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FOR CHROME'S FIRST RIDER, NO GLORY, NO RICHES

Alberto Delgado pilots a young California Chrome to victory in the 2013 Graduation S. | *Benoit Photo*

by Bill Finley

When **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) makes his final start in the Jan. 28 GI Pegasus World Cup, Alberto Delgado will be doing what a lot of people will be doing. He'll be at Gulfstream to watch the race and admire one of the greatest horses of the era. But Delgado's connection to the 6-year-old goes well beyond that of a mere fan or admirer of the horse. He used to be his jockey.

Some may not remember that Victor Espinoza has not always ridden California Chrome. In four of his first five starts, he was ridden by the journeyman Delgado. Corey Nakatani also rode him on one occasion before Espinoza took over. Delgado, now 52, last rode California Chrome in the Nov. 1, 2013 Golden State Juvenile S. at Santa Anita, finishing sixth. Chrome made $102,600 in races in which Delgado rode, meaning his cut was about $10,000. Under Espinoza, California Chrome has made over $14 million. That jockey has made seven figures alone riding the star, which doesn't include breeding rights.

"It's part of the game," said Delgado, who is riding the meet at Gulfstream for trainer Dane Kobiskie. "I'd be lying to you guys if I told you I wasn't upset, but I know that's how it goes. I feel privileged to have been able to ride him. That's the good thing."

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DOWN THE SHEDROW: MARK CASSE

by Christie DeBernardis

With 235 wins, 26 of which were graded stakes victories with eight of those being Grade Is, and $17.95-million in earnings, Mark Casse had a career-best year in 2016 to say the least. A new addition to Canada's Racing Hall of Fame in 2016, the 55-year-old, who is a six-time Sovereign Award winner, was nominated for his first Eclipse Award following his stellar 2016 season.

Even if he doesn't take home top trainer honors at the Eclipse ceremony Saturday night, the conditioner is still very likely to stand at the podium at Gulfstream thanks to **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile), who is heavily favored in the champion juvenile category, and **Tepin** (Bernstein), who looks primed to take home her second straight Eclipse as top turf mare.

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LA ROUTE DES ETALONS: START YOUR ENGINES

Sue Finley prepares to embark on La Route des Etalons, France's stallion trail that takes place this weekend in the country's Norman breeding region.

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South American import Eragon (Arg) (Offlee Wild), a three-time Group 1 winner in Argentina scheduled to run in the $12-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational Jan. 28, was the picture of calm when he visited the Gulfstream Park paddock for the first time Thursday afternoon. | *Gulfstream Park*

KEENELAND ANNOUNCES STAKES SCHEDULE **RR**

A $4.325-million stakes schedule for Keeneland's 2017 Spring Meet, featuring 16 stakes races led by the Apr. 8 $1-million GII Toyota Blue Grass S. & GI Central Bank Ashland, has been announced. "Keeneland receives loyal support from owners and trainers across North America, and we are proud to once again feature such a rich and diverse stakes schedule," Keeneland VP of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said.

FILLY DIVISION ADDED FOR SPENDTHRIFT STAKES **RR**

Fresh off a successful inaugural running of the Spendthrift Juvenile Stallion S. Oct. 30, Spendthrift Farm and Churchill Downs have announced an expansion of the annual event which will now be run as two divisional races starting in 2017--one for 2-year-old colts & geldings, and also one for 2-year-old fillies.

Chrome's First Rider cont.

Delgado was the 1982 Eclipse Award winner as the nation's outstanding apprentice and has won more than 2,900 races, most of them at the Maryland tracks. But there's not much more to be said of his accomplishments. He's never won a Grade I race, but did finish second in the 1995 GI Preakness aboard Oliver's Twist (Horatius).

Struggling in Maryland, he went to California in 2012 to try to revive his career and hooked on with Sherman. Delgado would ride California Chrome in the afternoons and his brother, Willie, did the work in the morning as Chrome's exercise rider.

Delgado & California Chrome
Benoit Photo

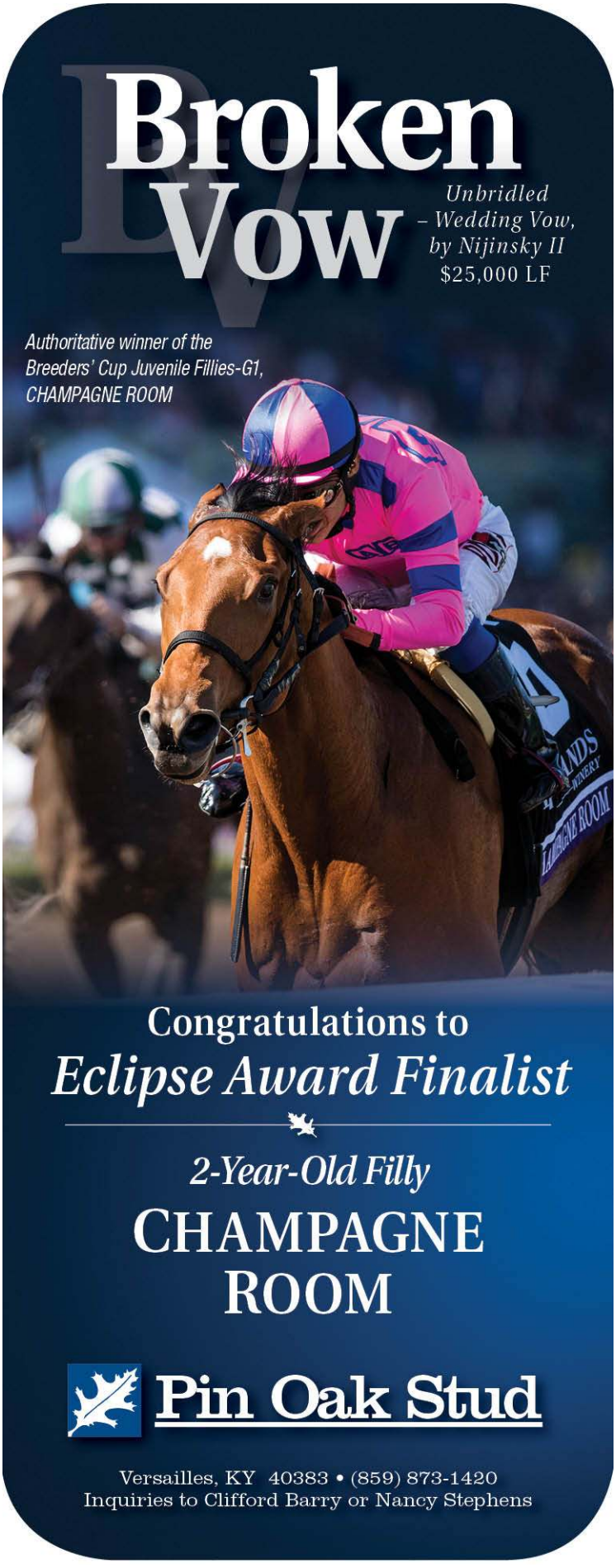
California Chrome made his career debut Apr. 26, 2013 at Hollywood Park in a 4 1/2-furlong maiden race for California-breds. He finished second. Three weeks later, he was entered in a race at the same distance and with Delgado aboard won by 2 3/4 lengths.

"The day he broke his maiden I got off him and told the owner this horse will win the Derby next year. Honest to God, I did," Delgado said. "They looked at me like I had three heads. He was a 'Cal-bred' and while they thought he had potential they didn't think all that much of him. I kept telling everybody this is the best horse in California and nobody believed me. I've been riding a long time and have ridden some nice horses and I knew he was special."

Nakatani rode California Chrome in his next start, a fifth-place finish in the Willard Proctor Memorial S. Delgado was put back on for a win in the Graduation S. and then finished sixth aboard the then 2-year-old in the GI Del Mar Futurity and the Golden State Juvenile.

A jockey of Delgado's stature likely never could have kept the mount on a horse as good as California Chrome, but his chances of sticking on him for a while longer all but ended in the Golden State Juvenile. California Chrome experienced a world of trouble that day.

"They never told me why they took me off the horse but I assume it was because of that race," Delgado said. "He was in the one hole. It was Breeders' Cup [Friday] and the track was very fast. In my mind, I was going to go to lead and just open up. When the gate opened he reared straight up in the air. I got left." **Cont. p4**



Normally when that happens the right thing to do is to let the horse settle into stride, save ground and then somewhere down the line make a run. He was very rank, was climbing a lot; very uncomfortable on inside and unfortunately I couldn't get him to the outside."

Delgado | *Benoit Photo*

Espinoza took over next out for a win in the King Glorious S. and has been on California Chrome ever since.

"He wasn't riding that many horses and at the time he had made as few mistakes on that horse that cost him," trainer Art Sherman said. "Sometimes things happen and I'm not saying it was his fault. I don't like blaming jockeys. But the owners said maybe we should try to get a top 10 rider. It gets that way when you have a good horse. It's unfortunate, but that's what happens in this game. I like him a lot. He's a very nice guy."

California Chrome is on his way to the Hall of Fame and Espinoza has made a not-so-small fortune riding the horse. As for the Delgado Brothers, Willie no longer works for Sherman and is galloping horses in Ocala. Alberto Delgado has not won a stakes race since his 2013 victory in the Graduation aboard California Chrome and he won just 11 races in 2014, 2015 and 2016 combined. Still, he keeps his head up.

"All you can go is keep riding, keep swinging the bat," he said. "You never know when the next good one is right around the corner."

He did see California Chrome at the 2014 Preakness and said he had a cordial reunion with the connections, reminding them that he was the first person to predict greatness for the horse. He has not seen California Chrome since and will not do so until race day. He works every day at Palm Meadows and California Chrome is stabled at Gulfstream. But even if he doesn't have a mount on the Jan. 28 card, Delgado said he will definitely be at the track, there to root on an old friend.

"Absolutely, I will be rooting for him," he said. "I'm proud of him. I feel blessed I was able to ride him."

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DOWN THE SHEDROW

with Mark Casse

by Christie DeBernardis

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"I'm very proud of [the fact we have two likely Eclipse winners in the barn]," Casse said. "That is the ultimate goal with any horse, for them to be champion and to have two of them in one year is amazing."

With Classic Empire and Tepin coming back for more in 2017 and a long list of top runners in the barn, Casse has every chance to build on his 2016 success this term.

"We are cautiously optimistic," he said. "It's tough. Every year I keep saying, 'How are we going to beat the previous year?' But, we are going to try."

Mark Casse | *Coady*

● CLASSIC EMPIRE (c, 3, Pioneerof the Nile)

John Oxley scooped up Classic Empire for $475,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September and the colt proved to be a wise investment from the get go. Following a debut victory at Churchill Downs May 4 with a victory in the GIII Bashford Manor S. July 2, the bay threw his rider at the start of Saratoga's GI Hopeful S. Sept. 5, but came back to score an impressive win in Keeneland's GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity S. Oct. 8. He wrapped up what is likely to be a championship season with a gritty neck victory over the recently retired Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita Nov. 5 (video).

"*He's doing very well. If everything continues on as it is now, he's going to make the [GII Lambholm South] Holy Bull [S. Feb. 4]. I was really happy with his last work. We are going to get another work into him soon and he is coming along nicely.*"

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● **TEPIN (m, 6, Bernstein)**

Robert Masterson's Tepin already has an Eclipse award to her merit after a stellar 2015 season that culminated in a dominant victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. The bay was equally sensational in 2016, capturing her first six starts of the year, including a historic victory in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot in June and a defeat of males in the GI Ricoh Woodbine Mile Sept. 17. Second behind loose-on-the-lead Photo Call (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the GI First Lady S. Oct. 8, she was a valiant second to Tourist (Tiznow) when last seen in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile Nov. 5.

