

## BELLE BEST IN MEGAHERTZ



Keri Belle holds on to win Megahertz | Benoit

**Keri Belle** (Empire Maker) surged to the lead in the final furlong and just held off the late rallies of **Stormy Lucy** (Stormy Atlantic) and **Theatre Star** (War Front) to earn the first graded success of her career in the GIII Megahertz S. at Santa Anita Monday. The 12-1 outside broke alertly, but was unhurried and shuffled back to race well off the early pace as **Glory** (Tapit) took the field through fractions of :22.79 and :46.71. Keri Belle rallied five wide turning for home and, once straightened out at the top of the lane, powered to the front. Favored Glory faded to seventh.

"Coming out of the gate I took hold," explained winning rider Alex Solis, who also rode the talented Megahertz. "They went fast so it pushed her back even more, but it worked out well because she was relaxed."

Owner and breeder Jerry Moss added, "She's a lovely horse, she's really something, very pretty. We brought her back from New York and it's so great to be back in California. We'll stay here."

Keri Belle started her career in New York and had made only one previous start in California, an allowance victory over course and trip last January. The lightly raced mare set the pace before tiring to 11th in her only other stakes appearance, the Oct. 17 GIII Athenia S. at Belmont, and was coming off a runner-up effort over the Aqueduct lawn in a Nov. 26 optional claimer. The Mosses purchased the winner's dam, Belleski, for \$150,000 at the 2000 Keeneland September sale and she went on to capture the 2003 and 2004 GIII Senator Ken Maddy H. **Cont. p3**

## PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



### A.P. INDY AND THE IT FACTOR

How do you begin to define charisma when it is such an intangible quality? The truth is that you've either got it or you don't, as we were reminded a couple of times last week. David Bowie certainly had it and so too does A.P. Indy, the two-time champion sire.

This son of Seattle Slew had it when he appeared as hip no. 249 at Keeneland's 1990 July Yearling Sales, when Tomonori Tsurumaki's team outbid everyone to acquire him for a sale-topping \$2.9 million. He had it, too, when he was voted top 3-year-old male and Horse of the Year in 1992. And he clearly still had it when he reportedly ruled the roost at last week's Lane's End's Open House, even though he's 27 and not as sleek as he once was. **Cont. p4**

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**Belle Best in Megahertz (cont. from p1)**

In foal to Empire Maker, Belleski RNA'd for \$485,000 at the 2005 Keeneland November sale and brought \$47,000 while in foal to Curlin at the 2012 Keeneland November sale. That Curlin colt brought \$85,000 at the 2014 Keeneland September sale. Belleski produced a filly by Thoreau in 2015 and was bred back to Noble Mission (Ire).

**Monday, Santa Anita**

**MEGAHERTZ S.-GIII**, \$101,750, SA, 1-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.30, gd.

1--#@KERI BELLE, 118, m, 6, by [Empire Maker](#)

1st Dam: Belleski (MGSW, \$374,586), by Polish Numbers

2nd Dam: Rangoon Belle, by Alysheba

3rd Dam: Rangoon Ruby (Ire), by Sallust (GB)

O-Mr & Mrs Jerome S Moss; B-Jerome S. Moss (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs; J-Alex O. Solis. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, \$229,030. **Werk Nick Rating: B+**

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2--**Stormy Lucy**, 123, m, 7, [Stormy Atlantic](#)--Here Comes

Lucinda, by Dixieland Band. (\$24,000 2yo '11 BARMAY).

O-S Moger; B-Mercedes Stables (KY); T-E Moger, Jr. \$20,000.



3--**Theatre Star**, 118, m, 6, [War Front](#)--Comedy, by Theatrical (Ire). (\$38,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP; \$95,000 2yo '12 OBSOPN). O-Glen Hill Farm; B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor. \$12,000.

Margins: NO, NK, 3 1/4. Odds: 12.90, 3.40, 6.90.

Also Ran: My Year Is a Day (Fr), Journey On, Chaulk O Lattey, Glory, Tiz a Kiss, Gender Agenda (GB), Alexis Tangier, Circling (Ire), Beat of The Drum (Ire). Scratched: Oscar Party, Sweet as a Rose.

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The GIII Toboggan S. will be rescheduled after Aqueduct was forced to cancel its Monday card due to high winds.



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**Pedigree Insights (cont. from p1)**

Last week was also a pretty good time for A.P. Indy's sons. Honor Code took the Eclipse Award for Older Male to become A.P. Indy's fifth American champion, following Mineshaft (Older Male and Horse of the Year), Bernardini (3yo Male), Rags To Riches (3yo Filly) and Tempera (2yo Filly). We also saw Congrats's daughter Polar River add to her burgeoning reputation when this "TDN Rising Star" took the UAE 1,000 Guineas Trial by nearly five lengths from a Group 2 winner. And Congrats's brother Flatter also made his mark, with his \$2.35 million daughter Taris winning the GII La Canada S. to record her seventh victory in 11 starts. Interestingly, Polar River's dam Bayou Tortuga also has a 2-year-old filly by Flatter.

Polar River has yet to earn black-type, but she is being talked of as a potential challenger for the GI Kentucky Oaks. She also serves the useful purpose of focusing attention on Empire Maker's broodmare daughters. Bayou Tortuga's record of one all-weather win from eight starts is a reminder that she wasn't one of the stars



**Honor Code** | A Coglianese

sired by the 2003 GI Belmont S. winner. Although Empire Maker can proudly claim to have sired Pioneerof the Nile and Bodemeister, these two were the only males among his 11 Grade I winners, so it is reasonable to expect Empire Maker's daughters to shine as broodmares.

