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## TOP 12

KENTUCKY DERBY HORSES  
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Rick Nichols & Mohaymen | King

by Bill Finley

**1. MOHAYMEN (c, [Tapit--Justwhistledixie](#), by Dixie Union)**  
O-Shadwell Stable. B-Clearsky Farm (Ky). T-Kiaran McLaughlin.  
Sales history: \$2,200,000 yrl '14 KEESEP.  
Last Start: 1st, [GII Holy Bull S](#), GP, Jan. 30  
Accomplishments Include: 1<sup>st</sup> [GII Remsen](#), AQU, Nov. 28; 1<sup>st</sup> [GII Nashua](#), AQU, Nov. 4  
Next Start: GII Fountain of Youth S., GP, Feb. 27  
[Andrew Caulfield on Mohaymen](#)

After an ultra-impressive win by Mohaymen in the GII Holy Bull S., trainer Kiaran McLaughlin had to come up with a schedule for his sensational 3-year-old. While many trainers in his situation prefer the less-is-more approach to getting to the GI Kentucky Derby, McLaughlin isn't afraid to race this horse. That's why he's slated to go in both the GII Fountain of Youth and the GI Florida Derby.

"It is a great program when you consider from the [GII] Remsen to the Holy Bull is 60 days, then there are four weeks to the Fountain of Youth, then five weeks to the Florida Derby and another five weeks to the Kentucky Derby," the trainer said. "He is a very sound, talented young 3-year-old and I don't think racing too often at this stage is a problem."

McLaughlin, like everyone else, was blown away by Mohaymen's performance in the Holy Bull. **Cont. p3**

## VACATION OVER FOR CURALINA

by Steve Sherack

Two-time Grade I winner **Curalina** (Curlin--Whatdreamsmadeof, by Graeme Hall)--freshened since finishing a respectable third against her elders in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Keeneland Oct. 30--has recently returned to trainer Todd Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs base from some rest in Kentucky with a long-term eye on a return trip to the year-end Championships at Santa Anita this fall.

"She seems to have filled out and grown up considerably since the Breeders' Cup and we're thrilled with her condition," Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners President Aron Wellman reported. "Richard Budge and Elliott Walden and the WinStar team did a spectacular job with her during her stay in Lexington and they've got her right where we wanted her."

Steve Sherack's APBs cont. p9

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*A filly by Quality Road out of Turns My Head (Montjeu {Ire}), who was foaled Feb. 1, stretches her legs at Mill Ridge Farm. She is owned and bred by Mr. and Mrs. John Amerman. Photo provided by [foalphotos.com](http://foalphotos.com). Submit your foal photos directly to the site.*

Kim Poulin

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*LNJ Foxwoods has a pair of 'TDN Rising Stars' preparing for their returns to the races. Bloodstock agent Alex Solis, II gives Steve Sherack the updates on Super Majesty (Super Saver) and Inheritance (Tapit).*

## SUDDENBREAKINGNEWS REBEL BOUND

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*Suddenbreakingnews (Mineshaft) will now be pointed towards the Mar. 19 GII Rebel S. after exiting his win in Monday's GIII Southwest S. in fine shape.*

## DECOUPLING BILL ADANCES IN FLORIDA

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# TBDN TOP 12

## KENTUCKY DERBY HORSES

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**(Mohaymen cont. from p1)**

“It looked like he would be on the lead,” he said. “I told Junior [Alvarado] if he breaks well and is on the lead, don’t take anything away from him that comes easy. He didn’t break real sharp. He was in between horses and behind and I was a little nervous on the first turn. But he was super impressive. It was very impressive for him to squeeze between them down the backside and he never hit him turning for home and he drew off. Yes, it was a ‘wow’ race and it was hard to anticipate that. We’ve never had a horse this good at this time in his life.”

The Fountain of Youth will be loaded with talent, but, right now, it looks like Mohaymen could be unstoppable.

**2. NYQUIST (c, [Uncle Mo](#)--[Seeking Gabrielle](#), by [Forestry](#))**

O-Reddam Racing LLC. B-Summerhill Farm (Ky). T-Doug O’Neill  
Sales history: \$400,000 2yo ‘15 FTFMAR; \$230,000 yrl ‘14

KEESEP; \$180,000 wnlg ‘13 KEENOV.

Last Start: 1<sup>st</sup>, GII [San Vicente S., SA](#), Feb. 15

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile](#), KEE, Oct. 31; 1<sup>st</sup>, [GI Front Runner](#), SA, Sept. 26; 1<sup>st</sup>, [GI Del Mar Futurity](#), DMR, Sept. 7; 1<sup>st</sup> [GII Best Pal S.](#), DMR, Aug. 8

Next Start: GI Florida Derby, GP, April 2

[Andrew Caulfield on Nyquist](#)

The GI Florida Derby could actually be more exciting than the Kentucky Derby itself as it is slated to feature the Top 2 in the TDN’s Derby list in Nyquist (Uncle Mo) and Mohaymen (Tapit) and may be the type of horse-versus-horse showdown that is so captivating. Last year’s 2-year-old champion returned in fine form Monday in the San Vicente, winning comfortably after facing a bid at the top of the stretch from a quality horse in Exaggerator (Curlin).

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# GEMS ARE SPARKLING IN OCALA

“ I’ve got 100 two-year-olds in training, and for Gemologist to have two of the top five here is saying something. That’s why I’ve advised my clients to breed to him, and I’m even sending a mare of my own.”

—Barry Berkelhammer

“ There are several Gemologists at the training center and they’re all well-balanced individuals that get over the ground great.”

—Tony Bowling

“ We love the Gemologist colt we have in the Fasig Florida sale. He’s a strong colt with a great way of going and meets the eye very well.”

—Tristan de Meric



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It was an impressive effort in that he had plenty left in the seven-furlong event after setting the pace in quick fractions of 22.50 and 44.49.

“I’m really excited about meeting that horse (Mohaymen) in the Florida Derby,” Nyquist’s trainer Doug O’Neill said. “We think we can beat him and I’m sure they think they can beat us. Whoever gets beat will have a chance to make some adjustments and get ready for a rematch in the Kentucky Derby.”



Nyquist | Horsephotos

When asked if he minded that Nyquist doesn’t seem to get the respect usually reserved for an undefeated champion, O’Neill replied: “Not at all. I’d rather fly under the radar than not. I just want to keep flying. It makes me nervous when smart, educated handicappers think your horse can’t lose.”

**3. MOR SPIRIT (r, Eskendereya--[Im a Dixie Girl](#), by Dixie Union)**

O-Michael Lund Petersen. B-Elkstone Group LLC (PA). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$650,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR; \$85,000 yrl '14 FTKOCT. Last Start: 1st, [GIII Robert B. Lewis S.](#), Feb. 6, SA Accomplishments Include: 1<sup>st</sup>, [GI Los Alamitos Futurity](#), LRC, Dec. 19

Next Start: Undecided

[Andrew Caulfield on Mor Spirit](#)

Mor Spirit could go in the GII San Felipe S. next, but trainer Bob Baffert reports he won’t make a decision until next week and after the horse has had his next work. With Collected (City Zip) finishing off the board in the GIII Southwest S. and Let’s Meet in Rio (Flatter) running fifth in the GIII Robert B. Lewis, Baffert may be resting all his Derby hopes on Mor Spirit.



Mor Spirit | Benoit

Keep an eye on how Mo Tom does in the GII Risen Star S. Saturday, as he finished third, a head behind runner-up Mor Spirit in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.

**4. AIROFORCE (c, [Colonel John](#)--[Chocolate Pop](#), by Cuvee)**

O-John Oxley. B-Stewart M. Madison (Ky). T-Mark Casse. Sales history: \$350,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR; \$20,000 yrl '14 FTKOCT. Last Start: 1st, [GII KY Jockey Club S.](#), CD, Nov. 28 Accomplishments Include: 1<sup>st</sup>, [GIII Bourbon S.](#), KEE, Oct. 4 Next Start: GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 20

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**SUDDENBREAKINGNEWS**

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With Exaggerator failing to win the GII San Vicente S., we've dropped him a peg and moved Airoforce up to fourth in the TDN Top 12. He's got a big test coming up Saturday in the Risen Star at the Fair Grounds, which will mark his 3-year-old debut. He'll face a quality field and will need to prove that he's ready to go after missing the GIII Sam F. Davis S. after returning from a workout with mucous in his throat.



