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by Bill Oppenheim

The market has its own way of measuring the best sires--stud fee. But the stud fee is a result of different components, one of which is fashion, so one of the jobs of analysts is to assess and interpret other measurements of sire success. Today we are looking at three different cumulative statistics for four groups of North American and European sires, those with first foals 2008-2011: cumulative progeny earnings; percentage of Black-Type Winners from named foals of racing age; and percentage of Graded/Group SW. One caveat we have to add is that 'named foals of racing age' includes 2-year-olds of 2016, obviously none of which have started, so the percentage figures will be lower, especially for younger sires (for which 2-year-olds are a higher percentage of their total foals) than they will eventually end up.

The two 'sire crops' immediately before the groups we're studying--F2006 and F2007--each include four major sires, against whose percentages we can compare the crops under review. The four F2006 sires, all North American and with their percentages of Black-Type Winners (BTW) and Graded/Group SW (GSW) in parentheses, are: two-time Leading North American Sire **Tapit** (7.83%/4.78%); **Speightstown** (9.59%/4.05%); **Medaglia D'Oro** (7.44%/3.72%); and **Candy Ride** (5.39%/2.48%). *Cont. p8*

## MOR SPIRIT 'FINE' AFTER ABORTED WORK

by Ben Massam

Michael Lund Petersen's GI Kentucky Derby hopeful **Mor Spirit** (Eskendereya) was eased before completing a workout Tuesday morning at Santa Anita Park, and Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert later confirmed via text message that the drill was terminated for precautionary reasons. The dark bay was pulled up in the stretch by Hall of Fame rider Gary Stevens after pursuing a stablemate, and subsequently jogged back to the barn.



Mor Spirit | Benoit Photo

"Mor Spirit is fine," Baffert said. "He is very lazy and tricky to work. Martin Garcia was sick today. Gary filled in." *Cont. p3*

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**Mor Spirit 'Fine' After Aborted Workout cont. from p1**

Although Garcia is the Pennsylvania-bred's regular exercise rider, Mor Spirit has been ridden by Stevens in all three of his victories, including scores in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity Dec. 19 and the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. Feb. 6. Baffert offered that attempts to keep Mor Spirit calm rendered him overly lethargic, and the ridgling never got involved in the workout.

"We had his ear plugs in so he would not be that tough and it put him to sleep," Baffert continued. "Gary aborted the work as a precaution."

A second-out maiden winner in Arcadia in October, the \$650,000 Fasig-Tipton Florida 2-year-old acquisition traveled to Kentucky and ran second in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 28 before his two most recent stakes triumphs. Following his win in the Lewis, Mor Spirit returned to the worktab with a four-furlong move in :48.60 [21/49] Feb. 17. He is expected to make his next start in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 12. ---@BMassamTDN

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**KEEN ICE THRIVING IN DUBAI**

by Alan Carasso

**Keen Ice** (Curlin) continues to impress railbirds and connections alike as last year's GI Travers S. upsetter approaches a start in Round 3 of the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge at Meydan Racecourse. The centerpiece of the 'Super Saturday' program Mar. 5, the \$400,000 Maktoum Challenge is contested over the same course and distance as the G1 Dubai World Cup three weeks further down the line.

"I've talked with [assistant trainer] Tammy Fox who's riding him over there and she says he feels terrific under her," commented Jerry Crawford, president of the Donegal Racing partnership. Keen Ice, whose sire won the 2008 World Cup--also with a prep beforehand--was never dangerous when a distant fourth to Horse of



**Keen Ice training at Meydan Feb. 21**  
Dubai Racing Club photo

the Year American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Oct. 31, but bounced back to be a fast-finishing fourth, beaten a length, behind Effinex (Mineshaft) in the GI Clark H. at Churchill Downs Nov. 27. **Cont. p4**

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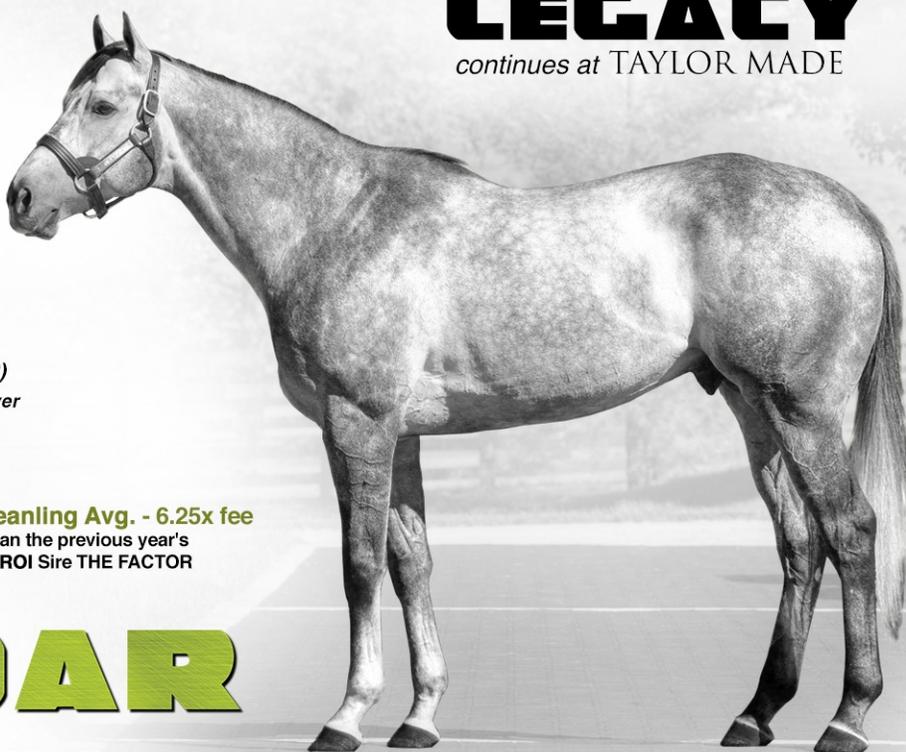
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The Donn result was “not greatly different from what we expected,” Crawford acknowledged. “That track is as biased against his running style as a track could be. You’ve got the short run to the first turn and the short stretch on a speed-favoring surface and there was no pace in that race at all. Whenever that’s the case, he’s going to struggle to be successful, but none of those conditions should be present in Dubai, so we’re looking for pretty exciting things.”

Like the connections of California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) and Frosted (Tapit), who have chosen to get a race into their horses over the track prior to World Cup night, Crawford believes such a strategy is in the best interest of their runner.

“He is a horse that needs a lot of work and he does his best with more racing rather than less racing,” he said. “Coming off the break, I think this is exactly the right thing for him. He’s very much on the muscle, he’s aggressive and he’s a pretty arrogant horse to be around, which can lead to some challenges, but not in any sort of way that causes a problem.”

In Dale Romans, Crawford has a trainer that has been there,

done that, having saddled Roses in May (Devil His Due) to a romping success in the world’s richest horse race in 2005.

“Dale knows the routine, so I think that’s very helpful, and Tammy has been there multiple times and she likes it over there very much,” he said. “Dale has so much confidence in this horse that it tends to permeate the whole organization.”

While Eclipse Award-winning jockey Javier Castellano has the call on Keen Ice for the World Cup, Crawford indicated they have yet to firm up a commitment for the Maktoum Challenge.

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## DICKMAN LOOKS TO BUILD LEGACY

by Jessica Martini

Vern Dickman, a relative newcomer to the sport of Thoroughbred racing, made a big splash at auction last year when he and longtime pinhooker John Brocklebank teamed up to purchase a daughter of Curlin for \$975,000 during the third book of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Immediately after signing the ticket, Dickman declared his intention to re-offer the filly as a juvenile and the youngster duly reappears as part of a seven-horse consignment from Brocklebank, as agent for Dickman's Legacy Ranch, in next week's Fasig-Tipton Florida 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Gulfstream Park.



Curlin--Epitome of a Lady  
Louise Reinagel

Dickman, 72, traces his love of horses back to his childhood growing up on a ranch in Cedar City, Utah. After founding several companies, including Spring Communications, he was able to retire and pursue his passion.

"I retired at 30 to become a cowboy," Dickman said. "I found out I wasn't a good cowboy," he chuckled. "I was an urban cowboy, but I always liked horses."

