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## TOP 12

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Last week was once again all about **Mohaymen** (Tapit), who looked like there's no limit to his potential when winning the GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. He continues to stay on top of this poll and virtually every other Derby poll out there and for good reason--he looks like the perfect package. It will be a relatively quiet weekend, as only the GIII Gotham S. at the Big A will bring together serious Derby contenders. That race should answer some questions about a number of horses looking to climb their way up the polls. **Cont. p5**

## HIGH VOLUME PLAYERS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY

If you bet on horses virtually anywhere in the world today, you won't just be competing against your fellow run-of-the-mill horseplayer or the bookmaker at the local betting shop, but against teams of sophisticated, high-tech gamblers who will be pouring millions through the windows. And guess what? They're a lot better than you. So much so that horse racing needs to examine whether or not these "high-volume players" are making betting on the sport a disastrous proposition for the rest of us.

Computer technology and the invention of rebates have given rise to a phenomenon that has made a small number of individuals rich while drastically changing the economics of wagering. Some really smart people have taken to using computers to crunch every conceivable piece of data available on horses, jockeys, trainers, track conditions, and other factors, and then are using the information to churn out the probability of a horse winning or an exacta or trifecta coming in. The computer may tell them that a particular exacta has a 10% probability of coming in and should be paying \$20. If it is actually paying \$35, they will bet on what they know to be an inefficiency in the market, or an overlay. Their bets are always made at the very last possible second, among the reasons why a horse might enter the gate at 4-1 and be 5-2 by the time the field hits the top of the stretch.

The beauty of their system is that they don't even have to beat the odds, though some do. With rebates available to these players of 10% or greater, all they have to do to win is lose less than their rebate.

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*Raiders Fan (Fastness {Ire}) and her February 20 colt by Birdstone strut their stuff at Sunset Meadow Farm in Farmingdale, NJ. Mare and foal are both owned and bred by David Lengel.*

*Sarah Andrew.*

## **GOLD PLOTS COURSE FOR TOP SOPHOMORES**

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*Trainer Stanley Gold has firmed up next-out plans for Jacks or Better Farm's homebred duo of **Fellowship** (Awesome of Course) and **Awesome Banner** (Awesome of Course), who finished third and fifth, in last Saturday's GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. Fellowship is scheduled to return in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby Apr. 2, while Awesome Banner is slated to run in the GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 12.*

## **DOWN THE SHEDROW WITH WESLEY WARD**

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*Christie DeBernardis goes 'Down the Shedrow' with trainer Wesley Ward. Updates on Hootenanny, Acapulco, Green Mask, Undrafted and plenty more. "He seems to be doing really good," Ward said of Hootenanny. "No plans yet for his first start back. He's training in Kentucky, so he will probably race at Keeneland."*

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One of the first people known to have used computer technology to beat the races is an American named Bill Benter, who started wagering into the huge pools in Hong Kong in the late eighties and has reportedly won millions. Others followed, including Zeljko Ranogajec, who is reputed to be the world's biggest gambler. Known by most simply as "Jelko," he is of Croatian descent but was born in Australia in 1961. He discovered horse racing after being banned from Blackjack tables throughout the world and, according to his Wikipedia page, accounts for 6 to 8% of all the money wagered through the tote company TabCorp on racing in Australia. Over the last decade or so, the secretive Australian and his team have reputedly been the biggest bettors in U.S. racing and reports have stated that he is "worth billions."

Jelko is said to be the head of one of four major teams of high-volume computer players that are collectively betting millions each week on North American racing. Insiders estimate that the computer players now may account for more than 20% of all North American handle. Twenty years ago, at least in the U.S., they didn't exist.

That means high-volume computer teams are betting roughly over \$2 billion a year, which, at first glance, would seem to mean they should erect a statue honoring some of these players outside Santa Anita, Gulfstream or Saratoga. Most tracks and ADW companies covet their business, competing for their handle by offering sweetheart simulcasting deals and lucrative rebates. Because these bettors protect their anonymity and, for obvious reasons, don't want to share their betting secrets, you won't see any racetrack executive mention a word about them. Most ordinary racing fans and bettors probably don't even know this caliber of player exists.

At the 2014 Belmont Stakes, winner Tonalist was 11-1 when the field went into the gate, but 9-1 on the clubhouse turn, a mammoth shift considering the size of the pool. It is well-known among gambling insiders that two leading high-volume computer teams caused a \$24 Belmont Stakes winner to become a \$20.40 winner.

And therein lies the problem. How much did they win on the Tonalist bet and how much did they cost everyone else who wagered on that horse? When an individual or groups of people are that good when it comes to pari-mutuel gambling, which pits players against one another instead of against the house, they are taking an inordinate slice of the pie. That leaves only crumbs for everyone else.

Are they causing the rest of us to go broke? That's the question.

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Let's do the math. In our hypothetical race, there is \$1 million in the exacta pool and the takeout rate is 20%, meaning \$800,000 is returned to winning bettors. Based on our estimates, if the computer players account for 25% of the exacta pool or \$250,000 and their models are so good that they can be expected to break even, before the rebate. That means they take \$250,000 out of the winners' share, leaving \$550,000 for the rest of us. The Average Joes bet \$750,000 into the race but only \$550,000 was returned to them. That means the effective takeout for all but the handful of computer sharpies was actually 26.66%. A 20% takeout is bad enough. At 26.66%, no one can help but to eventually go broke.

Racetrack management either doesn't get this or doesn't want to get it. They are apparently more focused on the short-term benefits that come from taking in such huge bets than the long-term damage that has to be a factor when a small group of individuals is so dominant in the betting wars. Oaklawn Park is the only major racetrack in the country that doesn't allow the computer bettors into their pools.

The success of high-volume computer players must be forcing others out of the game. Racing cannot afford to exhaust its core customers' bankrolls, but it may be doing just that. To put it another way, travelers who fly one million miles a year may get free upgrades and club access, but they don't pay less than everyone else for their ticket, thereby costing the casual air traveler more.

The numbers speak for themselves. In 2003, \$15.1 billion was wagered on U.S. racing. Twelve years later in 2015, with the major high-volume teams pumping their millions into the pools, handle had fallen to \$10.6 billion. And that is despite an infusion into the U.S. betting pools by the computer players that is estimated to be in the area of \$2.5 billion annually. It is also important to consider that a track retains a lower commission from a bet from a huge player because of the rebate and other discounts involved than it does off of you and me.

So, has racing benefitted overall from these players and their huge bets or has it been harmed? It is a vital question that someone needs to start answering.

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**1. MOHAYMEN (c, [Tapit--Justwhistledixie](#), by Dixie Union)**  
 O-Shadwell Stable. B-Clearsky Farm (Ky). T-Kieran McLaughlin.  
 Sales history: \$2,200,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.  
 Last Start: 1st, [GII Fountain of Youth S.](#), GP, Feb. 27  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GII Holy Bull S.](#), GP, Jan. 30  
 1st [GII Remsen S.](#), AQU, Nov. 28; 1st [GII Nashua S.](#), AQU, Nov. 4  
 Next Start: GI Florida Derby., GP, April 2  
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)  
[Andrew Caulfield on Mohaymen](#)

Sorry, but we are running out of superlatives for the gray son of Tapit. Every time he steps onto the racetrack, he makes his competitors look like they come from an inferior species. The GII Fountain of Youth was more of the same. Some believed that trainer Kieran McLaughlin, knowing there were bigger goals ahead, did not have Mohaymen fully cranked up--and maybe he didn't. It mattered not, as he had no problem posting an easy

win, by 2 1/4 lengths. His jockey situation is an interesting one as McLaughlin wanted Irad Ortiz Jr. to ride the colt in his debut Sept. 19 at Belmont. But Ortiz chose to instead ride Upstart (Flatter), who finished fifth that day in the GII Pennsylvania Derby at Parx. So McLaughlin went with Junior Alvarado, who has never ridden in a GI Kentucky Derby.



**Mohaymen makes it five-for-five in the FOY | Adam Coglianese**

*Rising 3yo colt*

### CONVERGE

showed an explosive turn of foot to win Saturday's \$150,000 Palm Beach S. (G3) at Gulfstream, running 1 1/16 miles in 1:40.64.

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**2. NYQUIST (c, [Uncle Mo--Seeking Gabrielle](#), by Forestry)**  
 O-Reddam Racing LLC. B-Summerhill Farm (Ky). T-Doug O'Neill.  
 Sales history: \$400,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR; \$230,000 Ylg '14  
 KEESEP; \$180,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV.  
 Last Start: 1st, [GII San Vicente S.](#), SA, Feb. 15  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile](#), KEE,  
 Oct. 31; 1st, [GI Front Runner S.](#), SA, Sept. 26; 1st, [GI Del Mar  
 Futurity](#), DMR, Sept. 7; 1st [GII Best Pal S.](#), DMR, Aug. 8  
 Next Start: GI Florida Derby, GP, Apr. 2  
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)  
[Andrew Caulfield on Nyquist](#)

Like everyone else, owner J. Paul Reddam is anxiously looking

forward to the 1-  
 versus-2 showdown in  
 the GI Florida Derby,  
 as his colt Nyquist will  
 take on Mohaymen.  
 Nyquist is an  
 undefeated  
 champion, yet he will  
 be cast as the inferior  
 horse--and Reddam  
 knows it. "A lot of the  
 pundits don't have a



Nyquist | Horsephotos

lot of faith in our horse," he said. "I think they're a little bit  
 confused by him. That's ok by me. I know we will be the  
 underdog. It's like we're the visiting team. That will be kind of  
 fun. This is going to be a tricky race from the gambling  
 perspective. I'm thinking Mohaymen will be 1-2 and we'll be 8-  
 5." When asked if he would have preferred an easier prep for  
 the GI Kentucky Derby, Reddam replied, "It's been our plan all  
 along to go to the Florida Derby and it turns out it was  
 Shadwell's plan, too. Everyone is going to stick to their plan. So,  
 something is going to have to give. The horses will settle things  
 on the racetrack."

**3. MOR SPIRIT (r, [Eskendereya--Im a Dixie Girl](#), by Dixie Union)**  
 O-Michael Lund Petersen. B-Elkstone Group LLC (PA). T-Bob  
 Baffert. Sales history: \$650,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR; \$85,000 Ylg  
 '14 FTKOCT.  
 Last Start: 1st, [GIII Robert B. Lewis S.](#), Feb. 6, SA  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GI Los Alamitos Futurity](#), LRC,  
 Dec. 19  
 Next Start: Undecided  
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)  
[Andrew Caulfield on Mor Spirit](#)

Mor Spirit appears to back on track after he was pulled up  
 early in a Feb. 23 workout. **Cont. p7**

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On Sunday, the 3-year-old worked five furlongs in :59 4/5 at Santa Anita and did so without a hitch. Trainer Bob Baffert said the horse will be on a work schedule that will have him ready for the GII San Felipe Mar. 12, but has yet to fully commit to that race. The other option is to sit the San Felipe out and go for the GI Santa Anita Derby. Baffert will likely make his decision after Mor Spirit's next work. Either



Mor Spirit | Benoit

way, with Nyquist heading to Florida, Mor Spirit looks like he's the head of the class among the horses that will prep for the Derby at Santa Anita.

**4. EXAGGERATOR (c, Curlin--Dawn Raid, by Vindication)**

O-Big Chief Racing. B-Joseph B. Murphy (Ky). T-Keith Desormeaux.

Sales history: \$110,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

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

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

Next Start: GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 12

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)

Matt Bryan, the owner of Exaggerator, knows this business isn't easy--even if he's making it look that way. Bryan has been a Thoroughbred owner for a bit less than four years. Spending modest amounts of money at the sales (he bought GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up Swipe (Birdstone) for \$5,000), his Big Chief Racing LLC has already won the GII Risen Star S., the GIII San Juan Capistrano S. and the GIII Delta Downs Jackpot, and Swipe {Birdstone} has



Exaggerator | Coady Photography

made \$608,330. "Every day we pinch ourselves," Bryan said. "Our success has been unprecedented compared to what other people have spent and have never had the success we have had. [Trainer] Keith [Desormeaux] is an incredible horseman. I don't think people realize how good he is. I hope we help get him into the Hall of Fame some day." Putting things in perspective, Bryan noted that Mohaymen cost 440 times more than Swipe did at the sales. In Exaggerator, Big Chief has another horse who could put a lot more money into Bryan's bank account.

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**5. GUN RUNNER (c, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--[Quiet Giant](#), by Giant's Causeway)**

O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Three Chimneys Farm. B-Besilu Stables. T-Steve Asmussen.

Last Start: 1st, [Gll Risen Star S.](#), FG, Feb. 20

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

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)

[Andrew Caulfield on Gun Runner](#)

The Winchell family, which co-owns Gun Runner, is due for some good luck in the GI Kentucky Derby. The first horse Vern Winchell ever bought, Donut King, was entered in the 1962 Kentucky Derby, but was withdrawn after coming down with an infection in his left front leg. According to reports, Winchell wanted to run anyway, while trainer Ron McAnally did not. Donut King had won the Wood Memorial.



Gun Runner | Lou Hodges

Over the years, the Winchells have started eight horses in the Kentucky Derby and none of them have finished in the money. The list includes Tapit (Pulpit), who finished ninth in 2004. Now a superstar sire, he may have been done in by a sloppy track

that afternoon at Churchill Downs. Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC is a partnership between Verne Winchell's son Ron and his widow, Joan.

**6. GREENPOINTCRUSADER (c, [Bernardini](#)--[Ava Knowsthecode](#), by Cryptoclearance)**

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

Sales history: \$575,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

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

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

Next Start: Undecided

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)

Co-owner Anthony Bonomo reports that it's not set in stone that Greenpointcrusader will go next in the Gll Louisiana Derby. The GI Wood Memorial, he says, is also under consideration. "It will either be the Louisiana Derby or the Wood and right now we're not looking at one over the other," he said.



Greenpointcrusader | C. Durand

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“It will be decided by [trainer] Dominick [Schettino]. We’ll let him figure it out. I like to let my trainers make the decisions. That way we can blame them when we lose.” Bonomo, who runs under the name of Brooklyn Boyz Stable, is as New York as they get and has been a member of the NYRA Board, but he says that won’t sway anyone to point the colt for the Wood Memorial. “This decision is going to come down to what’s the best place for him to run and what the trainer decides,” he said. “I am not going to let sentiment get in the way.”

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

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

Sales: \$350,000 Ylg ‘14 KEESSEP.

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

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GI Breeders’ Futurity](#), KEE, Oct. 3

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

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)

Though his horse has plenty of time to get ready for the GII Tampa Bay Derby, trainer Dale Romans took the unusual step of shipping the horse from his base at Gulfstream Park to Tampa Bay Downs Wednesday.

“It’s a little different surface at Tampa and I wanted him to train on it first,” Romans said. “It’s more of a safety issue than anything. I think that if he trains over that track he’ll be better



**Brody’s Cause** | *Coady*

prepared on race day. I haven’t run that many at Tampa. I’ve had some luck running there on the turf, but I found it’s a tough place to ship a dirt horse into and that’s why we’re going over there early.” Romans has won with three of the 17 runners he has entered during his career at

Tampa. All three of his winners there have come in stakes races. Romans reports that Brody’s Cause will likely work at Tampa on Sunday.

