



DIRT FORM MERITS RESPECT



American Pharoah: Tops in America on dirt | Horsephotos

by Bill Oppenheim

Trashing American racing is a popular pastime among some Europeans and other international turfistes: race-day medication, of course (a/k/a drugs), but also that European turf horses often do move up a grade when they come to America, suggesting European turf racing is stronger than America's. That is very likely true. Most 'internationals' don't give a hang about dirt racing, so it's not a huge leap to dismiss American racing as inconsequential.

I've been a critic of American racing myself, and still am in many respects. I hope 'safe dirt' is becoming a reality, but on the whole I wouldn't be the biggest fan of dirt racing. However, none of this should confuse good analysis: in spite of everything—in spite of the 'brain drain' of American pedigrees and the re-establishment of parity for European sires, steadily over the last 30 years - in spite of all its problems and shortcomings, the true laboratory for the best racing on the planet is turf racing in Europe, and dirt racing in North America. The best in Japan are of international standard, and Australia is improving fast; but when the time comes to evaluate which are the world's best horses, the answer is: Europe for turf, North America for dirt; and the best North American horses actually are as good as what they do (and they're tough) as are the best turf horses in Europe. **American Pharoah 134, Golden Horn 130**—that's what I'm talking about. **Cont. p3**

NYQUIST 'FANTASTIC', EYES FLORIDA DERBY

by Ben Massam

Reddam Racing's **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), champion juvenile of 2015 and an impressive winner of Monday's GII San Vicente S. in his sophomore debut, has emerged from the race in good order, trainer Doug O'Neill confirmed via phone Tuesday.

"He looks fantastic," said O'Neill. "He came out of it in great shape. He ate up good, legs were ice cold. We couldn't be happier."

Shortening up to seven furlongs Monday, Nyquist pressed a hot pace along the inside and shook off a challenge from MGSW Exaggerator (Curlin) to score decisively by 1 1/2 lengths. The bay stopped the clock in a scorching 1:20.71, earning a career-top 100 Beyer Speed Figure for the performance. The colt is likely to make one more start prior to his prospective engagement in the GI Kentucky Derby. **Cont. p6**

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GULLATT LOOKING FORWARD WITH DESTIN 7

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STALL TAKES A SHOT WITH FOREVAMO 9

Brittlyn Stables' Forevamo (Uncle Mo), most recently second after a wide run in a Jan. 18 Fair Grounds allowance, continues to do well ahead of his scheduled start in Saturday's GII Veterans Ford Risen Star S., according to trainer Al Stall, Jr.

from **thetdn.com**

Brilliant stakes performances by Songbird, Mshawish and Valid have launched Medaglia d'Oro to the top of the General Sires List.

Which other established stallions are hot on his heels?

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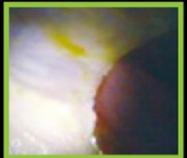
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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM



'Dirt Form Merits Respect' cont. from p1

It's fine not to be a fan of American dirt racing; but it's never good business to let biases trump reality. I'm just saying.

In respect of the issue of sire parity, we took a look at the division of the last 12 'sire crops', sires

whose first foals were born from 2006 through 2015, plus sires whose first foals are arriving this year, and stallions standing their first seasons in 2016. It's a little bit subjective but mostly based on stud fee and APEX A Runner Index, but on this list of 48 sires (let's say an average of the top four per sire crop), 25 stand in North America, 23 in Europe. Among sires with first foals 2006-2009, eight stand in Kentucky, three stand in Europe. Kentucky is particularly strong right now in this department, including the F2006 'fearsome foursome' of **Tapit**, **Medaglia D'Oro**, **Candy Ride**, and **Speightstown** (Ranked # 1-2-5-8 on the [TDN 2015 North American General Sire List](#), with the first three named # 1-2-4 on the [TDN 2016 North American General Sire List](#)); F2007 **Kitten's Joy** and **Ghostzapper**; and F2008 **War Front** and **Bernardini**. From those crops Darley sires F2006 **Exceed And Excel** and F2007 **Dubawi** and **Shamardal** represent Europe - big news, but not a big number of sires.

Among sires with first foals 2009-2012, Europe has the edge, nine sires to seven. Europe's F2009 sires include **Dark Angel**, **Teofilo**, and **Dutch Art**. **New Approach** had first foals 2010. F2011 European sires include **Sea The Stars**, **Le Havre**, **Mastercraftsman**, and (not counted) **Fastnet Rock**. **Siyouni** and **Lope De Vega** are the top F2012 European sires. Top Kentucky F2009-F2012 sires include **Scat Daddy** (died); the Darley F2009 pair of **Street Sense** and **Hard Spun**; F2010 **Curlin** and Spendthrift bombshell **Into Mischief**. **Pioneerof The Nile** is the top North American F2011 sire, and **Super Saver** is the top NA F2012 sire.

When you look at the top younger sires and prospects, first foals 2013-2016 and sires standing their first seasons this year, Europe again has a slight edge, 11 to 10. Of the freshman sires of 2015 with their first 3-year-olds this year, **Uncle Mo** stands out (and how) in Kentucky, and **Zoffany** in Europe. **Cont. p4**

