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## 'CHROME' LEADS U.S. ASSAULT ON DWC NIGHT



California Chrome in Dubai last year | DRC/Andrew Watkins

**California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), winner of the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. in 2014 and a game runner-up in last year's G1 Dubai World Cup, is the marquee name among U.S.-based horses nominated to the world's richest horse race and the supporting events, to be staged Saturday, Mar. 26 at Meydan Racecourse.

The flashy chestnut, who has already settled in comfortably in the desert, is scheduled to have a single local prep for the World Cup Feb. 25, Alan Sherman, assistant trainer to his father Art, confirmed Wednesday (*see related story p3*).

Trainer Bob Baffert is a two-time winner of the World Cup (Silver Charm, 1998; Captain Steve, 2001) and could be represented by the consistent **Hoppertunity** (Any Given Saturday), while **Keen Ice**--a son of 2008 World Cup hero Curlin--has been entered for the 10-furlong race by trainer Dale Romans, who sent out Roses in May to a World Cup romp in 2005. Keen Ice famously took down the colors of Horse of the Year American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) in the 2015 GI Travers S.

**Frosted** (Tapit), another member of last year's Classic generation, has also arrived in Dubai for the World Cup and could be joined by his stablemates and **'TDN Rising Stars' Marking** (Bernardini) and **Watershed** (Distorted Humor), each of whom were also entered for the G1 Golden Shaheen and G2 Godolphin Mile. **Cont. p3**

## DOWN THE SHEDROW: SHUG MCGAUGHEY

by *Christie DeBernardis*

Hall of Fame conditioner Shug McGaughey has trained four Hall of Famers, 10 champions and nine Breeders' Cup winners since taking out his trainer's license in 1979. Responsible for such luminaries as Easy Goer, Personal Ensign, Lure and Inside Information, the 65-year-old continues to campaign top performers, such as MGISW Point of Entry (Dyanformer), GI Belmont Derby hero Mr Speaker (Pulpit) and Orb (Malibu Moon), who provided the Bluegrass native with his first GI Kentucky Derby victory in 2013. McGaughey's patient tactics continue to prove successful as his most recent champion was crowned just 12 days ago when **Honor Code** (A.P. Indy) took home the Eclipse Award for top older male. **Cont. p4**

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### FASCINATING ROCK ENTERED IN WORLD CUP

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*Princesspatseattle has produced her second white foal, a colt by first-crop sire Honorable Dillon, foaled on January 24 at Rockridge Stud in Hudson, NY. Her first foal, a white 2yo colt by Bluegrass Cat, is currently in training in NY.*

*Barbara Livingston*

## **ANNOUNCER FINDS SILVER LINING**

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*Tony Bentley, whose voice has been heard in grandstands from New Orleans to Delaware Park, has found a new niche in life, as an actor, of all things. Bill Finley has the details.*

## **MOHAYMEN RETURNS IN HOLY BULL**

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*A short, but select field of six newly turned sophomores will face the starter Saturday at Gulfstream Park for the GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S., with undefeated Mohaymen (Tapit) the star turn.*

## **SOPHOMORE SPRINTERS GET THEIR TURN**

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*While the Holy Bull takes place around two turns, sprinting 3-year-olds get their chance in the GII Forward Gal S. and GII Swale S*

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**Dubai World Cup Night Nominations cont.**

The names of American horses were more difficult to spot in the night's longer turf races. **Mshawish** (Medaglia d'Oro), currently prepping for the G1 Donn H. at Gulfstream Park, holds entries in the G1 Dubai Turf--in which he was third to Solow (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}) in 2015--the World Cup itself and the G2 Godolphin Mile. **The Pizza Man** (English Channel) would represent America's best hope in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, while **Mongolian Saturday** (Any Given Saturday) and **Lady Shipman** (Midshipman) could fly the red-white-and-blue in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint over the straight 1000-meter course. The latter was also given an entry for the G1 Golden Shaheen, joining the aforementioned Godolphin-owned duo. Trainer David Jacobson has nominated **Stallwalkin' Dude** (City Place) and **Salutos Amigos** (Salute the Sarge). X Y Jet (Kantharos), tearaway winner in his last two starts of the GIII Mr. Prospector S. and Sunshine Millions Sprint, was not entered at the first stage, nor was any of the top three finishers from the G1 Breeders' Cup Sprint. **Charming Kitten** (Kitten's Joy) is the lone American entrant for the G2 Dubai Gold Cup over two miles.

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**Handicap Prep For Chrome...**

Alan Sherman, assistant trainer to his father Art and the man overseeing the daily routine of **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) in Dubai, told the *Dubai Racing Channel* the 5-year-old would likely prep for the Mar. 26 G1 Dubai World Cup in a Meydan handicap Feb. 25.

Sherman said he preferred that option to the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3 on Super Saturday Mar. 5 because of the extra week afforded between starts.

"If we run in the Maktoum Challenge it might be a bit quick," Sherman said. "That extra week will give us a full month so I think we'd be better off doing that. Usually the third race off a layoff a horse it at its peak so hopefully once the World Cup comes he'll be peaking at that time."

California Chrome, the 2014 G1 Kentucky Derby winner and American Horse of the Year, finished second in last year's World Cup and was forced to the sidelines for the rest of the year by cannon bone bruising. The now 5-year-old enjoyed a summer holiday at Taylor Made Farm in Kentucky and signaled his readiness for a return to the highest level after winning the GII San Pasqual S. Feb. 10.

"[Missing most of last year] could have been a blessing in disguise," Sherman told the *DRC*. "He got pretty much the whole year off last year and he really grew up to be a bigger, stronger horse this year. When he came in from Taylor Made he looked like a completely different animal. He filled out and grew; they did a phenomenal job with him."



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**Carnival Court** (f. by Street Sense). 2 wins at 3, \$161,662, 3rd Alabama S. [G1] (SAR, \$60,000).

**Empire Way** (c. by Empire Maker). Winner at 2, \$119,170, 2nd Robert B. Lewis S. [G2] (SA, \$40,000).

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**Handicap Prep for Chrome cont.**

“His attitude stayed the same,” Sherman added. “I was a little worried about it, being in the country club at Taylor Made for three months that he might get a little lazy on us, but he came back better than ever.”

When asked to size up the competition for the world’s richest race, Sherman said, “I’m not worried about anybody. If Chrome runs his race I think he’s as good as anyone.”

“It’s a very prestigious race to win; one of the most prestigious in the world,” Sherman added. “It would be great to win it. We came close last year but I think this year we have a bigger, stronger horse running at them.”



by Christie DeBernardis

**Continued from p1**

Honor Code, a ‘TDN Rising Star,’ powerful victories in the prestigious GI Metropolitan H. and GI Whitney S. topped the likes of fellow MGSWs Liam’s Map (Unbridled’s Song) and Tonalist (Tapit) to take home the hardware and add yet another name to McGaughey’s already impressive list. After finishing third to American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic Oct. 31, the handsome bay retired to Lane’s End Farm, where he stands for a fee of \$40,000.

“Obviously, we miss him, but it’s always nice to know he has a great home at Lane’s End,” McGaughey said of his stable’s latest champion. “Honor Code has gotten a great reception since he has gone back there and he has a good book of mares. We are looking forward to what happens in the future with him.”

Though Honor Code’s retirement leaves an empty space in the barn, McGaughey has many other promising runners set to try and fill it, such as MGSW **Ironicus** (Distorted Humor) and Honor Code’s younger brother **Morse Code** (Tapit).

● **MORSE CODE (c, 3, Tapit)**

Lane’s End Racing’s Morse Code looks poised to follow in his big brother Honor Code’s hoofprints after unleashing an impressive late rally to finish second in his Aqueduct debut Nov. 20.

“I couldn’t get him going the way I wanted to, so I sent him up to Ocala. He’s got some bone bruising, so he is going to get a couple of weeks walking and probably 60 days of turn out. No big deal. He just needs some time.” **Cont. p5**

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**Down the Shedrow cont.**

● **IRONICUS (h, 5, Distorted Humor)**

An impressive winner of Pimlico's GII Dixie S. May 16, Ironicus captured a Belmont allowance next out July 8 before falling just a neck short to GISW Grand Arch (Arch) in Saratoga's GII



Ironicus | A. Coglianese

Fourstardave H. Aug. 15. The Stuart Janney homebred returned with a vengeance next out with a course record-setting victory in the Spa's GII Bernard Baruch H. Sept. 7 ([video](#)), stamping himself as a major contender for the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Unfortunately, a fracture was discovered in the gray's right

front cannon bone that required surgery just two weeks later and he has been on the sidelines since.

*"He's back in training now in Ocala. He has three weeks or so of jogging and Niall Brennan's Aquaciser and he's back on track now. He's about ready to start galloping. He should be back around April."*

● **BROWSE (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro)**

Phipps Stable homebred Browse was tabbed a "TDN Rising Star" after a dominating 6 1/4-length victory in her Dec. 6 unveiling at the Big A ([video](#)).

*"She is at Payson Park and is doing some light breezing right now. She is doing fine. We will hopefully get her in a race in the first part of March."*

● **HOLD HARMLESS (f, 3, Blame)**

Third in her career bow over the Aqueduct main track Nov. 11, Janney homebred Hold Harmless overcame the 13-hole to score an impressive victory when switched to the turf at Gulfstream Jan. 2 ([video](#)).

*"We are just waiting for the next A-other-than grass race for 3-year-old fillies going around two turns. I was very pleased with her race [last time]. I thought it was a pretty competitive maiden race and for her to have the outside and be able to come up the fence like that, especially for a filly that had just run one time, I thought it was very good. She's been one we sort of tagged all along as being okay."*

● **NORUMBEGA (h, 6, Tiznow)**

Winner of the 2014 GII Brooklyn Invitational S., Norumbega spent 15 months on the bench from August 2014 to November 2015. Sixth in his return at Aqueduct Nov. 21, the Janney homebred was fourth last time at Gulfstream Dec. 31 and most recently fired a half-mile bullet in :49.60 at Payson Park Jan. 24.

The gray is entered in the fourth race at Gulfstream Thursday, a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer.

*"He's doing well. He's trained well. He just really hasn't gotten his kind of race. We ran him a mile around one turn at Aqueduct. I thought he ran good that day. Then I came back [to Florida] and I ran him a mile here and he finished up nicely. I've just been waiting for a two-turn race. He really wants to run farther than a mile and a sixteenth, but I think he is in the right spot tomorrow and I think he will make a good account of himself."*

● **CARRUMBA (f, 4, Bernardini)**

With three wins and three seconds from six career starts, Carrumba has been a force to be reckoned with on the New York circuit. The Phipps homebred was overtaken late by



Carrumba | A. Coglianese

Forever Unbridled (Unbridled's Song) to miss by just a head last time in Aqueduct's GIII Comely S. Nov. 28, finishing 7 1/2 lengths clear of the third-place finisher ([video](#)).