A meeting with veteran horseman and fellow Utah resident Brocklebank led Dickman to the Thoroughbred auction scene.

"We both live in Salt Lake City and a friend of mine told me that Vern was in the horse business, so we just started visiting a little bit," Brocklebank recalled. "One thing led to another and we became partners in this pinhooking venture that we're doing together. He is newly into the game and it's been exciting because he's been able to raise the level of the stock we'll be able to offer."

After a small initial draft of juveniles a year ago, Dickman was ready for a bigger investment in yearlings in 2015.

"Last year, I told John that I wanted to partner up with him and we'd go look for the best horses we could find," Dickman explained. "That started it. We have put together, I think, a great package of horses for our first go-around."

Dickman and Brocklebank selected a group of 42 yearlings last fall. According to Brocklebank, his criteria was simple.

"Anything that walks by that looks like it would be a nice athlete, so it's nothing really particular," Brocklebank said when asked what he looked for in pinhooking prospects. **Cont. p6**

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He added, "I've been fortunate in the past that I've been able to buy inexpensive horses and it's worked out for me. But with Vern now, with our partnership, we get to have a little more license plate to them. I really want to sell a really good product and he's allowed that to happen."

The Curlin filly, who sells at next Wednesday's Fasig-Tipton sale as [hip 153](#), was definitely the headline-grabber of the yearling package. The chestnut is out of stakes winner Epitome of a Lady (Poteen) and hails from the family of Grade I winner Hot Dixie Chick.

"I wasn't planning on going that high, but we were kind of pushed that high," Dickman recalled. "I bought her for two reasons, the main reason is that we thought she was a great horse. Everything seemed perfect on her. And the second reason, I felt like it would get us notoriety, let's say. So people would know that we're in the business and that Dickman's Legacy Ranch and John Brocklebank are going to bring them some great horses through pinhooking. There are a lot of pinhookers out there, but not many of them buy at the higher end, mainly because they probably don't have the means to do it. We feel that there is a spot for the higher end to be pinhooking. So this year will be the test. That's where we want to be."

Brocklebank said the filly has so far lived up to the hype.

"I didn't expect to pay that, but when we saw her a day or two before, every time she took a step, she was just so attractive. I think everybody in the world fell in love with her. She was easy, to me. She is outstanding and, come the [breeze show on the] 29th, I think she'll show her ability. She's been an absolute professional."

Dickman and Brocklebank are also high on a son of freshman sire Union Rags, who will be offered at Fasig-Tipton as [hip 135](#). The bay colt, out of But for Money (Not for Love), is a half to multiple graded stakes placed Eskenformoney (Eskendereya). The youngster was purchased privately after RNA'ing for \$250,000 at Keeneland September.

"The Union Rags is a big colt--he's a beast," Brocklebank said. "He is an easy horse. If you see him, you're automatically like, 'Wow.' When he walks in the room, you're going to take notice.



Vern Dickman  
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And that's how he is. When we hauled them all that way [from Kentucky to Utah]--I actually hauled them myself just because I was so worried about the Curlin and I just kind of wanted to do it myself--and they were all a bit tired. But when he got off the van, it was almost like he was saying, 'Ok. Here I am world, take a look.' He has a different constitution than most horses--I think he's a pretty cool horse."

The Legacy Ranch offerings also includes [hip 53](#), a son of City Zip out of My Rachel (Horse Chestnut {SAF}). The half-brother to multiple stakes placed Rachel's Ready (More Than Ready) and Firehouse Red (Arch), was a \$165,000 Keeneland September purchase. "He's an awful nice horse, too," Brocklebank commented.

Also on offer is [hip 90](#), a daughter of Congrats out of Storm City Blues (Carson City). "She's special," Brocklebank said of the dark bay filly, who sold for \$95,000 at Keeneland September.

Brocklebank will be offering his first Fasig-Tipton Florida consignment since 2000, when he sold subsequent stakes-placed Bring the Heat (In Excess {Ire}) for \$300,000.

"The weather was a little bit strange for us to get used to at first," Brocklebank said of the infamous Florida climate. "They say it changes every 10 minutes and I believe it. But the horses have settled in really well. And everyone is training really well."

For his part, Dickman is trying to stay focused on re-selling for the moment.

"We are mainly for pinhooking," Dickman said of his Legacy Ranch. "We do do some racing, but that's the hard part. Because we've got some horses here that I'm saying to myself I ought to keep and race because they look like they are Derby horses. So I am having to go back and forth and say, 'No, you're a pinhooker, Vern, you're not a racer.' And that's a little hard for me."

Dickman continued, "The long-range will be getting into breeding--I wouldn't mind having some mares. But the first course of business is pinhooking. It's exciting. I enjoy the challenge. And these are an exceptional bunch of horses that we'll be offering."

The under-tack show for the Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale begins Monday at Gulfstream Park at 10 a.m. The sale will be held Wednesday in the Gulfstream paddock beginning at 4 p.m.

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## AWESOME BANNER MAY PASS 'FOUNTAIN'

by Bill Finley

**Awesome Banner** (Awesome of Course), winner of the GIII Hutcheson S. and GII Swale S., may not start in this Saturday's GII Fountain of Youth, according to owner Fred Brei. Brei said that if the colt doesn't go this Saturday at Gulfstream, he will instead point for the Mar. 12 GII Tampa Bay Derby at Tampa Bay Downs. Brei noted that his Jacks Or Better Farm will definitely start **Fellowship** (Awesome of Course) in the Fountain of Youth and he is mulling over whether or not it makes sense to start two horses in the same race.



**Awesome Banner**  
A. Coglianese

"Fellowship ran really well when he was third in the GII Holy Bull S., but there was no speed in there," Brei said. "In the Fountain of Youth, there will be plenty of speed, so Fellowship should get a good setup. If any horse goes to Tampa, it will be Awesome Banner. It's the same amount of Derby points as the Fountain of Youth, so if we go to Tampa with him, I don't see what we have to lose."

Brei said he will not make his decision until entry time of the Fountain of Youth. When asked if he were leaning in either direction, he said he would prefer not to comment. Awesome Banner is unbeaten in three career starts, but has yet to race beyond seven furlongs and prove he can go a distance of ground. Brei said he is confident his colt will go the Fountain of Youth distance of a mile and a sixteenth.

"Unlike most sprinters, he's not loaded with early speed," said Brei. "That makes him different from a lot of the rest. Just by what I've seen in this horse, I'm very confident he can go two turns. If he can't, I still know I have an outstanding sprinter on our hands."

## SONGBIRD CONFIRMED FOR SANTA YSABEL

**Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro), undefeated champion juvenile filly of 2015 and recent winner of the GII Las Virgenes S. [[video](#)], will make her next start in the GIII Santa Ysabel S. at Santa Anita Mar. 5, owner Rick Porter confirmed on his Fox Hill Farm Facebook page Tuesday.

"Jerry Hollendorfer and I have decided to run in the [Santa Ysabel S. At Santa Anita on Mar. 5," the post said. "This will give us a month between the Las Virgenes and the [Apr. 9 GI] Santa Anita Oaks. This should fit just right for the [May 6 GI] Kentucky Oaks without any hiccups. I always worry about hiccups but that is part of this exhilarating sport."



**Songbird** | Benoit Photo

Songbird kicked off her 2016 campaign with a dominant 6 1/2-length score in the Feb. 6 Las Virgenes to follow up a 2-year-old season that included three Grade I victories in the Del Mar Debutante, Chandelier S. and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. The dark bay has worked twice since her recent victory, most recently drilling five furlongs in 1:00.80 [20/91] Sunday morning in Arcadia.

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**Elusive Echo** (Elusive Quality) is keeping a close eye on her Feb. 16 colt by Blame. She was foaled out and is boarded at Shawhan Place in Paris, Kentucky. Photo courtesy [foalphotos.com](http://foalphotos.com). Submit your foal photos directly to the site. | *Matt Koch photo.*

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**Top Sires F2008-F2011 cont. from p1**

Progeny earnings aren't as relevant when comparing different sire crops, of course, but it is interesting to see that Tapit's cumulative worldwide progeny earnings are now over \$89.4-million, of which about \$39-million have

come since the beginning of 2014. Speightstown's cumulative worldwide progeny earnings now total \$66.4-million; Medaglia D'Oro \$66.1-million; and Candy Ride \$53.9-million.

