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GUN RUNNER CONTINUES FAPPIANO SUCCESS



Gun Runner | Hodges Photography

by Andrew Caulfield

Thanks to the imperious American Pharoah, last year saw the Fappiano branch of the Mr. Prospector-male line strengthen its grip on the Triple Crown events. Fappiano himself sired a GI Kentucky Derby winner in the 1990 hero Unbridled, who matched that feat in 1996, via Grindstone. Another of Fappiano's sons, Quiet American, also made his mark on the Derby, thanks to Real Quiet in 1998, and the male line enjoyed success number four with Grindstone's grandson Mine That Bird in 2009. American Pharoah therefore became Kentucky Derby winner number five when this great-grandson of Unbridled shone so brightly last year.

We are still only a little way along the road to the 2016 Kentucky Derby, but Gun Runner, the current pacesetter with 51 points, is a colt inbred 4x4 to none other than Fappiano.

These two lines come through two sons of Fappiano which have already made an impact on the Triple Crown. As a son of the in-form Candy Ride, Gun Runner is a great-grandson of Cryptoclearance and the second line comes via Quiet American, sire of Gun Runner's highly successful second dam, Quiet Dance. You probably won't need me to remind you that Quiet American and Cryptoclearance dominated the 1998 Triple Crown. Quiet American's son Real Quiet appeared to have a great chance of completing the Triple Crown, only to be thwarted by the narrowest margin by his old rival Victory Gallop--a son of Cryptoclearance--in the Belmont. **Cont. p7**

LOVATO'S EQUICIZER A SAVIOR IN TOUGH TIMES

by Mike Kane

Thirty-four years ago, the very first Equicizer he built enabled the 1980 Eclipse Award-winning apprentice jockey Frank Lovato Jr. to recover from a broken leg and return to the saddle. These days, Lovato's distinctive mechanical wooden horse is at the center of his world and continues to deliver the support he needs.

Not only is the Equicizer his entire livelihood--Lovato, 53, works in his shop seven days most weeks--the business is helping him cope with the loss of his wife Sandy, who was killed in a car accident in September 2014.

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GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat) turned in her first work of the year Monday at Palm Beach Downs, going three furlongs in :37.14.

Coady Photography.

DEAN GRIMM PASSES AWAY

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Dean Grimm, son of owner/breeder Virginia Kraft Payson, passed away Sunday. Grimm headed the family's Payson Stud Management.

CLASSIC ASPIRATIONS FOR SMART MISSION

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Sam-Son homebred Smart Mission (Smart Strike), tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' after her impressive debut win at Gulfstream Sunday, will likely target Canadian Classics this summer. Trainer Malcolm Pierce gives TDN newcomer Joe Bianca all the details.

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Lovato's Equicizer a Savior in Tough Times

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"It's what is saving me," he said. "It keeps giving me focus. It gives me purpose. It's been my thing, my savior."

Through the decades, Lovato has produced nearly 1,200 of his hand-crafted Equicizers, which can be found at racetracks, equine centers, small stables and in the homes of horse lovers around the world. His invention, born of necessity, enables riders, from novices to pros, to develop fitness and balance and work on techniques in a controlled environment without being far from the ground on the back of an animal.



Lovato made 'Zenyatta' for Mike Smith

Lovato came up with the concept of a horse-shaped device as he struggled to regain flexibility in his damaged left leg. The idea worked and he soon was fulfilling requests for personal Equicizers from other jockeys, including two of the biggest stars in racing history, Laffit Pincay, Jr. and Angel Cordero, Jr.

In the 2000s, Lovato's creation was used on the filming action close-ups in the movie Seabiscuit and to teach actor Toby McGuire the basics of riding a Thoroughbred.

Last year, the Equicizer picked up some unsolicited, but welcome, national media exposure with jockey Victor Espinoza [shown warming up for rides](#) on Horse of the Year American Pharoah. While those snippets of coverage on NBC telecasts and pictures in publications certainly were a plus for the business, they also had a restorative effect on the outgoing, energetic Lovato, who had retreated from view and put aside some of his other projects and passions following his wife's untimely death.

"I've been kind of hiding under a rock for this last year and a half," he said. "I know there are a lot of people wondering what's going on with me."

The short answer is that he has been dealing with his grief while building Equicizers in his shop situated about 60 feet from his house in Norwalk, Ohio, his wife's hometown. They moved their family to the small city 50 miles southwest of Cleveland after he completed his 25-year riding career in 2004.

Though the Wooden Horse Company was the foundation of the Lovatos' post-racetrack life, they both invested many hours in their individual non-profits.