*"I thought [the Comely] was a very good race. A nice filly beat her that had more experience than she did really. She just got beat down on the inside and I thought she ran very well. I gave her 30 days off after that race. She is back training now at Payson and she is not far from breezing, probably a couple of weeks. I'd like to get [a race] into her by the first of April, if not the end of March." Cont. p6*

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● **FIRE AWAY (c, 4, War Front)**

Phipps Stable runner Fire Away closed out his sophomore campaign with a pair of optional claimer victories in New York. The homebred's latest success came in a 1 3/8-mile turf test at the Big A Nov. 13.

*"He's been working fine at Payson. He's been doing really well. I just don't really have the right spot and place to run him, so I didn't work him this past week because I don't want to get too far ahead of myself. I think he is probably better going a little farther than a mile and an eighth. I think he has the chance to be a really nice horse. If there is a right spot for him, I'd run him down here, but I'm just going to wait and see what develops."*

● **INSPECTOR LYNLEY (c, 3, Lemon Drop Kid)**

Fourth on debut over the Belmont lawn Oct. 18, Inspector Lynley missed by just a neck next out at Aqueduct Nov. 28, finishing 7 3/4 lengths ahead of the third-place finisher. The Janney and Phipps homebred finished a close second yet again last time on the sod at Gulfstream Jan. 2.

*"I thought [his last race] was very good. He had the 14 post and had to make up all that, so I thought he ran very good. He is one that we have high hopes for. He runs the first week of February."*

● **MY IMPRESSION (f, 3, Sky Mesa)**

Eighth in her career bow over the Belmont turf course Oct. 17, My Impression has been unstoppable since. Breaking her maiden on the sod at Aqueduct next out Nov. 27, the Janney homebred scored a good-looking optional claiming victory at Tampa Jan. 20 ([video](#)).

*"I thought her race was very good. I was very pleased with it. She was able to track horses. She looked like she was the best all of the way and when he got her free, she was able to kick on and finished up well. I was very pleased with the way she's done this winter and the way she ran the other day. I'll find a spot for her. I'm not sure where or when. Her best races are probably going to be farther than a mile or a mile and sixteenth, but I'm probably going to have to run her at a mile and a sixteenth just to keep her going. I think once we get to those longer races this summer, a mile and an eighth will be right up her alley."*

*"Her next race will probably be a stake because there won't be a two-other-than allowance race for straight 3-year-old fillies, so it will probably be a little stake." Cont. p7*

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● **SAIL AHOY (c, 3, Bernardini)**

A second-out graduate at Belmont Sept. 12, Sail Ahoy finished fourth in the GI Champagne S. there three weeks later. Third behind the undefeated Mohaymen (Tapit) in Aqueduct's GI Nashua S. Nov. 4, the bay checked in fourth behind that rival last time in that venue's GI Remsen S. Nov. 28. Hailing from a talented Phipps family, the homebred is a half-brother to the aforementioned Point of Entry and MGISW Pine Island (Arch).

*"I thought he ran fine [in the Remsen], a bit disappointing, but fine. I just gave him a little bit of time. He's back doing something now at Niall's and he will go to Payson later on. He is one I am not in a hurry with either. He's back training now."*

● **TOP BILLING (h, 5, Curlin)**

Third in the 2014 GI Fountain of Youth S., "TDN Rising Star" Top Billing spent the rest of that season on the sidelines after cracking a cannon bone during a workout. Fourth in his return at Gulfstream last February, the W.S. Farish and E.J. Hudson, Jr. Irrevocable Trust homebred finished second in a Keeneland



Top Billing | A. Coglianese

optional claimer six weeks later and was fourth in the GIII Pimlico Special S. May 15. Filling that spot again in a Belmont test July 12, the chestnut was a non-factor ninth on the sod at Saratoga Aug. 22 and has not been seen since.

*"It was nothing major. It was just a bunch of little things. His feet were bothering him, so we sent him home and gave him a little bit of time. He's breezed one time on the farm in Kentucky and he is at Gulfstream now with me. We could maybe run him at Gulfstream. His best race last year was his race at Keeneland. It was really his only good race. He is still eligible for that same race, so I will probably try to get him ready for that knowing he runs well over that track. I'll probably get a race into him down here before we go all things being equal."*

● **BOMBS AWAY (c, 3, Smart Strike)**

Bombs Away has yet to make it to the races, but has been impressing McGaughey in the mornings, most recently working four furlongs in :51.08 at Niall Brennan Stables Jan. 20. The first foal out GSP Protesting (A.P. Indy), the Phipps homebred traces his lineage back to fellow McGaughey pupil and MGISW My Flag and ill-fated champion Storm Flag Flying.

*"I've got one named Bombs Away that I sent home during Saratoga. He was just a little banged up, nothing major. He is by Smart Strike and the first foal out of Protesting. He is one that I like. He is back breezing, so hopefully he will race around the first of March at Gulfstream."*

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## ANNOUNCER FINDS HIS CALLING ON THE SILVER SCREEN *By Bill Finley*

Tony Bentley has landed some dream jobs, even if they never were his dream. Bentley wanted to call the Kentucky Derby or land the announcer's job at Santa Anita. Though he's still in the midst of a distinguished career as a racetrack announcer, he never achieved those goals. Then again, has Tom Durkin, Dave Johnson or Trevor Denman ever acted in an Oscar-winning movie?



Tony Bentley and Steve Carrell on the set of 'The Big Short' | courtesy Tony Bentley

Bentley has had parts in two, 'Dallas Buyer's Club' and 2013 Picture of the Year '12 Years a Slave.' And when this year's Academy Award winners are announced, he's all but sure to be able to add a third Academy Award-winning film to his list as he played the role of Bruce Miller in this year's Best Picture, 'The Big Short.' **Cont. p8**

Bentley was the regular announcer at the Fair Grounds from 1974 to 2001 and has also called races at Delaware Park, Canterbury Downs, Louisiana Downs and a number of other tracks. Today, he is the regular voice of the National Steeplechase Association tracks and spends much of his year traveling the jump circuit.

That still gives him time to pursue his other career: acting.

“In New Orleans, I did some local theater in the late 70s, 80s,” Bentley said. “I had an agent from doing voice-overs and commercials. In 2004, they started to make a number of movies and television programs in Louisiana because the state decided to give the companies a major tax break. I still live in New Orleans and my agent started to send me out on movie auditions. I got my first job in 2004 playing a doctor on a Lifetime movie (Miracle Run) with Mary Louise Parker. It just kept going from there.”

Bentley usually is the guy in the movie you never really notice. He’s more than an “extra,” but his characters usually come and go in his movies within a matter of a few minutes. While his role in ‘The Big Short’ was a typical one, it comes in a pivotal scene.

The movie follows a select few who realized well ahead of the rest of the pack that millions could be made “shorting” something called collateralized debt obligations, or CDOs, that were made up largely of mortgages. To a larger and larger extent, the CDOs were filled with shaky mortgages, and when the sub-prime mortgage crisis hit, those who had shorted CDOs were rewarded with huge profits for their prescience.

Steve Carrell is one of the many stars of the movie and plays Mark Baum, a Wall Streeter with both morals and smarts who is among the first to realize what is about to happen with the housing market. Bentley plays Bruce Miller, a self-described bull, who squares off with Carrell’s character onstage at a conference. Miller, who comes off as arrogant and buffoonish, insists that there is nothing to fear when it comes to the market and touts buying Bear Stearns stock. Unbeknownst to him, the price of Bear Stearns stock is crashing literally while he is praising it as a solid buy.

Not only was Bentley not intimidated by working with an actor with Carrell’s prestige, he spent much of the morning rehearsing not even knowing who was sitting across from him.

“It turned out that Steve is the nicest guy in the world,” he said. “But when we started to rehearse I didn’t recognize him. I had just watched Foxcatcher, but I don’t watch a lot of TV and

he’s kind of a chameleon-like guy. When you get the ‘call sheet’ for the day in the tour trailer it lists the person’s name and the character they are playing, but for the big stars they use a fictitious name. I guess they worry that if someone finds out that a Brad Pitt is going to be at such and such a place at a certain time there could be problems. Of course, I haven’t reached that stage. No one cares about me.

“So we go out to rehearse this scene and I don’t recognize him and I have no idea who I’m working with. When we finished, just trying to make small talk, I said, ‘You’ve got a lot of lines here, you’re going to earn your pay.’ A couple of hours later we were ready to shoot the scene and right before that a friend who was an extra asked me, ‘What was working with Steve Carrell like?’ It wasn’t until then that I knew who I was working with. After it was over he came up to me and introduced himself. I wound up eating lunch with him and his agent during a break. He couldn’t have been nicer.”

Bentley has gotten a lot of acting work because Louisiana has become “Hollywood South” due to the tax incentives to make a film there. Bentley’s scene in The Big Short was shot inside an office building in New Orleans.

While Bentley would love the opportunity to take on larger roles, he said it’s unlikely to happen as long as he stays in New Orleans.

“It’s a goal and I would love for that to happen; who wouldn’t?” he said. “But I’m not going to pick up and move to, say, Los Angeles or New York. The stars are the stars. The other roles, the ones larger than the ones I get, those are all cast basically out of Los Angeles and New York. I’m 64. I’m thrilled with what I have. I’m not going to study with Lee Strasberg or whoever the current Lee Strasberg is. I would be thrilled to do bigger parts and if it ever happens, fine.”

You’ll be able to see plenty more of Bentley in 2016 and the years ahead, as he has taken part in several projects that have yet have to hit the cinemas, including a movie called ‘Billionaire Boys Club,’ starring Kevin Spacey and Emma Roberts. In it, he plays “Yet Another Shareholder,” not exactly the kind of role that will land him on the cover of People Magazine. On that, Bentley doesn’t care.

“You can’t imagine how lucky I feel to be doing what I am doing,” he said. “All of these movies, it’s fun. It’s an amazing experience.”



