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Run Away And Hide | Matt Goins

by Bill Oppenheim

Distorted Humor has been a great sire--TDN credits him with 130 Black-Type Winners, 52 graded/group stakes winners and 15 Grade I/Group 1 winners in 15 crops. He hasn't yet been a great sire of sires, but he's got a very promising young son at Hill 'n' Dale in **Maclean's Music**, who famously only ran once, but that was a Beyer 114, running six furlongs at Santa Anita in 1:07 2/5 in March of his 3-year-old year, and the fastest Beyer ever recorded for a maiden win. His dam, Forest Music, was herself a 6-furlong rocket by Unbridled's Song, and that might be helping him at stud also. Maclean's Music currently ranks eighth on the North American Freshman Sire List by progeny earnings (click [here](#)), but is the leading North American first-crop sire by number of winners (19), and number of black-type horses (7). He's been \$6,500 up until now, but is only going up to \$8,500 for 2017, which still looks a very attractive proposition.

Two spots behind him, 10th on the NA Freshman Sire List, is Spendthrift's **Dominus** (Smart Strike), who, like Maclean's Music was raced by Stonestreet, in his case in partnership with George Bolton. Dominus led all the way to win the Gil Dwyer S. on the dirt as a 3-year-old, and led all the way to win the Gil Bernard Baruch on the grass as a 4-year-old, but on the whole wasn't very well known, and had a smallish 2014 foal crop of 48. He's a very good-looking son of Smart Strike, a successful sire of sires, including Curlin, English Channel, and Square Eddie, and first caught people's attention when Alex Solis II and Jason Litt bought a colt now named Straight Fire for \$250,000 at the Fasig July yearling sale in 2015. **Cont. p3**

STEVENS TO HAVE HIP REPLACED; RIDING FUTURE IN DOUBT

Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens will undergo hip replacement surgery next week, it was announced Tuesday in a release. The 53-year-old had planned to ride through Santa Anita's spring meet, but MRIs and X-Rays revealed Monday that surgery was necessary. Stevens entered into a partnership last month with Ruis Racing to become the operation's stable rider and an advisor ([click here for more](#)). He will continue in his advisory role for Ruis Racing, and has not yet made a decision as to whether he will return to the saddle. **Cont. p6**



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The winter place to be. The iconic sunrise at Saratoga Race Course is a very different scene with a blanket of snow covering the track Tuesday morning. On Monday, Saratoga Springs, NY received about five inches of snow in the first snowstorm of the season. | Josh Stephen, Saratoga Springs, NY www.hoveravp.com

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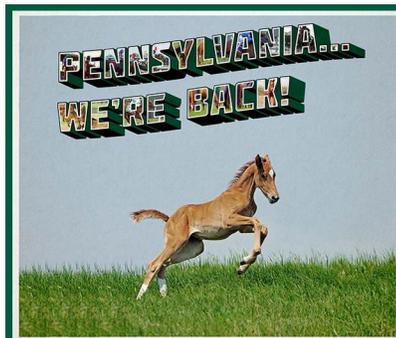
RR1

Thoroughbred trainers and assistant trainers in New York will now be required to complete four hours of continuing education coursework each year as a condition of licensure.

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS FOR DEC. 14

RR2

Trainer Todd Pletcher, fresh off a highly successful weekend with juveniles at Gulfstream Park, unveils a well-bred pair of newcomers Wednesday in Hallandale, including \$1-million Fasig-Tipton Florida grad Egyptian Hero (Pioneerof the Nile).



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Straight Fire has twice been Grade I-placed, in the GI Del Mar Futurity and the GI FrontRunner, and is one of four Black-Type Horses so far from Dominus' first crop. He was a \$3,500 stallion in 2016 (down from his original \$6,500), but is up to \$7,500 for next year, and by now must be just about completely sold out at the farm.



Midshipman | Darley

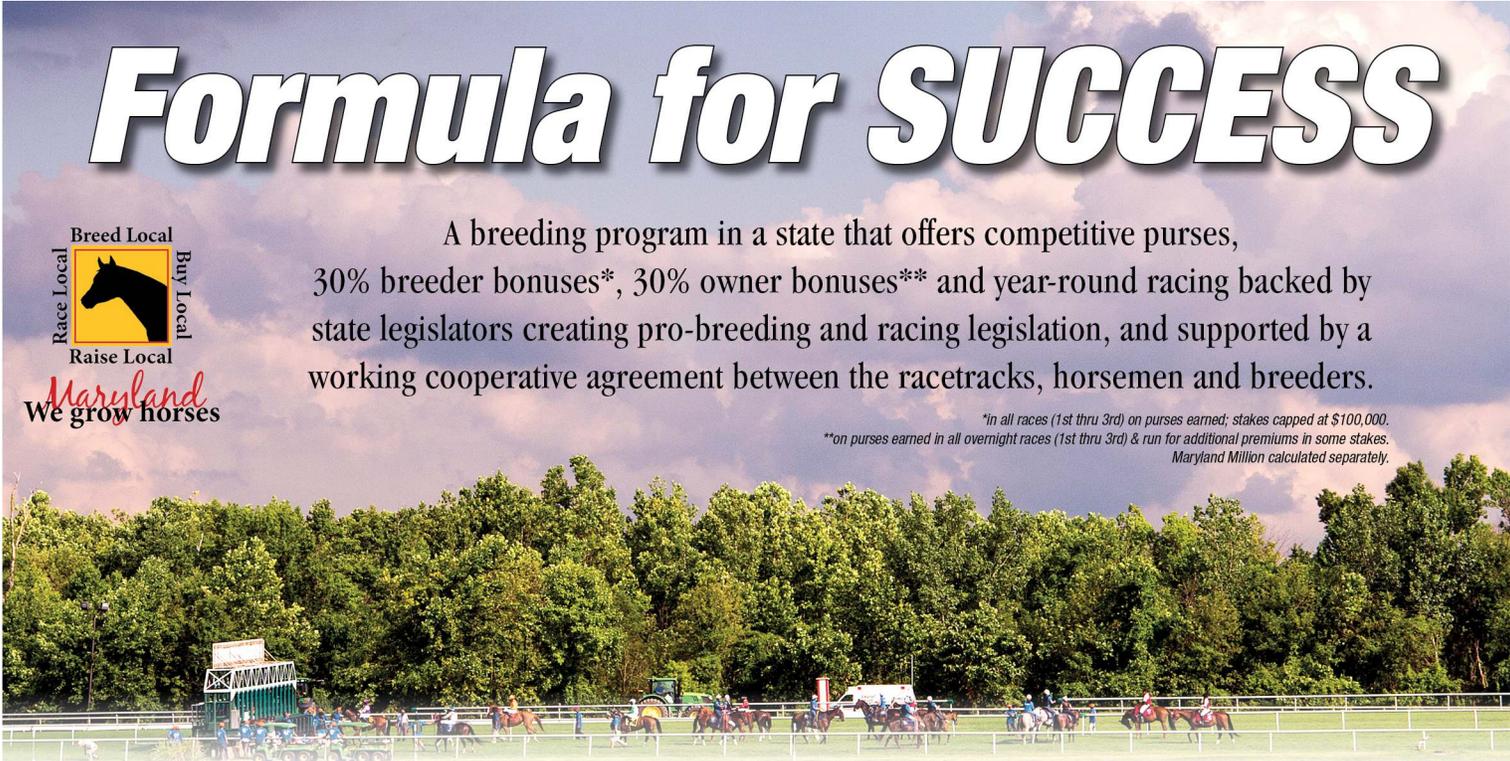
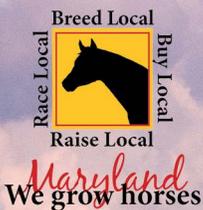
Darley Jonabell's **Midshipman** is a son of Unbridled's Song who won the Del Mar Futurity and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile in 2008, defeating none other than Square Eddie. Midshipman was originally bred and raced by Stonerside Stable, in whose colors he won the Del Mar Futurity. Darley bought him before the Breeders' Cup, and though he paid an instant dividend there, he didn't win another black-type race, and by the time he retired for the 2011 season, he was a bit of a forgotten man in a very challenging environment for standing new stallions. He started out for \$15,000, but was down to \$7,500 in 2015-16 before edging back up to \$8,500 for 2017. He's another of this prolific group of F2012 North American sires (oldest 4-year-olds this year), and ranks as high as sixth in this group by cumulative progeny earnings (click [here](#)), and even more impressive, he is second to Munnings (16) by cumulative Black-Type Winners with 13, and his 24 Black-Type Horses ranks second only to Lookin At Lucky (25). He has nine BTW this year, tying him for the lead in that category with Kantharos, and 15 BTH. Oddly Lady Shipman is his only graded stakes winners, but he does have six Graded Stakes Horses (GSH). **Cont. p4**

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Oppenheim cont.