Remember, too, that Empire Maker is by Unbridled, broodmare sire of such as Tapit, Orb, Shackleford, Mr. Speaker and Sky Diva. The sires of these top winners include A.P. Indy's sons Pulpit (2) and Malibu Moon, plus Pulpit's son Sky Mesa, so it is hardly surprising that Empire Maker mares have already produced a potential graded winner to Congrats and a listed winner to Pulpit.

Towards the end of last year, the most popular choice of stallion for Empire Maker mares had been Harlan's Holiday, with 15 foals of racing age. Appropriately this cross produced the first graded winner with a dam by Empire Maker in the shape of Takeover Target, a Grade II and Grade III winner on turf at around a mile and an eighth.

If Mike Repole has his way, the next successful cross for Empire Maker mares will be with champion freshman sire Uncle Mo. As reported in last Wednesday's TDN, Repole bought three daughters of Empire Maker for a total of \$710,000, using Three Chimneys' Jacob West as his agent.

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**More Stakes success for the young Ashford sires...**

**MO TOM** won Lecomte Stakes-Gr.3 by 2¼ L.

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As TDN's Christie DeBernardis's report explained, the motivation for these purchases stemmed from a now-3-year-old called Outwork, whose name is well worth remembering:

"Uncle Mo's first winner is out of an Empire Maker mare, a horse by the name of Outwork, who broke his maiden here at Keeneland [Apr 23]," West remarked. "They thought really highly of him. He had some juvenile issues, but he's coming back. He's back with Todd [Pletcher], so he's back up and going and they are really high on him."

West also explained that Repole's operation is looking to produce two-turn dirt horses with Classic aspirations.

West described the \$230,000 Flying Train as "a big, strong Empire Maker mare" and the \$300,000 Team as "a good size mare." Although Empire Maker himself stands 16.1 hands, his sire Unbridled and grandsire Fappiano both stood 16.3 hands, which explains why plenty of Empire Maker's daughters are on the big side. Combining them with Uncle Mo, a good-sized son of the very big Indian Charlie, appears guaranteed to produce runners with the size and strength to cope with the demands of racing on dirt.

I have to admit that, as a European used to producing turf horses, my instinct would be to breed medium-sized mares to Uncle Mo. However, I haven't forgotten that Seth Hancock once said that he wished he had bred more big mares to Unbridled, who seemed to be suited by breeding type to type.

This approach seems to be suiting Uncle Mo, who was represented by his fourth first-crop graded stakes winner when Mo Tom won the Gill LeComte S. three days ago. I don't know whether the colt's dam, the Rubiano mare Caroni, is big, but her grandsires are Fappiano and Caro, both of whom stood just an inch short of 17 hands. Mo Tom's half-sister Beautician (by Dehere) was at her best at two, when she earned a figure of 120 on the Experimental Free H., but Mo Tom--a May foal--appears capable of making further progress, perhaps over longer distances.

Interestingly, another of Uncle Mo's graded winners, the Gill Sanford S. winner Uncle Vinny, is also out of a granddaughter of Unbridled, by the 16.2-hands Untuttable. Then there's the LeComte S. third Uncle Walter and the listed-placed Mo For The Money. These two rank among the three winners from five runners out of daughters of the 17-hands Unbridled's Song. (by Unbridled out of a Caro mare).

If the highly regarded Outwork, with his dam by Empire Maker, proves capable of shining at graded level, Fappiano-line mares will have made a very eye-catching start with Uncle Mo.

It is worth adding that Uncle Mo's highest-priced second-crop yearling, a colt out of Kiss the Lady, has Fappiano's son Quiet American as his broodmare sire, so he too should be well worth waiting for.



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## GOODBYE, SWEET GULCH

by Laura Hillenbrand, reprinted from her Facebook page, with her permission

In 1987, when I was young and desperately ill, I wrapped my heart up in horse racing. Watching the paradox of mass and lightness that is the Thoroughbred, I could briefly forget my own broken body and live instead in his. That season, a horse named Gulch came along. He was everything: scorchingly fast yet long on stamina, beautifully crafted, hell-for-leather tenacious. He left the track long ago, but I never lost my gratitude for the thrilling escape he gave me.

Last fall, when my boyfriend and I were planning a road trip to move me across America, we had a thousand wonders to choose from, but there was one place I felt I had to go. It was Old Friends Equine Retirement, where Gulch lived. Then an unlikely 31 years old, he had proven as enduring in old age as he'd been brilliant in youth. A longtime supporter of Old Friends, I had been corresponding with the farm's founder, Michael Blowen, and always inquired about Gulch, asking Michael to walk by his paddock and give him a kiss for me. I had long dreamt of going to see the horse, but the trip was so far beyond what my ailing body had ever

been able to do. When my health improved and I began to believe I could traverse the country, I thought long and hard about going to Old Friends. Swinging south to Kentucky would add days to a journey that was already an extremely risky leap for me, but I had to see



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Gulch in his waning days. Of the marvelous horses who'd kept me breathing in the early days of my illness, he was the last one left. A horse who had been a part of my life as it fell to pieces was still part of it when I set myself free. I owed him this.