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**LAMBHOLM SOUTH HOLY BULL S.-GII**, \$350,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Perfect Saint	Pleasantly Perfect	Lanerie	Romans	116
2	Mohaymen ☼	Tapit	Alvarado	McLaughlin	120
3	Fellowship	Awesome of Course	Caraballo	Gold	116
4	Conquest Big E ☼	Tapit	Smith	Casse	116
5	Greenpointcrusader ☼	Bernardini	Velazquez	Schettino	122
6	Frontier Ranger	U S Ranger	Zayas	Pellegrini	116

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**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:05 p.m. EST**

**FORWARD GAL S.-GII**, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Dad's Kiddo ☼	Proud Citizen	Gaffalione	Kobiskie	116
2	Cathryn Sophia	Street Boss	Rosario	Servis	120
3	Conquest Babayaga ☼	Uncle Mo	Smith	Casse	116
4	Island Saint	Speightstown	Velazquez	Pletcher	116
5	Ballet Diva	Hear No Evil	Caraballo	Gold	120
6	Rontos Lily ☼	Big Drama	Jaramillo	Sanchez	116
7	Disco Rose	Weigelia	Hernandez	Reid Jr	116

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**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:35 p.m. EST**

**SWALE S.-GII**, \$150,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Ready Dancer ☼	More Than Ready	Velazquez	Pletcher	116
2	Richie the Bull	Benny the Bull	Castellano	Scott	118
3	Awesome Banner	Awesome of Course	Caraballo	Gold	122
4	Noholdingback Bear ☼	Put It Back	Saez	De Paulo	116
5	Cardio Cowboy	Petionville	Pennington	Coletti Jr	116
6	Economic Model ☼	Flatter	Rosario	Brown	116

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**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 1:50 p.m. EST**

**WITHERS S.-GIII**, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Donegal Moon ☼	Malibu Moon	Gryder	Pletcher	116
2	Flexibility	Bluegrass Cat	Ortiz Jr	Brown	122
3	Cards of Stone	Bustin Stones	Cancel	Bond	116
4	King Kranz ☼	Munnings	Velasquez	Terranova III	120
5	Vorticity ☼	Distorted Humor	Ortiz	Lawrence II	120
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**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:20 p.m. EST**

**TOBOGGAN S.-GIII**, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Sam Sparkle	Too Much Bling	Franco	Cannizzo	114
2	Captain Serious	Successful Appeal	Gryder	Hushion	118
3	Sassicaia	Bernardini	Bisono	Rodriguez	114
4	Dads Caps	Discreet Cat	Ortiz	Rodriguez	123
5	Mewannarose	Bwana Charlie	DeCarlo	Englehart	114
6	Heaven's Runway	Run Away and Hide	Velasquez	Jacobson	118
7	Alex the Terror ☼	Mineshaft	Ortiz Jr	Toscano Jr	114
8	Sir Rockport	Rockport Harbor	Cancel	Ice	114
9	Fabulous Kid	Congrats	Arroyo	Jacobson	116
10	Green Gratto	Here's Zealous	Carmouche	Grant	123

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**SWEETEST CHANT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Module	Harlan's Holiday	Velazquez	Mott	114
2	Sapphire Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Leparoux	Sharp	114
3	Born to Be Winner	Einstein (Brz)	Saez	Vaccarezza	114
4	Go Ro Ro Go	In Summation	Rispoli	Moya	114
5	Little Cyclone	City Zip	Pennington	Coletti Jr	114
6	Pricedtoperfection	Temple City	Rosario	Brown	114
7	Spinamiss (Ire)	Lilbourne Lad (Ire)	Castellano	Pletcher	114
8	Gliding By	Artie Schiller	Lezcano	Mott	114
9	Ami's Mesa	Sky Mesa	Bravo	Carroll	118
10	Andriya's Reward	Warrior's Reward	Jaramillo	Wolfson	118
11	Hidden Treat	Lemon Drop Kid	Lopez	Delacour	118
12	Conquest Bebop	Scat Daddy	Smith	Casse	114

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**Patrick McGeehan and Marc Santora, *New York Times***

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Date	Race	Track	
1/30	GII Forward Gal S.	GP	
	GII Holy Bull S.	GP	
	GII Swale S.	GP	
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	GP	
	GIII Withers S.	AQU	
	GIII Toboggan 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	
GII San Antonio S.		SA	
GIII Robert B. Lewis S.		SA	
GIII Suwannee River S.		GP	
GIII Fred W. Hooper H.		GP	
2/7		GII Palos Verdes S.	SA

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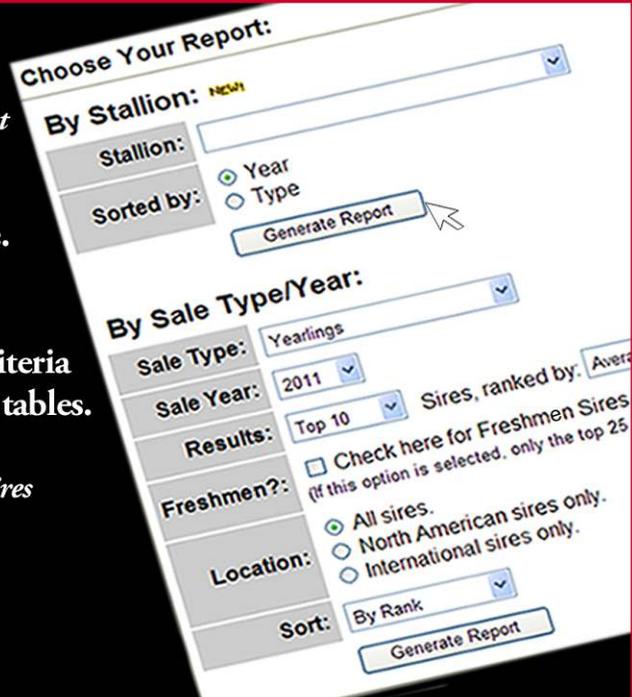
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**CURLIN COLT TOPS OBS OPENER**

by Jessica Martini

A colt by Curlin topped Wednesday’s consignor preferred session of the Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s Winter Mixed Sale, selling for \$150,000 to Redbud Partnership. Curlin was also represented by the day’s second-highest priced lot when his yearling daughter out of Capote Blues (Capote) sold for \$145,000 to Tyra Holdings. **Love You Crazy** (Touch Gold) ([hip 217](#)), in foal to Uncle Mo, was the day’s highest-priced mare, selling for \$85,000 to Maria Haire.

During Wednesday’s session, 135 horses sold for \$2,380,100. The average of \$17,630 fell 10.5% from a year ago, while the median dipped 15.8% to \$8,500. At last year’s consignor preferred session, 128 head grossed \$2,520,000 for an average of \$19,688 and a median of \$10,100. While one offering surpassed \$100,000 during the 2015 consignor preferred session, four yearlings eclipsed that mark Wednesday. With an additional 36 horses catalogued and an added 41 going through the ring, this year’s buyback rate was 31.8%. It was 21% at the close of business last year and improved to 18.5% after the inclusion of post-sale transactions.

Select Sales consigned the sale-topping colt ([hip 53](#)) on behalf of his breeder, Don Osborn’s Golden Pedigree LLC. He is out of stakes-placed Tapaline (Eavesdropper), a half-sister to stakes winner Dreamin of Victory (Victory Gallop).

Osborn has been in the breeding business for eight years and Wednesday’s result marks his second-highest priced sale, following on the heels of a Violence colt ([hip 117](#)) he sold for \$210,000 at last year’s Keeneland November Sale.

“I know that Carrie [Brogden] and Andrew [Cary] from Select Sales thought highly of the colt, but he exceeded my expectations and I was thoroughly pleased that he brought what he brought,” Osborn admitted Wednesday. “And I’m thankful to the Redbud Partnership--obviously they had a lot of confidence to go that high on him and I’m hopeful that he’ll meet those expectations for them.”

Osborn purchased Tapaline for \$19,000 at the 2014 Winter Mixed sale.

“Carrie helped me find her,” Osborn said of Tapaline. “She didn’t meet her reserve at that sale and I have to give a lot of credit to Carrie because she was down there and recommended the mare and knew that she hadn’t attained her reserve. So I thought it was a worthwhile endeavor and I’m certainly glad that I bought her.”

Osborn has a broodmare band of around seven head, all boarded at the Brogdens’ Machmer Hall.

“I try to sell everything as weanlings,” he explained. “Eventually, I hope to be able to retain them and sell them as yearlings, but right now I do not have my own farm and I board. So therefore, in order to make it a possible endeavor, I try to sell as many of them as I can as weanlings. This [Curlin] colt foaled late, so we carried him over and decided to sell him as a short yearling.”

Tapaline’s Freud foal was stillborn. She was bred back to Verrazano last spring.

The Winter Mixed sale concludes Thursday with an open session beginning at 10:30 a.m. and followed immediately by the auction’s horses of racing age section.

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**Wednesday’s Top Yearlings**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<a href="#">053</a>	colt	<a href="#">Curlin</a>	Tapaline	150,000
<i>B-Golden Pedigree LLC (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Select Sales, Agent IV				
Purchased by Redbud Partnership				
<a href="#">108</a>	filly	<a href="#">Curlin</a>	Capote Blues	145,000
<i>B-Harriet Finkelstein &amp; Hartley de Renzo Thoroughbreds (Fl)</i>				
Consigned by Kim Harrison (Top Speed Farm), Agent VI				
Purchased by Tyra Holdings				
<a href="#">003</a>	filly	<a href="#">Uncle Mo</a>	Patsy’s Kim	110,000 PS
<i>B-Marvin Little, Jr. (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Summerfield				
(Francis & Barbara Vanlangendonck), Agent LIII				
Purchased by Fox Hill Paso Fino Farm LLC				
<a href="#">045</a>	colt	<a href="#">Shanghai Bobby</a>	St. Michele	100,000
<i>B-Anlyn Farms &amp; Marvin Little, Jr. (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Beth Bayer, Agent XXIII				
Purchased by Douglas Arnold				



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• Catalogued	230	194
• No. Offered	198	157
• No. Sold	135	128
• RNAs	63	29
• % RNAs	31.8%	18.5%
• No. \$100K+	4	1
• High Price	\$150,000	\$190,000
• Gross	\$2,380,100	\$2,520,000
• Average (% change)	\$17,630 (-10.5%)	\$19,688
• Median (% change)	\$8,500 (-15.8%)	\$10,100

## NHC 2016 OR BUST

by Steve DeCaspers

Approximately 500 horseplayers will compete this week for \$2.5 million in the DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championship at Treasure Island Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Several hundred of them are “dead money,” with limited contest experience, just trying to enjoy the weekend. Several dozen of them are serious contenders, best-of-breed tournament horseplayers who have the knowledge, abilities and temperament to take down the \$800,000 top prize. One of them is looking to cap a historic year by winning a \$2 million bonus. And one of them is looking to recover from a last-place finish in the 2015 NHC, where a combination of poor handicapping and a large audience led to total humiliation.



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*That last one is me.*

What follows is the story about how I got back to the NHC and what I’m going to do with my shot at redemption. If you want to read about my experience last year (as well as some basics on the NHC and tournament play), here is the [preview](#) and [aftermath](#). To recap, in 2015 I made 30 mythical win and place wagers over two days and saw none of them hit the board. Out of 606 entries, only seven posted a zero score, and three of them were no shows.

### Worst To First...

In order to get in the proper mindset for this year’s NHC, I have sought inspiration from two sources: First, I’ve read about famous “Worst To First” sports teams, such as 1999 St. Louis Rams and the 2008 Boston Celtics; second, I’ve studied the Seinfeld episode “The Opposite” where George Costanza, reasoning that every decision he has made in life has been wrong, resolves to do the opposite of every single instinct he has.