The distinction between worldwide progeny earnings and those garnered in North America and Europe only is most relevant with European sires, and especially, in some cases anyway, with Darley sires. Among F2007 sires, Dubawi has garnered \$80.7-million in worldwide earnings, though over \$44-million of that has been earned outside North America/Europe, mostly of course in Hong Kong and Japan. Shamardal's runners have earned \$62.0-million, of which \$32-million comes from outside NA/EU. TDN tallies all worldwide black type (but remember, all this is from Northern Hemisphere-sired crops only); by those standards, **Dubawi** now has 10.17% BTW/foals and a massive 6.69% GSW/foals (by comparison, **Galileo** has 11.04% BTW and 7.11% GSW, though a much a higher proportion is from North America and Europe); **Shamardal** has recorded exactly 8.00% BTW and 4.41% GSW/foals. The two leading North American sires are **Kitten's Joy** (\$52.9-million, 7.17%/2.66%) and **Ghostzapper** (\$41.7-million, 8.33%/4.26%).



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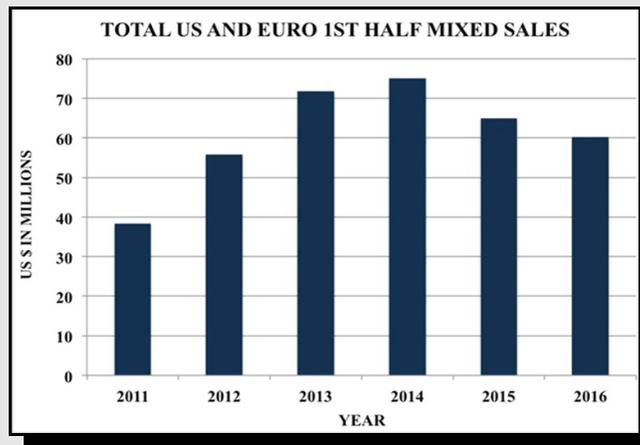
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Some sire crops include complete standouts, while in others there is a wider distribution of the prizes. The strategy of dividing the entire population of sires into groups by the year they went to stud, or had their first foals, enables us to

compare a smaller group of sires with, in one regard, similar opportunity. Among the group of NA/EU sires which retired in 2007 and had their first foals in 2008, two North American sires are complete standouts: **War Front** (9.23%/4.85%), who has sired the earners of \$33.7-million; and **Bernardini**, with higher earnings (just short of \$40-million), no doubt due to War Front

## Weekly Sales Ticker by Bill Oppenheim

"The winter mixed sales (1st-half calendar year) have now concluded, with a \$5-million (7%) drop in gross from 2015, from \$65-million to \$60-million, and a 5% drop in average; there was also a drop of nearly 4% in the clearance rate from the catalogues, from 63.7% the previous two years, to exactly 60.0% this year. While composition of the catalogues is again key at these mixed sales, the sector does continue the theme of shakiness in the auction marketplace. The 2-year-old sales get underway next week with a really strong-looking Fasig Florida catalogue."  
- Bill Oppenheim



### TOTAL US & EUROPEAN 1ST HALF MIXED SALES AS FEB 24, 2016

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2016	4,432	3,545	2,661	20.0%	75.1%	60.0%	\$60,283,388	\$22,654.41
2015	4,293	3,490	2,735	18.7%	78.4%	63.7%	\$65,008,015	\$23,768.93
2014	4,377	3,547	2,788	19.0%	78.6%	63.7%	\$75,130,883	\$26,947.95
2013	4,110	3,325	2,464	19.1%	74.1%	60.0%	\$71,778,159	\$29,130.75
2012	3,828	3,121	2,330	18.5%	74.7%	60.9%	\$55,823,537	\$23,958.60
2011	4,029	3,232	2,312	19.8%	71.5%	57.4%	\$38,435,898	\$16,624.52

### UPCOMING TWO YEAR OLD SALES:

- March 2 FASIG-TIPTON FLORIDA SALE
- March 15-16 OBS MARCH SALE
- March 30 BARRETTS AT DEL MAR SELECT 2YOS IN TRAINING SALE
- April 11-13 TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE UP SALE
- April 19-20 DONCASTER BLOODSTOCK BREEZE UP SALE
- April 19-22 OBS SPRING SALE OF 2YOS IN TRAINING
- April 28-29 TATTERSALLS GUINEAS BREEZE UP AND H.I.T SALE
- May 13-14 ARQANA BREEZE UP SALE
- May 23-24 FASIG-TIPTON MIDATLANTIC 2YOS IN TRAINING SALE
- May 26 BARRETTS MAY 2YOS IN TRAINING SALE
- May 27 BADEN-BADEN SPRING BREEZE UP SALE
- June 14-17 OBS JUNE TWO YEAR OLDS AND H.R.A SALE

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New Studs By Tapit	Fee	Winning Class	2014 Beyer	2015 Beyer
Tonalist	\$30,000	G1	106	111
Constitution	\$25,000	G1	101	111
<b>Race Day</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>G2</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>109</b>
Tapiture	\$7,500	G2	105	96

Shown defeating G1 winner Hoppertunity in the **FAYETTE S. (G2)**, setting a **Keeneland NTR in 1:47 4/5** on Breeders' Cup weekend.

having a higher proportion of earnings in Europe, and 4.65% BTW/3.66% GSW. **Holy Roman Emperor** actually has higher worldwide earnings (\$40.5-million), though over \$21-million of that has come outside NA/EU, no doubt mostly in Hong Kong. But the really telling statistic is number of Grade I/Group 1 winners: War Front and Bernardini have 10 each from six crops of 3-year-olds and up; Holy Roman Emperor (4) and **First Samurai** (3) rank next among F2008 sires. In terms of stud fee, War Front of course stands for \$200,000 this year, Bernardini for \$100,000. ([Click here for an alphabetical list of F2008 sires with 200+ foals.](#))

The F2009 sire crop includes as many as seven sires competing for the top spots. Recall that in 2006 and especially 2007 Darley spent an estimated \$200-million in stallion prospects (it was in 2006 that



**Darley's Hard Spun tops all F2009 sires by cumulative earnings** | *Darley photo*

Darley let it be known they would no longer be patronizing Coolmore sires). Of the seven F2009 leaders, four stand in North America, three in Europe; three of the seven are Darley sires from their 2007 intake. Ranked by percentage of GSW, **Scat Daddy's** massive 2015 raised him to the top of the list, with 3.56% GSW (of 7.31% BTW). Also at 2.50%+ GSW/foals are: **Teofilo** (6.88%/3.13%); top German sire **Soldier Hollow** (7.28%/2.91%, from crops averaging under 35 foals); **Street Sense** (6.95%/2.78%); **Dark Angel** (5.12%/2.77%); **Hard Spun** (5.51%/2.75%); and **English Channel** (5.41%/2.57%). In terms of worldwide progeny earnings, three Darley sires are among the five with earnings over \$20-million: Darley Kentucky sires Hard Spun (\$34.3-million) and Street Sense (\$31.1m), and Darley



**Into Mischief tops fifth-crop sires by percentage of BTWs** | *Lee Thomas photo*

Kildangan's **Teofilo** (\$21.3-million). Scat Daddy has worldwide progeny earnings (only Northern Hemisphere-sired crops) of \$28.8-million; English Channel has \$21.5-million in earnings. ([Alphabetical list.](#))

Sires with their first foals in 2010 had four crops racing in 2015, meaning their oldest foals were five. (We are now displaying fourth and fifth-crop sire lists on the site. Click here for [fourth](#), and here for [fifth](#), ranked by earnings.) Here in this article, we have displayed them ranked by percentage of BTW/foals as it often takes this long for sires' percentages of GSW to stabilize. In terms of BTW percentage, **Into Mischief** (6.04%/3.25%) and **Curlin** (5.91%/2.21%) top the list, though Curlin has nearly double the foals of Into Mischief. In terms of percentage of GSW, **New Approach** (2.76%), now-South African based **Duke of Marmalade** (2.62%), and **Tamayuz** (2.33%) still rank higher than Curlin, but in terms of progeny earnings (and stud fee), Curlin has more than \$26.8-million, nearly double Midnight Lute's \$14.4-million and **Big Brown's** \$14.0-million in second and third. As a general observation, the F2010 and F2011 sire crops had the lowest number of new sires in recent memory, due to the world economic crash and resultant dive in foal numbers of nearly 40% in North America and much of Europe. ([Alphabetical list.](#))