Two sons of Tale of the Cat have each dropped to \$7,500 for 2017, and both deserve a good look. Darby Dan's **Tale of Ekati** is another F2012 sire and has seven BTW and 19 BTH, including



Tale of Ekati | Darby Dan Farm

Tale of Verve, second to American Pharoah in the 2015 GI Preakness S., and the Grade II-winning filly Ekati's Phaeton, from his first crop. He also had the winner of the Louisiana Champions' Day Juvenile S. last Saturday in breeder/owner/trainer Dallas Stewart's Saint's

Fan; I'd say the breeder/owner/trainer is wearing his heart on his sleeve with that name. Also by Tale of the Cat, Castleton Lyons's **Gio Ponti** won seven Grade I races on the turf and ran second to Zenyatta, on synthetic, in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, so it's kind of a surprise that the best horse from his first crop, 3-year-olds this year, is a dirt sprinter, namely Drefong, dual Grade I winner of the GI King's Bishop, at Saratoga, and the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. Gio Ponti himself kept improving after his 3-year-old year, and if his runners do the same he could be a very good buy at \$7,500 in 2017.



Tizway | Spendthrift Farm

Another sire with his first 3-year-olds who's been a little surprising that way is Spendthrift's **Tizway**, who ranks eighth on the North American second-crop sire list this year (click [here](#)), including six BTW and 10 BTH. Tizway himself peaked as a 6-year-old on the dirt, winning the 2011 GI Met Mile (Beyer 113) and GI Whitney S. (Beyer 111) in his final two career starts. But Tizway is out of a Dayjur mare, definitely does not look like a typical Tiznow, and is siring an awful lot of grass and synthetic runners. He's also \$7,500 for 2017 and might be one of those sneaky good buys.

There are three sires in Kentucky standing for \$5,000 who should interest any breeder looking for value who's on a budget. Airdrie's **Istan** (Gone West) has been on everybody's value budget list for years, and should continue to be. He never has very big crops, but always seems to have a name in the news. Gainesway's **Hat Trick** (Sunday Silence) made a good start at Walmac and was re-syndicated and moved to Gainesway for the 2012 covering season. That crop of 95, which are 3-year-olds this year, includes four 2016 BTW. **Cont. p5**

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Oppenheim cont.

These two are both great buys, but the greatest buy of all for 2017 has to be Darby Dan's **Run Away And Hide**, who has been dropped from \$7,500 to \$5,000. He's a son of City Zip with a very similar race record to Kantharos--I mean, really similar. He ran three times at two, winning all three, culminating in the GI Saratoga Special, then was injured and had to be retired, and covered as a 3-year-old in 2009. His first two crops include seven BTW, three of them GSW and four which have made \$350,000 or more, including Are You Kidding Me, who has made \$986,000. For \$5,000, are you kidding me (yeah, it's the name of the horse, I know, but it fits), at that price Run Away And Hide is the best value sire on the planet for 2017.

There are some mighty useful proven sires for mighty low four-figure stud fees for 2017 in Kentucky, which makes it tough for the new four-figure sires. But here are two who really do figure: Coolmore Ashford's **Magician**, a son of Galileo who won the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and, after a 4 1/2-month break after Royal Ascot, won the GI Breeders' Cup Turf, as a 3-year-old in 2013. He ranked sixth among North American F2016 sires which

had their first yearlings sell in November, with eight selling (of 11 offered), for an average of \$53,422--quite respectable off his entering \$12,500 stud fee. He's at \$7,500 for 2017, which is a whole lot of proper Group 1 form for not a whole lot of money.



Magician | *Coolmore*

Also at \$7,500 is Three Chimneys' **Fast Anna**, by Medaglia d'Oro out of Dreaming of Anna, the Rahy mare who won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and was champion 2-year-old filly of 2006. She wasn't as fast as Fast Anna, though; he got the Rahy rocket gene you sometimes see. Fast Anna only won one Black-Type Race, at five furlongs on the grass, but man was he fast. He ran a half-mile in :43 and change or :44 and change six times in nine starts, and was beaten a head in the

GI King's Bishop, in his only start at seven furlongs, and in just his third lifetime start. He's been well-managed and well promoted, and you can just see him being one of those 'back-book' sires everybody will hope they'll be able to afford.

BEST VALUE (On the Planet): Run Away And Hide. He's a gift!

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- G1 Maker's 46 Mile Stakes
- G3 Modesty Handicap
- G3 Stars and Stripes
- G3 Bewitch Stakes

3RD

- G2 Summer Stakes
- G3 Ontario Derby
- G3 Stars and Stripes Stakes
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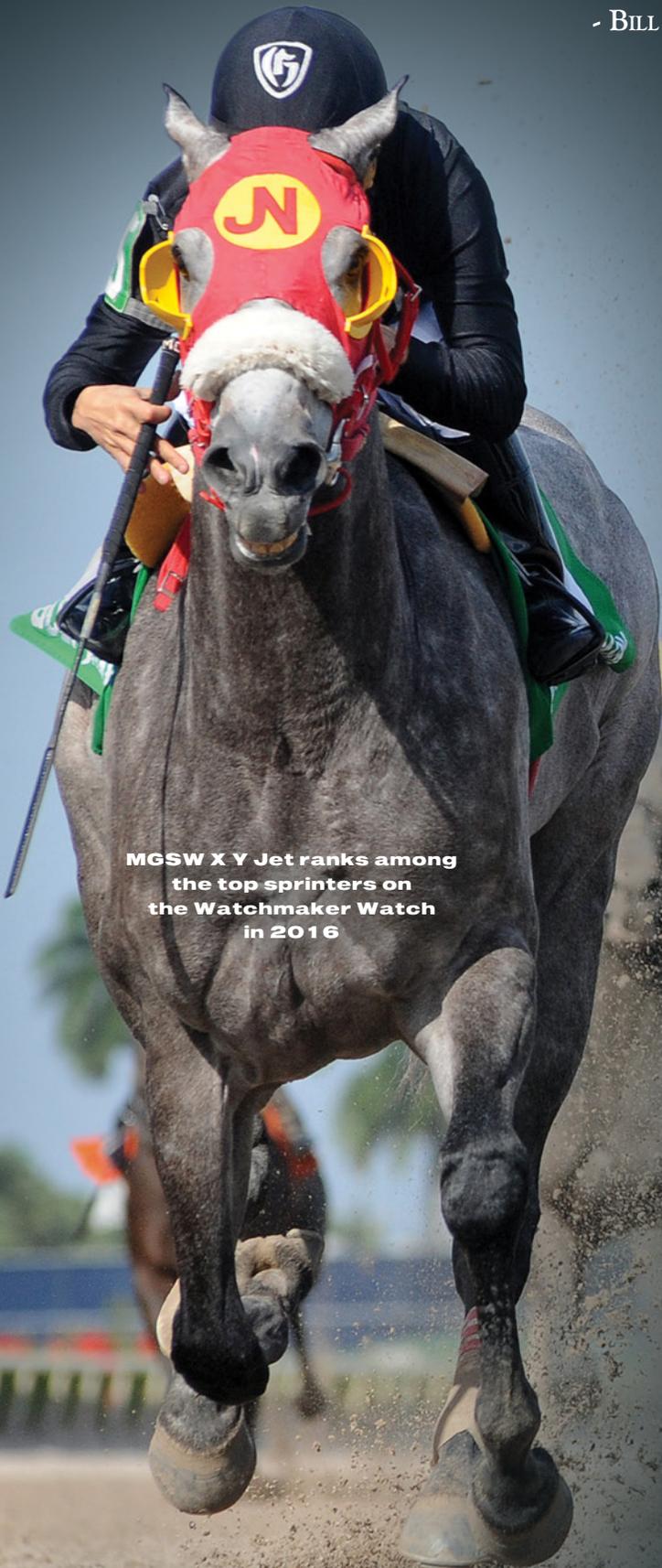
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Stevens cont. from p1

Stevens retired from riding in 2005, but began riding again in 2013. He underwent knee replacement surgery in 2014. The Idaho native was the regular rider of champion Beholder (Henny Hughes), and some expected him to retire after her career ended. The 6-year-old's final career start was a stirring victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff Nov. 4.



