

ARROGATE STRONG IN PEGASUS DRILL



Arrogate draws away from Uninvited | Benoit

GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song), tuning up for a rematch with California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the Jan. 28 GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational, worked six furlongs in 1:12.29 shortly before the first race at Santa Anita Sunday. Santa Anita timer Dane Nelson caught the gray 4-year-old through fractions of :23.86, :48.11, 1:00.40, 1:12.29, 1:24.82 and galloping out a mile in 1:37.97.

With Martin Garcia in the irons, the 'TDN Rising Star' followed stablemate Uninvited (Misremembered) onto the track at 11:45 a.m. The pair proceeded to gallop down the stretch and, with Uninvited roughly 10 lengths in front, they each rounded the clubhouse turn and broke off from the three-quarter pole. From there, Arrogate settled into a steady rhythm under Garcia and overtook Uninvited a sixteenth of a mile from the wire.

"It went well today, I could tell," trainer Bob Baffert, who watched the work from a private suite atop Santa Anita's box seat area with his wife Jill, son, Bode and jockey Mike Smith, said. "With every work, he's progressing. He's getting closer. We're starting to lean on him...Martin said he was picking it up late."

Baffert continued, "It didn't seem like he was going that fast, but he was clicking right along. I couldn't be happier with the way we're coming into this. He's right on schedule. We just need to keep him healthy. Today, what I saw...I was really impressed."

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NOBLE BIRD ADDED TO PEGASUS MIX

John Oxley's **Noble Bird** (Birdstone) has been added to the list of horses under consideration for the Jan. 28 GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational and connections are actively seeking a berth in the \$12-million race. The chestnut continued to impress Sunday, working a sharp half-mile at Palm Meadows in :48.20--fastest of 32 at the distance.

"Early on we were approached by people and asked if we were interested [in the Pegasus] and we had said no," trainer Mark Casse explained. "But he has been training so good. I wasn't there today for his work, but I was there last week and I thought his work was as good as I've ever seen him breeze. In fact, I was there for his last two previous breezes and I thought the same thing. He's really training well right now."

Noble Bird went four furlongs in :47.50 Dec. 31, the fastest of 92 horses, and followed with a five-furlong breeze in 1:00.65 Jan. 8. **Cont. p3**

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Initiation. After getting his picture taken in the Aqueduct winner's circle aboard Honorable Jonas, apprentice rider Hector Diaz, Jr. is ceremonially doused with water by fellow jockeys in celebration of his first career win on Sunday. | Chelsea Durand

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GILLIGAN MAKING WAVES AT TURFWAY

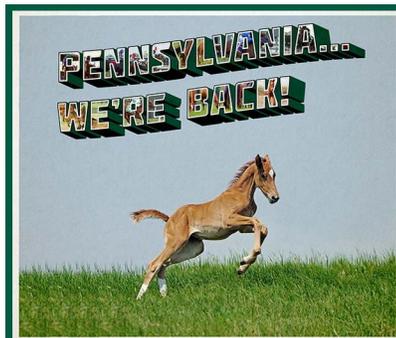
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Jack Gilligan, born and raised in Newmarket, has made rapid progress in the jockeys' standings at Turfway Park.

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Arrogate Strong in Pegasus Drill (cont. from p1)

Arrogate's scheduled has been adjusted in the face of an unusually rainy California winter. A record-setting winner of the GI Travers S. in August, the Juddmonte colorbearer defeated California Chrome by a half-length in the Breeders' Cup Classic Nov. 5. He had been expected to start in the Jan. 1 GII San Pasqual S., but Baffert decided to skip the race when the track came up muddy. Rain is in the forecast in the coming week, but Arrogate is tentatively scheduled to work again at Santa Anita next Sunday before shipping to Florida Jan. 24.

"I want to put a little breeze into him next Sunday," Baffert said. "Probably not as strong as this. I'm still watching the Weather Channel and all I see is rain, rain, rain, but I'm lucky enough that we're getting these works in here."

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Noble Bird Added to Pegasus Mix (cont. from p1)

Casse added there have been negotiations to obtain one of the starting berths in the Pegasus.

"Saturday I was in communication with a couple of possibilities, but we never came to an agreement," Casse said. "We're seriously thinking about the Pegasus, so we'll see how things play out in the next week or so, but if we can come to an agreement with somebody we'll probably run him."

Noble Bird, winner of the 2015 GI Stephen Foster H., captured last year's GII Hagyard Fayette S. and GIII Pimlico Special. He was most recently seventh in the GI Clark H. at Churchill last November.

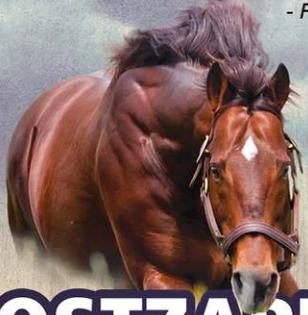


Noble Bird | *Coady Photography*

"As you know when he's good, he's really good and when he's bad, he's bad," Casse said of the 6-year-old chestnut. "But, I would think how kind Gulfstream is to speed, that he should sure like Gulfstream. He went a half this morning and did well. We don't have any agreement at this point in time, but we'll see what happens."

Zayat Stables' **Prayer for Relief** (Jump Start) may also have earned a spot in the Pegasus Cup after a weekend work. The 9-year-old veteran went five furlongs at Gulfstream Saturday in :59.25 (2/46). Winless since taking the Tenacious H. at Fair Grounds in December 2013, Prayer for Relief was sent to Dubai after a fourth-place effort in the 2015 GI Donn H. He made only one more 2015 start and was winless in five Meydan starts last spring before returning to the U.S.

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Fifth in his first start back stateside in the Oct. 29 GII Fayette S., Prayer for Relief was most recently ninth in the Clark.

"He worked so good Saturday," trainer Dale Romans said of Prayer for Relief. "He's doing so well. He'd just come back from Dubai and it took him a couple races. He may not be as good as he once was, but I think he can be as good once as he ever was."

Of the search for a stakeholder in the race, Romans added, "That's between Mr. [Ahmed] Zayat and whoever is looking for a horse. I'm just training him. After that work, he asked me, and I told him not to duck anyone."



Prayer for Relief | *Horsephotos*

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), who worked five furlongs at Gulfstream Saturday morning in 1:00 3/5 in preparation for the Pegasus, exited the work in fine shape.

"The track was a little heavy [yesterday], but he got over it really easy," Dihigi Gladney, aboard for Saturday's work, said Sunday. "I think a lot of that has to do with the way he's made. His body type shows he can get over most any type of surface. He went a minute in change and I didn't try to [push] him or anything."

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Ed DeRosa of TwinSpires .com takes on TDN's Steve Sherack and Brian DiDonato as they handicap each prep race leading up to the GI Kentucky Derby. The three will make \$100 Win/Place bets--highest bankroll after the Lexington S. wins.

DeRosa: Smarty Jones S. - The Smarty Jones is the type of race that I'm more excited to bet than pick, but the point of the Throwdown is to come up with winning horses, not winning bets, and **Warrior's Club** figures to get the best trip among the logical trio of he, Petrov, and Uncontested, so the deuce is the tab. Warrior's Club took until his sixth start and restricted stakes company to break his maiden, but despite a 1-for-7 record, any of his last three races look good enough to win this, including a third last out behind top Kentucky Derby prospect McCracken. Uncontested was fourth in that race, and Warrior's Club figures to sit a similar trip here with other speed expected to press Uncontested. Petrov will save ground and make the latest run of all, but could see Warrior's Club getting the jump and outlasting that foe given the short-stretch one-mile configuration at Oaklawn. **Selection: #2 Warrior's Club (7-2).**

DiDonato: Smarty Jones S. - Thanks to TwinSpires and Ed for being involved with this. Should be interesting with a third competitor this time. I'm going to start things off with a complete stab. **Unbridled Eagle** only has one race from seven previous efforts that would make him at all competitive here on paper, but he had some excuses in other starts. That one win came on the cut back at Saratoga, but it was a decent enough effort and the Horton homebred is bred to go longer. The trainer change to Steve Asmussen could prove significant, and **Unbridled Eagle's** works look upbeat enough. **Selection: #5 Unbridled Eagle (8-1)**

