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## FLORIDA JUVENILES



\$1.8-million Fasig-Tipton topper | Fasig-Tipton photo

by Bill Oppenheim

Both Fasig-Tipton and OBS have tweaked their top 2-year-old sales in the past two years: Fasig finally moved their sale back to the Miami area, now at Gulfstream Park, which met with a lot of approval from their buyers; and OBS expanded their March sale to a 600-horse catalogue, from around 400 previously. Last year the two sales combined catalogued 785 juveniles, of which 415 were listed as sold (53%), for a combined gross of \$75.5-million (see the Weekly Sales Ticker for details), and an average just under \$182,000. This year, 18 fewer 2-year-olds were catalogued, and there was a 2% drop in the clearance rate, to 51% sold. Between the two sales, this year's gross was \$73.2-million, a drop of 3%, while the average went up by 3%, to \$187,315. OBS March was off 7% in both gross and average, with exactly the same number (325) sold as last year. So the North American 2-year-old market so far is either stable or stagnant, depending on how you want to look at it. Given continuing low oil prices and a stagnant world economy, we'd say experiencing single-digit declines in horse trading probably qualifies as 'essentially stable.'

We can also note that six 2-year-olds have sold for \$1-million or more between the two sales, four at Fasig and two at Ocala. Both sale-toppers, the \$1.8-million Tapit colt at Fasig, and the \$1.7-million Smart Strike colt at OBS, were bought by entities connected to Lane's End Farm.

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## FELLOWSHIP ON TRACK FOR FL DERBY

Jacks or Better Farm's **Fellowship** (Awesome of Course), third behind Mohaymen (Tapit) in both the GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S. and GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S., remains on target for the Apr. 2 GI Florida Derby.

"He's training good," reported trainer Stanley Gold. "He breezed in :47 [Mar. 12]. We've got time for another work or two if we want. I'm looking forward to the race. The extra sixteenth of a mile is going to help him. He'll tell me what he needs to do. I left leeway for him to work one or two more times and he probably will work again, maybe not twice, but it all depends on the weather, the horse, and how it's going. But he's right where he needs to be."

Stablemate **Awesome Banner** (Awesome of Course), meanwhile, will return to sprinting after off-the-board finishes in the Fountain of Youth and Mar. 12 GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby. **Cont. p5**

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### THISTLECRACK HAS THE WORLD AT HIS FEET

**Thistlecrack (GB)** (Kayf Tara {GB}) ran his unbeaten record for the season to four in Cheltenham's Ryanair World Hurdle Thursday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)



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*Druidess (Malibu Moon) and her Ontario-bred Data Link filly enjoy the great outdoors. The March 6 filly is owned and bred by Bernard and Karen McCormack. Photo provided by [foalphotos.com](http://foalphotos.com). Submit your foal photos directly to the site.*

## FANTASTIC STYLE SET FOR RETURN

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*A field of six, including the comebacking Fantastic Style (Harlan's Holiday), was entered Thursday for Sunday's running of the GIII Las Flores S. at Santa Anita. The Sunday card in Arcadia also includes the redrawn San Pedro S.*

## HAPPILY WORTH THE WAIT

1RR

*Former trainer Happy Alter's decision to give his homebred Apologynotaccepted (Fusaichi Pegasus) time paid off when the 5-year-old mare debuted with a devastating victory at Gulfstream last Friday.*

## DISCREET CAT FILLY TABBED RISING STAR

3RR

*Limitless (Discreet Cat) was tabbed the newest 'TDN Rising Star' after an impressive front-running debut at Fair Grounds Thursday.*

# from **thetdn.com**

*Bill Oppenheim's latest insights focused on the results of the recent Florida 2-year-olds in Training sales.*

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## Florida Juveniles (cont. from p1)

This is making a statement about trying to acquire future stallions for the farm, that Lane's End is happy enough to gamble that sort of money on these individuals and pedigrees, knowing that if one or both of these does hit, they're ready-made stallions. Time will tell, as it always does, but what's most interesting from a market perspective is that it creates a value level for this sort of strategy.

Three of the other four six-figure colts, including two by Uncle Mo bought in partnership (one in each sale), ended up with Coolmore involvement: they partnered with Stonestreet on a \$1-million colt at Fasig, and with Mike Repole, who raced Uncle Mo, in the \$1.3-million colt at OBS. They also bought a \$1-million colt by Pioneer of the Nile, sire of course of American Pharoah, at Fasig. The other \$1-million colt, at Fasig, was a colt by Smart Strike's son Curlin, bought by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa.



Hip 558 Twirling Candy filly | Mathea Kelley

Not surprisingly, the five sires of the six seven-figure colts all figure among the top 10 sires by average price paid for their 2-year-olds at the two sales so far ([click here](#)). Because of the relatively small numbers involved there aren't many sires which have had, say, 10 or more juveniles sell between the two sales, and plenty have had three or less. Nonetheless, **Tapit** is the number one sire on average, his three juveniles having averaged \$870,000 so far. Lane's End's **Twirling Candy**, who's had a stack of Black-Type Horses (11 so far) and has been second to Uncle Mo on the second-crop sire list last year and again this year, had his breakthrough horse when Danzing Candy won the Gil San Felipe S. Twirling Candy's first crop sold well at the 2-year-old sales last year (18 averaged \$186,000), and he's averaged \$825,000 for two big sales at OBS: an \$850,000 colt to the partnership of Al Shaqab/China Horse Club/WinStar, and an \$800,000 filly to Solis/Litt for LNJ Foxwoods. The vibes remain strong for Twirling Candy.

**War Front** had one colt sell for \$675,000, also to Solis/Litt, good for third on the list by average at this early stage. **Curlin** ranks fourth with four sold for an average of \$568,000, while his sire, **Smart Strike**, ranks fifth, with five sold for an average of \$491,000; to be fair, though, most of that was the \$1.7-million OBS sale-topper. **Cont. p4**

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**ALTERNATE**, by Seattle Slew, 6 wins, 3 to 5, \$550,000, 2nd Monmouth Breeders' Cup (DEL, \$90,000), 2nd Delaware Oaks **[G3]** (DEL, \$50,000), Bewit Susan's Girl Breeders' Cup S. (L) (DEL, \$35,120,000), 3rd Glens Falls H. **[G3]** (SAR, \$120,000), 3rd Glens Falls H. 6 to race, 2 (TAM, \$10,000), Dam of 8 foals, 6 to race, 2  
**ALTERNATION** (c. by Distorted Humor), 9 w lawrn H. **[G2]** (OP, \$240,000), Razorback emor's Cup S. (L) (RP, \$125,000), Essex troma Derby (L) (RP, \$80,000).

**INTERRUPTED** (f. by Broken Vow), 5 w \$250,205, Lady Baltimore S. (L) (LFL, \$57,400), 3rd Florida Oaks **[G3]** (TAM, \$ Elision (f. by Elusive Quality), 3 wins at 2 anc at 4, \$72,940, in N.A./U.S. (Total: \$203,6

**2nd dam**  
**STRIKE A BALANCE**, by Green Dancer, 2 w sister to **WEDDING PICTURE** (c. by Mt. Liverm **PEAKS AND VALLEYS** (c. by Mt. Liverm horse of the year in Canada, champion Export Million S. **[G1]**, Meadowlark Derby Trial S. **[G3]**, Miller High Life Saratoga Cup H. **[G3]**, Lafayette S. **[G1]**, \$15,885(CAN)), 3rd Whitney H. **[G1]**, **ALTERNATE** (f. by Seattle Slew), Black Balancing Act, 2 wins at 3, \$22,855, Da **ELEUSIS** (f. by Diesel) (GB), 5 wins at Prix Joubert winner in 1 start at H. **[G2]** (AQU, \$90,000). (Total: \$60,1 land Happening S. (SUF, \$18,0 est Wildcat, 2 wins, Total: \$45,330, Counterpoise, 2 wins at 3, \$45,330, **Divine Music** (g. by Songandat Canada, winner at 3 and 4, \$1 (FG, \$12,000), Set nr at Fort H Hopes and Fears, Unraced, Dam of **CRYPTOGRAPH** (c. by Crypto in N.A./U.S., Round Table S. length S. (L) (U.S. \$45,000), 2

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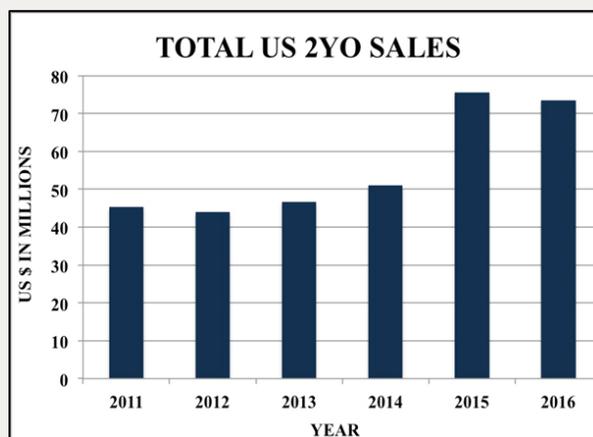
by Bill Oppenheim

“In its second year as a two-day sale with over 600 horses catalogued, the OBS March Sale sold exactly the same number of horses as last year (325, which was 53% of the catalogue), with a 7% drop in gross and average; this is probably as good a gauge of the market as we could ask for. Combined with Fasig’s Florida sale, in its second year at Gulfstream Park, gross receipts are down 3% and the average is up 3%, though that would be a higher gain if we adjusted for the Adena Springs consignments at Fasig. The market is just about holding its own, but there’s no sign of big advances, like we’re seeing at the Australian yearling sales”



**OBS MARCH SELECT 2YO SALE**

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	613	434	325	29.2%	74.9%	53.0%	\$ 51,650,000	\$ 158,923
2015	610	422	325	30.8%	77.0%	53.3%	\$ 55,432,000	\$ 170,560
2014	411	261	201	36.5%	77.0%	48.9%	\$ 37,627,500	\$ 187,201
2013	345	236	182	31.6%	77.1%	52.8%	\$ 28,871,000	\$ 158,632
2012	362	244	179	32.6%	73.4%	49.4%	\$ 24,819,000	\$ 138,654
2011	490	321	244	34.5%	76.0%	49.8%	\$ 25,563,000	\$ 104,766



**TOTAL US 2YO SALES AS OF MARCH 17, 2016**

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	767	530	391	30.9%	73.8%	51.0%	\$ 73,240,000	\$ 187,315
2015	785	554	415	29.4%	74.9%	52.9%	\$ 75,527,500	\$ 181,994
2014	568	346	248	39.1%	71.7%	43.7%	\$ 50,997,500	\$ 205,635
2013	481	314	228	34.7%	72.6%	47.4%	\$ 46,596,000	\$ 204,368
2012	529	328	239	38.0%	72.9%	45.2%	\$ 44,034,000	\$ 184,243
2011	730	464	325	36.4%	70.0%	44.5%	\$ 45,395,000	\$ 139,677

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

**Giant's Causeway** has had two fillies average \$467,500, while the late lamented **Scat Daddy** has had four average \$403,750. **Uncle Mo** has had 15 juveniles sell, including two millionaires, for an overall average of \$360,333, ahead of leading first-crop sire **Tapizar**, whose five to sell have averaged \$320,000, including an \$800,000 filly at Fasig. **Pioneerof the Nile** rounds out the top 10 by average, with six selling for an average of \$315,500.

Tapizar, winner of the 2012 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, stands alongside his sire, Tapit, at Gainesway. He ranked fourth among North American first-crop sires of yearlings last year, behind Bodemeister, The Factor, and Union Rags, and had 55 yearlings sell for an average of \$95,727, with a median of \$90,000, an impressive six times his stud fee. Now he's had an \$800,000 2-year-old, and as noted leads 2016 freshman sires by average for the first two sales, with a \$320,000 average for five sold. He's a 'market darling', that's for sure. WinStar's **Bodemeister** has had 13 sell for an average of \$257,846.



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Other 2016 freshman sires with five sold ([click here](#)): Lane's End's **Union Rags** (16, avg \$201,562) and **The Factor** (nine, avg \$151,333).

WinStar's **Gemologist** (seven, avg \$190,000); Gainesway's **To Honor And Serve** (10, avg \$144,000); and Coolmore Ashford's **Stay Thirsty** (five, avg \$141,000) and their former inmate, **Hansen**

(eight, avg \$131,250) have also averaged over \$100,000 with five or more sold. Darby Dan's **Shackleford** has had eight sell, for an average of \$95,250.



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## Fellowship on Track for Florida Derby

(cont. from p1)

“Awesome Banner came out [of the Tampa Bay Derby] fine,” Gold said. “Some will go long and some won’t, and he’s shown us twice without an excuse he can’t go long so he won’t go long anymore. He came back good and went to the track [Tuesday] for the first time. It’s like he never ran. By the three-eighths pole he was done. I think the message is there: forget that dream.”



Awesome Banner | Kenny Martin

As for possible targets for Awesome Banner, who won the six-furlong GIII Hutcheson S. and seven-furlong GII Swale S., Gold mentioned the Summit of Speed at Gulfstream in July, as well as the July 30 GII Amsterdam S. and Aug. 27 GI King’s Bishop S. at Saratoga.