What I realized is that unlike Costanza, I’m not faced with an incurable affliction. I had two days of bad handicapping. Am I alone in that? Of course not. Also, I realized that several of the last-to-first teams already had most of the pieces of the puzzle in place, they just made one or two key adjustments and success followed from there.

I’ve resolved to change one tactic about my week in Vegas that should have a large impact: I decided to participate in the “Last Chance” tournament at Treasure Island on the day before the NHC. Although winning a second entry into the NHC would be nice, the true objective is to get warmed up for the main event. Last year, I rode a bike through Red Rock Canyon the day before the tournament and the first play I made in the NHC was my first bet on a horse in 2 weeks. I’m not making the same mistake again.

### Long Road Back to The NHC...

My journey to the 17th NTRA/DRF National Handicapping Championship began with an email I received on the Wednesday after American Pharoah’s historic Triple Crown triumph. The NTRA Moment of the Year was a double-edged sword for me: I was thrilled to have been in attendance at Belmont Park that day, but I was also embarrassed and devastated that my failure to use American Pharoah in an internet-based handicapping tournament had cost me a spot in Vegas.

The NHC Qualifying tournament that I played was hosted by [www.horsetourneys.com](http://www.horsetourneys.com), and featured upwards of 300 players vying for three NHC berths—not an easy task. The tournament format was a Pick & Pray™, which required players to make picks in 12 designated races, with all selections finalized before the first race of the sequence. I recall spending a lot of time determining my selections for the hyper-competitive races that morning, but I honestly didn’t think very hard about my pick in the Belmont Stakes, which was the final race of the sequence. Tournament Strategy 101 says that you simply don’t take 3-5 shots, so I selected Keen Ice and headed out to the track. The story from there is a typical tournament heartbreaker: I failed to play the Triple Crown winner, who paid a total of 6.30 to win and place, and I missed third place (and a spot in the NHC) by 6.20. Given that there aren’t going to be many days when you out handicap 295 players, I wondered if I had squandered my best shot to qualify for Vegas. But then I got that email from the NTRA, telling me that I had scored 2743 points for my fourth-place finish. Honestly, I had no idea what they were talking about, but decided to investigate. **Cont. p3**

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Medallist(LF)  
Pants On Fire(LF),  
Partner's Hero(LF)  
Power by Far(LF)  
Rimrod(LF),  
Show Tune(LF)  
Sir Shackleton(LF)  
Southern Success(LF),  
Swagger Jack(LF)  
Talent Search(LF)  
Ventana(LF),  
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Bandbox(LF)  
Buffum(LF)  
Freedom Child(LF)  
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Golden Lad(LF)  
Great Notion(LF)  
Orientate(LF)  
Redeemed(LF)  
Super Ninety Nine(LF)

### **New York**

Boys At Tosconova(LF)  
Central Banker(NG)  
Courageous Cat(LF)  
Emcee(NG)  
Golden Ticket(LF)  
Here Comes Ben(NG)  
Majestic City(LF)  
Major Gain(NG)  
Teuflesberg(NG)  
The Cliff's Edge(NG)

### **Indiana**

Domestic Dispute(LF)  
Heat Shimmer(LF)  
Lentenor(LF)  
Mustanfar(LF)  
Quarter Given(LF)

### **Kentucky**

American Lion(NG)  
Candy Ride(NG)  
Colonel John(NG)  
Dialed In(NG)  
Discreetly Mine(NG)  
Dramedy(LF)  
Gio Ponte  
Hampton Court(NG),  
I Want Revenge(LF)  
Jersey Town(NG)  
Justin Phillip  
Lemon Drop Kid(NG)  
Morning Line(NG)  
Mr. Speaker(NG)  
Mucho Macho Man(NG)  
Noble Mission(NG)  
Overanalyze(NG)  
Paddy O'Prado(NG)  
Perfect Soul(NG)  
Quality Road(NG),  
Run Away And Hide(NG)  
Shackleford(NG)  
Sky Kingdom(NG),  
Smarty Jones(NG)  
Tale of Ekati(NG)  
Take Charge Indy(NG)  
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### The NHC Tour...

The points were part of the NHC Tour, a year-long competition among the thousands of players competing in NHC Qualifying events, either at racetracks around the country or online.



The Treasure Island was abuzz with activity Wednesday afternoon ahead of the start of the NHC | Steve DeCaspers

Although only the top 1-2% of finishers in each tournament earn an NHC seat, the top 10% earn NHC Tour points. Although you can score points in as many tournaments as you want throughout the year, standings are determined by players' best six scores (in order

to mute the advantage for high-volume players). As I learned more, my interest grew. There were 39 players who qualified solely on points this year. I'm one of them, thanks to four other top 10% finishes I posted in online qualifiers, which earned me 8732 points and a 138th place finish.

The NHC Tour has gained popularity and visibility over the past several years, thanks to a combination of factors including increased media coverage and a dramatic competition among some high-profile tournament players for the top prize. It's not as huge or mainstream as the poker phenomenon of several years ago, but similarities do exist, with Jonathan Kinchen, Eric Moomey, Brent Sumja, Ryan Flanders and Tommy Massis becoming familiar names (and fascinating personalities) to the horseplayer community. Best of all, the consistent performances by top players highlight the fact that handicapping is a game of skill, where hard work and unique insights can pay off, either in tournaments or at the pari-mutuel windows.

### My 2016 Strategy...

Those several top 10% finishes that I posted--against many of the same players I'll be facing this week--fuel my belief that I am capable of strong performance at this year's NHC. Remember, the NHC is like a golf tournament, with a cut after Day 2 down to --you guessed it--the top 10%. There are three things I will have to do to achieve that goal:

- **Embrace The Target Score Strategy.** I will be using a "target score" strategy to pursue my top 10% finish. Last year, the player in 60th place out of 606 entries posted a score of \$140 points, meaning he had converted his starting bankroll of \$120 (30 \$2 Win-Place bets) into \$140, or 116% of bankroll. A rule

change this year has increased the number of bets over the first two days to 36 \$2 Win-Place bets, meaning the starting bankroll will be \$144. Multiplying that by last year's 116% means that my target top 10% score is \$167. Now I just have to figure out how to get there.

- **Break The Losing Streak.** I was truly shaken by my performance last year and I can't get that 0-for-30 streak out of my head. Rationally, I know my desire to post an early score--no matter what the price--is wrongheaded. Yet I don't know how many more zeros my fragile emotional state can handle. Fortunately, two major changes in the tournament format may actually help me with this issue. First, the NHC moved to a Thursday thru Saturday schedule (as opposed to Fri-Sun), a change that will rightly focus the third-day championship rounds on higher-quality Saturday racing. However, that means that Day 1 is comprised of far less competitive Thursday cards, with shorter fields and fewer wide-open races. Additionally, there is the increase from 15 to 18 required plays. The strategic implications of these changes are clear: faced with *more* required plays and *less* competitive racing on Day 1, I must lower my price threshold. This frees me to play a 5-2 shot that I love early on, because there simply aren't enough full, wide-open fields to wait for later in the day (where I'd reach for longer prices). Ultimately, this increases my chance of posting an early score and calming my frayed nerves.

- **Get Jonathan Kinchen Out of My Head.** The Alpha Dog of the NHC Tour has had an incredible year. I was there when the star was born, sitting at a table adjacent to Jonathan at last year's NHC. He placed in the top 12 with both of his entries, while I committed handicapping malpractice with one entry. He then became a media sensation, so I heard him frequently on the DRF Players Podcast and the Steve Byk Show. Heck, I had to read about him two days ago in the TDN! I also faced him in a live-money tournament at Hawthorne, where I was quite impressed with how I had turned my \$300 bankroll into \$1200 midway through the day. That feat seemed far less impressive when I checked the leaderboard and saw that Kinchen was in first place with \$18,000.

Kinchen is so in my head that when I saw "Kin, J" on the upgrade screen at the O'Hare gate while I was waiting to board an American Airlines flight on Tuesday, I wondered if I was flying with the NHC favorite to Vegas.

Jonathan's great for the game, but he's bad for my psyche--I will be finding a seat in the ballroom as far away from him as possible, and avoiding the live coverage of his tournament performance by the NHC Twitter-azzi. **Cont. p4**

**DeCaspers cont.**

But that doesn't mean you shouldn't follow along. The media coverage will be bigger than ever. Twitter is your best bet, and you can search under #NHC and #NHC17, or follow some real pros on the NHC Social Media Team, including:

- @TracksideJennie – Jennie Rees
- @TripleDeadHeat – Keith McCalmont
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Lastly, feel free to follow my pursuit of NHC redemption @stevedecaspers

*Editor's Note: With an eight-place finish in Wednesday's 'Last Chance' tournament, DeCaspers earned a second entry for the NHC.*

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**DECOUPLING SPARKS FLY AT FLA. GAMING HEARING** *By T.D. Thornton*

The prospect of “decoupling” is of paramount interest to Thoroughbred stakeholders in Florida. But it occupies just a tiny portion of a sweeping 20-year agreement known as the Seminole Gaming Compact that is currently being debated by the Florida Senate Regulated Industries Committee before potential renegotiation, tweaking or approval by the state legislature.

Last week, when the committee first began vetting the compact at a public hearing, decoupling--which is essentially a clause in the plan to allow Florida's pari-mutuel licensees to drop live racing while still remaining open as casino facilities--barely came up in the discussion.

But Wednesday, the controversial topic percolated near the top of the committee's hearing on the compact, which was strictly limited to two hours of testimony.

Not surprisingly, Thoroughbred owners, breeders, and trainers

vociferously argued against the inclusion of decoupling in the interest of preserving racetracks, and by extension, Florida's equine and agricultural interests. Casino entities, just as vigorously, lobbied in favor of it, framing the argument as a freedom-of-choice issue that would allow pari-mutuel gaming licensees to do as they pleased with their properties.

Yet a mild surprise seemingly occupied the middle ground in the testimony, and it came from a representative of The Stronach Group, the owner of Gulfstream Park.

Marc Dunbar, a longtime gaming lobbyist who has specialized in Florida betting laws for several decades, told the committee that while last year The Stronach Group, “certainly stood with the breeders and opposed decoupling,” Gulfstream Park was now ready and willing to fill the void that would be created if decoupling went forward as proposed and several existing racinos chose to leave the horse racing business.

Dunbar, to be clear, did not outright say that The Stronach Group was in favor of decoupling. But his testimony indicated that Gulfstream is actively laying the groundwork to snag any available racing dates that decoupling might create.

