

GOLDEN LEGACY OFFERING SOME 'GEMS' AT OBS



Golden Legacy Stables' Ocala training facility
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by Brian DiDonato

Golden Legacy Stable will look to build on a successful first pinhooking season in 2015 as it offers as many as 14 juveniles at next week's OBS March 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale.

Founded in April of 2014 by leading Venezuelan, and now South Florida-based, conditioner Juan Andres Rodriguez along with two partners from Spain, the up-and-coming operation purchased the 120-acre Ocala property formerly owned by prominent Florida horseman Harold Plumley.

They currently own 22 mares and their respective yearlings, 36 juveniles who will mostly be offered at auction in the coming months, and some 55 horses in training with Rodriguez.

Blas Perez, who worked as a racetrack assistant for J. J. Crupi for 13 years before assisting major 2-year-old consignor Nick de Meric for another nine, serves as Golden Legacy's general manager and farm trainer.

"Both are real good horsemen," Perez said when asked about his time working under Crupi and de Meric. "When I was with Crupi, I was an assistant trainer at the racetrack, so I learned more racetrack stuff. Then, when I went to work for Nick, I started to learn more about conformation and pedigree. They're very good people who have been doing this for a long time. They're good people to learn from." **Cont. p3**

From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM



THE RETURN OF QUALITY ROAD

In Today's TDN Europe, Bill Oppenheim writes about the success of the Darley sires worldwide. On this side of the pond, he touches on the strong start to 2016 made by Lane's End's Quality Road.

In 2014, Lane's End's **Quality Road** won the North American freshman sire title by just \$25,000 over WinStar's **Super Saver**. The latter was again runner-up on last year's North American second-crop sire list, to Coolmore Ashford's **Munnings**, who sired 11 black-type winners (BTW) last year; Super Saver had five, though he ended the year with three Grade I winners and two Grade II winners from his first crop, way ahead of everybody else in this group of sires, and a \$65,000 stud fee for 2016. **Cont. p5**

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*Curlin's Needle (Curlin) admires her first foal, a filly by Data Link. The filly was bred by Housatonic Stables, LLC and foaled on February 19 at Country Life Farm in Bel Air, MD, under the watchful eye of Christy Holden (pictured).
Ellen Pons.*

OBS BREEZE SHOW STARTS WEDNESDAY

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The first of three OBS breeze shows begins Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. Hips 1-204 are scheduled to breeze during the opening session.

STRONG HAND FOR BROWN

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Chad Brown has a strong sophomore contingent, led by undefeated GIII Gotham S. winner Shagaf (Bernardini). The group also includes up-and-comers like My Man Sam (Trappe Shot).

PROSPECT POINT COULD BE RECORD HOLDER

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Prospect Point (First Dawn) garnered plenty of media attention when he turned 37 a year ago. Bill Finley checks in again with the veteran--now 38 and possibly the oldest Thoroughbred ever.

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Horses by the likes of Curlin, Uncle Mo and Tapit created plenty of fireworks at the first 2-year-old sale of 2016.

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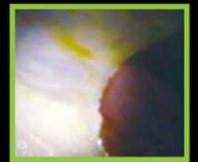
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Of what he looks for in yearling-to-juvenile pinhook prospects, Perez said, "I really base my philosophy more on looks than pedigree, because pedigree is hard to buy a lot of times. So I look at physicals and conformation before I even look at pedigree. Juan [Andres Rodriguez] is more focused on pedigree than me. So I look at the physicals and conformation, and then he'll go back over them with me and if he likes the pedigree, we go on with them."

Golden Legacy's biggest pinhook score in 2015 came from the eventually named Street Gray (Street Cry {Ire}), a \$45,000 KESEP RNA who brought \$750,000 from trainer Mark Casse on behalf of John Oxley at OBS April. The colt recently finished a solid third on the stretch-out at Gulfstream Feb. 27.

"He was just like a little pony when I went and looked at him at Keeneland, but he was very strong," Perez recalled. "He just turned the right way when we got him home. He started to grow, and started to really look like a racehorse. That was also one of the ones Juan picked because of the pedigree."

That wasn't the only juvenile from Golden Legacy's 2015 class to flatter the operation. Hollywood Don (Tapit), who went for \$245,000 at OBS April to Rockingham Ranch, took the Del Mar Juvenile Turf S. in September and finished third behind

champion Nyquist (Uncle Mo) in the GI FrontRunner S. later that month for trainer Peter Miller. Sharp Azteca (Freud), \$220,000 at the same sale, was an impressive four-length maiden winner for Gelfenstein Farm and Jorge Navarro stretching to a mile in Hallandale Feb. 20. Turf Paradise stakes winner Jam N Addy (Sightseeing) was acquired for \$13,000 from Golden Legacy's OBS June offerings.

Some of last year's juveniles who didn't sell have also done well by Golden Legacy.

Golden Pirate (Flashstorm) was scratched from OBS June, but upset the Armed Forces S. at Gulfstream at 24-1 in October for Rodriguez. Golden Ray (American Lion), who RNA'd for \$105,000 at the same sale, was third in the OBS Championship S.

Jan. 26 before competing in the GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. last time.

Like he has at previous sales, Nick de Meric consigns all of Golden Legacy's juveniles at OBS March. **Cont. p4**



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"I think we have some very good individuals there--a lot of fast horses," Perez said when asked about the March consignment. "They're all sound, and nice-looking horses. They've been training really well here at OBS."

Elaborating further on potential standouts, Perez remarked, "We have two Gemologists--one is faster than lightning ([hip 57](#)), and the other ([hip 50](#)) is handsome and beautiful. [Hip 50] doesn't have the speed of the other one, but he looks like a two-turn horse. I really like those two."

The former, out of stakes-placed Kick'em Jenny (Bold Executive), is a half to MSW Surtsey (Heatseeker {Ire}). His stakes-winning and graded stakes-placed second dam produced Queen's Plate winner and MGISP Wild Desert (Desert Rush). The Ontario-bred was a \$45,000 Keeneland September acquisition.



Hip 57 | Golden Legacy Stable

Hip 50 was a \$50,000 KEESEP yearling and recently RNA'd for \$97,000 at Fasig-Tipton Florida. The bay is a half-brother to stakes-winning 'TDN Rising Star' Let Em Shine (Songandaprayer), as well as stakes-placed juvenile Sea Mona (Tiz Wonderful).

Both colts will breeze at OBS Wednesday during the first of three under-tack shows.

Sessions begin 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Picking out [hip 237](#), a Lookin At Lucky filly; and [hip 527](#), a Flashstorm colt, as others who have breezed well on the farm, Perez said,

"When I train, I train to race-- I don't train for the sales, so

we have a few who we really haven't squeezed, and I think they have a lot more left in the tank. We really won't know what they have until the breeze show... Out of the 14, I can tell you there are at least 10 I really love. It's like when you have children--it's hard to choose one over another."

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OBS Breeze Show Begins Wednesday

The first of three breeze shows for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 2016 March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training begins Wednesday. The under-tack show will span three days, kicking off Wednesday with Hips 1-204. Hips 205-408 will go Thursday, and Hips 409-613 will breeze Friday. All three sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. The breeze shows and sale will be streamed live via the OBS website. A total of 613 juveniles were cataloged for the two-day sale, set for Tuesday and Wednesday, Mar. 15 and 16, with both sessions beginning at 11:00 a.m. Hips 1-306 will sell Tuesday; Hips 307-613 will sell Wednesday. A total of 325 juveniles brought \$55,432,000 at last year's sale, good for an average of \$170,560. Reddam Racing's Gomo (Uncle Mo), a \$75,000 OBSMAR graduate in 2015, captured Keeneland's GI Darley Alcibiades S. last October.