“There will be other choices, but we’d be foolish to run him long again. We found out what we needed to find out,” Gold added. “The timing of things, we didn’t want to go out of town. We could have gone to New York and looked for a spot, but we

didn’t want to. We still wanted to see if he could go long so we tried him in the Tampa Bay Derby. He was excuse-free. He sat off the pace. We wanted him off the pace, we were on the outside, and that’s what he did. He sat off the pace and didn’t have any dirt in his face. He was free to go when he wanted and he was free to stop when he wanted and that’s exactly what he did. He’ll be a sprinter and hopefully as good as he was. I’m optimistic there.”

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**What's next for gambling in Florida: Courts Call the Shots**

When legislators finished their annual session last week without a gaming bill or a compact with the Seminole Tribe, they raised the stakes on the future of casinos in Florida, and it's precisely where gaming opponents want it. Instead of lawmakers deciding the future of expanded gambling, that decision will now be made by the courts in pending lawsuits before the Florida Supreme Court and a federal judge. **Mary Ellen Klas, Miami Herald**

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**IPLAYTRICKS, 8, Desert God--I Like Tricks, by Tricky Fun**

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Will be bred back to American Pharoah.  
Owner by Michael Stinson.  
Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.  
Accomplishments: MSW, \$522,690.

**SHOP AGAIN, 14, Wild Again--Shopping, by Private Account**

Foal born Feb. 21, a colt by Pioneerof the Nile  
Will be bred back to Curlin.  
Owned by JAMM, Ltd.  
Boarded at Mill Ridge.  
Accomplishments: SW, \$122,274. Dam of Power Broker (Pulpit), MGSW, \$865,612; Fierce Boots (Tiznow), SW, \$103,147.

**GOLDEN SHEBA, 14, Coronado's Quest--Mari's Sheba, by Mari's Book**

Foal born Feb. 22, a colt by Street Sense.  
Will be bred back to American Pharoah.  
Owned by La Bahia Stud Inc.  
Boarded at Buck Pond Farm.  
Accomplishments: Dam of Wedding Toast (Street Sense), MGISW, \$1,419,956.

**KIVI, 16, King of Kings (IRE)--Vilikaia, by Nureyev**

Foal born Feb. 22, a colt by More Than Ready  
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**PATIENCE PAYS OFF FOR ALTER WITH ‘APOLOGY’** *by Joe Bianca*

Thoroughbred racing is an inherently regenerative sport. Every year, a new crop of 2-year-olds arrives on the scene and piques our collective interest about what the future holds. The stars of today quickly give way to the stars of tomorrow. The allure of the Triple Crown, in particular, is an intoxicating one for all of the game’s stakeholders. Precociousness is an increasingly desirable trait, as breeding and training techniques shift more emphasis to horses who can win early and provide more immediate return on investment.



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Every now and then, however, sticking it out with a horse whose brilliance has been bundled with physical issues, can be greatly rewarding. One of these instances came to bear Mar. 11, when 5-year-old mare

**Apologynotaccepted**

(Fusaichi Pegasus) made her belated debut on an otherwise sleepy Friday at Gulfstream Park. The David Kassen trainee, breaking from the rail, blasted out of the gate, widened at every call and cruised home to a staggering 16-length victory under Emisael Jaramillo in 1:09.89, becoming a very unique **‘TDN Rising Star’** in the process ([video](#)).

Happy Alter, Apologynotaccepted’s breeder and owner, made his bones for several decades as a trainer, conditioning horses like star handicapper **Jolies Halo** (Halo) and longtime nine-furlong world record holder **Frosty the Snowman** (His Majesty). His deep roots in the game let him know when special talent reveals itself, and he had no problem giving his runner all the time she needed to get to the races.

“I never tried to breed her,” Alter said. “She showed me unusual talent and I knew she just needed time to come around and show everyone what she was.”

With Apologynotaccepted consistently experiencing what he termed as overall body soreness while training as a young horse, Alter decided to take his filly off the track temporarily.

“I tried turning her out for a short time and [the soreness] was still evident,” he said. “I said, ‘I don’t want to go on with her, I don’t want to hurt her anywhere.’ I sent her to Bridlewood Farm, where I’ve had my horses for about 30 years. They did an excellent job, I brought her back and she was able to go on, never showed any injuries or having anything wrong with her whatsoever. All the body soreness and everything came out in

the pasture, just walking around, taking it easy, like somebody that went on a long vacation to a special spa.”

Eventually it came time for Apologynotaccepted to return to training, with an eye on finally making it to the races. Around then, Alter encountered some skepticism, to say the least, when trying to decide what barn to send her to.

“I won’t mention his name, but when I told another trainer that I had some nice horses coming in and one is going to be a 5-year-old maiden, he said: ‘Happy, find another job for that horse. Not racing. Maybe a riding horse for your daughter to practice polo, but find another job for that horse.’ I said: ‘No, no, no, this horse has all kinds of talent.’”

Kassen, who Alter connected with because he noticed they had similar training styles, was a bit more receptive.

“I told Dave I have a maiden who’s going to be five coming in,” Alter recalled. “Dave said to me: ‘Happy, if you believe in the mare, then I’m going to believe in the mare. We’re in.’”

Alter co-owns the long successful traffic barrier purveyor Bob’s Barricades in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., but his passion has always been in racing. He brings to the sport a wellspring of knowledge gained not only from his own experiences, but from the teachings of some of the most legendary Hall of Fame mentors the game could provide. When queried to elaborate on his backstory, he eagerly credits many of these past tutors.

“I appreciate you asking, because I’m able to give honor to some people who aren’t on this earth anymore,” Alter offered. “Frankie Merrill, the 24-year-in-a-row leading Canadian trainer and four-time American leading trainer, took me under his wing and trained me in every aspect of this wonderful sport that we have.”

Alter explained that Merrill would ask him to write down what his plans would be for, say, a horse stretching out in distance. Merrill would do the same, then they would pull out their notes talk about the differences in tactics.

“When I got to the point where I could pull out of my pocket and match what he wrote,” Alter went on, “He said, ‘Go get your own license.’”

From there, Merrill turned Alter over to two-time GI Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Horatio Luro.

“Horatio was so pleased with me,” Alter recalled, “that when he retired, he gave me a string of horses to train before his step-grandson took out his license.”

Last, but certainly not least, Alter reflects on his relationship with the great H. Allen Jerkens.

“He and I became real good friends,” Alter said, “He would drive all the way out to Weston, where I lived. We spent all kinds of hours together, talking about horses’ training schedules, feed programs, the blacksmiths that we used. When you’re with ‘The Giant Killer,’ you learn things and you appreciate things.

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I just enjoyed so many times with him. I have really looked back at things that I try to utilize now that I'm managing horses."

Still speaking like a trainer, Alter has a plan mapped out for Apologynotaccepted, which includes the GII Princess Rooney S. and, eventually, the Breeders' Cup. He also mentioned that his phone has been ringing off the hook since his mare's sparkling debut.

"I've had offers from probably every state where there's racing," he revealed, adding that his ideal scenario would be to sell a 50% interest in the horse. "That would be my choice of doing it, continue to have some fun, hope everything goes well and be with a good partner in the Breeders' Cup."

Apologynotaccepted's dam, Withmom'sapproval, named for Alter's 100-year-old mother, has had three foals since her, all by Curlin, the second of which--Curlin's Approval--is in training with Marty Wolfson. She was also bred to Tapizar in 2015 and Morning Line this year.

As for the name, Apologynotaccepted? Well, that's another one Alter has a story for.

"I have a friend I grew up with since kindergarten," Alter explained. "We had a falling out. Frank Stronach came to me and said, 'Happy, he's your friend and you're my friend. You guys have been friends for so long, come on and shake hands. He said he's sorry, shake hands.' I said, 'Frank, apology not accepted.' He came back to me about 10 days later and said, 'Come on, Happy, for me.' I said, 'OK, Frank.' So we're friends again, and that friend was in the winner's circle the other day."

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## VICAR'S IN TROUBLE DIES

Ken and Sarah Ramsey's **Vicar's In Trouble** (Into Mischief--Vibrant, by Vicar), winner of the 2014 GII Louisiana Derby and GII Super Derby, was euthanized after suffering from laminitis. The 5-year-old was injured during the running of the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Mile. On the board in nine of 11 starts, Vicar's In Trouble won four times and earned \$1,228,292. In addition to the Louisiana and Super Derbies, he also won the GIII LeComte S. and was second in the GII Indiana Derby. A tweet from Ramsey Farm read, "With a heavy heart we share the sad news of Vicar's In Trouble. He was so friendly here on the farm and such a great horse and a great fighter. He will be missed by us all."



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# New York

## Thursday's Results:

**3rd-AQU, \$69,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.61, ft.**

**ANGELA RENEE (f, 4, Bernardini--Pilfer {SW, \$126,360}, by Deputy Minister)** began her career campaigning for breeder Siena Farm LLC and trainer Todd Pletcher, and earned Grade I success with a convincing score in Santa Anita's Chandelier S. in September 2014. The dark bay ran second in the GI Ashland S. at Keeneland last April and followed with a sixth-place effort in the GI Kentucky Oaks May 1. Fifth in Belmont's grassy Wild Applause S. June 14, she wrapped up her sophomore campaign with a dull seventh-place try in the GI Test S. over seven furlongs at Saratoga Aug. 8. A full-sister to To Honor and Serve (Bernardini, MGISW, \$1,798,840) and a half to Elnaawi (Street Sense, SW & GISP, \$346,655), Angela Renee attracted plenty of interest in the sales ring at Fasig-Tipton November, selling for \$3,000,000 to Carlos Heller's Don Alberto Corp. The filly was subsequently transferred to the care of Chad Brown and posted a steady string of works at Palm Meadows before shipping north for this return to action. Bet down to 3-5 favoritism, Angela Renee raced in third as Jules N Rome (Dunkirk) showed the way through a half-mile in :48.16. Asked to pick up the tempo on the turn, she launched a sustained rally and gradually edged past the leaders in midstretch to score by a length. Jules N Rome held on to complete the exacta. Pilfer is also responsible for an unnamed juvenile full-sister to the winner. Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, \$503,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Carlos Heller; B-Siena Farms LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

## TAYLOR MADE FOR YOU!

**6th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 3-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.80, ft.**  
**MAGNIFIER (g, 4, Awesome Again--Lindsay Frolic {GSW, \$422,664}, by Mt. Livermore)** carried the colors of Northwest Stud in his two previous trips to post, rallying to finish second on debut in a Parx dash for trainer Pascucci Ambrose Sept. 7 and filling out the exacta again for Giuseppe Iadiserchia in a six-furlong affair at Gulfstream Jan. 27. Acquired privately by these new connections following the latter effort, the dark bay posted a series of drills at Gulfstream Park and signaled his readiness with a bullet five-panel move in 1:00.16 there Mar. 3. Shipped north for a rare appearance by this barn on the New York winter circuit, Magnifier went straight to the front and raced in the clear through a quarter-mile in :22.78. With plenty of gas left in the tank turning for home, the gelding spurted away from the others and romped home 14 1/2 lengths ahead

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2014	NOV06	SA	6F ft	1:11.40 H	3/17
	OCT30	SA	6F ft	1:11.20 Hg	2/15
	OCT24	SA	6F ft	1:12.80 Hg	5/19
	OCT16	LA	*6F ft	1:11.60 H	1/5
	OCT09	LA	*6F ft	1:12.00 H	1/2
	SEP30	LA	*5F ft	:58.80 H	1/12
	SEP23	LA	*5F ft	:59.40 H	1/9
	SEP16	LA	5F ft	1:00.00 H	2/11
	SEP09	LA	4F ft	:48.20 H	6/17
	SEP02	LA	4F ft	:48.60 H	8/15
	AUG26	LA	4F ft	:49.60 H	10/16
	AUG18	LA	3F ft	:37.00 H	7/12
	AUG11	LA	3F ft	:38.80 H	9/11
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of Jess I Am (Eskendereya). The winner sold for \$200,000 as a KEESEP yearling and RNA'd for \$245,000 as an FTFMAR juvenile. Magnifier is a half to Super Frolic (Pine Bluff), GSW & MGISP, \$1,457,209; Stormy Frolic (Summer Squall), MSW & GSP, \$360,273; Lucky Frolic (Carson City), MSP, \$304,095; and Gallant Frolic (Broad Brush), MSP, \$184,655. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$60,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Atlas Racing Stable; B-Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

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## Florida

### Florida HBPA Board of Directors Elected:

The Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association has announced election results for its 2016-2017 Board of Directors. From the owner ranks, Bill White and Tom Cannell were re-elected; Herb Oster was newly elected, as was Joanie Needell, who will serve in the first alternate capacity. To represent trainers, David Fawkes and Phil Combest were re-elected, with former board member Carlo Vaccarezza returning to serve in the second alternate role.

