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PLETCHER'S FOUR-BAGGER SETS THE TABLE

Fact Finding | *Kenny Martin photo*

by Joe Bianca

Death, taxes, Todd Pletcher winning races in bunches at the Gulfstream Championship Meet. Few things are more certain in racing than the Pletcher barn getting on a roll at the Hallandale oval in December, and it signaled another installment of dominance by winning four out of the six 2-year-old stakes run there this past Saturday.

Kicking off the procession was St. Elias Stable's **Bode's Dream** (Bodemeister), who ran her record to three-for-three with a wire-to-wire score in the six-furlong House Party S. The gray filly, bought for $300,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, began her career with an easy win at Gulfstream May 11 and followed that up by capturing the Astoria S. June 9 at Belmont before going on the shelf for over six months prior to Saturday's victory. Pletcher related that the absence was mostly precautionary and was afforded by the filly's owners, who sent out Sweet Loretta (Tapit) and Nonna Mela (Arch) to triumphs in the GIII Schuylerville S. and GII Adirondack S., respectively, this summer at Saratoga. The former went on to dead-heat for the win in the GI Spinaway S. at the Spa.

"Nothing specifically happened to her," Pletcher said of Bode's Dream. "As we were preparing for the Schuylerville, it just didn't feel like she was moving as well as she was going into the Astoria." ***Cont. p3***

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS: MASTERY

by Andrew Caulfield

Thanks to alliteration, the words Super Saturday just trip off the tongue and consequently they have been applied to a wide range of events. For Lane's End Farm, though, the latest Super Saturday was just three days ago, when two of the farm's stallions monopolized the Grade I juvenile events at Los Alamitos.

Firstly, the GI CashCall Futurity supplied the ever-reliable Candy Ride with his 10th North American Grade I winner, with his unbeaten son **Mastery** strengthening his claims to being a leading GI Kentucky Derby candidate. An hour later, it was the turn of Quality Road, when his daughter Abel Tasman wore down the odds-on American Gal to land the GI Starlet S.

I am going to concentrate here on Mastery, but not before I have seized the opportunity to say how well Quality Road is doing. ***Cont. p5***

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Peppermint winter. *Three-time champion and Breeders' Cup winner Beholder, pictured at Spendthrift Farm in Lexington, KY with her pasturemate Bound, enjoys a visit and some peppermints on Monday from her breeder, Fred Mitchell of Clarkland Farm.* | *Photo courtesy of Spendthrift Farm*

FIRING LINE TO CRESTWOOD IN 2017 **7**

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Pletcher's Four-Bagger Sets the Table

(cont. from p1)

Pletcher continued, "Vinny and Teresa Viola and St. Elias Stable were blessed to have had a couple of fillies that were training well at the time, so I talked to them and said, 'I think this filly would benefit from a little bit of a break,' and we sent her down to Crupi's Farm in Ocala. It's a tribute to their patience that they allow you to give a filly like that a little bit of a break in the summer--even though she was winning races--to let her grow up and mature a little bit and I think it's paid dividends. She's physically doing really well at the moment."

Bode's Dream | *Lauren King*

Pletcher confirmed that Bode's Dream will continue sprinting for the near future, with eyes on both the Old Hat S. Jan. 7 and GII Forward Gal S. Feb. 4.

Arguably the most impressive of Pletcher's quartet of winners Saturday was Stonestreet Stables and Coolmore's **Fact Finding** (The Factor), who also improved to three-for-three when romping by seven lengths in the one-mile Smooth Air S., an effort that earned him '**TDN Rising Star**' honors. Showing a new dimension after coming from off the pace to conquer his first two outings, the $100,000 KEESEP grad led at every call in his initial foray over a route of ground.

"He's sort of an interesting horse to train, because he always seems to be saving more when you breeze him." Pletcher revealed. "He kind of does what he has to do, doesn't overachieve in the mornings. He's got a very laid-back personality. We considered running him back in the [GI] Hopeful [S.] after his maiden win at Saratoga, but decided a little more time would suit him well. I liked the way he finished going a mile, thought he galloped out well and he gave us confidence that he'll stretch out. I haven't really talked to all the connections yet, but I would think the [Feb. 4 GII Lambholm South] Holy Bull [S.] might be a possibility for him next time."

*"**Lookin At Lucky**, who was Champion 2YO and Champion 3YO 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."*

***Bill Oppenheim**, TDN, 12/7/16*

ACCELERATE, won the **G2 Los Alamitos Derby** before finishing third in the **G1 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile**

LOOKIN AT LEE won the **Ellis Park Stakes** before finishing runner up to Champion 2YO elect **Classic Empire** in the **G1 Breeders' Futurity**

Lookin At Lucky

ONE TO WATCH

"DOLPHUS ROMPS IN GULFSTREAM FEATURE"

Source: Bloodhorsedaily.com, 11th Dec.

DOLPHUS, a half-brother to **Rachel Alexandra**, winning at Gulfstream Park on Sunday by **9½ lengths**

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Calumet Farm's **Sonic Mule** (Distorted Humor) earned his first stakes tally in Saturday's six-furlong Buffalo Man S., turning back the bid of odds-on '**TDN Rising Star**' Recruiting Ready (Algorithms) en route to a 1 3/4-length success. The bay, a $175,000 KEESEP purchase, made the early lead for the first time in his career, a tactic Pletcher says was unplanned.

"We felt like we would be in a stalking position," the 49-year-old conditioner said. "He's versatile, he's trained well, he's always been a good gate horse and he just caught a flyer. Obviously, Johnny [Velazquez] was riding really well on the day, and he got away from the gate so cleanly, it took all the strategy out of the equation. You catch a flyer like that in the slop, just go with it. He's a cool horse, has got a great disposition, great attitude. We've run him short and long, on grass and dirt, he just shows up and tries hard every time."

Rounding out the Pletcher stakes winners Saturday was **Tapwrit** (Tapit), who captured the one-mile off-the-turf Pulpit S. as the lone main-track-only entrant. Owned by Bob LaPenta, Bridlewood Farm and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, the $1.2-million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buy previously graduated over heavily favored stablemate Commandeering (Bodemeister) going a two-turn mile Nov. 6 at Gulfstream West.

Todd Pletcher | *Sarah K. Andrew*

"We definitely think he's a graded stakes horse," Pletcher said of Tapwrit. "My biggest concern really was just backing him up to a one-turn mile after having already been around two turns; it seemed like he really relished the two turns at Gulfstream West. We just really didn't have a lot of options, there wasn't a one-other-than [allowance] in the first book at Gulfstream, so we took a shot and it worked out well for him. He was able to produce a nice trip for himself from the outside post and I thought he ran well."

Putting the icing on the cake for Team Pletcher, the barn's **Master Plan** (Twirling Candy) finished a fast-closing second behind Tapwrit in the Pulpit, his first dirt start.