The Return of Quality Road (cont. from p1)

Quality Road, meanwhile, managed to finish fourth among North American second-crop sires even though he had only one 2015 black-type winner. Was he just another flash in the pan, especially considering he covered most of the good Ned Evans mares in his first crop?



Blofeld (inside) |
Kenny Martin

Evidently not, is the resounding answer Quality Road is delivering in 2016. Last weekend's GII Gulfstream Park H. winner Blofeld was Quality Road's third black-type winner of 2016, among 20 winners so far this year (second among his sire crop only to Darley's **Midshipman**, who has 21), and took his 2016 earnings to \$1,186,967 ([TDN Tuesday](#)), more than \$500,000 clear, at this point in proceedings, of second-placed Munnings. Interestingly, though he has only 63 3-year-olds in his 2013 (second) crop, having had 107 in his first crop, now 4-year-olds, besides Blofeld his other two BTW so far this year are 3-year-olds: Laurel BTW Marengo Road, winner of the Miracle Wood S.; and Frank Conversation, who won the GIII El Camino Derby for Nyquist's connections Paul Reddam and Doug O'Neill, and runs next in the \$2-million G2 UAE Derby on Dubai World Cup night. **Contact Bill Oppenheim at bopp@erb.com (cc suefinley@thetdn.com).**

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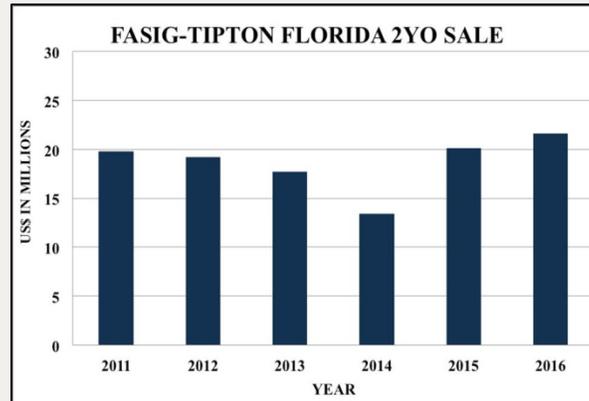
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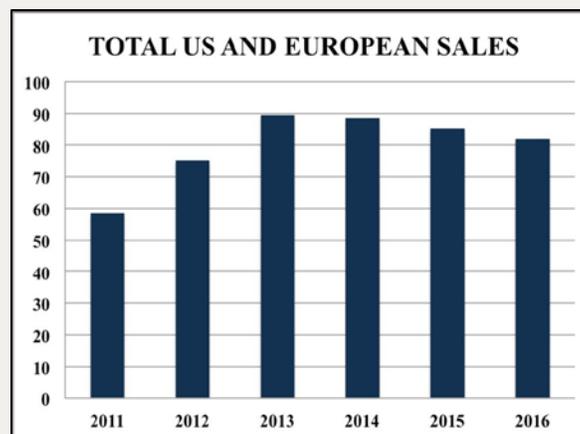
by Bill Oppenheim

“Interpreting the results of the Fasig Florida 2-year-old sale is complicated by the fact Adena Springs had 47 catalogued last year, five this year. Without Adena Springs it makes more sense: 2015 – 50 others sold, gross \$17,742,000, avg \$354,820; last week – 62 others sold, gross \$21,165,000, avg \$341,370. Number sold + 24%, gross + 22%, avg –4%. YTD all mixed sales + Florida down 4% in gross from 2015, avg virtually the same; gross revenues –9% from recent 2013 high of \$89.5-million, avg down 16% as 8% more catalogued & sold since corresponding 2013 sales.”



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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	154	96	66	37.7%	68.8%	42.9%	\$ 21,590,000	\$ 327,121
2015	175	132	89	24.6%	67.4%	50.9%	\$ 20,095,500	\$ 225,792
2014	157	85	47	45.9%	55.3%	29.9%	\$ 13,370,000	\$ 284,468
2013	136	78	46	42.6%	59.0%	33.8%	\$ 17,725,000	\$ 385,326
2012	167	84	60	49.7%	71.4%	35.9%	\$ 19,215,000	\$ 320,250
2011	240	143	81	40.4%	56.6%	33.8%	\$ 19,832,000	\$ 244,840



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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	4,586	3,641	2,727	20.6%	74.9%	59.5%	\$ 81,873,388	\$ 30,023
2015	4,468	3,622	2,824	18.9%	78.0%	63.2%	\$ 85,103,515	\$ 30,136
2014	4,534	3,632	2,835	19.9%	78.1%	62.5%	\$ 88,500,883	\$ 31,217
2013	4,246	3,403	2,510	19.9%	73.8%	59.1%	\$ 89,503,159	\$ 35,659
2012	3,995	3,205	2,390	19.8%	74.6%	59.8%	\$ 75,038,537	\$ 31,397
2011	4,269	3,375	2,393	20.9%	70.9%	56.1%	\$ 58,267,898	\$ 24,349

BROWN HOLDS STRONG HAND IN SOPHOMORE DIVISION *By Christie DeBernardis*

With undefeated “TDN Rising Star” **Shagaf** (Bernardini) headed to the GI Wood Memorial S. off a win in the GIII Gotham S. Saturday and GSW **Flexibility** (Bluegrass Cat) possible to join him, trainer Chad Brown already holds a strong hand as he heads down the road to the GI Kentucky Derby. Brown’s chances continue to increase, however, as he now has “TDN Rising Star”



Chad Brown | Horsephotos

My Man Sam (Trappe Shot) set to join his stablemates on the road to the roses.

Owned by Sheep Pond Partners, Newport Stables and breeder Jay Bligh, My Man Sam was a troubled fifth on debut sprinting at Aqueduct Dec. 19 and earned his Rising Star with an eight-length romp when stretched to 1 1/16 miles there Jan. 31. Facing winners for the

first time in a track-and-trip allowance last Saturday, the bay produced a wide, late rally to finish a solid second behind the comebacking Matt King Coal (Cool Coal Man).

“He will be nominated to all of the last round of Derby preps and he will run in one of them as long as he is healthy,” Brown offered Tuesday.

Known for his success on the turf, Brown is also well-armed in the 3-year-old grass division. Paul Pompa, Jr.’s **Converge** (Sidney’s Candy) took a big step up and became the first stakes winner for his sire with a victory in the GIII Palm Beach S. at Gulfstream Feb. 27.

A first out winner against fellow New York-breds at Belmont Sept. 19, the bay came running late to finish second after racing in close quarters with a loose horse in that venue’s Awad S. Oct. 30 and was subsequently shelved for the year. Hammered down to 5-2 favoritism in his return in the Palm Beach, Converge produced a similar late run, sneaking up the rail in the final sixteenth to score by three-quarters of a length.

“Converge raced very well,” Brown commented. “It was his first start of the year off a layoff, in open company and a graded stakes race. Not positive of his next start either, but the [GI] Belmont Derby [July 9] will be a long term goal for him.”



Converge | A. Coglianesse

The 37-year-old conditioner recently added another name to his list of stakes quality sophomores in Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables and Gary Aisquith’s **Just Talkin** (Midshipman), who is a full-sister to MSW “TDN Rising Star” and GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint runner-up Lady Shipman. The chestnut filly saved ground near the back early and launched a three-wide bid to get up for a neck success in her 7 1/2-panel unveiling over the Hallandale lawn Mar. 6.

“I was very happy [with her debut],” Brown said. “She trained like she had plenty of ability leading up to that debut. She got an education in that race with an eventful trip to get up there at the wire. She showed her ability and looks to be stakes caliber 3-year-old filly on the turf, so we are excited about her.”

