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MCKATHANS BACK AT IT AFTER DREAM '15



J.B. (left) and Kevin McKathan | Photos by Z

by Brian DiDonato

J.B. and Kevin McKathan probably couldn't dream of another year like they had in 2015, but that's not to say business isn't still booming. The proprietors of McKathan Bros. Training Center outside of Ocala had already been closely involved with a number of superstars, including Bob Baffert-trained dual Classic winners Silver Charm and Real Quiet, but were able to finally boast their own sort of Triple Crown victory thanks to Zayat Stables' American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) last season. The McKathans were responsible for the eventual Horse of the Year's early training, and got the first glimpses of the brilliant talent that all racing fans would later bear witness to.

"I guess the simplest way to put it is: 'super satisfying,'" said J. B. McKathan when asked what it was like to watch American Pharoah's exploits on the racetrack. "We've had horses in the past that have been close, but training him was a privilege. He was so easy, and so talented. At some point with horses like that, it's just up to the horse. He never did one thing wrong, he was nothing but super fast--just really great to be around and super sound."

The sons of prominent horseman J.B. "Luke" McKathan both started their own professional careers as racetrack trainers, but founded their Florida-based operation in 1988, specializing in breaking and early training in addition to 2-year-old sales prep and pinhooking. **Cont. p3**

DOWN THE SHEDROW WITH DOUG O'NEILL

by Christie DeBernardis

Trainer Doug O'Neill had a sensational 2015 season courtesy of a string of talented 2 year olds led by undefeated champion **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), who captured the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile in addition to two other Grade Is. The Michigan native won a total of six graded events for juveniles last term, five of which were at the highest level including one at Saratoga. With two strong GI Kentucky Oaks contenders and as many as four possible GI Kentucky Derby starters, O'Neill marches towards the first weekend in May with a strong hand. This year it is another Reddam Racing champion, Nyquist, who appears to be O'Neill's strongest chance to take home the roses. yet again.

Down the Shedrow cont. p6

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A February 2 filly from the first crop of *Itsmyluckyday*, out of *Honest Cause (Giant's Causeway)* strikes a lovely pose at *Spendthrift Farm*, where she and her dam are boarded. Photo provided by foalphotos.com. Submit your foal photos directly to the site.
Sive Doyle.

NYRA BOARD FAVORS ANTI-DOPING EFFORT

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The New York Racing Association Reorganization Board of Directors approved a resolution Thursday to support federal legislation that would create a non-governmental racing regulatory organization to oversee the sport's medication standards and drug-policing efforts.

UPSTART TO RETURN IN RAZORBACK

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Unraced since a distant fifth behind *Frosted (Tapit)* in the *GII Pennsylvania Derby* last September, *GSW & MGISP Upstart (Flutter)* is set to make his 2016 debut in the *GIII Razorback H.* at *Oaklawn* Mar. 19, trainer *Rick Violette Jr.* said Thursday.

DERBYWARS INKS REVENUE-SHARING DEAL

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DerbyWars has inked an agreement with *Hawthorne Race Course* to share revenue from its online contests.

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Did you miss Bill Finley's latest Op/Ed piece, 'High Volume Players?'

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OBS March coverage cont.

“We’ve always been fairly busy, but [American Pharoah] has certainly helped,” McKathan said when asked how business has been recently. “Definitely, it improved our business and our clientele. When you’ve been around for a long time, sometimes people kind forget about you a bit. We’ve been quietly successful, but a horse like him really brings everything to the forefront... I have to kind of credit Pharoah--we really do have a strong group from all our clients. Mr. Zayat bought a lot of horses. It seems to me, right now anyway, that we have a lot of talent coming.”

If the exploits of American Pharoah were an advertisement for the McKathan Bros. training services, Acapulco (Scat Daddy)’s were for their 2-year-old sales offerings.



Acapulco | *Racing Post*

A \$180,000 Fasig-Tipton July acquisition by the McKathans’ long-time Texas-based clients Scott and Evan Dilworth in 2014, the chestnut filly may very well have been the most talented runner offered at last year’s OBS March sale. One of two juveniles to breeze a furlong in :9 3/5, she

caught the eye of the Coolmore contingent, who scooped her up for \$750,000.

Turned over to Wesley Ward, Acapulco broke her maiden second out with a powerful performance in Royal Ascot’s G2 Queen Mary S. in June, and finished second against older runners of both sexes--as a 2-year-old filly--in York’s G1 Coolmore Nunthorpe S. in August. She returned with an easy optional claiming tally at Turfway Park Feb. 19, and is being pointed to a return trip to Royal Ascot.

“She really was a hyper-talented kind of a horse,” McKathan said. “She was very physically impressive just looking at her, she was very impressive every day on the racetrack. Then when we actually let her run a little bit, of course she was just inherently super fast... She was just so nice to be around. She was really easy to kind of fall for a little bit--she’s a princess.”

The McKathans were minority partners with the Dilworths on Acapulco when she sold at OBS, and also owned a piece of a Bodemeister colt that brought \$650,000 from trainer Mark Casse at the recent Fasig-Tipton Florida sale. The Dilworths had gone to \$250,000 for that colt at Fasig-Tipton July.

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“We had a good start down there in Miami,” confirmed McKathan, who also sold a \$130,000 KEESEP yearling filly by Uncle Mo to Katsumi Yoshida for \$350,000. “We sold a Bodemeister for quite a bit of money, which was nice because we trained Bodemeister [for Zayat]. Those kinds of things are satisfying.”

Despite all their success last year, the McKathans have kept their 2-year-old consignment on the small side again. They’ll have a larger group of upwards of 20 juveniles for themselves and clients at OBS April, but will only offer as many as five at next week’s March sale.

“When you have criteria like we have, it’s difficult to buy a bunch,” McKathan said when asked if he and his brother had increased their 2-year-old crop this year. “If you told me to go out and buy 40 horses to make money on, that’s a really tough job. I don’t care who you are. When we pinhook horses, that’s what we’re trying to do, but you also want them to be good racehorses. I’ve been doing this for a long time, and a truly, really good racehorse is like a diamond--they’re rare.”

The McKathans have sent out three juveniles through the first two March breeze shows.

[Hip 86](#), a Super Saver filly who they purchased for just \$35,000 at Keeneland September, covered a furlong in [:10 flat](#) Wednesday.

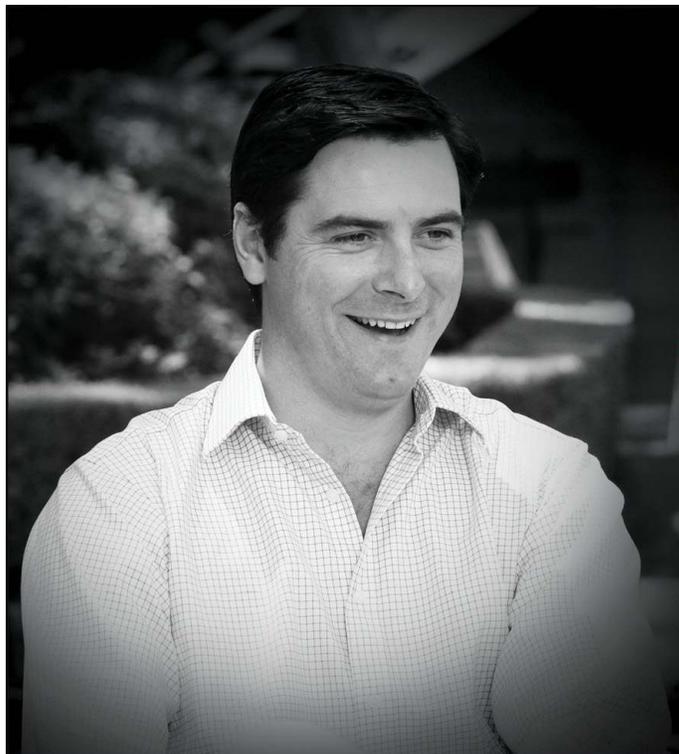
“She’s really more of a distance kind of horse,” McKathan noted. “She was kind of scrambling at the beginning, but at the end of the work she really got going and galloped out really well.”



Hip 86 | Photos by Z

[Hip 153](#), a \$37,000 KEESEP son of Scat Daddy, went in [:10 1/5](#) during the same session, while a Harlan’s Holiday colt ([hip 405](#)) who RNA’d for \$90,000 at Keeneland breezed Thursday in [:10 1/5](#) as well.

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MUCH GOES INTO REALISING AN INGLIS EASTER CHAMPION, BUT SOME MOST CERTAINLY ACHIEVE GREATNESS.

“ I was always keen to come back to Sydney and get involved. I came to Easter in 2014 on behalf of American clients with a conservative budget, we landed on a very very nice horse in Vanbrugh, and we’ve never looked back... It’s kind of hard to beat to be perfectly honest - it’s got everything. ”

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With two more juveniles scheduled to breeze Friday--a Malibu Moon colt ([hip 413](#)) who cost \$150,000 at Keeneland and a son of in-demand freshman sire Tapizar who was a \$170,000 FTKJUL buy by Jay Em Ess stable ([hip 547](#))--J.B. McKathan was hesitant to single out any one horse as the pick of his consignment.

"Really, until the moment we really let them go for the breeze show, you never know," he said. "We're always trying to hold something in reserve, so you can never really tell. You can't step on the gas every time." --[@BDiDonatoTDN](#)

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Thursday's Fastest 1/8-Mile Breezes

Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:9.3	322	colt	Adios Charlie	The Church Lady <i>Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent</i>
:9.4	210	colt	Into Mischief	Ribbon Taffy <i>Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, Agent</i>
:9.4	221	colt	Wildcat Heir	Sacred Jewel <i>Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent I</i>
:9.4	237	filly	Lookin at Lucky	Secret of the Sea <i>Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent for Golden Legacy Stables</i>
:9.4	241	colt	Forestry	Seek to Dance <i>Consigned by Eisaman Equine, Agent</i>
:9.4	282	filly	First Samurai	Special Cheers <i>Consigned by Top Line Sales LLC, Agent for Small Batch Thoroughbreds</i>
:9.4	290	colt	Tapizar	Starlight Lady <i>Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent I</i>
:9.4	293	colt	Curlin	Stars Indy Skies <i>Consigned by Eisaman Equine, Agent</i>
:9.4	299	colt	Mizzen Mast	Storidawn <i>Consigned by Casse Sales LLC (Justin Casse), Agent I</i>
:9.4	302	colt	Forefathers	Street Beat <i>Consigned by SBM Training and Sales, Agent V</i>
:9.4	332	filly	Congrats	Tocet Over <i>Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XII</i>
:9.4	339	colt	Biondetti	Tranquil Song <i>Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, Agent</i>
:9.4	346	colt	Hansen	Turf Club <i>Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent III</i>

OMISSION: A colt by Girolamo, [hip 189](#) ([video](#)), and a filly by Big Drama ([hip 116](#), [video](#)), both also breezed in :9 4/5 during the first day of under tack shows at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company March Sale of 2-Year Olds Wednesday. We regret the omission.

