

QUALITY SELLS AT FASIG NOVEMBER



Sales-topping hip 104, Baffled | Fasig-Tipton photo

By Jessica Martini, Brian DiDonato and Christie DeBernardis

With a total of 15 offerings selling for seven figures, the Fasig-Tipton November Sale produced power-packed results Monday in Lexington, with the 11-year-old mare **Baffled** (Distorted Humor) bringing the auction's top price of \$3.5 million.

"You can summarize this sale simply in two words: quality sells," Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. beamed at the close of business. "I had pretty high expectations and we exceeded them. We work hard to recruit these quality horses and this is a special sale. When you have special horses to sell like we did tonight, you have pretty special results."

In all, 88 horses sold Monday for a gross of \$54,152,000. The average was \$615,364--up 29.7% from 2015--and the median increased a whopping 60.6% to \$377,500. The buy-back rate was 27.9%.

A year ago, 92 horses sold for \$43,666,000. The average was \$474,630 and the median was \$235,000. Fourteen horses sold for seven figures.

Two perennial top-end buyers, Bridlewood Farm and Don Alberto Corp., teamed up to buy Baffled ([hip 104](#)) from the Taylor Made Sales Agency consignment. While Don Alberto was responsible for another seven-figure broodmare, there were 14 separate buying interests responsible for the million-dollar offerings. **Fasig-Tipton November cont. p3**

KEENOV KICKS OFF ON ELECTION DAY

by Brian DiDonato

LEXINGTON, Ky - While the majority of the population will be following the U.S. presidential race Tuesday, the focus of the bloodstock world shifts to the Keeneland sales ring as its November Breeding Stock Sale begins a 13-day run in Lexington. A total of 4,762 head are catalogued for this year's marathon auction.

"It's the largest breeding stock sale in the world, and it's a sale that we always look forward to every year," offered Geoffrey Russell, Keeneland's Director of Sales Operations. "This year's catalogue stacks up to any we've had before, so we're looking forward to it very much."

A major storyline at this year's sale is sure to be the complete dispersal of Ernie Semersky and Dory Newell's Conquest Stables--one of the most-anticipated dispersals since the blockbuster Ned Evans dispersal here five years ago. Lane's End consigns the 111-strong draft ([click here for more](#)). **Cont. p19**

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Icing on the cake. Frosted's well-decorated racing career came to a close on Monday and he begins a new chapter at stud at Darley at Jonabell Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Story on page 23 | Horsephotos

GALILEO FILLY TOP WEANLING AT FTKNOV

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A filly by world's leading sire Galileo (Ire) whose second dam is blue-hen and one-time \$14-million seller Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister) is off to France after Ghislain Bozo signed the winning ticket on a final bid of \$550,000 at Fasig-Tipton Monday.

GRIMTHORPE: ARROGATE 2017 SCHEDULE UNFIXED

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Lord Teddy Grimthorpe, racing manager to Prince Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms told Bill Finley Monday that the 2017 campaign for GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) has yet to be determined.

UNCLE MO SEES STUD FEE HIKED TO \$150K

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“There was great, great competition across the board, starting with the foals,” Browning said. “It was a tremendously strong sale with a diverse group of buyers from all over the world. There was no dominance from any one particular group. Clearly the SF group were significant buyers and bidders and bid on a lot of horses they didn’t buy.”

SF Bloodstock, bidding with Newgate Stud, purchased four lots Monday, while SF Bloodstock alone was the name on eight



Fasig-Tipton’s Boyd Browning Jr. had plenty to smile about | F-T photo

additional lots. The group’s top-priced purchased was GI Kentucky Oaks winner Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss), who sold for \$1.4 million. Despite the large number of purchases, SF Bloodstock’s Tom Ryan said competition was fierce Monday night.

“The market was strong,” Ryan said. “For every proper, good, well-raced mare that we went in to buy, there was plenty of

competition. We got beat a lot of times. I thought it was a tough, strong and healthy market here tonight.”

The November sale had a major score when Arrogate (Unbridled’s Song) and California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) ran one-two in Saturday’s GI Breeders’ Cup Classic. The sale offered the dams of both runners Monday and, while Love the Chase (Not for Love), the dam of California Chrome, sold for \$1.95 million to bloodstock agent John McCormack, Bubbler (Distorted Humor), the dam of Arrogate failed to sell at \$4.7 million.

“Every man and woman has a right to put a value on their horse,” Browning said. “There were no tears from the consignor on the most expensive horse that was bought back tonight. They have a collector’s item and they were prepared to keep the horse if the market didn’t meet their expectations. And that’s the beauty of the market process. It tries to create a fair environment for both the buyer and the seller and sometimes those expectations don’t always match up.”

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Superpowers Battle for Baffled, Then Partner Up

Three of the world's most powerful players in the Thoroughbred bloodstock market converged in the Fasig-Tipton sales pavilion Monday to battle it out for **Baffled** (Distorted Humor) ([hip 104](#)), the dam of MGISW 'TDN Rising Star' Constitution (Tapit), GSW Jacaranda (Congrats) and this year's Group 2-winning juvenile Boynton (More Than Ready). Once the dust had settled, Bridlewood Farm's George Isaacs--seated next to principal John Malone--was left signing the \$3.5-million ticket. At the time, Bridlewood had fended off Don Alberto Farm, with owner Carlos Heller present; and the China Horse Club team, including the group's chairman Teo Ah Khing.

Baffled was consigned to the sale by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent I, on behalf of Twin Creeks Farm and offered in foal to Tapit.

"What can I say? She's got it all: looks, a triple graded stakes producer in foal to the best stallion in America," Isaacs said.



Baffled | Fasig-Tipton photo



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“She’s what we’re looking for. We’re trying to develop a serious breeding program geared towards the commercial market. She’s the goods, and hopefully we get a good colt. It was a little more than I wanted to pay, but the good ones cost.”

Isaacs admitted that he had been stretched about to his limit for Baffled, but felt a little better about spending that kind of money with Malone, the media magnate and largest individual landowner in the U.S., by his side.

“It’s more money than I like to spend, but the mare is what we’re looking for-- everything that a breeder would want,” he said. “[Mr. Malone] didn’t make the money he made by being silly with his money, and I haven’t done what I’ve done by being silly with my boss’s money, but I did feel little stronger with him sitting next to me.”

Isaacs later revealed that Bridlewood had decided to partner with Don Alberto on Baffled.



Bridlewood Farm’s George Isaacs
Fasig-Tipton photo

“After we bought Baffled, it was a little bit more money than I’m used to spending,” he explained. “I wasn’t sure who the underbidder was, but I looked across the room and saw the underbidder was Don Alberto. Don Alberto has been a big supporter of Bridlewood since we have reenergized the farm and reenergized our training program. They have sent us 16 yearlings to break so far this year and more to come. I wanted to give them the opportunity to buy into the mare since they were the underbidder. I offered them the opportunity to buy 50% and they graciously accepted. Instead of bidding against our partners, we are like-minded and we want to take the approach to always be open to do business with like-minded people.”

Baffled is a half-sister to GISW Emcee (Unbridled’s Song) and G2 Al Maktoum Challenge-Roud 1 winner Surfer (Distorted Humor). This is also the family of GISW Awesome Humor (Distorted Humor). The aforementioned Boynton was purchased by John Ferguson for \$750,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale. Baffled produced a Graydar filly in 2015. [-BDiDonatoTDN](#)

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Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
104	Baffled	i/f Tapit	3,500,000
	<i>B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent I Purchased by Bridlewood Farm & Don Alberto Corp		
123	Curalina	racing/b'mare prospect	3,000,000
	<i>B-CASA Farms I, LLC (KY)</i> Consigned by Bluewater Sales, LLC, Agent X Purchased by Shadai Farm		
87	Stopchargingmaria	broodmare prospect	2,800,000
	<i>B-Harvey Clarke & Brookdale Farm, LLC (KY)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXVII Purchased by Three Chimneys Farm, LLC		
112	Cassatt	i/f Curlin	2,500,000
	<i>B-Mt. Brilliant Farm, LLC (KY)</i> Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Elevage Bloodstock		
129	Embellish the Lace	i/f Uncle Mo	2,400,000
	<i>B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XIV Purchased by China Horse Club International		
140	Lady Zuzu	i/f War Front	2,350,000
	<i>B-Bluegrass Hall, LLC (KY)</i> Consigned by Three Chimneys Farm, Agent XVII Purchased by Wertheimer Et Frere		
154	Jacaranda	i/f Candy Ride (Arg)	2,000,000
	<i>B-Vinery, LLC (KY)</i> Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent Purchased by Alpha Delta/Reynolds Bell, agent		
59	Love the Chase	i/f to Tapit	1,950,000
	<i>B-Bowman & Higgins Stable (MD)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent VI Purchased by John McCormack Bloodstock, LLC		
100	Whaddreamsmadeof	i/f to Curlin	1,650,000
	<i>B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY)</i> Consigned by Brookdale Sales Agent for Casa Farms I, LLC Purchased by Summer Wind Equine		

174	Cover Song	racing/b'mare prospect	1,600,000
	<i>B-Misty For Me Syndicate (KY)</i> Consigned by Spendthrift Farm, LLC Purchased by Bobby Flay/James Delahooke, agent		
113	Cathryn Sophia	racing/b'mare prospect	1,400,000
	<i>B-Robert T. Manfuso (MD)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent IV Purchased by SF Bloodstock, LLC		
91	Tapas	i/f Medaglia d'Oro	1,300,000
	<i>B-Hermitage Farm, LLC (KY)</i> Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent X Purchased by China Horse Club International		
72	Paid Up Subscriber	racing/b'mare prospect	1,100,000
	<i>B-Bruce & Laurie Berenson (KY)</i> Consigned by Brookdale Sales, agent Purchased by White Birch Farm		

Dam's half-sister sells at KEENOV - HIP 1707

142	Haveygoneaway	racing/b'mare prospect	1,100,000
	<i>B-Andy & Susan Beadnell (KY)</i> Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, agent Purchased by Lake Villa Farm		
60	Luminance	racing/b'mare prospect	1,000,000
	<i>B-Tada Nobutaka (KY)</i> Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Don Alberto Corporation		

FASIG-TIPTON NOVEMBER SALE TOP WEANLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
25	filly	Galileo (Ire)	Better Not Cry	550,000
	<i>B-Elevage 11, LLC (Ire)</i> Consigned by Hill 'n' Dales Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Meridian International			
37	filly	Uncle Mo	Flattermewithroses	380,000
	<i>B-Copper Water Thoroughbred Company, Ltd. (KY)</i> Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent Purchased by Solis/Litt			
36	colt	Orb	Flashy American	310,000
	<i>B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., Brian Graves, Kidder - Cole, et al (KY)</i> Consigned by Gainesway, agent Purchased by Davant Latham, agent			
35	filly	Scat Daddy	Entwine	300,000
	<i>B-Eutrophia Farm (KY)</i> Consigned by Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services, LLC, agent Purchased by Al Shahania Stud			





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 Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent V
 Purchased by Blue Sky Stables
- 7** filly **Uncle Mo** Moon Buzz 175,000
B-Equivine Farm (PA)
 Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent VI
 Purchased by TMSA, agent

Curalina to Japan

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners' three-time Grade I winner **Curalina** (Curlin) will join fellow MGISW Princess of Sylmar (Majestic Warrior) in Japan after summoning the Fasig-Tipton November sale's second highest price of \$3 million from Shadai Stud. Catalogued as [hip 123](#), the 4-year-old was consigned to the sale by Bluewater Sales LLC as a broodmare prospect only.

"Everybody knows this filly is high-class and she has a lot of quality," Shadai Stud's Naohiro Hosoda said outside the walking ring. "I think she was on everyone's lists."

As Curalina stood stock still in the ring posing for her many admirers, it seemed like she was looking her now former owner, Eclipse President Aron Wellman, directly in the eye as he stood at the back of the ring watching her sell.



Naohiro Hosoda | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

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FASIG-TIPTON NOVEMBER SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	177	199
• No. Offered	122	140
• No. Sold	88	92
• RNAs	34	48
• % RNAs	27.9%	34.3%
• No. \$1m+	15	13
• High Price	\$3,500,000	\$3,000,000
• Gross	\$53,652,000	\$43,666,000
• Average (% change)	\$615,364 (+29.7%)	\$474,630
• Median (% change)	\$377,500 (+60.6%)	\$235,000



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“That’s what we were hoping for,” an obviously pleased Wellman remarked after the hammer fell. “It seems the top of the market for fillies off the racetrack like this is around a \$3 million ceiling. We were hoping she’d bring that and she did.”

While pleased at the price, it was of course a bittersweet moment for Wellman to watch his filly sell.

“It’s always tough to let go of a filly like this,” Wellman commented. “She’s brought out partners and our organization so many thrills. She is so classy and just so special. It’s tough to see a filly like that go, but that is what this business is all about. I am sure she found herself a great home and I couldn’t be more thrilled for her because she deserved it. Meg and Mike Levy did an incredible job. I’m also thrilled for our partners, who put their faith in her from the beginning.

Purchased by Eclipse Thoroughbreds and Dogwood Stable for \$125,000 at the 2013 Keeneland September sale, Curalina



Curalina | Lucas Marquardt photo

punched through late to score a narrow upset in last year’s GI Acorn S. at Belmont. Crossing the line a nose short of MG1SW I’m a Chatterbox (Munnings) next out in the GI CCA Oaks, she was awarded her

second Grade I win when that rival was disqualified for interference in the stretch.