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

O-GMB Racing. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm. T-Tom Amoss.

Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg ‘14 KEESSEP.

Last Start: 3rd, [GII Risen Star S.](#), FG, Feb. 20

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII LeComte S.](#), FG, Jan. 16; 1st, [Street Sense S.](#), CD, Nov. 1

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

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Though he finished third aboard Mo Tom in the GII Risen Star S., jockey Corey Lanerie believes he should have won the race.



Mo Tom  
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Lanerie had to take up sharply in the stretch when Bistraya (Haynesfield) came over into his path. "I was upset that he didn't win because I thought I was on the best horse," Lanerie said. "He was rolling and that other horse

was stopping. He fell right into my path, stopped my momentum completely. On the other hand, I was really happy that he didn't throw in the towel on me. He overcame it in a few strides, starting running again and the galloped out really good. He galloped out in front like he thought he won. It was really impressive that he didn't quit because you know a lot of times you're not going to have a smooth trip in the Derby."

9. MALIBU SUNSET (c, [Bernardini](#)--One Stormy Mama, by Storm Cat)

O-Gary & Mary West. B-Mike Abraham. T-Bob Baffert  
Sales history: \$240,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$190,000 RNA '13 FTKNOV

Last Start: 1st, [Allowance](#), SA, Feb. 28

Next Start: Undecided

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)

He's light on experience, but apparently loaded with talent. After he won his debut Jan. 31 at the Fair Grounds by 10 1/2 lengths in 'TDN Rising Star' fashion for trainer Wayne Catalano,



Malibu Sunset | Benoit Photo

Malibu Sunset was turned over to Bob Baffert. For Baffert, he won an allowance race at Santa Anita last Sunday by a deceiving 1 1/2 lengths. Jockey Flavien Prat merely let him gallop through the lane after he had put away the competition. Should

he make it to the GI Kentucky Derby, Malibu Sunset will have to answer the question of whether or not a horse who did not compete at two can win America's toughest horse race.

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

O/B-Shadwell Stable. T-Chad Brown

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

Next Start: GIII Gotham, AQU, Mar. 5

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)

Saturday's GII Gotham should determine whether 'TDN Rising Star' Shagaf is a serious GI Kentucky Derby threat or not. The Gulfstream route to Churchill Downs was not available to Chad Brown because Shadwell Stable also owns Mohaymen and he's committed to Florida, so the trainer picked New York. The Gotham is far from an easy spot as it includes



Shagaf | Lauren King

GIII Withers S. winner Sunny Ridge (Holy Bull), Conquest Big E (Tapit) and a handful of other serious horses. With Shagaf having posted a 78 Beyer in his last start, believers in those numbers may be looking elsewhere Saturday.

**11. ZULU (c, Bernardini--Temporada, by Summer Squall)**

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith. B-Ron Magers & Robert Marcocchio. T-Todd Pletcher

Sales history: \$900,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR; \$400,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP

Last Start: 2nd, [GII Fountain of Youth S.](#), GP, Feb. 27

Next Start: Undecided

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)

He was no match for Mohaymen in the GII Fountain of Youth S., but it was nonetheless a good stakes debut for 'TDN Rising Star' Zulu. He was clearly second best while finishing four lengths in front of the third-place finisher, Fellowship (Awesome of Course). He may not be ready to beat Mohaymen, but you might be able to say the same thing about every 3-year-old on the planet. A bit of a late-developer for Todd Pletcher, the Bernardini colt proved he



Zulu | Coglianese Photography

belongs on the trail to the GI Kentucky Derby. Pletcher said earlier this week he hasn't picked out Zulu's next start. Like Nyquist, he will be eligible for a \$1-million bonus if he wins the GI Florida Derby, as he was sold at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale.



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O-Irvin Racing Stable. B-C Punch Ranch, Inc. T-Carla Gaines.  
 Last Start: 1st, [Cal Cup Derby](#), SA, Jan. 30  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, [Golden State Juvenile S.](#), DMR, Oct. 30; 1st, [I'm Smokin S.](#), DMR, Sept. 4; 1st, Cavonnier Juvenile S., SR, Aug. 16; 1st, Everett Nevin S., OTP, July 5  
 Next Start: GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 12  
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)



**Smokey Image** | Benoit Photo

A GI Kentucky Derby win aboard Smokey Image, or anyone else, would give Victor Espinoza a unique place in Derby lore, as he would become the first jockey to win the race three years in a row. Espinoza won in 2014 with California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) and last year with American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile). Four other jockeys

have won the Derby in consecutive years: Calvin Borel, Eddie Delahoussaye, Ron Turcotte and Jimmy Winkfield. A Derby win would also be Espinoza's fourth, tying him with Bill Shoemaker. Only Eddie Arcaro and Bill Hartack have won more. Both won the race five times.

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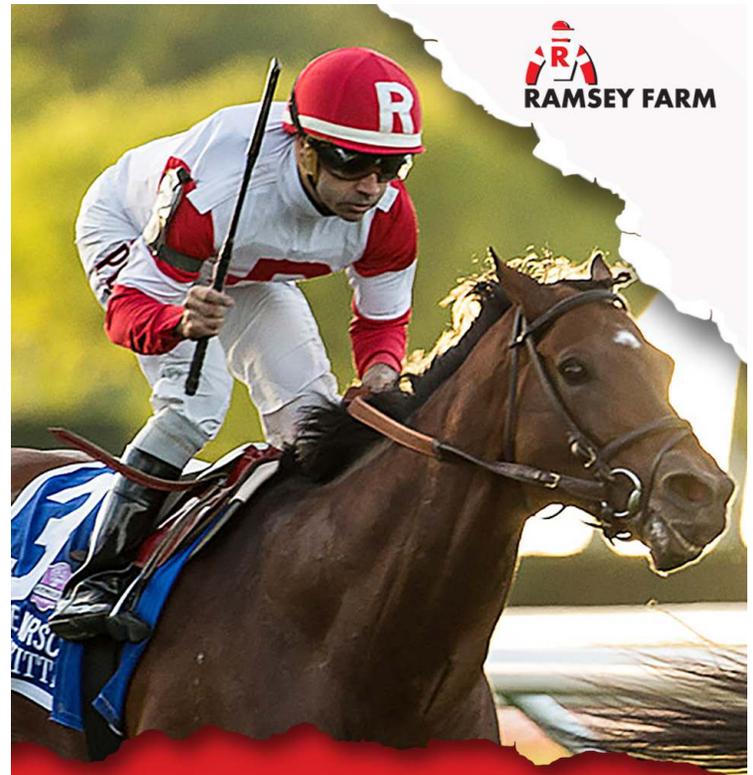
**ON THE BUBBLE:**

**Cherry Wine** (Paddy O'Prado): He missed the GII Fountain of Youth S. after spiking a temperature and will now be pointed for the GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Park Mar. 19. "The fever was bad news when it comes to the Fountain of Youth but not for the Kentucky Derby," trainer Dale Romans said.

**Conquest Big E** (Tapit): Will need to show a lot more in the GIII Gotham than he did in the GII Holy Bull to remain in the Derby picture.

**Collected** (City Zip): Worked Saturday at Santa Anita, going four furlongs in :48 3/5. No word on where he is running next.

**Destin** (Giant's Causeway): Pletcher has yet to pick out the next start for winner of GIII Sam F. Davis S., though GII Tampa Bay Derby would make sense.



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**On the Bubble cont.**

**Danzing Candy** (Twirling Candy): Warmed up for the GII San Felipe S. with a six furlongs workout last Saturday in 1:13.

**Flexibility** (Bluegrass Cat): Is back on the work tab after disappearing from it for a month. May be playing an unwinnable game of catch-up with the rest.

**Frank Conversation** (Quality Road): Connections still planning on going to GII UAE Derby, though owner Reddam says most believe horse should stay on synthetic surface and pick up what could be easy money in the GIII Spiral S.

**Forevamo** (Uncle Mo): Late-comer to the Derby picture, he will have something more to prove in the GII Louisiana Derby.

**Rally Cry** (Uncle Mo): Don't overlook this horse in the GIII Gotham S.. He had a terrible trip when beaten by Shagaf (Bernardini) last out and never had a chance.

**Suddenbreakingnews** (Mineshaft): GIII Southwest S. winner needs to do it again in GII Rebel S. to crack the Top 12.

**Sunny Ridge** (Holy Bull): Will they change their minds about the Derby if he wins the GIII Gotham S.?

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Undefeated champion Nyquist (Uncle Mo), prepping for the GI Florida Derby, worked four furlongs in :48.80 at Santa Anita Thursday. "He went great, full of energy," trainer Doug O'Neill said. "I loved what we saw and we're very happy." | *Benoit*

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## AWESOME BANNER TO TAMPA BAY DERBY; FELLOWSHIP TO FLORIDA DERBY

Trainer Stanley Gold has firmed up next-out plans for Jacks or Better Farm's homebred duo of **Fellowship** (Awesome of



**Fellowship** | Lauren King

Course) and **Awesome Banner** (Awesome of Course), who finished third and fifth, respectively, in last Saturday's GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park.

Fellowship is scheduled to return in the GII Xpressbet.com Florida Derby Apr. 2, while Awesome Banner is slated to run in the GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 12. Fellowship, who captured the Florida Sire S. In Reality last fall, closed from last to finish third behind the undefeated Mohaymen (Tapit) in both the GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S. and the Fountain of Youth.

"This horse will go as far as we need to," Gold said. "He's still under the radar; he's still getting no respect. He'll be a long shot again."

Awesome Banner, who entered the Fountain of Youth undefeated off impressive tallies in the GII Hutcheson S. and GII Swale S., set the pace before fading in the stretch to finish 26 lengths behind Mohaymen while making his first attempt around two turns that day.

"We're going to give him another shot at two turns," Gold said. "He came out of the race excellent. He's been doing good, acting good. The race didn't faze him. Jose [Caraballo] smartly didn't abuse him when it was done, so I'm going to look at it like a good work around two turns and we'll go to Tampa and see what happens."



**Awesome Banner** | A. Coglianese



by *Christie DeBernardis*

Wesley Ward does have an Eclipse Award to his merit, but it is not for his skills as a trainer. He was recognized as the top apprentice jockey in 1984, and though he was forced to give up that career in 1989, it is that experience that is one of his greatest assets as a conditioner. Known for his success with 2-year-olds, especially early in the season, the 47-year-old gets on all of his babies himself when they are first broke to saddle and passes them off to the appropriate exercise rider when he feels they are ready.



**Wesley Ward** | *Racing Post*

Ward has also made quite a name for himself in Europe. He became the first U.S.-based trainer to win at the prestigious Royal Ascot meet in 2009 when Striking Tiger captured the Windsor Castle S. and he scored again the very next day when Jealous Again won the G2 Queen Mary S. In 2011, he made European headlines again, this time in France when he became the first American conditioner to win at Longchamp courtesy of maiden winner Tiz Terrific.

The Washington native, who now splits his time between Kentucky and Florida, captured his first Breeders' Cup win in 2014 when **Hootenanny** (Quality Road), who also won that year's Windsor Castle, took the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. He did not have to wait long for his second as his very own **Judy the Beauty** (Ghostzapper) captured the G1 Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint the very next day to clinch the Eclipse award for that division.

That champion is now retired and awaiting a date in the breeding shed with fellow Eclipse winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile). However, Ward still has a variety of talented runners gearing up for 2016, including the comebacking Hootenanny, the accomplished sophomore **Acapulco** (Scat Daddy), G1 Diamond Jubilee winner **Undrafted** (Purim) and, of course, his latest crop of juveniles, some of whom will hit the track as early as April. **Cont. p15**

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● **HOOTENANNY (c, 4, Quality Road)**

From the first crop of MGISW Quality Road, Hootenanny boasts quite an impressive international resume for a lightly



Hootenanny | Horsephotos

raced horse. Winner of Royal Ascot's 2014 Windsor Castle, the Coolmore runner finished second next out when shipped to France for Deauville's G1 Darley Prix Morny and capped off his juvenile campaign with a victory in the GI

Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Santa Anita ([video](#)). A dominant 6 1/4-length winner of his sophomore bow in a Keeneland allowance last April, he was a disappointing 11th when last seen at Ascot in the G1 Commonwealth Cup last June. Hootenanny has been working well over the Turfway Park all-weather since late December, most recently breezing five furlongs in 1:01.40 Feb. 27.

*"His shoulder seemed to be bugging him [after Ascot]. He is a really big horse in the front end, so we just turned him out and we gave him five or six months off. He seems to be doing really good. No plans yet for his first start back. He's training in Kentucky, so he will probably race at Keeneland."*

● **ACAPULCO (f, 3, Scat Daddy)**

Ward took a big leap of faith last year when sending Acapulco to Royal Ascot off a third-place effort in her debut on the dirt at Churchill last May, but the filly proved him right with a sensational victory in the grassy G2 Queen Mary S. ([video](#)). A victory so impressive in fact,



Acapulco | Racing Post

that Ward decided to do the unthinkable once again and sent the Coolmore representative to York to face her elders of both sexes in the G1 Coolmore Nunthorpe that August. Setting the early pace, the chestnut filly was tagged late by the 4-year-old filly Mecca's Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and finished a valiant second. Given the rest of the year off, Acapulco returned a winner in a six-panel allowance over the Turfway synthetic Feb. 19.

*"I thought her race [at Turfway] was really good. It was a little bit tougher of a race than I would have expected. The filly that was second ran a big race. I had to run a nine on the Ragozin*

*sheets to win the race, which you wouldn't expect at Turfway in February. My hats off to the filly that finished second. She made Acapulco run."*

*"She came out of the race fantastic. It will probably be closer to 60 days from start to start when we get over to Keeneland and try to pick a nice race out for her. Her main goal is Ascot this year in whatever one of the three sprints that the Coolmore guys pick out. That's the main target, so we are going to pick another spot here shortly and hopefully have two runs more before she goes over there, one at Keeneland and one somewhere else."*

● **UNDRAFTED (g, 6, Purim)**

Wes Welker and Sol Kumin's Undrafted, winner of the 2014 GIII Jaipur S. and third in that term's GI Breeders' Cup Turf

Sprint, achieved a career-high at Royal Ascot last year, posting an upset in the G1 Diamond Jubilee last June ([video](#)). Returning to the U.S., the gelding finished second in the More Than Ready Mile S. at Kentucky Downs Sept. 5 and was fifth in the BC Turf Sprint at Keeneland when last seen Oct. 31. The chestnut just recently returned to the worktab at Turfway, covering five panels in 1:00.80 in his last work Feb. 27.