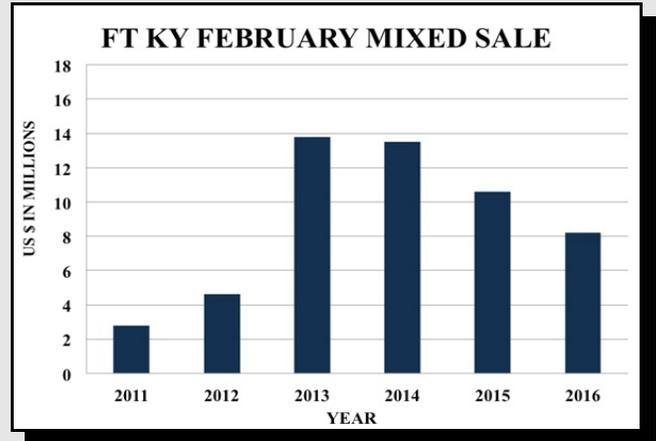


Frankel: First 2yos in '16 | *Racing Post*

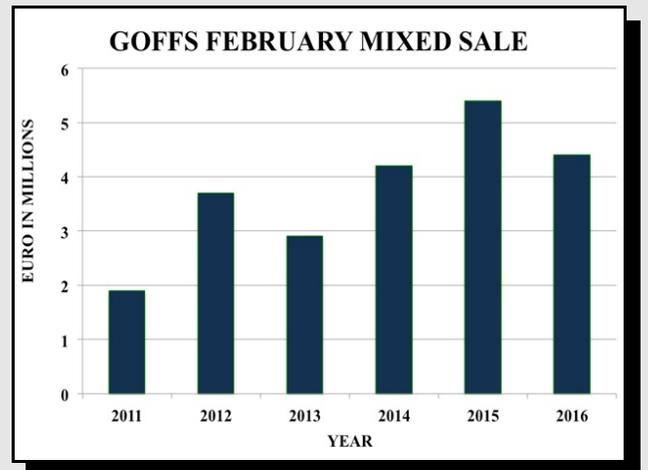
Weekly Sales Ticker by Bill Oppenheim

"Fasig Kentucky and Goffs last week had similar percentage dips in gross and average, but arrived there in different ways: Fasig had 14% fewer catalogued and 16% fewer sold, gross down 22%, average down 7%; Goffs, on the other hand, had 12% more catalogued but 12% fewer sold (clearance rate from the catalogue down 15%), gross down 18%, average down 8%. From these two sales plus Arqana, it's clear this February sector of the mixed sale market, at least, is struggling. General international economic conditions are not inspiring confidence either, it seems."

- Bill Oppenheim



| YEAR | CAT | RING | SOLD | %W/D | %S/R | %S/C | GROSS | AVG |
|------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|----------|
| 2016 | 528 | 437 | 341 | 17.2% | 78.0% | 64.6% | \$8,260,600 | \$24,225 |
| 2015 | 616 | 493 | 406 | 20.0% | 82.4% | 65.9% | \$10,560,700 | \$26,012 |
| 2014 | 588 | 505 | 406 | 14.1% | 80.4% | 69.0% | \$13,527,500 | \$33,319 |
| 2013 | 337 | 277 | 245 | 17.8% | 88.4% | 72.7% | \$13,781,700 | \$56,252 |
| 2012 | 422 | 342 | 267 | 19.0% | 78.1% | 63.3% | \$4,562,600 | \$17,088 |
| 2011 | 322 | 237 | 183 | 26.4% | 77.2% | 56.8% | \$2,821,500 | \$15,418 |



| YEAR | CAT | RING | SOLD | %W/D | %S/R | %S/C | GROSS | AVG |
|------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------------|---------|
| 2016 | 540 | 440 | 291 | 18.5% | 66.1% | 53.9% | €4,361,750 | €14,989 |
| 2015 | 479 | 409 | 330 | 14.6% | 80.7% | 68.9% | €5,350,500 | €16,214 |
| 2014 | 461 | 372 | 256 | 19.3% | 68.8% | 55.5% | €4,218,100 | €16,477 |
| 2013 | 512 | 435 | 296 | 15.0% | 68.0% | 57.8% | €2,879,750 | €9,729 |
| 2012 | 524 | 446 | 277 | 14.9% | 62.1% | 52.9% | €3,706,500 | €13,381 |
| 2011 | 410 | 340 | 213 | 17.1% | 62.6% | 52.0% | €1,853,500 | €8,702 |

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

The European debutants with their first 2-year-olds in 2016 include the mighty **Frankel**, as well as **Nathaniel** and **Excelebration**, neither of whom could ever beat him but beat nearly everything else. European sires with their first yearlings in 2016 are headed by **Dawn Approach**, **Camelot**, and **Intello**. **Kingman** and **Australia** stand out among European sires whose first foals are arriving this year; and leading the group which retires to stud in 2016 are **Golden Horn** and **Gleneagles**.

On the American side, 2016 Freshman sires with their first 2-year-olds are headed by **Union Rags**, **Bodemeister**, and **The Factor**. **Declaration of War** (Irish crop), **Animal Kingdom**, and **Orb** head those with their first yearlings this year. **Will Take Charge** is the top Kentucky sire with first foals arriving this year; and of course **American Pharoah**, and **Honor Code**, headline the list of sires retiring in Kentucky in 2016.

So here's the takeaway: for European and other international owners and breeders, turf form is paramount, dirt form a side issue. Turf racing is advancing in America, but dirt is king; for better or worse, that's still what American racing is mostly about. It's fine if Europeans decide they don't need to know about it, but that doesn't mean American racing isn't as good; it is. For all its faults, succeeding generations of American-breds continue to rate at the very top of the rung on the world's racehorse class ladder.



Union Rags: First runners this year
Sarah K. Andrew

UPDATE: QUALITY ROAD



Quality Road
Sarah K. Andrew

After topping WinStar's Super Saver by \$25,000 to claim the title of Leading North American Freshman Sire in 2014, Lane's End's **Quality Road** ran fourth in the 2015 North American second-crop sire list, with exactly one 2015 black-type winner. He doubled that total last weekend, and now leads the [TDN 2016 North American third-crop sire list](#) by around \$200,000 over **Munnings**, **Temple City**, and **Super Saver**. It just could be that Quality Road is

the new **Curlin**. Meanwhile, Ashford's Uncle Mo



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| Tapit | \$300,000 | 5 | 3 |
| Bernardini | \$100,000 | 4 | 3 |
| COLONEL JOHN | \$7,500 | 3 | 2 |
| Curlin | \$100,000 | 3 | 2 |
| War Front | \$200,000 | 2 | 2 |
| Medaglia d'Oro | \$150,000 | 2 | 1 |
| City Zip | \$40,000 | 2 | 1 |
| Giant's Causeway | \$85,000 | 2 | 1 |
| Malibu Moon | \$95,000 | 2 | 1 |

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has even higher 2016 earnings than Quality Road, including eight Black-Type horses from his first crop already this year. It's dangerous to make predictions about sires until they have 3-year-olds (well, it's always dangerous), but with this sort of record just six weeks into the year, **Uncle Mo** looks like he is heading straight to the top.