Sherack: Smarty Jones S. - Even with the King's Swan winner and third-place finisher returning with non-efforts in the Mucho Macho Man S. and GIII Jerome S., the lightly raced **Petrov** looks to have found a perfect spot to stretch out in distance for the first time. A smart debut winner at Churchill Nov. 12, he closed with a powerful late rush to just miss by a head in the aforementioned six-furlong King's Swan at the Big A Dec. 2. The gray, out of a Bertrando mare that graduated at second asking in a 1 1/16-mile affair at Hollywood Park back in 2006, has been training up a storm over the Oaklawn surface since, led by a best-of-200 four-furlong bullet in :47 3/5 Dec. 23. While trainer Ron Moquett doesn't exactly boast the greatest numbers with horses going from sprint to route, it's hard to knock the job that he's done the past two years developing Kentucky Derby starters Whitmore and Far Right. The latter won this race in 2015. With the New York-based Jose Ortiz signed on, the well-drawn Petrov should sit a perfect trip. **Selection: #1 Petrov (5-2).**

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FINEST CITY WORKS FOR RETURN

Zeltzer Thoroughbreds' **Finest City** (City Zip), last seen winning the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint, prepped for her return in Saturday's GII Santa Monica S. with a bullet five-furlong work in 1:00.20 over Santa Anita's training track Sunday.

"We had to play it by ear dealing with the weather that altered training schedules, but we managed to dance through the raindrops and she's doing fine," trainer Ian Kruljac said. "We're ready to run and we're ready to go. She's fine; she's fit."

Saturday may be a big day for the connections of Finest City, who could be named 2016 Eclipse champion female sprinter when the awards are announced at Gulfstream Saturday evening.

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GILLIGAN MAKING WAVES AT TURFWAY

by Trent Ledbetter

Editor's note: Trent Ledbetter is a 19-year-old freshman at Thomas More College in Northern Kentucky studying communications. He was recently accepted into the Keeneland College Ambassador Program, and he writes about racing from a young person's perspective for the TDN.

Jack Gilligan had done his homework. As his horse, **Ubiquitous Mantle** (Alhaarth) held the lead rounding the final turn at

Kentucky Downs, he knew to let her go and just ride, to put the whip away and let her run. And as all the jockeys urged their horses to catch him, whipping them furiously, Gilligan sat calmly as Ubiquitous Mantle won by a nose. The Irish-bred filly went off at odds of 60-1, and was the first Kentucky Downs win for the apprentice jockey.

Born and raised in Newmarket, England, Gilligan finished 2016 with 61 wins and \$1,129,237 in earnings. He is currently the third-leading rider at Turfway Park.

Of that initial win, Gilligan said, "It was kind of funny; I'm sitting here waiting for everyone to pass me and then when we crossed the finish, I thought, I just won this race." This was the win Gilligan needed, as he announced his arrival to American racing.

Gilligan started riding at the age of five. His dad, Patrick Gilligan, has been a trainer in England for nearly 25 years, and had his son working horses out at the age of 13. He attended Newmarket's British Racing School immediately after graduating. Through the course, he was afforded the opportunity to take part in a student exchange with the American Racing Academy and studied under Chris McCarron.



Jack Gilligan | Coady photo



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From that point on, he said he knew he wanted to return and ride in America, and that it was just a matter of graduating and getting the opportunity. Upon completion of the British Racing School, Gilligan served as an apprentice for a year under Sir Mark Prescott and then packed his bags for America. Within four months, he had already won 15 races at Belterra Park and Turfway Park. Gilligan focuses primarily on the Kentucky tracks and with the completion of this past Fall Meet at Keeneland, has won a race at every Kentucky race track. A feat that some jockeys dream of accomplishing, Gilligan has achieved by the age of 20. He has started the new year with five wins in 31 starts through Jan. 14.

Gilligan sat down for an interview at Turfway on a rainy evening where the temperature hovered around 34 degrees with a wind chill around five. But it was evident as he spoke, there was nowhere he would rather be. As he spoke about racetracks and his experiences, his eyes lit up as he talked about his favorite mounts and how the beauty of Keeneland became

even more beautiful when he won his first race there. Asked who he looked up to in the jockey colony, he said Frankie Detorri, but he also mentioned Corey Lanerie and Robby Albarado, and how the two offer him advice and guidance when he asks. He said this is also why he chooses to ride at tracks like Churchill Downs and Keeneland. He acknowledged that although he wasn't getting the wins he would at a smaller track, the experience from riding against other top jockeys was

vital. This maturity and understanding helped propel Gilligan's career to a whole new level.

One thing that stands out about Gilligan is his work ethic. The public sees him winning races at Turfway daily, but what they don't see is the behind-the-scenes work that he puts in. Kim Hammond is the winningest female trainer in racing history, and Gilligan rides the majority of her horses at Turfway. When asked about Gilligan, she responded, "Jack's work ethic is unparalleled. He works a lot of my horses in the mornings and that allows him to know how each horse rides. And he really pays attention to each and every horse." **Cont. p6**

Hammond also complimented Gilligan on how eager he is to work every day. "Jack is Mr. Johnny on the Spot," she said, "and is always just a call away when I need him to workout a horse."

Gilligan also gave his thoughts on the youth aspect of racing, and how to get larger amounts of young people out to the tracks. "Horse racing is tricky, because as a young person you can't participate," he said. "You can participate in football, basketball, and sports like that, but it's not the same with horse racing. It's going to be tough. But the majority of us fall in love with horse racing because of our parents and grandparents taking us. So the key is to not bring the young people, but to bring the crowds, and with the crowds you will have more young people falling in love with the sport."

Another idea Gilligan touched on was how he wanted to be remembered as a jockey and what he wanted to accomplish in his career. "I want to experience a lot, to win the prestigious races and be remembered as a top jockey, but to really experience all that I can."

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CONQUEST PANTHERA (g, 5, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Lastofthsummerwine, by Sky Mesa) succeeded at first asking in August of 2014 at Del Mar to become a 'TDN Rising Star,' but he finished seventh behind American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile)



Conquest Panthera | Lauren King

in the GI FrontRunner S. that September and went unseen for over 11 months before returning with a sixth-place effort on the Saratoga turf. Shelved again until this past Nov. 6, the chestnut returned with a good-looking allowance score at Woodbine in

his final start for Conquest Stables before selling for \$100,000 at the Keeneland November sale. Pounded late to 12-5 favoritism, Conquest Panthera settled in sixth while saving ground behind a :24.06 quarter. Creeping a bit closer passing a :48.03 half, he was angled into the three path on the far turn and darted through an opening up the rail in early stretch, outkicking All Included (Include) by a neck. The winner's dam has a juvenile Distorted Humor filly named Isle of Joy and foaled a colt by Super Saver last term before being bred to American Pharoah. Sales History: \$125,000 Ylg '13 FTSAUG; \$475,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR; \$100,000 4yo '16 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$97,783. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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VAUNTING (f, 4, [Exchange Rate](#)--Boasting, by Kris S.) made her U.S. debut a winning one with an off-the-pace optional-claiming



Vaunting | Lauren King

triumph at Gulfstream Sunday. Capturing her debut over an all-weather surface back in October 2015 at Lingfield for Sir Michael Stoute, the gray returned here with a steady series of half-mile drills and was made the 19-10 favorite. Breaking

alertly from the rail, she had to tap on the brakes heading into the clubhouse turn and settled into stride in fourth past a :24.36 quarter. Dropping back one spot by a :48.66 half, the homebred saved ground on the far bend and came off cover at the top of the lane to run down longshot Moon Over Paris (Blame) late for a half-length victory. The winner is a full-sister to Bragging, GSW-Eng, \$189,775. Her dam's most recent produce is an unraced sophomore Candy Ride (Arg) filly named Dovecote. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$29,134. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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6th-TAM, \$25,750, Alw/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.91, ft.