Undrafted | Racing Post

*"He's breezing very, very well along with Hootenanny. He actually worked against Hootenanny the other day. I ran them up from their base at Keeneland to Turfway to breeze once a week and he had a really nice breeze as well. He usually kind of falls in line with the Keeneland/Churchill stakes races and then after those two he heads over to Ascot as well [for the Diamond Jubilee]."*

*"I was out [Tuesday] morning with Wes Welker and he will be attending this year. He said last year was one of his biggest disappointments because Gatewood Bell, who is his stable manager and picked the horse out for him, is the one who accepted the trophy from the Queen of England. He said he would be in front of Gatewood this year if we would be so lucky as to be lucky again and win it."*

● **SHRINKING VIOLET (m, 6, Congaree)**

The Ward-owned Shrinking Violet was the conditioner's only U.S. graded stakes winner in 2015, having captured Santa Antia's GII Monrovia S. at the beginning of that season. Closing out 2015 with a victory in Del Mar's Daisycutter H. last August and a non-factor ninth in the Kentucky Downs Ladies Sprint S. a month later, the chestnut finished a close second last out when attempting a title defense in the Monrovia Jan. 3.

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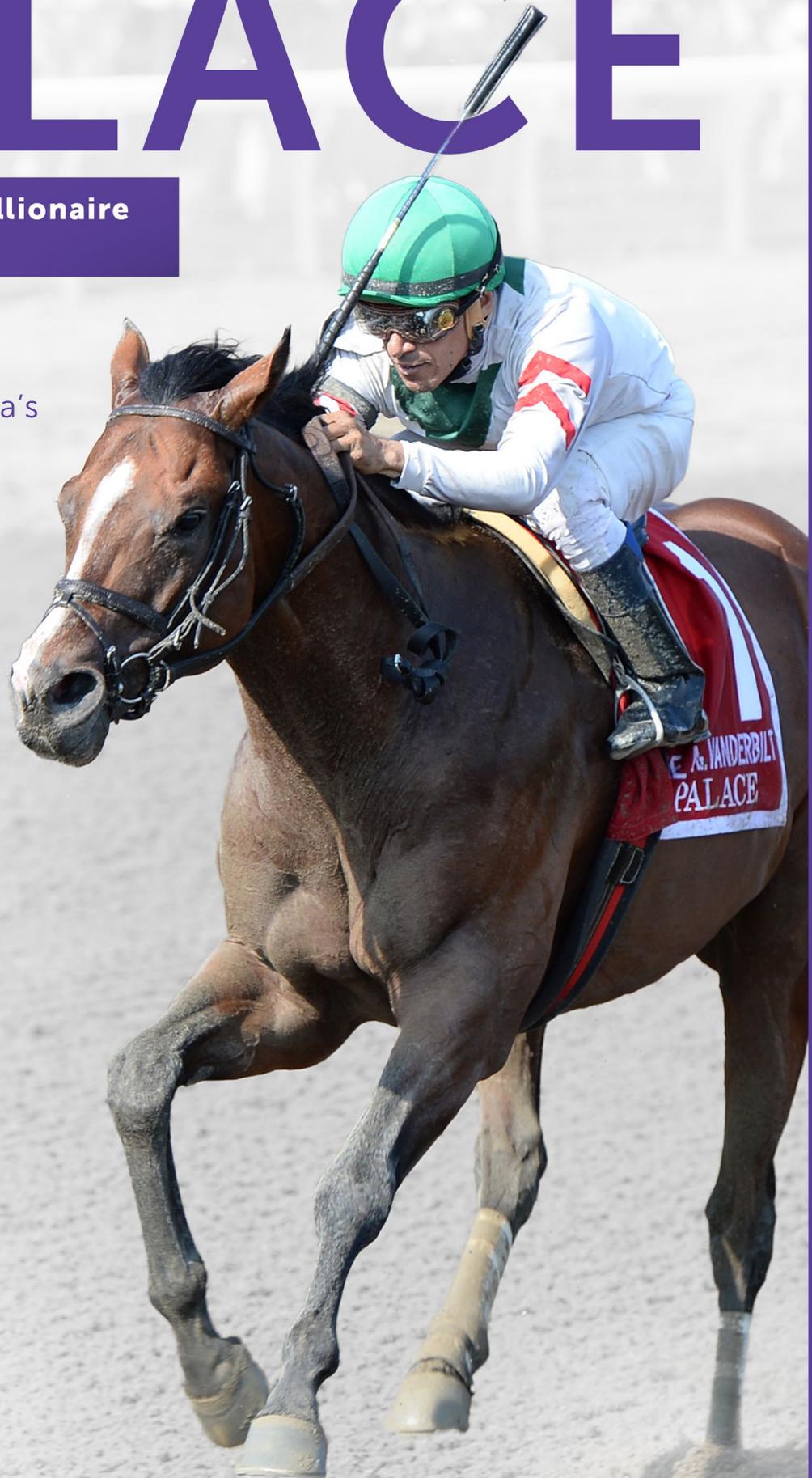
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*“She’s doing very well. I brought her back to Keeneland after her narrow defeat at Santa Anita [in the Monrovia]. She’s had a couple of breezes now at Turfway and she is probably going to head back out to Santa Anita to run down the hill [in the GIII Las Ciengas Apr. 10].”*

● **CHILTERN STREET (c, 4, Giant’s Causeway)**

Chiltern Street finished fourth in his first two outings just 12 days apart, debuting at Saratoga Sept. 4 and running at Kentucky Downs Sept. 16. An improved second at Churchill Nov. 5, the Michael Tabor colorbearer turned the corner next out when earning his diploma at Tampa Dec. 2 and made it two in a row when capturing a Feb. 25 allowance ([video](#)) at Fair Grounds, which was Ward’s first ever win at that venue.

*“I’ve been so high on that horse! He was compromised by traffic trouble in his first start, and, of course, he wants to go further than 5 1/2 [furlongs]. It was my fault that I ran him back in 12 days and had to van him all the way from Saratoga to Kentucky Downs and he got beat on the square. He sort of indicated what I really thought of him the last few starts. I think he is one of those guys that is going to keep getting better, and better and better. He will jump into the stakes ranks here shortly. I think he is really going to be something, I really have high hopes for that dude.”*

● **GREEN MASK (g, 5, Mizzen Mast)**

Sheikh Abdullah Saeed Almaddah’s Green Mask, a stakes winner at Belmont in 2014, kicked off last season with a pair of runner-up efforts in turf sprint stakes in Florida and finished a respectable third behind Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) next out when shipped to Dubai for the G1 Al Quoz Sprint. Off for six months, the gelding returned with a fourth-place effort in the Kentucky Downs Turf Dash S. Sept. 14 and was third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint at Keeneland Oct. 31. The dark bay was a disappointing eighth when last seen in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint Dec. 13 and is now back jogging.

*“He had a really quick work about a week out [from the Hong Kong Sprint] over the main track [at Sha Tin], like a super quick :45 and change breeze. I really wasn’t looking for something like that because he breezed the same the week before that. He came out of the work with a bad foot. We were a little bit iffy about if we were even going to run, but the foot came around really quick, so we went ahead and ran. As they went into the*



Green Mask | A. Coglianese

*turn, he looked like he was sitting in a winning position, and Joel Rosario thought the same, but I think the last part when he had to lay his body down, that foot got to stinging him a little bit and compromised our chances. All in all, he ran a good race and he is a really good horse. I’m looking for him to rebound and have a big summer.”*

*“I’m just kind of giving him a little bit of a freshening. When you take those big, long journeys, it just kind of zaps them and they seem to need that long freshening, mentally and physically, to bounce back. I told the owner that he just didn’t have that same vigor to him. He is just now starting to come back around and I’m going to give him a couple more weeks before I start really doing anything with him. He is a really nice horse. I just want to make sure when he gets back he is firing on all eight cylinders.”*

● **SHEIKH OF SHEIKHS (c, 3, Discreetly Mine)**

An impressive debut winner at Saratoga last August, Sheikh of Sheikhs disappointed when sixth behind Brody’s Cause (Giant’s Causeway) in Keeneland’s GI Breeders’ Futurity, but rebounded to win the Juvenile Dirt Sprint S. when cut back in trip Oct. 31. Third in the GIII Hutcheson S. at Gulfstream Jan. 2, the Sheikh Abdullah Saeed Almaddah runner was fourth behind undefeated champion Nyquist (Uncle Mo) in Santa Anita’s GII San Vicente S. Feb. 15.

*“Unfortunately, he bled [in the San Vicente]. In fact, he bled out the nose in the race. He is just going to need a little time to get everything internally cleared up, as far as his lungs and what have you. We are going to give him the time so I can get him back to what he can do. He is a really, really good horse. That being said, I take nothing away from the top two horses in the race [Nyquist and Exaggerator]. It would have took a gut wrencher for him to be right there on the line with them as it was a stakes record. I’m really hopeful that we can get him back on track and that he will be a really good, premier sprinter as well.”*

● **BANREE (f, 3, Macho Uno)**

One of Ward’s trademark debut winners against the boys last April at Keeneland, Banree finished fifth next out against males in Belmont’s Tremont S. and improved to second in Saratoga’s GIII Schuylerville S. last July. Off the board in the GI Spinaway S. in September, the Mark Dodson colorbearer captured a Keeneland allowance Oct. 7 before finishing third in Aqueduct’s GIII Tempted S. Nov. 4. Despite several strong works on the Turfway synthetic, the gray showed her conditioner the surface was not for her when sixth in the WEBN S. there Feb. 20 and will return to the dirt for her next start.

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*"We focused on dirt races with her last year and she had quite a good year. She broke her maiden convincingly and was second in the stake at Saratoga and won during the fall meet at*



Banree | Christie DeBernardis

*Keeneland. We gave her a little freshening at Ben McElroy's farm and when we brought her back I kept her there in the cold weather up at Keeneland."*

*"The night she ran, it was a beautiful night at Turfway and 60 degrees, so the track got really kind of deep as synthetic surfaces*

*do. It had changed from what she was really looking good on in the mornings [when it was cold], so I think that's what kind of got her. She came out of the race perfect, sound, no bleeding or breathing issues at all. I really think she is going to come back to fire a big one when we get her back on the dirt. Her favorite track is Keeneland so we will more likely than not take a big leap forward and try the [GIII] Beaumont [S. Apr. 17]."*

● **WAR ENVOY (c, 4, War Front)**

Owned by Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier and breeder Joseph Allen, War Envoy spent most of his career in Europe with Aidan O'Brien, winning an Ascot handicap there June 18 and returning just nine



War Envoy | Racing Post

days later to finish fourth at the Curragh June 27. Returning four months later in America, the bay finished last of 11 behind a sensational Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song) when trying dirt for the first time in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile Oct. 30 and he was subsequently

transferred to Ward. War Envoy finished second in his debut for this outfit in a Tampa optional claimer and is currently in Barbados preparing for the Barbados Gold Cup Saturday.

*"He's done everything right. I've won a race down there in the sprint and I've raced in the Gold Cup before. He's training excellent and he shipped down perfect. My rider Mario Pino knows the horse very well. He's got some antics to him. He rode him [at Tampa] and he was beaten and he felt if he had known the horse as well as he does now, he wouldn't have gotten beat. Mario is going to get on the horse every day up until the race, so hopefully we will have some luck. I am going to head down with my kids Thursday night. My boss Mr. Ramsey is in the race and he is tough to beat. He's won a couple in a row, but we will give it our best go at my boss!"*

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Will be bred back to Curlin.  
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Accomplishments: MGISW, \$999,000.

**ON A SOAPBOX**, 20, Mi Cielo--Makin a Statement, by Stage Door Johnny  
Foal born Feb. 4, a filly by Equiano (FR)  
Will be bred back to Cable Bay (IRE).  
Owned/Boarded by Newsells Park Stud.  
Accomplishments: MGSW, \$685,916. Dam of Soapy Dancer (GB) (Danzig), MGSW, \$286,728.

**RHAGORI (GB)**, 7, Exceed And Excel (AUS)--Cresta Gold, by Halling  
Foal born Feb. 6, a colt by Quality Road.  
Will be bred back to Toronado (IRE).  
Owned/Boarded by Newsells Park Stud.  
Accomplishments: SW, \$158,046.

**SPECIAL MEANING (GB)**, 6, Mount Nelson (GB)--Specifically, by Sky Classic  
Foal born Feb. 6, a colt by Dutch Art (GB)  
Will be bred back to Dark Angel (IRE).  
Owned/Boarded by Newsells Park Stud.  
Accomplishments: SW, \$132,899.

**GLEN ROSIE (IRE)**, 19, Mujtahid--Silver Echo (IRE), by Caerleon  
Foal born Feb. 7, a filly by Nathaniel (IRE)  
Will be bred back to Nathaniel (IRE).  
Owned/Boarded by Newsells Park Stud.  
Accomplishments: SP; Dam of Kings Quay (GB) (Montjeu [IRE]), SW, \$305,916.



## IMMEDIATE DECOUPLING SCARE OVER, BUT STILL A LONG-TERM THREAT IN FLORIDA

by T.D. Thornton

With the 2016 Florida legislative calendar fast closing in on its Mar. 11 end date and no agreement in sight on massive, sweeping gambling bills in both the House and Senate, the finger-pointing about nothing being done on the most controversial issue of the session is already starting.

“Gaming bills tend to die of their own weight,” Senate President Andy Gardiner bluntly told the *Miami Herald* earlier this week. Senator Tom Lee used a more vivid metaphor in the *Tampa Bay Times*: “Every time you put a gaming bill up in the Florida Legislature, it’s like throwing a side of beef into a shark tank.”

So presuming there are no surprise gambling-related votes over the next week in either the House or the Senate, where does the impasse on the bills leave Florida’s Thoroughbred horsemen and breeders, who have for months been fighting an uphill battle against the inclusion of decoupling in the multi-faceted pieces of legislation that have been up for debate?

Decoupling--which is essentially a clause to allow Florida’s pari-mutuel licensees to drop live racing while still remaining open as casinos--has occupied only a small slice in a much broader negotiation known as the 20-year, \$3 billion Seminole Gaming Compact. Decoupling is of paramount importance to Thoroughbred interests because it would almost certainly lead to a long-term loss of racing dates. But the topic came up only peripherally during legislative hearings, which were largely dominated by the issues of revenues, taxation, and licensure related to other forms of betting.

“The compact as presented probably represented the most complicated, complex, tribal compact in the history of the United States,” Lonny Powell, the chief executive officer of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders’ & Owners’ Association, said in a Thursday phone interview. “And it also represented, according to elected officials during the hearings, the largest potential economic contribution from a tribe to a state. So that made this whole issue huge, but heavy.”

“But there are still a lot of people, for a lot of reasons, who don’t want to see it die or don’t want to leave it up to the courts to decide, or a special session, et cetera,” Powell continued. “And that’s why you always have to watch and wait for the whole thing to play out to the very end. We’re not doing any high-fiving, victory dancing, or ball-spiking right now until the session is over.”

Florida Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association president Bill White agreed on Thursday that there was only a “very, very small likelihood” that Florida’s two legislative bodies would pass an agreed-upon bill within the next week.

White said it’s possible that House might vote on a version of its gaming bill because it has already passed the House’s finance and tax committees, but without a companion bill in the Senate, “it would just be the House showing that they’re for it [and] kind of putting the spotlight on the Senate for not taking action.”

