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## SEVEN-FIGURE SERENADE PACES KEEJAN OPENER



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by Jessica Martini & Christie DeBernardis

LEXINGTON, Kentucky--The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale produced its first seven-figure sale in two years when Don Alberto Corporation purchased **Siren Serenade** (Unbridled's Song) for \$1.025 million Monday in Lexington, but results from the first of five sessions of the winter auction continued to show the polarized results which have punctuated the sales scene in recent years.

"The January sale is called a horses of all ages sale for a reason," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "It's a catch-all sale. Some years we are fortunate to have a dispersal, like we did last year, but again this year, as we've been talking about, quality sells. We had a million-dollar mare, we had a \$700,000 mare. So the quality offerings brought top dollar. That's the kind of marketplace we're in at the moment. The horses that are perceived to have top quality are getting top prices and it's tough sledding for the rest."

For the session, 163 head sold for \$10,514,000. The average fell 13.88% to \$64,503 and the median of \$35,000 was down 11.39%. The buy-back rate was 38.95%--up from 32.84 a year ago.

During last year's first session of the January sale, which featured horses from the dispersal of the estate of Sarah Leigh, 182 head grossed \$13,631,200 for an average of \$74,897 and a median of \$39,500. The top price for the session was \$700,000.

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## PEDIGREE INSIGHTS: GORMLEY

by Andrew Caulfield

It's a long uphill climb from the GIII Sham S. in January to Grade I success at the Breeders' Cup. Even so, the journey hasn't proved too perilous for some of the horses which have performed well in the Sham since it was brought forward to January in 2011. Two of the winners, Tapizar and Goldencents, jointly collected three editions of the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, while Secret Circle, a half-length second in 2012, went on to victory in the following year's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint.

The portents are therefore good for **Gormley** (Malibu Moon) and **American Anthem** (Bodemeister), the pair who fought out such a prolonged battle in the latest edition.

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**Some big shoes to fill.** Lot 232, a colt by Dundee out of Miss Finland, studies his sire's stats at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in Queensland, Australia. Keeneland January sales coverage continues on page 3 and Magic Millions sales coverage begins in the TDN Europe/International. | Kelsey Riley

**ALBARADO HITTING 5,000 IN FULL STRIDE**

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Michael Adolphson catches up with journeyman jockey Robby Albarado as he approaches the 5,000 win milestone, seeking to become just the 33rd American rider to achieve the feat.

**MCCRAKEN NEARING SOPHOMORE DEBUT**

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Janis R. Whitham's homebred 'TDN Rising Star' and undefeated GI Kentucky Derby hopeful McCracken (Ghostzapper) is getting closer to making his 3-year-old debut, trainer Ian Wilkes said Monday.

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**KEEJAN cont.**

There were no seven-figure sales at the 2016 Keeneland January sale, but the 2015 renewal of the auction featured the \$2.2-million sale of Up (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). The January sale surpassed the million-dollar mark Monday when Reiley McDonald, bidding on behalf of Don Alberto, purchased the 11-year-old Siren Serenade, the only mare in the auction in foal to leading sire Tapit, for \$1.025 million. The bay mare was consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency.

Carrie Brogden of Machmer Hall purchased the day's top-priced short yearling, going to \$185,000 for a daughter of Into Mischief ([hip 246](#)).

"All or none," Brogden said when asked for her assessment of the market on Day 1. "It's very polarized. The mares, once they've had two or three foals, they better have a good winner, otherwise people are running for the hills."

The January sale's first session offered buyers the chance to find plenty of bargains, according to bloodstock agent Steve Castagnola.

"From what I saw early today, it looks like it's a little soft," Castagnola said of the market. "A quality yearling is still going to bring good money and the mares in the upper echelon will still be competitive to bid on. I think if a buyer is exercising patience that there are some good purchases to be had."

Quarantine restrictions resulting from the recent equine herpes outbreak at Fair Grounds forced some promising offerings, including stakes winner Savings Account (Medaglia d'Oro), graded stakes winner Uchenna (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), and Cinnamon Spice (Candy Ride {Arg}), a half-sister to GISW Violence (Medaglia d'Oro), to be scratched from the January sale.

"We were a little disappointed, through nobody's fault, that there were two mares who should have sold today who couldn't come to the sale because of the herpes outbreak and they would have been two of the nicest horses in the ring today," said Russell. "So we definitely missed them."

The Keeneland January sale continues through Friday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.



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**MONDAY'S TOP BROODMARES**

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Price (\$)</u>
<a href="#"><u>145</u></a>	<b>Siren Serenade</b>	i/f <a href="#"><u>Tapit</u></a> <i>B-Cynthia Phipps (KY)</i> Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, Agent Purchased by Don Alberto Corp	1,025,000
<a href="#"><u>309</u></a>	<b>Delightful Joy</b>	b'mare prospect <i>B-Besilu Stables (KY)</i> Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig & Holly Bandoroff, Agent X) Purchased by International Equities Holding	700,000
<a href="#"><u>350</u></a>	<b>Grosse Pointe Anne</b>	i/f <a href="#"><u>Pioneerof the Nile</u></a> <i>B-D. Michael Cavey DVM (KY)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LIV Purchased by Alistair Roden	460,000
<a href="#"><u>312</u></a>	<b>Divalarious</b>	i/f <a href="#"><u>American Pharoah</u></a> <i>B-Charles Wacker (KY)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXIII Purchased by White Birch Farm	380,000
<a href="#"><u>186</u></a>	<b>Thegirlinthat song</b>	i/f <a href="#"><u>Honor Code</u></a> <i>B-Clarence Scharbauer, Jr. (TX)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent VIII Purchased by Shadai Corporation	210,000

**MONDAY'S TOP SHORT YEARLINGS**

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Price (\$)</u>
<a href="#"><u>246</u></a>	filly	<a href="#"><u>Into Mischief</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Anna Sun</u></a> <i>B-Fred W. Hertrich III &amp; John D. Fielding (KY)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LIX Purchased by Machmer Hall	185,000
<a href="#"><u>78</u></a>	colt	<a href="#"><u>Street Sense</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Please Sign In</u></a> <i>B-Hurstland Farm &amp; William Kartoziyan (KY)</i> Consigned by Hurstland Farm (Alfred H. Nuckols, Jr.), Agent Purchased by Bloodstock Investments IV	165,000
<a href="#"><u>324</u></a>	colt	<a href="#"><u>Scat Daddy</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Excelente (Ire)</u></a> <i>B-Summerhill Stud (KY)</i> Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, Agent Purchased by Cheval Investments II	150,000

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A day after winning the GII Santa Ynez S. with a daughter of Tapit out of an Unbridled's Song mare, the Solari family's Don Alberto Corp. went to a session-topping \$1.025 million to secure **Siren Serenade** (Unbridled's Song), in foal to leading sire Tapit. The 11-year-old mare was consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency.

"She is a big, strong mare from a lovely family," said Eaton Sales's Reiley McDonald after signing the ticket on behalf of Don Alberto. "Don Alberto already owns part of the family and they've been having good foals, so it was just a no-brainer for them. There is nothing like her in the sale and Don Alberto is playing at the highest end of the game, so she was just a perfect mare for them."



**Reiley McDonald | Keeneland**  
*Photo*

Siren Serenade ([hip 145](#)), the only mare in the January sale in foal to Tapit, has already produced Luminance (Tale of the Cat), second in the 2015 GI Santa Anita Oaks. Don Alberto purchased Luminance for \$1 million at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November Sale. **Cont. p5**

**Siren Serenade cont.**

The operation paid \$400,000 for future 'TDN Rising Star' Unique Bella at the 2015 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Now three, that gray filly followed a romping 10 1/4-length maiden win in November with an effortless win in Sunday's Santa Ynez.

Don Alberto was an underbidder on Unique Bella's dam Unrivaled Belle (Unbridled's Song), who topped the Keeneland November sale last fall when selling to Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm while in foal to Tapit for \$3.8 million. McDonald's Eaton Sales consigned both Unique Bella and Unrivaled Belle on behalf of Brushwood Stable.

McDonald admitted Siren Serenade would have stood out in whatever sale she appeared.

"We've always had good horses that show up in January for one reason or another," McDonald said. "Sometimes they do a little better because they stand out a little more here, but I think she would have been competitive in November."

Siren Serenade is out of multiple Grade I winner Versailles Treaty (Danzig) and is a half-sister to Grade I winner George

Vancouver (Henrythenavigator) and graded stakes winner Saarland (Unbridled). She had a War Front yearling sell for \$1 million at the 2015 Keeneland September sale and a filly by

The Factor bring \$475,000 as a weanling at the 2015 Keeneland November sale. Her Tapit filly RNA'd for \$485,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale.

"It was a bit of an afterthought," Hill 'n' Dale Farm owner John Sikura said of the decision to sell Siren Serenade at the January auction. "I am in the business to buy and sell and trade. The mare has produced really good foals and this was the year to sell her or go on owning her. The reason to sell her is to keep commercial and keep trading and provide cash to pursue other opportunities."

Of the mare's seven-figure price tag, Sikura added, "We're happy about her price. She was a million-dollar mare and that is what she made. It was a fair trade. It's the same

cross as [Don Alberto's] freaky good filly. They are accumulating good stock and they are nice people and I hope she has a great foal for them." --@JessMartiniTDN