Tepin | *Horsephotos*

"*We're still looking at the [GIII Lambholm South] Endeavour [S. Feb. 11]. The plan is to breeze her Sunday. She gets a little rambunctious in her stall sometimes. She was supposed to breeze the other day, but she kicked the wall and knocked her shoe off. It made her a little tender behind for a day or two so she missed a few days. That's not the first time she's done this to us. We are aiming for Sunday to breeze her and we will go from there.*"

"*We are trying to make Dubai. We want her to be at the top of her game or we aren't going to make that attempt. Honestly, she is still in the 'does she want to be a racehorse or does she want to be a mommy' mode. We are going to make a final decision on that in the next week or two so it will just depend on how she trains. She is six now and she has done so much that what else is out there for her. I guess Dubai would be that, but if we aren't going to make Dubai, I don't know if she will continue on.*"

● **TAKEOFF (c, 3, Arch)**

A $550,000 OBSMAR buy, Oxley's Takeoff broke his maiden last time out at the Fair Grounds Dec. 26 after two prior attempts in Kentucky. The dark bay is entered in Saturday's GIII LeComte S. in NOLA.

"*Takeoff is doing well. He is a horse we had high expectations for and he kind of disappointed us a little bit, but I think his last race was good. We still aren't exactly sure what Takeoff wants or how good he is. We are going to find out at least one of those answers probably this weekend. I kind of have a feeling he may be better on turf, but we will see.*"

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● **SUMMERTIME SKY (f, 3, Sky Mesa)**

Oxley will also be represented by a homebred runner this weekend at Fair Grounds in Summertime Sky, a contender in Saturday's Silverbulletday S. The dark bay donned cap and gown at first asking on the sod in NOLA Dec. 31.

"*She was very impressive in her maiden win. She's going [from turf] to the dirt. It's a tough spot, especially for her second start, but I want to feel like when we are running, especially when they are young, that we are learning something about them. Our goal is always trying to develop horses. I am always saying training horses is questions. You are always asking questions. Sometimes you just don't like the answers. Those questions help you determine the path they are going to forward. Both Summertime Sky and Takeoff are in that stage where we don't know how good they are. They have potential.*"

Valadorna | *Coady*

● **VALADORNA (f, 3, Curlin)**

Stonestreet Stables homebred Valadorna showed she was one to watch with a dominant six-length graduation at second asking at Keeneland Oct. 7, which earned her "**TDN Rising Star**" status (video). The bay came charging late to come within three-quarters of a length of longshot winner Champagne Room (Broken Vow) when second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Nov. 5.

"*We are going to run her next week down at the Fair Grounds. We are very excited about her. She is going in an allowance race and hopefully a big race will point her to the [GII] Rachel Alexandra [S. Feb. 25].*"

● **PRETTY CITY DANCER (f, 3, Tapit)**

A second-out graduate at Churchill May 27, Oxley's Pretty City Dancer, a $825,000 KEESEP purchase, captured Churchill's Debutante S. July 2 and was a dead-heat winner of Saratoga's GI Spinaway S. Sept. 3 (video). The gray most recently worked a bullet five panels in 1:02 at Palm Meadows Jan. 15.

"*She is doing extremely well. She has a big work planned for this weekend, and if all goes well, she is scheduled to run in the [GII] Forward Gal S. [Feb. 4].*"

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● **LA CORONEL (f, 3, Colonel John)**

Earning her diploma at third asking at Saratoga Sept. 5, La Coronel followed suit with a win in Keeneland's GI JP Morgan Chase Jessamine S. Oct. 12 (video). Drawn in post 14 in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, the Oxley colorbearer made up ground late to check in sixth Nov. 4.

"*She got a little bit of a break, but is back training and looks wonderful. She picked up about 75 pounds. She will have her first breeze in maybe three weeks. There isn't a whole lot for the better turf fillies in the winter time, so we will get her ready more for late spring and summer.*"

● **CATCH A GLIMPSE (f, 4, City Zip)**

Winner of three Sovereign Awards in 2015, one of which was as Canada's Horse of the Year, Catch a Glimpse won her first five starts of 2016, including a defeat of males in the GIII Penn Mile and a victory in the GI Belmont Oaks. The Gary Barber, Michael Ambler and Windways Farm runner was a close second to subsequent GI QEII Challenge Cup heroine Time and Motion (Tapit) in the GII Lake Placid S. and turned in disappointing efforts in her last two outings, finishing off the board in both the QEII Oct. 15 and the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf Nov. 5.

Catch a Glimpse
Christie DeBernardis

"*She is going to have her first breeze back this weekend at Palm Meadows. I would like to aim her for the [GII] Churchill Downs Distaff Turf Mile on [GI Kentucky] Derby day. That would be my first goal, but how we get there I don't know yet.*"

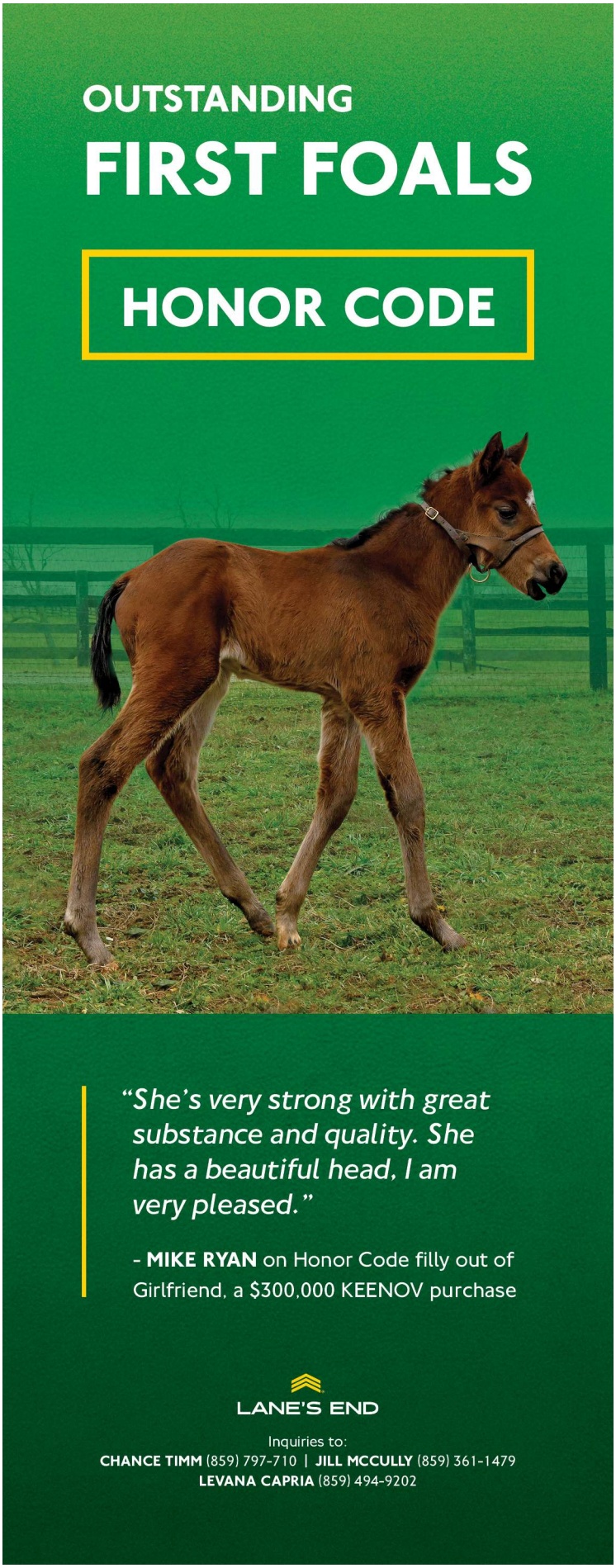
● **TAMIT (IRE) (f, 3, Fastnet Rock {Aus})**

Masteron has another talented turf female ready to follow in his champion Tepin's footsteps in Tamit, who earned "**TDN Rising Star**" status for an explosive come-from-behind victory in her career bow at Keeneland Oct. 22 (video). The bay came running late once again to be a close second in a Gulfstream optional claimer on New Year's Day.

"*She is a very nice filly. She ran the other day and got beat, but I thought she was valiant in defeat. I think she is going to do big things. She may come back in the [GIII] Sweetest Chant [S. Feb. 4].*"

● **SUMMER LUCK (f, 3, Lookin at Lucky)**

Earning her diploma at second asking at Churchill Downs Nov. 11, Gary Barber's Summer Luck checked in third last time in Gulfstream's Old Hat S. Jan. 7. **Cont. p8**



Summer Luck cont.

"*Another filly that I'm high on is Summer Luck. She got kind of knocked around in the Old Hat S. [Jan. 7] when she finished third. I'd really like to run her two turns, but there isn't anything right now. She could possibly end up against Pretty City Dancer in the Forward Gal.*"

● **TOUR DE FORCE (c, 4, Tiznow)**

A $1.35-million KEESEP buy for Oxley and breeder Kinsman Farm, Tour de Force checked in second when unveiled at Fair Grounds Dec. 4, but graduated next out in NOLA Jan. 15.

"*Another horse I'm really excited about for a lot of reasons, and who I think will be our next Noble Bird, is Tour de Force. He is maybe the best-looking horse I have ever trained. He just had one thing after another and is like a family pet now, so it was very rewarding to watch him win. He's a big horse and he has a great stride. He will probably run in an allowance next.*"

● **VICTORY TO VICTORY (f, 3, Exchange Rate)**

Off the board in her Saratoga debut Aug. 12, Victory to Victory came back on just 15 days rest to finish second on the Woodbine lawn Aug. 27. The Live Oak homebred earned her diploma in that venue's GI Natalma S. last time out Sept. 18 (video) and was scratched from an intended start in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf.

"*The other good filly we have is Victory to Victory. She ended up with a deep, deep hind foot bruise, probably as bad as I've ever seen. It took us forever to get that thing to open up and drain. She's been back galloping now for a couple of weeks and you should be seeing her in the worktab soon.*"

● **WORLD APPROVAL (g, 5, Northern Afleet)**

Live Oak homebred World Approval hit the board in both the GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic and the GI Woodford Reserve Manhattan S. this spring and finally broke through at the highest level with a win in the GI United Nations S. July 3. Off the board in the GI Arlington Million Aug. 13, the blue-blooded turfer completed the trifecta in the GI Northern Dancer S. Sept. 17 and was eighth last time in the GI Pattison Canadian International S. Oct. 16. The gray last breezed Dec. 17, covering a half-mile in :47.95 on the Palm Meadows lawn.

World Approval | *Christie DeBernardis*

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● **NOBLE BIRD (h, 6, Birdstone)**

Oxley's 2015 GI Stephen Foster H. winner Noble Bird scored back-to-back victories in October in the Lukas Classic S. and GII Hagyard Fayette S. and was most recently seventh in the GI Clark H. Nov. 25. The bay is scheduled to face off with GI Breeders' Cup Classic one-two Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) and California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the $12-million GI Pegasus World Cup Jan. 28.