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EMPIRE MAKER

SIRE OF 11 GRADE 1 WINNERS AND 4 CHAMPIONS

- ROYAL DELTA (G1)
- PIONEEROF THE NILE (G1)
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Sandy Lovato, who had worked at tracks and for Equibase before her husband's retirement, dove into therapeutic riding, gained certification as an instructor, and founded Stampede of Dreams, a local riding group for children and adults with special needs that continues on. He worked on fan education through his Jockey World, creating content for its website, conducting summer camps for children interested in racing, writing a magazine article,

"What It Takes to be a Jockey," that he turned into a DVD. In 2013, Lovato and his assistant Kayla Jarvinen, completed a video package, 365 Days of Racing Terminology.



Lovato and his late wife, Sandy

Despite their many successes, it wasn't a smooth ride in Norwalk and the Lovatos encountered problems. In 2011, they sold the business to another company and became employees of its Equicizer division. A year or so later, the Lovatos were laid off and the division was closed.

"The idea was for growth and marketing and manufacturing," he said. "It was supposed to be all of our dreams come true, but it kind of backfired. We lost the business and it took me three years to get it back. I had to buy it back."



Lovato carves a horsehead in his workshop

back," he said. "I really, really did not know what I was going to do. I just couldn't see myself doing anything else. Sandy used to tell me 'If anybody can get it back, you will, and if anybody will make it work it will be you' because she says I am relentless, just relentless.

"That's something that makes me smile now. Everyone else probably would have walked away and just given up. I couldn't. I just refused to lose. It reminds me of my days on the farm before I became a jockey. I had that same determination. That's what got me the Eclipse Award. I just refused to lose. I don't want to give up." **Cont. p5**

Lovato said he doesn't know where he would be today without the Equicizer, which has a base price of \$2,995. He makes about 80 a year for customers around the globe.

"There was a point that I didn't think I was going to be able to get it



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With three graded stakes wins at Fair Grounds, connections of these Keeneland September graduates enjoyed a great weekend in the Big Easy!

Sandy Lovato's death came six months after they had reacquired control of the company and the rights to make Equicizers again. They were delighted to find that there were plenty of people interested in their product and ready to order.

"The business has been a blessing," he said. "I'm grateful for what I've been given and what I have. And Sandy got to see that. The summer of 2014 was the best. After all the heartache we had gone through, we really had the summer of our lives, which we hadn't had in years. I feel very grateful and blessed that we got those memories and the business just continues to keep carrying me."

Lovato's father, Frank. Sr., was a jockey and he followed him into the family business as a teenager in the 1970s. During his championship season, he won 249 races and his mounts earned \$3.7 million in purses. He became a very popular rider on the New York Racing



This buckskin Equicizer heads to Canada to a child in the Children's Wish Foundation

Association tracks and spent the last few years of his career on the Chicago-Kentucky-New Orleans circuit.

Frank and Sandy Lovato met at Hialeah Park in 1979 and were married in 1982. They have three children and two grandchildren. Their daughter Megan handles the books for the business and their youngest son, Timmy, is a student who helps out in the shop. Time has helped ease the pain a bit, but Lovato said he has not gotten over his wife's death.

"It's the biggest challenge that I'll ever face because of the relationship we had, being together since teenagers," he said. "She was my rock. She was everybody's rock. She was one of those people that you really depend on. I know I did. It was more than a relationship. It was somebody that you think 'well, if I ever lost them, I'd be lost without them.'"

With Jarvinen, and his family on his team, Lovato has seen the business grow. Thanks to the savvy use of the Internet, the little company, whose most important player is one personable, retired jockey with a vision and serious woodworking skills, has an international clientele. Among his current customers is a woman doing equine therapy in Singapore and a jockey school in Sweden.

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"It is a balance," he said. "I don't want to put myself out there too much where I wouldn't be able to handle the demand, but at the same time I can't be too quiet. I feel blessed that it seems like I'm never caught up. I'm eight weeks back-ordered right now. As soon as I start getting caught up I get a little nervous when it gets quiet and orders aren't coming in, but sure enough, boom, another bunch will come in and we're back-ordered again."

Lovato also constructs highly personalized Equicizers that run the gamut, from a customer's beloved longtime pleasure horse to most famous Thoroughbreds in history. He made a Zenyatta for Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith and has filled requests for Barbaro, Secretariat, Ruffian and Rachel Alexandra. In 2015, Lovato received a unique order from an elderly woman in England, whose riding days are over.