"We are pleased to welcome our new board members in what will be an even more critical year for Florida Thoroughbred racing," said Florida HBPA Elections Chairman Marcus Vitali. "I'm confident our new members and returning ones will leave the starting gate on their toes for the amount of action we expect after our hard-fought short reprieve from the threat of decoupling."

The new board will meet Mar. 24 to determine committee chairs and elect a president.

### Castellano Reaches 100 Gulfstream Wins Again:

Javier Castellano rode his 100th winner of Gulfstream's Championship Meet Thursday when he guided He's Cotton to victory in the fourth race. The 38-year-old, on his way to a record fifth-straight Championship Meet riding title, has reached the century mark in five consecutive Gulfstream meets. Castellano finished Thursday with four winners to give him a 102-77 edge over runner-up Luis Saez at the current stand.

"It takes a lot of work, a lot of dedication and a lot of help. Everybody put in a little something to help me get to the level where I am," Castellano said. "I'm very fortunate to be here in South Florida. It's a great meet and I'm very proud to participate with the best jockeys in the country. It's a great colony. It's been a lot of hard work, but it pays off. The last few years to be able

to win 100 races is amazing. My agent, Matt Muzikar, does a great job to handle the business the way he does. I'm very fortunate. It's a great achievement."

## Central U.S.

### Thursday's Results:

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**8th-FG, \$44,000, Msw, 3-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.04, ft.**

**+LIMITLESS, f, 3, by Discreet Cat**

**1st Dam: Position Limit (GSW, \$120,000), by Bellamy Road**

**2nd Dam: Payable on Demand, by Out of Place**

**3rd Dam: Missuma, by Procida**

Limitless took all the money for this career debut and proved much the best with a wire-to-wire romp on debut Thursday afternoon at the Fair Grounds, becoming the newest 'TDN Rising Star'. The filly posted a strong worktab over the local strip dating back to January and finalized her preparations for this career unveiling with a five-furlong gate drill in 1:00.40 (2/29) Mar. 7. Tabbed as the even-money choice, she broke sharply and jetted to the front, showing the way in the clear through fractions of :22.10 and :46.16. Never threatened turning for home, the bay was wrapped up late and coasted home 4 1/4 lengths clear of Forecast (Malibu Moon). A daughter of unbeaten 2010 GII Adirondack S. heroine Position Limit, Limitless was acquired for \$37,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. Position Limit, who sold for \$700,000 at the 2013 Keeneland November sale while in foal to Awesome Again, has since been sent to Japan. She is responsible for the unnamed juvenile colt by Awesome Again and a yearling colt by Deep Impact (Jpn), who sold for \$405,000 at the JRHA July sale. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$26,400.

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O-Bret Jones, Kent Spellman & Wes Welker; B-Adena Springs (ON); T-J. Larry Jones.

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## A Partnership Made in Keeneland

by Jessica Martini

Airdrie Stud's Bret Jones, shopping for a filly for a racing partnership, had his eye on a filly by Discreet Cat at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale in 2014.

"I had liked her very much when I saw her at [breeder] Adena Springs and we vetted her and I went to the back ring at Keeneland to look at her," Jones recalled Thursday, shortly after the daughter of graded stakes winner Position Limit (Bellamy Road) romped home in her debut at Fair Grounds.

Jones quickly realized he wasn't the only one interested in the bay filly.

"I saw my brother-in-law Gatewood Bell [of Cromwell Bloodstock Agency] was also staring her down," Jones said. "And I know that look that Gatewood gets, so I walked over to him and asked him if he happened to be looking at a Discreet Cat filly and he said he was. We decided right there to go partners on her. So he bought her for his clients and we put a partnership together."

The partnership, which includes Bell's longtime client and former Denver Broncos wide receiver Wes Welker and Kent Spellman, secured the filly for \$37,000.

The team had high expectations for Limitless's first start Thursday in New Orleans.

"[Trainer] Larry Jones had been very high on her and Larry is very rarely, if ever, wrong," Jones said. "So we were very excited to see how she would go. We weren't quite as excited about drawing the one hole, but the way the race shaped up, it couldn't have played out better. Thankfully [jockey] Florent Geroux was able to get her out and get her on the lead and didn't have to look back too much."

Watching the race from his Lexington home, Jones did admit to some anxious moments when the filly blasted out to the early lead.

"All of us watching were saying in unison, 'Talk to her Florent, slow her down a little bit,'" Jones said. "But then she got into her stride and looked like she relaxed for him and she obviously had plenty left."

As for where Limitless might start next, Jones said, "Wherever Larry thinks she needs to go."

**9th-OP, \$75,000, Msw, 3-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47.39, ft. MOVING AWAY (f, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Alternate {MSW & MGSP, \$550,695}, by [Seattle Slew](#))** made moderate headway after racing in traffic to finish fifth of 11 on debut in a track-and-trip maiden test here Feb. 7 and resumed work with a trio of breezes over the local strip in preparation for this second start. Away multiple steps slowly leaving the gate, the 4-1 chance raced well off the pace behind a half-mile in :48.59 and was asked for more on the far turn. Angling five wide into the stretch, the homebred rallied to the front in midstretch and held a safe advantage to the wire, reporting home two lengths clear of Morning Mixer (Temple City). The winner is a full-sister to sire Alternation, MGSW, \$1,064,727; and a half-sister to Interrupted (Broken Vow), MSW & GSP, \$251,005. Alternate is also responsible for the juvenile colt Armament (War Front) and an unnamed yearling colt by Medaglia d'Oro. She was most recently bred to Speightstown. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$47,040. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel.

### HOLLY HILL Training Center

**7th-FG, \$41,000, (S), Msw, 3-17, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:34.64, fm. SPECIALEYES (g, 3, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Good Mood {Ire} {GSW, \$246,271}, by [Danehill Dancer](#) {Ire})** dueled for the entirety of a one-mile off-the-turf affair here Jan. 28 and came up second, a half-length short, behind Sun and Sand (Sun King). The gelding was hammered down to 4-5 favoritism to go one better in this grassy affair. Racing in traffic behind a half-mile in :49.84, the bay mounted a sweeping bid and got up to score by a neck over Hero's Highway (Mizzen Mast). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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## California

Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:03 p.m. EDT

**ARBORETUM S.**, \$75,000, 4yo & up, f&m, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Screaming Skylar	Smart Strike	Espinoza	Miller	12-1
2	Kool Kat	Scat Daddy	Talamo	Cassidy	15-1
3	Princess Charm (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Elliott	Sadler	20-1
4	My Year Is a Day (Fr)	King's Best	Blanc	D'Amato	5-1
5	Miss Double d'Oro	Medaglia d'Oro	Gonzalez	Drysdale	3-1
6	Moanin (Fr)	Medicean (GB)	Van Dyke	Drysdale	8-1
7	Dreamologist	Tapit	Prat	Mandella	9-5
8	Tesalina (Chi)	Fusaichi Pegasus	Desormeaux	Ward	4-1
9	Miss Gifted	Einstein (Brz)	Perez	Sherlock	20-1

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### The Jockey Club Continues Out-of-Competition Testing Grants:

The Jockey Club's Graded Stakes Out-of-Competition Testing Grant Fund will continue to provide racetracks with funding for out-of-competition testing for the presence of blood doping agents and RCI Class 1 substances. The program, created in 2014, has been utilized by tracks in California, Florida, Kentucky, New York and Ontario. Thoroughbred racetracks that elect to participate may receive reimbursement to defray some of the costs associated with out-of-competition testing subject to certain criteria.

"Thoroughbred racing needs to greatly expand its out-of-competition testing," said Dr. Rick Arthur, the equine medical director for the California Horse Racing Board. "The Jockey Club's grant program for graded stakes has made a positive impact in California, and I would encourage other racetracks in other states to use the grant fund to implement or enhance out-of-competition testing programs."

"Out-of-competition testing is an extremely important weapon in the quest for integrity and fairness, and in the past few weeks we've seen how much other sports rely on such testing and punish those who violate drug rules," said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club. "As a sport and as a business, we need to take every measure we can to ensure the integrity of competition, and we encourage racetracks and regulatory authorities to participate in our Graded Stakes Out-of-Competition Testing Grant Fund program once again this year."

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## ROOKIES

### First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, March 18

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

**AMERICAN LION** (Tiznow), Darby Dan Farm, \$5K, 131/11/1  
9-OP, Msw 1 1/16m, American Roma, 15-1

**BIG DRAMA** (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 109/16/1  
6-SA, Aoc 7f, Instant Drama, \$40K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

**CAPE BLANCO (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$17.5K, 259/18/1

7-HAW, Msw 5f, Allaire, 3-1

**CAUSEWAY'S KIN** (Giant's Causeway), Prestige Stallions, \$2.5K, 9/1/0  
9-FG, Msw 6f, I'm a Lawman, \$17K OBS AUG yrl, 12-1

**COURAGEOUS CAT** (Storm Cat), Questroyal North, \$10K, 80/3/1  
7-HAW, Msw 5f, Call Me Courageous, 7-2

**DROSSELMAYER** (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$17.5K, 176/14/0  
7-TP, Msw 1m, Princess Drossie, \$82K RNA FTK JUL yrl, 5-1

6-TAM, Msw 1mT, Claravoyant, \$110K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

**FRIESAN FIRE** (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 102/17/1  
3-LRL, Msw 1 1/16m, Colmont Fire, 5-1

**GONE ASTRAY** (Dixie Union), Northwest Stud, \$4.5K, 145/17/2  
4-SA, Aoc 1mT, Gone to Bali, \$60K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1

**LONHRO (AUS)** (Octagonal {NZ}), Darley, \$30K, 176/15/2

6-TAM, Msw 1mT, Coogee Bay, 12-1

**MISREMEMBERED** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$7.5K, 57/8/1  
9-FG, Msw 6f, +Numbers Never Lie, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

**MOTOVATO** (Proud Citizen), Bridlewood Farm, \$4.5K, 7/2/0  
8-TAM, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Napa Valley Rose, 20-1

**MT WAVERLY** (Mt. Livermore), 7/0/0

7-HAW, Msw 5f, Audrey and Annie, 20-1

**REGAL RANSOM** (Distorted Humor), Darley, dead, 140/9/0  
8-TAM, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Regal Roma, \$30K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1

**SIDNEY'S CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 165/13/1  
9-FG, Msw 6f, +R H Is a Runner, 12-1

6-AQU, Msw 1m, Candy Counter, 5-2

4-SA, Aoc 1mT, Sheeza Milky Way, \$70K BAR MAR 2yo, 3-1

5-GP, Msw 1m, +Candy Ride Cat, \$48K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

**TIZWAY** (Tiznow), Spendthrift Farm, \$25K, 183/15/2

3-LRL, Msw 1 1/16m, Nick's Luck, \$425K FTS AUG yrl, 15-1

**TRAPPE SHOT** (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/20/0

6-SA, Aoc 7f, Precious Audrey, 20-1

8-TAM, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Quick Release, \$43K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

**TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 145/32/3  
9-FG, Msw 6f, Twizz, \$75K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

5-GP, Msw 1m, Grand Nene, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

**UNCLE MO** (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/40/10

3-LRL, Msw 1 1/16m, Supah Czech, \$30K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

7-TP, Msw 1m, Bayshore Drive, 12-1

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**5th-OP, \$79,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-17, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.24, ft.**

**RACER (g, 3, Jonesboro--Leading Lass, by Bright Launch)**  
Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$70,834. O/B-Robert Yagos (AR);  
T-William H. Fires.

**5th-SA, \$58,690, (S), 3-17, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.97, ft.**

**AWESOME LUCK (m, 5, Ghostzapper--Lucky C. H. {SP}, by A.P. Indy)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-2, \$96,875. O/B-Harris Farms (CA);  
T-Blake R. Heap. \*1/2 to Lucky J.H. (Cee's Tizzy), GSW, \$632,065.

**6th-PEN, \$33,300, (S), 3-16, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12.55, ft.**

**NO MORE STRIPPERS (g, 5, Weigelia--Diamonds No More, by Diamond)** Lifetime Record: 36-6-7-5, \$145,568. O-Dana P.  
Grimaldi & Frederick Solleder; B-Wynoaks Farm LLC & St. Omers Farm (PA); T-David Nunn.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sweetest Yet, f, 3, Drosselmeyer--Even Sweeter, by Even the Score.** PEN, 3-16, (S), 1m, 1:42.34. B-Equvine Farm (PA).  
\*\$60,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP.

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**Chapel of Chimes, f, 3, Etched--Really Rahy, by Real Quiet.** PEN, 3-17, (S), 6f, 1:13.09. B-Elizabeth R. Houghton (PA).

**Guardian, c, 3, Proud Citizen--Won Perfect Rose, by Air Forbes** Won. AQU, 3-17, (S), (C), 6f, 1:14.29. B-Seth Gregory (NY).  
\*1/2 to Gold And Roses (Gold Token), MSW, \$877,966.

**Foxy Fresh, f, 3, Sidney's Candy--Miss Afleet Alex (MSP), by Afleet Alex.** SA, 3-17, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04.61. B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA). \*\$70,000 Ylg '14 BAROCT.