The upstate New York native added, “I’m not sure yet [about her next start], but at some point this year she will run in stakes company.”

Brown recently got an exciting new addition to his string of older turf horses as well in the form of Juddmonte homebred



Flintshire | A. Coglianesse

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

The 6-year-old won at the highest level in three different countries while under the care of Andre Fabre, taking the 2013 G1 Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp, the 2014 G1 Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin and the 2015 GI Sword

Dancer S. at Saratoga. He closed out last term with a pair of runner-up efforts in the G1 Qatar Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe and the Hong Kong Vase Dec. 13.

“Flintshire is at Belmont Park,” Brown remarked. “He looks good. I need to get to know that horse better. He did come into the barn in outstanding shape from Andre Fabre. We are excited about him.”

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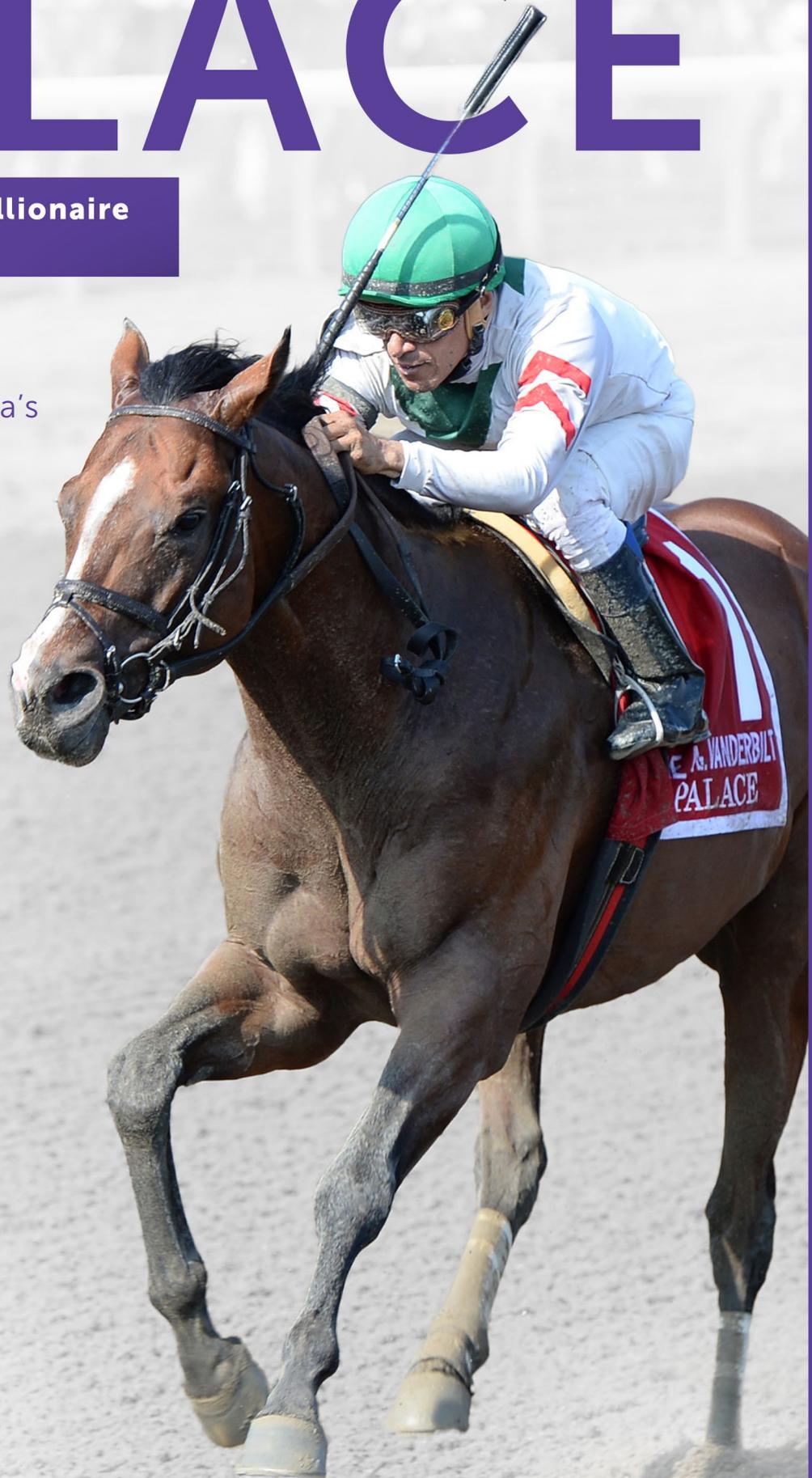
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AT 38, IS PROSPECT POINT THE OLDEST THOROUGHBRED EVER? *by Bill Finley*

For **Prospect Point** (First Dawn), accomplishments have never been measured in victories or earnings. He didn't pile up enough of either for anyone to take notice of his anonymous career on the racetrack. His achievements are marked in days, 13,885 of them, to be precise. Born Mar. 4, 1978, Prospect Point is still alive and, as best as anyone can tell, is the oldest living



Prospect Point

Thoroughbred in North America. He might be the oldest living Thoroughbred ever. No one seems to know.

When Prospect Point, who grinded out a career that consisted of 72 starts, seven wins and \$28,553 in earnings, made it to his 37th birthday last year, he received a bit of notoriety. One year later,

little has changed. He is alive and as well as a horse can be at age 38.

"He's doing pretty darn good," said his owner Gail Earle, who lives in Pageland, South Carolina. "Compared to last year, he is a bit slower, he doesn't see as good, doesn't hear as good, but his condition body-wise, I can't believe how well he's doing. I think he's even gained some weight."

Prospect Point last raced in a \$1,500 claimer July 10, 1985 at Waterford Park, which is now Mountaineer Park, finishing 11th. Earle has been told that attempts were made to turn Prospect Point into a polo pony after his racing career ended, but he didn't gravitate to that sport. Earle acquired the gelding in 1988 and used him as a show hunter until 1993. He developed lameness problems after stepping on a rock, but Earle still rode him for recreational purposes until 2010, when he was 32. He has been a pasture pet ever since.

Earle is cognizant of the gelding's health and well-being and isn't trying to set any records. Rather, she sees a horse that seems perfectly content with his life.

"I think he's as happy as he can be for as old as he is," she said earlier this week. "It's real warm today, so we got him to trot around. Yesterday, he actually came up to the fence and wanted me to groom him. I was watering and cleaning up stuff and he wanted to be hosed off. I know his look and how he acts and he was just standing there looking at me and I had to hose him off. Scrubbed him real good. He loves that. To me, if he was depressed or whatever, he wouldn't care what was going on, but he's interested in the barnyard activity. Believe me, if he were suffering or something was wrong with him I wouldn't keep him around just to keep him around.

"He has slowed down a notch or two since last year but he still can be wild and crazy. In fact, yesterday after I rinsed him off

real good it was kind of breezy and he kind of took off. He wanted to run and buck in the air, he just can't because he's arthritic. But he wanted to."

Earle said the only problem she has with the horse is that one of his hind legs is weak and that makes it difficult for him to stand when they trim his feet. He also likes to sleep a lot, hardly a surprise considering his age.

Earle doesn't have any theories as to why this particular horse has lived so long. She does her very best to take good care of him, but that doesn't explain why Prospect Point has far surpassed the average life expectancy of a Thoroughbred, which is between 25 to 28.

No one seems to know what the record is for the oldest living Thoroughbred. Earle said she has heard of horses living to age 40, but is certain that none of them were Thoroughbreds. When stories about Prospect Point ran last year, readers were asked to write in if they knew of any horse older than Prospect Point. None did.