Lovato in his riding days
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"She grew up watching Roy Rogers and his horse Trigger and asked me if I could build her Trigger, which, of course, I did," he said. "It was really fun. I had to gather all of the photographs I could of Trigger and matched the color of the mane and tail and forelocks and the markings on the face to look like Trigger. She was elated that I was able to do that. She can no longer ride a real horse, but she can ride her Equicizer in

her living room that looks just like Trigger."

Lovato chuckled as he told the Trigger story, clearly delighted that he assisted someone several times zones away who was making adjustments, reacting to the changes in her life. It's something he understands all too well. Since his wife's death he has put the Jockey World venture on hold and has stopped playing music--he was a well-known performer, solo and in bands, during and after his riding days--but has continued on with his old friend, the Equicizer.

"After the accident, I just really was numb, but I just knew that I couldn't lie down," he said. "Sandy was the kind of person that if I were to disappoint her it would have been just lying down and giving up. I had orders coming in. I had people still excited about getting their Equicizer.

"It did take a good solid week or so where I came in the shop and looked at things that I was supposed to do, looking at my order sheet and knowing that these people were counting on getting their Equicizer. It was like putting one foot in front of the other. That was one place where everything was going to be OK. That's what kept me going.

Everything was going to be OK if I just keep building horses."

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DEAN GRIMM PASSES AWAY

Owner and breeder Robert Dean Grimm, Jr. passed away suddenly Sunday at the age of 53. The son of famed owner/breeder Virginia Kraft Payson, Grimm headed the family's Payson Stud Management LLC.

"He was a true character," said Grimm's close friend Christian Erickson. "He loved horses, he loved the lifestyle, and he loved the business."

Erickson recalled that in many ways Grimm was "larger than life" and will be remembered as someone with tremendous reach, connecting with people within and outside the Thoroughbred industry. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Grimm was also influential in the racing and stud career of St. Jovite (Pleasant Colony), as well as a number of other Payson-owned runners.

"He was a brilliantly flawed guy, a great guy," Erickson continued. "He had more circles of friends and knew more people than you could imagine. He knew everybody. There's a picture in his house where he's talking to the Queen."

Grimm recently lost his son Payson Grimm, who passed away in an automobile accident Monday, Feb. 15.



Dean Grimm, Jr.

A visitation and service will be held Wednesday at the Newman Center on the campus of the University of Kentucky, followed by a catered reception that is open to all. The visitation begins at 5 p.m. ET, while the mass commences at 7 p.m. ET. Erickson said that visitors are encouraged to bring and share stories and memories of Grimm at the reception.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



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I am expecting to see more and more inbreeding to Fappiano over the coming years, and even inbreeding to his son Unbridled. For instance, sending daughters of Empire Maker to Tapit produces 3x3 to Unbridled and this inbreeding to Unbridled has already been green-lighted by a couple of graded winners.

The best previous examples of horses inbred within four generations to Fappiano include the GI Travers S. winner Will Take Charge (3x4, via Unbridled and Rubiano), Ring Weekend (4x3) and Justin Philip (4x3). **Cont. p8**

Repeat SW on Sunday:

Good Luck Gus won another black-type race, the **Haynesfield Stakes** at Aqueduct for **Rudy Rodriguez**.

Potential SW on Saturday:

Protective Shield is 3 for 3 after landing the **Arizona Oaks** for **Robert Lawrence** and owner/breeder **Tom Grether Farms**.

One to watch:

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There is another possible Kentucky Derby contender with similar elements in his pedigree to Gun Runner's, namely the GI Champagne S. winner Greenpointcrusader, who also owes his 4x3 inbreeding to Fappiano to Quiet American and Cryptoclearance.

The GII Louisiana Derby has been mentioned as the next likely steppingstone for [GII Risen Star S.](#) winner Gun Runner, who will be bidding to emulate a double completed last year by International Star. I will be watching Gun Runner's performance over the extra 110 yards with interest. He was being overhauled towards the end of the Risen Star by Uncle Mo's sons Forevamo and Mo Tom and he faltered in the stretch when he suffered his only defeat in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.

I have to say that there is no obvious reason on pedigree to question the colt's ability to shine over a mile and an eighth or even a mile and a quarter. His sire Candy Ride covered a mile and a quarter in a record-setting 1:59.11 in winning the GI Pacific Classic and his best son, Shared Belief, numbered the Pacific Classic and GI Santa Anita H. among his 10 wins from 12 starts. Significantly, Shared Belief was out of a daughter of Storm Cat, whereas Gun Runner is out of a granddaughter, by the outstanding 10-furlong performer Giant's Causeway.