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Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:20.2	257	filly	The Factor	Silver Club
<i>Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent III</i>				
:20.3	214	colt	More Than Ready	Rogue's Jewel
<i>Ortiz Training Stable LLC, Agent</i>				
:20.3	320	colt	Trappe Shot	That's Ok

For complete under tack show results visit obssales.com.



by Christie DeBernardis

The 47-year-old O'Neill has already had his Derby dreams come true once before in 2012 courtesy of Reddam Racing's champion I'll Have Another (Flower Alley), who went on to win the GI Preakness S. before being scratched late from the GI Belmont S. due to an injury which led to his retirement.

● **NYQUIST (c, 3, Uncle Mo)**

Reddam Racing's Nyquist was a perfect five-for-five last term with wins in the GII Best Pal S., GI Del Mar Futurity, GI FrontRunner S. and Breeders' Cup Juvenile ([video](#)) to easily clinch the Eclipse for top juvenile male. The bay kicked off his sophomore campaign with an impressive victory in the seven-panel GII San Vicente S. Feb. 15 and ships to Gulfstream later this month to take on the undefeated Mohaymen (Tapit) in the GI Florida Derby Apr. 2.

"I felt really good about his win last time out. It was a great comeback race and he came out of it super. He actually worked [Thursday] morning. He went great. He went five furlongs in 1:01.40 and finished up strong and galloped out good. I am very happy with Nyquist."

"[The Florida Derby] is going to be exciting. Mohaymen is the Derby favorite and he's done nothing but be impressive. We are excited to go down there and compete with him and see what happens."



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G3 Meydan Sprint	Fityaan (GB)
G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy	Sheikhzayedroad (GB)

USA

G3 The Very One Stakes	Olorda (GER)
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Listed Randwick City Stakes	Libran (IRE)

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1st The Blue Eye **(GB)**



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● **GOMO (f, 3, Uncle Mo)**

J. Paul Reddam’s operation also had a Grade I winner of the fairer sex last term in Gomo, who won Keeneland’s GI Darley Alcibiades S. Oct. 2 ([video](#)). Withdrawn from Breeders’ Cup contention due to a bone chip shortly thereafter, the bay returned to the worktab just last month, most recently breezing five furlongs in 1:01.80 Mar. 4.



Gomo | Coady Photography

“Gomo is back working and she’s doing well. We have the [GI] Santa Anita Oaks [Apr. 9] as a possibility for Gomo. If

she is doing well enough to warrant a start in the Santa Anita Oaks, we will have to run good enough there to think [GI] Kentucky Oaks, but that is the tentative game plan.”

“[Facing fellow Santa Anita Oaks contender Songbird (Medaglia d’Oro)] is never good! Songbird is just so good. She is by far the best filly that we have seen. I know there are a couple of other good ones back East, but she is just a very special filly. We know going into it that if you are competing with her you are going up against a monster.”

● **LAND OVER SEA (f, 3, Bellamy Road)**

Land Over Sea has spent the entirety of her young career chasing undefeated champion Songbird, finishing third to that rival in last term’s GI Del Mar Debutante S. and second in the GI Chandelier S. Off the board behind a sensational performance from the Eclipse winner in the Breeders’ Cup, the Reddam runner kicked off her sophomore campaign with a pair of runner-up efforts behind the “**TDN Rising Star**” in the GII Las Virgenes S. Feb. 6 and the GIII Santa Ysabel S. Mar. 5.

“I thought Land Over Sea ran super [in the Santa Ysabel]. I was really proud of her. She ran really well and came out of it in great shape. She tries really hard every time and we are looking to get away from Songbird next time. Land Over Sea is going to either the [GII] Fair Ground Oaks [Mar. 26] or the [GI Central Bank] Ashland [S. Apr. 9] for her next start.”

● **RALIS (c, 3, Square Eddie)**

Reddam Racing also has a talented homebred sophomore in last term’s GI Hopeful S. upsetter Ralis ([video](#)). The bay followed that breakthrough victory with a pair of sub par efforts, finishing sixth in the GI Champagne S. Oct. 3 and last of 14 in the Breeders’ Cup. The Cal-bred colt worked five panels Thursday morning at Santa Anita in 1:02.20 in preparation for a start in the Mar. 19 GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Park. **Cont. p8**

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“Ralis worked [Thursday]. He worked great and he is going to the Rebel. It is a tough spot to come back to, but we think he is a top 3-year-old, so we are going to see how we perform in the Rebel and adjust from there. Hopefully he runs huge there and we are on to the big dance.”

“He was just a tired horse [after the Breeders’ Cup]. In hindsight, the Hopeful took more out of him than he let on and I think you can see that from his next two efforts, which were really sub-par. We just intentionally gave him some time off to freshen him up and he has come back to work really well. We are hoping to see the Hopeful this time in Ralis and I think we will.”

● **DONWORTH (c, 4, Tiznow)**

Second in last term’s GIII Coolmore Lexington S., **“TDN Rising Star”** Donworth romped by 11 lengths in his final start for Regis Racing and trainer Graham Motion in Delaware’s off-turf Stanton S. June 20. Sold as part of the Regis dispersal at the



Donworth | Leslie Martin

Keeneland November sale, the bay was picked up by Reddam Racing for \$550,000 and transferred to O’Neill. He had his first start for these connections in Santa Anita’s GII San Antonio S. Feb. 6, finishing third behind 2014 GI Clark H.

winner Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), and he is scheduled to make his next start in Saturday’s GI Santa Anita H., where he will face off with last term’s Clark hero Effinex (Mineshaft).

“Donworth is doing super. He is doing really well. He came out of the San Antonio in great shape. He has had a couple of good maintenance works. He looks like he is going to run a big race on Saturday so we are very happy with him.”

● **FRANK CONVERSATION (c, 3, Quality Road)**

The Reddam operation will also be represented during Dubai Gold Cup weekend in the form of G2 UAE Derby contender Frank Conversation. The bay heads to Meydan off a pair of victories over the Golden Gate synthetic in the California Derby Jan. 16 and the GIII El Camino Real Derby Feb. 13 ([video](#)). He worked five furlongs Thursday in 1:02.20 at Santa Anita.

“He is doing super. He worked [Thursday] and did great. We are really excited about the UAE Derby with him. He ships out Sunday.”

*“[Undefeated **“TDN Rising Star”** and UAE Derby contender] Polar River (Congrats) is kind of the Songbird over there. She is the real deal and we have a long way to ship and all that stuff, but Frank continues to train well and he is coming off two really solid races. I am eager to see how he fares there in California Chrome country.”*



● **DENMAN’S CALL (g, 3, Northern Afleet)**

Owned by Gilman Racing, Westside Rentals.com and W.C. Racing, Denman’s Call was a convincing debut winner in Arcadia Jan. 9 and finished third behind his champion stablemate and MGSW Exaggerator (Curlin) in the San Vicente last time. The chestnut gelding is entered in Friday’s San Pedro S. at Santa Anita.

“Denman’s Call is doing super. He ran so good in the San Vicente and he came out of it great. We are really excited about the [San Pedro S.]. It’s a short field, but it is full of quality, so he is going to have to run his race to be competitive and he is showing us he will.”

● **FOUND MONEY (c, 3, Square Eddie)**

Reddam homebred Found Money, winner of the Santa Anita Juvenile S. last term, finished off his 2-year-old season with a victory in the King Glorious S. at Los Alamitos Dec. 12. Starting off this term with a fourth in the GIII Sham S. Jan. 9, the chestnut covered five furlongs in 1:03.40 Thursday morning. **Cont. p9**



Found Money | Benoit Photo

Down the Shedrow cont.

“Found Money worked [Thursday]. He worked well. He is going to run in the new race [the Sunland Park Festival of Racing S. Mar. 20] at Sunland Park that used to be the [GIII] Sunland Park Derby. He is ready for that.”

● **SORRYABOUTNOTHING (c, 3, Repent)**

A second-out graduate at Del Mar Nov. 15, Sorryaboutnothing finished a well-beaten seventh to Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity Dec. 19. The Fog City Stable, RAP Racing, ERJ Racing and Dave Kenney runner was last seen finishing eighth in the Sham.

“Sorryaboutnothing is entered for Sunday in a little stakes race on the grass. I am hoping the race fills. I am hoping changing surfaces with him will bring the a.m. to the p.m. He continues to work well. His maiden win race was very impressive and I think he’s got a lot of talent.”

● **SHARLA RAE (f, 4, Afleet Alex)**

Owned by Brous Stable, Gary Barber and Wachtel Stable, Sharla Rae added another Grade I to O’Neill’s 2015 resume when posting a mild upset in the GI Del Mar Oaks ([video](#)) August. The bay was never quite the same after that, finishing fifth in the GI Rodeo Drive S. and 10th in both the GI Breeders’ Cup F/M Turf Oct. 31 and GI Hollywood Derby Nov. 28. She also just recently returned to the worktab, covering three furlongs in :38 flat in Arcadia Mar. 4.

“We gave her 45 days off after the Hollywood Derby. She’s worked once or twice, but she is still a ways off from running. I am hoping to have a really great second half of the year with Sharla Rae.”

● **IMPERIOUS ONE (IRE) (c, 3, Royal Applause {GB})**

Keh, Haymes, Sterling Stables, Vaccaro, Cahill, Little and King Arthur Farms’ Imperious One made his first four starts in Europe before being transferred to O’Neill. Off the board in his U.S. debut in the GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. Nov. 29, the bay finished second in the Eddie Logan S. Dec. 31 and returned to win an Arcadia optional claimer Jan. 24.