When the RV crunched up the driveway and pulled up at Old Friends, Michael hurried out, gave me a big hug, and pointed to a distant paddock. "There he is," he said. I could see only a brown form, far away, in a vivid sea of green. We rode into his paddock on a golf cart. There Gulch stood, surrounded by caretakers, who were gently giving him acupuncture. The sun, setting behind him, lit up his coat in an amber penumbra. As we drove up, his sleepy eyes grew worried, his crooked ears flipped forward, and he raised his head in alarm. Michael stopped the golf cart, knowing it was unsettling the horse. I walked up and stroked Gulch's face, and they let me hold his lead while they worked on him. He was gentle and so kind, murmuring his lips against my fingers. He looked impossibly youthful for his age, which was roughly 100 in human years. **Cont. p7**

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I stood a long while with him, stroking his face and neck and whispering my thanks for what he'd given me so long ago. I'd never felt so privileged.

He was so very old. In the two days that we stayed at the farm, I spent many hours just watching him as he ambled about his paddock. Michael told me that they worried over him, knowing he couldn't go on forever. Sometimes he'd lie down in the grass and they'd fear he was gone. They'd rush out to the paddock, calling his name. Not wanting to be bothered, he'd wave an ear at them, and they'd stop, laughing, and let him enjoy his sunbath.

As we drove out of Old Friends, I called out my goodbyes to Gulch, knowing I would not see him again. I turned all the way around in my seat to get a last glimpse of him. He was cruising around in the grass, at peace and full of years.

Gulch died yesterday morning. He was 32 years old. Thank you, old friend.

*(Editor's note: this post was originally made on Laura Hillenbrand's Facebook page and is being reprinted here with her permission.)*

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**SUNDAY RULES LOOKS TO MAKE GRADE**

Nick Alexander's **Sunday Rules** (Tribal Rules), seven for eight in her career, will try to earn her first graded stakes victory in Saturday's GII Santa Monica S. The 5-year-old mare, whose only loss came when third in the GII Great Lady M S. last July, is coming off a victory in the Dec. 30 Kalookan Queen S.

Mike Smith has the mount on the front-running speedster and trainer Phil D'Amato said the Hall of Fame reinsman will have options in the seven-furlong race.

"Mike can sit second if need be, but her speed is so devastating, to utilize that and for her to carry it like she does, that's what makes her a special filly," D'Amato said.

Smith agreed with the trainer's assessment. **Cont. p8**

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“You wouldn’t want to change too much,” he said. “You just want to let her get away in good order and be happy wherever she’s comfortable. She’s so naturally quick, she’s usually up on the lead with a really high cruising speed and doing it well within herself. She’s doing great right now, so whatever she’s doing, we’ll keep doing it, and try not to change too much.”

D’Amato has seen steady improvement in Sunday Rules, who raced twice as a juvenile and only once at three.

“She’s a much bigger, stronger filly than she was as a 2-year-old. She’s more mature,” he commented.

Sunday Rules worked five furlongs Sunday at Santa Anita in 1:01.80.

## DERBYWARS-STRONACH TALKS CONTINUE, COURT DEADLINE EXTENDED

by T.D. Thornton

The deadline for the parent company of DerbyWars to respond to a federal civil lawsuit over the legality of its online fantasy horse racing tournaments has been extended by one month, from Jan. 22 to Feb. 22.

The United States Central District Court of California granted the request on Friday after the defendant, Horse Racing Labs, LLC, filed a petition citing ongoing settlement negotiations between its executives and the representatives of six racetracks owned by The Stronach Group that could lead to “specific terms of an agreement and potential resolution of this lawsuit.”

The Stronach-owned tracks (Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course and Portland Meadows) sued the company that owns and operates DerbyWars Dec. 2. The four-count complaint alleges that “bets” made through the Louisville-based online fantasy horse racing portal constitute “racketeering activity” that violates the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), and that DerbyWars is “indisputably a form of wagering” that operates without the tracks’ consent in violation of the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978. **Cont. 9**

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Two other complaints in the suit allege violations of California Business & Professions Code and Intentional Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage, which is a law that covers third-party disruptions of profitable business relationships.

The “stipulation to extend time” document that the defendant filed with the court on Jan. 12 includes a clause that points out that the plaintiff tracks jointly support the request for extra time in the interest of being able to “informally resolve” the plaintiffs’ claims without having to go through the court system.

The petition also includes a timeline that explains how representatives of Horse Racing Labs flew to Los Angeles for a meeting with Stronach representatives Jan. 11, and an explanation of how “the parties have agreed to engage in additional in-person meetings” to give both sides “an opportunity to resolve this matter efficiently and expeditiously, to avoid unnecessary motion practice, and to preserve this Court’s and the parties’ resources.”

But the defendant’s filing also included a caveat that “if the parties are unable to informally resolve Plaintiffs’ claims, Horse Racing Labs presently intends to file, among possible other motions, a motion to dismiss the Complaint pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and a motion to transfer pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1404(a).”

The court had already extended DerbyWars’ deadline to respond once, from Dec. 22 to Jan 22.

“Both parties agreed that the settlement discussions were

significantly substantive to warrant the submission of an extension,” Mark Midland, the founder of DerbyWars, wrote in an email in response to a TDN request for comment on Monday.