Mick Ruis & Stevens | Benoit Photo

"I wasn't ready to hang it up and I still don't know if I'm ready," Stevens explained. "I'm going to have the procedure done next week and I'll play it by ear. I'm in a great position with Ruis Racing and I don't want to lose that. Luckily, I can continue on as part of the team and see what happens in a few months."

Stevens' hip replacement surgery will be done by the same group that replaced his knee.

"Look--all I can do is have it done and hope for the best," added Stevens, who ranks ninth all time in career earnings among North American jockeys with more than \$250 million. "I hope I'm in a position in a few months where I can make the choice if I want to go back to riding or not. In the meantime, I am going to continue to help Ruis Racing develop their stock and see where it takes us."

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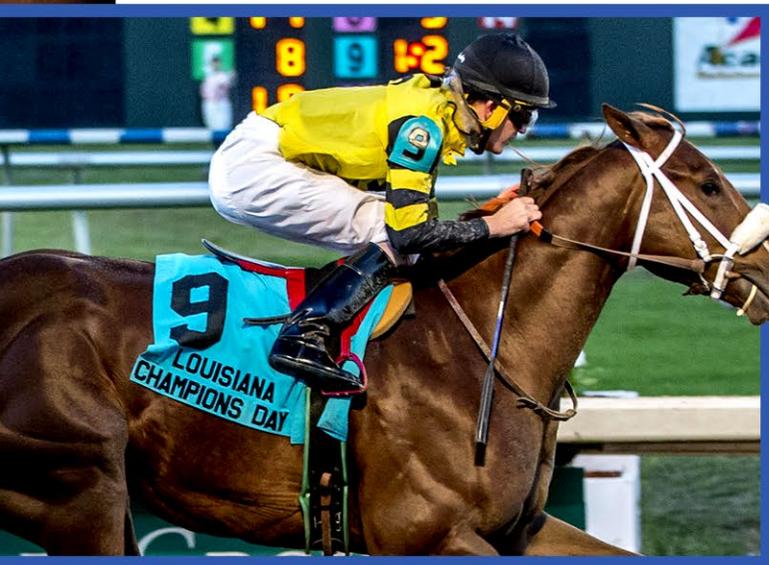
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2) **McCraken**

3) **Mastery**

4) **Mo Town**

5) **Saint's Fan**

(Tale of Ekati—Boy Crazy, by Sky Mesa) | Dallas Stewart (2-2-0-0)
Trainer Dallas Stewart has made a name for himself getting horses ready to run a big race on the first Saturday in May. He also has never been a trainer to rush his young horses early. That is a big reason why it is easy to like what you see from this homebred sired by Tale of Ekati. He's done nothing but sprint so far, but in both a maiden race at Churchill Downs, and the Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile, he looked like the real deal in dominating his competition down the stretch. The breeding could lean a little more to a mile than ten furlongs, but if you've watched his first two races, he gives every indication visually of a horse who has a real efficiency in motion, suggesting that he will be just fine going longer. It looks like the Lecomte will be next for this Louisiana-bred.

6) **Gunnevera**

7) **Running Mate**

8) **Beach Bum**

9) **Good Samaritan**

10) **No Dozing**

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Horse racing's \$12-million wager Florida's Gulfstream Park next month will host a new race with the world's largest purse in thoroughbred racing: the \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational, run on dirt at 1 1/8 miles. But while the winnings are record-setting, the outsized purse isn't the only thing about the Jan. 28 race that has set the racing world abuzz. The twist is in how the purse is funded, which has set off an international scramble to get in the gate. **Pia Catton, The Wall Street Journal**

Horse racing in Saudi Arabia, a passion that parades at the city track Horses round the track in the soft light of an afternoon sun as Riyadh's "best kept secret", the King Abdulaziz Racetrack, begins another weekend of action. The horses of wealthy Saudis have been major players at the world's biggest racing spectacles, from Royal Ascot to Longchamp and Melbourne. On home turf, Friday afternoon racing in the Saudi capital is a more low-key affair. **Agence France-Presse**

Japan's \$22.5 billion passion for horse racing Horses, bikes, powerboats and motorbikes all have one thing in common in Japan--they're part of a small selection of sports that members of the public are legally able to gamble on. And in the case of horse racing, the Japanese people certainly make the most of it. In 2015, the total wagered throughout the country totaled at \$22.5 billion. **George Ramsay, CNN**

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TRAINERS by T.D. Thornton

Thoroughbred trainers and assistant trainers in New York will now be required to complete four hours of continuing education (CE) coursework each year as a condition of licensure.

The proposal passed via unopposed voice vote at the Dec. 13 New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) meeting, but it was the second time in six weeks that the CE matter had come up for a vote.

Prior to the Nov. 1 meeting, both The Jockey Club (TJC) and the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) had written in support of the new rule. But when the NYSGC received a “very late” comment from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NYTHA) that questioned the implementation and accessibility of the coursework, the board opted to table the motion while further information was gathered for the Dec. 13 meeting.

“[NYTHA] raised two concerns,” executive director Robert Williams told commissioners at Tuesday’s meeting. “That only Thoroughbred horse trainers are subject to the rule while Standardbred trainers are not, and that there may be a lack of

available, approved courses. Staff reviewed the comment, and believes that existing training programs will readily meet the NYTHA concerns. As for Standardbred trainers, commission staff are working on a similar proposal.”

Williams said trainers and assistants will initially be able to choose among five existing free online “modules” that are offered by TJC, and that it is his understanding that TJC “plans on supplementing the offerings.” On-track presentations that are occasionally offered by the state equine medical director and programs sponsored by the Cornell Ruffian Equine Specialists hospital (located opposite the Belmont Park backstretch) will also count toward the CE requirement. Williams added that the commission would “likely endorse” future coursework sponsored by ARCI.

Right now all of the above-mentioned programs are free of charge, and Williams estimated there is currently enough available coursework to satisfy two years’ worth of requirements. He said the NYSGC will welcome proposals from other organizations that wish to create future coursework; topics can include (but are not limited to) equine health, safety and welfare, plus small business, ethics, and human resource training.



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“Creating a continuing education requirement for all trainers will bring knowledge- and evidence-based research to an audience that would otherwise generally not be exposed to it,” Williams said. “Continuing education for trainers should improve the quality of the horsemanship at New York racetracks and enhance equine welfare.”

According to details of the rule published in the *New York State Register*, trainers and assistants are “required to maintain a record of completion of the CE course. The provider of such training will be required to report such information electronically to the Commission.”

The text of the rule also includes an opt-out provision for licensees who only occasionally race in New York: “Trainers and assistant trainers who are not domiciled in New York and have 12 or fewer starts during the previous 12 months may request a waiver of this requirement from the state Steward.”

