



## OPPENHEIM: KENTUCKY VALUE SIRES \$10-\$20K



Lookin At Lucky | Coolmore

By Bill Oppenheim

The group of sires which went to stud in the U.S. in 2011 and had their first foals in 2012 (so we abbreviate as F2012) has been a very interesting group to follow, with as many as a dozen sires--maybe more--which have been jockeying for position at every signpost. While there are no 'breakthrough' six-figure sires yet, last week we included the group's one-two by both 2016 and cumulative progeny earnings, Lane's End's **Quality Road** (\$35,000 for 2017) and Coolmore Ashford's **Munnings** (\$25,000, both unchanged from 2016) among our 'value' sire recommendations for 2017 standing for \$25k-\$40k. Click [here](#) to see the 2016 table of North American third-crop sires by worldwide progeny earnings, and click [here](#) to see the cumulative table; keep them open, too, because we're going to be adding three F2012 Kentucky sires standing for \$10k-\$20k to our Value Sire list. Let's take them in 2017 stud fee order.

It's quite amazing that Ashford's **Lookin At Lucky** has not yet sired a Grade I winner, because he's now had six horses place in Grade I races, four of them (4-year-olds Money Multiplier and Breaking Lucky; 3-year-old Accelerate; and 2-year-old Lookin At Lee) since the end of August. He ranks third among North American third-crop sires behind Quality Road and Munnings in 2016 progeny earnings and (reversed, Munnings, then Quality Road) cumulative progeny earnings (\$9.7-million).

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## A HONG KONG RACING PRIMER

by Alan Carasso

HONG KONG -- American racing fans--and also those in the UK--have become more exposed to the racing product in Hong Kong recently and now have the ability to bet into massive pools which can swell to better than \$10 to \$12 to even \$15 million (yes, US dollars) or more for a single race. But racing in Hong Kong remains an unknown and intimidating commodity to many, so with your blessing, allow me to inform and educate.

### A Tale of Two Tracks...

The 'major league' racing in Hong Kong takes place at Sha Tin Racecourse in the New Territories, built in 1978 and home to nearly all of the most important races that take place in the jurisdiction. Races over 1000 meters are held down the straight course, while 1200- to 1800-meter tests are run around a single right-handed turn.

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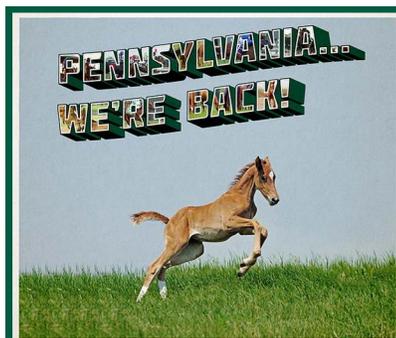
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# BILL OPPENHEIM



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Lookin at Lucky is the leading North American third-crop sire by number of Grade I horses (six) and is tied for the lead by number of Black-Type Horses overall (24, tied with Darley's Midshipman, who will be on next week's list, and ahead of Munnings 23, Quality Road and Kantharos 21); and he was the leading North American and European third-crop sire both by A Runner Index (2.78) and number of A Runners (13) when we did our mid-year APEX run in July (next run: year-end 2016, will appear the week of the Keeneland January Sale). In other words, Lookin At Lucky, who was Champion 2-Year-Old and Champion 3-Year-Old of his years and who will stand for \$17,500 (down from \$20,000) in 2017, has a lot going for him, not least a ton of useful horses. He is poised for a breakthrough year in 2017, and in any case, he sure gets his share of runners.

Last year we rightly called **Kantharos**, a son of Lion Heart who



**Kantharos** | Louise Reinagel

won all three of his starts as a 2-year-old, including the GII Saratoga Special by seven lengths, but was injured and retired to Ocala Stud in Florida as a 3-year-old, "the best value sire on the planet" at \$5,000 in 2016. He relinquishes that title this year to another sire who won all three of his starts, including the Saratoga Special, and who drops from \$7,500 to \$5,000 for 2017 (spoiler alert: Run Away And Hide, at Darby Dan; tune in next week), but it's a move up for Kantharos, who moves to Hill 'n' Dale in Kentucky and will be standing for \$15,000. He absolutely deserves it, and brings serious precocity as well as speed and class to Kentucky breeders. He was already moving mares up massively and this year, with his first 4-year-olds racing, he has sired the earners of over \$4-million (ranking him sixth NA third-crop sire at the moment) and actually leads all North American third-crop sires with 17 Black-Type Horses this year. In our mid-year APEX run he was number three F2012 sire by A Runner Index (2.63), number one by ABC Runner Index (2.16), and had a 2.86 ABC Index for 2-year-olds. He's done this with smallish crops (average 40) of Florida mares. Every breeder who could use a dose of rocket 2-year-old speed and precocity should be breeding to Kantharos in 2017. **Cont. p4**

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**Temple City** | Spendthrift Farm

But last weekend's story among North American F2012 sires is Spendthrift's **Temple City**, who was the subject of Andrew Caulfield's column yesterday (click [here](#)), by virtue of having a Grade I double at Del Mar when the 3-year-old Annals of Time, trained by Chad Brown (a 'mortal' for his first Eclipse Award this

year), won the GI Hollywood Derby Saturday to become Temple City's second Grade I winner, while his first Grade I winner, the 4-year-old filly Miss Temple City, won her third Grade I Sunday in the GI Matriarch S. There is a good deal of grumbling about Spendthrift's approach to standing sires, but the proof is in the results, and Temple City follows F2010 Into Mischief as the second world-class sire Spendthrift has produced in the last five years. But Into Mischief kicked off at \$12,500, whereas Temple City, whose only graded race win came in the GIII Cougar H. at 1 1/2m. on the all-weather at Hollywood Park, started out at \$5,000. Temple City is by Dynaformer, so no surprise about the mile and a half, but he is also out of a Danzig half-sister to Malibu Moon, and that combination has clearly 'shortened him up'; Miss Temple City is a miler. Temple City stood for \$12,500 in 2015 and The Jockey Club reports he had 152 foals of 2016; he stood for \$15,000 in 2016 and covered 172 mares this year, as Andrew mentioned Monday. The wily Spendthrift team then dropped him to \$10,000 for next year; I don't know how many bookings they had before the weekend, but it's a good bet they have a lot more now. Like Classic Empire did for Pioneer of the Nile, Annals of Time proves Temple City is no kind of one-hit wonder. He is definitely the best \$10,000 buy in the Thoroughbred universe for 2017; Merry Christmas from Mr. Hughes and the team at Spendthrift. **Cont. p5**

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Like the F2012 group, the North American Freshman Sires (F2014), with their first foals 2-year-olds this year, are a group still very much in development, but the top two, Darby Dan's 2011 GI Florida Derby winner **Dialed In** (Mineshaft), and Lane's End's GI Champagne S. and 2012 GI Belmont S. winner **Union**



**Dialed In** | *Darby Dan*

**Rags** (Dixie Union) stand out. Dialed In holds a \$30,000 lead over Union Rags at this writing, compliments of Gunnevera's \$600,000 payday in the \$1-million GIII Delta Downs Jackpot, added to his win in the GII Saratoga Special, but Dialed In

also has a total of 18 winners, at least half of them in good maiden company in New York, California, Kentucky, and Florida. Union Rags, who leads North American F2014 sires with three black-type winners, including two Grade I-winning fillies, is Book Full and then some at \$50,000, and deserves to be; but that does illustrate the point that Dialed In is himself very good value at just \$15,000 next year.

In all but a few cases, like those cited above, proven sires are expensive sires, which is why so many unproven sires are offered at attractive prices in this price range. The standout commercial play, hands down, has to be Airdrie's **Cairo Prince** (Pioneerof The Nile), who ranked second only to Three Chimneys' **Will Take Charge** (Unbridled's Song) by weanling average at the recent November sales. Cairo Prince had 20 sell from 24 offered (83%, in itself a tip), for an average of \$87,850, and a median of \$80,000--which was eight times his initial 2015 stud fee of \$10,000, and still 5.3 times his 2016-2017 stud fee of \$15,000.



**Verrazano** | *Coolmore*

They sold like that because they looked the part, and it was such a strong showing that we consider the newest 'market darling', Cairo Prince, likely to transcend just winning beauty contests, and make a sire. Another horse who had his first weanlings sell who we have a lot of time for is Ashford's **Verrazano** (More Than Ready), just because we always thought he was a seriously good horse. **Cont. p6**