At least one other Thoroughbred has lived to be 38. Named Merrick and foaled in 1903, he died March 13, 1941. He made 208 career starts.

"I wouldn't take \$1 million for him," his owner, J.C. Milam said a few months before the horse's death. According to an *Associated Press* report from 1940, "people from all over the country visit Merrick every year."

Earle knows she'll never get a definitive answer when it comes to the possibility of Prospect Point setting some sort of record. She'd like to know, but it's not anything she worries about. She's perfectly content just to have him around.

"I am just so grateful he made it another year," she said. "I love him dearly and will do anything for him."

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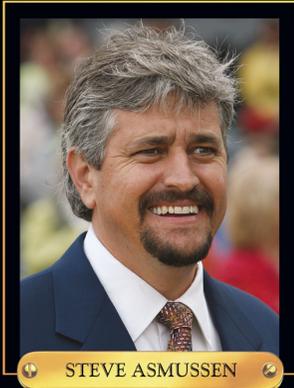
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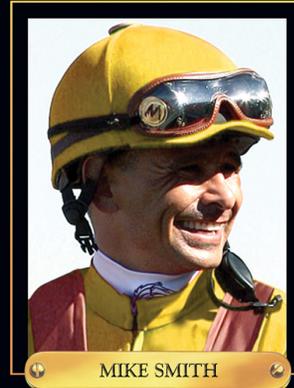
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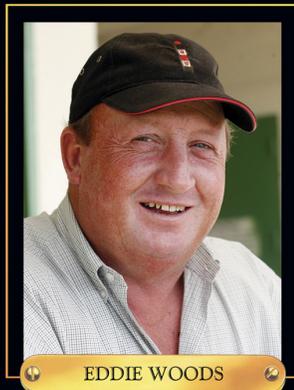
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"After Maclean's Music breezed 6 furlongs in 1:10 flat, I called Stonestreet and told them, 'he is a different breed, they don't come this fast.'"



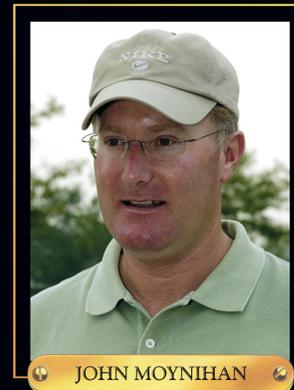
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"I have never sat on a horse that ran that fast and won so easily. He was just cruising and I never asked him to run and we went in 1:07 2/5. That was unbelievable, I am certain Maclean's Music was a superstar."



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Kentucky

Lavin Announces Launch of Bloodstock Agency:

Allan Lavin has recently launched Allan Lavin Bloodstock following the sale of his family's Longfield Farm. "After much consideration by all involved, it was decided to sell a portion of land to some folks who are highly motivated to keep the land as green farmland, which was very important to our family," Lavin said. "We were looking to downsize to some degree and this option looked very attractive to us." Lavin will be assisting with the purchase of bloodstock and stallion seasons, making mating recommendations, and consulting on the management of racehorses and breeding stock. Longfield has been associated with Classic winners such as Pine Bluff and Prairie Bayou, Grade I winners Eddington, Sand Springs, Quality Road and Mystic Lady, and, more recently, graded winners Om, Secret Circle and Include Betty.

Central U.S.

2nd-HOU, \$19,000, Msw, 3-8, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.24, ft.

WATCHKEEPER (c, 3, [Street Boss](#)--Beholden, by Cat Thief) debuted over this track and trip Feb. 22, taking a fair bit of money to be the 5-2 second choice, but showed little after a sluggish start, finishing a distant sixth, beaten 11 3/4 lengths. The chestnut colt was away awkwardly again Tuesday, hopping twice after the gates sprung, but responded quickly to urging thereafter, soon edging up to be a clear fifth down the backstretch. The \$260,000 Keeneland September buy began a three-wide rally at the half-mile pole and arrived on even terms with pacesetter Golden Thread (My Golden Song) nearing the top of the stretch. Initially rebuffed by that foe, the Stonestreet sophomore re-engaged the leader at the eighth pole and determinedly wore him down to win by a neck under right-handed urging as the narrow 3-1 second choice. The winner is a half-brother to Brazen Persuasion (Indian Charlie), GSW, \$148,910; and Behold De Buy (E Dubai), SW, \$160,204. Sales History: \$135,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,320. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-T. F. VanMeter & Brian Kahn (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

Hidden Brook Sales Graduate

Texas Sale Attracts 85 Entries:

The Texas Thoroughbred Association, in partnership with Lone Star Park, has catalogued 85 juveniles for its upcoming Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training and Horses of Racing Age Sale. The under-tack show for the sale will be held Apr. 2 beginning at 11 a.m., while the sale will be held Apr. 4 at the Texas Thoroughbred Sales Pavilion at Lone Star Park.

"We have a lot of solid pedigrees this year, top to bottom," said sales director Tim Boyce. "What we may lack in overall numbers we have gotten back in quality."

All horses that pass through the ring are eligible for the Texas Thoroughbred Futurity, which was formerly known as the TTA Sales Futurity, but will be run with changes to the eligibility requirements this year. The race will be run this summer at Lone Star Park with divisions for fillies and colts/geldings with an estimated purse of \$100,000 apiece.

"We are especially pleased to once again conduct this sale at Lone Star Park as a service to our members," said Mary Ruyle, executive director of the TTA.

The online catalogue can be accessed at www.texasthoroughbred.com/tta-races.

MORNING LINE ODDS: 2016 KENTUCKY OAKS FUTURE WAGER POOL Mar. 11-13	
Adore (Big Brown)	30-1
Carina Mia (Malibu Moon)	8-1
Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss)	6-1
Cced (Curlin)	50-1
Dothraki Queen (Pure Prize)	20-1
Dream Dance (Afleet Alex)	50-1
Gomo (Uncle Mo)	15-1
Kinsley Kisses (Congrats)	20-1
Land Over Sea (Bellamy Road)	20-1
Lewis Bay (Bernardini)	20-1
Marquee Miss (Cowboy Cat)	50-1
Midnight on Oconee (Midnight Lute)	30-1
Mo d'Amour (Uncle Mo)	30-1
Nickname (Scat Daddy)	30-1
Off the Tracks (Curlin)	20-1
Polar River (Congrats)	20-1
Rachel's Valentina (Bernardini)	15-1
Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro)	3-1
Stageplay (Curlin)	20-1
Street Fancy (Street Sense)	30-1
Terra Promessa (Curlin)	50-1
Venus Valentine (Congrats)	30-1
Weep No More (Mineshaft)	30-1
Mutuel Field/All Others	8-1

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On-the-board in 8 of 12 starts, incl. 3rd in the
\$200,000 G3 Kent S. and \$50,000 Stanton S.

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Western U.S.

5th-SUN, \$26,880, Alw, 3-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.33, ft.
FRANK THE M D (g, 4, [Midshipman](#)--Inspirational, by Lord At War {Arg}) was an easy winner of his Jan. 17 debut over this track and trip as an easy winner, pressing the pace three-wide before blowing the race open in the stretch en route to a four-length tally. Breaking as the even-money favorite Tuesday, the \$240,000 OBSOPN purchase was off a half-step slowly before moving through between horses to be a stalking second early on, several lengths behind loose leader and 9-5 second choice Unbridled Critic (Unbridled's Song). A similarly dominant winner in his debut, the frontrunner maintained a clear edge turning for home through sharp fractions of :21.32 and :43.80. When the pacesetter began to shorten stride, Frank the M D rallied in tandem with Dewey (Pleasantly Perfect) to inhale the frontrunner past the eighth pole and hold off a late charge from Dream It Do It (Colonel John) to score by a half-length. Dewey and Dream It Do It finished in a dead-heat for the place. The winner is a half to The Niagara Queen (Langfuhr), GSW, \$581,172. Sales History: \$43,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$240,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$28,428. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
 O-A and A Equine, Inc. and Paul Miller; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Justin R. Evans.

