

## PEGASUS REPORT: SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON TOP PAIR



Arrogate steps on to the track

by Ben Massam

HALLANDALE BEACH, FL - Thursday was unquestionably the busiest morning of the week so far at Gulfstream Park, with every entrant for the GI Pegasus World Cup making an appearance on the track. Not surprisingly, the bulk of the attention was once again focused on the race's two headliners, **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) and **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song). While other contenders quietly continued their preparation for the race without much of a stir, the morning began and ended with a large crowd of spectators present to observe the training of the two favorites.

Following his usual routine, California Chrome was out on the track early before daybreak to gallop. The chestnut once again showed good energy, seemingly wanting to do more under a firm hold from rider Dihigi Gladney. After the conclusion of his exercise, Chrome jogged the opposite way down the homestretch and was met with a cheer of approval from a number of 'Chromies' visiting Gulfstream to witness the 6-year-old's expected final start, as well as a flock of television cameras.

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'TDN Rising Star' Tulip (Aus) (navy silks), the first winner for her sire, Coolmore's G1 Golden Slipper hero Pierro (Aus), missed by only a head to Limestone (Aus) (Helmet {Aus}) (far right) in the fillies' version of the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude S. at Caulfield Thursday. | Bronwen Healy

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In an effort to attract more overseas runners, Jack Wolf told Bill Finley that officials at The Stronach Group are considering the creation of a turf equivalent of the Pegasus World Cup.

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In the aftermath of Guest Suite (Quality Road)'s win in the GIII Lecomte S., Joe Bianca catches up with trainer Neil Howard.

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Love the Chase (Not For Love), the dam of 2x Horse of the Year California Chrome, produced a Tapit colt Thursday.

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**Pegasus World Cup cont. from p1**

The two-time Horse of the Year continued on to the chute at the top of the stretch, where he schooled in the gate before heading back to his barn.

Just as his inside post position is on the opposite end of the spectrum from California Chrome’s wide draw in the 12-hole, Arrogate came out much later in the morning than his main foe, hitting the track just after 9 a.m. with the temperature rising noticeably. The hulking gray was the first horse to step on to the surface after the second renovation break and appeared as unflappable as always, galloping with great ease.

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert was at Gulfstream for the first morning this week, briefly making an appearance at the “Chief’s Corner” viewing stand--named to honor the late Hall of Fame conditioner Allen Jerkens--before walking down to observe his colt’s training at track level. Baffert spoke with media, joking that he was completely “on Florida time” after traveling to Gulfstream from his California base with a stop in London to receive Arrogate’s honor as the Longines World’s Best Racehorse Tuesday. The Hall of Fame theme continued with trainer Shug McGaughey and jockey Jerry Bailey among those standing nearby while Arrogate trained. The latter remarked that the recently crowned champion sophomore colt of 2016 looked “great.”

If the frenzy of activity on the far turn was not enough, a drone buzzed by overhead as Arrogate departed the track and walked back to Barn 15. Earlier in the morning, the Todd Pletcher-trained duo of **Keen Ice** (Curlin) and **Neolithic** (Harlan’s Holiday) galloped for the first time in Hallandale Beach after arriving from Palm Beach Downs Wednesday. Keen Ice hit the track under the cover of darkness, while Neolithic came out in the second training set and visited the starting gate. Pletcher also sent out the pair of **Stanford** (Malibu Moon) and **Madefromlucky** (Lookin At Lucky), cross-entered as the respective morning line first and second choices in Saturday’s Poseidon H. and as alternate entries in the Pegasus.

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Stronach Stables' **Shaman Ghost** (Ghostzapper) made a favorable impression in his second morning at Gulfstream, galloping smoothly and schooling in the gate. The bay is a Grade I winner over the Pegasus's nine-furlong trip, having annexed the Woodward at Saratoga Sept. 3. **War Story** (Northern Afleet) was on his toes from the moment he set foot on the track and had an up-tempo gallop in his first appearance since shipping over from Gulfstream Park West Wednesday. The gelding most recently captured the Queens County S. at Aqueduct Dec. 17.

The day's activity wrapped up with a number of Pegasus entrants schooling in the paddock, including Arrogate, who entered the paddock prior to the first race.

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**Shaman Ghost** | *Leslie Martin*

**STRONACH GROUP MULLING ADDING A PEGASUS TURF RACE** *By Bill Finley*

HALLANDALE BEACH, FL--Not content to hold the richest dirt race in the world, the Stronach Group may create a Pegasus World Cup race on the grass in the near future, Pegasus World Cup CEO Jack Wolf told the *Thoroughbred Daily News*.