Airoforce | Coady

"I'm not concerned at all about having him where we want him to be," trainer Mark Casse said of the Risen Star assignment. "I think when you go to New Orleans, there's definitely a home-field advantage and it's not ours. The thing I liked about going to Tampa was that everyone was going to be on the same page. That's my only concern about the Risen Star, but we've got to get him going."

Casse added that after the Risen Star Airoforce will likely race next in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland.

**5. EXAGGERATOR (c, [Curlin--Dawn Raid](#), by Vindication)**

O-Big Chief Racing. B-Joseph B. Murphy (Ky). T-Keith Desormeaux. Sales history: \$110,000 yrl '14 KEESEP.

Last Start: 2<sup>nd</sup>, GII [San Vicente S., SA](#), Feb. 15

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII Delta Jackpot](#), DED, Nov. 21; 1st, [GII Saratoga Special](#), SAR, Aug. 16

Next Start: GII San Felipe, SA, March 12

Though he finished second behind Nyquist (Uncle Mo) in the GIII San Vicente, Exaggerator didn't lose any of his stature.

He's not a seven-furlong horse and he ran a winning race. He just ran into a very talented, speedy horse. The GII San Felipe S. will be a better test for the horse and the Desormeaux brothers. Still

trying to figure out if a jockey-trainer-brother combination has ever won the Kentucky Derby. Anyone know if jockey Charles Thompson and trainer Herbert Thompson, who won the 1921 Derby with Behave Yourself, are brothers? That's the only possibility.

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Exaggerator | Coady

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<b>MAJESTICPERFECTION</b>	<b>1.90</b>
Munnings	1.81
Quality Road	1.57
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**6. GREENPOINTCRUSADER (c, [Bernardini](#)--[Ava Knowsthecode](#), by Cryptoclearance)**

O-St. Elias Stable, MeB Racing Stables LLC & Brooklyn Boyz Stable. B-Oakbrook Farm (Ky). T-Dominick Schettino.

Sales history: \$575,000 yrl '14 KESEEP.

Last Start: 2nd, [GII Holy Bull S.](#), GP, Jan. 30

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GI Champagne S.](#), BEL, Oct. 30

Next Start: GII Louisiana Derby, FG, Mar. 26

Trainer Dominick Schettino is a newcomer to the Derby Trail and some may be wondering if he's making a rookie mistake when it comes to how he has mapped out his schedule to Churchill Downs.

Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini) will have 56 days off between the GII Holy Bull and the GII Louisiana Derby. He'll then have 42 days in between the Louisiana Derby and the GI Kentucky Derby. Even in a day and age when so many trainers prefer not running to running, Schettino is really going light with his horse. He'll look like a genius if he pulls it off.



**Greenpointcrusader** | Durand

**7. AWESOME BANNER (c, [Awesome of Course](#)--[Miranda Stands](#), by Zamindar)**

O/B-Jacks Or Better Farm, Inc. T-Stanley Gold

Last Start: 1st, [GII Swale S.](#), GP, Jan. 30

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII Hutcheson S](#), GP, Jan. 2

Next Start: GII Fountain of Youth S., GP, Feb. 27

[Andrew Caulfield on Awesome Banner](#)

The GII Fountain of Youth should answer every question there is when it comes to Awesome Banner. This is clearly a very fast, very talented horse, but he may be just a sprinter. He could win the Fountain of Youth, beating Mohaymen in the process, which would vault him near the top of everyone's rankings. Or he could flounder in the stretch run and show his connections that they had better stick to sprints. It will likely be one or the other. Trainer Stanley Gold has a penchant for developing fast, precocious sprinters who prove to have distance limitations. But there have been exceptions. Remember Awesome Feather (Awesome of Course)? She began her career for Gold, won the 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and eventually won at nine furlongs. **Cont. p7**



**Awesome Banner** | Leslie Martin

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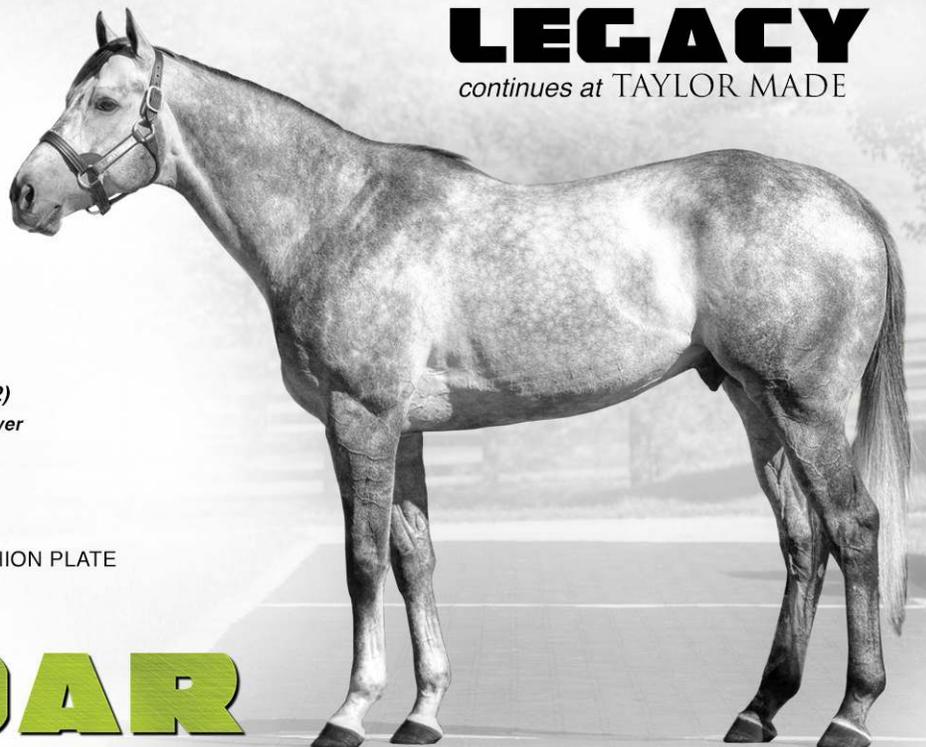
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**8. BRODY'S CAUSE (c, [Giant's Causeway--Sweet Breanna](#), by Sahm)**

O-Albaugh Family Stable. B-Gabriel Duignan, William Arvin Jr & Petaluma (Ky). T-Dale Romans.

Sales: \$350,000 yrl '14 KEESEP.

Last Start: 3rd, [GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile](#), KEE, Oct. 31

Accomplishments Include: 1<sup>st</sup>, [GI Breeders' Futurity](#), KEE, Oct. 3

Next Start: GII Tampa Bay Derby, TAM, Mar. 12

Dale Romans wants to win the GI Kentucky Derby and not the GII Tampa Bay Derby, but he couldn't have picked out a better spot for Brody's Cause to kick off his 2016 campaign. The GIII Sam F. Davis, the prep for the Tampa Bay Derby, included only two Triple Crown nominees, including the winner Destin (Giant's



**Brody's Cause | Coady**

Causeway). With that as the backdrop, the Tampa Bay Derby looks like a very weak prep and one that Brody's Cause may just dominate on class alone. He'll be getting a late start on the road to the Kentucky Derby, but Romans has proved time and time again he knows what he's doing when it comes to developing a good 3-year-old.

**9. CHERRY WINE (c, [Paddy O'Prado--C.S. Royce](#), by Unbridled's Song)**

O/B-Pacella Racing, Frank L. Jones Jr., Frank Shoop. T-Dale Romans.

Last Start: 1st, [Allowance Race](#), GP, Jan. 9

Next Start: GII Fountain of Youth S., GP, Feb. 27

He's going to have his hands full in the Fountain of Youth, where he'll meet a star-studded lineup that will include Mohaymen. This horse has come out of nowhere to emerge as a Derby candidate and looked good beating a solid field in the Jan. 9 allowance at Gulfstream. But he's yet to run particularly fast. His time for the mile-and-a-sixteenth in the Gulfstream win was 1:44 1/5,



**Cherry Wine | King**

which earned him a meager Beyer figure of 79. That's 16 points slower than Mohaymen's best numbers. He might be an Ohio Derby type horse. He might be a lot better than that. The Fountain of Youth will tell.



## NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

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The Department of Labor (DOL) is hosting a public webinar on Thursday, February 18, to educate stakeholders, program users and others on the changes to the H-2B visa program made by the 2016 DOL Appropriations Act. Participants will learn how the changes impact the processing of applications at the DOL's Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) National Prevailing Wage Center and Chicago National Processing Center.

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**10. SHAGAF (c, [Bernardini--Muhaawara](#), by Unbridled's Song)**

O/B-Shadwell Stable. T-Chad Brown

Last Start: 1st, [Allowance Race](#), GP, Jan. 29

Next Start: GIII Gotham, AQU, Mar. 5

Another horse that hasn't exactly been breaking stopwatches.

He got a lot of hype after winning a first-level allowance race at Gulfstream on Jan. 29, but got only a 78 Beyer number that day. Trainer Chad Brown is as much the story here as the horse is. Brown has quickly become a training superstar, but, thus far,



**Shagaf | Lauren King**

has been all but invisible in the Triple Crown and the Derby preps. This is just one of a handful of horses he is pointing to the GI Kentucky Derby and it will be interesting to see how he fares. Born in 1978, Brown is a baby when it comes to being a trainer and will likely have a major impact on the Kentucky Derby before he retires.

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**11. MO TOM (c, [Uncle Mo--Caroni](#), by Rubiano)**

O-GMB Racing. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm.  
 T-Tom Amoss  
 Sales history: \$150,000 yrl '14 KEESEP.  
 Last Start: 1<sup>st</sup>, [GIII LeComte S.](#), FG, Jan. 16  
 Accomplishments Include: 1<sup>st</sup>, [Street Sense S.](#), CD, Nov. 1  
 Next Start: GII Risen Star S, FG, Feb. 20

The likely second choice behind Airoforce (Colonel John) in Saturday's GII Risen Star S., Mo Tom has done little wrong in his career. After finishing third behind Airoforce and Mor Spirit in last year's GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., which is looking like a major key race, he scored a handy win in the LeComte in his 3-year-old debut. As is the case with Nyquist (Uncle Mo), his breeding will lead some to believe he won't do his best running at the Kentucky Derby distance of a mile-and-a-quarter. Corey Lanerie, not normally thought of as a top-tier Kentucky Derby-type rider, has the mount of three horses in the TDN Top 12, Mo Tom, Cherry Wine (Paddy O'Prado) and Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway), so it will be interesting to see which one he sticks with.



Mo Tom | Hodges Photography

**12. FRANK CONVERSATION (c, [Quality Road--Rushen Heat](#), by Unusual Heat)**

O-Reddam Racing LLC. B-Marc Keller. T-Doug O'Neill  
 Sales history: \$65,000 yrl '14 FTKOCT; \$120,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR  
 Last Start: 1<sup>st</sup>, GIII [El Camino Real Derby](#), GG, Feb. 13  
 Accomplishments Include: 1<sup>st</sup>, [California Derby](#), GG, Jan. 16  
 Next Start: G2 UAE Derby, MEY, March 26

Is Frank Conversation (Quality Road) just a synthetic specialist? Has he merely been beating up on sub-par horses in Northern California? Or has he improved significantly over his last two starts? Those are legitimate questions after the 3-year-old trained by Doug O'Neill reeled off consecutive wins over the Tapeta track in the California Derby and the GIII El Camino Real Derby. When last seen running on dirt and against a higher level of competition, he was a distant fifth in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity. In his only other try on the dirt, he finished up the track in a maiden special weight race at Del Mar. Connections are eyeing a rich pay day in the UAE Derby.



Frank Conversation | Vassar Photography

*Click sire's name for Progeny PPs; dam name for Stakes-Winning Pedigrees; last race for video replay.*

**ON THE BUBBLE:**

**Conquest Big E (Tapit):** Was a disappointment when fourth in the GII Holy Bull, but will try to rebound in the GIII Gotham. "He really struggled that day in the Holy Bull," trainer Mark Casse said. "He overheated after the race and he wasn't well for a few days after that."

**Collected (City Zip):** Drops out of TDN Top 12 after poor showing in GIII Southwest S. But never count out anything trained by Bob Baffert.

**Destin (Giant's Causeway):** Todd Pletcher-trainee became a stakes winner with victory in the GIII Sam F. Davis, but may have taken advantage of a very weak group of opponents,

**Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy):** Turned some heads with a 5 3/4-length win at Santa Anita on Feb. 4 in an allowance. Gets the real rest in the GII San Felipe.

**Flexibility (Bluegrass Cat):** The beaten favorite in the Withers, the Chad Brown-trainee hasn't worked since Jan. 21. That can't be good news.

**Gift Box (Twirling Candy):** Another from the Chad Brown stable that appears to have a lot of upside, he hasn't worked since Jan. 25. That can't be good news.

**Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}):** Will make his 3-year-old debut Saturday in the GII Risen Star. Was fourth last out in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., possibly the strongest 2-year-old race run all last year.

**Lani (Tapit):** Well-bred Japanese import is eyeing the G2 UAE Derby and, afterwards, connections will decide on possible Kentucky Derby run.

**Rally Cry (Uncle Mo):** Had a terrible trip when third in a Gulfstream allowance last out. One of many that Pletcher stable is trying to develop into a legit Derby contender

**Smokey Image (Southern Image):** Interesting California-bred who is taking the "California Chrome route" to the Derby, he'll have something to prove against open company in the GII San Felipe.

**Suddenbreakingnews (Mineshaft):** Overcame the 13 post to score mild upset in the GIII Southwest at Oaklawn. Let's see how he fares when the competition gets tougher.

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**Sunny Ridge** (Holy Bull): The GIII Withers winner will race next at Aqueduct in either the GIII Gotham or the GI Wood Memorial. Connections still saying they're likely to pass on the Derby.

**Zulu** (Bernardini): If Todd Pletcher is going to have any impact in the GI Kentucky Derby or even on the road to the Derby, it may be with this horse. Fountain of Youth will be a huge test for lightly raced colt.

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**APB** STEVE SHERACK  
Tracks Down *Top Horses*  
on the Sidelines

*(Cont. from p1)*

Curalina, a \$125,000 KEESEP yearling purchase ([catalogue page](#)), captured the GI Acorn S. ([video](#)) on the GI Belmont S. undercard in improbable fashion after getting squeezed badly at the start. Awarded first place via disqualification after being interfered with late in the GI Coaching Club American Oaks at the Spa July 26 ([video](#)), she punched her ticket to the Breeders' Cup with a smart second behind Wedding Toast (Street Sense)--good for a career-high 98 Beyer Speed Figure--in the GI Beldame S. at Belmont Sept. 26. Curalina was bred in Kentucky by CASA Farms I LLC.

"Todd will get her back into his program and, as always, we'll just allow her to tell us when she's ready to launch her season," Wellman continued. "If things go perfect, it's conceivable she'd be prepared to run sometime around Oaks/Derby weekend, but we certainly won't press her to get there, as it's a long season and, of course, our ultimate goal will be the Breeders' Cup Distaff in the fall."

Wellman concluded, "Curalina won at Gulfstream [maiden special weight last March], Churchill [optional claimer in May], Belmont and Saratoga and she was third in the Distaff at Keeneland last year, so we know she travels well and she doesn't carry her track with her. That gives us confidence to be methodical about mapping out her campaign in 2016 and picking and choosing our spots, which we hope will lead her to a championship-caliber season." -@SteveSherackTDN



**Curalina** | Sarah K. Andrew

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## FOXWOODS 'STARS' GEARING UP AT FG

A pair of comebacking 'TDN Rising Stars,' both owned by LNJ Foxwoods, turned in four-furlong moves for the second straight week at Fair Grounds Wednesday morning.

**Super Majesty** (Super Saver--Gins Majesty, by Go for Gin), last seen finishing a disappointing 12th against her elders in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint at Keeneland Oct. 31, covered the distance in



**Super Majesty** | Horsephotos

:49.60 (20/42). Formerly campaigned by Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer, the 2015 GIII Dogwood S. heroine ([video](#)) is now under the care of Steve Asmussen for her 4-year-old season.

