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LAUREL AN INTERNATIONAL TRAILBLAZER



Laurel Park | Horsephotos

by Andrew Caulfield

Thanks partly to Storm Jonas, which sent ice floes sailing down New Jersey streets, there was little action on the racing front last week. Consequently, the most interesting news of the week arguably came in last Friday's *TDN*, when Bill Finley explained that the Stronach Group has asked that the re-vamped Laurel Park circuit be considered as a future site for the Breeders' Cup, possibly as early as 2018.

Such a move could hardly be more appropriate. As the Breeders' Cup epitomises the concept of horse racing as a global sport, staging it at Laurel would see the wheel turn full circle: it was at the Maryland track in 1952 that the first steps were taken to encourage international competition.

I wasn't old enough to be following the sport at that time, but I do possess a collection of old Bloodstock Breeders' Reviews which help tell the story.

In the 1952 notes by Frank Jennings, managing editor of the *Thoroughbred Record*, he wrote: "It has been said in the American press--and for good reason--that a whole new era in racing began when John D. Schapiro successfully conducted a race of true international scope, the Washington D.C. International, in the fall at his Laurel Park in Maryland. The much-publicized and very popular winner was the English 4-year-old colt, Wilwyn, the property of Robert Boucher. The American gelding, Ruhe, managed to salvage second place and third money went to another invader, Zucchero... *Cont. p8*

DAILY BLOG: A TUTORIAL ON INDIAN RACING

Story and photos by Lucas Marquardt

A highlight of my Sunday visit to Mahalaxmi Race Course in Mumbai was getting to sit down with Anil Mukhi, an Indian-born bloodstock agent who relocated to North America 10 years ago and now runs Galaxy Bloodstock Services in Vancouver, British Columbia. Like many of you, I knew virtually nothing about Indian racing before coming here, and Mukhi was nice enough to show me around the track and introduce me to several high-profile members of the community. We chatted with Cyrus Madan, chairman of the Indian Pattern Committee; and Zavaray Poonawalla, chairman of the Royal Western India Turf Club and from one of the most influential families in India (both in and out of racing).

Mukhi seemed to know everyone there, from the stewards to the security personal in the paddock, and had an intelligent answer for the double-barreled barrage of questions I threw at him.

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in **TDN Europe** today...

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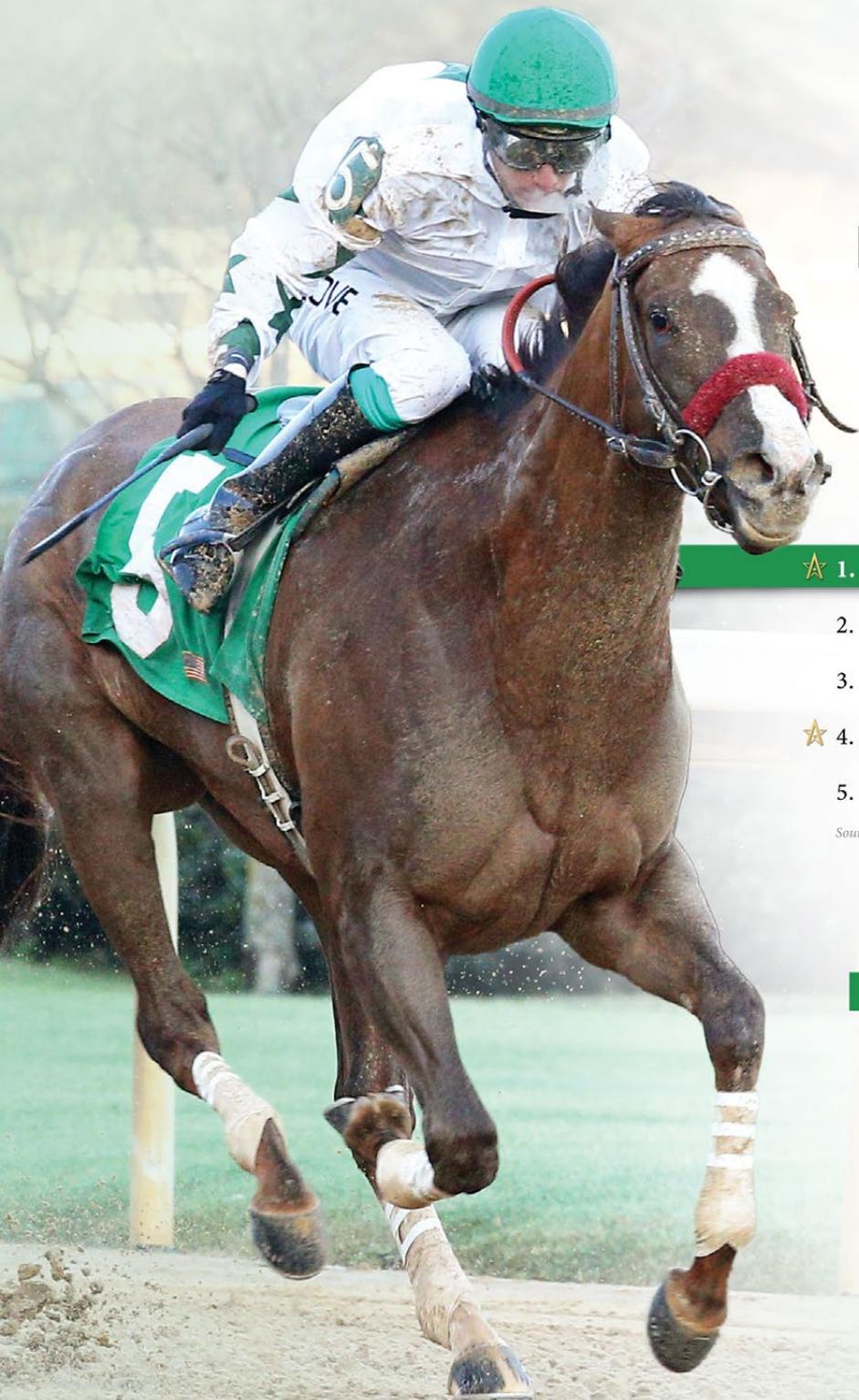


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5. Flatter	\$30,000	1	1	\$476,988

Source: TDN Sire Lists, 1/25

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in this issue...



Robert Masterson's Tepin (Bernstein), recently crowned Eclipse champion turf mare, worked five furlongs in 1:01.65 at Palm Meadows Monday. The 5-year-old mare is expected to make her 2016 debut in the GIII Endeavor S. at Tampa Bay Downs Feb. 13.

Horsephotos

AN AMERICAN AUCTIONEER IN NEW ZEALAND

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Cris Caldwell, Keeneland auctioneer and bona fide cowboy, has been invited to New Zealand's Premier Yearling Sale at Karaka. He blogs about his experiences for the TDN.

KINCHEN LEAVES NOTHING TO CHANCE

1RR

Jonathon Kinchen heads to Las Vegas with his eyes on a \$2.8-million payday at the National Handicapping Championship.

PIONEER OF THE NILE FILLY FASTEST AT OBS

2RR

A filly by Pioneer of the Nile, consigned by the McKathan Brothers, turned in the fastest work during Monday's under-tack preview of the OBS Winter Mixed Sale. The Winter Sale will be held Wednesday and Thursday with sessions beginning daily at 10:30 a.m.

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Stars on the rise...

Zulu (Bernardini) is the latest youngster to earn TDN Rising Star status with his impressive 7 1/4-length victory at Gulfstream Park last weekend. Want to see who else has been dubbed a TDN Rising Star? Head over to the archive to find out.

