



GARRETT GOMEZ, 1972-2016



Garrett Gomez | Horsephotos

By T.D. Thornton

Remembrances tinged with sadness poured in from all corners of the racing world Thursday in the wake of news that retired jockey Garrett Gomez has died at age 44 in Tucson, Arizona.

The two-time Eclipse Award-winning champion jockey is being recalled fondly for his horsebacking feats, which included 13 Breeders' Cup victories, four times leading North America in purse earnings, his relentless skill in driving horses home in deep stretch, and a willingness to help other racetrackers while being an articulate, humble spokesperson for the sport.

But the as-yet-unconfirmed circumstances of his death are also fraught with concerns that his passing was caused by a relapse into alcohol and/or substance abuse, the twin addictions against which Gomez struggled mightily to overcome as he drifted in and out of the sport over the past several decades.

TDN could not independently confirm a *Daily Racing Form* report published late Dec. 14 that said Gomez had been primarily living in a Tucson-area trailer, but had recently checked into the Desert Diamond Casino hotel, where his body was allegedly found Wednesday. The Nogales Highway property is part of tribal land controlled by the Tohono O'odham Nation, and no one at various tribal offices would answer questions via phone Thursday.

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ANDERSON, FORMER AGENT AND FRIEND, REMEMBERS GOMEZ

by Joe Bianca

The news of the unexpected death of former superstar jockey Garrett Gomez, 44, reverberated throughout the racing world Wednesday, with perhaps no one feeling the shock harder than Gomez's former agent and friend, Ron Anderson.

Starting in early 2006, Anderson had the book of Gomez throughout the pinnacle of his riding success, as the Tucson native reeled off a streak of four consecutive years atop the nationwide earnings list and earned Eclipse Outstanding Jockey awards in 2007 and 2008. Gomez also finished fourth in purse money earned in 2010, a little over \$1.2 million behind leader Ramon Dominguez, despite riding 674 fewer races than Dominguez that year. **Cont. p8**

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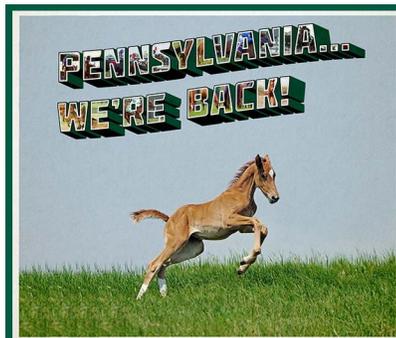
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Dr. Rudolph Alvarado, an award-winning author who collaborated with Gomez on his 2012 book, "The Garrett Gomez Story: A Jockey's Journey Through Addiction & Salvation," said in



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a Thursday phone interview that the time he spent helping Gomez shape his life story included many emotional late-night phone calls during which Gomez sometimes cried or fell silent for long stretches, but the jockey always strove to tell the truth so that others could learn from his experiences.

"I'm greatly saddened to hear the news of his passing. I was struck by the suddenness of it all," Alvarado said. "I'm always

going to remember the long discussions that we had together about the struggles that he had with alcohol and drugs, how open he was to answering every question that I had.

"He went back to Arizona searching for peace, trying to escape, trying to find a place where he could find quiet. But I think the quiet [led to] his abusing drugs and alcohol again. We're hearing that that's the case, but it hasn't been confirmed as of yet...Even though I knew he preferred isolation and solitude, I find it ironic that his life ended the way that it did, in a room, by himself. I think that that's where he always went to find his peace, by himself, in a darkened room with the curtains drawn, the TV set probably on a horse racing channel, and then just drinking or doing whatever [drugs] he's doing as much as he can."

Gomez last rode in a Thoroughbred race Oct. 5, 2013, at Keeneland Race Course. He then went inactive for about 20 months prior to announcing his retirement in June 2015. According to various published reports, Gomez had lived in Duarte, California, near Santa Anita Park while riding, but moved to Tucson in 2014 after splitting from his second wife, Pam.

Alvarado said Gomez's struggles with substance abuse seemed to come in spurts every six or seven years, and that after Gomez quit riding, Alvarado asked him if he thought he would ever relapse.

"He said, 'I don't know. You never know,'" Alvarado recounted. "He knew that much about [addiction]. He would never be one to say 'never again,' because I don't think he trusted himself enough to feel that way. **Cont. p4**

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Garrett Keith Gomez was born in Tucson Jan. 1, 1972, sharing the universal North American birthdate with the Thoroughbreds that would provide his livelihood. According to a Keeneland biography, his father, Louie, was a jockey for many years in the Southwest, and his mother, Sandy, said the family moved from place to place “like gypsies.” Gomez dropped out of high school in the tenth grade to start riding at Santa Fe Downs, where he won his first race in 1988. He and his

father rode against each other in at least four races.

As his talent became evident, Gomez graduated to bigger tracks: The California fairs circuit, Ak-Sar-Ben and Fonner Park in Nebraska, and eventually to Oaklawn Park and Arlington Park, where he got his first taste of big-money stakes racing in the mid-1990s with graded wins in the Arkansas Derby, American

Derby, and Secretariat S. Riding a wave of success, he then moved his tack to Southern California, where he routinely topped the standings and formed alliances with the nation’s top trainers.

Yet even as he enjoyed skyrocketing achievements on the track, Gomez’s difficulties behind the scenes with substance abuse had already taken root. According to a 2012 ESPN.com article, “his personal life was a shambles. There was time spent in a psych ward in

Little Rock, Ark., when he was 24 years old. There were benders that lasted for days, often weeks. **Cont. p5**



Blame (inside), with Garrett Gomez aboard, holds off Zenyatta in a Breeders’ Cup Classic for the ages | Horsephotos

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“Most of us start riding races at a very young age and if you're good, you're kind of set on a pedestal,” Gomez told ESPN.com. “You get treated differently. You meet these big people who can get you out of trouble if you mess up a little--they're trying to be helpful, but all of a sudden you think you're untouchable, like, ‘Ah ha, I can get out of anything.’ But let me tell you something--reality sets in when you're looking at going to prison for narcotics possession and those guys aren't there to help you out anymore.”

Ever resilient, Gomez rebounded in 2005. On the two-year anniversary of his entering rehab, Gomez won two Grade I Breeders' Cup races, the Juvenile with Stevie Wonderboy and the Mile with Artie Schiller. In 2006, he began picking up regular mounts for the powerhouse stable of Todd Pletcher, for whom he won 16 stakes, and he led the nation in earnings with over \$20 million.

For “Go-Go,” as he was nicknamed, the possibilities seemed as limitless as the awards, accolades, and big-race victories that

were piling up. In 2007, Gomez broke Jerry Bailey's record for most stakes victories in a season (76). He won the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Jockey in both 2007 and 2008, and continued to lead the continent in purse earnings through 2009. His top mounts during this time included Midnight Lute, Rags to Riches, and Lookin At Lucky.

The only sphere of his race-riding career in which Gomez was not as dominant came in Triple Crown races. His best finishes were second in the 2009 Derby with Pioneerof the Nile and third in the GI Preakness S. in 1994 with Concern.

In 2010, Gomez won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic with Blame, despite the fact he was injured in a spill just before the two-day championships. In addition, that win was overshadowed by the fact that Gomez and Blame had handed the wildly popular champion mare Zenyatta her only career loss, which unintentionally diminished the achievement of

the victors.

“The ride he put up on Blame, he wasn't healthy when he rode her,” said jockey Gary Stevens, a contemporary of Gomez's.



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“He had fallen and I know he was hurting that day, but that’s the kind of athlete he was. He rose to the occasion and overcame pain and was able to get the job done.”

In 2011, Gomez was voted the George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award winner by his peers, an honor that recognizes high standards of personal and professional conduct both on and off the racetrack. In 2012, Gomez notched what would turn out to be his final Breeders’ Cup score, a win by Beholder in the GI Juvenile Fillies.

Gomez relapsed in 2013 around the start of the Del Mar summer meet, admitting in published reports that he had turned to alcohol after a decade of sobriety. He rode sporadically that autumn at Keeneland then quietly slipped away from the sport, citing a desire to straighten out his life and spend time with his children.

In June 2015, Gomez announced his retirement in a Facebook post that read: “I would like to thank everyone in the sport of horse racing for all the support I ever received in my career. I

enjoyed every horse I ever rode and I thank all of them for making my career. I’d like to apologize to all my fans for leaving the sport the way I did. Sometimes you have to do things in life for yourself. I’d like everyone to know I’m officially retired from the sport of horse racing. I thank everyone for all I achieved that had a part in my career. I had a lot of awesome moments in this game. BEST GAME IN THE WORLD. THANK YOU HORSE RACING.”

His career totals included 3,769 wins and \$205,224,899 in purse earnings.

News of Gomez’s death spread across the country on the morning of Dec. 15, 2016. He is survived by four children: A daughter, Shelby, and son, Collin, from his first marriage, and a daughter, Amanda, and son, Jared, from his second.

“It’s sad,” Stevens said. “He’s at peace now. He was as good a rider as I’ve ever ridden with, a helluva guy and a helluva a competitor. I didn’t like getting beat but when he showed up, he was on his game.”

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Added Dan Ward, an assistant to trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, “He was a super guy who always took care of the workers at the barn after a win.... The day after Garrett won a big race, he would always ask for names of the grooms to stake them.”