# EMPIRE MAKER

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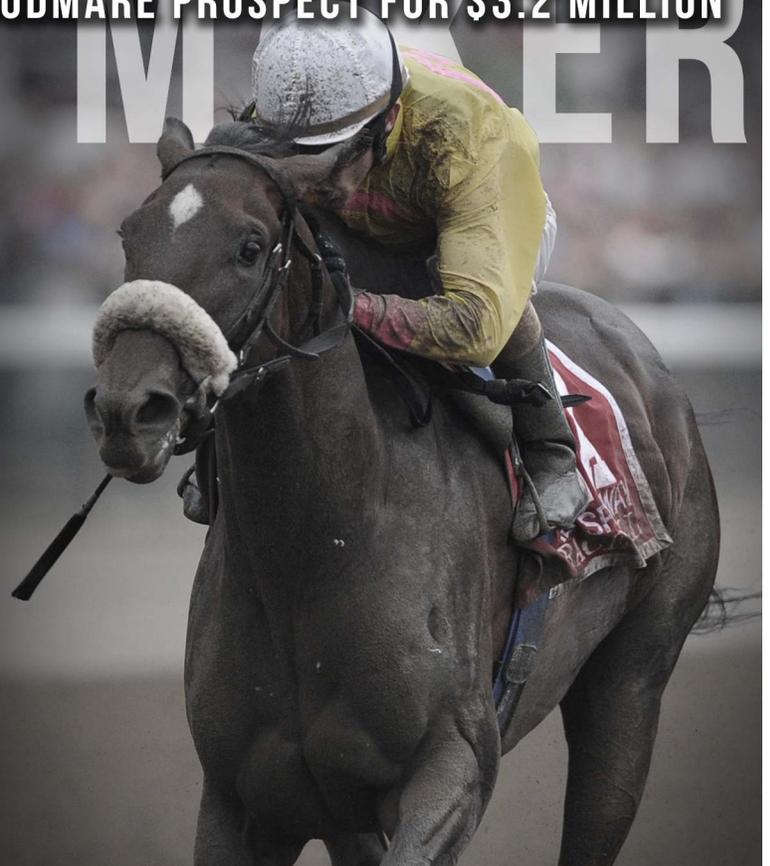
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He wasn't so much a market darling (22/38, \$75,318), but he was a really good-looking 3-year-old who won his first four starts going into the GI Kentucky Derby, including the GI Wood Memorial, and after not really getting the trip in the Derby, came back after a freshening to win his next two, including the GI Haskell Invitational S. by nearly 10 lengths, running a 116 Beyer Speed Figure on a fast track. He was even tried in Europe as a 4-year-old, finishing third in the G1 Lockinge S. and a good second to Toronado in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot, when trained at Ballydoyle. He has edged down to \$17,500 for his third season.

Curlin has of course now gone beyond recall, especially now that Connect has become his seventh Grade I winner, but his first good son, **Palace Malice** (Curlin), makes a lot of appeal in his second season at Three Chimneys, at \$20,000. He was for a good while Curlin's only Grade I winner, in fact until 2015.



Palace Malice | S. Raisher

Palace Malice won the GI Belmont S. as a 3-year-old, defeating Oxbow and Orb in what looked like an above-average renewal of the race (though the Beyer figure, typical of American horses running a mile and a half, was only a 98), but what really clinched his reputation were four straight wins in the first half of his 4-year-old year in 2014, culminating in the GI Met Mile, in which he defeated two-time GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Goldencents; in the

last three of those wins, Palace Malice ran Beyers of 112-114-112. Also standing his second season, at Gainesway, is **Karakontie**, by Bernstein out of a Sunday Silence mare, and whose second dam is a three-quarter sister to Kingmambo. I am avowedly heavily biased toward Karakontie, but he was a three-time Group 1 winner for trainer Jonathan Pease, winning the G1 Lagardere to be named Champion 2-Year-Old in France in 2013; the G1 Poule D'Essai des Poulains --French 2000 Guineas (in France his form was very tied up with Ectot, who defeated Flintshire in the G1 Joe Hirsch this fall); and the 2014 G1 Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita. There are increasing signals that more Europeans now realize America is still in the World Top Two for breeding horses (along with Western Europe), especially when you have years like 2016, when Scat Daddy was represented by Caravaggio and Lady Aurelia in Europe. More Europeans should be looking for Kentucky sires whose runners they can take back to Europe, and Karakontie, at a very reasonable \$15,000 fee, fits that profile.

**BEST VALUE OF ALL:** Well, it has to be Temple City, doesn't it--an absolute steal at \$10,000. I'll bet they run out of those pretty soon, though.

# TDN PODCAST



Sol Kumin has had an extraordinary run in his very short 2+ years in racing. This week, he stops in at Bobby Flay's Manhattan studio to talk successful-owner-to-successful owner about his business, his family's involvement in the sport, the highs and lows of Lady Eli's career, and what he loves about the game of racing. [Click here](#) to listen to the podcast, or subscribe on your iOS podcast app.

And--bonus coverage--Emily Plant's pick:

**TWIRLING CANDY**

Although superstar Uncle Mo dominates the NA cumulative second-crop sire list, leading Twirling Candy in second place by over \$11M in earnings, I think there's a lot to like about this 'second-fiddle' son of Candy Ride. It's true that he has no Grade I winners, and Danzing Candy is his only Grade II winner, but he has plenty in the pipeline to give hope--for example his runners with stakes form in November include 3-year-old fillies



Twirling Candy | Lane's End

Finley'sluckycharm, who won the Dream Supreme S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 25, and Gianna's Dream, who placed third in the Nov. 25 Winter Memories S. at Aqueduct. The 2-year-old filly Candycoated Dame

was third in the Smart Halo S. Nov. 19, and the 2-year-old colt Sweetontheladies won the Juvenile Sprint S. at Gulfstream Park West Nov. 12. **Cont. p7**

**Oppenheim cont.**

He has eight black-type winners and 17 black-type horses--but he does need to go ahead and convert some of these black-type horses into graded stakes performers. However, at \$20k for 2017, I think he's a great value. His Mid-Year APEX age-rating figures were excellent, 3.11 for 2-year-olds and 2.90 for 3-year-olds, and based on his sire's profile, we'd expect that Twirling Candy will have good older runners, too.

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**Hong Kong Racing Primer cont. from p1**

The handful of races going 10 furlongs begin right in front of the stands, while 2400-meter events begin further up the straight before hooking up with the course proper. Happy Valley Racecourse, the headquarters of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, typically hosts a single mid-week meeting, but also the



Sha Tin Racecourse | HKJC photo

occasional weekend program. The track, literally in the middle of Hong Kong Island is as iconic a facility as there is in the world, particularly when illuminated, with skyscrapers providing a dramatic backdrop. Happy Valley is known for its tight turns and unique configuration and plays host each year to the Longines International Jockeys Championship the Wednesday prior to the Hong Kong International Races.

**The Trainers and Jockeys...**

It is a competitive and talented group of conditioners that call Hong Kong home, many of whom are Australian or New Zealand ex-pats, including John Moore and John Size, who will be in with live chances in Sunday's big races. Tony Cruz, who became a



In many ways, Joao Moreira is the face of Hong Kong racing | HKJC photo

local legend in Hong Kong during his days as a jockey, is always near the top of the premiership as is South African Caspar Fownes, while Chris So is the surprise leader among the local trainers as of this writing. Most of the conversation of Hong Kong jockeys begins and ends with Joao Moreira, the Brazilian-born who set any number of records in Singapore and has

dominated the local ranks since his arrival just over two years ago. Australian Zac Purton and former perennial champion Douglas Whyte have been left in the wake of the 'Magic Man,' but still bring up plenty of winners, while Neil Callan, Mauritian Karis Teetan and new arrival Sam Clipperton add to the depth of international talent. Kei Chiong, the only woman riding in Hong Kong, has booted home double-digit winners this year after registering an impressive 37 victories for an 11.6% strike rate in 2015/2016.

**Class Structure...**

With an elevation into Part I in the International Cataloguing Standards, Hong Kong now conducts 31 group races, including 11 at Group 1 level. The balance of the product, with the exception of Griffin racing, is handicap events in Classes 1 through 5, with purse money of HK\$2.5 million (about US\$322,000) on offer for C1 down to a minimum of HK\$630,000 (about US\$81,000) for C5. In broad terms, Class 1 racing equates to listed stakes level, while Class 5 would be kin to claiming or selling races elsewhere around the world. Each horse is assigned a rating by the local handicapper; the top-rated horse in each race, regardless of class, carries a maximum of 133 pounds and spots the lower-rated horses one pound for each ratings point. Horses carry no fewer than 113 pounds. Griffin races are restricted to certain newcomers to racing and take place sporadically throughout the season.

**Horse Population...**

The vast majority of horses domiciled in Hong Kong are Australian- and New Zealand-bred, followed by European-bred horses. There is also a smattering of U.S-bred gallopers (most



The highly regarded TDN Rising Star Pakistan Star is a graduate of the Hong Kong International Sale | HKJC photo

acquired after racing in Europe) and South African-bred runners. Horses imported to Hong Kong are categorized as private purchases (PP) for previously raced horses or privately purchased griffins (PPG), unraced horses brought in to the jurisdiction, many of

which are acquired at public auction around the world. International sale griffins (ISG) are horses purchased by the Hong Kong Jockey Club, predominately at yearling sales in Australasia and Europe, and prepared by the Club for the Hong Kong International Sale in March. **Cont. p8**

- Champion 2YO by Champion 2YO sire **HARLAN'S HOLIDAY**
- Won the G1 BC Juvenile and G1 Champagne Stakes just like sire sensation **UNCLE MO**



From the desk of...

## **BILL OPPENHEIM**

*"Given that it's more or less impossible to get into Into Mischief at this point, and that Shanghai Bobby was an even better 2-year-old by Harlan's Holiday, he is likely to be very popular even given his stud fee raise."* 23 Nov 2016



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**Hong Kong Racing Primer cont.**

**Betting...**

The minimum bet in Hong Kong is a HK\$10 stake. Odds appear on track as whole numbers if greater than 10-1 and with decimals at less than 10-1. The odds quotes include the investment, so one unit is deducted to extract the true odds. For



**A public betting hall at Sha Tin**  
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example, if a horse sits on the board at 6.5, it is available at 11-2 (6.5 minus one equals 5.5, or 11-2). On-track wagers include win and place (2nd or 3rd), quinella, quinella place (any two of the first three placed horses in any race), tierce (straight trifecta), trio (trifecta box), First 4 (1-4

in any race in any order) and the quartet (straight superfecta). Multi-race wagers include double and treble (Pick 3), with a slight twist. A double wager with the correct first leg and runner-up in the second leg returns a consolation, while trebles that include the winners of the first two races and the second or third in the closing leg are also entitled to a consolation. A six-up wager is similar to the U.S. Pick 6, but pays on six from six to finish first *or second*, while a bonus is paid for a ticket with all six winners. Think a jockey is especially live on a program? The Hong Kong Jockey Club also offers that sort of wager as well; the odds adjust up and down throughout the course of a program. Please note that international bettors do not have access to all pools.