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Daily Blog: A Tutorial on Indian Racing

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On a personal level, Mukhi started the day well. He had bought the dam of Holy Smoke (Ind) (Phoenix Tower), winner of the first race on the card, the Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Multi-Million H. For a client, Mukhi selected the stakes-winning Little Treasure (Fr) (Night Shift) shortly after she RNA'd for \$32,000 at the 2011 Keeneland November Sale. She was in foal to Pioneer of the Nile at the time, and the resulting produce, Athens (Ind), won last year's Bangalore Oaks here. Holy Smoke was her latest progeny. (The pedigree gained much more luster back in the States when More Chocolate, Little Treasure's 2009 produce by Malibu Moon, won the Gil La Canada S. in 2013.)



Anil Mukhi

Mukhi also brokered the deal to bring the Grade II winner Whatsthescript (Ire) to India a few years back. The son of Royal Applause (GB) began his stud career in California.

Whatsthescript sired Serenita (Ind), the winner of the third race, the Gool S. Poonawalla S. (a local Group 3) going 1000 meters.

With roughly 80% of his business still coming from India, Mukhi was an ideal person to talk about racing and breeding here, and offered a comprehensive and nuanced view of a sport struggling to maintain relevancy in India's changing entertainment landscape.

Let's talk about some of the basics. How popular is racing in India?

For a long time, racing was the only game in town. There was no Premier League or international soccer. In the 1950s, racing was very big, and a sport like cricket was low level. Now cricket is everything, and there's little attention on racing.

How is racing organized in India? Is there something like the British Horseracing Authority that oversees the sport?

No, there is no equivalent of the BHA in India. Rather, there is a loose federation of six of the more important racing clubs, called the Joint Turf Authorities of India. This organization has no permanent location or staff--it moves from center to center by rotation each year. (Editor's Note: The Royal Western India Turf Club runs racing at Mahalaxmi, as well as at Pune Race Course.)

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AFLEET ALEX

BILL OPPENHEIM'S VALUE PICK

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"But the value pick among proven sires under \$15,000 might still be available: that's Afleet Alex, still a bargain, \$12,500 at Gainesway. His 2015 crop of 3-year-olds includes three Grade I winners: Texas Red, Materiality, and Sharla Rae. I'd say that's a mighty strong performance for a \$12,500 stallion."

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- Hip 81, c. • El Corredor – Alie's Dolly
- Hip 103, f. • Frost Giant – Broadway Dreamer
- Hip 123, f. • Two Step Salsa – Dance Delight
- Hip 171, c. • Songandaprayer – Her Highness
- Hip 175, f. • Gone Astray – Imperial Luck
- Hip 187, f. • Adios Charlie – Koni's Penty
- Hip 195, f. • Wildcat Heir – Lake Victoria

HORSES OF RACING AGE – selling Thursday at OBS:

- Hip 548, c. • Kickback (Put It Back – Tiara)
- Hip 611, f. • Chants to Win Big (War Chant – Upper Noosh)

Talk, if you would, about the history of racing in India.

Indians have had a long connection with the horse, dating back a 1000 years ago when there were invasions from the Middle East. Everyone came on horseback, and horses became established in the country. It gave people the opportunity to become horsemen.



The turf up close

People learned to ride, people made saddles and become farriers and so forth. When the British came here in the 1600s, they naturally wanted to have sport, and they brought in racing, polo, equestrian riding, and show jumping. But the Thoroughbred industry, more or less, started around 1920, and it was progressing rather well until 1947, when the country was divided into India and Pakistan. Almost half the breeding farms were in Pakistan, so the foal crop dropped by half. At the same time, there was a puritanical politician who said that gambling is bad for the new India, and they banned it. Lobbying took place and it took five years to solve that problem, and the foal crop dropped to maybe 200. There was a slow steady march and after a few years it got back to 500, and now it gets to 2,000 every few years. When it gets to 2000, that's too many horses here.

What is the annual foal crop here?

There are about 1,400 to 1,500 foals each year. There are only nine racetracks, and all that they can absorb is 1,400 to 1,500. We have 19 stallions, and there are 77 farms. It's a very broad-based industry here, in the sense that it's in the north, west, east and south.

So there are nine tracks—are some much more prominent than others?

Yes, some are minor. Delhi, for instance, would be a minor track, similar to a bush track in America. And all the races are right-handed, clockwise.

Is racing here strictly on the turf?

There is just turf racing. They tried a few times to have dirt racing, and it just wasn't very popular. There is a very limited "monsoon meeting" at Chennai (on India's Southeast Coast) that uses the track's dirt training track, but it's very narrow and they can only start seven horses.

On what days do they race when racing is at Mahalaxmi?

They race on Thursdays and Sundays. There are about 400 races a year here, and about 4,000 races a year in all of India. There are maybe 250 in Pune, and about 500-600 in Bangalore.

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Where do the horses go during the monsoon season?

The entire horse population, as well as the trainers and jockeys, go to Pune, which is 110 miles from here. It's across a mountain range, so they get far less rain than here. But in Bangalore, they more or less race year round. The weather's much better.

Any idea what the handle here is?

That's an interesting topic. Unfortunately, along with the British came bookmaking, and the bookmakers take the cream of the betting money here. They engage in a lot of illegal betting. They have codes, so if you say you are betting 100 rupees, you are actually betting 1,000. And they waive the betting tax on the rest. The result is that the official handle is nowhere near the actual handle. The race clubs are in dire straights, because they don't get their fair share. If there was a tote monopoly, as you have in the U.S., Japan and Singapore--all healthy racing countries in terms of prize money--if you could have that here, it would be really magnificent.



Punters at the track

Why don't they do it?

The government here wants to turn this racecourse into a park, and they don't want racing to be successful. They want to bleed it to death by putting a high betting tax on it, and the takeout is so high that you don't get a decent return. It's not a stated aim, I don't have any evidence for this, but that's the way it seems to me.

What is the takeout?

On win and place, the tax alone is 20%, and the takeout is probably 27% (cumulative). And when it comes to the pools like Jackpot (similar to a Pick 5), it is closer to 50%. Win and place are the most popular bets. But each Indian state sets its own betting tax, and what I quoted you was for here. If you go to Bangalore, the betting tax is something like 4%. So they're able to give a much bigger dividend, and therefore each race day probably turns over something like \$1 million. It's significant. But here, it won't be more than \$100,000. But there's very little transparency and the numbers can be hard to come by.

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Let's talk about breeding. Has the Indian program improved? Remained level?

The quality has improved tremendously. We have a system called import licensing. You can't just by a horse and bring it here. You have to get a license. There used to be upper limits, so you had to spend only 5,000 pounds to buy a horse or a stallion. What kind of horse do you buy for 5,000 pounds? But they relaxed that in 1995, and now you can buy a horse at any value. But you still have to have a license, and it takes about three months to get one...for each horse you buy. You can't make an impulse purchase.

All horses that race here have to be Indian-breds, correct?

Yes, they won't let you race horses from abroad. You can only bring broodmares and stallions. And the horses have to be stabled at the track to run at the track, except for the big races. So 90% of the races are closed to horses not at the track. If an owner spots an opportunity elsewhere, you can't take advantage of it.

Have Indian horses raced abroad?

They have, but the logistical problems are tremendous. The European Union won't let Indian horses transit, and this has negatively impacted trade. The U.S. says, "please come." The few Indian horses who have gone out have done well. There was a horse named Mystical

(Ind) who won two races at the Dubai Carnival--he got a 117 by Timeform, and was a respectable group performer. He was by Alnasr Alwasheek (GB), a son of Sadler's Wells.



Seats in the clubhouse

We also had a horse named Saddle Up (Ind) who went to Singapore and Malaysia, and was a champion in Malaysia. He ran in the G1 Hong Kong Cup (in 2001), and was beaten only three lengths (in sixth) by the winner (Agnes Digital). Both those horses were five and six when they traveled and were past their best. We haven't had a horse go international after just a few starts, when they haven't gone through the wear and tear of training here.