"It seemed like he really leveled off the last sixteenth of a mile and further's going to be better," Pletcher said of the $850,000 OBS March purchase, adding that the colt, owned by Al Shaqab Racing, WinStar Farm and China Horse Club, would likely be pointed to the OBS Championship S. over Polytrack Jan. 24 in Ocala.

Clearly holding a loaded hand for another commanding Gulfstream meet, Pletcher explained why he thinks his operation has so much success there every winter.

"I think it's a number of things that allow us to be successful at Gulfstream," he explained. "Right after Labor Day, we closed out our Monmouth division, Anthony Sciametta and that team came down to Palm Beach Downs, so a lot of these horses have been preparing for the last 45-60 days for a start at Gulfstream. Those guys did a great job getting them acclimated, getting them ready. I also think Gulfstream, in general, suits our style well. First of all, there are a lot of 2-year-old races and 3-year-old races at the beginning of next year, it's generally kind of a speed-favoring track and our horses tend to be involved early on. It's a good fit for our stable and our program."

Regardless of what factors create this annual perfect storm, a handful of juveniles showed Saturday that the forecast for the next few months in South Florida entails plenty of Pletcher. As usual.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield

Mastery *(cont. from p1)*

I rather feared he might struggle initially to reinforce the very bright start he made to his stallion career in 2014, when Hootenanny took the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and the unbeaten Blofeld took a pair of Grade IIs. Their efforts earned them 122 and 119 on an Experimental Free Handicap which featured American Pharoah on 126.

The cause of my fears was the fact that Quality Road had not been immune to the fall in demand that young stallions face all too often. From 149 mares in his first year, Quality Road received 91 mares in his second season, and he is credited with only 65 named foals in that second crop. A reduction in his fee from $35,000 to $25,000 helped renew interest in his third year.

I needn't have worried. Quality Road's first crop added another graded winner this year, when Illuminant took the GI Gamely S. and Blofeld added another Grade II victory to his tally. Even that small second crop has come up with a dual graded winner in Frank Conversation. The possibility now exists that Quality Road's third crop, which has enjoyed a rush of

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juvenile winners in recent weeks, is destined to outshine its predecessors. Klimt became its first Grade I winner in the GI Del Mar Futurity in September and now Abel Tasman has taken the Starlet. The efforts of Klimt, Abel Tasman and Blofeld will also have forced a change of mind for anyone tempted to pigeon-hole Quality Road as primarily a turf sire.

Candy Ride is also having a very good year--to the extent that he seems likely to achieve his third consecutive top-five finish. This time the basis of his success is an eight-strong team of graded winners, headed by Grade I victors Gun Runner and Mastery. Even so, his fee remains at a very reasonable $60,000.

Candy Ride's finest achievement was to sire the champion 2-year-old Shared Belief, who coincidentally gained the first of his five Grade I successes in the CashCall Futurity in its days at Hollywood Park. It is an enlightening exercise to look at the race's roll of honor over the last 20 years. Victory went to a future winner of a Triple Crown event on three occasions--to Real Quiet in 1997, Point Given in 2000 and Lookin At Lucky in 2009.

There are several other notable names among the 20, such as Captain Steve (G1 Dubai World Cup), Lion Heart (GI Haskell Invitational and second in the Kentucky Derby) and the GI Santa Anita Derby winners Brother Derek, Pioneerof the Nile (second in the Kentucky Derby) and Dortmund (third in the Kentucky Derby). Firing Line, who ran Dortmund close in the 2014 Futurity, finished one place ahead of him in the Kentucky Derby and last year's winner, Mor Spirit, also made it to Churchill Downs. No wonder the race carries 10 points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby.

Mastery | *Benoit Photo*

It is hard to know exactly what the opposition amounted to at Los Alamitos, but Mastery covered the 1 1/16 miles nearly 7/10ths of a second faster than Abel Tasman. It was also encouraging that this May 3 foal was at his most impressive in the later stages of the race, as he has one of those pedigrees that raises the odd doubt about whether he will be fully effective at a mile and a quarter.

Candy Ride, of course, stayed well enough to set a track record over a mile and a quarter in the GI Pacific Classic, a race which later fell to Shared Belief. However, his admirable son Gun Runner seemed to run out of stamina in the final stages when third to Nyquist in this year's Derby.

Mastery is the second graded winner to emerge from the six foals of racing age sired by Candy Ride from daughters of Old Trieste. His predecessor is the smart turf performer Chocolate Ride, who has gained three of his four graded successes over a mile and an eighth and the other over 1 1/16 miles.

Old Trieste himself challenged for the 1998 Kentucky Derby, on the strength of an impressively fast 10-length victory in a Santa Anita allowance. Although Old Trieste stumbled and was pitched on his nose at the start, the son of A.P. Indy was in no mood to hang around and he proceeded to set fractions of :45.75 and 1:10.62. Still third behind Real Quiet and Indian Charlie after a mile, he faded into 10th place.

Old Trieste's subsequent career confirmed that his natural inclination was to run as fast as he could for as long as he could. His Derby failure was followed by four consecutive front-running victories. He took the GIII Affirmed H. by 4 1/2 lengths, the GII Swaps S. by 12 lengths and the GII Del Mar Breeders' Cup H. by five. Even a break of nearly nine months didn't end the sequence and Old Trieste was especially impressive in taking the GII California S. by seven lengths in 1:46.55.

The long absence before the California S. was caused largely by a deep-seated hoof abscess. Sadly, Old Trieste failed to build on this outstanding effort and three defeats followed. He suffered from a quarter crack prior to his final start, in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, and finished a tired eighth. Old Trieste died young, leaving fewer than 200 named foals. However, his daughters have produced three other Grade I winners in the fillies Belle Gallantey, Killer Graces (Hollywood Starlet S.) and Room Service. Encouragingly, both Belle Gallantey and Room Service were Grade I winners over a mile and a quarter, although neither was sired by a noted stayer.

Mastery's dam Steady Course did win a dirt route during a brief second season. Her main claim to fame, prior to Mastery's emergence, was that she shares the same dam, Storm Cat's very useful daughter Steady Cat, as Jump Start. With A.P. Indy as his sire, Jump Start represented the same cross as the GI Met Mile winner Honor Code. Jump Start didn't last long enough to become a Grade I winner, but he showed unusual speed and precocity for a son of A.P. Indy.