In most years, regular 60-day sessions of the Florida Legislature begin in March. But this year’s session started in January so as not to get in the way of the Mar. 15 presidential primary election. A 20-day special session could still be called later in the year to decide the outcome of the compact, but both White and Powell said that was unlikely considering there is ongoing gaming litigation in the state’s courts and the general election scheduled for November.

“We’re cautiously optimistic that the status quo remains,” Powell said. “But we’ll leave a footnote, all the way through the process, that live Thoroughbred racing was protected. So we never faced the ‘nuclear option’ of Thoroughbred decoupling, but the other breeds were definitely in the process of being decoupled, and that’s not a good precedent.”

White said decoupling is important enough that it should be decided on its own and not tacked on as “afterthought” to something like the Seminole compact. But he conceded that the prospect of the state revisiting decoupling individually in the future is “not likely” because Florida tends to deal with gambling issues “comprehensively and not piecemeal” in its Legislature.

“Eventually, it will come back,” White said. “This isn’t going to go away. There is a tremendous amount of energy in the state of Florida to decouple the dogs. And the reason the horses are brought into it is that we’re also a par-mutuel licensee, so the controversy comes up how can you decouple the dogs and not the horses? They’re both considered equal licensees in the eyes of the state of Florida.”

Powell sees the situation similarly: “The greyhound tracks are committed to getting out of the racing business, so I think they’ll keep the drums beating on the issue, as will a couple horse tracks like Hialeah and Calder. We’re better for [no legislation passing]. We’re drained. But at the same time, there’s no way that the work is over. My team and I are already looking at the mid- and long-term opportunities where we can grow the business. We shift right back into that--you protect the business, but you also want to grow it.”

Both White and Powell urged Thoroughbred horsemen around the country to be actively preparing for decoupling threats in other states where gaming revenues are linked to live racing.

“Beyond Florida, the industry really needs to pay attention to this,” Powell said.

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Powell explained that larger racing states, like Florida, Kentucky, California and New York, have “more tools in our arsenals to make a case. But that’s not the rest of the country. The rest of the country is made up of a lot of hard-working, blue-collar racing jurisdictions [with] tracks that struggle, or tracks that are dominated by the racino end of the operation, or they’re in a highly competitive [gaming] environment, or in a state where the Thoroughbred industry isn’t the dominant breed.”

One very specific suggestion Powell had for other horsemen’s organizations was to make sure they invest in having up-to-date economic impact studies ready to supply to lawmakers. If you wait until any sort of decoupling debate starts, and then try to make your case with outdated metrics that don’t accurately portray how the Thoroughbred industry contributes to the state’s economy, you’re operating from a position of weakness, he said.

“My advice to the horsemen of the country is to have ongoing dialogues with your local racetracks, and make sure they’re committed to live racing,” Powell said. “And if they’re anything short of that, or wanting to keep their options open, you need to start coming up with a Plan B and a Plan C and a Plan D of how you’re going to deal with it.”

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**SANTA ANITA TO INSTALL NEW TURF COURSE**

A new Bermuda turf course at Santa Anita will be installed beginning June 20, it was announced Thursday. The course will be ready for use in advance of Santa Anita’s Autumn Meet, which begins in late September. There will be no turf racing in



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Arcadia from June 23 through closing day of the track’s Spring Meeting July 10.

“With the impact of additional racing dates and increased demand for turf racing, the replacement of the course is something we have been anticipating and planning for several months,”

said Joe Morris, Senior Vice President, West Coast Operations for The Stronach Group. “The new course will be very tight-knit and uniform, and we’re confident that we can have it fully installed by early July, which will give it the time it needs during optimum growing conditions.”

He continued, “Turf racing is extremely popular with our fans and horsemen, and with our expanded racing calendar, we are placing demands on this course that have never before existed. The new turf is designed to be robust enough to handle the additional use. The horsemen are fully supportive of this project, and together, we look forward to its implementation.”

With Santa Anita’s current Winter Meet drawing to a close Apr. 10, turf racing in California will shift to Golden Gate Fields as they conduct their 75th anniversary Turf Festival, which will run from Apr. 14 through May 1. Turf Festival purses will be increased and horsemen will be offered complementary vanning between Santa Anita and Golden Gate.

Trainer Jim Cassidy, President of the California Thoroughbred Trainer, added, “A completely new and durable turf course is essential to successful year round racing at Santa Anita. Track leadership has been careful to consider our suggestions and we are pleased to endorse their plan.”

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**Florida**

**Thursday’s Results:**

**10th-GP, \$40,000, Alw (NW2X), Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-3, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.79, ft.**

**SAVOY STOMP (c, 4, [Medaglia d’Oro](#)--Crystal Current {SW, \$109,380}, by A.P. Indy), an \$875,000 FTSAUG yearling acquisition, graduated at first asking in late 2014 and tried boarding the Triple Crown trail in the 2015 GIII Lecomte S. but effectively lost all chance at the break and did well to finish midpack in fifth. Sidelined thereafter, the attractive dark bay colt returned to action with a stirring victory in a 6 1/2-furlong allowance at Belmont Sept. 12, but he failed to build on that effort, checking in seventh behind ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) in the City of Laurel S. Nov. 14. Most recently a decent fourth to the talented Early Entry (Keyed Entry) at this track Jan. 16, he was trying two turns for the first time since the Lecomte and settled well back in the field as longshot Jack Tripp (Flatter) was pressured up front by favored Tennessee (Giant’s Causeway). While those two were dueling each other into submission, Savoy Stomp, in the clear down the back, took flight midway on the turn, hit the front under a good hold at the three-sixteenths and scampered home four lengths to the good. Tarp’s Surprise (Into Mischief) was second best. The winner’s stakes-winning dam is a daughter of MGISW Dream Supreme (Seeking the Gold), making her a full-sister to GISW Majestic Warrior. **Cont. p3****

**10th-GPX, cont.**

Like Dream Supreme, the colt's third dam, Spinning Round (Dixieland Band) was a winner of the GI Ballerina S. Crystal Current produced a full-brother to Savoy Stomp in 2014 and is reportedly in foal to Bodemeister. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$140,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Team Valor International & Southern Equine Stable LLC;  
B-Southern Equine Stables LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

**1st-GP, \$40,000, (S), Msw, 3-3, 3yo, 7f, 1:24.20, ft.**

**GOOD GENES (c, 3, Awesome of Course--Precious Feather, by Gone West)** faced the starter a single time at two, finishing a distant runner-up to next-out SW Moment Is Right (Medaglia d'Oro) in a local maiden over 4 1/2 furlongs last May before hitting the shelf. Consigned to a wide trip from the 12 hole in his Feb. 6 return to action, he attended the early pace before dropping away to finish sixth. Backed into 2-1 second favoritism, the full-brother to Awesome Feather, Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,912,746, jumped best and was pressed along by Jack West (Majestic Warrior), kicked clear into the lane and edged away to score by 1 3/4 lengths from Blind Ruckus (Da Stoops). Jack West was third ahead of odds-on Unintimidated (Big Drama), who was one-paced in fourth. The winner is also kin to Brooks 'N Down (Montbrook), SP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$33,720. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).  
O/B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc (FL); T-Stanley I Gold.

## Eastern U.S.

**Former Trainer Michael T. Beck Dies:**

Multiple stakes-winning trainer Michael 'Tank' Beck passed away Sunday, Feb. 28 in Ocala. He was 46. Beck, an Elkridge native and graduate of Baltimore's Mount Saint Joseph High School who was working as a farm manager in Ocala, got into racing in the late 1980s when he and his brother Kenny started The Snooze Stable. After learning the business from the ground up from Maryland-based trainers, Beck took out his trainer's license in 1997. He won 180 races between 1997-2012. He won three stakes races at Charles Town with Big Becker. Beck is survived by his son Jacob and brother Kenny.



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## Kentucky

**Mares Confirmed in Foal for Young Lane's End Stallions:**

Mares have been confirmed in foal to young Lane's End stallions Honor Code, Liam's Map, Mr Speaker and Tonalist. Danette (Curlin), third in the GI Chandelier S., is the first mare confirmed in foal to Tonalist. Forty Love, the dam of MGSW Forty Tales (Tale of the Cat), was the first mare confirmed in foal to Mr Speaker. Graded stakes producer It'schemistrybaby (Meadowlake) is in foal to Liam's Map, while Girlfriend (Distorted Humor), a maiden half-sister to Old Fashioned, was the first mare pronounced in foal to Honor Code.

## Central U.S.

**Thursday's Results:**

**7th-FG, \$37,000, Msw, 3-3, 3yo, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.82, fm.**

**VITTORIOSO (c, 3, Scat Daddy--Robbie's Gal, by Straight Man)** closed off well to be a low-odds fourth on Dec. 5 debut over course and distance, but failed to handle the main track in a rained-off maiden at this trip Feb. 27. Demoted to third--from second--after impeding a rival back on the grass Feb. 9, the homebred from the I'm A Chatterbox (Munnings) was 11-10 to get the job done here. Settled nicely in centerfield, Vittorioso raced five wide into the stretch, took aim entering the final furlong and sprinted home to best Tiger Paw (Kitten's Joy) by a length. Vittorioso is a half to Icon Ike (Yes It's True), MSW, \$300,976, a two-time stakes winner over the Stall-Wilson turf course at sprint distances. The winner's dam produced a filly by the late Exchange Rate in 2014 and a filly by Uncle Mo in 2015. Sales history: \$70,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$28,490. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).  
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# California

**Thursday's Results:**

**6th-SA, \$57,380, Msw, 3-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.75, ft. MAKENA (f, 4, [Pioneerof the Nile--Lady Lapuma, by Elusive Quality](#)), a \$320,000 graduate of the 2014 Barretts March Sale, missed the break in a downhill maiden last January, but recovered to finish a good third before going missing for 10 months. Runner-up after leading into the final furlong in a main-track test at Del Mar Nov. 6, she was a willing third sprinting at Los Alamitos Dec. 10 and most recently added blinkers and Lasix to be a hard-knocking second going seven furlongs at this track Feb. 5. Stretching out to a route of ground for the first time as the 8-5 second choice, Makena was pinched back and steadied a couple of strides away from the gate and had no choice but to cover ground around the first turn. Off the course, perhaps as many as eight away from the fence on the backstretch, she made eye-catching progress leaving the three-eighths pole, was caught out six or seven deep turning for home, but accelerated smartly to score by 2 1/2 lengths. Favored Faithfully (Smart Strike) sat a good trip inside, was held up a bit at the quarter pole and flashed home for second while covering 49 fewer feet than the winner, according to Trakus data. The winner was also a \$25,000 KEENOV weanling and \$130,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-2, \$67,320. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

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## INDUSTRY INFO

**Dates Set for Eclipse Awards, NHC:**

Dates for next year's renewals of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's marquee events have been announced. The 46th Annual Eclipse Awards will be held Jan. 21 at Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino in Hallandale Beach, Fl, followed by the National Handicapping Championship, returning to a Friday-Sunday format, Jan. 27-29, at Treasure Island Las Vegas. "Practically everyone associated with Thoroughbred racing aspires to one day either win an Eclipse Award or earn the 'Horseplayer of the Year' title, if not both," said NTRA President Alex Waldrop. "Whether you make it to our big events as a finalist, a player, or a guest, the NTRA looks forward to hosting you next January."

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**APPOINTMENTS**  
**Wayne Smith: New position of Assistant General Manager at Oaklawn Park**

- A native of Rhode Island and graduate of Northeastern University in Boston, Smith began his career in corporate accounting and finance with ITT Sheraton before taking similar positions with MGM Grand and Caesar's Entertainment. He subsequently moved into operations, first with Empire City Racing and Gaming in New York and more recently with Penn National in Illinois.
- "This is an exciting opportunity," Smith said. "Oaklawn is one of the most respected racing and gaming companies in all of America. The Cella name is highly regarded throughout the industry. And, it is simply an honor to be able to join such a remarkable operation and family company."

## TODAY'S INSIGHTS

**3rd-GPX, \$44k, Alw/Opt. Clm. (\$75k), 3yo, f, 6f, post time: 1:35p**  
 Joe Sutton's **BLAST (Harlan's Holiday)** showed a fair bit of promise in two late-season starts in 2015, belying debut odds of 7-1 to defeat future SP Durango (First Samurai) by 1 3/4 lengths at Churchill Downs Sept. 25. Favored in her lone other appearance of the year, the bay settled nicely in a six-furlong allowance beneath the Twin Spires and ran on well late to finish second, beaten a half-length. The dark bay has trained forwardly at Palm Meadows for trainer Eddie Kenneally, including a best-of-61 half-mile in :48 2/5 Feb. 27. [TJCIS PPs](#)

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## First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, March 4

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

**ADIOS CHARLIE** (Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud Farm, \$4K, 84/7/0

3-GP, Aoc 6f, Hola Charlotte, \$95K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1

**AFLEET BOB** (Northern Afleet), 10/0/0

2-HOU, Msw 6f, Afleet Whitegold, 12-1

**CUSTOM FOR CARLOS** (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K,

88/10/1

10-FG, Msw 6f, Carlita Shake, 5-1

10-FG, Msw 6f, Chinawood, \$23K RNA BSC YRL yrl, 12-1

**GIANT OAK** (Giant's Causeway), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 68/3/1

8-DED, \$100K Azalea S., 7 1/2f, Giant Cruiser, 12-1

**GIO PONTI** (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 196/11/0

8-TAM, Msw 1 1/16mT, Giocouragement, \$75K OBS WIN 3yo, 15-1

**HAYNESFIELD** (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 138/19/1

6-AQU, Msw 1m, She's So Fine, \$30K OBS OPN 2yo, 8-1

**ICE BOX** (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 141/7/0

4-SUN, Msw 5f, Ice Box Tango, 8-1

**INFORMED** (Tiznow), Ridgeley Farm, \$3K, 47/5/0

6-SA, Alw 6f, Devils Informer, 8-1

**MALTESE DOG** (War Chant), 11/2/0

8-FG, Aoc 6f, Doggerwinii, 4-1

**PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 229/20/1

8-DED, \$100K Azalea S., 7 1/2f, Glitter O'Prado, \$7K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

8-TAM, Msw 1 1/16mT, +Mighty Valentino, \$18K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

**SIENTE EL TRUENO** (City Zip), Stehr's Farm, 7/2/0

5-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, Hustling Hottie, 15-1

**STREET MOVE** (Street Cry {Ire}), Armstrong Farm, \$1, 6/0/0

6-HOU, Msw 6f, Lodi Street, 10-1

**WHIZVILLE** (Petionville), 1/0/0

2-HOU, Msw 6f, +Preseus, 8-1

**7th-OP, \$74,000**, Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-3, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.86, ft.

**KING OF NEW YORK** (c, 4, **Street Boss**--Princess Consort, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: SP, 18-3-5-5, \$232,500.

O-Harold Lerner LLC; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Kenneth G.

McPeek. \*\$65,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Waterway Run

(Arch), GSW-Eng & US, \$234,289.

**4th-OP, \$74,000**, Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-3, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.48, ft.