“We gave him a little fresher. He is on the farm for 60 days. He got a little body sore on us so we sent him out to the farm for a little breather. We are very excited for the second half of the year with him. He is a special 3-year-old turf horse and it is frustrating because we want to see him run right now, but he has already shown how much talent he has got so we are going to do right by him and give him a little vacation.”

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● **DOUBLE ESPRESSO (IRE) (f, 3, Mastercraftsman {Ire})**

Double Espresso made two starts in Europe for the Bromheads, finishing fourth on debut at Dundalk Nov. 13 and second in her final start there Dec. 4. The bay breezed a half-mile in :48.60 at Santa Anita Mar. 5.

"We are probably about a month or so from getting her to her U.S. debut. She is a really nice filly and looks the part. Her connections have been really adamant with me to just be patient, so we are. We are looking at probably an early April start date with her."

● **BODHISATTVA (c, 4, Student Council)**

Previously trained by Jose Corrales, who owned the colt in partnership with Pan Am Racing Stable, Bodhisattva is a new addition to the O'Neill stable. Privately purchased by O'Neill



himself, the Cal-bred captured the Federico Tesio S. last term, but finished off the board in three subsequent stakes tries, including the GI Preakness S. The chestnut made his first start for this barn last Saturday, finishing a late-running fifth in an Arcadia allowance.

"He ran a really good race the other day. He ran a fast closing fifth and came out of it well. We will look for a similar race for him in a month or so. He is a cool horse. He is a Cal-bred and I know the the previous

connections so I made a deal to purchase him and bring him out to California. We are happy with his first start for us."

DESPITE DISAGREEMENT, NYRA BOARD VOTES TO SUPPORT FEDERAL ANTI-DOPING LEGISLATION *By T.D. Thornton*

The New York Racing Association Reorganization Board of Directors approved a resolution on Thursday to support federal legislation that would create a non-governmental racing regulatory organization to oversee the sport's medication standards and drug-policing efforts.

But the voice vote came after mixed, and at times, skeptical debate about the merits of such an endorsement, and included a last-second stipulation that NYRA wouldn't have to spend significant money to stand behind its resolution.

Two pieces of federal legislation were hot topics within the racing industry for the first half of 2015, but neither has moved forward in the United States Congress since being referred to subcommittees last summer.

[HR 3084](#) is the Thoroughbred Horseracing Integrity Act. Its chief aim is to police Thoroughbred doping and medication abuse via the establishment of a racing regulatory organization headed by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

[HR 2641](#) is the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act. It shares a similar anti-doping thrust by empowering USADA, but it differs in that it would prohibit the use of raceday medications, and its rules would additionally cover Quarter Horse and Standardbred racing.

The discussion at the NYRA meeting, though, was centered on HR 3084.

Prior to the vote, NYRA ex-officio member Rick Violette Jr., who separately serves as the president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, said "there's no question the horsemen are vehemently opposed to this."

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NYRA Board Meeting cont.

Violette instead expressed support for continued adherence to the National Uniform Medication Program (NUMP). He separately suggested that NYRA should consider taking “a real leadership position” by including clauses in simulcasting contracts that would compel other jurisdictions to come into compliance with NUMP as a requirement for exchanging simulcast signals with NYRA.

“I think everybody should know that the legislation proposed has significant constitutional flaws,” Violette said. “It’s a lot of money being spent on a very divisive issue. It has less than a 1 % chance of getting introduced, and it will be very difficult for the legislature down there to call hearings because of lack of interest. I think it’s significantly wasted energy and money.”

Marc Holliday implored his fellow board members to consider whether support for federal oversight might actually be a step backward for New York racing.

“There are tracks in parts of the country that are running \$5,000 claimers, [and] that isn’t exactly the same as NYRA’s racing quality running stakes and allowance races for several hundred thousand dollars a race,” Holliday said. “It’s like night and day, and to think that we want to be a part of something that’s going to have a standard that covers those other kind of races with purses under \$10,000, might we be dragged down as opposed to sort of, you know, maintaining a best-of-class approach?”

NYRA Chief Executive Officer and President Chris Kay opted for a middle-ground position by suggesting that NYRA could continue to craft strong, state-run standards based on compliance with NUMP that might eventually dovetail with some future form of federal oversight.

“The answer is really both,” Kay said. “We’ve been working with the State of New York since I got here to try to adopt these model rules. It’s taken a long time, but we are there. [Federal legislation] is in addition to that...I don’t view them as mutually exclusive. I view them as two different avenues to the same goal.”

Board member Leonard Riggio was blunt in his assessment: “I don’t think we have a choice but to support this as a gesture,” he said. “However, I have no belief in it. I think this is like swatting at butterflies.”

The motion that was eventually proposed was, “We basically resolve that we are in support of--endorse--the federal legislation on a go-forward basis, that NYRA’s--our position--be that.”

As the motion was quickly seconded and a smattering of “ayes” affirming passage were uttered, Holliday offered an amendment.



“Let me just add to it,” Holliday said. “At no significant cost to NYRA.’ I think to address [Violette’s] point, you know, let’s support it, but let’s not spend a lot of money on it. We don’t think it has a high chance of getting [passed].” [@thorntond](#)

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O’NEILL RUNNERS GEARING UP

Gearing up for their respective next starts nearly 7000 miles apart, champion **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) and GIII El Camino Real Derby hero **Frank Conversation** (Quality Road)--both trained by Doug O’Neill for Paul Reddam--turned in workouts over the Santa Anita main track Thursday morning.

Prepping for a highly anticipated matchup with fellow unbeaten Mohaymen (Tapit) in the GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park Apr. 2, Nyquist was given a stamina-building drill over a mile and two-minute-licked his opening three furlongs before finishing up his final five-eighths of a mile in “1:01 and change,” according to O’Neill. The composite time was 1:46. On-track clockers awarded the Eclipse Award winner with a time of 1:01.40 for five furlongs.

“It was a solid work,” the conditioner commented. “We plan to leave for Florida Mar. 28.”

Perfect in five starts in 2015, capped by his gritty success in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile at Keeneland Oct. 31, Nyquist turned in a powerful sophomore bow in the seven-furlong GII San Vicente S. Feb. 15, besting this weekend’s GII San Felipe S. hopeful Exaggerator (Curlin) by a resounding 1 1/2 lengths.

Frank Conversation will be having his first start on dirt when he faces the likes of **‘TDN Rising Star’** Polar River (Congrats) and Market Rally (Unbridled’s Song) in the G2 UAE Derby at Meydan Racecourse in the United Arab Emirates Mar. 26. The bay, who annexed the Jan. 16 California Derby prior to his 3/4-length success in the El Camino Real Feb. 13, went five furlongs in 1:02.20.

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UPSTART TO RETURN IN RAZORBACK

Ralph Evans and WinStar Farm's **Upstart** (Flatter) is set to make his 4-year-old debut in the GIII Razorback H. at Oaklawn Park Mar. 19, trainer Rick Violette Jr. confirmed Thursday.

Runner-up to Daredevil (More Than Ready) in the 2014 GI Champagne S. and a wide-trip third to Texas Red (Afleet Alex)



Upstart | Lauren King

in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the handsome dark bay was the smashing winner of the GII Holy Bull S. to kick off his classic campaign. Controversially disqualified from the victory in the GI Fountain of Youth S., the New York-bred could not

reel in loose-on-the-lead Materiality (Afleet Alex) and settled for second in the GI Florida Derby. Effectively eased home in the GI Kentucky Derby, Upstart was third to future Horse of the Year American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) in the GI William Hill Haskell Invitational S. and fourth to Keen Ice (Curlin) in the GI Travers S. He was most recently a distant fifth behind Frosted (Tapit) in the GII Pennsylvania Derby Sept. 18, and though he had trained with vim and vigor of late, was forced to miss the GII Gulfstream Park H. Mar. 5.

"I was a couple of weeks behind," Violette said. "This looks like a pretty good spot. It's a lot of money, it's a good race, a good place to run. We'll find out if he likes the race track and if we want to head back for the [\$750,000 GII Oaklawn] Handicap [Apr. 16]."

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VENUS VALENTINE WORKS FOR FG OAKS

Tom Amoss trainee **Venus Valentine** (Congrats), a shock winner at 74-1 of the GII Twinspires.com Rachel Alexandra S. at



Venus Valentine (right)
Hodges Photography

Fair Grounds Race Course Feb. 20, worked five-panels in 1:02 flat (8/24) there Mar. 9. The Rosemont Farm colorbearer is pointing to the GII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks slated for Mar. 26. A winner at first asking at Ellis Park last July, Venus Valentine

was off the board in three subsequent starts, including a fourth-

place effort in the Arlington-Washington Lassie S. in August of 2015 and she filled the same spot in an Fair Grounds optional claimer in her sophomore bow Jan. 8 before blowing up the tote in the Rachel Alexandra.

"She's doing well," Amoss commented. "Her work was a lot like her works leading up to the Rachel Alexandra. She seems to be maintaining her readiness. We definitely benefitted from a suicidal pace last time. I don't know if that happens again, but for her to be successful, she's got to make herself a little more tactical. Hopefully she can do that [in the Fair Grounds Oaks.]"

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ROSARIO NEARING RETURN, HERNANDEZ RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

Joel Rosario, one of two jockeys hospitalized following a Feb. 20 spill at Gulfstream Park, is nearing a return that could have him riding the week of the Apr. 2 GI Florida Derby, the final week of the 2015-16 Championship Meet.

Ron Anderson, Rosario's agent, said Thursday that the 31-year-old rider is scheduled to begin rehabilitation next week for a broken wrist suffered during the \$75,000 Melody of Colors S.

"Joel will start rehab on [Mar.] 20th and is due to ride about 10 days after that," Anderson said. "So, in theory, we could ride Derby week seeing how things go. He was lucky. He had a clean break."

Anderson likened the injury to one suffered by his former client, retired Hall of Fame jockey Jerry Bailey, who broke his



Joel Rosario | Benoit photo

wrist when he fell off a ladder while installing storm shutters in his home in 2004. Bailey missed six weeks but returned in time to ride in the Breeders' Cup at Lone Star Park.

"The same exact doctor that performed his surgery also operated on Joel," he

said. "It was a clean break and they didn't see any complications. All they did was go in and plate it, which speeds up the situation. It was a horrendous accident."