Alvarado, Gomez’s biographer, said the final time they spoke via phone, he had asked about what Gomez wanted his legacy to be as a rider. In previous conversations, Alvarado said Gomez had always downplayed or deflected questions about whether he thought he might be worthy of induction in the National Museum of Racing’s Hall of Fame.

Garrett Gomez | NYRA/Coglianese “But that last time that we talked, in 2015, right before he announced his retirement, he said, ‘You know, it really does mean a lot to me. But I don’t know if I’m ever going to get in because I never won a Kentucky Derby or any of the big Triple Crown races,’” Alvarado recalled.

Alvarado countered by saying, “Do you think that’s going to

linger in people’s minds that long?”

Gomez answered: “It doesn’t matter whether it lingers in their minds. It does in mine.”

“And I think that was always with him, and it haunted him,” Alvarado said. -@thorntontd

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Anderson Remembers Gomez cont. from p1

Anderson had previously represented Hall of Fame jockeys Gary Stevens and Jerry Bailey, and when Bailey retired in January 2006, Anderson found himself without a big ticket rider. That's when he received a phone call from a California area code.

"I got kind of an obscure call from Julio Canani and he didn't even announce what was going on," Anderson recounted. "He just said, 'There's somebody here that you need to speak to,' and he handed the phone to somebody, and it was Garrett. Garrett said, 'Would you consider coming back [to California] to work for me?' I said, 'I'll be on the next plane if you want to put me to work.'"

The partnership began in March, and Anderson quickly recognized in the ascendant Gomez the kind of greatness he experienced with Bailey and Stevens.

"Right away, I realized the guy was just magical," he recalled. "I hadn't watched him specifically, because I was on the East Coast and I didn't watch all the California racing. I knew he had quite a bit of success going on and was on the upswing, but I really hadn't watched him. I just realized right away, this kid is really, really good. Horses ran for him, he was super, super good at being in the right spots and was one of the best finishers ever."

The biggest win of Gomez's career came in the unforgettable 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, when he piloted Blame (Arch) to an upset of undefeated champion Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) at Churchill Downs. Two days prior to that effort, Gomez took a bad fall and suffered a crack in his shoulder, an injury unbeknownst to nearly everyone besides Gomez and Anderson at the time.

"He couldn't lift his arm past about his chest level," Anderson explained. "He didn't tell anybody, even the doctor. The X-rays came up later that he had cracked it. He had considered taking off because he was in so much pain. He went back to the sleep room, took a couple of Motrin and said at the time, 'If I walk out of that room and I feel like I do now, I'm going to have to take off this horse.' He just bit the bullet and ended up riding. It's mind-boggling that he won."

Gomez and Anderson parted ways in 2012, when Anderson wanted to come back east in the spring while Gomez wanted to stay in California. A year later, Gomez, who had struggled with substance abuse before becoming sober in 2003, relapsed, and his riding career dissipated. He faded from the public eye and officially announced his retirement in June 2015 on Facebook. Anderson says he tried to contact his former client over the past few years, with little response.

"I reached out to him a number of times," he related. "He never returned any of the texts except when his mother passed away, and he texted back 'thanks.' That's the only correspondence I'd had with him." **Cont. p9**

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“He obviously went somewhere that he didn’t want to be contacted.”

While most racing fans and outsiders will remember Gomez mainly for his immense riding ability, the bigger picture coming into focus is that of a kind, but troubled soul who happened to find his calling as a great jockey.

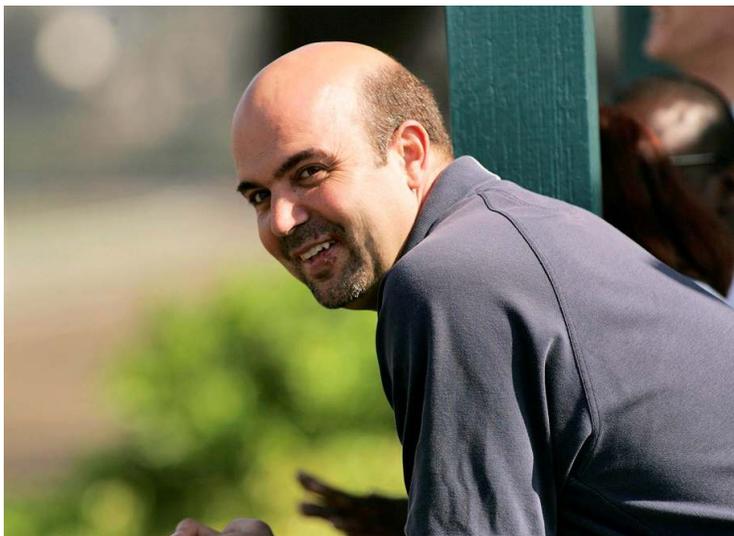
“He’s going to be known and remembered as one of the elite and best riders ever, I believe,” Anderson concluded. “And then off the racetrack, he had a real nice way to him, he liked people and was very appreciative to everything and everybody. At the end of the day, he was a really good guy who didn’t have a mean bone in his body. It’s very sad.”

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What is the most pressing problem that needs to be tackled in racing, and how would you solve it?

Racing has argued for years about various problems, whether we are talking about the use of race-day medication, optimum takeout rates, lack of marketing, the age of our clientele or the age of many of our facilities; the only thing perhaps we can all

agree upon is that there is no shortage of problems to choose from.

The true question is: which ones can we actually fix? And if fixed, what impact will they have on helping to grow the industry? Does the elimination of race-day Lasix fix our industry? Canterbury Park recently lowered takeout for their summer meeting and lost money doing it (I am not against takeout reduction, but it is not the final solution). Can tracks find a return on marketing dollars in cities such as Los Angeles or New York that will justify the expense? Have racetracks ever been an entertainment option for the youth of our country? Probably not. It seems as though we have been talking about the same problems for many years with little progress being made, the result usually being a division of our industry depending on which side of the fence one has chosen to sit.

Here is my most pressing problem the industry faces today: "AVERAGE STARTS PER RUNNER PER YEAR." It is one we never talk about, symposium after symposium or meeting after meeting. Nobody owns it. Yet the effects are so broad. To me, it is racing’s dirty little secret. The aunt who drinks too much, the brother with the drug problem... shhhh!!! Every track in the world is concerned about field size; those are discussions we constantly have. This is more about our product itself. The horse we are breeding and training and racing today.

From 1950-1970, the average starts per runner for a year had a range of 10.88-11.33. From 1970-1985, the range dropped to 10.23-8.28. From 1985-2000, the range further declined to 8.28-7.10. Since 2006, the average range has never been above 6.37. In 2015, the average starts per runner was 6.18 for the year. **Cont. p10**

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If we increased the starts per horse per year from 6.18 up to 6.68 (half a start more per year), field size grows to 8.44 from 7.82.

If we increased the starts per horse per year from 6.18 up to 7.18 (one more start per year), field size grows to 9.07 from 7.82.

Go back 20 years to 1996, and the average starts per runner per year was 7.59, which would equate to an average field size of 9.6 starters per race by today's standards.

Increased field size generates more handle, which in turn generates higher purses. Higher handle makes for more profitable racetracks, more funding for gaming commissions, for drug testing, more money for breeding funds, more money to be spent on the various industry needs and requirements. Most importantly, an owner can only recoup his expenses when his horse actually starts. More starts provide better earning potential for the owner, trainer and the jockey. It is a very simplistic approach.

How do we attract new owners into the game when a horse only runs 6.18 times a year? How do we keep our existing owners if this number continues to decline? This is a very bad business model that is simply not sustainable.

As an industry, we all share in the responsibility for this problem. That said, shouldn't we as a group admit it is a problem and try to begin to find ways to rectify the situation by working together?

What do you think somebody from the outside looking in --somebody not involved in racing--would say the problem that most needs solving is?

My non-racing group of friends will quickly identify some of the basics. Gee, your facility is very old and lacking the modern elements of most professional sports franchises. Why is your race card so long? Most sporting events run 2-3.5 hours at most. Why do you run weekday afternoons when everybody is at work?

We are an industry of traditions that are hard to change. Some things we can fix, such as the Stronach Group's efforts to modernize their facilities. NYRA is looking for long-term solutions with the Governor's office for the revitalization of some of New York's aging facilities.



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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.

Del Mar and the Kentucky tracks have done some wonderful things over the years to improve their facilities. Churchill Downs seems to be renovating something every year. Those are all positives.

Racing is essentially a jobs program. Racing on weekdays is a necessity. Can lights be added and night racing be used on weekdays? I think these are things we need to look at. Churchill Downs has done some wonderful things with their night racing programs. It makes sense to operate when you have the ability to attract the highest number of patrons.

Number of races per card is a tad tricky. In Europe, 6-7 race cards are very common. Japan, on the other hand, at JRA tracks may run 12-14 races on a Saturday or Sunday. Since each race is almost an individual game, it is difficult to compare race cards to sporting events. We are in the gambling business and I know of very few casinos that are only open a few hours a day. But from the entertainment side of things, it can be difficult keeping the average fan's attention for extended periods of time. From the jobs program side of things, we have to offer enough races for horsemen to make a living and have opportunity.