Runner-up in the GI Beldame S. last term and third in the GI Longines Breeders’ Cup Distaff, Curalina kicked off this term with a 7 1/2-length demolition of Churchill’s GI La Troienne S. May 6. Fourth in the GI Ogden Phipps S., the chestnut returned to winning ways with another dominant performance in Saratoga’s GIII Shuvee H. and was second to Cavorting (Bernardini) in a loaded renewal of the GI Personal Ensign S. Aug. 27 before finishing sixth in Friday’s Distaff. She heads to breeding shed with a record of 13-6-3-2 and earnings of \$1,535,940. (Click for [ThoroStride walking video](#) of Curalina).

Curalina was preceded into the ring by her dam **Whatdreamsrmadeof** (Graeme Hall) ([hip 100](#)), who sold to Laura Jane Lyon’s Summer Wind farm for \$1.65 million carrying Curalina’s full-sibling. --[@CDeBernardisTDN](#)

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Hip #672 WISHCRAFT

LION HEART broodmare. Half-sister to **DREAM OF SUMMER (G1)**, dam of **CREATIVE CAUSE (G1)** and **DESTIN (G2)**. In foal to **MIZZEN MAST**

Hip #774 PAYNTER FILLY

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Hip #775 CURLIN’S GOLD

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- 1379** (Tale of the Cat f. o/o Queen’s Wood [#1380])
- 1380** (Tiznow broodmare o/o stakes-producing dam)
- 1427** (Uncle Mo c. First foal o/o Broken Vow dam)
- 1497** (Point of Entry c. First foal o/o Wishcraft [#672])



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Summer Wind Blowing in a New Direction

Laura Jane Lyon went to \$1.65 million Monday evening to take home **Whatdreamsrmadeof** (Graeme Hall), the dam of MGSW millionaire Curalina (Curlin), as part of a change in strategy for her Summer Wind Farm.

“I’m trying to change my strategy just a little bit and try to buy mares that have produced because in the past I have bought a lot of good, beautiful Grade I-winning mares carrying their first foals and sadly quite a few of those don’t reproduce,” Lyon said just outside the Fasig-Tipton press box. “So, I figured I would start a step ahead by having a mare that could already produce a Grade I winner.”

Whatdreamsrmadeof, consigned by Brookdale Sales on behalf of Susie Atkins’ CASA Farms as [hip 100](#), is currently back in foal to Curlin, the sire of her most famous offspring.

When asked if the upcoming Curlin foal factored into her purchase, Lyon remarked, “I thought Curalina was a beautiful filly. We went and looked at her. I liked her a lot. [Being in foal to Curlin] wasn’t the main reason I bought the mare.



Summer Wind Farm’s Jane Lyon
Fasig-Tipton photo

“I bought the mare because she produced Curalina.”

Curalina, who sold to Shadai Stud for \$3 million just 22 hips after her dam, is the fourth foal out of GSP Whatdreamsrmadeof, who is also responsible for GSP Dream Spinner (Hard Spun). The 12-year-old mare’s most recent progeny is a Tale of the Cat colt born in June of 2015.

“It was a little more than I hoped [to pay]. You paid what the market demanded,” Lyon commented. “I can’t even believe I’ve got her. She’s a lovely mare. There could be a number of possibilities [for her next mating].”

Lyon was also the underbidder on the unraced **Tapas** (Tapit), a half-sister to MGSW Justwhistledixie (Dixie Union), the dam of GISW New Year’s Day (Street Cry {Ire}) and MGSW Mohaymen (Tapit). Catalogued as [hip 91](#), she sold to the China Horse Club for \$1.3 million carrying a foal by Medaglia d’Oro.

“I had gone over what I had expected on her because I thought, ‘Well maybe I can get one more bid in,’ the dual resident of Kentucky and Arkansas said. “But, there was a limit because she had not produced yet.” **Cont. p10**

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Summer Wind Blowing cont.

Lyon was also part of the feverish action on the \$3.5 million topper **Baffled** (Distorted Humor), and, though she missed out on that Grade I producer, she hopes to add more mares of that quality to her broodmare band over the coming days.

“I just hope that there will be more here and at Keeneland,” Lyon offered. “I need some more mares. Our broodmare band right now is fairly large, but there are a number that we will probably take out of production, either to retire or give them away or do whatever we decide to do with them for those that aren’t fitting our program. That being said, the mares that I have that I am definitely keeping at this point are fewer than I would like to have. I’d like to add three or four mares this year and continue to do that for a few years if I can.”

One mare that Lyon is definitely keeping is Littleprincessemma (Yankee Gentleman), the dam of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), who she purchased for \$2.1 million at the conclusion of his champion juvenile campaign at this sale’s 2014 renewal. The chestnut was carrying the Horse of the Year’s full-brother at the time and has since produced a Tapit filly, who Lyon said “is not going anywhere!”

“She is wonderful, just wonderful,” the breeder emphasized of Littleprincessemma. “She really is. She is carrying another full-brother to American Pharoah.”

‘Maria’ ‘Charges’ Into a New Career

Privately purchased by Town and Country farm after RNAing for \$3.15 million at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, G1 Breeders’ Cup Distaff winner **Stopchargingmaria** (Tale of the Cat) made her second trip through the Newtown Paddocks Monday, this time selling to Three Chimneys Farm for \$2.8 million. The 5-year-old filly was consigned to this sale once again by Taylor Made as [hip 87](#). **Cont. p11**



Stopchargingmaria | Fasig-Tipton photo



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Stopchargingmaria cont.

“Obviously she was a top class filly,” said Three Chimneys’ Jacob West, who signed the ticket while sitting alongside the farm’s owner Goncalo Torrealba. “I actually worked for Taylor Made when Mike Repole tried to sell her the first time and she was top class then. Town and Country Farm bought her. They did everything right. They did everything that they could and she rewarded them by winning the Distaff. She beat a litany of fillies in the Distaff that were just incredible. The race record speaks for itself. The pedigree speaks for itself Tale of the Cat is off to a phenomenal start as a broodmare sire. He’s always been. We are just excited to have her.”

A daughter of MSW & GSP Exotic Bloom (Montbrook), Stopchargingmaria earned \$3,014,000, winning nine of her 18 starts. A two-time graded winner as a juvenile, the Todd Pletcher trainee won the GI CCA Oaks and GI Alabama S. in 2014 for Repole before changing hands to Town and Country. She captured both the GIII Allaire DuPont Distaff and GIII Shuvee H. last term prior to her upset in the Distaff.

“We’d been eyeing her for a long time because she is just that type of filly,” West remarked. “If you want a top class broodmare band like Mr. Torrealba is striving for, you have to go after these types.”

Town and Country Farm’s Shannon Potter was one of the first to shake West’s hand after the sale.

“It is bittersweet for us,” Potter said. “She has been with us for the last two years and she’s great. She’s been great for us and great for the farm. It is bittersweet to see her go. We are happy. It makes sense for us financially, but emotionally it is hard.”

Three Chimneys was also active on the opposite side of the market Monday, selling the well-bred **Lady Zuzu** (Dynaformer) to Wertheimer et Frere for \$2.35 million carrying a foal by War Front. The farm purchased [hip 140](#) for \$1.225 million at the Fasig-Tipton August sale.

“It was a little bit expensive, of course, but she was a nice mare in foal to a very good stallion,” Pierre-Yves Bureau, racing manager for Wertheimer et Frere said.

“The mating works. That’s the kind of mare we’re looking for for the broodmare barn. She was the only one we bid on--she was the one we wanted.”

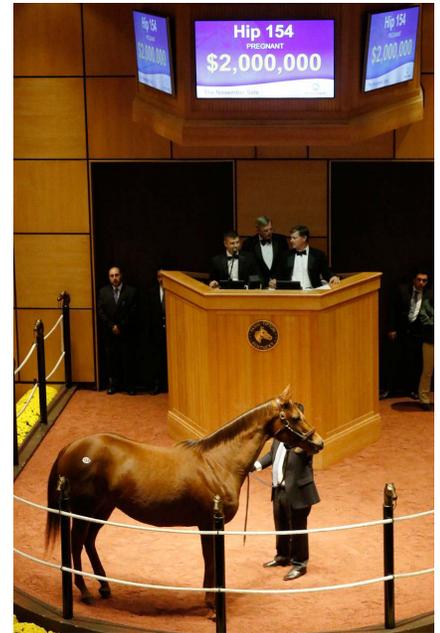
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Jacaranda Follows in Mother’s Footsteps

Jacaranda (Congrats) ([hip 154](#)), whose dam Baffled topped the sale at \$3.5 million, wasn’t far behind her mother, bringing \$2 million from Jon Clay’s Alpha Delta Stables. The 2014 GIII Tempted S. heroine was consigned by Hunter Valley Farm and in foal to Candy Ride (Arg).

“You saw what her mother brought,” said Reynolds Bell, who acted on Clay’s behalf. “It’s a great family. She had ability at two, she got hurt at three--she’s in foal to Candy Ride. That’s the kind of mare we want to have for Alpha Delta Stables.”

When asked if he had had his eye on Jacaranda, Bell said, “We were interested in the dam at the right price, but she exceeded our price. We were hoping that her daughter could be in our price range, and she was... After what the mare brought, we raised our sights a little bit. That’s the market we’re in--the good ones are bringing top dollar, so that’s what you have to do. We got beat on a lot tonight--that’s a horse sale.” -[@BDiDonatoTDN](#)



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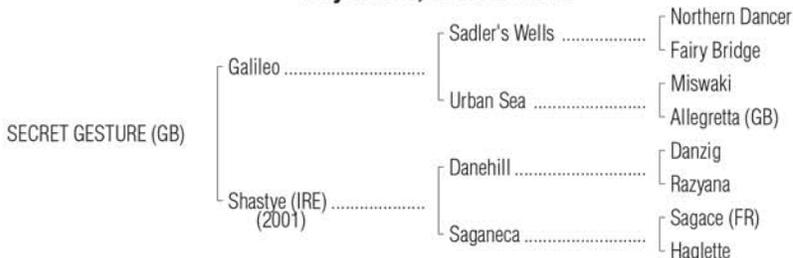
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Shastye (IRE), by Danehill. Winner at 3 and 4, £20,866, in England, 2nd Tote-sport.com Pontefract Castle S. (Total: \$37,898). Half-sister to **SAGAMIX** (Total: \$904,956, hwt. at 3 on French Hand., 11 - 14 fur., Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe [G1], Prix Niel [G2], 3rd Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud [G1], sire), **SAGACITY** (Total: \$285,101, hwt. colt at 3 on French Hand., 11 - 14 fur., Criterium de Saint-Cloud [G1], 2nd Prix Hocquart [G2], etc., sire), **SAGE ET JOLIE (GB)** (Total: \$94,845, Prix de Malleret [G2], 2nd Prix de la Nonette Japan Racing Association [G3], etc.), **Almighty** (Total: \$41,302, 2nd MBNA Europe Bank Chester Vase [G3]). Dam of 9 registered foals, 7 of racing age, including a 2-year-old of 2016, 4 to race, 4 winners--**SECRET GESTURE (GB)** (f. by Galileo). Black-type winner, see record.

SIR ISAAC NEWTON (c. by Galileo). Winner at 3 and 4, 2016, €63,005, in Ireland, Finlay Volvo International S. [G3], 3rd Tri Equestrian Silver S.; winner at 4, 2016, £165,857, in England, Wolferton H. (Total: \$294,070). **MAURUS** (g. by Medicean). 6 wins at 4 and 5, \$357,500, in Australia, Channel 7 Ipswich Cup, 2nd Sky Thoroughbred Central Kingston Town S. [G3], 3rd Girvan Waugh Randwick City S. (Total: \$268,610). Secret Sense (f. by Shamardal). Winner at 3, 2016, £8,009, in England. (Total: \$11,614).

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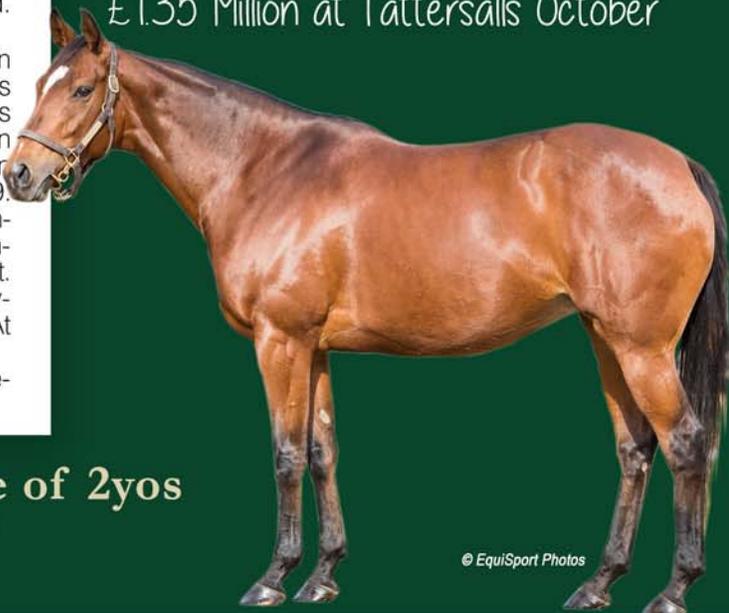
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China Horse Club Continues to Invest in U.S.

The China Horse Club, fresh off an announcement last week that they will partner with Hill 'n' Dale Farm, Juddmonte Farms and SF Bloodstock to stand globe-trotting turf superstar Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in Kentucky, continued their investment in the U.S. Monday, picking up five broodmare prospects for a combined \$5.52 million. Leading the China Horse Club acquisitions was **Embellish the Lace** (Super Saver) ([hip 129](#)), who was in foal to Uncle Mo and cost \$2.4 million out of the Taylor Made Sales consignment.

A \$320,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Alex and JoAnn Lieblong, the half-sister to GISW Afleet Express (Afleet Alex) was



Embellish the Lace
Fasig-Tipton photo

a front-running winner of last year's GI Alabama S. before RNA'ing for \$1.9 million at this sale 12 months ago.