Giant's Causeway frequently passes on a good measure of his stamina to his progeny, to the extent that they have an average winning distance of 9.6 furlongs in Britain and Ireland (compared to Storm Cat's 7.7 furlongs). This stamina has been apparent in plenty of his American-raced progeny, such as Frost Giant, Red Giant, Heatseeker and Imagining. Incidentally, Giant's Causeway's name crops up in a variety of roles among the horses which have already acquired Kentucky Derby points. He is the sire of Brody's Cause (GI Breeders' Futurity), the paternal grandsire of Eskendereya's son Mor Spirit and now the broodmare sire of Gun Runner.

Gun Runner's dam Quiet Giant gained her graded success over 1 1/16 miles, in the GII Molly Pitcher S. as a 4-year-old. It is hardly surprising that it cost Ben Leon \$3 million to secure Quiet Giant when she appeared a couple of months later as part of the Ned Evans dispersal at Keeneland, in 2011. She is, after all, a daughter of the excellent broodmare Quiet Dance.

You can gauge the scale of Quiet Dance's achievements by the fact that she was also represented at the 2011 sale by her stakes-winning A.P. Indy filly Dance Quietly (who sold for \$2 million), her Medaglia d'Oro weanling filly (\$2.6 million) and her winning Tiznow filly Quiet Now (\$1.85 million). That's a total of \$9.45 million for four daughters, three of which were acquired by Leon's Besilu Stables. The weanling, later named Miss Besilu, proved her worth with Grade I thirds in the CCA Oaks and the Alabama S.

Quiet Giant was the third graded winner produced by Quiet Dance, easily the most famous of the three being Saint Liam, who collected the GI Breeders' Cup Classic on his way to Horse of the Year honors. One of Quiet Giant's older half-sisters, the Honour and Glory mare Beatem Buster, has already produced a Grade I winner in Mother Goose S. winner Buster's Ready. Quiet Giant has every chance of also hitting that target, either with Gun Runner or with another of her well-bred youngsters. These include a 2015 Tapit filly which is another inbred 4x4 to Fappiano.

Needless to say, the excellence of this female line doesn't stop at Quiet Giant and Quiet Dance (runner-up in the GII Demoiselle S). Gun Runner's sixth dam is Gallorette, a champion handicap mare who numbered the Beldame, Brooklyn, Whitney, Carter and Metropolitan H. among her long list of stakes successes. His third dam, Misty Dancer, was a three-parts sister by Lyphard to The Minstrel's fast and precocious daughter Minstrella.

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GUN RUNNER, c, 2013

Candy Ride (Arg)	Ride the Rails	Cryptoclearance	Fappiano
		Herbalesian	Naval Orange
	Candy Girl (Arg)	Candy Stripes	Herbager
		City Girl	Alanesian
Quiet Giant GSW, 12-7-2-0, \$405,389 3FIs, 1GSW	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat	Blushing Groom (Fr)
		Mariah's Storm	Bubble Company (Fr)
	Quiet Dance SW & GSP 14FIs, 1Ch, 3GSW 1SW, 2GSP	Quiet American	Farnesio (Arg)
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	OCT16	LA	*6F ft	1:11.60 H	1/5
	OCT09	LA	*6F ft	1:12.00 H	1/2
	SEP30	LA	*5F ft	:58.80 H	1/12
	SEP23	LA	*5F ft	:59.40 H	1/9
	SEP16	LA	5F ft	1:00.00 H	2/11
	SEP09	LA	4F ft	:48.20 H	6/17
	SEP02	LA	4F ft	:48.60 H	8/15
	AUG26	LA	4F ft	:49.60 H	10/16
	AUG18	LA	3F ft	:37.00 H	7/12
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3rd Dam: Hangin Round, by Stage Door Johnny

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One day after unveiling 3-year-old filly Smart Mission to a scintillating, trouble-filled Gulfstream debut win that earned her 'TDN Rising Star', trainer Malcolm Pierce already had his sights set on an elusive personal goal with his well-bred chestnut: the Woodbine Oaks. Despite a successful training career including myriad marquee wins, Pierce has never captured the crown jewel for 3-year-old Canadian-bred fillies. Smart Mission, though, has him thinking big.



Smart Mission | Leslie Martin

"Right now, she's the best horse in my barn for the Woodbine Oaks if she takes to the Tapeta," a glowing Pierce said from his wintertime base in Palm Meadows. "If not, the third leg of our Triple Tiara, the Wonder Where S., is a mile-and-a-quarter on turf and I'd have to think I'd be looking very good in a race like that."