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Fifth-Crop Sires Cumulative Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Dec. 14

Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide year-to-date figures

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farm KY (\$100,000)</i>	30	56	12	36	7	12	336	249	\$3,581,120 <i>Exaggerator</i>	\$38,556,869
2	Midnight Lute <i>(2003) by Real Quiet FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY (\$25,000)</i>	17	38	9	19	2	6	288	186	\$950,272 <i>Mylute</i>	\$18,412,321
3	Street Boss <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire) FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Darley KY (\$12,500)</i>	21	35	6	9	3	5	304	228	\$1,229,720 <i>Cathryn Sophia</i>	\$17,937,635
4	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$45,000)</i>	19	31	8	13	2	5	209	128	\$3,044,000 <i>Goldcents</i>	\$17,579,055
5	Big Brown <i>(2005) by Boundary FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Dutchess Views Farm NY (\$10,000)</i>	17	34	5	12	1	6	294	186	\$1,982,480 <i>Dortmund</i>	\$17,324,454
6	First Defence <i>(2004) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Juddmonte Farms KY (\$7,500)</i>	8	19	4	6	1	1	177	123	\$2,707,300 <i>Close Hatches</i>	\$12,051,258
7	Fairbanks <i>(2003) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Northview PA PA (\$2,500)</i>	3	7	1	2	--	--	171	110	\$329,285 <i>One Go All Go</i>	\$8,546,427
8	Ready's Image <i>(2005) by More Than Ready FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Calumet Farm KY (\$7,500)</i>	5	15	1	2	--	--	178	124	\$906,640 <i>Rivers Run Deep</i>	\$8,278,671
9	Frost Giant <i>(2003) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Keane Stud NY (\$7,500)</i>	7	13	--	2	--	--	134	76	\$587,513 <i>West Hills Giant</i>	\$7,747,144
10	War Pass <i>(2005) by Cherokee Run FYR: 2010 Crops: 2 Stands: USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	7	15	5	7	1	3	85	65	\$1,353,125 <i>Revolutionary</i>	\$7,735,489
11	Run Away and Hide <i>(2006) by City Zip FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY (\$7,500)</i>	8	16	4	4	--	--	136	86	\$986,852 <i>Are You Kidding Me</i>	\$7,711,849
12	Notional <i>(2004) by In Excess (Ire) FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Rockin' Z Ranch OK (\$3,000)</i>	6	15	1	1	--	1	213	137	\$701,866 <i>Far Right</i>	\$7,093,095
13	Cowtown Cat <i>(2004) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm OH (\$2,500)</i>	2	6	1	2	--	--	142	102	\$910,521 <i>Calgary Cat</i>	\$7,021,430
14	Magna Graduate <i>(2002) by Honor Grades FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Rockin' Z Ranch OK (\$2,500)</i>	6	11	2	3	--	1	148	96	\$455,224 <i>Jessica's Star</i>	\$6,915,315
15	Bustin Stones <i>(2004) by City Zip FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Waldorf Farm NY (\$2,500)</i>	4	8	1	2	--	--	109	82	\$521,356 <i>Hot Stones</i>	\$6,214,956

LAOBAN RETIRED TO SEQUEL NEW YORK



Laoban | *Sherackatthetrack*

Laoban (Uncle Mo--Chattertown, by Speightstown), upset winner of this summer's GII Jim Dandy S. at Saratoga, has been retired and will stand at Sequel Stallions New York in Hudson, New York for the 2017 season. He will command a fee of \$7,500 stands and nurses.

The \$40,000 KEENOV weanling and \$260,000 KEESOP yearling, campaigned by Southern Equine Stable LLC and McCormick Racing LLC, retires with a record of 9-1-2-1 and earnings of \$526,250. He also hit the board in the GIII Gotham S. and GIII Sham S. as a maiden for trainer Eric Guillot.

Laoban, bred in Kentucky by Respite Farm, will be syndicated by a joint venture between Southern Equine Stables, Sequel Thoroughbreds, McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds and Woodford Thoroughbreds. Out of stakes-placed mare Chattertown, Laoban hails from the extended female family of MGISW I'm a Chatterbox (Munnings).

"We are so excited to be able to offer our clients this very exciting prospect," Sequel's Becky Thomas said. "He looks just like Uncle Mo. He's gorgeous. We are particularly excited to partner with such a great group of horsemen and breeders. The mares that will be presented to him will be second-to-none as we intend for him to follow in the footsteps of current leading freshman sire Mission Impazible. We will be offering a number of limited breeding rights to our breeders in New York as well as out-of-state clients. The expansion of the New York breeding program has allowed many more opportunities as New York-breds have increased substantially in value on the racing front, as well as in the sales ring."

She continued, "Laoban offers a unique breed back option for our Kentucky clients as well as a perfect reason for our New York breeders to stay home."

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STEVENS TO UNDERGO SURGERY WEDNESDAY



Gary Stevens | *Horsephotos*

Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens will undergo surgery to have his left hip replaced next Wednesday at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, California. Winner of more than 5,000 races in North America and a three-time GI Kentucky Derby victor, the 53-year-old native of Caldwell, Idaho is optimistic things will go well and he can eventually resume his riding career.

"I'm looking forward to getting the old hip out of there and a new one in," Stevens said Thursday morning at Clockers' Corner. "I've never had any issues on my left side. It's sort of been the workhorse all of my life."

Stevens continued, "I had Perthes disease [a degenerative ailment] in my right hip as a little kid [at age seven] and then the bad knee and everything, and this thing's always done all the work, but when it went there was no warning, no nothing. About five months ago it started bugging me, and it seemed like overnight it went south and I knew something wasn't right. Then when I got the X-rays I knew why."

Asked if he would continue to ride if all went well, Stevens said, "It's something I'm going to evaluate. It's too early to say. Even with the outcome [of the surgery], I have to make some decisions. Even if I don't return to ride competitively, I want to be able to get on horses and be in comfort, but I really don't know, because this came as such a jolt."

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FLORIDA

Thursday's Results:

9th-GP, \$42,900, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.63, gd.

FROSTY FRIDAY (f, 4, Eskendereya--Frosty Promise, by Frosty the Snowman) earned her second career victory over a grassy mile here in January and finished well back in two subsequent tries. Runner-up traveling a mile here again July 16, the bay checked in fourth in the Soaring Softly S. for Florida-bred turf distaffers Aug. 6. Let go at odds of 6-1 in this spot, she tracked the pace from the two path through a half-mile in :50.80. Shifted a bit wider entering the stretch, the 4-year-old forged past a stubborn Elusive Million (Ire) (Pour Moi {Ire}) to score by a half-length. The winner is a half to Icy Atlantic (Stormy Atlantic), MGSW, \$993,700; and Wild Promises (Wild Event), GSW, \$699,610. Sales History: \$245,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-1, \$122,635. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Gary Barber; B-Bridlewood Farm (FL); T-Mark E. Casse.

5th-GP, \$37,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-15, 3yo/up, 1 3/16mT, 1:54.23, gd.

PATTERSON CROSS (c, 3, Arch--Storm Tracer, by Pulpit) graduated at second asking going nine furlongs over the turf at Saratoga Aug. 27 and could not get involved when eighth in a 10-furlong test at Belmont Sept. 24. The bay closed belatedly to finish fourth as the tepid favorite in a 1 1/8-mile allowance at Keeneland and recently checked in fourth extended to 11 furlongs at Churchill Nov. 19. Traveling south to commence his winter campaign following that effort, the homebred was sent postward as the 6-5 chalk here and bided his time at the rear of the pack as Barraaq (GB) (Distorted Humor) was well-rated on the front end through a half-mile in :48.07. Patterson Cross became a bit eager as the field condensed and attempted to sneak through a narrow opening along the rail, but was shut off and forced to alter outward as the leader completed six panels in 1:12.17. Ranging up with a sweeping six-wide bid entering the lane, the sophomore reeled in a resurgent Barraaq and strode clear to score by a length. The winner is a full to Newsdad, MGSW, \$626,585; and a half to Blarp (War Front), GSP, \$220,465. Click [here](#) for a February 2016 feature about owner/breeder Jim Karp and Patterson Cross. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$92,408. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-James S. Karp & James Patterson; B-James S. Karp (KY); T-William I. Mott.

Comebacking Maragh to Ride at Gulfstream During Aqueduct Holiday Break:

Courtesy Gulfstream Park

The promise of Christmas spent with his family is luring jockey Rajiv Maragh to South Florida for the holidays, but the purpose of his 10-day stay won't be entirely familial.

The native of Jamaica intends to ride at Gulfstream Park during Aqueduct's holiday break, which runs Dec. 19-28.

Maragh, 31, returned to the saddle Nov. 4 following a serious spill at Belmont Park in July 2015. The accident left



Rajiv Maragh | NYRA/Coglianesse

him with several broken vertebrae, a broken rib, and a punctured lung, and required extensive and often painful rehabilitation.

During his comeback, Maragh has been riding regularly at Aqueduct, where he notched his first win since before the accident aboard Bass River Road Nov. 23. He subsequently rode multiple winners on different cards, including a four-win day Dec. 10. After Wednesday's races at Aqueduct, Maragh was second in the standings at the young inner-track meet with seven winners to Jose Ortiz' nine.

"It's nice to stay in the groove, and I already had a 16-month vacation, so I don't really care for more vacation right now," Maragh said of his decision to ride at Gulfstream over his Christmas break.

A winner of more than 1,600 career races, Maragh will make New York his home base this winter but will journey south to ride when the right opportunities present themselves.