"We've always thought the world of her," said Alex Solis II, who serves as an advisor along with his partner Jason Litt to the Roth family. "Nothing really worked out that day at the Breeders' Cup, so we gave her a little break at WinStar."

Super Majesty, produced by a graded stakes winning half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Sprint hero Dancing In Silks (Black Minnaloushe), brought \$400,000 from LNJ Foxwoods at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Florida Select 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale ([catalogue page](#)). Bred in Kentucky by WinStar Farm, she was previously a \$100,000 KEESEP yearling.

"We decided that since there aren't any Grade I sprint races for fillies in California, we thought that the right thing to do would be to keep her back east with Steve because here you've got the Vinery Madison [at Keeneland], Humana Distaff [at Churchill], Ballerina [at Saratoga], etc," Solis explained of the trainer change. "We figured that was the right move to make the change."

**Inheritance** (Tapit--Silver Wolf, by Silver Deputy), meanwhile, also enjoyed some downtime at Kenny Troutt's facility after posting a jaw-dropping 16-length maiden win going a mile at Belmont Oct. 4 ([video](#)). The gray was acquired for a sale-topping \$1.9-million at the 2015 OBSAPR Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training ([catalogue page](#)) after covering an eighth in :10 1/5 ([video](#)). A troubled second in her seven-furlong Saratoga debut Sept. 6, she worked four furlongs in :50.20 (25/42) in New Orleans Wednesday.

"She was a little bit immature and we wanted to give her a little bit of time," Solis offered. "She has definitely come back a bigger, stronger filly. It was the right thing to do."

He continued, "We paid a lot of money for her at the 2-year-old sale, but we thought she was a star. All summer long Steve was really high on her and thought she could be something special." **Cont. p10**

Inheritance, also a \$335,000 KESEEP graduate, was produced by an unraced half-sister to GI Metropolitan H. winner and Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile hero Corinthian (Pulpit). She was bred in Kentucky by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC.

"They're both coming along and probably will go five-eighths next week," Solis concluded. "Really nothing else planned for them yet. We're still a couple of weeks away [from making plans], but both are going really well. Steve's really happy with them right now." -@SteveSherackTDN

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### SUDDENBREAKINGNEWS REBEL BOUND

**Suddenbreakingnews** (Mineshaft) will be pointed towards the Mar. 19 GII Rebel S. after his dramatic last-to-first victory in Monday's

GIII Southwest S., trainer Donnie Von Hemel confirmed Tuesday morning. The Rebel is also the likely next start for Southwest runner-up

**Whitmore** (Pleasantly Perfect), according to trainer and co-owner Ron Moquett. "I've got to do the three-owner shuffle," Moquett said, referring to co-owners Harry Rosenblum and Robert LaPenta. "I want to run here, and I own a piece." Also expected to return for the Rebel are Southwest third-place finisher **American Dubai** (E Dubai) and fourth-place finisher **Discreetness** (Discreet Cat).



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5	Chocolatier (Fr)	Lawman (Fr)	Baze	Wright	120
6	Prize Exhibit (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Gonzalez	Cassidy	122
7	Lutine Belle	Bellamy Road	Blanc	Hollendorfer	120
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9	Her Emmynency	Successful Appeal	Talamo	Mulhall	124
10	Stormy Lucy	Stormy Atlantic	Desormeaux	Moger, Jr.	124
11	Paulina's Love	Mizzen Mast	Stevens	Baltas	120
12	Theatre Star	War Front	Van Dyke	Proctor	120

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14	Minks Aprise	Northern Afleet	Garcia	Hollendorfer	120

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	GII Buena Vista S.	SA
	GIII Fair Grounds H.	FG
	GIII Mineshaft H.	FG
2/27	GII Davona Dale S.	GP
	GII Fountain of Youth S.	GP
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## DECOUPLING, MITIGATED BY PURSE POOL CARVE-OUTS, ADVANCES IN FLORIDA

by T.D. Thornton

Two comprehensive gambling bills, one with a “decoupling” component that would allow some Florida’s pari-mutuel licensees to drop live racing while still retaining gaming privileges, passed the Florida Senate Regulated Industries Committee on Wednesday by 8-4 margins.

One of the measures would also create a “purse pool” subsidy for Thoroughbred racing estimated at \$40 million annually.

Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs would be exempt from decoupling.

Although representatives of various racing-related organizations were allowed to speak, the overall tone of the session, which was strictly limited to two hours, indicated that the committee was through hearing testimony after previously prolonged sessions of it and was ready to vote on the proposed bills.

“[A] purse pool is certainly appreciated as a platform that we can build upon,” Lonny Powell, the chief executive officer of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders’ & Owners’ Association, was allowed to testify hurriedly just before the measure was called to a vote. “We appreciate that. You [committee chairman Rob Bradley] have always made every effort so that our two main live racetracks were not decoupled. Those are positive steps we can build upon.”

After the vote though, the Florida Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association didn’t seem too keen on the results, based on back-to-back Twitter posts from the organization that read, in part, “A day of hypocrisy in Florida Economic Development,” and “owners, trainers, breeders do NOT support purse pools!”

Passage by the senate panel was only the initial “committee of reference” for the proposed bills. That means the senate president can designate at least one other committee to review them before they go to the full senate.

Last week, the Florida House passed versions of three of its own gambling bills.

All of this legislation could be components to a sweeping 20-year, \$3-billion agreement known as the Seminole Gaming Compact that will be subject to further tweaking or approval by the entire state legislature.

According to [www.floridapolitics.com](http://www.floridapolitics.com), committee chairman Bradley told reporters after the vote that although there’s a chance the compact may not be approved by the legislature this session, “this is a work in progress...I suspect the final landing place, if there is a final landing place, will look a little different.”

## EVANS MAKES HOLLYWOOD DEBUT

by Alan Carasso

It’s a long ways, indeed, from Carnavon, Western Australia, (population 4,559 according to Wikipedia) to the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains north and east of downtown Los Angeles. But this coming weekend, Craig Evans, the senior racecaller for the Singapore Turf Club at Kranji Racecourse, will audition to replace the legendary Trevor Denman when he takes the mic at Santa Anita Park.

The magnitude of the opportunity at hand is not lost on the affable Evans.

“Growing up in a small town in country Western Australia, there was very little coverage of American racing, but coming from a family of racing enthusiasts, we followed racing from



Craig Evans | [youtube.com](http://youtube.com)

around the globe,” commented Evans, 48, whose duties in addition to calling two live programs in Singapore include managing both the English and Chinese broadcasting teams at the STC five days a week, 48 weeks a year. “From a young age, I have always

known of Santa Anita and its position and prestige in U.S. racing. To attend a race meeting there is a dream. To call a race will be unbelievable. The thought of being the full-time caller is indescribable. Trevor will obviously be a tough act to follow, but I’m looking to create my own legacy at the ‘Great Race Place.’”

The youngest son of a bookmaker, Evans worked around horses in his youth and picked up racecalling and was a radio DJ in his home town before relocating to Perth at 19 to become a caller for the racing radio station 6PR.

Having covered horse racing in an official capacity in Hong Kong, Dubai, Japan and South Africa, Evans landed the highly sought-after overseas position with the STC in 2007 and became its senior commentator three years later. By his own admission, his career highlight was calling Rocket Man (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}) to Group 1 glory on home turf in the KrisFlyer International Sprint in 2011 ([video](#)) two months after the globetrotter made history in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen.

