

EXPECTATIONS HIGH AHEAD OF OBS MARCH



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by Brian DiDonato

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale kicks off Tuesday at 11 a.m. with the first of two days of selling. A total of 611 juveniles were cataloged for 2016, continuing on with the decision last year to expand the catalog by about a third and making it an open sale. As of Monday afternoon, 92 hips had been withdrawn.

"It's a great mix of quality horses and levels of horses for all different buyers," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "It's a very good catalog. It has depth, and it has breadth to it, for sure."

A total of \$55,432,000 changed hands at last year's OBS March sale for an average of \$170,560 and a median of \$105,000. Conquest Stables was leading buyer with five purchases totaling \$3,160,000, while Eddie Woods led all consignors with 26 head racking up \$7,117,000 in gross receipts.

Topping last year's auction was a \$1.4-million Bernardini colt consigned by Steve Venosa's SGV Thoroughbreds. The close relative to MGISW To Honor and Serve (Bernardini) and GISW Angela Renee (Bernardini) was acquired by Live Oak Plantation. Other notable graduates from last year's sale include MSW and GISP 'TDN Rising Star' Constellation (Bellamy Roady), who was scooped up by agents Alex Solis II and Jason Litt on behalf of LNJ Foxwoods for \$800,000 out of the Northwest Stud consignment; and **Acapulco** (Scat Daddy), a McKathan Bros.-consigned filly who went for \$750,000 to Coolmore's M. V. Magnier. **Cont. p3**

HENDERSON 'SUDDENLY' BACK ON THE SCENE by Ben Massam

Things are looking up for "Sonny" Henderson. After recently overcoming bouts with leukemia and heart trouble, the West Texas businessman--more formally known as Samuel F. Henderson--has his mind back on the things he enjoys: ranching, playing the stock market, and most of all, racing horses.

And what a racehorse he has in **Suddenbreakingnews** (Mineshaft). The consistent gelding burst on to the scene with a powerful last-to-first rally to capture Oaklawn Park's Feb. 15 Gill Southwest S.--an effort that gave Henderson his first graded stakes triumph and stamped Suddenbreakingnews as a serious contender on the road to the GI Kentucky Derby. **Cont. p8**

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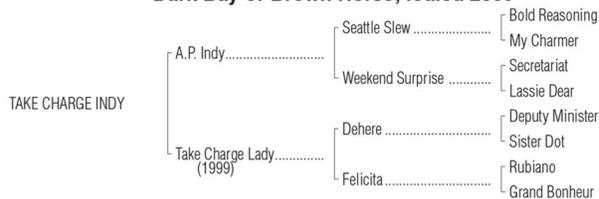
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1st dam TAKE CHARGE LADY, by Dehere. 11 wins in 22 starts, 2 to 4, \$2,480,377, Ashland S. [G1] (KEE, \$345,805), Overbrook Spinster S. [G1] (KEE, \$338,520) twice, Walmac International Alcibiades S. [G2], Fair Grounds Oaks [G2] (FG, \$210,000), Arlington Matron H. [G3] (AP, \$90,000), etc. Broodmare of the year in 2013. Dam of 7 foals, 6 winners, including--

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Charming (f. by Seeking the Gold). Winner at 3, \$43,155. Dam of--
TAKE CHARGE BRANDI (f. by Giant's Causeway). 5 wins at 2 and 3, 2015, \$1,692,126, champion 2-year-old filly, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies [G1] (SA, \$1,100,000), Starlet S. [G1] (LRC, \$210,000), Delta Downs Princess S. [G3] (DED, \$240,000), Martha Washington S. [L] (OP, \$60,000), etc. Elarose (f. by Storm Cat). Placed at 3, \$15,417. Dam of 3 foals, 1 to race--
Intelligence (g. by Shakespeare). Winner at 3, 2015, \$48,675, 3rd New York Derby-R (FL, \$16,075).

2nd dam FELICITA, by Rubiano. Unraced. Half-sister to **Northern Tryst** [G1] (Total: \$51,675), **Zarbyev** (\$38,471, sire). Dam of 5 winners, including--

TAKE CHARGE LADY (f. by Dehere). Black-type winner, above.
COMMENDATION (g. by Capote). 7 wins, 2 to 6, \$315,738, Bourbon County II S. [L] (KEE, \$69,936), 2nd Jersey Derby [G3] (MTH, \$20,000), etc.
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Acapulco would go on to annex Royal Ascot's G2 Queen Mary S. before finishing second against open, older competition in the G1 Coolmore Nunthorpe S. at York. **Gomo** (Uncle Mo), acquired for just \$75,000 by agent Dennis O'Neill out of the Eddie Woods draft, subsequently took Keeneland's GI Darley Alcibiades S. for Reddam Racing.

The March sale comes shortly after the passing of Norman Casse, an OBS co-founder and former chairman of the board. Casse's son Mark has been one of the most active buyers at this sale in recent years, and son Justin has a seven-horse consignment.

"Norman's ties to OBS were strong and many--he touched a lot of people in this community, and helped a lot of people," said Wojciechowski. "Mark, and all of Norman's sons, are still a big part of this community here. The successes that Mark has seen at the racetrack--he's a hometown boy--and Norman was a big part of that."

Buyers and Sellers Share Positive Outlook...

A trio of juveniles recorded overall bullet eighth-of-a-mile breezes during the under-tack previews, which were held last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. An Adios Charlie colt ([hip 322](#)) consigned by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables, Inc.; a City Zip

colt ([hip 449](#)) offered by Hal Hatch's Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent III; and a son of Kantharos ([hip 606](#)) from the de Meric Sales draft were clocked in that time.

Three horses earned the overall fastest quarter-mile clocking of :22 2/5: [hip 257](#), a filly by The Factor from Eddie Woods, Agent III; [hip 532](#), a son of Frost Giant offered by Dormellito Stud Sales; and [hip 558](#), a Twirling Candy filly consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XIX.

"There's a wonderful cross-section of horses here at OBS, which really caters to all levels of buyer, from the very top end, all the way down to good, solid racehorses and everything in between," said consignor Nick de Meric. "I would expect the catalog to draw a wide range of buyers, and I hope it will show the depth that it has in recent years. I feel very positive about this market going into it. We had perfect conditions for three days of breezing, we had some exceptionally good workouts across the board, and I think all the stars look like they could be aligned for a sensational sale."

Veteran bloodstock agent Pete Bradley shares positive expectations on the heels of robust trade at the Fasig-Tipton Florida sale Mar. 2.

"I thought Fasig-Tipton Florida was a very solid sale," Bradley noted. "People were there trying to buy horses, instead of trying to find reasons not to buy them. I think that's going to carry over

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HIP 127	:10.2
HIP 141	:10.2
HIP 224	:10.2
HIP 250	:10.2
HIP 304	:21.1
HIP 349	:10.2
HIP 351	:10.2
HIP 387	:21.2
HIP 396	:10.2
HIP 468	:10 FLAT
HIP 498	:10 FLAT
HIP 568	:10.1
HIP 586	:10.2

into this market and I just see it strengthening again and moving forward. I think it's going to be a *really* good sale."

Consignor J.B. McKathan added, "I think it'll be more of the same--the high end will be really good, and there will be something that you call the middle, but it's not really what it used to be. The thing is, there will be the occasional runner from the middle or the lower end that will turn out to be a really good racehorse. That's kind of what makes this whole thing work for everybody. A guy can pay a bunch of money and get a really nice horse, but sometimes a guy can pay not a lot of money and still end up with a really nice horse."

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What They're Saying...

"I know there were a lot of fast works, and sometimes people equate that to a rock-hard racetrack and being unsafe, but there was no humidity and a tailwind [during the breeze shows]. The track was very quick, but not dangerous. All of our horses post-breeze X-rays have all checked out fine. Hopefully, the buyers will be able to find what they're looking for." -**consignor Dr. Barry Eisaman**

"With so many horses having gone fast, and with the track staying consistent, I think it's going to be more of a horse show than a breeze show."

"The great thing for us, is that they transferred their form from the dirt at home to the synthetic [track at OBS]. We really didn't see anything make a huge jump up from how they trained at home to how they trained here. The ones who were nice horses at home were nice horses here." -**consignor Ciaran Dunne**

"This is a bread-and-butter sale. The March and April sales now are just top of the line. Everybody has to come here. You can't be serious about owning racehorses if you're not at these sales. There's just no way... There are just too many good horses on the racetrack that have come from these sales. They're here--you just have to work to find them." - **consignor Niall Brennan**

"There are plenty of people here... and the right people. It should be a very good horse sale." -**consignor Jimmy Crupi**

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Hip 15, c, Scat Daddy--Holdontoyourdream, by Proud Citizen

Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent

This \$450,000 FTSAUG purchase by J & B Stables--the highest-priced yearling in the entire OBSMAR catalogue--breezed :10 at the under-tack show. His graded stakes-placed dam is a half-sister to GSW Liam's Dream (Saint Liam).

18, f, Bernardini--Home Sweet Aspen, by Candy Ride (Arg)

Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent II

"She's got a lovely pedigree--she's by a red-hot sire in Bernardini, and she had a very nice breeze (:21 1/5)," consignor Nick de Meric said of this daughter of GISW Home Sweet Aspen, who was purchased by Gary Contessa for \$350,000 at Keeneland September. "She'll provide a lot of fun for whoever

ends up with her and will have tremendous residual value when her racing days are over."

31, c, Quality Road--Inventive, by Dixie Union

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent IX

A \$140,000 FTKJUL pick-up by Bradley Thoroughbreds, this son of MSP Inventive was clocked in :20 4/5.

Hip 25, c, Tapit--Indian Way, by Indian Charlie

Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent

Out of My Juliet S. winner and GI Prioress S. third-place finisher Indian Way, this \$400,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition worked in :10 1/5 at the under-tack show.