**+Volume Discount, f, 3, Tizway--Yogi's splashofgold (GSP, \$173,339), by Touch Gold.** CT, 3-16, 4 1/2f, :53.68. B-Charles S Giles (KY). \*\$90,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$220,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$10,500 2yo '15 OBSOCT.

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**Algorhythmic, f, 4, Vronsky--Thorellen, by Swiss Yodeler.** SA, 3-17, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:15.66. B-Jonny Hilvers (CA).

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Erhaaf, g, 4, [Street Sense](#). See "TDN Europe/International."



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	GIII Sunland Derby	SUN
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## THISTLECRACK HAS THE WORLD AT HIS FEET



Thistlecrack in full flight at Cheltenham | *Racing Post*

By Emma Berry

A spotless record this season for the outstanding staying hurdler **Thistlecrack (GB)** (Kayf Tara {GB}) was further enhanced by his demolition of 11 rivals in the G1 Ryanair World Hurdle Thursday. Describing his foot-perfect round on the odds-on favourite as “a wonderful thrill,” winning jockey Tom Scudamore said, “How it looked was how it felt. To be able to ride a horse like that, it was very special. I have never ridden anything like him. They were going fast enough in a championship race and, at the top of the hill, there were only three in it and then very quickly there was only one in it. He's just outstanding.”

Thistlecrack's dominance ensured that he was seven lengths clear of Alpha Des Obeaux (Fr) (Saddler Maker {Ire}) at the line, with another 22 lengths separating the runner-up and the gallant 11-year-old Bobs Worth (Ire) (Bob Back), the former Cheltenham Gold Cup winner who outpointed last year's World Hurdle victor Cole Harden (Ire) (Westerner {Ire}) for third place.

Now eight, Thistlecrack has accrued an impressive haul this season, with two Grade 1 and two Grade 2 victories to add to last year's triumph in the G1 Sefton Novices' Hurdle at Aintree. Having raced only once at five and twice as a 6-year-old, all three of those starts coming on the level in bumpers, the gelding has fully repaid the patience shown by trainer Colin Tizzard and owners John and Heather Snook. Since taking to hurdling, he has won seven of his 10 starts. **Cont. p2**

## SOLOW OUT OF DUBAI TURF DEFENSE

**Solow (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}), the defending winner of the G1 Dubai Turf, has been ruled out of that Mar. 26 contest by trainer Freddy Head. The 6-year-old gelding had knocked a leg in a workout Wednesday and while connections initially thought him to be fine, Head said he was unhappy with the grey's condition Thursday.

“We are not going to Dubai,” Head confirmed. “His leg is not right this morning so we have decided not to go--we just don't have enough time. It's nothing too serious at this stage, but the leg is not right. We don't really know where we will go yet, but the [G1] Lockinge S. [at Newbury on May 14] could be an option, although the Prix d'Ispahan is around that time and it was the plan to go for that, so we will see.”

Campaigned as a homebred by the Wertheimer brothers, Solow has won his last 10 starts, including five Group 1s.

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Parthenos, half-sister to Listed winning  
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**Thistlecrack Has The World At His Feet Cont. from p1**

“He has grown into himself in the last 12 months and has gone from being a very nice horse to being a superstar,” said Tizzard, who combines training with dairy farming from his home in Dorset. He added, “It’s a relief really more than anything. There has been so much hype and pressure in the last few weeks. Every day is another one ticked off. But this just goes to show that you don’t have to be one of the big battalions. Any yard can have a superstar and sometimes these horses find you.”



**Tom Scudamore gives Thistlecrack a much-deserved hug | *Racing Post***

Thistlecrack is not, however, the only superstar in the Tizzard yard as the stable is also responsible for one of the strong fancies in today’s Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup. The much-loved Cue Card (GB) (King’s Theatre {Ire}) stands to win a £1-million bonus if he manages to land the Cheltenham feature as he has also won this season’s G1 Betfair Chase and G1 William Hill King George VI Chase. The cash prize for claiming steeplechasing’s ‘Triple Crown’ was put up last year by Jockey Club Racecourses in honour of the late Kauto Star (Fr), who won all three races in the 2006-07 season.

**St Patrick’s Day Celebrated In Style By Ireland...**

Anglo-Irish rivalry is a standing dish at Cheltenham, to the extent that a Betbright-sponsored challenge, known as the Prestbury Cup, now keeps chart of the number of winners from each country. On St Patrick’s Day, the Irish appropriately held the upper hand, with six of the seven winners, and one Irishman in particular continued to enjoy a fantastic run at the Festival, with the week’s leading jockey, Ruby Walsh, taking his all-time tally to a record 52 winners after a treble on the day.

Walsh’s partnership with Ireland’s champion trainer Willie Mullins ensures he has the pick of a mouth-watering array of mounts and the duo has now teamed up in seven winners at Cheltenham this week—just one shy of Mullins’s record, which was set last year. In total, Mullins—who is on course to be leading trainer at the Festival for a fourth consecutive year—is bettered only by Nicky Henderson in the all-time Cheltenham trainers’ standings, his run of success this week lifting him to 48 Festival winners behind Henderson’s 55.

G1 JLT Novices’ Chase winner **Black Hercules (Ire)** (Heron Island {Ire}) got the ball rolling for the day, with **Vautour (Fr)** (Robin Des Champs {Fr})—a controversial late switch from the Cheltenham Gold Cup to the G1 Ryanair Chase—and G2 Trull House Stud Mares’ Novice Hurdle winner **Limini (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre) adding to the spoils.

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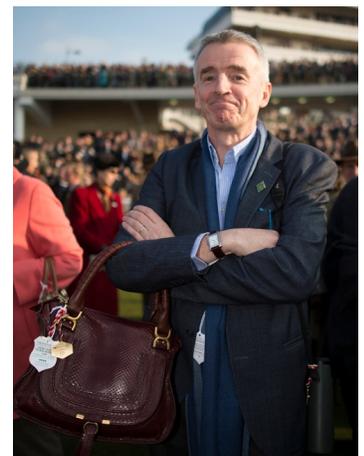
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Mullins paid tribute to his stable jockey, whose Festival successes include four Champion Hurdles and two Cheltenham Gold Cups, saying, “He’s the best jockey I’ve ever had riding for me. From the time I saw him as a seven-pound claimer, he was different gravy and he still is.”

“We couldn’t imagine that this would all happen all these years later, but I did know that Ruby was going to be a top, top jockey,” Mullins added. “His first winner for me was a little filly, who was a relation to [JCB Triumph Hurdle winner] Snow Drop (Fr) in an 18- or 19-runner bumper and he came from last to first to win on her. It was a terrific ride and I thought ‘that’s the future’. He just oozes class and he’s always in the right place at the right time in a race.”



**Michael O’Leary holds his wife, Anita’s, handbag while she presents the Ryanair World Hurdle prizes *Racing Post***

Both Vautour and Limini are owned by Rich Ricci, who has been rewarded for his vast investment in National Hunt stock with five winners this week, including both mares’ races and a famous triumph for another mare, Annie Power (Ire), in the G1 Stan James Champion Hurdle. **Cont. p3**

### Thistlecrack Has The World At His Feet Cont. from p1

Britain led the Prestbury Cup for the first two days but with Thursday winners for Mullins, Gordon Elliott, Colm Murphy and five-horse trainer Pat Kelly, Ireland has now taken the upper hand with the tally standing at 11-10.

A rousing St Patrick's Day celebration was rounded off in style by the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup winner **Cause Of Causes** (Dynaformer)--a half-brother to Derby winner Kris Kin (Kris S)--who was galvanised from a near-hopeless position by Ireland's leading amateur rider Jamie Codd to win in the patriotic green-and-gold silks of JP McManus.

### Thistlecrack's Sister Sold To Snooks...

Thistlecrack's resounding victory, which prevented Irish-trained horses sweeping the board on the third day of the Festival, was followed by the rather unusual occurrence of his full-sister being offered for sale among 20 horses in the boutique Tattersalls Ireland Festival Sale, which took place immediately post-racing in the parade ring. The 3-year-old filly (lot 5), who was offered unraced but broken-in by her breeders Robin and Scarlett Knipe of Cobhall Court Stud, is the final foal of her dam Ardstown (GB) (Ardross {GB}), who died delivering her. She fetched £165,000 when sold to Thistlecrack's owners John and Heather Snook, who were accompanied by Colin Tizzard.

"He's just spent all of our prize-money but he was determined to have her," said Heather Snook of her husband. "The family has been so lucky for us and we love Kayf Tara. I don't know whether we'll have the nerve to race her or not. First of all I

need to find a spare stable for her at home."

Reflecting on Thistlecrack's victory earlier in the day, she added, "You daren't let yourself believe it could happen and then, watching it, I couldn't believe how



Thistlecrack's sister | Emma Berry

facile it was. It's been a wonderful day, I think we're all still in shock."

The filly fetched the third-highest price of the sale, which featured mostly winning bumper horses and point-to-pointers. Top of the table at £225,000 was lot 6, the 4-year-old point-to-point winner Timewaitsfornoone (Ire) (Oscar {Ire}), who was bought by agent Gerry Hogan for leading Irish owner Barry Connell.

Hogan commented, "He's by the same sire as The Tullow Tank (Ire), who won two Grade 1 races for Barry, and he's a very nice individual with a great attitude. He'll go to Alan Fleming on the Curragh."

Harold Kirk, who buys for Willie Mullins, was also in action, signing for lot 8, Monbeg Chitchat (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}), another winner between the flags in Ireland.

"He's for an existing owner in the yard," said Kirk after bidding £200,000 for the 5-year-old gelding. "We also bought Invitation Only (Ire) from [vendor] Donnchadh Doyle. He won his bumper on Sunday and we think a lot of him. Monbeg Chitchat is by the sire of the moment and is from a very good family."

A total of 14 lots sold during the select session for £1,447,000 at an average price of £103,357.

### Transatlantic Challenge Sweetened...

A \$500,000 bonus--coined the Brown Advisory Iroquois Cheltenham Challenge--was announced last year for any horse that could win the Iroquois Steeplechase in Nashville, Tennessee and Cheltenham's Ryanair World Hurdle in the same calendar year, and the incentive was sweetened Thursday when Nashville's Volunteer State Horsemen's Foundation raised the prize of their contest by \$50,000 to \$200,000.

"We saw this as a way to reignite the trans-Atlantic rivalry that has existed since the 19th century, and the Challenge has been very well received," said Iroquois Steeplechase Chairman Dwight Hall. "Our goal is to offer an international opportunity for horsemen on both sides of the Atlantic. We recognize the expense involved so we raised our purse to make the challenge more attractive."

He added, "A foreign horse could recoup its travel expenses with a third-place finish in our race, or earn much more if it were to win. Altogether, considering their individual purses and the Brown Advisory Challenge bonus, a successful horse could earn more than \$900,000."

The Ryanair World Hurdle took place Thursday at Cheltenham and was won by Thistlecrack (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}). The Iroquois Steeplechase is set for May 14. Both are three-mile races.

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### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Erhaaf, g, 4, **Street Sense**--Saraama, by Bahri. CHD, 3-17, 10f (AWT), 2:04.82. B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd.



**Thursday's Results:**

**PRIX MONTENICA-Listed**, €55,000, CHY, 3-17, 3yo, c/g, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.12, st.

1--**#TOLIMAN (GB), 126, g, 3, by Hat Trick (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Tell It As It Is (MSW & GSP-Can, \$383,876), by Chester House**

**2nd Dam: Talltalelady, by Naska**

**3rd Dam: Long Legend, by Reviewer**

O-Robert Ng; B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS (GB); T-Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 4 wins, 5 places, €89,450.

2--**Hurricane (Fr), 128, g, 3, Hurricane Cat--Monatora (Fr), by Hector Protector.** (€18,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Daniel-Yves Treves. €11,000.

3--**Bear Faced (GB), 128, g, 3, Intikhab--Hulcote Rose (Ire), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire).** (27,000gns RNA Wlg '13 TATFOA; 40,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-The Barkers & Chris Jenkins. €8,250.

Margins: HD, 2HF, 3/4. Odds: 5.90, 0.30, 12.10.

Also Ran: Post Var (Fr), Dhevanafushi (GB), See Your Starr (Fr).

Proving himself a tough customer on the all-weather during the winter, the former Andre Fabre trainee Toliman successfully stepped up to a mile when taking a conditions event on the Polytrack at Cagnes-sur-Mer last time Feb. 24 and used that extra measure of stamina to upstage the hot favourite Hurricane for a first black-type success here. Settled in third early, the bay, who sported cheekpieces, kept tabs with that rival as he was delivered inside the last quarter-mile and after gaining a slight edge passing the furlong pole dug deep to withstand his challenge. Connections are eyeing a tilt at the G3 Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 7. The accomplished dam, who hails from the family of Mr. Greeley and the champion Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}), has a 2-year-old filly by Dansili (GB) named Tanariva (GB) and a yearling colt by Dansili (GB). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

**PRIX RONDE DE NUIT-Listed**, €55,000, CHY, 3-17, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.33, st.

1--**#OKANA (GB), 126, f, 3, by Zamindar**

**1st Dam: Oceanique, by Forest Wildcat**

**2nd Dam: Soundings, by Mr. Prospector**

**3rd Dam: Ocean's Answer, by Northern Answer**

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Maxime Guyon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €40,000. \*1/2 to Snowday (Fr) (Falco), GSW-Fr, \$142,550.