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KEEJAN cont. p6

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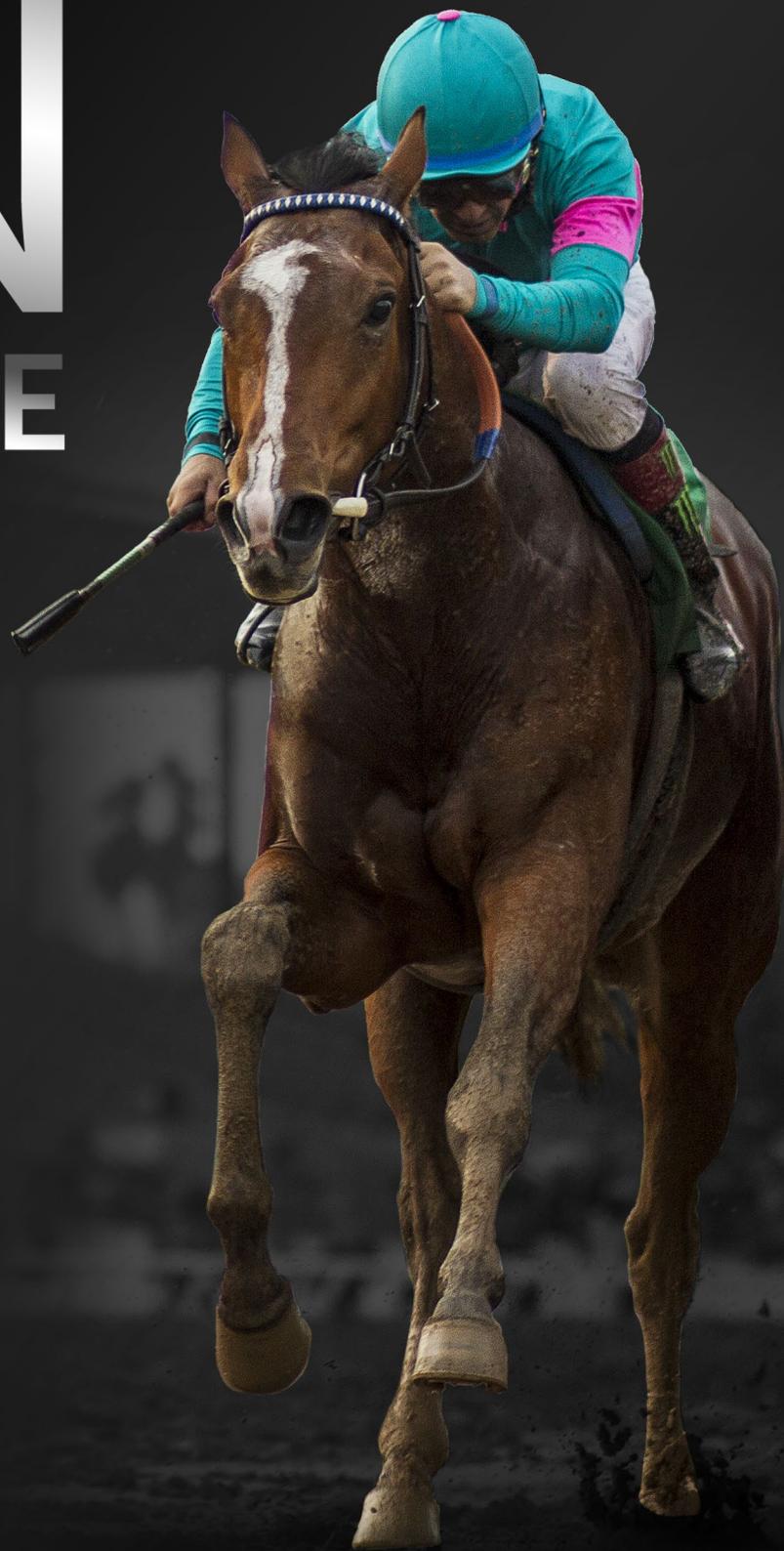
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• No. Offered	267	271
• No. Sold	163	182
• RNAs	104	89
• % RNAs	38.95%	32.84%
• No. \$400K+	3	5
• High Price	\$1,025,000	\$700,000
• Gross	\$10,514,000	\$13,631,200
• Average (% change)	\$64,503 (-22.87%)	\$74,897
• Median (% change)	\$35,000 (-11.39%)	\$39,500



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) was tabbed as a "TDN Rising Star"

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**Some Joy for Aoughazale**

Oussama Aoughazale's International Equities Holdings remained busy throughout Monday's opening session of the Keeneland January Sale and made its biggest splash when going to \$700,000 to secure graded stakes winner Delightful Joy (Tapit) ([hip 309](#)). The broodmare prospect was consigned by Denali Stud.

"She's just a really, really nice filly with great range and scope," commented Frances Relihan, who signed the ticket while

sitting alongside Aoughazale and farm manager Jody Alexander. "She was a good race filly from a very strong family."

Delightful Joy, out of graded stakes winner Graeme Six (Graeme Hall), is a half to graded stakes winner Cali Star (Street Cry {Ire}). Graeme Six, in foal to Pioneerof the Nile, was purchased by Gainesway and Whisper Hill Farm for \$950,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale. **Cont. p7**



**Delightful Joy | Keeneland Photo**

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**Delightful Joy cont.**

“We’ve got an exciting mating on the horizon for her--we are hoping to breed her to War Front,” Relihan added of plans for Delightful Joy.

Delightful Joy was the sixth of seven purchases during the session for International Equities Holdings. The operation also acquired Honey Chile Ryder (Medaglia d’oro) ([hip 365](#)) for \$160,000; Brushwork (Discreet Cat) ([hip 273](#)) for \$150,000; and Bonnie’s Empire (Empire Maker) ([hip 269](#)) for \$110,000.

“Mr. Aboughazale just purchased a farm in Bourbon County,” Relihan said. “It’s going to be Sumaya Stables. We are looking at a broad range of mares. Mr. Aboughazale has his young stallion Protonico (Giant’s Causeway), so we have been looking at some young mares for him just to give him a little start and a boost. He’ll start breeding mares next month for the first time, so we’re looking to give him a base and a kick start in the market.”

Sumaya Stables, recently represented by ‘TDN Rising Star’ Malagacy (Shackleford), who was a dominant 15-length debut winner at Gulfstream Park Jan. 4, will be active both on the racetrack with homebreds and in the sales ring, according to Relihan.

“It’s still under discussion, but it will probably be 50/50 [between racing and selling],” Relihan said. “I think we’ll look at all options. Sumaya Stables has traditionally raced in the past, but we’ll see what kind of stock we’re getting and hopefully we can have both commercial and racing interests.”

Pete Bradley’s Bradley Thoroughbreds purchased Delightful Joy for \$105,000 at the OBS April sale in 2014. The chestnut went on to win the 2015 GIII Monmouth Oaks and was second in the GIII Turnback the Alarm H. She was on the board in five of six starts and earned \$179,200. The filly had also been entered in last year’s Keeneland November sale.

“She was supposed to race this year and she came up with a foot issue that was going to put us back too far to run her,” Bradley explained. “She’s a beautiful filly by Tapit and she could really run. It’s a shame we didn’t get to race her on because she had a lot of talent. She was entered in the GI Cotillion last year

and we really thought she’d get a piece of that, but she came up with a temperature. She was just always one of those fillies that had a lot of hard luck, but at the end of the day, I think they got a very good broodmare prospect and we sold a nice filly.”

Delightful Joy’s sale Monday exceeded Bradley’s expectations.

“Based on what we saw in November, I thought she was a \$500,000 to \$600,000 mare,” he said. “But she had over 90 people look at her at this sale and you don’t have 90 people look at yearlings most of the time, much less a broodmare prospect. And with the kind of quality of the family--her half-sister is a Grade III winner, her dam was a graded stakes winner and Grade I placed--you don’t find that kind of racing quality up close in a lot of pedigrees.”

Despite his success, Bradley acknowledged the January market was tough sledding.

“If you don’t have a really good product, there is no market, it looks to me,” Bradley said. “When you don’t have a dispersal here, it’s really a secondary market. And it’s just tough. It’s hard to sell anything but quality these days.” --[@JessMartiniTDN](#)



**Aboughazale (left), Relihan & Bradley**  
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# BUY OF THE DAY



**Steve Castagnola**

*Each sales day, we ask one buyer to look at the day’s results, and choose the horse he or she thinks was the buy of the day.*

Romacaca, [Hip 109](#), m, 11  
i/f to Carpe Diem  
(Running Stag--Romaca, by Kris S.)  
Buyer: Calumet Farm  
Price: \$72,000

*“I’m going to select as Buy of the Day Hip 109. She is a very nice-looking mare, looked like a big, pretty Kris S. mare. She is a Grade III winner, multiple Grade II-placed and earned just shy of \$1 million. She is in foal to an exciting young stallion in Carpe Diem, who himself is exceptional looking. For \$72,000, I thought that was a terrific buy.”*



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## Roden Strikes for Uncle Mo Half-Sis

Being a half-sister to champion and top sire Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) and in foal to the red-hot stallion Pioneerof the Nile made **Grosse Pointe Anne** (Silver Deputy) ([hip 350](#)) quite popular in Lexington Monday afternoon. The 10-year-old mare from the Taylor Made



Roden | Keeneland Photo

consignment summoned \$460,000 from bloodstock agent Alistair Roden, who was buying on behalf of an undisclosed client. “She’s a beautiful mare and obviously a black-type horse,” Roden remarked. “She’s in foal to a pretty serious horse in Pioneerof the Nile. Uncle Mo under the first dam was obviously a big factor and she’s a pretty mare.”

As for the price, Roden said,

“I thought in this market I may have got her for less to be quite honest. Nothing ever changes in the horse business. We overpay for the good ones and there is nothing for the rest. She was a good mare, but I thought I would get her for less.”

Out of MSP Playa Maya (Arch), Grosse Pointe Anne is a half-sister to champion juvenile and dual Grade I winner Uncle Mo, who was 2015’s leading freshman sire and was represented by a champion juvenile and GI Kentucky Derby winner in his first crop in Nyquist. She won one of six starts for Grosse Pointe Farm and trainer Ken McPeck and was purchased by WinStar for \$400,000 at the 2010 Keeneland November Sale.

The dark bay mare is responsible for four foals, including the stakes-placed 5-year-old mare Indian Annie (Indian Charlie). Her most recent produce is a yearling colt by Speightstown and a weanling filly by WinStar’s Pioneerof the Nile, sire of Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year American Pharoah and

recent GI Breeder’s Cup Juvenile hero Classic Empire.

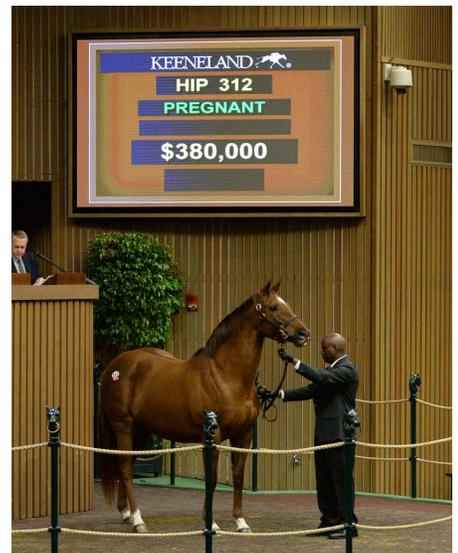
Roden was back in action just one hip later to take home **Ha Ha Tonka** (Distorted Humor) for \$75,000 for another undisclosed client. Catalogued as [hip 351](#) from the Taylor Made consignment, the 10-year-old stakes winner sold in foal to top young sire Union Rags. --[@CDeBernardisTDN](#)

## Brant Continues to Rebuild Broodmare Band

Peter Brant was a very prominent owner/breeder in the eighties and nineties, having bred a pair of GI Kentucky Derby winners Gulch and his son Thunder Gulch. The White Birch Farm owner took a break from racing to focus on polo, but has returned to the scene in a big way in recent months, purchasing several seven-figure fillies and mares both in America and Europe.

Brant continued his buying spree at Keeneland January courtesy of Claiborne’s Bernie Sams, who signed the \$380,000 ticket on **Divalarious** (Distorted Humor) ([hip 312](#)) on his behalf. Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, the 9-year-old mare sold in foal to Triple Crown Winner and Horse of the Year American Pharoah.