The Samuel family's Sam-Son Farm, the owner and breeder of Smart Mission, has won the Woodbine Oaks a record seven times, but never with Pierce at the helm. Smart Mission showed plenty on Sunday to suggest she could be the special sophomore filly Pierce has been waiting for.

After getting squeezed back badly at the break of the mile turf test and still with only one horse beaten heading into the far turn, Smart Mission unleashed a huge, wide advance around the final bend. It would have been understandable for the first-time starter to flatten out in the stretch, but instead she switched leads on cue and sustained her powerful run to catch and pass clear-leading favorite Akron Gold (Medaglia d'Oro) to win as much the best in a sharp 1:35.31.

"I thought, 'here's a nice filly that I thought had a really good chance today and she's eliminated leaving the gate,'" Pierce recalled. "If she gets up and runs third or fourth, you ought to be happy... I was very impressed, it takes a pretty special horse to overcome that."

Pierce says his filly came out of the race in good order and will be pointed for a first-level allowance try on Woodbine's newly-installed Tapeta track in pursuance of his Oaks goal.

"We'll send her up to the Sam-Son farm/training center in Ocala, freshen her up for a few weeks and then take her up the road," he noted. The 59-year-old trainer hopes that road and this filly lead him to Oaks glory once and for all.

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Central U.S.

Monday's Results:

9th-HOU, \$19,000, Msw, 2-22, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.37, gd.

KISSTHATBABYGOODBY (g, 3, Sing Baby Sing--Shaved Ice, by Lit de Justice), narrowly run down at a tick over 12-1 in his debut here Feb. 8, gave them no chance this time around at a much shorter price. Stalking the pace from his outside post under Adrian Ramos, the 6-5 shot took over at the top of the stretch and drew well clear in the final furlong to win by 9 1/4 lengths. Dakamo Smoke (Sasha's Prospect) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$14,820. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Molly Malone's Racing; B-Tom Durant (TX); T-Larry Stroope.

Kentucky

Churchill/Fanatics Announce Partnership:

Churchill Downs has entered into a multi-year agreement with sports merchandiser Fanatics to exclusively operate both online and on-site retail for the Kentucky Derby race weekend, starting with the 2016 event. "Churchill Downs is thrilled to partner with Fanatics, who delivers impressive and diverse product offerings along with a shopper-friendly experience," said Kristin Warfield, Churchill Downs Racetrack's Vice President of Partnerships. "We believe our fans will truly benefit from Fanatics' seamless online purchasing technology and their fresh perspective to enhancing our on-site sales over Kentucky Derby Week which lured a record 365,000 attendees in 2015."



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California

Sunday Night's Results:

9th-GG, \$32,204, Msw, 2-21, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:10.32, ft.
PAT'S GRAY RAY (g, 3, Marino Marini--Insane Mary Jane, by Sweetsouthernsaint) checked in third first out here Jan. 31, and was backed at 2-1 this time around. Stalking while out in the clear early, the grey ranged up ominously approaching the straight, hit the front greenly and held off a late bid from Squidward (Afleet Alex) to graduate by a neck. Sales history: \$12,000 2yo '15 BARJAN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$24,336.

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O-Elizabeth Morey, Michael Nentwig & Ray Pagano; B-Mark Tatch (CA); T-William E. Morey.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, February 23

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
GONE ASTRAY (Dixie Union), Northwest Stud, \$5K, 145/14/2 5-HOU, Msw 1mT, Go Loo Go, \$6K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1
TRAPPE SHOT (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/19/0 5-HOU, Msw 1mT, Inthetrappe, \$18K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
 1-MVR, Msw 6f, Cass N Cam, \$70K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

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IN JAPAN:

A Shin Himawari, f, 3, [Uncle Mo](#)--Home From Oz, by Pulpit. Kyoto, 2-20, Mdn, 9f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$53,097. O-Eishindo Inc.; B-Michael Jawl; T-Teiichi Konno. *1/2 to Madefromlucky (Lookin At Lucky), GSW-US, \$939,200.