**A Website Like No Other...**

With its vast array of information, the website maintained by the Hong Kong Jockey Club ([www.hkjc.com/english/index.asp](http://www.hkjc.com/english/index.asp)) is, without question, the most comprehensive in the world. Detailed information is available for each horse, including trackwork records, veterinary records, racetrack performance by distance, overseas form, etc. Full video replays are available for each horse, not only for its races, but also for any barrier trials it participates in as well as for daily trackwork. Race form is also available. Simply put, an indispensable resource.

**Give Them A Follow...**

Any number of exceptional scribes and analysts report on the racing scene in Hong Kong and each deserves a follow. For the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Pat Cummings (Twitter: [@PatCummingsHK](https://twitter.com/PatCummingsHK)) has done an impressive job over the past two seasons in helping to bring Hong Kong racing to a broader

worldwide audience through a variety of social media channels, while David Morgan ([@TheMorganGrind](https://twitter.com/TheMorganGrind)) and Andrew Hawkins ([@AndrewNJHawkins](https://twitter.com/AndrewNJHawkins)), who joined the HKJC this year after working as a sub-editor for the South China *Morning Post*, issue several detailed and information-filled reports multiple times a week. Brett Davis ([@HKBDavis](https://twitter.com/HKBDavis)) handles racecalling duties for the Club at Sha Tin, while John Blance ([@JohnBlance1](https://twitter.com/JohnBlance1)) is the ‘voice’ of Happy Valley and is part of the broadcast team for the Sha Tin races. Jenny Chapman ([@jftpaddock](https://twitter.com/jftpaddock)) provides paddock analysis and picks, while Andrew LeJeune ([@LJ\\_andrew](https://twitter.com/LJ_andrew)) is new to the team this year. The Hong Kong Jockey Club will present a [live webcast](#) of morning trackwork beginning Wednesday, and you can expect the knowledgeable Edward Sadler ([@edward\\_sadler](https://twitter.com/edward_sadler)) to conduct an interview or two during the broadcast. Respected journalists Alan Aitken ([@chapeauxx](https://twitter.com/chapeauxx)) and Michael Cox ([@KemblaCoxy](https://twitter.com/KemblaCoxy)) present outstanding and sometimes whimsical coverage in the SCMP. Follow the Hong Kong Jockey Club at [@HKJC\\_Racing](https://twitter.com/HKJC_Racing).

In the coming days, we will present trackside reports and a couple of features, and a Longines HKIR special edition in Saturday’s TDN Europe/International. It all culminates with what should be a terrific renewal of the International Races Sunday at Sha Tin, with live coverage on TVG and across ADW platforms and at the HKJC website. Enjoy and partake in HKIR week!

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“The January Sale traditionally is a solid market for broodmares, broodmare prospects and short yearlings, which



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we expect will be popular because not all buyers filled their orders when weanlings were offered at the November Breeding Stock Sale,” Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said. “The January Sale

also affords breeders the opportunity to replenish or upgrade their broodmare bands with many quality mares in foal to top stallions and numerous young broodmare prospects from which to choose.” **Cont. p9**

**KEEJAN cont.**

Grade I winners of this year, including **Miss Temple City** (Temple City) and **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), were Keeneland January yearling buys. This term's yearlings represent top sires such as Awesome Again, City Zip, Distorted Humor, Exceed And Excel (AUS), Ghostzapper, Giant's Causeway, Into Mischief, Malibu Moon, Medaglia d'Oro, More Than Ready, Orb, Pioneer of the Nile, Scat Daddy, Tapit, Uncle Mo, Union Rags, Verrazano and Violence.

Broodmares sell in foal to many of those top sires as well as stallions like American Pharoah, Bodemeister, Honor Code, Kitten's Joy, Liam's Map, Speightstown, Tapizar, Shanghai Bobby and Declaration of War.

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**STATEMENT FROM THE JOCKEY CLUB**

*Editor's Note: This Thursday in Tucson, the ARCI model rules committee will meet to consider changes to the multiple medication violations penalty system. These changes are supported by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium. The MMV system is one of four pillars of the National Uniform Medication Program, the industry's initiative to establish uniformity in medication rules in all racing jurisdictions. MMV assigns points for violations, and the proposed changes would eliminate points for Class D violations, cut in half the points for Class C violations, among other changes.*

"In the wake of a recently published report about prospective changes that would weaken the penalties of the Multiple Medication Violation [MMV] Penalty System, The Jockey Club



Jim Gagliano | Horsephotos

states its continuing opposition to such changes and requests that the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium [RMTC] consider withdrawing those changes before they are presented to the Association of Racing Commissioners International Dec. 8.

"The Jockey Club collaborated with several other industry organizations affiliated with the RMTC in the original design of the MMV Penalty System, and we all shared a common goal: the creation of a consistent and fair system of penalties that would punish repeat violators and act as a deterrent to discourage such behavior. The proposed changes would eliminate points for the lowest penalty category and

reduce both the number of suspension days and the time period points would stay on a horseman's record.

"The industry has long struggled to create and implement national uniform rules of drug testing and enforcement. Weakening the penalties that were designed to reduce the frequency of repeat offenses is a step in the wrong direction.

"We also understand from the same published report that there is now a proposed compromise to reclassify certain drugs from class C to class B. This compromise needs to be more comprehensively examined by an RMTC committee, using the detail of the regulatory rulings database

([thoroughbredrulings.com](http://thoroughbredrulings.com)). Any changes to the MMV Penalty System need to be considered as a whole--not piecemeal--with the ultimate result of its being an effective deterrent.

"Repeated polling has affirmed that our sport is struggling against a strong negative public perception, due in large part to lax drug regulation. The Jockey Club urges our fellow members of the RMTC to reconsider the proposed changes to the MMV Penalty System at this time. We need stronger penalties, not watered down ones."

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**STAKEHOLDERS SUPPORT CENTRAL RULE MAKING ENTITY**

The results of the Association of Racing Commissions International's Industry Input Project, which included 28 focus groups and an in-depth survey of industry stakeholders, show support for the creation of a centralized rule-making entity accountable to existing racing commissions. The survey cites top problems as perception, competition, uniformity in the rules and doping.

The concept of anti-doping policy being handled by a private entity, such as USADA was supported by 44% of respondents, but 87% of those respondents found it unacceptable to have the private entity accountable to a US federal agency. The majority of them (73%) felt the entity should be accountable to a government entity.

"We don't have a horse in this race," said Ed Martin, ARCI President. "When pursuing legislation, either on the state or federal level, initiatives resulting from a general consensus tend to minimize potential opposition and have the greatest possibility of success. We believe this project has identified ways to build that consensus on a breed by breed basis. Only the industry can decide whether to do that or not."

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Sea the Stars (Ire)</b> <i>(2006) by Cape Cross (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Gilttown Stud IRE (125,000)</i>	13	28	10	21	2	6	165	83	\$2,270,521 <i>Harzand (Ire)</i>	\$6,690,262
2	<b>Pioneerof the Nile</b> <i>(2006) by Empire Maker FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (125,000)</i>	8	14	5	6	2	3	143	73	\$1,485,920 <i>Classic Empire</i>	\$6,377,469
3	<b>Mastercraftsman (Ire)</b> <i>(2006) by Danehill Dancer (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Coolmore Stud IRE (35,000)</i>	5	21	2	13	--	--	260	94	\$361,948 <i>Packing Dragon (NZ)</i>	\$5,327,613
4	<b>Colonel John</b> <i>(2005) by Tiznow FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (7,500)</i>	8	20	2	7	--	--	236	116	\$257,600 <i>Dalmore</i>	\$5,169,989
5	<b>Kodiak Kowboy</b> <i>(2005) by Posse FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	3	7	3	4	1	1	105	61	\$1,266,000 <i>Melatonin</i>	\$3,871,966
6	<b>Le Havre (Ire)</b> <i>(2006) by Noverre FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Haras De La Cauviniere FR (35,000)</i>	5	13	2	8	1	3	144	58	\$1,050,030 <i>La Cressonniere (Fr)</i>	\$3,701,345
7	<b>Myboycharlie (Ire)</b> <i>(2005) by Danetime (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Haras du Mezeray FR (5,000)</i>	5	8	3	4	--	2	152	54	\$1,348,097 <i>Euro Charline (GB)</i>	\$3,302,009
8	<b>Zensational</b> <i>(2006) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	3	6	1	3	--	1	106	56	\$667,545 <i>A Shin Spartan</i>	\$3,277,907
9	<b>Cowboy Cal</b> <i>(2005) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Pin Oak Stud KY (5,000)</i>	5	10	--	1	--	--	138	65	\$180,184 <i>Marquee Miss</i>	\$2,841,424
10	<b>Champs Elysees (GB)</b> <i>(2003) by Danehill FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Banstead Manor Stud ENG (8,000)</i>	6	17	2	6	--	2	140	66	\$366,350 <i>Suffused (GB)</i>	\$2,723,654
11	<b>Conduit (Ire)</b> <i>(2005) by Dalakhani (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Tullyraine House Stud IRE (2,400)</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	133	52	\$225,566 <i>Sound Applause (Jpn)</i>	\$2,700,801
12	<b>Giant Gizmo</b> <i>(2004) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Adena Springs North CAN (5,000)</i>	5	9	2	4	--	--	65	38	\$539,789 <i>Amis Gizmo</i>	\$2,541,459
13	<b>Square Eddie</b> <i>(2006) by Smart Strike FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Ocean Breeze Ranch CA (25,000)</i>	5	9	--	3	--	--	69	43	\$152,910 <i>Allsquare</i>	\$2,445,728
14	<b>U S Ranger</b> <i>(2004) by Danzig FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Rancho San Miguel CA (3,000)</i>	1	5	--	--	--	--	164	76	\$99,565 <i>U S Officer</i>	\$2,256,689
15	<b>In Summation</b> <i>(2003) by Put It Back FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Ocala Stud Farm FL (2,500)</i>	3	7	1	2	--	1	112	56	\$254,960 <i>Calculator</i>	\$2,214,880