“I just want to let everyone know that we feel like we have a pretty good framework for a [compact] agreement, whereby the racetracks that want to decouple can decouple, and The Stronach Group will step in and maintain the level of racing that's currently required under the statute,” Dunbar said. “The Thoroughbred industry has been working really hard over the last year with a number of the folks in the slot machine coalition and the card rooms around the state to try and see if we could come up with a structure where, at least on the horse racing side, Gulfstream Park would maintain the racing, allow Calder and Hialeah and others to uncouple, and make sure that the horse breeders and the horse owners of the state are taken care of.”

Dunbar's testimony did not draw any sort of response from the Thoroughbred-related speakers who followed him to the podium. In general, the “no decoupling” entities seemed content to focus on making sure the committee members realized that the interests of horsemen were vastly different from the wants and needs of racinos.



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“We're all about the agricultural segments. Even though we are part of the pari-mutuel process, we, just like any of the horsemen, are not the pari-mutuel [licensees],” testified Lonny Powell, the chief executive officer of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' &

Owners' Association. "There's myriad reasons that decoupling is a major threat on our industry. But our message remains simple: Please say no to decoupling....It's a gambling expansion, and it works against jobs and economic growth."

Powell continued: "I wonder, at the end of the day, after eight years of the compact [potentially] being in place, if [decoupling would be] a net plus, or if you consider the fact that this whole industry could crumble based on decoupling, if it's actually a net loss."

Donn Mitchell, the chief administrative officer for Isle of Capri Casinos, spoke in favor of decoupling on behalf of the South Florida Gaming Association, which counts among its members the racinos at Calder Casino and Hialeah Park.

"In order to compete, we must be allowed to eliminate the losses that we're currently forced to incur from live racing," Mitchell testified. "Yes, I'm talking about decoupling. I want you to understand decoupling does not mean elimination of racing. Decoupling means allowing businesses to make a decision to stop unprofitable portions of their business. The operations that make money [from racing] will continue to race, and frankly, we would argue, would become stronger as there is a more competitive racing product in the state. Decoupling will allow us to free up cash and land resources for further productive investment in assets that will create more tax revenues and jobs in the state."

Powell, though, had earlier broached the question of why decoupling is even part of the compact at all.

"Why is it even part of the discussion?" Powell asked. "Since the Seminole CEO [testified last week that] they have 'zero position' on decoupling, and the fact that [owners and breeders] were never included in the conversation with anybody, why do we need to advance the concept? Please simply drop decoupling....You don't have to have it. The tribe doesn't want it. They say they don't care. And finally, if you don't like that idea, please consider putting 'no decoupling' in as a requirement and a provision of the compact."

Three other Thoroughbred industry individuals also testified at Wednesday's hearing.

Stella Thayer, the president of Tampa Bay Downs, spoke for several minutes about the geographic "ground zero" competition that her non-slots track faces from Seminole gaming. But not once in her plea for parity in the gaming compact did she mention decoupling.

Bill White, the president of the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, launched into what appeared to be a lengthy soliloquy about the role of the HBPA and the history of gaming in Florida. But the committee's chairman, Senator Rob Bradley, who had repeatedly asked speakers to limit their speeches during the time-constrained session, pressed White to sum up the HBPA's position in one brief sentence, which White hastily articulated as "We are against decoupling in any form."

Laurine Fuller-Vargas, a third-generation breeder and trainer who currently has 40 Thoroughbreds at her Florida farm, was also politely, but emphatically asked by the chairman to truncate an impassioned personal story when it began to run long.

Fuller-Vargas closed her testimony by telling the chairman that she had collected signatures from some 3,000 people on a "no decoupling" petition.

Bradley acknowledged the gravity of the topic--and the intense anti-decoupling lobbying by members of the Thoroughbred community--by replying, "And I think I've received emails from all 3,000 of them." @thorntontd



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## Florida

### Wednesday's Results:

**4th-GP, \$42,000, Alw (C)/Opt.** Clm (\$100,000), 1-27, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.51, ft.

**CANDIP (g, 5, [Candy Ride \(Arg\)](#)--Indefinable, by Storm Cat)**, claimed for \$32,000 from Brad Cox and Bryan Foster out of a runner-up effort at Churchill in May, returned to annex optional claimers at Indiana and Ellis July 24 and Aug. 22, respectively. He was second behind eventual GI Breeders' Cup Sprint participant Ivan Fallunovalot (Valid Expectations) in the Remington Park Sprint Cup S. Sept. 27, and was fourth at Keeneland Oct. 30 and in Churchill's Bet On Sunshine S. Nov. 21. Pestering odds-on favorite and fellow reformed claimer Trouble Kid (Harlan's Holiday) from the start, the 11-1 shot eventually wore down that rival to take it by a head. MGSW Blofeld (Quality Road) was a non-threatening fourth in his first start since finishing fifth in Belmont's Gill Dwyer S. July 4. Sales history: \$8,500 Ylg '12 KEEJAN; \$8,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: SP, 19-6-3-2, \$186,604. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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**9th-TAM, \$25,000, Alw, Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 1-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.60, gd.**

**NO FAULT OF MINE (f, 4, [Blame](#)--Single Solution {GSW, \$199,439}, by Flatter)**, runner-up in the 2014 GII Golden Rod S., emerged from a long break to annex an Arlington allowance this past September. Runner-up in a Nov. 5 optional claimer under the Twin Spires, the bay had been off since a sixth-place run in the GII Fall City H. three weeks thereafter. Very slow into stride, the 9-5 second choice took closer order along the rail behind a dueling duo. Tipped wide ominously after a half in :46.39, she blew by her foes and scampered home a good-looking 5 3/4-length victoress. Sky Gold (Successful Appeal) was second. The winner's dam, a half-sister to GISW Vacare (Lear Fan), produced a Distorted Humor filly two years ago who sold for \$300,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Single Solution was bred back to Blame in 2015. Sales history: \$100,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESep. Lifetime Record: GSP, 6-3-2-0, \$103,684. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (KY); T-Chris M. Block.

**9th-GP, \$36,000, Msw, 1-27, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.29, ft.**  
**GREY GLORY (g, 4, Flashy Bull--Pleasure Cat, by Cat's Career)**, a full-brother to 'TDN Rising Star' Flashy Gray, MGSP, \$196,100, showed little in his unveiling in the slop here last February, but reemerged with a much better effort to complete the exacta at 14-1 here Jan. 7. Backed as the 6-5 chance to make the third time the charm, the grey broke on top, but was relegated to third down the backside before ranging up to join the top two while three deep into the turn. Finding his best stride in upper stretch, he kicked away from his competition to don cap and gown by two lengths. Magnifier (Awesome Again) was second best. Grey Glory has a 2-year-old full-sister, and his dam was bred to Mark Valeski in 2016. Sales history: \$105,000 Ylg '13 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$29,560. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-St. Elias Stable & West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Thomas Albertrani.

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# Kentucky

## Chilean Triple Crown Winner to Millennium:

Chilean champion 3-year-old **Hakassan (Chi)** (Sir Cat--Fusaichi's Angel, by Fusaichi Pegasus), a winner of the 2012 Chilean Triple Crown for Cahe Cabach Christian Alberto and trainer Baeza Jarpa Juan Pablo, will stand at Millennium Farms in Kentucky as the property of Green Hills Farm, Inc., the farm announced Wednesday. Bred by Haras Jockey, Hakassan was a winner of the G1 2000 Guineas, G1 Gran Criterium and G1 St. Leger in his native land, as well as the G3 Victor Matetic Fernandez as a juvenile there, for a record of 7-5-0-1. In total, the dark bay earned \$283,771. Hakassan, whose third dam is a half-sister to Horse of the Year and Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew (Bold reasoning), will stand for a private fee with incentives for select mares.



Hakassan | Millennium Farms

"Hakassan stands 16.1 hands and has outstanding balance and bone quality," said Millennium Farms business manager J. Ted Neel. "He's got a strong hip and shoulder, he's correct through the knee and has that classic muscular Storm Cat big-barreled build."

Added Liam O'Rourke, who handles nominations for the farm, "Hakassan is bred on the evergreen Storm Cat/Mr. Prospector cross that produced leading stallions Shamardal and Scat Daddy. He's from the direct family of super-sire Seattle Slew and has a tremendously deep international pedigree, with graded stakes winner in the U.S., Ireland, England, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and Chile under the first three dams."

## INDUSTRY INFO

### TAKE2 Thoroughbred Program Continues to Grow:

Last year, the TAKE2 Second Career Thoroughbred Program Inc. announced a preliminary schedule that included more than 120 affiliated horse shows nationwide. This year, there are already more than 240 horse shows in 23 states committed to hosting TAKE2 Thoroughbred Hunter and Jumper divisions, and that number is expected to increase. **Cont. p7**

**TAKE2 cont.**

Two major Florida circuits, the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington and HITS in Ocala, have expanded their partnership and will offer TAKE2 classes every week of the 2016 12-week winter season. TAKE2 Thoroughbreds have also been in the spotlight in Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia this month. For the up-to-date schedule, visit [take2tbreds.com/take2/take2-schedule/](http://take2tbreds.com/take2/take2-schedule/).

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**First Foal for MSW Atreides (Medaglia d'Oro)**

- Melody's Spirit (Scat Daddy) produced a filly Jan. 20 at Rosecrest Farm in Paris, Kentucky.

**Crist, Wagner Selected for NHC Hall of Fame:**

Steven Crist, the longtime *Daily Racing Form* publisher and columnist who was the impetus behind the formation of the National Handicapping Championship (NHC), and Judy Wagner, winner of NHC II in 2001 and the first horseplayers' representative on the NTRA Board of Directors, have been selected for induction to the NHC Hall of Fame, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) announced today.

Crist and Wagner will be inducted at the NHC Champions Dinner on Saturday at the conclusion of the 17th *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship Presented by Racetrack Television Network and Treasure Island Las Vegas, set for Thursday to Saturday at Treasure Island.