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 Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/ BlackTypeWnrs
 * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
FRIESAN FIRE (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 102/16/1
 5-PEN, Msw 6f, Fire Sparx, \$31K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1
[ICE BOX](#) (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 141/7/0
 5-CT, Msw 6 1/2f, Koppnout, \$18K EAS MAY 2yo, 3-1

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FTKOCT grad Frank the MD (Midshipman) wins second straight to start career at Sunland.

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Normandy Kitten, c, 3, [Kitten's Joy](#). See "TDN Europe/International."
- IN SOUTH KOREA:**
Miso Wangja, c, 3, [Cowboy Cal](#)--Auntie Soph, by Valiant Nature. Seoul, 3-5, Hcp. (\$62k), 1800m. B-Dr & Mrs Stuart E Brown (KY). *1/2 to Rousanne (Desert Party), MSP. **Won by eight lengths as the 1-2 favorite to take his record to three wins and two seconds from five starts. ***\$5,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.
- Doraonpogyongseon**, c, 3, [Kantharos](#)--Smartybegone, by Smarty Jones. Busan, 3-6, Hcp. (\$60k), 1400m. B-GoldMark LLC (FL). *Won by six lengths. **\$14,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.
- Hudadak**, c, 3, [Majesticperfection](#)--Auspicious (MSP), by Indian Charlie. Busan, 3-6, Hcp. (\$45k), 1200m. B-George B McEwen (NY). *\$5,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$46,000 2yo '15 OBSJUN.
- IN PERU:**
Shi Fu, c, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Queen Caribees, by Cozzene. Monterrico, 3-4, Cond., 1200m. B-Sean Fitzhenry (ON). *\$95,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP.
- Arezzo**, h, 5, [Rock Hard Ten](#)--Love Sting (SW, \$198,750), by Lit de Justice. Monterrico, 3-6, Premio Galeno-Listed, 1600m. B-Kenneth Littrell (KY). *Ch. Miler & GSW-Per. **\$27,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP.
- Mr. Giovanni**, h, 5, [War Pass](#)--Royal Box, by A.P. Indy. Monterrico, 3-5, Hcp., 1000m. B-W S Farish, Inwood Stable & BCWT Ltd (KY). *1/2 to Picahielo (After Market), MSW-Pan. **\$42,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-PRX, \$43,000, (S), 3-8, (1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.20, ft.
START SMOK'N (f, 4, [Jump Start](#)--Smoking Quality, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$58,560. O-Gumpster Stable LLC; B-Thomas McClay (PA); T-Ramon Preciado.

1st-MVR, \$26,700, (S), 3-8, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:16.16, ft.
TUNE UP (f, 3, [Giant Oak](#)--Pop Up, by Concorde's Tune) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$57,170. O-Donald Bookman, Linda Friess, & Joann Hayes; B-D. Bookman & L. Friess (OH); T-Donald Bookman.

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3rd-HOU, \$20,000, 3-8, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:38.60, fm.
SERIOUS FUN (g, 4, Harlan's Holiday--Smart Music, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-3, \$44,875. O-Dennis E. Foster, and Rawleigh Ralls; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Danny Pish.
 *\$25,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$135,000 2yo '14 TEXAPR.

8th-HOU, \$20,000, 3-8, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :58.21, fm.
CHOOSE EASY (m, 6, Touch Tone--Rare Peace, by Meadowlake)
 Lifetime Record: 33-4-2-3, \$55,302. O-Richard P. Chandler;
 B-Tom Durant (TX); T-Mindy J. Willis.

10th-HOU, \$20,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-8, 3yo, 1m (off turf), 1:40.09, gd.
JET OVER (g, 3, Jet Phone--Belle of the Band, by Dixieland Band)
 Lifetime Record: SP, 8-4-1-1, \$69,420. O-Kenneth E. Sykes;
 B-Clarence Scharbauer (TX); T-Joyce Salisbury. *1/2 to Thegirlinthatsong (My Golden Song), GSW, \$480,195.

11th-HOU, \$20,000, 3-7, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5fT, :57.62, fm.
ABENDLIED (h, 7, My Golden Song--Lovely Irish Lady, by Irish Open) Lifetime Record: 21-3-3-2, \$48,509. O-Sandra Velazquez and Roberto Vizcaya; B-Dr. Richard Weilburg & Gretchen Weilburg (TX); T-Danny W. Payne. *\$1,000 RNA Ylg '10 TEXAUG.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sets Angel, f, 3, Diabolical--Setapiece, by In Excessive Bull. SUN, 3-8, (S), 5f, :57.73. B-Charles Hunter (NM).

Mad Velocity, h, 5, Special Rate--Foolish Mandate, by Full Mandate. HOU, 3-8, (S), 7f, 1:26.95. B-Three Feathers Farm (TX). *\$7,000 2yo '13 TEXAPR.

Malacrianza, g, 4, War Chant--Well, by Well Decorated. HOU, 3-8, 1mT, 1:38.83. B-Joanne R. Mummert (KY). *\$68,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Kobe's Back (Flatter), MGSW, \$772,250; Well Spelled (Spellbinder), GSW, \$364,160.

**MORNING LINE ODDS: 2016 KENTUCKY DERBY
 FUTURE WAGER POOL 3
 Mar. 11-13**

American Dubai (E Dubai) *	50-1
Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway)	20-1
Cupid (Tapit) *	30-1
Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy)	30-1
Destin (Giant's Causeway)*	30-1
Economic Model (Flatter) *	50-1
Exaggerator (Curlin)	15-1
Forevamo (Uncle Mo) *	50-1
Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini)	30-1
Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg})	20-1
Matt King Coal (Cool Coal Man) *	50-1
Mo Tom (Uncle Mo)	20-1
Mohaymen (Tapit)	7-2
Mor Spirit (Eskendereya)	12-1
Nyquist (Uncle Mo)	9-2
Riker (Include) *	50-1
Shagaf (Bernardini)	20-1
Smokey Image (Southern Image)	20-1
Suddenbreakingnews (Mineshaft)	20-1
Swipe (Birdstone)*	20-1
Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo)	50-1
Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect)*	50-1
Zulu (Bernardini)*	20-1
Mutuel Field/All Others	9-2

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Darley's Dubawi was the leading North American or European sire by worldwide earnings in 2015 | *Darley*

In 2015, Darley's **Dubawi** was the leading North American or European sire by worldwide earnings, with 147 winners of \$22,696,170 ([click here](#)), including nine Group 1 winners; yet almost \$12.3-million of that--54% of his total Northern Hemisphere-sired 2015 progeny earnings--was earned outside North America and Europe. Nearly half that total came from the win of the 8-year-old gelding, from Dubawi's first crop, Prince Bishop, in the \$10-million G1 Dubai World Cup--but to be fair, Dubawi had another \$6-million in progeny earnings that did not come from that one race.