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Candy Ride (Arg)	Ride the Rails	Cryptoclearance	Fappiano
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			Linda Summers
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			Terlingua
		Hopespringsforever 11Fls, 6Wnrs, 1SW	Mr. Prospector
			Hopespringseternal

Despite always being a big, imposing type, Jump Start was quick enough to win a maiden over 5 1/2 furlongs at Churchill Downs in June and the GII Saratoga Special over an extra furlong in August. Trainer D. Wayne Lukas speculated after the Saratoga Special that the Overbrook homebred "could take us to the Promised Land." Such dreams took a knock when he could finish only fifth in the GI Hopeful S. and second in the GI Champagne S., and Jump Start then suffered a career-ending injury in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Mastery's third dam, Hopespringsforever, was sired by Mr. Prospector from Hopespringseternal, which made her a sister to Miswaki. Although he was a Group 1 winner over seven furlongs as a 2-year-old in France, it was mainly as a sprinter that Miswaki plied his trade after his return to his homeland. He proved less one-dimensional as a stallion, famously siring Urban Sea, the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner who became the dam of Galileo and Sea The Stars.

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FIRING LINE TO CRESTWOOD IN 2017

Arnold Zetcher's 2015 GI Kentucky Derby runner-up **Firing Line** (Line of David--Sister Girl Blues, by Hold for Gold), who was retired from racing in late November, will enter stud at Crestwood Farm in 2017 for a fee of $5,000, the farm confirmed Monday. The Simon Callaghan trainee ran second in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity as a 2-year-old and dominated the 2015 GIII Sunland Derby by 14 1/4 lengths in track record-setting time prior to his gritty Kentucky Derby effort behind eventual Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile).

Firing Line | *Horsephotos*

"We are very excited to welcome Firing Line to Crestwood," said farm owner Pope McLean. "He was a Grade I-placed 2-year-old with loads of speed and ability. He showed he could carry that speed when he set a track record at a mile and an eighth as a

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3-year-old. That 3-year-old crop of 2015 is proving to be one of the best in years, and he beat all of them in the GI Kentucky Derby, except the Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah. He is as nice of a physical as you can see, and we think breeders will agree."

Zetcher will retain a majority interest in the colt, who will participate in Crestwood's "Share the Upside" program.

Arnold Zetcher (center)
Horsephotos

"Firing Line was by far the best horse I've ever owned," Zetcher said upon the announcement of the colt's retirement. "He gave us the thrill of a lifetime."

Firing Line retired with a record of 2-4-0 from eight starts and earnings of $976,000. Out of GISP Sister Girl Blues, Firing Line was a $65,000 Keeneland November weanling, $150,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling and $240,000 Keeneland April juvenile. His second dam produced Grade II winner Mint Lane (Maria's Mon), as well as the dams of this year's GIII Pat Day Mile S. victor Sharp Azteca (Freud) and Del Mar Juvenile Turf S. winner Bowies Hero (Artie Schiller).

Firing Line will be available for viewing at Crestwood's stallion show in January.

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STEVE SEXTON DIES AT 57

Steve Sexton, who served as president of Churchill Downs Racetrack and Entertainment in the 2000s, passed away Monday after a brief illness, family and friends confirmed Monday afternoon. Sexton was 57 years old.

Sexton began his involvement with racetrack management in 1983 as a sales promotion manager at Santa Anita and served at numerous tracks before joining Churchill Downs Incorporated as the president of Arlington Park in 2001. He guided the track during its preparations for the 2002 Breeders' Cup and moved to Louisville soon after. At the Churchill Downs facility, Sexton was at the head of a significant grandstand and clubhouse renovation, as well as the 2006 Breeders' Cup. He left Churchill Downs in 2009 to pursue other interests, and served as the managing partner of the Dallas-based sports management service LOGE at the time of his death.

Steve Sexton | *Churchill Downs*

"All in the Churchill Downs Incorporated family are deeply saddened by the passing of former Churchill Downs Racetrack President Steve Sexton, and our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Kim, son Taylor, daughter Kalli and his family and friends during this difficult time," Churchill Downs Incorporated Chief Executive Officer Bill Carstanjen said Monday. "Steve led Churchill Downs during key years of change for both the institution and the Kentucky Derby. He also tirelessly served the Louisville community through membership on the boards of several community organizations. Along with his deep experience in horse racing and race track management, Steve brought enthusiasm and boundless energy to everything he touched at Churchill Downs. Today is a very sad day for all of us at Churchill Downs and Steve will be greatly missed."

A native of Topeka, Kansas, Sexton graduated from Claremont McKenna College, where he served as a captain of the varsity basketball team.

"Heartbroken to say that I lost my hero today," Sexton's daughter Kalli posted on Facebook Monday morning. "God gave me the best dad there is, he blessed so many lives and I am so grateful to have been a part of his family. He had a way of lighting up any room he walked in, a way to make any person smile."

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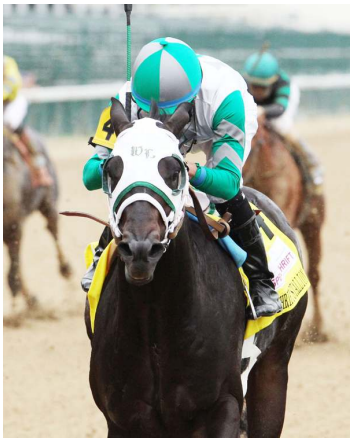
FAIR GROUNDS TO OFFER FIRST FAIR GROUNDS RACING CLUB

Following the success of the Churchill Downs Racing Club, Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots has created the Fair Grounds Racing Club that will have two horses trained by veteran trainer Al Stall, Jr., it was announced Monday. The two horses, a 2-year-old colt and a 2-year-old filly by Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday), are already working under Stall's care in Louisiana and will be purchased from Spendthrift Farm.



Warrior's Club

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"The Fair Grounds Racing Club concept is an innovative way to get new owners involved in Thoroughbred racing," said Spendthrift Farm owner B. Wayne Hughes. "We are happy to lend our support to that effort to educate members about the exciting opportunities available to owners."

The Churchill Downs Racing Club has enjoyed success with the juvenile colt Warrior's Club, a son of Spendthrift stallion Warrior's Reward. The D. Wayne Lukas trainee captured the restricted Spendthrift Stallion S. at Churchill Downs Oct. 30 and ran third in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 26.

The Fair Grounds Racing Club will offer 200 people a chance to experience Thoroughbred racing as an owner. Memberships in the Fair Grounds Racing Club are available for $500 and incur no further expense throughout the club. The one-time annual membership dues are used to purchase the horses and pay for training fees and other associated expenses. The club gives members an opportunity to learn about the opportunities as a Thoroughbred owner with transparency regarding all facets of ownership. Previous racing clubs at Churchill Downs and Arlington International Racecourse have sold out within 48 hours.

"These racing clubs have caught on and been successful and I'm happy to be involved," Stall said. "Mr. Hughes is obviously a big part of it. He bought each of these horses for a good amount of money and the colt is ready to run. The filly is a Louisiana-bred and should be ready in January."

For more information about the Fair Grounds Racing Club, visit the Fair Grounds website.

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EASTERN U.S.