FUTILE (g, 4, [Broken Vow](#)--Stormy Kiss {Arg} {G1SW-Arg, GSW & GISP-US, \$309,895}, by Bernstein) scored on debut July 23 at Laurel and was third Aug. 22 at Delaware before ticking off two victories there Sept. 18 and Nov. 12 at Penn National. Bet to co-second favoritism at 31-10, the homebred set up shop three wide in third past a :22.05 quarter and tugged his way to even terms passing a :44.72 half. Kicking clear into the stretch, the dark bay held sway late from closing Tiger Blood (Cowtown Cat) to earn a one-length decision. The victor's dam, a Group 1 winner in her native Argentina and a Grade II winner in the U.S., foaled a Quality Road colt last spring before visiting both Malibu Moon and Uncle Mo. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-1, \$81,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

7th-TAM, \$21,250, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.63, fm.

COCO AS IN CHANEL (f, 4, [Awesome Again](#)--Surf N Sand {MSW, \$244,655}, by Boston Harbor) made amends for three off-the-board finishes on dirt to begin her career with a decisive wire-to-wire score sprinting on the grass at Pimlico May 15 and came right back to annex that venue's Stormy Blues S. over the same course and trip June 4. Sent to the sidelines for two months following that effort, she ran third in a five-furlong Delaware Park allowance test Aug. 6 and was last seen reporting home a tiring 10th in Belmont's six-panel Christecat S. Sept. 9. Given another freshening during the autumn, the bay posted a steady series of drills here dating back to mid-December and was tabbed as the 2-1 favorite. The homebred broke alertly and vied for command inside of a longshot rival through a quarter-mile in :21.35. Shaking free cornering for home, Coco as in Chanel was confronted by 62-start veteran Sweet Nkosi (A.P. Warrior) in midstretch, dug in to repel that foe's bid and edged away once again to score by 3/4 of a length. Two-time stakes winner Surf N Sand is also responsible for a juvenile full-brother to the winner named Brighten My Day. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$101,130.

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O-Heider Family Stables LLC; B-Mary C. Heider (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor.

Hill 'n' Dale Foaled and Raised

8th-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.01, ft.

IMPRESSIVE EDGE (c, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Cool Spell {SW & MGSP}, by Grand Slam) began his career in the barn of Steve Asmussen and ran sixth in a pair of tries sprinting at Churchill and over the Saratoga lawn June 23 and July 30, respectively.

Sent postward at odds of 7-1 resurfacing after a lengthy layoff for this new barn, the dark bay broke alertly but dropped back to race in midpack behind a quarter-mile in :22.73. Making steady progress along the rail thereafter, the colt shifted out to the three path entering the stretch and finished full of run in a



Impressive Edge | Leslie Martin

4 3/4-length triumph. First-time starter Patch (Union Rags) rallied from well out of it with a strong late kick to complete the exacta. The winner, who originally RNA'd for \$70,000 as a Keeneland November weanling, progressed to sell for \$185,000 as a Keeneland September yearling and, ultimately, \$400,000 as an OBS March 2-year-old. Impressive Edge is a half to

Coarsegold (Giant's Causeway), MSW, \$217,930, and also has a 2-year-old half-brother by Paynter. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$23,476. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Nancy Favreau Kathy Psoinos LLC; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Dale L. Romans.

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NBS GRADUATE

10th-GP, \$46,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo, 5fT, :56.58, fm.

+SANTINI (c, 3, Maclean's Music--River Glow, by In Excess {Ire}) finished strongly to get up late in his career bow sprinting on the Gulfstream turf. The chestnut showed some speedy breezes in preparation, including a best-of-34 bullet three-furlong spin from the gate at Palm Meadows in :36 1/5 and a five-panel



Santini | Lauren King

move over the turf there in 1:00 flat (3/14) Jan. 9, and was let go at 49-5. Away well, Santini dropped back to run sixth behind the speed of Category Two (Tale of the Cat) through a :21.77 quarter. Inching up along the rail on the turn, he shifted four-deep in early stretch and

overhauled the pacesetter with 50 yards to go despite running a bit greenly to score by three-quarters of a length in :56.58. The winner's dam was bred to Wrote (Ire) in 2016. Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$25,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,800. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Gus King; B-Inversiones FI, LLC (FL); T-Patrick L. Biancone.

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8th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.87, ft.

+LONGWING LILY (f, 4, Concord Point--Lonely Fact {SW}, by Known Fact), off as the 41-10 third choice in this debut, broke decently before being shuffled back to eighth behind a :22.50 quarter. Checked hard nearing the three-eighths pole, the chestnut angled out for the drive and closed strongly despite racing on her left lead to get up by one length at the wire in a promising effort. Mayas Queen Neetee (Speightstown). The victress is a half to Overarching (Arch), 3x Ch. Sprinter & MG1SW-SAf; Temeraine (Arch), GSW, \$558,949; Dead Red (Out of Place), SW, \$274,574; and Alone at Last (Quiet American), SW, \$176,787. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,600. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Timothy B. Turney; B-Michael & Donard Niall (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor.

NEW YORK

Sunday's Results:

BUSANDA S., \$98,000, AQU, 1-15, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:44.75, ft.
1--#LOCKDOWN, 117, f, 3, by First Defence

1st Dam: Rising Tornado, by Storm Cat

2nd Dam: Silver Star (GB), by Zafonic

3rd Dam: Monroe, by Sir Ivor

O/B-Juddmonte Farms, Inc. (KY); T-William I. Mott; J-Kendrick Carmouche. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$108,000. *Full to Close Hatches, Ch. Older Mare & MGISW, \$2,707,300.

2--Libby's Tail, 116, f, 3, Tiz Wonderful--Christmas Lily, by Marquetry. (\$24,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKJUL; \$375,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-M. Dubb, E. Taylor, D. Simon, E. Loftus & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. \$20,000.

3--No Sweat, 117, f, 3, Blame--Coolwind, by Forest Wildcat. (\$200,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Starlight Racing; B-Carhue Investments & Paget Bloodstock (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$10,000.

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Also Ran: Frank's Folly, Sand Shark.

Lockdown made a powerful move on the far turn of the Busanda S. at Aqueduct and held sway in the lane to score in her stakes debut.



Lockdown | Adam Coglianese

A good second on debut over the local main track Nov. 4, the Juddmonte homebred graduated next out and added Lasix for this feature as the 2-1 second choice. Stalking the pace of 3-5 favorite Libby's Tail through splits of :24.11 and :48.33, Lockdown took

over willingly from the pacesetter just outside the five-sixteenths pole and kicked away into the stretch. The chalk tried to re-rally in the stretch, but couldn't make a serious impact and Lockdown kept on to score easily. The winner is a full-sister to champion Close Hatches, while her second dam, Silver Star (GB), is a full to European champion Xaar (GB). Rising Tornado is responsible for a juvenile Tapit filly named Hail and foaled a Pioneerof the Nile colt last term before visiting Malibu Moon.

"With the way Bill Mott trains horses, he can get her to make the distance," commented winning rider Kendrick Carmouche. "She has such a long stride, you just have to time her run and let her get into her stride and she'll take you home from there."

LeAnna Willaford, assistant to Mott, added, "The plan coming in was to have her in stalking position and take it to them when the time came. Thankfully, everything worked as planned. She's been training really well, and I have to think eventually she'll end up in Florida. We'll see where she goes from there after talking to the Juddmonte people." [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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2nd-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.13, ft. HEAVENLY SCORE (f, 3, [Even the Score--Celestial Crown, by Holy Bull](#)) dueled on a quick pace in her track-and-trip debut Dec. 18 before succumbing late to finish second. Off as the 8-5 favorite here, the bay made the point from the rail and got loose through a :23.01 quarter. Drifting out a bit passing a :47.07 half, she remained clear throughout the stretch to graduate by 1 3/4 lengths. China Rider (Majestic Warrior) won a photo for the place. The victress has a 2-year-old half-sister by Primary Suspect and a yearling half-sister by Laurie's Rocket. Her dam was bred back to the latter stallion last spring. Sales History: \$5,000 Wlg '14 OBSOCT; \$4,500 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$48,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Curragh Stables; B-McDowell Farm (AR); T-John P. Terranova, II.