"She's a mare that we've been sort of following for a good 18 months nearly," noted China Horse Club's Michael Wallace. "[She was] an elite racemare, a very beautiful yearling who sold incredibly well and performed on the track as she should have, to the highest of levels. It's a beautiful family with plenty of quality relations up close. She's a young mare, in foal to a quality stallion."

Also up close in Embellish the Lace's pedigree are the likes of GI Besilu Stables Florida Derby winner Materiality (Afleet Express).

China Horse Club chairman Teo Ah Khing offered more insight into the group's activity in the States.

"I'm buying mares to keep in America, so hopefully they can produce here," he explained. "Then our members can see it is an investment not just in the bank, but for them to invest and then bring their business into other interests. Every year we look at these big name mares and then invest in them. We look at this as an investment."

When asked to compare the American bloodstock market with other international markets, the Malaysian billionaire said, "The unique thing we observed in America is the dirt racing. We have a few dirt tracks in China, so we think there is a similarity. Where we are going to build our farm in China is similar in latitude to Lexington. We see there is a similarity and a lot of cultural things we can do besides just horses. That is why I have been back here the past three years. I just love this place. I brought my family here. Today we have been visiting WinStar, we visited Coolmore. Tomorrow my daughter is going to visit Claiborne--all the big boys." -[BDiDonatoTDN](#)

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Little Something More for China Horse Club

China Horse Club acquired the unraced **Tapas** (Tapit), in foal to Medaglia d'Oro, for \$1.3 million during Monday's Fasig November sale. The 5-year-old mare is a half-sister to graded stakes winner Justwhistledixie (Dixie Union), the dam of



Michael Wallace speaks to the press with CHC principle Teo Ah Khing (red cap) looking on | Fasig-Tipton photo

GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}) and multiple graded stakes winner Mohaymen (Tapit).

"What didn't we like about her is probably more to the point," Michael Wallace said when asked what he liked about the mare ([hip 91](#)). "It's a

pedigree that's very active and she is a young, very good-looking mare. She was one of the better-looking mares here, we thought, a good robust mare with a good cover. It's a family that's been on the move this year and we're happy to participate." **Cont. p13**

Little Something More for CHC cont.

Of future mating plans, Wallace added, “We’ll get her home and see how the week pans out and we’ll finalize matings towards the end of this week.”

The mare’s Medaglia d’Oro foal will be targeted for the sales. “We’ll be looking to sell the foal,” Wallace said. “Our policy at the China Horse Club is to be commercial sellers in the market, just like everybody else. They’ll be put on the market with few reserves and if people want to buy them, that will be the model.”

Tapas was consigned by Paramount Sales on behalf of Castleton Lyons, which purchased her, in foal to Distorted Humor, for \$750,000 from the Regis dispersal at last year’s Keeneland November sale. [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

McCormack Wins the ‘Chase’ for Chrome Dam

Agent John McCormack was the first to land one of the much-anticipated offerings at Fasig-Tipton Monday evening when he went to \$1.95 million to secure **Love That Chase** (Not For Love), the dam of none other than leading North American money earner and 2014 Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit). The 10-year-old was offered in foal to Tapit as [hip 59](#), and consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent VI.



Love the Chase | Fasig-Tipton photo

“She was a nice mare physically--she had lovely quality--and it’s there for everyone to see that she’s the dam of a Horse of the Year, in foal to Tapit, believed to be carrying a colt,” McCormack offered. “You can hope, and believe, that the story could get better, and not stay static just the way it is. California Chrome is a lovely looking horse, a very good horse, a very honest horse and he’s a deserved champion.

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When a mare like this comes into the ring, having produced a horse of the caliber she has, you have to sort of pay the market price, and I thought that was the market price. She’s a lovely mare, and she seems to throw to her. Her yearling’s very nice, like her; California Chrome is very nice, like her; and let’s hope the resulting baby--filly or colt--will be nice and healthy.”

McCormack declined to reveal who he was acting on behalf of, but said she would stay in Kentucky.

“She’ll get every chance going forward, and she’s already getting the best chance in foal to Tapit,” he continued. “It’s just a matter of whether she can keep it going, and California Chrome himself will very shortly start his new career at stud. So, the California Chrome story is only starting.”

As for the price paid, he McCormack said, “It was competitive in the ring, but that’s what you expect for a mare like her. It’s not often that you see the dam of a Horse of the Year show up. It’s great that a sales company can bring horses like this to auction. Sometimes they don’t show up, or become available or it’s done privately. So it’s nice for the auction houses when mares like this show up.”

California Chrome, last seen finishing a close second to Arrogate (Unbridled’s Song) in a stirring renewal of the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic Saturday, will stand at Taylor Made upon his retirement. **Cont. p14**

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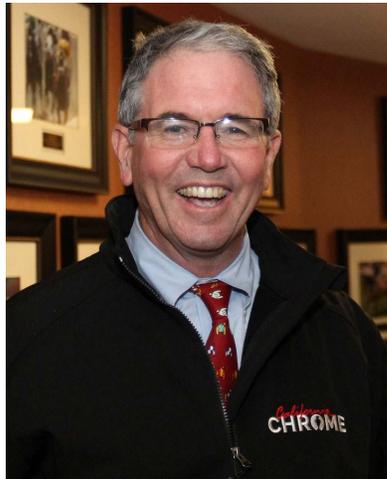


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Perry Martin, who bred California Chrome in partnership with Steve Coburn, has retained a 10% interest in the Art Sherman trainee.

“It’s sentimental--I really hate to see her go, but I think the mare’s bred just right,” Taylor Made’s Duncan Taylor said. “Tapit does a lot of the same things as Lucky Pulpit as far as the nickings and crosses go. I think that was a really good mating. Hopefully, she’ll get a Tapit who can run just *nearly* as good as Chrome... She’s a nice, good-looking mare. She has a yearling colt who’s a full-brother to Chrome and a really nice horse, so hopefully there are more good things coming.”



Duncan Taylor | F-T photo

When asked for the latest ‘Chrome’ update, Taylor said, “He’s doing great--he came back, and everything’s fine with him. That was a great race by Arrogate.

Khalid Abdullah’s put a lot into the business, and he deserves it, but we’ll live to fight another day. Maybe we’ll get a rematch back in the [Jan. 28 GI] Pegasus [World Cup] and it’ll be different business.” -@BDiDonatoTDN

Flay Gets Autumn Miss Upsetter

Celebrity chef Bobby Flay stepped up at the end of Monday’s sale to secure supplemental entry **Cover Song** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) ([hip 174](#)), the 30-1 upsetter of Santa Anita’s Oct. 29 GIII Autumn Miss S., for \$1.6 million. The 3-year-old was offered by B. Wayne Hughes’s Spendthrift Farm, which paid \$450,000 for her as a KEESEP yearling before turning her over to Carla Gaines to train.



Hip 174
Fasig-Tipton photo

“I think the page speaks for itself,” Flay said. “It’s just an amazing Coolmore family--all over the page are War Fronts, Galileos, Group 1s, Group 2s. That’s what I want to see when I’m looking for pedigrees. She just won a Grade III, and we’ll probably continue to race her.” **Cont. p15**

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Cover Song cont.

Flay said he had not yet decided who would train Cover Song, and that she'd be sent to rest at Stone Farm before returning to the track.

Out of Irish highweight and three-time Group 1 winner Misty for Me (Galileo {Ire}), Cover Song is a half to Roly Poly (War Front), who won the G3 Balanchine S. and G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. over the summer for Aidan O'Brien and the Coolmore contingent before competing in Friday's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf. She hails from the female family of Grade I winners Desert Wine and Menifee and Group 1 winner Fasliyev. -@BDiDonatoTDN

Elevage Buys and Sells

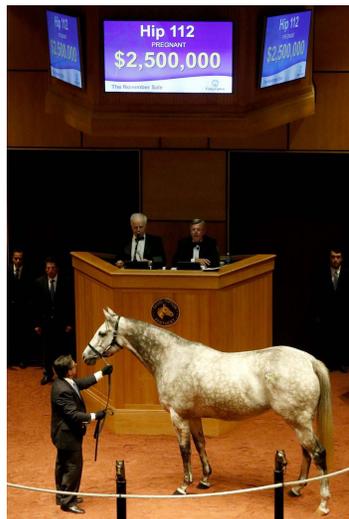
Elevage, a partnership which includes John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Farm and Glen Hill Farm, sold the day's top-priced weanling and returned later in the session to buy the mare **Cassatt** (Tapit) ([hip 112](#)) for \$2.5 million at the Fasig November Sale.

"She is a beautiful mare, a big beautiful mare," Glen Hill's Craig Bernick said after signing the ticket on the graded stakes winner. "We ran against her a number of times. She was a filly that won

a lot of races--she won or she didn't hit the board--but when she was right she was a really good horse."

Cassatt was purchased by Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farm for \$300,000 as a Keeneland September yearling in 2012. Racing in Porter's colors, the **'TDN Rising Star'** won half of her 14 starts, including the 2014 GIII Monmouth Oaks, and earned \$714,733.

The gray mare, in foal to Curlin, is out of the unraced Justenufftime (Giant's Causeway). Out of Justenuffheart



Cassatt
Fasig-Tipton photo

(Broad Brush), Justenufftime is a half-sister to champion Dreaming of Anna (Rahy), already the dam of graded stakes winner Dreamologist and GISP With Honors (War Front).

"The pedigree is great," Bernick said. "Dreaming of Anna has a chance to be a broodmare of the year and there is a lot going on with the pedigree with With Honors and Dreamologist--it's just a great family. She's in foal to Curlin and that's a world-class stallion. We are excited to get her."

Of the price, Bernick added, "I thought that she was \$2.5 million to \$3 million, so I was happy she was \$2.5 million because we weren't going to own her at \$3 million."

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During the weanling section of Monday's sale, Elevage sold the top-priced foal in [hip 25](#), a filly by Galileo (Ire) purchased for \$550,000 by Meridian International. The weanling was out of Better Not Cry (Street Cry {Ire}), a mare Elevage purchased for \$800,000 at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton November sale.

"We bought the mare here a few years ago as a broodmare prospect and bred her to Galileo twice," Bernick said. "We didn't get the yearling colt sold in October this year, so we're happy to get this one sold. She was a nice filly with a nice walk, but not the biggest horse. The mare is back in foal to Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and we brought her home and she'll be bred back to Curlin next year." [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Flashy Turnaround

Graded stakes winner **Flashy American** (Flashy Bull), in foal to GI Kentucky Derby winner Orb, was purchased by a partnership including Brian Graves and Gainesway Farm for \$395,000 at this year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky February Sale. The gray mare returned to Newtown Paddocks Monday in foal to Gainesway's leading sire Tapit and brought \$950,000 from Bridlewood Farm. That sale came hours after the mare's Orb colt, bred by Gainesway Farm, Brian Graves, Kidder-Cole and Betz Thoroughbreds, sold for \$310,000 to bloodstock agent Davant Latham. **Cont. p16**

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Flashy Turnaround cont.

“She was a big, beautiful mare,” Graves said of the mare’s appeal in February. “I liked the opportunity to breed her to Tapit and bring her back [to the sale].”

Graves added that the mare’s weanling only increased her appeal Monday.

“We just got really lucky with her first foal being outstanding and he really promoted the mare,” Graves explained. “He was well-balanced, he was probably one of the best movers on Gainesway Farm. He was a really athletic individual. We’re thankful to Bridlewood, but I think they made an astute purchase, too. If she has a Tapit that looks like that, it could bring \$2 million.” [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Edwards Keeps His Rockstar

Bob Edwards, still a newcomer to racing, is enjoying quite a run. Edwards’s eFive Racing was represented by GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner New Money Honey (Medaglia d’Oro) last Friday at Santa Anita and followed that up with another graded stakes winner in Arcadia when Zindaya (More Than Ready) won the GII Goldikova S. Sunday. Edwards entered his **Arella Rockstar** (Astrology) ([hip 166](#)) in the Fasig November sale Monday night in Lexington, but the recent GIII Matron S. winner will continue to run in the eFive Racing silks after failing to sell at \$385,000.

“She is a quality filly, she’s got a lot of quality and she’s a real looker,” Edwards’s advisor Mike Ryan said after seeing the 2-year-old filly through the sales ring. “She’s done nothing wrong so far. It was close , but it didn’t get done.”

Edwards and trainer Rudy Rodriguez claimed Arella Rockstar for \$50,000 out of a winning debut effort at Saratoga in August. She returned to take the Oct. 16 Matron in her second career outing.

“He wanted a little action at Saratoga and some of the other 2-year-olds were still in the process of developing,” Ryan, who was busy buying several yearlings for Edwards earlier this Fall, explained. “Rudy is very good at claiming and they picked out this filly walking over to the paddock. She is a no-brainer. She is a gorgeous filly.”

Arella Rockstar is out of the unraced Story Untold (Old Fashioned), a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Feline Story (Tale of the Cat).

Of Edwards recent success, Ryan added, “He deserves it. He’s a lovely guy. He and his family love it and he is one in 10 million.” [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

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Galileo Filly Top Weanling at Fasig

A regally Irish-bred filly by supersire Galileo (Ire) topped the weanling section of Monday’s Fasig-Tipton November sale when selling for \$550,000 to the bid of French bloodstock agent Ghislain Bozo of Meridian International. The weanling is out of Better Not Cry (Street Cry {Ire}), a daughter of blue hen mare Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister).



Weanling topper, hip 25 | Fasig-Tipton photo

“We bought this filly to race in France long-term,” Bozo explained after signing the ticket. “She was a very nice filly, of course, and she comes from a beautiful family.”

Better Than Honour is the dam of GI Belmont S. winners Rags to Riches and Jazil and she produced the dam of Grade I winner Streaming.