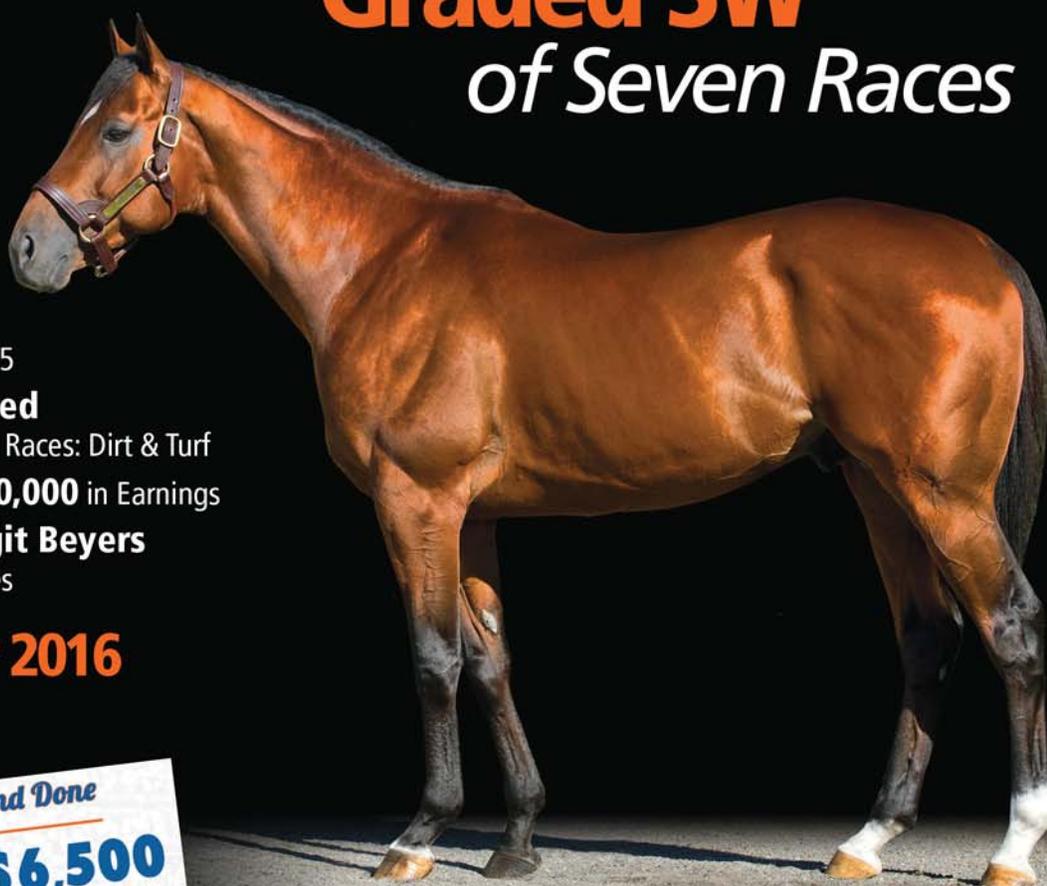
Evans’s understated, yet accurate and exciting racecalls, have endeared him to fans on the international racing stage, and he believes a simple approach in the booth is best.

“The horses and the riders are the stars of the show and the caller should complement and make them the center of attention,” Evans theorizes. “A great caller absorbs the listener into the race without forcing himself into the story.” **Cont. p2**

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Evans, who will be joined on the journey by his wife Johanna and children William, 18, and Katherine, 16, is one of two overseas-based commentators who have been recruited by Santa Anita to audition to replace Denman. David Fitzgerald, a presenter for Racing UK, will handle racecalling duties Feb. 27 and 28. The duo will contend with Michael Wrona and Frank Mirahmadi, who have been alternately splitting time in the booth at Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields.



## WILL CLARITY EMERGE FROM CONFUSION AT TEXAS COMMISSION MTG?

by T.D. Thornton

The immediate future of Texas racing--cloaked in the long-running, difficult-to-understand political odyssey of whether historical race gaming should be legal at the state's tracks--is what's at stake at a Thursday Texas Racing Commission meeting, where the agenda consists primarily of "A, B and C" contingency items about historical racing that have the potential to cancel each other out.

Or not.

The outcome chiefly depends on whether the nine-member commission deadlocks in a 4-4 tie like it did the last time a repeal of historical racing was voted upon. One member of the board, the Texas state comptroller, is an ex-officio commission member who has thus far abstained from casting a vote on the controversial rules.

In truncated form, the issue is this: In 2014, the racing commission enacted rules that would legalize historical racing--slot machine-like betting on already-run horse races that have been stripped of identifying markers. The machines, though, have never been operational at any Texas track.

Soon after the rules were passed, a state district judge ruled that the games needed legislative approval. Over the past 18 months, the commission's rules have remained in place, the racing industry fought the court ruling, and some elected officials grew angry that the commission refused to repeal the rules in lieu of allowing legislators to vote on the issue.

Seemingly in retaliation, some lawmakers have made the commission's 2016 operating budget conditional upon a repeal of historical racing rules. Without that budget, the commission can't function, and without commission oversight, Texas horse and greyhound tracks won't be able to race or simulcast once the commission's funding runs out at the end of February.

The commission had a potential repeal of historical racing rules scheduled for its Feb. 9 agenda. But immediately before that meeting, a state district judge served the Texas Racing

Commission with a temporary restraining order (TRO) that kept the agency from voting on the issue. The restraining order stemmed from a lawsuit by the Texas Greyhound Association (TGA), which does not want historical racing repealed.

A court hearing on the TRO was also originally supposed to take place on Thursday, two hours before the commission's 10:30 a.m. meeting. But Robert Elrod, the racing commission's public information officer, told *TDN* Wednesday that he doesn't think the hearing is going to happen, because "my understanding is that [TGA] dropped the lawsuit."

Complicating matters further, the jurisdiction of the court hearing for the TRO has been switched since last week. The court clerk where the TRO originated didn't know the status of the hearing, and no one answered the phone at the new clerk's office Wednesday when *TDN* repeatedly called to inquire if the TRO is still valid.

"We don't know exactly what the status of the TRO is right now, but I don't think it's in effect," Elrod said. "As of now we're planning on having the meeting."

So now on to trying to make sense of Thursday's agenda:

Item A is headed "Adoption of Amendments and Adoption of Repeals of Rules Related to Historical Racing as published in the Jan. 1, 2016, edition of the Texas Register." It involves switching back a number of Texas racing rules to preserve language as it existed before references to historical racing were added in two years ago. Once votes are taken on whether or not to switch back the wording, a separate vote is scheduled on repealing historical racing altogether.

A repeal of historical racing rules theoretically means funding would come through for the commission, but it's not automatic. The finding approval, if it's forthcoming, would be handed down by the Texas Legislative Budget Board.

"If A passes, and they repeal the rules, then B and C are a moot point," Elrod said. "If they don't pass the repeal, that means the rules stay on the book. Then we would go down to B."

Item B is headed "Withdrawal of Proposed Repeal of Rule 321.705, Request to Conduct Historical Racing, as published in the Jan. 1, 2016, edition of the Texas Register."

This gets the proposed repeal off the books so it can't come up for a vote again, Elrod explained.

Item C is headed: "Proposal to Amend Rule 321.705, Request to Conduct Historical Racing. If approved by the Commission, this new proposal will be published in the Texas Register for public comment."

This puts the concept of historical racing back into play, but a new amendment includes the stipulation that the historical racing rules can't be enacted by the commission until late next year. **Cont. p3**

Elrod’s plain-language explanation of what happens if C attains a passing vote: “They would withdraw that [initial] rule proposal, and republish a new one for 30 days of public comment... That particular rule proposal, what it would do is change the language to read, ‘The Commission shall not consider or approve any request to conduct historical racing under this section until after Sept. 1, 2017.’”

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## BILL SUBJECTS KHRC EMPLOYEES TO ETHICS

### LAWS *by T.D. Thornton*

A Kentucky senator introduced a bill Tuesday that would subject members and employees of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to the state’s Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

[SB181](#) would amend KRS 230.230 by inserting “Kentucky Horse Racing Commission” alongside a dozen other state agencies that are already in the law, such as the parole board, public service commission, board of education, and teachers’ retirement system trustees.

Senator Whitney Westerfield’s bill would also amend KRS 11A.010 to include management personnel of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission within the definition of “officer” for purposes of the Executive Branch Codes of Ethics.