**OAK BROOK** (g, 4, **Giant's Causeway**--Crafty Oak {GSW,

**\$442,155**}, by **Crafty Prospector**) Lifetime Record: MSP,

14-3-5-2, \$179,885. O/B-Virginia H Tarra Trust (IL); T-Brian

Williamson. \*Full to Cause She's Crafty, SP; Apple Martini, MSW

& GSP, \$352,581; Giant Oak, MGISW, \$1,484,829; and A Step

Ahead, SP; and 1/2 to Tall Grass Cat (Bluegrass Cat), SP,

\$173,091.

### Sheltowee Farm Graduate

**8th-FG, \$42,000**, Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-3, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.68, ft.

**S'MAVERLOUS** (g, 6, **Tiz Wonderful**--A. P. Petal, by A.P. Indy)

Lifetime Record: 19-7-4-4, \$274,716. O-Gata Racing Stable LLC;

B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \*\$80,000 Ylg

'11 FTKJUL.

**6th-FG, \$41,440**, Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 3-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.78, ft.

**TARTY TO THE PARTY** (m, 7, **Speightstown**--Tortina {Ire}, by

**Royal Academy**) Lifetime Record: 36-7-12-3, \$233,960.

O-Patrick Sullivan & J R Boesen; B-Sun Valley Farm & Robert G

Butzer (KY); T-Tanner Tracy. \*\$27,000 RNA Ylg '10 KEESEP.

### INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

**9th-FG, \$38,000**, 3-3, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.22, fm.

**LA MAJESTIQUE** (m, 5, **Majestic Warrior**--Royal Prize, by

**Kingmambo**) Lifetime Record: 19-2-5-7, \$113,158. O-Angel O

Montano Sr & Thomas Sherman; B-Susan Austin (KY); T-Angel O

Montano, Sr..

**5th-PEN, \$30,680**, 3-2, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.77, ft.

**LADY OF MORAY** (f, 4, **Philanthropist**--Monarchist, by Salt

**Lake**) Lifetime Record: 17-6-2-1, \$103,929. O-Layne S Giliforte;

B-Spring Farm (ON); T-Catherine H Robinson. \*C\$10,000 RNA Ylg

'13 CANSEP. \*\*1/2 to Stormthebarricade (Kiridashi), SW,

\$149,055.

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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-OP, \$75,000**, Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-3, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.73, ft.

**W. B. SMUDGE** (g, 7, **Grand Reward**--Beauty Is, by Personal

**Flag**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 47-11-12-6, \$364,702. O-Robert

O'Hara Jr & Gwyneth Gower; B-World Thoroughbreds Racing Inc

(KY); T-Matt Kordenbrock. \*1/2 to Wayzata Bay (Roar), GSW,

\$718,895; and Yournotthebossofme (Johannesburg), SW,

\$197,078.

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Curlin, 04 ch.....	Smart Strike, 92 b.....	Mr. Prospector, 70 b Classy 'n Smart, 81 b
	Sherriff's Deputy, 94 b...	Deputy Minister, 79 dk b/ Barbarika, 85 b
Leslie's Lady, 96 b...	Tricky Creek, 86 b.....	Clever Trick, 76 dk b/ Battle Creek Girl, 77 b
	Crystal Lady, 90 b.....	Stop the Music, 70 b One Last Bird, 80 ch

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**1st dam**

**LESLIE'S LADY**, by Tricky Creek. 5 wins at 2 and 3, \$187,014, Hoosier Debutante S. [L] (HOO, \$41,430), 2nd Martha Washington S. [L] (OP, \$10,000). Dam of 11 foals, 7 to race, 5 winners--

**BEHOLDER** (f. by Henny Hughes). 15 wins in 20 starts, 2 to 5, 2015, \$4,436,600, Champion 2-year-old filly in U.S., Champion 3-year-old filly in U.S., Champion older mare in U.S., Breeders' Cup Distaff [G1] (SA, \$1,100,000), Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies [G1] (SA, \$1,080,000), TVG Pacific Classic S. [G1] (DMR, \$600,000), Clement L. Hirsch S. [G1] (DMR, \$180,000), Zenyatta S. [G1] (SA, \$180,000) twice, Santa Anita Oaks [G1] (SA, \$180,000), Las Virgenes S. [G1] (SA, \$150,000), Zenyatta S. [G1] (SA, \$150,000), etc.

**INTO MISCHIEF** (c. by Harlan's Holiday). 3 wins in 6 starts at 2 and 3, \$597,080, CashCall Futurity [G1] (HOL, \$403,000), Damascus S. [L] (OSA, \$68,280), 2nd Malibu S. [G1] (SA, \$50,000), San Vicente S. [G2] (SA, \$30,000), Hollywood Prevue S. [G3] (HOL, \$20,000). Sire.



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**4th-CT, \$24,500, (S), 3-2, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:29.33, ft. MARCH WIND (f, 4, Real Estate--Prepaid Flight, by Prenup) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, \$62,903. O-Debbie Rhodes; B-Maurice F Casey (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.**

**7th-CT, \$24,500, 3-2, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:26.91, ft. MALIBU BLUFF (g, 5, [Malibu Moon](#)--Most Beautiful {SP}, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 28-6-5-4, \$124,690. O-Ray M Pennington III; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Ollie L Figgins III. \*\$120,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Team Six (Lion Heart), GSP, \$132,800.**

**Hidden Brook Sales Graduate**

**3rd-CT, \$24,000, 3-2, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.81, ft. C. D. JAMMIN (g, 4, Bop--Miracle Mist, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-0, \$53,140. O/B-Thomas C Weeks (WV); T-Michael Lee Weeks.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Tiza Diva, f, 3, Tiz Wonderful--Sallie's Memory, by Holy Bull. GG, 3-3, 1m (AWT), 1:40.96. B-H & E Ranch (KY). \*\$38,000 RNA Ylg '14 BARJAN; \$27,000 RNA Ylg '14 NCAAUG; \$16,000 2yo '15 BARJAN. \*\*1/2 to Jamaican Memories (Slew City Slew), MSW, \$290,237.**

**Overawe, c, 4, [Awesome Again](#)--Joyful, by Distorted Humor. AQU, 3-3, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:47.39. B-Earle I Mack LLC (NY). \*\$235,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Cleburne (Dixie Union), GSW, \$150,074.**

**LAMBHOLM SOUTH Training Graduate**

**Radio Silent, c, 4, [Candy Ride \(Arg\)](#)--Silent Sighs (GISW, \$442,700), by Benchmark. SA, 3-3, (C), 1m, 1:37.47. B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY). \*1/2 to Clear Attempt (A.P. Indy), GSW, \$205,617.**

**Boat Drinks, f, 4, [Midshipman](#)--Debit Or Credit, by Cat Thief. SA, 3-3, 6 1/2ft, 1:14.16. B-White Fox Farm (KY). \*\$115,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR.**

**Ready to Serve, g, 4, [More Than Ready](#)--Crystal River, by Black Tie Affair (Ire). CT, 3-3, 6 1/2f, 1:22.24. B-Damara Farm (KY). \*\$50,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Ocean Terrace (Saint Ballado), GSW, \$160,400.**

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**REBOOT, 21, Rubiano--Launch Light Tek, by Relaunch Foal born Feb. 7, a colt by Mark Valeski Will be bred back to Soldat.**

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## GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS NEW LEVY SCHEME FOR '17



The announcement of a new levy scheme starting next April is a historic development for British racing | *Racing Post*

by Emma Berry

In an announcement described as "truly historic" by the British Horseracing Authority's Chief Executive Nick Rust, British racing will receive a new funding system from next April after the government confirmed its intention to replace the current Horserace Betting Levy.

Under the new model, racing will benefit by being able to recoup charges from bookmaking firms for all bets on the sport, thus closing the loophole which currently exists for operators based offshore and for remote betting through online devices, which accounts for almost 50% of bets placed on horseracing.

"Today's announcement is one that should prove truly historic," said Rust. "The new funding model will ensure a fair transfer of funding to British racing based on all betting activity on the sport--a link that was first established in law in 1961. It meets all of racing's requirements for a new funding model and can bear fruit in 2017, which is crucial given the significant Levy cliff we face."

The BHA has indicated it will continue with its Authorised Betting Partner scheme in the short term until the new funding mechanism is in place, and is set to announce that another major firm has signed up to the scheme in addition to Betfair, Bet365, 32Red and recent signing BetVictor. [Cont. p2](#)

## POLAR RIVER STAYS PERFECT IN UAE OAKS

It may not have been the eye-popping **Polar River** (Congrats) performance that Meydan patrons have come to expect; however, the Middle East's star 3-year-old filly nonetheless ran her unbeaten record to four in Thursday's G3 UAE Oaks and once again won without feeling the sting of the whip. Breaking in the air to the outside of her two rivals, Polar River quickly recovered as Argentinean Group 1 winner **Vale Dori (Arg)** (Asiatic Boy {Arg}), making her first start since last May, raced to the lead. Polar River and jockey Pat Dobbs sat just off Vale Dori's flank on the outside down the backstretch with **Dolly Dagger (Swe)** (Eishin Dunkirk) on her heels. Drawing even with Vale Dori and jockey Christophe Soumillon around the turn, Polar River appeared poised to draw away to her customary daylight victory. Vale Dori had different ideas, however, and re-rallied to cut Polar River's margin down to three-quarters of a length on the wire. Despite recording their smallest winning margin to date, Dobbs did not go to the whip and had the filly geared down at the line. [Cont. in Worldwide News p8](#)

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Rust continued, "In the longer term, this means greater financial security for the sport, a platform for growth, a huge boost to our participants and more certainty for the tens of thousands of people who rely on racing for their livelihoods. We look forward to working with government on the details of these proposals and to make sure the implementation timetable they have announced today is achieved."

The Conservative MP Chris Green, whose Bolton West constituency includes Aintree and Haydock racecourses, lodged a question during Thursday morning's parliamentary session asking when offshore bookmakers would be required to make a financial contribution to British racing. The horseracing and breeding industry in the UK is estimated to have an annual economic impact of £3.5 billion with around 85,000 people earning their living from the sport.

John Whittingdale MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport responded, "My honourable friend is absolutely right to draw attention to the importance of horseracing to this country. I can tell him that our aim is to introduce a new funding arrangement for British Racing by April 2017."



Nick Rust | *Racing Post*

He added, "We will create a level playing field for British-based and offshore gambling operators and ensure a fair return from all bookmakers to racing, including those based offshore. Racing will be responsible for making decisions on spending the new fund and we will be making further announcements shortly."

The new legislation will be subject to state aid approval but the BHA has signaled its confidence in gaining this, citing the European Commission's approval for a French levy on online betting which was granted in 2013.

Cabinet Office Minister Matthew Hancock, who has the key racing town of Newmarket within his West Suffolk constituency, added

his support to the announcement, saying, "I am delighted progress has been made on sustainable funding for the horseracing industry. Racing touches the lives of millions, is the nation's second most-watched sport, supports over 85,000 jobs, including many in Newmarket, and has a huge impact on our economy and trade. Yet its finances have been hampered by an outdated levy system for some time. Today's news is a big step forward, and we need to make progress fast in obtaining European clearance and in restoring the yield to sustainable levels soon." **Cont. p3**



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Classic-winning trainer William Haggas was another to voice his approval, and commented, "I am delighted with this news, which will help secure the future of our sport and the many jobs within it. Horsemen know that many bookmakers want to grow the sport in collaboration with racing, and I would urge those parties that are still wavering, for example in becoming an ABP, to get on the train fast."

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Aidan O'Brien has won three of the last four Derbies and five overall, and his 36 contenders include G1 Criterium International winner **Johannes Vermeer (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and maiden winners **Cook Islands (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and **Idaho (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), all at 25-1. All odds are quoted by Coral.

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**FAVOURITES STAY IN DERBY CONTENTION**

Antepost G1 Investec Derby favourites **Foundation (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) and **Midterm (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) are among the 136 3-year-olds that held their ground for that June 4 Classic at the latest scratching stage. That figure is up on the 102 that remained engaged this time last year. A maximum of 20 will be permitted to run.

Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's Foundation, trained by John Gosden, won his first three starts last year, including the G2 Royal Lodge S., and was third at season's end in the G1



Derby joint favourite **Foundation**  
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Racing Post Trophy after a rough trip. Sir Michael Stoute conditions Midterm for Khalid Abdullah, and that son of six-time Grade/Group 1 winner Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) has started just once, when a one-length winner of a Newbury maiden Oct. 23.

Also prominent in the betting and remaining

engaged are Godolphin's Andre Fabre-trained G1 Jean-Luc Lagardere winner **Ultra (Ire)** (Manduro {Ger}) (16-1); Sheikh Hamdan's seven-length Nottingham maiden scorer **Wajeez (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) (16-1); and Godolphin's **Emotionless (Ire)** (Shamardal), winner of the G2 Champagne S., and unbeaten **Moonlight Magic (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), both 20-1.

**GOFFS UNVEILS SALE FORMAT CHANGES**

Goffs will tweak the format of its Sportsman's Sale, November Foal Sale and December National Hunt Sale in 2016. The Sportsman's Sale, which has traditionally been a one-day sale immediately following Goffs's flagship Orby sale, will this year be extended to two days. The Orby sale is set for Sept. 28 and 27, with the Sportsman's Part 1 Sept. 29 and the new Sportsman's Part 2 Sept. 30.



Goffs sale grounds | *Racing Post*

"Feedback from vendors based on the strength of the Sportsman's market in recent years has led us to extend the sale to two days by offering a Part 2 section," said Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby. "This 'yearling sales week' is an attractive prospect for purchasers from Europe and further afield, and will be promoted as such by the teams at Goffs and ITM to ensure that Goffs is a one-stop shop for yearling buyers traveling to Ireland this autumn."

In addition, the November Foal Sale will begin a day earlier, Sunday, Nov. 13, to ease the pressure for shoppers traveling to Britain for the following week's sales. Finally, a flat foal section will be added to Goffs's December National Hunt Sale Dec. 9. The entry fee will be less than half that of the November Foal Sale, offering an option for middle market commercial foals and smaller breeders. **Cont. p4**

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**Goffs Unveils Sale Format Changes Cont.**

“This is a very positive move for Irish Breeders as it deals with two important issues that arose in 2015,” said Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association Chairman Derek Icton. “A cheaper alternative at the optimum time for the smaller breeder can only help especially as it will also ease the pressure in November somewhat, as well as giving people a little more breathing space between Goffs and Newmarket at what is a very busy time for everyone. Both Cathy Grassick, as Chairman of the ITBA Mare Owners Committee, and I have discussed the issues with Goffs since last November. We are grateful that they have taken our members concerns on board and reacted so positively.”

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# A LOOK AHEAD

WITH GRANT AND TOM PRITCHARD-GORDON

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

G&T P-G: While it might not be fashionable, there is nothing better than watching a high-class stayer. **Order of St George (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) looked the best 3-year-old stayer we have seen in a long time when routing a high-class field in the G1 Irish St Leger. Does Aidan O’Brien have another stayer of the calibre of Yeats? We firmly believe so. A dark horse to follow would be **D’Niro (Ire)** (Big Bad Bob {Ire}), a gorgeous individual who was a runaway Kempton maiden winner in November. He will surely progress at three.