Gulfstream has provided Maragh with fond memories. It was here that the rider won his 1,000th career race in February 2010. In January 2015, Gulfstream was the site of his first win back following a few months off to recover from a broken arm he sustained in a racing accident at Belmont the previous fall.

With 2015 being the last time that Maragh competed at Gulfstream Park, the rider said his return is a cause for celebration for his family, the majority of whom live in South Florida.

"It's a great thing for me to spend my holidays with my family and for them to be with me," said Maragh, who noted his uncles, Aubrey and Allen, are expected to provide him with mounts while he is in Florida. "Many of them haven't seen me ride in person in a long while and they are excited for the chance, and so am I. This should make for a very nice Christmas."

During Maragh's South Florida stay, agent Walter Blum, Jr. will be handling his mounts, as his New York-based agent, Tony Micallef, will be spending the holidays with his family in Canada.

EASTERN U.S.

Wednesday Night's Results:

3rd-PEN, \$30,267, Msw, 12-14, 2yo, 1m, 1:40.11, ft.

RAISE THE MAST (g, 2, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Sacred Alibi, by Stormy Atlantic) worked at Aqueduct during the month of October and relocated to Grantville in early November, posting a pair of swift three-furlong gate drills ahead of his Nov. 23 local debut. The chestnut chased the pace and leveled off to finish third going 5 1/2 furlongs that day, and came back with a bullet five-panel drill in 1:02.15 here Dec. 8. Hammered down to 6-5 favoritism as part of a two-horse entry for this first try around two turns, the gelding broke alertly and secured an ideal spot tracking the pace from second through a half-mile in :47.82. Moving to the lead under minimal encouragement from jockey Angel Rodriguez, Raise the Mast bounded home to an easy 9 3/4-length victory over Monongahela (K One King). The winner's second dam is GSW Abounding Truth (Proudest Romeo). Sales History: \$27,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$30,000 RNA 2yo '16 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$20,235. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-D A S L Stable LLC; B-Stori Atchison & Gayle Woods (KY); T-Clovis Crane.

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CENTRAL U.S.

Thursday's Results:

1st-FG, \$40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-15, 2yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:32.89, fm.

CLEVER GIRL (f, 2, Biondetti--Classic Approval {MSP, \$109,430}, by With Approval), scooped up for \$150,000 as a Keeneland November weanling, overcame some early traffic trouble and comfortably annexed her career debut going 1 1/16 miles over the Churchill Downs turf Oct. 30. The dark bay joined her trainer's winter string in New Orleans in late November and was tabbed as the 3-5 favorite to remain unbeaten here. Away without incident from the rail, she made a quick move entering the first turn to establish position locked on the outside flank of pacesetter Princess Lu Lu (Harlan's Holiday). Maintaining that spot through a half-mile in :50.56, the Florida-bred was fully extended to reel in the leader and held off a late rush from Senora Acero (The Factor) by a half-length. The winner is a half to Gulch Approval (Gulch), MGSW & GISP, \$593,004; Rusty

Slipper (Lemon Drop Kid), MGSW & GISP, \$332,393; Approval Rating (Lemon Drop Kid), SW & MGSP, \$302,772; and Highest Class (Mineshaft), MGSP, \$120,996; as well as Moyne Abbey (Charismatic), dam of 2014 GI Wood Memorial S. winner Wicked Strong (Hard Spun). This is also the extended family of MGISW Student Council and MGSW Don't Get Mad (Stephen Got Even). Classic Approval produced a colt by Soldat earlier this year and was bred back to He's Had Enough. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$56,700. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Tracy Farmer; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC. (FL); T-Brad H. Cox.

Winning with Woodford

KENTUCKY

Taylor Joins Board of Horse Country:

Duncan Taylor, president and CEO of Taylor Made, was elected to the board of directors of Horse Country by the members of the organization at the annual business meeting Dec. 14. Taylor Made was an early member of Horse Country, which was incorporated in June of 2014.

Taylor also serves on Keeneland's Board of Directors and the



Duncan Taylor

Keeneland Executive Board,

as well as the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Equine Education Project (K.E.E.P.).

Since the not-for-profit organization began operations, its 36 member locations, which comprise equine attractions such as farms, clinics, and even a feed mill, have hosted more than 25,000 tour guests from 49 states and five countries.

Brutus Clay, president of Runnymede Farm in Paris, Kentucky; and Mary Quinn Ramer, president of VisitLEX, were re-elected to the board. Taylor replaces outgoing director Clifford Barry of Pin Oak Stud, who served on the organizing board of Horse Country.

"We at Taylor Made are dedicated to changing the game when it comes to fan development," said Taylor. "We believe in this concept and organization. I'm proud to serve and appreciate the support of the membership of Horse Country."

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INDUSTRY INFO

Jockeys and Jeans Raises Almost \$500,000 for the PDJF; Stallion Seasons Auction Set for Jan. 20:

Jockeys and Jeans, a charity event in existence for only three years with stops at Tampa Bay Downs, Indiana Grand and Gulfstream Park, will be heading to Parx Racing in June 2017. Jockeys and Jeans has raised nearly \$500,000 for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund.

Jockeys and Jeans and the Stronach Group will also host a Stallion Seasons Auction to benefit the PDJF at Gulfstream Park Jan. 20 at the Pre-Eclipse Awards party.

“We must also thank Tom Ventura of the Ocala Sales Company for sponsoring this event, and without their financial support, this would not be possible,” a release from Jockeys and Jeans read. “We are overwhelmed by the response from our friends in Kentucky, Ocala, New York and even California who have stepped up to the plate to help our brothers and sisters who have given everything to the game we all love.”

Contact Reverend Eddie Donnelly at: eddonnelly@gmail.com, (818) 653-3611 or Barry Pearl at: jockeysandjeans@gmail.com (717) 503-0182 to donate a stallion season.

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Fasig-Tipton grad Frosty Friday (Eskendereya) wins the Thursday feature at Gulfstream Park.

New Vocations Receives \$100,000 from Donors:

New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program announced today that leading harness racing owner Burke Racing Stable and an anonymous Thoroughbred donor have become the newest \$50,000 Foundation Donors for the New Vocations Capital Campaign. To date, the campaign has raised over \$1.6 million of the \$2 million goal needed to build its new racehorse aftercare facility on historic Mereworth Farm.

“New Vocations has been close to my heart for the past 24 years,” said Mickey Burke, who, with his son Ronnie, owns Burke Racing Stable. “Ronnie and I both feel this is a great way to show our support for the wonderful work this organization does for the many horses entering the program and getting adopted each year.”

Anna Ford, New Vocations' Thoroughbred Program Director, added, “We are blessed to have leaders in both the Thoroughbred and Standardbred industry supporting our Capital Campaign. New Vocations at Mereworth Farm is already proving to increase our ability to get more horses transitioned into new homes.”

The New Vocations Capital Campaign was launched in May of 2015. Once the project is complete, the new facility will double the number of horses New Vocations is able to take at its Lexington operation.

To follow the campaign's progress and learn more about the naming and giving opportunities, visit

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Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- ALGORITHMS** (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 89/12/1
8-FG, Msw 6f, +Tough Equation, \$70K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- AMERICAIN** (Dynaformer), Calumet Farm, \$20K, 40/2/0
6-TP, Msw 1m, American Sea, 3-1
- BODEMEISTER** (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 131/13/1
5-LRL, Msw 6f, Dharmaster, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
- 8-FG, Msw 6f, +Pleasant Empire, \$425K FTS AUG yrl, 8-1
- CALIBRACHOA** (Southern Image), Red River Farms, \$2K, 15/2/0
6-DED, Alw 7f, Shy Ruston, \$5K EQL 2YO 2yo, 9-2
- DOMINUS** (Smart Strike), Spendthrift Farm, \$6.5K, 50/9/2
6-TP, Msw 1m, +Ingadore, \$12K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- GEMOLOGIST** (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 117/13/2
8-FG, Msw 6f, +Tanzanite, \$95K RNA FTF MAR 2yo, 9-2
- HANSEN** (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 102/18/1
7-TP, Aoc 6f, Que Hansen, \$37K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 7-2
- INDIAN FIREWATER** (Indian Charlie), Doubletree Farm, \$3K, 25/4/0
7-SUN, Msw 5 1/2f, +Sassy Who, 5-1
- MISSION IMPAZIBLE** (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York, \$7.5K, 50/7/1
1-DED, Msw 6 1/2f, Impazible Pat, \$19K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1
- STAY THIRSTY** (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 91/17/1
8-FG, Msw 6f, Reaction, \$85K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
6-TP, Msw 1m, +Fulkerson, 12-1
- THE FACTOR** (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 105/11/2
7-TP, Aoc 6f, Silly Factor, \$27K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 7-5



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Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, December 16

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) Please note: from Jan. 1-Apr. 30 all starters will be listed here. From June 1-Dec. 31, only offspring that are first-time starters or starting in a stakes race will be listed here.

ALBERTUS MAXIMUS (Albert the Great), Shadwell Farm, Pvt., 94/25/2

6-TP, Msw 1m, +Dr Givens, \$1,000 RNA FTK FEB yr1, 10-1

BROOKS 'N DOWN (Montbrook), Ocala Stud Farm, 15/4/0

9-DED, Msw 5f, +Frosty Channel, 6-1

CUBA (Not For Love), MD, 7/0/0

5-LRL, Msw 6f, +Thats My Fella, 20-1

ICE BOX (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$7.5K, 141/34/1

9-LRL, Msw 6f, +Icelake, \$200K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-1

4th-CT, \$24,500, (S), 12-14, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.22, ft.