57, c, Gemologist--Kick'em Jenny, by Bold Executive

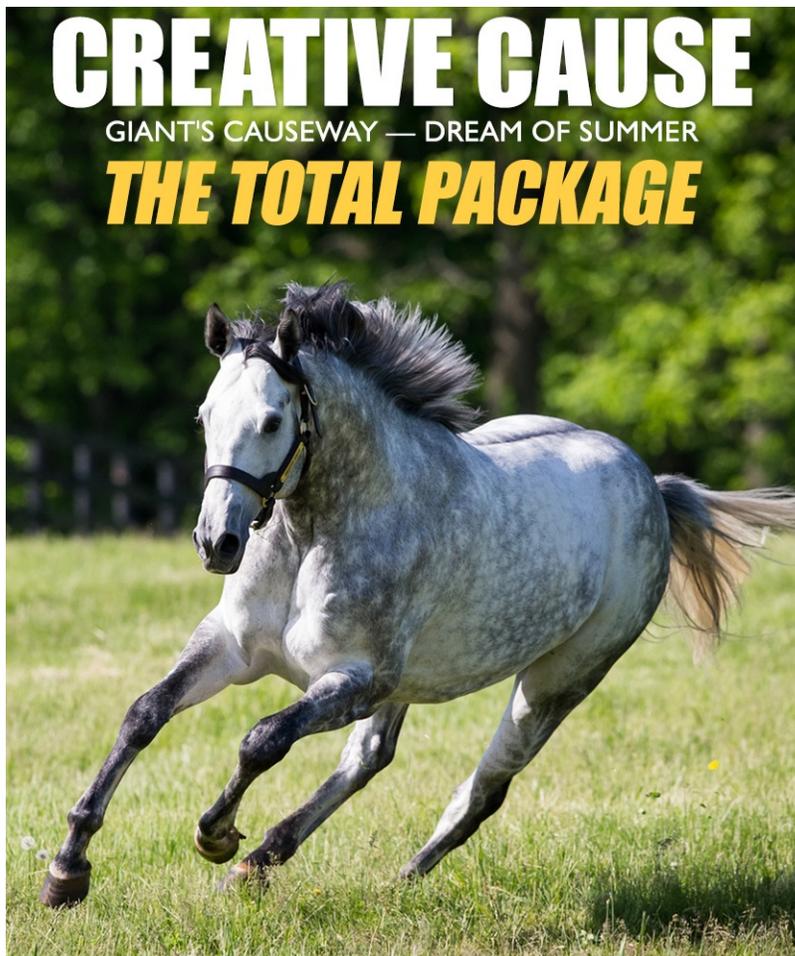
Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent for Golden Legacy Stables

A \$45,000 KEESEP acquisition, this Ontario-bred covered a furlong in :10 flat. "He's precocious, good-looking, and has the turn-of-foot to go with his looks," said Nick de Meric. "He's one who looks like you could rock right on with."

Hip 84, c, Tapit--Lindsay's Way, by Giant's Causeway

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Hip 84, the first foal out of an unraced half-sister to GISW



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Startac (Theatrical {Ire}), covered an eighth in [:10 1/5](#). Bred in Kentucky by Gainesway, he RNA'd for \$535,000 as a KEESEP yearling. "He's big and beautiful--a quick, sound horse," consignor Dr. Barry Eisaman commented.

[92, c, Super Saver--Lunargal, by Yes It's True](#)

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent IX

This [:20 3/5](#) breezer is out of stakes-winning juvenile Lunargal, a half to graded stakes-winning 2-year-olds Lunarpal (Successful Appeal) and Astrology (A.P. Indy) and a full to another stakes-winning juvenile in Lunarlady. "He's just trained exceptionally all winter for [consignor] Eddie [Woods]," said Pete Bradley, who acquired the colt for \$80,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale. "Not that we ever set him down, but he always showed that he had some speed, and the ability he has to carry it makes him a really special horse."

[101, c, War Front--Maryfield, by Elusive Quality](#)

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XX

Out of Maryfield, winner of the first Eclipse Award for champion female sprinter after annexing the GI Ballerina S. and inaugural running of the Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint in 2007, this son of top sire War Front was a \$150,000 Fasig-Tipton July purchase by Mosaic Racing. He covered a quarter mile in [:20 3/5](#) Wednesday.

[Hip 118, c, Bernardini--Miss Kate, by Storm Cat](#)

Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent

Produced by a stakes-placed half-sister to MGISW Clear Mandate (Deputy Minister), this Apr. 5 foal stopped the timer in [:10](#). The bay, a half-brother to two stakes winners, was acquired for \$70,000 as a KEESEP yearling by B. L. B.

[Hip 124, f, More Than Ready--Miss Valiant, by Valiant Nature](#)

Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XXIV

This half-sister to SW Fearsome (Speightstown) breezed an eighth in [:9 4/5](#).

[Hip 136, c, Lemon Drop Kid--Motokiks, by Storm Cat](#)

Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XXIV

Hip 136 ([:10](#) flat breeze) is a half to multiple graded stakes-winning turfers Keertana (Johar) and Snow Top Mountain (Najran), as well as GSW and 'TDN Rising Star' Diversy Harbor (Curlin). "He's probably got one of the best pedigrees in the book," Ciaran Dunne said of the \$270,000 KEEJAN short yearling purchase by Joe Minor's JSM Equine. "The mare's a blue hen--it's very hard to produce as many good ones as she has, but it looks like she's done it again."

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Hip 145, f, [Into Mischief](#)--Narrate, by Medaglia d'Oro

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent IV

A \$200,000 KEESEP RNA and \$160,000 FTKOCT yearling, this Ontario-bred filly breezed in [:10](#). Her dam is a half to Caren (Society's Chairman), who dominated Woodbine's juvenile filly restricted stakes ranks last season and who was third in the G2 Natalma S.

Hip 171, c, [Gemologist](#)--Penny Marie, by Sky Classic

Consigned by Julie Davies, Agent II

Hailing from the first crop of the 2012 GI Wood Memorial S. winner, the gray fired a [:9 4/5](#) bullet during the first of three breeze shows. The son of Penny Marie, MSW & MGSP, \$351,830, brought \$80,000 from Hot Scot Racing at last year's FTSAUG sale. Click [here](#) for a ThoroStride video.

Hip 178, f, [Maclean's Music](#)--Placerita, by Gilded Time

Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, agent

From the first crop of brilliantly fast 'TDN Rising Star' Maclean's Music, hip 178 was a \$50,000 KEEJAN short yearling turned \$117,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-bred graduate. She worked the co-quickest furlong on day one of the breeze show, stopping the clock in [:9 4/5](#).

182, c, [Curlin](#)--Polly Alexander (Ire), by Foxhound

Consigned by Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC, agent

This chestnut colt leveled off nicely in a [:21](#) flat quarter-mile breeze Wednesday. Out of a half-brother to Gil Del Mar Derby winner Medici Code (GB) (Medicean {GB}), he was a \$110,000 KEESEP yearling.

Hip 210, c, [Into Mischief](#)--Ribbon Taffy, by Hard Spun

Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent

This \$85,000 KEESEP yearling purchase covered an eighth in a snappy [:9 4/5](#) at the breeze show. He is the first foal from a half-sister to MSW & GSP Barrier Reef (Mizzen Mast).

221, c, [Wildcat Heir](#)--Sacred Jewel, Saint Ballado

Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent I

This speedy son of the late Wildcat Heir breezed in [:9 4/5](#). "He's just exactly what he looks like," said Nick de Meric, who picked up the Florida-bred for \$52,000 at OBS August last year. "He's just as smooth and balanced a colt as you could ever hope to see, and has the size to suggest that he could stretch out and not hit a wall at six furlongs."

Hip 241, c, [Forestry](#)--Seek to Dance, by Gone West

Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent

This Eisaman homebred zipped through an eighth in [:9 4/5](#). His second dam MGSW Rabiadella (Dynaformer) has produced four stakes winners, including 2009 OBSMAR topper El Kingdom (El Prado {Ire}). Seek to Dance was picked up for \$70,000 while carrying this son of Forestry in utero at the 2013 KEENOV sale. "He's quite athletic and quite quick," consignor Dr. Barry Eisaman said.

Hip 267, c, [Bodemeister](#)--Smarty Deb, by Smart Strike

Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent

This son of the 2012 GI Arkansas Derby winner and GI Kentucky Derby runner-up brought \$155,000 as a KEESEP yearling. His multiple stakes winning dam is a half-sister to the pride of Emerald Downs Stopshoppingdebbie (Curlin), who won the first nine starts of her career. Smarty Deb's 4-year-old Tapit colt was impressive overcoming trouble to break maiden at Fair Grounds last week. Hip 267 breezed in [:10](#). "It seems like people are really liking the Bodemeisters, and they are really looking the part on the track," consignor Randy Hartley said.

275, c, [Uncle Mo](#)--Song Track, by Dixieland Band

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent IV

This \$90,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling is by none other than sire sensation Uncle Mo. He worked in [:10](#) flat. "Uncle Mo kind of speaks for himself right now, and he's a lovely horse," consignor Niall Brennan offered.

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290, c, Tapizar--Starlight Lady, by Elusive Quality

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Tapizar has been one of the more talked-about freshman sires this season, and this colt breezed an eighth in [:9 4/5](#). The \$115,000 Hal Hatch KEESEP buy is a grandson of MGSW Colcon (Pleasant Colony) from the family of MGISW Flying Continental.

Hip 293, c, Curlin--Stars Indy Skies, A.P. Indy

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This \$110,000 KEESEP yearling purchase stopped the clock for an eighth in a very good-looking [:9 4/5](#). His second dam is MGSW Advancing Star (Soviet Star). "He's the standout colt of our group," consignor Dr. Barry Eisaman commented. "He worked extremely well and is extremely athletic. All of the professional clockers thought that he had one of the top gallop-outs in the entire sale. He's a very good one."

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Henderson 'Suddenly' Back on the Scene, cont. from p1

Like many who watched the race, Henderson said that he and his wife of five years, Helen, were amazed to see their colorbearer sweep past all 13 of his rivals to win going away by 2 3/4 lengths [\[video\]](#).

"He's got a tremendous turn of foot [and] it's just unbelievable how fast this horse can kick it," Henderson remarked. "I couldn't believe it. I was watching him [at Oaklawn] when he came around, and he got about halfway in front of the stands and my wife was with me, and I said, 'Honey, we're getting ready to win this race. Our horse is running over these horses on the outside!' And boy was he."

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racehorses on and off since the 1970s. A graduate of Texas Christian University and Southern Methodist University, he began his professional career as a stockbroker in Dallas, but quickly moved on to orchestrating oil deals after the market went south in the 60s. Henderson founded five oil and gas fields



"Sonny" Henderson | Coady Photography

in Texas before he turned 30 years old, and continued with the successful business for over a decade before transitioning into the ranching sector.

After becoming fascinated with horse racing from a young age during numerous trips to Hot Springs, a venture into the equine industry was only logical for the

prosperous Texan. And even with the passage of time, years of ownership and a battle with numerous health issues, Henderson admitted that he was still eager to "play again" in 2014, when he developed a plan to rebuild his stable.

"I got well--I had heart trouble and leukemia, and everything

in the world happened to me," said Henderson. "But the Lord blessed me, and I've got all of this in remission now. I wanted to go back to the horses, so I went back to them. I decided I'd play the middle end [of sales], where the good horses usually are."

Suddenbreakingnews was just the second of 17 yearlings Henderson acquired with help from advisors Ivan Thompson, Bob Austin and Jim Wells over a two-year period upon his return to good health. Henderson recalled that, although he recognized potential in the Mineshaft yearling's pedigree, it was the trusted eyes of Thompson and Austin who pushed him forward to make the winning bid of \$72,000 in Book 4 of the Keeneland September Sale.

"Ivan and Bob found him," the owner acknowledged. "I was flying in [to Lexington] on my airplane [and] I walked in just as we were buying this horse, and I didn't really like him. I gave him to Bob for two or three months, and Bob put a lot of weight on him, and the next time I saw him, I didn't



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recognize him. He's just a big Thoroughbred horse that shows he can go two turns. I'm used to Quarter Horses and speed horses in this country, but when I saw him, he really changed my mind. I really like him."