4th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:45.22, ft. SPANISH HARLEM (f, 3, [More Than Ready--Spanish Silks, by Fusaichi Pegasus](#)) finished well to be second behind 'TDN Rising Star' Sophie Germain (Algorithms) in her career bow over grass here Dec. 3, and was made the public's 19-10 choice to graduate in her dirt debut. Tracking the pace from fourth through a :24.28 quarter, the \$370,000 KEESEP buy moved up one spot past a :49 flat half, but was shuffled back a bit behind rivals on the far bend. Angled into the clear at the three-sixteenths pole, the chestnut closed strongly under confident handling to best Lights of Medina (Eskendereya) by one length. The winner's dam is a half to GISW Buddha (Unbridled's Song). Sales History: \$170,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$48,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Fred W. Hertrich (KY); T-Danny Gargan.



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Trainer Glenn DiSanto Passes Away:

Trainer Glenn DiSanto passed away Saturday. He was 62 and had been battling cancer. A native of Carmel, New York, DiSanto started in the business with show horses at West Creek Farm in Sharon Springs, where he began his involvement with the state breeding program. He then purchased Summit View Farm in Greenwich, New York in 1984. Hildaskova gave him his first winner as a trainer in 1991 at Aqueduct. He amassed 49 career victories, most recently with Lotza Heat at Belmont Park in 2015.



Glenn DiSanto | NYRA photo

“I’ve known Glenn since I was a young man just galloping horses,” said NYRA steward Braulio Baeza, Jr. “He was a great guy. Even when he was sick, he always had a pleasant and good-natured demeanor. Glenn was one of the nicest people and one of the few on the backstretch who would help you with whatever you needed in any way he could.”

DiSanto was well known for his advocacy for retired Thoroughbreds.

“He was a big supporter who did a lot for us,” said Lisa Molloy, an executive director at Rerun Thoroughbred Adoption, a nonprofit whose mission is to rehabilitate, retrain, and find adoptive homes for Thoroughbred racehorses when their careers on the track are over. “He would also tell people about the program. When his horses had finished running, he would take them home to live on his farm. Eventually he’d bring them over to ReRun, and he always liked to bring them himself. He was very hands-on. He was one of the best horsemen around. He never lost his temper with anything. He always knew what he was doing and the animals just loved him.”

DiSanto is survived by his wife Melanie and sons Brett and Brendon. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

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EASTERN U.S.

Sunday's Results:

5th-LRL, \$40,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:26.42, my.
+CORPORATE QUEEN (f, 3, Colonel John--Executive Vision, by Vision and Verse) displayed just two published workouts--one at Aiken Training Center in late December and a five-panel gate breeze over the local strip on New Year's Day--and was dismissed at odds of 36-1 for this career unveiling. Away without incident, she settled into stride in midpack behind a quarter-mile in :22.92 and began to make some headway entering the far turn. The gray gathered momentum in the four path coming off the bend and rallied stoutly down the center of the strip to forge past Moonlighting Majic (Tapizar), scoring by 1 1/2 lengths. Sales History: \$5,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$12,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Cary Frommer; B-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC (KY); T-Timothy L. Keefe.

VINERY SALES GRADUATE

Saturday Night's Results:

7th-PEN, \$33,300, (S), Alw, 1-14, (NW1X), 3yo, 6f, 1:11.08, gd. INDOMINUS REX (c, 3, Petionville--Cape Town Lass {MGSP, \$215,142}, by Horse Chestnut {SAF}) pulled off a 15-1 upset going 5 1/2 furlongs on debut here Nov. 3 and raced evenly to finish third in the seven-furlong Pennsylvania Nursery at Parx Dec. 3. Bet down to 3-2 favoritism in this return to Grantville, the dark bay broke a bit inwardly and consequently found himself at the rear of the field, but quickly recovered and advanced up the rail into third past a quarter-mile in :22.30. Eager in search of a clear path turning for home, he was angled off the rail and finished with good energy to score by five lengths. Sepicato (Got the Last Laugh) was second best. The homebred winner's dam, who hit the board in two graded stakes on grass, is also responsible for a 2-year-old colt named Jurassic (Street Boss). Lifetime Record: SP, 3-2-0-1, \$53,035. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm (PA); T-Rodrigo Madrigal, Sr.

KENTUCKY

Saturday Night's Results:

7th-TP, \$18,500, Msw, 1-14, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:37.95, ft. DURANGO DAN (c, 3, Giant's Causeway--Ballado's Thunder {SW & GSP, \$285,667}, by Saint Ballado) closed well from the back of the pack to finish second on debut in a six-furlong dash here Dec. 2 and filled out that same position as the 3-5 favorite traveling a half-furlong longer Dec. 23. The dark bay was sent postward as the 2-1 second choice for this first try around two turns and secured position chasing a longshot pacesetter from second through fractions of :23.83 and :47.43. Asked for more on the turn as the backfield closed in, he came three wide into the stretch and responded well to notch a 3/4-length victory over first-timer Porter Street (Giant's Causeway), who completed the Giant's Causeway exacta. The winner's dam, who won on both turf and dirt, has a 2-year-old colt named Saint Maurice (Shackleford). Sales History: \$95,000 RNA Wlg '14 FTKNOV; \$20,000 RNA Ylg '15 KESEP; \$25,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$18,500. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
O-Stephen S. Lyster & Hurricane Hills Farm; B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY); T-Stephen S. Lyster.

CENTRAL U.S.

Sunday's Results:

8th-OP, \$76,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-15, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.81, ft. WHITMORE (g, 4, Pleasantly Perfect--Melody's Spirit, by Scat Daddy) was second in the local GIII Southwest S. Feb. 15 and GII Rebel S. Mar. 19 and finished third in the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 19 before finishing 19th of 20 in the GI Kentucky Derby May 7 and being laid up for nearly seven months. Returning with a victory in an Aqueduct optional claimer Dec. 3, the chestnut was bet down to 9-10 back at his home base here. Stalking the pace from a joint third through a sharp :21.54 quarter, Whitmore cruised up three-deep on the turn and took charge passing the five-sixteenths marker. Kicking clear by the furlong grounds, he went unthreatened from there to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Apprehender (Posse) was second-best. Lifetime Record: GISP, 9-4-2-1, \$562,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
O-Robert V. LaPenta, Harry T. Rosenblum & Southern Springs Stables; B-John Liviakis (KY); T-Ron Moquett.

**WAR HORSE PLACE BORN & RAISED**

4th-OP, \$74,000, Alw, 1-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.05, ft. BOALT HALL (c, 4, Scat Daddy--Motion to Compel, by Yonaguska), recently scooped up for \$22,000 at the Keeneland November sale, made his debut for these new connections a winning one Sunday in Hot Springs. Previously trained by Todd Pletcher, the dark bay impressed in capturing his seven-furlong unveiling at Gulfstream Park last January, but failed to hit the board in three subsequent tries throughout the remainder of the year. Last seen finishing fourth in a seven-panel dash at Gulfstream Park West Oct. 29, he joined the Villafranco barn ahead of the Oaklawn meet and posted four workouts over the local strip on a weekly basis. Given a 4-1 chance here, the colt pressed the pace from the outside through a quarter-mile in :22.32 and moved to the front willingly in upper stretch. Boalt Hall was kept to his task late and crossed the wire 2 3/4 lengths in front of Long Station (Smoke Glacken). The winner has a juvenile half-brother by Power Broker and a yearling half-brother by New Year's Day. Sales History: \$150,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$360,000 Ylg '14 KESEP; \$22,000 3yo '16 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$71,333. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
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**STONESTREET**

6th-OP, \$76,320, (S), Msw, 1-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.34, ft. DUTCH PARROT (f, 3, Eskendereya--Turtledove, by Strong Hope), sent off at 46-1 in her Churchill debut, faded to fifth Nov. 16. The Shortleaf Stable homebred fired a six-panel bullet in 1:15 2/5 (1/4) over this strip Dec. 30 and was bet accordingly, going off as the 8-5 second favorite behind Mountain Home (Successful Appeal). In between horses in fifth behind a :22.05 opening quarter, Dutch Parrot fanned six deep in upper stretch and unleashed a stinging turn of foot to reel in the pacesetter Mountain Home and deliver by a neck. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$49,155. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Shortleaf Stable, Inc. (AR); T-William B. Van Meter.