2--**Manasarova, 126, f, 3, More Than Ready--Manaahil, by Mr. Greeley.** (\$85,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; €80,000 RNA Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair. €11,000.

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3--**Venecia Style (Fr), 126, f, 3, Desert Style (Ire)--Verone, by Dixie Union.** O-Gerard Augustin-Normand. €8,250. Margins: 3/4, 3/4, SNK. Odds: 4.00, 7.40, 7.90.

Also Ran: Marmogah (Fr), Damila (Fr), Aim To Please (Fr), Maisons (Fr), Lady Clair (Ire), Kenshaba (Fr), Wootton's Walk (Fr).

Sidelined after her debut defeat of the subsequently group-placed Chartreuse (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) over this trip on the Polytrack at Deauville in August, Okana made up for lost time to suggest she could be a player in the upcoming mile Classics. Keen early anchored behind the leading quartet, the bay was cajoled through to challenge halfway up the straight and finally mastered Manasarova with 100 metres left before asserting for a clear-cut win. "I couldn't run her again last year after Deauville, as she had a setback but she was doing well leading up to this," trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias commented. "I thought she'd need the run, but she had a dream trip up the inside and that probably helped. There is room for improvement, but I don't know yet where she will go as I have other nice fillies." The dam, who is a half-sister to the high-achieving sire Green Tune and the champion Pas de Reponse (Danzig), also has a 2-year-old filly by Oasis Dream (GB) named Grande Bleue (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**1st-CHY, €28,000, 3-17, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:54.30, st.**

**NIGHT WISH (GER) (h, 6, Sholokhov {Ire}--Night Woman {Ger} {SP-Ger}, by Monsun {Ger})** Lifetime Record: SW & MG1SP-Ger, 19 starts, 4 wins, 6 places, €113,800. O-Stall Salzburg; B-Gestut Etzean (GER); T-W Figge. \*€200,000 Ylg '11 BBAGS. \*\*1/2 to Night Magic (Ger) (Sholokhov {Ire}), 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ger, G1SP-Ity, \$1,073,939.

**5th-MPV, €21,000, 3-17, 4yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.61, st.**

**INDY CASS (FR) (g, 4, Elusive City--Moonlight Cass {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 8 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €52,250. O-JSC Kasandros Grupe; B-A Cicenias (FR); T-Christophe Ferland.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Valkena (Fr), f, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Vaillante (Ire), by Zilzal.** MPV, 3-17, 10f (AWT), 2:10.97. B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR). \*€35,000 RNA Ylg '14 AROCT.

**Black Night (Fr), c, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Nera Zilzal (Ire), by Zilzal.** MPV, 3-17, 10f (AWT), 2:12.33. B-Le Haras de la Gousserie (FR). \*1/2 to Pistachette (Fr) (Agnes Kamikaze {Jpn}), SP-Fr, \$288,125; & to Itri (Fr) (Agnes Kamikaze {Jpn}), SP-Fr, \$262,378.



**TREASURES TO BE FOUND AT EASTER**

*By Kelsey Riley*

The Australian yearling sale market has shown signs of excellent health in 2016, with significant gains posted at every major auction. With the country’s highest-averaging yearling sale, the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, still to come Apr. 5 to 7, breeders and consignors alike would be forgiven for being filled with optimism.

The Easter sale last year posted resurgent results despite the expansion of its catalogue. The average climbed 15.4% to A\$291,743, while the median was up 5.3% to A\$200,000—both seven-year highs for Easter. There were 10 millionaires among the top-priced lots.



**Easter graduate and Hong Kong champion miler Able Friend, whose half-brother will be offered this year | *Racing Post***

No sale will move forward by looking back, however, and Jonathan D’Arcy, Inglis’s National Bloodstock Director, had high praise for this year’s book of 580.

“I think the quality of the catalogue this year certainly ranks in the top two or three I’ve seen put together in the time I’ve been with Inglis,” D’Arcy said. “With things like the last crop of Street Cry and the first crop of Frankel, there is a lot to look forward to.”

The sire and pedigree power on offer at Inglis’s Newmarket complex in Sydney the first week of April is immediately apparent upon opening the catalogue. Australia’s current top five general sires—Not A Single Doubt (Aus), Street Cry (Ire), Fastnet Rock (Aus), Lonhro (Aus) and Sebring (Aus)—have 132 catalogued between them. Redoute’s Choice (Aus) and his red-hot sire-son Snitzel (Aus) have 24 and 30, respectively, slated to sell, and other leading sires like High Chaparral (Ire) (18), Exceed and Excel (Aus) (17) and More Than Ready (16) are also well represented. **Cont. p6**

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**Treasures to Be Found at Easter Cont.**

First-season sires are always a cause for excitement this time of year, and old racetrack rivals All Too Hard (Aus) and Pierro (Aus) have both made big impressions with their first crops in the ring thus far. Easter graduate All Too Hard, a A\$1.025 million buy in 2011 who went on to win four Group 1s, has 37 catalogued, while the 2012 2-year-old Triple Crown winner Pierro (Aus) has 41 to go under the hammer. Group 1-winning sprinter Your Song (Aus) has eight to sell from his first crop, and



Jonathan D'Arcy | Inglis

G1 Dubai World Cup and G1 Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom has seven.

The star of the show, however, could be Frankel (GB), who has five yearlings from his first Southern Hemisphere-sired crop to sell. Frankel covered 21 mares Southern

Hemisphere-time at Juddmonte's Banstead Manor Stud in England in 2013 and the first of those to see a sales ring was a colt that made NZ\$1.3 million at New Zealand Bloodstock's Premier Sale in January.

D'Arcy noted that attracting the progeny of the top sires was a goal for the Inglis team.

"It's one thing we've worked really hard at," he said. "The horses that are successful on the racetrack here, the new boom horses such as Exceed and Excel, Snitzel and High Chaparral, are well represented. The mainstays of our industry, horses like Redoute's Choice, Fastnet Rock and More Than Ready, are very well represented."

"All Too Hard and Pierro were two outstanding champions," D'Arcy added. "All Too Hard is a graduate of the Easter sale and we have 37 of his progeny. He's been very well received at all the sales so far this year. Pierro of course is the champion 2-year-old representing a great sire line and I think some of the best Pierros to be offered for sale anywhere in Australasia are coming to the Easter sale, so Pierro is going to have a strong sale as well."

Another intriguing offering is a Shamardal colt ([lot 71](#)) consigned by Widden Stud. A former Darley shuttler, Shamardal is the sire of Australian Group 1 winners Captain Sonador (Aus), Faint Perfume (Aus), Maybe Discreet (Aus) and Delectation (Aus), as well as talented performers like Puissance De Lune (Ire) and Bow Creek (Ire). He has also been successful in Hong Kong--which historically has a strong presence at Easter--with the likes of champion miler Able Friend (Aus). Other current top performers like G1 Dubai Turf hopeful Tryster (Ire) should ensure his popularity at Inglis, which sold a Shamardal colt for A\$320,000 to Melbourne Cup-winning trainer Darren Weir at its Melbourne Premier sale in February. [Cont. p7](#)

**REDOUTE'S CHOICE**

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SESSION 1 STATS

	2015	2014
Catalogued	464	437
Offered	423	393
Sold	350	328
RNAs	73	65
%RNAs	17.3%	16.5%
No. A\$1M+	10	7
High Price	A\$2,200,000	A\$1,600,000
Gross	A\$102,110,000	A\$82,942,500
Average	A\$291,743 (+15.4%)	A\$252,873
Median	A\$200,000 (+5.3%)	A\$190,000

Treasures to Be Found at Easter Cont.

“We have a Shamardal colt who is an outstanding individual; I’ve seen him three or four times and he’s a colt who is going to capture a lot of imagination,” D’Arcy said. “We sold a Shamardal colt in Melbourne that sold very well. Shamardal isn’t shuttling anymore, so I’m sure the Hong Kong buyers as well as our local market will be very interested to have a look at that colt from Widden.”

The sire power on offer is backed up by pages from some of the best families not only in Australia, but globally.

“There’s a combination of international bloodlines both from the sires and the mares,” D’Arcy pointed out. “A lot of our breeders are very good at sourcing top-class American and European families. The visitors will recognize a lot of the families, because our breeders have done a great job over the last 10 to 15 years of sourcing



Internationally successful sire  
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top-quality breeding stock from around the world. A lot of the families are household names in both Kentucky and Newmarket.”

D’Arcy’s statement is supported by the fact that this year’s Easter catalogue features fillies from the families of breed-shaping matriarchs like Fanfreluche, Easy Date (Aus), Dancing Show, Detroit (Fr), Oceanfast (Aus), Circles Of Gold (Aus), Emancipation (Aus), Jesmond Lass (Aus), Piccadilly Circus (Aus), Subterfuge (GB), Snippet’s Lass (Aus), Scandinavia (Aus), Danelagh (Aus), Parfore (NZ) and Helen Street (GB). [Cont. p8](#)

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**Treasures to Be Found at Easter Cont.**

The catalogue includes the progeny of 173 stakes-winning mares and 142 siblings to stakes winners, including 44 Group 1 winners. The Group 1 siblings include [lot 135](#), a Snitzel half-brother to current superstar mare Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) and a full-brother to Thursday's debut-winning 2-year-old El Divino (Aus), who earned 'TDN Rising Star' status; [lot 399](#), a colt by Pierro who is a half-brother to multiple Group 1 winner Criterion (NZ) (Sebring {Aus}) and two other stakes winners; [lot 15](#), a half-brother by Dalakhani (Ire) to Hong Kong champion miler and Easter graduate Able Friend; [lot 285](#), a full-brother to champion sprinter Lankan Rupee (Aus); [lot 260](#), a full-brother to Horse of the Year Dissident (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}); [lot 249](#), a Street Cry half-brother to triple Group 1 winner Fawkner (Aus) (Reset {Aus}) and dual Group 2 winner Tanby (Aus) (Galileo {Ire}); [lot 100](#), a full-brother to G1 Cox Plate and G1 Australian Guineas winner Shamus Award (Aus); [lot 312](#), a full-sister to Foxwedge (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}); [lot 381](#), a Sepoy (Aus) half-brother to dual Group 1 winner Star Witness (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}) and Group 3 winner Nostradamus (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro); [lot 413](#), a More Than Ready filly who enjoyed the ultimate update last weekend



**Group 1-winning Easter graduate Shamus Award has a full-brother catalogued | *Racing and Sports***

when her half-sister Peeping (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) won the G1 Coolmore Classic; and [lot 198](#), a Rip Van Winkle (Ire) half-brother to triple Group 1 winner Preferment (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), the winner of last weekend's G1 Australian Cup.

Other standouts on pedigree include [lot 7](#), a Fastnet Rock filly out of Perfect Persuasion (Aus) (Encosta De Lago {Aus})--a full-sister to the champion filly Alinghi (Aus)--who has had full-siblings sell here the last two years for A\$1.6 million apiece; [lot 10](#), a colt by Street Cry who is the first foal out of G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas winner Planet Rock (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}); [lot 137](#), a Team Valor International-bred daughter of Animal Kingdom out of Victory Party (Yankee Victor), a half-sister to multiple champion Beholder (Henny Hughes) and leading young sire Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday); [lot 199](#), a Sebring colt who is the first foal out of Singapore champion mare Better Life (Aus) (Smarty Jones); [lot 229](#), a Fastnet Rock half-brother to Group 1 winner Gathering (Aus) (Tale of the Cat) and Group 3 winner Florentina (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) who descends from the great Dancing Show family; and [lot 340](#), a full-sister to stakes winner and A\$1 million Easter buy Lake Geneva (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and another filly who made A\$1 million here last year. **Cont. p9**



**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 Vanburgh, 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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Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<a href="#">264</a>	c	<a href="#">Snitzel (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Admirelle (Aus)</a>	2,200,000
Consigned by Milburn Creek Purchased by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum <i>*Named Shaheen (Aus)</i>				
<a href="#">271</a>	c	<a href="#">Snitzel (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Alinghi (Aus)</a>	1,800,000
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by David Raphael/G Ryan <i>*Named America (Aus)</i>				
<a href="#">323</a>	f	<a href="#">Fastnet Rock (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Candlelight</a>	1,750,000
Consigned by Segenhoe Stud Purchased by Coolmore Australia <i>*Named Peaceful Sea (Aus)</i>				
<a href="#">103</a>	f	<a href="#">Fastnet Rock (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Perfect Persuasion (Aus)</a>	1,600,000
Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud Purchased by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum <i>*Named Aneeda (Aus)</i>				
<a href="#">283</a>	c	<a href="#">Sepoy (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Ancient Song (Aus)</a>	1,600,000
Consigned by Turangga Farm Purchased by James Harron Bloodstock <i>*Named War Hero (Aus), started once</i>				

### Treasures to Be Found at Easter Cont.

“We had a lot of horses entered in the sale and we were able to select a really good bunch of yearlings,” D’Arcy said. “I’ve only just gone around and had a final check of the yearlings and I’m really happy with the way the horses are coming up. The word we’re getting from our vendors is that they’re very, very happy. Several vendors have said it’s the strongest group of horses they’ve ever brought to Easter. If the vendors are confident with the product they’re going to offer it certainly adds to our confidence leading into the sale.”