Signifying a new beginning in more ways than one for Henderson, Suddenbreakingnews's game performances on the racetrack led his owner to begin thinking of him as a "throwback." The Donnie Von Hemel trainee notched three wins and two narrowly beaten runner-up finishes from five appearances as a juvenile, including a score in the seven-furlong Clever Trevor S. at Remington Park Nov. 6. Following his initial graded stakes success in the 1 1/16-mile Southwest, Henderson admitted that he felt validated for honing in on a stamina-laden pedigree that included the likes of two-time G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Alleged, the sire of Suddenbreakingnews's second dam, GSW & MGISP Party Cited.

"This horse runs like the old-timer horses, the distance horses and the horses that come out of Europe," said Henderson. "If you look at his pedigree, he has horses like Alleged in there, and the mares Party Cited and [MGISW] Composure. I play the bottom line more than I play the top side. I liked his bloodlines."

As such, the successful businessman said he sees no reason why the star of the stable will not continue to excel as he is

asked to navigate longer distances on a path that will likely include appearances in Saturday's GII Rebel S. and the Apr. 16 GI Arkansas Derby over nine furlongs.

"This is a very unique horse [because] we all look for these horses that have a quick turn of foot, but there aren't many around," explained Henderson. "I think the further this horse goes, the better he's going to get."

Despite devoting much of his time to renewed investments in the stock market and a ranching business that breeds brangus cattle, Henderson has already penciled in trips to the racetrack on the weekends when Suddenbreakingnews is slated to compete. Additionally, he has 15 other horses currently being broken or trained, some of which will go to his "number-one man" Donnie Von Hemel at Oaklawn Park.

Henderson has also been busy fielding calls from roughly 10



Suddenbreakingnews's connections after the Southwest | Coady Photography

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CROWN QUEEN (f. by Smart Strike). 4 wins in 6 starts at 3, \$593,000, Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. [G1] (KEE, \$300,000), Knob Creek Lake Placid S. [G2] (SAR, \$180,000).

Carnival Court (f. by Street Sense). 2 wins at 3, \$161,662, 3rd Alabama S. [G1] (SAR, \$60,000).

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different people offering to purchase Suddenbreakingnews. But given his renewed love for the horses and the business, Henderson wants to hold on and continue the ride—a decision that comes with new perspective just a few years after getting back in the game.

"The Lord blessed us with this horse," Henderson concluded. "We're really indebted to the man upstairs, and we've really enjoyed this horse. I just hope he stays together and keeps getting better. I hope he has a good career and a good life."

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



DANZING CANDY BLAZES THE TRAIL FOR HIS SIRE

Of the owners whose hopefuls set out on the road to the Kentucky Derby, some come to identify with the Beatles' lyrics for "The Long and Winding Road." All too many are indeed destined to shed "a pool of tears," but the connections of Destin and Danzing Candy have every reason to be joyful at this

comparatively early stage.

These two both collected 50 of the 85 Kentucky Derby points on offer in each of last Saturday's Grade II trials, the [Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby](#) and the [San Felipe S.](#) Destin and Danzing Candy now, respectively, rank second and fourth behind Mohaymen in the points race and both merit serious consideration.

Destin, after all, has now won three of his five starts, lowering the track record at Tampa. He is also a brother to Creative



Derby dreams: Destin as a yearling
Laura Donnell

Cause, the 2012 San Felipe winner who went on to finish a respectable fifth in the Derby, and these talented brothers can boast two Grade I-winning parents. It could also be in Destin's favor that the Tampa Bay Derby was won by Street Sense in the build-up to his Kentucky

Derby victory (that said, of the six subsequent Tampa Bay Derby winners which made it to Churchill Downs, only the 2009 third Musket Man has managed to reach the first nine). Super Saver, however, finished third in 2010 prior to winning at Churchill.

It is fair to say that the San Felipe has exerted a stronger

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"He's the best foal out of the mare and she's had some good ones. I've been doing this a long time and it's very unusual to have a foal like that. He's exceptional." – Charlie McKinlay on the Noble Mission foal out of Trappings, dam of two-year-old Champion She Be Wild



influence on the main event in recent years. California Chrome made it two Kentucky Derby winners in the space of 15 years when he followed in the footsteps of Fusaichi Pegasus two years ago and we have also seen Pioneerof the Nile finish second, Dortmund third and Medaglia d'Oro fourth. Another San Felipe winner--the 2001 winner Point Given--made amends for a



Twirling Candy | Brittlan Wall

disappointing Derby effort with success in the last two legs of the Triple Crown.

It therefore constitutes quite an achievement on Twirling Candy's part that he has sired a colt as promising as Danzing Candy in a first crop numbering fewer

than 100 foals--especially when this crop was sired at a fee no higher than \$15,000. His fee is again \$15,000 this year and demand has been high, following his feat of siring 25 individual winners from 45 2-year-old starters. Although none of them succeeded in winning a stakes race last year, no fewer than nine of them were stakes horses and only Uncle Mo finished above

Twirling Candy on the freshman sires' table.

The Lane's End resident is again providing the stiffest opposition to Uncle Mo among the second-crop sires, thanks not only to Danzing Candy, but also the stakes winners Twirling Cinnamon and Iron Rob.

As is usual for many young stallions, Twirling Candy didn't find it easy to maintain the initial support. He is credited with having 53 2-year-olds, sired at \$12,500, and 61 yearlings, sired at \$10,000.

Perhaps part of his difficulty was that he was in direct competition with Sidney's Candy, another Grade I Californian winner from Candy Ride's second crop. This winner of the Santa Anita Derby also started out at \$15,000 in 2012 (with a third Grade I-winning son, the Santa Anita H. winner Misremembered, also taking up stallion duties in Kentucky that year, but at a fee of \$7,500).

Fortunately for Twirling Candy, there was a terrific buzz about his young stock at the sales, especially at last year's 2-year-old sales. His figures included an average of \$186,000, a median of \$112,500 and a top price of \$630,000 (compared to Sidney's Candy's \$560,000). This stimulated demand for Twirling Candy's 2015 services to such an extent that he achieved a book of 154 mares, compared to 2013's 72 and 2014's 85. In other words, he

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For the record, Sidney's Candy also has his first graded stakes winner under his belt, in the GIII Palm Beach S. winner Converge, while Misremembered was represented last month by the Turf Paradise Derby winner Nightly News.

To get back to Danzing Candy, I initially found it a little concerning that this trail-blazing colt has Songandaprayer as his



Danzing Candy and Mike Smith
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broodmare sire (with this producing 5 x 5 inbreeding to Fappiano). Songandaprayer, you may recall, blasted out from the number one post in the 2001 Kentucky Derby and proceeded to set fractions of :22.25, :44.86 and 1:09.25 before fading to 13th. It is going to be interesting to see whether Danzing Candy's connections try to alter his

running style a little as the distances lengthen. As Songandaprayer showed, the excitement of Derby Day can make a front-runner go too fast too soon.

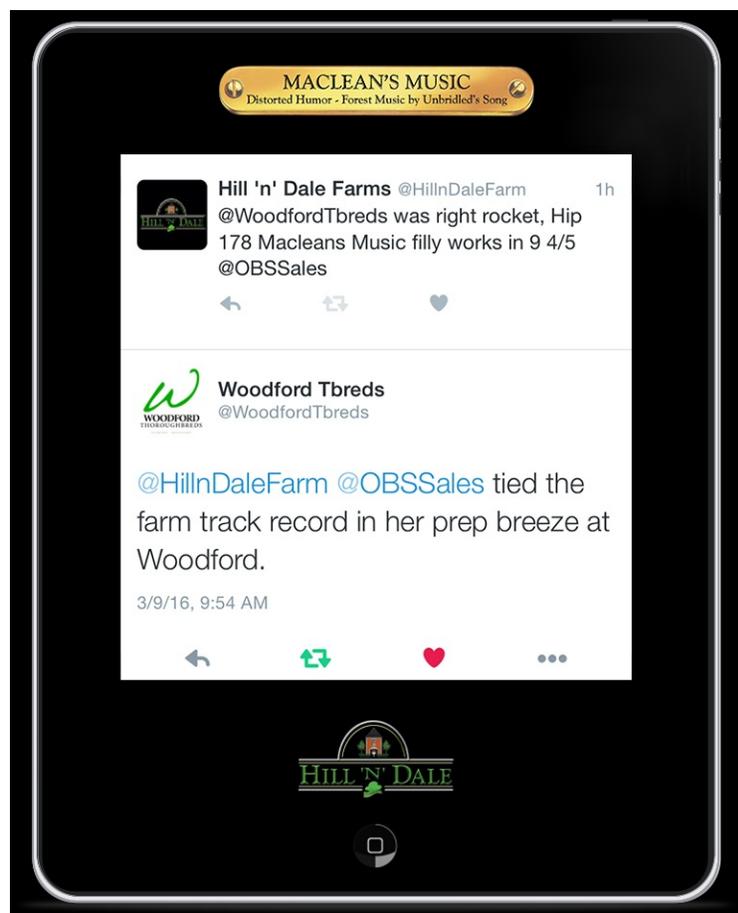
Fortunately, there is good reason for thinking that Danzing Candy will carry his speed further than Songandaprayer, even though Twirling Candy was fast enough to end his sophomore year with a record-setting victory in the GI Malibu S. over seven furlongs. The son of Candy Ride was no one-dimensional sprinter, as he had earlier won the GII Del Mar Derby over a mile and an eighth and he was campaigned exclusively over nine and 10 furlongs as a 4-year-old. Although he didn't quite manage to score over the Kentucky Derby distance, he was beaten only narrowly when third in the Hollywood Gold Cup and second in the Pacific Classic.

In fact he went down by only a head to Acclamation in the Pacific Classic--a race which eight years earlier had revealed the full extent of Candy Ride's talents. The Argentine import scored by more than three lengths from Medaglia d'Oro, while lowering the track record to 1:59.11. Twirling Candy's broodmare sire Chester House was also very much at home over a mile and a quarter.

With Candy Ride as his sire and Chester House as his broodmare sire, Twirling Candy could be said to be bred for stallion success. Candy Ride, of course, currently holds second place behind Tapit on the North American sires' table and he has firmly established himself as a consistent top-five stallion.

Chester House would probably have achieved something similar, had he lived longer. This son of Mr. Prospector was only eight when he died in 2003 and left only 223 foals. As many as 28 of these 223--13 percent--became black-type winners and Chester House's Average Earnings Index of 2.14 was considerably higher than his mares' Comparable Index.

Danzing Candy's dam Talkin And Singing failed to win in nine attempts but she has the distinction of being a half-sister to



Better Talk Now, who outran his pedigree to the extent that he earned more than \$4 million in winning the GI Breeders' Cup Turf and four other Grade I races.