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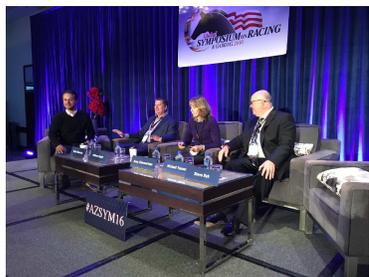


## GAMING AND RACING SYMPOSIUM OPENS IN TUCSON

By Dean Hoffman

Horse racing recognizes that it must put on a more entertaining product to expand its fan base and retain a diminishing core customer base, and the opening panel at the Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming Symposium addressed how racing can accomplish those goals.

Peter Rotondo, vice president of media and entertainment for the Breeders Cup, said that his organization recognizes that the championships must be "more than just eight races." "It's important to include things like fashion and food in the day, too," Rotondo said. "Having chef Bobby Flay on the Breeders Cup board has helped us with the food angle. We've got to put on a show that



Rotondo (l) & the opening session panelists | RTIP

works both on TV and also inside the venue. We have to do everything for everyone: owners, bettors, and TV viewers."

Bill Nader spent many years in management at NYRA and more recently worked at the Hong Kong Jockey Club, said, "The world operates at a much faster pace today, and that's why racing needs entertainment between races."

He said that the Hong Kong Jockey Club introduced entertainment between races for eight minutes after a race to fill the time prior to horses coming onto the track for the next race.

"We use entertainment on Wednesday night a soft way to introduce people to racing," he pointed out. "The Happy Valley track owns Hong Kong on Wednesday night."

Nader pointed out many a major difference between racing in New York and in Hong Kong.

"NYRA had 260 days of racing while in Hong Kong we had 78 days," he said.

But even on a Wednesday night in Hong Kong the Happy Valley track handles more than the Breeders Cup Day, he noted.

Nader said that racing needs to cater to owners and must remember that "owners bet money." Tracks must accommodate the needs of owners, he said, as well as appealing to core fans and casual fans.

Amy Zimmerman of the Stronach Group emphasized that she got into racing not from the gambling angle but instead from a simple love of horses.

"I am not a gambler, but I know that the gambler pays my salary and pays my mortgage," said Zimmerman.

She pointed out that horse racing has so many heartwarming stories with broad public appeal.

"I'm a journalist, and I like to tell stories," said Zimmerman. "People who are going to gamble are going to watch racing, but you can get people who don't necessarily want to gamble watch race by telling stories. Then you will make it easier for them to become gamblers."

Mike Tanner of the U.S. Trotting Association said, "The elephant in the room is that racing is not an appealing betting product because of the high takeout rate. We used to be the only game in town, but gamblers now have many other options."

"It's so much tougher than it used to be," continued Tanner. "Purses in harness racing are at an all-time high and it is less expensive to own a Standardbred than a Thoroughbred. So we are trying to bring in new owners to harness racing. That's the focus of the US Trotting Association."

Tanner said that resources in racing are limited and organizations need to narrow their focus to concentrate on what they do bet.

Two veteran writers, Bill Nack and Tim Layden, who have covered racing for Sports Illustrated shared their tales of famous horses and people Tuesday afternoon. Both got their starts as newspaper reporters.

Nack told of how he fell in love with racing after a brief encounter with the great Swaps in the mid-1950s and then he followed the career of Secretariat two decades later.

Nack recalled that Nobel Prize winner William Faulkner covered the 1955 GI Kentucky Derby, which was won by Swaps, for *Sports Illustrated*.

"Whitney Tower, who covered racing then for *Sports Illustrated*, was

assigned to chaperone Faulkner around Louisville and force him to sit down and write 100 or 200 words of his impressions every night," said Nack. "Whitney told me that the hardest part of that assignment was keeping Faulkner sober."

Nack said that Faulkner wrote a lyrical article for *Sports Illustrated* about that year's Derby, but never mentioned the winner of the race.

Layden recalled his coverage of American Pharoah's pursuit of the Triple Crown in 2015. He stood with trainer Bob Baffert during American Pharoah's final workout prior to the Kentucky Derby and had access to Baffert that few others enjoyed. He won Baffert's confidence and got exclusives that distinguished his reporting, but he did not enjoy the same rapport with American Pharoah's owner Ahmed Zayat. **Cont. p2**



(L to R) Jim Mulvihill, Tim Layden & Bill Nack | RTIP

**Gaming & Racing Symposium cont.**

"My relationship with Zayat was good one day, not so good the next day," Layden said.

Layden added that publications are more cost conscious than ever today and that covering horse racing is not a priority.

Tom Tuchsmidt, vice president of regional marketing for MGM Resorts International, spoke about the value of customer data to racing. He said that horse racing has done a wonderful job in showcasing its product, but it has not gone a good a job in building and maintaining a relationship with its core customer.

He detailed how the casino industry has become increasingly sophisticated in player development and that has resulted in a boom in casino gaming.

"You have to focus on the casual fan, the avid fan, and the professional--all levels of playing," he emphasized. "Each customer had value in the gaming business."

"To a casino, the craps player has a different value than a roulette player," he pointed out. "At a track the exotics player has more value than a straight wagering player."

Angel Suarez of Red Circle, an advertising agency in Minneapolis, began his presentation on "Making Smart Data



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Sexy" with the quote: "He who has the fastest, most accurate, and most complete data wins."

Suarez says, "Businesses often have lots of data but know don't know what to do with it."

He said that targeting marketing efforts intelligently is essential

because "each dollar invested in marketing should return multiple dollars back."

He detailed his experiences with *ESPN*, Gatorade and *USA Today* to show how those organizations increased the effectiveness of their marketing by using data smartly.

Suarez emphasized that web sites must have immediate visual appeal and updated regularly or customers are likely to go elsewhere. He also spoke extensively on the value of email marketing, but dismissed email blasts in favor of "targeted and smart" emails.

A trio of college professors with doctorate degrees addressed how data gleaned from academic research can benefit the racing industry. They gave examples of how university research provided direct benefits to horse racing, such as determining the cause of Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome, economic impact studies, and wagering options.

The symposium concludes Wednesday evening.

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**'RACING' AT HAMILTON DOWNS**

by *Bernie Dickman*

Florida's horsemen have been involved in various vicious battles for the past four-plus decades, ever since the early 70s, when the state's Supreme Court justices decided to rotate the winter racing dates between the Donn family's Gulfstream Park and John W. Galbreath's Hialeah Park.

There was the time the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association went after Doug Donn over payment of purses without the "blending" of pari-mutuel pools; and when a splinter group of owners and trainers broke off from the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association and attempted to form their own group; and when the "no-casino" advocates spent millions trying to thwart the advent of racinos at South Florida's pari-mutuel entities; and when managements at Gulfstream and Calder Race Course each expanded their schedules in 2001 and squeezed venerable Hialeah out of the racing rotation. That's only the short list.



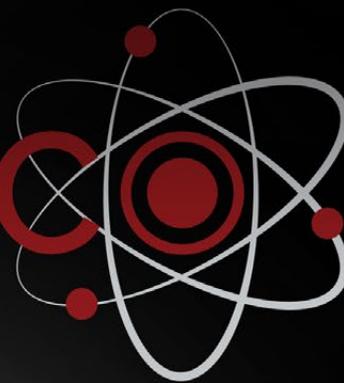
The track and starting gate at Hamilton Downs

But who would ever have suspected that the next big battle would be over what constitutes a horse race?