We have displayed F2011 sires, which had three crops racing and oldest 4-year-olds in 2015, by progeny earnings. Three sires have topped the \$10-million mark (through racing of last weekend). Triple



**Leading fourth-crop sire Pioneerof the Nile** *WinStar photo*

Crown winner American Pharoah retired with earnings of \$8.65-million, which accounts for over half of his sire **Pioneerof The Nile's** table-topping \$16.6-million in total worldwide progeny earnings. American Pharoah is actually Pioneerof The Nile's only Grade I winner, but his second and third crops were not all that big, and one thing we know for sure: he's sired the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years who topped it off by dominating the GI Breeders' Cup Classic; if he's done it once, he's sure to have more Grade I winners coming from his bigger crops of better mares. European sires Mastercraftsman (\$13.0-million) and Sea The Stars (\$10.1-million) come next on the money list. Sea The Stars (3.33%) and Mastercraftsman (3.20%) each has three Group 1 winners and lead this group so far by percentage of GSW/foals. ([Alphabetical list.](#))

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## F2008 NA & EU SIREs with 200+ FOALS and 2.50%+ GSW/Foals

SIRE	YR	FFLSYR	STANDS	FOALS	WNRS	EARNINGS	BTW	BTW%	GSW	GSW%	G1W
War Front	2002	2008	KY	433	210	33,719,234	40	9.23	21	4.84	10
Bernardini	2003	2008	KY	709	290	39,929,073	33	4.65	26	3.66	10
Hurricane Run (Ire)	2002	2008	GER	389	200	12,690,423	27	6.94	12	3.08	2
First Samurai	2003	2008	KY	360	184	22,283,006	19	5.27	11	3.05	3
Lord of England (GER)	2003	2008	GER	257	96	4,538,124	9	3.50	7	2.72	1
Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	2004	2008	IRE	738	381	40,558,104	42	5.69	19	2.57	4

## F2009 NA & EU SIREs with 200+ FOALS and 2.50%+ GSW/Foals

SIRE	YR	FFLSYR	STANDS	FOALS	WNRS	EARNINGS	BTW	BTW%	GSW	GSW%	G1W
Scat Daddy	2004	2009	Dead	533	272	28,855,719	39	7.31	19	3.56	3
Teofilo (Ire)	2004	2009	IRE	639	255	21,328,232	44	6.88	20	3.12	6
Soldier Hollow (GB)	2000	2009	GER	206	75	5,835,822	15	7.28	6	2.91	2
Street Sense	2004	2009	KY	503	261	31,179,212	35	6.95	14	2.78	5
Dark Angel (Ire)	2005	2009	IRE	468	212	16,889,228	24	5.12	13	2.77	2
Hard Spun	2004	2009	KY	617	288	34,300,420	34	5.51	17	2.75	7
English Channel	2002	2009	KY	388	173	21,560,880	21	5.41	10	2.57	3

## F2010 NA & EU SIREs with 120+ FOALS and 4.50%+ BTW/Foals

SIRE	YR	FFLSYR	STANDS	FOALS	WNRS	EARNINGS	BTW	BTW%	GSW	GSW%	G1W
Into Mischief	2005	2010	KY	215	79	12,247,701	13	6.04	7	3.25	1
Curlin	2004	2010	KY	406	211	26,801,961	24	5.91	9	2.21	4
Tamayuz (GB)	2005	2010	IRE	214	90	5,717,612	11	5.14	5	2.33	1
Raven's Pass	2005	2010	IRE	253	107	5,655,622	13	5.13	4	1.58	0
Street Boss	2004	2010	KY	346	173	12,601,238	17	4.91	5	1.44	2
Private Vow	2003	2010	KOREA	166	73	4,455,437	8	4.81	0	0.00	0
Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	2004	2010	S.Africa	458	165	11,778,477	22	4.80	12	2.62	3
New Approach (Ire)	2005	2010	ENG	434	152	11,283,575	20	4.60	12	2.76	3

## F2011 NA & EU SIREs with 90+ FOALS and PROGENY EARNINGS OF \$5M+

SIRE	YR	FFLSYR	STANDS	FOALS	WNRS	EARNINGS	BTW	BTW%	GSW	GSW%	G1W
Pioneerof the Nile	2006	2011	KY	259	93	16,680,837	11	4.24	5	1.93	1
Mastercraftsman (Ire)	2006	2011	IRE	374	133	13,035,546	19	5.08	12	3.20	3
Fastnet Rock (Aus)	2001	2011	IRE	380	101	10,142,743	13	3.42	7	1.84	3
Sea the Stars (Ire)	2006	2011	IRE	330	114	10,121,089	23	6.96	11	3.33	3
Colonel John	2005	2011	KY	353	123	7,644,920	7	1.98	4	1.13	0
Dandy Man (Ire)	2003	2011	IRE	149	54	6,158,648	3	2.01	2	1.34	1
Le Havre (Ire)	2006	2011	FR	311	82	6,036,521	13	4.18	4	1.28	1
Cowboy Cal	2005	2011	KY	215	95	5,998,304	4	1.86	1	0.46	0
Zensational	2006	2011	Arg	184	91	5,909,502	4	2.17	1	0.54	0



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**DERBYWARS SEEKS DISMISSAL OF RICO COMPLAINT** *by T.D. Thornton*

The parent company of DerbyWars filed notice with the United States Central District Court of California on Monday that it will seek dismissal of two of the four complaints against it in a lawsuit filed by tracks owned by The Stronach Group, including the most serious plank of the case, which alleges violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO).

The Louisville-based Horse Racing Labs, LLC, waited until the court-imposed Feb. 22 deadline for filing such a request, which asks dismissal “without leave to amend” of both the RICO complaint and a complaint of Intentional Interference with a Prospective Economic Advantage. In addition, DerbyWars is petitioning to have the word “damages” stricken from some sections of the federal lawsuit.

The Stronach-vs.-DerbyWars court battle has been widely viewed as a test case to determine the legality of fantasy- and tournament-styled online gaming based on horse race results.

Proponents of fantasy racing have consistently framed the “entry fees for lucrative cash prizes” tournaments as a means to market the sport while growing interest and educating customers. Those who oppose this style of play call it a form of illegal betting that usurps the racing product without directly contributing to the sport’s revenue stream.

The Feb. 22 DerbyWars court filing stated, in part: “Plaintiffs fail in their half-hearted attempt to state a claim under RICO--the ‘thermonuclear device’ of civil litigation...Put simply, Plaintiffs’ RICO claim is based on speculation that Derby Wars’s customers might bet at their tracks if not for the fantasy league option offered by Derby Wars.”

On Dec. 2, Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course and Portland Meadows demanded a jury trial to seek unspecified monetary, punitive and exemplary damages, plus injunctive relief, from DerbyWars.

Of the suit’s four complaints, the RICO allegations could be the most financially devastating to the five-year-old DerbyWars, because RICO victims are entitled to mandatory triple damages. Two other complaints involve violations of the Interstate Horse Racing Act and the California Business & Professions Code.

Mark Midland, the founder Horse Racing Labs, wrote in a Tuesday email that “we are actively working to resolve the pending litigation” with the Stronach Group.

“DerbyWars is actively working to partner with tracks and establish a model for contest sites to contribute to tracks. We have agreements in place for 2016 and are looking to add more tracks,” Midland wrote. “The Stronach Group lawsuit threatens all contests in horse racing, including the National Handicapping Championship, the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge, all online contests, as well as contests at racetracks, including contests run at Stronach Group tracks such as Santa Anita and Gulfstream... Contests are one of the bright spots in racing and we hope to see contests continue to grow in the future.”

The petition filed on Monday asks for an April 25 court date to hear the motions to dismiss and strike. -- [@tdthornton](#)

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**GOV. WOLF SIGNS BILL TO MODERNIZE & STRENGTHEN RACING**

Governor Tom Wolf signed House Bill 941 Tuesday, which includes much-needed reforms of Pennsylvania’s equine racing industry.

“Racing today is drastically different today than what it was 35 years ago when the last reform effort was put into law,” Wolf said right after signing the bill, which is now referred to as Act 6. It was clear that the status quo was no longer sufficient to maintain the integrity of the industry, to protect the wagering public, and to ensure proper oversight of racing in the commonwealth. Simply put, the system was broken. We were operating under a structural deficit that undermined our ability to regulate the industry properly and maximize the economic opportunities of this industry.”