“She’s from a big family and in foal to American Pharoah,” Sams said of the Hip 382’s appeal. “The horse over in Japan [her now 3-year-old colt Baskerville {Bernardini}] won and they have high hopes for him.”  
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**Divalarious cont.**

Bred by Charles Wacker, Divalarious is a daughter of SW Alidiva (Ire) (Chief Singer), who also produced Italian highweight and MG1SW Taipan (Last Tycoon {Ire}), who won group races all over Europe; English highweights and G1SWs All-Royal (Royal Academy) and Sleepytime (Ire) (Royal Academy); and American GSW Oonagh MacCool (Ire) (Giant's Causeway). Divalarious, who was third in the 2011 Riskaverse S., has four foals on the ground: a 4-year-old filly named Durable Goods (Medaglia d'Oro), the previously mentioned Baskerville, a yearling Giant's Causeway filly and a weanling colt by Bernardini. --@CDeBernardisTDN

**Owners Shopping to Support New Stallions**

The Albaugh Family recently retired two talented sons of Giant's Causeway to stud in impressive GIII Iroquois S. hero and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up **Not This Time**, who now resides at Taylor Made, and dual Grade I winner **Brody's Cause**, who joined the roster at Spendthrift. Kempton Bloodstock's Steve Castagnola was hard at work Monday picking out mares for the two young stallions on the Albaughs' behalf.

"We are very excited about Not This Time as a stallion prospect," Castagnola remarked. "It is unfortunate that he won't be able to run in his 3-year-old year because we thought he would have been better as a 3-year-old, even though he was obviously very talented at two. We've kept a large interest in him as a stallion and are looking to buy five or so mares at this sale. We have done some extensive pedigree research and we know what type of bloodlines will work well with him, so now we are trying to look for the right physicals."

Castagnola added, "We've got a plan for Brody too. We will be shopping at this sale for Brody's Cause and also doing some work for the upcoming Fasig-Tipton February sale too."

The first mare Castagnola purchased during Monday's opening session of Keeneland January was stakes winner **Karen's Silk**



Castagnola | Keeneland Photo

(High Cotton), who will be bred to Not This Time. He picked up the 4-year-old mare, who was consigned by South Point Sales Agency as a racing/broodmare prospect, for \$72,000 and she hails from the family of MGISW Bushfire (Louis Quatorze).

"The mare we bought earlier today, [Hip 7](#), was just a very attractive mare," Castagnola commented. "She was a beautiful mare, a stakes winner and we thought she offered good value. We are going to try and buy a mix of a couple of maiden mares, a couple of young, pregnant mares and maybe a couple of older producing mares that we think will suit him and try to give him a good opportunity to get off to a good start at stud."

Castagnola bought three mares total during Monday's session. In addition to Karen's Silk, the bloodstock agent also scooped up GSW **Sheza Smoke Show** (Wilko) ([Hip 134](#)), who is in foal to MGISW Liam's Map, for \$190,000; and the SP **Simply Confection** (Candy Ride {Arg}) ([Hip 143](#)), who sold for \$90,000 as a racing/broodmare prospect.

"We did a lot of work before the sale as far as what mares we thought would match up genetically and through bloodlines," Castagnola said. "We are looking for the best physicals we can get and fortunately for us, the market, for a change, has been kind to buyers. We have been rewarded with our patience and are happy with the mares we bought so far."

Erich Brehm and his partners were also busy at Keeneland Monday buying mares to support their 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner **Texas Red** (Afleet Alex), who recently retired to stud at Crestwood Farm.

"We are just trying to support the stallion so he can be successful and help Crestwood get him off the ground," offered Brehm, who was sporting a bright red Texas Red ball cap. "My partners and I are buying as many mares as we can that fit. Preferably, Storm Cat and A.P. Indy mares, both in foal and with foals in front of them. We are just trying to find good horses to breed to Red. Physically, he is spectacular, so we can put him with a lot of things. Pedigree wise we can put him with a lot. He's got great size, great scope."

When all was said and done Monday, Brehm had signed the ticket on three mares. He went to \$110,000 for **Ainsley** (Officer), a MSP 8-year-old in foal to Distorted Humor; paid \$67,000 for **Veronica's Lake** (Salt Lake) ([Hip 205](#)), a SP mare carrying a foal by Flatter; and secured **Tres Peach** (Mr. Greeley) ([Hip 196](#)), who sold in foal to Shanghai Bobby, for just \$15,000. --@CDeBernardisTDN

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## Brogden Stretches for Into Mischief Filly

With some encouragement from her mother, Machmer Hall's Carrie Brogden stretched a bit past her ideal price to take home a yearling filly by Into Mischief for \$185,000. Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, [hip 246](#) was bred in Kentucky by Fred W. Hertrich III and John D. Fielding.

"She was the bomb," Brogden remarked after signing the ticket out back alongside her mom. "She was amazing. I thought she was exceptional. I sent my husband [to look at her] and he thought she was exceptional. My business partners thought she was exceptional. This market is all about the exceptional."

She continued, "This is all my mom's fault! I dropped out at \$155,000, but then my mom came over and was like, 'Isn't she the one?' And, I was like, 'Yes. Yes, she's the one.' I know she was raised at Watercrest too and they do nothing but raise runners. They raise them tough and strong and outside. It's funny because they actually bought a horse off one of our clients for \$30,000 earlier and I told them I'd take the difference. She was the rockstar for us."

Out of the unraced mare Anna Sun (Trippi), who Hertrich purchased for \$50,000 at the 2012 renewal of this sale, [hip 246](#)



Brogden | Keeneland Photo

hails from the family of Argentinian Horse of the Year Second Reality and MSW/MGSP Wild Mia.

"She will go back as a yearling most likely, either September or Saratoga, depending," Brogden offered. "We have partners, so we will just partner her out."

Brogden could not say enough good things about not only the filly, but her sire as well. Into Mischief had a banner year in 2016 as the top sire of 2-year-olds with 49 winners led by MGISW Practical Joke.

"I have seven mares pregnant to [Into Mischief] and 16 mares going to him this year," Brogden commented. "Unfortunately, I didn't start with him early on. To me, at this time in a year or two years, we will be talking about Into Mischief the same way we talk about Tapit and Uncle Mo. People forget this 2-year-old crop he is on are from a \$7,000 stud fee."

A half-brother to three-time, soon to be four-time, Eclipse winner Beholder (Henny Hughes), GISW Into Mischief has also sired two-time GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner and fellow Spendthrift resident Goldencents; MGSW & MGISP Vyjack; and GSW Conquest Enforcer. He currently stands for a fee of \$75,000 and his 2017 book is already full. --[@CDeBernardisTDN](#)



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## Bloodstock Investments Busy at Keeneland

Taylor Made's Bloodstock Investments IV purchased a pair of six-figure yearlings Monday at Keeneland January, going to \$165,000 to secure a colt by Street Sense ([hip 78](#)) and returning a few hips later to acquire a First Samurai colt ([hip 89](#)) for \$135,000. Consigned by Hurstland Farm, the Street Sense yearling is a half-brother to Group 1 winner Certify (Elusive Quality) and to Grade I winner Cry and Catch Me (Street Cry {Ire}).

"He had a great walk and he was really well-balanced," Katie Taylor said after signing the ticket on hip 78. "And we like Street Sense a lot. He met all our criteria, correct and with a good mind about him. He's actually the horse that we wanted the most today, so I'm really happy we got him. You'll see him back probably either in [Fasig-Tipton] Saratoga or [Keeneland] September. That's our plan with him."

The yearling, out of multiple graded stakes-placed Please Sign In (Doc's Leader) and consigned by Hurstland Farm, was bred by Hurstland and William Kartozián.

Taylor, daughter of Frank Taylor, runs Taylor Made's Bloodstock Investments program, now in its fourth year.

"Bloodstock Investments is a program at Taylor Made that we use like a mutual fund for new investors," Taylor explained. "Each year we raise between \$2 and \$3 million. And we've had a lot of new people in the industry buying into these packages. Our minimum investors are \$50,000 up to \$200,000. It's just a great way for people to invest \$50,000 and, instead of putting it in one horse, they get to spread all of their liability and be involved with 12 or 15 horses."



Hip 78 | Keeneland Photo

Each year's program is a new entity, featuring between 18 and 20 participants, but often includes many return investors, according to Taylor. Investors are provided weekly updates and included in discussions on sales placement and marketing.

"It's just a great way for people to learn more about the industry and not have a whole lot of downside," Taylor said. "It's a pretty safe investment. We've earned a profit most of our years and we've had a landmark year, so we are aiming towards upwards of a 15% return on investment for our investors."

While focusing solely on pinhooking, Bloodstock Investments manages its portfolio based on current market trends.

"We follow the market," Taylor said. "The first couple of years, we did maidens or mares carrying their first foals and then last year, we mixed the package and we had three yearlings and the rest were maidens or mares carrying their first foals and we had one weanling we bought in the summer and pinhooked in the fall."

On the other side of the ledger Monday, Bloodstock Investments III sold graded stakes winner **Thegirlinthat song** (My Golden Song) ([hip 186](#)), in foal to Honor Code (\$40k stud fee), for \$210,000 to Shadai Corporation. The group purchased the 6-year-old mare for \$140,000 at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale. Bloodstock Investments also parted ways with **Sheza Smoke Show** (Wilko) ([hip 134](#)), who sold for \$190,000 Monday to Not This Time/A. F. S, and the mare's yearling colt by Malibu Moon, who brought a final bid of \$45,000 from John Cummins. The 6-year-old mare, who sold Monday in foal to Liam's Map (\$25k stud fee), RNA'd for \$250,000 while carrying the Malibu Moon colt at the 2015 Keeneland November sale.

--@JessMartiniTDN



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<b>Hip</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Price (\$)</b>
<a href="#">239</a>	<b>All Star Bub</b>	racing/b'mare prospect	<b>110,000</b>

(5, *Midshipman--High Style*, by *Giant's Causeway*)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXVI

Purchased by Jackpot Ranch

Always Believe purchased All Star Bub for \$65,000 at the 2014 Barretts May sale. Racing for Gatto, Campbell and Hollendorfer Racing, the mare was graded stakes placed and earned \$186,985 and sold Monday as a racing or broodmare prospect.

<b>273</b>	<b>Brushwork</b>	i/f <a href="#">Kitten's Joy</a>	<b>150,000</b>
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(8, *Discreet Cat--Manistique*, by *Unbridled*)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXXIII

Purchased by International Equities Holding

Ken and Sarah Ramsey purchased the unraced Brushwork for \$9,500 at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky February sale. The mare has visited the Ramseys' Kitten's Joy each of the last four years. Her first foal, Kitten's Cat, is a stakes winner and graded stakes placed while earning \$166,650 to date and racing in the Ramseys' colors.

<b>299</b>	<b>Crispy</b>	i/f <a href="#">Shanghai Bobby</a>	<b>130,000</b>
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(9, *Maria's Mon--Unaffordable*, by *Unbridled*)

Consigned by Elm Tree Farm LLC (Mr & Mrs Jody Huckabay), Agent I

Purchased by Chad Schumer

Jeff Begg purchased Crispy, in foal to Kentucky Bear, for \$42,699 as part of the dispersal of Bear Stables Breeding Stock at the 2015 CANNOV sale. She sold Monday in foal to Shanghai Bobby (\$15k stud fee).

# BUY OF THE DAY



Peter O'Callaghan

Each sales day, we ask one buyer to look at the day's results, and choose the horse he or she thinks was the buy of the day.