Danzing Candy's third dam, the French-bred Bonne Note, was bred to stay pretty well. Her sire Bon Mot won the Arc and her dam Mandolina, a winner of the Prix de Minerve, was out of Folle Nuit, a Prix Vermeille winner who became a very good broodmare.

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DANZING CANDY, c, 2013

Twirling Candy	Candy Ride (Arg)	Ride the Rails	Cryptoclearance	
		Candy Girl (Arg)	Herbalesian	
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		Danzing Crown	City Girl	
Talkin and Singing 9-0-2-2 3FIs, 1GSW	Songandaprayer	Unbridled's Song	Mr. Prospector	
		Alizea	Toussaud	
	Bendita 19-5-6-2 9FIs, 1GSW 1SW	Baldski	Danzig	
		Bonne Note (Fr) 6FIs	Crownette	
			Unbridled	Trolley Song
				Premiership
			Fancy Medallion	
			Nijinsky II	
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			Bon Mot (Fr)	
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A HALL OF FAME VOTE FOR STEVE ASMUSSEN

When Steve Asmussen and his assistant Scott Blasi were accused in 2014 by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals of all sorts of nefarious deeds, I was among the many who thought he should never be inducted into the sport's Hall of Fame. His on-track accomplishments were more than enough to make him a slam dunk Hall of Famer, but the picture that PETA painted of him was an ugly one. He seemed completely unworthy of one of the sport's highest accomplishments, one in which character issues and the treatment of the animal must be considered.

Some two years later, we've all had time to digest the situation, further delve into the facts and hear from two racing commissions who investigated the charges made by PETA against Asmussen. We've moved well beyond the point where this was such a hot-button, controversial issue that caused a lot of us to rush to judgment.

Now, we're dealing with a situation where Asmussen has had

his day in court, we've all been able to take a deep breath, and Hall of Fame voters such as myself have had ample time to dissect the case against him and reconsider their positions. That's what I have done, and I'm happy to admit I had this one wrong. On Sunday, I filled out my Hall of Fame ballot and didn't hesitate to put the check mark next to Asmussen's name.



Steve Asmussen | Horsephotos

The easy part is deciding whether or not Asmussen has had enough success during his career to merit entry into the Hall of Fame. In that area, there is no debate. He is second among all trainers in

career wins and fourth in earnings. He holds the record for most wins in a year, which he accomplished in 2009 with 650.

If those numbers were largely piled up in claiming races or at lesser tracks they, alone, wouldn't be enough to get him into the Hall of Fame. But Asmussen, who does win an awful lot of races at the Retama Parks of the world, trained three straight Horse of the Year winners as **Curlin** (Smart Strike) won the title in 2007 and 2008 and **Rachel Alexandra** (Medaglia d'Oro) was named

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Horse of the Year in 2009. He's also won five Breeders' Cup races and two editions of the GI Kentucky Oaks.

He appeared all set to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2014 when his name was withdrawn from consideration because of the PETA allegations. That wasn't the wrong thing to do at the time, as it was important for all the facts to be gathered and for the Kentucky and New York racing commissions to complete their investigations before voters could make an informed decision about his candidacy.

With that process having been concluded, the Hall of Fame put Asmussen back on the ballot for this year. With no one doubting his credentials when it comes to his on-track accomplishments, voters must decide whether or not he has broken or bent the rules so much or in such a serious fashion that they don't believe he should be in the Hall of Fame.

The PETA investigation into the Asmussen barn was troubling, even though it dealt much more so with Blasi than Asmussen. There was talk about using batteries and the secretly recorded tapes lead one to believe that Asmussen ignored the rules when it came to proper documentation of his workers, many of them illegal immigrants. Worse yet, the tapes gave the impression that the well-being of the animal was not foremost in Asmussen's mind and that he didn't hesitate to take any edge he could to win a race, even if that wasn't in the best interests of the horse's health.

None of that shines a particularly good light on him or his organization, but nothing PETA captured on tape proved that he broke any rules. It should take a lot more than what PETA came up with to keep someone out of the Hall of Fame. It should take something like being a blatant cheater or someone who is guilty of animal cruelty. We all know PETA can go too far and in this instance they did. They painted Asmussen as the worst kind of person possible and didn't come close to having the evidence to back it up.

The Kentucky Racing Commission was the first to weigh in. In January, 2015 it found no evidence that Asmussen mistreated his horses. The Kentucky Commission stated that "PETA's allegations could not be substantiated" and concluded that Asmussen's horses "were well cared for." The Kentucky authorities took no action against Asmussen.

The New York Gaming Commission was next to have its say. They were a little tougher on Asmussen, fining him \$10,000 for administering synthetic thyroxine to horses. The other

allegations leveled by PETA against Asmussen were dismissed.

Asmussen has received two suspensions during his career for drug violations, one for lidocaine, another for mepivacaine. It's okay to argue that a trainer should never have any medication violations on their records, but in the grand scheme of things, those offenses are relatively minor, and certainly not something that should disqualify him from the Hall of Fame.

A total of only four, be they horses or humans, can be enshrined in the Hall of Fame in any given year. Those superstar mares **Rachel Alexandra** (Medaglio d'Oro) and **Zenyatta** (Street Cry {Ire}) are on my ballot and should be on everyone's. I also voted for jockey Ramon Dominguez, who was the best jockey in the country until his career was cut short by injury. Then there's Asmussen. You don't have to love him or even like him. But, sorry PETA, he has done nothing to justify keeping him out of the Hall of Fame.

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5th-SA, \$58,415, Msw, 3-12, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16.04, ft. SEVENTH SENSE (TUR) (c, 3, [City Zip](#)--No Dress Code, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0. \$33,945. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O-Arif Kurtel; B-Mozaik Sarapcilik Tr. Hy. San. Tic. Ltd. Sti (TUR); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

SEVENTH SENSE A FIRST FOR TURKEY

by Jessica Martini

A Turkish-bred sophomore winning a race at Santa Anita might sound unlikely, but Seventh Sense obviously didn't read the script, zipping to a 2 1/4-length maiden victory on the Big 'Cap undercard in Arcadia Saturday. The chestnut colt, a full-brother to GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint runner-up Reneesgotzip, was purchased in utero for \$110,000 at the 2012 Keeneland November sale by Omer Halim Aydin, bloodstock advisor to Turkish-based owner/breeder Arif Kurtel.



Seventh Sense | Benoit

After her purchase at the November sale, No Dress Code (Distorted Humor) was shipped to Turkey, where she foaled her City Zip colt. The plan was originally for the mare to stay in Turkey, according to Murat Sancal, who trains for Kurtel at his base at Elmendorf Farm in Kentucky.

"The mare had a very classy filly, Reneesgotzip, who was sidelined when we bought the mare," Sancal recalled. "And then Reneesgotzip came back after eight months and ran two really big races and was second in the Breeders' Cup. So we felt that the mare was too much for Turkey, so we brought her back."



Reneesgotzip | Benoit

Seventh Sense was entered in the 2014 Keeneland September sale, but never went through the sales ring.

"Mr. Kurtel doesn't usually sell a horse," Sancal said. "But when we brought the mare back to the U.S., we thought about trying to sell the colt. Then we decided not to sell and to take the risk and run. The original purpose was to bring him back to run, honestly."

Seventh Sense's racing career got off to an inauspicious start when he faded to eighth after attending the pace as the 11-10 favorite in his Feb. 6 debut. Adding blinkers for his second outing Saturday, the colt sped to the lead and set fractions of

:21.84 and :44.84 before kicking away for an authoritative victory.

"We always had big expectations for the horse, but he didn't run like that the first time," admitted Sancal. "Mr. Kurtel was good to wait and give the horse time. And the second time he ran, we didn't expect that that big a race was going to come, but he was very different from his first race. The field was very tough and he beat those horses impressively. He ran huge. Hopefully, he will get better after that."

Kurtel, who is in the coal-mining business in Turkey, has about 200 horses in his native country and boards some 15 broodmares with Sancal at Elmendorf. The Kentucky band includes No Dress Code, who, an hour after Seventh Sense's win at Santa Anita Saturday, foaled a full-sister to Reneesgotzip.



Shared Belief | Benoit

Kurtel's broodmare band also includes Common Hope (Storm Cat), the dam of champion Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}). On behalf of Kurtel, Aydin purchased Common Hope, carrying a full-sibling to the 2013 juvenile champion, for \$125,000 at the 2011 Keeneland November sale. That in utero foal was born in Turkey and named Lady Candy. She never raced, but she, too, is one of the Elmendorf residents.

"She was with Jerry [Hollendorfer] for some time and she was with me training," Sancal said of Lady Candy. "She was a very talented filly, but we decided to breed her. She was bred to Tapit this year."

Common Hope's 2-year-old filly by Henrythenavigator recently joined Sancal's string at Palm Meadows.

"She arrived just 10 days ago," Sancal said of the unnamed juvenile. "She is pretty smart. When you hear a Turkish-bred, people think it's a small country and maybe the horses are not really good looking, but this filly is really looking very smart and handsome. So far, she is very easy to train and she looks like she has some ability."

As for Common Hope herself, Sancal added, "She is also in Kentucky. She is due anytime. She caught with a colt, so if everything goes right and she foals ok, it will be a full-brother of Shared Belief. She was due yesterday, so we are expecting her to foal anytime."

As for what is next for Seventh Sense, believed to be the first Turkish-bred to win in the U.S., Sancal said, "We talked to Jerry, he is the one who will schedule the next run, but he was talking very positively about him."

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NEW JERSEY CASINO REFERENDUM COULD PROVIDE A BOOST TO MONMOUTH

by Bill Finley

New Jersey lawmakers approved a constitutional amendment Monday that would allow casinos to expand outside the city limits of Atlantic City. With that hurdle having been cleared, the future of casinos in the state will now be decided by New Jersey voters this November.

Monmouth Park will not have a casino as the amendment called for any new casinos in the state to be more than 72 miles from Atlantic City. The amendment allows for two casinos, and



Monmouth Park | Equi-Photo

the heavy favorites to land them are the Meadowlands and a proposed casino in Jersey City. A portion of the revenue from both casinos will go to towards horse racing, with a 50-50 split between Standardbred and Thoroughbred racing.

“We are disappointed that Monmouth Park has been

eliminated as a possible location for a casino,” said Dennis Drazin, an advisor to the horsemen’s group that operates Monmouth. “On the other hand, getting casinos in the state outside of Atlantic City and having casinos that contribute to the racing industry has been something we have been fighting for for many years and I am pleased we finally took this positive step forward.”

Of course, the voters must first approve the referendum. Meadowlands owner Jeff Gural believes they will.

“I have been told by the experts that this will be approved in November,” he said. “They did some polling and it showed that, as long as we do a good job of getting our message out, this will be approved. One troubling aspect of those polls is that when they asked voters in North Jersey if casinos were important because they would save horse racing in the state, the majority said no. That issue isn’t resonating with the people.”