“Online contests, including those run by several industry groups, have taken place for several years without an established model of financial contribution to the industry,” Midland wrote. “As the leading contest operator, DerbyWars is looking to establish a model where contest sites can contribute to tracks. We are working with several tracks, including the Stronach Group, to establish agreements for 2016.”

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**First Foal for GISW Verrazano (More Than Ready)**

● **Night Brigade** (Rockport Harbor) produced a filly at Anchor and Hope Farm in Maryland last weekend. The mare is owned by Finn’s Nickle LLC.

**First Foal for two-time GI Breeders’ Cup Mile winner Goldcents (Into Mischief)**

● **Scarlet Tribute** (Gold Tribute) produced a filly last Thursday at Le Mesa Farm in Louisiana. The foal was bred by Dale Ladner.

**First Foal for Champion 3-Year-Old Will Take Charge (Unbridled’s Song)**

● **Private Ensign** (A.P. Indy) produced a filly last Wednesday at Siena Farm.

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# New York

**Hold Me Back to Irish Hill Century Farm:**

**Hold Me Back** (Giant’s Causeway--Restraint, by Unbridled’s Song) will relocate to Irish Hill Century Farm in Stillwater, New York for the 2016 breeding season.

“Hold Me Back is a young stallion that is getting solid runners, and he’s an absolutely gorgeous physical by a leading sire of sires in Giant’s Causeway,” said Bowling Bloodstock’s Matt Bowling, who brokered the deal along with Sullivan Bloodstock. “I believe Hold Me Back presents tremendous value for New York breeders.”

Campaigned by WinStar Farm, Hold Me Back won the 2009 GII Lane’s End S. and 2010 GIII Dominion Day H. He was second in the 2009 GI Travers S. and GI Toyota Blue Grass S.

Hold Me Back is the sire of last year’s GIII Delta Downs Princess S. winner Jet Black Magic, as well as stakes winners Hold for More and Hold the Giant.

The 10-year-old stallion, who previously stood at WinStar, will stand for \$5,000 stands and nurses.

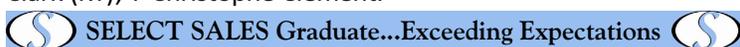
# Florida

**Monday’s Results:**

**10th-GP, \$38,600, Alw** (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :58.74, gd.

**SMOKE SIGNALS (f, 4, [Street Sense](#)--Unspoken Word {MSW & GISP, \$370,122}, by Catienus)** graduated at fourth asking in a turf dash at Laurel Oct. 9 and shipped south to check in a narrowly beaten fourth over this same distance across town Nov. 8. Given a brief rest following that effort, the bay was well positioned by jockey Paco Lopez and tracked the pace in third as Indian Splendor (Indian Ocean) sped through a quarter-mile in :22.97. Moving up on the outside cornering for home, she responded well in the stretch and forged ahead to score by 3/4 of a length over Princess Fiona (Smart Strike), giving her trainer his second win of the day. The winner’s dam is a half-sister to GSW & MGISP Emotional Kitten (Kitten’s Joy). This is the same female family that produced MSW & G1SP Cannonball (Catienus). Sales History: \$175,000 Ylg '13 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$52,150. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Waterville Lake Stable; B-Twin Creeks Farm, Tom & Nancy Clark (KY); T-Christophe Clement.



**8th-GP, \$40,000, Msw**, 1-18, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.59, ft.

**+LEX VEGAS (c, 3, [Street Boss](#)--Seasonal, by Deputy Minister)** was dismissed at odds of 7-1 for this career bow and proved his doubters wrong with a decisive score. Never far back behind a quarter-mile in :22.48, he seized control on the turn and strode clear to report home 3 3/4 lengths in front. Fellow first-timer Drop Shot (Lemon Drop Kid) completed the exacta. The winner’s second dam is GSW Cymbala (Fr) (Assert {Ire}). Sales History: \$19,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$37,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Susan Hill & Jason Sciortino; B-Fox Straus KY (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.



**7th-GP, \$36,000, Msw**, 1-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.88, gd.

**QUEST (GB) (f, 4, Mr. Sidney--Treasure {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr, \$102,145}, by Anabaa)** was most recently third in an allowance in Deauville for trainer Christiane Head-Maarek. Making her first start under the care of Christophe Clement and getting Lasix for the first time, Quest rated towards the back of the pack early. The 7-2 chance remained reserved until the top of the lane where she swung out and closed convincingly to hit the wire a neck in front of Sunrisebernsteini (Bernstein). Sales history: €90,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-2, \$43,538. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Gainesway Thoroughbreds, Ltd.; B-Earl Haras Du Quesnay (GB); T-Christophe Clement.

**Berman Named Florida HBPAA Executive Director:**

Glen Berman has been named Executive Director of the Florida Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, effective Feb. 15, the organization announced Monday. Berman, a practicing attorney and registered pharmacist, has served as Executive Director and General Counsel for the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) since 2009.

“The vote for Glen to come on board was unanimous, and we’re confident he brings the kind of leadership and experience that will pave the way for horsemen’s continued success in Florida for many years to come,” said FHBPA board member Adam Lazarus.

Berman added, “Many of the challenges facing Florida horsemen parallel those we’ve faced and met in Illinois during the past six years--a tumultuous time. I’m looking forward to applying that experience and working with the dedicated FHBPA board to fully explore all the exciting opportunities Florida holds as one of the major focal points of the world’s horse racing market.”