NEW WINDSOR (g, 3, Windsor Castle--Officer Cat, by Officer)

Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$51,490. O/B-Bradley Ceamon & Connie Ann Merrell (WV); T-Eduardo E. Rojas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Surely Sensible, f, 4, **Street Sense**--A. P. Elegance, by A.P. Indy. TP, 12-14, 1m (AWT), 1:41.30. B-Robert & Beverly Lewis Trust (KY).

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Cosmo Charlie, c, 2, by **Stay Thirsty**. See "Middle East report."

Dehbashi, g, 3, **Blame**--Fiscal Policy (SW-US), by Wildcat Heir.

MEY, 12-15, Mdn, 3yo/up, 2000m. B-SF Bloodstock LLC.

*\$45,000 RNA yr1 '14 KEEJAN; \$67,000 yr1 '14 KEESEP.

Fitzgerald, g, 4, by **Elusive Quality**. See "Middle East report."

Storm Belt, h, 7, by **More Than Ready**. See "Middle East report."

IN JAPAN:

Rieno Tesoro, f, 2, by **Speightstown**. See "Asia report."

Amour Briller, m, 5, by **Smart Strike**. See "Asia report."

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-PEN, \$33,300, (S), 12-14, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.06, ft.

TIMMY T (g, 4, Two Punch--Polish Choice, by Polish Numbers)

Lifetime Record: 33-2-4-4, \$106,918. O-William S. Meister;

B-Julie Arbogast & Joann D. Alexander (PA); T-William S.

Meister.

2nd-PEN, \$33,040, 12-14, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.72, ft.

TIPSY MOOSE (g, 3, Friesan Fire--Deanies Dancer, by Lion

Hearted) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$75,360. O-Sylmar Farm;

B-Elizabeth R. Houghton (PA); T-T. Bernard Houghton.

7th-CT, \$27,000, (S), 12-14, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.41, ft.

HEAR THE CHATTER (g, 4, Mass Media--Stefani's Surprise, by

Stephen Got Even) Lifetime Record: MSW, 22-10-6-2, \$331,584.

O/B-Kristy Petty (WV); T-John A. Casey.

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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
12/31	GI American Oaks	SA
1/7	GIII Dania Beach S.	GP
	GIII Hutcheson S.	GP
1/14	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
1/21	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
1/28	GI Pegasus World Cup	GP
	GIII W.L. McKnight H.	GP
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VINTAGE RENEWAL OF GLAMOUR SALE



Magic Millions Gold Coast graduate Global Glamour | Bronwen Healy

by Kelsey Riley

It is possible that everyone in the racing industry worldwide has heard of Global Glamour (Aus) (Star Witness {Aus}). That is because, as Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox put it, everyone in the racing industry knows at least one of the dual Group 1 winner's 40 owners.

In the space of just seven days in October, Global Glamour wrote Magic Millions the best advertisement it could dream of when winning the G1 Flight S. and G1 Thousand Guineas for the syndicate of 40 women spread across the globe that came together to buy her on the Gold Coast in 2015 for A\$65,000. With just five starts under her belt, Global Glamour has earned A\$641,500.

Global Glamour, of course, isn't the only filly to fly the flag on the global stage this year for the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. The incomparable Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) was a A\$230,000 buy in 2013, and she has now won 13 straight races including nine Group 1s and two Cox Plates, and earned over A\$9.3-million. The Gold Coast Sale has also produced the last two winners of the G1 Golden Slipper in Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) and Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}).

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RECORD TURNOVER FOR GOFFS IN 2016

A record annual turnover of over €170-million, a rise of 11% from 2015, was the highlight of a positive 2016 for the Goffs Group. Of that turnover, €120,686,343 was generated by Goffs, while £40,807,250 was brought in by Goffs UK (formerly DBS) in its first year under its new banner. Goffs UK was strongly represented on the racetrack in 2016, highlighted by four winners at Royal Ascot, including this year's Doncaster Breeze-Up joint toppers Ardad (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and Prince Of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}).

"2016 has been a wonderful year for the Goffs Group on so many levels and we are proud to have marked this special year with record turnover and so many highlights," said Goffs Group Chief Executive Henry Beeby. "For an Irish company to be in a position to celebrate 150 years in business is noteworthy in itself and we are grateful to everyone who has helped us reach this milestone." [Cont. p6](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

GARRETT GOMEZ, 44, PASSES AWAY

Retired jockey Garrett Gomez, who won two Eclipse Awards as the top jockey in America in 2007/2008, passed away Wednesday. He was 44. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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Vintage Renewal Of Glamour Sale Cont. from p1

The 2017 edition of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale takes place Jan. 11 to 17. The first four days comprise Book 1, and include three daytime sessions followed by an evening session on the Saturday that takes place after the A\$10-million Magic Millions Race Day across the street from the sales complex at the Gold Coast Turf Club. Book 2 takes place Sunday the 15th, followed by Book 3 on the 17th. There are 1030 yearlings catalogued across Books 1 and 2, and while a quick flip through the catalogue pages suggests the sale could be one of the strongest renewals ever held, Magic Millions's Vin Cox and Barry Bowditch said that rather than waxing poetic, they'd prefer for the judges to decide for themselves.

Bowditch noted, however, that entries--and quality among those entries--were up for this renewal.

"We had more quality horses than ever to choose from," he said. "Therefore, we were able to be very selective about what we took. The depth in the higher level of the catalogue is much deeper than we've ever had in the past--we have 60 more horses in Book 1."

While as recent as a few years ago the Gold Coast sale was considered chiefly a source of precocious juveniles, the sale can no longer be pigeonholed, Bowditch said.

"The depth and the diversity--nearly 100 stallions represented over the books--is pretty important," he said. "We're not too one-dimensional in any way; there should be a horse for everyone there."

The catalogue includes 34 siblings to Group 1 winners and the progeny of 21 Group 1-winning mares, as well as the relations to many other prolific stakes performers and members of some of



Gold Coast sales complex | Magic Millions

Australia's--and the world's--most prolific families, including several descendants of the great Shantha's Choice (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}), whose worldwide appeal was highlighted recently when a War Front colt out of her granddaughter Drifting Cube (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) was the highest-priced weanling at Keeneland's November Sale when bought by MV Magnier for \$1.45-million.

Highlights of the catalogue on paper include [lot 73](#), a colt from the first crop of The Factor who is a half to G1 Coolmore Stud S. winner Japonisme (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}); [lot 81](#), a Fastnet Rock (Aus) daughter of Australian champion 3-year-old filly Heavenly Glow (Aus) (Spinning World); [lot 141](#), a Smart Missile (Aus) half-sister to this year's G1 Golden Slipper winner Capitalist; [lot 232](#), a Dundee (NZ) colt out of champion Miss Finland (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), already the dam of Classic winner Stay With Me (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}); [lot 266](#), a Pierro (Aus) colt who is the first foal out of French Group 2 winner Never Forget (Fr) (Westerner {Fr}); [lot 294](#), a

Pierro filly out of Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed Pane In The Glass (Aus) (Testa Rossa {Aus}); [lot 302](#), a Fastnet Rock son of G1 Tattersalls Tiara S. winner Pear Tart (Aus) (Dehere); [lot 322](#), a Not A Single Doubt (Aus) half-sister to Group 2 winners Catch A Fire (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) and Seaburge (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}); [lot 339](#), a full-brother to G1 Golden Slipper winner and successful sire Sebring (Aus) (More Than Ready); [lot 353](#), an Equiano (Fr) half-brother to Group 1 winner Srikandi (Aus) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Group 3 winner Rain Gal (Aus) (Galileo {Ire}); [lot 420](#), a full-sister to champion 3-year-old Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus});

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TWO EXCITING YOUNG STALLIONS

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Additional lots of interest include: [lot 459](#), an I Am Invincible colt out of multiple group winner Sister Madly (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), whose Sepoy colt made A\$1.2-million here two years ago; [lot 490](#), a Bernardini colt who is the first foal for four-time Group 1 winner Streama (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}); [lot 570](#), an I Am Invincible daughter of Group 2 winner Vormista (Aus) (Testa Rossa {Aus}), and a half-sister to G1 Blue Diamond S.-second Reemah (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}); [lot 607](#), an I Am Invincible half-brother to Group 1-winning sprinter Sizzling (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}); [lot 642](#), a filly by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) from the immediate family of Group 1 winner Mikki Isle (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}); [lot 648](#), a Snitzel half-brother to this season's G1 Emirates S. winner Awesome Rock (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}); [lot 765](#), a Fastnet Rock half-sister to dual Group 1 winner Miracles of Life (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}); [lot 805](#), an Exceed and Excel (Aus) colt out of G1 South Australian Oaks winner Episode (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}), and therefore a half-brother to G1 Flight S. winner First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

There are almost 60 yearlings out of American-bred mares

catalogued, including [lot 72](#), a Snitzel filly out of dual Grade II winner Gypsy Robin (Daaher); [lot 98](#), a Fastnet Rock filly out of a half-sister to Horse of the Year Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry); [lot 165](#), a Tapit filly out of dual stakes winner Leinan (Ready's Image); [lot 203](#), a Medaglia d'Oro colt out of GI Spinaway S. winner Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot); [lot 336](#), a Fastnet Rock colt out of GI Hollywood Starlet S. winner Pure Fun (Pure Prize); [lot 375](#), an All Too Hard (Aus) colt out of GI Ballerina S. winner Rightly So (Read the Footnotes); [lot 532](#), a Tapit colt out of GI Schuylerville S. winner Touch Love (Not for Love), who is already the dam of three stakes horses including stakes winner Starfish Bay (Elusive Quality); and [lot 797](#), a Fastnet Rock half-sister to dual Grade III winner Pachattack (Pulpit).