Wolf said Stronach Group Founder and Honorary Chairman Frank Stronach has discussed with Pegasus stakeholders the idea of having a turf race in addition to the \$12-million dirt event to be run Saturday at Gulfstream. Wolf said that Stronach wants more international participation in the Pegasus concept and feels that a turf race may be just the thing to get foreign racing interests paying more attention to both the grass and the dirt race. **Cont. p5**

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**Pegasus Turf Race cont.**

“Frank wants to get the Europeans more involved, and a turf race would be the obvious way to do that,” Wolf said. “He’d still want it to involve the original shareholders, but that has not been defined as of yet. He’s very interested in having an international flare to these races and in this case, with the race being on the dirt and at a mile-and-an-eighth, we’ve only got one foreign horse, **Eragon (Arg)** (Offlee Wild).

Wolf added, “We really haven’t done a very good job of marketing this race and selling this race to the foreign folks. (Stronach Group executives) Mike Rogers and Tim Ritvo went over to the big race in Japan and the input they got was the people there thought they couldn’t enter a horse because they had heard all the slots had been sold out. I didn’t do a very good job of doing what I should have done, marketing this race more to the Europeans and the Japanese.”

Wolf said a concerted effort was made to lure the Australian mare Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), a winner of 13 straight and nine Group 1’s overall, but her connections had already mapped out a schedule that did not include the Pegasus.



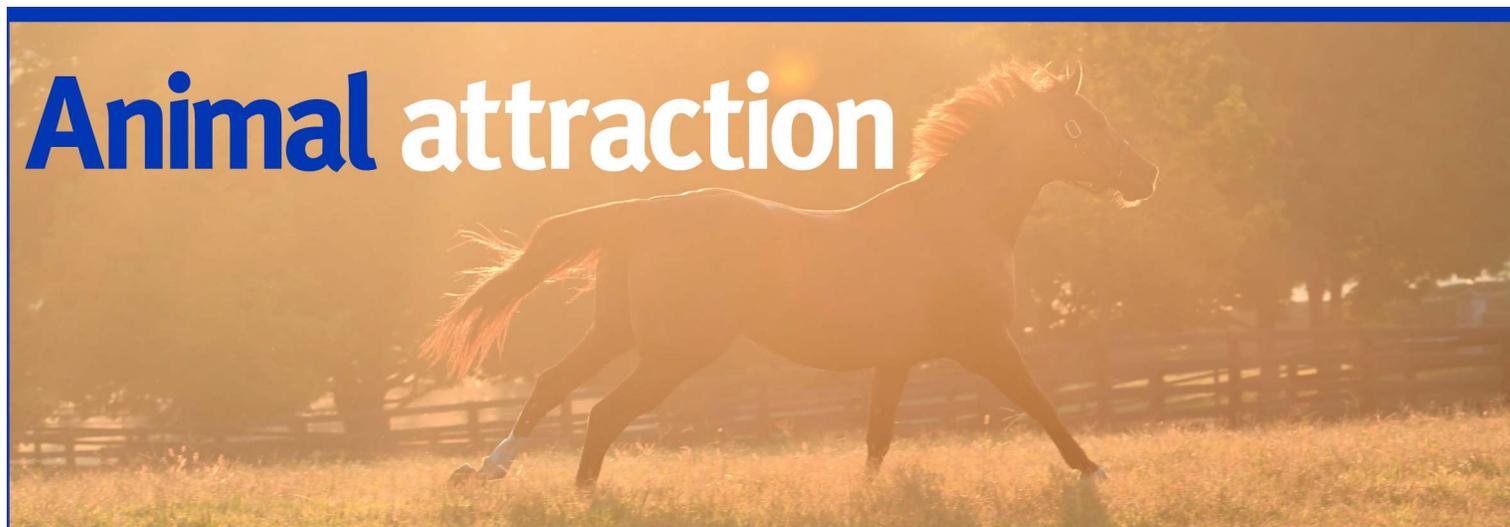
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Getting more foreign horses involved is vital to opening up Pegasus races to foreign betting markets, which often ignore races that don’t include horses from their own countries. Because stakeholders share in a portion of the betting handle, the more wagered, the more they will earn.

Wolf said a Pegasus grass race would work just like the GI Pegasus World Cup, with shareholders putting up \$1 million to secure a spot in the race. Because top European horses are not in serious training at this point in the year, Wolf agreed that a Pegasus turf race in January would be impractical. He said it would likely be run in the fall, adding, “I wouldn’t be surprised if we saw one as soon as this fall.”

Wolf, like most everyone associated with the inaugural Pegasus, said the Stronach Group is committed to improving the race and doing whatever it can to make it better.

“There are some things that need to be tweaked and Frank brought them up to us after the draw when he had us all over to dinner,” Wolf said. “He truly wants to make this thing a partnership between the Stronach Group and the 12 shareholders, and all of us have the first right of refusal for next year.” **Cont. p6**



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As an example of something that might change, the purse distribution. It's fine if you win the race, but I think it needs to be tweaked a little bit to pay more money to some who finish worse than second or third; maybe more money for fourth, fifth, sixth. It's particularly important when you get a year like this where the top two are so much better on paper than the others. Everyone knows there's a possibility the race will be run at Santa Anita next year and they're also discussing the mile-and-an-eighth versus the mile-and-a-quarter. And they're looking at having more reasonably priced tickets and admission costs.