How often will a horse race each year here?

Roughly eight times.

You helped bring Whatsthescript here. How many mares does he cover in an average year, and what's his stud fee?

He'll cover about 50 or 60 mares, but stallions here rarely cover outside mares. **Cont. p7**

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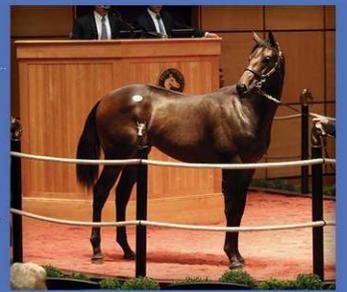
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And vice versa. If you have a champion stallion, some of the mares he's breeding might not be worthy of him.

Who are the best stallions here right now?

Phoenix Tower is one of the best. He's a Juddmone-bred horse by Chester House. Another good one is Burden of Proof (Ire). He's 24 years old and is a son of Fairy King. Aiden O'Brien trained him. He was a bit of an iron horse--he ran 32 times--and that's what you need here, very solid horses that can take the races.



Phoenix Tower during his racing days | *Racing Post*

How many horses will you import here each year for clients?

On a good year, it could be 20, 30, 40 horses. On a bad year, it might be a half-dozen.

Where do you like to buy?

I buy at Keeneland, Goffs, and Tattersalls.

Conformation-wise, is there a type of horse that works here better than another?

We don't want a horse that's too big--we'd rather have a horse that's small. We want a handy horse. Firstly, you get them cheaper in the States--they don't like small horses. But it also suits here better, because they're not putting so much weight on each leg as they're galloping. That's the kind of horse I look for. A 16.2, 16.3 horse would be a total misfit here.

What about pedigree lines--what's worked best?

We had a Mr. Prospector horse named Placerville who was a Juddmonte horse out of Classy Cathy, and who became a champion stallion (*Editor's Note: Placerville won the G2 Prince of Wales's S. in 1992 over Urban Sea*). We had another horse named Steinbeck who was a small Mr. Prospector, and he was very good, too. We have a Kitten's Joy son here named Dean's Kitten who has his first yearlings, and we'll see how they do.

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In the States, there's the idea that owners are getting older, and it's hard to draw new blood into the sport.

It's like that here--very much so. One thing is that they don't have an auction to buy horses, and there's little transparency when it comes to selling horses. New owners think they'll be taken for a ride, and they often are by an unscrupulous trainer or agent. To get new owners is difficult, but not impossible. Every year a new owner does join the ranks.

What's your assessment of how racing is run here.

I can't say that the racing clubs have done a great job here. You can't operate by committee, which is what they do. You have to have a CEO and a marketing team who knows what they're doing, and you have to put them to work and let them expand the audience. The revenue will follow.

What's something that our readers should know about Indian racing?

Indian horsemen are very good, and they would love to send their horses abroad while they're still young horses and becoming what you'd call 'Rising Stars.' That's the kind of horse we need to export. Countries like Argentina and Chile have made a name for themselves in the States, because some of their really good horses have come to the States and done very well. I think India could make a name for itself in the same way.

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

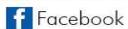
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Laurel Park an International Trailblazer (cont. from p1)

Jennings continued, "When Mr. Schapiro first announced that he would stage an 'international race, practically all observers doubted that it would be a success. The difficulties of bringing horses together from different countries and across thousands of miles of ocean were just too many to overcome, they said. Even if 'quality' racing stock from abroad accepted the invitation they could never hold their form long enough after reaching the United States to give good accounts of themselves.

"These were the general beliefs based on various past efforts toward worthwhile international races in America. The Zev and Papyrus match was remembered and the same was true of the unsuccessful invasion of the great French horse, Epinard. Critics of the proposed Washington D.C. International, and there were plenty of them, said that foreign horses could not be expected to turn in their best performances while racing under strange conditions and rules. The Americans would make a farce of the whole project, was the general opinion. **Cont. p9**



IMPRESSIVE FIRST 2YO'S...

"I have two Stay Thirsty two year olds, and really like them both. They are athletic, balanced individuals with a lovely way of going. They look precocious and should show plenty of early speed. Both are pointed at two year old sales where we expect them to be well received." *Tristan de Meric*



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JIM CRUPI



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“Apparently, these doubters hadn’t reckoned with the ability of Mr. Schapiro, the rather youthful head of Laurel. From the outset, Mr. Schapiro not only saw to it that the best horses in the world were invited, but took every precaution to guarantee that each would have a fair chance. He announced that the race would be run on the grass course at Laurel, so that foreign competitors accustomed to performing on turf would have familiar footing. Foreign owners were urged to bring their own jockeys with them. The race would be worth \$50,000 and transportation for those accepting would be ‘via plane, f.o.b.’ There were a thousand other details that were thought of and attended to.”

“Of course, many of those invited could not accept and the actual field narrowed down to seven--all of top class and quality. Four of this number were foreigners: England’s Wilwyn and Zucchero, Niederlander from Germany and Canada’s Indian Hemp. The Americans were Ruhe, Pilaster, and Greek Ship.

“A record crowd of 26,014 was on hand to see the great spectacle when it was staged in ideal weather on a bright day in October. The mutuel handle for the day at Laurel amounted to \$1,284,786. People were frankly hopeful that the horses from abroad would be able to give good accounts of themselves, but they were still doubtful. Most of the crowd thought that Greek Ship, ridden by the old master, Eddie Arcaro, would walk away with it.

“The start was from a walk up, rather than from the starting gate as is the custom in the U.S., and this was another provision designed to give the invaders as nearly an equal chance as possible...

To precis the report, Wilwyn surged past Greek Ship to win by nearly two lengths.

“Wilwyn’s reception from a crowd which obviously hadn’t backed him was astounding,” Jennings continued. “The people cheered and waved their hats and the noisy and tremendous ovation lasted for more than six minutes. Even after the presentation of the trophy, a great throng followed him and cheered him as he was led back towards his stable. It was a thrilling and truly sporting sight to see.

“The race was valuable in many respects. For one thing it did more to revive interest in grass racing in America than anything that has happened in the last several years. It proved that good horses can be flown across the ocean and hold their winning form. It opened up new avenues for racing on a world-wide scale. These are only a few of the many valuable aspects of the race.

“It is altogether likely, in fact almost a certainty, that the next few years to come will see a whole series of International races conducted at the various tracks in America. Plans call for making the Washington D.C. International an annual affair, and Pimlico, not far from Laurel, announced before the end of 1952, that a companion feature to be known as The Marylander would be

conducted there. Ben Lindheimer, managing director of Arlington and Washington Parks in Chicago, long-time grass-racing enthusiast, announced that he would try to work out plans for an ‘International Series’ with officials of other tracks so that foreign horses of top class could come to this country and get more action while on their trips. Santa Anita’s Charles H. Strub spent considerable time in Europe during the year, observing racing methods abroad, and appears to be thinking along the same general lines as Mr. Lindheimer. Construction of a new grass course will begin at Santa Anita immediately after the close of the 1953 meeting.

“So... the race that ‘couldn’t succeed’ was a success, definitely. If indications can be trusted, it was successful enough to launch a whole new series of Internationals.”

Sure enough, the Washington D.C International was to thrive for roughly 30 years. The second edition--which, coincidentally, was delayed from Nov. 7 to 11 because of a freak snowstorm--enticed two challengers from France, two from England, one from Argentina and two from Ireland. The Irish team included a colt called Chamier--trained by an enterprising young man by the name of M.V. O’Brien--but it was the French colt Worden II who routed the opposition. To give some perspective, Worden collected \$50,000, whereas the 1953 Kentucky Derby carried a first prize of \$90,050. Before long there had been winners from Venezuela (El Chama) and Australia (Sailor’s Guide), but the winners generally came from either the home team (22 wins) or France (15).