Monday's Results:
6th-PRX, $51,000, Msw, 12-12, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.74, sy.
CAPE LOOKOUT (c, 2, Shackleford--Cure for Sale {Arg} {SW & GSP-Arg & MGSP-US, $194,673}, by Not For Sale {Arg}) ran third on debut Aug. 7 at Laurel and completed the exacta there three times after that, most recently getting run down late when second going two turns over turf Oct. 16. Freshened up a bit and breezing bullet half-mile in :48 flat (1/14) Dec. 3 at Fair Hill, the chestnut was given a 27-10 chance in the slop here. Traveling in sixth, five lengths adrift of a :22.48 quarter, he angled over to the rail heading into the turn and advanced into third by the time heads pointed toward home. Reeling in the pacesetter approaching the sixteenth pole, Cape Lookout inched clear from there and earned a 1 1/2-length victory over firster Jamminwithbrandon (Stay Thirsty), who nailed pacesetter Popizar (Tapizar) late for the runner-up spot. The winner is the 14th for his freshman sire (by Forestry) and is out of a full-sister to Argentinian MGSW Blues for Sale (Arg), the dam of Argentinian G1SW Blue Prize (Arg) (Pure Prize). Cure for Sale is responsible for a yearling filly by Bodemeister and foaled a Tapizar filly this term before visiting Bellamy Road. Sales History: $100,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-1, $59,600.
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O-Harry C. & Tom O. Meyerhoff LLC; B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

WESTERN U.S.

Colorado Introduces Horse Racing Model for Fantasy Sports:
Mile High Racing & Entertainment, which operates Arapahoe Park, has received approval from the Colorado Racing Commission to offer fantasy sports contests at nine Colorado locations, applying the pari-mutuel format of horse racing betting to other professional sports. Las Vegas-based USFantasy Sports is providing the content, which will pair daily fantasy sports contests with traditional horse racing odds and terminology.

"Ultimately we hope this will educate more of Colorado's devoted sports fans about the foundations of horse race wagering and attract them to come to our racetrack and off-track betting locations," Mile High Racing & Entertainment executive director Bruce Seymore said.

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A racing rarity: Plus Perfect (Majesticperfection) provided trainer Lauren Barat with her first career win and jockey Vanessa Romberg with her first Stateside win in Sunday's eighth race at Turf Paradise. Romberg, who was born in France, began riding in Mexico at the age of 39 and came to the U.S. earlier this year.
Coady Photography

INDUSTRY INFO

TAKE2 Creates Award to Highlight Aftercare Organizations:
The TAKE2 Second Career Thoroughbred Program has unveiled a new year-end award designed to highlight the role of accredited aftercare organizations in creating second careers for retired racehorses, it was announced Monday. The TAKE2 Jet Run Award will honor the TAKE2 Thoroughbred League High-Point Hunter and Jumper that has graduated from an aftercare program accredited by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance or affiliated with the Thoroughbred Charities of America.

The award is named for the Show Jumping Hall of Fame inductee who captured three Gold Medals in the Pan American Games for two different countries. Maryland-bred Jet Run was unplaced in seven starts and earned just $96 on the racetrack, but turned into a superstar in his second career.

"Jet Run epitomizes the potential of retired racehorses," TAKE2 President Rick Violette, Jr. said. "Those of us who have a lifelong love of Thoroughbreds know how amazing and versatile these athletes are. Accredited aftercare organizations play a vital role in bringing out their potential, giving them the retraining they need after they leave the track and ensuring they find the right homes when they are ready to be adopted. We want to applaud their contributions with this new award."

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2-ZIA, Msw 6f, +Seanics Secret, 6-1

BREEDERS' EDITION

STAKES RESULTS:

JIM THORPE S., $50,000, RP, 12-11, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:38.65, ft.
1--**HYPER DRIVE, 122, g, 3, Don't Get Mad--Plenty Sweet (SP), by Blushing John**. ($12,500 Ylg '14 OKCYRL). O-Henry Thilmony; B-Tracy Strachan (OK); T-Randy Oberlander; J-Lindey Wade. $30,000. Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-1, $110,502.
2--**Tuff Kid**, 122, g, 3, Don't Get Mad--Tuff Chick, by Wild Again. ($16,000 2yo '15 TEXAPR). O-Randy Hare & Patrick DaSilva; B-Clark O. Brewster (OK); T-Jearl Ace Hare. $10,000.
3--**Pacific Typhoon**, 120, g, 3, Don't Get Mad--My Stormy Elaine, by Stormy Atlantic. ($4,500 Ylg '14 OKCYRL). O-Carol J. Nelson; B-Clark O. Brewster (OK); T-Veronica Griggs. $5,500.
Margins: 4, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 4.10, 2.80, 58.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, $44,500, (S), 12-12, (C), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.01, sy.
COUNTY CORRECTIONS (g, 6, Tiz Wonderful--Gwinnett, by Vindication) Lifetime Record: 33-7-2-4, $204,812. O-Mark Hoffman; B-Dr. William M. Hovis & Taylor Brothers Properties, LLC (PA); T-Jamie Ness. *$10,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP; $80,000 2yo '12 OBSAPR.

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8th-ZIA, $29,500, (S), 12-12, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.54, ft.
SUNDAY ROSE (f, 3, Fusaichi Zenon {Jpn}--Best Note Yet, by Your Eminence) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-1-2, $82,474. O/B-Michael G. Weatherly (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler. *Full to Not My Note, SW, $160,411.

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Just 24 when he took over as the head man at Claiborne, Walker Hancock not only understands and appreciates the Claiborne tradition, but he is the right age to lead the iconic breeding and racing operation into a future that is filled with new ideas, new concepts and new challenges. Now 27, Hancock has already made his mark by bringing the stallions Runhappy and Ironicus to Claiborne for the 2017 breeding season. In this week's TDN podcast, Bill Finley touches base with one of racing's brightest young leaders.

7th-ZIA, $28,500, (S), 12-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.69, ft.
VEIL'S VENGEANCE (g, 6, Ghostly Moves--Reing of Light, by Lion Cavern) Lifetime Record: 35-8-9-4, $133,248. O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. *$4,700 Ylg '11 RUIYRL.

6th-MVR, $27,700, (S), (NW3X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 12-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.25, gd.
GYDA DDAWN (m, 5, Indygo Shiner--With Flair {GSW & GISP, $303,652}, by Broad Brush) Lifetime Record: 22-4-2-2, $87,798. O-Lois Meals; B-Fair Winds Farm, LLC (OH); T-Linda L. Richmond. *$1,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT. **1/2 to With Council (Lawyer Ron), SW, $111,216.

3rd-MVR, $26,700, (S), 12-12, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.60, gd.
JACKSONTOWN (g, 4, Big Atlantic--Paquita's Rose, by Wheaton) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-3, $52,014. O/T-Joe Laugherty; B-Doris Leisenring (OH).