# ROOKIES

**First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, January 28**

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

- ARCHARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 248/19/2  
8-TP, Alw, 6 1/2f, Tia Flor, \$2K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1  
8-TP, Alw, 6 1/2f, Tia Chuy, \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl, 15-1
- CAPE BLANCO (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$18K, 259/15/1  
8-FG, Msw, 1mT, Barbecca, \$170K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
- CUSTOM FOR CARLOS** (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 88/8/1  
6-FG, Msw, 1mT, Kate's Dancer, 20-1
- DUBLIN** (Afleet Alex), Keane Stud, \$8K, 131/7/0  
7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Goats Town, 10-1  
3-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Quick Hit Fever, \$20K EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1
- FRIESAN FIRE** (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 101/11/1  
5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Pagan Flame, 12-1
- GIANT SURPRISE** (Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud, \$4K, 39/5/2  
3-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Surprise Cameo, \$80K OBS APR 2yo, 1-5
- GIROLAMO** (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$15K, 150/21/1  
3-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Special Dividend, \$5K SAR AUG yrl, 20-1  
3-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Sacred Season, 30-1  
2-SA, Msw, 1m, Quigley's Corner, 10-1
- HAYNESFIELD** (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 137/15/1  
6-DED, Msw, 7f, +Hay Dakota, \$47K KEE NOV wnl, 12-1
- PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 229/16/1  
6-FG, Msw, 1mT, Mimosa Morning, \$40K BSC YRL yrl, 9-2
- SIDNEY'S CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 165/11/0  
6-DED, Msw, 7f, Lookin Stormy, \$125K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1
- TRAPPE SHOT** (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/14/0  
7-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Kimstrong, \$65K OBS MAR 2yo, 30-1
- TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 145/27/0  
8-TP, Alw, 6 1/2f, Sweet Ruth E., 5-1

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**Rookies cont.**

**UNCLE MO** (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/29/7  
 3-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Clipthecouponannie, 1-5  
 8-FG, Msw, 1mT, +Talkless Smilemore, \$40K FTK HRA 2yo, 6-1

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**10th-GP, \$42,200**, 1-27, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.08, ft.  
**PURSUING FATE** (f, 4, [In Summation](#)--**Flirting With Fate**, by **Saint Ballado**) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-1-2, \$106,020. O-Get Away Farm; B-Best A Luck Farm LLC (FL); T-Michael J. Maker.  
 \*\$100,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Dance With Fate (Two Step Salsa), GISW, \$680,050.

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**7th-TAM, \$20,000**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 40y, 1:43.62, gd.

**RHIANA'S CANDY** (f, 4, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--**Rhiana {GISP, \$281,422}**, by **Runaway Groom**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$57,979. O-Arif Kurtel; B-Meadow Oaks Farm, LLC & Dr. Frank Justice (KY); T-Murat Sancal. \*\$40,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$100,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Behindatthebar (Forest Wildcat), GSW, \$277,100.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Regal Kitten**, c, 3, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Queen Stephanie, by Proud Citizen. GP, 1-27, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.66. B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY). \*Full to Crown the Kitten, SW, \$217,880.

**Miss Selara**, f, 4, [Aragorn \(Ire\)](#)--Paigie Slew, by Fusaichi Pegasus. MVR, 1-27, (S), 1m, 1:48.56. B-Paul R. Gutheil (OH).

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## FASCINATING ROCK HEADS EURO CUP ENTRIES



Champion S. winner Fascinating Rock has been nominated to the G1 Dubai World Cup | *Racing Post*

Newtown Anner Stud homebred **Fascinating Rock (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) features among the entries for the \$10 million G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 26, and last year's G1 Champion S. winner could try dirt for the first time in the world's richest race.

Fascinating Rock could face the likes of American Grade I winners **Keen Ice** (Curlin) and **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) at Meydan. The Dale Romans-trained Keen Ice is best known for upsetting Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) in last summer's GI Travers S., while dual Classic hero and 2014 Horse of the Year California Chrome finished second in last year's World Cup and will have a local prep run before taking another shot at racing's richest prize. Other Grade I winners nominated include **Frosted** (Tapit) and 'TDN Rising Star' **Dortmund** (Big Brown).

The Mike de Kock-trained **Mubtaahij (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who faced off against Frosted and Dortmund in last year's GI Kentucky Derby, could attempt to become the first to complete the G2 UAE Derby--World Cup double, and from even further afield, Argentine champion **Hi Happy (Arg)** (Pure Prize) is nominated to three races on the night: the World Cup, the G1 Dubai Turf and the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic.

Last year's Dubai Turf victor **Solow (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire})--who has not lost in four Group 1 outings since--headlines the entries for that race. [Cont. p2](#)

## RAMSAY: SHOW ME THE DRAMA

Story and photos by Lucas Marquardt

From access to jockeys' and stewards' rooms to employing new technologies like helmet cams, racing can and should do much more to shape a dramatic narrative for television viewers, according to Jim Ramsay, who spoke at the "Racing Media and the 21st Century Fan" panel during Wednesday's second session of the Asian Racing Conference in Mumbai. Ramsay is a director and producer, and has worked for IMG and Channel 4 Racing on such events as the Cheltenham Festival, the Grand National, the Epsom Derby and Royal Ascot.

Ramsay's case was simple. Racing has a natural tension and excitement built into it, so why not take advantage of it and use it to create a better entertainment experience? By way of example, he reminded attendees of the 2001 G1 Cox Plate in Australia, which saw eventual winner Northerly (Aus), Sunline (NZ) and Viscount (Aus) finish in a blanket photo after a roughly run final 100 meters. [Cont. p3](#)

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The TDN's Christie DeBernardis chats with Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey about his potential stable stars for 2016.

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**Fascinating Rock Heads Euro Cup Entries cont. from p1**

Solow could face a formidable challenge from Japan in the form of multiple Group 1 winner **Maurice (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}), who was last seen taking the G1 Hong Kong Mile Dec. 13, and dual Classic winner **Duramente (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}). **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), second in



Solow is nominated to defend his Dubai Turf title | *Racing Post*

last year's Dubai Turf, is entered once again.

Another European star who could make the trip is last year's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. winner **Postponed (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who is nominated for the Sheema Classic.

A truly international cast has been nominated for the G1 Al Quoz Sprint, with defending winner **Sole Power (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}) set to make his sixth visit to the desert. **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}), second in last year's Al Quoz and the winner of the G1 Hong Kong Sprint in December, could be given a chance to turn the tables. Australia's veteran sprinter **Buffering (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}) could make his first trip outside his homeland at age eight. [Click here](#) for the complete list of Dubai World Cup night entries.

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**GODOLPHIN BUYS WARREN PLACE**

Godolphin has completed the purchase of Warren Place in Newmarket and will train from the historic yard in 2017, according to *Racing Post*. Warren Place is best known as the base of the late Sir Henry Cecil and his wife, Lady Cecil, still lives on the property. The stables have been empty since trainer Ed Walker left last month.



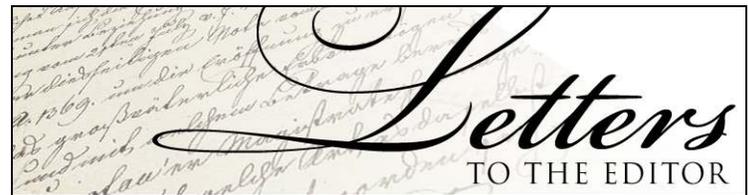
Warren Place | *Racing Post*

"Godolphin have now completed the purchase of Warren Place but there are no plans to have horses in the yard in 2016," said Godolphin chief executive and racing manager John Ferguson. "There are plans in the pipeline which will see it occupied in 2017."

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Lady Cecil, who in her brief tenure as trainer at Warren Place handled Group 1 winner Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), told *Racing Post*, "I'm just pleased to still be here and although Godolphin have taken the yard over they have told me they are in no rush to do anything with the house so I can stay until they need it. I'm in the process of sorting out all the trophies and things which I will take with me to my new place in the centre of town."

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**ADRIAN BEAUMONT, International Racing Bureau**  
 In response to John Berry's [Plenty On Offer For Euros in Sydney](#), TDN 01/26

The late Jim Fleming was Chairman of Sydney Turf Club from 1983 to 1990 and is probably best remembered for increasing the prestige, and prize money, of the Golden Slipper. However he was also instrumental in driving through the internationalization of the Tancred S., at Rosehill, which went on to become the BMW International. In the autumn of 1987 he asked the International Racing Bureau to organize the first-ever European shipment of horses to race and return from Australia--something that the shipping agents said could never be done. In order to recruit horses, quarantine centers in Europe were required and a section of Peter Cundell's yard, near Lambourn, and a yard in La Teste, near Bordeaux, were chosen as suitable locations. The IRB then lined up some suitable candidates and John Dunlop said he'd send the tough Highland Chieftain whilst Patrick Biancone promised Vaguely Pleasant. However, the star horse for the trip was Robert Collet's Le Glorieux. This German-owned galloper had already won the Washington DC International and the Japan Cup the previous Autumn and captured the imagination of the Australian racefans.

The next problem was the route the horses needed to take to get to Australia. Freighters only stopped off in countries where no quarantine protocols were then in place. I rang Jim and explained the situation and he said he'd put the money up to pay for a plane just to ship these three horses. I traveled on that first flight, in March 1988, and we started off in Bordeaux, stopped briefly in Stansted, UK, and then had to head west on a trip that took 36 hours. Our first stop was in Winnipeg, where the pilot warned us not to breathe too deeply when they opened the doors because of the freezing temperatures. Our next fuel stop was in Honolulu and no problems with the temperature there. The hot air gushed into the plane as we were greeted by ground staff who put leis round our necks. Then onto Sydney and of course we'd be flying in the dark the whole way. The first time we saw the sun was when it was coming up over Sydney Harbour Bridge as we circled to land. What a memorable moment for all on board. **Cont. p3**

**Letter to the Editor: Adrian Beaumont Cont.**

The horses were then allowed to stretch their legs on the tarmac before leaving for the Eastern Creek quarantine center in Sydney. They had to do three weeks of quarantine upon arrival, which included trips to Canterbury Racecourse for exercise. In the race itself Highland Chieftain was an honorable second to the great Beau Zam with Vaguely Pleasant picking up lots of Aussie Dollars in third. Le Glorieux disappointed, having probably felt the effects of a hard campaign the previous year. The following year Top Class, trained by Clive Brittain, was second to Our Poetic Prince, but the star attraction would have been John Dunlop's Almaarad. Sadly he was injured in his last piece of work at Rosehill and was moved to Colin Hayes's yard. He won the prestigious Cox Plate later that year. In 1990 Mountain Kingdom, again for Clive, was fourth but when Jim Fleming stood down from his Chairmanship the committee decided to abandon their international aspirations. The Victoria Racing Club began overseas promotion of the Melbourne Cup and Vintage Crop won their feature race for Europe in 1993, thus changing the international balance within Australian racing. Sydney is now fighting back with The Championships.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**He's a Dreamer (Ire)**, g, 3, **Dream Ahead--Illuminise (Ire)** (SW-US), by Grand Lodge. LIN, 1-27, 6f (AWT), 1:12.11. B-Jeddah Bloodstock (IRE). \*34,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

**Rivers Run (Ire)**, f, 4, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Quiet Waters, by Quiet American. KEM, 1-27, 12f (AWT), 2:37.47. B-Quiet Waters Syndicate (IRE). \*65,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT.

**DBS Sale Posts Steady Results:**

The DBS January Sale posted results in line with last year's Wednesday, a consolidation of the gains seen at the sale the last two years. While 11 fewer lots were offered turnover rose by 21% to £1,426,250. The average was up 7% to £8,987, while the median climbed 20% to £6,000. The clearance rate dropped 4% to 70%.