Gural’s confidence could be misplaced as a Rutgers-Eagleton poll released last week showed that 49% of New Jersey voters believed that casinos should be restricted to Atlantic City, while only 44% were in favor of an expansion outside of Atlantic City.

Another troubling aspect of the legislation is that it calls for only 2% of the profits to go towards purses, with that amount split between the two breeds. Horsemen were hoping to get as much as 10% of the revenue for purse money. The 2% figure could go up as enabling legislation could call for a larger cut and

there is also hope that Gural will make some money as the casino operator at the Meadowlands that he will be compelled to share some of his profits with Thoroughbred and Standardbred horsemen.

When asked what he thought the chances were that the Meadowlands would get one of the two casino licenses, Gural responded: “100%.”

If it gets a casino, the Meadowlands will be required to partner with one of the companies that have existing casinos in Atlantic City. Gural said MGM and Caesar’s are two possible partners.

Even if the voters approve the new casinos, it will likely take a significant amount of time before they are open for business, meaning Monmouth will have to make do without casino money for 2016 and 2017 and, perhaps, even longer.

“You always want the best deal possible and you always want things to happen as quickly as possible,” Drazin said. “But this could mean a whole new ball game for New Jersey racing and give us a much better opportunity of competing against all the neighboring racing states that have casino-funded purses.”

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INDUSTRY INFO

Thoroughbred Horse Racing Integrity Act Earns 25 House Co-Sponsors:

Numerous additional members of the U.S. House of Representatives have signed on in support of the Thoroughbred Horse Racing Integrity Act of 2015 (THIA) in recent weeks, the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity announced Monday. With the addition of representatives from Ohio, New York, California, Indiana, Illinois and Florida signing in the first two months of 2016, THIA now has a total of 25 co-sponsors.

“I’m grateful for the members of Congress from both parties who have stepped forward to support the goals of the Thoroughbred Horse Racing Integrity Act,” said Congressman Andy Barr (R-KY), co-author of THIA. “Achieving this milestone is evidence of the growing support for uniform medication standards which will enhance the safety and integrity of Thoroughbred horse racing in America.”

New York has a total of seven co-sponsors for the Act--the most of any state--including fellow co-author Paul Tonko (D-NY). Supporters of THIA highlight the diverse support across state and partisan lines.

“I am energized to see this critical, bipartisan legislation approach 25 co-sponsors,” said Tonko. “I look forward to working with Congressman Barr to push this closer to the finish line.”

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New York

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Kentucky

Turfway Park Rejoins Kentucky Equine Education Project:

Turfway Park will rejoin the Kentucky Equine Education Project, it was announced Monday. The Florence oval provides 100 year-round jobs to the Northern Kentucky area and its workforce grows to 300 during the four months in which it hosts live racing.

“Having had the opportunity to get to know Turfway’s ownership group and management team, I’ve seen firsthand their commitment to horse racing and their membership in KEEP further demonstrates their support for Kentucky’s signature industry,” said Corey Johnsen, KEEP Chairman and President of Kentucky Downs.

A grassroots organization, KEEP was created in 2004 as a means to preserve, promote and protect Kentucky’s horse industry.

Central U.S.

Monday’s Results:

4th-FG, \$46,000, (S), Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-14, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.37, ft.

JOCKAMO’S SONG (g, 4, Half Ours--Miss Clairnette, by Trophy Hunter) followed up a dominant wire-to-wire maiden win Nov. 22 with a rallying score in the Louisiana Champions Day Sprint S. over this track and trip Dec. 12. Off the board in two stakes tries at Delta Downs since, the gray gelding returned to the New Orleans oval Monday, dropping into this allowance heat to record his third local win in four tries. Breaking from the rail as an overwhelming 3-10 favorite, Jockamo’s Song was away sharply and quickly made the lead, clicking off fractions of :22.38 and :46.04 while well in hand. With closest pursuer Jazzy Rebel

(Ole Rebel) narrowing the gap, rider Mitchell Murrill dropped the reins passing the quarter pole, urging his mount to put away that foe’s challenge. From there, he opened clear into the final furlong before just fending off a late charge from My Friend Flavin (Forestry) to score by a diminishing neck. Lifetime Record: SW, 8-3-0-1, \$125,075. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Dare To Dream Stable LLC (Michael Faber); B-Debbie Allen & David Allen (LA); T-Michael Stidham.

9th-FG, \$43,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.93, fm.

ZIPESSA (f, 4, City Zip--Precious Princess {SP, \$146,366}, by Horse Chestnut {SAf}) began her career last May with a dazzling maiden score over the Arlington Park Polytrack, scoring by 6 3/4 lengths while running her final quarter-mile in under :23. She followed that up with a good-looking allowance win on turf Jul. 17 when shipped west to Del Mar, but regressed sharply when finishing a well-beaten eighth in the GI Del Mar Oaks S. Aug. 15 and hadn’t been seen since. The \$67,000 Fasig-Tipton October grad returned from the near seven-month layoff Monday at Fair Grounds in impressive fashion. Sent off favored at just over 2-1, the chestnut filly broke quickly and made the lead in the first few strides. Rattling off fractions of :24.19 and :48.86, she turned into the stretch still under a hand ride, then exploded away when set down by rider Mitchell Murrill to score by 5 1/4 lengths despite taking an awkward stride around the eighth pole. Lemon Song (Lemon Drop Kid) finished second, with My Love Venezuela (Scat Daddy) checking in third. The winner’s dam produced a filly by Street Sense in 2015 and was bred back to Cairo Prince. Sales History: \$30,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$83,650. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Empyrean Stables, B-G Watts Humphrey Jr & Sally S Humphrey (KY), T-Michael Stidham.

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IN AUSTRALIA:

It's Somewhat, g, 5, **Dynaformer**--Sometime (Ire), by Royal Academy. Rosehill, 3-12, Ajax S.-G2 (\$131k), 1500mT, 1:28.16. B-B P Walden Jr, P W Madden & G McDonald (KY). *Formerly Somewhat. **1/2 to Manyana (Ire) (Alzao), SW-Eng; Art Deco (GB) (Peintre Celebre), GSW-Eng, \$213,740; and Friendly Banter (Distorted Humor), GSP-US, \$224,033. ***SW & G1SP-Eng. ****\$190,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEESEP.

IN HONG KONG:

Circuit Land, g, 5, **Mizzen Mast**--Storm Dove (SW & GSP-Eng), by Storm Bird. Sha Tin, 3-13, Hcp. (\$213k), 1650m (AWT), 1:37.21. B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY). *Full to Moonday Sun, MSP-Fr, \$158,872. **Formerly Sailing Club. ***80,000gns HRA '14 TATOCT.

IN JAPAN:

Elisheva, f, 3, **Smart Strike**--Believe (Jpn) (MSW & GSP-Jpn), by Sunday Silence. Hanshin, 3-13, Plate Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$145,263. O-Yoko Maeda; B-North Hills Co. Limited; T-Koichi Tsunoda. *1/2 to Faridat (Kingmambo), SW & MGSP-Jpn, \$2,775,990.

G Plumeria, c, 3, **Street Sense**--Song of Africa (GSP, \$223,538), by Alzao. Hanshin, 3-13, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$158,772. O-Capital Syste; B-Betz Thoroughbreds Werner & Humphrey; T-Katsumi Minai. *1/2 to Around the Cape (Carson City), GSW, \$366,813. **\$200,000 yrl '14 KEESEP.

Stoneware, c, 4, **Birdstone**--Antique Auction (MSW, \$202,284), by Geiger Counter. Chukyo, 3-13, Kashikojima Tokubetsu, 8fT. Lifetime Record: SP-Jpn, 12-3-3-2, \$484,298. O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; T-Naohiro Yoshida.

Apollo Kentucky, c, 4, **Langfuhr**--Dixiana Delight, by Gone West. Hanshin, 3-12, Nigawa S., 10f. Lifetime Record: SW-Jpn,

13-5-3-1, \$629,035. O-Apollo Thoroughbred Club; B-Doug Branham; T-Kenji Yamauchi. *\$55,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

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Os Hwadam, c, 3, **Friesan Fire**--Meg's a Lady, by Menifee. Seoul, 3-12, Hcp. (\$76k), 1400m. B-Hope Hill Farm & Elizabeth P Whelan (PA). *Won for the fifth time in six starts as the 1-2 favorite, earnings now approaching US\$215,000. **\$30,000 Wlg '13 FTMDEC; \$25,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '15 FTMMAY.

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Kwaesok Power, g, 3, **Haynesfield**--Appealing Jewel, by Saint Ballado. Seoul, 3-12, Hcp. (\$50k), 1400m. B-Windwood Farms (KY). *\$85,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

Beolmaui Kkum, h, 6, **Put It Back**--Wild Dixie Gal, by Wild Event. Busan, 3-13, Hcp. (\$88k), 1400m. B-Bridlewood Farm (FL). *Carrying top weight of 130 pounds, the Florida-bred scored by three-parts of a length as the even-money favorite to cross the 1-billion won mark (about US\$858,000) in career earnings. **SW-Kor. ***\$6,500 RNA Ylg '11 OBSJAN; \$20,000 Ylg '11 FTKOCT.

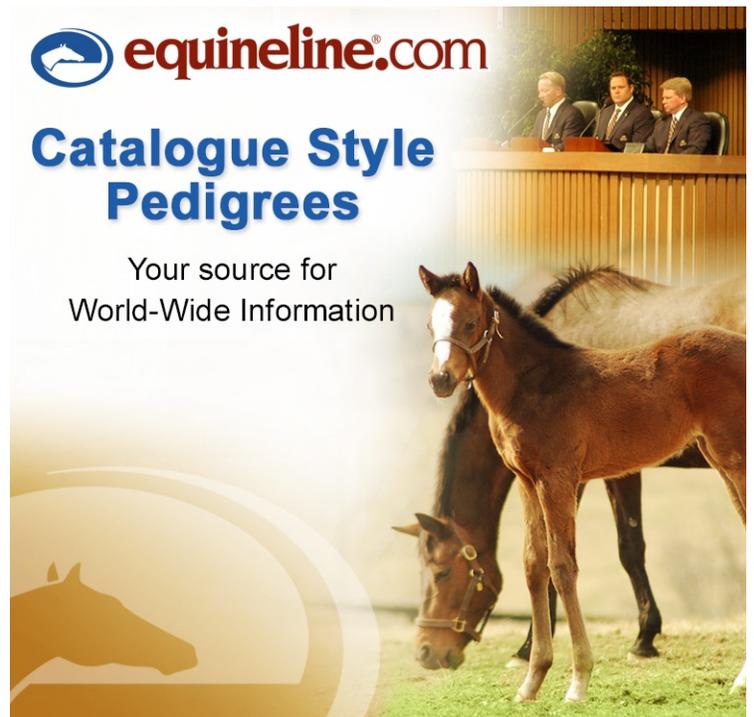
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Condor de Oro, h, 6, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Sweet Sierra, by Crafty Prospector. Monterrico, 3-12, Hcp., 1000m, :55.83. B-Liberation Farm & Brandywine Farm (KY). *SP-Per. **1/2 to Golden Country (Menifee), MSW, \$340,645. ***\$14,000 RNA Ylg '11 KEESEP; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '12 FTMMAY.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-FG, \$45,000, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 3-14, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.85, ft.