Highly-controversial barrel racing in northwest Florida led to a major outburst from the thoroughbred and quarter horse communities and an overabundance of court cases, and now Creek Entertainment Gretna offers simulcasting on horses, dogs and jai alai, and a poker room that had gross receipts of more than \$2 million in the last fiscal year. Another of the entities that horsemen call the "rogue" tracks began a laughable version of two-horse "races" behind a produce market in the village of Oxford, near The Villages, one of the fastest growing senior communities in the country. **Cont. p3**

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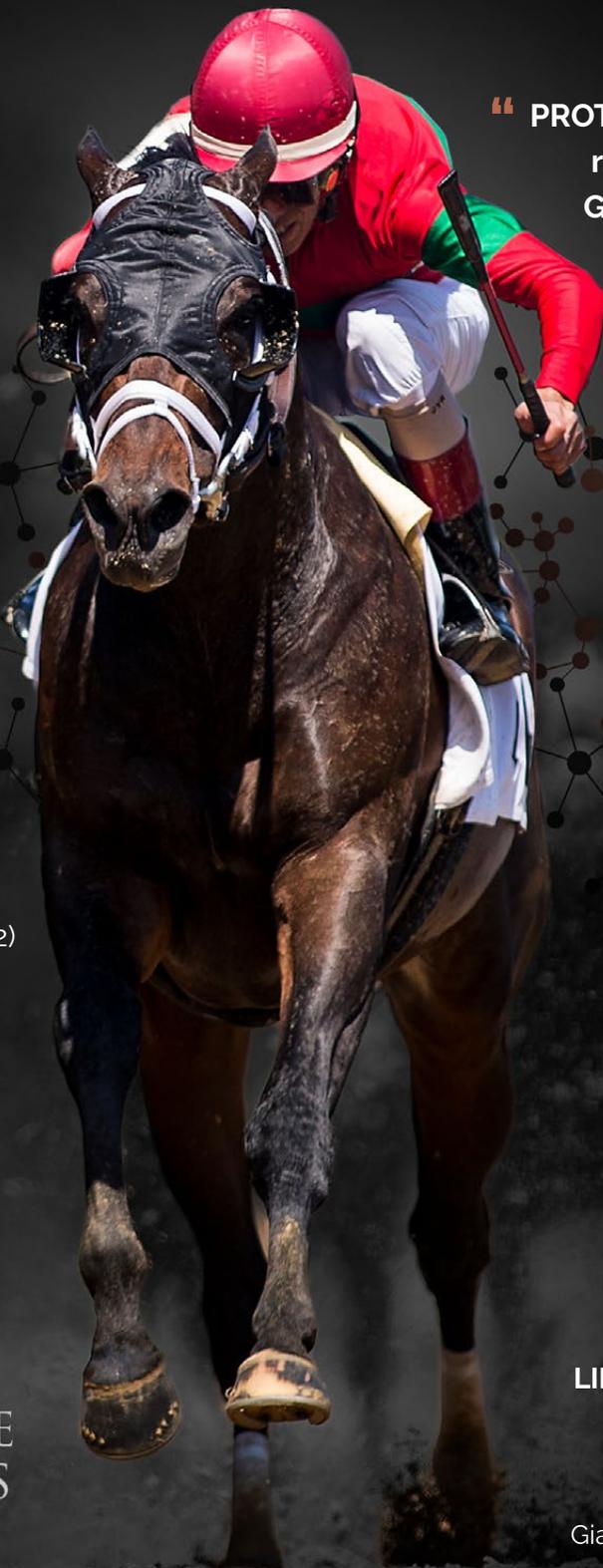
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**Op/Ed cont.**

Now the Oxford Downs poker room is seriously impacting the poker room at the former Ocala Jai Alai fronton, even though the two are located more than an hour apart. Whereas the latter was continually doing business of about \$3.5 million annually, that number dwindled to under \$3 million in the last fiscal year, and in the first four months of this year, Oxford Downs is doing nearly twice as much business as Ocala.

It's no wonder the horsemen are up in arms.

The latest version of the "rogue" tracks

--Hamilton Downs-- is located just west of I-75, within a stone's throw of the Georgia border. Owned by an old horseman named Glenn Richards, it's two exits north of



**Litter competes with the road sign on the side of the road for the race meet**

the spot where Richards formerly built a jai alai fronton, and later a poker room. According to the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering's reports, there hasn't been any poker activity since August of 2015.

Hamilton Downs is currently in the midst of a five-day quarter horse race meet, in order to qualify for poker and potentially slots under the vague Florida rules, the ones under siege from all corners of the pari-mutuel industry. And Richards is no novice when it comes to pari-mutuels. Aside from his jai alai and poker efforts, he grew up learning the racing game by mucking stalls for his father, a trainer at Ruidoso Downs, Sunland Park, and several other tracks in the Southwestern U. S.



**Course conditions on Monday**

His current "meeting" was originally scheduled to run for five days, from last Saturday through today. He needs 20 performances to qualify as a meeting, and was going to run four eight-race programs each day over the five days, until Mother Nature intervened. After the Saturday and Sunday programs, heavy rain in the area was enough to cancel the races from Monday and Tuesday. The 100-yard track was a sea of mud, but not as bad was the narrow dirt path leading from the access road to the racing area.

There were seven personnel on hand from the state who deemed the situation an "act of God," and under the statutes, the programs don't have to be re-scheduled. Richards said that \$15,000 had been wagered on the Saturday and Sunday programs.

Aside from all of the obvious elements that are ranking Richards's detractors, the quality of the horses who are participating in the meeting already has the opposition boiling. There is a program available for each day's racing, but no pedigree lines and no past performances. Many of the horses have their names misspelled, according to information supplied by the American Quarter Horse Association. Six of the entrants were scheduled to compete twice, and one, Jet Mohecan, one of 10 Paint horses entered, was set to go three times.

What opened eyes the widest, however, is the ages of the competitors. The mare Jets American Class, who has no race record listed by Equibase, is an Appaloosa who was foaled in 1992.



**The starting gate at Hamilton**

That's 24 years in anyone's book. In fact, there were four runners in all who were born in time to experience Y2K--the other three were products of 1995, 1997 and 1998. Only one horse in the whole group--the 7-year-old gelding Call Me Lena's Boy--has a race record (8-0-1-0, \$3,580), per Equibase.

According to Richards, each race had a purse of \$250, to be divided \$100 for first, \$60 for second, \$40 for third, \$30 for fourth and \$20 for fifth. The riders were all young ladies, several of whom were listed as the owners of the horses they rode. Several other riders, however, didn't make it to Richards's homemade wooden starting gate. Rumor has it that the people at Gretna told them if they came down to ride at Hamilton Downs, not to come back.

Richards said his final objective is to have slots, a poker room, simulcasting, and a nice, new "real" racetrack where two and 3-year-old Florida-breds can compete for real purse money. His objective isn't that far-fetched; it's the winding road he's taking toward it that has the industry up in arms.

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## MAKER FINED FOR “JAIL” CLAIM VIOLATIONS

by T.D. Thornton

Trainer Michael Maker was fined \$3,000 by the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) Dec. 4 for claiming a pair of horses at Aqueduct and running them back in the Claiming Crown series at Gulfstream Park without permission from the Aqueduct stewards before the restrictive 30-day “jail” period expired.



Mike Maker | Horsephotos

According to the NYSGC rulings database, because Maker waived his right to appeal, the fine was halved to \$1,500. Both claims had been made on behalf of the ownership partnership of Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey.

On Nov. 4, Maker claimed third-place

finisher Great Lou (Ready’s Image) for \$12,500 out of Aqueduct’s fifth race. The gelding subsequently ran 10th in the \$110,000 Claiming Crown Express S. at Gulfstream Dec. 3.

On Nov. 5 Maker claimed fifth-place finisher Creaky Cricket (Yesbyjimminy) for \$25,000 out of Aqueduct’s seventh race. The colt subsequently ran fifth in the \$110,000 Claiming Crown Canterbury S. at Gulfstream Dec. 3.

The ruling cited NYSGC regulation 4038.4, which reads, in part, “A claimed horse shall not race outside New York State for a period of 30 days from the date of the claim or the end of the meeting at which it was claimed, whichever period of time is longer, except that a horse may run in a sweepstakes elsewhere for which the horse was nominated by its former owner or trainer, or if permission is granted by the stewards.”

Maker and the Ramseys have been active Claiming Crown participants since the series began in 1999, leading their respective trainer/owner categories with 15 wins apiece.

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## INDUSTRY INFO

### Randy Rouse Honored With NSA’s F. Ambrose Clark Award:

Virginia Horseman Randall “Randy” D. Rouse has been awarded the National Steeplechase Association (NSA)’s 26th F. Ambrose Clark Award--jump racing’s highest honor--for his many contributions to the sport. Rouse, who will turn 100 years old Dec. 30, guided the NSA through some of its most challenging years in the 1970s and changed the focus of steeplechasing to its unique race meets near large metropolitan areas.

“Randy Rouse is a most deserving recipient of the F. Ambrose Clark Award,” said NSA President Guy J. Torsilieri. “He has been a leader of the sport in his native Virginia and nationally, and he is an inspiration to those who have followed him.”

Rouse served as president of the NSA from 1971 to 1974 and is credited with planting the seeds for a sustained period of growth that has resulted in record purses in the present day. He maintains an active presence in the game as a trainer, and his win with Hishi Soar at the Foxfield Spring Steeplechase in Charlottesville, Virginia in April put him in the record books as the oldest trainer to saddle a Thoroughbred winner in North America.

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**DIALED IN** (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 103/18/2

8-TP, Aoc 1m, Spanish Arch, \$45K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 7-2

**GANDHI** (A.P. Indy), 4/0/0

1-CT, Msw 7f, Sterling General, 15-1

**LENTENOR** (Dynaformer), Indiana Stallion Station, \$7.5K, 6/1/0

8-TP, Aoc 1m, Macy’s Attitude, \$1,000 KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

**RULE** (Roman Ruler), Montesacro Farm, \$6.5K, 22/1/0

5-DED, Msw 6 1/2f, Pops Legacy, 15-1

**STAR GUITAR** (Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud, \$4K, 41/3/0

5-DED, Msw 6 1/2f, Star Rocket, 15-1

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# BREEDERS' EDITION

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**5th-PRX, \$63,490, 12-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.25, ft. TRUSTY ROLL (f, 4, Trust N Luck--Rolling True, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$91,300. O/B-Armand Delaperriere (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi.**

**8th-PRX, \$55,330, 12-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.52, ft. SYRISONG (f, 4, Exchange Rate--Syriana's Song {MSP, \$239,433}, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 16-3-4-3, \$100,830. O-Silver Trail Stables LLC; B-GoldMark Farm (FL); T-Michael V. Pino.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**+New Mexico Chrome, g, 2, Southwestern Heat--Thanks for Smokin, by Smoke Glacken. ZIA, 12-5, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.72. B-Joe Allen (NM). \*1/2 to Zasha (Desert God), SW, \$355,307.**  
**Mrs. Guty, f, 3, Pomeroy--La Catira Jatar, by Best of the Bests (Ire). ZIA, 12-6, 5 1/2f, 1:05.27. B-P & G Stables LLC (FL).**



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## BILL OPPENHEIM: EUROPEAN VALUE SIRE



Classic winner New Bay retires to Ballylinch Stud | Scoop Dyga

### STALLIONS STANDING BETWEEN 10K AND 20K

One difference between the European and American stallion populations is that the European population, combined, is a lot smaller, which tends to put more of a premium on proven stallions, especially the few true up-and-coming, affordable European stallions not named Frankel. This year there are four stallions debuting in Kentucky at fees of \$30,000+ (Frosted, Nyquist, California Chrome and Exaggerator), while in Europe the two highest-priced retirements are **Shalaa** (Invincible Spirit, €27,500 at Bouquetot in France) and **The Gurkha** (€25,000 at Coolmore).