The priciest lot of the day was a Kayf Tara (GB) short yearling colt, who was bought by Brendan Bashford for £38,000. The sale's most expensive mare was Katmai (Ire) (Bob Back), a half-sister to Best Mate (Ire) (Un Desperado {Fr}) bought by Kieran Cotter for £35,000.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**1st-CGN, €24,000**, 1-27, 3yo, 1950m (AWT), 2:06.00, st.

**VENUSTE (FR)** (f, 3, **Palace Episode--Sanjaya {Fr}**, by **Act One {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €20,300. O-Hedi Lahmici; B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain (FR); T-X Betron. \*€10,000 RNA Wlg '13 ARDEC.

**3rd-CGN, €22,000**, 1-27, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:20.30, st.

**BUSCAVIDAS (IRE)** (h, 5, **Acclamation {GB}--Trill {GB}**, by **Highest Honor {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 19 starts, 4 wins, 5 places, €65,150. O-Gran Servicio Movil SL; B-Corrin Stud & Peter McCutcheon (IRE); T-A Carrasco Sanchez. \*30,000gns Wlg '11 TAFOA; 20,000gns Ylg '12 TA12.



**Ramsay: Show Me the Drama Cont. from p1**

"There were three separate objections in the race, and Moonee Valley Racecourse transmitted the inquiry," said Ramsay. "It was on the monitors around the racecourse and on television. It was akin to a courtroom drama, and virtually all Australian racegoers stayed in their seats, transfixed on the evidence, deliberations, and cross examinations. Imagine watching 'Twelve Angry Men' or 'To Kill a Mockingbird' without seeing what was happening in the courtroom. Why would you not want to show this drama?"

In the same vein, Ramsay has been granted access to jockeys' rooms in places like Dubai, Saudi Arabia, and India, and said the results were often



Jim Ramsay

"spectacular."

"We saw different jockeys prepare for the race in their own unique way, and visiting the jockeys' room kept the tension and anticipation high," he said. **Cont. p4**

### Ramsay: Show Me the Drama Cont.

There was humor to be captured, too. At one race meeting, jockey Christophe Soumillon, weighing in, was confused (and probably a touch worried) by his dramatically increased poundage.

"Frankie Dettori was messing about behind him, putting his foot on the scale," explained Ramsay. "Only when Frankie started smacking his bottom with his whip did he laugh and realize what he was doing."

Those sort of light moments, said Ramsay, can help tell a story about racing's participants.

Ramsay acknowledged such access requires explicit trust between camera crews and producers on one side, and jockeys and tracks officials on the other. "But please believe me when I tell you that most people I've worked with in horse racing television care just as much about horses, racecourses, owners and breeders as themselves," he said.

Technological advances, particularly in the form of small, lightweight cameras, can be used to show a side of the action rarely seen before by viewers.

"We have spent a vast amount of money on things like drones, tracking cameras, helicopters and high-speed cameras that can record 5,600 frames a second," he said. "One way to extend this further is with a mini-camera on a jockey's helmet, as it shows their skill, split-second decision making, and the horse's courage. We need to film and promote these characters into huge well-known stars akin to cricketers, racing drivers and footballers."

Ramsay revealed that, for the first time, Channel 4 Racing plans to outfit a jockey with an earpiece and microphone for the 2016 Cheltenham Festival, and will converse with him or her on the way to the starting gate (the apparatus will be removed before the race, however).

"We desperately need to build stories about trainers and jockeys," said Ramsay. "And please don't forget about the horse's character, and his loves and habits."

To illustrate this last point, Ramsay showed a video of Frankel (GB) who, walking to the track each morning in the fall, stopped by a stand of apple trees and took a few bites of the apples that had fallen.

"Let us work together to reveal the traits and quirks of the horses, rather than the connections simply saying, 'Nice horse' about their runner," Ramsay said.

Ramsay also addressed the 800-pound occultist in the room. "Often trainers claim that to perform interviews before a race is unlucky, and that they're superstitious," he said. "It's absurd. We have surely moved on from the 17th century in believing that if an alleged witch survived being immersed in water that she's a witch, and if she drowns, she's innocent. I think...the best answer would be to follow the Premier League, and make a one-minute interview for all owners, trainers and jockeys compulsory if they have a horse in the race. It will promote the sport and make it more transparent, as well as organically educating the racegoer."

He concluded, "The best line of 'Jerry McGuire' wasn't 'Show me the money.' It was, 'Help me help you.' I do not believe we can expand our audience, and reflect the appeal of this magnificent sport, without the support of racing authorities, racecourses, breeders, owners, journalists, trainers, jockeys and stable staff. We all are a passion for the sport. Trust us, and we can deliver a program that neutral fans will find stimulating and enthralling."

### Racing's Market Push...

Attracting and retaining customers was the the focus of "How We Market Racing," one of the panels during Wednesday's second session of the ARC. Representatives from India, Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, and Tasmania joined to talk shop about what has worked for them and, in some cases, what hasn't.

For the Korea Racing Authority, which was facing wagering stagnation and a public image problem, the path to attracting new fans began with a major facelift to the organization.

"Our CEO said, 'We need to change everything except the horse,'" said Ben Heo, executive director of marketing for the KRA.

So what was so wrong with racing in Korea? In truth, by U.S. standards, it hardly seemed to be crisis-mode time. Handle had dropped from \$7.1 billion in 2012 to \$6.95 billion in 2014--a substantial but not precipitous 2.3% slide. But combined with growing domestic (casino gambling) and regional (sports betting) competitors, along with the public's perception that racing was a seedy vice, the KRA felt it was time for decisive action.

So they changed the name of Seoul Race Park to LetsRun Park (the track had already begun plans to build a theme park in the infield, slated to open in 2020), and embraced a four-pronged, integrated approach to running both racing operations and the theme park. The KRA called the approach KING, short for Kind

(offer great customer service), Intelligent (the KRA unveiled a single card that can be used for admission, betting, and even parking), New (the launch of a new racing festival, plus a massive new infield tote), and Global (a focus on international races, targeting foreign tourists, etc.). **Cont. p5**



Ben Heo

### Racing's Market Push Cont.

The KRA, said Heo, also made an organizational switch from stressing product value (in the form of solely racing) to place value (based around LetsRun Park, but including racing). They began a Cherry Blossom Night Festival at the track, a music festival, and an equestrian show.

The early results of the KRA's push seem promising. The 2015 handle rebounded to \$7.02 billion, despite the fact that OTB attendance was down 22%--that being a result of a new policy aimed at improving customer experience that required every person in an OTB to have an assigned seat.

The KRA made a change to their OTBs in a different way, too. To help improve racing's image, some OTBs are now used as cultural centers on dark days.

In some ways, Dr. Eliot Forbes, CEO of Tasracing, had a steeper hill to climb. Tasracing was established in 2009 by the Tasmanian State Parliament and was put in charge of the development of racing and breeding in Tasmania. The island state off the southern tip of Australia had a scant 1% of the market share in Australian racing at the time, and in 2011, saw its handle at just under A\$350 million.

Since then, Tasmania has enjoyed huge gains. By the 2014/2015 season, Tasmania was handling well over A\$450 million--a 30% boost in wagering--and saw its general revenues grow by 54%. It's market share doubled to 2%.

"This growth has been delivered with the same volume of produce, and with a reduced cost structure," said Forbes. "And since we're a small state [500,000 people], we have only a handful of races and can't compete with the biggest states in terms of quality or prize money levels."

So how did Tasracing achieve this growth? Some keys included a switch to evening racing on Wednesdays in the summer, a successful push to have Tasmanian signals simulcasted to key

international markets (Hong Kong in the afternoon, France in the morning), and innovation through new technologies. Forbes pointed to the "Punter's Dashboard" on [www.tasracing.com.au](http://www.tasracing.com.au) as a tool that's been well received. The dashboard includes easily accessible information, including expert tips, free video replays, pace handicapping charts, and the GPS-based analysis tool Stride-Master.



Dr. Eliot Forbes

Nick Addison, executive manager of commercial operations for the Victoria Racing Club, talked about marketing racing in a different way: to potential sponsors. He noted the outlandish sponsorship money paid to athletes like Roger Federer (A\$58 million/year), Tiger Woods (A\$50 million/year) and Lebron James (A\$44 million), and said that while racing isn't currently anywhere near that point, it had the potential to be a major player.

He commented, "Consider a few things: 1) Racing is gender neutral--it appeals to males and females, and most of you know how important the female market is for advertising dollars. 2) It appeals to broad demographics and age brackets. 3) It's international, as we've seen this week. 4) It's a media-friendly product, and frankly, at times, it's a sexy product. And 5) It's a unique mix of sport and entertainment that has the power to ingrain itself on society. We all know how a major horse can do that around the world."

Not all tracks and jurisdictions can claim to tick the boxes on the above checklist, and Addison said it's incumbent upon them to do so. "One of the really important points is that the racetrack experience for racegoers needs to be optimum," he said. "We know at Flemington, over the years, we probably underestimated that. People pay pretty good sums for general admission, they stand on the front lawn and there's no shade, they queue up in long lines for bars and bathrooms, and it's a very expensive proposition. It's really important that you invest the time and money to enhance the experience of racegoers while they're there."

At a synergistic level, that enhanced experience can attract sponsors, while sponsors can also help craft experiences for your customers. "Racegoers are looking for new things to do at the track," said Addison. "One example is that we work closely with a sponsor of ours at Flemington called Swisse. They're a major vitamin and skin care business in Australia and now pushing into Asia. Surprisingly, they developed a day spa at the track. You may think, what on earth is a day spa doing at the track? But what it does is to provide an opportunity for non-hardcore racegoers who are there to pass their time during the day and engage the track in a way they perhaps wouldn't have."

### Princess Zahra Gives Keynote Address...

Princess Zahra Aga Khan delivered the keynote speech during the ARC's opening day Tuesday, where she outlined some of her family's philosophies over 250 years of breeding racehorses and urged breeders to exercise patience in their production of Thoroughbreds for the betterment of the breed. [Cont. p6](#)

**Princess Zahra Gives Keynote Address Cont.**

“Along with all the usual variables that we breeders look at such as conformation, distance aptitudes, character, physical



Princess Zahra Aga Khan speaks at the ARC | Aga Khan Studs photo

fragilities, etc., we have an explicit policy of maintaining the genetic diversity of our broodmare band,” said Princess Zahra. “We are constantly trying new matings and sire-lines, to try to preserve our families and revive those who have gone dormant.”

“Take for example the expanse of time between Petite Etoile’s last Group 1 win in the 1961 Coronation S., and the next Group 1 win by a filly from that family, Zainta’s 1998 St Alary: it took 37 years to revive that branch of Mumtaz Mahal’s line, but when it was revived, it gave us Zarkava, probably the best filly ever bred under my father’s ownership.”