WONDER RUN (g, 3, Run Production--Gal Wonder {SW, \$160,910}, by Three Wonders) Lifetime Record: MSP, 8-2-2-3, \$79,035. O-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC; B-Carrol J. Castille (LA); T-Steven B. Flint.

9th-WRD, \$31,900, 3-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.21, ft.

GOODHEARTEDGIRL (f, 4, Ellerton--Leadingwithmyheart, by Defensive Play) Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-0, \$78,631. O-Robbin Caldwell; B-Chuck J Bowlan (OK); T-Mark W. Buehrer.

7th-WRD, \$20,900, 3-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.01, ft.

BIG CREEK ROAD (g, 4, Portobello Road--Cinnamon Ring, by Cinnamon Creek) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, \$37,546. O-Larry W. Seaton; B-Charles N & Annie J. Strain & Anderson Farms (AR); T-Larry W. Seaton.

7th-TUP, \$20,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-13, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.08, ft.

SHREWD MOVE (g, 4, Closing Argument--Brief Mark, by Benchmark) Lifetime Record: 21-5-3-3, \$107,900. O/B-Peggy Hopwood & Yeamans Racing Stable LLC (KY); T-Dan L. McFarlane. *\$50,000 RNA Ylg '13 ARZNOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hyper Piper, f, 3, Old Fashioned--Filaree, by Saros (GB) (SP, \$316,012). FG, 3-14, (S), 1mT, 1:41.28. B-Earl & Keith Hernandez & John Duvieilh (LA).

Spectin Trouble, f, 3, Read the Footnotes--Mine Search, by Mineshaft. WRD, 3-14, (S), 6f, 1:12.70. B-Francisco Bravo (OK).

Fiddlers Tsunami, f, 3, Seeking a Home--Fiddlers Katami, by Roaring Fever. WRD, 3-14, (S), 6f, 1:11.00. B-Patricia Clark, Mike Duplissey & Marilyn Jean Duplissey (OK).

Compadre Sam, g, 3, Western Fame--Corazon de Leo, by Flame Thrower. GG, 3-13, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.84. B-Roberto Gonzalez, Wright Batlin & Marc Batlin (CA).

Spark of the Year, g, 4, Risk and Reward--Doll of the Year, by Cryptoclearance. MVR, 3-14, (S), 6f, 1:14.93. B-Laurie S Pratt (OH).



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The four-day Cheltenham Festival kicks off today, and the card's feature race, the G1 Stan James Champion Hurdle, could prove to be a contest of the ages, with favoured **Annie Power (Ire)** (Shirocco {Ger}) looking to become just the third mare since World War II to take the famed race.

One of those mares was Dawn Run (Deep Run {GB}), winner of the Champion Hurdle in 1984 and the Cheltenham Gold Cup two years later.

Jonjo O'Neill, who rode Dawn Run all those years ago, said Annie Power will have to prove just as good as that great mare to take the spoils. "She gets the weight allowance, but it all depends what turns up on the day as regards to the ground and if she is in the best form she can be in," said O'Neill. "It is hard to judge and compare from something more than 30 years ago. Dawn Run was very special. The bottom line is she has got to be as good as Dawn Run to do it."

Annie Power's trainer, Willie Mullins, did not express concern about bringing the 8-year-old back in distance. "She's taken on geldings before and I don't think coming back to two miles will be any problem to her. I think it might actually be easier for her to race over two miles with the pace they'll be going. It will be easier to ride her, anyway."

The Festival kicks off at 1:30 p.m. local time.

MAJORITY OF SLIPPER FAVOURITE SOLD

G1 Blue Diamond S. winner **Extreme Choice (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), favorite for Saturday's G1 Golden Slipper, will stand at Newgate Farm upon retirement from racing after that operation purchased the majority share in the unbeaten 2-year-old in partnership with Aquis Farm, China Horse Club, Matthew Sandblom and family and SF Bloodstock. The Mick Price trainee will carry the colours of China Horse Club for the first time in the Slipper.

"As I said after the Blue Diamond, it is just a privilege to be involved in a 2-year-old as talented as Extreme Choice," said Henry Field, Managing Director of Newgate Farm. "Win, lose or draw in the Golden Slipper, Extreme Choice will go down being rated as one of the fastest juveniles we've seen in the past few years. We very much look forward to sharing the remainder of his racing career with all the original owners who will retain their respective racing interests." **Cont. in Worldwide News p6**

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SIR MAXIMILIAN SET FOR AL QUOZ SPRINT

Sir Maximilian (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}), the winner of last year's G3 Meydan Sprint and fourth in the 2016 renewal of that event Mar. 5, has been given the green light by trainer Ian Williams for a tilt at the G1 Al Quoz Sprint on the Dubai World Cup card Mar. 26. The 7-year-old gelding was sixth behind Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) in last year's Al Quoz and won a course-and-distance handicap at Meydan Feb. 18.

Williams noted the ground wasn't to his charge's liking last weekend.

"He's come out of the Super [Saturday] sprint well," said

Williams. "He's had a quiet week. The ground was a little bit easy for him that evening and hopefully he'll go back there on fast ground. On his day when things fall right he's a top-class horse and you couldn't



Trainer Ian Williams | *Racing Post*

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2	Dubawi	Dalham Hall	116	16	7,252,151
3	Cape Cross	Kildangan Stud	105	5	7,101,824
4	Invincible Spirit	Irish Ntl Stud	117	7	4,220,345
5	Danehill Dancer	Pensioned	73	7	4,053,309
6	Oasis Dream	Banstead Manor	98	5	3,958,517
7	Shamardal	Kildangan Stud	122	13	3,938,744
8	Dark Angel	Yeomanstown	97	7	3,635,714
9	Duke of Marmalade	Drakenstein Stud	69	5	3,342,653
10	Teofilo	Kildangan Stud	83	7	3,312,720

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This filly, one of the first foals sired by stakes-winning sprinter and dual group-placed Coach House (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), was born Feb. 12 and is bred by Whitsbury Manor Stud. She is a half-sister to 2-year-old stakes winner Tasleet (GB) (Showcasing {GB})

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Monday's Results:

3rd-CMP, €24,000, Alw, 3-14, 3yo, 10fT, 2:24.35, hy.

WANDERINA (IRE) (f, 3, [Manduro {Ger}](#)--Wandering Spirit {Ger}, by Dashing Blade {GB}), fourth going nine furlongs at Chantilly last time Feb. 9, settled within range racing sixth after the early skirmishes of this turf debut. Shuffled back to race last of seven soon after halfway, the 9-10 favourite made smooth headway in the straight to challenge approaching the final eighth and drew off easily thereafter to score by two lengths from Going Viral (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). The homebred's second dam, Wells Whisper (Fr) (Sadler's Wells), is a sibling of Group 1-winning sires Hernando (Fr) (Niniski) and Johann Quatz (Fr) (Sadler's Wells). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, €25,800. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Freddy Head.

3rd-TLU, €16,000, Mdn, 3-14, unraced 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:22.79, hy.

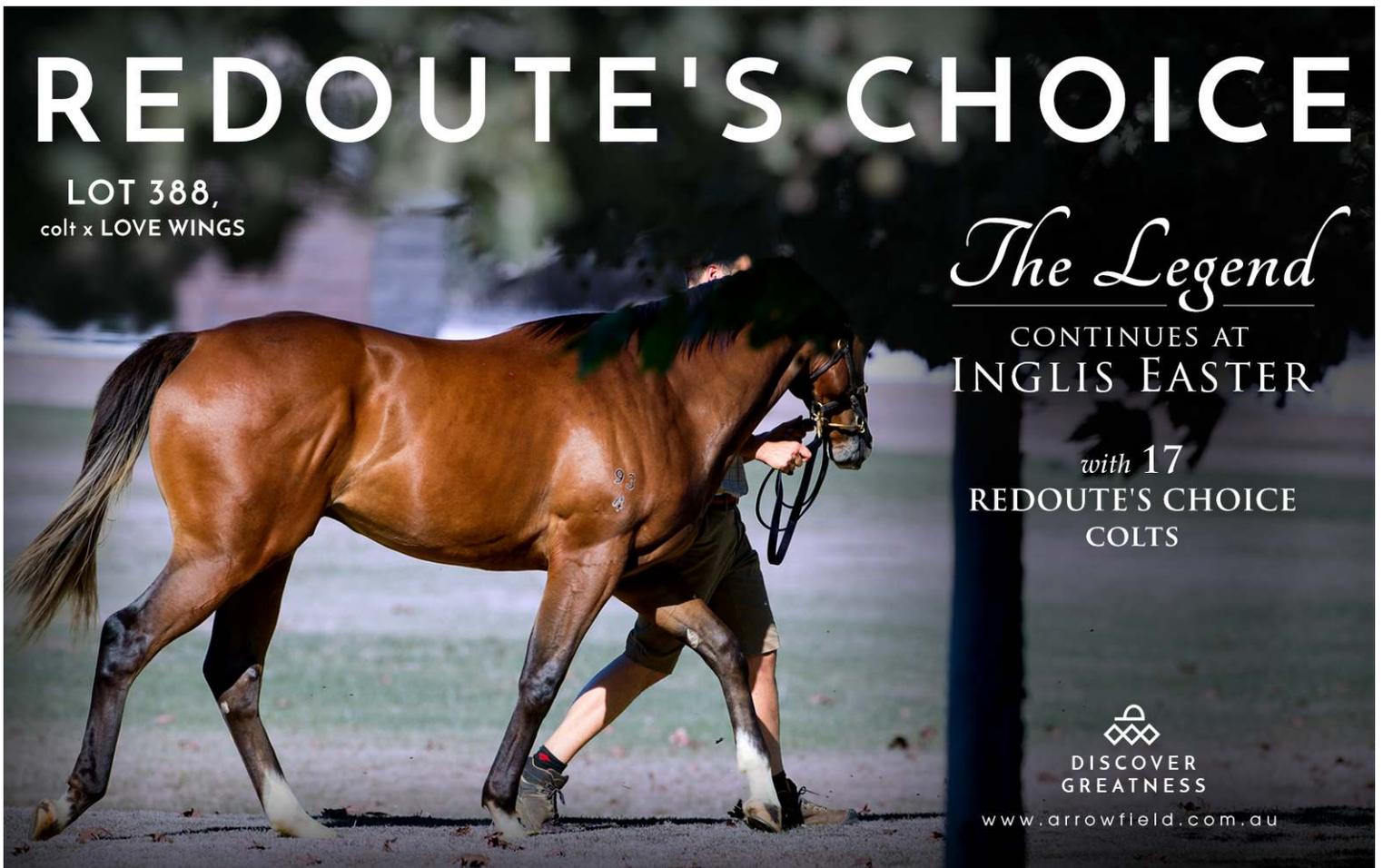
+ROCHENKA (FR) (f, 3, [Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}](#)--Lunashkaya {GB}, by Muhtathir {GB}) was steadied in third after making a smart break and racing on the front end through the early strides of this unveiling.