[Hip 33](#), c

(*Stormy Atlantic--Magically*, by Mr. Greeley)

Buyer: Blue Sky Stables

Price: \$4,000

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1	Constitution	F17	KY	\$25,000	11	7	\$508,142	\$360,000
2	American Pharoah	F17	KY	\$200,000	12	10	\$440,000	\$425,000
3	Muhaarar (GB)	F17	ENG	£30,000	6	6	\$396,432	\$412,146
4	Gleneagles (Ire)	F17	IRE	€60,000	7	6	\$318,677	\$241,219
5	Golden Horn (GB)	F17	ENG	£60,000	8	7	\$310,295	\$314,420
6	Honor Code	F17	KY	\$40,000	20	15	\$166,800	\$145,000
7	Liam's Map	F17	KY	\$25,000	23	15	\$156,133	\$135,000
8	Make Believe (GB)	F17	IRE	€20,000	6	5	\$144,668	\$191,286
9	Tonalist	F17	KY	\$40,000	18	14	\$124,285	\$107,500
10	Palace Malice	F17	KY	\$20,000	25	17	\$106,058	\$70,000
11	Daredevil	F17	KY	\$12,500	16	10	\$103,800	\$27,000
12	Carpe Diem	F17	KY	\$25,000	20	13	\$79,384	\$65,000
13	Night of Thunder (Ire)	F17	IRE	€30,000	34	31	\$77,440	\$51,206
14	Lea	F17	KY	\$12,500	13	9	\$69,666	\$25,000
15	Free Eagle (Ire)	F17	IRE	€20,000	6	5	\$56,922	\$41,973
16	Bayern	F17	KY	\$15,000	15	13	\$55,230	\$37,000
17	Hallowed Crown (Aus)	F17	IRE	€7,000	8	8	\$53,185	\$23,910
18	Competitive Edge	F17	KY	\$12,500	22	16	\$52,000	\$19,000
19	Shooting To Win (Aus)	F17	IRE	€7,000	4	4	\$47,651	\$49,796
20	Mustajeb (GB)	F17	ENG	£5,000	2	2	\$46,492	\$46,492
21	Summer Front	F17	KY	\$10,000	12	7	\$42,428	\$22,000
22	Hot Streak (Ire)	F17	ENG	£7,000	14	12	\$36,916	\$11,801
23	Wicked Strong	F17	KY	\$10,000	13	11	\$32,545	\$25,000
24	Gutaifan (Ire)	F17	IRE	€12,500	17	13	\$29,958	\$16,945
25	Fast Anna	F17	KY	\$7,500	16	12	\$29,708	\$19,000

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# PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



It is going to be fascinating to see which of these talented colts has the brighter future. No doubt many would opt for American Anthem, the highly regarded Bodemeister colt who was beaten just a head on only his second

appearance. Don't forget, though, that Gormley was carrying five pounds more than his nearest rival, having become the first horse to defeat the Grade I-winning 'TDN Rising Star' Klimt (Quality Road) when the pair met in the GI FrontRunner S. in October. In view of the ease of Gormley's FrontRunner success, it was disappointing to see his lackluster effort in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, but perhaps we should forget about that, following his solid display Saturday.

Gormley, the name, may sound uncomfortably close to gormless, a British word meaning stupid, but it also conjures up some of the magical works of the colt's namesake, Sir Antony Gormley. Although arguably best known for his Angel of the North and the hundred life-size figures which

comprise his "Another Place" feature on Crosby Beach near Liverpool, I personally enjoyed Sound II, an enigmatic life-size figure in the ancient crypt of Winchester Cathedral ([click here](#)).

The equine Gormley RNA'd at \$150,000 as a yearling, presumably because of a perceived flaw in the colt's breathing. Clearly, with three wins from four starts, that flaw has proved no hindrance. Other Malibu Moon yearling colts sold for up to \$800,000 in 2015, with 25 of them achieving an average of nearly \$210,000, off a fee of \$70,000. The colts' average was virtually identical to that of the fillies' and Malibu Moon's lifetime figures show his yearling colts have a higher median and a slightly higher average than his daughters.

This always surprises me in view of the imbalance between the sexes among Malibu Moon's graded stakes winners. Gormley is only the third male Grade I winner, following Declan's Moon and Orb, among the Spendthrift stallion's 11 Grade I winners. With the 16 Grade II winners, the split is six males and 10 females, while the 11 Grade III winners comprise four males and seven females. Altogether that's 25 fillies, compared to 13 colts and geldings, among Malibu Moon's 38 Graded winners. **Cont. p14**



**Gormley (outside) battles with American Anthem**

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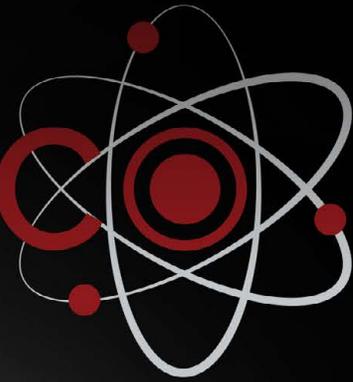
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**Caulfield cont.**

Now 20, Malibu Moon is priced at \$75,000 for the coming breeding season--a drop of \$20,000 from the \$95,000 he commanded in the three previous years. The reduction is probably a response to the size of his 2016 book--111 mares, compared to 167 the previous year.

One interesting aspect of Gormley's emergence is that he is the 15th of Malibu Moon's graded winners to have a second line of Mr. Prospector

within five generations. Perhaps more significantly, he is the eighth individual with two lines of Mr. Prospector among Malibu Moon's 13 male graded winners. Seven of the eight are inbred within four generations, with Declan's Moon, Orb, Gormley, Stanford and Freedom Child all inbred 3x4, while Noble Moon and Odysseus are inbred 3x3. All three of Malibu Moon's male Grade I winners are inbred 3x4.



**Gormley** | Benoit Photo

**GORMLEY, C, 2014**

<b>Malibu Moon</b>	A. P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
		Weekend Surprise	My Charmer
	Macoumba	Mr. Prospector	Secretariat
		Maximova (Fr)	Lassie Dear
<b>Race to Urga</b> SW, \$182,816 3 fls, 1 wnrs, 1 GSW	Bernstein	Storm Cat	Raise a Native
		La Affirmed	Gold Digger
	Miss Mambo 7 fls, 5 wnrs, 1 SW	Kingmambo	Green Dancer
		Troika 2 fls, 1 SW	Baracala
	Bernstein	Storm Cat	Storm Bird
		La Affirmed	Terlingua
Miss Mambo 7 fls, 5 wnrs, 1 SW	Kingmambo	Affirmed	
	Troika 2 fls, 1 SW	La Mesa	
Miss Mambo 7 fls, 5 wnrs, 1 SW	Kingmambo	Mr. Prospector	
	Troika 2 fls, 1 SW	Miesque	
Miss Mambo 7 fls, 5 wnrs, 1 SW	Kingmambo	Strwbrry Road (Aus)	
	Troika 2 fls, 1 SW	Estrapade	

It was also in Gormley's favor that he is out of a granddaughter of Storm Cat, by Bernstein. Malibu Moon's results with mares by sons of Storm Cat include 8% stakes winners, which is slightly better than the stallion's overall figure of 7%. In fact, this cross has produced six graded stakes winners from 118 foals, including Gormley's fellow Grade I winner Eden's Moon, the Grade II winners Corfu and Onlyforyou and the Grade III scorers Donegal Moon and Luna Time. **Cont. p15**

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**Gormley cont.**

Gormley is the first foal of Race To Urga, who also has a 2-year-old colt by Smart Strike and a 2016 colt by Gio Ponti, who sold for \$100,000 as a weanling. The daughter of Bernstein won the Wait A While S. over 1 1/16 miles on turf as a 4-year-old. Altogether Race To Urga won five of her eight starts.

Bernstein was only 14 when he died in 2011, just a few months after two of his best representatives--the GI Breeders' Cup Mile winners Karakontie (Jpn) and Tepin--were born. Race To Urga is bred to the same pattern as Miss World, another of Bernstein's Grade I winners, as both were produced by daughters of Kingmambo. Race To Urga was the first foal of Miss Mambo, a smart performer at around a mile in Europe. Third in the G1 French 1,000 Guineas, after winning three of her first four starts, she later won a Listed race in Ireland.

Gormley's fourth dam, Estrapade, was one of several star daughters of Vaguely Noble bred by Nelson Bunker Hunt. You can get a good idea of her talent from the fact that Allen Paulson had to pay \$4,500,000 for her as a 5-year-old in 1985. Paulson was rewarded with some fine efforts by the 6-year-old Estrapade, including victories in the GI Arlington Million and GI Oak Tree Invitational and third place behind Manila and Theatrical in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf. However, this half-sister to Horse of the Year Criminal Type proved less effective for Paulson as a broodmare, producing just one black-type performer in Rice (Blushing John).

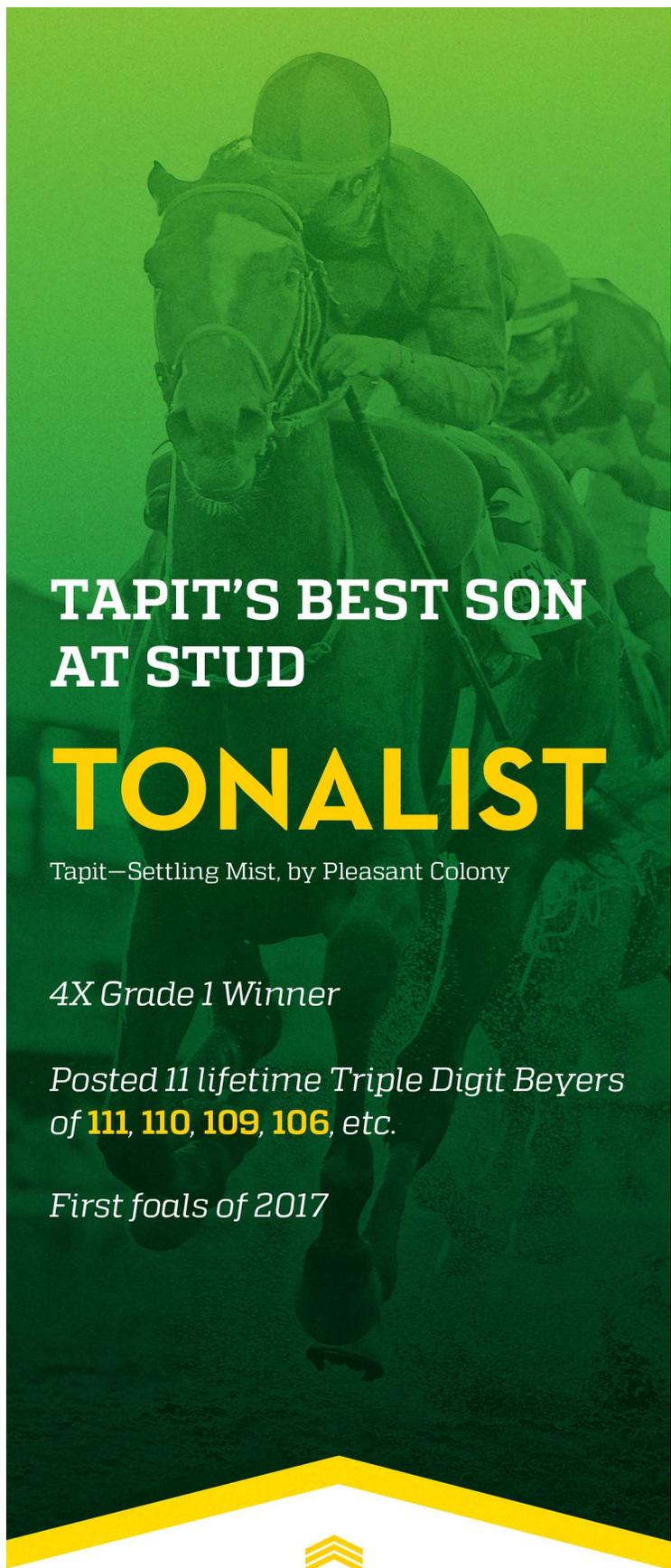
Gormley's third dam Troika, a four-time winner on turf, was the product of two parents (Strawberry Road {Aus} and Estrapade) which were Grade I winners at up to a mile and a half on turf. However, the colt's first two dams are by Bernstein, who won at up to seven furlongs; and Kingmambo, a miler, so it is easy to see where his pace comes from. It is in Gormley's favor that Malibu Moon has already sired a Kentucky Derby winner in Orb, but Orb's first two dams were daughters of Unbridled and Cox's Ridge. I would want to see more of Gormley before predicting whether or not he has enough stamina to follow in Orb's footsteps to Churchill Downs.