9th-OP, \$72,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.03, ft. DUPREE (c, 3, Caleb's Posse--Readybdancing {SP, \$142,963}, by More Than Ready) was seventh in a salty maiden group on debut Sept. 4 at Saratoga and set the pace before finishing second as the favorite next out 13 days later at Belmont. Again leading until late, the bay finished third at Big Sandy Oct. 8 and hadn't been seen since. Made the 2-1 chalk in this spot, Dupree stalked the pace from second through a quarter in :21.90. Moving menacingly to take charge nearing the quarter pole, he went clear by midstretch, but steadily drifted out and almost forfeited the lead in the final strides, just holding on for a neck victory over Warning Sign (Pulpit). The winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old Take Charge Indy colt and foaled a colt by The Factor last season before visiting Khozan. Sales History: \$110,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$66,032. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Harlow Stables LLC; B-Fernung, Sebastian, Flanigan and Cahalan (FL); T-Ron Moquett.

4th-FG, \$38,000, Msw, 1-15, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.21, fm. TOUR DE FORCE (c, 4, Tiznow--Dream Supreme {MGISW, \$1,007,680}, by Seeking the Gold), a \$1.35-million purchase at the 2014 Keeneland September sale, registered a good-looking graduation at Fair Grounds in his second outing. Bet to narrow favoritism in his debut sprinting over the local slop Dec. 4, the big bay made a wide move on the turn and led late before finishing second by a half-length. Knocked down to 9-10 stretching out to a grassy mile here, Tour de Force tracked from a distant second as a longshot sped well clear through splits of :24.05 and :48.84. That one retreated quickly nearing the top of the lane, and the favorite swept by to take the lead. Challenged in midstretch by Roustabout (Harlan's Holiday), Tour de Force turned that one back and came home 2 3/4 lengths to the good. The winner is a half to Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy), GISW, \$239,229; Evolutionist (El Prado {Ire}), SW & GSP, \$137,861; and

Crystal Current (A.P. Indy), SW, \$109,380. His dam, a six-time graded stakes winner sprinting on the dirt, foaled his full-sister in 2016. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$31,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#).

O-John C. Oxley & Kinsman Farm; B-Kinsman Farm (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.



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Monday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:38 p.m. EDT

SMARTY JONES S., \$150,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Petrov	Flatter	Ortiz	Moquett	5-2
2	Warrior's Club	Warrior's Reward	Albarado	Lukas	7-2
3	Cu Rahy	Curlin	Corbett	Durham	15-1
4	Rowdy the Warrior	Warrior's Reward	Quinonez	Von Hemel	6-1
5	Unbridled Eagle	Mineshaft	Vazquez	Asmussen	8-1
6	Uncontested	Tiz Wonderful	Hill	Catalano	2-1
7	Romeo O Romeo	Macho Uno	Landeros	Williamson	12-1
8	Love That Lute	Midnight Lute	Birzer	Van Berg	20-1



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5th-SA, \$54k, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 4:59 p.m. EDT

Bob Baffert appears to hold a pair of aces in this maiden event in first-time starter **REACH THE WORLD (Tapit)** and **DABSTER (Curlin)**, who crossed the wire first, only to be disqualified and placed fourth after drifting out late in his seven-furlong unveiling here Dec. 26. Don Alberto Stable homebred Reach the World's dam Reach the Stars (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is a half to 1998 champion older mare Escena (Strawberry Road {Aus}), as well as GSWs Humbel (Theatrical {Ire}) and Showlady (Theatrical {Ire}). The gray completed his extensive preparations for this first trip to post with a bullet five-furlong drill in 1:00.60 (1/18) over a sloppy main track here Jan. 10. Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum's Dabster, meanwhile, bounced back from his first start with a pair of works in the new year, capped by a 1:01 flat move (4/18) Jan. 10. The chestnut, a \$430,000 Keeneland September yearling turned \$1 million Fasig-Tipton Florida 2-year-old, tries two turns for the first time today.

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- COIL** (Point Given), Magali Farms, \$5K, 90/8/0
- 4-GG, Aoc 1m, Everybody Does It, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- GEMOLOGIST** (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 205/17/2
- 5-SA, Msw 1m, Rock Doc, \$112K FTK JUL yrl, 15-1
- JERSEY TOWN** (Speightstown), Darby Dan Farm, \$10K, 90/3/0
- 5-OP, Msw 6f, Jersey Heist, \$47K OBS OPN 2yo, 12-1
- MACHO ROCKET** (Macho Uno), 19/0/0
- 2-OP, Msw 6f, Alvin's Touch, 15-1
- MACLEAN'S MUSIC** (Distorted Humor), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$6.5K, 146/21/2
- 5-OP, Msw 6f, Chevy to the Levy, \$240K OBS MAR 2yo, 15-1
- MYKINDACANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Robert's Racing Stable, 16/0/0
- 2-OP, Msw 6f, +Ridethruthestorm, 7-2
- SEPOY (AUS)** (Elusive Quality), Dalham Hall Stud, \$15K, 165/22/2
- 10-SA, Msw 6 1/2f, Eaglemaker, \$65K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- SHACKLEFORD** (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 208/21/1
- 5-OP, Msw 6f, Excessivespending, \$65K EAS MAY 2yo, 3-1
- STAY THIRSTY** (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 159/18/1
- 7-PRX, Msw 1m, Thirstforthecup, \$170K OBS APR 2yo, 7-2
- TAPIZAR** (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 181/17/1
- 5-SA, Msw 1m, Stone Hands, \$180K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
- 5-SA, Msw 1m, Surfside Sunset, \$100K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1
- UNION RAGS** (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 220/19/3
- 5-SA, Msw 1m, Haskin, \$90K OBS MAR 2yo, 20-1
- 5-SA, Msw 1m, Union Rebel, \$175K OBS MAR 2yo, 12-1
- 7-PRX, Msw 1m, High End Lady, 5-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-OP, \$74,000, 1-15, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.09, ft.
DIVINE ELEGANCE (f, 4, Uncle Mo--Classic Elegance {MGSW, \$204,006}, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-3, \$145,197. O-Ten Strike Racing; B-Everett Dobson & Jim Wells (KY); T-Randy Matthews. *\$29,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT.



6th-FG, \$40,000, 1-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39.05, fm.
CLASSY TEACHER (m, 5, Hard Spun--Acajou {SP}, by Horse Chestnut {SAf}) Lifetime Record: 17-2-5-0, \$73,764. O-TK Stables LLC (Kevin & Tammie Hulse); B-Darley & Allen & Ruth Poindexter (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. *\$50,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$275,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR; \$42,000 4yo '16 KEENOV. **1/2 to Yellow Chips (Majesticperfection), GSP, \$120,560.



7th-DED, \$38,220 (S), 1-14, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.83, ft.
SHADENLIGHT (m, 6, Hooks Crossing--Palimony Lady, by Magesterial) Lifetime Record: 18-4-1-6, \$139,292. O-Kim Hooks McMahon; B-Estate of Lorraine G. Hooks (LA); T-Benard Chatters.

5th-DED, \$38,000 (S), 1-14, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:27.87, ft.
JUST KYLIE (f, 3, Greeley's Galaxy--Just Alex, by Afternoon Deelites) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$52,790. O-K. & P. Fontenot,, Judice Farms Inc. & K. Plaisance; B-Gerald L. Averett (LA); T-Shane Wilson. *\$21,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR; \$35,000 2yo '16 EQL2YO.



3rd-GG, \$34,188, 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.28, ft.
ENVAHIR (m, 5, Invasor {Arg}--Courier {SP}, by El Corredor) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-5-6-1, \$114,930. O-J and G Stables; B-C. Kidder, N. Cole, J.K. Griggs & W. Betz (KY); T-William E. Morey. *\$10,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$15,000 2yo '14 EASMAY.