There is a strong corps of new stallions, including these six which will be standing for €10,000-€20,000 (five in Ireland, Bobby's Kitten in England): Ireland's Ballylinch Stud has two good prospects, Juddmonte-bred and -raced **New Bay** (Dubawi), reportedly done in a similar partnership scenario to Juddmonte's Flintshire to Hill 'n' Dale in Kentucky; and Newton Anner Farm's **Fascinating Rock**, a multiple Group 1 winner from the first Northern Hemisphere crop by Fastnet Rock. New Bay ran second to Make Believe (Makfi), also a Ballylinch stallion, in last year's G1 Poule D'Essai des Poulains - French 2000 Guineas, then racked up three straight wins in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club - French Derby, the G2 Guillaume D'Ornano at Deauville, and the G2 Prix Niel before running third to Golden Horn in the 2015 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. **Cont. p2**

## WORLD'S BEST DESCEND ON HAPPY VALLEY

by Alan Carasso

**HONG KONG** -- A dozen of the world's best jockeys are set to lock horns in the Longines International Jockeys' Championship in a program that begins at 6:30 p.m. local time at picturesque Happy Valley Racecourse on Hong Kong Island.

Eight foreign riders are in the mix, none more prominent than Ryan Moore, who is not only a force to be reckoned with as they scrimmage for the HK\$500,000 Wednesday evening, but also during Sunday's Longines Hong Kong International Races, where he rides the favorites in two of the four events--reigning Japanese Horse of the Year Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) in the G1 Hong Kong Cup a year after taking out the Mile; and Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner who looks to make it back-to-back scores in the G1 Hong Kong Vase.

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### BILL OPPENHEIM: VALUE SIRE \$10K-\$20K

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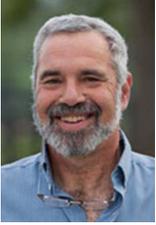
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# BILL OPPENHEIM



## European Value Sires Cont. from p1

New Bay didn't really get the rub of the green this year, but he proved his point at three, and breeders will love having a Dubawi they can breed to who is not already, as is Night of

Thunder, out of a Galileo mare. He'll stand for €20,000. Fascinating Rock, who was trained by Dermot Weld for his owner-breeder, was a dual Group 1 winner at around 10 furlongs (the British Champion S. and the Tattersalls Gold Cup), defeating Found both times, and both times on ground with some cut in it. He was a very tough customer and deserves to be well supported at just €10,000; his owner has reportedly been buying mares to help support him, so this horse might have more commercial support than one might think at first glance.



Dual Derby winner Harzand | racingfotos.com

Dermot Weld also trained the dual G1 Epsom and Irish Derby winner **Harzand** (Sea The Stars), who retires to his owner-breeder The Aga Khan's Gilltown Stud in Ireland at the eminently reasonable price of €15,000. He won four races, including two Derbies, in three months between the end of March and the end of June, and not without some well-publicized training dramas along the way. But when he was

right he was good enough to win two Derbies, convincingly. Because he didn't come back and win big races in the autumn there's a chance he'll be commercially underrated, and he shouldn't be.

New Bay and Fascinating Rock were 10-furlong horses, and Harzand a 12-furlong dual Classic winner. Here are three at the other end of the spectrum. I would not be an expert on Australian horses, but people I respect rave about a horse who is reverse shuttling to Coolmore; ironically, he's called **Pride**

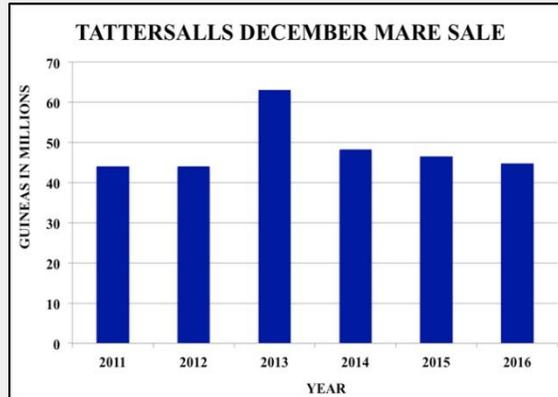
of Dubai, and he's by Street Cry.

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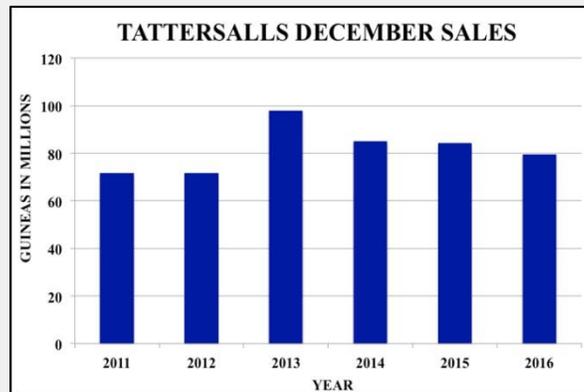
The Year In Pictures: Queen Elizabeth II and M.V. Magnier after Minding (Galileo)'s G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. triumph at Ascot. Photo: racingfotos.com

“With virtually the same number listed as sold at the Tattersalls December Mare sale the last three years (685, 680, 681 respectively), the gross and average are each down by 7% from two years ago – meaning the gross is down by 3.5-million guineas, the average by a little under 5,000. Several factors impact analysis of these numbers, specifically differences in the quality of the catalogue (difficult to measure), and the 20% drop in the value of £ sterling this year. Including the Yearling and Foal sales, the December Sale gross is down about 6% since 2014.”



**TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARE SALE**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>RING</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>% W/D</u>	<u>% S/R</u>	<u>% S/C</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
2016	1,060	891	681	15.9%	76.4%	64.2%	44,709,200	65,652
2015	1,117	908	680	18.7%	74.9%	60.9%	46,513,500	68,402
2014	1,096	882	685	19.5%	77.7%	62.5%	48,290,696	70,497
2013	1,118	891	721	20.3%	80.9%	64.5%	62,998,500	87,377
2012	1,134	937	762	17.4%	81.3%	67.2%	43,932,200	57,654
2011	1,087	865	629	20.4%	72.7%	57.9%	44,121,500	70,145



**TATTERSALLS DECEMBER TOTAL SALE**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>RING</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>% W/D</u>	<u>% S/R</u>	<u>% S/C</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
2016	2,396	2,016	1,566	15.9%	77.7%	65.4%	79,655,050	50,865
2015	2,618	2,175	1,625	16.9%	74.7%	62.1%	84,170,500	51,797
2014	2,459	2,051	1,625	16.6%	79.2%	66.1%	84,973,296	52,291
2013	2,416	2,019	1,606	16.4%	79.5%	66.5%	97,989,000	61,014
2012	2,430	2,026	1,637	16.6%	80.8%	67.4%	71,660,200	43,775
2011	2,331	1,941	1,444	16.7%	74.4%	61.9%	71,747,900	49,687

## European Value Sires Cont.

He won Group 1's at six and seven furlongs as a 2-year-old in Australia, and his dam is a full sister to Kodiak and three-quarter sister to Invincible Spirit, plus he's said to be gorgeous; he's €15,000. Kirsten Rausing has landed another interesting horse for Lanwades, in England: **Bobby's Kitten**, a son of Kitten's Joy who got up to beat No Nay Never (we'll come back to him in a minute) in the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Santa Anita. After a so-so 4-year-old year in 2015 the Ramseys sent Bobby's Kitten to--who else?--Dermot Weld, in their continuing quest to make Kitten's Joy in Europe. He actually only ran once in 2016, in a listed race at six furlongs in heavy ground at Cork at the end of March; he won easily but never ran again. The little-known fact about his form is that when trainer Chad Brown dropped him in to the Turf Sprint as a 3-year-old, Bobby's Kitten had actually never run shorter than a mile. He'd been showing speed



**Bobby's Kitten** | *Racing Post*

and running out of gas around two turns, but in the Turf Sprint he lagged behind and came from the clouds to nail No Nay Never. I suspect that is really good form. Bobby's Kitten will stand for €12,500.

Our sixth 'good value' European retiring stallion in this price range is Tally-Ho Stud's **Mehmas**, a son of Acclamation trained by Richard Hannon for Al Shaqab Racing, who will stand for €12,500. I'm not a big fan of the current fashion of retiring horses after their 2-year-old year to cash in on them standing at stud at three instead of racing. It's one thing if it's forced upon them, like Kantharos and Run Away And Hide in America (through injury), or Teofilo in Europe, and some do quite well-- but it has got to be a bit of a fashion since Dark Angel became the poster boy for retiring them on purpose after their 2-year-old year. Interestingly, Mehmas is bred very similarly to Dark Angel, as he is also by Acclamation out of a Machiavellian mare. Dark Angel was a Group 1 winner (the Middle Park), whereas Mehmas is not; but arguably, Mehmas's form is nearly just as good. He was second to Caravaggio in the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot, then won the G2 July S. at Newmarket and the G2 Richmond S. at Goodwood before running second to Churchill in the G1 National S. over seven furlongs at the Curragh. He was beaten by The Last Lion in the G1 Middle Park S. in his final career start, but Mehmas's form had been established, and his reputation made, long before that blip. We like him.