"*He worked very well. He's always been a great work horse. Everyone knows there are two Noble Birds, the Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde. You just don't know which one you are going to get. A mile and an eighth is probably his best distance. I believe he holds the track record at Keeneland going that far. I have the greatest respect for California Chrome and Arrogate and even on his best day, I'm not sure Noble Bird is capable of beating either one of those horses. But, if Noble Bird were to have a really good day and those two were to have a little bit of an off day, then maybe. There are 12-million reasons to give it a try!*"

● **THIRSTFORLIFE (c, 3, Stay Thirsty)**

A half-brother to MGISW Cavorting (Bernardini), Thirstforlife was tabbed a "**TDN Rising Star**" following an impressive second-out graduation at Churchill June 4. Third in the GII Best Pal S. Aug. 13, the chestnut was off the board in the GIII Iroquois S. Sept. 17, but rebounded with a Keeneland allowance win Oct. 20. Owned by Gary Barber, St Elias Stable and the Coolmore contingent, Thirstforlife was last seen finishing seventh in the GIII Delta Downs Jackpot Nov. 19. "*He got a quarter crack in his last race at Delta Downs. We are giving him some time to grow his foot out and he has just started back training. He is at our training center in Ocala. I have no plans for him right now.*"

● **AIROFORCE (c, 4, Colonel John)**

A black-type winner on both turf and dirt during his 2015 juvenile campaign, Oxley's Airoforce was winless in 2016, but finished second in both the Penn Mile and the GII National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame S. Aug. 5. The gray was last seen finishing seventh in the Dueling Grounds Derby Sept. 11 and returned to the worktab at Casse's Ocala training center with a three-furlong move in :36.80 Jan. 13. **Cont. p10**

Airoforce | *Christie DeBernardis*

"*I love Airoforce. He got a little break. It was his first break since he was a yearling. He is breezing now in Ocala and is about ready to join Norman at Palm Meadows.*"

● **KEEP QUIET (FR) (c, 3, Elusive City)**

Following his Saratoga graduation Aug. 6 with a runner-up effort in the GII With Anticipation S. Aug. 31, Keep Quiet captured the GIII Dixiana Bourbon S. at Keeneland Oct. 9. The Gary Barber runner was last seen finishing eighth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Nov. 4.

"*We gave him some time and he was breezing down at Palm Meadows and hurt his hind ankle. Now he is out for a couple months. He will be fine, but he is on some R&R right now.*"

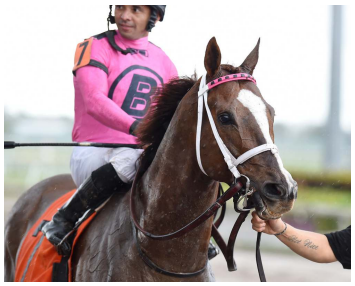
● **CONQUEST TYPHOON (h, 5, Stormy Atlantic)**

One of Casse's biggest clients Ernie Semersky dispersed his Conquest Stable at Keeneland November, but Casse could not let Sovereign Award winner Conquest Typhoon go, purchasing the bay for $115,000. The MGSW, who was last seen finishing fourth in a Woodbine allowance Oct. 14, makes his first start for new owner Gary Barber Friday in the third race at Gulfstream.

"*He is in [Friday]. He is the barn favorite and has been forever. He is a character and all of the girls love him in the barn. When he runs his race, he is tough.*"

● **CONQUEST PANTHERA (g, 5, Kitten's Joy)**

Another Conquest horse still in the barn thanks to Barber is $100,000 KEENOV buy Conquest Panthera. The "**TDN Rising Star**" won his last two allowance starts, most recently scoring at Gulfstream Jan. 15.



Conquest Panthera | *Lauren King*

"*One that we think has the potential to possibly go on and become a really good horse is one that just won the other day, Conquest Panthera. He broke his maiden very impressively first time out. He ran against American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), but he hurt his hind ankles fairly significantly in that race and it has taken us forever to get him back. I'm excited to get him into a race cycle. I think if we can keep him in a race cycle, he will keep getting better and better and turn out to be a really nice horse.*"

● **SOUPER TAPIT (c, 3, Tapit)**

Casse has an unraced sophomore in the barn that he is particularly excited about in Live Oak homebred Souper Tapit, who most recently breezed a best-of-135 half-mile in :47.80 at Fair Grounds Jan. 14.

"*We have a horse that we are very excited about down at the Fair Grounds named Souper Tapit. He's about 10 days to two weeks from running and we think he is something special.*"

● **KING AND HIS COURT (g, 3, Court Vision)**

Gary Barber and Wachtel Stable privately purchased King and his Court after he finished third behind ill-fated Casse pupil Golden Hawk (Tapit) in the GIII Grey S. The gelding has since won both the Coronation Futurity Nov. 13 and Display S. Dec. 3.

"*Gary Barber bought him in the middle of the year. He would be considered the favorite right now for the Queen's Plate S. He won his last two races in Toronto very impressively and he is going to run in either the [GIII] Withers S. [Feb. 4] in New York or the Sam Davis. He's a nice horse so hopefully he can transfer his ability from synthetic to dirt.*"

● **STATE OF HONOR (c, 3, To Honor and Serve)**

Casse is also sending Coronation runner-up State of Honor down the GI Kentucky Derby trail. The Conrad Farms homebred followed that effort at Woodbine with a near miss in the Mucho Macho Man S. last time.

"*I thought his race was super impressive in the Mucho Macho Man S. [Jan. 7]. He got beaten a head in his first start ever on dirt. He may go to the [GII] Swale S. [Feb. 4 at Gulfstream] or he*

may go to the [GIII] Sam F. Davis S. [at Tampa Feb. 11]."

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STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

TONALIST (Tapit; Lane's End)
•The first foal for the 2014 Belmont S. winner, a filly bred by Repole Stable out of GISP Danette (Curlin), was born Jan. 16 at WinStar Farm.

MR SPEAKER (Pulpit; Lane's End)
• The 2014 GI Belmont Derby Invitational S. winner has been represented by his first foals. At Elm Dale Farm in Canada, the Mizzen Mast mare Grey Pride foaled a filly by Mr Speaker Jan. 14 while the multiple stakes winner Capella Dancer (Rockport Harbor) produced a filly.

FAST ANNA (Medaglia d'Oro; Three Chimneys)
•The first foal by the 2014 GI King's Bishop S. runner-up was born Jan. 14 at Five Oak Farm in Saratoga Springs, New York. The bay colt was bred by Thomas Mina and is out of MSP Unbridled Grace (Unbridled Jet).

DANZA (Street Boss; Spendthrift Farm)
•Danza, hero of the 2014 GI Arkansas Derby, sired his first reported foal Jan. 15 when a filly was born at Millennium Farms in Lexington, KY. Bred by country singer Toby Keith's Dream Walkin Farms, Inc., the dark bay or brown filly is out of the stakes-placed mare Peeker (Cactus Ridge).

THE BIG BEAST (Yes It's True; Ocala Stud)
• The Grade I-winning sprinter sired his first reported foal Jan. 3rd when a colt was born in Ocala, FL. Bred by Christy Whitman, the bay colt is out of the Slew Gin Fizz mare Look to the Stars, a half-sister to multiple graded stakes-winning millionaire Isitingood.

SKY KINGDOM (Empire Maker; Darby Dan Farm)
•MGSW Sky Kingdom sired his first reported foal Jan. 14 when a filly was born at Ann Marie Farm in Paris, KY. Bred by Ron Patterson, the filly is out of the Danzig mare Bushra.

BAHAMIAN SQUALL (Gone West; Double Diamond Farm)
•The 2013 GII Smile Sprint H. winner's first foal was born Jan. 18 in Ocala, Florida. The bay colt, bred by Digole (Dee) Williams, is out of Rock Steady Baby (Rockport Harbor).

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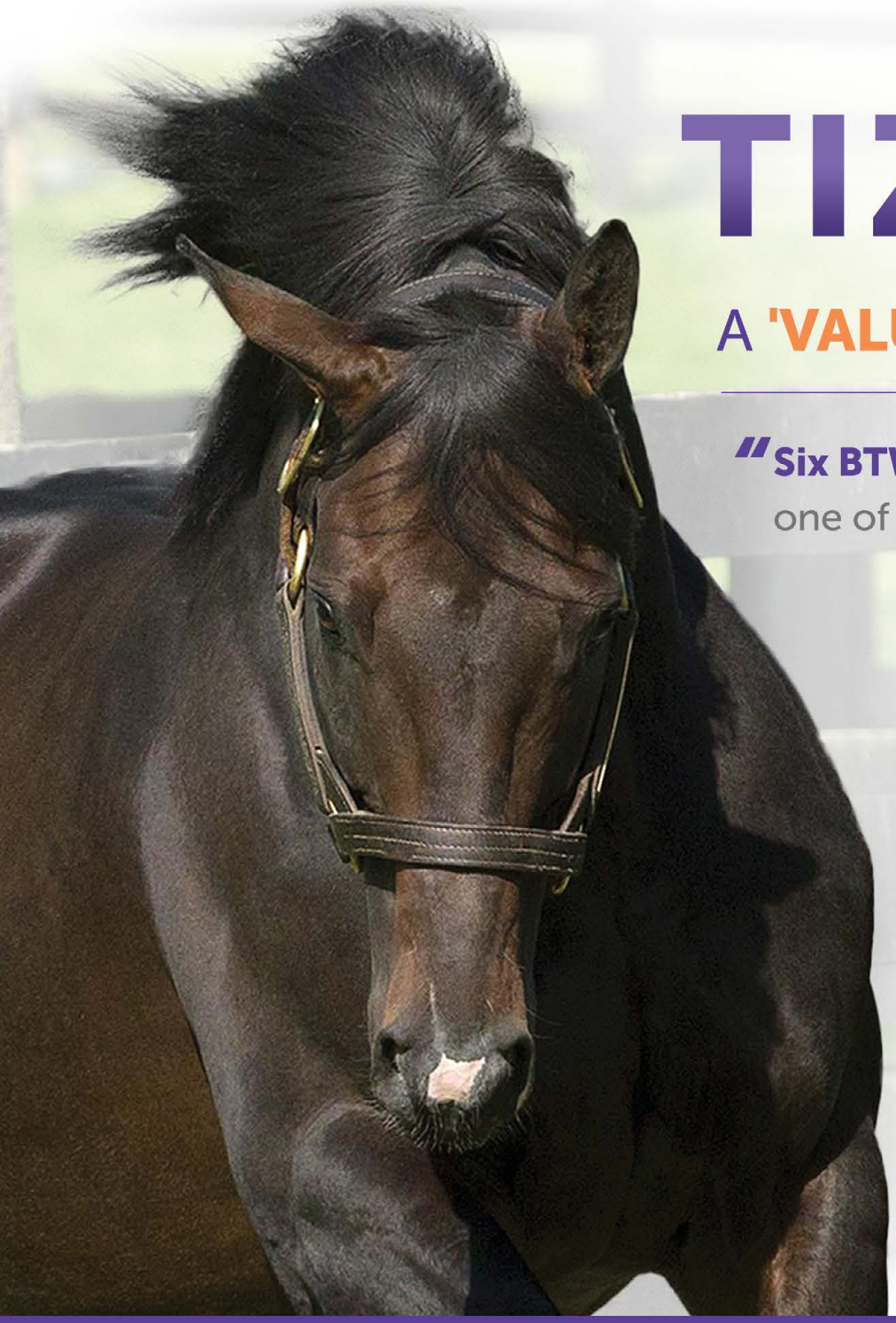

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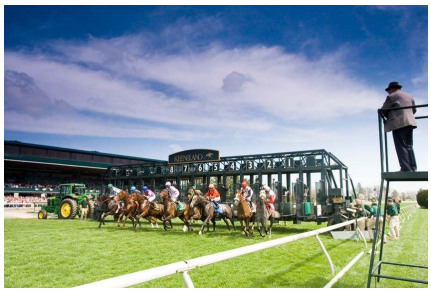
KEENELAND ANNOUNCES SPRING SCHEDULE

A $4.325-million stakes schedule for Keeneland's 2017 Spring Meet, featuring 16 stakes races led by the Apr. 8 $1-million GII Toyota Blue Grass S. and GI Central Bank Ashland, has been announced. Purse money for the GIII Stonestreet Lexington S. Apr. 15 and opening day GIII Transylvania S. have both been increased by $50,000. The 15-day Spring Meet, to be held Apr. 7-28, will offer racing Wednesdays through Sundays except Easter Sunday, Apr. 16. "Keeneland receives loyal support from owners and trainers across North America, and we are proud to once again feature such a rich and diverse stakes schedule," Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said. "We continue to pursue initiatives to provide an exceptional racing program for horsemen and competitive wagering opportunities for fans." Other Grade I highlights include, the GI Madison S. Apr. 8, the GI Maker's 46 Mile S. Apr. 14 and the GI Coolmore Jenny Wiley S. Apr. 15.