8th-SUN, \$33,600 (S), 1-15, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.80, gd.
WAY NIFTY (g, 4, The Way Home--Nifty Lady, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-0, \$74,244. O/B-Larry Strain & Helen Nave (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

6th-SUN, \$29,600, 1-15, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.63, gd.
FUSAICHI SAMURAI (g, 5, Street Cry {Ire}--Egyptian Queen, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 13-3-7-0, \$130,885. O-A & A Equine, Inc. & Wayne Baize; B-Reiko & Michael Baum (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. *\$260,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. **1/2 to Global View (Galileo {Ire}), MGSW, \$470,227.



4th-CT, \$24,000, (S), 1-14, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.28, sy.

MESA LADY (f, 4, [Sky Mesa](#)--She's a Lady Cat, by Came Home) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$40,753. O-Sweet Magnolia Farms LLC; B-Maurice F. Casey (WV); T-Donald W. Shuler. *\$9,200 RNA Ylg '14 EASSEP.

5th-CT, \$24,000, 1-14, (NW2LX), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.75, sy.

CHARITABLE HARLOW (f, 4, Charitable Man--Lady Harlow, by Dover Ridge) Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-2, \$74,600. O-Susan Ettlin & Florence Walker; B-Susan Ettlin (WV); T-Vernon Greaves.

7th-CT, \$24,000, (S), 1-14, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:26.18, sy.

AWSOME FAITH (g, 4, Friesan Fire--Bikini Ransom, by Red Ransom) Lifetime Record: 14-2-5-3, \$63,016. O/B-Roger C. Mattei (WV); T-Jeffrey S. Allen.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pontificator, f, 3, [Exchange Rate](#)--Mallory Square (GSP), by Southern Image. SA, 1-15, (C), 6f, 1:12.43. B-Fred W. Hertrich III (KY). *\$60,000 Ylg '15 KESEEP.

Formal Start, c, 3, Jump Start--Flomar, by Two Punch. AQU, 1-15,(S), (C), 6f, 1:13.72. B-Seacoast Thoroughbreds of New England (NY). *\$19,500 RNA 2yo '16 EASMAY.

Island Romance, f, 3, Petionville--Calldara (MSW), by Sultry Song. PEN, 1-14, 6f, 1:13.20. B-Arrowwood Farm (PA).

Fast Eddie E, c, 3, Wildcat Heir--Sky Gazer, by Sky Mesa. GP, 1-15, (C), 7 1/2f, 1:35.38. B-Patricia Generazio (FL). *1/2 to April Gaze (High Cotton), SW, \$130,020.

Baby's Dancer, f, 4, Chhaya Dance--Florik's Baby, by Kris S. CT, 1-14, 6 1/2f, 1:20.51. B-Eagle Oak Ranch LLC (CA). *\$1,000 Ylg '14 BARJAN.

Perty Salty Gal, f, 4, Etesaal--Perty Gerty, by Peaks and Valleys. SUN, 1-15, (S), 6f, 1:14.68. B-John Pinkerton (NM).

Outoftheballpark, f, 4, [Grand Slam](#)--Fast Goat, by Fastness (Ire). DED, 1-14, 6 1/2f, 1:22.64. B-La Bahia Stud Inc (TX). *\$14,000 Ylg '14 OBSWIN; \$13,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$33,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Fast Track (Taste of Paradise), GSP, \$174,637.

Dukes Up, g, 4, [Include](#)--Classic West, by Gone West. SA, 1-15, (C), 1m, 1:40.22. B-Bruce & Laurie Berenson (KY).

Bedeveled, c, 4, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Deviletta, by Trempolino. SA, 1-15, 1m (off turf), 1:39.00. B-Summer Wind Farm (KY). *\$65,000 Ylg '14 KESEEP. **1/2 to Wicked Style (Macho Uno), GISW, \$572,927.



LANE'S END Sales Graduate



Nick Can Fix, g, 4, Majestic Warrior--Carly's City, by Carson City. LRL, 1-15, 7f, 1:26.09. B-Langsem Farm, Inc (OH). *\$60,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.



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'SPIRIT' LIVES ON THROUGH TOP AUSTRALIAN SON



Invincible Spirit in his paddock | Ed Whittaker

by John Berry

The gulf nowadays between the opportunities afforded to the fashionable stallions and those given to the less obvious sires is so massive that one sometimes feels that it has become all too hard for a horse to pull himself up by his bootstraps. Happily, it is still feasible for a stallion, if he is good enough, to emerge from relative obscurity and end up recognised as one of the best sires in the land. There have been a few who have been doing so in Australia in recent seasons, with Not A Single Doubt (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and Written Tycoon (Aus) (Iglesia {Aus}) being two of those who spring most readily to mind. Another is **I Am Invincible (Aus)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), whose upward trajectory through the ranks has just been re-emphasised at the Gold Coast, both on the racecourse and in the Magic Millions sale ring.

I Am Invincible's surge through the sires' ranks marks him down as being very much his father's son. Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert) was a very good racehorse, but he was not an outstanding one. He raced for four seasons, but only at an average of just over four starts per year. He won seven of his 17 starts, but it was only on his final start that he managed to snare a top-level victory, taking the G1 Haydock Park Sprint Cup as an autumn 5-year-old. He came from a very good family, but one more associated with stayers than sprinters, which obviously was not necessarily an advantage for a horse whom most would have been viewing as a potential source of relatively inexpensive speed. [Cont. p2](#)

RECORD AVERAGE AT MAGIC MILLIONS

A record-breaking fifth session of the Magic Millions Yearling Sale on the Gold Coast saw a colt by I Am Invincible (Aus) from the Mane Lodge consignment ([lot 891](#)) lead the way at A\$260,000, when sold to Ontrack Thoroughbreds and Toby Edmonds.

The fifth foal of multiple winner Yields Of Gold (Aus) (High Yield {Aus}), the colt is a half-brother to three winners, including juvenile scorer Goldclip (Aus) (Snippetson {Aus}).

"The colt is a three quarter brother to I Am Snippetty (Aus) who unfortunately broke down when going to win a Group 2," said Grant Morgan of Ontrack Thoroughbreds. "This is the first time the mare (Yields of Gold) has been to I Am Invincible and he is a stallion who is now commanding better prices. I Am Invincible is a very dominant stallion who upgrades his mares. We've had good experience with the stallion with Brazen Beau (Aus) and this colt's pedigree is not dissimilar to his at the same stage." [Cont. p4](#)

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However, Invincible Spirit has done far better than even his most ardent fans could have predicted, to the extent that his fee at the Irish National Stud in 2017 (€120,000) is 12 times higher than his first-season fee of 2003. He was Europe's leading first-season sire of 2006, setting a new record for European individual first-crop juvenile winners, surpassing the mark of 34 posted by Fasliyev (Nureyev) three years previously. Fasliyev failed to progress beyond his good start, but Invincible Spirit has continued to thrive. His first crop of 3-year-olds yielded a Classic winner in 2007 when Lawman (Ire) landed the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club. Since then we have seen the likes of Kingman (GB), Moonlight Cloud (GB), Charm Spirit (Ire), Fleeting Spirit (Ire), Mayson (GB), Shalaa (Ire), Territories (Ire), Hooray (GB), Born To Sea (Ire), Vale Of York (Ire), Profitable (Ire), National Defense (GB) and Rosdhu Queen (Ire).

Invincible Spirit no longer shuttles, but he did so for the first four seasons of his stud career. He certainly wasn't the most vaunted horse being sent Down Under at the time, but he had won the same Group 1 sprint in which Danehill had recorded his biggest success, and he came from the same Danzig sire-line, albeit being a grandson (via Green Desert) of that patriarch rather than a son. Green Desert himself acted as a



Invincible Spirit | Irish National Stud

recommendation, already respected as a sire of sires in the antipodes thanks to his sons Volksraad (GB) and Desert Sun (GB). The former had been a multiple champion sire in New Zealand and the latter had produced the outstanding champion

Sunline (NZ), heroine of 13 Group 1 races including two Cox Plates.