Of the weanling ([hip 25](#)), Bozo added, “She is a very forward-going filly and a very good mover. She is keen and athletic with a bit of class. Even though, she was not perfect in conformation, we wanted to take a chance for racing.”

Bozo, who said he was bidding on behalf of a French breeder, admitted he had reached his price limit.

“We were at our limit,” he said of the weanling’s final price. “We wouldn’t have paid more than that. We thought she would bring around \$500,000, but when you like them you have to go a little bit further.”

The weanling was bred by Elevage 11. Elevage, a partnership which includes John Sikura’s Hill ‘n’ Dale Farm and Glen Hill Farm, purchased Better Not Cry for \$800,000 at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton November sale. The weanling was consigned Monday by Hill ‘n’ Dale Sales Agency. [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

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(5, Medaglia d'Oro--Mi Sueno, by Pulpit)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXIV

Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida

This daughter of GISW Mi Sueno was purchased for \$320,000 in foal to Bodemeister (Empire Maker) at the 2015 Keeneland November sale. She foaled a filly by the WinStar stallion Mar. 15 and saw her value increase when her half-sister Mi Suerte (Jpn) (Frankel {GB}) won the G3 Fantasy S. at Kyoto Nov. 6.

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(14, Artax--Nancy's Glitter, by Glitterman)

Consigned by Hidden Brook, Agent I

Purchased by John McCormack Bloodstock

Keystone Bloodstock acquired Glittering Tax, the dam of Miss Temple City (Temple City) and her full-sister Pricedtoperfection, for \$275,000 in foal to Verrazano at KEENOV a short time after the former just missed taking the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup at Keeneland. The mare produced a filly by the More Than Ready stallion Apr. 18 and was bred back to this leading stallion.

“Dispersals always add a little spice to sales, and this one is a little different because it’s more of a horses of racing age dispersal--that’s why we always have those horses of racing age on the dark days [of racing] during the second week to make sure we get trainers in here to look at them,” Russell noted. “Their horses have been doing very well on the racetrack, so we look forward to having successful sales with them.” **Cont. p20**

Keeneland November cont. from p1

Among Conquest’s offerings during Book 1 will be Grade I-winning ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **My Conquestadory** (Artie Schiller) ([hip 21](#)), who sells in foal to leading sire Tapit right after her Tapit weanling colt goes through the ring ([hip 20](#)). Ninety-six members of the Conquest dispersal are racing prospects, and sell next week.



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COCO'S FOR REAL, by Sword Dance (IRE). 5 wins, 2 to 4, \$104,770. Sister to **FRIEL'S FOR REAL, RYAN'S FOR REAL, LITTLE THUNDER**. Dam of 4 registered foals, 3 of racing age, 2 to race, 1 winner--
COCO'S WILDCAT (f. by Wildcat Heir). Black-type winner, see record.

2nd dam
Beaties for Real, by Unreal Zeal. 2 wins at 2, \$42,885, 2nd Gasparilla S. (TAM, \$5,725), etc. Sister to **SLICK LADY**, half-sister to **IVANAVINALOT [G2]** (dam of **SONGBIRD** (f. by Medaglia d'Oro) to 3, 2016, \$3,372,000, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies [G1] (KEE, \$1,100,000), Cotillion S. [G1] (PRX, \$610,000), etc.), **SHANANIE'S BEAT**. Dam of 4 other winners--

FRIEL'S FOR REAL (f. by Sword Dance (IRE)). 13 wins, 2 to 6, \$674,544, Pimlico Breeders' Cup Distaff H. [G3] (PIM, \$90,000), Lady's Secret S. [L] (MTH, \$60,000) twice, Gala Lil S. [L] (LRL, \$45,000), Gala Lil S. (LRL, \$30,000), Maryland Racing Media H. (LRL, \$30,000), 2nd Obeah H. [L] (DEL, \$20,000), Maryland Racing Media H. [L] (LRL, \$15,000), Florida Breeders' Distaff S.-R (OTC, \$8,000), etc.

RYAN'S FOR REAL (g. by Sword Dance (IRE)). 7 wins, 2 to 5, \$333,805, Bill Hartack Memorial H. [G3] (HAW, \$120,000), 3rd General George Breeders' Cup H. [G2] (LRL, \$33,000), Ack Ack H. [G3] (CD, \$21,495), William Donald Schaefer H. [G3] (PIM, \$11,000).

ONEPOINTTHREEKARATS (f. by Medaglia d'Oro). 6 wins at 4 and 5, \$260,299, Thirty Eight Go Go S. [L] (LRL, \$60,000), Unbridled Belle S. (DEL, \$30,000), Winter Melody S. (DEL, \$30,000), 2nd John W. Rooney Memorial S. (DEL, \$15,000), Justakiss S. (DEL, \$10,310).

LITTLE THUNDER (c. by Sword Dance (IRE)). 6 wins to 4, \$208,842, Artax H. [L] (GP, \$60,000), 3rd Donald LeVine Memorial H. [L] (PHA, \$11,000).

RACE RECORD: At 2, two wins (Cassidy S. (GP, \$43,245)), twice 2nd (Sorority S. [L] (MTH, \$15,000), Sandpiper S. (TAM, \$20,000)), twice 3rd (Gasparilla S. (TAM, \$10,000), Selima S. (LRL, \$10,000)); at 3, one win, twice 2nd (Miss Woodford S. (MTH, \$14,000), Stonehedge Farm South Sophomore Fillies S.-R (TAM, \$15,000)), 3 times 3rd (Adena Springs Miss Preakness S. [G3] (PIM, \$15,000), Fort Springs S. (KEE, \$10,000), Any Limit S. (GP, \$7,350)). Totals: 3 wins, 4 times 2nd, 5 times 3rd. Earned \$230,495.

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While there are a number of high-profile outs, as is always the case with the November breeding stock sales, other racing or broodmare prospects on offer include GI Just a Game S. romper **Celestine** (Scat Daddy) ([hip 144](#)); GI Test S. upsetter **Paola Queen** (Flatter) ([hip 274](#)); **Peace and War** (War Front) ([hip 32](#)), the 2014 GI Darley Alcibiades S. romper, who sells in foal to Tapit; Canada's 2014 Horse of the Year and Queen's Plate winner **Lexie Lou** (Sligo Bay {Ire}) ([hip 232](#)); GISW **Mushka** (Empire Maker) ([hip 260](#)), a \$2.4-million '08 graduate of this sale who has had two yearlings bring over \$1-million at KESEF, in foal to Tapit; GISW **Cotton Blossom** (Broken Vow) ([hip 394](#)), a \$2.3-million purchase here in 2009 who sells in foal to Uncle Mo; 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic heroine and \$2.8-million KEENOV '11 buy **Unrivaled Belle** ([hip 336](#)), also in foal to Tapit; and GSW/MG1SP **Secret Gesture (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) ([hip 53](#)), in foal to War Front.

As many as eight mares will sell in foal to last year's Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), who stood his first season at Coolmore's Ashford Stud this year. Other new sires to whom mares are in foal at KEENOV include Grade I-winning 'TDN Rising Stars' **Honor Code** (A.P. Indy), **Tonalist** (Tapit), **Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song), **Constitution** (Tapit) and **Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway); and Classic winner **Palace Malice** (Curlin).

Three mares will be offered in foal to **Empire Maker** (Unbridled) following his first breeding season since being repatriated from Japan.

The market for weanlings has been notably strong in recent years, and Russell expects that trend to continue.

"The weanling market should be good this year," he said. "We're seeing two dynamics with that. The weanling-to-yearling pinhookers did well this year, so we hope that they'll be back to reinvest. But also, we're seeing a slight change in the marketing by some of our consignors, who are aiming some of the crackerjack foals--with top pedigrees and top physicals--to sell them as weanlings, rather than keep them for the September [Yearling] Sale. We've seen that the last couple of years, and it brings a different group of buyers here, too. There have been a lot of end users who show up for those horses."

Eight of this past weekend's Breeders' Cup winners were Keeneland sales graduates, including GI Classic winner and 'TDN Rising Star' **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) and GI Distaff winner **Beholder** (Henny Hughes), and Keeneland November weanlings **Champagne Room** (Broken Vow) (GI Juvenile Fillies) and 'TDN Rising Star' **Drefong** (Gio Ponti) (GI Sprint) and **Finest City** (City Zip) (GI F/M Sprint).

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“It was a spectacular Breeders’ Cup--our graduates have really performed well at the top tier of racing, and having eight Breeders’ Cup champions, including the Classic winner and Distaff winner, was wonderful,” Russell said. “We also sold three of those champions as November foals, which shows the depth of the November sale, especially when it comes to foals.”

Book 1 sessions begin Tuesday (hips 1-239) and Wednesday (hips 240-480) at 11 a.m., while the remaining sessions each begin at 10 a.m. For the complete catalogue, outs, and more, visit keeneland.com.

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GRIMTHORPE: ARROGATE’S 2017 RACING SCHEDULE UP IN THE AIR *by Bill Finley*

While the entire racing universe is eager to see a rematch between ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **Arrogate** (Unbridled’s Song) and **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) in the Jan. 28 GI Pegasus World Cup, Juddmonte Farms’ Racing Manager Lord Teddy Grimthorpe said Monday the stable is not ready to commit to the \$12-million race at Gulfstream Park.

“We are going to let the dust settle,” Grimthorpe told the *TDN*. “Prince Khalid [Abdullah] wants to keep the horse in training next year, so we have to look at the whole of the year rather than just little parts of it. From that point of view, there is the option of both the Pegasus and the [G1] Dubai World Cup. Bob Baffert will help steer us through this. The real idea is to make the horse as good as he possibly can be. Prize money is a big thing, but it is not the only factor.”

If Arrogate started in the Pegasus, Baffert and the Juddmonte team would have to map out a campaign whereby they would



Arrogate | *Benoit photo*

have to have their colt at his best in January and also in November for the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic. That could also mean fitting in a trip to Dubai for the Dubai World Cup. It may be impractical to believe the horse

could hold up and be at his best at the end of the year, with what could be a lengthy and difficult campaign.

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Arrogate's Schedule Up in the Air cont.

"I understand the racing world's point of view, that they'd like to see another race like the one they saw Saturday," Grimthorpe said. "So would we. It's different for California Chrome. It's an obvious race for him to go in. He's going to stud afterward, he's already been syndicated. It's an easier decision for them. I don't want to put a damper on things and I don't want to put a green light on [a start in the Pegasus World Cup] either. We have to let the dust settle, see how we're going, see how the horse is and then put up the various options to Prince Khalid and see what he wants to do. For us, there is no enormous hurry. The overpowering thing is that we will try to do the right thing by the horse."

As far as whether or not Prince Khalid would prefer starting in the Dubai World Cup over the Pegasus, if he feels the horse can only make one race or the other, Grimthorpe said, "He is certainly more familiar with the Dubai World Cup, as is everyone. The Pegasus Cup is a new and very interesting concept. But our priority is the horse."

Juddmonte did not purchase a spot, which cost \$1 million, in the field when they were first offered. But not yet owning a berth in the starting gate does not appear to be a problem, as there are several stake holders that do not have horses for the race and will be looking to sell their spots.

Grimthorpe had nothing but praise for California Chrome and said it took two great horses to put on the type of spectacular race the Classic turned into. He compared the race to the 1975 G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. which turned out to be a battle between Grundy (Ire) (Great Nephew {GB}) and Bustino (GB) (Busted {GB}) and is widely viewed as one of the greatest races ever.

"I spoke to one of the Chrome people on my way down to the winner's circle," he said. "They handled it with such class, all of them. I think in a race like this there's no Arrogate without Chrome. Sure it would have been nice to win the Breeders' Cup Classic by 10 lengths, but that would have made for a much different story. There's no Grundy without Bustino and there's no Bustino without Grundy. It was an extraordinary horse race."

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UNCLE MO RAISED TO \$150K

Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie)'s fee was raised to \$150,000, up from \$75,000 in 2016, Coolmore America announced Monday. The sire of 2016 GI Kentucky Derby hero Nyquist, GI Wood Memorial S. winner Outwork, and GI Darley Alcibiades S. heroine Gomo, has already accrued 21 stakes winners and almost \$15 million in progeny earnings with his oldest foals only 3-year-olds.

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In addition to Uncle Mo, new additions to the 2017 roster include European MG1SW **Air Force Blue** (War Front), who will stand for an introductory fee of \$25,000 and Australian G1 Golden Slipper S. hero **Vancouver (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro).

Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), who stood for \$200,000 in 2016, is now listed as private, while Ashford Stud stalwarts **Giant's Causeway** (Storm Cat) will stand for \$75,000 and **Tale of the Cat** (Storm Cat) is advertised at \$30,000.

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<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Air Force Blue (War Front)*	\$25,000
American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile)	Private
Competitive Edge (Super Saver)	\$10,000
Declaration of War (War Front)	\$35,000
Fusaichi Pegasus (Mr. Prospector)	\$7,500
Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat)	\$75,000
Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike)	\$17,500
Magician (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})	\$7,500
Munnings (Speightstown)	\$25,000
Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday)	+\$25,000
Stay Thirsty (Bernardini)	\$10,000
Tale of the Cat (Storm Cat)	\$30,000
Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie)	+\$150,000
Vancouver (Medaglia d'Oro)*	\$15,000
Verrazano (More Than Ready)	\$17,500

**Indicates new stallion. + indicates fee raise*

FROSTED RETIRED TO DARLEY

Godolphin's homebred **Frosted** (Tapit--Fast Cookie, by Deputy Minister), a three-time winner at the highest level, including a tour-de-force in the GI Metropolitan H., has been retired and will enter stud at Darley at Jonabell Farm in Lexington, Kentucky, Darley announced Monday. He will stand for \$50,000.