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## ALBARADO HITTING 5,000 IN FULL STRIDE

by Michael Adolphson

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana--One would imagine they call them journeymen for a reason. Always on the go, from one horse to another, racetrack to another and airport to another. In the same fold, it is the journey that seems to have brought the most satisfaction to veteran jockey Robby Albarado as he closes in on becoming only the 33rd American rider in Thoroughbred racing history to win 5,000 races. The 43-year-old native of Lafayette, Louisiana, seems to have a keen sense of the highs and lows of the game, with enviable accomplishments and global successes intersecting with unfortunate circumstances and humbling experiences to create an equilibrium point called wisdom. From said junction is where the winner of 201 graded stakes appears to operate, with a tangible passion that defies his age.



Robby Albarado | Coady Photo

"Things are going well," Albarado said. "I don't think anyone continuously wins a bunch of races and you're bound to have your ups and downs. [Approaching 5,000 wins] makes you feel a little old and like you've been around a long time, but I feel great. My family life is good and I have a great support system and that helps a lot, no matter what sport you play or job you do.

"When I go out there, I always try to remember that on slower days you may feel like there are no major races, but those races are major to somebody," Albarado continued. "A win means a lot, no matter the race and I've been around for a long time and learned that you feel really good when you help out people. Whether it's by riding for someone or giving advice to help these younger riders, I think it's important to be a good influence. Especially with the younger jocks coming up. You want them to be not just be better jockeys, but better people."

While a senior member of the Fair Grounds and Churchill Downs colonies in maturity, the athletic three-time Breeders' Cup winner is far from cashing in his chips. The pilot of mounts who have earned than \$205 million in purses is fresh off a season in which he rode (1,179) and won (172) more races than in the previous four years, while utilizing his textbook strength-meets-finesse style to win five graded stakes. His talent with exceptional stock was on display during the abbreviated

career of **Not This Time** (Giant's Causeway), whose desperate neck runner-up effort would have won most GI Breeders' Cup Juveniles.

No stranger to top horses, he has an enviable rolodex of champions upon which to reflect from his more than 31,000 mounts thus far, including such class animals as **Captain Steve**, **Oriente**, **Court Vision**, **Stellar Jayne** and **Banshee Breeze**.

Still, there is no question that among his 35 Grade I victories, those earned by greats **Mineshaft** and **Curlin** stand out. Each of those titans earned Horse of the Year championships by repeatedly dominating their rivals. Curlin, trained by Steve Asmussen, also gave Albarado his first Triple Crown event, Breeders' Cup and international victories when taking the 2007 GI Preakness S. and GI Breeders' Cup Classic, followed by the 2008 GI Dubai World Cup.

"They were easily the best two and it's hard to compare them because they were two different horses from two different eras," Albarado reflected. "Curlin was a big, immature horse early on who had unlimited talent and then put it together. He was really well-managed and became very dominant. Mineshaft was very special and masterfully managed by Neil Howard and [owner] Mr. [William S. Farish III]. He had a way of moving and was so fast. You could feel his confidence. I'm still not over losing the Stephen Foster on him, but that was my fault and you try to learn from it. Both horses gave you an incredible feeling. Actually, the fastest horse when it comes to speed I have ever ridden was a little Texas-bred named **Touch Tone** for Ronny Werner. He didn't run very many times, but he was such a talented horse." **Cont. p17**



Albarado & Curlin after taking 2007 BC Classic | Sarah K Andrew

Loyal horsemen throughout the country have stuck by Albarado, despite some of his tougher times. A highly publicized domestic dispute and subsequent court case took a severe toll on his business, but the eternally optimistic Albarado took it with heavy doses of humility and perspective, just as he has done while going through multiple injuries, including one that cost him the mount on GI Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom the week of the race.

“The legal stuff didn’t help, but I dealt with it, owned up to it and we got through it,” he explained. “Now I’m focused on riding, I’m still the same Robby Albarado in the saddle and I try to look on the bright side. You can’t change the past, but you learn from it. I fractured my skull and busted my eardrum and now I actually hear better out of that ear. When I broke my collarbone, my golf swing went from outside-in to inside and is much better now. I try to pull the positives out of when things go poorly.

“You learn as you go,” Albarado continued. “When I was a teenager, I didn’t get within five miles of a gym, but as you get older or you get injured, you get educated about your body. You learn about how instrumental it is to stay healthy physically and mentally. You always have young, hungry and athletic jockeys coming up and coming after your spot, so you have to keep yourself in shape so you can use that as much as you use your wisdom. It’s like Derek Jeter, who is one of my favorite athletes. So many shortstops went after his job with the Yankees and he kept himself on top and in shape, in addition to obviously being very talented.”

While his talent has made it easier for said horsemen to stay steadfast and load the equine bases for Albarado, it is his character and sense of duty that have hit a home run with his colleagues.

“He’s been a big part of my career both on and off the track and meant a great deal to my operation and to my wife and family, too,” said Neil Howard, trainer of Mineshaft. “It’s no secret the kind of rider he is. He’s one of the best in the country and his accomplishments speak for themselves. Obviously when you have a good horse like Mineshaft they often aren’t too complicated, but it’s the Wednesday-Thursday-Friday horses that he’s always been a great help on. Mr. Farish and I get good feedback and he’s always candid and that’s been absolutely key.”

“Great memories {with Albarado},” Asmussen added. “Robby rode our first Grade I winner Dreams Galore in the (1999) Mother Goose, our first Classic winner Curlin (in the Preakness) and our first Breeders’ Cup winner (also Curlin).”

Since beginning his career in June of 1990 at 16 years old, Albarado has had the acquisition of a Kentucky Derby trophy on his to-do list. Adding a sprinkle of insults to the injury of losing the Animal Kingdom mount is that fact that the possible future Hall of Famer has hit the board in the Run for the Roses three times.

“You feel like a deflated balloon when you lose the Derby, but I still get goosebumps when I think of the race,” he said. “If you’ve ever been to the Derby and you don’t enjoy it, then you don’t belong in horse racing. It’s something so special and I’ve been so close, but I try not to feel bad about that. Pat Day was one of the greatest riders of all time and he only won the race one time

and hit the board a bunch more. With the Animal Kingdom situation, especially with winning a Grade I the day of the race while wearing a protective face mask--that wasn’t easy, but that’s how racing goes and I still am very hungry to win it and know I can do it.”

With all that Albarado has accomplished as he approaches such a significant milestone, one would imagine some sign of slowing down would become apparent, but the father of four is firing on all cylinders in 2017 and appears to have renewed fervor. From 21 mounts in the first week of the new year, he has hit the board 15 times and landed three

victories, indicating that the proverbial journey is far from its destination.

“It helps with the right horses, of course, but I feel like I’m more comfortable out there and I’m making good decisions,” Albarado said. “My agent Lenny {Pike} and I have been together for over 20 years and we have a great relationship and we feel great about how things are going. We are going after the right opportunities and the right spots.

“It’s still fun to ride,” he concluded. “I love to look at a race and pull it apart and then go out there execute it perfectly. It doesn’t always work out that way, but nothing feels better than when it does.”

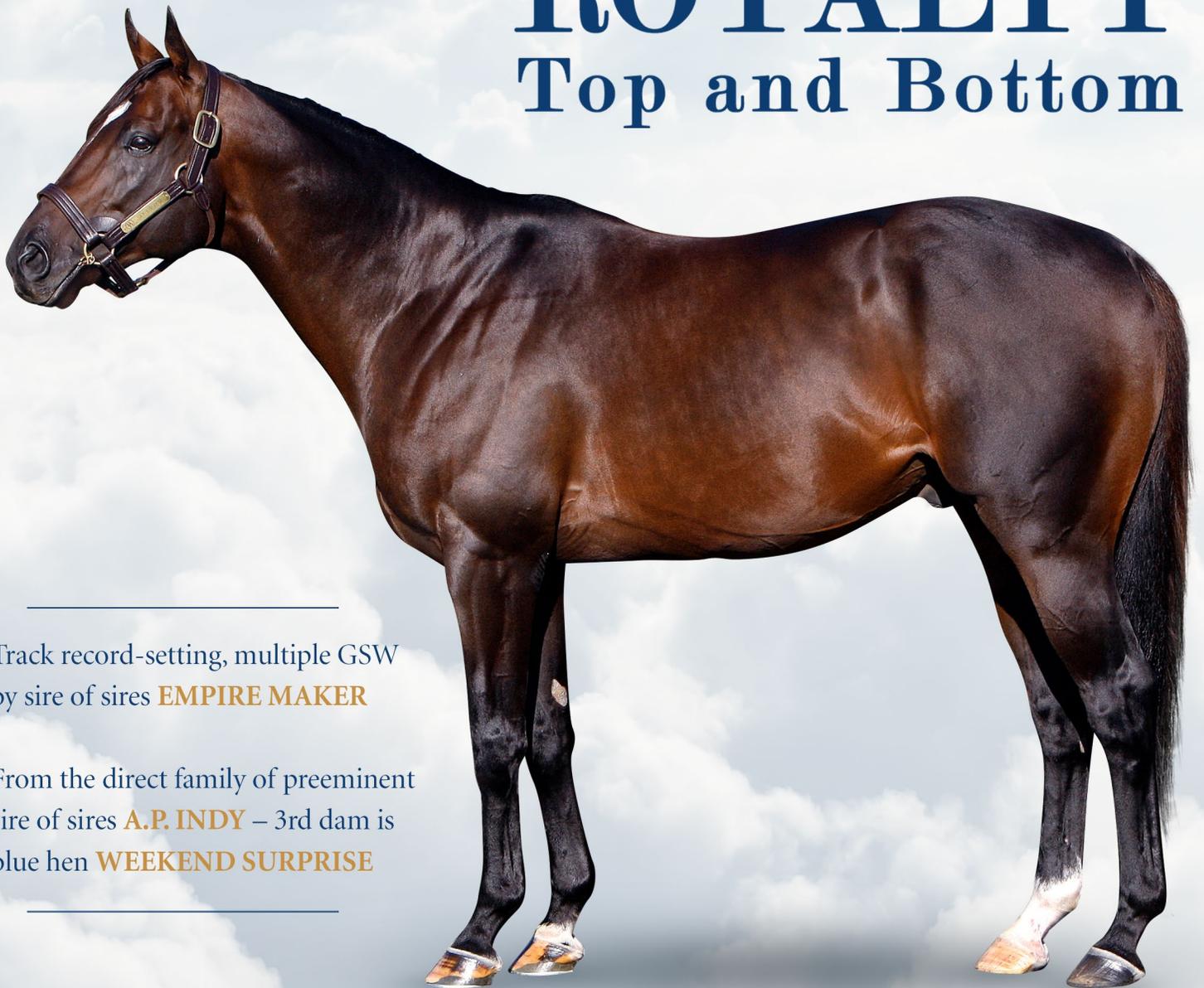


**Albarado & Mineshaft after annexing the 2003 Suburban H. | Horsephotos**



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## MCCRACKEN NEARING SOPHOMORE DEBUT

Janis R. Whitham's homebred 'TDN Rising Star' and undefeated Triple Crown hopeful **McCracken** (Ghostzapper) continues to train forwardly at Palm Meadows and is getting closer to making his 3-year-old debut, according to trainer Ian Wilkes. The bay breezed an easy half-mile over the dirt in Palm Beach County in :50.50 (16/18) Monday, his fourth work since annexing the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 26 at Churchill Downs.