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### Wednesday’s Results:

**9th-TAM, \$20,300, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-17, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.07, fm.**

**ENJOY YOURSELF (GB) (f, 3, Sir Percy {GB}--Odense, by Medaglia d'Oro)** began her career with a narrow score at Gowran Park in Ireland for Riddle Me Ree Partnership and trainer John Oxx. Privately purchased and shipped across the Atlantic following that effort, she resurfaced for these connections with a fast-closing third-place finish behind Ava’s Kitten (Kitten’s Joy) in Belmont’s Chelsey Flower S. Oct. 31. The bay joined her trainer’s Florida string for the winter and posted a steady series of works over the local main track in preparation for this return to action. Backed down to 7-5 favoritism, Enjoy Yourself was squeezed back at the start by a pair of rivals but managed to secure position in midpack along the rail as longshot Galan’s Gold (Gone Astray) led through a half-mile in :48.24. Inching closer as fellow European import Lady Allegra (Ire)

(Canford Cliffs {Ire}) assumed control soon after that juncture, Enjoy Yourself launched an outside bid on the turn and kicked clear to notch a decisive 2 3/4-length victory. Felt in Pocket (Hat Trick {Jpn}) rallied from well back to complete the exacta. The winner has a juvenile half-sister by Bated Breath (GB) and a yearling half-sister by Paco Boy (Ire). Sales History: 7,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 10,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$33,410. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Sovereign Stable; B-Mrs Janet M. Sexton (GB); T-John P. Terranova, II.

**3rd-GP, \$36,000, Msw, 2-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.00, ft. NOVIQUE (f, 4, Bellamy Road--North East Star, by Siphon {Brz})** raced evenly to be fourth behind D’Oro Tomorrow (Medaglia d’Oro) in her six-panel unveiling in the slop here Jan. 28, and was given a 5-1 chance to find the winner’s circle in this second trip to the post. Away to a sharp beginning, she sparred with first-timer Blind Copy through a quarter-mile in :22.94 and moved up on the outside to poke her head in front through a half in :46.11. After shaking free from that rival at the head of the lane, she turned back a bid from favored Cafetiere (Elusive Quality) in midstretch and held on to score by a length. The winner, a \$100,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling, is out of a dam who is a half-sister to MGSW millionaire North East Bound (D’Accord). North East Star is also responsible for a juvenile colt by Tapizar and a yearling colt by Mineshaft. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$23,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Marc Keller; B-Mr. & Mrs. Scott E. Ricker & Julian DeMarco (KY); T-Robert Ribaud.

### **NBS GRADUATE**

### Girls Got Game Scheduled for Saturday at Gulfstream:

Gulfstream will offer a ladies-only handicapping contest, Girls Got Game, presented by Pinnacle Racing Stable Feb. 20 at the track’s Ten Palms Restaurant. The day includes a seminar, buffet luncheon, betting voucher and prizes.

“If you look at racing’s social media sites and attendance figures across the country, women make up a large percentage of our fan base,” said Adam Lazarus, President of Pinnacle Racing Stable. “Pinnacle was built on helping the racing fan become an owner without breaking the bank. The Girls Got Game contest offers us a great opportunity to reach a growing segment in our industry.”

Information on rules and registration can be found at [www.gulfstreampark.com](http://www.gulfstreampark.com).

**Rood & Riddle Expands to Florida:**

Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital has expanded its practice to Wellington, Florida, with the purchase of the equine hospital and adjacent property on South Shore Blvd. formerly used by Wellington Equine Associates. The new site will be the group's second clinical venture outside of Kentucky, following the launch of a Saratoga practice in 2013.

Board-certified surgeons Jose Bras, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS, and Jen Jordan, VMD, Dipl. ACVS, will be the surgeons on-call at the clinic. Ashley Embly, DVM, and Jen Jordan, VMD, Dipl. ACVS, are currently providing ambulatory services in Wellington. Podiatry and shoeing services will be offered on a monthly basis. Steve Reed, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM, will provide internal medicine services bimonthly. Future plans call for the addition of more veterinarians and technicians to staff the hospital.

"Rood & Riddle is very pleased to establish a hospital presence in Wellington, which is a major center for sport horse activities," said Rood & Riddle CEO Bill Rood. "Our mission has always been to provide the best care for our clients and patients wherever they are. Wellington is a focal point for sport horse activities and in addition, is conveniently located to major Thoroughbred and Standardbred training centers and racetracks. The addition of the Wellington property will allow us to better serve our many clients who compete in Florida every year, both with sport horses and in racing."

**APPOINTMENTS****Teal Albertrani: Director Customer Service for West Point Thoroughbreds**

- Teal Albertrani has been named West Point's new director of customer service. Based in Saratoga Springs, Albertrani's responsibilities include serving as racetrack liaison handling raceday accommodations and coordinating major events such as Breeders' Cup and Kentucky Derby for West Point Partners.
- The daughter of trainer Tom Albertrani, Teal Albertrani has worked at NYRA in the communications and horsemen's relations departments. She also interned at Darley's Jonabell Farm in Kentucky.
- "In this position Teal is able to combine her passion for the industry with her horsemen's relations, customer service, and event planning experience," said West Point Thoroughbreds President Terry Finley. "She's bright, energetic, and knowledgeable in multiple aspects of the industry. Our Partners will benefit from having a reliable, organized person to help make their ownership experience exceed expectations."

**Kentucky****AAEA Announces Skills Workshop:**

The American Academy of Equine Arts will present a workshop with Thoroughbred artist Robert Clark Apr. 16 to 22 in Lexington. Activities will be held at Keeneland, Kentucky Horse Park and at Clark's own studio. Tuition is \$500. For more information, and to register for this course, go to [www.aaea.net](http://www.aaea.net), fill out the Workshop Application form and mail with tuition to American Academy of Equine Art, P.O. Box 1364, Georgetown, KY 40323.

**Central U.S.****Oaklawn Increases Overnight Purses:**

Oaklawn Park has announced it will increase overnight purses by as much as \$3,000, effective Saturday, bringing its average daily purse distribution to a track record \$500,000. After the increase, the minimum allowance race will be worth \$74,000, maiden allowances are now worth an unprecedented \$70,000 and the minimum purses is \$21,500. In addition, three stakes have had purses increased by \$50,000. The Mar. 12 Gill Honeybee S. has been bumped from \$150,000 to \$200,000 and both the Gill Razorback H. and Gill Azeri S., to be run Mar. 19, have been increased from \$300,000 to \$350,000.

"From day one, Oaklawn has benefitted from great weather and more importantly, the quality of our races has been tremendous with a lot of full fields," said Director of Racing David Longinotti. "Suddenbreakingnews capped an exciting first month of racing with his victory in the Gill Southwest S. and we are really looking forward to the next two months, which traditionally features some of the best racing in the country."

**Fair Grounds Announces Purse Increase:**

Fair Grounds has announced a 10% purse increase for the track's final 14 days of live racing. The increase, credited to higher than expected mutuel handle and an increase in video poker revenue, will take effect Mar. 6.

"I am happy to announce this purse increase for the final 14 days of our 144th racing season," said Fair Grounds Track President Tim Bryant. "Our horsemen and owners have once again come through to help us offer an attractive live racing product and our recent success in video poker operations is allowing us to raise our purses toward the end of another successful thoroughbred racing season."

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**Oratory Dies:**

**Oratory** (Pulpit--Arrested Dreams, by Dehere) was euthanized following an accident while recovering from surgery to address a nerve problem. Winner of the 2005 GII Peter Pan S., the 14-year-old stallion had been standing at Francisco and Lori Bravo's River Oaks Farms in Sulphur, Oklahoma, as property of Mike Grossman's Eureka Thoroughbred Farm. Oratory's leading earner is multiple stakes winner Monster Sleeping.

## INDUSTRY INFO

**TIP Forms Youth Ambassador Program:**

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program has announced the creation of a Youth Ambassador Program open annually to 12 riders, 18 and under, who own or lease a Thoroughbred and have actively participated in T.I.P.-sponsored shows, classes or awards programs. The ambassadors will represent the Thoroughbred breed at their local barns and shows.

This year's ambassadors are Amber Longreen (Pennsylvania), Calista Plante (Maryland), Calvary Fielden (Florida), Caroline Kingsbury (Maryland), Chloe Bellerive (Maryland), Dalton Furkis (Michigan), Ella Sciog (Florida), Emily Zuercher (Florida), Gabriela Ortiz (Texas), Katie Hanson (Georgia), Rebecca O'Neill (Alberta), and Teri Simone (Ontario).