Invincible Spirit's four seasons at Chatswood Stud in Victoria mirrored his achievements in Ireland, as he regularly upgraded the mares sent to him. The best horse he produced there was Yosei (Aus), a diminutive filly whose modest stature belied both her class and her determination, as she showed by taking three Group 1 races. She came from his fourth and final Australian crop, as did the multiple stakes winner Spirit Song (Aus). I Am Invincible, a member of his first crop, can be regarded as the best colt he sired there.



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While Invincible Spirit had come from a family which was accustomed regularly to producing stakes winners, I Am Invincible did not, even though he is related to several very good and tough sprinters. He and his father, though, were very similar as racehorses: each raced for four seasons, intermittently showing very good sprinting form. I Am Invincible started off at Warwick Farm in Sydney's outer suburbs with Toby Edmonds and ended up near

Whittlesea, north of Melbourne, under the care of Peter Morgan. For the former he won twice in town and was placed behind subsequent G1 Golden Slipper S. heroine Forensics (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}) in the G3 Kindergarten S. at



I Am Invincible | Yarraman Park Stud

Warwick Farm as a juvenile. For the latter he won three sprints, including the G3 D. C. Mackay S. at Morphettville and the Sir John Monash S. at Caulfield, as well as failing by only a length to defeat the champion Takeover Target (Aus) (Celtic Swing {GB}) when runner-up in the G1 Goodwood H. at the same track as a 4-year-old. [Cont. p3](#)

'Spirit' Lives on Through Top Australian Son Cont.

The similarity did not end there. Just as Invincible Spirit had quickly showed himself to be an over-achiever in his second career, so did I Am Invincible. Having retired to Yarraman Park Stud (NSW) as a 6-year-old in 2010 at a fee of A\$11,000, I Am Invincible proved the surprise star of a strong crop of freshman sires in the 2013/'14 season. He was Australia's champion first-season sire and also topped the standings by both winners and stakes-winners, despite the fact that two of his best juveniles, Vinnie Eagle (Aus) and Leeds (Aus), were racing in New Zealand. Fittingly, the first of his five first-crop juvenile stakes winners, Bassillique (Aus), was trained by Toby Edmonds, who had by now relocated to the Gold Coast.

Star of that first crop was Brazen Beau (Aus), successful in the G2 Champagne Classic in Brisbane in the autumn. Brazen Beau went on to greater things, taking two Group 1 races as a 3-year-old, and I Am Invincible has done likewise. He began this year as sire of two individual Group 1 winners in

Australia, I Am A Star (Aus) having become his second top-level scorer when saluting the judge during the VRC Carnival at Flemington in the spring. She and Brazen Beau ranked as two of his 13 black-type winners, eight of whom had won at group level. I Am Invincible has become synonymous with upgrading his mares and producing fast, tough horses capable of showing both precocity and durability. Again he was echoing his sire Invincible Spirit, whose first winner Spoo Master (Ire), winner of the Brocklesby S. at England's first turf fixture of the year in March 2006, ended up racing for eight seasons.

Now I Am Invincible's status is even higher than it was at the start of the month. Things were looking good for him going into the Magic Millions. The reports were encouraging about his yearlings entered in the sale; and he looked set to have two horses, the Toby Edmonds-trained Houtzen (Aus) and Waterhouse and Bott-trained Invincible Star (Aus), going off at single-figure odds in the A\$2,000,000 MM 2-Year-Olds Classic, and the recent listed winner Eckstein (Aus) lining up as one of the major chances for the A\$2,000,000 Gold Coast MM 3-Year-Olds Guineas.

Last week certainly did not disappoint for I Am Invincible. His first 37 yearlings to go the through the Magic Millions ring last week all fetched six-figure sums, with eight of these fetching at least half a million dollars, headed by the son of Admirelle (Aus) (General Nediym {Aus}), for whom McEvoy Mitchell Racing Pty Ltd paid A\$900,000. At the Gold Coast racecourse on Saturday things got even better: Houtzen defied her barrier 16 to defeat her 15 rivals with a scintillating all-the-way victory in the MM

2-Year-Olds Classic, while Eckstein finished third in the Gold Coast MM Guineas. The icing on the cake for Yarraman Park Stud was that the winner of that latter race, Flying Jess (Aus), is a daughter of the stud's other stallion, Hinchinbrook (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Who knows why Invincible Spirit has turned out to be such a good sire? Who knows why I Am Invincible has done the same? We could hazard any amount of guesses, even resorting to pointing out that I Am Invincible is bred on the same cross as the multiple champion sire Redoute's Choice (Aus), being produced



Houtzen | Magic Millions

by the Danzig sire-line from a daughter of Canny Lad (Aus) (Bletchingly {Aus}). We just don't know. What we do know is that I Am Invincible's current popularity is deserved, and that his paternal half-brother Zebedee (Ire) and his son Brazen Beau (Aus), who stood their first Australian seasons in 2015 at Cornerstone Stud (SA) and Northwood Park (Vic) respectively, might just be two young stallions of interest to Australian breeders if they find that I Am Invincible's fee has gone beyond

their reach. Having stood for A\$11,000 at the outset, I Am Invincible was priced at A\$55,000 in 2016. Currently standing atop Australia's General Sires' Table with, at time of writing, 81 individual winners of 128 races and progeny earnings of A\$6,504,031, he is likely to be subject to a further, and justified, rise in advance of next spring.

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CHAMPION TRAINER NICHOLLS AIRS KEMPTON CONCERNS

Champion National Hunt trainer Paul Nicholls is the latest member of the British racing fraternity to voice his concerns over the Jockey Club's proposed closure of Kempton Park racecourse, home of the historic GI King George VI steeplechase.

Speaking on his blog on the Betfair website, Nicholls, who trained Kauto Star (Fr) (Village Star {GB}) to a record-breaking five King George victories and also dual winner See More Business (GB) (Seymour Hicks {GB}), said, "The sight of jumping taking place at Kempton [on Saturday] was a timely reminder of



Kauto Star at Kempton | *Racing Post*

what we will all miss if the Jockey Club succeeds in its plan to sell the course for housing. Like everyone else I have spoken to, I was shocked when the news broke in midweek."

The trainer also questioned the figures involved in the Jockey Club's announcement on Tuesday that it will be

investing £500 million in British racing over the next 10 years.

He added, "The Jockey Club insist they intend to use the proceeds of the sale to refurbish and upgrade Sandown, invest a fortune into jump racing and build a new all-weather track at Newmarket. We've been told that £100 million will be raised from the sale of Kempton yet that is balanced by the Jockey Club's current debt of £115 million. Yet in the next breath their group chief executive Simon Bazalgette is promising an investment of £500 million in our sport over the next decade."

"That type of mega funding for jump racing from the bottom upwards sounds terrific to me, but I surely cannot be the only one wondering where all this money is coming from," continued Nicholls. "So at the moment I feel strongly that to have a balanced view I need to know a lot more detail about these startling proposals before making up my mind."

Despite the recent announcement, the Jockey Club, which owns 14 racecourses in Britain, will need to be granted planning permission by Spelthorne Borough Council in order to sell the land for a proposed development of 3,000 homes and faces stiff opposition to its proposals from residents in the vicinity of the Surrey racecourse.

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN UAE:

Najm Suhail (GB), g, 6, Proclamation (Ire)--Najoom Zaman (Ire), by Green Desert. Abu Dhabi, 1-15, Hcp., 1400mT, 1:22.05. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd. (GB). *SP-UAE. ***"We decided to try and get across from a high draw and were able to get to the front," said pilot Tadgh O'Shea. "He seemed to enjoy himself out there and then responded well when I asked him."

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Record Average at Magic Millions Cont. from p1

Morgan confirmed that the colt will be trained by I Am Invincible's former conditioner Toby Edmonds.

A tighter catalogue for the session meant that 39 fewer horses were sold than on the corresponding day last year, and turnover fell from A\$12,333,500 to A\$10,201,800, but the average price of A\$63,761 was a new record for the session. The clearance rate held steady at 80%, with 160 of the 199 yearlings offered being marked as sold.

Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox said he was pleased to see the depth and diversity of the week's trade continuing in Book 2.