The aforementioned lots just scratch surface of the international appeal in the catalogue, a trend that has been

apparent Down Under for a number of years now. Americans and Europeans have been traveling in increasing numbers to Australia to buy yearlings, often in partnership with each other and local buyers, and in turn Australians have been traveling far and wide to source broodmares with commercial appeal on a worldwide level. [Cont. p4](#)



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Vintage Renewal Of Glamour Sale Cont.

Speaking from Keeneland during the November sale, Vin Cox said, “we’ve been saying for a long time the globalization of the industry has been happening for 10 to 15 years, with the proliferation of the shuttle stallions. Now, you’re getting more and more Australians coming here to buy mares so the Americans can then recognize those pedigrees when they come to our sales. And a lot of these American owners and Australian owners are teaming up in horses, whether it’s in Australia or in America, which happened this year [at Keeneland] September. Everyone knows each other; it’s a small pool that we deal in and it’s great that there’s this cross-pollination of the industries.”

While the appearance of new international visitors always generates excitement for a sales company, it is important to note that the majority of spending is still done by domestic buyers.

“Last year the total spend roughly from internationals was 30%, so the other 70% was the domestic market,” Cox said. “Of

the 30% the internationals spent, the majority left their horses in Australia to race for obvious reasons: the prize money is outstanding, the racing is great and if you can get a horse that turns into a Capitalist, a Vancouver, a Pierro--they’re worth a lot of money. That’s one thing our market is: if you do get the right colt, it’ll change your postcode, as we say at home.”

First-season sires have featured prominently at the Gold Coast sale the last two years, with a son of Sepoy topping the sale at A\$1.2-million two years go and Pierro last year producing two seven-figure lots, including the sale’s most expensive filly. This year’s line up boasts some exciting prospects in the likes of Camelot (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), Declaration Of War (War Front), Dundee (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Epaulette (Aus) (Commands {Aus}), Eurozone (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), Fiorente (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), Shamus Award (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), Sizzling (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), The Factor (War Front), Unencumbered (Aus) (Testa Rossa {Aus}) and Zoustar (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}). [Cont. p5](#)



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The Australian yearling market hit unprecedented heights last year, and the Gold Coast sale itself became the Southern Hemisphere’s highest-grossing yearling sale since 2008. Last year’s average and median each climbed 15% to A\$195,679 and A\$150,000, respectively, but perhaps the most remarkable figure was the 88.5% clearance rate for 591 sold. Cox suggested Australia’s syndication model is a big reason why so many horses are able to be sold.

“The biggest difference between our market and the North American market or European market is the syndication model we have,” he said. “Something like one in 300 Australians owns a share in a horse, which is a staggering statistic, when you think about it. When you’ve got that sort of awareness of horses, ownership and investment in horses, it’s an easy sell.”

Another driving factor in Magic Millions sales has been its race day, contested annually on the Saturday after the first three days of selling. The race day received a significant prize money



A packed sales ring | Magic Millions

injection last year, making it the first A\$10-million race day ever staged in Australia. The races are restricted to graduates of Magic Millions sales and are highlighted by the A\$2.5-million Magic Millions 2YO Classic and the A\$2-million Magic Millions 3YO Guineas. The 2YO Classic also features the Magic Millions women’s bonus: A\$500,000 split between the first four all female owned horses across the line.

“There’s no doubt it’s had a significant effect,” said Cox of the influence of the race day on the sale. “Going back to the syndicators, it’s an easy sell for them to say, ‘you’ve got a horse that’s qualified for the Magic Million race series,’ --it’s a lifetime member of the Magic Millions club, if you like. You don’t necessarily have to come for the 2-year-old race, you can come back the next year as a 3-year-old or as an older horse. But we’re finding a number of people saying they

want to buy a horse for the 2-year-old race.”

In other words, no matter what way you look at it, there should be something for everyone on the Gold Coast in January.

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*The first dozen yearlings by six-time G1 winner **DUNDEEL** head to Magic Millions January*

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Record Turnover For Goffs in 2016 Cont. from p1

Goffs graduates won two European Classics this year, and the company's flagship sale, the Orby yearling sale, enjoyed growth in average and median and plenty of new international investors.

Another highlight of the year was the appointment of Goffs to handle the Wildenstein Stables dispersal, which was topped by Classic winner Beauty Parlour (GB) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) at €1.6-million, and her Dubawi (Ire) yearling colt at €1.4-million. The November Sale recorded turnover in excess of €40-million for just the second time.

"For many years Goffs has acted as the gateway to the world for Irish breeders and we were honoured that David Wildenstein and his family chose us to conduct their important dispersal,"



Henry Beeby | *Racing Post*

Beeby said. "Seeing the top lot in each category sell to three different buyers was a demonstration of their appeal with established heavyweights Godolphin and Shadwell being

joined by a major new investor at European sales this year, White Birch Farm from the U.S. That vote of confidence is mirrored by increasing numbers of vendors who make so many Goffs sales their first choice in Ireland and the UK."

The top draw at the Goffs London Sale was the £1.3-million Jet Setting (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}), who provided the sale with the UK's highest-priced horse in training for the third year in a row.

Beeby also recognised the challenges in the market that were apparent this year. "The superb results from the teams on both sides of the Irish Sea clearly show the huge appetite for the best bloodstock from these shores, but it behooves all of us to work together lower down the scale to address the issues that were clearly evident in certain sectors throughout the autumn," he said. "These problems were flagged 12 months ago and whether "polarised" is the correct description of the market, there is no doubt that commercial breeders face significant challenges in the lower tiers of bloodstock trading as the falling clearance rates at certain sales clearly flagged." **Cont. p7**

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“Finally, we would like to pay tribute to every member of the Goffs teams, past and present, in Ireland and the UK for their contribution to the company in each of our 150 years,” he concluded. “Goffs is very much about our people and we are proud to work to the highest standards of integrity in everything we do at every sale and in every area. That has proved to be the hallmark of Goffs since 1866 and will only continue.”

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FARMS ANNOUNCED FOR STALLION TRAIL

The lineup of 27 stud farms set to participate in the 2017 Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Stallion Trail has been released. The stallion trail will take place Jan. 27 and 28. ITM’s Marketing Manager, Sarah Nash, said, “The 2016 ITM Irish Stallion Trail was a fantastic weekend building on the huge success of 2015. The full list of participating farms is available at www.itm.ie/stalliontrail, and we ask people interested in attending the trail to register through the website.”

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Goffs Comparative Annual Figures

	Offered	Sold	Turnover	Average
2015	3,846	3,023 (79%)	€109,261,454	€36,143
2016	4,247	3,183 (75%)	€120,686,343	€37,916

Goffs UK Comparative Annual Figures

	Offered	Sold	Turnover	Average
2015	2,157	1,693 (79%)	€37,115,750	€21,923
2016	2,290	1,840 (80%)	€40,807,250	€22,178

Goffs Group Comparable Annual Figures

	Offered	Sold	Turnover	Average
2015	6,003	4,716 (79%)	€160,384,914	€39,009
2016	6,537	5,023 (77%)	€170,490,058	€33,942



Australia poses at Coolmore Stud during the 2016 Irish stallion trail
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Caravaggio (Scat Daddy) and Ryan Moore en route to G2 Coventry S. success at Royal Ascot. | Racingfotos.com

O'ROURKE TO LEAVE NATIONAL STUD

Brian O'Rourke, who has served as managing director of The National Stud for more than eight years, will stand down from that position in March 2017 to take up a position with Copgrove Hall Stud in Yorkshire.

"I am very proud to have served as Managing Director of The National Stud and of the achievements we have delivered over the past eight years. I wish the team all the best for the future and I am excited about my next venture."

The National Stud now seeks to recruit a new managing director. Ben Sangster, chairman of The National Stud, said, "This is an excellent opportunity for a high-calibre stud manager with experience in Britain or overseas. Brian and the team have done a fantastic job over the last few years and the new managing director will be coming in with solid foundations on which to build. I have greatly enjoyed working with Brian, who has been first-class in every sense. I should also like to take this opportunity to express our continuing gratitude to our customers for all their support and we look forward to seeing them in the new breeding season."

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BRITAIN



Thursday's Results:

1st-CHD, £6,000, Mdn, 12-15, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:25.20, stn.