Keeneland | *Coady*

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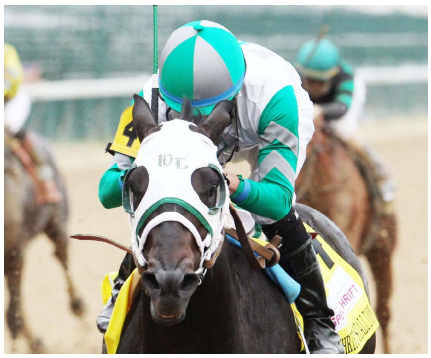
FILLY DIVISION ADDED TO SPENDTHRIFT JUVENILE STALLION STAKES

Fresh off a successful inaugural running of the Spendthrift Juvenile Stallion S. Oct. 30, Spendthrift Farm and Churchill Downs have announced an expansion of the annual event which will now be run as two divisional races starting in 2017--one for 2-year-old colts & geldings, and also one for 2-year-old fillies.

"The Spendthrift Juvenile Stallion S. was an overwhelming success last year, and we're delighted to once again collaborate with Churchill Downs to build on that success," said Ned Toffey, Spendthrift General Manager. "The addition of a fillies division is something that many of our breeders asked for, and this year we are happy to be able to provide it. It's another way for us to help our breeders and the industry as a whole."



Warrior's Club winning the inaugural Spendthrift Stallion S.

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Spendthrift has committed to funding an additional $100,000 annually to the original $300,000 commitment in purse money, and the $400,000 will be allocated to a pair of $200,000-guaranteed stakes races--a division for each sex--on the opening-day card during the Fall meet at Churchill, which is slated for Oct. 29 in 2017. The fillies race was officially named the Spendthrift Juvenile Filly Stallion S., while the colts and geldings division will continue to run as the Spendthrift Juvenile Stallion S. Both will be contested at seven furlongs on dirt.

"The creation of the Spendthrift Stallion S. for 2-year-olds is a unique concept that proved to be extremely popular with owners, breeders and fans alike in 2016," said Churchill Downs Racetrack President Kevin Flanery. "We're delighted to present these races on opening day of our Fall Meet, and Churchill Downs looks forward to cultivating this event with Spendthrift Farm in 2017."

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FLORIDA

Thursday's Results:

3rd-GP, $41,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.08, ft.

MO' GREEN (f, 4, Uncle Mo--She's a Rebel Too {SP, $144,965}, by Two Punch) graduated at second asking over this track last February, but finished sixth when ambitiously placed in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks and didn't find the winner's circle again until an optional claiming score in the Monmouth slop July 29. Sixth in the GIII Monmouth Oaks Aug. 20, the bay returned from four months on the pine with a runner-up finish in the restricted Margate S. sprinting here Dec. 26. Off as the 19-10 chalk in this spot, Mo' Green stalked from the pocket through splits of :23.22 and :46.07. Still hemmed in nearing the turn for home, she dove through a rail opening at the head of the stretch and outgamed Meadow Rose (Ghostzapper) to the line for a neck tally. The winner is a half to Brother in Arms (Yes It's True), MSP, $211,305. Her dam is responsible for a juvenile Creative Cause filly named She'screative and was paired with Lone Star Special last spring. Sales History: $40,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; $70,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, $99,820.

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EASTERN U.S.

Wednesday Night's Results:

3rd-CT, $23,000, (S), Msw, 1-18, 3yo, 4 1/2f, :52.68, my.

+CUTTIN EDGE TECH (f, 3, Fiber Sonde--Cuttin Edge Kitten, by Pioneering) came into this debut off a local bullet half-mile breeze from the gate in :47 flat (1/9) and was given a 19-5 chance at the windows. Quickly making the point, the chestnut went well clear through a :22.33 quarter, arrived at the top of the stretch a half-dozen lengths to the good and held sway for a two-length triumph over Good Sport (Hunt Crossing). The winner has a juvenile full-sister named Too Much to List. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $13,560. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Karl B. Johnson, Sr.; B-Karl B. Johnson Sr. & Crystal Pickett (WV); T-Crystal G. Pickett.

KENTUCKY

Wednesday Night's Results:

8th-TP, $20,400, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-18, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.39, ft.

PROMISES BROKEN (f, 3, Algorithms--Strong Vows, by Broken Vow) was dangled for a $50,000 tag in her unveiling Oct. 21 at Keeneland, took a good amount of money and rolled to a 12 1/4-length romp in the slop. Third with a wide journey in a Churchill optional claimer Nov. 26, the homebred was crushed down to 1-2 in this all-weather surface debut and broke alertly to sit fourth through a :22.92 quarter. Advancing willingly three deep on the turn, the chestnut collared the pacesetter at the top of the lane and spurted away to score by 8 1/2 lengths. On Probation (Into Mischief) completed the exacta. The victress is a half to Dreams Cut Short (Belong to Me), MSP, $385,485. Her dam has a 2-year-old Afleet Alex filly and was bred to Successful Appeal last term. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $31,440. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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CENTRAL U.S.

Thursday's Results:

8th-OP, $75,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.21, my.

HAILSTORM SLEW (f, 4, Munnings--Successful Slew, by Successful Appeal), a first-out graduate against fellow Oklahoma-breds in her 2015 career bow, was second in the restricted Slide Show S. in her next start and bounced around open allowance ranks for her next five outings before upsetting the Useeit S. last out Dec. 11 when back in with state-breds at Remington. Made a 47-10 proposition here, the homebred lagged at the rear of affairs through a :22.09 quarter before beginning to pick up her feet at the five-sixteenths pole. Swinging nine wide at the top of the lane, she flew down the crown of the track to nail Donita's Ruler (Roman Ruler) in the dying strides for a half-length success. The winner's dam is represented by a 2-year-old Daaher colt named Daaher's Success and returned to Munnings last spring. Lifetime Record: SW, 9-4-2-1, $149,513. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B/T-C. R. Trout (OK).

5th-FG, $43,000, Alw, 1-19, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.73, sy.

SWEET HALORY (f, 4, Hold Me Back--Brushed Halory {MGSW, $496,050}, by Broad Brush) scored on debut at Del Mar in November of 2015 and was second behind '**TDN Rising Star**' Bendable (Horse Greeley) in her sophomore debut July 1 at Santa Anita. Eased in a Del Mar turf sprint Aug. 4, she finished eighth back on the dirt there Sept. 3 before running second Oct. 22 in Arcadia for a $50,000 tag in her final start for the Doug O'Neill barn. Off as the 19-10 favorite here, the bay tracked from second through a :22.69 quarter, swung into action three deep approaching the stretch and outkicked game frontrunner Promisedyouheaven (Unbridled's Song) by a neck. Sweet Halory is a half to Sly Storm (Storm Cat), MSW, $235,922, while her dam is a half to MGSW Key Lory (Key to the Mint), GSW/MGISP Halory Hunter (Jade Hunter), GSW/G1SP Van Nistelrooy (Storm Cat) and GSW Prory (Procida). Brushed Halory is responsible for an unraced sophomore filly named Verna Lea, a 2-year-old filly by Stormy Atlantic and foaled a colt by Violence last term. Sales History: $38,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, $77,290. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

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4th-OP, $72,000, Msw, 1-19, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40.50, my.

MAKE AMENDS (f, 3, Malibu Moon--Tell Me Everything, by Giant's Causeway) showed some late interest to finish sixth in her muddy debut Sept. 17 at Churchill, a race out of which the top four finishers all returned to win, including next-out GII Golden Rod S. heroine Farrell (Malibu Moon). Second behind another returning victress Oct. 22 at Keeneland, the homebred was bet down to 9-10 to go one better here. Showing the way narrowly through splits of :23.79 and :49.10, Make Amends shrugged aside her longshot presser just outside the quarter pole. Challenged in midstretch to her inside by Awesome Boss (Street Boss), the favorite dug in gamely to repel that foe for a head victory. The winner is the first foal out of a dam whose subsequent produce is a juvenile colt by Elusive Quality named Verboten and a 2016 filly by Broken Vow. Tell Me Everything was bred to Candy Ride (Arg) last season. Second dam Confessional (Holy Bull) captured the GI Frizette S. in 1998. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $55,407. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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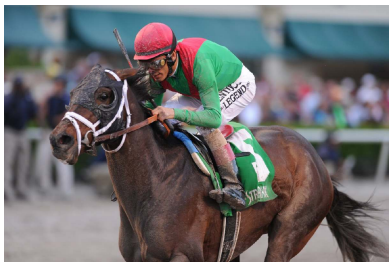
Mexikoma to Stand at Keen Farms in Texas:

Mexikoma (Birdstone--Toccet Over, by Toccet), winner of the 2016 Sunshine Millions Classic and third-place finisher in that term's GI Donn H., has been retired to stud and will stand his first season at Dallas and Donna Keen's Keen Farms in Burleson, Texas. He will stand for a $1,000 fee as property of the Keens. Campaigned by Team Valor International, the 6-year-old hit the board in eight of 12 starts with four victories and earnings of $339,054. The $55,000 OBSAPR graduate was bred in Florida by Hickstead Farm.



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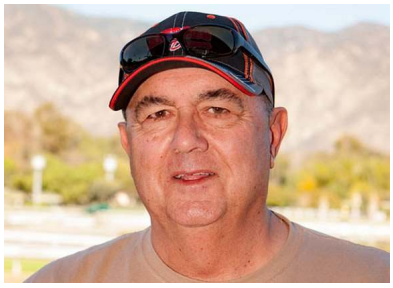
Older Horse: Ivan Fallunovalot (Valid Expectations)
Champion Broodmare: Margarita Mistress (dam of Texas Chrome)

CALIFORNIA

Moore Takes Additional Role as Del Mar's Director Of Track Maintenance:

Veteran trackman Dennis Moore, the track superintendent at Santa Anita Park, has agreed to accept the additional role of Director of Track Maintenance at Del Mar, it has been announced. Moore, 67, who has more than 44 years of experience working at racetracks around the world, will continue his full-time role at Santa Anita while also assuming his new responsibilities at Del Mar for its summer and fall meetings.

