.70, 12.00.
Click for the Japan Racing Association chart and VIDEO.



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Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:45pm
AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R1 PRESENTED BY LONGINES DOLCE VITA COLLECTION-G2, $250,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m

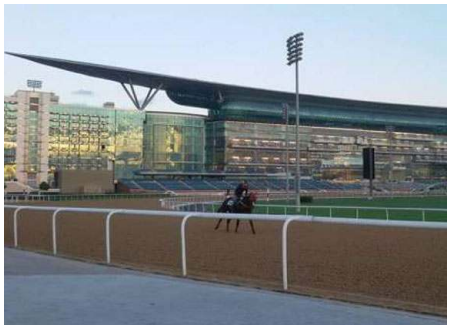
PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Faulkner (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Hitchcott	Watson
2	Surfer	Distorted Humor	R Mullen	Seemar
3	Long River	A.P. Indy	Ffrench	Bin Ghadayer
4	Pearl Nation Ⓚ	Speightstown	A Mullen	M Appleby
5	Top Clearance	Majestic Warrior	Hayes	Selvaratnam
6	Gold City (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Crouch	Seemar
7	Special Fighter (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Jara	Al Muhairi
8	Layl	Street Cry (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson
9	Frankyfourfingers (Fr)	Sunday Break (Jpn)	Barzalona	Bin Ghadayer
10	Prayer For Relief Ⓚ	Jump Start	Soumillon	De Kock
11	Le Bernardin	Bernardini	O'Shea	Al Raihe
12	Free Wheeling (Aus)	Ad Valorem	Doyle	Bin Suroor
13	Haatheq	Seeking The Gold	Hanagan	Al Raihe

All carry 126 pounds.

Cheongu Breaks New Ground for Korea at Meydan:

Win, lose or draw in Thursday's second-race handicap over 1200 meters of the Meydan dirt track, **Cheongu** (Old Fashioned) will make some history as the first South Korean-based runner to make an appearance at the Dubai World Cup Carnival.

Bred in New York by Capistrano Bloodstock LLC, the $11,000 FTNAUG yearling and $25,000 FTMMAY 2-year-old purchase enters his sternest test to date having won half of his 10 career appearances while amassing earnings of better than $277,000.



Cheongu training at Meydan
Seungho Ryu/KRA

Cheongu was third to Choegang Schiller (Artie Schiller) in the Asia Challenge Cup at Seoul Aug. 30, a race in which defending champion El Padrino (NZ) (Mr Nancho {Arg}) was second. The latter was a winner during the 2012 Carnival over the old Tapeta track, but proved he could handle a conventional dirt surface with a strong fourth behind Secret Circle (Eddington) in last year's G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. His most recent trip to the post resulted in a front-running, three-length victory in a Class 1 handicap over 1400 meters Nov. 22 (video) and while success in Dubai is somewhat unlikely, Korean racing officials are relishing the opportunity.

"It has been a dream of mine, and finally that dream has come true," Dr. Seungho Ryu, international races manager for the Korean Racing Authority, told *The National* newspaper.

"It would be silly of me to say now that Cheongu will be good enough for Dubai World Cup night, but if he could just get there it would be like the Korean football team making the World Cup semi-finals," he added.

Cheongu will break from gate two in the night's second event and is to be ridden by jockey Royston Ffrench for trainer In Seok Seo.

"You can't say what they are capable of and that is the beauty of it," Martin Talty, the international racing manager for the Dubai Racing Club, told *The National*. "It would be massive for racing both in Dubai and in Korea if one of them won and it would reverberate around the world as international racing would benefit."

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Wednesday, Happy Valley, Hong Kong, post time: 10:15 p.m.
JANUARY CUP H., HK$3,000,000 *(US$387,012)*, 3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Got Fly (Fr)	Early March (GB)	Whyte	Gibson	119
2	Flame Hero (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Leung	Ho	117
3	Kabayan (Aus)	Haradasun (Aus)	Cheng	Moore	113
4	Rainbow Chic (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Purton	Fownes	122
5	Helene Super Star	War Front	Ho	A Cruz	133
6	Mr Gnocchi (Aus)	Hard Spun	Schofield	Millard	113
7	Top Act (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Fourie	Millard	117
8	Ensuring (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Teetan	Size	113
9	Romantic Touch (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Callan	A Cruz	120
10	Harbour Master	Mizzen Mast	Benoist	Moore	124
11	Pleasure Gains (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Rawiller	Man	124
12	Khaya (NZ)	Librettist	Yeung	Size	122

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Chairman's Sprint Prize Added to Global Sprint Challenge:

The G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize, a 1200-meter dash to be contested at Hong Kong's Sha Tin Racecourse Sunday, May 1, has been added to the Global Sprint Challenge (GSC), officials at the Hong Kong Jockey Club announced Tuesday. Raised from local Group 1 status to international Group 1 level in October 2015, the Chairman's Sprint Prize replaces the canceled G1 KrisFlyer International Sprint on the GSC calendar.

Gold-Fun winning the 2015 Chairman's Sprint Prize | *HKJC photo*

Founded in 2005, the Global Sprint Challenge encompasses races in Australia, England, Japan and the United Arab Emirates in addition to Hong Kong, which now plays host to two events in the series. The G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint closes the sequence in December.

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"The Chairman's Sprint Prize has played host to some of the great sprinters in Hong Kong, and we now look forward to the added prestige given the status bestowed by the Global Sprint Challenge Committee," said Bill Nader, Executive Director of Racing for the Hong Kong Jockey Club. "We shifted the race [from February] to May 1 in order to bridge the gap in GSC events between the Dubai Golden Shaheen and Takamatsunomiya Kinen at the end of March and the King's Stand in June.

Nader added, "Some of Hong Kong's best sprinters were two-time winners of the Chairman's Sprint Prize, including the great Silent Witness (Aus), Sacred Kingdom (Aus) and Fairy King Prawn (Aus). More recently, Lucky Nine (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), himself a three-time winner of Global Sprint Challenge events, won consecutive editions of the race. It promises to be a worthy addition to the GSC slate."

The GSC offers a $1-million bonus to the connections of any horse to land three races in three different jurisdictions. Though none has succeeded in claiming the prize, the Hong Kong-based Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) won the KrisFlyer and the G1 Sprinters' S. in 2015 and could have earned the bonus in the Hong Kong Sprint, but was forced to miss the race owing to a heart irregularity.

The 2016 Global Sprint Challenge kicks off with the running of the G1 Black Caviar Lightning S. at Flemington Feb. 20.

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Date	Race	Track
Feb. 20	Black Caviar Lightning S.	Flemington
Mar. 26	Dubai Golden Shaheen (dirt)	Meydan
Mar. 27	Takamatsunomiya Kinen	Chukyo
May 1	Chairman's Sprint Prize	Sha Tin
June 14	King's Stand S.	Royal Ascot
June 18	Diamond Jubilee S.	Royal Ascot
July 9	Darley July Cup	Newmarket
Oct. 2	Sprinters' S.	Nakayama
Nov. 5	Darley Classic	Flemington
Dec. 11	Longines Hong Kong Sprint	Sha Tin

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