Formed in 2011, T.I.P. was created to encourage the retraining of Thoroughbreds into other disciplines at the conclusion of their racing careers. Additional information about T.I.P. is available at [www.tjctip.com](http://www.tjctip.com).

## ROOKIES

**First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, February 18**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/*

*BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**CUSTOM FOR CARLOS** (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 88/10/1 4-FG, Msw 5 1/2fT, Custom Halo, 20-1

**FACTUM** (Storm Cat), Stonehedge Farm South, 42/3/0 7-TAM, Aoc 1 1/16mT, I'm a Factum, 12-1

**FLASHY WISE CAT** (Catastrophe), La Mesa Stallions, 12/1/0 4-FG, Msw 5 1/2fT, Flashy Lynn, \$14K EVA MAR 2yo, 10-1

**FRIESAN FIRE** (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 102/14/1 8-CT, Msw 7f, +Helgoland, 10-1

**GIANT OAK** (Giant's Causeway), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 68/3/1 3-FG, Aoc 1m, Sunny Oak, \$42K TEX APR 2yo, 5-2

**PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 229/17/1 7-TAM, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Bluegrass Tiger, \$87K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

7-TAM, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Enough Is Enough, 6-1

**SIENTE EL TRUENO** (City Zip), Stehr's Farm, 7/1/0 8-CT, Msw 7f, Siente El Viento, 10-1

**TIZ THE ONE** (Tiznow), Red River Farms, 63/13/0 7-FG, Aoc 1m, Blue Tizzy, 8-1

**UNCLE MO** (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/34/7 7-TAM, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Uncle Jerry, \$75K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-GP, \$38,600**, 2-17, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.57, ft.

**STREET SMOKE (m, 5, Street Boss--Magic Smoke {SW, \$120,385}, by Smokester)** Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-1, \$65,572.

O-Hardacre Farm LLC; B-C. Kidder, N. Cole & W. Betz (KY); T-Amy Tarrant. \*\$70,000 Ylg '12 FTKJUL; \$225,000 2yo '13 FTFMAR.

**Trained at Crupi's New Castle Farm**

**9th-HOU, \$20,000**, 2-16, (NW1X), 3yo, 1mT, 1:38.45, fm.

**BONJOUR BABY (g, 3, Sing Baby Sing--Secret Sweep, by End Sweep)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$25,367. O-Alvin Wong; B-Tom Durant (TX); T-Larry Stroope.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**River's Image**, c, 3, **Ready's Image**--Music Miss, by Prospector's Music. MVR, 2-17, (S), 6f, 1:18.57. B-Nancy J. Lavrich (OH).

\*\$20,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEEJAN. \*\*Full to Rivers Run Deep, MSW, \$593,200.

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**Fasig-Tipton graduate Novique (Bellamy Road) wins her second career start at Gulfstream.**

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# GIVING TO THOSE WHO GAVE SO MUCH TO RACING

**Jockeys and Jeans**, a group of former jockeys who raise funds for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, is holding an online sale of donated, non-guaranteed stallion seasons.

Seasons will be previewed on [www.Starquine.com](http://www.Starquine.com) beginning Friday Feb. 19 with bidding beginning Feb. 22 and ending Feb. 27 12:00 noon EST, the day before the third annual Jockeys and Jeans Fundraiser at Gulfstream Park. Select seasons will be auctioned at the event by Fasig-Tipton auctioneers. Arrangements can be made online in advance for telephone bidding.

The PDJF helps support over 60 catastrophically injured former jockeys, with over half either pari or quadriplegics. At least 13 Hall of Fame Jockeys will be on hand to greet the attendees and honor five severely injured former jockeys.

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## FAUGHEEN INJURED, MISSES CHELTENHAM



Faugheen in action at Kempton over Christmas | *Racing Post*

**Faugheen (Ire)**, (Germany) the reigning champion hurdler and previously a long odds-on favourite to defend his crown at Cheltenham in four weeks' time, has picked up a suspensory ligament injury and has been ruled out of action for the rest of the season. Trainer Willie Mullins broke the news before racing at Punchestown on Tuesday and not only is it a bitter disappointment for Mullins, Ruby Walsh and owner Rich Ricci, but also to the hordes of racing fans who looked forward to seeing him coming up the Cheltenham hill in March.

Faugheen has won 12 of his 13 starts including seven Grade 1 hurdles and he looked better than ever when winning the BHP Insurances Irish Champion Hurdle on his latest run Jan. 24.

Confirming the news Willie Mullins said, "When we started back working him this week we discovered he had a sore suspensory and, while it isn't a serious problem, it's come at a bad time and it means we've had to abandon plans to run him in the Champion Hurdle. We just thought better to stop now and bring him back next year. The prognosis is very good."

Mullins received some good news later in the day when **Annie Power (Ire)** (Shirocco {Ger}), also owned by Rich Ricci, made a successful seasonal debut ahead of her trip to Cheltenham next month. Her target is undecided, but in the wake of the Faugheen news Mullins, has the option of supplementing the triple Grade 1 winner for the G1 Stan James Champion Hurdle.

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## DWCC CONTINUES AT MEYDAN

The Dubai World Cup Carnival continues to crescendo with a little more than six weeks to racing's richest day, and Thursday's program is highlighted by the G3 Dubai Millennium S. for middle-distance turfsters.

**Haafaguinea (GB)** (Haafhd {GB}) could be the slight favorite in what figures to be a wide-open affair, assuming he doesn't regress off a half-length victory in a 12-furlongs handicap Jan. 21 first-up for nearly 11 months. The chestnut, who will be ridden by Freddy Tylicki was a two-time winner at the Carnival in 2015, including a 3/4-length success over the distance last February before going missing.

"We were very pleased with his winning return," said trainer Saeed bin Suroor. "He is a horse who always tries his best and we thought he merited a step up in grade, so this looked a good opportunity. Obviously he will be facing stronger opposition, but he really likes Meydan and we are hoping for a good run."

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**Faugheen Injured cont.**

In the Stan James, Annie Power could join stablemates **Arctic Fire (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}), **Nichols Canyon (GB)** (Authorized {Ire}) and **Sempre Medici (Fr)** (Medicean {GB}).

"That could happen as the balls are bouncing a bit different today," said Mullins on a potential target switch for Annie Power. "We'll see how she progresses. I always thought she was a two-and-a-half-mile mare--that's the distance that she could really shine--but she has enough speed to go back to two miles."

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# A LOOK AHEAD

WITH PAT DOWNES

The TDN has solicited the opinions of some prominent figures on the European bloodstock scene to answer three questions about the upcoming Flat season. Today's installment features the thoughts of Pat Downes, general manager at His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs:



Pat Downes

1) Horse you are most looking forward to seeing this season?

PD: 'TDN Rising Star' Zarak (Dubawi ex Zarkava). A lovely colt with an outstanding pedigree. He won his only start as a 2-year-old, a maiden at Deauville in late October in eyecatching style and looks a colt to look forward to this year. I saw

him a week ago and he is a most attractive individual and Alain de Royer-Dupre seems happy with him.

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

PD: I will go with Born To Sea. It is always exciting to see a horse have his first runners but when that horse has a pedigree like he has, it makes it all the more exciting. His yearlings looked very racey and they are well distributed amongst some of the best trainers in Europe. Urban Sea is one of the great matriarchs of all time and her influence, mixed with the excellent Invincible Spirit, gives Born To Sea a potentially very interesting mix of speed and class and I am looking forward to seeing what that will produce with his first runners this year.

3). Positive change you would like to see for the industry in 2016?

PD: A positive change I would like to see concerns Irish racecourses. There are those that make a great effort to provide the casual racegoer with an experience that will bring them back again and again and unfortunately there are others that do not. SIS revenue has made some racecourses lazy and I would like to see that addressed for the benefit of racegoers and, ultimately, Irish racing in general.