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LEADING NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN SIRES, F2006-F2017

| NORTH AMERICA (25) | | | | EUROPE (23) | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| SIRE | 1st Fls | A Index | 2016 Fee | SIRE | 1st Fls | A Index | 2016 Fee |
| F2206-F2008 (8) | | | | F2006-F2008 (3) | | | |
| TAPIT | 2006 | 2.93 | 300000 | EXCEED AND EXCEL | 2006 | 1.43 | 40000 |
| MEDAGLIA D'ORO | 2006 | 3.31 | 150000 | DUBAWI | 2007 | 3.16 | 225000 |
| SPEIGHTSTOWN | 2006 | 3.30 | 100000 | SHAMARDAL | 2007 | 2.47 | Private |
| CANDY RIDE | 2006 | 2.28 | 60000 | | | | |
| KITTEN'S JOY (Turf) | 2007 | 2.62 | 100000 | F2009-F2012 (9) | | | |
| GHOSTZAPPER | 2007 | 3.36 | 60000 | DARK ANGEL | 2009 | 2.64 | 60000 |
| WAR FRONT (Turf) | 2008 | 3.89 | 200000 | TEOFILO | 2009 | 2.44 | 50000 |
| BERNARDINI | 2008 | 2.61 | 100000 | DUTCH ART | 2009 | 1.82 | 40000 |
| | | | | NEW APPROACH | 2010 | 1.79 | 60000 |
| F2009-F2012 (7) | | | | SEA THE STARS | 2011 | 2.37 | 125000 |
| SCAT DADDY | 2009 | 2.52 | Dead | LE HAVRE | 2011 | 2.22 | 35000 |
| STREET SENSE | 2009 | 2.20 | 45000 | MASTERCRAFTSMAN | 2011 | 1.19 | 35000 |
| HARD SPUN | 2009 | 1.88 | 45000 | (FASTNET ROCK) | 2011 | 2.30 | Private |
| CURLIN | 2010 | 2.12 | 100000 | LOPE DE VEGA | 2012 | 1.30 | 40000 |
| INTO MISCHIEF | 2010 | 4.07 | 45000 | SIYOUNI | 2012 | 2.40 | 30000 |
| PIONEEROF THE NILE | 2011 | 2.80 | 125000 | | | | |
| SUPER SAVER | 2012 | 1.45 | 65000 | F2013-F2017 (11) | | | |
| | | | | ZOFFANY | 2013 | | 45000 |
| F2013-F2017 (10) | | | | FRANKEL | 2014 | | 125000 |
| UNCLE MO | 2013 | | 75000 | NATHANIEL | 2014 | | 20000 |
| UNION RAGS | 2014 | | 35000 | EXCELEBRATION | 2014 | | 15000 |
| BODEMEISTER | 2014 | | 30000 | DAWN APPROACH | 2015 | | 35000 |
| THE FACTOR | 2014 | | 25000 | CAMELOT | 2015 | | 25000 |
| DECLARATION OF WAR | 2015 | | 40000 | INTELLO | 2015 | | 25000 |
| ANIMAL KINGDOM | 2015 | | 35000 | KINGMAN | 2016 | | 55000 |
| ORB | 2015 | | 25000 | AUSTRALIA | 2016 | | 50000 |
| WILL TAKE CHARGE | 2016 | | 30000 | GOLDEN HORN | 2017 | | 60000 |
| AMERICAN PHAROAH | 2017 | | 200000 | GLENEAGLES | 2017 | | 60000 |
| HONOR CODE | 2017 | | 40000 | | | | |

Nyquist 'Fantastic' cont. from p1

"I think the strong direction, more than likely, is going to be the [GI] Florida Derby," O'Neill added when asked about plans for the coming weeks.

The Apr. 2 Gulfstream fixture--which carries a bonus of \$1 million to Nyquist as a Fasig-Tipton Florida graduate--could set the champion up for a potential matchup with Mohaymen (Tapit),



Nyquist | Benoit Photo

recent winner of Gulfstream's GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S. The pair emerged as the two individual favorites for Pool 2 of the GI Kentucky Derby Future Wager Sunday, with Mohaymen closing at 4-1 to Nyquist's 7-1. Mohaymen is expected to start next in the Feb. 27 GII Fountain of Youth S.

Winner of the GII Best Pal S. and GI Del Mar Futurity last

summer, Nyquist added a victory in Santa Anita's GI FrontRunner S. and closed out his undefeated juvenile season with a score in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. His victory in the San Vicente was his sixth from as many starts, firmly re-affirming his spot at the top of his class.

Frank Conversation Targets UAE Derby...

O'Neill and Reddam teamed up to mint another graded stakes winner over the weekend when **Frank Conversation** (Quality Road) captured Golden Gate's GIII El Camino Real Derby Saturday. The colt, who graduated at first asking in a down-the-hill turf sprint at Santa Anita, annexed the California Derby at



Frank Conversation | Vassar Photography

Golden Gate Jan. 16 prior to his recent triumph. Despite the fact that Frank Conversation's three wins have come on turf and synthetic surfaces, O'Neill told the TDN's Bill Finley he believes his trainee has legitimate excuses for his two losses on dirt and deserves another chance at

the highest level. **Cont. p7**

Now 80 GSW's from northern hemisphere crops.

"We are just tickled pink," said winning owner **Randy Gullatt** of Twin Creeks Racing Stables. "... we have had a lot of luck with Giant's Causeway horses, and he was a very athletic and well-put together colt." The millionaire Dream of Summer, already the dam of GISW and current Airdrie stallion Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway), has a 2-year-old filly by Giant's Causeway... and was bred back to Giant's Causeway.

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“We are definitely thinking Kentucky Derby with him,” O’Neill explained. “I’m not worried about his two dirt races. I think you can put a line through them. In the [GI] Los Alamitos Futurity we put him on the lead, and that’s just not the right style for him. The other one was a maiden sprint and that’s not the kind of race where you can make any judgments about him.”

In the interim, O’Neill said that a trip to Dubai for the lucrative Mar. 26 G2 UAE Derby is likely in the cards. O’Neill previously sent 2012 GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile runner-up He’s Had Enough (Tapit) to the UAE Derby the following season.

“We’re leaning toward running [Frank Conversation] in the UAE Derby,” O’Neill said. “I am going to meet with Paul Reddam shortly and make some definitive plans for him. But the UAE Derby is our goal. I understand that if you go all the way to Dubai you might zap some of his energy and that could affect him when it comes to the Kentucky Derby, but the purse is so large at \$2 million. For us, that may be our Kentucky Derby. We’ll see.”

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GULLATT LOOKING FORWARD WITH DESTIN

by Jessica Martini

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“We were very pleased with his race,” Gullatt said. “It was an improvement from his last start and that’s all we were looking for--a progression. It was progress and you just hope these 3-year-old colts can learn fast enough and be talented enough to go on to the next level.”