"Having consistency is a key element in safety and that can mean surface and personnel," said DMTC President and General Manager Joe Harper. "With Dennis Moore on board at Southern California's two major tracks--both featuring the same racing surfaces--we've moved solidly in that direction. We owe Keith Brackpool and his people at Santa Anita a big thank you for their willingness to 'share' Dennis with us, which will go a long way toward enhancing Southern California's racing and training environment."



Dennis Moore | *Benoit*

He continued, "We're doing everything in our power to ensure the finest, safest and most horse-friendly racing surface we possibly can offer at Del Mar. Dennis knows his business and our horsemen know Dennis and respect the work he does." Moore is replacing Del Mar's previous track superintendent, Steven Wood, Jr., a role the latter assumed in 2016. Wood now will be the senior crew member working for Moore at the seaside oval.

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CALIMONCO (Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm, Pvt., 47/4/0
5-SA, Msw 1mT, Burnt Cognac, 8-1
COIL (Point Given), Magali Farms, $5K, 90/8/0
7-GG, Msw 5 1/2f, +Recoiled, $5K BAR OCT yrl, 15-1
5-SA, Msw 1mT, +Path of Exile, $42K BAR SEL yrl, 15-1
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7-SUN, Alw 5 1/2f, McEve, 8-1
SOARING EMPIRE (Empire Maker), Rockridge Stud, $2.5K, 42/2/0
3-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, King of Clouds, $4K EAS OCT yrl, 12-1
STAR GUITAR (Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud, $4K, 80/3/0
8-DED, $100K Azalea S., 7f, Bermuda Star, $20K EQL 2YO 2yo, 15-1
TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, $15K, 181/17/1
3-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, Ice Cold Tap, $8K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 4-1
THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, $15K, 218/15/2
3-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, Toss the Tub, $30K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 8-5
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NOTABLE US-BRED AND -SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

Saturday, January 21, 2017
4th-KYO, ¥11,400,000 *($99k)*, Newcomers, 3yo, f, 1400m
MAKTUB (JPN) (First Samurai) is the first Japanese-bred produce for her dam Grand Merger (A.P. Indy), a stakes-winning full-sister to GISW Stephen Got Even and SW & MGSP Indy Glory, the dam of MGISW Artemis Agrotera (Roman Ruler). Carrying this foal in utero, Grand Merger was purchased for $60K from Sequel Bloodstock at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga October Mixed Sale.

Sunday, January 22, 2017
4th-NKY, ¥13,720,000 *($119k)*, Alw, 3yo, 1200m
The Gallagher's Stud-bred **MEDAGLIA FLAME (Medaglia d'Oro)** was purchased by John Ferguson for $120K out of the 2015 Keeneland September sale and carried the colors of Sheikh Mohammed to a smooth debut success over this course and distance Oct. 2 before finishing down the field in a Kyoto allowance 22 days hence. The New York-bred's second dam is MSW & GSP Eventail (Lear Fan), a half-sister to MGISW Take Charge Lady (Dehere), and herself the dam of MGSW & GISP Straight Story (Giant's Causeway) and Japanese MSW Strong Souther (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}). Sheikh Mohammed's **Old Bailey (To Honor and Serve)**, a $220K FTSAUG grad bred by Elm Tree Farm, will look to build on a debut success at Tokyo Nov. 6.
--Alan Carasso

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'TDN Rising Star' & GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss) has been named the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred /The Racing Biz Top Midlantic-bred for 2016. "It's exciting," said breeder Bob Manfuso. "She's a Maryland-bred, and winning the Kentucky Oaks is an incredible thing."
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
6th-DED, $38,000, (S), 1-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59.46, sy.
OVERTHEGARDENGATE (f, 4, Forefathers--Thruthegardengate, by Lydgate) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, $68,680. O/B-Dede McGehee (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

3rd-PEN, $33,300, (S), 1-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.44, gd.
JUSTGIMMEAKISS (m, 5, Congrats--Passionate Bird {MSW, $275,399}, by Birdonthewire) Lifetime Record: 27-4-1-5, $91,082. O-Robert D. Bone; B-Horses Of Course Inc (PA); T-Mark V. Salvaggio. *$54,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG.

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4th-PEN, $31,329, 1-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.74, gd.
HONOR ACHIEVED (m, 6, Stephen Got Even--Touch of Honor, by Devil's Bag) Lifetime Record: 33-7-4-8, $114,993. O-Kenneth B. Evans; B-Morris B. Floyd (KY); T-Ron Rozell. *$10,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT.

7th-CT, $24,000, (S), 1-18, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.18, my.
PARTY N THE PALACE (f, 3, Windsor Castle--Justtencentsadance, by Disco Rico) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, $34,700. O/B/T-Anthony K. Grigsby (WV).

6th-TP, $18,405, 1-18, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.48, ft.
CHARMING CLARE (f, 4, Harlan's Holiday--Claremont {SP}, by Point Given) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, $61,530. O/B-Tracy Farmer (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Laso the Man, g, 3, **Charitable Man**--Short Cake Lass, by Goldminers Gold. CT, 1-18, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.38. B-James W. Casey (WV). *1/2 to Strawberry Cupcake (Luftikus), MSP, $253,882.

Picasso Moon, f, 3, Elusive Quality--Sweet Sugaree (SP), by Tiznow. FG, 1-19, 1m (off turf), 1:40.33. B-Gabe Grossberg (KY).

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Speedy A. P., c, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Fircroft (SW & MGISP, $318,963), by A.P. Indy. GP, 1-19, (C), 1m, 1:39.96. B-Calumet Farm (KY).

Training Alum STONESTREET

Hank's Alibi, g, 4, **Jonesboro**--Shameful Verdict, by Closing Argument. OP, 1-19, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13.00. B-Bruce Simpson (AR).

Costa Mesa, c, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Ventura (MGISW-US & SW-Eng, $2,580,375), by Chester House. TP, 1-18, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.91. B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY). *$17,000 3yo '16 KEENOV.

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LA ROUTE DES ETALONS: START YOUR ENGINES

Siyouni at Bonneval | *Zuzanna Lupa*

by Sue Finley

It would be impossible to see 23 stud farms and 100 stallions over the course of two days, even if they were all bunched together, never mind spread out over the vast landscape that makes up the Norman breeding region, but that's the annual challenge thrown down by the organizers of La Route Des Etalons, the French stallion trail that takes place this weekend, Jan. 21-22. Launched in 2010 before the current resurgence among the French stallion ranks, the 2017 version figures to be more popular than ever, with some truly international superstars having been developed in France and exciting newcomers on everyone's must-see list.

"This weekend is very important because it gives the breeders the opportunity to see, in a couple of days, most of the stallions standing in Normandy," said Haras d'Etreham's Nicolas de Chambure. "Therefore, we get to see and to meet many breeders that wouldn't come otherwise."

The goal for breeders and others is to organize one's itinerary to see as many farms as possible, while ending up back in Deauville by nighttime. As the French are both famously good cooks and hospitable, this often requires a designated driver to negotiate the narrow, twisting roads after champagne, Bordeaux and Calvados are pressed upon you. We are, after all, in Normandy.

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CHAMPIONSHIP WIRES AL FAHIDI FORT

Championship (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) continued a productive early start to his season when wiring Thursday's G2 Al Fahidi Fort at Meydan. The 6-year-old gelding, who recorded his first stakes win two back in Abu Dhabi's Listed National Day Cup over a mile Dec. 4, was fastest out from the inside gate and took up the running from **Graystorm (Tur)** (Luxor {Tur}) with **Anaerobio (Arg)** (Catcher in the Rye {Ire}) sitting on his heels. Godolphin's fancied **Flash Fire (Ire)** (Shamardal) traveled off the fence and about three lengths off the speed as the field swung into the bend. Championship had stolen away by a couple of lengths as he straightened for home and proved not for catching, drawing away by 3 1/2 lengths under a Colm O'Donoghue drive as Flash Fire and South African Group 1 winner **Noah From Goa (SAf)** (Tiger Ridge), making his local debut, overtook a tiring Anaerobio in the dying strides.

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La Route Des Etalons: Start Your Engines cont. from p1

Working in old favorites while seeing new farms and stallions is always the challenge, but the *TDN* staff will once again brush up on our French language and geography (and our manual transmission skills), and try to make all of the highlights, which this year include:

Haras de la Cauviniere, Notre Dame de Courson – Home of the most expensive stallion in France, **Le Havre (Ire)**, who tops the list this year at €60,000. La Cauviniere, of course, is also home to **Air Chief Marshal (Ire)**, and France's leading first-crop sire **Rajsaman (Fr)**. Situated between Orbec and Lisieux in Calvados, it sits on 230 hectares of land and is a lovely example of classic Pays d'Auge architecture and style. Last year, we were lucky enough to view Le Havre while his breeder, Maja Sundstrom, accompanied by her daughter Anna, owner of Coulonces Consignment, was visiting him.

Haras de Bouquetot's Isere checks out Treve and G1-placed Rjwa at the farm | *Sue Finley*

La Cauviniere's Mathieu Alex said that the Sundstroms were among 400 visitors who turned up last year. "Most of them are breeders, but we also welcome racing fans looking for a photograph with Le Havre," he said with a smile. "It is a very enjoyable weekend as you meet a lot of people sharing the same passion. We feel privileged to stand two stallions that have produced Group 1 winners in 2016 (Le Havre and Air Chief Marshal) and the 2016 first-crop leading sire in Rajsaman."

"La Route des Etalons is a great idea and has been very successful," he said. "It is important to welcome the breeders on the farm and spend some time giving them useful information on each stallion. Some breeders will decide on their matings during la Route des Etalons."

Haras d'Etreham, Etreham – Now that he is the sire of the European champion Almanzor (Fr), no doubt **Wootton Bassett (GB)** will draw admirers who overlooked him last year, but that's just one reason to visit one of France's loveliest farms, located just off Omaha Beach.

De Chambure said it's a pleasure to open the farm's doors every year, "especially when you have a new stallion, and a good-looking one." Etreham's new stallion this year is the Australian import **Scissor Kick (Aus)**, shuttling to France after covering his first book at Arrowfield last season. "We are very excited about Scissor Kick and we are hoping for a lot of visitors. But some people also like to come to visit some of the older boys like **Poliglote (GB), Saint des Saints (Fr)** or **Elusive City**. And of course we will get people keen to rediscover Wootton Bassett (GB) after siring the great Almanzor from his first crop." With clever planning, you can fit in a quick look at the landing beaches before you head back on the trail.

Youmzain poses for the crowd at Quesnay | *Sue Finley photo*

La Route des Etalons cont. p3

Route des Etalons cont.

Haras du Quesnay, Vauville – One of the most popular farms on the Route, judging by the turnout, Haras du Quesnay hosted 460 guests over the two days last year, about 80% of which were breeders, according to the farm's Vincent Rimaud, who added, "It is a good thing that every year there is one date when we can meet everyone before the season starts." Bill Oppenheim value sire **Anodin (Fr)** will no doubt once again prove a popular attraction after siring his first good-looking foals in 2016; and visitors can get another look at **Intello (Ger)** after his first yearlings proved popular in 2016. Other stallions on hand include Treve's sire **Motivator (GB)** and **Youmzain (Ire)**, sire of the GI Beverly D winner of 2016, Sea Calisi (Fr) and still standing for a reasonable €4,000.