Now, we return to **No Nay Never**, the first Scat Daddy that Wesley Ward unleashed as a Royal Ascot 2-year-old, when he scorched home in the G2 Norfolk S. over five furlongs at Royal Ascot in 2013. Ward brought him back to Europe in August, when he won the G1 Prix Morny at



**No Nay Never** | *racingfotos.com*

Deauville. Sparingly raced thereafter, No Nay Never was made favourite for the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, and would have won it, too, had it not been

for Bobby's Kitten. Especially after Caravaggio came along this year as a second rocket 2-year-old Scat Daddy, No Nay Never is quietly gaining admirers; don't be surprised if he becomes a kind of 'buzz horse' at the yearling sales next year. He stands for €17,500 at Coolmore.

I can't claim to be unbiased in the case of the Gestut Fahrhof stallion **Maxios** either, but it must be conceded that Fahrhof, and all those connected with the horse, have done a fantastic job in making him probably the first commercially viable horse ever to stand in Germany. From the time they had the brilliant idea to bring him to Newmarket and show him off at the 2014 December Sale, they have given him a real shot to succeed. As a son of Monsun who is a half-brother to 'Arc' winner Bago, out of a Nureyev daughter of champion Coup de Genie, herself a full sister to Machiavellian, he has a great pedigree, and he was a group winner at two and arguably best at a mile. He remains at €10,000 for 2017.

Finally, another Ballylinch sire, **Dream Ahead**, who drops to €12,500 for 2017. Among European second-crop sires, Almanzor's sire, Haras d'Etream's **Wootton Bassett**, and Coolmore's **Zoffany** are the standouts. Dream Ahead ranks third among this group, both by 2016 and by cumulative progeny earnings, and what does look good is his nine black-type horses, seven of them graded, this year. Look for his name to be more in the news in 2017.

Wootton Bassett, as everyone now knows, sired Almanzor, who is not only Europe's top 3-year-old, but just about a superstar, from a crop of only 18 foals. Those days are over. Etream has priced him right at €20,000 and all serious breeders are going to be signing up for the sire of Almanzor at that price.

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# EUROPEAN NEWS

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## ARQANA DECEMBER COMES TO A CLOSE

Arqana's four-day December Breeding Stock Sale came to a close on Tuesday with a session geared towards the National Hunt realm. The lone six-figure transaction of the day was the €210,000 paid by Sarl LJ Negoce for [lot 941](#), the 5-year-old stakes-placed mare **Boreale du Berlais (Fr)** (Presenting {GB}) in foal to Saint Des Saints (Fr).

The final session saw an improved buyback rate of 24% (it was 29.5% last year) while the average and median both dipped (22.9% to €16,432 and 13% to €10,000, respectively). Last year's fourth session, however, included the dispersal of seven former National Stud sires, making comparisons difficult.

Cumulatively, the sale's key figures were not far off last year's. A total of 619 horses were sold over the four days for €23,125,500, compared to 686 sold for €25,945,900 12 months previously. The lots not sold was the exact same at 209, reflecting a buyback rate of 25.2% (it was 23.4% last year). The average was down ever so marginally (1.2%) at €37,359, while the median dipped 15.8% at €16,000. This year's sale saw one more lot surpass the half-million mark for a total of four, and was topped by the €1-million Parvaneh (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) ([lot 178](#)).

Arqana President Eric Hoyeau reflected on the sale by saying, "This year we had purposely assembled a smaller catalogue, which reflected on the sale's aggregate. Unfortunately the market proved sticky in the lower tiers, a sign of the return of a degree of overproduction--a reality that has been observed in many other countries this season and must act as a warning for all stakeholders in the industry. On the other hand, there was plenty of appetite for the quality horses, whether fillies, broodmares or foals, for the flat or jumps. The opening day was very lively and we were pleased to welcome as many international buyers as ever including some new faces, while Sunday still saw some strong competition at the higher end of the market, and today French National Hunt bloodlines were once again popular."

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### Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale

SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	174	171
• No. Offered	146	156
• No. Sold	111	110
• RNAs	35	46
• % RNAs	24%	29.5%
• High Price	€210,000	€290,000
• Gross	€1,824,000	€2,344,500
• Average (% change)	€16,432 (-22.9%)	€21,314
• Median (% change)	€10,000 (-13%)	€11,500
CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• Catalogued	953	986
• No. Offered	828	895
• No. Sold	619	686
• RNAs	209	209
• % RNAs	25.2%	23.4%
• No. \$500K+	4	3
• High Price	€1,000,000	€900,000
• Gross	€23,125,500	€25,945,900
• Average (% change)	€37,359 (-1.2%)	€37,822
• Median (% change)	€16,000 (-15.8%)	€19,000

## HIGH-CLASS ENTRIES FOR GOFFS UK SALE

Goffs UK has already received a number of well-bred entries for its 2017 Breeze Up Sale, which will see it's format slightly altered. The sale will next year be held earlier, with the breeze show the afternoon of Apr. 11 and the sale Apr. 12. This year's £170,000 co-sale toppers, **Prince of Lir (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) and **Ardad (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), both went on to Group 2 glory, the former winning Royal Ascot's Norfolk S. and the latter taking the Flying Childers S. and Royal Ascot's Listed Windsor Castle S. **Quiet Reflection (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), a graduate of the previous year's sale, was named this year's Cartier champion sprinter off the back of wins in the G1 Commonwealth Cup and G1 Sprint Cup. **My Dream Boat (Ire)** (Lord Shanakill) made it four Royal Ascot winners for the sale this year with his score in the G1 Prince of Wales's S.

Entries for the 2017 Goffs UK Breeze Up Sale remain open.

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**CLARIFICATION:** The Dec. 6 TDN stated the late Liam Brennan trained Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Forgive N Forget. Brennan trained the horse early in his career, but he was trained by JG Fitzgerald to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

# BRITAIN



## Tuesday's Result:

**3rd-SOU, £6,000, Mdn, 12-6, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:29.86, st. SYNDICATE (GB) (f, 2, Dansili {GB}--Indication {GB}, by Sadler's Wells),** last seen finishing fourth when appearing to run out of stamina over a mile at Kempton Oct. 4, was sent up to shadow the early leader Atteq (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) throughout the early stages showing greenness on the turn. Edging ahead before the home straight, the 11-8 favourite gradually asserted his superiority to win by three lengths. The winner is a full-brother to Stipulate (GB), SW & MGSP-Eng, SW & GSP-Aus, \$323,341, who captured the nine-furlong Listed Feilden S. and was runner-up in the G2 Celebration Mile for Sir Henry Cecil before adding to his stakes tally in Australia. The dam, who also has a yearling filly by Bated Breath (GB) and a foal full-brother to the winner, is a half to the G3 Supreme S.-winning sire Stronghold (GB) and Convey (GB), another Dansili product who won the Listed Pomfret S. and was second in the G3 John of Gaunt S. and G3 Supreme S. for the Sir Michael Stoute stable this year. The third dam is the high-class All At Sea (Riverman), heroine of the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and runner-up in the G1 Epsom Oaks, G1 Juddmonte International S. and G2 Nassau S. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$10,674. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mr K. Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

## OBSERVATIONS

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### 4.45 Kempton, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, 8f (AWT)

**MIKEY READY (Frankel {GB})** debuts for his owner-breeder Reiko and Michael Baum and trainer Ed Walker, having been led out unsold at 500,000gns at Tattersalls. Out of a half-sister to the brilliant Peeping Fawn (Danehill) and G1SW sire Thewayyouare, the bay encounters a dozen rivals on this belated debut.

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# FRANCE



## CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**7th-MPV, €27,000, 12-6, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:11.46, st. SILVER DOLLAR (FR) (c, 3, Silver Frost {Ire}--My Memoir {Ire}, by King's Best)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-0, €58,450. O-Antoine Capozzi; B-Haras des Sablonnets, Comte H de Talhouet-Roy & Ecurie Serval (FR); T-P Khozian. \*€41,000 Ylg '14 ARQOCT.

**6th-MPV, €24,000, 12-6, 2yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.33, st. SEMBLANCE (FR) (f, 2, American Post {GB}--Similitudine {Fr}, by Brief Truce)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €24,800. O/B-Mme Head-Maarek & Ecurie du Sud (FR); T-C Rossi.

## APPOINTMENTS

### Kenneth Fenton: Bloodstock Executive, Tattersalls Ireland

- Fenton has worked for Horse Racing Ireland for the last six years. Educated at Griffith College and a graduate of the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester with an MA in Equine Business Management, Kenneth has a strong background in the bloodstock industry and will contribute to the growth and development of Tattersalls Ireland. Working closely with the existing bloodstock team, he will play an intricate part in organising the company's bloodstock sales, client and industry relations, and all sale day related matters.
- Tattersalls Ireland Managing Director Roger Casey said, "I am very pleased to welcome Kenneth to the team at Tattersalls Ireland. His knowledge and experience of, not to mention passion for, the bloodstock industry will be of considerable benefit to us, and most importantly to all our clients."