Destin, a full-brother to 2012 GI Santa Anita Derby runner-up and GI Preakness S. third-place finisher Creative Cause, won at first asking at Belmont last October, despite hitting the gate at the start. Prior to his start at Tampa Bay, the gray colt was a respectable fourth while making his two-turn debut in the Jan. 16 GIII LeComte S. at Fair Grounds. **Cont. p8**



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“There is no doubt he progressed from the LeComte,” Gullatt said. “We added a little more blinker. He is just a colt that needs a little more focus in his races and I think we got that. And Johnny [Velazquez] did a great job of keeping his mind on his business.”

As for what is next for Destin, Gullatt said, “We really haven’t talked about it, but obviously the [Mar. 12 Gil] Tampa Bay Derby is a very logical spot, timing-wise and because he liked the racetrack. So that would probably be our first look. And hopefully the horse says yes when that date comes.”

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PORTER ON SONGBIRD: NO MEANS NO

by Bill Finley

Owner Rick Porter saw what everyone else did in the GI Las Virgenes at Santa Anita 11 days ago, a brilliant and ultra-impressive win by his filly **Songbird** (Medaglia d’Oro). But nothing he saw that afternoon has caused him to change his mind when it comes to running her in the GI Kentucky Derby. In fact, Porter is so adamant about his decision that he did not pay the \$600 necessary to make her eligible to the Triple Crown and said yesterday he will also not pay a \$6,000 supplemental fee that could still make his filly eligible for the Derby, GI Preakness and the GI Belmont.

“The answer is still no,” Porter said of the Derby. “She won’t really be three until Apr. 30. I want to run her in the top filly and mares races first and then, if she’s doing great, we might take on the boys later in the 3-year-old year. Otherwise, I can run against the boys as a 4-year-old, if all is well with her. You have to take it one day at a time with these fragile horses. I’m just trying to do the right thing for Songbird and Foxhill Farms and [trainer] Jerry Hollendorfer is really against running against the boys. I will do what I think is best.”

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[Horse Racing Would Be Foolish to Decline A Yearly Payment For California Online Poker Concession](#) Recent reports coming out of California indicate online poker legalization may have a better chance of becoming a reality in 2016 than many people expected, thanks to a newly proposed \$60 million annual payment for the state’s horse racing industry with the stipulation that the tracks forfeit their ability to operate online poker sites. **Steve Ruddock, USPoker.com**



“Daredevil has proven he’s a top-class colt ...this is a horse with an enormous amount of talent ”
- Steve Haskin

| CHAMPAGNE-G1 WINNER | BEYER |
|---|-------|
|  DAREDEVIL | 107 |
| UNCLE MO | 94 |
| SHANGHAI BOBBY | 94 |
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SABRINA’S DANCE, 7, Werblin--Spicy Dance, by Sword Dance (Ire)
Foal born Jan. 20, a colt by Biondetti.
Will be bred back to Mark Valeski.
Owned by Woodford Thoroughbreds.
Boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds Kentucky.
Accomplishments: SW, \$140,596.

ELLE RUNAWAY, 14, El Prado (Ire)--Runaway Venus, by Runaway Groom
Foal born Jan. 22, a colt by Graydar.
Will be bred back to Mission Impazible.
Owned by Twin Creeks Farm.
Boarded at Sequel New York.
Accomplishments: SW & MGSP, \$402,281. **Cont. p9**

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STALL TAKES A SHOT WITH FOREVAMO

Brittlyn Stables' **Forevamo** (Uncle Mo), most recently second after a wide run in a Jan. 18 Fair Grounds allowance, continues to do well ahead of his scheduled start in Saturday's GII Veterans Ford Risen Star S., according to trainer Al Stall, Jr. The colt breezed four furlongs in :48 flat [2/63] at the Fair Grounds Sunday.



Forevamo | Coady Photography

"I think it's time to take a chance with him," Stall said. "We have a great post [5] and there are some speed horses there, which helps us. I think we've seen enough progress from two to three to run in the race and his last breeze was

really good."

Forevamo broke his maiden at third asking going one mile in the slop in the Jean Lafitte S. at Delta Downs Oct. 24. The bay was sixth in the GIII Delta Jackpot prior to his recent effort in New Orleans.

Stall will saddle another graded stakes contender one race earlier on the Saturday card when Adele Dilschneider and Claiborne Farm's **Departing** (War Front) goes to post in the GIII Fair Grounds H. The 6-year-old multiple graded stakes winner will return to turf after recently running second in the Fifth Season S. on dirt at Oaklawn Jan. 16.

"We'd like to keep him around as long as possible and space his races throughout the year," Stall said. "We'll pick out some comfortable spots and hopefully can get his career earnings over \$2 million. His soundness is what's best about him. He still looks good and definitely gets into his work in the morning."



DareDevil "Daredevil's brilliance at two reminded me of Uncle Mo, and More Than Ready, and a lot of the better juveniles I've been fortunate to be around. I have always thought the really talented two-year-olds went on to make the best stallions." - Todd Pletcher

| CHAMPAGNE-G1 WINNER | RAGOZIN |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| DAREDEVIL | 4 1/4 |
| UNCLE MO | 4 1/2 |
| SCAT DADDY | 5 1/4 |
| SHANGHAI BOBBY | 7 1/4 |
| UNION RAGS | 8 |

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CLASSIC APPROVAL, 22, With Approval--Classic Value, by Copelan

Foal born Jan. 21, a colt by Soldat.

Will be bred back to He's Had Enough.

Owned by Woodford Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds Kentucky.

Accomplishments: MSP, \$109,430. Dam of Gulch Approval (Gulch), MGSW & GISP, \$593,004; Approval Rating (Lemon Drop Kid), SW & MGSP, \$302,772; and Rusty Slipper (Lemon Drop Kid), MGSW & GISP, \$332,393.

NAKANO, 8, First Samurai--Spring Morning, by Mr. Prospector

Foal born Jan. 23, a filly by More Than Ready.

Will be bred back to Medaglia d'Oro.

Owned by Woodford Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds Kentucky.

Accomplishments: SW & GISP, \$203,752.



TIMONIUM OTB VOTE DELAYED

By T.D. Thornton

A Maryland Racing Commission vote on whether a year-round simulcasting room will be allowed to open within the grandstand of the state fairgrounds at Timonium will be pushed back at least one more day so that input from another community meeting scheduled for Wednesday afternoon can be factored into the decision.

The plan, which would be a partnership between the Maryland Jockey Club and the fairgrounds operators, has drawn unexpected but highly charged opposition in recent weeks.