In October 2015, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture announced it no longer had the financial resources necessary to maintain operations at the state’s two racing commissions--the Horse Racing Commission and the Harness Racing Commission--or to operate the Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology Research Laboratory at West Chester University where samples from Thoroughbred and Standardbred horses are tested for performance-enhancing substances. As a result, the state faced the difficult prospect of suspending racing in Pennsylvania.

The structural deficit in the State Racing Fund was the result of a 71% decline in wagers on live horse racing in the state since 2001. Pari-mutuel taxes on those wagers fund the oversight of racing in the state.

In response to this challenge, the Wolf administration convened a group of state officials, members of the General Assembly, and stakeholders from the equine industry and the state’s six licensed racetrack operators to develop a solution. The results of those negotiations are reflected in Act 6.

The new law combines the two racing commissions into one unified commission that strengthens the governance of the industry, yet retains the ability to render decisions on breed-specific issues. The new nine-member commission will be composed of five members appointed by the governor (one veterinarian, one representative of a Thoroughbred horsemen’s organization, one representative of a Thoroughbred breeder organization, one representative of a Standardbred horsemen’s association and one representative of a Standardbred breeder organization) and four members appointed by each of the four legislative caucuses.

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**Gov. Wolf Signs Bill cont.**

The new law also makes the industry, rather than taxpayers, responsible for bearing the cost of drug-testing horses, and it institutes new license fees for racetrack operators and for businesses that offer electronic wagering.

The bill repeals the 10% advanced deposit wagering tax on horse races that had been challenged in the courts and calls for a comprehensive industry study to assess the financial, regulatory and market factors of the horse racing industry.

"Getting to this point was not easy," said Redding, "but thanks to the involvement of the stakeholders, we were able to arrive at a sound compromise that accomplishes our objectives: strengthening the integrity of horse and harness racing in the commonwealth, and putting in place a financial model that will allow for the long-term viability of the State Racing Fund."

SHARE  Facebook Twitter E-mail**TIMONIUM OTB APPROVED**by *T.D. Thornton*

The Maryland Racing Commission voted 7-0 on Monday to approve a year-round simulcasting room within the grandstand of the state fairgrounds at Timonium, where Thoroughbreds race every August for a 10-day meet.

The plan, which is a partnership between the Maryland Jockey Club and the fairgrounds operators, had been expected to be greenlighted as recently as six weeks ago. But in mid-January, a group of several hundred residents and community leaders began lashing out at the proposed facility, citing fears of expanded gambling, improper permitting, the lack of adequate hearings, and traffic woes as reasons against allowing an OTB.

After numerous community meetings and "emergency" legislation filed by a local politician to stop the OTB, the commission held a formal hearing at the fairgrounds Feb. 11 before taking Monday's vote via telephone conference call, in which two commissioners abstained from voting.

The OTB is part of a larger MJC expansion into a network of a half-dozen or so simulcasting sites at which revenues are split in even thirds among the property owners, the MJC, and the state's Thoroughbred and harness horsemen.

"We are looking forward to opening our off-track betting facility in Timonium," MJC vice president and general manager Sal Sinatra said in a prepared statement. "We also look forward to continue building a strong relationship and partnership with the local community. We believe there's tremendous potential in Maryland Thoroughbred racing and we want to build on its rich tradition."

Delegate Chris West, who sponsored the anti-OTB legislation,

told the Baltimore Sun that "this makes me more determined to try to move my bill forward. The state racing commission clearly has its own agenda, and it's clearly focused on advancing the interest of the state racing industry. No component relates to the surrounding neighborhoods."

An opening date for the OTB has yet to be announced. ---

[@tdthornton](#)SHARE  Facebook Twitter E-mail**Eastern U.S.****Maryland Horse Industry Partners to Discuss Economic Impact:**

Maryland horse industry partners representing over 200 equine organizations will join Maryland legislators to celebrate Horse Industry Day at Lawyers Mall in Annapolis Feb. 23. Partners will announce an upcoming economic study designed to gauge the industry's contributions to Maryland's economy, while representatives will discuss the importance of the horse industry for state-wide job creation and preservation of heritage.

The day will include an issue briefing, meetings with lawmakers and an evening reception. The festivities begin at 3:30 p.m. ET. For more information, email Kathrn Gilley at [kg@kofapublicaffairs.com](mailto:kg@kofapublicaffairs.com).

**Central U.S.****Tuesday's Results:**

**9th-HOU, \$20,000, Alw, 2-23, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.49, gd.**

**SKYLUCK (f, 4, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Citi Pearl, by Citidancer)** romped by 8 1/2 lengths in her career bow here Jan. 23 and displays several speedy works since, most recently breezing a bullet three furlongs in :35 flat Feb. 21. Hammered down to 8-5 favoritism from her 6-1 morning-line, the bay dueled for control early through leisurely early fractions and shook free in the stretch to register a half-length decision. Donna's Royal Slot (Sharp Humor) completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Workin For Hops (City Zip), MGSW & MGISP, \$729,733. Sales history: \$230,000 Ylg '13 KEESSEP; \$28,000 3yo '15 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$23,160. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-Jerry Jamgotchian; B-Nursery Place & Partners (KY); T-Eric R. Reed.

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# Kentucky

## Annual Career Fair Unites College Students, Equine Industry:

The University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs will host its eighth annual UK Equine Career and Opportunity Fair Mar. 1 at Spindletop Hall in Lexington, it was announced Tuesday. The free event provides college students the chance to meet prospective equine industry employers and to learn about potential volunteer, internship and part-time and full-time employment opportunities. In addition to booths from area equine businesses, attendees can participate in sessions led by industry professionals, who will offer tips and one-on-one career advice.

“I always love this event,” said Elizabeth LaBonty, lecturer and internship coordinator in UK’s equine science and management undergraduate degree program. “The students work so hard putting it together, and the interaction between students and the industry is always rewarding to watch.”

Informational sessions will allow participants to explore opportunities related to graduate school, careers in the Thoroughbred and Sport Horse industries as well as marketing and business careers. Food and drinks will be provided, as will a shuttle service to and from campus for UK students. The event will be held from 4:30 p.m. ET to 7 p.m. ET. For more information, contact LaBonty at 859-257-2226.

# Florida

## Xpressbet to Sponsor Florida Derby, Fountain of Youth:

Gulfstream Park has partnered with wagering provider Xpressbet to present Saturday’s GII Fountain of Youth S. and the Apr. 2 GI Florida Derby, it was announced Tuesday. Xpressbet will serve as the title sponsor for both races, the premier events for 3-year-olds on the road to the Kentucky Derby in South Florida.

“The Florida Derby and Fountain of Youth Stakes are not only exceptional showcases of North America’s best three-year-olds, but are also the keystones of two extraordinary days of racing at one of racing’s greatest venues,” said Xpressbet Senior Vice President of Marketing, Kerry Carlson. “Aligning with these races reinforces Xpressbet’s mission of supporting the industry and horseplayers, and allows us to create insightful and meaningful handicapping content and information we think our customers will embrace.”

As part of the sponsorship, Xpressbet will provide exclusive handicapping insights and analysis for both races with its popular Wager Guides, and will also offer enhanced rewards promotions for customers.

# INDUSTRY INFO

## TAA Named Beneficiary of Fillies & Lilies Party:

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) has been named the charitable recipient of the 2016 Fillies & Lilies Party to be held after the Kentucky Oaks May 6, 2016, it was announced Tuesday. The party, hosted by QuintEvents’ Derby Experiences, will be held at the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs.

“We are pleased to support such a worthy organization like the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance as the charitable recipient of our annual Fillies & Lilies Party,” stated Brian Learst, QuintEvents CEO. “We appreciate their dedication to retraining and rehoming these horses that spend their life competing in events like the world-renowned Kentucky Derby, and the funds and recognition from this event will help to keep TAA’s initiative moving forward.”

The Fillies & Lilies event will feature a performance by country music star Vince Gill and appearances by racing analyst Jill Byrne and other prominent personalities from the world of Thoroughbred racing. Tickets, which benefit the TAA, for the Fillies & Lilies Party can be purchased on the Derby Experiences [website](#).