“This is thanks to my father’s perseverance, but possibly also thanks to the variable that we consider the least when taking our breeding decisions: cost. I do not mean that we go to the most expensive stallions and are blind to the expense--quite the contrary. You will often see good Aga Khan mares visiting unfashionable and affordable stallions, and you may wonder, why?”

To read Princess Zahra’s speech in its entirety, [click here](#).

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**DE KOCK SEEKS EIGHTH AL RASHIDIYA**

Trainer Mike de Kock has had a literal stranglehold on Meydan’s G2 Al Rashidiya S. in recent years, and the South African conditioner looks to have an excellent chance to extend



Mike de Kock | Racing Post

his record in that 1800-meter turf test Thursday. De Kock has lifted the race the last four years and on three other occasions, and Thursday he saddles the 2014 winner **Mujaarib (Aus)** (Nadeem {Aus}) as well as G1 Cape Derby winner **Ertijaal (Aus)**

(Hard Spun) and last-out winner **Forries Waltz (Saf)** (Greys Inn).

The 7-year-old Mujaarib showed plenty of promise when winning this first-up off the trip from South Africa two years ago, but hasn’t won since, although he didn’t disappoint when third on seasonal return in the Listed Singspiel S. two weeks ago.

Ertijaal won his first four starts in South Africa, including the Cape Derby, but was overturned in his next three outings and was last seen finishing second in the G1 Daily News 2000 May 30. Fellow 4-year-old Forries Waltz was well beaten in his lone start at Meydan last year but looked a different proposition when winning a mile turf handicap here Jan. 14.

“Ertijaal is a class performer but returning off a long break,” said de Kock. “He will definitely improve for the run and we hope he is a Super Saturday or Dubai World Cup-night horse, but I cannot really split my three as the other pair are race fit.”

“Mujaarib is in much better shape than he was last year and we were pleased with his first run,” the trainer continued. “With that under his belt he should be competitive. It is a step up in class for Forries Waltz but he deserves his chance in this company.”

**Limario (Ger)** (Aerion {Ger}) is another who will get a shot at redemption from the Singspiel. The 6-year-old finished fourth there and trainer Doug Watson said, “He was denied a clear run last time. That really did not help his chances so, with a bit more luck in running, he can hopefully go well as he is in great form at home and working very well.”

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**Thursday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 11:45 a.m. EST**

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1	Bossy Guest (Ire)	Medicean (GB)	Bishop	Channon
2	Calling Out (Fr)	Martaline (GB)	Spencer	Simcock
3	El Tren (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Hayes	Attwater
4	Ertijaal (Aus)	Hard Spun	Hanagan	de Kock
5	Limario (Ger)	Aerion (Ger)	Dobbs	Watson
6	Earnshaw	Medaglia d’Oro	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer
7	Zamaam (GB)	Muhtathir (GB)	O’Shea	Charpy
8	Big Baz (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Buick	Muir
9	Mujaarib (Aus)	Nadeem (Aus)	O’Neill	de Kock
10	Moohaarib (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Smullen	Botti
11	Ennobled Friend	Malibu Moon	Tylicki	bin Harmash
12	Tarbawi (Ire)	Anabaa	de Vries	bin Harmash
13	Forries Waltz (Saf)	Greys Inn	Soumillon	de Kock
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## STRONG START TO KARAKA SELECT SALE

The New Zealand Bloodstock sales series continued its week-long run at Karaka Wednesday with the opening session of the three-day Select Sale. The spirited trading that was seen during the two-day Premier Sale continued Wednesday, with the aggregate for the first session surpassing half of what was achieved at the entire sale last year. A total of 154 horses were sold for NZ\$10,034,700, compared to 135 sold at this point last year for NZ\$7,022,500. The average was up 25% to NZ\$65,160, while the median climbed 45.8% to NZ\$52,500. The buyback rate was down slightly to 24.5%.

“All key figures are tracking ahead of last year’s sale at the same point following the trend set by the Premier sale,” said NZB Managing Director Andrew Seabrook. “One of the most pleasing signs is how high the median is--that shows us that there is good competition not just at the top end but at all levels of the market. We are seeing great competition on horses by kiwi sires shown by the two top lots, which are heading offshore, being by local stallions.”

Australian spend has increased 66% this week at Karaka, and that theme continued Wednesday with Australian trainers buying the two top-priced lots. Victorian-based conditioner Ciaron Maher went to NZ\$260,000 for the session-topping Tavistock (NZ) colt ([lot 475](#)) from Landsdowne Park. Tavistock



Trainer Ciaron Maher, buyer of the session's top lot | NZ Thoroughbred photo

reached international acclaim last year as the sire of G1 Victoria Derby winner Tarzino (NZ) and G1 Rosehill Guineas scorer Volkstok'n'barrel (NZ), and this one's dam, Princess (NZ) (Pupil {NZ}), is a half-sister to

G1 Auckland Cup winner Upsetthym (NZ) (Rhythm {NZ}) and Group 2 winner Capecover (NZ) (Cape Cross {Ire}).

"I like Classic types and New Zealand has always been home to stayers, which I've come here to buy," said Maher. "This colt is from a good New Zealand family and Tavistock is obviously doing the job. I like an athletic type of horse and he's a scopey, nice type that looks like he'll grow into a good horse."

Tavistock also had colts sell for NZ\$220,000 and NZ\$200,000 during the session.

McEvoy Mitchell Racing later went to NZ\$250,000 for a colt by promising young shuttler Showcasing (GB) ([lot 617](#)) from Valachi Downs. The bay's dam is a half-sister to the second dam of G1 Golden Slipper winner Mossfun (Aus) (Mossman {Aus}).

Showcasing shuttles to New Zealand's Haunui Farm and stood last year for NZ\$10,000. He is the sire of three stakes winners in Australasia including Raghu (NZ), who took last weekend's Listed Karaka 3YO Mile. Showcasing was the leading sire by average of the session with three of more sold. He had three sell for an average of NZ\$146,667.

Australians have spent NZ\$3,86,700 on 44 horses so far this week, but the leading nation remains New Zealand, which has bought 87 for NZ\$4,595,500. The most expensive outlay for a single horse from a New Zealander Wednesday came from Glen Harvey Bloodstock, which spent NZ\$220,000 on a colt from the last crop of Commands (Aus). NZB as agent was the leading buyers by aggregate Wednesday with 20 purchased for NZ\$1,197,000, while Wexford Stables and Paul Moroney Bloodstock followed with NZ\$360,000 and NZ\$335,000 spent respectively.

"It has been heartening to see so many international buyers staying on at Karaka following the Premier sale," said Seabrook. "The recent success of horses like Mongolian Khan and Tarzino, who are graduates of the Select sale, has enhanced the sale's reputation and overseas buyers have recognized there is plenty of quality to be found."



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## NZB SELECT SALE DAY 1 SESSION TOPPERS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
<a href="#">475</a>	c	<b>Tavistock (NZ)</b>	<b>Princess (NZ)</b> <i>B-G S &amp; Mrs K M Hale</i>	260,000
		Consigned by Landsdowne Park Ltd Purchased by Ciaron Maher Racing		
<a href="#">617</a>	c	<b>Showcasing (GB)</b>	<b>Sweet Pearl (Aus)</b> <i>B-K J Hickman</i>	250,000
		Consigned by Valachi Downs Purchased by McEvoy Mitchell Racing		
<a href="#">498</a>	c	<b>Commands (Aus)</b>	<b>Raboob (Aus)</b> <i>B-Claredale Pastoral</i>	220,000
		Consigned by Haunui Farm Purchased by Glen Harvey Bloodstock		
<a href="#">550</a>	c	<b>Tavistock (NZ)</b>	<b>Shartz (NZ)</b> <i>B-Mrs J &amp; L Wotton</i>	220,000
		Consigned by Henley Park Purchased by Little Kwok Hing Hung		
<a href="#">449</a>	c	<b>Tavistock (NZ)</b>	<b>Paris Diamond (Aus)</b> <i>B-Judge Clapham</i>	200,000
		Consigned by Cambria Park Purchased by Wexford Stables		
<a href="#">604</a>	c	<b>Savabeel (Aus)</b>	<b>Starring (NZ)</b> <i>B-D G &amp; Mrs E J Burrow &amp; Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd</i>	200,000
		Consigned by Trelawny Stud Purchased by Riversley Park		



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CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• Catalogued	223	207
• No. Offered	204	182
• No. Sold	154	135
• RNAs	50	47
• % RNAs	24.5%	26%
• High Price	NZ\$260,000	NZ\$525,000
• Gross	NZ\$10,034,700	NZ\$7,022,500
• Average (% change)	NZ\$65,160 (+25%)	NZ\$52,019
• Median (% change)	NZ\$52,500 (+45.8%)	NZ\$36,000

**PRIDE RETURN DELAYED**

Trainers Peter and Paul Snowden took the decision to delay the return of last year's G1 Blue Diamond S. and G1 Sires' Produce S. victor **Pride Of Dubai (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}), with Paul Snowden telling *Racing.com* he felt the 3-year-old was still "fresh" after a fourth-place finish in Warwick Farm trial Monday.



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Pride Of Dubai had been pencilled in for the G2 Expressway S. at Rosehill Saturday, but was not declared.

"I wouldn't say he was disappointing but knowing

the horse, he was still running through the bridle a touch in what was a really strong and fast heat," Snowden told the site. "He still needs a little bit of work--he's not there yet, which is why we've elected not to accept on Saturday."

Pride Of Dubai will now target next weekend's G3 Eskimo Prince S. at Randwick.

"He's against his own age group next week and he'll carry 60kg," Snowden added. "I think there's only a 4kg spread of weights with the bottom weight carrying 56kg and 60kg should be nothing for him; he's a big brute of a horse. He'll also go into that race with a couple more bits of work under his belt."

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**Wednesday's Result:**

**KAWASAKI KINEN-Listed**, ¥102,000,000, Kawasaki, 1-27, 4yo/up, 2100m, 2:14.10, gd.

1--**HOKKO TARUMAE (JPN)**, 126, h, 7, by King Kamehameha (Jpn)

**1st Dam: Madam Cherokee (Jpn), by Cherokee Run**

**2nd Dam: Unfoiled, by Unbridled**

**3rd Dam: Bold Foil, by Bold Forbes**

O-Michiaki Yabe; B-Ichikawa Farm; T-Katsuichi Nishiura; J-Hideaki Miyuki. ¥60,000,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Dirt Horse & MG1SW-Jpn, 35-17-4-6.

2--**Sound True (Jpn)**, 126, g, 6, French Deputy--Kyoei Truth (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn). O-Hiroshi Yamada; B-Okada Stud; ¥21,000,000.

3--**Amour Briller**, 121, m, 5, Smart Strike--Heavenly Romance (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Co Ltd; ¥12,000,000.

Margins: HD, 4, HD. Odds: 1.10, 1.10, 7.30.