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Trainer Todd Pletcher must always be considered dangerous in maiden events at Gulfstream Park, and Wednesday’s seventh race figures to be no exception. The meet’s 13-time defending champion trainer is set to saddle two juveniles, including \$1-million Fasig-Tipton Florida purchase **EGYPTIAN HERO** ([Pioneer of the Nile](#)), carrying the colors of the Coolmore partners. The dark bay caught the eye with a [:10 1/5](#) breeze ahead of the March sale and has been drilling steadily at his trainer’s Palm Beach Downs base since early October. From the extended family of MGISW Chaposa Springs (Kris S.) and GISW You and I (Kris S.), Egyptian Hero previously sold for \$230,000 as a Keeneland September yearling to Hartley/De Renzo, who consigned the colt at the Florida Sale. Barnmate **Hedge Fund** ([Super Saver](#)), a WinStar Farm homebred half-brother to GII Charles Town Classic S.-winning millionaire Stanford (Malibu Moon), will break from one stall to Egyptian Hero’s immediate outside. Owned in partnership with China Horse Club and SF Racing, the chestnut has followed a similarly spaced work pattern to his stablemate. Hedge Fund’s second dam is a half-sister to champion Johannesburg (Hennessy), from the deep family of influential sire Tale of the Cat (Storm Cat). [TJCS PPs](#)

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“He may well be on his way to reaching top rank as a stallion” **John Sparkman, DRF**

Leading Cumulative Third Crop Sires

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2	Quality Road	\$35,000	9	6	\$11,117,947
3	Lookin At Lucky	\$17,500	9	4	\$9,844,276
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7-GP, Msw 6f, +Wahoowah, \$250K FTF MAR 2yo, 6-1

7-GP, Msw 6f, +Grand Primpji, \$120K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

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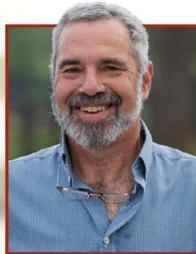
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Appalachia Bom, c, 2, [Harlan's Holiday](#)--Crescent Moon, by Seeking the Gold. Seoul, 12-10, Hcp. (\$51k), 1000m. B-Camas Park Stud (KY). *Won by three lengths as the 3-2 favorite. **\$120,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$32,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN.

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Places to Go, c, 2, [More Than Ready](#)--Pola's Place (SW, \$150,550), by Out of Place. Seoul, 12-10, Hcp. (\$64k), 1200m. B-John O'Meara, Charlie Goldberg, Richard Rosee & More Than Ready Syndicate (KY). *\$15,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

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Haeya, f, 3, [Flutter](#)--Luxaholic, by Macho Uno. Busan, 12-11, Hcp. (\$62k), 1400m. B-Gabriel Duignan, Patrick Costello, Ben McElroy & John Wade (KY). *Won by seven lengths as the prohibitive 3-10 chalk to take her record to three wins from as many starts. **\$25,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN.

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RED RAZZO (g, 4, Toccet--High Iron Lass, by Include) Lifetime Record: 27-6-7-7, \$321,602. O-Frank R. Bottiglia; B-Roger Cettina (PA); T-Patricia Farro.

8th-ZIA, \$24,000, 12-13, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.39, ft.

THE STRIP (f, 4, [Quality Road](#)--Cottage Link, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: 19-3-3-2, \$131,546. O-Ruis Racing LLC & Wendy Ruis; B-Machmer Hall & Milan Kosanovich (FL); T-Greg Green. *\$90,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$60,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$105,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$65,000 4yo '16 FTKHRA. **1/2 to Inchcape (Indian Charlie), GSP, \$210,793.

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He's a Knockout, g, 3, [Bellamy Road](#)--Knockout Bertie (SP, \$119,188), by Distorted Humor. ZIA, 12-13, 1m 70y, 1:44.38. B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY).

Parry O Pessimist, f, 3, [Paddy O'Prado](#)--Runaway in Love (SP), by Runaway Groom. MVR, 12-13, (S), 6f, 1:14.88. B-Sheltowee Farm & James Earl Evans (OH).

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RARE TALENT SWINBURN REMEMBERED



Walter Swinburn died on Monday at age 55 | *Racing Post*

by *Chris McGrath*

To think that we once viewed them both as the very epitome of life--these twin carvers, in the 1981 Derby, of a glistening monument to the unfettered expression of youth, vigour and flair. Now the name of Walter Swinburn has joined that of Shergar in the tragic shadow cast behind a shining moment in time. Now he, too, has been taken from us prematurely, and the living sap they shared must begin to harden into a nostalgic sepia. Like a prehistoric fly trapped in amber, they remain a cause of wonder still, an aesthetic delight, but henceforth they shall be impenetrably sealed into another epoch. And, reviewing Swinburn's life, we are reminded yet again that there is only so far we can ever expect these horses--even the very greatest--to take us.

Shergar, of course, long ago had his own stake in Turf history horribly perverted, instead becoming a symbol of the violence and perfidy of man. But while the horse notoriously disappeared overnight, kidnapped by terrorists during the Irish troubles, the unanswered questions were purely circumstantial. We do not know where his bones rest, nor exactly how long it took his captors to despair of their own folly. We do know the full pith of his tale, and the sins at its root. Not so with poor Swinburn, whose sufferings were purgatorial rather than infernal.

[Cont. p2](#)

BILL OPPENHEIM: FOUR-FIGURE BARGAINS

The two highest-rated horses by Racing Post Ratings (RPR) by Shadwell's Nayef, a half-brother to Nashwan and Unfuwain by Gulch, appeared in his first crop, foaled in 2005: the 2008 G1 Prix de l'Opera winner Lady Marian (RPR 123) and the 2008 G1 Prix Jean Prat and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois winner, **Tamayuz** (RPR 125), who was trained by Freddy Head. The vast majority of runners by Nayef have been middle-distance horses and stayers, so Tamayuz (who is out of a Nureyev mare), arguably the top French 3-year-old miler of 2008, has proved an exception. He's also proved a pretty useful sire at Shadwell's Irish arm, Derrinstown, where Tamayuz will be standing for a career-low €8,000 next year (Nayef himself is still at stud at Shadwell in England, for £5,000). His granddam, the Riverman mare Allez Les Trois, was a half-sister to none other than Urban Sea, dam of Galileo and Sea The Stars, so he hails from a pretty distinguished female line. [Cont. p4](#)

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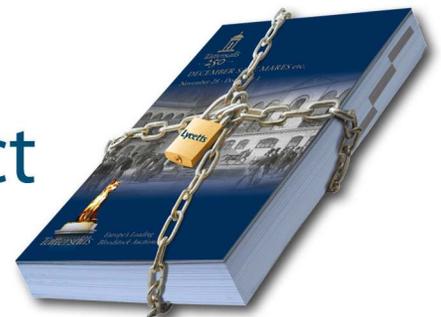
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Rare Talent Swinburn Remembered Cont. from p1

There is no convenient culpability here, beyond the ghastly privations he embraced to control his weight. And, even as he unfurled the public pageant of his genius for nearly 20 years after Shergar, we could have no proper grasp of the mystery that smouldered beyond. There were uncomfortable glimpses when he took a "sabbatical" here, or lurched unmistakably off the rails there. But in a way he became far more elusive than Shergar.

The cruelty of his abrupt loss, at 55, is that it robs our parish not only of a gentle, sensitive and intelligent man; nor only of

"Swinburn's innate dash would have been hopelessly neutralised without physical courage, while his freedom from arrogance did not mean he lacked steel or ambition."

one of the most divinely natural horsemen, it does not seem excessive to propose, of all time. Above all, it limits such comfort as we could contrive from the relative stabilities he

appeared to achieve in retirement. For a certain air of fragility seemed to abide even in the fresh starts he made as a trainer, a family man, a broadcaster. Only those who knew him best can

say quite how insidious remained the legacy of the torments he endured as a rider. Reports that he was suffering from epilepsy have prompted some to make a literal connection, specifically to the fall that nearly killed him at Sha Tin in 1996--a crisis, it now seems poignant to recall, that Swinburn allowed himself to interpret as a moment of redemption.

It says everything that a shattered shoulder, broken ribs and punctured lung, not to mention a four-day coma, should have enabled him to awaken to a sense of "liberty" he had not experienced for years--

years in which the delicate beam of his talent had lit a precarious path through a black night of bulimia and alcohol. At last, he felt, no need to worry about his next meal, his next ride.