New Stallions in France for 2017

Bow Creek (Ire), Logis, €4,000
Dariyan (Fr), Bonneval, €8,000
Exosphere (Aus), Logis, €6,000
Goken (Fr), Huderie, €5,000
Morandi, Haras du Mont Goubert, €3,000
Night Wish, Haras de Montaigu, €3,000
Scissor Kick (Aus), Etreham, €10,000
Shalaa (Ire), Bouquetot, €27,500
Triple Threat, Haras du Mont Goubert, €3,000
Walzertakt, Haras de la Hetrai, €2,500

Stallions Relocating to France for 2017

Davidoff (Ger), Haras Saint Arnoult, €3,000
Kamsin (Ger), Etreham, €6,000
Masterstroke, Logis, €3,000
Pomellato (Ger), Thenney, €5,000
Dream Ahead, Grandcamp, €12,000
Martinborough (Jpn), Grandcamp, €4,000
Saddex (GB), Grandcamp, €3,000

Haras de Bonneval, Le Mesnil-Mauger – Home to leading second-crop sire **Siyouni (Fr)**, now standing for €45,000, the Aga Khan Studs' Haras de Bonneval holds their stallion parade on a beautiful rise of land overlooking the paddocks and facilities below. This year's parade will also offer visitors a first looking at first-year sire and Group 1 winner **Dariyan (Fr)**.

Haras de Bouquetot, Clarbec – The most expensive sire retired in Europe this year, dual Group 1-winning juvenile **Shalaa (Ire)**, is also the most expensive at Haras de Bouquetot at €27,500.

Among his first book of mares is Treve (Fr), due to give birth to a Dubawi foal this winter. She should be at Bouquetot as well, making a visit extra special. Of course, the best part of a visit to Bouquetot is getting to see Nominations Manager Audrey Leyval's Malinois, Isere, my favorite dog in France.

Not content to rest on our laurels, we are shooting for 12 farms this year, up from nine in 2016, and are planning to squeeze in trips to Haras du Logis, Darley's outpost in France; Haras de Montaigu, home to Bill Oppenheim value sire Prince Gibraltar; Haras du Mezeray, Haras du Grandcamp, Haras du Thenney, and Haras de la Hetraie. Wish us luck...

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Log Off (Ire), f, 3, **Sir Prancealot (Ire)**--Dolphin Stamp (Ire), by Dolphin Street (Fr). SOU, 1-19, 8f (AWT), 1:43.66. B-M A Doyle (IRE). *€10,500 Ylg '15 TISEP. **1/2 to Carcinetto (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}), MSP-Eng, $261,948.

FIRST FOAL FOR DUE DILIGENCE

Stakes-winning sprinter and G1 Diamond Jubilee S.-second and TDN Rising Star Due Diligence (War Front) is represented by his first foal, a filly born Jan. 19 at Whitsbury Manor Stud where the sire stands. The filly is the first foal out of Free Entry (Ire) (Approve {Ire}), a 2-year-old winner and a half-sister to the Group 3-placed Golden Destiny (Ire) (Captain Rio {GB}).

Due Diligence filly out of Free Entry

Whitsbury Stud Director Ed Harper said, "We are delighted to welcome the first foal by Due Diligence. The filly is an attractive bay, nicely marked in a similar way to her sire, and a good size for a maiden mare. We have 16 mares to foal to him this season, so we look forward to seeing a lot more of the same."

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FILLY BORN FOR FREE EAGLE

The first foal born by G1 Prince of Wales's S. winner Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) is a filly. Bred by Gloria and Stephen Seymour of Bickfield House Farm, the bay filly is out of Al Kahina (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}), an unraced half-sister to the Listed Flame of Tara S. winner Kanisfluh (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), who is herself a stakes producer.

Free Eagle filly out of Al Kahina

Free Eagle stands at the Irish National Stud for €20,000, and that operation's Chief Executive Officer John Osborne said, 'The success in the sales ring so far of [High Chaparral sons] Dundeel and Toronado hints that Free Eagle will produce foals in his own image--and he is a beauty. Come see for yourself."

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This filly is the first foal produced by Make Believe, the winner of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix de la Foret who stands at Ballylinch Stud. The filly, bred by Peter Fortune, is out of Okba (Diesis {GB}), who is from the immediate family of Height of Fashion and Nayef | *Caroline Norris*

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ARQANA FEBRUARY CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for the Arqana February Mixed Sale, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 14, is now available online at the auction house's website at www.arqana.com.

A total of 307 lots have been catalogued for the single-session event, including 110 mares, 57 maiden fillies, 74 horses in training, 21 2-year-olds, 46 yearlings, one stallion and one stallion prospect.

One of the stars of the horses-in-training section of the sale could come in the form of hip 58, Kalimera (Kitten's Joy), from Wertheimer et Frere. Produced by a half-sister to GI Santa Anita Derby runer-up Setsuko (Pleasantly Perfect), the 4-year-old has been consistent throughout her career, with five placings from as many appearances at three in 2016 and a recent winner at Pornichet for trainer Christophe Ferland. She now sits on a rating of 84.

Kitten's Joy | *Ramsey Farm photo*

The dam of dual Classic winner La Cressionnaire (Fr) (Le Havre {Fr}) was purchased out of the 2010 February Sale for just €40,000, and prospective buyers will have a group of well-pedigreed mares from which to choose this time around as well. Haras du Champ Durand offers hip 70, Hold The Thought (GB), the only daughter of Galileo (Ire) in the catalogue. The 14-year-old mare goes through the ring in foal to Zanzibari, the sire of Joyful Trinity (Ire), recently third in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-PAF, €24,000, 1-19, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:34.30, st. **GRIS D'ARGENT (FR) (c, 3, Silver Frost {Ire}--Belle Lagune {GB}, by Barathea {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, €33,600. O/B-Mme Axelle Negre de Watrigant (FR); T-Damien de Watrigant. *1/2 to Baie d'Honneur (Fr) (Baroud d'Honneur {Fr}).

French Report cont.

2nd-PAF, €18,000, 1-19, 4yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:34.10, st. **SAAD (GB) (g, 4, Acclamation {GB}--Perfect Day {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, €26,050. O-H H Sheikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Skymarc Farm Inc & Ecurie des Monceaux (GB); T-Francois Rohaut. *€45,000 Ylg '14 ARQOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Journaliste (Fr), c, 3, **Deportivo (GB)**--Inchica (Fr), by King's Best. PAF, 1-19, 1950m (AWT), 2:05.30. B-Mme E Vayssier (FR).

Chicissime (Fr), f, 3, **Sunday Break (Jpn)**--Belle Dame (Ger), by Pilsudski (Ire). PAF, 1-19, 1950m (AWT), 2:04.30. B-Haras de Grandcamp EARL. *€55,000 Ylg '15 ARQOCT.

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Al Fahidi Fort result cont. from p1

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

AL FAHIDI FORT SPONSORED BY MOHAMMED BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM - DISTRICT ONE-G2, $250,000, MEY, 1-19, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 7fT, 1:22.82, gd.

1–**@CHAMPIONSHIP (IRE), 126, g, 6, by Exceed and Excel (Aus)**
1st Dam: Aljafliyah (GB), by Halling
2nd Dam: Arruhan (Ire), by Mujtahid
3rd Dam: Wakayi (GB), by Persian Bold (Ire)
(€90,000 wnl '11 GONNOV; 180,000gns HRA '14 TAAOCT) O-Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Ms Natalie Cleary (IRE); T-Ahmad bin Harmash; J-Colm O'Donoghue. $150,000. Lifetime Record: 16-5-3-3, $343,591. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Flash Fire (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Shamardal--Flamelet, by Theatrical (Ire). O-Godolphin; B-Darley (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby. $50,000.

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The talented Karakontie (G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains & GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner) at Gainesway, Kentucky | *Gainesway*

3--**Noah From Goa (SAf)**, 126, g, 4, Tiger Ridge--Limerick (SAf), by Fort Wood. (R325,000 yrl '14 BSAAUG) O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum, McVeigh Et Al; B-Wilgerbosdrift Stud (SAF); T-Mike de Kock. $25,000.

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

Also Ran: Anaerobio (Arg), Dark Emerald (Ire), Dragon Mall, Graystorm (Tur), Nabbaash (GB).

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Championship began his career with trainer Richard Hannon Sr. in the UK and was considered precocious enough to contest Royal Ascot's G2 Coventry S. at two, but ultimately beat just one home in that race in 2013. He recorded just one win in six outings the following season and was gelded at the end of that year. Championship was not seen for 16 months thereafter, and resurfaced last January under the care of trainer Ahmad bin Harmash at Meydan. That comeback was a winning effort in a handicap over this track and trip, but he was beaten next out by over 30 lengths when last of 10 in the G2 Zabeel Mile. Dropped back in class and trip for another handicap last March, he wrapped up the season with a second-place effort.

Championship resumed with a third in an Abu Dhabi conditions race Nov. 13, and took that track's Listed National Day Cup over a mile Dec. 4. He was second, beaten a neck, on the Dubai World Cup Carnival's opening card in the Listed Singspiel S. going 1800 metres Jan. 5, and proved up to the grade dropped back to seven furlongs here.

"Ahmad and his team deserve all the credit," said jockey Colm O'Donoghue after the race. "Championship had a tough race two weeks ago but they have freshened him up and he was in great form tonight. I was always happy out in front and he was striding along nicely so I asked him to quicken just after halfway and he found plenty. He just kept responding throughout the straight and that was a good performance in a quality race."

The rider added, "I'm not sure where he will go next; that is up to Ahmad, he is the boss, but it is a great result for a brilliant team to work for."

Pedigree Notes...

Championship is out of Aljafliyah, a half-sister to Hermosa Beach S. winner and G3 Wilshire H. second Sohgol (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}). Appearing under the fourth dam are a number of talented sprinters, including triple Group 3 winner Reesh (GB) (Lochnager {GB}); G3 Flying Five S. winner Tadwin (GB) (Never So Bold {Ire}); G3 Queen Mary S. winner Nadwah (Shadeed); and G3 King George S. winner and multiple Group 1-placed Averti (Ire) (Warning {GB}). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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MIDDLE EAST

Thursday's Results:

2nd-MEY, $100,000, Cond, 1-19, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.89, ft.

REALLY SPECIAL (GB) (f, 3, Shamardal--Rumh {Ger} {SW-Eng}, by Monsun {Ger}) broke her maiden at first asking going six furlongs over Chelmsford's all-weather on Oct. 6, and wheeled back three weeks later to take Newmarket's Listed Montrose S. going a mile on the grass. Sent off the international favourite in this UAE 1000 Guineas trial while trying the dirt for the first time, Really Special broke midpack from gate three under Christophe Soumillon and was encouraged to gain a forward position leaving the chute. Settling on the fence about two lengths off the pace, Really Special was angled out for running room at the top of the lane as Complimenti (Congrats) came wide with her move. Put to a drive by Soumillon, Really Special overtook the front-running Calare (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) at the 200 metre mark and drew clear thereafter to win by 3 1/4 lengths from Complimenti. "She is a nice filly but still learning as she was very green going to post and then at the stalls," said Soumillon. "I wanted to keep her out of any kickback, which I was able to do, and then when I asked her, she changed legs and quickened nicely. She handles the dirt but will certainly be as good back on turf and will stay further." Cont. p7

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2nd-MEY, cont.