Flying Nimbus, f, 4, [Ame'some Again](#)--Ryan's Inheritance, by Valid Expectations. Kokura, 2-20, Alw, 5f. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$172,586. O-Yuki Hashimoto; B-Glendalough LLC; T-Sei Ishizaka. *\$230,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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Apollo Kentucky, c, 4, [Langfuhr](#)--Dixiana Delight, by Gone West. Tokyo, 2-20, Kintei Stakes, 10.5f. Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-1, \$538,637. O-Apollo Thoroughbred Club; B-Doug Branham; T-Kenji Yamauchi. *\$55,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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A Shin Spartan, h, 5, [Zensational](#)--Lady Tak (MGISW & GISP-US \$1,160,782), by Mutakddim. Kyoto, 2-20, Ikaruga Stakes, 7ft. Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-1, \$666,903. O-Eishindo Inc.; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc., Heiligbrodt Racing Stable, et al; T-Kenichi Fujioka. *\$210,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
2nd-MVR, \$31,000, (S), 2-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:52.76, ft.
DENIRO'S SAINT (m, 6, Saints n' Sinners--Deniro's Delight, by De Niro) Lifetime Record: MSW, 26-9-6-1, \$367,124. O/B-Joe C Faulkner (OH); T-Joshua C. Faulkner.

3rd-MVR, \$26,700, (S), 2-22, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:17.30, ft.
LINDA'S LUCK (c, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Mighty Cute Girl {MSP}, by Mighty Adversary) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$56,323. O-Thomas L. Holyfield; B-Meadow Springs Stables, LLC (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *\$37,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$42,000 Ylg '14 FTKJUL. **1/2 to Fierce Cat (Noble Cat), MSW, \$193,285; Trophy Boy (Medallist), SW.

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NEW UK ROLE FOR BERRY



Fran Berry | *Racing Post*

Fresh from a successful stint in Japan where he rode twelve winners, Fran Berry has returned to Europe to begin an exciting new role as stable jockey to Ralph Beckett. Berry, 35, has consistently been one of Ireland's leading jockeys and passed the 1000 winner mark last year.

Announcing the news on his website Beckett said, "I am delighted that we have come to an arrangement with Fran Berry to ride as first jockey at Kimpton Down. He and his family will relocate to this area early next month, and he will be riding out here on a daily basis. Jockey's agent Tony Hind will be booking his rides."

Beckett, who will train the largest number of Qatar Racing's 2-year-olds this year, added, "At times, I have found the last 18 months frustrating without a first choice rider. Fran, at 35 years old, is in his prime, and as a Group 1 winning rider with international experience, this is an ideal solution."

Berry has forged strong links with a number of trainers over the years--in particular Jessica Harrington, for whom he rode his only Group 1 winner on Pathfork (Distorted Humor) in the National S. at The Curragh in 2010. Berry will move to England from his Kildare home with his wife Laura and son Jordan in early March and he commented, "I had never really considered a move to England before, nothing on this level had ever come up. Ralph has an expanding team and it is going to be an exciting challenge."

TULLIUS READYING FOR WEEKEND RETURN

Andrew Balding's good money-spinner **Tullius (Ire)** (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}) is all set to begin another campaign in Saturday's G3 Coral Winter Derby at Lingfield. The 8-year-old enjoyed a rewarding season last year winning the G2 Skybet York S. before finding things a bit tough in Group 1 company behind Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the Qipco Champion S. at Ascot and Dylan Mouth (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) in the Premio Roma at Capannelle. **Cont. p2**



Tullius in full flight at Sandown
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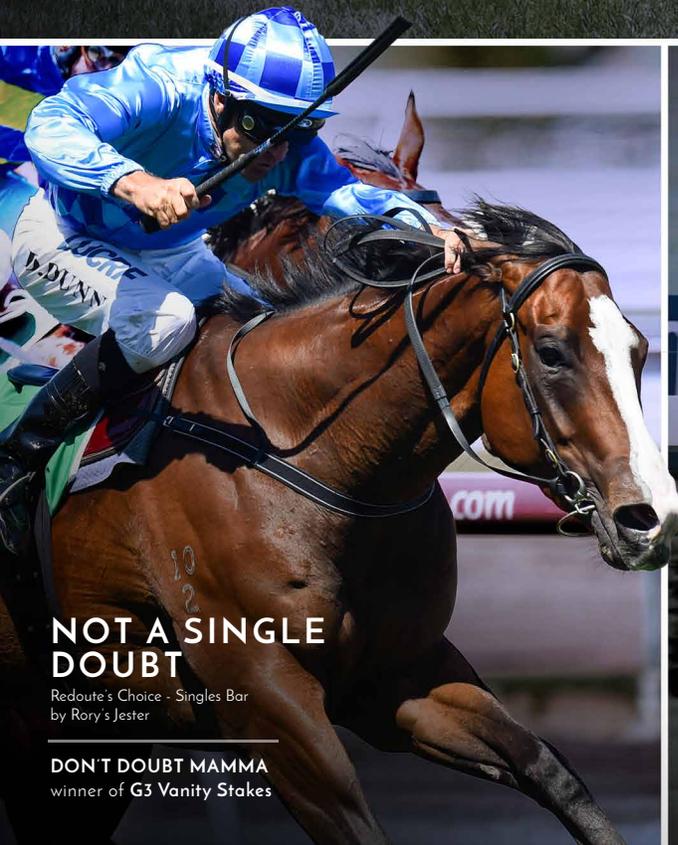
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Tullius Ready for Weekend Return cont. from p1