5th-ZIA, $26,200, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 12-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.93, ft.
DONALI DAY (f, 4, Five Star Day--Donali, by Doneraile Court) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, $50,249. O/B-C. Donnell Echols (TX); T-Joel H. Marr. *Won by 8 1/2 lengths.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Silk Rider, f, 2, **Caracal**--Shesarider, by Gee Ryder. ZIA, 12-12, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.60. B-Michael Weatherly (NM).

In case you forgot how good Caleb's Posse was

Caleb's Posse

Eclipse Finalist and Breeders' Cup Winner Caleb's Posse ran down Champion Sire, Eclipse Champion and Multiple Grade 1 Winner Uncle Mo to annex the historic Grade 1 King's Bishop at Saratoga. His final time for the 7 furlongs was 1:21 2/5.

First-crop runners include:

8 1/2 length Slide Show Stakes Winner Sweet Posse

Divine Kaleb, who broke his maiden by 7 1/2 lengths, won again by 4 1/4 lengths and placed in the $100,000 Clever Trevor Stakes

$100,000 Notebook Stakes runner-up Sal the Turtle

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Natural Warrior, f, 3, **A. P. Warrior**--Natural Glow, by Siphon (Brz). PRX, 12-12, (C), 6f, 1:11.37. B-Ponder Hill, Inc. (FL). *$4,000 Ylg '14 OBSWIN.

Bustin the House, f, 3, **Attila's Storm**--Perfect Roll, by Roll Hennessy Roll. ZIA, 12-12, (S), 6f, 1:12.22. B-Mason Meadows (NM).

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IN JAPAN:

Elfin Cove, f, 3, Adios Charlie--Siren Cove (MSP), by Montbrook. Hanshin, 12-11, Shukugawa Tokubetsu, 6f. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, $378,340. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-John David O'Farrell & J. Michael O'Farrell, Jr.; T-Manabu Ikezoe. *$675,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Puntrooskie (In Summation), GSW, $380,262. ***"She jumped quickly from the gate," said Keita Tosaki."She was very strong. I could go into the race with a lot of confidence. She traveled nicely and showed a strong late kick."

Neuna, f, 4, Congrats--Howaya Lily, by Silver Deputy. Nakayama, 12-11, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 17-3-1-1, $233,730. O-Makio Okada; B-Frank McEntee & Frankfort Park Farm; T-Shigeyuki Kojima. *$67,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; $105,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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Cape Lookout *(Shackleford) rallies to graduate in the slop at Parx.*

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Date	Race	Track
12/17	GIII Harlan's Holiday S.	GP
	GIII Rampart S.	GP
	GIII Sugar Swirl S.	GP
12/26	GI Malibu S.	SA
	GI La Brea S.	SA
	GII Mathis Brothers Mile	SA
	GIII San Simeon S.	SA

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10Aug14-9GP	fst	6½f	:22^{1}	:44^{4}	1:08^{4}	1:15^{2}	3↑OC 16k/N1x-N	**102**	6	5	1½	1½	1^{1}	1^{3}	Zayas E J	L118	*.10	95-17	Atreides118^{3}	Chepstow121^{3}¼	Megalith121^{5}¼	Led,duel,drew clear	9
12Jly14-4GP	fst	6f	:22	:44^{2}	:56^{1}	1:08^{3}	3↑Md Sp Wt 31k	**105**	4	2	3^{2}½	2^{1}	1^{1}½	1^{5}¼	Zayas E J	L118	*1.20	97-09	Atreides118^{5}¼	BcktoSettle113^{12}½	ScrtritsGlory118^{2}½	3 wd, strong hand ride	7

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Leading Sires of 2-Year-Olds

for stallions standing in North America through Sunday, Dec. 11

Earnings for North America and Europe, and Black-type represents worldwide year-to-date figures

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Into Mischief**	6	12	1	3	1	2	84	33	$739,800	$2,970,698
	(2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY ($45,000)									*Practical Joke*	
2	**War Front**	8	14	5	12	1	6	46	25	$331,490	$2,457,608
	(2002) by Danzig FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY ($200,000)									*Lull*	
3	**Pioneerof the Nile**	2	3	2	3	1	2	38	10	$1,485,920	$1,908,372
	(2006) by Empire Maker FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar Farm KY ($125,000)									*Classic Empire*	
4	**Tapit**	5	10	3	6	2	2	46	19	$250,865	$1,796,276
	(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY ($300,000)									*Sweet Loretta*	
5	**Scat Daddy**	4	7	3	4	2	3	49	14	$369,668	$1,774,739
	(2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Crops: 6 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)									*Lady Aurelia*	
6	**Broken Vow**	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	8	$1,286,600	$1,724,179
	(1997) by Unbridled FYR: 2003 Crops: 12 Stands: Pin Oak Stud KY ($25,000)									*Champagne Room*	
7	**Harlan's Holiday**	2	7	1	4	--	2	90	28	$230,616	$1,688,305
	(1999) by Harlan FYR: 2005 Crops: 10 Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)									*Good Samaritan*	
8	**Kantharos**	3	8	--	1	--	--	38	19	$483,105	$1,514,509
	(2008) by Lion Heart FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Ocala Stud Farm FL ($5,000)									*Cajun Delta Dawn*	
9	**Dialed In**	2	2	1	1	--	--	38	19	$771,000	$1,459,957
	(2008) by Mineshaft FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY ($7,500)									*Gunnevera*	
10	**Quality Road**	3	5	2	2	2	2	38	15	$416,960	$1,412,427
	(2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY ($35,000)									*Klimt*	
11	**Union Rags**	3	4	2	3	2	2	48	17	$295,360	$1,396,721
	(2009) by Dixie Union FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY ($35,000)									*Dancing Rags*	
12	**Bernardini**	1	7	1	5	--	1	46	18	$175,550	$1,332,978
	(2003) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Darley KY ($100,000)									*Jamyson 'n Ginger*	
13	**Gone Astray**	1	4	--	1	--	1	49	15	$700,640	$1,293,541
	(2006) by Dixie Union FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Northwest Stud FL ($4,500)									*Three Rules*	
14	**Kitten's Joy**	2	3	1	3	1	1	51	11	$720,132	$1,236,395
	(2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 8 Stands: Ramsey Farm KY ($100,000)									*Oscar Performance*	
15	**High Cotton**	1	7	--	--	--	--	55	24	$147,120	$1,155,236
	(2003) by Dixie Union FYR: 2009 Crops: 6 Stands: Ocala Stud Farm FL ($5,000)									*R Angel Katelyn*	

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WALTER SWINBURN DIES AT 55

Walter Swinburn after winning the 1995 Derby on Sheikh Mohammed's Lammtarra | *Racing Post*

Former jockey Walter Swinburn, who won three G1 Epsom Derbies during a glittering career in the saddle, died aged 55 on Monday. Swinburn--who had been suffering from epilepsy--passed away peacefully at his home in London.