To illustrate how successful the race was in promoting the development of an international series, the French winner of 1983--the 4-year-old filly All Along--earned a million-dollar bonus for having previously won the Rothmans International and the Turf Classic.

Another measure of the Washington D.C. International’s success is that many of the winners went on to be named that year’s champion grass horse, including T.V. Lark, Mongo, Fort Marcy, Run The Gantlet, Youth, Johnny D., Mac Diarmida, Bowl Game, Sunshine Forever and Paradise Creek, plus the fillies April Run and All Along. The wonderful Kelso, winner in 1964, took Horse of the Year honors.

Although the race continued until 1994, the inception of the Breeders’ Cup Turf in 1984 effectively sounded the International’s death knell, with the distance having to be reduced to a mile and a quarter in 1986 and even to a mile in 1993.

Wouldn’t it be a tremendous tribute to John D. Schapiro’s foresight if the Breeders’ Cup were one day to return to the rack that Schapiro put on the map.

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AN AMERICAN AUCTIONEER IN NEW ZEALAND *by Cris Caldwell*

Cris Caldwell, Keeneland auctioneer and bona fide cowboy, has been invited to New Zealand's Premier Yearling Sale at Karaka. He will be blogging about his experiences for the TDN.

As the plane banked approaching New Zealand, I looked out the window at large swaths of Blue and Green. Blue the color of bays, coves, inlets and the ocean.

Green, of all shades, representing the valleys, pastures, crops and hills of a quite agrarian society. Upon landing, we were picked up by the New Zealand Bloodstock Transport Team and driven straight away to our hotel, the Rendezvous. After a bit of unpacking and a quick nap, I was met by Joe Walls, New Zealand Bloodstock's Head Auctioneer, his wife Wendy and their son Tim. Down to the Harbor for a lovely dinner and talk of the upcoming sales. A Frankel yearling would be presented for the first time in Australasia, while new sires and old were selling in the Premier sessions coming up.

The day before the auction was full of pre-sale inspections, banter with vendors and buyers alike, along with lovely tents, full of food, presented by the consignors. The yearlings raised in New Zealand are known as stayers and can stand side by side conformationally with any



Sales pavilion in Karaka
Cris Caldwell

Thoroughbred I have ever seen at any sale. Big, confident and calm, it's obvious why buyers the world over were amassed, ready to bid and buy young racehorses from this assembled group. Yearlings by Animal Kingdom, Bernardini, Lonhro and Medaglia d'Oro were all present on the Karaka sales grounds.

Sunday evening, in advance of Monday's session, there was a race meet designed to show off prior sales graduates. Two-year-olds from last year's venue compete in a \$1-million race at nearby Ellerslie Racecourse. This creates excitement in advance and purses are often spent the very next day on fresh stock for top racing stables and owners.

A total of 230 yearlings are sold in the first session. On an interesting note, during the sale, an ongoing live broadcast is spread over the sales barns and throughout New Zealand that resembles a TVG style, ad-libbed presentation that follows the auction and each horse sold.



Cris Caldwell |
Keeneland photo

When new sires are selling their first offspring, their stud fees, recently concluded racing careers, number of mares bred and lots represented by them throughout the sale is highlighted. Older established sires and their recent successes are explained while the normal sale yearling pedigree is being read from the auction stand. Auctioneers sell on their feet and create great theater swinging their gavel around and directly addressing the crowd and bidders alike. The announcement of each buyer's name is immediately called out by the auctioneer, along with a quip or a thank you, after each animal is sold. Lots not sold are also explained to the crowd, in an effort to assist in an agreed to sale over the course of the day.



New Zealand sales complex |
New Zealand Bloodstock Ltd.

Quite different than in America!

Similarities abound as well. When building the facility, the ownership group visited major auction houses around the world. The pavilion is very similar to Keeneland's, while the barns are modeled after Fasig-Tipton's open aisle style to accommodate the summer heat when the sales are conducted.

Showing areas are broader than anywhere else I have seen,



Karaka sales grounds | *Cris Caldwell*

while trees are present everywhere to afford shade while viewing the sales horses.

Consignments are full of signage and statistics relative to each farm selling.

The first day's results are very positive. Gross sales

are up by almost \$6 million. Average was up by \$30,000 and the clearance rose to 76%. Lot 200, a Savabeel colt out of Bling brought the highest price at \$775,000. Interestingly, Hip 113 was a High Chaparral filly, solid white in color, well conformed, and offered by Windsor Park and she commanded a final bid of \$440,000.

The second and final Premier sales session is Tuesday.

See TDN Europe/International for comprehensive coverage from Karaka.

op/ed feedback

Thank you for the great article on TDN regarding Frank Stronach ([click here](#)). I live near San Francisco and Golden Gate Fields is my home track. Okay, it is old, but it is also historical. I believe that if something is clean, operational (everything physically works) the staff is good (which they are and love and need their jobs), age does not matter. In fact, it makes it much better, nostalgic and memory invoking. I think if Mr. Stronach would authorize his staff there to fix up the place a bit more, get someone interested in horse racing to advertise, return the practice of member coupons for free parking, etc., it would bring in new fans and get those already hooked on horseracing to bring their friends. Golden Gate Fields is truly beautiful, standing at the front door of the Clubhouse entrance you are greeted by a fantastic view of the Golden Gate Bridge and the city of San Francisco and surrounding hills. I and the other fans and employees are immensely grateful to Mr. Stronach for keeping the track open when it's probably losing money. I know GGF could be made great again. I totally agree with another idea of his to have a track veterinarian and its own pharmacy to cut down or hopefully eliminate drugs on race day as well as monitoring the general medical treatment of the horses there. Thanks again for the positive article on Mr. Stronach. He calls it like he sees it; not everyone has the guts to do that.

Sandy McDonald, Marin County, CA

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Foal born Jan. 21, a colt by Tapit.
Will be bred back to Tapit.
Owned by Aaron & Marie Jones.
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Accomplishments: GISW, \$488,240.

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	GII Swale S.	GP	
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	GP	
	GIII Wither S.	AQU	
	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU	
	GIII Houston Ladies Classic	HOU	
	2/6	GI Donn H.	GP
		GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP
GII Las Virgenes S.		SA	
GII San Marcos S.		SA	
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KINCHEN LEAVES NOTHING TO CHANCE

by Mike Kane

With the possibility of a record \$2.8-million payday this weekend, Jonathon Kinchen isn't leaving anything to chance. That includes taking a bath instead of a shower. As many horseplayers understand, superstitions simply cannot be ignored

Last year in his debut at the National Handicapping Championship, Kinchen had great success, finishing an impressive seventh and 11th with his two entries. This week in Las Vegas, the potential reward is much higher for the 33-year-old Austin, Tex. resident. By capturing the season-long NHC Tour, he is eligible to collect a \$2-million bonus for winning the championship tournament, Jan. 28-30.

Kinchen has the maximum of two of the over 600 entries for the tourney with the oh-so long name: *Daily Racing Form/NTRA National Handicapping Championship Presented by Racetrack Television Network and Treasure Island Las Vegas*. First prize in the 17th NHC is worth \$800,000 and that NHC Tour bonus could give Kinchen a life-changing return on his handicapping investment. An added bonus is being named Handicapper of the Year at the Eclipse Awards Dinner.



Jonathon Kinchen |
NTRA/Horsephotos

The bathing angle developed quite by accident last year when Kinchen discovered that the shower in his hotel room was broken.