“They’re going to wait about 24 to 48 hours to vote because I have a closed meeting scheduled at the fairgrounds with the town and community leaders, and I was actually waiting for some more of my [safety inspection] permitting to come though,” said MJC vice president and general manager Sal Sinatra. “I think the commission is going to do a vote by conference call, if I understood them correctly. It would either be late [Wednesday] or early Thursday.”

The OTB within the fairgrounds, where Thoroughbreds race 10 days every August, is part of a larger MJC expansion into a network of a half-dozen or so simulcasting sites at which revenues are split in even thirds among the property owners, the MJC, and the state’s Thoroughbred and Standardbred horsemen. Some abutters and community leaders have opposed the plan, citing expanded gambling, improper permitting, the lack of adequate public hearings, and traffic woes as reasons against allowing an OTB.



INDUSTRY INFO

RMTC Holds Hair Testing Workshop:

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) organized an equine racing chemist workshop Feb. 8-9 at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine to foster uniformity in testing of hair samples. The workshop, hosted by the Maddy Lab, was open to any RMTC-accredited laboratory that wanted to obtain the necessary knowledge and hands-on experience needed to conduct hair testing for the detection of prohibited substances. Eight analysts representing the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Truesdail, Industrial, Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic (TVMDL), and Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology and Research laboratories attended.

As part of the course, participants learned the Maddy Lab’s Standard Operating Procedures, followed the technical process and acquired the skill necessary to transfer the method back to their own laboratories.



“Daredevil's negative two is the fastest by a Champagne winner since Thoro-Graph began making figures 30 years ago.”
- Jerry Brown

| CHAMPAGNE-G1 WINNER | THORO-GRAPH |
|---|-------------|
|  DAREDEVIL | -2 |
| UNCLE MO | 0 |
| SCAT DADDY | 1 3/4 |
| SHANGHAI BOBBY | 2 |
| UNION RAGS | 3 |

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“The workshop is timely as the racing industry is always searching for methods with a long window of detection,” said Dr. Scott Stanley, director of the Maddy Lab. “Drugs are locked in the hair fiber and remain there until the hair is lost or cut. As a result, hair analysis offers long-term detection of many historic drugs of abuse.”

All participants gained practical knowledge in the detection, identification and analysis of anabolic steroids and other substances using equine hair samples. This initiative will enable multiple horse racing testing laboratories across the country to test for illicit drugs and medications using this methodology.

“Collaboration between laboratories is important for the industry to remain current,” said Al Kind, lead racing chemist at TVMDL. “Regardless of contract competition, this workshop is an example of the many instances of information-sharing that promotes our common goal of integrity in horse racing. Hair testing is a relatively simple, noninvasive technique that will allow the detection of many long-term medication administrations.”

The RMTC funded the workshop with financial support from the American Quarter Horse Association and Keeneland Association. The RMTC has also contacted other sales companies to help defray some of the cost of the workshop. **Cont. p2**

RMTC cont.

“I would like to thank our host, the instructors, and especially our two generous sponsor organizations for helping us put on this very successful program,” said RMTC Executive Director Dr. Dionne Benson. “I would also like to thank the participants for giving up their valuable time to attend, so that as an industry, we can move forward with this science together. Both the racing and sales sectors will benefit from having more laboratories capable of performing this work.”

APPOINTMENTS

Kathleen M. Anderson, DVM, and Scott E. Palmer, VMD: Trustees, Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation (TERF)

- Dr. Kathleen M. Anderson grew up in Western Canada and received her degree in Veterinary Medicine at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatchewan, Canada. Anderson has worked at Fair Hill Training Center, contributing to a number of upgrades to the veterinary program there. In 2015, Dr. Anderson was installed as president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP).
- With more than three decades of experience, Scott E. Palmer, VMD, is the New York State Equine Medical Director and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Population Medicine & Diagnostic Sciences at Cornell University. He holds his veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania and oversees the health and safety of horses at all New York State Thoroughbred and Standardbred racetracks. Dr. Palmer serves on the Racing Medication Testing Consortium's Scientific Advisory Committee and is a trustee of the Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA). He serves on the advisory board of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association Safety and Integrity Alliance and the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

Kentucky

Nominations Open for 2016 Kentucky Oaks Survivors Parade:

The online nomination process to select 142 breast and ovarian cancer survivors to walk in the 2016 Survivors Parade is now open to the public, Churchill Downs announced in partnership with Bright Pink and Horses and Hope Tuesday. Nominations will be accepted until Mar. 15 and the participants will be announced Mar. 16, with each survivor receiving two seats to the GI Kentucky Oaks.



The eighth annual Survivors Parade will take place on the Churchill Downs track immediately prior to the running of the 142nd GI Longines Kentucky Oaks May 6, the day before the GI Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands. The parade is the centerpiece of the Oaks day Pink Out celebration to raise funds and generate awareness about breast and ovarian cancer.

“The Survivors Parade is such a special way to honor those who have been impacted by breast and ovarian cancer,” said Lindsay Avner, Founder and CEO of Bright Pink, a national nonprofit focused on the prevention and early detection of breast and ovarian cancer. “The prominence of the Kentucky Oaks helps us educate women on the importance of prevention and early detection on a national scale.”

To nominate and select survivors, or to donate to the Bright Pink cause, visit www.kentuckyderby.com/survivors.

“The Survivors Parade is an uplifting experience for the thousands of fans who attend the Oaks,” said Ryan Jordan, General Manager of Churchill Downs Racetrack. “These are critical health issues that have impacted many of us at Churchill Downs and we are proud to support breast and ovarian health on Oaks Day.”

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Bricassar, c, 3, Tiz Wonderful--Leading the Way (Arg) (G1SW-Arg, \$104,485), by Brancusi. Monterrico, 2-14, Maiden, 1400m. B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). *1/2 to Lead to Win (Arg) (Orpen), GSW-Arg. **\$32,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

#Essenza, f, 4, Langfuhr--Distorted Echo, by Distorted Humor. Monterrico, 2-14, Premio Enrique Aguinaga Asenjo-Listed, 1200m. B-Andreas Bezzola (KY).