"There was a healthy gain in average while the turnover was down on the back of less numbers," he noted. "The first five days of the Gold Coast Yearling Sale have been a tremendous success for vendors, buyers and Magic Millions alike. Everyone played their part in what was a glorious carnival for Magic Millions and the Australian bloodstock industry."



Lot 891 | *Magic Millions*

I Am Invincible was also responsible for another of the three yearlings to reach the A\$200,000 mark on Sunday and the most expensive filly of the day, when the daughter of listed winner Rich Megadale (Aus) (Armidale {Aus}) was sold for exactly that price to JHB Syndications and Michael Freedman Racing from the Dartbrook Downs Thoroughbreds draft. The August-foaled filly ([lot 842](#)) is a half-sister to four-time winner Rock 'n' Rich (Aus) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). **Cont. p5**



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BOOK 2	2017	2016
• Catalogued	214	270
• No. Offered	199	245
• No. Sold	160	199
• RNAs	39	46
• % RNAs	19.6%	19%
• High Price	A\$260,000	A\$230,000
• Gross	A\$10,201,800	A\$12,333,500
• Average (% change)	A\$63,761 (+2.88%)	A\$61,977
• Median (% change)	A\$47,500 (-5%)	A\$50,000

Record Average at Magic Millions Cont.

The sum of A\$200,000 was also given for [lot 947](#), a colt by Newgate Stud's young shuttler The Factor. The third foal of the unraced Fastnet Rock (Aus) mare Emerald Knight (Aus) was offered by Oakwood Farm.

Book 3 of the Gold Coast Yearling Sale continues on Tuesday at 10 a.m. local time.

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SUNDAY'S TOP SEVEN LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
891	c	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Yields Of Gold (Aus)	260,000
<i>B-Mr. NJ Osborne & Mrs. DY Osborne (NSW)</i>				
Consigned by Mane Lodge				
Purchased by Ontrack Thoroughbreds/Toby Edmonds				
842	f	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Rich Megadale (Aus)	200,000
<i>B-Mr. G McQuillan, Matthew McQuillan & Renee Phegan (NSW)</i>				
Consigned by Dartbrook Downs Thoroughbreds, agent				
Purchased by JHB Syndications/Michael Freedman Racing				
947	c	The Factor	Emerald Knight (Aus)	200,000
Consigned by Oakwood Farm, agent				
Purchased by TCH Bloodstock				

992	c	Star Witness (Aus)	Licenced To Chill (Aus)	185,000
<i>(A\$13,000 RNA i/u '15 MGLMAY)</i>				
<i>B-Yarramalong (Qld)</i>				
Consigned by Yarramalong Park				
Purchased by Upper Bloodstock				
857	f	Rothesay (Aus)	Silken Appeal (Aus)	170,000
<i>B-Mr ST Morley (Qld)</i>				
Consigned by Glenlogan Park, agent				
Purchased by McEvoy Mitchell Racing P/L				
929	c	Duport (Aus)	Cinecitta (Aus)	170,000
<i>(walking video)</i>				
<i>B-Mr AC Lloyd Jones (NSW)</i>				
Consigned by Kitchwin Hills, agent				
Purchased by George Moore Bloodstock				
955	c	Dawn Approach (Ire)	Flammable (Aus)	170,000
<i>B-Mr. NC Stewart & Alan Newcombe (Qld)</i>				
Consigned by Oaklands Stud, agent				
Purchased by TCH Bloodstock				

Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale

Book 2 Leading Buyers:

Buyer	Gross
Aquis Farm/Blue Sky B'stock	A\$550,000 (6 lots)
TCH Bloodstock	A\$500,000 (3 lots)
Upper Bloodstock	A\$467,000 (5 lots)
Robbie Laing	A\$315,000 (3 lots)
Ontrack T'breeds/Toby Edmonds	A\$260,000 (1 lot)

BECK FAMILY TO SELL HIGHLANDS STUD

The Beck Family has reached an agreement to sell its



Antony & Graham Beck | Gainesway

Highlands Stud on South Africa's Western Cape, according to a report on the *Sporting Post* website. The farm's late owner, Graham Beck, also bought Gainesway Farm in 1989 and handed over the role of President of the Kentucky stud to his son Antony in 1997.

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Beck Family to Sell Highlands Stud Cont.

The sale of Highlands Stud has been agreed by the family and Graham Beck Enterprises, with the 100-hectare property in the Robertson Valley set to be bought by owner-breeder Wayne Kieswetter of Ridgemount Stud.

"Wayne Kieswetter and his family had expressed interest in purchasing Highlands Stud for over two years now, and ultimately it would not have been sold had they not been such enthusiastic stewards of their farm, Ridgemount Stud," Antony Beck told the *Sporting Post*. "I know they will look after Highlands in the same way for many decades, and I wish them all the best."

A statement released by the Kieswetter family read, "We are privileged that Antony and Angela Beck have agreed to sell Highlands Stud to us. Highlands is steeped in heritage and tradition, and we will endeavour to carry on the Beck legacy." Highlands Stud currently stands eight stallions, including leading sire Dynasty (SAf) (Fort Wood) and the European imports Main Aim (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and Pathfork (Distorted Humor). Antony Beck has confirmed that he and his wife will continue to race horses in South Africa.

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KEISEI HAI-G3, ¥72,770,000 (US\$636,387/£530,200/€599,882), Nakayama, 1-15, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:02.50, fm.

1--**@KOMANO IMPULSE (JPN), 123, c, 3, Bago (Fr)**

1st Dam: Komano Akula (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Rinden Jo O (Jpn), by Real Shadai

3rd Dam: Rinden Lily (Jpn), by Mill George

O-Yoshinobu Hasegawa; B-Arai Bokujo; T-Masatatsu Kikukawa; J-Hironobu Tanabe; ¥38,539,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0.

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2--**Gun Salute (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Danon Chantilly (Jpn)--Benedire (Jpn), by Kurofune. O-Carrot Farm; B-Hidenori Kimura; ¥15,154,000.**

3--**Meiner Sphene (Jpn), 123, c, 3, by Stay Gold (Jpn)--Meine Giada (Jpn), by Jade Robbery. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm; ¥9,577,000.**

Margins: NK, HF, 3/4. Odds: 2.80, 13.40, 5.50.

Also Ran: Genievre (Jpn), Asagiri Joe (Jpn), Burringurrah (Ire), Sentire (Jpn), Nishino Amore (Jpn), Adamantine (Jpn), Popocatepetl (Jpn), Best Resort (Jpn), Adam Baros (Jpn), Meliora, Sabrage (Jpn), Ibuki (Jpn).

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A winner at first asking going 2000 metres at Tokyo Oct. 22, Komano Impulse earned bridesmaid honors going that trip over this course in the Habotan Sho behind subsequent G2 Hopeful S. hero Rey de Oro (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) Dec. 3. Favored at 5-2 Sunday, the dark bay settled near the tail of the field as Meliora (Giant's Causeway) led into the first turn. Forced four deep, Hironobu Tanabe had the 3-year-old relaxed, and the duo maintained their position through the first 1000 metres in 1:01.6. Asked to improve with three furlongs remaining, Komano Impulse made steady progress up the outside turning into the straight and swooped toward the head of affairs up the center of the course in upper stretch. Seizing command, he burst clear inside the final 50 metres. Gun Salute and Meiner Sphene both launched late rallies, but Komano Impulse had built up too much cushion, scoring by a long neck. Meiner Sphene was a half-length behind in third.

Pedigree Notes...

A son of European highweight and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Bago (Fr), Komano Impulse is the eighth stakes winner for his sire. The first runner and winner for his dam, Komano Impulse's second dam is a half-sister to Japanese stakes winner Yamakatsu Lily, while his third dam is Rinden Lily (Jpn) (Mill George), who was a multiple stakes winner in her native land. Click for the [free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).



2015 Japanese Horse of the Year Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}), was honored at a retirement ceremony at Nakayama Racecourse in Japan Sunday. The Kazumi Yoshida-owned bay captured six Group 1s throughout his career before signing off with a victory in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin Dec. 11. He will stand for ¥4,000,000 at Shadai Stallion Station in 2017. | Horsephotos