Owners Kennett Valley Thoroughbreds are hoping the 8-year-old retains all his significant ability and their racing manager Sam Hoskins said, "I think he's going to run. He was in the fast-track qualifier at Kempton on Wednesday, but we would have had to give 10lb to the other runners so we'll go for the Winter Derby which was the original plan. Unfortunately he's got a 5lb penalty but it's worth a go and the winner goes to the all-weather finals."

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losing respect everywhere. This is not what the rest of the world wants and my hope is for more of a coming-together, not a further drifting apart.

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

Magical Memory (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}) was the first horse that we bought for Kennett Valley Thoroughbreds. He never stopped improving last season and went very close in the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup in his last start. He is a big horse and there is every reason to hope he can improve again and be in the mix in many of the top sprint races.

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

Born To Sea (Ire) is one of the best bred horses in the world . He won over six furlongs as a 2-year-old first time out so has a chance to sire fast



Luke Lillingston
Racing Post

2-year-olds, especially being by Invincible Spirit (Ire). On the other hand, he brings a top-class classic pedigree to the party being a half-brother to two Derby winners in Galileo (Ire) and Sea The Stars (Ire) and out of an Arc de Triomphe winner, so it will be interesting to see how much

stamina his offspring inherit. I am really looking forward to seeing how his first crop evolve.

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

I really hope that the forces for good in American racing and breeding win out over those who continue to support the opportunity for the cheating division to thrive. In that respect, American racing is so out of line with the rest of the world and is

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

The horse I am most looking forward to this season is Ajaya (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). He enjoyed a fantastic season last year, winning the Gimcrack. His achievements were extra special as he is Blue Diamond's first homebred group winner. His target is the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot.

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

I am really excited about Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) as a young stallion. He was an exceptional racehorse who



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possessed a good turn of foot. He is beautifully bred with the looks to match. He really is the full package. We recently welcomed our first Kingman foal, a filly out of Swards Folly (GB), making her a half-sister to our own stallion Sayif (Ire) (Kheleyf), who has his first runners on the track

this year.

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

I am going to be unoriginal here and bring further attention to the prize-money situation. If you discount the very best races, the gap between the cost of keeping a horse in training and the level of prize-money on offer is simply too great.

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In the scheme's first year a total of 351 bonuses worth £3.51m were won, divided up between breeders, owners and trainers. For this year, Plus 10 bonuses feature on both 2 and 3-year-old races, and Ireland's Johnny Murtagh was the first trainer to



Johnny Murtagh won the first Plus 10 bonus of the year for Qatar Racing | *Racing Post*

collect a bonus with a 3-year-old, following the victory of Qatar Racing's Russet (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) at Dundalk Jan 29. Commenting on the scheme Murtagh said, "We look forward to targeting the Plus 10 races throughout the year with our horses. It's a huge incentive to the owners and

that extra £10,000 bonus is a welcome addition to the prize money. The industry benefits greatly from this little gem." The first Plus 10 2-year-old races will be held at The Curragh Mar. 20 and Musselburgh Mar. 25.

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Six-time Group 1 winner Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) keeps a close eye on her Frankel filly, born Feb. 15. The filly is the third Frankel offspring produced by Midday, joining the now 2-year-old filly Mori (GB) and a yearling colt.

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FIRST WINNER FOR HOLLAND SINCE RETURN

Daryll Holland, recently appointed stable-jockey to Charlie Hills got a win on the board for his new boss when **Kyllukey (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}) scored at Lingfield on Monday. Holland has been plying his trade in recent years in South Korea and Mauritius before being tempted back home by Hills' job offer and he was delighted to get off the mark for the year. "It's good to be back. The horse was very game and it's nice to ride my first winner for Charlie Hills," said Holland.



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Just born: A colt by Galileo ex Shastye (full brother to Secret Gesture & Sir Isaac Newton).