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

G&T P-G: We were very impressed with the **Nathaniel (GB)** yearlings last year. While we doubt that he will have early 2-year-old winners, we are already hearing positive vibes from the trainers and expect to see several winners by the autumn. We bought 50% of **Showcasing (GB)** for Haunui Farm in New Zealand when he retired to stud. The results to date in both hemispheres have been impressive. Whitsbury Manor Stud have done a sterling job with him in Europe and we expect Showcasing to continue to be a strong influence for early speed in years to come.

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

G&T P-G: We must hope that the continued strength of the Australasian yearling sales transfers to the Northern Hemisphere later in the year. There is no doubt that the Australian yearling market reflects their excellent prize-money. However, the Australian auction companies have done a magnificent job in attracting a considerable amount of Chinese money to their sales, which has driven the strong market. So our wish is that the focus of wealthy Chinese investors may become more global.



Grant (right) and Tom Pritchard-Gordon

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**ALLOWANCE RESULT:**

**4th-CHD, £25,000, 3-3, 4yo/up, 16f (AWT), 3:22.37, st. NOTARISED (GB) (g, 5, [Authorized {Ire}](#)--Caribbean Dancer, by Theatrical {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 31-7-3-5, \$246,658. O-Hugh Hart; B-Mrs P Hart (GB); T-Mark Johnston.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Berlios (Ire), g, 3, Excellent Art (GB)--Endless Peace (Ire), by Russian Revival. SOU, 3-3, 5f (AWT), 0:59.35. B-John Malone (IRE). \*€8,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €35,000 Ylg '14 TISEP; 22,000gns 2yo '15 TA15.**

**STRONG ENTRIES FOR TATTS SCHEME**

The £25,000 Tattersalls October Book 1 Bonus Scheme has drawn 381 entries in its inaugural year. The bonus awards graduates of Book 1 of the October Yearling Sale a £25,000 bonus should they win one of approximately 300 qualifying maiden and novice 2-year-old races in Britain and Ireland. The entries represent 82% of the lots offered at Book 1 last year.

"We always felt that the £25,000 October Book 1 Bonus would capture the imagination of owners and trainers and the number of entries is a fantastic endorsement of the new scheme," said Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony. "These October Book 1 2-year-olds stand to win unprecedented amounts of prize money for winning their maidens--as much as £69,850 in the case of the Convivial Maiden at York, which has been won by an October Book 1 purchase in both 2014 and 2015."

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**Thursday's Result:**

**2nd-CHD, £8,000, Mdn, 3-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:12.64, st. DOEADEER (IRE) (f, 3, Dandy Man {Ire}--Bloomsday Babe, by Cherokee Run),** runner-up on his sole start over this trip at Hamilton in August, was prominent from the outset and soon had the lead. Tackled by Basma (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in the last furlong, the even-money favourite held on to prevail by a neck. The dam, who is related to the GI Travers S., GI Preakness S. and GI Haskell Invitational winner and sire Corporate Report, has a 2-year-old colt by Roderic O'Connor (Ire). Sales history: €14,000 RNA Ylg '14 GOFSP; €30,000 2yo '15 GBMBR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$8,796. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Weldspec Glasgow Limited; B-Mr Liam Wright (IRE); T-Keith Dalgleish.

**Thursday's Results:**

**5th-CHY, €50,000, Alw, 3-3, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:36.02, st. SOLOW (GB) (g, 6, Singspiel {Ire}--High Maintenance {Fr} {GSP-Fr, \$115,823}, by Highest Honor {Fr}),** on course for a bid to win back-to-back renewals

of the G1 Dubai Turf, was sent off at 3-10 and sauntered along with one behind early. Trying for a gap on the inside of his chief rival Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}) in early stretch, the homebred was switched around when the door was shut and coasted alongside with a furlong remaining. Pushed out with hands and heels to assert, the grey was geared down to register a facile 1 1/2-length verdict over that runner and secure a 10th-straight win in the process. [Cont. p6](#)



Solow saunters to victory  
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**5th-CHY Cont.**

“We saw what we expected to and, as he was not very lucky early in the straight, it was remarkable that he came back to win like that,” a delighted Freddy Head said. “He is certainly as good as last year and maybe a little bit better. He is in a class of his own and is ready to go to Dubai now. He won’t do much before then, as this will have done him a lot of good and set him up perfectly.” Solow has a 3-year-old half-sister in training named High Quality (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Shamardal already named Lunch Lady (GB). Lifetime Record: Hwt. European Older Horse at 7-9 1/2f, Hwt. Older Horse-Fr & UAE at 7-9 1/2f, MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Fr & UAE, 18 starts, 13 wins, 3 places, €5,197,922. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (GB); T-Freddy Head.

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**6th-CHY, €50,000, Alw, 3-3, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:54.71, st. ELLIPTIQUE (IRE) (h, 5, [New Approach {Ire}](#)--Uryale {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Kendor {Fr}),** successful in the G3 Grand Prix de Vichy in July, was sent off at 9-2 reappearing after a disappointing show when ninth in the G3 Prix Perth over a mile at Saint-Cloud at the start of November and raced in last under Pierre-Charles Boudot early. Traveling strongly still under restraint approaching the final quarter-mile, the homebred was produced wide to cut down the long-time leader Gailo Chop (Fr) (Deportivo {GB}) in the final 100 metres and assert for a comfortable length success from his staying-on stablemate Manatee (GB) (Monsun {Ger}). The winner, who is a half-brother to Cicerole (Fr) (Baratea {Ire}), MSW & MGSP-Fr, GSP-Eng, \$232,850, carries the hopes of his breeder Edouard de Rothschild into the new term and he commented, “We are very happy, that was a nice way to start his season. He has a nice turn of foot and has always shown quality. He will not travel to Dubai--we will bring him back for the G3 Prix Exbury [at Saint-Cloud Mar. 20].” Connections of the G1 Mackinnon S. hero Gailo Chop, who was a short-head further back in third ahead of the eye-catching G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Queen’s Jewel (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) in fourth, were far from downcast afterwards. “We are quite happy with the way the horse has run, as it’s his first time on the all-weather and he’s not quite fit,” Gailo Chop’s trainer Antoine de Watrigant explained. “He probably did too much too early and I think he’ll stay a mile and a half on a flat track like Meydan, so he’ll head for the G1 Sheema Classic now.” Lifetime Record: MGSW-Fr, 17 starts, 6 wins, 8 places, €234,700. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O/B-Famille Rothschild (FR); T-Andre Fabre.

**7th-CHY, €50,000, Alw, 3-3, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15.56, st. SIGNS OF BLESSING (IRE) (g, 5, [Invincible Spirit {Ire}](#)--Sun Bittern, by Seeking the Gold),** who had been gelded following a disappointing 4-year-old campaign culminating in a poor showing when 10th of 11 in Longchamp’s G3 Prix du Petit Couvert over five furlongs in September, was quickly into a close-up second. Moving to the front with ease at the top of the stretch, the €102,000 ARQAUG yearling, who was sent off the 5-2 favourite, soon had his rivals in trouble and was pushed out to score by 5 1/2 lengths from Keravnos (Fr) (Elusive City). Marc-Antoine Berghgracht, representing the owners, commented, “We are delighted, because the horse had lost interest last year and so the gelding has helped him so much. We will have to see where we go next.” The dam, who hails from the family of the G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Nadia (GB) (Nashwan) and top Japanese performer Kongo Rikishio (Ire) (Stravinsky), has a 2-year-old colt by Redoute’s Choice (Aus) and a yearling filly like the winner by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 5-7f, GSW-Ger, MSW & MGSP-Fr, 15 starts, 6 wins, 3 places, €177,450. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Ecurie Pandora Racing, Ahmed Mouknass & Mme Isabelle Corbani; B-Serge Boucheron (IRE); T-Francois Rohaut.

**3rd-CHY, €29,000, Alw, 3-3, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:37.82, st. +KENRIYA (FR) (f, 3, [Kendargent {Fr}](#)--Cherriya {Fr}, by Montjeu {Ire}),** dropping back in trip having opened her account in style over 1950 metres at Pau Feb. 2, raced freely initially restrained behind the leading group. Making smooth progress out wide approaching the home turn, the 31-10 second favourite took over passing the quarter-pole and drew away under hand riding to record an authoritative 3 1/2-length success from Saajid (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}). The dam, who is a half to the GSW and Arc runner-up Cherry Mix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), has a 2-year-old full-sister to the winner named Cherrina (Fr). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €22,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-C. Ferland.

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**OBSERVATIONS**  
on today’s European racing scene

**1.50 Deauville, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT) QASSEM (IRE) (Lope de Vega {Ire})** sports the Al Shaqab silks for the Andre Fabre stable, having cost €300,000 at Arqana August. The full-brother to last year’s G3 Prix Djebel winner Ride Like the Wind (Ire) is met by another of the operation’s newcomers in **Zelzal (Fr) (Sea the Stars {Ire})**, a €180,000 AROCT descendant of Crystal Spray (GB) who is in the charge of Jean-Claude Rouget.

**Observations Cont.**

**2.20 Deauville, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT) WAR FLAG (War Front)** starts out belatedly for Joseph Allen and Jean-Claude Rouget, having missed her intended debut at Cagnes-sur-Mer in January. She is a full-sister to the 2013 G2 UAE Derby and 2015 G1 Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup hero Lines of Battle, as well as being a half to the 2006 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere runner-up Battle Paint (Tale of the Cat), the 2009 G2 Prix de Sandringham winner Homebound (Dixie Union) and the graded-stakes placegetter Blue Exit (Pulpit). Among those she meets here is Ecurie des Charmes' **Energie Green (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, a Freddy Head-trained relative of one of the sire's best in another Head starlet, Moonlight Cloud (GB).

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**DARLEY TO SPONSOR OWNERS' LOUNGE**

Darley will sponsor The Curragh's new owners' lounge, which is set to be unveiled at the track's season-opening meeting Mar. 20. The Darley Owners' Lounge will be in a marquee beside the parade ring and is designed to enhance the race day experience for owners.

Paul Hensey, General Manager of The Curragh Racecourse, said, "This year marks another positive step forward for us to elevate what we offer owners and trainers on the day they have a runner and I would like to thank Darley for their generous support of this initiative."

Joe Osborne, Managing Director of Godolphin Ireland, said, "We are delighted to continue our association with The Curragh through sponsorship of the Owners' Lounge. The future is bright for the Home of the Classics and the management team is working hard to ensure that owners have a race day experience which is second to none."

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**GOOD START FOR NEW COOLMORE SIREs**

Coolmore first-season sires **Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), **Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}) and **Kingston Hill (GB)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) have all had their first mares scanned in foal.

Confirmed mares in foal to dual Guineas winner Gleneagles include Crazy Volume (Ire) (Machiavellian {GB}), the dam of Group 1 winner Gallante (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}); Family (Danzig), a full-sister to Danehill and the dam of Dundonnell (First Defence); European champion and Group 1-winning sprinter Pipalong (Ire) (Pips Pride); and multiple Group 2 winner and Classic-placed Banimpire (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}).

Ivawood has had five of his first six mares scanned in foal, and Kingston Hill is four for four.

Successful sire **Starspangledbanner (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}), who returns to Coolmore this year from Australia, has also enjoyed a strong start with his first three mares scanned all being in foal. The world champion sprinter had been plagued with subfertility issues in the past.

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**Thursday, Meydan, Dubai**

**BALANCHINE SPONSORED BY SKYWARDS-G2**, \$200,000, MEY, 3-3, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, f/m, 1800mT, 1:48.85, gd.

1--**VERY SPECIAL (IRE)**, 129, f, 4, by **Lope de Vega (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Danielli (Ire)**, by **Danehill**

**2nd Dam: Ingabelle (Ire)**, by **Taufan**

**3rd Dam: Bodelle (Ire)**, by **Falcon (GB)**

(280,000gns Ylg '13 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-James Doyle. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: MSP-Eng, 7-4-2-1, \$339,522. \*1/2 to Janicellaine (Ire) (Beat Hollow {GB}), GSP-US, \$124,223; Chriselliam (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eur, G1SW-Eng & US, \$729,684. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**

**\*Triple Plus\*.**

2--**Euro Charline (GB)**, 126, m, 5, Myboycharlie (Ire)--Eurolink Artemis (GB), by Common Grounds (GB). (800gns Ylg '12 TATFEB; 13,000gns Ylg '12 TATOCT). O-Team Valor International; B-Brian Liversage (GB); T-Marco Botti. \$40,000.

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3--**Excilly (GB)**, 126, f, 4, Excellent Art (GB)--Afra Tsitsi (Fr), by Belong to Me. (€52,000 Ylg '13 ARAU2). O-Bellman Lowe O'Halloran Trowbridge; B-Haras du Cadran, P Hoze & C Lerner (GB); T-Tom Dascombe. \$20,000.

Margins: 2HF, 4HF, 1 3/4.

Also Ran: Icecapada (Ire), More Aspen, Malka (Fr), Si Luna (Ger).

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Very Special may have had everything go her way when winning the Feb. 4 G2 Cape Verdi S. at Meydan on the front end, but the Godolphin colourbearer proved that score was not a fluke with another gate-to-wire winning performance in Thursday's G2 Balanchine S. **Cont. p8**

**G2 Balanchine S. Cont.**

Very Special, a half-sister to the 2013 G1 Dubai Fillies Mile and G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Chriselliam (Ire) (Iffraaj (GB)), has yet to finish off the board in seven outings. She broke her maiden in her first of two juvenile outings and recorded a season-opening score at Kempton last April. She started just twice more last year, finishing second in a pair of listed races at Lingfield and Kempton both over a mile, and was a three-length winner over Excilly after setting a soft pace first-up in the Cape Verdi. Taking up the lead once again Thursday but not allowed to bowl along quite as easily, Very Special



Very Special | DRC/Andrew Watkins

opened up a five-length lead around the turn under James Doyle while international favourite Euro Charline raced slightly worse than midpack after running a bit freely early. Doyle put Very Special to a drive as Euro Charline swung four wide in hot pursuit coming off the turn, but Godolphin's filly was not for catching despite hauling three pounds more than Euro Charline, holding the Grade I winner at bay by 2 1/2 lengths.

"It's always good to get away from the front end but you have to have the animal beneath you," said Doyle. "The whole team have done a wonderful job with her. She's made really good progression from her first run to today and it was a good performance."

"We spoke about it beforehand and we thought it was a pretty tough task, but I was just hoping even to go home [to Europe] that she'll be a nice horse," Doyle added. "She's proved that today."

Very Special could now be drawing comparison's with Godolphin's 2013 Cape Verdi/Balanchine winner Sajjhaa (GB) (King's Best), who went on to win the G1 Dubai Duty Free--now Dubai Turf--on World Cup night. Doyle admitted that Very Special would have to progress again to take that \$6-million contest in three weeks' time.