Rosario, Rafael Hernandez and Edgard Zayas were all unseated from their mounts in the Melody of Colors, a five-furlong turf sprint for 3-year-old fillies. Brandy's Girl, with Hernandez up, fell shortly after entering the stretch and Rosario, aboard Kandoo, tumbled over the fallen horse and rider. **Cont. p13**

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Florida Jocks' Update cont.

Hernandez was released from the hospital Sunday and is scheduled to start physical therapy shortly, his agent Cliff Collier reported Thursday.

The veteran jockey sustained internal injuries that required the removal of a kidney. Hernandez, 29, also sustained multiple fractures in his collarbone and three broken ribs, said Collier.

"He got out of the hospital Sunday and he went to get a check-up on his kidney [Wednesday] and that went well," he said. "He has to do therapy on his shoulder. He had 10 screws put into his collarbone."

Collier said Hernandez's spirits have been improving and noted that his client could start getting on horses as soon as June.

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WAGERING SUSPENDED ON POLAR RIVER

Following an announcement by trainer Doug Watson that 'TDN Rising Star' Polar River (Congrats) would not be making the trip to the U.S. for the GI Kentucky Oaks May 6, wagering on the filly for the upcoming Kentucky Oaks Future Wager has been suspended. The defection of the G3 UAE Oaks victrix leaves 22 individual betting interests and the mutuel field, encompassing all other 3-year-old fillies. Betting in the 3-day KOFW begins Friday, Mar. 11 through Sunday, Mar. 13, concluding at 6:30 p.m. ET, 30 minutes after the close of the companion Kentucky Derby Future Wager.

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John Cherwa, Los Angeles Times

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Andrew Hawkins, South China Morning Post

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MARY'S FOLLIES, 10, More Than Ready--Catch the Queen, by Miswaki Foal born Feb. 14, a filly by Animal Kingdom. Will be bred back to American Pharoah. Owned by Paul P. Pompa. Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency. Accomplishments: MGSW, \$338,889; Dam of Night Prowler (Giant's Causeway), MGSW, \$279,360.

DERBYWARS INKS FIRST REVENUE-SHARING

DEAL *By T.D. Thornton*

DerbyWars has inked an agreement with Hawthorne Race Course to share revenue from its online contests, a deal touted on Thursday as the first-ever industry partnership between a fantasy gaming company and a racetrack.

In exchange for sharing a portion of money that players put up



to win jackpot-style prizes on the DerbyWars tourney site, DerbyWars gets explicit authorization from Hawthorne to use the track's races.

In addition, Hawthorne is granting DerbyWars permission to show its video stream starting in the near future. The deal also includes "access to racing data," which could lead to an eventual rollout of Hawthorne's past performances on the DerbyWars website.

The DerbyWars-Hawthorne partnership could signal a precedent-setting shift in the 5-year-old but fast-growing tenure of contest gaming within the racing industry.

That's because Louisville-based Horse Racing Labs, LLC, which owns DerbyWars, is currently the defendant in a federal lawsuit initiated by The Stronach Group (TSG) that alleges the unauthorized use of races from TSG tracks. The suit also includes accusations that pay-to-play contests are an illegal form of gambling.

The Stronach-vs.-DerbyWars court battle is being widely monitored within the industry as a test case that is expected to determine the legality of fantasy- and tournament-styled online gaming. In recent months, some tracks and horsemen have argued that online contest sites undermine traditional pari-mutuel betting revenue without contributing any form of payment back to the racing industry.

"This is a first for any of the contest sites," Mark Midland, the founder of DerbyWars told *TDN* Thursday. "My understanding is that no other contest or tourney sites exchange money with tracks at any time. This agreement has made it very clear that we're willing to work with tracks. We're willing to contribute."

Midland would not disclose the exact percentage of contest revenue that Hawthorne will receive. He acknowledged that DerbyWars is actively negotiating with other tracks for similar deals, but that pricing will be volume-based and worked out on a track-by-track basis.

As for how much of the DerbyWars payments actually end up in purse accounts, Midland said that sort of split is up to host tracks and their local horsemen's groups.

"Our payment goes to the track, and my understanding is that

a lot of tracks already have pre-defined splits with the horsemen," that cover the brokering of race rights, Midland said.

Midland declined to comment on the active TSG lawsuit, part of which is awaiting a "motion to dismiss" initiated by DerbyWars Feb. 22.

"We think [sharing revenue with tracks] is the next step in the evolution of contests," Midland said. "If that's what The Stronach Group wants to do, we've made that clear months ago. I'm not sure what they're waiting for."

In 2015, DerbyWars and Hawthorne partnered on daily survivor contests. DerbyWars also sponsored Hawthorne's National Handicapping Championship qualifying contests last November.

"Our players are excited about contests and our hope is that contests can become a vehicle for getting new fans into the sport," John Walsh, Hawthorne's general manager, said in a press release. "We can see that DerbyWars is working to expose new fans through contests, and we want to be supportive of that innovation." [@thorntontd](#)

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Thursday Cancellations
OAKLAWN PARK (all races)
(inclement weather)



Apprentice jockey Carlos Hernandez gets the royal treatment from his peers after riding the first winner of his career in Thursday's third race at Gulfstream Park. Hernandez, an 18-year-old native of Carolina, Puerto Rico, was aboard 5-2 second choice C D Gold for trainer Jorge Navarro | *Lauren King photo*

New York

Thursday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$67,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 3-10, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.39, ft.

APPEALING MAGGIE (f, 3, [Successful Appeal](#)--Belgian Chocolate, by Tale of the Cat) finished fifth on debut Dec. 27 over this track and trip after being pinched back at the start, then was away much sharper and took a similar maiden group wire-to-wire as the 4-5 chalk in her next outing Jan. 17. Sent off at 5-1 in this spot Thursday, the bay filly broke well enough and was sent to the lead, where she was pressed along through a fast quarter-mile in :22.49 by second choice and **'TDN Rising Star'** Big Thrill (Big Drama). Shaking loose from that foe turning for home, Appealing Maggie opened up by five lengths past the eighth pole before beginning to shorten stride inside the final sixteenth, still having enough cushion to score by 1 1/2 lengths. 3-2 chalk Takrees (Daaher) completed the exacta, while Big Thrill faded to finish fourth in her first start since early September. Sales History: \$35,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$78,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Black Swan Stable; B-VinMar Farm (KY); T-Michael E. Hushion.



Florida

Thursday's Results:

5th-GP, \$40,000, (S), Msw, 3-10, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.67, fm. +SHOW ME (f, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Apt to Star, by Aptitude)

made a successful debut over the Gulfstream turf Thursday. Given a 3-1 chance, she stalked the pace from the two-path through fractions of :23.40 and :47.70. The bay filly overtook the leader midway on the far turn, opened clear in the stretch and narrowly held off a game bid from fellow firster Bold Contender (Strong Contender) to prevail by a nose. Racing for the same connections that campaigned 2015 champion female turfer Tepin (Bernstein), the winner is a half-sister to Aegean (Northern Afleet), GSW, \$329,532; and Light Bringer (Northern Afleet), SW, \$102,960. *\$275,000 Ylg '14 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Robert E. Masterson; B-Vegso Racing Stable (FL); T-Mark E. Casse.

Kentucky

Churchill Teams With Ticketmaster on Ticket Exchange:

Churchill Downs has announced the launch of the Kentucky Derby Ticket Exchange by Ticketmaster, the only online marketplace for the resale of Kentucky Derby tickets. Ticketholders who are not able to attend the Kentucky Oaks or Kentucky Derby will be afforded the opportunity to resell their tickets at or above face value using various pricing options and can do so with the knowledge that the transactions meet all state and local regulations on ticket resales.

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Joe Bravo douses apprentice Alvaro Donis with a bucket of water after the 24-year-old Guatemalan guided the Allen Iwinski-trained Lovely Elle to a trouble-filled victory in Thursday's sixth race at Gulfstream Park for the first win of his career. "I'm very happy. This is a dream come true," said Donis, who galloped horses for Iwinski for three years prior to pursuing a career as a jockey | *Leslie Martin photo*

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Hoedown at Hagyard During Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event:

The Hoedown at Hagyard, sponsored by Boehringer-Ingelheim and presented by the Retired Racehorse Project (RRP), will begin at 6 p.m. in the sport horse covered arena at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute Saturday, Apr. 30, the RRP announced Thursday. All proceeds will go directly to support the Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, a \$100,000 training competition for over 500 Thoroughbreds beginning second careers in 10 riding sports, at the Kentucky Horse Park on the last weekend of October.

The event will feature live music by farrier Steve Normal’s Shades of Grass Band, catering by Red State Barbecue and an open bar sponsored by Bourbon Lane Stable. Celebrity guests include Rosie Napravnik and Joe Sharp, Phillip and Evie Dutton, Graham and Anita Motion, Chris McCarron, Valerie Ashker and many Rolex riders. The North American Racing Academy will be on hand to coach guests on Equicizers, as well as Equicizer Racing, pitting Rolex riders against jockeys and exercise riders. The Hoedown at Hagyard is also supported by Patterson Veterinary Supply, Bourbon Lane Stable, Triple Crown Nutrition, and Accuhorsemat. Tickets for RRP members are \$35 and for non-members \$50.

“Our clients originate from both the racing and the sport horse sides of the horse industry, so Retired Racehorse Project and its Thoroughbred Makeover are very important to us,” said Hagyard partner Stuart Brown, DVM. “This promises to be a wonderful evening with great folks assembled around this incredible event in the Bluegrass.”

Added RRP President Steuart Pittman, “This event is about building community. We will have Thoroughbred Makeover trainers, Rolex riders, racing industry leaders, backstretch workers, and Thoroughbred farm works. The common interest is the Thoroughbred horse. Celebrating to live music with barbecue and bourbon on the Hagyard hill overlooking the Kentucky Horse Park at the end of the cross-country day is about as good as it gets.”

For more information go to www.retiredracehorseproject.org.