Though he resumed race-riding, albeit somewhat sporadically and meanwhile seeking a more sustainable mode of living, by 2000 he was able to recognise his cue and quit one day at Kempton after riding a horse named, of all things, Bogus Dreams.

The bleak familiarity of his tale, to anyone versed in the biographies of so many great riders, extends to the elixir for which Swinburn traded such hardship. **Cont. p3**

"There was a nearly ethereal continuum between the core of his being and that of the horse he governed so lightly."

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Rare Talent Swinburn Remembered Cont.

As was so often the case among troubled souls of the 19th Century Turf, it was on horseback that he most reliably found serenity. Seldom has any jockey proved so free of nerve on the biggest stages. No less than his feathery touch on the withers, that was what emboldened Sir Michael Stoute to hoist the teenaged Swinburn into the saddle on an odds-on Derby favourite. Whereas Shergar separated himself from his pursuers in a dominating gesture to his inferiors, asserting his majesty as pack leader, Swinburn never seemed to have much interest in imposing himself on his rivals in some parallel, alpha-male spirit. Here was a man who sought a complement, not compliments. He felt completed by the horse.

And, given a great horse, that took him to a rarefied plane--far beyond most of his peers, even in a golden age among Europe's elite riders. The process was so instinctive that it never interfered with his humility. As Shergar went clear at Epsom, he heard someone along the rails shouting: "Go on Lester!"

Imagining that Piggott was bearing down on him, he picked up his whip--a memory he professed to find embarrassing, albeit it suited his nature ideally to pronounce the punter in question perfectly entitled to presume that only Lester deserved so stellar a mount.



Walter Swinburn | *Racing Post*

Just because it all came to him naturally, that does not mean he was a mere butterfly, dropping elegantly into the great blooms of Shergar and the rest. Swinburn's innate dash would have been hopelessly neutralised without physical courage, while his freedom from arrogance did not mean he lacked steel or ambition. No dilettante, certainly, would ever have endured that ancient and bitter paradox through which he fed an addiction to the irregular highs of race-riding, by daily renewing those hateful rituals that gnawed away his deeper morale. Seeing Steve Cauthen and Cash Asmussen apparently succeeding in a similar trade-off, Swinburn had soon found himself "flipping" (that is, inducing himself to vomit bolted meals) and numbing his shame with drink.

All the while, even so, his looks retained an elfin youthfulness. In the Shergar days, he had appeared so impossibly cherubic that he was christened "The Choirboy"--and, as though in token of some Mephistophelian pact, the nickname could stick even as he aged precipitately within. **Cont. p4**

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Rare Talent Swinburn Remembered Cont.

Barely a year after retirement, he was 11st. Yet he still looked svelte. That is a measure of the savagery by which he preserved an artificial riding weight in the 8st-9st range, above all during the years spanning his second and third Derby winners, Shahrastani in 1986 and Lammtarra in 1995. In his younger days, remember, he had been built to look after himself on the rugby field, his lightning hands qualifying him as an outstanding scrum-half at Rockwell College.

Those same hands could hold together the seething, simmering talent of a horse like Zilzal as though on a single thread; while somehow able, at the same time, to urge changes of direction or gear. However incongruous with his hidden torments, then, the seraphic exterior was perfectly consistent with vitals seated far deeper than his stomach or liver. There was a nearly ethereal continuum between the core of his being and that of the horse he governed so lightly. Tony McCoy used a singular expression, by his own standards never mind those of Twitter, when hearing of Swinburn's death: "a jockey that God hath retained." And that is the way we should remember him. To be sure, he fell to earth--but he was ever an angel.

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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM



Four-Figure Bargains Cont. from p1

Tamayuz's first foals arrived in 2010, and he has registered very solid figures on the APEX scale: 1.56 A Runner Index, 1.49 ABC Runner Index, which qualifies him as what we call a "very useful" sire--meaning €8,000 is a very good buy. He has only one Group 1 winner, the 2014 G1 Haydock Sprint Championship winner G Force, from his second crop; but he has seven GSW, and his 17 Group Stakes Horses (GSH) represent 7.23% of his 235 named foals in five crops, tops among all European F2010 sires.

Shadwell also bred Nayef's equal second-best colt by RPR, a real under-the-radar colt called **Mustajeeb** (F2017, RPR 121), who stands his second season at Overbury Stud in England for £4,000 next year, and guess what? He is from the same female



Tamayuz | Scoop Dyga

family, and is thus closely related to Tamayuz. Mustajeeb's dam, the Elusive Quality mare Riqfah, is out of Anja, an Indian Ridge half-sister to Tamayuz's dam, Al Ishq, and herself also out of Allez Les Trois; pretty interesting

that arguably the two fastest class horses by Nayef are so similarly bred. Trained in Ireland by Dermot Weld, Mustajeeb ran three times as a 2-year-old, finishing up with a second to War Command in the G2 Futurity S. In his first start at three, he defeated older horses at a mile in the G3 Amethyst S., then finished seven lengths third to none other than Kingman in the 2014 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas. Weld then dropped him back to seven furlongs for a competitive little Group 3 at Royal Ascot called the Jersey S.--just kidding, sometimes it must be the toughest Group 3 in the world--which he duly won as the 9-2 co-favorite. He ran second in the G2 Boomerang S. on Irish Champions weekend after a summer break, and finished up the year at Santa Anita, finishing under five lengths behind Karakontie and Anodin in the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile. At four Weld dropped him to six furlongs, but he only ran twice, winning the G2 Greenlands S. at The Curragh, then finishing four lengths fifth to Undrafted in the G1 Diamond Jubilee. It reads pretty well for a £4,000 stallion (down from £5,000) closely related to a pretty good sire from the family of Galileo, doesn't it? It was unfortunate for Overbury that they lost Delegator (Dansili) last week, but they've got a genuine 'sleeper' in Mustajeeb. **Cont. p5**

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HENRY CANDY, trainer of Listed winner LADY PIMPERNEL

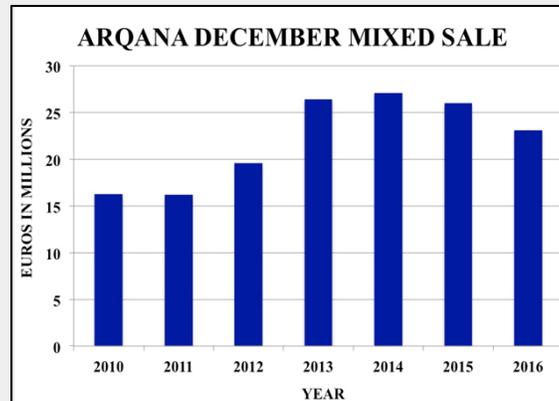
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2016	952	832	621	12.6%	74.6%	65.2%	€23,132,500	€37,250
2015	986	895	686	9.2%	76.6%	69.6%	€25,947,900	€37,825
2014	976	871	673	10.8%	77.3%	69.0%	€27,094,000	€40,259
2013	954	846	686	11.3%	81.1%	71.9%	€26,433,000	€38,532
2012	930	814	598	12.5%	73.5%	64.3%	€19,561,500	€32,712
2011	908	788	544	13.2%	69.0%	59.9%	€16,159,500	€29,705



TOTAL EUROPEAN 2ND HALF BREEDING STOCK SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	5,101	4,356	3,285	14.6%	75.4%	64.4%	€159,856,668	€48,663
2015	5,278	4,534	3,435	14.1%	75.8%	65.1%	€183,906,180	€53,539
2014	4,873	4,169	3,336	14.4%	80.0%	68.5%	€175,357,584	€52,565
2013	4,806	4,114	3,341	14.4%	81.2%	69.5%	€200,782,372	€60,096
2012	4,744	4,008	3,109	15.5%	77.6%	65.5%	€138,013,546	€44,392
2011	4,496	3,791	2,757	15.7%	72.7%	61.3%	€133,153,879	€48,297

Oppenheim: Four-Figure Bargains Cont.