McCracken | Coady Photography

McCracken captured his well-bet debut Oct. 2 under the Twin Spires and followed up with a powerful score in the Street Sense S. there four weeks later to earn his **Rising Star** badge. He then rallied from well off the pace to an eye-catching victory in the KJC.

"It's amazing, isn't it? Everyone gets excited when you have a 2-year-old turning 3," Wilkes said. "He's exciting. He's a very talented horse. He's always showed that talent in the mornings. He's three-for-three and done everything right. He's doing well and, touch wood, everything's great."

Wilkes is considering both the 1 1/16-mile GII Holy Bull S. and seven-furlong GII Swale S. at Gulfstream Feb. 4 for McCracken's next start, with an eye toward the GII Fountain of Youth S. Mar. 4, contested at 1 1/16 miles.

"It just depends," Wilkes said. "I'll watch and see how the track is playing. He is a bit of a closer. Starting early next month, we'll look for a race."

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## BRUGMAN: OWNERS 'KEEN' ON SENDING LEGAL EAGLE TO BC MILE

by Alan Carasso

Derek Brugman, the racing manager to Markus and Ingrid Jooste's Mayfair Speculators, confirmed to the *Turf Talk* newsletter that connections are 'keen' to travel G1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate winner Legal Eagle (SAf) (Greys Inn) to the United States to accept the invitation to participate in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Del Mar in November, but are looking for up to 15 other 'passengers' for a chartered flight in early March.

Brugman told *Turf Talk*, "It is our intention to go, but a few things will have to fall into place. We need 15 horses to fill the charter, and the flight alone will cost R7.5-million (about US\$550,000). It will be financially viable to share the flight with other owners, and at this stage we have commitments from the connections of Marinaresco (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}) and the filly Silver Mountain (SAf) (Silvano {Ger})."

Marinaresco was fourth in the Queen's Plate, a 'Win and

You're In' qualifier for the Mile, while Silver Mountain filled third spot in the G1 Paddock S., sponsored by her owners, the Jacobs Family's Maine Chance Farms.

Brugman continued, "We don't want to fill the charter with our own horses just for the sake of it, we have a number that are good enough and will qualify, but ideally we'd like to get the support of other owners."

Brugman explained to *Turf Talk* that colts older than 730 days (i.e. two years old) are subject to certain restrictions regarding contagious equine metritis (CEM), but that as geldings, Legal Eagle, Marinaresco and Silver Mountain would be allowed into the U.S. following a 60-day lockdown in quarantine. The same period applies to sport horses and mares. A footnote in the *Turf Talk* story states that South Africa was supposed to be declared CEM-free as of December 2016.

Brugman suggested that others could be in position to take advantage of the charter.

"Breeders, for example, can send a mare on the same charter if they want her covered Northern Hemisphere time by a US stallion and sell the foal in the US, or alternatively cover the mare Southern Hemisphere time and bring her back to South Africa. Yearlings bought at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale this month will also be able to get into the US on this charter because they will only reach the 730-day stage much later in the year and will get through quarantine with much time to spare."

Brugman told *Turf Talk* that should the plan come together, the Mayfair horses would be trained by US conditioners in consultation with their South African counterparts.



Mayfair Speculators' two-time Queen's Plate winner Legal Eagle | Liesl King

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## EASTERN U.S.

### Maryland Handle Up Nearly 20% in 2016:

Total handle on Maryland racing rose 19.7% percent and in-state wagering jumped 18.4% in 2016, the Maryland Jockey Club announced Monday. \$559 million was bet on Maryland races, up from \$466 million in 2015, and in-state wagering totaled \$141.8 million, besting last year's total of \$119.7 million.

The MJC also enjoyed record attendance at its two biggest events in 2016, drawing a crowd of 135,256 for the May 21 GI Preakness S. card and welcoming 47,956 for the Gil Black-Eyed Susan S. card the previous day.

"We're pleased with our progress, but we still believe there's more room for improvement and more room to grow this incredibly exciting sport," said Sal Sinatra, President and General Manager of the Maryland Jockey Club. "We want to continue our capital improvements on the front side and back and we will continue in our efforts to play host to Maryland's first Breeders' Cup."

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## CENTRAL U.S.

### Equine Infectious Diseases Expert to Visit Fair Grounds:

Dr. Nathan Slovis, an expert in equine infectious diseases and biosecurity, will visit Fair Grounds Tuesday to offer his expertise on the continuing EHV-1 outbreak on the track's backstretch, it was announced Monday.

Slovis is the Director of the McGee Medicine Department and a partner at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute in Lexington. He implemented the current Infectious Disease and Equine Emergency Response Programs at Hagyard.

"We appreciate Dr. Slovis spending the day with us to share his considerable knowledge regarding the EHV-1 outbreak," said Jason Boulet, Fair Grounds Senior Director of Racing. "His suggestions and assistance will help us continue to take proactive steps to manage this difficult situation."

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## CALIFORNIA

### Sunday's Late Results:

**9th-SA, \$56,070, (S), Msw, 1-8, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.77, ft.**

**JET SET MAN (g, 4, Tribal Rule--Jet Set Girl, by Unusual Heat)** dueled on a fast pace and opened a clear stretch lead before getting nailed late when second debuting down the hill here Oct. 21, and disputed the issue before fading to eighth as the favorite stretching out to a mile on the Del Mar lawn Nov. 25. Made the 8-5 favorite in this dirt debut coming off of a bullet five-furlong work in :59 1/5 (1/37) Jan. 4 at Los Alamitos, the gelding broke sharply and stalked from a close second through a :21.92 quarter. Assuming command at the three-furlong pole, the dark bay drew clear by midstretch and held off a game late charge from Gutsy Effort (Don'tsellmeshort) to prevail by a neck. The winner has a juvenile full-brother named Antietam and his dam was bred to Flat Out last term. Sales History: \$14,000 RNA Ylg '14 BARJAN; \$30,000 2yo '15 BARJAN. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$46,265. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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**ASTROLOGY** (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, \$7.5K, 155/15/2

8-SUN, Alw 6 1/2f, Evolve, \$25K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

**HANSEN** (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 129/21/1

4-SUN, Msw 6f, Eye of the Hunter, 6-1

**STAY THIRSTY** (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 159/18/1

5-PRX, Msw 6f, Jamminwithbrandon, \$100K OBS OPN 2yo, 5-2

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5-PRX, Msw 6f, The Angels Rejoyce, 8-1

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### NMRHOF Courtyard Named for Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney:

In recognition of a \$250,000 gift from owner, philanthropist and Saratoga icon Marylou Whitney, the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame will name its courtyard in honor of Mrs. Whitney's late husband, Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney. The courtyard will undergo a renovation project in 2017 and the new space is expected to be unveiled in the spring of 2018.

Mr. Whitney, one of the founding members of the NMRHOF in 1950 and its first president, was the third generation of his family involved in Thoroughbred racing. He campaigned Hall of Famers Equipose and Top Flight and bred more than 175 stakes winners at his C.V. Whitney Farm in Kentucky. In 1984, he was presented an Eclipse Award for his lifetime of service to the racing industry.

"It was a privilege for my late husband, Sonny Whitney, to help found the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame," Marylou Whitney said. "It is now my honor and duty to help recognize him in this important institution."

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### 2017 TAA Accreditation Application Available Online:

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance's 2017 Accreditation Application is now available on its website, the organization announced Monday. Thoroughbred aftercare organizations interesting in applying for accreditation must do so by Apr. 15. Because the TAA has a two-year accreditation protocol, organizations that were accredited in 2015 will need to re-apply by that date. Applications are evaluated on five key areas: operations, education, horse health care management, facility standards and services, and adoption policies and protocols. Organizations that receive accreditation are eligible to receive financial grants from the TAA.

The application can be accessed online [here](#).

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## BREEDERS' EDITION

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**5th-MVR, \$25,300, (S), 1-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.24, ft.**

**BAM WHAT (c, 4, [Regal Ransom](#)--Gullible, by Yes It's True)**

Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-2, \$57,956. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-T/C Stable, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. \*\$9,500 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**+Bubba's Will, c, 3, Wildcat Brief--Out of the Will (SP, \$224,090), by Will's Way. PRX, 1-9, (C), 6f, 1:10.58. B-Ross Restuccio (NJ).**

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**Dream Kirari, h, 5, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Truant, by Gone West.** Nakayama, 1-7, Pollux Stakes, 9fD. Lifetime Record: 20-6-1-2, \$704,359 O-Lion Race Horse; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC; T-Yoshito Yahagi. \*Winning jockey Masami Matsuoka commented, "He responded quickly, even when he set the pace, and the cheek pieces were very effective." \*\*\$250,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.



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**Zenno Surveyor, c, 4, [Mineshaft](#)--Eden's Causeway, by Giant's Causeway.** Kyoto, 1-7, Plate Race, 6fD. Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-1, \$289,744. O/B-Kumiko Osako; T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida. \*1/2 to Eden's Moon (Malibu Moon), GISW, \$387,216. \*\*Winning jockey Yutaka Take commented, "He started off the gate quickly and settled close to the lead. It was an easy race today."

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## BELL RINGS IN NEW YEAR BACK WHERE SHE BELONGS



Sammy Jo Bell at the Shergar Cup | *Racing Post*

by Tom Peacock

Many goals set by jockeys for 2017 will take most of the year to achieve. For Sammy Jo Bell, a major step had already been taken by Jan. 2 and she could be a long way further within another month.

The Northern Irishwoman was back on the gallops for the first time since last May, the result of a fractured pelvis when a horse reared up on the way to the start for a race at Carlisle and fell on top of her. The injury required plates to be inserted and there was no chance of improving on her breakthrough season of 28 winners in 2015.