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Thursday’s Results:

7th-FG, \$44,000, Msw, 3-10, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.13, ft. ASTOUNDING (c, 4, Tapit--Smarty Deb, by Smart Strike) was hammered down to 11-10 at the windows when making his career bow way back in November 2014 and finished a respectable second, earning a 75 Beyer Speed Figure. Unseen

since that effort, the \$270,000 Keeneland September buy resurfaced Thursday at Fair Grounds in a six-furlong maiden dash. Breaking from the rail as the 8-5 second choice, the chestnut colt was away last before tugging his way up to third down the backstretch. Nudged on by jockey Florent Geroux around the three-eighths pole, he gradually picked up ground along the inside before getting completely shut off midstretch when 6-5 favorite War Ride drifted in. Appearing at the eighth pole like he would end up no better than third, Astounding came out into the three-path and produced a strong late kick to just get up by a neck over Zip Ridge (Cactus Ridge), with War Ride another head back in third. The winner is a half-brother to Finallygotabentley (Bernardini), SW, \$124,948. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$34,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary & Mary West; B-Northwest Farms LLC (KY); T-Wayne M. Catalano.

California

Thursday’s Results:

1st-SA, \$57,035, (S), Msw, 3-10, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.75, gd. HACKTIVISM (f, 3, Square Eddie--Prima Creatura {Ire}, by Barathea {Ire}) was a non-factor in her dirt debut Jan. 2, then perked up when switched to turf, running fourth despite traffic trouble Feb. 7. Thursday, the homebred filly broke cleanly and worked herself into the pocket, a ground-saving third around the clubhouse turn. She maintained that position into the stretch, when tipped out three-wide to sweep to the fore just inside the eighth pole. The bay sophomore inched clear from there to triumph by a half-length under minimal urging. Allsquare (Square Eddie) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$37,210. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Ben D. A. Cecil.

Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:33 p.m. EDT

SAN PEDRO S., \$75,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Gold Rush Dancer	Private Gold	Stevens	Belvoir	10-1
2	Boldly True	Yes It’s True	Gutierrez	Hollendorfer	8-1
3	Toews on Ice	Archarcharch	Garcia	Baffert	2-1
4	Mt Veeder	Ghostzapper	Bejarano	Baffert	3-1
5	Denman’s Call	Northern Afleet	Prat	O’Neill	9-5
6	He’s a Tiger	Sky Mesa	Maldonado	Bonde	6-1



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"Taking the Golden Gate broadcast signal HD is another example of The Stronach Group's continuing commitment to long-term racing in California," commented Joe Morris, senior vice president of West Coast operations. "Golden Gate, with its scenic location and near year-round racing, is made to be seen in HD and we are excited to make this investment in the bayside track's future."

The Golden Gate HD signal will be contractually produced by its longtime vendor Pegasus Communications, which also produces the HD signal at the TSG-owned Santa Anita Park.

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"For more than 30 years, some of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's most loyal donors have been horseplayers who want to give back to the horses who make the sport possible," said Diana Pikulski, Director of External Affairs for the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation. "It is especially exciting that Horse Player NOW, which is revolutionizing Thoroughbred racing in a much-needed way, is making TRF part of their business model. It is great for the TRF and great for the sport. We are extremely thankful."

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Horse Player NOW To Donate Percentage of Sales to TRF:

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recurring billing will be entitled to the new pricing. "Honesty and trust are what we preach," said Jeremy Plonk, owner of Horse Player NOW. "I felt it was necessary not only to give our customers a price break, but also to pay forward our success in the industry to the horses who made it all possible.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, March 11

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

- ARCHARCHARCH**, Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 248/27/2
- 8-SA, \$75K San Pedro S., 6f, Toews On Ice, \$340K RNA BAR MAR 2yo,2-1
- ATTEMPTED HUMOR** (Distorted Humor), Metoyer & Chatters Farm, 15/2/0
- 5-DED, Msw 6 1/2f, Bermuda Bridge, 30-1
- CAPE BLANCO (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$18K, 259/18/1
- 6-SA, Msw 6 1/2f, Jamie Said No, \$95K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1
- CROWN OF THORNS** (Repent), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$4K, 32/5/1
- 6-SUN, Msw 1m, Crown of Ambition, \$15K OBS OPN 2yo, 3-1
- ICE BOX** (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 141/7/0
- 6-SUN, Msw 1m, Ice Dock, 6-1
- 8-OP, Aoc 1m, Cold Dish, \$100K KEE NOV wnl, 10-1
- INTERACTIF** (Broken Vow), Red River Farms, Pvt., 54/3/0
- 5-DED, Msw 6 1/2f, Promiscuous Force, \$3K OBS WIN yrl, 9-2
- MT WAVERLY** (Mt. Livermore), 7/0/0
- 7-HAW, Msw 5f, Connor Christopher, 15-1
- PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 229/20/1
- 6-DED, Alw 1m, Glitter O'Prado, \$7K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
- 7-GP, Msw 1 1/16mT, Paddy O'Wagon, \$60K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

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SIDNEY'S CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 165/12/1 6-SA, Msw 6 1/2f, Dreamy Martini, \$80K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

TIZWAY (Tiznow), Spendthrift Farm, \$25K, 183/12/2

3-AQU, Aoc 6f, Tiz Long Gone, \$8K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

TWIRLING CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 145/31/2

7-GP, Msw 1 1/16mT, Market Strength, \$310K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-1

UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/40/9

5-DED, Msw 6 1/2f, Lady Mocruella, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), 3-10, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.94, ft.

CANDID DESIRE (g, 4, **Yes It's True**--Baby Love, by Not For Love)

Lifetime Record: 19-2-2-2, \$110,677. O-Gary Downey and Amanada Laderer; B-Dr. John M & Laura G McDermott (NY); T-Gary Sciacca. *\$24,000 RNA Wlg '12 FTNMIX; \$19,000 RNA Ylg '13 SARAUG.

5th-DED, \$43,000, (S), 3-9, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00.75, sy.

NEVERENDING (f, 4, **Gaff--No End in Sight, by Straight Man**)

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$48,600. O-Rick A. Lopez; B-Spanish Cross Stables, LLC & Mark Toothaker (LA); T-Rick A. Lopez. *\$15,000 Ylg '13 TEXAUG. **1/2 to Kinsolving (Posse), SW, \$189,295.

6th-FG, \$42,000, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 3-10, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.72, fm.

CALAMITY JANE (f, 3, **Cowboy Cal**--Ringbang City, by Carson

City) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$74,749. O-East West Stables; B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA); T-David M. Carroll. *\$13,000 Ylg '14 OBSWIN; \$22,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$70,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

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8th-DED, \$40,800, 3-9, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:21.24, sy.

LIL ALLIE DANCER (f, 3, **Good and Tough--Native Gate Dancer**

{SW, \$111,323}, by Gate Dancer) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$75,900. O-Chance Yelverton; B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA); T-Samuel Breaux. *\$6,000 Ylg '14 ESLYRL; \$13,000 RNA 2yo '15 EVAMAR. **Full to Loranger Native, MSW, \$257,450.

3rd-GG, \$31,262, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.06, ft.

ENVAHIR (f, 4, **Invasor {Arg}--Courier, by El Corredor**) Lifetime Record: 11-4-6-0, \$85,805. O-J and G Stables; B-C. Kidder, N. Cole, J.K. Griggs & W.Betz (KY); T-William E. Morey. *\$10,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$15,000 2yo '14 EASMAY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Quaralia, f, 3, **Bellamy Road**--Striking Tomisue, SW, \$195,209, by Smart Strike. GP, 3-10, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.07. B-Marc Keller (KY).

Crowd Funding, g, 4, **Flatter**--Lovely Olivia, by Elusive Quality.

AQU, 3-10, (C), 6f, 1:12.56. B-B.D. Gibbs Farm. LLC & Fleetwood Bloodstock, LLC (KY). *\$240,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

Sliding Lady, f, 4, **Rock Slide**--Sevens Lady, by Citidancer. CT, 3-9, 6 1/2f, 1:23.48. B-Jean B. Morris & Dr. Elizabeth Schultz (MD).



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+Come On Bert, g, 3, **Roman Ruler**--Peggy Ring, by Ghostzapper.

PEN, 3-9, (S), 6f, 1:14.54. B-Pewter Stable & Roman Ruler Syndicate (PA). *\$12,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.



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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
3/12	GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile	SA
	GI Santa Anita H.	SA
	GII San Felipe S.	SA
	GII San Carlos S.	SA
	GII Tampa Bay Derby	TAM
	GII Hillsborough S.	TAM
	GIII Florida Oaks	TAM
	GIII Honeybee S.	OP
	GIII Tom Fool H.	AQU
	3/13	GII San Luis Rey S.
3/19	GI Santa Margarita S.	SA
	GII Inside Information S.	GP
3/20	GII Azeri S.	OP
	GII Rebel S.	OP
	GIII Razorback H.	OP
	GIII Las Flores S.	SA
	GIII Sunland Derby	SUN

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2014 U.S. Horse of the Year and dual Classic hero **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) is joined by 2015 Japanese champion 3-year-old male **Duramente (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) and 2015 English highweight **Postponed (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) at the top of the first edition of the 2016 Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings with a mark of 121. American Grade I winner and G1 Dubai World Cup contender **Frosted** (Tapit); and 'TDN Rising Star' and U.S. juvenile filly champion **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro) are tied at 120. The rankings cover the period between Jan. 1 and Mar. 6.

A winner of Santa Anita's GII San Pasqual S. to kickoff his 2016 campaign, California Chrome added a handicap while spotting his rivals 15 pounds at Meydan Feb. 25, and is targeting the World Cup against Frosted Mar. 26. Also a dual Classic winner in his native land, Duramente opened his 4-year-old season with a victory in the G2 Nakayama Kinen and is aiming for the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic where he will face Postponed, who landed the G2 Dubai City of Gold at Meydan in his 5-year-old bow Mar. 5. Frosted also made his first start of 2016 a winning one, scoring in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 Feb. 4. Songbird remained undefeated with two facile wins at Santa Anita in the GII Las Virgenes S. Feb. 6 and the GIII Santa Ysabel S. Mar. 5. She is pointing towards the GI Kentucky Oaks May 6. For the complete rankings, go to www.ifhaonline.org.

YORK STARTING POINT FOR COVERT LOVE

After scouring the programme book, Hugo Palmer is planning a York seasonal debut for his star filly **Covert Love (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire}). The G2 Middleton S. over 10 furlongs on the Knavesmire in May is the chosen route, despite the fact the dual Group 1 winner will be saddled with a three-pound penalty.