Trained by Kieran McLaughlin, the imposing grey won the GI Wood Memorial S., and GII Pennsylvania Derby during his



Frosted | Sarah K. Andrew

3-year-old season. He also ran second that year in the GI Belmont S., GII Jim Dandy S., GII Remsen S. and GII Holy Bull S. Third in the GI Travers S. and fourth in the GI Kentucky Derby, Frosted really blossomed as a 4-year-old, adding a score in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 2 in the spring at Meydan in the UAE, prior to returning stateside and demolishing rivals in a new stakes record of 1:32.73 in the Metropolitan by 14 1/4 lengths at Belmont. He added the historic GI Whitney S. upstate at Saratoga in August. Frosted was also a close third in this year's GI Woodward S. and retired with a record of 19-6-6-2 and earnings of \$3,972,800.

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Frosted Retired to Jonabell

“It’s very special to retire a horse of Frosted’s caliber, but even more so in that he accomplished so much as a homebred, racing in Sheikh Mohammed’s Godolphin silks,” said Darley’s Chief Operating Officer Dan Pride. “His Metropolitan H. was one for the ages, and add to that his great pedigree and tremendous physical appearance and you’ve got all the pieces in place for a sire of the future.”

Added McLaughlin, “It was an honor and a pleasure to train a horse like Frosted. Without a doubt, he’s one of the best that I’ve had the privilege of training. I look forward to having a few of his babies in the barn in the future.”

Out of GII Cotillion H. heroine Fast Cookie, who also placed in an additional five graded stakes, Frosted’s second dam is MGSW and GI Milady Breeders’ Cup H. runner-up Fleet Lady (Avenue of Flags). She is responsible for champion juvenile male Midshipman (Unbridled’s Song), who captured the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile and also stands at Darley America.

Frosted will be available for inspection during the Darley Open House from noon to 3:00 p.m. daily through Nov. 18, alongside GI Kentucky Derby hero Nyquist (Uncle Mo), who also joins the Darley roster for 2017.

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2017 AIRDRIE STUD ROSTER & FEES

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile)	\$15,000
Creative Cause (Giant’s Causeway)	\$15,000
Include (Broad Brush)	\$10,000
Istan (Gone West)	\$5,000
Majesticperfection (Harlan’s Holiday)	\$15,000
Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen)*	Private
Summer Front (War Front)	\$10,000
Upstart (Flatter)*	\$10,000

*Indicates new stallion.

TAMARKUZ RETIRED TO SHADWELL FARM

Shadwell Stable’s GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile hero **Tamarkuz** (Speightstown--Without You Babe, by Lemon Drop Kid) has been retired and will stand at Shadwell Farm in Lexington, Kentucky, the farm announced Monday. His fee has been set at \$12,500.

Bred by John Gunther in Kentucky, the chestnut was purchased for \$325,000 out of the 2011 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, and took the 2015 G2 Godolphin Mile, G3 Firebreak S. and

G3 Burj Nahaar at Meydan before being transferred to the care of Kiaran

McLaughlin in the U.S. last season.

Tamarkuz added runner-up efforts in the this term’s GI Forego S. at Saratoga and the GII Kelso H. at Belmont in October in advance of his Dirt Mile score. In

total, Tamarkuz retires with a record of 20-8-4-0 and earnings of \$1,840,444.

“We knew he had potential,” said McLaughlin. “He’s very well balanced and should make a nice stallion.”

Tamarkuz’s winning dam is a half-sister to MGISW Stay Thirsty (Bernardini), GSW & MGISP Andromeda’s Hero (Fusaichi Pegasus) and SW and GI Champagne S. third-place finisher Superfly (Fusaichi Pegasus).

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield

In the general scheme of things, I'm not sure how highly the seventh edition of the GI Breeders' Cup Classic ranks. Second, beaten only a length, was the English turf horse Ibn Bey, fresh from his victory in the G1 Irish St Leger. Third, a further length behind, came Thirty Six Red, a GI Wood Memorial winner who ultimately retired as a winner of four of his 20 starts.



There wasn't much wrong with the winner, though. In boldly charging through a narrow gap between Thirty Six Red and Ibn Bey,

Unbridled emulated Sunday Silence by taking the Classic in the same year that he had won the GI Kentucky Derby. The only other to pull off this double in the same year is American Pharoah.

It must be highly reassuring to American Pharoah's legion of admirers that A.P. Indy, Sunday Silence and Unbridled all left



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exceptionally rich legacies, with Unbridled's being especially evident over the latest two days of Breeders' Cup action.

Saturday saw the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies fall to Champagne Room, a

granddaughter of Unbridled, by that talented sire of fillies, Broken Vow. Then the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile fell to Classic Empire, a colt by Unbridled's grandson Pioneerof the Nile. And finally it was the turn of Unbridled's Song to shine, with this son of Unbridled being responsible for the exciting Classic winner Arrogate. Unbridled's Song had also made his presence felt in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile, with his daughter Unbridled Melody suppling the winner in Tourist, her 5-year-old son by Tiznow.

It bears repeating that Unbridled's Song had won the 1995 Juvenile, a race which also fell to another Unbridled colt, Anees, in 1999. And it was the Juvenile Fillies that supplied Unbridled's third Breeders' Cup winner when Halfbridled landed the 2003 race. By then Unbridled's Song was already on the scoreboard, thanks to Unbridled Elaine in the 2001 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, and he went on to overtake his sire, with help from Midshipman (2008 Juvenile), Unrivalled Belle (2010 Distaff) and Liam's Map (2015 Dirt Mile).

The Unbridled male line has also scored via his son Eddington, sire of GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Secret Circle, and Spanish Steps, a brother to Unbridled's Song who gave us Little Mike (2012 Turf). Empire Maker's tally of two successes, supplied by Royal Delta in the Distaffs of 2011 and '12, has already been matched by his son Pioneerof the Nile, with Classic Empire adding to American Pharoah's Classic triumph.

Classic Empire's emergence as likely champion 2-year-old colt, plus the good run by Midnight Storm to finish third in the Mile, must have provided some welcome reassurance to the breeders who supported Pioneerof the Nile this year at his elevated fee of \$125,000.

Making Pioneerof the Nile a six-figure stallion brought him into close competition in 2016 not only with his son American Pharoah (at \$200,000) but also with his repatriated sire Empire Maker (at \$100,000). Whereas American Pharoah was asked to cover 208 mares and Empire Maker 130, Pioneerof The Nile covered a book of 120 mares, compared to the 137 he had received at \$60,000 in 2015. His fee has been adjusted to \$110,000 for next year.

It is essential to remember that all the success being enjoyed by the WinStar resident is with comparatively cheaply-produced progeny from his first four crops, sired at fees ranging from \$20,000 to \$15,000. Pioneerof the Nile hasn't always had numbers on his side, either, with Equineline crediting him with 330 foals in those first four crops. With his fourth crop being his largest, his statistics may currently be slightly distorted by the 73 members of this crop which have yet to race. Even so, his 16 black-type winners represent 5% of those 330 foals, and this figure should improve further as more members of the 2014 crop reach the track. **Cont. p26**



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3 more Breeders' Cup winners:

Highland Reel (IRE) won BC Turf-Gr.1

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The most striking aspect of his record is that these four crops have already produced three Grade I-winning colts in Midnight Storm, American Pharoah and Classic Empire, as well as Cairo Prince, a one-time spring favorite for the Kentucky Derby, who would almost certainly have reached the top level had his career not been halted by an ankle injury. Prior to his disappointing effort when a hot favorite for the GI Florida Derby, Cairo Prince's only reverse in four starts had been a nose defeat by the future Eclipse Award winner Honor Code. For the record, Cairo Prince covered 148 mares in each of his first two seasons at Airdrie, with his fee increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in 2016.

CLASSIC EMPIRE, C, 2

Pioneerof the Nile	Empire Maker	Unbridled	Fappiano
			Gana Facil
		Toussaud	El Gran Senor
	Star of Goshen		Image of Reality
		Lord At War (Arg)	General (Fr)
			Luna de Miel
Castle Eight		Key to the Kingdom	
Sambuca Classica 8-0-0-3 5Fls, 3SWs, 1MGISW	Cat Thief	Storm Cat	Her Native
			Storm Bird
			Terlingua
		Train Robbery	Alydar
	In Her Glory SW & MGISP 15Fls, 6Wnrs, 2SPs		Track Robbery
		Miswaki	Mr. Prospector
			Hopespringseternal
		Forever Waving 13Fls, 6Wnrs, 1SW	Hoist the Flag
		Quillesian	

Classic Empire is therefore guaranteed to be popular when the time comes for him to take up stallion duties, but the prospect which interests everyone most at this stage is whether he can follow the example of Street Sense and Nyquist by adding the Kentucky Derby to his Breeders' Cup Juvenile victory.

If he does so, it will be quite an achievement, as he was sufficiently precocious and sufficiently fast to make a winning debut over 4 1/2 furlongs in May and to land the GIII Bashford Manor S. over six furlongs in early-July. It may sound like a big ask to hope that this type of horse can progress well enough to win the Kentucky Derby, but don't forget that Nyquist won over five furlongs in June and became a graded winner over 6 1/2 furlongs in early-August.

Classic Empire's pedigree suggests that he has a far better chance of shining in the Kentucky Derby than many a champion 2-year-old. There's his male line, for a start. Unbridled won the Kentucky Derby, whereas Empire Maker and Pioneerof the Nile finished second, having respectively won the Florida Derby and GI Santa Anita Derby along the way.

Of course, Pioneerof the Nile has already supplied a winner of the Churchill Downs Classic, in the majestic form of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah.

American Pharoah is out of a granddaughter of Storm Cat and so is Classic Empire, as his dam, Sambuca Classica, is a daughter of Cat Thief. Like so many of D. Wayne Lukas's horses, Cat Thief was expected to work for his living, packing 30 starts into his three years in training, including 13 as a sophomore. He was clearly very tough, as he won the Breeders' Cup Classic on the 12th of those 13 starts (he was later asked to carry top weight in the GI Malibu S.). He had earlier finished third behind his unconsidered stablemate Charismatic in the Kentucky Derby, so the mile and a quarter at Churchill Downs should hold no fears for Classic Empire.

Sambuca Classica had distinct limitations as a racehorse, with just three third places to show from eight starts on dirt and all-weather. Fortunately, she has wasted little time in making amends as a broodmare, with three stakes winners from her first four runners. Uptown Twirl, her three-year-old Twirling Candy filly, has won a pair of six-furlong stakes this year and sprinting was also the forte of her Fusaichi Pegasus gelding Anytime Magic.

If there is a weak link in Classic Empire's stamina, it could stem from his second dam, In Her Glory, as she was a by the sprinter Miswaki. However, In Her Glory stayed well enough to finish third, beaten only a half-length and a head, in the GI Gazelle H. over a mile and an eighth, so she stayed reasonably well by American standards.

Classic Empire's third dam, the Hoist the Flag mare Forever Waving, won a couple of dirt routes. She also had the distinction of being a half-sister to that outstanding filly Revidere, whose record stood at 11-8-2-1, including victories in the GI CCA Oaks over a mile and a half and the GI Ruffian S. over a mile and a quarter.

Breeders will ultimately like the fact that Classic Empire's female line, descending from Alanesian, produced that very successful sire Harlan's Holiday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rinaldo Del Gallo III

Mr. Finley's Op-Ed ([TDN, Nov. 7, 2016](#)) posited a question, "So who is Horse of the Year? The best horse or the horse who accomplished the most?" I think Mr. Finley answered the question correctly. "It's for the horse that was the most exceptional throughout the racing season." **Cont. p27**

This is not necessarily a given, since there are many people debating who is the better horse in arguments over who should be Horse of the Year--this necessarily implies the standard for Horse of the Year should be who is the best or fastest horse as opposed to comparing the actual body of work, and I disagree with this standard. But I also believe Mr. Finley did not come to the full, logical conclusion using the "body of work over the year standard"--not only should Arrogate not be horse of the year as Mr. Finley correctly concluded, he should not even be the 3-year-old champion.

For the sake of argument, let's assume that Arrogate is actually the better racehorse, but California Chrome has the greater



Arrogate fights his way past California Chrome in the Classic | *Eclipse Sportswire*

body of work. The standard for an Eclipse Award should still be the body of work over the year. The close Breeders' Cup Classic admittedly makes the question easier, but even if California Chrome came in fourth and 10 lengths behind,

I would still believe that he should be Horse of the Year.

Using this "body of work" standard, Exaggerator should be crowned 3-year-old champion. In 2016, Exaggerator won three big Grade I races--the Santa Anita Derby, the Preakness, and the Haskell. While the fact that his three Grade I victories were in the slop may be of concern to a handicapper, it should be of no consequence when it comes to end-of-year honors. He won fair and square. Exaggerator is the only 3 year old with three Grade I's, and all were at route distances. One of these was in a Triple Crown race, the other in a summer Classic, and the other in a major Kentucky Derby prep race.

And in the Kentucky Derby, a race many believe to be the most important of the year, Exaggerator came in second, only beaten by 1 1/2 lengths. Exaggerator also had a nice second-place effort in the GII San Vicente S. He also ran a competent third in the GII San Felipe S.

By way of contrast, Arrogate had admittedly imperious and historic victories in the Breeders' Cup Classic and the Travers, but that is the end of his stakes racing history--the other three victories came in allowance and maiden company. Arrogate even lost a maiden race this year, his first race. I might even concede that the Breeders' Cup Classic should be weighted more heavily than other Grade Is. But a Breeders' Cup victory should not be of primary importance--it is the performance of the year as a whole that is the proper standard. Exaggerator's three Grade I's in big races, a close second in the Kentucky

Derby, a respectable second and third in two Grade II races is a greater body of work than Arrogate's two Grade Is, two allowance race victories and a maiden victory.