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**Monday's Results:**

**SMARTY JONES S.**, \$150,000, OP, 1-18, 3yo, 1m, 1:38.05, ft.

1--**DISCREETNESS, 119, c, 3, by [Discreet Cat](#)**

**1st Dam: Fondness, by Elusive Quality**

**2nd Dam: Shining Through, by Deputy Minister**

**3rd Dam: Solar, by Halo**

(\$67,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$105,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-Xpress Thoroughbreds LLC.; B-Trackside Farm & Tenlane Farm (KY); T-William H. Fires; J-Jon Kenton Court. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$282,122.

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2--**Gordy Florida, 115, c, 3, Cactus Ridge--Indianella, by Indian Charlie.** O/B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (KY); T-Kenny P. Smith. \$30,000.

3--**Synchrony, 117, c, 3, [Tapit](#)--Brownie Points, by Forest Wildcat.** O/B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel. \$15,000.

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Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 9.10, 21.70, 3.10.

Also Ran: Luna de Loco, Gray Sky, Toews On Ice, Charming Deputy, Shogood, Force It, Black Ops, Back Together again. Scratched: Whitmore, Cutacorn, Knights Key.

Discreetness earned his first stakes victory in Remington Park's Springboard Mile just over a month ago Dec. 13 and got his sophomore season off to a rousing start with a hard-fought score in Oaklawn's Smarty Jones S. Never far back as heavily favored Toews on Ice (Archarch) and Gordy Florida (Cactus Ridge) sparred through a half-mile in :47.81, the 9-1 shot made his move to the front on the far turn and grinded away to score narrowly over a determined Gordy Florida. Toews on Ice faltered on the turn and faded to finish sixth. The winner, a \$105,000 OBSMAR juvenile purchase, is out of a dam who is a half to MGSW Strong Hope (Grand Slam) and G1SW Bahamian Pirate (Housebuster). Discreetness won two of his first three starts and checked in fourth in Churchill's Street Sense S. behind GIII LeComte S. hero Mo Tom (Uncle Mo) Nov. 1.

"Going a mile here, if you're not 1-2-3, or very close at the three-eighths pole, it's hard to make that up," said winning trainer Jinks Fires. "We decided to ask him a little early because if you get shuffled back around that turn, it's hard to make it up down that short stretch going a mile."

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**7th-OP, \$70,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-18, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.53, ft.**

**FINLEY'SLUCKYCHARM (f, 3, [Twirling Candy](#)--Day of Victory {MSP, \$159,912}, by Victory Gallop)** captured her 5 1/2-furlong unveiling in an off-the-turfer at the Fair Grounds Dec. 26 and was given a 5-2 chance to keep her unblemished record in tact in this second start. Away in good order, the dark bay set a pressured pace through a quarter-mile in :22.28 and held on resolutely to win by a length. Eurodevilwoman (Euroears) came up second best. The winner hails from the extended family of MGSW turfer Pure Clan (Pure Prize) and MGSW Greater Good (Intidab). Sales history: \$77,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$64,200. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Carl R. Moore Management LLC; B-Lakland Farm (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

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**8th-FG, \$38,800, Alw, 1-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.62, gd.**

**VICI (g, 4, [War Front](#)--Viva, by Pulpit)**, a second out winner in a dirt route here just over a year ago, closed belatedly when fourth and third in two allowance tries Feb. 6 and Feb. 26, respectively. The dark bay was subsequently gelded and ran seventh in a nine-furlong test over the Churchill turf May 10. Away for an extended time on the sidelines, Vici returned in this spot as an 8-1 outsider. Away in good order, he chased the pace from the outside through a quarter-mile in :21.79. Asked for more while losing a bit of ground, he rallied in the stretch and got up to score by a half-length over Don't Be Mad (Don't Get Mad). Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$55,920. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

**5th-OP, \$68,000, Msw, 1-18, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.01, ft.**

**+SHE'S A BOOTSY TOO (f, 3, [Misremembered](#)--Tap My Feet, by Kingmambo)** displayed a modest worktab in advance of this career debut, culminating with a five-furlong drill from the gate in 1:01 flat (11/93) Jan. 8. Dimsissed at odds of 30-1, the bay raced along the inside in midpack and steadied momentarily as a pair of leaders dueled through a quarter-mile in :22.38. Rallying into the lane, she stormed up the rail, angled out to split horses in midstretch and got up to score by a nose over Touch of Bling (Tale of the Cat). The winner becomes the sixth for her freshman sire (by Candy Ride {Arg}). Sales History: \$12,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$2,500 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$17,000 2yo '15 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$40,800. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-William K. Helwig; B-Terrazas Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY);  
T-Kellyn Gorder.

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**9th-OP, \$68,000, Msw, 1-18, 3yo, 1m, 1:38.91, ft.**  
**+DAZZLING GEM (c, 3, [Misremembered](#)--Dazzler, by Vindication)**, a 6-1 chance for this debut, raced just off the early pace and angled out three wide on the bend. She bid for the lead at the top of the lane, dueled down the stretch and finished a length in front of American Pioneer (Awesome Again). Sales history: \$95,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$40,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Steve Landers Racing LLC; B-Lisa Reynolds & Jennifer Feiner (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

**WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE**

**5th-FG, \$40,000, Msw, 1-18, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:44.40, ft.**  
**ABUNDANT FLURRY (f, 3, [Midshipman](#)--Arcadiana, by Deputy Minister)** was second in her last two starts--once in the slop here Nov. 21 and once in a rained-off affair Dec. 27--and finally broke through Monday. The 9-5 favorite was away well, lead throughout and held on to win by a neck. Cced (Curlin), who chased in second throughout, completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Cigar Street (Street Sense), GSW, \$283,908. Sales history: \$75,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$90,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$39,560. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Lothenbach Stables, Inc.; B-Ted Folkerth & Brookdale (KY); T-Neil L. Pessin.