## APPOINTMENTS

### Keith Chamblin, Horse PAC Board

- “Keith Chamblin brings to the board a wealth of experience and contacts within the Thoroughbred racing industry,” said Horse PAC President Margaret E. Hendershot. “His knowledge of the NTRA’s legislative activities and grassroots organizing will be invaluable as we expand our outreach in the horse racing community.”
- Has been with the NTRA for over 15 years and is the organization’s Chief Operating Officer.
- Is the chief architect of the *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship.
- Organized the Horseplayers’ Coalition to seek legislative solutions to Federal tax issues that impact players and provide grassroots support for NTRA lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill.



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# ROOKIES

## First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, February 24

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

**FLAGSHIP** (El Prado {Ire}), Byerpatch Farm, 9/2/0

4-MVR, Alw 6f, Dontransomtheship, \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl, 8-1

2-MVR, Msw 6f, Gabe's Flag, \$1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl, 5-2

**MUCH THE BEST** (Forestry), M/M Stables, 7/1/0

4-MVR, Alw 6f, Honey Twists, 6-1

**PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 229/19/1

6-DED, Alw 7f, Glitter O'Prado, \$7K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

**PROUDINSKY (GER)** (Silvano {Ger}), All Star Thoroughbreds, \$2K, 24/1/0

6-DED, Alw 7f, Randinsky, \$9K EVA MAR 2yo, 5-1

**REGAL RANSOM** (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$8K, 140/9/0

4-MVR, Alw 6f, Sheza Fine Justice, \$5K PED IND yrl, 20-1

"I was taken by the fact he had El Prado (Ire) in his pedigree," said Desmond Koh, who trained in California with Hall of Famer Jack van Berg. "That's why I targeted a Polytrack race for him first-up and [jockey] Benny [Woodworth] rated him very well in



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front. Thanks to the owners for giving me this horse to train. On that run, he sure looks like he has ability." Added the Malaysian rider, "He jumped very well and once I had him in front, he was always travelling on the bridle. Even when Alan

[Munro]'s mare [Prechagorda {NZ} {Bachelor Duke}] came up to us, he was still going very well and in the home straight, once I asked him to go, he gave a very strong kick."

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### IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Sinjo Daehyeop**, g, 3, **Summer Bird**--Cupids Revenge (MSW, \$215,694), by Red Ransom. Seoul, 2-20, Hcp. (\$61k), 1400m. B-Westwind Farms (KY). \*1/2 to B G Suavecito (Suave), SW, \$103,424. \*\*\$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

**Cupid Power**, c, 4, **Stroll**--Touch of Classic, by Smart Strike. Seoul, 2-21, Hcp. (\$73k), 1200m. B-R Warren Lyster (KY). \*\$22,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

**Clean Up Joy**, g, 5, **Purge**--Greta's Joy, by Joyeux Danseur. Seoul, 2-21, Hcp. (\$90k), 1800m. B-James Meadows (KY). \*MSP-Kor. \*\*Won by eight lengths as the 4-5 chalk to take his record to seven wins from 15 starts with earnings in excess of \$470,000. \*\*\*1/2 to Livi Makenzie (Macho Uno), SW & MGSP, \$354,069. \*\*\*\*\$1,400 Wlg '11 KEENOV; \$7,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT; \$14,000 2yo '13 OBSJUN.

### IN SINGAPORE:

**+Mr Luck**, g, 4, **Kitten's Joy**--Atlantic Beauty, by Stormy Atlantic. Kranji, 2-21, Initiation (\$46k), 1000m (AWT). B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY). \*\$50,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. \*\*Formerly Boardwalk Kitten. \*\*\*Sent off at odds of 13-2 for this belated racecourse debut over the minimum trip, Mr Luck was off a touch slowly before mustering up the fence to argue the pace inside of a rival. Shuffled back into a clear second on the turn, he reengaged the front-runner leaving the final corner and sprinted well down the lane to take it by a good-looking 3 1/2-length margin ([VIDEO](#)).

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**10th-HOU, \$21,000**, 2-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :59.23, gd.

**HIGHER ED (g, 9, High Cascade--Great Alexandra, by Pine Bluff)** Lifetime Record: 33-7-7-3, \$84,607. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Rebecca Bynum (LA); T-Karl Broberg. \*\$800 RNA Ylg '08 LTBAUG.

**7th-HOU, \$20,000**, (S), 2-23, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:48.12, gd.

**UNCLE WITT (g, 4, Uncle Abbie--Chromedoll {SP}, by Dixieland Heat)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-0, \$33,160. O-Irby Jack Cook, II; B-Henry S. Witt (TX); T-Mindy J. Willis.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**+Graduation Gift**, f, 3, **Magna Graduate**--Money Card (MSW, \$302,487), by Left Banker. MVR, 2-23, (S), 6f, 1:19.65. B-Elizabeth H. Alexander (OH).

**Origami Downtown**, g, 3, **Temple City**--Miss Sheltowee, by Najran. HOU, 2-23, 1m 70y, 1:47.20. B-Sheltowee Farm (OH). \* \$22,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

**Sexy Dance**, f, 3, **Voyagers Quest**--Sexy Saint, by Free House. HOU, 2-23, 1m (off turf), 1:42.87. B-Jose Luis Espinoza (TX).

**+Ragtag Circus**, c, 4, **Mr. Nightlinger**--Majority Rule, by Hennessy. HOU, 2-23, (S), 6f, 1:14.42. B-Mike Stewart (TX).

**Three Lucky Sevens**, g, 5, **Seven Rings**--Ms. Pie, by The Vid. HOU, 2-23, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:50.62. B-Kenneth W. McPherson (TX).

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Last year's QIPCO 2000 Guineas winner Gleneagles | *Racing Post*

The G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas and G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas will each be worth a record £500,000 this year. The purse hikes are part of QIPCO's new deal, announced last June, to extend their sponsorship of the British Champions Series and Guineas Festival until 2024. The 2000 Guineas was last year worth £450,000, and the 1000 Guineas worth £410,000. The Guineas'—set for Apr. 30 and May 1—are the two opening legs of the British Champions Series.

Michael Prosser, head of racing of Jockey Club Racecourses East Region, said, "2016 will be a landmark year for Newmarket as not only are we celebrating the 350th anniversary of the home of horse racing, but the QIPCO 1000 and QIPCO 2000 Guineas will run with prize money parity again as well as being the most valuable they have ever been. Newmarket is so grateful that [QIPCO] continues to support the two biggest races of our spring season with such generosity and enthusiasm."

Rod Street, chief executive of British Champions Series, said, "Since the launch of QIPCO British Champions Series in 2011, prize money across the series races has increased by 64%, from £11.1 million in 2010 to £18.4 million, marking a significant investment in British flat racing's most important races. We are tremendously grateful to QIPCO as the series sponsor, both for their support and for their continuing commitment to British racing."

## CALIFORNIA CHROME ENTERED IN DUBAI

The 2014 American Horse of the Year **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) is entered in a 2000 metre Meydan handicap Thursday that will serve as a prep for the G1 Dubai World Cup over the same track and trip Mar. 26. He will be ridden by regular pilot Victor Espinoza. The chestnut made a successful start to his campaign when winning the GII San Pasqual S. off a 10-month layoff Jan. 10. Should all go to plan, he will make his second start in the world's richest race next month, having finished second last year.

California Chrome drew post one of eight and carries 60 kilograms (132 pounds), 15 pounds more than his rivals, which all carry 53 kilos. Post time is 9:55 p.m. local time. Also entered Thursday is Godolphin's **Marking** (Bernardini), who threw rider James Doyle at the start of the G3 Al Shindagha Sprint Feb. 11. He goes postward in a 1200-metre handicap.

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WITH GERRY DUFFY OF KILDANGAN STUD

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

GD: The horse I am most looking forward to seeing this year is **Moonlight Magic (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}). We would rate him as one of our more exciting 3-year-olds in Ireland this year and are expecting big things. He broke his maiden late in the season and followed it up a week later by winning the Listed Eyrefield S. Being by Cape Cross (Ire) and from the family of Galileo (Ire) he's got stallion prospect written all over him, so let's hope he lives up to expectations.