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, February 17

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

CANFORD CLIFFS (IRE) (Tagula {Ire}), Coolmore Stud, \$18K, 211/40/3 9-TAM, Aoc 1mT, Lady Allegra (Ire), \$23K GOF SPT yrl, 7-2
COURT VISION (Gulch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 127/12/0 1-MVR, Msw 6f, Top Vision, 15-1

GONE ASTRAY (Dixie Union), Northwest Stud, \$5K, 145/14/2 9-TAM, Aoc 1mT, Galan's Gold, \$14K RNA OBS AUG yrl, 30-1

REGAL RANSOM (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$8K, 140/9/0 9-TAM, Aoc 1mT, Fast Justice, \$55K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

TELLING (A.P. Indy), Prestige Stallions, 40/2/0 9-TAM, Aoc 1mT, Kisskiss Telltell, \$19K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1

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PRECIOUS TIME (f, 4, Grazen--Rule the Storm {SP, \$282,939}, by Tribal Rule) Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-0, \$69,269. O-Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Revocable Trust & William E. Morey; B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-William E. Morey.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Topcatmark, g, 5, Big Top Cat--Call Today, by Far Out East. HOU, 2-16, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.26. B-Nunez Farms (LA). *\$24,000 RNA 2yo '13 JF2YO. **1/2 to Cowboy's Limelite (Gold Alert), SW, \$138,073.



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INTILAAQ POSSIBLE FOR DUBAI WORLD CUP



Intilaaq taking out the Rose of Lancaster | *Racing Post*

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's 'TDN Rising Star' **Intilaaq** (Dynaformer), winner of three of his five racetrack appearances to date including a latest five-length success in the G3 Rose of Lancaster S. at Haydock last August, took to the Southwell all-weather surface Tuesday morning as connections announced that the G1 Dubai World Cup could mark the homebred's first attempt on dirt.

Trainer Roger Varian sent Intilaaq to the Southwell fibresand surface to assess how the colt might cope with the kickback he would likely face at Meydan.

"It was really easy exercise for the horse, it wasn't a hard gallop by any stretch of the imagination," Varian told *Racing UK*. "We were just keen to bring him here, have a canter round and get him in behind one other and face a bit of kickback. I don't know how similar the surface is in terms of firmness, but it's the only place we can come and get any experience of kickback. On Polytrack you wouldn't achieve the same. If the World Cup is on the agenda it's likely we'll come back once or twice more and give him a bit more of a serious workout."

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STREET CRY COLT TOPS PERTH SALE FINALE

A colt by Street Cry (Ire), foaled less than a month after the untimely passing of his successful sire due to complications from a neurological syndrome in September 2014, was hammered down to leading Sydney trainer Gary Moore for A\$300,000 to top Tuesday's second and final day of bidding at the Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale on Australia's West Coast.

Moore struck out on last year's Perth sales-topper, an A\$340,000 son of Beneteau (Aus)--Zaldivar (Aus) (Honour and Glory), but his luck turned Tuesday afternoon when he signed the winning ticket on behalf of his client Chong Bin Wu. Bred and consigned by Yarradale Stud and catalogued as hip 193, the brown colt is a half-brother to MGSW and G1SP Lamasery (Aus) (Commands {Aus}) from the extended female family of Written Tycoon (Aus). [Magic Millions Perth Yearlings cont. p3](#)

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GULLATT LOOKING FOWARD WITH DESTIN

TDN Editor-in-Chief Jessica Martini gets an update on Gili Sam F. Davis S. winner Destin (Giant's Causeway) from Twin Creeks Farm's Randy Gullatt.

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Intilaaq cont. from p1

Winner of his sophomore debut by eight lengths at Newbury last April, the bay was a well-beaten 15th of 18 behind Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 English 2000 Guineas, but regrouped to defeat G1 St James’s Palace third Consort (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) in the Listed Steventon S. in July. He validated long odds-on favoritism in the Rose of Lancaster, tugging his way to lead after the opening three furlongs before powering home to defeat his elders with authority ([VIDEO](#)).

"He's an improving horse, he finished off last season well," Varian told RUK. "He's just a Listed/Group 3 winner, but he finished up 117-rated and we think he can bridge the gap to Group 1 company this year."

By a sire known for his ability to throw Grade I-quality dirt runners such as GI Kentucky Derby hero Barbaro and Perfect Drift, among others, Intilaaq’s damsire Orpen is a half-brother to US Grade II dirt winner Jules, sire of such horses as GI Haskell Invitational S. victor and Classic-placed Peace Rules.

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2). A stallion who could feature prominently (doesn't have to be first season)?

RD: We are big believers in Canford Cliffs and his stats back him up with a very high number of individual winners to his name in his first crop. On top of that, he has the top-class performers in Painted Cliffs (Ire) and Most Beautiful (GB) to go to war as 3-year olds. We also like the type of horse he gets--nice size, great movers and good temperaments, which has to be a big plus to breeders looking to give their mares good opportunities to breed the right type of horse.

3). Positive change you would like to see for the industry in '16?

RD: Anything that can be done to encourage owners new or established to keep investing in our great sport. Whether it be improved prize money or improving the owner experience from start to finish, they are the life blood of the business and we can never do enough for them. They ultimately promote our business, good or bad, locally and globally, so they are the most important part of the chain.

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A LOOK AHEAD

WITH ROSS DOYLE

The TDN has solicited the opinions of some prominent figures on the European bloodstock scene to answer three questions about the upcoming Flat season. Our first installment features the thoughts of bloodstock agent Ross Doyle of Peter and Ross Doyle Bloodstock:



Ross Doyle | Tattersalls photo

1) Horse you are most looking forward to seeing this season?
RD: Tashaar (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) could be a very exciting horse this season, he will be stronger which should be a big help in the top staying races. He was very impressive winning his first two starts and then ran very well in two top staying races later in the season. Also, his breeding

would suggest he will get better with age, being by Sea The Stars out of a black type mare by Montjeu (Ire) called Three Moons (Ire).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hutton (Ire), g, 3, **Lawman (Fr)**--Moynsha Lady (Ire), by Namid (GB). SOU, 2-16, 8f (AWT), 1:45.59. B-Patrick Byrnes (IRE). *25,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

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Tuesday's Results:

3rd-TLU, €16,000, Mdn, 2-16, unraced 3yo, 10fT, 2:14.72, hy. **+DESPERADO (FR) (c, 3, Diamond Green {Fr}--Fulla {GB}, by Machiavellian)** settled off the tempo in fifth for most of this unveiling. Nudged along rounding the home turn, the 32-5 chance was under stern urging in fourth with 150 meters remaining, but stayed on relentlessly to overhaul long-time leader Dan Royal (Fr) (Astronomer Royal) in the dying embers and foil that rival by 4 1/2 lengths going away. The winner's dam is out of a half-sister to G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero Saffron Walden (Fr) (Sadler's Wells), G1 Prix de la Foret victor Dolphin Street (Fr) (Bluebird) and GI E. P. Taylor S. victress Insight (Fr) (Sadler's Wells). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,000. [Video](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Ecurie Antonio Caro; B-Andre Larrieu & Haras de Saint-Faust (FR); T-Ana Imaz Ceca.