Really Special is the first foal out of the Lord Weinstock Memorial S. winner Rumh, who has a 2-year-old daughter of Dubawi (Ire) and a yearling filly by Oasis Dream (GB) to follow. Rumh is a daughter of the German highweighted filly Royal Dubai (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}), who is herself a half-sister to GI Beverly D. S. winner Royal Highness (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), the dam of triple French group winner Free Port Lux (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Electrocutionist (Red Ransom), Godolphin's winner of the G1 Dubai World Cup, G1 Juddmonte International and G1 Gran Premio di Milano, appears under the fourth dam. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng,
3-3-0-0, $85,680. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.**
O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

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3rd-MEY, $125,000, Hcp, 1-19, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 5fT, :57.50, gd.

MEDICEAN MAN (GB) (g, 11, Medicean {GB}--Kalindi {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Efisio {GB}) began making the annual winter journey to Dubai as a 7-year-old in 2013, and appropriately won his very first outing in the desert over this track and trip. The following season he managed two wins at Meydan, one on the grass and one on the all-weather, but over the last three years he had gone winless bar a victory in a Chelmsford handicap in November 2015. The bay showed signs of coming back to form late last year, however, finishing second in Ascot's Listed Rous S. Oct. 1 before checking in third in Dundalk's Listed Mercury S. Oct. 21, and he was last seen prior to this finishing fifth in Lingfield's Listed Golden Rose S. Nov. 12. Breaking in the air and squeezed by rivals shortly after leaving the gate, Medicean Man belied his experience by regrouping himself and settling midpack on the stands' side. Scrubbed along by apprentice David Parkes passing the 600 metre mark, the veteran chestnut ground his way down the outside of the pack, hit the front approaching the 100 metre mark and won by an authoritative 1 1/2 lengths from Sir Maximilian (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}). "He is a grand old horse who loves it here in Dubai," said Parkes. "He is an absolute pleasure to ride as he just travels so strongly and has a great turn of foot as he showed there. In fact, he quickened so well we actually hit the front sooner than planned but he kept on going. He is 11 now but retains his speed and enthusiasm so it would be nice to think he could win another while he is here." Medicean Man is the fifth foal of his stakes-winning dam, who also produced the stakes winners Abigail Pett (GB), GSW-Ire & GSP-Eng, $170,147; and Cerveza (GB), SW-Fr, but has no recorded progeny since 2009. Sales history: 80,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: SW & G1SP-Eng, SP-Ire, 74-13-6-8, $936,428. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.**
O-Stuart & Kate Dobb; B-Barry Taylor (GB); T-Jeremy Gask.

Medicean Man | *racingfotos.com*

6th-MEY, $125,000, Hcp, 1-19, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.63, ft.

MAIN STAY (KOR) (g, 4, Tale of the Cat--No Bull Baby {SW & GSP-US, $210,188}, by Indian Charlie) Made history on Thursday by becoming the first-ever Korean-trained winner in Dubai with an authoritative win. Previously beaten just once in his last five outings at Busan in South Korea, Main Stay won an allowance over this trip Nov. 6 prior to taking a conditions race stepped up to 1400 metres Dec. 11, and was making his local debut while dropped back to 1200 here. Dueling for the early lead between the Taj (Street Cry {Ire}) and Spirit Quartz (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Main Stay pulled away for a clear lead passing the 400 metre mark and had plenty in the tank to hold off Mashaaref (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) by 2 3/4 lengths. Main Stay's stablemate Seoul Bullet (Kor) (Peace Rules) checked in fourth. Winning rider Pat Cosgrave said, "To be honest I really thought he was a 1400 metre horse and might find this a bit sharp. However, he was soon into his stride and able to get to the front so, knowing he was going to stay the trip well, I was keen to be positive. He has dirt form in Korea and an American pedigree so we had to be hopeful the surface would suit." Main Stay is the fifth foal, and the first born in Korea, out of the 2-year-old stakes winner No Bull Baby, who was also second in the G2 Santa Ynez S. No Bull Baby was bought for $32,000 carrying Main Stay at the 2012 Keeneland November Sale. No Bull Baby is out of the stakes-winning Slumgullion (Conquistador Cielo), and is a full-sister to listed winner and GI Ancient Title Breeders' Cup S. winner Indian Country. Lifetime Record: 17-10-3-0, $450,685. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.**
O-Baek Su-Hyeon; B-Nokwon Farm (KOR); T-Kim Young Kwan.

Main Stay | *racingfotos.com*

Middle East Report cont.

7th-MEY, $125,000, Hcp, 1-19, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 10fT, 2:02.27, gd.

ARTIGIANO (g, 7, Distorted Humor--Angel Craft, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, SP-UAE, 18-2-4-3, $224,937. O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-Charlie Appleby. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.**

4th-MEY, $125,000, Hcp, 1-19, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 10f, 2:04.69, ft.

HUNTING GROUND (g, 7, Street Cry {Ire}--Panty Raid {MGISW-US, $1,052,380}, by Include) Lifetime Record: 27-5-3-3, $198,236. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (KY); T-Salem bin Ghadayer. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.**

1st-MEY, $60,000, Hcp, 1-19, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 8f, 1:37.51, ft.

NATHR (h, 6, Dixie Union--Sweet Rider, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: 20-4-6-3, $134,269. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Courtlandt Farm (KY); T-Doug Watson. *$200,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.**

Friday, Jebel Ali, UAE, post time: 3:30 p.m.

JEBEL ALI MILE-G3, Dhs575,000 *(£126,281/€146,221/US$156,550)*, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Saltarin Dubai (Arg)	E Dubai	Cosgrave	de Kock
2	Art Wave (Ire)	Art Connoisseur (Ire)	Jara	al Mheiri
3	Beachy Head (Ire)	Shamardal	Mullen	al Rayhi
4	Ennobled Friend	Malibu Moon	O'Donoghe	bin Harmash
5	Forjatt (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Hayes	D Slvrtnam
6	Just a Penny (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Dobbs	Watson
7	Nolohay (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Crowley	al Mheiri
8	Shamaal Nibras	First Samurai	Hitchcott	Watson
9	Sharpalo (Fr)	Shamardal	Fresu	bin Harmash
10	Torchlighter (Ire)	Shamardal	Ziani	bin Ghadyr
11	Trinity Force (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	O'Shea	al Rayhi
12	Yard Line	Discreet Cat	Reis	Bouresly

All carry 126 pounds, bar Saltarin Dubai, 132.

ABBREVIATED AUTUMN FOR JAMEKA

Last year's G1 Caulfield Cup winner **Jameka (Aus)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) is likely to have her autumn campaign restricted to three starts in Melbourne, trainer Ciaron Maher told *Racing and Sports*. The 4-year-old filly is set to kick off in the G1 CF Orr S. Feb. 11, the country's season-opening Group 1, and will then take in the G2 Peter Young S. Feb. 25 and the G1 Australian Cup Mar. 11.

Jameka was last seen finishing 15th in the G1 Melbourne Cup Nov. 5, after which she pulled up lame. Maher told *Racing and Sports*, however, the bay had come through a spell in good order.

Jameka | *Bronwen Healy*

"She really spelled well and her action is great," the conditioner said. "She's going great. She's in good order. She will kick off in the Orr S. and head to the Peter Young S. and the Australian Cup, and that might do her. It certainly won't be a taxing campaign."

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'WONDER' A PERFECT FIT FOR TELEGRAPH?

by Heather Anderson

The top three finishers of the Jan. 1 G1 Sistema Railway S. return in the NZ$250,000 JR & N Berkett Telegraph at Trentham Saturday. **Start Wondering (NZ)** (Eighth Wonder {NZ}), who came out on top from Saturday's favorite **Perfect Fit (NZ)** (Elusive City) and third-place finisher GSW **Reilly Lincoln (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}) in that 1200-metre feature, is on the hunt for a rare sprinting double. Although that was his initial attempt in top-level company, the gelding, who also won the Listed Legacy Lodge Sprint earlier in November, appears primed for a big effort and is the 6-1 second choice for the Jan. 20 feature.

Perfect Fit | *Trish Dunell*

Fleet mare Perfect Fit, who is the pick at 3-1 on the morning line after pre-entry favorite Xtravagant (NZ) (Pentire {GB}) was withdrawn, won the G1 NZ Thoroughbred Breeders S. this past April, but dropped to 10th in the G2 Mirvac Qtc Cup at Eagle Farm across the Tasman June 11 in her final start that preparation. Third in the Listed Haunui Farm Counties Bowl going 1100 metres at Pukekohe Nov. 19, the brown mare was only 1 1/4 lengths behind Start Wondering last out on New Year's Day. She also carries five pounds less than that rival, who shares top weight with 2016 Telegraph hero **Adventador (NZ)** (Fast 'N' Famous {Aus}) at 128. Cont. p9

Aussie invader **Odyssey Moon (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}), a winner most recently of Flemington's G3 Standish H. Jan. 1, hope to add a first Group 1 tally to his ledger. The Robert Smerdon trainee earned a Group 1 placing when second in the G1 Inglis Sires Produce S. at Randwick in 2015.

"It's been a race that has been in the back of our minds since he came back so well and then he won the Standish," James Harron, who manages Odyssey Moon for owner Belinda Bateman, told *www.nz.racing.com*. "If he is successful, then we would be very interested in talking to any farms in New Zealand who might be keen."

With Xtravagant out of the picture, the G1 Manawatu Sires' Produce heroine **Luna Rossa (NZ)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) takes her place in the line up. Coming off an 11-week spell, the chestnut is weighted at only 116 pounds and landed a 935-metre barrier trial at Te Rapa Jan. 10. **First Serve (NZ)** (Swiss Ace {Aus}), a winner of the G3 Canterbury Breeders S. Nov. 9, enters on the back of a 4 1/2-length romp in a handicap at Waikouaiti, also on the first of the year.