While the Easter sale appears to have a catalogue that can continue to propel it to new heights, D’Arcy remained cautiously optimistic, pointing out that the Easter sale is unique among its counterparts.

“To be quite honest if we were to repeat the results of last year I’d be quite satisfied,” he said. “While the expectation is that Easter will go up in line with others sales it’s difficult because it is a different sector of the market.”

“Our median is higher than the other sales,” he continued. “A lot of the growth in the sales this year has been in the A\$100,000 to A\$150,000 mark. The number of horses making that mark has seen the averages rise for the major sales thus far. Having said that I certainly feel we have a lot of horses capable of making A\$500,000 and above. If the buyers like what they see I’m sure we’ll see a good result. If we can get 5% growth at Easter that’s still a huge amount of money to be going up on average. We’d be happy to replicate what we did in 2015 and if there’s a little increase in average that would be great.”

D’Arcy said his biggest wish is to maintain the solid 84% clearance rate post last year.

“The most important thing for us is the clearance rate; we want to see our vendors sell their horses,” he said. “Achieving a strong clearance rate again is the number one aim.”

### Session Two Punching Above Its Weight...

The more modest shoppers that may be deterred by Easter’s near A\$300,000 average can find solace in the catalogue’s 115-horse Session 2, which takes place the second part of the third day of the sale. D’Arcy explained that session two was developed as a spot for horses projected to sell in the A\$50,000 and A\$150,000 range, and the sale’s graduates have more than advertised its merits in recent years. They include the 2013 G1 Cox Plate and 2014 G1 Australian Guineas winner Shamus Award (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), bought for A\$230,000; the 2014 G1 Golden Slipper winner Mossfun (Aus) (Mossman {Aus}), a A\$85,000 buy; and more recently this year’s G3 Blue Diamond Prelude winner and hard-luck G1 Blue Diamond S. runner-up Flying Artie (Aus) (Artie Schiller {Aus}), a A\$50,000 purchase who is among the favorites for Saturday’s G1 Golden Slipper.



**A\$50,000 Easter graduate and Golden Slipper contender Flying Artie**  
*Racing and Sports*

“The quality of the horses being offered in session two probably points to that session as being one of the best, in terms of what you get for your buck, of any sale in the world,” D’Arcy said. “The horses have been hand-selected by our leading breeders to send to Easter, and we put them in there thinking they’re horses worth between A\$50,000 and A\$150,000, so plenty of those horses can go and make a lot more than that, as we’ve seen in the past. We developed that session to make sure that buyers aren’t scared off by the fact the average is up around A\$290,000. If you have a budget of around A\$80,000 to A\$100,000 you’ll be completing on plenty of horses at Easter.”

Other recent bargain buys from Session 1 include the 2014 G1 Al Quoz Sprint winner Amber Sky (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) (A\$80,000); last year’s G1 Myer Classic victress Politeness (Aus) (Street Sense) (A\$115,000); the 2015 G1 Spring Champion S. scorer Vanbrugh (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) (A\$100,000); the 2014 G1 Queen Of The Turf S. winner Diamond Drille (Aus) (Al Maher {Aus}) (A\$200,000); New Zealand’s champion sprinter Sacred Star (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}) (A\$200,000); the 2014 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen victor Sterling City (Aus) (Nadeem {Aus}) (A\$200,000); and last year’s G1 Darley Classic winner Delectation (Aus) (Shamardal) (A\$250,000). **Cont. p10**

### Parity Provides Plenty of Confidence...

Racing in New South Wales received a boost late last year when wagering tax parity legislation was passed, meaning an additional A\$235 million for racing in the state over the next five years, and an additional A\$90 million annually thereafter. Increases in prize money, combined with the weak Australian dollar--currently A\$1.32 to the U.S. dollar, A\$1.87 to the British pound and A\$1.48 to the Euro--offers another reason for buyer confidence.

"The prize money levels in New South Wales and Victoria are certainly a catalyst for confidence in the yearling sales at the present time," said D'Arcy.

Racing in Australia is divided into three classes--the top-class metropolitan racing followed by provincial racing and country tracks--and provincial and country racing received a boost along with metropolitan racing with the parity announcement, getting minimum purse increases of 23% (to a



Sydney's Royal Randwick, home of The Championships

minimum A\$27,000) and 33% (to a minimum A\$20,000), respectively. Metropolitan races in Sydney are worth a minimum A\$85,000, and in Melbourne A\$80,000. Those benefits are flowing all the way to the breeders and consignors at the yearling sales.

"There is no doubt we've seen more country and provincial trainers getting involved in buying better class yearlings because of the levels of prize money now on offer," said D'Arcy.

The Championships, this year going into its third year and bookending the Easter sales Apr. 2 and 9, also offers a A\$400,000 race each for provincial and country qualifiers, with a variety of A\$100,000 lead-up races also staged.

"The introduction of the Country and Provincial Championships in New South Wales has really invigorated racing in those areas," D'Arcy said. "It's a really exciting innovation that has got people excited in the country areas. Having a A\$100,000 race in some of those bush towns really brings not only the best horses from the district to the town but it also creates a really great raceday. That's been a very good initiative of Racing NSW."

### Champions Future and Present...

If the allure of some of the best-bred yearlings on the globe isn't enough incentive to travel to Sydney the first week of April, international visitors may be enticed by The Championships, a pair of A\$10 million racedays at Royal Randwick bookending the sale Apr. 2 and 9. D'Arcy reiterated the Inglis team will be available to assist visitors in all facets of going to the sales and races.

"We value the fact our international guests come from a long way and we'd certainly be arranging airport transfers and tickets to the races and things like that," he said. "We'd certainly like to show our guests a good time Down Under."

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### THE GOLDEN SLIPPER: PRICE'S GOLDEN BOYS

Trainer Mick Price has enjoyed total domination of the Victorian 2-year-old ranks this year thanks to **Extreme Choice (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) and **Flying Artie (Aus)** (Artie Schiller), and the Caulfield-based trainer will look to transfer the magic to Sydney and notch a first-ever win the G1 Golden Slipper, the world's richest 2-year-old race with a pot of A\$3.5 million, at Rosehill Gardens Saturday.

The unbeaten Extreme Choice has shown power from near the front end in each of his three starts to date, including a near two-length score in the G1 Blue Diamond S. three weeks ago; however, some feel Blue Diamond runner-up Flying Artie is poised to turn the tables, having flashed home at Caulfield after enduring a wide, traffic-troubled trip from an outside barrier. After dealing with double-digit barriers in his last two outings, Flying Artie has at last been handed a good barrier for Saturday, as he is set to exit gate five.



Flying Artie | Racing and Sports

One aspect that could throw Flying Artie a curveball, however, is the experience of racing the 'Sydney way'--righthanded--for the first time. The Price-trained Ready For Victory (Aus) (More Than Ready) cost himself many lengths before finishing fourth in last year's Golden Slipper when bearing out on the turn while racing clockwise for the first time. Price told *Racenet.com.au* he had taken measures to prepare Flying Artie for his first righthanded voyage, but he could not predict how it would pan out. Extreme Choice has experience running the opposite way,

having broken his maiden at Randwick in Sydney in December.

"We've prepared for that via reverse way gallops for both of these horses," Price said. "We know Extreme Choice gets it right but until he gets under race conditions, we don't know



Trainer Mick Price | Racing and Sports

how Flying Artie will be. Flying Artie was pretty good [training at Rosehill Tuesday] so we think he'll be OK." **Cont. p11**

**The Golden Slipper: Price's Golden Boys Cont.**

Artie Schiller, who shuttles from WinStar Farm in Kentucky to Emirates Park Stud in the Hunter Valley, is represented by not one, but two starters in the Slipper, and **Good Standing (Aus)** (Artie Schiller) would provide a poignant result were he to triumph. He will be the first Slipper starter sent out by trainer James Cummings, who trained in partnership with his legendary Hall of Fame grandfather, Bart Cummings, until the latter's death last August. Good Standing, who has firmed into 12-1, was second on debut at Rosehill Nov. 21 and returned to break his maiden in Randwick's 1200-metre G2 Skyline S. Feb. 27. Cummings sent the bay to Rosehill to gallop between races last Saturday, and told *Racenet* he was pleased with the outcome.



James Cummings and jockey Hugh Bowman  
*Racing and Sports*

"It's a big day on Saturday and it can get to a 2-year-old," Cummings told the site. "There'll be a lot of people around, the noise is like nothing else they've experienced on a raceday so like everyone else I will be hoping he copes with that. That's why I'm glad I took him there last Saturday. He got an opportunity to experience the atmosphere attached to a big carnival day. He got a lot more out of his gallop at Rosehill last Saturday than he would have trudging around [Randwick] on Saturday morning or on Tuesday in the gloomy wet conditions."

**Gai Looks For Solo Record...**

Trainer Gai Waterhouse seeks a record-setting seventh Slipper win Saturday, having pulled even with the mark of her late Hall of Fame father TJ Smith last year with the win of Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro). Waterhouse has won the Slipper from the extreme outside and inside, and her unbeaten filly **Scarlet Rain (Aus)**



Gai Waterhouse and Tommy Berry

(Manhattan Rain {Aus}) will exit from the same gate 16, under the same rider in Tommy Berry, as Vancouver.

Waterhouse also saddles John Singleton's third betting choice **Kiss And Make Up (Aus)** (More Than Ready) (9-1), who broke his maiden going 1200 metres at Canterbury at first asking Feb. 17 and handed '**TDN Rising Star' Capitalist (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) his first defeat in the G2 Todman S. two weeks ago.

"There is no pressure on us, everyone is talking about the Melbourne colts but mine is unbeaten too," Waterhouse told *Racing.com* of Kiss And Make Up. "I've always thought he was a real Golden Slipper horse and he is just starting to come into his own."

There could also be a sense of deju vu if Godolphin's **Astern (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro) is able to overcome the widest barrier like Vancouver--who shares the same sire--did last year. The unbeaten Astern, who won the Feb. 20 G2 Silver Slipper S. over **Defcon (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}), sits at 12-1. He will be joined by two John O'Shea stablemates in Skyline fourth **Telperion (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) and the filly **Calliope (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), winner of the G2 Magic Night S. last weekend. They also did not enjoy the luck of the draw, landing in 12 and 15, respectively.

One who could sneak onto the board at 33-1 is **Yankee Rose (Aus)** (All American {Aus}), who is unbeaten with two clear-cut victories over this track late last year but hasn't started since Nov. 21. She has trialed twice into this, however, so should be fit.

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 4:30 p.m. (1:30 a.m. EST)

**LONGINES GOLDEN SLIPPER-G1**, A\$3,500,000 (£1,841,739/€2,351,089), 2yo, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Quick Feet (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	No rider	Snowdens	120
2	Capitalist (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Shinn	Snowdens	124
3	Yankee Rose (Aus)	All American (Aus)	Purton	Vandyke	120
5	Flying Artie (Aus)	Artie Schiller	Oliver	Price	124
6	Honesty Prevails (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Collett	Worthington	120
7	Extreme Choice (Aus)	Not A Single Dbt (Aus)	Newitt	Price	124
8	Sweet Sherry (Aus)	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Huet	Stanley	120
9	Kiss And Make Up (Aus)	More Than Ready	McEvoy	Waterhouse	124
10	Good Standing (Aus)	Artie Schiller	Bowman	Cummings	124
11	Star Turn (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	No rider	Hawkesses	124
12	Telperion (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Doyle	O'Shea	124
13	French Fern (Aus)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Bosson	Payne	120
14	Defcon (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Prebble	Snowdens	124
15	Caliope (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Clipperton	O'Shea	120
16	Scarlet Rain (Aus)	Manhattan Rain (Aus)	Berry	Waterhouse	120
17	Astern (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	McDonald	O'Shea	124

Also Eligible:

4	Moqueen (Aus)	Uncle Mo	No rider	A Cummings	120
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## EIGHT LOOKING GREAT FOR WINX

by Alan Carasso

Cutting back slightly in distance from her last-out defeat of G1 Ranvet S. hopeful Dibayani (Ire) (Shamardal) in the G1 Chipping Norton S. Feb. 27, Australia's standout galloper **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) will go in search of an eighth consecutive victory in Saturday's G1 China Horse Club George Ryder S. at Randwick.

The 4-year-old filly, winner of 10 of her 14 career trips postward, was simply superb in thrashing Criterion (NZ) (Sebring {Aus}) and 12 other tough weight-for-age rivals in last year's



**Winx winning the Cox Plate**  
Racing and Sports

G1 Cox Plate Oct. 24 before getting a much-deserved break. Given a couple of easy barrier trials over this track and Randwick in January, the bay resumed with a soft one-length victory

in the G2 Apollo S. Feb. 13 at the latter venue and was recording her fourth Group 1 success with an on-the-bridle victory in the Chipping Norton.