"She will start in the Middleton," said Palmer. "I tried to think left and right, up and down, laterally, inside and outside a box, for a way to not to start her without carrying a Group 1 penalty in a Group 2, but it is the obvious race for her."

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Covert Love and Jazzi Top at Longchamp | Scoop Dyga

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MCKATHANS BACK AT IT AFTER DREAM '15

Brian DiDonato chats with J.B. and Kevin McKathan, who run McKathan Bros. Training Center outside of Ocala, Florida, in advance of the OBS March 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale Mar. 15-16.

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York Starting Point for Covert Love Cont.

Palmer feels there is so little between several of these top-class fillies that every pound counts and a penalty could well be the difference between victory and defeat.

Added Palmer, "It could be a Group 1 in all but name. The question is, who are we going to be frightened of who doesn't have a Group 1 penalty? We only beat Jazzi Top (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) a head in Paris and [if she runs] we will have to carry three pounds more than her. The consensus at Longchamp was that we outstayed Jazzi Top. There was very little between them in Paris and I've the utmost respect for her."

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VEGA READINGY FOR MAJOR TARGETS

Curragh trainer Michael O'Callaghan is planning a direct route towards Newmarket with his G1 2000 Guineas hope **Blue De Vega (Ger)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}). The 3-year-old ended his juvenile campaign on a high when slamming his rivals in the G3 Killavullan S. at Leopardstown last October and providing everything goes smoothly in the interim O'Callaghan is happy to go straight to Newmarket Apr. 30 without a prep.

"He's shaping up well and has done really well over the winter," O'Callaghan commented. "I'm delighted with how he has done. He came back in just before the new year and is obviously back in full training. We're very happy with him and very excited with the way he is going."



Michael O'Callaghan & Blue De Vega
Racing Post

The colt, bred in Germany by Gestut Ammerland but a €75,000 purchase from last year's Goresbridge Breeze Up Sale, races for a

partnership that includes Qatar Racing, Sheikh Khalifa, Sheikh Suhaim and Mohamed Al Kubaisi.

O'Callaghan added, "We're not looking to have a prep race and he'll probably go straight to the Guineas, all going well. If it were a case that the Newmarket race came a bit too soon for us, I would have no problem doing right by the horse and running him in a trial before going for the [G1] Irish 2000 Guineas."

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FREE EAGLE OFF TO SUCCESSFUL START

Irish National Stud stallion **Free Eagle (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) has his first three mares scanned in foal. The Group 1 winner is being supported by a quality book of mares in his first season at stud, including Blue Rhapsody (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), the dam of Western Hymn (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}); Nitya (Fr)



Free Eagle | *Racing Post*

(Indian Ridge {GB}), a full sister to GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Domedriver (Ire); and the stud's own Nebraas (GB) (Green Desert), dam of the stakes winners Yellow Rosebud (Ire) (Jeremy) and Seeharn (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}).

Moyglare Stud-bred Free Eagle won last year's G1 Prince Of Wales's S. at

Royal Ascot and stands for a fee of €20,000.

Irish National Stud CEO John Osborne is excited about his credentials as a stallion and commented, "Free Eagle has impressed since his racecourse debut and that is borne out by the number of people who have invested in him, it is a who's who of international breeders committed to supporting him in his new career."

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'CHARLINE' IN FINE FORM AHEAD OF 'TURF'

Trainer Marco Botti is looking forward to saddling **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) in the G1 Dubai Turf following her encouraging effort on her first run for 173 days. The

Newmarket trainer was happy with the GI Beverly D. S. heroine's performance in finishing second to Very Special (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) in the Group 2 Balanchine at Meydan Mar. 3. All roads now lead back to Dubai Mar. 26, for the Group



Euro Charline | *Four Footed Fotos*

1 over nine furlongs in which Euro Charline is set to take on last year's winner Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and Godolphin's Tryster (Ire) (Shamardal).

"She's good and has come out of the race well. I'm very happy with her," said Botti. "There are just a couple of weeks to go. It's so far, so good."

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A LOOK AHEAD

WITH JOHN BERRY, TRAINER & BREEDER

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

JB: Order Of St George (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). There was an element of 'Was that too good to be true?' about his win in the Irish St Leger; but if he really is as good as he looked that day (and has the resilience to keep reproducing the merit of that performance) then he has the potential to light up my favourite division of racing, the top races run at 12 furlongs and beyond.

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

JB: Youmzain (Ire) (Sindar {Ire}). One of my bugbears is that the most admirable horses--i.e those of proven soundness and resilience--are more or less written off as stallions from the outset. The collective preference seems to be for lightly-raced horses at stud, which is madness. Few European horses in recent years have demonstrated their toughness (and class) better than Youmzain, so I was delighted when he started to exceed general expectations last year, when he had a 3-year-old daughter, Yorkshire Oaks place-getter Sea Calisi (Fr), who nearly won a Group 1 race and a 2-year-old son, Suits You (Fr), who won at Royal Ascot. I hope that more good Youmzains emerge this season--including, fingers crossed, White Valiant (Fr), an unraced 3-year-old gelding whom I bred, own and train). I'm also looking forward to seeing the first 3-year-olds by Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). He surely has to sire some nice middle-distance horses.

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

JB: See above: I'd like to see a change in the general mind-set



John Berry | Racing Post

which prefers to use lightly-raced horses at stud and shuns horses who have been raced rigorously. It is not just that this madness cannot be good for the breed: the fact that it puts huge financial pressure on the owners of the best horses to retire them at the first rather than the last

opportunity is very harmful to the health of racing. How can our sport appeal to a wider audience if the best horses are retired to stud so quickly and after so few races that they have little opportunity to become household names?

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

False ID (GB), c, 3, **Aqlaam (GB)**--Miss Dutee (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). CHD, 3-10, 6f (AWT), 1:14.00. B-N E Poole & George Thornton (GB). *8,000gns RNA Wlg '13 TATFOA; €15,000 Ylg '14 GOFSP; £25,000 2yo '15 DONBRE.

Lord Huntingdon (GB), g, 3, **Lord of England (Ger)**--Marajuana (GB), by Robellino. SOU, 3-10, 8f (AWT), 1:43.32. B-Kingsclere Stud (GB).



C. ex **Crystal Morning** (3/4-sister to Gr.2 winner Halicarnassus). Owned by **Middlelane Farm**.

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F. ex **Senta's Dream** (by Danehill ex Breeders' Cup winner Starine). Owned by **Anne-Marie O'Brien**.

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Thursday's Results:

2nd-CHY, €34,000, Alw, 3-10, 3yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 2:02.17, ft.

LE JUGE (IRE) (c, 3, [Dansili {GB}](#)--Mambo Light {MSW & MGSP-Ger}, by Kingmambo), who broke through over this trip at Deauville last time Dec. 2, raced keenly under attempted restraint in third during the early strides of this sophomore return. Settled into a rhythm for the most part, the 13-10 favourite bounded into contention at the two pole and kept on strongly under mainly whipless rousing in the closing stages to prevail by a nose from Zghorta Dance (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). The bay, an €850,000 ARAUG yearling, hails from the family of G1 Coronation S. victress and European highweight distaffer Chimes of Freedom (Private Account). Le Juge is kin to a 2-year-old colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire) and a yearling filly by Frankel (GB). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €36,600. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Susan Magnier, Derrick Smith & Michael Tabor; B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

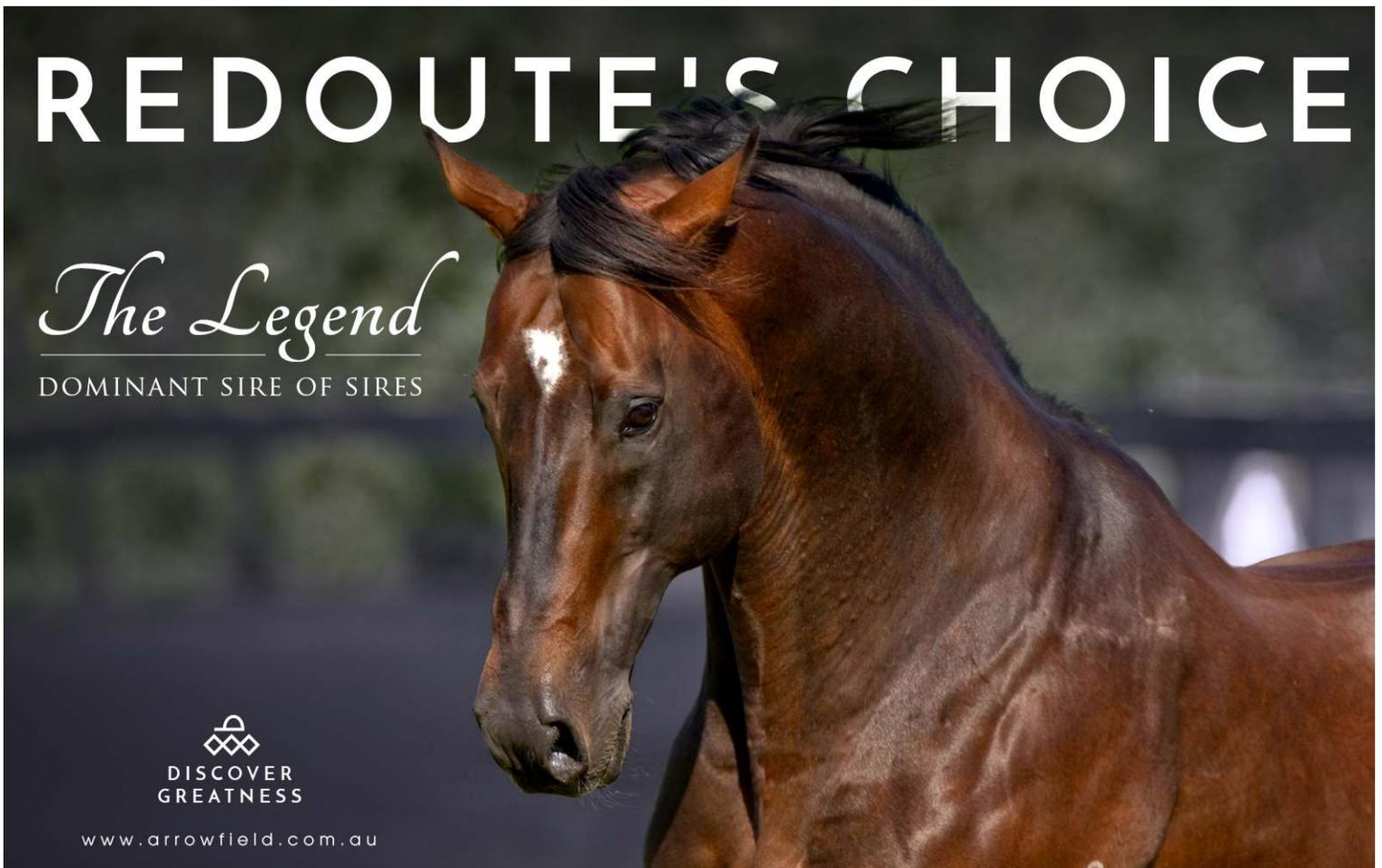
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+I Am Charlie (Fr), f, 3, Great Journey (Jpn)--Freedom Sweet (Fr), by Sicyos. LYS, 3-10, 9f (AWT), 1:56.08. B-Bertrand Gouin & Patrick Rosay (FR). *€9,000 Ylg '14 OS14.