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# WORLDWIDE NEWS

## World's Best Descend On Happy Valley Cont. from p1

Wednesday's competition, arguably the best of its ilk anywhere in the world, will be anything but a walkover for



HKJC CEO Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges and jockey Ryan Moore | HKJC photo

Moore, who is set to be crowned the Longines World's Best Jockey during a ceremony Friday evening at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Any one of the 11 other athletes signed on for the IJC is capable of taking down his rivals, including Hugh Bowman. The

regular pilot for Australian Horse of the Year Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), Bowman is no stranger to the Hong Kong faithful, as he jetted up from Sydney on several occasions during the last racing season and fostered a winning partnership with the John Moore-trained Werther (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}). Together, the duo defeated a quality field in the prestigious Hong Kong Derby, then in one of the more devastating performances of the year, smashed a field of talented international gallopers in the G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup.

"My rides appear to be better, on paper, than last year so that's the good news," Bowman said Tuesday. "However, it's all very well to have what looks a nice book of rides but you've got to have things go your way. You need some luck around the [Happy] Valley."



Engelbrecht-Bresges & jockey Hugh Bowman | HKJC photo

Joao Moreira is having another smashing season in Hong Kong and sits atop the jockeys' premiership with a healthy advantage over Zac Purton. A former winner of the IJC in 2012, Moreira is as dangerous as ever, but he did not draw the most formidable book of rides when mounts were allocated Monday.



Engelbrecht-Bresges & Joao "Magic Man" Moreira | HKJC photo

American-based riders have not fared well down the years in the IJC, but French-born Florent Geroux is having a true breakout season stateside, with 10 Grade I victories to his credit, and unlike Moreira, appears to have had better luck at Monday's draw. Geroux is relishing the opportunity ahead.

"My rides appear to be better, on paper, than last year so that's the good news. However, it's all very well to have what looks a nice book of rides but you've got to have things go your way. You need some luck around the (Happy) Valley," Bowman said.

South Africa's Gavin Lerena snatched victory in the final leg last year and is looking forward to defending his title.

"It's fantastic to be here and to test yourself against the very best," he commented. "You wouldn't pass it up for anything. I'm not too sure about the strength of my rides but that was also the case last year. I'll just go out there and enjoy it, do my best and hope for the best."

Wednesday's other competitors include Mickael Barzalona, Mirco Demuro, Pat Smullen, Keita Tosaki, Zac Purton, Douglas Whyte and Derek Leung.

The IJC is a four-race series for which the riders will be awarded points on a 12-6-4 scale for finishing in the top three. In addition to first-place money, the runner-up will receive a check for HK\$200,000, while the third placegetter takes home HK\$100,000. Post time for the first leg of the IJC (race 4) is 7:40 p.m. Hong Kong time (7:10 a.m. EST/12:10 p.m. BST), with the series to include races five (7:40), seven (8:40) and eight (9:10).

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**MOREIRA**

Writing this from high up in the Northern Hemisphere as winter sets in, it seems odd to be talking about next month's "summer" racing festival, but summer it is in South Africa, and if your seasonal affective disorder is setting in, do we have the cure for you. The G1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate is Africa's oldest and most exclusive raceday, and we'll tell you everything you need to know as it expands to two days in 2017 for the first time. Also in this issue, former Executive Director, Racing, of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Bill Nader, helps you navigate the city for this year's international races, and we'll introduce you to Hong Kong's "Magic Man." Back home in America, we sit down with owner Kaleem Shah, and over in England, Chris McGrath reacquaints readers with a famous racing man who has replaced fast horses with fast cars.



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## THE QUARTERBACK POSSIBLE FOR DUBAI

Group 1-winning Australian sprinter **The Quarterback (Aus)** (Street Boss) could be set for a date in Dubai's G1 Al Quoz Sprint in March, trainer Robbie Griffiths told *Racing.com*. The 6-year-old gelding opened his season with a win in the G2 Gilgai S. at Flemington Oct. 2 before finishing a respectable fourth in the G1 Manikato S. and sixth in the G1 Darley Classic. Griffiths said The Quarterback will resume in the G1 Lightning S. at Flemington in



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February and then aim to defend his G1 Newmarket H. title before a possible trip to Dubai two weeks later. The Al Quoz Sprint will be run over 1200 metres for the first time this year, up from 1000 metres.

"You always get a bit scared with traveling

horses in case they don't come back as good the next preparation but certainly the race in Dubai is very appealing being only two weeks after the Newmarket on a dry, straight track," Griffiths told *Racing.com*. "This year is the first year the race will be run over 1200, which is even better for us, especially coming out of the Newmarket.

Griffiths noted The Quarterback is currently out for a spell and is doing dressage to address some issues from the Darley Classic.

"He'll be back in the stables next week," the trainer said. "He's doing a bit of dressage and other exercise at the moment just to supple him up a bit because he was quite sore behind after the Darley Classic. He got smashed around in the race and three of his four legs had to be bandaged up and his right hind leg was especially quite sore and he also had a bit of soreness across his rump and sacroiliac joint as a result of being twisted around in the early part of the race. It adds a lot more credibility to the performance that he even looked a fleeting chance with 200 metres left to run when you consider how he pulled up."

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## SUPPLEMENTARIES EXPAND INGLIS SALE

Inglis's December Thoroughbred Sale, which takes place Friday at Oaklands, has received 44 supplementary entries, bringing the number of offerings to 139. Supplementary entries include Group 3-placed gelding **Gracious Prospect (Aus)** (Tale of the Cat) and stakes-placed mare **Sea Spray (Aus)** (Von Costa de Hero {Aus}). The original catalogue includes four black-type winners, as well as a share in Group 1 winner and leading young sire Star Witness (Aus).

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## AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN SOUTH AFRICA:

**Furiosa (Aus)**, c, 3, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Suitely (Aus), by Woodman. Turffontein, 12-6, Maiden Plate, 1400mT, 1:27.22. O-Messrs H Adams & C J H van Niekerk & Mayfair Speculators (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr D L Brugman); B-Raffles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Sean Tarry. \*1/2 to Marensky Reef (Aus) (Platinum Scissors {Aus}), GSP-Aus, A\$166,800; and Ballet Suite (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}), SW-Aus, A\$186,625. \*\*A\$190,000 RNA Ylg '15 INGMEL; A\$200,000 Ylg '15 MMNAT.

**Al Hawraa (Aus)**, f, 3, **New Approach (Ire)**--Ijaaza (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Turffontein, 12-6, Hcp., 1400mT, 1:24.73. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Stud Australasia Ltd (NSW); T-Mike de Kock.

AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2016/2017		
Date	Race	Track
Feb. 11	C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 18	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 25	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
Mar. 4	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	Canterbury S.	Randwick
	Australian Guineas	Flemington
Mar. 11	Coolmore Classic	Rosehill
	Australian Cup	Flemington
	Lexus Newmarket H.	Flemington
Mar. 18	Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	George Ryder S.	Rosehill
	Ranvet S.	Rosehill
	The Galaxy S.	Rosehill
	Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill
Mar. 24	William Reid S.	Moonee Valley
Mar. 25	The BMW S.	Rosehill
	Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill
THE CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Apr. 1	Doncaster H.	Randwick

## Leading Covering Sires of 2016

*by cumulative average price, for sires standing in Europe, through sales of December 5*

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2015 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	F04	IRE	€120,000	5	4	\$897,904	\$410,426
2	Dubawi (Ire)	F07	ENG	£225,000	1	1	\$720,546	\$720,546
3	Dansili (GB)	F02	ENG	£85,000	3	3	\$710,254	\$435,707
4	Kingman (GB)	F16	ENG	£55,000	6	4	\$560,548	\$228,428
5	Frankel (GB)	F14	ENG	£125,000	1	1	\$417,244	\$417,244
6	Muhaarar (GB)	F17	ENG	£30,000	6	6	\$396,432	\$412,146
7	Gleneagles (Ire)	F17	IRE	€60,000	7	6	\$318,677	\$241,219
8	Australia (GB)	F16	IRE	€50,000	3	3	\$316,647	\$170,032
9	Golden Horn (GB)	F17	ENG	£60,000	8	7	\$310,295	\$314,420
10	Shamardal	F07	IRE	Private	2	2	\$278,323	\$278,323
11	Zoffany (Ire)	F13	IRE	€45,000	23	17	\$253,149	\$208,622
12	Sea the Stars (Ire)	F11	IRE	€125,000	9	6	\$248,762	\$254,258
13	Dark Angel (Ire)	F09	IRE	€60,000	7	6	\$247,406	\$183,255
14	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	F11	IRE	€35,000	10	10	\$217,668	\$196,079
15	Lope de Vega (Ire)	F12	IRE	€45,000	17	13	\$185,665	\$110,830
16	Siyouni (Fr)	F12	FR	€30,000	23	17	\$173,956	\$116,230
17	Authorized (Ire)	F09	FR	€10,000	2	2	\$165,487	\$165,487
18	Charm Spirit (Ire)	F16	FR	€27,500	7	4	\$158,235	\$71,927
19	Pivotal (GB)	F98	ENG	£45,000	15	15	\$149,763	\$75,207
20	Make Believe (GB)	F17	IRE	€20,000	6	5	\$144,668	\$191,286
21	Le Havre (Ire)	F11	FR	€35,000	17	15	\$131,580	\$101,346
22	Intello (Ger)	F15	ENG	£25,000	12	12	\$129,410	\$58,674
23	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	F11	IRE	Private	3	3	\$120,337	\$82,890
24	Kodiak (GB)	F08	IRE	€45,000	12	7	\$113,569	\$101,346
25	Dutch Art (GB)	F09	ENG	£40,000	6	5	\$100,400	\$98,453

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