Swinburn is best remembered for partnering the subsequently kidnapped Shergar (GB) (Great Nephew {GB}) to win the Derby by 10 lengths in 1981 at age 19 for trainer Sir Michael Stoute. His other wins in the blue riband came aboard Shahrastani (Nijinsky) in 1986 and Lammtarra (Nijinsky) in 1995.

Swinburn, who was nicknamed the Choirboy for his boyish looks, won eight British Classics in addition to wins in such prestigious prizes as the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., Irish Derby, Juddmonte International, St James's Palace S., Ascot Gold Cup, Eclipse S. and Champion S. Some of his more famed mounts, in addition to his Derby winners, included All Along (GB) (Mill Reef), Green Desert (Danzig), Hatoof (Irish River {Fr}), Shadeed (Nijinsky) and Zilzal (Nureyev).

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LESSONS LEARNED THIS WEEKEND

By John Berry

Outstanding stallion Redoute's Choice (Aus) (Danehill) has a crucial year ahead of him in Europe in 2017, as his first crop of French-conceived sons and daughters face up to their 3-year-old campaigns. The imposing stallion proved very popular in 2013 at Haras de Bonneval in Normandy, covering a stellar book of 105 mares at a fee of €75,000. His popularity led to his return to the Aga Khan's stud in 2014. Expectations are understandably high for the resultant offspring, whose collective achievements as juveniles in 2016 have been relatively low-key. It would be disappointing were their accomplishments not to be significantly more notable in 2017.

While Redoute's Choice only made the two trips to Europe and seems certain never to return, breeders in the Northern Hemisphere have several opportunities to use his sons.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

PLETCHER'S FOUR-BAGGER SETS THE TABLE

Trainer Todd Pletcher captured four juvenile stakes races Saturday at Gulfstream Park and looks continue his dominance in South Florida. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

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Walter Swinburn Dies at 55 cont. from p1

Swinburn experienced the lows of life in the saddle in addition to the highs. In 1996 he nearly lost his life in a spill in Hong Kong that left him in a coma for four days with a punctured lung and a broken collarbone, shoulder blade and ribs. Swinburn remarkably returned to the saddle in six months, and recorded one of the most memorable stories in Breeders' Cup history when partnering Pilsudski (Ire) (Polish Precedent) to win the turf that same year for Shergar's trainer Sir Michael Stoute.

Swinburn also endured a constant battle with his weight, and ultimately hung up his tack in 2000. Four years later he took over a training license from his father-in-law Peter Harris. He trained until 2011, a career highlight coming when Julienas won Royal Ascot's Royal Hunt Cup in his final year of training. He conditioned more than 250 winners.

After his riding days were over, Swinburn spent a stint as part of the Channel 4 Racing team, working with former National Hunt great John Francome among others. Francome told *At The Races*, "I spoke to him a couple of months ago and he seemed in really good form. It's absolutely shocking he should die aged 55. No age at all."

"He was an absolutely gifted rider, you never saw any horse pulling with him or having their head in the air," Francome added. "He was a little bit of a troubled soul in some ways; he had weight problems, which probably affected him a lot more than other people, but that said that seemed to be a long time ago and he seemed to all intents and purposes fine, but obviously he wasn't."

Francome continued, "He could ride a race. He had a really good feel for what was going on underneath him. What the horse was doing--he must have been a fantastic jockey to have riding for you. He'd give great feedback and come back in and tell you everything you needed to know. He probably knew everything he needed to know by the time he got down to the start. He was a very sensitive person, both on and off a horse."

Walter Swinburn in 2011 | *Racing Post*

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BEST FOUND GUILTY AT REHEARING

Trainer Jim Best has been found guilty of instructing a rider to stop two horses last December at a rehearing of his case in London on Monday, and has been banned for six months. A British Horseracing Authority disciplinary panel ruled Best had instructed conditional jockey Paul John to stop Echo Brava (GB) (Proclamation {Ire}) and Missile Man (Ire) (Winged Love {Ire}) from running to their merits at Plumpton and Towcester, both instances resulting in unplaced finishes.

Best, who denied all charges, was also found guilty of governing conduct prejudicial to horse racing. John has not been charged, but was banned for 150 days from Dec. 21, 2015 to May 19, 2016.

Best was initially found guilty of the same charges in February, and banned four years, but a rehearing was ordered after it was discovered that Matthew Lohn, chairman of the disciplinary panel at that hearing, had worked with the BHA on other matters, resulting in the appearance of a bias.

The new disciplinary panel retired to consider its penalty regarding the findings. Best has seven days to appeal, and has previously suggested he would go to the High Court to prove his innocence.

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STORM THE STARS JOINS WOHLER

Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum's dual Derby placegetter **Storm The Stars** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) has returned to Europe after a stint in Australia and joined trainer Andreas Wohler in Germany.

Winner of the Listed Cocked Hat S. as a 3-year-old last year for trainer William Haggas, Storm The Stars went on to finish third in the G1 Investec Derby and second in the G1 Irish Derby, and added the G2 Great Voltigeur S. later in the season. He spent 2016 with trainer Chris Waller Down Under, his best performances being a pair of third-place finishes behind Hartnell (GB) (Authorized {Ire}) in a pair of Group 2s.

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WITH MATTHEW PRIOR

This is the third installment in an ongoing series where current trainees of Godolphin Flying Start sit down with graduates of the programme to discuss their career successes. In this third installment, first-year trainee Madison Scott catches up with Matthew Prior of the Tattersalls bloodstock team.

Matthew Prior has been a part of the Tattersalls bloodstock sales team since completing Godolphin Flying Start in 2012. From a riding background, Matthew gained experience in the sales side of the industry before joining Godolphin Flying Start. Matthew's role at Tattersalls spans from yearling selection to auctioneering. He is also the sale organizer for the recently completed December Sales.

MS: Could you talk about your background in the industry?

MP: I'm originally from an eventing and hunting background--ironically my best horse was prophetically called Political Trump, who carried me around both Badminton and Burghley Horse Trials. Once I turned my attention to the bloodstock industry, I initially worked for Hugo Lascelles at both the sales and at Lofts Hall Stud. I was then fortunate enough to join the Godolphin Flying Start, where I learnt not only the practical aspects of the industry, but also gained a formal business education. On completion of the course, I joined Tattersalls the very next day and have been here ever since.

MS: What does your role at Tattersalls entail?