Shadwell sold two mares in foal to Mustajeeb at the Tattersalls July Sale earlier this year, including one bought by Cathy Grassick of Brian Grassick Bloodstock for 55,000gns; being Irish, Cathy will have known exactly who Mustajeeb is.

No such digging necessary to unearth another horse standing in England whose first foals will be arriving next year, Highclere Stud's **Cable Bay**, a son of Invincible Spirit who is advertised as having covered over 150 mares in his first season this year, and will stand for £5,000 in 2017. Originally a €130,000 Goffs yearling trained by Charlie Hills, Cable Bay placed in two Group 2 races at two and ran second to War Command (second time his name has come up; winner of the G2 Coventry, G2 Futurity, and G1 Dewhurst S. as a 2-year-old, by War Front, €12,500 at Coolmore, first foals 2016) in the G1 Dewhurst. He was second in another Group 2 in an abbreviated campaign (wasn't out until August) as a 3-year-old, but proved a tough and consistent seven-furlong horse as a 4-year-old in 2015, culminating with a good win in the

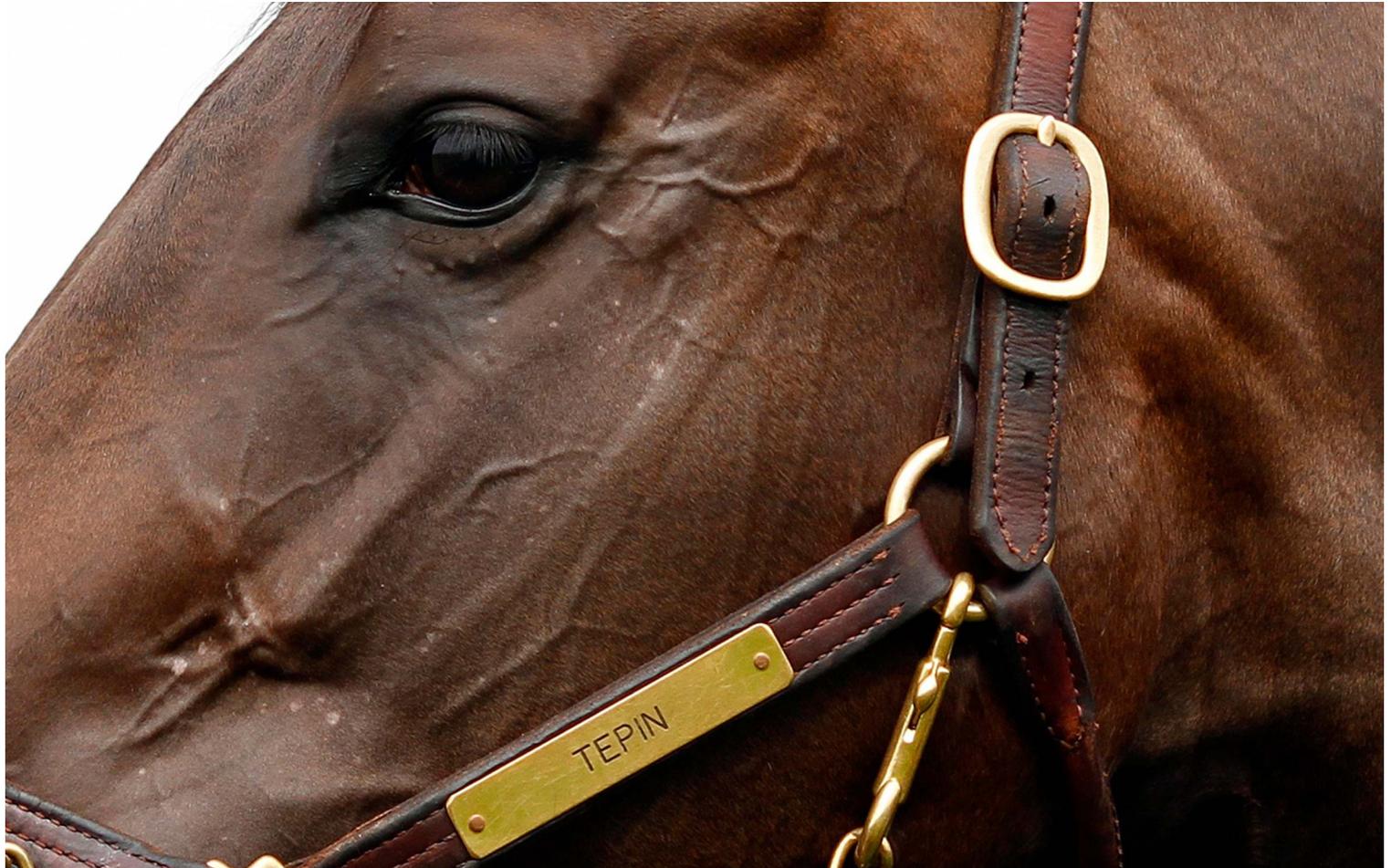


Cable Bay | *Racing Post*

G2 Challenge S. at Newmarket in October. Here's another promising sire son of Invincible Spirit.

One other horse we must mention among four-figure sires who went to stud in 2016 is France's Haras de Bouquetot's **The Wow Signal**. He was a £50,000 2-year-old from Tattersalls Ireland's Ascot sale who won his first start by nine lengths barely a month later for trainer John Quinn, and was then sold to Al Shaqab. He rewarded them, and put his sire Starspangledbanner on the map when he won the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot in June, and followed that up two months later in the G1 Prix Morny in Deauville, in which he defeated Ascot Windsor Castle S. and subsequent G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner Hootenanny. That was about it: he finished last of nine in the G1 Lagardere on 'Arc' day, and never ran again, although they did try and get him back as a 3-year-old. He stands at €8,000 at Bouquetot; he had brilliant 2-year-old form and is from a brilliant 2-year-old sire line, so has plenty to recommend him.

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Ruler of the World | Coolmore

Oppenheim: Four-Figure Bargains Cont.

Two horses with their first foals in 2016 make particular appeal at their four-figure 2017 fees. One is Coolmore's 2013 G1 Epsom Derby winner **Ruler of The World**, a half-brother to Duke of Marmalade by Galileo. Ruler of the World started out at €15,000, but is down to a tempting €8,000 for 2017. His best subsequent win was in the G2 Prix Foy as a 4-year-old, in his first start back since contesting that season's G1 Dubai World Cup on the synthetic track. Otherwise he ran into quite a bit of soft ground, which probably didn't suit him. He's quite an eye-catching individual, is the consensus of a number of judges.

Our other candidate is the Haras Du Quesnay's **Anodin**, by Anabaa and no less a personage than a full-brother to Goldikova. Anodin's only group race win came in the one-mile G3 Prix Paul de Moussac as a 3-year-old, but he was second or third in no fewer than five Group 1 races, mostly at a mile, including behind Kingman, Toronado, and Karakontie, the latter, in his final career start, when the two French-trained horses ran one-two in the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita. Shades of Dansili, a Group 2 winner who was second or third in six Group 1s. That all makes him look a very tempting buy at €7,500.

Most horses with runners which have become successful sires are now standing for five- or even six-figure sums, but a few of this year's freshman sires, F2014 sires with their first 2-year-olds in 2016, have made good starts without having their fees getting out of the four-figure range. In fact they currently rank five, six and eight on the European First-Crop Sire table ([click here](#)). The Irish National Stud's **Dragon Pulse**, by Kyllachy, won the G2 Futurity S. in 2011, and ran second in the G1 National S. He has 21 winners including three Group Stakes Horses (GSH), ranks fifth on the list, and has had his stud fee raised from €5,000 to €8,000 for 2017. Remaining at €8,000 is Coolmore's **Power**, a

son of Oasis Dream who won the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot, defeated Dragon Pulse to win the G1 National S., and went on at three to win the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas. He ranks sixth on the European Freshman Sire list, with four Black-Type Winners, more than any other European freshman sire except, uh, Frankel.