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## EMOTIONLESS PROGRESSING WELL

The Charlie Appleby-trained **Emotionless (Ire)** (Shamardal), an exciting juvenile last season, is the subject of a positive bulletin from his trainer. The 3-year-old looked a high class colt when easily winning the G2 At The Races Champagne S. at Doncaster last year before a knee injury was discovered following a



Emotionless | Racing Post

disappointing effort behind Air Force Blue (War Front) in the G1 Dubai Dewhurst S. in October. The Godolphin runner seems to have made a full recovery, with Appleby commenting, "He's been cantering for three or

four weeks and hopefully he'll progress towards a trial and we'll see where we stand. We'll see what the ground is like and what else is turning up for the Craven and the Greenham nearer the time and make a plan, but he's sound and everything is going well."

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European News cont.

**GOFFS UK BREEZE UP CATALOGUE ONLINE**

Goffs UK have catalogued 168 lots for their Breeze-Up Sale at Doncaster scheduled for April 19 and 20. The catalogue is available [online](#) and features a good mix of sires from all the leading breeze up consignors. Last year's sale grossed just over £5-million with an average of £38,725 and produced the G3 Dubai Cornwallis S. winner **Quiet Reflection (GB)** (Showcasing



**Quiet Reflection** | *Racing Post*

{GB}), who was bought by her trainer Karl Burke for £44,000. Some interesting types on paper in this year's catalogue include [lot 11](#), from Ballycullen Stables, a Choisir (Aus) filly out of a half-sister to dual Grade 1 winner Obviously (Ire)

(Choisir {Aus}) who finished second to Bolo (Temple City) in the GII Arcadia S. at Santa Anita last weekend; [lot 91](#). A colt by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) (Danahill), offered by Norman Williamson's Oak Tree Farm also lacks nothing in pedigree. He is a half-brother to stakes winner My Renee (Kris S), who is the dam of Group 2 winner Banimpire (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) who has grossed €2.3 million and 1.5 million gns in two sale ring appearances at Goffs and Tattersalls respectively. Another 2-year-old whose page appeals is [lot 100](#), a Kodiak (GB) (Danahill) filly from Brendan Holland's Grove Stud. She is out of the dual winner Mimiteh (Maria's Mon), a half-sister to Group 1 winner Rosdhu Queen (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

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**Wednesday's Results:**

**5th-LIN, £19,000, Alw, 2-17, 4yo/up, 15f 169y (AWT), 3:20.42, ft.**

**ARCH VILLAIN (IRE) (g, 7, Arch--Barzah {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Darshaan {GB})** Lifetime Record: 23-9-2-3, \$174,990. O-Mr & Mrs F Cotton, Mr & Mrs P Conway; B-Summerhill Bloodstock (IRE); T-Amanda Perrett. \*60,000gns Ylg '10 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Thubiaan (Dynaformer), SP-Aus, \$530,288; and Speculative Bid (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}), SP-Eng, \$174,018.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Cat Royale (Ire)**, c, 3, **Lilbourne Lad (Ire)**--Call This Cat (Ire), by One Cool Cat. KEM, 2-17, 10f (AWT), 2:06.94. B-Kellsgrange Stud & Ruskerne Ltd (IRE). \*€22,000 Ylg '14 TISEP; £20,000 2yo '15 BBASC2.

**Mossy's Lodge (GB)**, f, 3, **Royal Applause (GB)**--Tee Cee (GB), by Lion Cavern. LIN, 2-17, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:14.08. B-N Poole & A Franklin (GB). \*3,500gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 9,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. \*\*Full to Yajbill (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}), SP-Eng.

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**Wednesday's Results:**

**2nd-CSM, €24,000, Mdn, 2-17, 3yo, f, 10f (AWT), 2:06.17, ft. PARAWELL (IRE) (f, 3, High Chaparral {Ire})--Ceedwell {GB} {GSP-Eng}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}),** a debut runner-up going one mile in a firsters' test here last time Jan. 20, raced third behind a lacklustre pace after a smart break in this one. Making his bid along the fence passing the two pole, the 9-10 chalk was ridden out in the latter stages to comfortably best Mortree (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) by 2 1/2 lengths. The €15,000 ARAUG yearling is kin to the 2-year-old colt Lexington Wells (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Camelot (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €16,800. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Prime Equestrian SARL; B-Haras du Mont Dit Mont (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Beau Valley (GB)**, g, 3, **Three Valleys**--Belle Boleyn (GB), by Tobougg (Ire). CSM, 2-17, 10f (AWT), 2:02.51. B-Mme Patricia Kingston (GB).

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**GREAT TURNOUT FOR CHARITY QUIZ**

A large crowd turned out for the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association organised quiz in The Lord Bagenal Hotel in Co.



Carlow on Tuesday night. Contestants were putting their racing and breeding knowledge to the test for the inaugural Mark O'Hanlon Memorial Cup. O'Hanlon was a very popular member of the

Irish Thoroughbred Marketing team who passed away early last year and it was fitting that the quiz was won by some of Mark's former colleagues in Horse Racing Ireland. The team of Brian Kavanagh, Jason Morris, Shane Doyle and Martin Murphy combined their encyclopedic racing knowledge to great effect to clinch the title. [Cont. p4](#)

**ITBA Charity Quiz cont.**

Ballyhane Stud owner Joe Foley was instrumental in both organising the quiz and setting the questions, many of which caught out a number of ‘industry experts’ throughout the evening. An on-line auction was also part of the event which raised in excess of €30,000, the proceeds of which will be donated to the David Naughton memorial trust.



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**Earnshaw** (Medaglia d’Oro), third in last year’s G2 Zabeel Mile, was saddled with the 14 hole for a course-and-distance handicap on opening night of the Carnival Jan. 7 and led for most of the opening mile of that first-up appearance before fading away to finish ninth while not persevered with once hopelessly beaten. Though facing decidedly tougher last time in the G2 Al Rashidiya S. over 1800 meters, he settled in midfield and came with a late run to be a non-threatening third behind the hard-knocking Forries Waltz (SAF) (Greys Inn) and G1 Cape Derby hero Ertijaal (Aus) (Hard Spun). There is nothing of the quality of those horses in this test and a repeat of his last would make him a factor.

**Tryster (Ire)** (Shamardal), a perfect six-from-six over English all-weather tracks, nevertheless makes his 2016 debut in this grassy affair, with reports that he has not trained well over the



Tryster winning the 2015 Winter Derby at Lingfield | *Racing Post*

of Let’s Go (Street Cry {Ire}) in a valuable conditions race at Chelmsford City Sept. 26 and makes his first start since for trainer Charlie Appleby and regular rider William Buick.

Meydan dirt surface. Winner of last year’s G3 Winter Derby at Lingfield, the bay was no better than fifth behind Western Hymn (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}) in the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. at Sandown last May. He atoned for that effort with a half-length defeat

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:45 p.m.

**DUBAI MILLENNIUM S. SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS-G3,**  
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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
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 Ghadayar
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.

**ERTIJAAL GETS DIRT TRIAL**

Though the Dubai Millennium S. is Thursday’s nominal feature at Meydan, there will be plenty of attention given to a 1900-meter handicap that will feature the dirt debut of Sheikh



Matthew de Kock and Ertijaal at the stables earlier this week  
*mikedekockracing.com*

Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum’s **Ertijaal (Aus)** (Hard Spun).

Winner of half of his eight career trips to the post, including the 2015 G1 Cape Derby, the chestnut made a favorable impression in his first local appearance, finishing a good second to Forries Waltz (SAf) (Greys

Inn) in the G2 Al Rashidiya S. Jan. 28. Trainer Mike de Kock is keeping everything in perspective for now.

“He will either go well on dirt or he won’t and if he doesn’t we’ll switch him back to turf,” the conditioned commented. “He’s fit and very well, it’s a competitive handicap, a real test but he is well drawn and I think he is massive runner even under his big weight [132 pounds].”

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Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 4:05 p.m.

**BLACK CAVIAR LIGHTNING S.-G1,** A\$750,000, 3yo/up, 1000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Exosphere (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	McDonald	O’Shea	122
2	Chautauqua (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Dunn	Hawkses	129
3	Kinglike (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Lane	Moody	122
4	Va Pensiero (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Newitt	Coyle	129
5	Japonisme (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Schofield	Waller	122
6	Terravista (Aus)	Captain Rio (GB)	Oliver	Pride	129
7	Delectation (Aus)	Shamardal	Williams	Waller	129

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