It is to be conceded, Exaggerator also lost in the Belmont, the Travers, and Pennsylvania Derby. What should we do with this? If we are to credit near misses, maybe we should penalize major fails. But I do not think the big losses should count against Exaggerator when Arrogate was not even racing, unless we want to punish horses for racing and rewarding horses for not racing.

While Arrogate may very well arguably be the best Classic-distance dirt horse on the planet at this moment (not a given but undoubtedly a very strong case can be made), he was undoubtedly a very late bloomer and simply did not accumulate the race record to be crowned 3-year-old champion. He also skipped the GII Pennsylvania Derby and the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup despite being in perfect health to rest up for the Classic.

If the 3-year-old championship is to go to the best 3-year old at any one point in the year, it should be Arrogate. If it should go to the horse that had the most accomplishments during the year (as I believe it should), it should be Exaggerator.

Arrogate still has other chances to pick up a significant Grade I victory this year such as by running in the Clark or the Cigar Mile. Should he do so, he will be a horse that can boast three Grade Is and offer a stronger case.

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FINAL NTRA TOP THOROUGHBRED POLL

Rank	Horse (Sire)	Pts	Prev
1	California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) (30)	442	1
2	Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) (16)	418	5
3	Beholder (Henny Hughes)	351	8
4	Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro)	330	2
5	Tepin (Bernstein)	250	3
6	Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB})	185	6
7	Drefong (Gio Ponti)	98	20
8	Lady Eli (Divine Park)	96	9
9	Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile)	82	23
10	Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})	61	20

Others: Frosted (50), Stellar Wind (48), Tourist (32), Lord Nelson (19), Forever Unbridled (14), Hoppertunity (9), Melatonin (6), Tamarkuz (6), Obviously (6), A.P. Indian (6), Gun Runner (5), Queen's Trust (4), Nyquist (3), Not This Time (3), Cavorting (3), Oscar Performance (1), Om (1), Champagne Room (1)

Leading General Sires by Year-to-Date Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Sunday, Nov. 6

Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide figures

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY (300,000)</i>	20	47	15	35	5	9	287	133	\$1,910,000 <i>Frosted</i>	\$18,418,345
2	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farm KY (100,000)</i>	12	26	6	16	4	6	190	108	\$2,598,000 <i>Exaggerator</i>	\$11,547,507
3	Uncle Mo <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (75,000)</i>	16	27	9	17	2	4	142	76	\$3,575,600 <i>Nyquist</i>	\$11,230,858
4	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Darley KY (150,000)</i>	13	30	6	18	3	6	212	96	\$2,210,000 <i>Songbird</i>	\$10,564,975
5	Lucky Pulpit <i>(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Harris Farm CA (7,500)</i>	2	3	1	1	1	1	155	72	\$8,130,000 <i>California Chrome</i>	\$10,447,359
6	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 8 Stands: Ramsey Farm KY (100,000)</i>	15	29	10	17	3	3	314	137	\$868,520 <i>Camelot Kitten</i>	\$10,169,111
7	Bernardini <i>(2003) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Darley KY (100,000)</i>	14	28	10	19	1	7	246	116	\$1,125,000 <i>Cavorting</i>	\$10,136,962
8	Candy Ride (Arg) <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (60,000)</i>	13	21	7	10	--	4	275	151	\$1,676,380 <i>Gun Runner</i>	\$10,010,948
9	Empire Maker <i>(2000) by Unbridled FYR: 2005 Crops: 10 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY (100,000)</i>	2	5	1	3	--	1	343	151	\$499,857 <i>My Tity (JPN)</i>	\$9,955,471
10	Unbridled's Song <i>(1993) by Unbridled FYR: 1998 Crops: 17 Stands: USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	7	13	4	4	3	3	175	74	\$4,084,600 <i>Arrogate</i>	\$9,929,076
11	Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat FYR: 2002 Crops: 13 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (85,000)</i>	12	25	6	14	1	4	299	131	\$678,000 <i>Destin</i>	\$9,845,356
12	City Zip <i>(1998) by Carson City FYR: 2003 Crops: 12 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (40,000)</i>	13	27	6	9	2	4	262	149	\$1,154,033 <i>Catch a Glimpse</i>	\$9,545,197
13	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Crops: 6 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	15	31	6	12	5	6	265	128	\$667,608 <i>Dacita (CHI)</i>	\$9,108,704
14	Smart Strike <i>(1992) by Mr. Prospector FYR: 1998 Crops: 17 Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	12	24	5	9	--	1	211	101	\$702,507 <i>Amour Briller</i>	\$8,961,759
15	Malibu Moon <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 14 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (95,000)</i>	10	22	4	8	2	2	306	128	\$890,625 <i>Carina Mia</i>	\$8,655,294

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EASTERN U.S.

Monday's Results:

7th-PRX, \$65,984, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 11-7, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.76, ft.

LA VITESSE (f, 2, Weigelia--Gentlemen's Locket {SP}, by Gentlemen {Arg}) checked in seventh in her July 16 debut at Del Mar, a race out of which second finisher Champagne Room (Broken Vow) subsequently captured the GII Sorrento S. and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. A distant third behind **'TDN Rising Star'** Noted and Quoted (The Factor) next out there Aug. 7, the bay nearly pulled off a 28-1 shocker Sept. 3, getting run down late to finish second. Dominating a maiden event Sept. 23 at Los Alamitos in her final start for trainer Doug O'Neill, the \$70,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic buy was made a 7-10 proposition to double up here. Off sharply, the bay quickly opened a clear lead by a quarter in :22.43, burst away from the pack by nine lengths without being asked through a :45.99 half and coasted home in the stretch to a dominant 14 1/2-length rout. Romantic Music (Maclean's Music) was second-best. The victress's dam is responsible for her yearling full-sister. Sales History: \$6,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$89,745. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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WESTERN U.S.

Monday's Results:

4th-ZIA, \$25,500, (S), Msw, 11-7, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.56, ft. **+GO FOR A STROLL (g, 2, Attila's Storm--Garter, by Bernardini)** came into this debut off an above-average series of works, punctuated by a five-furlong local gate move Oct. 29 in 1:00 2/5. Bet to 3-2 second favoritism, the homebred tracked the speed from a joint third through a :22.63 opening quarter, crept up to within a neck of the front past a :46.66 half and stayed on gamely in deep stretch to outkick favored Tiz Valiant (Weather Warning) by a half-length. The winner's unraced dam is a half to MG1SW and European champion Stravinsky (Nureyev) and SW/GISP Moscow Ballet (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). She is responsible for a yearling full-sister and weanling full-brother to the winner and visited Attila's Storm once again this spring. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,300. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-R. D. Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

CALIFORNIA

Sunday's Late Results:

9th-SA, \$64,955, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 11-6, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 1:59.33, fm.

WARD 'N JERRY (c, 3, Lucky Pulpit--Tamarack Bay {GSP, \$218,965}, by Dehere) took six cracks to earn his diploma, breaking through on the Del Mar lawn Sept. 1, and he followed up with a victory against state-bred optional claiming company here Oct. 9. Let go at 12-1 facing open foes for the first time in this meet finale, the homebred stalked comfortably from fourth in the two path for the first six furlongs. Moving strongly three wide after the frontrunner midway on the far bend, the dark bay swept to the front at the furlong grounds and drew clear to earn his third straight victory with a 2 1/4-length success. Pretentious (Super Saver) completed the exacta. The winner is a full to Luckarack, MSW, \$604,007; and Pulmarack, MSP, \$224,719, and a half to Tamarando (Bertrando), GISW, \$703,078; U'narack (Unusual Heat), SW, \$194,080; and Tamarack Smarty (Smarty Jones), SP, \$284,296. The productive Tamarack Bay, second in the 2002 GIII Santa Ysabel S., is responsible for a yearling full-sister to the victor named Lucky At the Bay and was bred back to Lucky Pulpit once again this term. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, \$126,720. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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8th-GG, \$27,524, Msw, 11-6, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10.76, ft. **GRAND PRIX (f, 2, Tale of the Cat--Be Envied {MSP, \$200,697}, by Lemon Drop Kid)** made a middle move before fading to be third in her debut June 9 at Santa Anita, then dueled on a fast pace with promising GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies third finisher American Gal (Concord Point) in a fifth-place effort Aug. 14 at Del Mar. Tried on the hillside turf course back in Arcadia Oct. 8, the homebred showed good late interest to fill the trifecta once again. Off as the 9-10 public choice in this first synthetic foray, the bay stalked in second on the flank of longshot Arabesque (Twirling Candy) through a :22.36 quarter, drew on level terms passing a half in :45.12 and steadily pulled away in the stretch, cruising home five lengths to the good. The pacesetter held for second. Grand Prix is a half to Finest City (City Zip), GISW, \$925,594, who captured Saturday's GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. Be Envied, a half to GISW and sire Burning Roma (Rubiano), is responsible for a yearling colt by Tale of Ekati. Sales History: \$62,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$145,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$29,820. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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5-ZIA, Msw 6f, C to Judge Beacon, 12-1

GEMOLOGIST (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 117/11/2

7-GPW, Msw 7 1/2ft, Gemologister, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

HANSEN (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 102/11/1

7-GPW, Msw 7 1/2ft, +Grandson Tap, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

SKIPSHOT (Skip Away), Considine Farm, 15/1/0

7-GPW, Msw 7 1/2ft, Golden Decision, 20-1

TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 100/11/1

7-GPW, Msw 7 1/2ft, +Areyoutalkingtome, 6-1

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Desert Sport, c, 2, [Hat Trick \(Jpn\)](#). See "Britain".

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I'm Your Father, c, 2, [Tiznow](#). See "TDN Euro/International."

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IN JAPAN:

+Old Bailey, c, 2, [To Honor and Serve](#)--Passion Du Coeur, by Distorted Humor. Tokyo, 11-6, Maiden Race, 6.5f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$67,308. O-H.H.Sheikh Mohammed; B-Elm Tree Farm LLC; T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida. *\$220,000 Ylg '15 FTNAUG. ***"He had a lot of speed and traveled comfortably today," said winning jockey Christophe Lemaire. "He is likely to be effective over shorter distances."

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Lario, c, 3, [Ice Box](#)--Lake Como, by Salt Lake. Tokyo, 11-6, Plate Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$164,423. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Roger S. Braugh, Jr.; T-Yasuhito Tamura. *\$140,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$270,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Aliana (Majestic Warrior), MSP, \$229,139. ***"He had great early speed, so I was able to settle him behind the leaders," said winning jockey Christophe Lemaire. "I think 1400 metres is his best distance."

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Gorgo Barows, c, 3, [Scat Daddy](#)--Molly Peaches, by Meadowlake. Kyoto, 11-5, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$245,192. O-Hirotosugu Inokuma; B-Hidden Brook Farm; T-Tetsuya Kimura. *\$125,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$360,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. "It was a strong run and he has lots of speed," said winning hoop Mirco Demuro. "He had surgery to correct his roaring and it worked very well today."

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Danon Legend, h, 6, [Macho Uno](#)--My Goodness, by Storm Cat. Kawasaki, 11-3, JBC Sprint, 7f. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 30-14-4-3, \$3,499,914. O-Danox Inc.; B-Colts Neck Stables, LLC; T-Akira Murayama. *\$90,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP; \$385,000 2yo '12 BARMAR.

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Awardee, h, 6, [Jungle Pocket \(Jpn\)](#)--Heavenly Romance (Jpn) (MSW-Jpn, \$3,527,120), by Sunday Silence. Kawasaki, 11-3, JBC Classic, 10.5f. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Jpn, 32-10-4-6, \$3,099,810. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Management; T-Mikio Matsunaga. *1/2 to Amour Brillier (Smart Strike), MSW-Jpn, \$2,053,140; and Lani (Tapit), SP-Jpn, GSW-UAE, GISP-US, \$1,615,055.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$61,696, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 11-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.11, ft.

CAMILLE CLAUDEL (m, 5, [Broken Vow](#)--Charming Ruckus {SW & GSP, \$294,535}, by Silver Charm) Lifetime Record: 16-4-4-1, \$157,337. O-Sycamore Racing II; B-Gail Cullen & Jeanne Owens (KY); T-Francis Abbott, III. *\$65,000 Ylg '12 FTKJUL.

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8th-ZIA, \$28,500, (S), 11-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.47, ft.

SHE DEVIL (f, 4, Diabolical--Patsy Capote, by Capote) Lifetime Record: 18-3-4-2, \$78,018. O-Roger K. Beasley & Miles Johnson; B-Roger Beasley (NM); T-Ross A. Amestoy.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Nikkis Pick, f, 2, [Archarch](#)--Brockly Rob, by Tomorrows Cat. PRX, 11-7, (C), 6f, 1:12.88. B-Best Foot Foward, LLC (PA). *\$5,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

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Cowboy Movie, g, 2, [Cowboy Cal](#)--Richie's silcowgirl, by Cowtown Cat. ZIA, 11-7, 6f, 1:13.19. B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). *\$35,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.



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Congratulations to last week's [JockeyTalk360.com](#) Jockey of the Week Mike Smith, who won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic aboard Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile aboard Tamarkuz (Speightstown) and the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint aboard Finest City (City Zip).