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Saturday, Trentham, New Zealand, post time: 3:46 p.m. (9:46 p.m. EDT)
JR & N BERKETT TELEGRAPH-G1, NZ$250,000 *(US$179,434/£145,777/€167,995)*, Open, SW&P, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Start Wondering (NZ)	Eighth Wonder (NZ)	Parkes	E&J Rayner	128
2	Adventador (NZ)	Fast 'N' Famous (Aus)	Tinsley	G&G Lowry/Cullen	128
3	Perfect Fit (NZ)	Elusive City	Coleman	K&B Kelso	123
4	Odyssey Moon (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Callow	Smerdon	123
5	Passing Shot (NZ)	Swiss Ace (Aus)	Bosson	McKee	123
6	Statham (NZ)	Danroad (Aus)	Dell	S&S Lucock/Gillespie	123
7	Speech Craft (Aus)	Oratorio (Ire)	Riddell	Riddell	122
8	Longchamp (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Smith	Campbell	122
9	Mighty Solomon (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	McCulloch	Latta	121
10	Miss Appleton (NZ)	Align (Aus)	Collett	Vile	121
11	Signify (NZ)	Perfectly Ready (Aus)	Cuneen	Cowan	121
12	Brighton (NZ)	Buffalo Man	McNab	Tiley	121
13	First Serve (NZ)	Swiss Ace (Aus)	Wynne	M&M Pitman	119
14	Reilly Lincoln (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Myers	Latta	119
15	Lady Zafira (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	Du Plessis	Bary	118
16	No More Tears (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Johnson	Marsh	118
17	Slice of Class (NZ)	Guillotine (NZ)	Bradley	Zimmerman	117
18	Luna Rossa (NZ)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Cameron	M&A Baker/Forsman	116
Emergencies:					
19	Irish Moon (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Grylls	K&B Kelso	121
20	Volks Lightning (NZ)	Volksraad (GB)	Lammas	G&D Rogerson	117
21	Rocanto (NZ)	Per Incanto	No Rider	Marsh	121

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 5:10 p.m.
HONG KONG CLASSIC MILE-LR, HK$10,000,000 *(£1,046,123/€1,213,000/A$1,706,694/US$1,289,210)*, NH/SH4yo, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Let Us Win (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Clipperton	Moore
2	Seasons Bloom (Aus)	Captain Sonador (Aus)	Rawiller	Shum
3	Super Chic (Ire)	Strategic Prince (GB)	Teetan	Cruz
4	Helene Charisma (Fr)	Air Chief Marshal (Ire)	Badel	Moore
5	Beauty Generation (NZ)	Road to Rock (Aus)	Purton	Moore
6	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	Berry	Moore
7	Western Express (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Moore	Size
8	Rapper Dragon (Aus)	Street Boss	Moreira	Moore
9	Pakistan Star (Ger)	Shamardal	de Sousa	Cruz
10	Baba Mama (NZ)	Per Incanto	Mosse	Ho
11	People's Knight (Aus)	Exceed & Excel (Aus)	Prebble	Moore
12	Winner's Way (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Chadwick	Cruz
13	Circuit Hassler (NZ)	Shocking (Aus)	Rispoli	Cruz
14	Rodrico (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Whyte	Moore
Reserve				
	Dukedom (NZ)	Bachelor Duke	No Rider	Yip

All carry 126 pounds.

Saturday, Jan. 28, Kenilworth, South Africa
SUN MET CELEBRATED WITH MUMM-G1, R5,000,000 *(£297,970/€345,668/A$485,975/US$366,110)*, 3yo/up, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	French Navy (SAf)	Count Dubois (GB)	Marwing	Tarry	128
2	Marinaresco (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	V Niekerk	Bss-Rbsn	131
3	Baritone (SAf)	Trippi	Fortune	Snaith	127
4	Gold Standard (SAf)	Trippi	Fourie	Kotzen	114
5	Bela-Bela (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Delpech	Snaith	126
6	It's My Turn (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Strydom	Snaith	131
7	The Conglomerate (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Dettori	Ramsden	132
8	Whisky Baron (Aus)	Manhttan Rain (Aus)	Cheyne	Crawford	127
9	Legal Eagle (SAf)	Greys Inn	Marcus	Tarry	132
10	Captain America (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Orffer	Crawford	128
11	Macduff (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Dillon	Ramsden	127
12	Brazuca (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Lerena	v Vuuren	127
13	Mambo Mine (SAf)	Mambo In Seattle	Behr	Kannemyer	127
14	Mac de Lago (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	Domeyer	Marwing	132
15	Cape Speed (SAf)	Ideal World	De Melo	Kannemyer	127

Saturday, Jan. 28, Kenilworth, South Africa
INVESTEC CAPE DERBY-G1, R1,000,000 *(£59,527/€69,074/A$97,089/US$73,265)*, 3yo, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Horizon (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	v Niekerk	Bss-Robnson
2	Table Bay (Aus)	Redoute's Chce (Aus)	Marcus	Ramsden
3	Edict of Nantes (SAf)	Count Dubois (GB)	Dettori	Crawford
4	Elevated (SAf)	Elusive Fort (SAf)	Cheyne	Brgrs/v Rnen
5	Zodiac Ruler (Aus)	Zoffany	Strydom	Snaith
6	Newlands (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Dillon	Ramsden
7	Omaha Tribe (SAf)	Ashaawes	Byleveld	Marshall
8	Captain Gambler (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Fourie	Ramsden
9	Winter Is Coming (SAf)	Western Winter	Sturgeon	Robinson
10	Ollivander (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Domeyer	Bss-Robnson

All carry 132 pounds, bar Captain Gambler, 127.

South African Fields cont.

Saturday, Jan. 28, Kenilworth, South Africa
KLAWERVLEI MAJORCA S.-G1, R1,000,000 *(£59,527/€69,074/A$97,089/US$73,265)*, 3yo/up, f/m, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Lady of the House (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Marcus	Crawford
2	Final Judgement (SAf)	Judpot	Fourie	Kotzen
3	Goodtime Gal (SAf)	Royal Air Force (SAf)	Lerena	M Robinson
4	Beach Goddess (SAf)	Kildonan (SAf)	Orffer	Crawford
5	Real Princess (SAf)	Trippi	De Melo	Kannemeyer
6	Captain's Flame (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Domeyer	Nel
7*	Miss Marker (SAf)	Var	No Rider	Bss-Robnson
8*	Party Crasher (SAf)	Philanthropist	No Rider	Kotzen
9	Olma (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Sturgeon	F Robinson
10	Tahini (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Zackey	Tarry
11	Sail (SAf)	Philanthropist	Veale	Drier
12	Moonlight 'n Roses (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Byleveld	Bss-Robnson
13	Star Express (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Strydom	Snaith
14*	Quine (SAf)	Querari (Ger)	No Rider	Nel
15*	Chestnuts N Pearls (SAf)	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	No Rider	Drier
16	Nightingale (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Delpech	Bss-Robnson
17	Neala (SAf)	Jay Peg (SAf)	Dillon	Humby
18	A Time to Dream (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Fortune	Snaith
19	Alexis (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Cheyne	Crawford
20	Silver Mountain (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	v Niekerk	Bss-Robnson

*Reserves
All carry 132, bar Sail, Lady of the House, Final Judgement & Party Crasher.

Saturday, Jan. 28, Kenilworth, South Africa
BETTING WORLD CAPE FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP-G1, R1,000,000 *(£59,527/€69,074/A$97,089/US$73,265)*, 3yo/up, 1000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Red Ray (SAf)	Western Winter	Marcus	Ramsden
2	Trip to Heaven (SAf)	Trippi	v Niekerk	Tarry
3	Jo's Bond (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Fourie	Snaith
4	Rivarine (SAf)	Var	Lerena	Azzie
5	Brutal Force (SAf)	Western Winter	Dillon	Ramsden
6	Tar Heel (SAf)	Var	Strydom	Ramsden
7	Carry On Alice (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Khumalo	Tarry
8	Gulf Storm (SAf)	Sail From Seattle	Cheyne	Crawford
9	Search Party (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Orffer	Crawford
10	Daring Dave (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Fortune	Hodgson
11	Tevez (SAf)	Caesour	Domeyer	Bss-Robnson
12*	Line Break (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	No Rider	Bss-Robnson
13*	Percival (SAf)	Var	No Rider	Nel
14	Captain Alfredo (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Marwing	Snaith
15	Asstar (SAf)	Ashaawes	Veale	Puller
16	Generalissimo (SAf)	Var	Delpech	Drier
17	Talktothestars (SAf)	Overlord (Aus)	Pasquier	de Beer
18	Seventh Plain (SAf)	Seventh Rock (Aus)	Dettori	Drier

*Reserves
All carry 132 pounds, bar Carry On Alice & Jo's Bond, 127; and Rivarine, 125.

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NOTABLE AUSTRALIAN-BRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

Saturday, January, 21, 2017
6th-NKY, ¥11,400,000 *(A$131k)*, Newcomers, 3yo, 1200m

A foal of 2014, **PARTOUT (AUS) (More Than Ready)** makes her career debut against Northern Hemisphere 3-year-olds. Bred and consigned to the 2016 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale by John Singleton's Strawberry Hill Stud, the daughter of Singleton's Group 3-winning mare Sugar Babe (NZ) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) was knocked down to Katsumi Yoshida for A$350,000. Partout's second dam, On Type (Aus) (Zeditave {Aus}) won the 2001 G2 Surround S. for Singleton and trainer Gai Waterhouse. --*Alan Carasso*

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2016 European Leading Sires of 2yos by Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Saturday, Dec. 31

Black-type represents final worldwide figures for 2016, earnings limited to North America/Europe

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Galileo (Ire)**	6	15	5	12	3	7	71	27	$769,491	$2,742,423
	(1998) by Sadler's Wells FYR: 2003 Crops: 12 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (private)									*Churchill (IRE)*	
2	**Kodiac (GB)**	5	17	3	9	--	1	87	36	$140,339	$1,252,769
	(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire (€50,000)									*Best Solution (IRE)*	
3	**Dark Angel (Ire)**	5	8	4	7	--	--	104	42	$116,689	$1,052,081
	(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2009 Crops: 6 Stands: Yeomanstown Stud Ire (€65,000)									*Dame du Roi (IRE)*	
4	**Fastnet Rock (Aus)**	2	6	2	3	2	2	47	19	$265,998	$857,432
	(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (private)									*Rivet (IRE)*	
5	**Acclamation (GB)**	1	4	1	1	--	1	68	28	$421,796	$841,243
	(1999) by Royal Applause (GB) FYR: 2005 Crops: 10 Stands: Rathbarry Stud Ire (€30,000)									*Mehmas (IRE)*	
6	**Shamardal**	4	5	2	3	--	2	39	19	$347,725	$821,285
	(2002) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2007 Crops: 9 Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire (private)									*Blue Point (IRE)*	
7	**Sir Prancealot (Ire)**	2	4	1	2	--	--	75	32	$290,961	$805,063
	(2010) by Tamayuz (GB) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire (€8,000)									*Stormy Clouds (IRE)*	
8	**Invincible Spirit (Ire)**	1	5	1	4	1	1	69	25	$252,427	$764,696
	(1997) by Green Desert FYR: 2004 Crops: 11 Stands: Irish National Stud Ire (€120,000)									*National Defense (GB)*	
9	**Myboycharlie (Ire)**	2	3	1	1	--	--	60	23	$96,700	$755,779
	(2005) by Danetime (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Haras du Mezeray Fr (€5,000)									*Royal by Nature (IRE)*	
10	**Helmet (Aus)**	1	4	1	3	1	1	52	15	$277,692	$717,599
	(2008) by Exceed and Excel (Aus) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng (£8,000)									*Thunder Snow (IRE)*	
11	**Arcano (Ire)**	--	1	--	--	--	--	53	23	$208,793	$707,591
	(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Allevamento di Besnate Ity (€6,000)									*Mubtasim (IRE)*	
12	**Exceed and Excel (Aus)**	2	5	2	3	--	1	72	30	$83,031	$667,764
	(2000) by Danehill FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire (€50,000)									*Yalta (IRE)*	
13	**Frankel (GB)**	6	7	6	6	1	1	38	16	$181,609	$627,933
	(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng (£125,000)									*Queen Kindly (GB)*	
14	**Choisir (Aus)**	2	5	1	4	1	1	23	11	$299,254	$568,083
	(1999) by Danehill Dancer (Ire) FYR: 2005 Crops: 8 Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)									*The Last Lion (IRE)*	
15	**Mayson (GB)**	3	7	--	2	--	--	49	18	$103,676	$562,718
	(2008) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Cheveley Park Stud Eng (£6,000)									*Mazyoun (GB)*	