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Monday Cancellations  
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# California

## Monday's Results:

**3rd-SA, \$61,382, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.55, ft.**

**SILENT BIRD (c, 4, Summer Bird--Rutledge Ballado {GSP, \$108,176}, by Saint Ballado)** was runner-up in his debut at Los Alamitos Race Course Dec. 17. The 5-2 pick was off a bit slowly and moved up along the inside to sit in a stalking position. He swung out a few paths on the bend, rallied down the lane and hit the wire a head in front of St. Joe Bay (Saint Anddan). The winner is a half to Morgan's Guerrilla (Ghostzapper), MGSP, \$271,002. Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$43,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-JMI (KY); T-Mark Glatt.

**1st-SA, \$58,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-18, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.46, ft.**

**UPTOWN TWIRL (f, 3, [Twirling Candy](#)--Sambuca Classica, by Cat Thief)**, a debut winner here June 18, was off slowly and finished ninth in the GII Sorrento S. at Del Mar Aug. 12. Second in the Anoakia S. Oct. 11, she was most recently fifth in an optional claimer at Del Mar Nov. 12. The 2-1 chance rated in second down the backstretch as Coniah (Harlington) set the pace. Uptown Twirl was finally able to get the best of that rival in deep stretch and hit the wire a half-length in front. The winner is a half to Anytime Magic (Fusaichi Pegasus), MSW, \$164,780. Sales history: \$110,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$630,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-1-0, \$88,160. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Steven & Brandi Nicholson (KY); T-John W. Sadler.

**6th-SA, \$57,250, Msw, 1-18, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16.24, ft.**

**MR. COKER (c, 3, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--Our Khrysty {GSW, \$313,260}, by Newfoundland)**, \$300,000 KEESEP yearling buy, closed well to check in second on debut behind Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy) in a seven-panel sprint in Arcadia Dec. 26. Pounded down to 1-2 favoritism for this second try, the chestnut tracked the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.07 and split horses on the turn. Carried a bit wide turning for home, he edged clear to notch a 1 1/2-length score over Horse Greedy (Horse Greeley). The winner's dam is a half to GISW Bullsbay (Tiznow) and MSW & GSP Vegas No Show (Hard Spun). Our Khrysty, winner of the GIII Turnback the Alarm H., produced a colt by Smart Strike in 2014 and a filly by Distorted Humor last year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$44,800.

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O-Steve Beneto; B-Blue Heaven Farm (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

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**KENNEDY** (A.P. Indy), Rockin' Z Ranch, \$3K, 30/2/0

7-HOU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Samito, \$10K TEX APR 2yo, 8-1

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**IN JAPAN:**

**Uncle Daichi**, c, 4, [Discreetly Mine](#)--Darling Monique (SP-US \$63,258), by El Corredor. Kyoto, 1-16, Alw, 6f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$176,427. O-Yoshikata Tsukamoto; B-Sheltowee Farm Tom McCrocklin & Mark Toothaker; T-Ryo Takahashi. \*\$110,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR.

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**Best Drive**, c, 3, [Trappe Shot](#)--High Moment (SW-US, \$159,200), by High Yield. Kyoto, 1-17, Alw, 7f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$758,137. O-Yukio Baba; B-Dorsey Brown & Richard Palmer; T-Sei Ishizaka. \* \$127,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '15 BARFEB. \*\* 1/2 to Luna Time (Malibu Moon) GSW-US, \$195,073).

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-OP, \$70,000**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.02, ft.

**SHARM** (c, 4, [Majestic Warrior--Mystic Mirage](#), by [Chester House](#)) Lifetime Record: GISP, 22-2-4-5, \$197,627. O-Zayat Stables, LLC; B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas. \*\$100,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

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**5th-SA, \$59,750**, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.51, gd.

**CHINA GIRL LOVER** (g, 6, [Lawyer Ron--Dixie Sheikh](#), by [Dixie Union](#)) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-3, \$111,115. O-Sheehy LLC; B-Stonewall Farm Stallions, LLC (KY); T-Dan L. Hendricks. \*\$15,000 Wlg '10 KEENOV; \$28,000 RNA Ylg '11 FTKJUL.

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**7th-FG, \$42,000**, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.72, ft.

**HONEY SPRINGS** (m, 5, [Lone Star Special--Sweeping Hours](#), by [End Sweep](#)) Lifetime Record: 23-5-2-3, \$98,485. O/B-Tigertail Ranch (LA); T-Danny Pish.

**1st-GP, \$34,000**, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 1-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.99, ft.

**SAVINGTIME** (f, 4, [Kantharos--Daylight Time](#), by [Time Bandit](#)) Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-2-5-0, \$138,559. O-Heardsdale Racing; B-Vaughan Heard (FL); T-Vaughan Heard.

**5th-MVR, \$27,700**, (S), (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-18, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.74, ft.