Rajsaman is currently the 8th-leading first crop European sire, from the farm that brought you Le Havre, by the top French sire Linamix. He was a multiple group winner and twice Group 1-placed, defeating Siyouni, Lope de Vega and Rio de la Plata among others. He stood for €6,000 at La Cauviniere last year, and after siring 13 winners in his first crop so far, has been raised to only €8,000 in 2017. He has been bred to more than 150 mares a year in his first three years, so there's a lot of progeny out there working for you on the racecourse, including the classic hopefuls Brametot and Prinz Hlodowig.

After being bought by Godolphin, the Brian Meehan-trained **Fast Company**, by Danehill Dancer, gave New Approach a fright in the 2007 G1

Dewhurst S., in which New Approach capped off an undefeated European championship 2-year-old season. Unfortunately, much like The Wow Signal a few years later,



Fast Company | Racing Post

Fast Company never got back to the races. He started out at the Burns family's Rathasker Stud in Ireland, then moved to Overbury in England for the 2016 season, but is now moving into one of the 'main yards' and will be standing at Kildangan, for €7,000, in 2017. His first foals were born in 2012, and he made a solid enough start, but when the filly Jet Setting, from his second crop, upset Minding in this year's G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, all of a sudden more people got a lot more interested in him. He qualifies as very solid value. One horse I wanted to mention with his first 3-year-olds is **Elusive Pimpernel**, the 2010 G3 Craven S. winner by Elusive Quality who stands at the Irish National Stud for just €1,000, pay now. Why is a €1,000 stallion worthy of mention? Because he was bred and owned by Windflower Holdings, the firm that brought us Snow Fairy, who has a rising 2-year-old filly by Elusive Pimpernel, and the legendary Big Bad Bob. Elusive Pimpernel has been bred to a few Big Bad Bob mares, I believe, but what is noteworthy is he has sired four Black-Type Horses already, and they sure look like they're going to get better as they get older. Could he be the successor to Big Bad Bob? [Cont. p7](#)

Oppenheim: Four-Figure Bargains Cont.

As we all know, there has been an explosion of Australian 2-year-olds and sprinters 'reverse-shuttling' to the European stallion ranks in the last few years, and horses like Helmet (Exceed And Excel) and Sepoy (Elusive Quality) have made good starts with their first European 2-year-olds this year; both are Darley horses, incidentally--Helmet has already sired a Group 1 winner in Thunder Snow--and Darley is standing a horse we're told is a real under-the-radar sleeper at the Haras Du Logis, name of **Exosphere**. He's by Lonhro and was a top six- and seven-furlong colt in Sydney in their spring of 2015, and will be standing his first season 'up north' for €6,000. One of our very best spies assures me that, given the exceptional French premiums, Exosphere is a very good buy. One thing we do know: they (the good sires) come from everywhere.

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CROWLEY RETURNS ON WEDNESDAY

Champion jockey Jim Crowley, who has been sidelined since the late October four-horse Kempton spill that left Freddy Tylicki paralysed, returns to the saddle on Wednesday with seven rides at Kempton and Lingfield.

"I'm really looking forward to getting back," Crowley told *Sky Sports News*. "I thought I'd have a nice, easy day coming back; I wasn't expecting so many rides, but I've got to start somewhere.



Jim Crowley | *Racing Post*

I was laid up for a few weeks and I took a bit of a bashing. I started off riding my childrens' ponies then moved on to the bigger ones. I'm fairly fit and I'm really looking forward to it."

Crowley was last month named the new first-call rider for Sheikh Hamdan

al Maktoum.

"When I got the call, I was absolutely delighted," he added. "It's going to be a bit different because I'll be riding out for lots of different stables, but hopefully I'll get on some really nice horses." Of the prospect of defending his championship, Crowley added, "Willie Carson was champion when he was retained, so it's certainly not impossible. I'll do my best to retain it, but riding for Sheikh Hamdan is my priority. Last year I didn't think about the championship until after Glorious Goodwood, so it will be much the same this year. We'll get Goodwood out of the way and see where we are. If we're close enough, we'll give it a go."

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BERRY WINS DIAR AWARD

First-time entrant Emma Berry, European Editor of the *Thoroughbred Daily News*, won the print media category of the Dubai International Arabian Races Journalists Competition for a story entitled 'Arabian World Series a Growing Force' that appeared in the July 28 *TDN* ([click here](#)). The Dubai International Arabian Races is a European showcase of Arabian racing staged each July at Newbury, and has inspired a series of international Arabian races run under the DIAR banner.

The winners of each of the three categories receive a prize of £2,000, and Berry also won an all-expenses paid trip to Dubai in 2017 for the winner that was deemed to have contributed the most to Arabian racing. A £2,000 charitable donation will also be made to Berry's nominated cause, World Horse Welfare.

Abdulla Al Ansari, Head of Media on the DIAR Committee, said, "The judges made Emma's entry the winner by a clear margin. The article is educational and informative and clearly establishes DIAR's position on the global stage. The panel was impressed by both the quality and the content of the piece, which in our opinion represents a further breakthrough for Arabian racing, commanding space in a well-respected but primarily Thoroughbred-focused international publication."

Berry said, "I am thrilled to win this award and grateful to the organisers and sponsors for making it possible. There are many more opportunities to see Arabian racing now with high-profile races appearing regularly on Thoroughbred cards. I was very impressed when I went to Newbury with the effort that had been made to attract a family crowd which must be a positive step towards attracting new followers of the sport. The thrill and excitement of racing is the same whether they are Arabians or Thoroughbreds and it is natural, therefore, that there will be crossover in the coverage and interest."

Also presented were the Digital Media award (Nabila Ramdani); Photographer of the Year (Phil Cannings) and the High Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Special Recognition Award (Royal Cavalry of the Sultinate of Oman).

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DIAR Journalists Competition award winners

APPOINTMENTS

James McHale: Head of Weatherbys Bloodstock

- James McHale will head up the bloodstock division of Weatherbys, the leading provider of bloodstock pedigrees and data in Europe and supplier of data and pedigrees to all the major European bloodstock sales.
- James was founder and director of Progeny Stallions Ltd and has held a number of senior management positions working with several high-profile clients within the industry. He has extensive bloodstock knowledge and gaming and betting industry experience. He completed the Darley Flying Start programme in 2009.
- Andrew Carter, Commercial Director of Weatherbys Ltd, said, "We are delighted to have attracted someone of James's calibre to lead the bloodstock team into this exciting new era. These are exciting times for the Weatherbys bloodstock business and we are looking forward to supporting new and existing clients through a range of enhanced and contemporary products and services."



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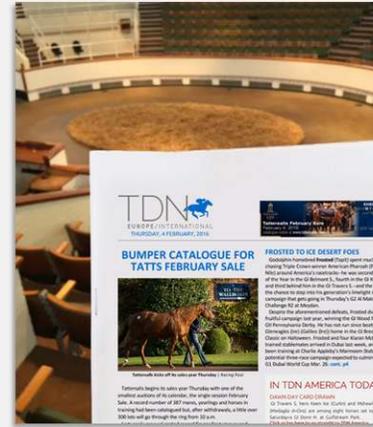
on the European racing scene

5.10 Kempton, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, 7f (AWT)

DASCHAS (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), an Amanda Perrett trainee, is a Juddmonte homebred half to last term's G3 Prix La Rochette runner-up Lawmaking (GB) (Zamindar) out of a full-sister to 2006 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 Grand Prix de Paris victor Rail Link (GB) (Dansili {GB}), and goes postward off a debut third over this course and distance last month. His 11 rivals include **Caracas (GB) (Cacique {Ire})**, who is a half-brother to 2009 G1 Prix du Moulin-winning sire Aqlaam (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), debuting for the Roger Charlton stable.

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BRITAIN



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mr Morse (GB), g, 3, **Hellvelyn (GB)**--Songsheet (GB), by Dominion (GB). SOU, 12-13, 6f (AWT), 1:16.30. B-Bishopwood Bloodstock & Trickle-down Stud (GB). *£34,000 Ylg '14 DNPRM. **1/2 to Fareer (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), SW-Eng & GSP-UAE, \$261,641; and Monsieur Boulanger (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), SW-US & SP-Eng, \$193,694.