"So I just hopped in the bath," he said, "Then I did well on Day 1. Obviously, on Day 2, the shower was fixed, but I was still in the bath. I brought it out once this year--I didn't want to waste it, I figured I'd save it for the NHC--but for sure I'll bring it out starting Thursday."

Kinchen grew up in the Dallas area and was introduced to racing by his father, a longtime fan. A \$5 across the board bet on Giacomo at 50-1 in the 2005 Kentucky Derby was the turning point and helped Kinchen develop a keener interest in handicapping. In addition to his success on the 2015 NHC Tour, where he won four tournaments and earned \$75,000 as the tour champ, Kinchen had the best day of his betting life on Derby Day when he cashed wagers for about \$150,000.

"I hit the Pick 6, I hit the super in the Derby, the Oaks-Derby double," he said. "I hit the first leg of the Pick 6 and I bet like another \$500 on the Pick 5. I felt like I couldn't miss, kind of like that movie 'Let It Ride.'"

While the 2015 Derby provided the biggest financial reward, Kinchen said he had the most fun at the 2014 Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita, when Bobby's Kitten won the GI Turf Sprint on the

downhill turf course at Santa Anita Park at odds of just over 7-1.

"I'd brought about 10 friends with me and I'd been telling everyone all week how much I loved Bobby's Kitten, and that love went back into the summer," he said. "I literally got on Facebook to find Chad Brown's account to message him that 'You have to run Bobby's Kitten down the hill because he'll love it based on the fact he's a horse that pulls, and horses who pull tend to do really well down the hill because they relax a little bit.' Of course, I couldn't find his account. So it was one of those things where I wanted that horse there before he showed up. When he won that race from last to first in the most dramatic fashion that was probably the most excited I've been at the racetrack."

Kinchen and his business partner and friend Robert Chow, who also qualified for the NHC, run an Austin real estate company that specializes in multi-family properties.

Texas's ban on Advance-Deposit Wagering accounts pushed Kinchen toward tournament play a couple of years ago. He said he was very active in 2015 tournaments, both on-line and in-person, and NHC records show he picked up points in 11 events. Despite his success last year with two entries at the Final Table of the NHC, Kinchen modified his approach in 2015, making four or five changes that contributed to a championship season. Among them was to move away from using a computer and return to his roots of handicapping on paper. Rather than swing for the fences, Kinchen has found success with consistency.

"I have two things that are important and the rest of it I don't let myself get too strategic--work really hard to be prepared and pick winners," he said. "Focusing your attention on anything other than those two things I believe will result in a lot of bad days. A lot of guys say you have to get a 'cap' horse, or 20-1 shot, or you only need to have two winners on the day and they have to be good prices. I really believe part of the reason I've had success this year is I've had no rules for myself. I prepare and I pick winners."

Kinchen said he does not subscribe to the maxim that a bettor cannot possibly be successful over the long haul.

"Obviously discipline comes into play and consistency," he said. "I think that's probably what affects most horseplayers or just gamblers in general who are trying to make money at this. It can be a challenge. It can kind of get the best of you if you don't have discipline. Obviously, with some of the things that have happened, I'm up in life. I think it's definitely a beatable game, although it's not easy."

As he approaches the tournament, Kinchen is determined not to get caught up in the pressure of trying to win nearly \$3 million. **Cont. p2**

Kinchen cont.

“I don’t think of it that way,” he said. “Last year I was so scared to fail because I was new to the tournament thing. I was afraid to not do well and not validate myself that I fit in this arena of really good horseplayers. I was so scared and that motivated me into working really hard. Now when I look at why I’m motivated to do well, it’s not really the money. It’s the exact same motivation as last year. I just want to validate my place in this game amongst all these other handicappers. If I can just focus on that, everything else will fall in place. Focusing on the money, I think, is kind of a mistake.”

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PIONEEROF THE NILE FILLY FASTEST AT OBS

A filly by Pioneerof the Nile turned in the fastest breeze during Monday’s under-tack preview of the Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s Winter Mixed Sale. Consigned by McKathan Brothers, the unraced dark bay filly ([hip 556](#)) worked three furlongs in :32 4/5. The Louisiana-bred 3-year-old is out of Bojangle’s Cat (Tabasco Cat) and from the family of stakes winner Colonel Rutledge.

The January Mixed Sale begins Wednesday with a preferred session and continues Thursday with an open session. The Horses of Racing Age section, comprising hips 525-639, will be offered immediately following the open session. The 115 horses in the racing age section include 28 older horses, 54 3-year-olds and 33 2-year-olds, cataloged as hips 525-594 in the regular catalogue and hips 595-639 in the supplemental catalogue. Both sessions begin at 10:30 a.m.

Under Tack results and videos are posted on the OBS website at www.obssales.com.

OBS will host its championship stakes races Tuesday, with a first post time of 1 p.m.

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Tuesday, Ocala Training Center, post time: 1:45 p.m. ET

OBS SPRINT S., \$50,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Oscar Mike	U S Ranger	Rosario	Maker	4-1
2	I’m No Secret	Discreetly Mine	Gryder	Maker	10-1
3	Dioscuri	Midnight Lute	Coa	Ronso	15-1
4	Pinstripe	High Cotton	Castellano	Pletcher	7-2
5	Brassy Ben	Here Comes Ben	Spieth	Pecoraro	10-1
6	Danbury	Kantharos	Castro	Kaplan	8-1
7	Our Nation	United States	Lezcano	Casse	6-1
8	G.A. Betting	Spring At Last	No Rider	Lopez	10-1
9	Lazarus Project	Discreetly Mine	Bravo	Orseno	5-1
10	Silver Starship	Indygo Shiner	No Rider	Abbott III	12-1
11	Drama Club	Big Drama	Zayas	Fawkes	10-1
12	American Luxury	United States	Jaramillo	Rodriguez	15-1
13	Royal Almighty	Chapel Royal	Ferrer	Ward	10-1

Tuesday, Ocala Training Center, post time: 2:15 p.m. ET

OBS SPRINT S., \$50,000, f, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Emma Missouri	Put It Back	Garcia	Miller	120
2	Kandoo	Kantharos	Gaffalione	Nicks	120
3	Hi Holiday	Harlan’s Holiday	Bravo	Orseno	120
4	Pyrite Tonight	In Summation	Nunez	O’Connell	120
5	Moms Choice	Kitten’s Joy	Valdivia Jr	Rivelli	120
6	Fast Justice	Regal Ransom	Gallardo	Granitz	120
7	Fabulous Dream	Magna Graduate	Morales	Persad	120
8	Sunrise Ruby	Hard Spun	No Rider	Abbott III	120
9	Wicked One	In Summation	Lezcano	Casse	120
10	Scrammy	Scrimshaw	Garcia	Bush	120
11	Social Butterfly	Hold Me Back	Spieth	Ritter	120

*Non-wagering event

Tuesday, Ocala Training Center, post time: 2:45 p.m. ET

OBS CHAMPIONSHIP S., \$100,000, f, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Vieja Luna	Street Hero	Jaramillo	Fernandez	120
2	R Kinsley Doll	Big Drama	Gaffalione	Nicks	120
3	Awesome Dame	Awesome of Course	Saez	Albertrani	120
4	Sweet Angel Roan	Street Hero	Garcia	Kahles	120
5	Moms Choice	Kitten’s Joy	Valdivia Jr	Rivelli	120
6	Toothier Belle	Warrior’s Reward	Boulanger	Lightner	120
7	Vroomvroomvroom	Archarcharch	Zayas	Delgado	120
8	Cinder	Warrior’s Reward	Castellano	Arnold II	120
9	Will Be Magical	Wilburn	Castro	Kaplan	120
10	Dean’s Ticket	Gio Ponti	Rosario	Contessa	120
11	Silver Magnolia	Kitten’s Joy	De La Cruz	Jordan	120
12	Bonita	Bluegrass Cat	Caraballo	Stewart	120
13	Try Your Luck	Lookin At Lucky	Lopez	Nicks	120