**EIGHTTHEHARDWAY** (g, 4, [Parents' Reward--Natural Nine](#), by [Cryptoclearance](#)) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-4, \$95,800. O/B-Blazing Meadows Farm (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Dreamarcher**, f, 3, [Archarcharch](#)--Dream Luck, by [Chester House](#). GG, 1-17, 1m (AWT), 1:40.40. B-BWB Bloodstock, LLC & K. Taylor (KY). \*\$22,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$35,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

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**Cozze Cat**, c, 3, **Bluegrass Cat**--Miss Cozze, by Not For Love. LRL, 1-18, 6f, 1:14.06. B-Henry H. Prieger, David Lester & Steve Robbins (NY). \*\$2,500 Ylg '14 EASSEP.



**Stanton C**, c, 3, **Don't Get Mad**--First At the Wire, by Awesome Again. HOU, 1-18, 1mT, 1:39.11. B-Robert H. Zoellner (OK). \*\$2,000 2yo '15 TEXAPR. \*\*1/2 to Eye Love Jeanie (Showing Up), SW, \$184,008.

**+Flying Clever**, f, 3, **My Golden Song**--Flying Native, by Early Flyer. HOU, 1-18, 5 1/2f, 1:06.06. B-N H Shannon (TX).

**Inavanti**, g, 4, **Kitten's Joy**--Winner's Edge (GSP, \$145,450), by Seeking the Gold. FG, 1-18, 1mT, 1:38.10. B-Highfield Farm (KY). \*\$90,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. \*1/2 to Capac (Deputy Minister), SP, \$192,256; and Return to Paradise (El Prado {Ire}), SW, \$109,120.

**Monnie Mae**, f, 4, **Snow Ridge**--Lone Wolf's Rose, by Jack Livingston. HOU, 1-18, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.20. B-Claude Sparks (TX).

**La Majestique**, m, 5, **Majestic Warrior**--Royal Prize, by Kingmambo. FG, 1-18, 1mT, 1:38.94. B-Susan Austin (KY).

**Resurgence**, h, 6, **Awesome Again**--Legs Lawlor, by Unbridled. LRL, 1-18, 7f, 1:26.61. B-Greenwood Lodge Farm, Inc. (KY). \*\$1,350,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Clarinet (Giant's Causeway), SW, \$150,517.



**At Ease**, g, 6, **Cyclotron**--Smoothasvelvet, by Mr. Integrity. SA, 1-18, (S), 1mT, 1:37.60. B-Old English Rancho, Patsy & Sal Berumen (CA).

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Yr	Winner (Sire)	Trainer	Time
'14	International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus)	Maker	1:43.82
'14	Intense Holiday (Harlan's Holiday)	Pletcher	1:43.86
'13	Ive Struck a Nerve (Yankee Gentleman)	Desormeaux	1:44.52
'12	El Padrino (Pulpit)	Pletcher	1:42.96
'11	Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno)	Ritvo	1:43.98
'10	Discreetly Mine (Mineshaft)	Pletcher	1:44.88
'09	Friesan Fire (A.P. Indy)	Jones	1:45.11
'08	Pyro (Pulpit)	Asmussen	1:44.68
'07	Notional (In Excess {Ire})	O'Neill	1:44.18
'06	Lawyer Ron (Langfuhr)	Holthuis	1:43.13
'05	Scipion (A.P. Indy)	Biancone	1:44.54
'04	Gradepoint (A.P. Indy)	Howard	1:45.36
'03	Badge of Silver (Silver Deputy)	Werner	1:42.99



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## BYRON ON THE COMEBACK TRAIL



Morgan Cahalan, Tom Hogan & Wayne Lordon pictured with Gordon Lord Byron at The Curragh | *Racing Post*

Tipperary trainer Tom Hogan is looking forward to another campaign with his evergreen stable star **Gordon Lord Byron (Ire)** (Byron {GB}). The 8-year-old received an early New Year present when he was gifted The Curragh's G3 Minstrel S. upon the recent disqualification of Home Of The Brave (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}). That signaled a 13<sup>th</sup> win for the triple Group 1 winner and Hogan reported, "He is in good form and started back cantering last Monday. He's full of beans and is good and fresh." This time two years ago Gordon Lord Byron was preparing in advance of an historic win in the G1 George Ryder S. at Rosehill in Australia but Hogan has a shorter journey in mind to kick start the gelding's campaign in advance of the usual international objectives. "There's a race for him at Dundalk in mid-March and we'll see after that, but he has plenty of options," added the trainer.

Gordon Lord Byron represents a true rags to riches tale. Having been bought by his owner Morgan Cahalan's daughter Jessica for only €2,000 as foal, he failed to find a buyer as a yearling. Faced with no option but to put him into training, they entrusted neighbor Tom Hogan with the task. Though he showed ability, a fractured pelvis on his only 2-year-old start meant connections had to be patient and it wasn't until his 3-year-old season and his seventh outing that he found the winning groove in a Dundalk maiden. **Cont. p2**

## RACING FANS VOTING WITH THEIR FEET

2015 was a good year for attendance at British race meetings as the number of race goers topped six million for the first time in four years. A total of 6,129,433 people went through the turnstiles at Britain's 59 racecourses in 2015, a figure that surpassed the previous year's total by 5.3%. The average attendance per meeting also increased to 4,256, a 4.4% rise on the corresponding 2014 figure. Stephen Atkin, chief executive of the Racecourse Association is very satisfied with the progress and commented, "It is once again very pleasing to see a significant rise in the total and average attendance at racecourses in 2015." **Cont. p2**