The biggest threat to Winx could come from within her own stable in the form of the 3-year-old **Press Statement (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}). One of two horses in the race for the title sponsor--and partners--the bay, winner at two of the G1 J J Atkins S. in Brisbane, was the easy winner of the G2 Stan Fox S. last September before leading throughout to annex the G1 Caulfield Guineas by 1 3/4 lengths the following month. He returned from a layoff to best Le Romain (Aus) (Hard Spun) in the G2 Hobartville S. here Feb. 20, but was rolled by that rival when favored at 3-10 in the G1 Randwick Guineas Mar. 5.

**First Seal (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) also carries the colors of the China Horse Club as she looks for her first Group 1 success since defeating Winx by three lengths in the G1 Coolmore Flight S. in October 2014. Away from the races for 10 months, First Seal returned with a cozy success in the G2 Millie Fox S. at Rosehill Feb. 20, but was most recently upset when second as the favorite in Randwick's G1 Canterbury S. Mar. 5.

**Turn Me Loose (NZ)** (Iffraaj {GB}), winner of last year's G1 Emirates S., tired to be fourth after setting the pace in the G1 C.F. Orr S. Feb. 13, but moved forward off that effort to post a 3/4-length tally in the G1 Futurity S. in Melbourne Feb. 27.

Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 3:10 p.m. (12:10 a.m. EST)

**CHINA HORSE CLUB GEORGE RYDER S.-G1**, A\$1,000,000

(£528,636/€672,483), 3yo/up, 1500mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Press Statement (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	McDonald	Waller	123
2	Happy Clapper (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Avdulla	Webster	130
3	Hucklebuck (Aus)	Elvstroem (Aus)	Tourneur	Stokes	130
4	Tinto (Aus)	Red Dazzler (Aus)	Williams	Lipp	125
5	First Seal (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Shinn	Thompson	125
6	Kermadec (NZ)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Waller	130
7	Winx (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Bowman	Waller	125
8	Turn Me Loose (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	Bosson	Baker	130

## HAYES TEAM DOUBLE-BARRELED FOR RANVET

by Alan Carasso

Stretching back out to arguably his preferred 2000 metres, Sir Owen Glenn's **Criterion (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus}) is part of a talented David Hayes/Tom Dabernig-trained duo for Saturday's G1 Ranvet S. at Randwick.

Winner of the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. at last year's The Championships over this trip, the handsome chestnut proved his mettle at 10 furlongs with a victory in the G1 Caulfield S. and



**Criterion | Racing and Sports**

runner-up effort in the G1 Cox Plate before finishing a good third when stretched to two miles in the G1 Melbourne Cup last November. Ninth to the free-wheeling A Shin Hikari (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup the following month, Criterion

looked a touch rusty when last over seven in the G1 Canterbury S. over an insufficient 1300 metres at Randwick Mar. 5. Hayes believes the 5-year-old will come on for that return effort and will appreciate the extra 3 1/2 furlongs of the Ranvet.

"His work suggests that," Hayes told AAP. "He looks well and I think he'll run much better."

**Dibayani (Ire)** (Shamardal), third in the Hong Kong Derby two years ago, has turned in a pair of very strong efforts this preparation over distances well short of his best. The 6-year-old has had the misfortune of running into G1 Cox Plate victrix Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in both those runs, a fourth in the G2 Apollo S. over the metric seven furlongs first-up Feb. 13 and a runner-up effort to the super mare in the G1 Chipping Norton S. over 1600 metres Feb. 27.

One spot behind Dibayani in the Chipping Norton was **Hauraki (Aus)** (Reset {Aus}), who filled third spot at long odds in the Apollo and missed the break in the Chipping Norton, got onto the back of Winx turning for home and finished a good third. Hauraki will look to give Godolphin a second straight Ranvet following the impressive tally from Contributor (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) 12 months back. **Cont. p13**

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**Hayes Team Double-Barreled for Ranvet Cont.**

**Mongolian Khan (Aus)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), an impressive winner of the G1 Caulfield Cup over 2400 metres last October, passed on the G1 Melbourne Cup and resumed with an 11th in the Chipping Norton, a race in which the G1 New Zealand and Australian Derby winner raced fairly handy to the pace before dropping away to finish seven lengths behind Winx. Opie Bosson jets in from New Zealand to replace Kerrin McEvoy in the saddle.

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 2:30 p.m. (11:30 p.m. EST)

**RANVET S.-G1**, A\$700,000 (£370,021/€470,738), 3yo/up, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Dibayani (Ire)	Shamardal	Shinn	Hyes/Dbrnig	130
2	Hauraki (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	McDonald	O'Shea	130
3	Criterion (NZ)	Sebring (Aus)	Walker	Hyes/Dbrnig	130
4	Mongolian Khan (Aus)	Hly Rman Empror (Ire)	Bosson	Baker	130
5	Bohemian Lily (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Berry	Waterhouse	125
6	Kool Kompany (Ire)	Jeremy	Williams	Waller	129
7	The United States (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	McEvoy	Hickmott	130
8	<b>Storm The Stars</b>	<b>Sea The Stars (Ire)</b>	<b>Bowman</b>	<b>Waller</b>	<b>129</b>
9	Weary (Fr)	Astronomer Royal	Purton	Waller	130

**ENGLISH TO HIT NEW HEIGHTS IN GALAXY**

By Kelsey Riley

A year ago to the day that she flashed home an eye-catching second in the G1 Golden Slipper, 3-year-old filly **English (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) looks to take advantage of the handicap scale to notch her first Group 1 win in Saturday's G1 Galaxy H. at Rosehill. Off since finishing sixth in the G1 Sires' Produce S. last April, English bested elders in the G2 Challenge S. over 1000



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metres on return Mar. 5. English will have to overcome barrier 17, however, and if she is to run from the back of the pack like last time, will have plenty of traffic to weave through. Veteran sprinter **Terravista (Aus)** (Captain Rio {GB}) owns four stakes wins over this course--the most recent being the G2 Premiere S. Oct. 3--and he went down by the narrowest of margins in his last two outings: when third in the G1 Darley Classic Nov. 7 and when second to Chautauqua (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) first-up in the G1 Lightning S. Feb. 20. He has to shoulder 128 pounds, however, and only one winner of this race since 1983 has carried more than 125 pounds.

Saddled with the same impost--and also dealt a blow when handed barrier 18--is the last-out G1 Oakleigh Plate winner **Flamberge (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). The runner-up in that Feb. 27 Caulfield sprint, **Fell Swoop (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) gets in with 116 pounds from barrier eight and rates a strong chance off an eye-catching Caulfield effort.

**Our Boy Malachi (Aus)** (Top Echelon {Aus}) took the Jan. 30 G2 Expressway S. over 1200 metres at Randwick off an eight-month layoff, but could manage no better than fifth after blowing the start in the G1 Canterbury S. two weeks ago.

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 5:10 p.m. (2:10 p.m. EST)

**BANJO GALAXY H.-G1**, A\$700,000 (£370,021/€470,738), 3yo/up, 1100mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
2	Boss Lane (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Clipperton	Quinton	116
3	Terravista (Aus)	Captain Rio (GB)	Bowman	Pride	128
5	Lord Of The Sky (Aus)	Danerich (Aus)	Purton	Laing	120
6	Dothraki (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Shinn	Snowdens	121
7	Bounding (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	McEvoy	Snowdens	118
8	Fell Swoop (Aus)	Not A Single Dbt (Aus)	Avdulla	Dale	116
9	Ball Of Muscle (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Clark	Pride	121
10	Shiraz (Aus)	Zariz (Aus)	Prebble	McEvoy	119
11	Famous Seamus (NZ)	Elusive City	McDonald	Myfld-Smith	122
12	Lumosty (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Williams	Smerdon	116
14	Our Boy Malachi (Aus)	Top Echelon (Aus)	Dunn	Hawkeses	123
15	Rebel Dane (Aus)	California Dane (Aus)	Oliver	Portelli	124
17	English (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Berry	Waterhouse	112
18	Flamberge (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Lane	Moody	128
Also Eligible:					
4	Pittsburgh Flyer (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Newitt	Hopes	112
1	Griante (Aus)	Good Journey	Williams	Brideoake	112
13	Malaguerra (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	Boss	Freedmans	113
16	Miss Promiscuity (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	No rider	Hyes/Dbrnig	112

**THIS PRICE COULD BE RIGHT IN GUINEAS**

by Alan Carasso

One race before saddling up the two market leaders in the G1 Longines Golden Slipper S., Mick Price will tighten the girth around **Tarzino (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}) in the G1 Rosehill Guineas.

Defeated into third by **Jameka (Aus)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) in last year's G2 Moonee Valley Vase, Tarzino, whose trainer is part-owner as well, stretched out to 2500 metres and raced away to a two-length victory in the G1 Victoria Derby. A very useful fourth in his return to action in the 1400-metre G2 Autumn S. at Caulfield Feb. 13, he endured a wide run from the back of the back and brushed a couple of times with Palentino (Aus) (Teofilo {Ire}) in upper stretch and was just outfinished in the G1 Australian Guineas Mar. 5. **Cont. p14**

**The Price Could Be Right in Guineas Cont.**

**Le Romain (Aus)** (Hard Spun) is two-for-four this prep, having shown enough pace to annex the Listed Wilkes S. going 1000 metres of this track Jan. 23 before checking in second in the G3 Eskimo Prices S. Feb. 6. The bay gelding, runner-up to Press Statement (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) in the G2 Hobartville S. at Rosehill Feb. 20, got a terrific ride last time from Christian Reith



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and held out Press Statement to win the Mar. 5 G1 Randwick Guineas by a neck, with **Gold Ambition (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}) another 1 1/4 lengths back in third.

Jameka, the lone filly in the field, parlayed victory

in the Moonee Valley Vase into a 2 1/4-length success in the G1 Crown Oaks in heavy Flemington ground Nov. 5. Fourth, beaten just over a length in the G3 Vanity S. at that Melbourne oval Feb. 20, she finished nicely to be fifth to Palentino in the Australian Guineas, beaten just two lengths. She will not be inconvenienced by this step up to 2000 metres.

**Oh So Splendido (NZ)** (O'Reilly {NZ}) enters the Guineas as a maiden, but one with some exotics appeal. On the board in six of his nine starts in New Zealand and listed-placed, the bay was a 40-1 chance when last seen in the G1 New Zealand Derby, but was severely hampered as the field was just about to leave the straight. He never did much running thereafter and may have failed to see out the 12-furlongs, but his previous form through Derby runner-up What's the Story (NZ) (Savabeel {Aus}) reads strong and he could help spice up some vertical plays.

**MOODY SUSPENDED SIX MONTHS**

Trainer Peter Moody will sit out of training the next six months as penalty for presenting a horse to race under his care with cobalt in its system above the permitted threshold.

The suspension handed down by the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board was actually 12 months, but if Moody doesn't commit a similar offence for a year, he will not have to serve the remaining six months. The horse in question, Lidari (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), has also been stripped of his second-place finish in the 2014 G1 Turnbull S., the race for which he returned a cobalt reading above the permitted limit.

The RAD Board reached the verdict after Racing Victoria stewards asked for a two-year ban, and Moody's legal team pushed for a fine.

His suspension begins midnight Mar. 24 and Moody could still taste Group 1 success before he goes out when he saddles Flamberge (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in Saturday's G1 Galaxy H. at Rosehill.



Trainer Peter Moody | *Racing and Sports*

"I'm a bit numb really," Moody told reporters.

"It gives me a possibility of saving my business, in some way, shape or form. I'll go home, I'll have a chat to my wife, my family and my legal team before we decide the next step. I've always indicated strongly that I won't go through an appeal process, I want this matter ended today."

As for how he could salvage his business over the six months, Moody said, "We have seven days to sort it out. We have some 300 horses on our books, a lot of clients to meet and discuss options with, but first and foremost I'll meet with my chief financial officer, my wife, and discuss it further with my legal team overnight."

"Disqualification, I think it's very cruel for someone in our industry--it's the only thing I've done since I was 10 years old," Moody added. "If I got disqualified, I'm unemployable. [I'm] 46 years old and don't know how to do anything else. Suspension gives me the opportunity to still participate in the industry."

Moody said one of the first courses of action will be deciding what to do with his wife Sarah's some 70 horses in training.

"My wife races some 70 horses, so there probably wouldn't be too many bigger horse owners in Australia, let alone Victoria, so that's an ultimate decision we'll make collectively," he said.