2nd-TLU, €16,000, Mdn, 2-16, unraced 3yo, 10fT, 2:15.34, hy. +DRAMATURGE (FR) (c, 3, Muhtathir {GB}--Benzolina {Ire}), by Second Empire {Ire} raced off the pace in mid division through the early fractions of this debut. Improving into second at halfway, the crowd's 2-1 pick was rowed along to challenge off the home turn and kept on strongly under continued whipless coaxing to comfortably assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Al Lopez (Fr) (Lope de Vega {Ire}). Dramaturge, a half to a 2-year-old filly by Redoute's Choice (Aus), hails from the family of European Champion sprinter and MG1SW Anabaa (Danzig), and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Always Loyal (Zilzal). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Boetie Racing II & Ecurie La Boetie; B-Francois Rohaut (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-CHY, €21,000, Alw, 2-16, 4yo/up, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:11.88, ft.

BALMAT (g, 5, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Malaysia {GB} {SP-US}, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, €28,000. O-Gilles Barbarin & Fabrice Chappet; B-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM (IN); T-Fabrice Chappet. *\$80,000 Wlg '11 KEENOV; \$50,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; €32,000 RNA 3yo '14 ARNOV.

 **EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

IN HONG KONG:

Sergeant Titanium (Ire), g, 5, [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)--Southern House (Ire) (SW & GSP-Ity, GSP-US, SP-Fr, \$252,170), by Paris House (GB). Sha Tin, 2-14, Hcp. (£148k/€190k), 1600mT. 1:34.26. B-Herbertstown House Stud. *1/2 to Cosmo Phantom (Stephen Got Even), MGSW-Jpn, \$2,732,249. [VIDEO](#)

*Purchased for 155,000gns '12 Tattersalls October Yearlings
Vendor: Kilmoney Cottage Stud, agent
Buyer: Mark Crossman*



Street Cry Colt Tops at Perth cont. from p1

"I'm very excited," Moore said. "He's got a great pedigree and he reminds me a lot of the great colts I rode in Europe. He's got a great bottom line. His second dam is a relation of Written Tycoon who's probably one of the hottest sires in Australia.

Moore added, "He'll go back to Sydney and be syndicated among some friends of mine and hopefully one day he will return and run in the Western Australian Derby and if we get to that level he can come back here and stand at Yarradale Stud which I think will be fantastic for the Western Australian breeders."



Sales-topping hip 193
Magic Millions photo

Trainer Neville Parnham, who was successful in taking home the aforementioned 2015 topper, had to settle for the second-dearest offering this time around, going to A\$210,000 for Dawson Stud's Commands (Aus) filly. The Sept. 22 foal, catalogued as hip [312](#), is a daughter of GSP Flight Path (Aus) (Bletchley Park {Ire}), herself a half-sister to dual Group 1 winner Scenic Shot (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}). Hip 312 was purchased in utero for A\$110,000 out of the 2014 Inglis Easter Broodmare Sale.

"She's a beautiful filly," Parnham said. "I inspected her on the first inspection day and then I got a couple of clients to come along and have a look and we thought she was one of the star lots of the sale. [Cont. p4](#)



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Magic Millions Perth Yearlings cont.

Parnham added, "She's a little bit bum high at the moment, so we can see she's got a fair bit of growth in her and the family's been so good. Flight Path was a pretty handy sort of mare in her own right. And then further back on the page you have Scenic Shot--it's just a great Western Australian family and hopefully we can do pretty well with her."

From a catalogue that was 12% leaner than 2015, Magic Millions reported turnover of A\$10,429,000, an increase of 13% from last year with only nine additional sales in 2016. The average of A\$41,059 represented a healthy 9.1% bump over 12 months ago.

"It's just been a fantastic result," Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox said. "A lot of hard work has gone into this sale and to finish with a gross of \$10.4 million--up \$1.2 million on last year - we've sold 80 per cent of horses through the ring."

Cox added, "Full credit to the industry in Western Australia as a whole. They have got right behind this and recognised that the breeding industry and the racing industry in the state was in a bit of trouble and if they didn't get in and support it, it could have been catastrophic. The way that RWWA really pushed it along, Charlotte Mills and her team, was just fantastic and not to put too finer point on it our own David Houston and Cassie Norris, they worked their guts out to make sure it was the success it has been."

Magic Millions hosts its Tasmanian Yearling Sale in Launceston Thursday, with 126 lots set to go under the hammer. For full results, visit www.magicmillions.com.au.

MAGIC MILLIONS PERTH YEARLING SALE

DAY TWO TOP LOTS

| Lot | Sex | Sire | Dam | Price (A\$) |
|--|-------|----------------------|---|-------------|
| 193 | colt | Street Cry (Ire) | Verse (Aus) <i>B-Yarradale Stud</i> | 300,000 |
| Consigned by Yarradale Stud Purchased by Gary Moore Racing/Chong Bin Wu | | | | |
| 312 | filly | Commands (Aus) | Flight Path (Aus) (A\$110,000 in utero '14 INGEBM) <i>B-G R Daws</i> | 210,000 |
| Consigned by Dawson Stud Purchased by Neville Parnham Racing | | | | |
| 214 | colt | Oratorio (Ire) | Agribiz (Aus) <i>B-Mr I & Shelley Riley</i> | 170,000 |
| Consigned by Western Breeders Alliance, agent for Woodbridge Thoroughbreds Purchased by John Chalmers Bloodstock (FBAA) | | | | |
| 315 | colt | Snitzel (Aus) | For Your Eyes Only (Aus) <i>B-A Olive</i> | 150,000 |
| Consigned by Gold Front Thoroughbreds Purchased by AG Williams Bloodstock (FBAA)/Robbie Laing | | | | |
| 324 | colt | Choir (Aus) | Golden Act (Aus) <i>B-D J Bishop, Martin's Park Investments</i> | 140,000 |
| Consigned by Touchstone Farm, agent Purchased by Trevor Andrews | | | | |
| 296 | colt | Written Tycoon (Aus) | Dual Rock (Aus) <i>B-Dr C P & Mrs A Gales</i> | 140,000 |
| Consigned by Gervase Park Stud Purchased by Gangemi Racing | | | | |



AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Diego Kosta (Aus), g, 3, **Charge Forward (Aus)**--Joy Ride (Aus), by Redoute's Choice. Sha Tin, 2-14, Hcp. (A\$211k), 1200mT, 1:09.69. B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd & Planette Thoroughbred. *1/2 to Hijack Hussy (Aus) (Hussonet), SW & GSP-Aus, A\$216,950. [VIDEO](#)

*Purchased for A\$300,000 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale
Vendor: Arrowfield Stud
Buyer: Aquanita Racing*

IN SINGAPORE:

Sebas (Aus), g, 4, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Libidinous (Aus) (GSW & G1SP-Aus, A\$439,420), by Jugah. Kranji, 2-14, Hcp. (A\$80k), 1100m (AWT), 1:05.57. B-A Olive. [VIDEO](#)

*Purchased for A\$45,000 '13 Magic Millions National Yearlings
Vendor: Gold Front Thoroughbred Breeding & Racing, agent
Buyer: Magic Millions, agent*

*Purchased for A\$110,000 '13 Magic Millions Perth Yearlings
Vendor: Newgate Farm, agent
Buyer: Rodney Touse*

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| CUMULATIVE | 2016 | 2015 |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| • Catalogued | 349 | 397 |
| • No. Offered | 317 | 359 |
| • No. Sold | 254 | 245 |
| • RNAs | 63 | 114 |
| • % RNAs | 19.9% | 31.8% |
| • No. \$100K+ | 20 | 12 |
| • High Price | A\$300,000 | A\$340,000 |
| • Gross | A\$10,429,000 | A\$9,221,500 |
| • Average (% change) | A\$41,059 | A\$37,638 |

Australian-Bred Winners cont.

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

My Favourite Brown (Aus), g, 3, **Big Brown**--Collodi (Aus), by Testa Rossa (Aus). Turffontein, 2-13, Hcp., 1450mT, 1:28.28. B-L Tall.

Purchased for A\$60,000 Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearlings

Vendor: Kia-Ora Stud

Buyer: Heritage Bloodstock

STAKES RUNNERS TRIAL AT SHA TIN

by Alan Carasso

With the G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup (2000mT) and the G1 Queen’s Silver Jubilee Cup (1400mT) inside of two weeks away, several horses pointing for those events took part in Tuesday morning trials at Sha Tin.

The first heat of the day was contested up the 1000-meter straight course and was won by the **Beauty Flame (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), who made every yard of the running



Beauty Flame pictured here winning the Jockey Club Mile | HKJC photo

to score by a half-length over former Roger Charlton galloper **Dundonnell** (First Defence) and a similar distance back to **Multivictory (NZ)** (Bachelor Duke) in third. While that trio is headed to the Queen’s Silver Jubilee Cup, **Dan Excel (Ire)** (Shamardal) and

Designs On Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) were using the trial as a steppingstone to the Gold Cup. Dan Excel, a two-time winner of the G1 SAI Cup in Singapore at the 10-furlong distance, raced prominently before finishing a close fourth, while Designs On Rome was always outpaced at this minimum distance and ran to be sixth of the septet, beaten nearly nine lengths before galloping out with good energy ([VIDEO](#)).

“He needed that barrier trial--he needed a good blow to put him right for next time.” said trainer John Moore of the 2015 Gold Cup hero, who is without a win in three starts this term following minor surgery last May. “He’s going in the right direction in respect of defending his Gold Cup crown. I’m very happy with him. He’s definitely the horse to beat if he brings his ‘A’ game.”

The Gold Cup is also the destination for the consistent **Blazing Speed (GB)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), who took a 1200-meter trial over the Sha Tin all-weather in the time of 1:10.43, besting A\$1-million Inglis Easter Yearling grad People’s Knight (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) by a neck ([VIDEO](#)).

“It was a small field--he’s getting a bit older now so he probably wants to be striding out and getting a blow into him, which is the purpose of the trial,” commented regular rider Neil Callan. “He only ran a couple of weeks ago [fifth in the G1 Stewards’ Cup], so I think that will just blow him out and put him spot on. He feels really well and looks good so I’m very happy with him.”

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VICAR DIES IN KOREA

Vicar (Wild Again--Escrow Agent, by El Gran Senor), whose four career victories included the GI Fountain of Youth S. followed by the GI Florida Derby, has passed away in Korea at the age of 20. The cause of death, which occurred Jan. 24, was reported by the Korean Studbook as a ‘throat obstruction.’

A \$260,000 graduate of the 1997 Keeneland July sale, Vicar raced for the late James Tafel and was conditioned through his 3-year-old season by Hall of Famer Carl Nafzger. The sire of six crops of racing age while standing in the US, Vicar accounted for five graded stakes winners, including 2005 GII Delaware Oaks victrix R Lady Joy and the good sprinter Vicarage. His produing daughters have accounted for the likes of MGSW Vicar’s In Trouble. Exported to Korea, he covered his first book of mares in the country in 2007 and his first crop to make the races in 2010 catapulted Vicar to fifth spot on the leading 2-year-old sires table. He was third on the general sires’ table in each of the next four seasons. That first crop of runners yielded the winners of two legs of the Korean Triple Crown--the Korean Derby and the Minister’s Cup. Vicar finished the 2015 as the country’s fifth-leading sire with progeny earnings of K¥3.5 billion (US\$2.88 million) and currently sits in second spot on the general sires’ list in 2016.

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|----|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | Zambucca (SAf) | Lundy’s Liability (Brz) | Mullen | Seemar |
| 2 | Haafaguinea (GB) | Haafhd (GB) | Tylicki | bin Suroor |
| 3 | Zamaam (GB) | Muhtathir (GB) | Hanagan | Charpy |
| 4 | Earnshaw | Medaglia d’Oro | Barzalona | bin Ghadayer |
| 5 | Tryster (Ire) | Shamardal | Buick | Appleby |
| 6 | Vale Do Sol (Ire) | Vale of York (Ire) | Probert | Nass |
| 7 | Sanshaawes (SAf) | Ashaawes | Soumillon | de Kock |
| 8 | Tellina (SAf) | Silvano (Ger) | Smith | de Kock |
| 9 | Meadow Creek (GB) | Dansili (GB) | Dobbs | Watson |
| 10 | Belgian Bill (GB) | Exceed & Excel (Aus) | Spencer | Baker |

All carry 127 pounds, bar Vale Do Sol, 126.