APPOINTMENTS

David Simpson: Bidpoint Representative, Tattersalls Ireland

- Simpson, formerly of AGA, will promote Tattersalls Ireland's Bidpoint until the end of the Point-To-Point season.
- Richard Pugh Director of Horses in Training at Tattersalls Ireland said, "We are committed to the growth of Bidpoint which has made great strides in offering an alternative way for people to buy an Irish Point-to-Pointer. David has established a vast audience in the UK Point-to-Pointer field and is the perfect person to further develop the awareness of this unique bidding platform."
- "I am passionate about UK Point-to-Pointing and I am eager to promote Bidpoint to its fraternity, champion the weekly catalogue of horses eligible for sale and highlight the ease of use of this innovative bidding platform," said Simpson.



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BOW CREEK HARD TO GO PAST IN CUP

by Alan Carasso

Godolphin's **Bow Creek (Ire)** (Shamardal) figures a strong favourite in Saturday's G1 Australian Cup at Flemington as he squares off against fully seven of the same rivals that chased him home in the G2 Peter Young S. at Caulfield a fortnight ago.

A dual Group 2 winner over a mile in Europe when under the care of trainer Mark Johnston, the 5-year-old was a gallant second in his Australian debut behind recent G1 Futurity S. winner Turn Me Loose (NZ) (Iffraaj {GB}) in the G2 Crystal Mile last October before finishing 12th to that one in a soft-ground renewal of the G1 Emirates S. at this venue.



Bow Creek | Racing and Sports

Spelled thereafter, the 130,000gns Tattersalls October graduate was not beaten all that far when 13th to **Suavito (NZ)** (Thorn Park {Aus}) in the 1400-metre G1 C F Orr S. on his return to the races Feb. 13, but overcame a studder-step start and some stretch traffic to defeat **Fenway (Aus)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) and **Mourinho (Aus)** (Oratorio {Ire}) in the Peter Young.

Dual German top-level scorer **Our Ivanhowe (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}) looks primed to make an Australian breakthrough after some promising efforts to date. Runner-up in the G3 Bart Cummings S. last October, he backed up on two weeks' rest to fill third spot behind Mongolian Khan (Aus) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the G1 Caulfield Cup and wasn't embarrassed when 10th, beaten under four lengths, in the G1 Melbourne Cup. The bay was first-up in the Peter Young and raced outside the eventual winner entering the final 200 metres, but his passage from there was full of potholes and he could do no better than fifth, beaten

2 1/2 lengths. A clean run and

Saturday's added real estate can aid his cause.

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Preferment (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), winner of last year's G1 Turnbull S. over this course and distance, was seventh in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase over the metric mile and a half in December. The 4-year-old outran very long odds to finish fourth, beaten just over four lengths, behind superstar mare Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G1 Chipping Norton S. going a mile at Randwick Feb. 27 and should come on for that effort and this extended trip.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Our Ivanhowe (Ger)	Solider Hollow (GB)	Melham	Freedmans
2	Mourinho (Aus)	Oratorio (Ire)	Newitt	Gelagotis
3	Extra Zero (Aus)	Danzero (Aus)	Zahra	Hayes/Dabernig
4	Fenway (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Shinn	Hopes
5	Suavito (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Currie	Blackiston
6	Rising Romance (NZ)	Ekraar	Williams	Hayes/Dabernig
7	Almoonqith	Dynaformer	Walker	Hayes/Dabernig
8	Happy Trails (Aus)	Good Journey (Aus)	Dunn	Beshara
9	Awesome Rock (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Baster	L&T Corstens
10	Preferment (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Bowman	Waller
11	Bow Creek (Ire)	Shamardal	Oliver	O'Shea

All carry 130 pounds bar Rising Romance, Suavito & Fenway, 125 pounds.

CHAUTAUQUA PRIMED FOR SPEED TEST

The Feb. 20 G1 Black Caviar Lightning S. run over the course, albeit over 200 metres shorter, is likely to have a significant bearing on the result of the G1 Lexus Newmarket H. at Flemington Saturday.



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Chautauqua Primed for Speed Test Cont.

Chautauqua will jump from stall 11 and jockey Dwayne Dunn feels he can work this to his advantage. "It gives me an opportunity now to just put him into open air again and hopefully we see that awesome sprint we saw the other day," said Dunn. "It was sensational to watch and even better to be on him."

Chris Waller re-opposes with Japonisme (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}), and does so with a five-pound pull in the weights. The trainer was successful in the race last year with Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) with hoop Craig Williams aboard, and, Williams feels everything is pointing towards a serious challenge from the 3-year-old. "I was able to ride Japonisme on Tuesday morning down the straight in a piece of work and I felt that he had very similar mentality to Brazen Beau, so I'm really looking forward to the ride," said Williams. He is weighted half a kilo more than Brazen Beau when successful last year, so obviously the handicapper thinks a lot of him because we know how good Brazen Beau was."

As is the norm, Chris Waller has a few more darts to throw besides Japonisme, and, among his other two runners he also fields another 3-year-old in **Counterattack (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). The colt finished third in the G3 Eskimo Prince S. at Randwick Feb. 6. On that occasion, he finished a place behind Le Romain (Aus) (Hard Spun), who subsequently followed up with a surprise win in the G1 Randwick Guineas last week.

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Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 3:50 p.m. (Friday 11:50 p.m. EST)
LEXUS NEWMARKET H.-G1, A\$1,250,000 (£659,652/€852,284), 3yo/up, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Charmed Harmony (Aus)	Hussonet	Mallyon	Sadler	117
2	Black Heart Bart (Aus)	Blackfriars (Aus)	Lane	Weir	118
3	Counterattack (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Boss	Waller	110
4	Keen Array (Aus)	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Moloney	Hyes/Dbernig	110
5	Secret Agenda (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	McNeil	Price	110
6	Churchill Dancer (Aus)	Churchill Downs (Aus)	Dee	Hyes/Dbernig	114
7	Tiger Tees (NZ)	Dubawi (Ire)	Melham	Pride	119
8	Japonisme (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Williams	Waller	116
9	The Quarterback (Aus)	Street Boss	Newitt	Griffiths	114
10	Delectation (Aus)	Shamardal	Oliver	Waller	123
11	Chautauqua (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Dunn	Hawkeses	128

GHISONI BIDS TO EXTEND UNBEATEN RUN

Godolphin colourbearer **Ghisoni (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}) puts her unbeaten record on the line in the G1 Coolmore Classic at Rosehill. The John O'Shea-trained favourite has drawn stall eight in a field of 13 in her attempt to become the first 3-year-old filly to win the race since 2009. The attractive dark bay has risen through the ranks, winning her maiden over 1200 metres at Warwick Farm Nov. 11 and adding a benchmark 73 handicap at Rosehill Nov. 28. She returned with a comeback win in the G2 Coolmore Surround S. over a half-furlong shorter than Saturday's trip at Randwick Feb. 27. She faces her stiffest task to date, as she encounters some smart older mares.



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One such opponent is the 5-year-old **Solicit (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}), drawn in gate six and conceding the favourite 13 pounds in the weights. Gerald Ryan's filly showed her well-being at Randwick Feb. 27, winning the G2 Guy Walter S. in which the re-opposing **Zanbagh (Aus)** (Bernardini), **Peeping (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), **Vergara (Aus)** (Snippetson {Aus}), **Tinto (Aus)** (Red Dazzler {Aus}), **Slightly Sweet (Aus)** (Charge Forward {Aus}) and **Amicus (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) all finished behind.

Chris Waller has yet to win the Coolmore Classic and relies on two relative longshots to break the hoodoo Saturday. One is Amicus, a former Group 1 winner and Waller is keen to forgive her last performance. "She was disappointing last start, but she had no luck whatsoever, put a line through that," said Waller.

The trainer is also upbeat on the chances of his other charge **Telepathic (NZ)** (Mossman {Aus}) last seen running second to First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the G2 Millie Fox S. at Rosehill Feb. 20. "She is a knockout chance. Her run behind First Seal three weeks ago was fantastic. She should get a lovely run and she should be in the finish," added Waller.

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 4:10 p.m. (12:10 a.m. EST)
COOLMORE CLASSIC-G1, A\$600,000 (£317,045/€409,393), 3yo/up, f/m, 1500mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Zanbagh (Aus)	Bernardini	O'Hara	Thompson	112
2	Pearls (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Costin	O'Shea	110
3	Telepathic (NZ)	Mossman (Aus)	Collett	Waller	114
4	Azkadellia (NZ)	Shinko King (Ire)	Prebble	Maher	117
5	Vergara (Aus)	Snippetson (Aus)	Moor	A Cummings	112
6	Solicit (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	McEvoy	Ryan	123
7	Lucia Valentina (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	McDonald	Lees	128
8	Ghisoni (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Brown	O'Shea	110
9	Tinto (Aus)	Red Dazzler (Aus)	Browne	Lipp	121
10	Peeping (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Clipperton	Quinton	118
11	Slightly Sweet (Aus)	Charge Forward (Aus)	Ford	Coyle	112
12	Amicus (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Clark	Waller	122
13	Politeness (Aus)	Street Sense	Berry	Smerdon	125



Thursday Cancellations
 Al Ain (all races)
 (inclement weather)

STIFF PENALTIES IN LIL CAESAR CASE

Richard Callander and Liam Prior have been disqualified for six months by Racing NSW Stewards over the sale of **Lil Caesar (Aus)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) to Hong Kong. Media personality and managing part-owner of the horse, Callander, was fined A\$10,000 on top of his ban as the 'orchestrator' of the decision to withhold part of the sales proceeds. Both men were found guilty of keeping a commission from the sale of the horse



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unbeknownst to the other syndicate members. Jockey Glynn Schofield who acted as 'broker' in the deal, but who is not permitted from purchasing or selling bloodstock due to his status as a licensed jockey, was fined

A\$20,000, the amount he received for his part in the process. Lil Caesar was sold for A\$200,000 but the owners were told the amount was A\$140,000 with syndicate manager Callander and Prior splitting the balance of the proceeds as commission. Lil Caesar has since been renamed Lucky Year (Aus) In Hong Kong where he has won four times and earned over A\$700,000 in prizemoney.