MP: On a day-to-day basis, I am based in Newmarket as part of the bloodstock department, collecting entries and assisting with the compilation of the catalogues and organising two of our seven annual sales. I am part of the UK yearling inspection team and so spend quite a lot of time on the road in the spring, selecting yearlings for our October Yearling Sales. I also try to go racing as much as possible throughout the year, and assist when required at other sales under the Tattersalls 'group' banner. For the last three years I have been an auctioneer at Newmarket, working as part of a huge team effort to ensure the smooth running of the sales.

Matthew Prior | *Tattersalls*

MS: How did you get involved with auctioneering?

MP: When the opportunity presented itself, I did my initial groundwork away from the bright lights of Park Paddocks. After listening to recordings of various auctioneers and practicing in an empty sale ring, I volunteered for various charity auctions, and assisted at local sales of general goods every Saturday. I have now been selling for the last three years in Newmarket, and have additionally assisted at sales in both Dubai and Jamaica. I really do enjoy it, and it's certainly a role in which you never stop learning.

MS: What does your role as sale organiser for the December Sales cover?

MP: In my role as a sale organiser, I am the point of contact when it comes to coordinating and collecting the entries for the December Yearling, Foal and Breeding Stock Sales. We open the entries in late July, and we work to strict deadlines in order to send the catalogue to the printers on time, at what is our busiest time of year. **Cont. p5**

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MS: The drop in the value of sterling helped contribute to big international competition at the sales this year. Could you discuss the potential up and downsides of this decline in sterling value to Tattersalls?

MP: In the short term, it has no doubt been an incentive to those traveling from countries such as America, Australia and the Middle East, with buyers getting more bang for their buck than they have in the past. Both the July and the Autumn Horses in Training Sale were great examples of this, where we saw frenzied bidding at all levels from a hugely international buying bench. In the long run one would certainly hope for greater stability, as the market adjusts to what has been a year of great change on both sides of Atlantic.

MS: How do you consistently draw top-class fillies and mares to the December Breeding Stock Sale and maintain quality across years?

MP: We are very fortunate that many of Europe's leading owners and breeders view us as their first choice when selling their racing and breeding stock. As a team we work throughout the year to attract good fillies off the track, whilst the marketing team travel the globe to recruit the buyers. The Tattersalls December Breeding Stock is like no other, in that it attracts a truly international cast of buyers to Park Paddocks every year, consistently producing the highest prices as a result. This is no doubt due to the continued global success of previous sale graduates, meaning that the sale is an event not to be missed.

MS: Reflecting on the 2016 sale season, do you have any comments on the current state of the market?

MP: Despite the global political and economic uncertainty this year, the sales at Tattersalls have remained buoyant throughout the year, with a record turnover for our annual yearling sales. With many of the best stallions in the world now based in Europe, along with the patronage of the leading owner-breeders, there has never been a greater demand for Europe's bloodlines. There are, however, well-documented concerns about the return of overproduction. In light of this, one can expect the market to be more selective, before no doubt it begins to correct itself.

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Hertford Dancer (GB), f, 2, **Foxwedge (Aus)**--Tebee (GB), by Selkirk. WOL, 12-12, 9f 103y (AWT), 2:00.79. B-Highclere Stud (GB). *19th winner for freshman sire (by Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Raashdy (Ire), g, 3, **Intikhab**--Maghya (Ire), by Mujahid. WOL, 12-12, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:50.99. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE). *800gns HRA '16 TAJUL. *1/2 to Nafaqa (Ire) (Sir Percy {GB}), SW & MGSP-Eng, $121,517.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Pandemonium (Fr), g, 3, **Duke of Marmalade (Ire)**--Hapsburg (Fr) (GSW-Fr, $216,206), by Anabaa. PTB, 12-12, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:09.98. B-Ecurie Luck (FR).

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

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It is encouraging in this respect that Elzaam (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) has made a good start with his first Irish-conceived juveniles. In fact, Elzaam's first crop of European 2-year-olds have done significantly better than Redoute's Choice's equivalent batch of much more expensively produced offspring. Elzaam has done well as regards both quantity and quality, with his 14 individual winners in the British Isles headed by Harry Rosebery S. victrix Clem Fandango (Fr).

To Irish eyes, Elzaam could have been seen as having an unfamiliar pedigree when he arrived at Ballyhane Stud. Although the horse had been trained in England (where he finished a close second in the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot as a juvenile and took the Carnarvon S. at Newbury at three) he was bred in Australia, by an Australian horse from an American mare. However, one didn't need too much international knowledge to appreciate that it was a strong pedigree. It now looks even stronger: Elzaam's full-sister Ravi (Aus) is now a stakes winner courtesy of her wide-margin triumph in the Canadian Club Just Now H. over 1300m at Eagle Farm on Saturday.

Elzaam | *Racing Post*

Their dam Mambo In Freeport (Kingmambo) won one race in America before heading to Australia to join the broodmare band at Kia Ora Stud. Her family had been in America for generations and it is a good one. She is related to plenty of good American horses, most immediately her half-sisters: GI Del Mar Debutante S. victrix Point Ashley (Point Given) and GII Landaluce S. victrix Raw Gold (Rahy). Her most celebrated relative, though, was trained in Ireland and recorded her finest hour in England. Her third dam, Hurry Harriet (Yrrah Jr), was bred in the U.S. and spent her stud career there, breeding GI San Juan Capistrano H. winner Load The Cannons (Cannonade), but was trained in Ireland by Paddy Mullins. From his stable she posted several magnificent performances in the top company around Europe, including taking the G1 Champion S. at Newmarket in 1973, famously lowering the colours of the great Allez France (Sea-Bird {Fr}).

Foxwedge Flourishing...

Another Australian-bred stallion to have made a good start with his first European juveniles in 2016 has been Foxwedge (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who started his reverse-shuttling career in 2013, commuting between Newgate Farm in New South Wales and Whitsbury Manor Stud in Hampshire. Like Elzaam he has made a solid start in Europe, having been represented by 15 individual winners in the British Isles, headed by the Group 1-placed Urban Fox (GB). Encouragingly, members of his first Australian crop seem to be progressing well as they mature. He has been represented by a high-class 3-year-old in Sydney this spring: Foxplay (Aus), winner of the G2 Furious S. and G2 Tea Rose S. at Randwick. Now he has a 3-year-old group winner in New Zealand, too, following the victory of Volpe Veloce (Aus) in the G3 Eulogy S. at Awapuni.

Volpe Veloce's dam Bardego (Aus) (Barathea {Ire}) was an excellent mare for Foxwedge to cover in his first season at Newgate in 2012. A product of Barathea's stints of shuttling from Rathbarry to Widden in New South Wales in the latter part of the 1990s, she won both the Maribyrnong Trial S. and the G3 Blue Diamond Fillies' Preview S. in Melbourne in the 2001/02 season. Her dam, Devil's Gold (Aus) (Bellotto), was a prolific producer of winners and she herself has followed suit, with her successful offspring including the former high-class juvenile Delago Bolt (Aus) (Delago Brom {Aus}), winner of the Black Opal S. in Canberra in 2009.