OMRAN (GB) (c, 2, [Choisir {Aus}](#)--Ruff Shod, by Storm Boot), a debut second going six panels at Doncaster last time Nov. 5, occupied a stalking role racing in a handy fourth after the initial strides of this synthetic bow. Nudged along for his effort at the top of the two-furlong straight, the 4-7 pick eased to the fore full of run approaching the final eighth and was ridden clear in the closing stages to easily best Special Relation (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}) by six lengths. Half to a yearling filly by Thewayyouare, the chestnut is out of an unraced half-sister to GI Santa Anita Oaks heroine Hail Atlantis (Seattle Slew), whose three black-type performers include dual stakes-winning sire Stormy Atlantic (Storm Cat) and Divine Dixie (Dixieland Band), herself the dam of GI Toyota Blue Grass S.-winning sire Bandini (Fusaichi Pegasus) and G3 Sweet Solera S. victress Discourse (Street Cry {Ire}). Sales history: 3,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$7,474. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-HE S Al-Kaabi; B-Bugley Stud & D B Clark (GB); T-Marco Botti.

1st-NC, £5,500, Mdn, 12-15, 2yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:29.25, stn. **+BRITANNIC (IRE) (c, 2, [Excelebration {Ire}](#)--Fountain of Peace, by Kris S.),** raced at the tail of the field after a hesitant break in this unveiling. Inching ever closer from halfway, the 7-1 chance cruised into contention passing the quarter-mile marker and ran on strongly for whipless coaxing once shaken up at the eighth pole to deny Arnarson (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) by a half length. Kin to filly foal by Australia (GB), he becomes the 21st winner for his freshman sire (by Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and the sixth out of an unraced daughter of MG1SW French highweight Coup de Genie (Mr. Prospector), whose four black-type performers are headed by G1 Prix Marcel Boussac-winning French highweight Denebola (Storm Cat). Coup de Genie, herself a daughter of blue hen Coup de Folie (Halo), also produced the dam of MG1SW sires Bago (Fr) (Nashwan) and Maxios (GB) (Monsun {Ger}). Sales history: 18,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TAOCT; €72,000 2yo '16 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,470.

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O-Never Say Die Partnership; B-Fountain Syn & Flaxman Stables (IRE); T-David Simcock.

3rd-NC, £4,500, Cond, 12-15, 3yo/up, 12f 98y (AWT), 2:44.37, stn.

GO GEORGE GO (IRE) (g, 3, [Zebedee {GB}](#)--La Bella Grande {Ire}, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$7,201. O-Lee Bond; B-Pat Grogan (IRE); T-Alan Swinbank. *€20,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB. **1/2 to Rosina Bella (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), SW-Ity.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Notte Illuminata (Ire), f, 3, [Acclamation \(GB\)](#)--Sogno Verde (Ire), by Green Desert. NC, 12-15, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:42.18.

B-Swordlestown Little (IRE). *€360,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €165,000 3yo '16 GOFNOV. **Full to Lilbourne Lad (Ire), GSW-Ire & G1SP-Eng, \$266,546; and 1/2 to Bobbyscot (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}), GSP-Ire.

FRANCE



Thursday's Results:

3rd-TLU, €10,000, Cond, 12-15, 3yo, 12fT, 2:34.03, sf.

APRIL EIGHTEEN (IRE) (f, 3, [Azamour {Ire}](#)--Spa {GB}, by Sadler's Wells) Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-2, €14,400. O-Giorgio Guglielmi di Vulci; B-Successori del Marchese G Guglielmi (IRE); T-Simone Brogi. *€15,500 Ylg '14 TISEP; 15,000gns 2yo '15 TATJUL. **1/2 to Persian Majesty (Ire) (Grand Lodge), SW & GSP-Eng, \$157,716.

French Results Cont.

7th-TLU, €10,000, Cond, 12-15, 3yo, 10ft, 2:08.11, sf.
GIRL'S HOPE (IRE) (f, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Allegrina {Ire}, by Barathea {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, €17,100. O-Mandore International Agency; B-Elaine Marie Smith (IRE); T-Damien de Watrigant. *£40,000 Ylg '14 DNPRM. **Full to Boomshackerlacker (Ire), MSW-Fr, SW & GSP-Ger, MSP-Eng, \$250,662.

6th-TLU, €10,000, Cond, 12-15, 4yo/up, 8ft, 1:39.40, sf.
LINE DRUMMER (FR) (g, 6, Galileo {Ire}--Miss Bio {Fr}, by River Mist) Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 19-4-4-5, €88,497. O-Mme Annie Casteu, Guillaume Linsolas & Benoit Chalmel; B-Mme Marie-Laure Collet, Jean Collet, Mme Marylene Collet & Bloodstock Amarvillas (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. *€260,000 Ylg '11 ARAUG; 70,000gns 3yo '13 TA13; €200,000 RNA 4yo '14 ARJUL; 120,000gns 4yo '14 TA14; £24,000 6yo '16 BRIJUL. **1/2 to Stormy River (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Fr & G1SP-Eng, \$895,537; and Silverwave (Fr) (Silver Frost {Ire}), G1SW-Fr, \$599,387.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Miremont (Fr), g, 3, Muhaymin--Clarte d'Or (Fr), by Kendor (Fr).
 TLU, 12-15, 7ft, 1:26.21. B-Athanase Pouloupoulos (FR).

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN DUBAI:

Muhtaram (GB), g, 6, Shamardal--Neshla (GB), by Singspiel (Ire).
 MEY, 12-15, Hcp, NH 2yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600m. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd. *160,000 yrl '11 TAOOCT.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

MOODIE RESIGNS FROM RV BOARD

David Moodie has been cleared of accusations of leaking information in the Danny O'Brien and Mark Kavanagh cobalt case, but resigned from the Racing Victoria board on Thursday, according to *Racing.com*. Moodie, also a prominent racehorse owner in Australia, had stood aside from his role as chairman in October. The RV board considered the findings of a report by Racing Integrity Commissioner Sal Perna, who was referred by the RV Integrity Council, and cleared Moodie of any wrongdoing.

Acting RV chairman Mike Hirst said in a statement, "The investigation centred upon allegations regarding the external dissemination of information from RV in January 2015 relating to the detection of positive cobalt swabs by licensed trainers Mark Kavanagh and Danny O'Brien. In considering the report from Mr. Perna, the RV Board heard representations from David Moodie, who stood aside from his duties as RV Chairman on Oct. 14, 2016, pending the outcome of the investigation."

"In reviewing this matter the Board considered a range of points, including the confidential investigation by Sal Perna," the statement continued. "Mr. Perna's report found that David Moodie was not the source of the leak from Racing Victoria. Given that fact, David today tendered his resignation from the Board of Racing Victoria with immediate effect to devote his energies to his personal operations. He believes that the decision is in the best interests of himself and his family, who have been through a difficult time over the past two months. The Board has accepted his resignation and wishes to acknowledge the significant contribution made by David to the industry. In light of Mr. Perna's report and our considerations, the Board will now review the circumstances around the external dissemination of the information in question."

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HARRON LAUNCHES SYNDICATIONS

James Harron Bloodstock has launched a new company, JHB Syndications, that will offer horses for public syndication beginning in 2017. Dean Elliott has been appointed general manager of the venture, which will target fillies selected by James Harron at public auction.

"I'm very proud of the great team we've built with strong



Dean Elliott

management in place to ensure we achieve the best outcomes for our horses and provide our owners with a thrilling experience," said Harron. "I'm delighted that we can now bring

this model to the wider racing community through JHB Syndications. At the sales we will be targeting affordable fillies with the physical attributes to run fast and early--the winning post is our only aim."

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Harron Launches Syndications Cont.

Elliott added, "JHB Syndications brings James Harron Bloodstock's stringent selection and management processes to public market during a time in Australian racing where prize money levels and conditions have never been stronger. We'll be active as a licensed syndicator at the upcoming Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, and we invite people to register their interest to find out more about the ownership experience that we're proud to be able to offer."

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1st-Warwick Farm, A\$40,000, Mdn, 1100mT, 1:04.08, gd.

+DEBONAIRLY (AUS), f, 2, by Snitzel (Aus)

1st Dam: Crystal Choir (GB), by Singspiel (Ire)

2nd Dam: Crystal Ring (Ire), by Kris (GB)

3rd Dam: Crown Treasure, by Graustark

Debonairly placed herself among the favourites for the Jan. 14 A\$2.5-million Magic Millions 2YO Classic with an ultra-impressive debut win at Warwick Farm on Wednesday for trainers Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott. Taking command from the break in the 1100 metre maiden, the bay nursed a lead of 1 1/2 lengths while traveling off the fence through the early stages. She exploded clear when given a shake of the reins by rider Kerrin McEvoy at the top of the lane, and had put 4 1/2 lengths between herself and runner-up Te Amo (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) by the time she hit the line under wraps. Debonairly was cut from A\$26 to A\$11 for the Magic Millions. "She's done it really well there," McEvoy told *Sky Racing*. "She trialled-up nicely but she's improved since. She didn't give me that sort of feel when I trialled her. She was on song today and ready to pump. She was out quickly and was never in doubt."

Debonairly was purchased by Waterhouse and agent Murette Farrell for A\$320,000 at this year's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, and is the first horse campaigned Down Under by Speedway Stables, the moniker for U.S.-based business partners Peter Fluor and KC Weiner. Fluor and Weiner are relatively new investors but enjoyed Grade I success in 2015 with Hard Not To Like, who they purchased in training for \$1.5-million and sold the following year for \$2.2-million.

After signing for Debonairly at Magic Millions in January, Farrell—who advises Speedway Stables with John Adger—told the *TDN*, "It's really just a fun thing for them to do right now. They're not planning to have a satellite operation or anything down here. They'll learn a little about the racing, they'll love Gai, and it's an opportunity for them to come down and see what it's all about. They have a voracious appetite for the business. It'll be fun for them to get involved in Australian racing. We don't know where this will take us, but they're great people and they love the game." [Click here](#) for the full story.