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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 3-year-old colts and geldings.

The first Group 1 for 3-year-old colts of the Sydney Autumn racing season produced the same exacta as the prep race, but the placings were reversed. Last year's G1 Caulfield Guineas



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hero **Press Statement (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) was too strong in the Feb. 20 1400-metre G2 Hobartville S., coming home over two lengths clear of the gelding **Le Romain (Aus)** (Hard Spun), and as such was sent off a short price for the Mar. 5

1600-metre Group 1 Randwick Guineas at around 0.30 despite a wide barrier.

In the event, Press Statement's rider Hugh Bowman did well to get him into a good position in the run, but at the business end he was locked up for longer than ideal and unable to get to Le Romain, who had already powered away and held on by a neck. Le Romain is the first Group 1 winner in Australia for shuttler Hard Spun (Danzig), who is also responsible for 11 other stakes winners Down Under.

The same day at Randwick saw Godolphin produce the first 3-year-old Group 1 winner of the season to defeat the older horses, when **Holler (Aus)** (Commands {Aus}) produced a pillar-to-post display to take the Group 1 Canterbury S. over 1300 metres. Holler had previously scored a Group 2 win against the older horses, but defeating this strong field including minor place-getters Group 1 winners First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock) and Kermadec (NZ) (Teofilo {Ire}), took him to another level again. He was well-rated in front by James McDonald, and while he will find himself more pressured than this in future, he is a highly-progressive colt.

On the same day as the Randwick Guineas in Sydney, the top Melbourne-based 3-year-olds took their places in the Group 1 Australian Guineas over 1600 metres at Flemington. After losing



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the G3 CS Hayes S. two weeks earlier in a particularly controversial inquiry regarding interference over four furlongs from home, **Palentino (Aus)** (Teofilo {Ire}) made amends in a thrilling victory. Once again he had to endure an

inquiry, this time the stewards dismissing the protest. Palentino is the eighth stakes winner for his sire in Australia, and the third at Group-1 level following Kermadec (third to the aforementioned Holler in the Canterbury S.) and Queensland Derby winner Sonntag (Aus).

Runner-up in the Australian Guineas was Group 1 VRC Derby winner **Tarzino (NZ)** (Tavistock), who ran an outstanding trial for the G1 Australian Derby to be run at Randwick Apr. 2, the first day of The Championships. An unusual sprinting son of Montjeu (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), Tavistock has been producing stock much more in line with his own sire, and looks a staying stallion of considerable potential. Based at Cambridge Stud in New Zealand, Tavistock's service fee more than doubled to NZ\$15,000 in 2015, and he looks another very good classic-distance stallion for this historic nursery, which also stood the great Zabeel (NZ) (Sir Tristram {GB}), twice champion stallion in Australia and a four-time champion in New Zealand. **Cont. p9**

Australian Review by James Harron Bloodstock Cont.

Top of the tree in terms of ratings amongst the 3-year-olds colts is Godolphin's imposing Lonhro (Aus) (Octagonal {NZ}) colt, **Exosphere (Aus)**. He, along with fellow 3-year-old **Japonisme (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}) lined up against the older sprinters in the 1000-metre G1 Lightning S. at Flemington Feb 20. A race up the straight course, it was one where the field split in two, with Exosphere following 50/1 shot Va Pensiero (Stratum) up the middle, while the remainder came more stands' side. As the race, and indeed the whole day, unfolded, it turned out that the stands' side was the place to be, and Exosphere turned in a creditable effort to be fourth, beaten just over a length and half by winner Chautauqua (Aus) (Encosta de Lago), who produced a barnstorming effort to come from last to first.



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Japonisme had Exosphere's measure when winning the G1 Coolmore Stud S. over 1200 metres on this track last Spring, and was again ahead of his rival in this race, running an outstanding third behind Chautauqua and Terravista, both well established sprinters at the very highest level. The score between Exosphere and the gelding Japonisme now sits at two a piece, and looks like a rivalry which will carry on well into the Autumn, though both will have their work cut out to reverse placings with Chautauqua, who was outstanding here.

Slipper Top 5...

Undoubtedly the most important race in Australasian breeding, the G1 Longines Golden Slipper takes place next week at Rosehill Mar. 19. Here we run through the top 5 in the order they stand in most pre-post markets.

EXTREME CHOICE (AUS) - current odds just under 2/1
Not a Single Doubt (Aus)--Extremely (Aus), by Hussonet
Trainer: Mick Price

As discussed last week, an impressive winner of the G1 Blue Diamond S. at Caulfield, Extreme Choice has tightened his grip on the Golden Slipper without leaving his box. After chief market rival Capitalist was unable to catch Kiss and Make Up in the G2 Todman S. at Randwick Mar. 5, Extreme Choice pulled further ahead at the top of the market. He is entered to barrier trial at Rosehill Monday, Mar. 14, but will reportedly skip this to gallop on the Rosehill course proper Tuesday. It was also recently announced that his dam, Extremely, will be offered for sale at the Inglis Australian Broodmare Sale May 1-4, carrying a full sibling. She is an unraced Hussonet mare, in turn out of the Canadian Grade 2 winner Going to Extremes (Nasty and Bold).

FLYING ARTIE (AUS) - current odds 5/1
Artie Schiller--Flying Ruby (Aus), by Rubiton (Aus)
Trainer: Mick Price

The week since Flying Artie's runner-up effort behind Extreme Choice saw his odds shorten much like his stablemate's after connections stumped up the A\$150,000 required to secure a late supplementary entry. Like his stablemate, Flying Artie galloped the Sydney clockwise direction at their Caulfield base last week and will travel to Sydney Thursday, Mar. 10 to also gallop on the Rosehill course proper Tuesday Mar. 15. Flying Artie is a son of the Tasmanian Listed winner Flying Ruby, who was also three-times Group 3 placed in Melbourne. She is in turn out of a half-sister to Better Loosen Up (Aus) (Loosen Up {GB}), one of the best horses to grace the Australian turf, seven times a domestic Group 1 winner and a heroic winner of the 2000 G1 Japan Cup.

KISS AND MAKE UP (AUS)- current odds 7/1
More Than Ready--Fashions Afield (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus)

Trainer: Gai Waterhouse

A new entry this week after his upset of 1-5 favourite Capitalist in the G2 Todman S. at Randwick Mar. 5, unbeaten Kiss and Make Up looks a colt peaking at precisely the right time. His breeder and part-owner John Singleton very publicly fell out with champion trainer Gai Waterhouse following the run of his multiple Group 1 winner More Joyous (NZ) (More Than Ready) in the G1 All Aged S. of 2013 and this colt is named (by Waterhouse) for their reconciliation after Waterhouse paid A\$150,000 for him at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in 2015, with Singleton retaining a share. Waterhouse has trained three of the last four winners of the Golden Slipper and looks to have another top contender on her hands with Kiss and Make Up, who ran an impressive time (over a second faster than the fillies on the same day) when handing Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Capitalist his first defeat in the Todman S., making all of the running in relentless fashion.

ASTERN (AUS) - current odds 10/1
Medaglia d'Oro--Essaouira (Aus), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)
Trainer: John o'Shea

Another that was due to run in the Todman S., Astern was a late scratching after a blood test taken in the week preceding was not to the satisfaction of his connections. He has since demonstrated his well-being with a polished performance in a Warwick barrier trial Mar. 10, in a time of :47.40 for the 804 metres, the fastest of the four 2-year-old heats. He is a half-brother to the smart stakes-placed sprinter Mogador (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}), with his granddam being Alizes, a winner of the G2 Magic Night S., the final Golden Slipper lead up for the fillies (this year's edition takes place Mar. 12 at Rosehill). **Cont. p10**

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CAPITALIST (AUS) - current odds around 10/1

Written Tycoon (Aus)--Kitalpha (NZ), by Fusaichi Pegasus

Trainer: Peter & Paul Snowden

'TDN Rising Star' Capitalist lost his unbeaten record, and position nearer the top of the Golden Slipper betting when runner-up to Kiss and Make Up in the G2 Todman S. at Randwick Mar 5. Sitting outside the leader early, Capitalist was keen in his run and unable to catch his race-fit rival in the straight. Capitalist will be attempting to repeat the feat of Sepoy, another Peter Snowden trainee to be defeated in the Todman S. and return two weeks later to take out the Golden Slipper. He will also be attempting to become the first colt to complete the Magic Millions 2YO Classic - Golden Slipper double, twice achieved by geldings, including most recently by Phelan Ready, another to finish second in the Todman.



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A scholarship for young eventing riders, established in the memory of Olivia Inglis, has been set up by Equestrian New South Wales through the Australian Sports Foundation, reported Australian sales company Inglis Thursday. Announced during the



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Equestrian New South Wales annual awards dinner, the Scone Horse Trials Organising Committee initiated the fundraising by donating the remainder of prizemoney from the March 2016 event for the memorial fund scholarship. Olivia Inglis passed away during an eventing competition

Mar. 6. She was 17.

"We are delighted that Equestrian NSW in conjunction with the Australian Sports Foundation will administer this fund," said Blair Richardson, President of Scone Horse Trials during the awards dinner. "The scholarship will be awarded at the Equestrian NSW Annual Awards held in March each year, to help young riders in the sport of eventing. These riders can use the funding to obtain extra lessons, or schooling, to help them in their career over the coming years."

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