Foxwedge | *Newgate Farm*

Volpe Veloce, who currently holds a perfect five-from-five record, has gone through two sale-rings, fetching A$120,000 as a weanling at Magic Millions and NZ$240,000 at Karaka as a yearling. She has a yearling full-sister entered in the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale in Melbourne at the end of February, consigned by Rushton Park of Tatura (Vic). Volpe Veloce's ongoing success will be manna from heaven for this filly's owners, as will be the successes of other Foxwedge horses including the smart Queensland 2-year-old Colosimo (Aus), who maintained her unbeaten record when scoring over 1200m at Eagle Farm on Saturday.

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Kia Ora, Classic Horses...

We (ie. the writer of this column, plus a few other people) often bemoan the seeming disinclination of all too many Australian breeders to try to produce horses likely to stay middle and long distances. In a country which has relatively few Group 1 races for 2-year-olds but plenty of top-level contests at 2000m and beyond, it is inexplicable why precocity is deemed so important. But - c'est la vie. Consequently, it is always a source of pleasure to see success for an Australian horse who was clearly bred to contest staying races. One such horse is Kia Ora Koutou (Aus) (Blackfriars {Aus}), who registered his first black-type success on Saturday by taking the Japan Racing Association Trophy over 2200m in Perth.

Kia Ora Koutou's dam, Kia Ora Miss (Aus), was bred to stay: she was by a Melbourne Cup winner, Jeune (GB) (Kalaglow {Ire}), from a daughter of another, At Talaq (Roberto). Unsurprisingly, she turned out to be a stayer, and a good one at that, winning 10 races at distances up to 2200m including the Belmont Oaks. She also finished fourth in the G2 Perth Cup over 3200m.

Happily, Kia Ora Miss's owners have decided to capitalise on their mare's strengths. She has made at least two visits to the 1999 Victoria Derby winner Blackfriars (Aus) (Danehill) in a mating which combines like with like. One of the results is Kia Ora Koutou, a horse whom any owner would be delighted and proud to race. Now aged four, he has won five of his 13 races and has accrued earnings of A$442,350. Over and above his victories, he put in some excellent efforts in the top 3-year-olds' staying races of last season, finishing third behind Tarzino (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}) in the G1 Victoria Derby and fourth behind Arcadia Dream (Aus) (Domesday {Aus}) in the G2 WATC Derby.

Lope De Vega a Loss to the Shuttling Ranks...

Ballylinch Stud resident Lope De Vega (Ire) (Shamardal) is turning out to be an excellent stallion, and a truly international one too. He has so far been represented by black-type scorers in England, Ireland, France, Australia, Italy, Germany and the UAE. His stars to date have been the dual Group1 winner Belardo (Ire) and last year's G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Jemayel (Ire). At the outset of his stud career he spent four years shuttling between Ballylinch and Patinack Farm in Australia, and recent results have made it plain that the fact that he no longer shuttles is Australia's loss.

Lope de Vega | *Ballylinch*

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Lope De Vega, winner in 2010 of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp and the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly, registered his first Australian winner when Snoopy (Aus) won a 2-year-olds' maiden race over 1209m at Seymour in Victoria by four lengths in January 2015. His first European crop had yielded four stakes-winning juveniles in 2014, but none of his first Australian youngsters scored in black-type company. Once these horses turned three, however, the tide started to turn, starting when Santa Ana Lane (Aus) landed the G3 Zeditave S. over 1200m at Caulfield in February 2016.

Lope De Vega's second Australian crop has been headlined by last season's G2 Reising S. victrix French Fern (Aus). This season his star has been his first-crop 4-year-old son Vega Magic (Aus), who has landed two group races during the current Perth Summer Carnival, most recently taking the A$250,000 G3 A. J. Scahill S. over 1400m at Ascot on Saturday. The same day also saw the aforementioned Snoopy record his sixth victory and take his earnings past the A$250,000 mark by landing a 1400m open handicap at Flemington. An admirable horse, Snoopy has never run a bad race in his life and has put in several good runs in stakes company, including when finishing third last season behind Mahuta (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}) in the G2 Autumn S. over 1400m at Caulfield.

Chauffeur Hits Overdrive...

A slick winning debut over 1100m at Rosehill on Saturday confirmed Chauffeur (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) in the picture for next month's A$2.5-million Magic Millions 2YO Classic, a race which has been on his agenda all year as he topped the Magic Millions Yearling Sale last January at A$1.6-million.

Coming from the very fast 'Tennessee' branch of the successful family descending from 1945 Melbourne Cup winner Rainbird (Aus) (The Buzzard {GB}), Chauffeur's dam Mirror Mirror (Aus) (Dehere) is an ideal broodmare to produce Magic Millions 2YO Classic contenders. She won the race herself in 2006, while she has already produced No Looking Back (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who was first past the post in 2012 before being demoted to second behind her stablemate Driefontein (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The hugely successful Snitzel (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) is clearly a very suitable mate for her: not only does that make the resultant offspring very closely related to No Looking Back, but he himself finished third in the race in 2005.

Chauffeur is raced by a syndicate of successful owners including Damion Flower, John Singleton and Neil Werrett. Ryan is likely to give him one more start before the Gold Coast feature, and would then freshen him up for the Golden Slipper if all goes to plan.

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Sunday, Hipodromo de Monterrico, Peru

GRAN PREMIO NACIONAL AUGUSTO B. LEGUIA-G1, PER$262,985, 12-11, Hipodromo de Monterrico, 3yo, 2600mT, 2:47.80, fm.

1--**&PASO REAL (PER), 123, c, 3, by Man of Iron**
1st Dam: Pocket Patience, by Speightstown
2nd Dam: Brass In Pocket, by Domasca Dan
3rd Dam: Luck In My Pocket, by Lucky North
O-Stud Black Label; B-Haras San Pablo (Per); T-Juan Suarez; J-Edwin Talaverano. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-2. **Werk Nick Rating: B+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Smart Choice (Arg)**, 119, f, 3, Grand Reward--Sweet Speech (Arg), by Victory Speech. O-Stud Starbucks; B-Haras La Quebrada (Arg); T-Juan Suarez.

3--**Hijita Linda (Per)**, 119, f, 3, Land of the Giants--Massabielle, by Street Cry (Ire). O-Stud Santa Marina; B-Haras Alydar(Per); T-Juan Suarez.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 2.00.

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IN JAPAN:

Melagrana (Aus), f, 4, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Ghaliah (Aus), by Secret Savings. Nakayama, 12-10, Lapis Lazuli S., 6fT. Lifetime Record: 14-6-1-0, $766,435. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd; T-Manabu Ikezoe. *A$200,000 Ylg '14 INGAPR.

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