Gerry Duffy | Racing Post

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

GD: A horse I believe we'll be hearing plenty from is **Teofilo (Ire)**. He had four stakes-winning 2-year-olds--the second and third-placed horses in the Dewhurst, Massaat (Ire) and Sanus Per Aquam (Ire) and, of course, Pleascach (Ire), who won two Group 1 races last year and stays in training. He's a horse who has already achieved plenty in his career but it could be a very big year for him. On the first crop 2-year-old sires I have to stick with Casamento (Ire). He's a son of Shamardal who was himself a Group 1-winning 2-year-old and who had close on 150 foals in his first crop. He has a huge chance of being one of the leading first-crop stallions.

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

GD: A positive change I would like to see would be a focused effort by racetracks to heighten the owners' experience. Owners are the backbone of racing and are the end users that ultimately drive the commercial market so they need to be taken care of. It's wonderful to see investment in infrastructure at many Irish racetracks but I think we need to remember to remain focused on the finer details. Steel and glass on their own don't make for a positive experience, it's the service that goes with it that differentiates good from bad.

# A L K AHEAD

WITH ANNA DRION OF COULONCES CONSIGNMENT

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

AD: There is a filly called **Camprock (Fr)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) in training with Pia Brandt. She was bred by my daughter, Moa, and we own her with some very good friends. She won first time out in Chantilly on Jan. 29 and she will be entered in big races.

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

AD: I'm a huge fan of **Zoffany (Ire)**. He had some amazing 2-year-olds and I'm pretty sure they will train on. They have a lot of class.



Anna Drion

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

AD: I'm very excited that Olivier Delloye has been appointed as Director General of France Galop. Olivier is very open, positive and a forward-thinking person. There is a lot of improvement to be done in France and I cannot think of a better person for this position.

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**Tuesday's Result:**

**7th-WOL, £5,000, Mdn, 2-23, 3yo, 12f 50y (AWT), 2:42.52, st. WEST COAST FLYER (GB) (c, 3, [Cape Cross {Ire}](#)--[La Felicita {GB}](#) {SP-Ger}, by [Shareef Dancer](#)), green when fifth on debut over a mile at Chelmsford Jan. 28, was expected to show more professionalism this time as the 6-4 favorite and raced under restraint early with one behind. Still raw when asked to lengthen on the home turn, the 19,000gns TAOCT yearling eventually got the message and rolled by My Isla (GB) (Makfi {GB}) 100 yards out en route to a comfortable 1 1/2-length success. The winner is a half-brother to Lucidor (Ger) (Zafonic), GSW-Ger, \$152,533; and to Lady Marian (Ger) (Nayef), Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 9 1/2-11f, G1SW-Fr, GSW & G1SP-Ger, \$546,566, from the esteemed family of Lomitas (GB) and the G1 Deutsches Derby hero and fellow sire Lavirco (Ger) (Königsstuhl {Ger}) and has a yearling half-brother by Lawman (Fr). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,576. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Mr Ali Saeed; B-Miss K. Rausing (GB); T-David Simcock.**

**CONTINUED GROWTH FOR ASCOT SALE**

Tattersalls Ireland's Ascot February Sale, formerly conducted under the Brightwells banner, enjoyed growth for the third straight year when staged Tuesday. The aggregate of £266,600 for 59 lots sold was up 32% from last year; the average grew 41% to £4,519 and the median remained steady at £1,800. The clearance rate was 66%. Ten lots were sold for £10,00-plus compared to just four last year, and top billing went to [lot 54](#), wildcard entry Late Date (Ire) (Oscar {Ire}), a 5-year-old winning point-to-pointer picked up by Micky Hammond for £23,000.

Tattersalls Ireland Director of Horses in Training Richard Pugh said, "Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sales continues to grow, not just in strength but in quality. This is evident by the rise in key indicators for the third consecutive year. We now look forward to our flagship sale at Ascot, the Breeze-Up Sale, on Apr. 6."



**GODOLPHIN AWARD TO HOGG**

Gemma Hogg, assistant to trainer Micky Hammond, received the top honour at the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards in London Monday night when named Employee of the Year. Hogg received a trophy and a cheque for £40,000, half of which will be shared amongst Hammond's staff. Hogg also received the Leadership Award, and was commended particularly for her work re-homing retired racehorses.

The other award winners were: Alyson Deniel, who works for Richard Fahey, received the Rider/Groom award; Laura Winstanley, who works for Sir Michael Stoute, received the David Nicholson Newcomer Prize; Stuart Thom of Lofts Hall Stud won the Stud Staff award; Claire Goodenough, who works for William Haggas, won the Dedication to Racing award; Lisa Delany from the Jockeys Employment Training Scheme won the inaugural Rory MacDonald Community Award; and Joanna Mason won the Special Recognition Award for the re-training of the horse Liverpool.



**Tuesday's Results:**

**3rd-TLU, €16,000, Mdn, 2-23, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:47.99, hy. BESOTTED (IRE) (f, 3, [Dutch Art {GB}](#)--[Tender Is Thenight {Ire}](#), by [Barathea {Ire}](#)), runner-up over mile on the Polytrack at Cagnes-sur-Mer last time Feb. 6, broke well from the widest stall before racing freely in a share of second throughout the early stages. Taking control with 300 meters remaining, the 7-10 favorite, who is a half-sister to the promoted G1st Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Tie Black (Ire) (Machiavellian), G1SW-Fr, \$400,505, sauntered to an easy two-length success from A Song for You (GB) (Makfi {GB}). The dam hails from the excellent producer Mill Princess (Ire), under whose auspices have arisen a multitude of the game's stars headed by the high-class sprinter Last Tycoon (Ire) (Try My Best) and fellow sire Astronef (Ire) (Be My Guest). Other luminaries on her page include the top-level distaffers Sense of Style (Thunder Gulch), Valentine Waltz (Ire) (Be My Guest), Ice Queen (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {re}), Glorious Sight (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}) and the brilliant MG1SW Immortal Verse (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). This is also the family of the Strauss' sprinting heavyweight Zipping (Ire) (Zafonic) and Michael Tabor's recent high achiever Fire Lily (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). Tender Is Thenight also has a 2-year-old filly by Dark Angel (Ire) named Hug (Ire) and a yearling filly by Lawman (Fr). Sales history: €150,000 RNA Ylg '14 GOFORB. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 3 places, €19,450. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Anne-Marie Hayes; B-Knocktoran Stud (IRE); T-Philippe Sogorb.**

**4th-TLU, €16,000, Mdn, 2-23, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:46.06, hy. +HILLAL (IRE) (c, 3, [Whipper--Hill of Grace {GB}](#), by [Desert Prince {Ire}](#)), sent off the 11-5 favorite, was green early and ended up worse than mid-division in the back straight hugging**

the rail. Cajoled into contention on the home turn, the bay responded to his rider's urgings to grind down Dosnueveuno (Ire) (Roderic O'Connor {Ire}) in the last 100 meters and record a length score. The dam, who is herself a daughter of the MGSP Tycoon's Dolce (Ire) (Rainbows for Life), has a yearling filly by Motivator (GB). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-H H Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Al Shahania Stud (IRE); T-Philippe Sogorb.

**ALLOWANCE RESULT:**

**6th-LYS, €17,000, 2-23, 4yo/up, 9f (AWT), 1:54.17, st. ALCOY (FR) (c, 4, Aussie Rules--Breath of Love {Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 7-9 1/2f, GSW-Ity & SP-Fr, \$126,785}, by Mutakddim)** Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 3 wins, 5 places, €43,720. O-Ecurie Antonio Caro; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. \*€30,000 Ylg '13 AROCT; €50,000 2yo '14 ARMAY. \*\*1/2 to Bocaiuva (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, \$122,559.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Dance on the Hill (Ire), f, 4, Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Hitra (SP-Fr), by Langfuhr. TLU, 2-23, 8fT, 1:47.52. B-J Hernon (IRE). \*€22,500 Wlg '12 ARDEC; €90,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Akemi (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), SW-Fr, \$119,968.  
**Snowy Amour (Ire), f, 3, Azamour (Ire)**--Snow Key (SW & GSP-Fr, \$184,434), by Cozzene. LYS, 2-23, 9f (AWT), 1:55.72. B-G Strawbridge (IRE). \*€11,000 HRA '15 ARNOV.