It was nearly 10 years ago, in 2006, when the news emanated that Sheikh Mohammed and Darley intended to "go their own way" by using primarily their own stallions. Elusive Quality and Cape Cross were then Darley's headline sires. Street Cry was just having his first 2-year-olds, and Dubawi and Shamardal had just retired to stud. Bernardini would go to stud the next season in Kentucky after securing the 2006 North American 3-year-old championship, and in 2007 Darley spent an estimated \$200-million on stallion prospects. John Ferguson has always said Sheikh Mohammed plays a long game, and a global game. Now, nearly 10 years later, their sires are racking up some impressive numbers, and these numbers don't even include Southern Hemisphere results; these are just from the sires' Northern Hemisphere-sired crops. [cont. p2](#)

POLAR RIVER UNLIKELY FOR KY OAKS

Polar River (Congrats), the winner of the G3 UAE Oaks last week as well as the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas at Meydan Feb. 11, is unlikely to travel to the U.S. for the GI Kentucky Oaks in May, according to trainer Doug Watson. The conditioner, however, did not rule out a trip to the States for the 'TDN Rising Star' in the summer.

"She will have had five races since the beginning of December and shipping her all the way out there, I think that would be too much for her," Watson explained. "Besides, there's a horse running in the Kentucky Oaks, Songbird, who looks an absolute freak and we'd find it tough against her. It would be a shame if she did well in the [G2 UAE Derby Mar. 26] to end her year there, though, so I wouldn't rule out taking her to America in June for something like the [GI] Acorn S."

Watson said a trip to Europe is not on the agenda.

"We did have dreams about things like that when she was younger, but she's a dirt filly and is bred for the dirt so that wouldn't happen," he said. [Cont. in Worldwide News p6](#)

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THE DARLEY SIRES cont. from p1

Ten Darley sires who still have APEX ratings were among the top 50 NA/EU sires by worldwide earnings in 2015 (Singspiel, sire of the 2015 5-year-old Solow, was also in the top 50, but we've not included him), divided equally between Europe and Kentucky. They were represented by 1,260 winners last year, of which 147 were Black-Type Winners (BTW), and the Northern Hemisphere-sired progeny of these sires alone earned just under \$109-million last year. They sired 26 Group 1 or Grade I winners, though only Dubawi (9) sired more than four. Even so, \$109-million in earnings, not even including Southern Hemisphere-sired horses? That's a lot.

Okay, it's their country, so there are probably a disproportionate number of runners by their sires, but even so it's striking that the three big 'Super Saturday' preps last weekend for Dubai World Cup night were all won by the progeny of the major Darley sires--all 5-year-olds, too, as a



Shamardal's Tryster won Meydan's G1 Jebel Hatta Saturday | DRC/Andrew Watkins

matter of fact. Last year's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. winner Postponed, by Dubawi, scored an easy win in the G2 Dubai City of Gold S., a prep for the G1 Sheema Classic. Tryster, a 5-year-old gelding by

Shamardal, looked equally good in the G1 Jebel Hatta, a prep for the G1 Dubai Turf (formerly the Dubai Duty Free); and Special Fighter, another 5-year-old but by **Teofilo**, scored an upset in the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3, a prep for the G1 Dubai World Cup. Meanwhile, at Aqueduct, Shadwell's Shagaf became **Bernardini's** fourth GSW from his current 3-year-old crop when running his record to three-for-three in the GIII Gotham S. Bernardini now ranks #3 on the current TDN YTD 2016 General Sire List ([click here](#)), and has an unusual distinction: so far this year he has four BTW and nine Black-Type Horses--every one of them in Graded/Group company. You don't see that very often. Teofilo and **Hard Spun** also had Group 1 winners in Australia last weekend, and my TDN colleagues John Berry ([Monday, on Teofilo](#)) and Andrew Caulfield ([Tuesday, on Bernardini](#)) have both written about Darley sires earlier this week.

Having had 10 of the top 50 (11, if you count Singspiel) on the list of NA/EU sires by worldwide earnings from Northern Hemisphere crops last year, in 2016 thus far Darley stands four of the top ten ([click here](#)): #3 Bernardini, #5 Dubawi, #7 **Medaglia d'Oro**, and #10 Shamardal. No doubt they would like to see more Group 1 winners by other sires besides Dubawi, especially in Europe, but there's no doubting, 10 years on, the impact Darley sires are having worldwide; and we're only talking about their top sires--there are plenty others in the 'useful' category such as **Discreet Cat**, **Street Boss**, **New Approach**, **Iffraaj**, etc., who are adding to the totals.

One other point the figures reveal is the spectacular lack of success the five Kentucky sires have had from their runners in Europe. Covering the years 2009-2015, Street Cry had 521 year-starters in Europe (all surfaces) for six A Runners, translating to a European A Runner Index of 0.58. Medaglia D'Oro (1.32), a grandson of Sadler's Wells, after all, and Hard Spun (1.44, which includes two GSW added though they did not reach the A Runner earnings thresholds), a son of Danzig, at least record above-average figures. Bernardini (0.40) is 1-for-125 (Italy not included), and Street Sense is 0-for-60. It's

not great news for anybody that there is now such a measurable difference between turf and dirt sires, especially because the overall disproportionately strong



Darley America's Bernardini is currently third on the 2016 worldwide general sire list | Darley

performance by American-breds in Europe in general

isn't really reflected in the marketplace. And it's true that the Godolphin/Al Maktoum team hasn't won the G1 Epsom Derby since New Approach in 2008, during which period Montjeu and Galileo supplied four consecutive winners 2011-2014 for the Coolmore partners; but in terms of global reach, there's no doubt the Maktoums have developed a battery of sires including nearly a third of the current World Top 20. The plan is working.

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10 TOP DARLEY NA/EU SIRES Ranked in TOP 50 by 2015 WORLDWIDE PROGENY EARNINGS*

1st Foals	SIRE	2015 Winners	Worldwide \$Earnings	BTW	G1W	2009-2015 *A Index	(NA Sires) EU Rnrs	EU A's	EU A Index
2001	CAPE CROSS	120	11,422,825	12	1	1.67			
2004	STREET CRY	110	6,040,737	6	0	1.81	521	6	0.58
2006	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	130	13,600,712	22	2	3.38	152	4	1.32
2006	EXCEED AND EXCEL	145	8,621,888	9	0	1.63			
2007	DUBAWI	147	22,696,170	23	9	3.93			
2007	SHAMARDAL	158	13,049,273	27	3	3.19			
2008	BERNARDINI	106	9,269,614	8	4	2.66	125	1	0.40
2009	STREET SENSE	122	8,757,812	14	3	2.40	60	0	0.00
2009	HARD SPUN	123	9,142,613	10	3	2.24	138	4	1.44
2009	TEOFILO	99	6,378,881	16	1	2.84			
TOTAL 8 SIRES		1260	\$108,980,525	147	26				

*Excluding Singpiel, who no longer had runners young enough for him to be assigned APEX Ratings

*A Index now includes GSW which did not reach A Runner Earnings Threshold.

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HRI TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS

A number of Irish racecourses will receive improvements in areas including drainage, track widening and leveling, canter downs and watering systems after the board of Horse Racing Ireland approved the creation of the €1.7 million Racetrack Improvements Scheme. The program will be financed through the HRI Racecourse Capital Development program. HRI will provide each racecourse a grant aid of 40%, up to €120,000. The projects must already be submitted under the Capital



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Development program, and must be completed by the end of 2017.

The principal projects will be leveling of the sprint track at Cork; drainage work at Limerick, Leopardstown, Fairyhouse, Tipperary, Clonmel, Killarney and

Navan; watering improvements at Naas and Gowran Park; new canter paths at Leopardstown, Fairyhouse, Killarney and Navan; and track widening at Fairyhouse.

Jason Morris, HRI's Director of Racing, said, "HRI is delighted to be announcing this new Racetrack Improvements Scheme as part of its ongoing significant financial commitment towards improving facilities at all Irish racecourses, for which €45 million has already been allocated for the 2015-2019 period. The individual projects are all designed to ensure that the racing surface is maintained to the best possible level going forward, be it through additional drainage works, track leveling and

widening, enhanced canter downs to reduce wear and tear on the tracks, or new and upgraded watering systems. In particular, many of the projects reflect the difficulties that racetracks are facing in coping with the increased rainfall levels and the works to be undertaken should give racecourses the best possible chance of racing during future periods of extreme wet weather."