Debonairly is a half-sister to Corsaire (Aus) (Anabaa), a two-time stakes winner who was second in the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude. A sprinkling of stakes winners appears under the second dam, headed by German Group 1 winner Catella (Ger) (Generous {Ire}), who produced the U.S. Grade III winner Caprice (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}). Multiple German champion and six-time Group 1 winner Glint Of Gold (GB) (Mill Reef) appears under the third dam, as does Britain's champion older horse Diamond Shoal (GB) (Mill Reef), whose three Group 1 wins included the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. Crystal Choir's yearling colt by Zoustar (Aus) is catalogued as [lot 745](#) at next month's Gold Coast Yearling Sale, and she was barren this year after being covered by All Too Hard (Aus). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, A\$22,200. [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

O-Speedway Stables LLC (Mgr: P Fluor); B-Makybe Racing & Breeding; T-Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott.

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MIDDLE EAST

Thursday's Results:

THE GARHOUD SPRINT (SPONSORED BY LINCOLN

CONTINENTAL)-Listed, AED250,000, MEY, 12-15, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.80, ft.

1--**MY CATCH (IRE), 126, g, 5, Camacho (GB)--Catch the Sea (Ire), by Barathea (Ire)**. *85,000gns yrl '12 TAOOCT; €135,000 2yo '13 ARMMAY; €120,000 HRA '13 ARAOCT) O-Valentin Bukhtoyarov & Evgeny Kappushev; B-D Noonan & Loughphilip Bloodstock (IRE); T-Doug Watson; J-Pat Dobbs. AED150,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 19-5-2-2, *1/2 to Vladimir (Ire) (Kheleyf), Ch. Imported Colt-Spa, SW & G1SP-Fr.

2--**Muarrab (GB), 131, g, 7, Oasis Dream (GB)--Licence to Thrill (GB), by Wolfhound**. (280,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. AED50,000.

3--**Morawij (GB), 126, g, 6, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Sister Moonshine (Fr), by Piccolo (GB)**. (120,000gns yrl '11TAOCT) O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. AED25,000.

Margins: 4 3/4, 2 3/4, 3/4.

Also Ran: Heavy Metal (GB), Ghaamer, Shaishee, Indianapolis, United Color, Almargo (Ire), Midlander (Ire), Mutahaddith (GB), Ajwad (GB).

Thursday's Listed Garhoud Sprint at Meydan was billed as being a mere paid workout for last season's G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen victor Muarrab, but in the end My Catch would hand him a shock defeat while recording his first win in more than a year. Among the fastest from the gates, My Catch battled for the lead down the backstretch and had the advantage heading into the turn, with Muarrab pinned to his shoulder. My Catch began to edge clear rounding the turn and proved too strong for his accomplished rival in the lane, drawing clear to win convincingly and hand his trainer Doug Watson two of the three stakes on the card, and five of the seven races overall. "It has been an amazing evening," said Watson. "It is my name on the license but remember this is a big team effort and I have great staff who work very hard. I know we had four winners on a card once but I am pretty sure this is the first time we have had five. But again, this is a credit to the whole team and I am very lucky to have such dedicated and professional staff." [Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)

THE DUBAI CREEK MILE (SPONSORED BY LINCOLN MKZ)-Listed, AED250,000, MEY, 12-15, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m, 1:37.52, ft.

1--**#FITZGERALD, 126, g, 4, Elusive Quality--Filarmonia (Arg) (MG1SW-Arg, \$209,488), by Slew Gin Fizz**. O-Buti Bintooq Almarri; B-Darley (KY); T-Ahmad bin Harmash; J-Antonio Fresu. AED150,000. Lifetime Record: 14-5-2-6.



2--**Farrier, 126, g, 8, Tapit--Wild Vision, by Wild Again**. (\$525,000 yrl '09 KEESEP) O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. AED50,000.

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3--**Cool Cowboy, 128, h, 5, Kodiak Kowboy--Grand Breeze, by Grand Slam**. (\$110,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) O-Zaur Sekrekov. AED25,000.

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Margins: 5 1/4, 3/4, 2 1/4.

Also Ran: Le Bernardin, Footbridge, Long Water, Need to Know (SAf), Earnshaw, Maftool, Frankyfourfingers (Fr), Fauvism, Dormello (Ire).

Fitzgerald had gone winless since arriving in the Emirates in late 2014, but he kicked off this campaign with a win going 1400 metres at Meydan Nov. 17 and made it two in a row here. Stalking the pace on the outside down the backstretch, Fitzgerald swung wider yet into the lane for daylight. He ground his way to the lead at the 200-metre mark and drew clear to win handily. [Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)

THE ENTISAR (SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS)-Listed, AED250,000, MEY, 12-15, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000m, 2:04.84, ft.

1--**#STORM BELT, 126, h, 7, More Than Ready--Mari's Thunder, by Thunder Gulch**. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (KY); T-Doug Watson; J-Fernando Jara. AED150,000. Lifetime Record: 29-5-6-0.



2--**Top Clearance, 126, g, 4, Majestic Warrior--Sweet Beat, by Tiznow**. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. AED50,000.



3--**Trinity Force (Ire), 126, g, 5, Iffraaj (GB)--Nasharaat (Ire), by Green Desert**. (€35,000 yrl '12 GOFFEB; 30,000gns yrl '12 TAOOCT; 6,000gns HRA '15 TAAOCT) O-Union Racing. AED25,000.

Margins: 6 3/4, NK, 2 3/4.

Also Ran: Interpret, Etijaah, Gold City (Ire), Los Barbados (Ire), Hunting Ground, Rembrandt Van Rijn (Ire), Ennobled Friend, Prince of All (GB). DNF: Candy Boy. [Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)

Middle East Results Cont.

2nd-MEY, Mdn, AED150,000, NH 2YO & SH 3YO, 1400m, 1:25.02.

COSMO CHARLIE (c, 2, Stay Thirsty–Lake Como, by Salt Lake), a \$85,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling who was withdrawn from this year’s OBS April sale, broke smoothly from the inside stall for this first go and came through quickly to take up the running. His advantage from Kahrab (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) was about a half-length as they headed into the bend, but Cosmo Charlie soon began to inch clear, and was two lengths to the better as the straightened for home. The dark bay drew clear in midstretch but a late run from Capezzano (Bernardini) saw his margin whittled down to 2 3/4 lengths at the line. Cosmo Charlie is the sixth produce for the winning Lake Como, and is a half-sister to the dual Louisiana stakes-placed Aliana (Majestic Warrior). The mare has a yearling colt by Gio Ponti, a colt foal by Fed Biz and was bred to Constitution this year. Cosmo Charlie becomes the 17th winner for first-season sire Stay Thirsty (Bernardini). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, AED90,000. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [VIDEO](#).**

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Thursday’s Results:

ZENNIHON NISAI YUSHUN-Listed, ¥59,500,000, Kawasaki, 12-14, 2yo, 1600m, 1:42.80, sy.

1--**RIENO TESORO, 119, f, 2, by Speightstown**

1st Dam: Akilina (MSW & GSP-US, \$316,460), by Langfuhr

2nd Dam: Fahamore, by Gulch

3rd Dam: Cathy's Gal, by Easy Goer

O-Kenji Ryotokuji; B-Oak Bluff Stables LLC; T-Ryo Takei; J-Hayato Yohida; ¥35,000,000. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0. *\$250,000 yr1 '15 FTNAUG. **1/2 to Governor Malibu (Malibu Moon), SW & MGSP-US, \$579,350.

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2--**Shigeru Kong (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, by Sinister Minister--Do Honour (Jpn), by Dance in the Dark (Jpn). O-Shigeru Morinaka; B-Yoshitaka Masumoto; ¥12,250,000.

3--**Rose Julep (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, Roses in May--Tanino Julep (Jpn), by Coronado's Quest. O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-Okada Stud; ¥7,000,000.

Margins: 3, 1HF, 4. Odds: 1.00, 5.00, 5.30.

NAGOYA GRAND PRIX-Listed, ¥46,500,000, Nagoya, 12-15, 3yo/up, 2500m, 2:41.70, hy.

1--**AMOUR BRILLER, 121, m, 5, Smart Strike--Heavenly Romance (Jpn) (G1SW-Jpn, \$3,527,120), by Sunday Silence.**

O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Co. Ltd; T-Mikio Matsunaga; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥31,000,000. Lifetime Record: 25-10-2-2. *1/2 to Awardee (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}), MGSW & G1SP-Jpn, \$3,389,847; and Lani (Tapit), GSW-UAE, G1SP-US, \$1,615,055.

2--**K T Brave (Jpn)**, 121, c, 3, Admire Max (Jpn)--K T Laurel (Jpn), by Sakura Laurel (Jpn). O-Kazuyoshi Takimoto; B-Okano Farm; ¥8,060,000.

3--**Katsugeki Kitokito (Jpn)**, 119, c, 3, Spicule (Jpn)--Lei Bisty (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). O-Masayoshi Nonogaki; B-Katsuhiko Asano; ¥4,030,000.

Margins: 3, 5, 2HF. Odds: 1.80, 0.50, 79.60.

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