Rowed along once into the stretch run, the 59-10 chance challenged entering the final eighth and kept on well under whipless cajoling to prevail by a half-length from Princess Dutch (Fr) (Dutch Art {GB}). The winner's third dam, Luna Caerla (Ire) (Caerleon), is a half-sister to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains victor Linamix (Fr) (Mendez {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Alain Jathiere; B-Cuadra Montalban (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

2nd-CMP, €28,000, Alw, 3-14, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:41.03, hy.
BELLA DONNA BORGET (FR) (f, 4, [Early March {GB}](#)--Jasmine des Bordes {Fr}, by Epervier Bleu {GB}) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, €60,600. O-Joel d'Ersu; B-Mme Olivia Goupil (FR); T-Jehan Bertran de Balanda. *1/2 to Rollex Borget (Fr) (Khalkevi {Ire}), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$155,544.

5th-CMP, €24,000, Alw, 3-14, 3yo, 8fT, 1:50.17, hy.
ZALVADOS (FR) (c, 3, [Soldier of Fortune {Ire}](#)--Zariyana {Ire}, by Desert Prince {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, €34,250. O-Sandro V Gianella; B-Appapays Racing Club (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

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Glade (GB), f, 3, **Bertolini**--Alpen Glen (GB), by Halling. AGN, 3-13, 12 1/2fT, 2:49.98. B-Jocelyn Targett (GB). *€18,000 RNA Ylg '14 AROCT.

+King Arch (Fr), c, 3, **King's Best**--Lana Girl, by Arch. SPC, 3-13, 10 1/2fT, 2:31.26. B-Mme Marie Claude Biaudis (FR). *€14,000 Ylg '14 AROCT.

+Apple Chicha (Fr), f, 3, **Sunday Break (Jpn)**--Lunaba (Fr), by Anabaa. SPC, 3-13, 10 1/2fT, 2:29.02. B-Mme Sylviane Jeffroy (FR).

Saint Nom (Fr), c, 3, **Turtle Bowl (Ire)**--Princess Love (Fr), by Verglas (Ire). TLU, 3-14, 8fT, 1:39.82. B-Elevage de Tourgeville & Jacques-Eric Strauss (FR). *€38,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG. **1/2 to Star Prince (Fr) (Green Tune), MSP-Fr, \$137,190.

LA TESTE CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for Osarus's La Teste Breeze Up & Horses-in-Training Sale May 3--which will this year include a horses-in-training session for the first time--is now online. The 113 lots catalogued include 99 2-year-olds, all eligible for French owners' premiums, and 14 horses-in-training.

Highlights on pedigree include [lot 57](#), an Elusive City colt out of



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a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Zagora (Fr) (Green Tune {Ire}); [lot 53](#), an Intense Focus colt who is out of the stakes-placed New Design (Ire) (Bluebird) and a half-brother to the stakes-placed Guizzo Vincente (GB) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}); and [lot 11](#), a Rajsaman (Fr) filly who has a stakes-placed half-brother and is from the family of Group 1 winners Fragrant Mix (Ire) (Linamix {Fr}) and Alpine Rose (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}). The catalogue also includes offerings by the likes of Wootton Bassett (GB), Exceed and Excel (Aus), Myboycharlie (Ire), Canford Cliffs (Ire), Siyouni (Fr), Kendargent (Fr) and Motivator (GB).

The breeze show will be May 3 at 8:30 a.m. followed by the sale at 1:30 p.m.

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WILDCARDS FOR CHELTENHAM SALE

Six wildcards entries have been taken for Tattersalls Ireland's Cheltenham Festival Sale, which will take place upon the conclusion of racing at 6:15 p.m. Mar. 17. The wildcards are **First Drift (GB)** (Generous {Ire}) ([lot 9](#)), **On Account (Ire)** (Scorpion {Ire}) ([lot 10](#)), **Alpha Indi (Ire)** (Oscar {Ire}) ([lot 14](#)), **Daklondike (Ire)** (Gold Well {GB}) ([lot 19](#)), **Bestarius (Ire)** (Vinnie Roe {Ire}) ([lot 23](#)) and **Mr Love (Ire)** (Winged Love {Ire}) ([lot 25](#)).

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PLUSVITAL A NEW CURRAGH SPONSOR

Equine nutrition company Plusvital, which also recently acquired bloodstock genomic testing company Equinome, has entered into a sponsorship agreement with The Curragh for the first time. The agreement includes a variety of initiatives, including sponsorship of two races at The Curragh: the Madrid H. on opening day Mar. 26 and a handicap on Keeneland Phoenix S. day Aug. 7.

Evan Arkwright, Commercial Manager of The Curragh Racecourse, said, "It is exciting for The Curragh to develop a new partnership with such a progressive company as Plusvital, and we will work closely with Mike Shelly and his team to generate awareness of their products, which will ultimately help them to win new customers."

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Sunday's Results:

4th-CAP, €17,600, Alw, 3-13, 3yo, c&g, 8fT, 1:40, gd/sft.

DON AURELIO (IRE) (c, 3, **Frozen Power (Ire)**--**Belcare (Ire)**, by **Verglas (Ire)**) capped a perfect day for the former jockey Peppe Di Chio when landing the Premio Arconte, a reputed trial for the G3 Premio Parioli, the Italian 2000 Guineas. **Cont. p6**

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Di Chio, who also won the Premio Ceprano, the equivalent race for fillies with Roderic Queen (Ire), gave Don Aurelio a winter rest after his maiden win in November. The grey benefitted from a four-kilo allowance and set the pace, running on strongly over Basileus (Ire) (Dream Ahead), who was also making his seasonal comeback. Sales history: €12,000 Ylg '14 TATIRE. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0. € 13,756. O/T-Giuseppe Di Chio; B-Westerly Syndicate (Ire).

2nd-CAP, €17,600, Alw, 3-13, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:39.1, gd/sft.
RODERIC QUEEN (IRE) (f, 3, Roderic O'Connor {Ire}--Vampire Queen {Ire}, by General Monash) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €15,029. O-Fabrizio Alessandrucchi; B-Ronnie Boland (Ire); T-Giuseppe Di Chio. *€7,000 RNA wnl '13 GOFNOV; €4,500 RNA yrl '14 GOFFEB; €9,500 Ylg '14 GOYOCT.

1st-SRO, €18,700, Alw, 3-13, 3yo, c&g, 8fT, 1:41.3, gd/sft.
SAENT (IRE) (c, 3, Strategic Prince {GB}--Eroica {Ger}, by Highest Honor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: SW-Itly, 6-2-1-3, €29,121. O-Scuderia Incolinx; B-Azienda Agricola La Morosina (Ire); T-Il Cavallo In Testa. *35,000 Yrl '14 ITYSEP. **1/2 to Punta Stella (Ire) (Elusive City), GSW-Itly.

3rd-SRO, €18,700, Alw, 3-13, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:42.1, gd/sft.
VALUTA PREGIATA (GB) (f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Veronica Franco {Ity}, by Lomitas {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €11,475. O-Scuderia Blueberry; B-Razza Del Sole (GB); T-Endo Botti. *1/2 to Vola E Va (GB) (Oratorio (Ire)) GSP-Itly.

Windy York (Ire), f, 3, **Vale Of York (Ire)**--Jumeirah Palm, by Distorted Humor. SRO, 3-13, 8fT, 1:41, gd/sft. B-Rabbah Bloodstock (Ire). *13,000 gns Yrl '14 TATOCT.



Extreme Choice winning the Blue Diamond | Inglis photo



Majority Of Slipper Favourite Sold cont. from p1

China Horse Club Chairman Mr. Teo Ah Khing said of the acquisition, "We are extremely excited to join the ownership of the Group 1 winning colt Extreme Choice. We look forward to furthering our relationship with Newgate Farm, the original and fellow new owners in the rest of his racing career, beginning in the Golden Slipper carrying China Horse Club colours. His win in the Blue Diamond was nothing short of devastating and gained much attention in an expanding Chinese racing population."

Extreme Choice and his stablemate—Blue Diamond runner-up and Slipper second-choice Flying Artie (Aus) (Artie Schiller)—have shipped to Sydney and are expected to have their final pre-race works Tuesday.

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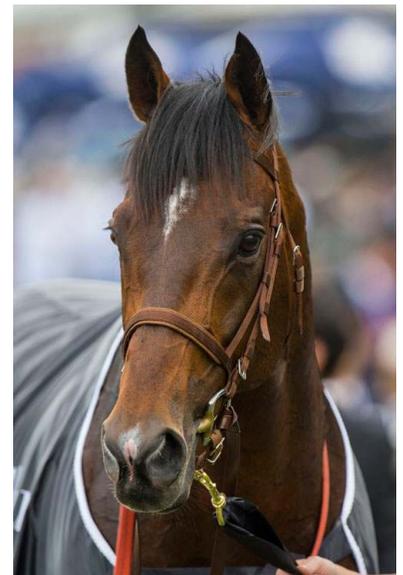
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TRIO TO JOIN ARROWFIELD ROSTER

The Arrowfield stallion ranks will grow by three later this year with the announcement that

dual Group 1 winner **Real Impact {Jpn}** (Deep Impact {Jpn}—Tokio Reality, by Meadowlake) and group winners **Scissor Kick {Aus}** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}—Back Pass, by Quest For Fame) and **Panzer Division {Aus}** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}—Desert Fight {Chi}, by Hussonet) will join the stud's roster for 2016.

Real Impact, who is currently covering his first book of Northern Hemisphere mares at Shadai Stallion Station in Japan, will be the first son of Deep Impact to stand in Australia. He became the first 3-year-old to win Tokyo's G1 Yasuda Kinen in 2013, and defeated multiple Group 1 winners Criterion (NZ) (Sebring {Aus}) and Kermadec (NZ) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the 2015 G1 George Ryder S. in his first start Down Under. **Cont. p7**



Real Impact | Bronwen Healy

Real Impact, who has a pedigree free of Danehill, was also Group 1-placed as a 2-year-old.

"We are delighted to secure a top-drawer son of Japan's dominant sire Deep Impact that has demonstrated his racing class in Australian conditions, against our best milers," said Arrowfield Chairman John Messara. "Real Impact joins our other recent acquisitions Animal Kingdom and Dundee to give breeders a full hand of commercially attractive options for their Danehill-line mares. Real Impact is also a milestone in our productive 20-year relationship with Shadai Stallion Station."

Scissor Kick and Panzer Division will look to become the next important sire sons by Arrowfield's Redoute's Choice, who is already responsible for Snitzel (Aus), Not A Single Doubt (Aus), Stratum (Aus) and Beneteau (Aus).