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WITH WILL DOUGLASS
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1) Horse you are most looking forward to seeing this season (and why)?

WD: *Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who Charlie purchased as a yearling. He was an exceptional 2-year-old last year and so tough winning two Group 1s and two Group 2s. I hope that he can go on to do great things this year as a 3-year-old.*

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



Will Douglass

WD: *Bated Breath (GB) (Dansili {GB}). He had some very good yearlings (Charlie bought three). He was unlucky not to be a multiple Group 1 winner and was an incredibly tough horse. He has a very good pedigree and stands at a fantastic farm.*

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

WD: *I think it is vital that we keep getting new investors into the industry. It is something that is not really noticed by enough people. If we can make it more appealing to entice them it would be a great help. Racing is so unique and has so many great assets to advertise that everything possible needs to be done to keep the ball rolling.*

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Tuesday's Results:

7th-DVL, €28,000, Alw, 3-8, 4yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:27.27, ft.
USHERETTE (IRE) (f, 4, Shamardal--Monday Show {SP-Ger}, by Maria's Mon), a last-out seventh going one mile on the turf when pitched into the G1 Prix Rothschild here last time Aug. 2, was restrained to race in rear after breaking in the front rank at the outset of this one. Angled widest into the straight, the 11-10 favourite quickened smartly to challenge entering the final eighth and asserted late under whipless cajoling to comfortably best Apres l'Amour (Ire) (Elusive City) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is from the family of G1 Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Prix Jean Prat victor Vespone (Ire) (Llandaff), and MG1SP G1 Melbourne Cup runner-up Purple Moon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Usherette is a full-sister to the 3-year-old filly Show Day (Ire); and a half-sister to a 2-year-old colt by Raven's Pass, and a yearling colt by Cape Cross (Ire). Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, €41,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

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3rd-NTS, €27,000, Alw, 3-8, 3yo, 8ft, 1:49.88, vsf.
NORMANDY KITTEN (c, 3, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Keeping Watch {Ire}, by Danehill) graduated at Pornichet-le-Baule Jan. 5 before running second at Chantilly last time Feb. 9, and broke sharply to seize an immediate lead here. In command until stoked up rounding the home turn, the 37-10 second choice was strongly pressed by Going Viral (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in the straight, but stayed on resolutely under a continued drive to bravely deny that rival by a short neck. The homebred chestnut, who RNA'd at \$120,000 as a KEESEP yearling, hails from the family of GI Juddmonte Spinster S. victress Asi Siempre (El Prado {Ire}), and the winner's dam has also produced a yearling filly by Kitten's Joy. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, €27,300. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Kenneth L Ramsey; B-Kenneth L Ramsey & Sarah K Ramsey (KY); T-Gianluca Bietolini.

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1st-DVL, €25,000, Mdn, 3-8, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:32.47, ft.
MUTARAKEM (GB) (c, 3, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--Shaarfa, by Dynaformer), who ran fifth in a one-mile newcomers' test on the turf at Saint-Cloud in his only prior start Nov. 20, broke in mid division and improved to race in a handy third after the initial strides of this return. Short of room on the inside as the field packed up in early stretch, the 21-5 chance seized an opening with 300 meters remaining and ran on well under late urging to prevail by a neck from Jackfish (Fr) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). The winner's second dam, Walker's Gal (Woodman), is a sibling of European Classic winners Bosra Sham (Woodman), Hector Protector (Woodman) and Shanghai (Procida). Mutarakem is also kin to a 2-year-old colt by Tamayuz (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €13,750. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Freddy Head.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ibazz (GB), f, 3, [Kyllachy \(GB\)](#)--Quite Elusive, by Elusive Quality.
 DVL, 3-8, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:31.67. B-Trebles Holford Farm Thoroughbreds (GB). *8,500gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; €17,000 Ylg '14 TISEP.



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Tattersalls Ireland's July and August sales at Ascot will both accommodate horses in training this year, diverting those offerings from the Tattersalls Ireland Derby and August sales. The sales take place July 12 and Aug. 16, respectively. In addition, the Tattersalls Ireland Ascot November Sale will now be held Nov. 4 to accommodate the new Tattersalls Ireland



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Breeding Stock and Foal Sale Nov. 4.

Tattersalls Ireland HIT Sales Director Richard Pugh said, "Recent Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sales have shown that winning Irish Point to Pointers attract plenty of interest,

and Irish vendors are sending quality 4- and 5-year-old maiden winners to Ascot in increasing numbers. Alongside our market leading sales at Cheltenham, we are keen to develop Ascot as a widely recognised source of quality National Hunt performers, and diverting the Horses in Training from the Derby and August Sales will provide vendors with a wonderful opportunity to showcase high class horses to an abundance of purchasers at a perfect time of the year."

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CHELTENHAM CATALOGUED UNVEILED

Tattersalls Ireland has announced the catalogue for it's Cheltenham Festival Sale, set to be staged after racing Mar. 17 in the winner's enclosure. A total of 18 entries have been taken, including winning and placed bumper horses, point to pointers and an unraced 3-year-old full-sister to Thistlecrack (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}), favourite for the Ryanair World Hurdle.

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 EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Helene Paragon (Fr), c, 4, **Polan (Fr)**--High Zaff (GB), by High Chaparral (Ire). Sha Tin, 3-6, Hcp. (£150k/€193k), 1800mT, 1:47.59. B-A Jordan Torres. *Formerly Sir Andrew (Fr).

G1SP-Fr. *A two-time winner and third in the 2014 G1 Prix



Helene Paragon
HKJC photo

Jean Prat when trained by Fernando Perez-Gonzalez, Helene Paragon secured himself a spot in the Mar. 20 Hong Kong Derby with a snug victory in the same raced used as a springboard to Derby success by Collection (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) in 2009 and Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in 2013.

Imported on a fringe

rating of 85, the colt was sent off the \$26 favorite (8-5) in this Class 2 and settled in mid-field beneath Joao Moreira and raced a couple of paths away from the inside. A touch keen down the back, Helene Paragon followed the move of the useful Mr Gnocchi (Aus) (Hard Spun) into the stretch, came off that one's heels and was home his final 400 metres in a race-fastest :22.29 to punch his ticket to the big dance ([VIDEO](#)).

IN AUSTRALIA:

Tom Melbourne (Ire), g, 5, **Dylan Thomas (Ire)**--Roshanak (Ire), by Spinning World. Flemington, 3-5, Hcp. (£52k/€67k), 1800mT, 1:48.33. B-D Ledwith. *€9,500 RNA Ylg '12 GOFFEB; 5,000gns RNA Ylg '12 TATOCT.

#Libran (Ire), g, 5, **Lawman (Fr)**--True Crystal (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Randwick, 3-5, Randwick City S.-Listed (£66k/€84k), 2000mT, 2:01.48. B-Round Hill Stud. *35,000gns Ylg '12 TATOCT.

IN SINGAPORE:

Luniniff Lad (Ire), g, 4, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Luminata (Ire) (SW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Fr, \$172,524), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Kranji, 3-6, Hcp. (£41k/€52k), 1200mT, 1:10.78. B-Kealty Overseas Ltd. *€24,000 Wlg '12 GOFNOV; €50,000 Ylg '13 GOF OCT; 35,000gns 2yo '14 TATAPR.