 **EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**#Arab Dawn (GB), g, 5, Dalakhani (Ire)**--Victoire Celebre, by Stravinsky. Rosehill, 2-20, Parramatta Cup-Listed (£64k/€82k), 1900mT, 1:56.30. B-Fittocks Stud. \*GSP-Eng.

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*At The Races* will be the title sponsor of the Katara Sprint Cup at Qatar's Al Rayyan Racecourse Feb. 27. The \$250,000 1200-metre turf race will be contested on the feature day of the three-day Emir's Sword Festival.

"We are thrilled to add our brand to this prestigious international race as part of a growing partnership between QREC and At The Races," said Matthew Imi, chief executive officer of *At The Races*. "I am particularly pleased with the 17 horses declared for our race as they include a strong international entry with horses such as Rivellino, who won at Lingfield Park last time out."

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**TIMEFORM**

**2015 Timeform  
 Top-Rated 2-year-olds of 2015**

Horse	Stallion	Trainer	Rating
Air Force Blue (USA)	War Front	A O'Brien	128p
Songbird (USA)	Medaglia d'Oro	J Hollendorfer	125p
Shalaa (Ire)	Invincible Spirit	J Gosden	123p
Emotionless (Ire)	Shamardal	C Appleby	122p
Minding (Ire)	Galileo	A O'Brien	120p
Hit It A Bomb (USA)	War Front	A O'Brien	119p
Nyquist (USA)	Uncle Mo	D O'Neill	119
Buratino (Ire)	Exceed And Excel	M Johnston	118
Marcel (Ire)	Lawman	P Chapple-Hyam	118

*2015 Timeform global rankings were released 15 Jan. 2016.  
 For more on Timeform, click [here](#).*

**JANET JACKSON TO PERFORM AT DWC**

Janet Jackson will perform at Meydan Racecourse upon the conclusion of the Dubai World Cup card Mar. 26. The concert, which is part of Jackson's Unbreakable tour, will be exclusive to Dubai World Cup ticket holders.

"I am excited to perform for the global audience at this year's Dubai World Cup," Jackson said. "The entire Unbreakable company is looking forward to traveling with me to Dubai and being part of one of the world's most prestigious events."

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**GROUP-G2, \$250,000 (£178,208/€226,870), 3yo/up, 1600mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Bossy Guest (Ire)	Medicean (GB)	Smullen	Channon	125
2	Harry's Son (Aus)	Haradasun (Aus)	Mullen	Lafferty	125
3	Zahee (NZ)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Smith	de Kock	125
4	Safety Check (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	130
5	Johann Strauss (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Soumillon	de Kock	125
6	Forjatt (Ire)	Ifraaj (GB)	Hayes	Selvaratnam	125
7	Championship (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Tylicki	bin Harmash	125
8	Ghaamer	Hard Spun	Hanagan	Al Raihe	125
9	Big Baz (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Dwyer	Muir	125
10	Fanciful Angel (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	O'Neill	Botti	125

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Hell Of An Effort (Aus)	Reward For Effort (Aus)	Nolen	Moody	124
3	Miss Nymeria (Aus)	Stryker (Aus)	Maloney	Griffiths	120
4	Hey Doc (Aus)	Duporth (Aus)	Bosson	McEvoy	124
5	Samara Dancer (NZ)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Tourneur	Stokes	120
6	Concealer (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	Zahra	McEvoy	120
7	Zamzam (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Hall	Hyes/Dbernig	120
8	Valliano (Aus)	Equiano (Fr)	Lane	Hyes/Dbernig	124
9	Power Trip (Aus)	Hard Spun	Mott	McArdle	124
10	Star Turn (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	Dunn	Hawkeses	124
12	Highland Beat (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Currie	Hyes/Dbernig	124
13	Extreme Choice (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Newitt	Price	124
14	China Dream (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Boss	Price	124
15	Areti (Aus)	Street Sense	Williams	Griffiths	120
16	Sweet Sherry (Aus)	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Winks	Stanley	120
17	Flying Artie (Aus)	Artie Schiller	Oliver	Price	124
19	Kinetic Design (Aus)	Master Of Design (Aus)	Payne	Webb	120

Also Eligible:

18	Selenia (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	McNeil	Griffiths	120
2	Seaburge (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	No rider	Hyes/Dbernig	124
11	Revolving Door (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	No rider	McDonald	124

**HONG KONG CHAMP LUCKY NINE RETIRED**

by Alan Carasso

**Lucky Nine (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}--Birjand {GB}), by Green Desert), a two-time champion sprinter in Hong Kong who won back-to-back runnings of the G1 KrisFlyer International Sprint on foreign soil, has been retired from racing, South China *Morning Post* reports.

A maiden winner in three European starts when raced as Luck or Design and trained by Andy Oliver, Lucky Nine won the 2011 Hong Kong Classic Mile and was runner-up in the Hong Kong Classic Cup over nine furlongs, but ultimately made his name as a world-class sprinter.

The gelding, bred by Darley, scored the first of his three international top-level victories in the 2011 Hong Kong Sprint **(VIDEO)** and battled his way to consecutive scores in the KrisFlyer in 2013 and 2014. He was a solid third behind fellow Hong



**Trainer Caspar Fownes, jockey Brett Prebble and Lucky Nine following the 2011 Hong Kong Sprint | HKJC photo**

Kong raider Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) in search of the three-peat last May. Known more for his tenacity than his brilliance, Lucky Nine was a five-time winner at the domestic Group 1 level in Hong Kong, including the Chairman's Sprint Prize in his championship seasons in 2013 and 2014.

Lucky Nine was campaigned ambitiously by trainer Caspar Fownes and made 11 of his 48 starts overseas during his Hong Kong tenure. An unlucky runner-up in the G2 Centaur S. in 2011, he was a good third to Krypton Factor (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) in the 2012 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. Programmed for an Australian campaign in the fall of 2013, he just missed in the G1 Manikato S. at Moonee Valley and was sixth to Buffering (Aus) (Mossman {Aus}) as the favorite in Flemington's G1 VRC Sprint Classic. Lucky Nine retires with a record of 51-14-9-7 and earnings of \$6,652,807.

"He was a horse that always gave his best, he had so many issues but he would just try his heart out every time he ran," Fownes told *SCMP*. "He had lovely owners and we have decided that the priority is now finding him a nice home where he can live his life as a happy and healthy horse."



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## AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN HONG KONG:

**Rapper Dragon (Aus)**, g, 3, **Street Boss**--Swing Dance (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Sha Tin, 2-21, Hcp. (A\$294k), 1400mT, 1:22.42. B-E Cojuangco. \*Formerly Street Rapper (Aus). \*\*G1SP-Aus.

### IN SINGAPORE:

**Solaris Spectrum (Aus)**, g, 4, **Time Thief (Aus)**--Chloris (Aus), by Scenic (Ire). Kranji, 2-21, Hcp. (A\$80k), 1200mT, 1:10.25. B-Bowness Stud. \*1/2 to Zamorar (Aus) (Scandal Keeper), MGSP-Aus, A\$354,988. \*\*Formerly Madden (Aus).

*A\$40,000 Ylg '13 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearlings Sale  
V: Bowness Stud, agent; B-Michael Hickmott Bloodstock*

### IN NEW ZEALAND:

**Rangipo (Aus)**, g, 3, **Stryker (Aus)**--Holloway (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Ellerslie, 2-20, Auckland Eye Avondale Guineas-G2 (A\$92k), 2100mT, 2:11.42. B-J Thompson. \*G1SP-NZ.

### IN SOUTH AFRICA:

**Team Guys (Aus)**, c, 3, **Bernardini**--Coffee Shop (SP-US, \$163,465), by Silver Ghost. Greyville, 2-21, Hcp., 1600m (AWT), 1:35.32. B-Ralph Johns Pty Ltd.

*A\$50,000 Ylg '14 Inglis Classic Yearlings Sale  
V: Amarina Farm; B-Heritage Bloodstock*

*R1,200,000 2yo '14 Emperors Palace Ready To Run Sale  
V: Balmoral Stud; B-Balmoral Stud*

**Emaar (Aus)**, g, 3, **Bernardini**--Tameer (NZ) (MSW-Aus, A\$195,782), by General Nediym (Aus). Vaal, 2-23, 1600mT, 1:37.61. B-Shadwell Stud Australia Ltd. \*1/2 to Bulbula (Aus) (Shamardal), SW & MGSP-Aus, A\$163,130.

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