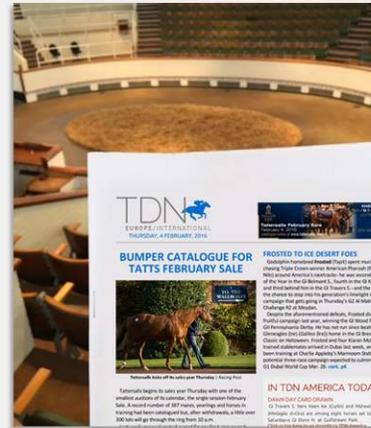
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Despite a busy year that kicked off at Meydan in March and then took in Group 1 races in Hong Kong, England, Ireland, France and America, **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) may not be finished yet, with potential trips to either Japan or Hong Kong on the radar for the near future. Following his win in the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf under an enterprising Seamus Heffernan ride at Santa Anita on Saturday, Aidan O'Brien is already looking forward to the 4-year-old's next international assignment.

"He isn't finished yet this year as he is in the [G1] Japan Cup and a race in Hong Kong," said O'Brien. "We'll take him home and see how he is but the Japan Cup is in three weeks and the Hong Kong race is six weeks away. He could take in one of those or he could possibly do both."

Highland Reel has already proven his effectiveness at Sha Tin, beating Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}) by almost the same margin Saturday as in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase last December. His exploits at Santa Anita brought his career earnings to just under £5m and he also provided 45-year-old Heffernan, a key member of the Ballydoyle staff, with his first Breeders' Cup winner.

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SLIPPER HERO CAPITALIST RETIRED TO NEWGATE

Australian champion juvenile and 2016 G1 Longines Golden Slipper S. hero **Capitalist (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}--Kitalpha {NZ}, by Fusaich Pegasus) has been retired to Newgate Farm, the farm announced Monday. The 'TDN Rising Star' from the barn of trainers Peter and Paul Snowden, had sustained a small fetlock chip in his final piece of work prior to the Nov. 5 G1 Darley Classic S. The recovery time would have put the chestnut out through the Australian autumn, so the decision was made to retire Capitalist and prepare him for the 2017 Southern Hemisphere breeding season.

An easy three-length winner at first asking at Randwick last October, Capitalist won the Newgate Breeders Plate, as well as the Jeep Magic Millions 2-Year-Old Classic prior to his first loss in the G2 Todman S. in March.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

FIREWORKS AT FASIG-TIPTON NOVEMBER

Baffled (Distorted Humor), in foal to Tapit, topped the Fasig-Tipton November Sale when purchased for \$3.5 million by Bridlewood Farm & Don Alberto Corp. in Lexington, Kentucky Monday evening. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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FEE RISE FOR DRAGON PULSE

On the back of another good season headed by his Group 1 winning son Profitable (Ire), the Irish National Stud's flagship stallion



Invincible Spirit | Irish National Stud

Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert) will remain at a fee of €120,000 for 2017. There has been little change in the rest of the stud's roster, save for successful first-

season sire **Dragon Pulse (Ire)** (Kyllachy {GB}) who has been bumped up to €8,000 from his 2016 fee of €5,000. His juvenile son Aethos (Ire) won the G3 Premio Guido Berardelli in Rome last Sunday and overall Dragon Pulse has enjoyed a very high percentage of winners to runners with his first crop. Also unchanged at €20,000 following his first year at stud is **Free Eagle (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}). Announcing their 2017 fees Irish National Stud CEO John Osborne commented, "Following another year of great successes we are pleased to be able to hold our 2017 fees at 2016 levels with the exception of Dragon Pulse whose great performance by his first crop justifies a fee of €8,000."

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2017 IRISH NATIONAL STUD ROSTER & FEES

Stallion	Fee
Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert)	€120,000
Dragon Pulse (Ire) (Kyllachy {GB})	+€8,000
Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire})	€20,000
Gale Force Ten (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})	€5,000
Worthadd (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})	€5,000
Famous Name (GB) (Dansili {GB})	€4,000
Elusive Pimpernel (Elusive Quality)	€1,000
Palavicini (Giant's Causeway) On Application	

**Indicates new stallion. + indicates fee raise*

DUNLOP THRILLED WITH ROBIN

Despite not posting a victory this season, trainer Harry Dunlop has expressed his delight with his stable-star **Robin Of Navan (Fr)** (American Post {GB}) following the colt's good run in Italy on Sunday when he finished second to **Potemkin (Ger)** (New



Robin Of Navan | Scoop Dyga

Approach {Ire}) in the G1 Prix Roma at Capannelle. The run ends a stop-start season for the 3-year-old which began well when he finished second in the G2 Prix Greffulhe at Saint Cloud in May only to be derailed when getting injured in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club in June.

"We were absolutely thrilled," said Dunlop. "He's given what looks a very good horse in Potemkin a pretty good run for his money and beaten a Group One winner in Elliptique in third. He was very seriously hurt in the [G1] Prix du Jockey Club. It's taken a few runs, but it's incredible we've managed to get him back to that level again. It's nice to end what has been a slightly frustrating year on a high and he's an exciting horse to look forward to for next season." [Cont. p3](#)

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Dunlop Thrilled With Robin Cont.

Dunlop has no plan of action for next season just yet, but the colt's lineage suggests he will be seen in France as much as possible.

"I haven't really thought about where we'll start off with him. He'll obviously be racing in France plenty as he's eligible for the premiums, which are very lucrative for us."

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LANWADES STUD 2017 STALLION FEES

Sea The Moon (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire})	£15,000
Bobby's Kitten (Kitten's Joy)*	£12,500
Archipenko (Kingmambo)	£10,000
Sir Percy (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire})	£7,000

* Indicates new stallion.

BRITAIN



Monday's Results:

4th-NC, £5,000, Mdn, 11-7, 3/4yo, 12f 98y (AWT), 2:40.33, st. VUELA (GB) (f, 3, Duke of Marmalade {Ire}--Victoire Finale {GB}, by Peintre Celebre), who was third after a slow break over 10 furlongs at Pontefract Sept. 15, was again tardy at the start but quickly recovered to tank her way into second behind Admiral's Sunset (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}). Gaining the upper hand over that rival approaching the two-furlong pole, the 6-5 second favourite drew away to win by five lengths. The winner is a half-sister to the same connections's Listed Swettenham Stud Fillies Trial winner and G1 English and Irish Oaks third Volume (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}), SW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$210,078, and to Velox (GB) (Zamindar), GSP-Aus, \$214,003. The dam, who has yearling and foal colts to come by Dansili (GB), is a daughter of the G1 Prix du Cadran and G3 Prix Gladiateur-winning highweight stayer Victoire Bleue (GB) (Legend of France) whose best progeny was the G2 Prix Hubert de Chaudenay-winning sire Vertical Speed (Fr). This is the Wildenstein family of Vin de France and Vacarme. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$4,686. [Video](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Mr Stuart Stuckey (GB); T-Luca Cumani.

CORRECTION: In Monday's TDN, the observations stated that the 4.20 Newcastle was being run on the Polytrack, when it was staged on the Tapeta. We regret the error.



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British Report Cont.

5th-NC, £5,000, Mdn, 11-7, 2yo, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:40.34, st. STRADIVARIUS (IRE) (c, 2, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Private Life {Fr} {MSP-Fr}, by Bering {GB}), last seen finishing fourth in a mile maiden at Newmarket Oct. 19, assumed front-running duties from the outset. Headed passing the furlong pole, the even-money favourite stayed on to regain the advantage in the last 50 yards and edge out Bowerman (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) by a head. Godolphin's Bombay Marine (War Front), the \$525,000 KEESEP son of Bel Air Beauty (Smart Strike), was too green to be competitive and finished at the rear of the seven-strong line-up. The winner is a half-brother to the G3 Bavarian Classic and G3 Furstenberg-Rennen-winning German highweight Persian Storm (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 9 1/2-11f, MGSW-Ger, \$121,198. Another with Wildenstein heritage, his third dam is the outstanding Pawneese (Ire), champion 3-year-old filly in France in 1976 courtesy of her triumphs in the G1 Prix de Diane and horse of the year in England in the same year having captured the G1 Epsom Oaks and followed up in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. Sales history: 330,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$4,641. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O/B-Bjorn Nielsen (IRE); T-John Gosden.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Desert Sport, c, 2, Hat Trick (Jpn)--Desert Sky (Ire) (SW & GSP-Ire, SW-US, , \$130,952), by Green Desert. NC, 11-7, 5f (AWT), 1:00.01. B-Greenwood Lodge Farm Inc (KY). *32,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT. **1/2 to No Jet Lag (Johar), GSW-US, \$130,952; and Optari (Diesis {GB}), GSP-Fr.



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Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, post time: 2.50 p.m.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Switching	Street Cry (Ire)	Boudot	Fabre
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3	5	Dozule (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	C Demuro	Lellouche
4	4	Deitee (Fr)	Shakespearean (Ire)	Peslier	Baudron
5	9	Happy Approach (Fr)	New Approach (Ire)	Hamelin	M&S Nigge
6	10	Edya (GB)	Makfi (GB)	Badel	A&G Botti
7	8	The Black Princess (Fr)	Iffraaj (GB)	Soumillon	Gosden
8	7	Salve Sicilia (Fr)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Lerner	Hickst
9	2	Very Dashing (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Pasquier	Cumani
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French Report Cont.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mog Edwards (Fr), c, 2, **Naaqoos (GB)**--Fedora (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). DTL, 11-6, 10fT, 2:15.12. B-Mme Debra Hooper (FR). *€1,500 Ylg '15 ARQFEB.

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

12.40 Saint-Cloud, Mdn, €27,000, 2yo, c/g, 8fT
NEW TRAILS (Medaglia d'Oro), one of two Andre Fabre trainees, is a half- brother to MGSW and GI First Lady S. runner-up Tizaqueena (Tiznow) and is the sole supplementary entry among a cast of 11 in this debut. Opposition to Godolphin's homebred includes Haras d'Ecouves and Henri de Pracomtal's fellow firster **Xylaphone (Fr) (Soldier of Fortune {Ire})**, who is an already gelded half to G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane third Xcellence (Fr) (Champs Elysees {GB}), from the same Francois Doumen yard as that dual Classic placegetter.

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IRELAND



LENGTHY BANS FOR SEXTON/GRANT

Jump jockey Kevin Sexton has been banned from riding for two years with the last 18 months suspended, providing he tests clean during the whole period. Sexton, who rides regularly for Gordon Elliott tested positive for cocaine during the Galway Festival in July and his ban will begin Nov. 21. Flat jockey Danny Grant was also before the Turf Club for a similar failed drug test and he was handed a three year ban. It isn't the first time Grant has tested positive for metabolites of cocaine; he suffers from Eczema and claims a herbal tea he has used in the past to alleviate the symptoms is the reason for the traces of the drug being in his system. Grant can apply for a suspension of the penalty from March 2018.

SON OF FLEMENS FIRTH TOPS DAY TWO

A colt by Coolmore sire Flemensfirth (Alleged) topped the first day of national hunt foals on offer at Tattersalls Ireland on Monday. [Lot 334](#), offered by Portduff Stud is out of Sleepless Eye (GB) (Supreme Leader {GB}), who has bred three winners from three runners so far.

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He was knocked down to Gearoid Costello and Carl Hinchy for €58,000. Hinchy owned the colt's ill-fated half brother Foryourinformation (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}), the winner of three races before meeting with a fatal accident. Paul and Sara Thorman's Trickledwn Stud went to €52,000 to secure a colt by Shirocco (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) offered by Ballycurragh Stud as [lot 279](#). The foal is a half-brother to the classy racemare The Organist (Ire) (Alkaadhem {GB}). Aiden Murphy is always one of the leading buyers at this sale and he made his presence felt by snapping up [lot 433](#) from Ballincurragh House. The colt cost €55,000 and is the first foal out of a half-sister to last year's Cheltenham Festival winner Diamond King (Ire) (King's Theatre {Ire}). Overall 152 lots were sold during the day for a total of €1,829,000, an average of €12,197 and a median of €10,000.

2017 GESTUT ETZEAN ROSTER & FEES

Stallion	Fee
Lord of England (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB})	+€7,500
Jukebox Jury (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire})	€5,500
Amaron (GB) (Shamardal)	€4,500
+ indicates fee raise	

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Capitalist Retired to Newgate Farm Cont. from p1

He rebounded to take the Gold Slipper later that month to seal his championship season and also placed third in the G2 Star Roman Consul S. as a 3-year-old. In all, the son of Written Tycoon retires with a record of 7-4-1-1 and earnings of \$2,607,516.

“Capitalist was just the perfect 2-year-old, blessed with a huge amount of precocity, ability, and an excellent temperament,” co-trainer Peter Snowden told www.breednet.com.au. “I am certain that without this injury he would have gone very close in the Darley Classic, as his trackwork at Flemington was exceptional.”

Added pilot Blake Shinn, “Capitalist was the best 2-year-old I’ve ever ridden, in the Breeders’ Plate it was like driving a Rolls-Royce. He was breathtaking in the Magic Millions and outstanding against a top-class field in the Golden Slipper.”

“Capitalist ticked off a number of firsts, the first colt to win the Magic Millions and the Golden Slipper, and the highest-earning juvenile in history,” remarked James Harron of James Harron Bloodstock, who purchased the chestnut for A\$165,000 out of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale and managed his racing career for an ownership group. “I am privileged to be associated with such a freak of a racehorse and such a wonderful group of owners. To have a champion 2-year-old who is also a 10/10 physical marks Capitalist as a hugely exciting stallion prospect, and a huge thanks also have to go to Team Snowden and Blake Shinn for Developing Capitalist to such amazing heights.”

The second foal out of the winning Fusaichi Pegasus mare Kitalpha (NZ), Capitalist’s second dam is the G3 Blue Diamond Preview S. heroine Compulsion (Danehill), herself a full-sister to



Capitalist | Bronwen Healy

champion 2-year-old, MG1SW and Golden Slipper heroine Merlene (Danehill), as well as a half-sister to Australian MG1SW Miss Pennymoney (Aus) (Brocco). This is also the family of fellow Aussie Group 1 winner Dear Demi (Aus) (Dehere).