Kirks Ryker (GB), g, 4, **Selkirk**--Kesara (GB), by Sadler's Wells. Kranji, 3-6, Hcp. (£31k/€39k), 1400mT, 1:22.77. B-K Rausing. *€36,000 Ylg '13 GOF OCT.



Polar River Unlikely For KY Oaks cont. from p1

Prior to Thursday Polar River had won her three starts by a combined 31 1/4 lengths, but the margin was just three-quarters of a length Thursday. Her stamina was called into question by some after that performance but Watson, a former assistant to Kiaran McLaughlin, noted Polar River hadn't had a straightforward preparation for the Oaks.

"We didn't have a great prep with her--she had a few niggling problems and also had a tooth removed--so we were obviously happy she won. I think she is a worthy favourite for the Derby from what she has done. She loves the track around there and we know she stays fine. We are very high on her and she's definitely the best I've trained."

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Polar River winning the UAE 1000 Guineas | DRC/Andrew Watkins

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INGLIS

A funeral for Olivia Inglis, the daughter of Inglis Deputy Chairman Arthur and Charlotte who died after falling from her horse during a competition Mar. 6, will be held Mar. 14 at St Judes, Avoca Street Randwick in Sydney at 11:30 a.m.

Arthur and Charlotte said in a statement, "We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and sympathy from family and friends throughout the school, equestrian and Thoroughbred communities. We are so proud of Olivia and the beautiful young woman she was in every way. We are blessed to have had the

opportunity to share our passion for horses with our children. This has led us on a great journey where we have been able to spend countless happy moments and special family times. So much to celebrate and a life so joyous and well lived."

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BERN IDENTITY TO STUD IN JAMAICA

Bern Identity (Bernstein--Maddalena, by Good and Tough), the winner of the 2012 GII Sanford S. for George and Lori Hall and trainer Kelly Breen, has been retired to stand at Bombay Stud Farm in Jamaica in a deal brokered by Chad Schumer Bloodstock and Bradley Thoroughbreds Brokerage.

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ROCKET MAN ON COMEBACK TRAIL

by Alan Carasso

Rocket Man (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}), who made history by becoming the first--and only--Singapore-based horse to win a Group 1 on foreign soil, made a return from semi-retirement for a Tuesday morning barrier trial over 1000 metres of the Polytrack at Kranji Racecourse.

A winner of 20 of his 27 career appearances, including the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen in 2011, Rocket Man has screws in



Rocket Man on his way to the trials Tuesday morning | Singapore Turf Club

his off-foreleg from a condylar fracture and suffered a twisted ligament a few years later, but a tendon injury suffered following a fourth straight win in the 2012 Lion City Cup was thought to have spelled the end of his career. Ironically, it is with a fifth crack at that

race in mind that Rocket Man was trialling Tuesday.

Away smoothly from gate five in the six-horse heat--the day's fourth trial--Rocket Man landed in about third spot and was pulled out wide into the stretch by Barend Vorster.

Ridden quietly throughout, the veteran traveled well enough into the final furlong and wasn't asked for much of an effort in crossing the line in fourth position ([VIDEO](#)). He had never lost any of his 30 previous trials, but his connections were not ruing that fact post-trial.

"We had to start somewhere. We didn't ask him to do too much today, just take it easy," said Vorster, who had been defeated only once in eight rides aboard Rocket Man, in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint in 2011. "He felt exactly like the same old Rocket Man. He was ready to push forward but I held him back.

He continued, "Obviously, he didn't have the same dash in the end but it was all about holding him together to the line. He's pulled up good and we'll take it from there."

With trainer Patrick Shaw home in South Africa, assistant trainers Ricardo Le Grange and Jaci de Tert both gave the Fred Crabbia colorbearer a satisfactory review.

"Barend was happy with the trial. Now that it's out of the way, we'll have him scanned and X-rayed just to make sure everything is okay," said Le Grange, who remained non-committal about a full racing comeback. "We'll just take it as it comes. One thing at a time, but today's trial was one big step in the right direction."

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DUBAI WORLD CUP MEETING Likely Hong Kong/Japanese entrants

HONG KONG

Dan Excel (Ire) (Shamardal)	Godolphin Mile
Domineer (GB) (Shamardal)	Golden Shaheen
Gun Pit (Aus) (Dubawi {Ire})	World Cup
Master Kochanwong (Aus) (Commands {Aus})	Golden Shaheen
Not Listenin'tome (Aus) (Dylan Thomas {Ire})	Al Quoz Sprint
Peniaphobia (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire})	Al Quoz Sprint
Rich Tapestry (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})	Golden Shaheen
Super Jockey (NZ) (Sandtrap)	Golden Shaheen

JAPAN

Bel Canto (Jpn) (Sakura Bakushin O {Jpn})	Al Quoz Sprint
Duramente (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn})	Sheema Classic
Hokko Tarumae (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn})	World Cup
Lani (Tapit)	UAE Derby
Last Impact (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})	Sheema Classic
Neo Black Dia (Jpn) (Zenno Rob Roy {Jpn})	Dubai Gold Cup
One and Only (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn})	Sheema Classic
On the Rocks (Jpn) (Samurai Heart {Jpn})	UAE Derby
Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})	Dubai Turf
Yu Change (Jpn) (Swift Current {Jpn})	UAE Derby



AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

#Dashing Fellow (Aus), g, 4, **Duporth (Aus)**--Moon Fever (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Fusaichi Pegasus. Sha Tin, 3-6, Hong Kong Macau Trophy H. (A\$519k), 1400mT, 1:21.65. B-Springton Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd. *1/2 to Aeronautical (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), MSW & G1SP-Aus, A\$540,140. **A\$160,000 Ylg '13 INGEAS.

Not Listenin'tome (Aus), g, 5, **Dylan Thomas (Ire)**--Flame of Sydney (Aus) (SW & MGSP-Aus, A\$240,548), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). Sha Tin, 3-6, Hcp. (A\$415k), 1000mT, :55.16. B-M A Pitt. *GSW & MG1SP-Aus, MSW & G1SP-HK. **A\$270,000 Ylg '12 INGEAS.

IN NEW ZEALAND:

Sacred Star (Aus), g, 6, **Flying Spur (Aus)**--Irish Nova (NZ) (GSP-NZ), by O'Reilly (NZ). Ellerslie, 3-5, Darley Plate-G3 (A\$91k), 1200mT. B-M Ruff. *Ch. Sprinter & G1SW-NZ. **NZ\$90,000 Wlg '10 MMNWNL; A\$200,000 Ylg '11 INGEAS.

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

+Mygirldownunder (Aus), f, 2, **Myboycharlie (Ire)**--Nervate (Aus), by More Than Ready. Scottsville, 3-6, Maiden, 1000mT, :57.16. B-Townships Lane Farm. *Opened her account by 4 3/4 lengths at first asking as the 9-10 joint favorite. **A\$30,000 Ylg '15 INGCLS; R2,000,000 2yo '15 CTSOCT.

Chill Baby Chill (Aus), f, 2, **Starcraft (NZ)**--Forever the Chill (Aus), by Choisir (Aus). Kenilworth, 3-5, Maiden, 1200mT. B-Nordic Racing and Breeding. *A\$12,000 Wlg '14 MMNWNL; R150,000 2yo '15 CTSNOV.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Magic Tap (Aus), c, 3, **Haradasun (Aus)**--Lady Girona (Aus), by Giant's Causeway. Seoul, 3-6, Hcp. (A\$100k), 1800m. B-Woodside Park Stud Pty Ltd. *1/2 to All Rigged Up (Aus) (Econsul {NZ}), GSP-Aus. **A\$3,500 Wlg '13 INGGSW; A\$8,000 Ylg '14 MMADE; A\$28,000 RNA Ylg '14 MMGCHIT.



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