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Newsells Park Stud posted the above picture on Twitter Monday of this regally bred colt out of the 15-year-old mare Shastye (Ire) (Danehill). Shastye's progeny have posted some stellar returns in the sales ring. The foal's full brother Sir Isaac Newton (GB) famously made 3.6m gns as a yearling at Tattersalls in 2013 while the foal's half-sister by Street Cry (Ire) made 800,000gns at the same sale last year when knocked down to Charlie Gordon-Watson.

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ANJAAL HAS FIRST MARE IN FOAL

Rathasker Stud's first season sire **Anjaal (GB)** (Bahamian Bounty {GB})--Ballymore Celebre {Ire}, by Peintre Celebre has his first mare covered scanned in foal. The mare, Mrs Beeton (Ire) (Dansili), belongs to the Morrin family of Pier House Stud and is a winning half-sister to MGSW Stotsfold (GB) (Barathea {Ire}). Mrs Beeton is the dam of the Tom Dascombe trained dual winner Four's Company (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}) and Rathasker's Maurice Burns commented, "Anjaal is extremely professional at his new job and has been exceptionally well supported by leading Irish breeders."

MCGUINNESS FINED OVER 'UNAUTHORISED REMEDIES'

Dublin based trainer Ado McGuinness has been found guilty in Swords District Court over the possession of four animal remedies without authorisation. *The Irish Field* reports that McGuinness was also found guilty of being in possession of Pro Dynam and Phenylarthrite without a veterinary prescription. Judge Dermot Dempsey said the offences appeared to be on 'the lower end of the scale' and imposed a €2,500 fine on the



Ado McGuinness | *Racing Post*

trainer. The case was brought against McGuinness by the Department of Agriculture, Food & The Marine. The remedies were seized by Louis Reardon, a veterinary inspector for the Department Of Agriculture, in June 2014 during a routine stable visit.

Upon examination the remedies were found to be non-performance enhancing, but anti-inflammatories, vitamins, painkillers and sedatives. McGuinness trained 12 flat winners in Ireland in 2015 including the highly promising **Roca Rojo (Ire)** (Strategic Prince {GB}) who was unbeaten in two starts for McGuinness last summer before being sold to America where she has yet to race.

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Monday's Result:

2nd-CGN, €34,000, Alw, 2-22, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.59, st. MARMOGAH (FR) (f, 3, [Invincible Spirit \(Ire\)](#)--Causa Proxima {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Kendor {Fr}), a €200,000 ARQAUG yearling, was off the mark over this track and trip last time Jan. 20 and broke well to tank along in second early. Full of run when left in front with a quarter mile remaining, the 9-10 chalk was pushed out with hands and heels to register a comfortable half-length verdict over Al Jazi (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}). The dam is a half-sister to a clutch of performers who made a mark in this country, with the MGSWs Valentino (Fr) (Valanour {Ire}) and Whortleberry (Fr) (Starborough {GB}), the 2008 G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Belle et Celebre (Fr) (Peintre Celebre) and the 2005 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Ysoldina (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}) among them. Another of her half-siblings is the multiple Scandinavian champion Appel Au Maitre (Fr) (Starborough {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €29,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-M & Mme G Forien (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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ALLOWANCE RESULT:

1st-CGN, €18,000, 2-22, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:04.26, st. MENEAS (FR) (g, 6, American Post {GB}--Okalea {Ire}, by Dalakhani {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 18 starts, 9 wins, 8 places, €164,050. O-Kamal Al Bahou; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc & Stilvi Compania Financiera (FR); T-Damien de Watrigant. *€19,000 Wlg '10 ARDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Alyaa (Ire), f, 3, [Iffraaj \(GB\)](#)--Queenie Keen (Ire), by Refuse To Bend (Ire). WOL, 2-22, 7f 32y (AWT), 1:29.19. B-N. Hartery (IRE). *€46,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB; €10,000 2yo '15 GBMBR.
Kyllukey (GB), g, 3, [Kyllachy \(GB\)](#)--Money Note (GB), by Librettist. LIN, 2-22, 6f (AWT), 1:12.45. B-Whatton Manor Stud (GB). *50,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.
Faiseur de Miracle (GB), g, 4, [Makfi \(GB\)](#)--Flawly (GB) (GISP-US & MGSP-Fr), by Old Vic (GB). WOL, 2-22, 9f 103y (AWT), 2:01.10. B-Newsells Park Stud (GB). *€120,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG; 6,000gns 3yo '15 TAJUL. **1/2 to Best Name (GB) (King's Best), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$704,248; and to February Sun (GB) (Monsun {Ger}), GSW-Ger.

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