"It's a tricky one," he said. "It's a massively strong race and she'd have to improve again. She's a filly we have to take it step-by-step with so she'll tell us by how she comes out of it whether she'll take that step. It's possible."

Very Special's dam has an as-yet unnamed 2-year-old colt by Henrythenavigator and a yearling filly by Galileo (Ire).

**Polar River Stays Perfect in UAE Oaks Cont. from p1**

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

**UAE OAKS SPONSORED BY EMIRATES-G3**, \$250,000, MEY, 3-3, 3yo, f, 1900m, 2:00.57, ft.

1--@POLAR RIVER, 121, f, 3, by [Congrats](#)

1st Dam: Bayou Tortuga, by Empire Maker

2nd Dam: Tortuga Band, by Dixieland Band

3rd Dam: Super Fan, by Lear Fan

'TDN Rising Star' (\$25,000 yr1 '14 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-Valentin Bukhtoyarov & Evgeny Kappushev; B-Bob McCann, Mark Kelder & Doug Richards (KY); T-Doug Watson; J-Pat Dobbs. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$365,423.

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2--Vale Dori (Arg), 131, f, 3, Asiatic Boy (Arg)--Valerina (Arg), by Halo Sunshine. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Haras Abolengo (ARG); T-Mike de Kock. \$50,000.

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3--Dolly Dagger (Swe), 121, f, 3, Eishin Dunkirk--Little Green Apple (Swe), by Funambule. O-Finn Blichfeldt; B-Sjoberg Ivan & Lindarsnas Gard (SWE); T-Fredrik Reuterskiold. \$25,000. Margins: 3/4, 18HF.

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"She just idled in the last furlong but I didn't want to get serious with her," Dobbs explained. "She has a good attitude and she does everything perfect. When she hit the front I could feel her pulling up underneath me, but I looked at the screen and we were three lengths clear and I didn't think Christophe was going to be able to get me."

Polar River has now won her four starts by a combined margin of 32 lengths. She earned 'TDN Rising Star' status when a 13 1/2-length victress on debut when going six furlongs at Meydan Dec. 3, and has followed up while stepping up in distance each start since. The margin was 4 3/4 lengths



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when she trounced Godolphin's G2 Rockfel S. scorer Promising Run (Hard Spun) in the seven-furlong UAE 1000 Guineas Trial Jan. 14, and that was followed by a 13-length demolition of the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas, again over that rival, going a mile Feb. 11. There had been whispers of the filly making an American sojourn later this year, and while that topic was not broached Thursday, trainer Doug Watson confirmed the Mar. 26 G2 UAE Derby is still the next likely target. **Cont. p9**

G3 UAE Oaks Cont.

“That got close at the end,” Watson noted. “[Dobbs] just kind of eased up on her there and we didn’t want a hard race. She put it to bed pretty quickly after the turn in. It was a Group 1 winner she was facing there and Mike [de Kock] is a great trainer, so I’m glad to get away with it.

“I’d like to have won easier but we knew it was a Group 1 winner and likely the best filly she’s faced,” Watson added. “They set a slow pace and it kind of turned into a sprint, and when she did sprint she sprinted away and it looked like he was pretty easy on her.”

Polar River’s dam, Bayou Tortuga, has a 2-year-old Flatter filly named Oh Flatter Me who was a \$100,000 Keeneland September yearling last year. She has a yearling colt by The Factor that was bought for \$200,000 as a weanling in 2015 at Keeneland November and she is due to foal to Twirling Candy this year.

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**Thursday, Meydan, Dubai**

**NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY SPONSORED BY SKYCARGO-G3,** \$200,000, MEY, 3-3, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2810mT, 2:57.19, gd.

1--**SHEIKHZAYEDROAD (GB), 126, g, 7, by Dubawi (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Royal Secrets (Ire), by Highest Honor (Fr)**

**2nd Dam: Marble Maiden (GB), by Lead on Time**

**3rd Dam: Lastcomer, by Kris (GB)**

O-Mohammed Jaber; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-David Simcock; J-Martin Harley. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: GISW-Can & GSW-Eng, 31-9-4-6, \$1,019,890. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

2--**Certerach (Ire), 126, g, 8, Halling--Chartres (Ire), by Danehill.**

O-Paul Rooney; B-Newberry Stud Company (IRE); T-Mick Halford. \$40,000.

3--**Star Empire (SAf), 126, g, 9, Second Empire (Ire)--Lady Maroof (NZ), by Maroof.** O-Mohammed Khaleel Ahmed; B-Sydney A Muller, F M Ratner & L M Salzman (SAF); T-Mike de Kock. \$20,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, NK, HF.

Also Ran: Battersea (GB) & Meadow Creek (GB), Tellina (SAf), Quarterback (Ger), Rio Tigre (Ire), Wasir (Ger), Paene Magnus (Ire), Zambucca (SAf), Eye In the Sky (Ire), Antinori (Ire), Respect Me (GB). Scratched: Famous Kid.

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Sheikhzayedroad | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Sheikhzayedroad would likely have received a ticket on the Dubai highway for which he is named for the speed of his acceleration to win Thursday’s staying feature. The bay, also a group winner in England, was recording his first win since taking Woodbine’s GI Northern Dancer Turf S. in September of 2014. He had finished second on last year’s Meydan Super Saturday card in the G2 Dubai City of Gold before checking in fifth in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, and filled fourth on his first two appearances back in Britain: Epsom’s G1 Coronation Cup and Royal Ascot’s G2 Hardwicke S. Eighth and sixth-place finishes behind Big Orange (GB) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}) followed in the G2 Princess of Wales’s S. and G2 Goodwood Cup, and after finishing third in Chester’s Listed Stand Cup he wrapped up last season with a third, beaten 2 1/2 lengths, back at the scene of his greatest success in the GI Canadian International Oct. 18.

Making his seasonal reappearance Thursday, Sheikhzayedroad broke prominently but dropped back along the fence as the field ran by the stands for the first time. About five lengths off the lead of the front-running 2014 G2 Dubai Gold Cup winner Certerach down the backstretch, Sheikhzayedroad swung three wide at the top of the lane and unleashed a powerful turn of foot to run down the brave pacesetter.

Jockey Martin Harley said after winning for the first time at Meydan, “He’s obviously a very good horse; he didn’t get rated 111 for nothing. He jumped good today and [trainer David Simcock] and I decided we wanted to be in the first half rather than the back half because I know staying races here can get very tactical. But he had a lovely sprint home in the straight and ran very well.”

Sheikhzayedroad’s dam, Royal Secrets, has a 2-year-old filly by Kheleyf named Al Rowaiyah (GB) and a yearling filly by Shamardal named Umm Al Nar (GB).

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**Thursday's Results:**

**MEYDAN CLASSIC SPONSORED BY SKYWARDS-Listed,**

\$125,000, MEY, 3-3, 3yo, 1400mT, 1:23.55, gd.

1--**PURE DIAMOND (GB), 117, f, 3, by [Street Cry \(Ire\)](#)**

**1st Dam: White Rose (Ger) (Hwt. 2yo Filly & G1SP-Ger, GSW-Fr, \$181,327), by Platini (Ger)**

**2nd Dam: Wild Romance (Ger), by Alkalde (Ger)**

**3rd Dam: Win Hands Down (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)**

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Harry Bentley. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$111,015.

2--**Comicas, 121, c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Abby's Angel, by Touch Gold. O-Godolphin. \$25,000.**

3--**Taexali (Ire), 121, c, 3, [Raven's Pass](#)--Enchanted Evening (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). O-Thistle Bloodstock Limited. \$12,500. Margins: 4HF, 1 1/4, 2.**

Also Ran: Ajwad (GB), Dubai Fashion (Ire), First Selection (Spa), Calder Prince (Ire), Almashooqa (Aus), Ruler of Course (Ire).

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Pure Diamond was forced to play second fiddle to fellow Godolphin colourbearer Comicas (Distorted Humor) in the Feb. 11 Meydan Classic Trial, but the filly went one better to turn the tables on that rival Thursday. Twice a winner over Kempton's all-weather track last summer, Pure Diamond made her carnival debut when third behind Thursday's G3 UAE Oaks winner Polar River (Congrats) in the UAE 1000 Guineas Trial Jan. 14. Rather



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than venturing up in distance in the sophomore fillies' features, trainer Saeed bin Suroor opted to keep her at this distance and pit her against the boys, a move that paid off Thursday. Off a step slow from the inside gate under Harry

Bentley, Pure Diamond made up ground to sit just off the heels of an overly keen First Selection (Spa) (Diktat {GB}) down the backstretch. Coming off the rail and splitting rivals in midstretch, Pure Diamond outrallied Comicas to take the lead at the 200-metre mark and extended her advantage from there.

Bentley tabbed the filly as one with European Classic potential after the race. "She gave me a great feel," he said. "I've ridden her out the last couple mornings and I know the lads here that have been riding her out said she's going great. She was unlucky in running last time, but she's got a serious turn of foot. It was all about getting her out of the stalls today because she's been a little bit slow recently, but when I saw a gap I just had to commit and go for it. Today she couldn't have done a lot more to impress me. She has a deadly turn of foot and was always going at the line, so she has a bit more to come I'm sure."

When asked whether Pure Diamond could be one to contest the British Classics, Bentley said, "She's still lightly raced over here, so there's no reason why not."

Pure Diamond is the ninth foal out of Germany's highweight 2-year-old filly White Rose, whose productive family includes the multiple group winner and G1 Prix Vermeille second Wild Coco (Ger) (Shirocco {Ger}).

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**5th-MEY, \$120,000, Hcp, 3-3, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 7fT, 1:23.50, gd.**

**AMERICAN HOPE (g, 5, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Cedrat {Fr}, by Enrique {GB})** Lifetime Record: 16-2-5-1, \$245,389.

O-Godolphin; B-Liberty Road Stables; T-Saeed bin Suroor. \*SP-Eng. \*\*\$17,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; 34,000 gns HRA '14 TATFEB; 210,000gns HRA '15 TAJUL.

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**7th-MEY, \$110,000, Hcp, 3-3, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 10fT, 2:02.67, gd.**

**DORMELLO (IRE) (h, 8, [Dansili {GB}](#)--Field of Hope {Ire} {G1SW-Fr, SW & GSP-Ity, G1SP-HK, \$490,647, by Selkirk)** Lifetime Record: 32-7-3-4, O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Grundy Bloodstock SRL (IRE); T-Dhruba Selvaratnam. \*MGSW-UAE. \*\*€200,000 RNA Ylg '09 ARAUG. \*\*\*1/2 to Olympian Odyssey (GB) (Sadler's Wells), G1SP-Eng, \$153,663; Ransom Hope (GB) (Red Ransom), SW & GSP-Ity, \$264,922; and Field Of Dream (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SW-Ity & Eng, \$468,083.

**GUINEAS WINNERS LOOK TO DOUBLE UP**

The recent honour role of the A\$1 million G1 Randwick Guineas includes some of Australia's most dominant 3-year-olds, one particular standout being the filly Mosheen (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who would go on to complete a remarkable sweep of the Australian, Randwick and Rosehill Guineas'. Looking to emulate that middle feat Saturday with a score over the boys will be Arrowfield and partners' **Stay With Me (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}), last season's G1 Thousand Guineas winner. The bay has been beaten in her first two starts back this season, but found herself unsuited by the pace scenarios in both the G2 Light Fingers S. Feb. 13 and the G2 Surround S. Feb. 27. Jockey Glyn Schofield, who has picked up the ride on Stay With Me, told Racenet.com.au, "Her run on Saturday [in the Surround] was full of merit. She was back and wide and kept making ground right to the line which was against the pattern that race and much of the day. I think when you consider those factors her run was probably better than it looked." [Cont. p11](#)

**Guineas Winners Look to Double Up Cont.**

Stay With Me gets a four-pound weight-break from the colts, which include **Press Statement (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}), who swept the G1 Caulfield Guineas on the same day as Stay With Me's career-best score Oct. 10. The China Horse Club colourbearer was a clear-cut winner of the G2 Hobartville S. first-up Feb. 20, and is a deserving favourite for the Chris Waller stable to record his third overall Group 1.

**Le Romain (Aus)** (Hard Spun) was runner-up to Press



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Statement in the Hobartville and tries a mile for the first time here. **Montaigne (NZ)** (Road To Rock {Aus}) finished strongly to be third in the Hobartville after winning back-to-back handicaps at

Warwick Farm Jan. 20 and Randwick Feb. 6, the latter being over this trip. Contrary to his aforementioned rivals, **Tulsa (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}) has prepped for this in Victoria, and the gelding makes his first start outside that state off a third in the G3 CS Hayes S.

**XTRAVAGANT ARRIVAL**

The arrival of the G1 Australian Guineas favourite **Xtravagant (NZ)** (Pentire {GB}) in Victoria for that Saturday feature was far from straightforward, with the cancellation of his original flight causing fears of missing the race. That minor hiccup has been resolved, however, and the last-out G1 NRM Sprint winner will



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look to create some drama of a more positive variety Saturday. Xtravagant began to live up to his name last season when winning three straight, including the G1 NZ 2000 Guineas, and after suffering a blip when fourth in the G1 Levin

Classic Jan. 16 he roared back an eight-length winner of the 1400-metre NRM Sprint at Te Rapa Feb. 13. Stephen Autridge, who trains the colt in partnership with Jamie Richards, said Xtravagant will be versatile in his running style.

"This horse, we've ridden him in behind twice and he's gone just as good," Autridge told *Racing.com*. "We don't have to worry about leading, but barrier three is ideal anyway. The way he races, if they're running slow, he could be in front, but if they're running fast, he'll take a trail. With any luck, it doesn't matter as long as it's a fairly run race."

Xtravagant's opposition includes another talented Kiwi-bred in the form of **Tarzino (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}), the winner of last season's G1 Victoria Derby. Tarzino was fourth in Caulfield's

G2 Autumn S. first-up two weeks ago at a 1400-metre distance far short of his best. Victorious in that event was **Mahuta (Aus)** (Flying Spur {Aus}). That Darren Weir charge looks to extend his unbeaten run to seven Saturday, having also won the Listed Gold Coast Magic Millions 3YO



Victoria Derby winner Tarzino lines up in the Australian Guineas  
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Guineas Jan. 9 after finishing the spring off victorious in the G2 Sandown Guineas.

**Palentino (Aus)** (Teofilo {Ire}) looks for redemption after being disqualified from the win in the Feb. 20 G3 CS Hayes S., but also has to overcome a wide barrier here. Promoted to victory in the Hayes was the reopposing **Tivaci (Aus)** (High Chapparral {Ire}).