Crowds like the above at the Cheltenham Festival help boost the annual figures | *Racing Post*

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**Byron on the Comeback Trail cont. from p1**

The penny really dropped the following year; he began his 4-year-old season off a handicap mark of 88 and wound up rated 118 nine months later following a breakthrough Group 1 success in the Prix de la Foret at Longchamp. The influential Indian businessman Dr Cyrus Poonawalla has joined in as part owner since those early days and it has been an epic journey for connections. Hogan and Cahalan would forgive us for saying they weren't adventurous world travelers five years ago, but since 'Gordon' came along they have accompanied him to France, Hong Kong, Dubai, Australia and on multiple occasions to the UK taking in Royal Ascot, Champions Day, York's Ebor Festival, in addition to victories at Ireland's flagship racecourses The Curragh and Leopardstown. Having banked well over €2m in purse money at this stage who's to say he won't add further to that this year.

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**Racing Fans Voting With Their Feet cont. from p1**

Atkin continued, "It is reward for the hard work put in by racecourse teams across the country and it also reflects the very substantial investment by racecourses in customer facilities and other infrastructure. This growth is vital in creating an environment to justify further investment, planned and prospective." Atkin feels this year will bring a new set of opportunities and obstacles as racing vies for the attention of an audience that has an abundant array of options for its leisure time. "Looking forward, 2016 will bring with it a unique set of opportunities and challenges for racecourses with the Queen's 90th birthday and the crowning of a new champion jump jockey for the first time in 20 years. There is also significant Home Nation involvement in Euro 2016 and the Rio Olympics. There is a huge amount to build on and we will hopefully see further growth this year," added Atkin.

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The funeral for Michel Henochsberg, who passed away after a battle with cancer last week, will be held Wednesday in Paris's Montmartre cemetery at 10:30 a.m. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the ARCAD foundation to fight digestive cancer. Donations may be made online by visiting [www.fondationarcad.org](http://www.fondationarcad.org).


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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Mitre Peak (GB)**, f, 4, Shamardal--Milford Sound (GB), by Barathea (Ire). WOL, 1-18, 9f 103y (AWT), 2:00.94. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB). \*50,000gns HRA '15 TA15.


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**ALLOWANCE RESULT:**

**1st-CHY, €21,000**, 1-18, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:57.40, st. **VERMONT (IRE) (g, 6, Muhtathir {GB})--Venetian Beauty, by Lear Fan)** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 17 starts, 4 wins, 10 places, €69,200. O-Anton Krauliger; B-Dayton Investments Ltd (IRE); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre. \*€60,000 RNA HRA '14 ARNOV.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Longray (Fr)**, g, 4, **Le Havre (Ire)**--Isanou (Fr), by Zamindar. CHY, 1-18, 9 1/2f (AWT), 2:01.32. B-Franklin Finance S A. \*€24,000 RNA HRA '14 ARNOV.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Robbie McNamara: Nominations & Sales, Irish National Stud**

- McNamara is a former top jumps jockey who has ridden winners at the Cheltenham Festival and has worked for Dermot Weld for a number of years.
- McNamara was paralyzed from the waist down in a fall in a hurdle race at Wexford last April. He was in the news recently when Moyglare Stud, for whom he rode numerous winners, made a €50,000 donation to the Irish Injured Jockeys fund, of which McNamara is a beneficiary.
- The Irish National Stud is home to one of Ireland's leading stallions Invincible Spirit (Ire).

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Stallion	Farm	GSW	Earnings (£)*
Galileo	Coolmore	7	1,894,838
Kodiac	Tally Ho Stud	4	1,286,300
Invincible Spirit	Irish National	2	1,183,326
Dark Angel	Yeomanstown	2	1,117,915
Zoffany	Coolmore	3	885,474
Showcasing	Whitsbury Manor	1	786,798
Exceed and Excel	Kildangan Stud	3	712,705
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## ONLINE AUCTIONS GATHERING PACE

The use of online auctions as means for selling horses is beginning to gain traction and following several successful sales of Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) shares in recent weeks we hear of another online auction taking place this time in Australia.

Racing.com reports that [www.bloodstockauction.com](http://www.bloodstockauction.com) currently has several horses for sale with the timer counting down and business expected to conclude on Tuesday. Among the lots on offer is the stakes winner **Pago Rock (Aus)** (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). The 8-year-old is trained in partnership by David Hayes



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and his nephew Tom Dabernig and Hayes said, "He's been a consistent old horse that's still got more in him and I wanted to sell him while he's got plenty of racing left in him. We've decided to give it [online auction] a go and I think it might be the way of the

future. We normally sell horses at a traditional sale but I just felt those sales are a long way away so I thought I'd give this a chance and if it works I'll be using it to sell more horses this way."

Pago Rock is an eleven time winner of over A\$600,000 and at the time of writing there were 49 bids placed on him, the highest being A\$26,000. Also among the lots on offer are a number of broodmares and the 15-year-old stallion **Kempinsky (Aus)** (Danahill-Tristalov {NZ}, by Sir Tristram {GB}). The Group 2 winner has sired over a hundred individual winners and from 24 bids received was on the market for A\$10,500. Bidding on both horses closes on Tuesday night.

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