"I was a bit stiff and sore for the first couple of days but it's back to normal now," she reported.

"The pelvis seemed OK, the arms and legs were a bit stiff, but apart from that everything's alright. To think about it now, it has gone past quite quickly. I got plates in about four days after the accident and wasn't in any pain after that."

It could not exactly be described as a happy coincidence, but a fortunate one nonetheless, that Jack Berry House is in Malton, where Bell has been based with Richard Fahey for four years. The Injured Jockeys Fund's North Yorkshire facility has proved invaluable with her rehabilitation.

"If it happened to any general person, they would probably have to pay a lot of money for that kind of physiotherapy and help," she said.

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## MILLIONS HEATS UP ON THE GOLD COAST

By Kelsey Riley

GOLD COAST, Australia--As buyers continued to stream in from all corners of the globe for this week's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, the sale company's headquarters in Bundall began to heat up on Monday--quite literally, with temperatures hitting almost 30 degrees Celsius and set to rise throughout the week. Magic Millions and vendors alike will be hoping action from the buyers is just as hot as they put the finishing touches on the 1030 yearlings set to sell as part of Book 1 of Australia's curtain-raising sale; 816 are slated for Book 1 from Jan. 11 to 14, while 213 are catalogued for Sunday's single-session Book 2.

Those patrolling the grounds on Monday, two days out from the start of action, included the usual suspects from Australasia as well as some familiar faces from Asia, America and Europe. Magic Millions's Barry Bowditch said he thinks inspections have been comparable to this stage last year.

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### KEENELAND JANUARY BEGINS

Keeneland January saw some midday fireworks Monday, with Siren Serenade (Unbridled's Song) selling for \$1.025 million in foal to Tapit. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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## Bell Rings in the New Year Back Where She Belongs (cont. from p1)

"I've been off seven months in all, and eight weeks of that I was in a wheelchair. After that I was in the gym at Jack Berry House every day Monday to Friday. For six to eight weeks I was on crutches and I could only partially weight bear so it was just stuff with my arms.

"They have a hydrotherapy pool, which is fabulous, you can run in that before you can actually run on a treadmill. It kept me in a routine and got me fit."

The next stage in Bell's programme will be similarly gradual.

She explained: "I decided that at the start of February I'd try to get back on the track, it gives me a month or so before the turf starts. That would be a loose target.

"I just want to feel completely fit to race ride. No matter how much gym work you do, it's not the same as riding a horse. I've started riding the



Bell rehabs at the Jack Berry House Racing Post

ones that are a bit quieter and don't pull as much but I'll need to be riding everything when I'm back."

Bell might have been regarded as an overnight success after gaining wider recognition at the Shergar Cup international jockeys' competition in August 2015. She was invited into the Girls' side as a late replacement and took it by storm, with two winners securing both the individual and team titles. It looked as if a modest, photogenic star had been born, but perhaps only in the eyes of the media.

"If anything, it got a bit quieter after that," she said. "It was probably just the time of year, the evening meetings were finishing, but nothing changed."

It is not like she is afraid of hard work; a baptism of fire from six months with Jim Bolger as a 17-year-old would take care of that. Bell was later to spend three and a half years working for Kevin Prendergast on the Curragh.

The challenge begins anew to re-establish herself in the minds of owners and trainers.

"It's quite exciting now because it feels like I'm starting again, really. It's something to look forward to, seeing how I get on when I get going again. It definitely feels different, when you have a break sometimes it's not exactly easy to get back into it.



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“It is a bit (daunting), especially now I'm no longer an apprentice. I was 26 in the last week of December, so I will have to turn professional, which makes it probably a bit harder. I still have my 3lb claim, at least that might help a little bit.”

This distinction means she can now receive 100% of her riding fees and prize-money, rather than sharing with a trainer--but no



**Sammy Jo Bell at the Shergar Cup**  
*Racing Post*

longer be a big fish in restricted apprentice races.

After Bell's emergence came that of Josephine Gordon, last year's champion apprentice who has recently been given a prominent role at Hugo Palmer's Newmarket stable. Gordon's rise through

the ranks can only offer encouragement.

“She got going in the first six months before I got injured and I wouldn't have seen her much as we're in different ends of the country. She's done a fantastic job for girls, but she rides like a boy really!”

A bonus of the enforced absence was that it even allowed Bell a rare chance to return home to County Antrim.

“I sort of accepted I wasn't riding for six months and tried to enjoy life a bit,” she said. “Nothing physical, just spending time with friends and family, even to be able to do things at the weekend and have a bit of a normal life, which you don't normally get.”

She is clearly delighted, though, to have returned to the atypical life of a jockey. With the likes of Group 1 winner Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) and Queen Kindly (GB) (Frankel {GB}) in the Fahey yard, now is a time of hopes and dreams.

“It's all guns blazing, everyone's excited to see how the 2-year-olds are, and any nice horses from last year. I know most of the staff pretty well, it just feels like back to normal and back to some graft.”

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**Monday's Results:**

**6th-LIN, £5,000, Mdn, 1-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f (AWT), 2:07.05, stn. +OCEAN DRIVE (IRE) (f, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Cap Coz {Ire} {SW & MGSP-Fr}, by Indian Ridge {Ire})** raced off the pace in seventh after a green departure in this unveiling. Coming under pressure with three furlongs remaining, the 9-2 chance moved into



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second at the top of the short straight and kept on strongly in the closing stages to prevail by a half length from My Rosie (Ire) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). The 200,000gns TATOCT yearling, a full-sister to a 2-year-old colt, is the fourth scorer produced by MGSP Listed Prix Roland de Chambure winner Cap Coz (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), and her three black-type siblings are G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and G1 Middle Park S. third Reply (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), dual G2 International Bosphorus Cup victor Indian Days (GB) (Daylami {Ire}) and GSP Listed Prix Contessina and Listed Prix du Cercle winner Biniou (Ire) (Mozart {Ire}). The winner's second dam is GSW G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches runner-up Pont-Aven (Ire) (Try My Best), who also produced MG1SP dual European highweight Sainte Marine (Ire) (Kenmare {Fr}) and MGSW sire Josr Algarhoud (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$3,934. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-M J Jooste; B-Mrs C Regalado-Gonzalez (IRE); T-William Haggas.

**4th-WOL, £19,000, Cond, 1-9, 4yo/up, 9f 103y (AWT), 2:00.55, stn.**

**CALLING OUT (FR) (g, 6, Martaline {GB}--Exit the Straight {Ire}, by Exit to Nowhere)** Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Fr, SP-Eng, 22-4-4-3, \$196,750. O-Tick Tock Partnership; B-John Studd (FR); T-David Simcock. \*€22,000 Ylg '12 AROCT; €350,000 3yo '14 ARQARC.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Peachey Carnehan (GB)**, g, 3, **Foxwedge (Aus)**--Zubova (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). WOL, 1-9, 7f 32y (AWT), TIME. B-J M Duggan & The Late T Duggan (GB). \*20,000gns RNA Wlg '14 TATFOA; 19,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TAOCT.

**Just An Idea (Ire)**, c, 3, **Lilbourne Lad (Ire)**--Emreliya (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). LIN, 1-9, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11. B-John T Heffernan (IRE). \*SP-Eng, \*\*€7,500 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; €8,000 Ylg '15 TISEP; £14,000 RNA 2yo '16 TATABR.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### Millions Heats Up on the Gold Coast

(cont. from p1)

"The roll call is good; everyone we expected to be here is here," he said. "We're pleased with that. Inspections are in line with last year, probably a little busier. Vendors are giving us great feedback in what buyers are saying about the horses. We



Inspections are underway for the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale

*Magic Millions photo*

have a great lot of horses and we expect the sale to be in line with last year, and if we get an increase with 70 more lots in Book 1 we'll be really happy."

Last year's edition of Book 1 of the Gold Coast sale likely exceeded even the sale's company's expectations. With a gross of A\$115,646,000 for 591 sold, the sale became the highest-grossing yearling sale in the Southern Hemisphere since 2008. It produced six seven-figure lots--a Magic Millions record--while the average and median were both up 15%. Perhaps the most celebrated statistic was the 88.5% clearance rate.

Seventy more yearlings have been catalogued this year, which Bowditch explained is a product of greater demand from vendors.

"A few years ago we took the catalogue back to 640 lots and over the last few years, as vendors have given us more quality horses, we've just slowly increased it," he said. "Last year was such a great sale that the vendors have supported us heavily again."

He added that Magic Millions has remained mindful of keeping the sale one for buyers at all levels.

"We've always wanted to keep it that there's a horse here for

everyone," Bowditch noted. "So people can come buy a horse for A\$50,000, A\$100,000, A\$200,000; there's a horse at all levels for buyers. We don't want to lose sight of the fact that there will be a good horse here making little money."

Indeed, good horses come from everywhere, and the most highly anticipated lots come from a spread of proven and first-season sires, as well as some international sires, and a variety of stud farms. Not A Single Doubt (Aus) enjoyed a watershed year both on the racetrack and in sales rings last year, and he will be well-represented this week, his offerings including [lot 243](#), a half-brother to G2 Western Australian Guineas winner Moccasin Bend (Aus) (Eternity Range {Aus}) and [lot 619](#), a half-brother to juvenile stakes winner Azazel (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}). Not A Single Doubt's Arrowfield Stud

barnmate Snitzel provided three of the six millionaires at last year's sale, and he is well represented with 52 offerings. Those include [lot 72](#), a filly who is the first foal out of dual Grade II winner Gypsy Robin (Daaher); [lot 348](#), a colt out of Quench The Thirst (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) a stakes-placed daughter of outstanding producer Monsoon Wedding (Aus) (Danehill); and [lot 583](#), a filly out of Your Life Style (Aus) (Hussonet), another daughter of Monsoon Wedding.



Snitzel--Quench The Thirst colt | Kelsey Riley

Arrowfield's John Messara has been busy this week, with the stud offering 55, and he said on Monday, "The activity has been steady. I think the sales in Australia are becoming very professional. There are very few onlookers now; it's really the genuine buyers that come out. I'll be very happy if the sale is about the level of last year; last year's sale was excellent. I don't think it needs to go up off that. If it does that's fine, but there's no need for it to go up any further; it was a very buoyant sale last year."

Arrowfield also debuts the first yearlings by its young sire Dundee (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}). The six-time Group 1 winner has 12 catalogued. Two of those reside at Arrowfield, including [lot 232](#), a colt out of dual champion and Classic winner Miss Finland (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who has already produced G1 Thousand Guineas winner Stay With Me (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}).

"We only have two [Dundeels], but I'm very pleased with them," Messara said. "I've looked at all the others and I'm pleased with them too. There's a dozen on the ground and I'm hopeful he's going to return good results for the people who bred to him."

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Dundeel certainly isn't the only exciting first-season sire with representation. Zoustar (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}) and Shamus Award (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) from Widden Stud have 40 and 16, respectively, catalogued. Camelot (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and Declaration of War (War Front), a pair of Coolmore shuttlers who enjoyed good results with their first Northern Hemisphere yearlings last year, are in the mix, as is Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), Darley's European 2-year-old champion and Classic winner, and Epaulette (Aus) (Commands {Aus}), a half-brother to productive young sire Helmet (Aus). Newgate Farm has three first-season sires represented: Eurozone (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), Sizzling (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) and The Factor (Aus) (War Front), while Arrowfield also presents a filly by Japanese-based first-season sire Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}).