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Saturday, Randwick, Australia, post time 4:10 p.m. (12:10 a.m. ET)

**GIRVAN WAUGH RANDWICK GUINEAS-G1, A\$1,000,000**

(£517,536/€664,851), 3yo, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Man Of Choice (Aus)	Manhattan Rain (Aus)	Penza	L Price
2	Shards (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	McDonald	O'Shea
3	Montaigne (NZ)	Road To Rock (Aus)	Collett	Cummings
4	Balmain Boy (Aus)	Duorth (Aus)	Clark	Bridge
5	Stay With Me (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Schofield	Hyes/Dberning
6	Tulsa (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Arnold	Moroney
7	Dal Cielo (NZ)	Per Incanto	McEvoy	Baker
8	Le Romain (Aus)	Hard Spun	Reith	Lees
9	Etymology (Aus)	New Approach (Ire)	Berry	O'Shea
10	Gold Ambition (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Angland	Baker
11	Mackintosh (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Hutchings	Bridge
12	Press Statement (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Bowman	Waller
13	Data Point (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Williams	Kent

All carry 124 pounds bar Stay With Me, 120 pounds.

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Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time 4:30 p.m. (12:30 a.m. ET)

**AUSTRALIAN GUINEAS-G1**, A\$750,000 (£386,468/€501,047), 3yo, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Vanbrugh (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Winks	Waller
2	Perfect Reflection (Aus)	More Than Ready	Melham	Weir
3	Xtravagant (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Cameron	Atridge/Rchrds
4	Tarzino (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Newitt	Price
5	Ready For Victory (Aus)	More Than Ready	Boss	Price
6	River Wild (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Prebble	Waterhouse
7	Sailing By (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Dee	Price
8	Sovereign Nation (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Currie	Hyes/Dbernig
9	Mahuta (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Rawiller	Weir
10	Risque (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Lane	Hyes/Dbernig
11	Bon Aurum (Aus)	Bon Hoffa (Aus)	Hill	Maher
12	Jameka (Aus)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Oliver	Maher
13	Tivaci (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Hall	Moroney
14	Snoopy (Aus)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Dunn	Hawkeses
15	Tulsa (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Arnold	Moroney
16	Palentino (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Zahra	Weir

All carry 124 pounds bar Jameka, Perfect Reflection, Risque, Sailing By, 120.

## CRITERION RESUMES TOWARDS SWANSONG

Sir Owen Glenn's **Criterion (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus}) commences his farewell tour in Saturday's G1 Canterbury S. at Randwick, the first of a three-race preparation designed to conclude in a defense of his title in the A\$4-million G1 Queen Elizabeth S. at The Championships Apr. 9, the final start of what has become a remarkable career.

The 2014 G1 Australian Derby winner when under the care of trainer David Payne, the handsome chestnut was third in the



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G1 QE II Cup in Hong Kong last April and subsequently turned in a pair of hard-trying efforts in Europe, but did not make a significant impact in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. and

G1 Juddmonte International S. Despite the heavy travel, he made three impressive appearances in Melbourne last spring, winning the G1 Caulfield S. before finishing second in the G1 Cox Plate and a creditable third in the G1 Melbourne Cup in the space of 24 days. He was most recently a head-scratching ninth in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup Dec. 13. He is set to begin stud duties at Newgate Farm later this year.

**Our Boy Malachi (Aus)** (Top Echelon {Aus}) has won a remarkable 18 of his 22 career starts and padded his gaudy first-up record (8-7-1-0) with a three-length success in the G2 Expressway S. at Rosehill Jan. 30. His record second off the layoff is almost as impressive, with four wins and a third from six outings and is in search of a maiden Group 1 tally Saturday afternoon.

**First Seal (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) will try to get the afternoon off on a positive note for the China Horse Club and partners as she looks for her first top-level victory since taking out the G1 Coolmore Flight S. in October 2014. The popular winner of the G2 Surround S. last February, the bay was upset in the G1 Coolmore Classic, did not run out the 2000 metres when second in the G1 Vinery Stud S. and was spelled off a sixth in the G1 Queen of the Turf S. in April. She regrouped with a facile win over 1400 metres in the G2 Millie Fox S. at Rosehill Feb. 20.

**Kermadec (NZ)** (Teofilo {Ire}), winner of the G1 George Main S. last September, was fourth to Criterion in the Caulfield S. and has his first run since beating just one home in the Cox Plate. He holds entries in three races at The Championships, including the Doncaster H. and the Queen Elizabeth S.

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**CANTERBURY S.-G1**, A\$500,000 (£257,863/€334,031), 3yo/up, 1300mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Kermadec (NZ)	Teofilo (Ire)	Bowman	Waller
2	Happy Clapper (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Avdulla	Webster
3	First Seal (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Shinn	Thompson
4	Ecuador (NZ)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Clark	Waterhouse
5	Criterion (NZ)	Sebring (Aus)	McEvoy	Hyes/Dbernig
6	Our Boy Malachi (Aus)	Top Echelon (Aus)	Berry	Hawkeses
7	Holler (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	McDonald	O'Shea

All carry 130 pounds bar First Seal, 125 and Holler, 123.

## EXTREME CHOICE'S DAM TO BE SOLD

**Extremely (Aus)** (Hussonet), the dam of last weekend's G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Extreme Choice (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), will be offered carrying a full-sibling to that colt as part of the Bell River Thoroughbreds unreserved dispersal at the Inglis Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale in Sydney May 1 to 4.

Also among the 22 mares from Andrew Ferguson's operation set to be offered are the dams of stakes winners Flippant (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus}), Neena Rock (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), a three-quarter sister to Denman (Aus), and a sister to the dam of Group 1 winner First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The dispersal will also include shares in stallions Snitzel (Aus), Savabeel (Aus) and Duporth (Aus). **Cont. p13**

**Extreme Choice's Dam to Be Sold Cont.**

“Watching a colt we bred win the Blue Diamond last weekend with my wife Georgie and son James was an absolute dream,” said Ferguson. “We went to [trainer Mick Price’s] stables on Saturday afternoon and were so proud and lucky to spend half an hour with Extreme Choice. From the first time we stepped into breeding 10 years ago we did it our own way. We’ve made some great friends and thoroughly enjoyed being part of this industry, but it’s time.”

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**AUSTRALIAN REVIEW BY JAMES HARRON  
BLOODSTOCK**

*The Autumn racing carnival is beginning to heat up in Australia, and the team at James Harron Bloodstock will provide an alternating weekly recap of one of the major divisions, this week focusing on the 3-year-old fillies.*

Recent weeks have seen the majority of the leading contenders for honours in the 3-year-old fillies division take their first steps on Autumn campaigns.

Feb. 13 saw the 1200-metre G2 Light Fingers S. at Rosehill, and a breakthrough stakes victory for **Perignon (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}), who held off the strong challenge of Stonestreet Stables’s **Kangarilla Joy (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}). Perignon is a daughter of Snitzel, who is rapidly emerging as the heir apparent to his own



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sire, Redoute’s Choice (Aus), three times a champion stallion. Starting from a relatively humble fee of A\$33,000 upon his retirement in 2008, Snitzel stood for a fee of A\$88,000 in 2015, placing him in the top five stallions by fee. This rise is not surprising given that the 2014/15 racing season had seen him double his tally of Group 1 winners to six with Wandjina (Aus), Sweet Idea (Aus) and Hot Snitzel (Aus) joining Snitzerland (Aus), Sizzling (Aus) and Shamus Award (Aus). Most impressive is that from this group, he has three sons standing at stud in the heart of the Australian breeding industry--the Hunter Valley. With three seven-figure colts at January’s Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, including the sale-topping A\$1,600,000 colt along with another A\$700,000 colt to Hong Kong interests who was the sale topper at the recent Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale, Snitzel’s status near the top of the tree looks assured.

Perignon was an absentee in the next of the Sydney 3-year-old filly group races, the G2 Surround S. at Randwick Feb. 27, but none of those behind her in the Light Fingers were able to get past Godolphin’s unbeaten Lonhro filly **Ghisoni (Aus)**, who took the step up to group company in her stride, breaking her mother Portillo (Aus)’s (winner of this race in 2009) class record in running the 1400-metre distance in 1:21.83, though it is worth noting that this was a day of fast times--Solicit (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) would go on to break the 1400-metre track record when running 1:20.34 in the next race, the G2 Guy Walter S.

Ghisoni is one of 33 group winners for her shuttling sire, and on this performance looks capable of adding to his tally of seven Group 1 winners so far.

A great loss to the Australian breeding industry has been the untimely demise of G1 Coolmore Stud S. winner Northern Meteor (Aus), who died from colic complications in 2013, leaving behind just four crops. From those he has left six Group 1 winners, including the Gai Waterhouse-trained **Speak Fondly (Aus)**, winner of the 2015 Flight Stakes at Randwick. After being late returning to work this preparation she was an absentee in the traditional filly curtain raisers, but a barrier trial win by daylight Feb. 19 at Randwick suggested that she will be making her presence felt once again. She is scheduled to return in the G2 Challenge S. at Randwick Mar. 5, where she takes on the colts and the older horses at weight for age.

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Another stallion to be doing well posthumously is former Arrowfield resident Beneteau (Aus), sire of just two crops before succumbing to a sudden neurological condition. A million-dollar yearling in his time, Beneteau was a winner of the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude as a 2-year-old, but failed to train on as a 3-year-old, leading to his premature retirement. His daughter **Almighty Girl (Aus)** became one of four stakes winners for him when taking the Feb. 26 G3 Typhoon Tracy S. at Moonee Valley. From barrier 11 she endured a fairly wide trip around the tight Moonee Valley circuit but was still too strong for a solid field and looks a good prospect.

Another interesting race for the 3-year-old fillies, the G3 Kevin Hayes S., took place Feb. 13 at Caulfield and produced a win for ex-New Zealand filly **Risque (NZ)**, by Danehill son Darci Brahma (NZ), having her first start for David Hayes and Tom Dabernig, having been previously trained by Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards in her home country. This was a grinding victory over 1400 metres and she looks a top-notch prospect for 2000 metres-plus in the coming months. She will tackle the colts in the G1 Australian Guineas at Flemington Mar. 5.

The G2 Angus Armanesco at Caulfield Feb. 27 was yet another won by a filly gaining her first stakes victory, indicative of a division still sorting itself out. The winner, **Catch A Fire (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}), had broken her maiden at the sixth time of asking just two weeks previously. She was dominant in this maiden stakes victory, though this was a race where it was difficult to make ground after a slow early pace--the best late splits were posted by **Alaskan Rose (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and she looks a filly to follow next time after breaking 34 seconds for her final 600 metres here.

### Golden Slipper Top Five...

Undoubtedly the most important race in Australasian breeding, the G1 Longines Golden Slipper, takes place in two weeks at Rosehill Mar. 19. Here we run through the top five in the order they stand in most pre-post markets.

**EXTREME CHOICE (AUS)** - current odds just under 3/1  
Not a Single Doubt (Aus)--Extremely (Aus), by Hussonet  
Trainer: Mick Price

A son of Not a Single Doubt and purchased for A\$100,000 at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale Summer Book, Extreme Choice emulated his paternal half-sister Miracles of Life (Aus) in winning the G1 Blue Diamond S. at Caulfield Feb. 27. The benchmark for a Blue Diamond winner is breaking 1:09.00 for the 1200 metres, and Extreme Choice joined the elite band of winners to do this, posting a swift 1:08.95 when accounting for his stablemate Flying Artie (Aus) (Artie Schiller) by almost two lengths, with a further four lengths back to the third horse.

Sepoy was the last winner to dip under the 1:09 benchmark, running 1:08.55 in 2011, and he is also the most recent horse to complete the Blue Diamond-Golden Slipper double. That was



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achieved when there were five weeks between the two races, and he would finish second to Smart Missile (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the Todman S. in between. This year the gap is three weeks, and Extreme Choice will now go straight to the

Golden Slipper. A stake in this colt was secured by Newgate Farm prior to the Blue Diamond, and they are also in the ownership of the other leading Golden Slipper fancy:

**CAPITALIST (AUS)** - current odds around 3/1  
Written Tycoon (Aus)--Kitalpha (Aus), by Fusaichi Pegasus  
Trainer: Peter & Paul Snowden

Purchased for A\$165,000 at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale and unbeaten in three starts for a group of James Harron Bloodstock owners, Capitalist has achieved each of his wins by daylight. He began his campaign and became a 'TDN Rising Star' when taking the Listed Breeders' Plate at Randwick Oct 3. The Breeders' Plate is the first stakes race for 2-year-olds in Sydney and has a long history of producing future stallions, including seven subsequent Golden Slipper winners, including in recent years Sebring (Aus), Pierro (Aus) and Vancouver (Aus). Capitalist was a dominant winner of the Magic Millions 2YO Classic at the Gold Coast Jan. 9, and returned with an impressive barrier trial against older horses at Randwick Feb. 19, finishing under strong hold alongside last year's Golden Slipper runner-up English (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). He has been a long term pre-post Golden Slipper favourite, but was very recently usurped at the head of the market by Extreme Choice.

**FLYING ARTIE (AUS)** - current odds 8/1  
Artie Schiller--Flying Ruby (Aus), by Rubiton (Aus)  
Trainer: Mick Price

Connections will have to stump up three times the A\$50,000 they paid at Session 2 of the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale to secure Blue Diamond S. runner-up Flying Artie if they are to run in the Golden Slipper, but all indications are that they intend to do so, and with good reason. Flying Artie's run through the Blue Diamond was a difficult one, forced at least 10 horses wide on the home turn and getting far closer to his impressive stablemate than anything else when completing a quinella for trainer Mick Price. Both he and Extreme Choice will be attempting to become the first Melbourne-based winner of the Golden Slipper since Crystal Lily in 2010. **Cont. p15**

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**ASTERN (AUS)** - current odds 10/1

Medaglia d'Oro--Essaouira (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus})

Trainer: John O'Shea

Like last year's winner Vancouver--another son of Medaglia d'Oro--Astern was a tidy winner of the G2 Silver Slipper S. at Rosehill Feb. 13, beating Defcon (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}) by a half-length, with the slow-starting Mount Panorama (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) back in third. Bred and raced by Godolphin, Astern is yet to be fully tested and has shown good natural speed in both his winning starts, making all in the Silver Slipper and winning with his ears pricked. He has his next start in the Mar. 5 G2 Todman S. at Randwick, where he will face Capitalist.



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**HONESTY PREVAILS (AUS)** - current odds 12/1

Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Flavoured (Aus), by Hussonet

Trainer: Rick Worthington

Having one filly on a list of five looks risky when the Golden Slipper has been won by fillies two of the last three years, including the first seven finishers in 2014. That said, the one inclusion does look a filly out of the very top drawer. A A\$720,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling purchase trained by Rick Worthington, Honesty Prevails looked well up to living up to her price tag with a couple of impressive trial wins in fast times and proved up to the mark taking out the Jan. 30 G3 Widden S. at Rosehill on debut by a widening degree of daylight. The time was faster than the colts in the G3 Canonbury S. and her sectionals compared very favourably with the Group 2 sprint later on the card, with her split between the 600 metres and 200 metres of :22.80 the fastest of the day. She will be a warm favourite for the G2 Reisling S. at Randwick Mar 5.



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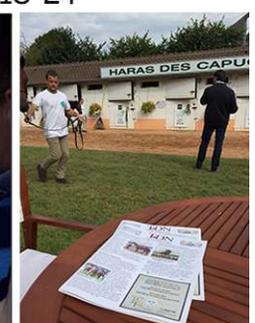
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