FRANCE



Tuesday's Results:

4th-MRV, €24,000, Cond, 12-13, 2yo, 10f (AWT), 2:09.07, stn. **ECLIDOR (FR)** (f, 2, **Medecis {GB}**--**Eclipse d'Artois {Fr}**), by **Cardoun {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €21,600. O-Olivier Carli; B-Benoit Bucher (FR); T-Antoine de Watrigant.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jeannajonh (Fr), f, 2, **Deportivo (GB)**--Flower (GB), by Zamindar. PAU, 12-13, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:34.10. B-Regis Besse & Denis Picat (FR). **Joburg (Fr)**, g, 2, **Kendargent (Fr)**--Janistra, by Grand Slam. PAU, 12-13, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:33.90. B-Ecurie des Monceaux (FR).

GERMANY



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Russian Flamenco (Ger), c, 3, **Tertullian**--Russian Samba (Ire) (SW-Ger), by Laroche (Ger). DOR, 12-13, 9f 165y (AWT), 2:14.96. B-Gestut IDEE (GER). *Full to Russian Tango (Ger), MGSW & G1SP-Ger, \$353,628.

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Mr Stunning (Aus), g, 4, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--With Fervour, by Dayjur. Sha Tin, 12-11, Hcp. (A\$300k), 1200mT, 1:09.16. B-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic). *A\$110,000 Wlg '13 INGGSW; NZ\$250,000 Ylg '14 NZBPPE. [VIDEO](#)

Water Diviner (Aus), g, 4, **Equiano (Fr)**--Check In Time (Aus), by Blevic (Aus). Sha Tin, 12-11, Hcp. (A\$212k), 1200mT, 1:09.41. B-B L Terry (SA). *A\$80,000 Ylg '14 MMADE; NZ\$150,000 2yo '14 NZBRTR. [VIDEO](#)

Eagle Way (Aus), g, 4, **More Than Ready**--Wedgetail Eagle (Aus) (SW-Aus, A\$204,480), by Lure. Sha Tin, 12-11, Hcp. (A\$300k), 1600mT, 1:35.96. B-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd (NSW). *G1SW-Aus. **1/2 to Impressive Eagle (Aus) (Rubiton {Aus}), MSW & G1SP-Aus, A\$305,675; and Assertive Eagle (Aus) (Rubiton {Aus}), SW & MGSP-Aus, A\$271,750.

***A\$200,000 Ylg '14 INGEAS. [VIDEO](#)

Winner's Way (Aus), g, 4, **Starcraft (NZ)**--Sunday Service (Aus) (MSP-Aus), by Sunday Silence. Sha Tin, 12-11, Hcp. (A\$212k), 1400mT, 1:22.16. B-Bruce Reid Racing (NSW). *1/2 to Kneeling (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), MSW & GSP-Aus, A\$307,520; and That's a Good Idea (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}), SW & MGSP-Aus, A\$693,125. **Formerly Day of Rest (Aus). ***A\$55,000 Ylg '14 MMNAT. [VIDEO](#)

Blizzard (Aus), g, 5, **Starcraft (NZ)**--Stormy Choice (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Sha Tin, 12-11, Hcp. (A\$429k), 1400mT, 1:23.13. B-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic). *MSP-HK. **A\$75,000 Ylg '13 INGMEL. [VIDEO](#)

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

+**High Seas Beauty (Aus)**, f, 3, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Attesa, by Belong to Me. Vaal, 12-10, Maiden Plate, 1200mT, 1:11.36. O-Mayfair Speculators (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr D L Brugman); B-Fairway Thoroughbreds (NSW); T-Michael F de Kock. *A\$75,000 Wlg '14 MMNWNL; R700,000 Ylg '15 CAPJAN; R1,000,000 2yo '15 CTSNOV.

Lute Society (Aus), c, 3, **New Approach (Ire)**--Lute (NZ), by Stravinsky. Vaal, 12-10, Maiden Plate, 1200mT, 1:12.28. O-Messrs C J H van Niekerk M J Jooste & H Adams; B-Stud Consultants Pty Ltd; T-Sean Tarry. *A\$62,500 Ylg '15 MMNAT.

Samurai Blade (Aus), g, 4, **Where's That Tiger**--Shao Shao (Aus), by Shinko Forest (Ire). Vaal, 12-10, Allowance Plate, 1800mT, 1:49.59. O-Messrs L M Nestadt, A W Bott & B Kantor; B-Evergreen Stud Farm, Larry Nestadt, Bernard Kantor (NSW); T-Sean Tarry. *MG1SP-SAF.



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Leading Sires of 2-Year-Olds

for stallions standing in Europe through Monday, Dec. 12

Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide figures

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Galileo (Ire) <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells FYR: 2003 Crops: 12 Stands: Coolmore Stud IRE (private)</i>	6	15	5	12	3	7	72	27	\$769,491	\$2,742,336
										Churchill (Ire)	
2	Frankel (GB) <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Banstead Manor Stud ENG (£125,000)</i>	6	7	6	6	1	1	41	18	\$799,419	\$1,788,856
										Soul Stirring (Jpn)	
3	Kodiac (GB) <i>(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Tally-Ho Stud IRE (€45,000)</i>	5	17	3	9	--	1	85	35	\$165,998	\$1,258,626
										Best Solution (Ire)	
4	Dark Angel (Ire) <i>(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2009 Crops: 6 Stands: Yeomanstown Stud IRE (€60,000)</i>	5	8	4	7	--	--	101	41	\$116,689	\$1,042,983
										Dame du Roi (Ire)	
5	Fastnet Rock (Aus) <i>(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Coolmore Stud IRE (private)</i>	2	6	2	3	2	2	51	19	\$265,998	\$914,529
										Rivet (Ire)	
6	Sir Prancealot (Ire) <i>(2010) by Tamayuz (GB) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Tally-Ho Stud IRE (€5,000)</i>	2	4	1	2	--	--	76	32	\$290,961	\$830,202
										Stormy Clouds (Ire)	
7	Acclamation (GB) <i>(1999) by Royal Applause (GB) FYR: 2005 Crops: 10 Stands: Rathbarry Stud IRE (€30,000)</i>	1	4	1	1	--	1	67	25	\$421,796	\$828,174
										Mehmas (Ire)	
8	Shamardal <i>(2002) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2007 Crops: 9 Stands: Kildangan Stud IRE (private)</i>	4	5	2	3	--	2	38	19	\$347,725	\$820,989
										Blue Point (Ire)	
9	Mayson (GB) <i>(2008) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Cheveley Park Stud ENG (£5,000)</i>	3	7	--	2	--	--	48	18	\$232,401	\$782,128
										Mayson Junior (Jpn)	
10	Helmet (Aus) <i>(2008) by Exceed and Excel (Aus) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Dalham Hall Stud ENG (£8,000)</i>	1	4	1	3	1	1	54	16	\$277,692	\$772,243
										Thunder Snow (Ire)	
11	Invincible Spirit (Ire) <i>(1997) by Green Desert FYR: 2004 Crops: 11 Stands: Irish National Stud IRE (€120,000)</i>	1	5	1	4	1	1	67	25	\$252,427	\$761,213
										National Defense (GB)	
12	Conduit (Ire) <i>(2005) by Dalakhani (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Tullyraine House Stud IRE (€2,400)</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	33	8	\$210,763	\$758,718
										Daiichi Terminal (Jpn)	
13	Myboycharlie (Ire) <i>(2005) by Danetime (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Haras du Mezeray FR (€5,000)</i>	2	3	1	1	--	--	60	22	\$96,700	\$726,368
										Royal by Nature (Ire)	
14	Arcano (Ire) <i>(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Allevamento di Besnate ITY (€5,000)</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	53	23	\$208,793	\$679,399
										Mubtasim (Ire)	
15	Exceed and Excel (Aus) <i>(2000) by Danehill FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Kildangan Stud IRE (€40,000)</i>	2	5	2	3	--	1	72	30	\$83,031	\$661,532
										Yalta (Ire)	