John Messara | Bronwen Healy

Magic Millions has been the scene of excellent sales for first-season sires like Sepoy (Aus) and Pierro (Aus) in recent years, and Bowditch said, "I think both Zoustar and Dundeel will feature with highlighted horses within the sale. Widden have some great fillies by Zoustar and there are some outstanding colts on the grounds. There are a couple of Dundeel colts here that are outstanding horses that should be right up there."

Perennial leading sires like Fastnet Rock (Aus), Redoute's Choice (Aus) and Exceed and Excel (Aus) are also bound to cause a stir during the week, and another internationally leading sire of that stature who adds some flavour to the sale is Tapit, America's champion sire who has two catalogued: [lot 165](#), a filly from Newhaven Park out of the stakes-winning Leinan (Ready's Image) on day one; and [lot 532](#), a colt out of G2 Schuylerville S. winner Touch Love (Not For Love) on day three. The latter was bred by Gainesway Farm in the U.S. on Southern Hemisphere time and sent to Vinery in Australia along with two other youngsters. He is a half-brother to stakes winner Starfish Bay (Elusive Quality) and two stakes-placed horses.

"[Gainesway] sent three out early in the year and they were three really nice Tapits: two colts and a filly," said Vinery manager Peter Orton. "We thought we'd bring one of the forward colts here to have in the Magic Millions, and [lot 532] is a lovely colt, a nice forward colt. We have two greys at home, a filly and a colt, and they'll go to [Ingis] Easter."

"We're really excited about them," Orton added. "They're lovely horses and they've done well since they've been here.

Since they've arrived they've been in good order, and they've been out in normal conditions and they've thrived. They're well-adjusted and there's been really good interest in them."

Orton, who noted Gainesway has three more Tapits booked to head Down Under in the coming months, said the locals seemed to be quite receptive to the Tapits.

"There's been a lot of interest, and our buying bench is so internationally aware," he said. "They're a good product to have here. With our bloodlines going between hemispheres, we have a market that can appreciate [an international] pedigree. We have to look at a stallion like Tapit, who has been such a dominating sire in America, as an opportunity for Australia. But we can't do that without some consideration. You have to think it through and he's the sort of horse we think can work."

Lot 532 is bred on the same cross as American Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), and Orton noted with a laugh that comparison has come up a lot for the chestnut.

"It's been mentioned all the time, but that's it; those are the sorts of things you're looking for."

Regarding the Vinery draft as a whole, which numbers 23, Orton said, "We've got a very good draft; I know we all say that every year, but we have a very good group of athletic horses. The pedigrees are great; All Too Hard is emerging as a really exciting stallion. We have a nice mix and there's been great interest, so we're looking forward to the sale."

Book 1 of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

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Lot 232, a colt by Dundeel out of Miss Finland, checks out his sire's stats at the Arrowfield consignment | Kelsey Riley

#### Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale Day One Outs

3, 6, 26, 28, 29, 54, 56, 63, 69, 81, 90, 102, 131, 137, 145, 147, 180, 202, 204, 218, 230

## MUIR EXCELS WITH HORSEPOWER

By Kelsey Riley

John Muir was bitten by the racing bug at a young age. Harboring aspirations to be a jockey, he headed off to work for trainer Maurice McCarten at the age of 16, but those dreams were quickly dashed.

"I went to work for an old wonderful trainer called Maurice McCarten, I was only about 16 at the time but he said to me, 'you're going to be too big,' so I gave it away," Muir said.

Instead, Muir satisfied his need for speed by taking over his family's General Motors Holden dealership, Muirs Holden, in Sydney. He also soon began to buy broodmares, and that eventually led to the establishment of Milburn Creek, which offers 11 yearlings on the Gold Coast this week.

"We have what we like to call a boutique stud in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales," Muir said. "It's very much like England or Ireland; beautiful pastures with undulations. Horses do exceptionally well down there.

We're blessed to have Scott Holcombe as the manager. He's the most dedicated horseperson I've ever been involved with. I'm the owner but the way these horses are, their presentation, is to his absolute credit, and the staff."

Muir and his wife Trish began dabbling in bloodstock in 1973, and in 1986 they purchased Nepean Stud Farm on the Hawkesbury River in Grose Vale. The Muirs transferred their operation to the Southern Highlands in 2011, and Milburn Creek Farm is now home to about 25 broodmares which, Muir noted, are "ruthlessly culled" as part of his business plan.

"We've made a few mistakes but we try to have what people want, out of pedigrees that appeal to people in Australia and internationally," he explained. "We buy [mares] here and overseas, in the U.S. and Europe. Good deep pedigrees that people appreciate."

Those international mares have included Canadian stakes winner Roses 'N' Wine (Broken Vow), who produced for Muir Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), winner of the G1 Spring Champion S. and now a dual hemisphere sire for Spendthrift. Muir has also bred Sizzling (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), the G1 TJ Smith S. winner who has his first yearlings selling this week; G1 AJC Oaks winner Once Were Wild (Aus) (Johannesburg); and G1 New Zealand Derby winner Redoute's Dancer (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).

Milburn Creek operates on a purely commercial level, Muir

explained, selling everything it breeds with few exceptions.

"Unless there is a mare that's had all colts and we'd like to keep a filly, we sell everything," he said. "We like to say we're a good seller: we bring them here to sell. We've got realistic expectations."

He added, "My background is the motor car business. I'm a General Motors dealer, a Holden dealer--I may be the biggest Holden dealer in Sydney--so I have a selling and presenting background. I like to do everything 100%. We run a tight, clean ship. The property is beautifully maintained by Scott, and he's got a lovely staff around him."

Despite his role as a seller Muir has enjoyed success in racing as an owner. He bought as a weanling the filly Secret Admirer (Aus) (Dubawi {Ire}), who went on to win the G1 Epsom H. and G1 Flight S. and is now part of the broodmare band at Milburn Creek.

Milburn Creek's Magic Millions draft is highlighted by [lot 607](#), an I Am Invincible (Aus) half-brother to Sizzling, who was sold at this sale for A\$260,000 in 2011. It also includes [lot 365](#), a Not A Single Doubt (Aus) colt out of a half-sister to Group 2 winner Sovereign Nation (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}); and, during the final evening of Book 1, [lot 745](#), a Zoustar (Aus) half-brother to Debonairly (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), who was named a 'TDN Rising Star' after a 4 1/2-length debut win at Warwick Farm in December. Muir said he has been pleased with the action at his barn thus far this week.



John Muir with lot 607, a half-brother to Group 1 winner Sizzling | Kelsey Riley

"We're very happy. They've been very well inspected, but you have to have the horses they want to see," he noted.

Muir was also complimentary of the work put in by his fellow breeders, and Magic Millions, where he said he has been selling horses since the sales began.

"I think it's a credit to the breeders that have gathered here," he said. "In my opinion the Magic Millions catalogue gets better and better every year, and I congratulate all the breeders for the way they've presented their horses."

"To [Magic Millions Managing Director] Vin Cox's great credit, he's really given this place an injection," Muir added. "Magic Millions is a great company to deal with; it's a credit to Vin and his staff."

Muir served on the board of NSW Thoroughbred Breeders for 13 years, serving as president in his final year, and is also on the committee of Racing NSW Animal Care and Ethics and the Jockeys Benefit Scheme Trust. He therefore has plenty of perspectives to draw upon when he says racing in Australia has

a bright future. He paid credit to John Messara, who recently retired as chairman of Racing NSW.

“There are always challenges, but prize money has increased dramatically, especially in the country areas. He brought The Championships in, which has had remarkable success and will get better. We also have the BOBS system [Breeders and Owners Bonus Scheme], which works marvelously well. I think the industry’s got a very bright future and I think it’s in good hands.”

It appears Milburn Creek is also in good hands, and could enjoy some more memorable moments on the Gold Coast in the coming days.

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## SIR PRANCEALOT TO SHUTTLE TO AUSTRALIA

**Sir Prancealot (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}), the European champion freshman sire of 2016, is to shuttle to Cornerstone Stud in South Australia for the 2017 Southern Hemisphere breeding season.

He will join his Tally-Ho Stud resident Zebedee (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and fellow Irish shuttler Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) on the roster at the Hayes family's farm at



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Angaston.

“The O’Callaghans have been a pleasure to deal with, and with the ongoing assistance of Johnny and Susie McKeever, we are delighted to be standing another leading sire for Tally-Ho Stud,” said Sam Hayes.

“It takes something special to beat the likes of Frankel in a sires’ premiership. Sir Prancealot and Zebedee are upgrading mares with exceptional consistency and that is one of the benefits of breeding to proven stallions.”

Sir Prancealot raced solely as a 2-year-old, winning three of his six starts, culminating in the G2 Flying Childers S. at Doncaster. He has made an explosive start to his stud career, siring 32 winners of 46 races in 2016, including former British-trained Group 3 winner Madam Dancealot (Ire), who sold for €260,000 at Goffs’ Champions Sale in September and is now trained in America by Richard Baltas for Slam Dunk Racing.

Cornerstone Stud will announce a fee in March for Sir Prancealot, who is standing this season at Tally-Ho Stud for €8,000.

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## FRANKEL DAUGHTER OF CHAMPION MORE JOYOUS IMPRESSES IN TRIAL *by Alan Carasso*

**Woman (Aus)** (Frankel {GB}), the first foal produced by John Singleton’s champion eight-time Group 1 winner More Joyous (NZ) (More Than Ready), gave a strong account of herself in a 741m barrier trial Monday morning at Randwick, running on with good energy to finish fourth.

Drawn inside in a field of six that included three other fillies from the barn of Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, Woman settled one from the rear and crept up one spot while down on the inside on the turn.

Angled out in upper stretch by Kerrin McEvoy, she quickened up nicely and finished well, then galloped out alongside the top three ([video](#)). The time for the day’s third trial, contested over a track rated a soft 5, was :44 flat. The heat was won by the Waterhouse-



Woman |

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trained **Mystic Empire (Aus)** (All Too Hard {Aus}).

“Woman is a beautiful filly. She has size, scope and good bone for her massive frame,” Waterhouse told *Racing and Sports*. “I believe Frankel is sure to make an impact in the Southern Hemisphere.”

“We thought she was well behind the other two-year-olds we had, and we weren’t expecting anything spectacular, but that’s what we got.” Singleton added on radio station RSN 927’s Racing Ahead program.

Australia’s champion older horse in 2012, More Joyous was trained by Waterhouse for Singleton to victories in 21 of 33 career appearances and earnings of better than A\$4.5 million, including her biggest payday in the A\$2-million G1 Doncaster H. during her championship season.

Woman is one of three Frankels owned by Singleton and being prepared by Waterhouse. She is the second member of her sire’s first crop to appear at the trials in Australia. McEvoy was also in the saddle atop **Merovee (Aus)**, a Chris Waller-trained son of MGSW & MG1SP More Strawberries (Aus) (More Than Ready), who was a quiet fourth at Rosehill Dec. 30.

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