*Non-wagering event

Tuesday, Ocala Training Center, post time: 3:15 p.m. ET

OBS CHAMPIONSHIP S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Isosaf	Rodman	Castellano	Abbott III	122
2	Two Step Time	Two Step Salsa	Rosario	Maker	122
3	Chief Admiral	Midshipman	Lopez	Casse	122
4	Swagger Jagger	Crown of Thorns	Castro	Maker	122
5	Golden Ray	American Lion	Jaramillo	Rodriguez	122
6	Volt	Maimonides	Bermudez	Palacios	122
7	Bullet Gone Astray	Gone Astray	Panici	Collazo	122
8	Ganges	Gio Ponti	Hisby	Matejka	122
9	Extinct Charm	American Lion	Gryder	Contessa	122
10	Unbridled Trick	Songandaprayer	De La Cruz	DaCosta	122
11	Whatawonderflworld	Tiz Wonderful	Lezcano	Casse	122
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INDUSTRY INFO

Johnson Named Hall of Fame Director of Development:

Cate Johnson has been named director of development at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, the organization announced Monday. Currently serving as office manager for trainer Kieran McLaughlin, Johnson will take up her new position effective Mar. 31.

“We’re really looking forward to Cate joining the team here at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame,” said museum director Chris Dragone. “She has a proven track record in the sport and brings essential industry knowledge and experience. We believe she will be a tremendous asset to the Museum.”

Johnson will lead the museum’s development and sponsorship initiatives and assume a prominent role in special events, marketing and outreach.

TIP Approves 850 Shows for 2016:

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program has approved 850 shows in 43 states and Canadian provinces for the upcoming year. Awards are available in a wide variety of disciplines, including eventing, dressage, Western and English pleasure, hunter/jumper, Western performance, games, polo and polocrosse. Awards are also available at some events for Thoroughbreds within their first two years of showing or for Thoroughbreds within two years of their last start. A full calendar of events is available on the T.I.P. website at www.tjctip.com.

Thoroughbred Cycles Re-Released

Frequent TDN contributor Mark Cramer’s *Thoroughbred Cycles* has been released and is available in hardcover and paperback on Amazon.com. The 1990 handicapping classic on form “documents the whims and vagaries of horse behavior cycles.” Cramer is the author of several handicapping and travel books, and a horse racing novel, *Tropical Downs*.

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Oathkeeper, g, 4, [Kitten’s Joy](#). See “France.”

IN JAPAN:

Tocco Di Luce, c, 3, [Uncle Mo](#) --Touch of Splendor (SP-US), by Charismatic. Kyoto, 1-24, Alw, 7f. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$117,647 O-Makoto Kato; B-Morris B. Floyd, Pat

Farrah, Dan Tsujioka & Dave Alban; T-Kazuya Nakatake.
*\$135,000 Ylg ‘14 FTKJUL; \$160,000 2yo ‘15 BARFEB.



Diplomsong, h, 5, **Unbridled’s Song**--Diplomat Lady (G1SW-US, \$552,784), by Forestry. Nakayama, 1-24, Alw, 6f. Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-0, \$219,664. O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Southern Equine Stables LLC; T-Hitoshi Matoba. *\$50,000 Ylg ‘12 FTKOCT; \$75,000 2yo ‘13 OBSAPR; \$90,000 2yo ‘13 OBSJUN.

Zeami, h, 5, **Zensational**--Turtle Creek Babe, by Grand Slam. Chukyo, 1-23, Aw, 6f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-2, \$159,664; O-Silk Co.; B-Barnett Stables LLC; T-Hidetaka Otonashi. *\$45,000 Ylg ‘12 KEESEP; \$220,000 2yo ‘13 OBSMAR.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-TUP, \$22,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-25, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.02, ft.

ROCKED TWICE (g, 5, **Rocky Bar**--**Double Punch**, by **Two Punch**) Lifetime Record: SP, 19-6-2-2, \$147,224. O-Rick Reynolds; B-Kevin R. Owens (AZ); T-Dru S. Hall.

9th-HOU, \$20,000, (S), 1-25, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:13.07, ft.

MY FANCY ROMANCE (g, 4, **Byars**--**My Fancy Affair**, by **Colonial Affair**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$24,352. O-Jesse Davila; B-William Byron Crook Estate (TX); T-Danny W. Payne.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Itsahappyday, g, 3, **Chief Three Sox**--Sarahshappytoo, by Naevus. HOU, 1-25, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.54. B-APG Holdings, Ltd. (TX). *\$2,000 Ylg ‘14 TEXOCT.

Heza Menace, c, 3, **Curandero**--Brief, by Menace. HOU, 1-25, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.54. B-Hank Bird (TX). \$1,000 Ylg ‘14 TEXOCT.

Tico Thunder, g, 3, **Lightnin N Thunder**--Turkoturkotico, by Gulch It. MVR, 1-25, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.92. B-Anthony Rizzo (OH).

Beta Baby, f, 4, **Beta Capo**--Happiest Memories, by Hap. HOU, 1-25, 1mT, 1:39.71. B-Kenneth E. Sykes (TX).

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PLENTY ON OFFER FOR EUROS IN SYDNEY



Horses quarantining at Newmarket's Side Hill Stud have access to the town's famed training grounds | *Racing Post*

By John Berry

Newmarket is known as 'HQ' for the obvious reason that it is pretty much Britain's centre of everything: training, racing, breeding, etc. One of its lesser-known specialities is the provision of quarantine facilities. These come into their own when European horses are set for races in Australia.

Newmarket's quarantine station at Side Hill Stud is not Europe's only facility, but its strength is its access to the top-class training facilities on Newmarket Heath. The latest high-profile racehorse passing through Newmarket's quarantine station is **Spiritjim (Fr)** (Galileo {Ire}) who ranked as a Group 1 winner for a few weeks in the summer of 2014 before being disqualified for testing positive to clenbuterol after his defeat of Frankel's brother Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. At the time, Spiritjim was trained by Pascal Bary for Hspirit. Now he is owned by Ting Kong Cheng and is set to join the stable of Sydney's champion trainer Chris Waller, who has done so well with European middle-distance and staying imports over the past few years.

Spiritjim ought to have a good chance in races such as the A\$2,250,000 G1 BMW at Rosehill (Mar. 26) and the A\$4,000,000 G1 Queen Elizabeth S. at Randwick (Apr. 9) during the forthcoming Sydney Autumn Carnival. **Cont. p2**

ENGELBRECHT-BRESGES HONORED AT ARC

Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and Chairman of the Asian Racing Federation was honored with a special award presented by the Turf Authorities of India during the Asian Racing Conference at Mahalakshmi Racecourse in Mumbai, India Sunday.

"The Organising Committee feels that it cannot allow the occasion of India hosting this ARC to pass without making special acknowledgment of the singular contribution which Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges has and continues to make on behalf of racing in our region," said Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla, Chairman of the 36th Asian Racing Conference Organising Committee, when presenting the award. **Cont. p4**



Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla and Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges | *HKJC photo*

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He will obviously be locally trained by then, but there could be some European-trained contenders at the Carnival as both **Gailo Chop (Fr)** (Deportivo {GB}) and **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) are under consideration for what would for each be a second trip Down Under. Both starred during the Melbourne Spring Carnival towards the end of last year, the former winning the G1 Mackinnon S. at Flemington and the later finishing third to Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G1 Cox Plate at Moonee Valley.