Scissor Kick was a dual Group 3-winning sprinter at three and was beaten a nose in the G1 Golden Rose S. He was rated 121—alongside the likes of Mongolian Khan (Aus) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Preferment (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) and Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ})—at three, and his second dam is a half-sister to

Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {GB}), the dam of champion sire Dansili (GB). Trainer Paul Messara said of Scissor Kick, "He was a very genuine racehorse with a fantastic



Scissor Kick | Bronwen Healy

temperament; he's a beautiful horse to work with and was very unlucky not to win a Group 1. Scissor Kick is a strikingly attractive colt, always the pick of the mounting yard, and he had bundles of talent to match."

Panzer Division, also trained by Paul Messara, was a 3 1/2-length debut winner at two and won the 1400 metre G3 Ming Dynasty S. at three over subsequent Group 1 winner Shooting To Win (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}). His dam, Desert Fight, was Chile's champion 2-year-old filly and a dual Group 1 winner.

"Panzer Division and Scissor Kick offer all the physical, genetic and racing attributes required to build the Redoute's Choice legacy, alongside Snitzel and Not A Single Doubt, and fill the gap left by Beneteau," said John Messara. "These additions to the Arrowfield roster reflect our twin strategies of pursuing the strongest branches of the Danehill sireline and sourcing effective international outcrosses for Australian breeders."

FIGURES UP AT ADELAIDE OPENER

Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox described the opening session of that company's Adelaide Yearling Sale as "amazing" after the session posted hefty gains Monday. With eight more yearlings sold (75), the gross rose to A\$3,865,500 from A\$2,341,000 12 months ago. The average climbed 47.5% to A\$51,540, while the median was up 66.7% to A\$40,000. The buyback rate dropped four points to 17.6%.

"It's been the most amazing start to a sale in a very long time," Cox said. "The numbers are well up—around 50% up already, which is just spectacular. Hopefully we can hold the numbers for tomorrow and we're really looking forward to getting into it tomorrow."



Session-topping Sebring filly
| Magic Millions

Taking top billing on the day was [lot 64](#), a Sebring (Aus) filly consigned by Goldin Farms and purchased by Victorian-based bloodstock agent Sheamus Mills for A\$230,000. The half-sister to the winning

Downhearted (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}) will be trained by Mick Kent.

"I thought she was the best yearling in the sale—filly or colt," Mills said. "The stallion is flying at the moment and she has a good pedigree behind her. She's from a Redoute's Choice mare and he'll be a champion broodmare sire for the ages I'd say. She ticked all the boxes, as they say. She was Mick's star pick of the sale and he's delighted to get her."

Goldin Farms also consigned the third top-priced lot of the day, [lot 82](#), a colt by I Am Invincible (Aus) hammered down to New Zealand's Lyndhurst Farm for A\$155,000.

The top-priced colt of the session was [lot 43](#), a Written Tycoon (Aus) colt from Baramul Stud picked up by McEvoy Mitchell Racing for A\$195,000.

"He's come off Baramul so he's had a good start to his life," trainer Tony McEvoy said. "He's got great bone on him, tremendous depth of muscle and a lot of power through his core. I love when he was walking to me, the power through him. He's an up and going 2-year-old. He'll be there in the spring and then he'll be there for the big dance in the 2-year-old races when you need those 2-year-olds."

South Australia's Mill Park Stud consigned three of the seven six-figure yearlings on the day, more than any other vendor. Those were [lot 85](#), a colt by Casino Prince (Aus) bought by Macdonald Gluyas for A\$150,000; [lot 7](#), a Smart Missile (Aus) colt sold to Prima Park and Waterford Bloodstock for A\$140,000; and [lot 34](#), a Street Boss filly bought by Bill Mitchell for A\$110,000. That transaction came just two days after Street Boss sired his first Australian Group 1 winner, the Newmarket H. winner The Quarterback (Aus).

SESSION TOPPERS

MAGIC MILLIONS ADELAIDE YEARLING SALE

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
64	f	Sebring (Aus)	Aussie Crawl (Aus)	230,000
<i>B-Goldin Australia Pty Ltd</i>				
Consigned by Goldin Farms				
Purchased by Sheamus Mills Bloodstock				
43	c	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Zoccoletta (Aus)	195,000
<i>B-Mr. P Dillon</i>				
Consigned by Baramul Stud				
Purchased by McEvoy Mitchell Racing				
82	c	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Calemore (Aus)	155,000
<i>B-Goldin Australia Pty Ltd</i>				
Consigned by Goldin Farms				
Purchased by Lyndhurst Farm				
85	c	Casino Prince (Aus)	Carolina Bella (Aus)	150,000
<i>B-Mr. BH Perks</i>				
Consigned by Mill Park				
Purchased by Macdonald Gluyas				

IN AUSTRALIA:

Sir John Hawkwood (Ire), g, 7, **Sir Percy (GB)**--Athene (Ire), by Rousillon. Rosehill, 3-12, Sky High S.-G3 (€237k/£184k), 2000mT, 2:03.23. B-Ballymacoll Stud Farm Ltd. *1/2 to Side Saddle (Ire) (Saddlers' Hall {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$129,750; Green Renaissance (Ire) (Machiavellian), GSW-Eng, \$178,863.



AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Diamond Dragon (Aus), g, 4, **Not a Single Doubt (Aus)**--Umatily (Aus), by Umatilla (NZ). Sha Tin, 3-13, Hcp. (A\$200k), 1000mT, :56.85. B-W Jennings. **A\$60,000 Ylg '13 MMNAT; A\$65,000 RNA HIT '13 MMHIT.

Mighty Maverick (Aus), g, 4, **Snitzel (Aus)**--Thunder Belle (Aus), by Thunder Gulch. Sha Tin, 3-13, Hcp. (A\$200k), 1400mT, 1:22.61. B-R P Townsend. *1/2 to Epic (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}), GSP-Aus, A\$412,900. **GSP-NZ. ***A\$160,000 Ylg '13 MMGCYS.

IN SINGAPORE:

Raise No Doubt (Aus), g, 5, **Not a Single Doubt (Aus)**--Extremely (Aus), by Hussonet. Kranji, 3-13, Hcp. (A\$97k), 1200mT, 1:10.51. B-A & P Enterprises. *Full to Extreme Choice (Aus), G1SW-Aus, A\$1,284,000. **A\$25,000 Ylg '12 INGCLS.

IN THE US:

Power Alert (Aus), g, 6, **Alert (Arg)**--Gold Locket (Aus), by Lochrae (Aus). Gulfstream Park, 3-12, Silks Run S.-Listed (A\$100k), 5fT, :54.83. B-J Power. *GSW-US.

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IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Mamdooha (Aus), f, 3, **All American (Aus)**--Emanday (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Turffontein, 3-12, Maiden, 1200mT, 1:13.48. B-Glentree Downs Pastoral Pty Ltd. *Won by 2 1/2 lengths in very soft ground as the 9-10 favorite. **A\$360,000 Ylg '14 INGEAS.



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IN HONG KONG:

Rewarding Hero (GB), g, 7, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Caldy Dancer (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Soviet Star. Sha Tin, 3-13, Hcp. (€279k/£216k), 1600mT, 1:34.52. B-Rabbah Bloodstock. *1/2 to Dance and Dance (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}), MGSP-Eng, \$287,786. **SW & MG1SP-HK. ***80,000gns Ylg '10 TATOCT.

IN SINGAPORE:

En Civil (Ire), g, 5, **Elusive City**--En Vitesse (GB), by Peintre Celebre. Kranji, 3-13, Hcp. (€39k/£30k), 1400mT, 1:23.71. B-Etreham & F Bianco. *€20,000 RNA Ylg '12 ARQOCT.

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Saturday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO ZELIA GONZAGA PEIXOTO DE CASTRO-G1, BRZ\$75,000, 3-12, Gavea, 3yo, f, 2400mT, 2:28.17, fm.
1--&DOUBLE CARE (BRZ), 121, f, 3, by Wild Event

- 1st Dam: Laura Ricci (Brz), by Lode**
- 2nd Dam: Hagada (Brz), by Heathen (GB)**
- 3rd Dam: Tuyta (Brz), by Tuyuti (Arg)**

O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-Roberto Morgado Neto; J-V Gil. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-3. *Full to Wild Event (Brz), G1SP-Brz; Tick Tock (Brz), GSW-Brz; 1/2 to Rolete Ricci (Brz) (Patio de Naranjos {Chi}), GSP-Brz; Billion Dollar (Brz) (Put It Back), Ch. Sprinter & GSW-Brz; and Calendula (Brz) (Shirocco {Ger}), G1SW-Brz. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--Maxime (Brz), 121, f, 3, Wild Event--Annees Dorees (Brz), by Mensageiro Aladao (Brz). O/B-Haras Doce Vale (Brz); T-M Paulo.

3--Dutota Desejada (Brz), 121, f, 3, First American--Lady Thong (Brz), by Nindiano (Arg); O-Stud Alvarenga; B-Haras Sao Jose Da Serra (Brz); T-Dulcino Guignoni.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3/4, 2HF. Odds: 1.90, 8.60, 2.10.
 Also Ran: Energia Hupp (Brz), Mud Pie (Brz), Punta Amita (Brz). [Click for the Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video](#).

Saturday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO CRUZEIRO DO SUL-G1, BRZ\$100,000, 3-12, Gavea, 3yo, 2400mT, 2:25.39, fm.

- 1--DAFFY GIRL (BRZ), 121, f, 3, by Wild Event**
- 1st Dam: Ilang Ilang (Brz) (G1SW-Brz), by Tokatee**
 - 2nd Dam: Ocala Gal (Brz), by Vacilante (Arg)**
 - 3rd Dam: Cat Nap (Brz), by March Past (GB)**

O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-Roberto Morgado Neto; J-V Gil. Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0. *1/2 to Sky Pilot (Brz) (Put It Back), Ch. 2yo Colt & G1SW-Brz. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--Like Desire (Brz), 125, c, 3, Public Purse--Intense Desire (Brz), by Siphon (Brz). O-Stud Alvarenga; B-Coudelaria Jessica (Brz); T-Dulcino Guignoni.

3--Eleito (Brz), 125, c, 3, Crimson Tide (Ire)--Joliesse (Brz), by Know Heights (Ire). O/B-Stud Rio Dois Irmaos (Brz); T-M Paulo.
 Margins: 6 1/4, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 2.90, 9.80, 5.80.

Also Ran: Jeitoso Bayer (Brz), Chicao (Brz), Benggala (Brz), Demon Master (Brz), Million Air (Brz), Cosmopolitan (Brz), Energia Harvard (Brz), Lohengrin Turc (Brz), Xingu Thunder (Brz), Land Of Oz (Brz), Umbeliavable (Brz), Domani Sera (Brz), Tototocosdemalocos (Brz), Tane (Brz), Reality Bites (Brz).

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