Newgate’s managing director Henry Field said, “Australia is all about 2-year-old racing and to have a champion 2-year-old standing at Newgate is what everyone strives for. Capitalist is the embodiment of what works in Australia—he will be heavily supported by his group of owners, who make up some of the leading breeders in Australia, to give him every chance of becoming a champion sire, as well as being a champion racehorse.”

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LESSONS LEARNED THIS WEEKEND

by John Berry

More Than Useful...

The VRC Carnival at Flemington has served up more reminders of just what a massive contribution to Australian breeding has been made by the 19-year-old shuttle-stallion **More Than Ready** (Southern Halo). During a lengthy career of yearly return trips between Kentucky and New South Wales, More Than Ready has churned out numerous high-class sons and daughters in both hemispheres, putting himself in the Danehill category by becoming a proven top-class sire on both sides of the equator. It was in Australia, though, that he first proved his true worth, and in Australia that he has achieved his greatest



More Than Ready | Vinery Stud

results. More Than Ready's first season at Vinery Stud in the Hunter Valley was in 2001. It didn't take him long to establish himself among the country's elite because his first crop swiftly yielded a 2-year-old Group 1 winner in the autumn of 2005 when Carry On Cutie (Aus) landed the G1 Champagne S. over 1600m at Randwick and a 3-year-old Group 1 winner when Benicio (Aus) took the G1 Victoria Derby over 2500m at Flemington the following spring. A third Group 1 winner subsequently emerged from that crop later that season when Perfectly Ready (Aus) landed the G1 Goodwood H. over 1200m at Morphettville.

Lessons Learned This Weekend Cont.

Since then, More Than Ready has come up with consecutive G1 Golden Slipper winners Sebring (Aus) and Phelan Ready (Aus) and consecutive Magic Millions Classic winners Augusta Proud (Aus) and Phelan Ready. Additionally there has been eight-time Group 1-winning racemare More Joyous (NZ); Samaready (Aus), a Group 1-winning sprinter at both two and three; G1 Queensland Derby winner Eagle Way (Aus); Dreamaway (Aus) and Perfect Reflection (Aus), each a Group 1 winner over middle distances in West Australia; G1 NZ Oaks heroine More Than Sacred (Aus) and South African Grade 1 winners Gimmethegreenlight (Aus) and Entisaar (Aus). During the same time, he has been represented by four individual Grade I winners in the USA, and by Regally Ready, the Steve Asmussen-trained winner of the GI Nearctic S. at Woodbine in 2011.

This year's Flemington Carnival has seen a further extension of More Than Ready's Australian legacy. On the opening day **Prized Icon (Aus)** became his second G1 Victoria Derby winner, having already become his second G1 Champagne S. winner when taking the final leg of Sydney's 2-Year-Olds' Triple Crown last season. A week later, the final day of the Carnival was kicked off when the opening G3 Maribyrnong Plate became the first group race won by a son of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-winning More Than Ready stallion **Pluck** when **Aspect (Aus)** stamped himself as a high-class juvenile with an impressive victory.

Pluck stands alongside his father at Vinery Stud, where he too should be able to make a good contribution to his sire-line's success. For decades the line descending from America's 1960 champion juvenile Hail To Reason (Turn-To) has been a source of class right the way across the distance and age spectrum and all around the world, largely courtesy of his excellent sons Roberto and Halo. Sunday Silence (Halo) has been its most influential member, but More Than Ready too takes his place in the vanguard.

The Cup Supreme...

The VRC Carnival will always be dominated by the G1 Melbourne Cup, so it was very fitting that one of the most celebrated Cup winners should poke her nose into the result of the meeting's principal sprint, the G1 Darley Classic. **Malaguerra (Aus)** (Magnus {Aus}) was a good winner of this, doubling his Group 1 tally in the process, and he ranks as the latest high-class horse to descend from Rainbird (Aus) (The Buzzard {GB}), a popular racemare who posted some terrific performances in the spring of 1945 when she finished second in the Caulfield Cup before going one better in the Melbourne Cup 17 days later.

In the short-term, Rainbird proved to be a disappointment at stud, matings with such high-class sires as Dhоти (GB) (Dastur

{GB}), Helios (GB) (Hyperion {GB}) and Empyrean (GB) (Hyperion {GB}) failing to yield high-class offspring. However, subsequent generations have shown her to have been massively influential. The top-class racehorse and stallion Centaine (Aus) (Century {Aus}) ranks as her greatest descendant, but her tribe also includes the stallions Snitzerland (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), Foreplay (Aus) (Danehill) and Time Thief (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), as well as the excellent sprinting gelding Rain Affair (Aus) (Commands {Aus}).

The branch of the family from which Malaguerra hails is instantly identifiable with the late, great Caulfield-based champion trainer Angus Armanasco, breeder and trainer of many fast horses with the 'Tennessee' prefix including the horse's dam Tennessee Morn (Aus) (Bletchingly {Aus}) and granddam Tennessee Vain (Aus) (Whiskey Road).

Keep Trying...

When **Awesome Rock (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) was demoted from first place after passing the post a short head in front of Preferment (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) in the G1 Australian Cup at Flemington in March, one might have felt that his best chance of landing a really big win had been and gone, snatched from his grasp. However, the 'try, try and try again' school of endeavour has finally paid dividends for the Leon Corstens-trained 5-year-old; he has only won four of his 25 starts, but the most recent of his victories has come in the G1



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Emirates Mackinnon S. His previous wins had come in the G2 Dato Tan Chin Nam S. at Moonee Valley two months ago, the Listed Symphony S. at Flemington last season, and in a 2-year-olds' handicap at Sandown in

February 2014. That Awesome Rock has finally cracked a Group 1 victory is very much in keeping with the profile of the stock of his sire Fastnet Rock (Aus) (Danehill), who has shown in both hemispheres that his good horses tend to progress well as they mature.

Furthermore, Awesome Rock comes from a family of Classic horses, having both G1 Epsom Derby hero Dr Devious (Ire) (Ahonoora {GB}) and G1 Oaks heroine Dancing Rain (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) in his pedigree. His dam Awesome Planet (Aus) (Giant's Causeway) too was a Classic performer, finishing third in the G1 NZ 1,000 Guineas. In time, Awesome Rock ought to make a good stallion.

Williams Planning...

The highlight of the VRC Carnival was, of course, the triumph of **Almandin (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) in the G1 Emirates Melbourne Cup. This victory provided prominent Melbourne owner Lloyd Williams with his fifth triumph in the great race, following the victories of Just A Dash (Aus) (Whiskey Road) in 1981, What A Nuisance (NZ) (St Puckle {GB}) in 1985, Efficient (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) in 2007 and Green Moon (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) in 2012. The extent of the investment which Williams has made and continues to make in his on-going quest for Cup victories is astounding, even bearing in mind that his commercial career has been massively successful thanks to the prosperity of the Hudson Conway building company and Melbourne's Crown Casino. Unless one is freakishly lucky, the best way to try to win a big race is to own many horses who might win it, and hope that one of them does. Williams has perfected this policy, over the years having recruited droves of potential stayers both from New Zealand and from Europe. His links with Coolmore have yielded many good horses in recent years including former Ballydoyle inmate **The United States (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) who carried his colours to Group 1 success in Sydney earlier this year. Furthermore, the seeds for the next wave of contenders have already been sown. Williams' 2-year-olds currently in training in Ireland include the promising winners **Arcada (Ire)** (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) and **Rekindling (GB)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), inmates respectively of the stables of Joseph O'Brien and David Wachman.

Williams rounded out the Carnival in fine style by taking another of its longer races, a 2000m handicap on the final day which was won by **Little White Cloud (Ire)** (Dalakhani {Ire}), another who began his racing days in Williams's ownership in Ireland. Williams had Little White Cloud in John Oxx's stable prior to bringing him Down Under. Trained by Oxx, the young Little White Cloud won a mile 2-year-olds' maiden race at Dundalk in November 2012 before showing very good form as a 3-year-old the following year, including when finishing second to Leading Light (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) in the G3 Gallinule S. and sixth to Trading Leather (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the G1 Irish Derby.

Ambassador Appleby...

Sheikh Mohammed appears to lie not far behind Lloyd Williams when it comes to being keen to win the Emirates Melbourne Cup (which is understandable as he is instrumental in the race's sponsorship). It has been a joy to see how well the Godolphin team has been running throughout the Spring Carnival in Melbourne, with the performances of Charlie Appleby's horses having been particularly excellent. Providing two of the five Godolphin runners in the Cup, Appleby saw both of his charges run well, most notably with **Qewy (Ire)** (Street Cry

{Ire}) finishing an excellent fourth. Qewy had previously landed the G3 Geelong Cup. The second place of **Scottish (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) in the G1 BMW Caulfield Cup was a terrific performance, while **Oceanographer (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) did extremely well when taking the G3 Lexus S. on VRC Derby Day. **Francis Of**



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Assissi (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) has also been a star, and he rounded out the Flemington Carnival in fine style for the stable, following up his Group 3 triumph in the Bendigo Cup by taking the G3 Queen Elizabeth S. by 10 lengths.

Appleby's unvarying helpfulness and openness reflect very well on his employers, and this venture Down Under has been the latest reminder that the decision to appoint him as the successor to the disgraced Mahmood al Zarooni as the trainer in Newmarket's Moulton Paddocks Stables was an extremely good one. He is a wonderful ambassador for Godolphin, as well as a very good trainer.

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SPELL FOR INJURED RUPEE

Top class sprinter **Lankan Rupee (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) faces a spell on the sidelines after picking up a suspensory ligament injury. The former Australian Horse of the Year, who has won five Group 1 races, has only run twice this season having been previously off for a year with a hock injury and



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trainer Mick Price had no option but to place the 7-year-old on the easy list.

"He got scanned this morning," Price told *Racing and Sports*. "It's not a big injury as such, but it's in an awkward spot. It is at the origin of suspensory which is the

part that attaches on to the back of the cannon bone. We'll take the advice and spell him and that's all we can do unfortunately."

Price is still hopeful the gelding can make a racecourse comeback despite his advancing years, as he showed his engine is still intact with his close fourth to Malaguerra (Aus) (Magnus {Aus}) in the G1 Darley Classic last Saturday.

"He probably won't come back until he's an 8-year-old but that's ok, as he's only had 26 starts," Price added.

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Sunday, Busan, South Korea

GYEONGNAM DOMIN ILBU CUP (NB), ₩200,000,000 (US\$175,084/£141,028/€158,291), Busan, 11-6, 2yo, 1200m, 1:13.50, ft.

1--**I'M YOUR FATHER, 121, c, 2, [Tiznow](#)--Clear Thinking, by Awesome Again.** (\$50,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-Lee Won Tae; B-G Watts Humphrey Jr & St George Farm Racing LLC (KY); T-Lee Jung Pyo; J-Francisco da Sliva; ₩114,000,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, ₩167,620,000.



2--**Divine Touch, 121, c, 2, Divine Park--Touch Me Once, by Touch Gold.** (\$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). ₩42,000,000.



3--**Wonder Wall (Kor), 121, c, 2, Chapel Royal--No Bull Baby, by Indian Charlie.** ₩26,000,000.

Margins: 4, 4, HF. Odds: 2.20, 4.70, 10.30.

A debut winner over course and trip in August, I'm Your Father was placed at his last two starts, including a second against older rivals going a mile last month. Favored back in against his peers here, I'm Your Father was ridden for speed and raced three wide and in the clear into and around the turn. Roused to the lead in upper stretch, he was firmly in front into the final furlong and sprinted home to score easily. The winner's second dam is Crystal Shard (Mr. Prospector), who produced GISW and promising young sire Gemologist to the cover of Tiznow. A full-sister to I'm Your Father fetched \$100,000 at this year's Keeneland September sale, while Clear Thinking foaled a colt by Animal Kingdom this year and was bred back to that sire. Clear Thinking is also a half-sister to Clear Destiny (Deputy Minister), dam of GSP Elusive Fate (Elusive Quality) and SP Pilot House (Midshipman).

Sunday, Seoul, South Korea

MUNHWA ILBO CUP (NB), ₩200,000,000 (US\$175,084/£141,028/€158,291), Seoul, 11-6, 2yo, 1200m, 1:13.70, gd.

1--**CHEONGDAM DOKKI, 121, g, 2, [To Honor and Serve](#)--Elusive Gold, by Strike the Gold.** (\$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Kimbyeongjim; B-Blue Heaven Farm LLC (KY); T-Park Jong Kon; J-Park Eul Woon; ₩112,000,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, ₩145,600,000. *1/2 to Gouldings Green (Charismatic), MGSW, \$682,493; Baby Bird (Cape Town), GSP, \$222,804; and Filare l'Oro (Hard Spun), SW & GSP, \$185,100.



2--**Dolkong, 121, c, 2, [Afleet Alex](#)--Swampoodle, by Broken Vow.** (\$52,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). ₩42,000,000.



3--**New Citadel, 121, c, 2, With Distinction--Ree Ensign, by Proud and True.** (\$9,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$25,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). ₩28,000,000.



Margins: HF, HD, HF. Odds: 22.50, 6.10, 2.00.

A two-length winner at a well-backed 3-1 for his 1000-metre debut Sept. 24, Cheongdam Dokki went off at several times that price in this rich event, but was beaten for early pace from gate seven and felt a crack of the whip prior to the end of the backstretch. Still well behind and facing a seemingly hopeless task, he was switched out approaching the ultimate furlong and stormed home late for the victory. A half-brother to a trio of black-type runners, including the evergreen Gouldings Green, the gelding is out of a half-sister to MGSW Stop Traffic (Cure the Blues), dam of 'TDN Rising Star' and young sire Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), MSW Thirteen Arrows (Indian Charlie) and SW Exodus (Medaglia d'Oro).



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