Highland Reel | Four Footed Fotos

When the principal race-days of the Sydney Autumn Carnival were rebranded two years ago as 'The Championships' and given a massive injection of cash, there was a push to attract international raiders. Two

landmark victories ensued: Gordon Lord Byron (Ire) (Byron {GB}) landing the G1 George Ryder S. at Rosehill for Ireland and Hana's Goal (Jpn) (Orewa Matteruze {Jpn}) taking the G1 Schweppes All Aged S. for Japan.

The Melbourne Spring Carnival has been firmly on the radar of Europeans for a couple of decades. It is surely only a matter of time before Sydney's autumn equivalent becomes a similarly popular goal. In fact, the only surprise is that it is taking so long for European trainers to wake up to the opportunities on offer in Sydney. Rewind nearly 30 years and one might have predicted that Sydney would soon be a regular destination. Surprisingly, this has not yet come to pass.

In the 1980s, the Sydney Turf Club set out to attract international runners. Unsurprisingly, two British trainers grasped the nettle: John Dunlop and Clive Brittain. Each was already famous for his boldness. John Dunlop could boast a string of international victories, including a trio of Group 1 strikes in Italy in 1983 courtesy of Awaasif (Snow Knight {GB}), Jalmood (Blushing Groom {Fr}) and High Hawk (Ire) (Shirley Heights {GB}), victories which rank as three of the first Group 1 triumphs for Sheikh Mohammed. High Hawk, incidentally, has a secure place in the annals: not only was she Sheikh Mohammed's first Royal Ascot winner (when taking the G2 Ribblesdale S. in 1983), but she also produced In The Wings (GB) (Sadler's Wells).

Brittain's CV was even more remarkable. He had landed pioneering big-race victories with Pebbles (GB) (Sharpen Up {GB}) in the 1985 G1 Breeders' Cup Turf and Jupiter Island (GB) (St Paddy {GB}) in the 1986 G1 Japan Cup, and had saddled Bold Arrangement (GB) (Persian Bold {Ire}) to finish second in the 1986 G1 Kentucky Derby.



Pebbles | Racing Post

In March 1988, the STC put up a million-dollar purse for the G1 Tancred S., thus drawing three runners from

Europe. Bart Cummings, who never liked to miss an opportunity to put Europeans in their place, saddled the champion 3-year-old Beau Zam (NZ) (Zamazaan {Fr}) to win by 5 1/2 lengths, but the Dunlop-trained Highland Chieftain (GB) (Kampala {GB}) finished second, with Vaguely Pleasant (Fr) (Fabulous Dancer) third for the French stable of Patrick Biancone. The Robert Collet-trained Le Glorieux (GB) (Cure The Blues) had won the previous year's G1 Washington DC International, but finished out of the money in this race.

The traveling clearly did Highland Chieftain no harm, because he ran at Newmarket's Craven Meeting in April and then won the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. at Sandown in May. Later in the summer he scored at both Group 2 and 3 level in Frankfurt.

In 1989 Clive Brittain nearly landed another coup: Top Class (GB) (High Top {GB}) finished second to Cox Plate winner Our Poetic Prince (NZ) (Yeats) in the Tancred. In 1990, when the Tancred had been re-named the BMW International, both Brittain and Dunlop were represented. In a race won by subsequent Caulfield Cup winner Sydeston (Aus) (St Briavels {GB}), Brittain saddled Mountain Kingdom (Exceller) to finish fourth, with good old Highland Chieftain unplaced. The latter had contested New Zealand's short-lived million-dollar race, the DB Classic at Ellerslie, in 1989--as had Brittain's Lapierre (GB) (Lafontaine)--and had followed that by running in Melbourne seven days later, finishing fourth to Vo Rogue (Aus) (Ivor Prince) in the G1 Australian Cup at Flemington.

At this time of year, numerous European horses are heading out to Dubai in search of desert gold. John Dunlop and Clive Brittain are both retired, but both are still around; and both would surely suggest that the big races in Sydney over the next three months ought to be on the radars of enterprising European horsemen.

HRI RELEASE INDUSTRY STATISTICS

Horse Racing Ireland has released their annual figures for 2015, with bloodstock sales increasing for the sixth consecutive year, HRI announced Monday. Racecourse attendance was just below the 2014 level with rough weather decreasing the number of patrons that turned out for racing by 0.7%. European Breeders Fund (EBF) sponsorship rose by 7.8%, while commercial sponsorship also increased to 7.5%. Tote Ireland continued to grow in 2015, with overall turnover rising by 29%.

HRI's Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh commented, "2015 represented the sixth consecutive year of growth, with Irish bloodstock sales of €152.5 million up 3.5% on the 2014 figures.



Brian Kavanagh | *Racing Post*

The value of Irish-foaled exported horses sold through public auction grew to €267.7 million. This was a 16.7% increase on the previous year and Irish horses were exported to 33 different countries."

HRI will increase prize-money by €3.1 million (5.8%) in 2016 for a total of €56.7 million, with the minimum race value in Ireland set at €9,000.

Added Kavanagh, "We continue to focus on improving the horses-in-training and ownership

figures and the decline of recent years has started to slow down, which is positive. With additional increases in prize-money, further reductions in administrative costs and enhanced supports for trainers, we expect to see real progress in 2016."

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GIANT SLAYER READYING FOR MORE GLORY

Cartier Horse of the Year Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) was beaten only twice in his racing career, both times by fillies and the first of those to inflict defeat on Europe's champion 3-year-old of last year, **Arabian Queen (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), is pleasing her trainer David Elsworth ahead of her 4-year-old campaign. Her trainer feel she has become a faster filly and intends to drop her back to a mile for her seasonal reappearance.

"She's certainly got enough speed for a mile and it will be the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury to start with," said Elsworth. "We'll run in the better Group 1 races. The Juddmonte International, which she won last year, would also be an obvious target."

Elsworth knows what it takes to score at the top level and he is aware that Jeff Smith's homebred will have her work cut out to win another Group 1.

Added Elsworth, "She's a 4-year-old now, the 3-year-olds get weight allowances and there is sure to be some good 3-year-olds emerging, so we won't get over confident but that's the sort of target."



Arabian Queen & David Elsworth | *Racing Post*

By winning what was officially the third-best race in the world last year, Arabian Queen has achieved more than most and no matter what she does on the track in the future, she will make a much sought after broodmare for her owner's Littleton Stud.

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Monday's Result:

5th-WOL, £4,500, Mdn, 1-25, 3yo, 9f 103y (AWT), 2:00.98, st. JIVE TIME (GB) (c, 3, Motivator {GB})--Lindy Hop {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}, sixth on debut over a mile at Kempton Dec. 16, raced in mid-division early. Rallying up the inner in the straight, the 11-4 second favorite stayed on to gain the lead in the final yards and score by a head from Zeehan (GB) (Aussie Rules). The dam is a half to Ballydoyle's G1 Epsom Derby runner-up At First Sight (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) from the family of the top Stateside performers Fast and Furious (Fr) (Singspiel {Ire}) and Herboriste (GB) (Hernando {Fr}). Sales history: 5,000gns RNA Wlg '13 TATFOA; 15,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,153.

O-Saeed Manana; B-Bearstone Stud Ltd (GB); T-James Tate.

ALLOWANCE RESULT:

7th-WOL, £19,000, 1-25, 4yo/up, 9f 103y (AWT), 2:00.09, st. SOLAR DEITY (IRE) (h, 7, Exceed and Excel {Aus})--Dawn Raid {Ire}, by Dockside Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 38-7-5-8, \$284,176. O-Mr G Manfredini & Mr A Tinkler; B-Castlemartin Stud & Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Marco Botti. *35,000gns Ylg '10 TATOCT; 60,000gns HRA '12 TA12; 90,000gns RNA HRA '13 TA13; 42,000gns RNA HRA '15 TAJUL.