"She'll have to make the decision on what she does with her horses, or what we do collectively and put something towards the clientele of Moody Racing with a view to whether it can be held together for a six-month period." **Cont. p15**

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 3:50 p.m. (12:50 a.m. EST)

SKY RACING ROSEHILL GUINEAS-G1, A\$600,000 (£317,182/€402,948), 3yo, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Spanish Stride (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Wells	Turner/Poletti
2	Tarzino (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Newitt	Price
3	Montaigne (NZ)	Road To Rock (Aus)	Shinn	A Cummings
4	Oh So Splendido (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Bosson	Wallace
5	Crosley Hotshot (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	McEvoy	Baker
6	Shards (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	Clipperton	O'Shea
7	Le Romain (Aus)	Hard Spun	Reith	Lees
8	River Wild (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Avdulla	Waterhouse
9	Etymology (Aus)	New Approach (Ire)	McDonald	O'Shea
10	Gold Ambition (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Angland	Baker
11	I'm Belucci (Aus)	Captain Sonador (Aus)	Boss	Forster
12	Vanbrugh (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Bowman	Waller
13	Hursley (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	Williams	Waller
14	Jameka (Aus)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Oliver	Maher

All carry 124 pounds bar Jameka, 120 pounds.

**Moody Suspended Six Months Cont.**

Moody is best known as the trainer of unbeaten world champion sprinter Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}), and he has also conditioned Horses of the Year Typhoon Tracy (Aus) (Red Ransom) and Dissident (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}). Moody ordered Black Caviar’s back samples to be tested early in the cobalt saga to clear her name, and they came back clean. Moody said he did expect to return to the glory days of Black Caviar, but said this is not the way he wants his career to end.

“I can never replicate what I went through, but I’ve certainly got the desire—I can’t wait for my next winner,” he said. “I’d like to think that I’ve had a great career, racing has been terrific to me, I think there’s an opportunity for it to be terrific to me again. I’ve always suggested that I’m not going to be a lifer when it comes to training, but I certainly want to go out on my terms, not someone else’s, and that’s not what has happened here today.”

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**BOUNDING SET FOR NATIONAL SALE**

New Zealand champion sprinter and champion 3-year-old filly **Bounding (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}--Believe ‘N’ Succeed {Aus}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}) has been added to the lineup for the Magic Millions National Broodmare sale June 1 to 5. The 2014 G1 Railway S. winner—who is also a Group 3 winner in Australia--



**Bounding** | *Magic Millions*

will be offered by Glenn Burrows’s Willow Park Stud, which sold her to owner Gary Harding as a yearling for A\$425,000. “It’s such a huge thrill to be consigning this beautiful Willow Park homebred on behalf of New Zealand owner Gary Harding, who bought her from us as a yearling,” Willow Park’s Glenn Burrows said. “Honestly, she was simply breathtaking from the day she was born and I’m positive anyone and everyone who inspects her will want her--bar none.”

Bounding is set to run in Saturday’s G1 Galaxy H. at Rosehill and will then target the G1 TJ Smith S. at The Championships for trainers Peter and Paul Snowden.

Bounding’s dam, Believe ‘N’ Succeed, was sold at the Gold Coast National sale for A\$1.1 million and is now at Coolmore in Ireland in foal to Galileo (Ire).

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**Thursday’s Results:**

**1st-GOS, A\$50,000, Mdn, 2yo, 1000mT, :58.97, hy.**

**+EL DIVINO (AUS), c, 2, by Snitzel (Aus)**

**1st Dam: Vegas Showgirl (NZ) (GSW-NZ, SP-Aus, \$148.523), by Al Akbar (Aus)**

**2nd Dam: Vegas Magic (Aus), by Voodoo Rhythm**

**3rd Dam: Vegas Street (NZ), by Sovereign Edition (Ire)**

Fairways Thoroughbreds homebred El Divino carried the burden of heavy expectations, being the half-brother to Australia’s top racehorse Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), MG1SW-Aus, A\$4,096,925, but he came through with a flying debut success, securing ‘TDN Rising Star’ status. The bay colt, an impressive winner of a Randwick barrier trial last month, was sent off the A\$1.70 (7-10) favorite and jumped well from gate four but was soon under a busy James McDonald ride to cross down onto the fence over turf that was listed as a heavy 8. El Divino traveled well on the turn, got a crack of McDonald’s left-handed whip at the head of the



**El Divino** | *Racing and Sports*

straight and lengthened clear to best chief market rival Long Juan Feng (Aus) (More Than Ready) by a convincing 4 3/4 lengths. "He's certainly a very exciting colt going forward [and] hopefully a race like the [G3] Kindergarten [S., The Championships, 1100m, Apr. 2] might be a nice option for him," Tulloch Lodge Racing Manager Adrian Bott told *Australian Associated Press*. The winning rider added, "He's a very good colt, you only have to look at him to have confidence." Vegas Showgirl’s 2014 produce, a full-brother to El Divino, is consigned by Segenhoe Stud as hip [135](#) to the upcoming Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale. Winx goes for her eighth straight win in Saturday’s G1 China Horse Club George Ryder S. at Rosehill. El Divino is the latest Australian ‘TDN Rising Star’, following Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro), Rubick (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), Ottoman (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}), and Weatherly (Aus) (Beneteau {Aus}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, A\$33,025. [Click for the Racing Australia chart.](#) [Click for the free Equineline.com free catalogue-style pedigree.](#) O/B-Fairway Thoroughbreds; T-Gai Waterhouse.

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## FRIDAY NIGHT SIGHTS AT SHA TIN

by Alan Carasso

Originally a fixture of the International Races weekend, the annual Hong Kong International Sale was split for a time, offering the more progressive horses in December while giving others a chance to grow into their frames to be sold in March. The sale was consolidated into a single event on the eve of the Hong Kong Derby and for the first time, the auction will be staged under the lights in the Sha Tin parade ring Friday evening, giving it an air of elegance.

A total of 24 horses--23 geldings and one well-bred colt--will go under the hammer from 8 p.m. local time in the makeshift sales ring. One of the original entrants, a Darci Brahma (NZ) gelding catalogued as [hip 11](#), has been withdrawn.

Rare is the animal that races in Hong Kong as an entire, but in [hip 19](#), prospective buyers will have an opportunity to buy a high-quality horse with both serious pedigree appeal and



Lot 19 | HKJC photo

relations to runners with a proven local track record. The bay, selected by the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Mark Richards for A\$700,000 out of last year's Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, is the half-brother to

Wandjina (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), who belied odds of 7-1 to win the G1 Australian Guineas about a month prior to the sale. Hip 19's half-brother Inspiraton (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}) upset the 2008 G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Sprint at a whopping 67-1, while another half-sister, the stakes-winning Provence (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), is the dam of local SW & GSP Admiration (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}).

Kildangan Stud's Shamardal has become an important and increasingly popular sire in Hong Kong, having been represented by the likes of the now-injured Horse of the Year Able Friend (Aus) and Dan Excel (Ire), a two-time winner of the now-defunct G1 SAI Cup in Singapore. Shamardal's 4-year-old grandsons Consort (Ire) and Hero Look (Ire)--both sons of Lope de Vega (Ire)--will take part in Sunday's BMW Hong Kong Derby. Shamardal is represented by a single offering at Friday's HKIS in the form of [hip 14](#). Snapped up by HKJC representatives for €180,000 at the 2014 Arqana August Sale in Deauville, the handsome bay is out of two-time Listed winner Nina Celebre (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), whose dam Next Gina (Ger) (Perugino) was the joint champion 3-year-old filly of her generation in Germany in 2003.

No sire is better represented Friday evening than Coolmore's successful dual-hemisphere stallion Fastnet Rock (Aus), who has four horses on offer. Among them is [hip 15](#), an NZ\$400,000 purchase out of the 2014 NZB Premier Yearling Sale who hails from the family of Group 1 winners Cerulean Sky (GB) and Moonstone (GB); and [hip 3](#), a 180,000gns acquisition at Tattersalls October 2014, whose dam Tashara (Ire) (Intikhab) is a half-sister to top miler Excelebration (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

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## FEW HARD-LUCK STORIES AT DERBY DRAW

by Alan Carasso

The chief protagonists for Sunday's HK\$18-million BMW Hong Kong Derby were not inconvenienced when post positions were handed out Thursday morning for the centrepiece of the domestic racing calendar.

Trainer John Size has saddled the Derby winner twice in the last four years (Fay Fay {NZ}, 2012; Luger {Aus}, 2015) and will be represented by two live chances at the weekend. **Sun Jewellery (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) has arguably outrun his pedigree to defeat **Werther (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}) in the Hong Kong Classic Mile and Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) and looks to become the first to sweep the Triple Crown. The chestnut, who has the services of Ryan Moore once again, drew neatly in gate four. Size also sends out **Eastern Express (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who dead-heated for third in the Classic Cup with **Blizzard (Aus)** (Starcraft {NZ}) and will break just to the outside of his stable companion.

"They're good gates for this race and I think the jockeys will be able to do what they would like to do from there," said Size, a seven-time champion trainer locally and currently atop the standings on 43 winners. "The horses seem fine. They've had a bit of racing and done a fair bit of hard yards to get here but I think they've still got another run in them, so I'm pretty happy with them."



Owner Tung Moon-fai selects gate three for Sun Jewellery  
HKJC photo

While queries about the Derby trip will dog Sun Jewellery, there are no such concerns for Werther, who has run very well in each of his three local appearances and drew inside of Sun Jewellery in the three hole. He is one of four in the race for four-time Derby-winning trainer John Moore. **Victory Magic (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}, gate 2); **White Magic (Ire)** (Aussie Rules, 6); and the progressive **Helene Paragon (Fr)** (Polan {Fr}), 13) complete the quartet. [Cont. p17](#)

**Few Hard-Luck Stories at Derby Draw Cont.**

“Three have drawn well and one has drawn poorly--I couldn’t ask for better than that, really,” said Moore. “Sun Jewellery’s drawn four and we’ve got Werther and Victory Magic inside of him, so it will be interesting. Helene Paragon gets on the chewy-chewy, he gets up on the bit, so the wide draw isn’t ideal for him.”

The antithesis of a morning glory, former Ballydoyle galloper **Giovanni Canaletto (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) finished fast to be a close fifth in the Classic Cup and could be putting it all together. He drew the middle of the gate in seven to the delight of trainer Tony Cruz with Joao Moreira back at the controls.

“Seven is a perfect draw for him, he’s smack in middle, he has a great position and Joao is the perfect jockey for him,” Cruz said, adding, “I’m confident about the horse.” [HKJC PPS](#)

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 5:10 p.m. (5:10 a.m. ET)**

**BMW HONG KONG DERBY**, HK\$18,000,000  
(£1,604,417/€2,053,109/US\$2,320,510), 4yo, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Lucky Girl (Aus)	Onemorenomore (Aus)	de Sousa	Yip
2	Victory Magic (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Purton	Moore
3	Werther (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Bowman	Moore
4	Sun Jewellery (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Moore	Size
5	Eastern Express (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Teetan	Size
6	White Magic (Ire)	Aussie Rules	Shinn	Moore
7	Giovanni Canaletto (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moreira	A Cruz
8	Blizzard (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Mosse	Yiu
9	Green Dispatch	War Front	Ho	A Cruz
10	Friends of Ka Ying (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Angland	Yung
11	Hero Look (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Whyte	So
12	Consort (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Schofield	Gibson
13	Helene Paragon (Fr)	Polan (Fr)	Berry	Moore
14	King Genki (Fr)	Arcano (Ire)	Chadwick	A Cruz

All carry 126 pounds.

**Asia**

**Thursday’s Result:**

**NAGOYA DAISHOEN-Listed**, ¥31,500,000, Nagoya, 3-17, 4yo/up, 1900m, 2:01.20, gd

1--**AWARDEE, 121, h, 6, by Jungle Pocket (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Heavenly Romance (Jpn) (G1SW-Jpn, \$3,527,120), by Sunday Silence**

**2nd Dam: First Act (Ire), by Sadler's Wells**

**3rd Dam: Arkadina, by Ribot (GB)**

O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Management; T-Mikio Matsunaga; J-Yutaka Take; ¥21,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 29-7-4-6. \*1/2 to Amour Briller (Smart Strike), MSW-Jpn, \$1,758,863).

2--**Bang Zoom (Jpn)**, 119, h, 5, Symboli Kris S--Pedicularis (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. (¥18,000,000 yrl '12 JRHAJUL) O-Yukihiro Moroe; B-Shadai Farm; ¥5,460,000.

3--**Mozu Raijin (Jpn)**, 119, c, 4, Kurofune--Grand Prix Aurora (Jpn), by Warning (GB). O-Capital System; B-Meguro Farm; ¥2,730,000.

Margins: 1, 3/4, 3. Odds: 0.40, 9.40, 6.10.



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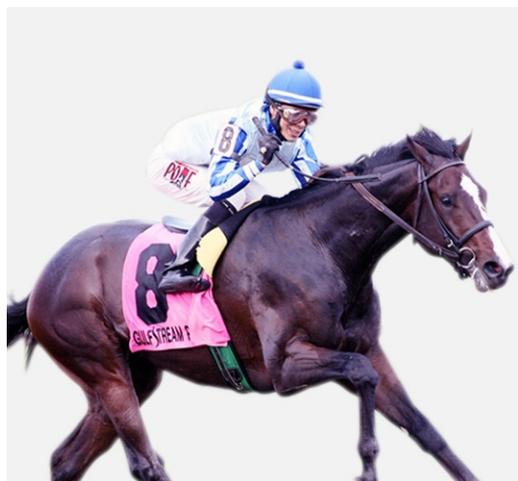
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