First Foal for GSW & MG1SP Gale Force Ten (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})
● Bidding Time (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) produced a filly at Stowell Hill in Somerset, England.
First Foal for MGSW & MG1SP Gregorian (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire})
● Crinklelini (GB) (Bertolini) produced a colt at Roseyground Stud in Newmarket, England.

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ALLOWANCE RESULT:

4th-CGN, €19,000, 1-25, 4yo, 2150mT, 2:21.60, vsf.

OATHKEEPER (g, 4, Kitten's Joy--Canopy, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €27,000. O-Papillon Stables; B-A Davies; T-Mikel Delzangles. *\$40,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV.



Englebrecht-Bresges Honored at ARC Cont. from p1

“Stretching back to 2007, he has been in equal measure tireless and inspirational in his quest to both strengthen the racing industry in ARF countries and promote the interest of Asian racing on the international stage. There can be no doubt that the ARF has been successful on both fronts. Indeed we can now say without fear of contradictions that Asian racing is second to none.”

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SAVABEEL COLT TOPS KARAKA OPENER

The two day Karaka Premier Yearling Sale kicked off Monday, with a strong international buying bench fueling sharp increases across the board. A total of 158 lots sold (76%) from 209 offered--two points above 2014's clearance rate--grossing NZ\$28,097,500 (£12,722,944/€16,705,958), an increase of 26% on last year's Day 1 gross of NZ\$22,317,500. Foreign buyers--from such far off locales as Hong Kong, Singapore, Ireland, Japan, Macau, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States, South Africa, Malaysia and, of course, Australia--accounted for 67% of the gross. Twenty-seven horses were hammered down for NZ\$300,000 or above, compared to 14 in 2015. The average rose 22% to NZ\$177,832 from NZ\$145,866, while the median of NZ\$150,000 was 36% above last year's figure of NZ\$110,000 from the same number of lots catalogued, at 230.

“There was a great atmosphere around the sale grounds today with plenty of interest from buyers, the general public and a hive of media,” commented Andrew Seabrook, Managing Director of NZB. “To achieve the results we have see today is very encouraging. All of our key figures have increased with strong competition across the board. To have a median price higher than the average price of last year at the same point of the sale is a great feat, it shows the depth of the catalogue is strong and there is confidence in New Zealand Thoroughbreds.”

Continued Seabrook, “The international buying bench has been very strong as shown by the number of our top lots heading to buyers from different parts of the globe. However, the leading buyer was New Zealand's David Ellis who has been the biggest buyer at Karaka for the past 10 years.”

Topping the first day was lot 200, a strapping dark bay son of Waikato Stud stalwart Savabeel (Aus) (Zabeel {NZ}), who was secured for NZ\$775,000 (£350,930/€460,792) on the bid of New Zealander David Ellis of Te Akau Racing. Consigned by Waikato and out of Bling (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), he is a full-brother to G1SW Diademe (NZ) and established a new record as the highest priced horse ever sold by Waikato, the leading consignor at the Karaka Premier Yearling Sale for the past two years.



Lot 200 | New Zealand Bloodstock

“This Savabeel colt is quite outstanding, he is one that Te Akau had on the must-have list and to get what you want sometimes you have to exceed

your budget,” commented Ellis, who celebrated Te Akau Racing's first winner in Ireland in 2015 through the Tommy Stack-trained 101-rated Torcedor (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Ellis had a busy first day Monday, signing for 12 yearlings for NZ\$3,207,500, as he bids to become the sale's leading buyer for the 11th consecutive year.

“It has been a very successful sale so far with very strong prices. There have been a number of bidding duels on the good horses and I've found it difficult to buy this year as the international buying bench has been so strong.”

Monday's early session leader was lot 29, a brown son of Savabeel (Aus) out of the placed Queen of Avalon (NZ) (Montjeu {Ire}), a half-sister to MG1SW Monaco Consul (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}). He sold for NZ\$550,000 to Irish bloodstock agent Hubie De Burgh from the consignment of Windsor Park Stud. Lot 29 helped Savabeel top all sires by yearling average on Day 1, with his 22 yearlings sold coming in at an impressive NZ\$252,045.

De Burgh explained, "My instructions were to buy a Derby winner and, for me, he was the best looking colt in the sale. He's by a sire that can get you a Classic horse, out of a Montjeu (Ire) mare and is a really good, athletic looking horse. He was just a standout horse and his temperament is amazing. The nearer he got to the ring he never flinched or sweated up and he walked around like a champion." **Cont. p5**

Savabeel Colt Tops Karaka Opener Cont.

Another Windsor Park offering that attracted a lot of attention was [lot 113](#), a white filly by High Chaparral (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) out of The Opera House (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), who shared top-priced filly honors with [lot 85](#) and [lot 169](#). A large crowd assembled to see the filly, from the same family as dual Australian Horse of the Year Might and Power (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), go through the ring and it was Hideo Takadaru of Japan's Dearest Club who signed the docket for NZ\$450,000. It was Takadaru's first visit to Karaka.

Australian Anthony Mithen of Rosemont Stud purchased Cambridge Stud consignee lot 85, a filly by Exceed And Excel (Aus) (Danahill) out of a full-sister to G1 Australian Derby hero Don Eduardo (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) and a half to MG1SW Tristalove (NZ) (Sir Tristram {NZ}) for NZ\$450,000. The final filly to equal that price was lot 169, a daughter of Fastnet Rock (Aus) (Danahill) out of Amazing Beauty (Ire), who was knocked down to Rider Horse NZ from the Curraghmore consignment. McEvoy Mitchell Racing paid the same amount for another member of that draft, [lot 169](#), a colt by High Chaparral (Ire). The bay's second dam is a full to Australian champion and successful sire Fastnet Rock (Aus).

Waikato Stud led all vendors by aggregate at NZ\$4,325,000, while Curraghmore's nine offerings topped all consignors by average at \$242,778. Sire Reliable Man (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) topped all other first season sires with an average of NZ\$252,045 (three or more sold).

The second day of the Karaka Premier Yearling Sale begins at 11 a.m. local time Tuesday. For full results go to www.nzbc.co.nz/.

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SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
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• No. Offered	209	210
• No. Sold	158	153
• RNAs	51	57
• % RNAs	24%	27%
• No. \$500K+	2	0
• High Price	NZ\$775,000	NZ\$470,000
• Gross	NZ\$28,097,500	NZ\$22,317,500
• Average (% change)	NZ\$177,832 (+22%)	NZ\$145,866
• Median (% change)	NZ\$150,000 (+36%)	NZ\$110,000

**KARAKA PREMIER SALE
 DAY 1 TOP LOTS**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
200	colt	Savabeel (Aus)	Bling (NZ) B-Waikato Stud (NZ) Consigned by Waikato Stud Purchased by DC Ellis	775,000
29	colt	Savabeel (Aus)	Queen Of Avalon (NZ) B-Windsor Park Stud (NZ) Consigned by Windsor Park Stud Purchased by De Burgh Equine	550,000
151	colt	Tavistock (NZ)	Zsa Zsa Gabeel (NZ) B-Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan (NZ) Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by DC Ellis	460,000
85	filly	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Special Diamond (NZ) B-Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan (NZ) Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by Rosemont Stud	450,000
113	filly	High Chaparral (Ire)	The Opera House (NZ) B-Windsor Park Stud (NZ) Consigned by Windsor Park Stud Purchased by Dearest Club	450,000
169	filly	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Amazing Beauty (Ire) B-Orpendale (Aus) Consigned by Curraghmore Purchased by Rider Horse	450,000
203	colt	High Chaparral (Ire)	Bombay (Aus) B-Orpendale (Aus) Consigned by Curraghmore Purchased by McEvoy Mitchell Racing	450,000