He added, "I think the future bodes well for the concept. A lot will depend on how the Stronach Group pulls this off, so far as the betting handle and the viewership numbers, which will obviously affect sponsorships."

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**HOWARD HOPES FOR 'SUITE' SATISFACTION WITH FARISH** *by Joe Bianca*



Trainer Neil Howard | *Horsephotos*

In the winter of 1990, trainer Neil Howard was preparing to bring back an undefeated colt named Summer Squall (Storm Bird) for his 3-year-old debut, with hopes of conditioning his first GI Kentucky Derby winner. The bay, owned by Cot Campbell's Dogwood Stable, went five-for-five in his juvenile campaign, culminating with a victory in the GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga.

After suffering his first defeat when second in the GIII Swale S. to open his sophomore account, Summer Squall annexed the GII Jim Beam S. and GII Blue Grass S. and was heavily backed at 21-10 to capture the Derby. He was no match for his rival Unbridled (Fappiano) that day, however, running second after the eventual champion 3-year-old colt roared by him in the stretch. **Cont. p7**

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Many remember the touching scene of Unbridled's trainer, Carl Nafzger, giving play-by-play to tearful owner Frances Genter, as her colt crossed the wire, telling her "You won! You won the Kentucky Derby!" Fewer remember that Summer Squall answered back two weeks later to squash Unbridled's Triple Crown hopes with a convincing victory in the GI Preakness S.

Nearly three decades later, the 67-year-old Howard is back with his best shot at a Derby victory since that spring in the form of Guest Suite (Quality Road). The homebred gelding, owned by Lora Jean Kilroy and Howard's longtime client William S. Farish, conquered the muddy GIII Lecomte S. this past weekend at Fair Grounds in his first start since Nov. 26. He is being tentatively pointed to the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 25 at Fair Grounds.

"He came out of the race well," Howard said. "He's only been back to the track a day or so, but he looks well. Usually with these things, that first start off of a little layoff, an off track, you want to wait a few days to see if the stuff that happens, body soreness, etc. pops up. I haven't seen anything like that. We'll give it 7-8 days and go from there, provided everything going smoothly."

In addition to Summer Squall's exploits, Howard is best remembered for campaigning Farish's Mineshaft (A.P. Indy) to four Grade I victories and Eclipse Awards for Horse of the Year and Champion Older Male in 2003.

Howard says that Mineshaft's accomplishments were the most satisfying moments of his training career, because of what they represented for the Farish family and their historic Lane's End Farm operation.



Guest Suite | Hodges

"For all that they have put into the game," Howard explains, "Mineshaft was a product and an illustration of everything these people do on Lane's End Farm every day. Mr. Farish holds this industry and its breeding so dear. For him to have that horse and the culmination of winning the [GI] Jockey Club Gold Cup,

which is such an important race to him, was the highlight of my career."

Howard, a native of The Bronx, N.Y., credits his relationship with Farish to his longtime friendship with Lane's End farm manager Mike Cline.

"I was fortunate enough that my closest friend happens to be Mr. Farish's farm manager from day one," Howard says of Cline. "We worked together for [Hall of Fame trainer] Mack Miller. Mike, his dad John and his brother Pete were well-versed all their lives around broodmares and the breeding industry. Mike got me a job when I was trying to transition from Ohio to Kentucky, nature took its course, I was able to start breaking some babies [at Lane's End] and we've had a very lucky and fortunate relationship since we started."

There are many other more steps to go for Guest Suite to even make it into the starting gate at the May 6 Derby, but in an industry where partnerships can sometimes be dissolved at the drop of the hat, it would be immensely rewarding for Howard to have some Triple Crown success for his decades-long supporters.

"I've been so doggone lucky to be associated with these people," Howard says of his relationship with the Farishes. "There's no way any trainer could put into words what it would mean to accomplish something like that for clients like them. There'd be no way to describe it. How could you even think of it?"

Howard made sure to emphasize that he and Mr. Farish never get ahead of themselves and he hasn't allowed himself to think as far as the Derby, since that goes against the entire ethos of the patient, horse-first Lane's End breeding and racing legacy.



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**Neil Howard cont.**

“We all know how much has to go right, how many steps there are along the way, how much luck there is involved,” Howard said. “Mr. Farish understands that process better than anyone.”

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**UNIQUE BELLA WORKS FAST, SONGBIRD BACK IN TRAINING**

Don Alberto Stable’s ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **Unique Bella** (Tapit), recent winner of the GII Santa Ynez S. Jan. 8, worked five furlongs at Santa Anita in a bullet :58.20 (1/86) Thursday in



**Unique Bella** | *Benoit Photo*

preparation for a start in the Feb. 5 GII Las Virgenes S. The gray drilled with regular exercise rider Edgar Rodriguez aboard.

“It was a very good work,” Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer

said. “We usually don’t work them that fast, but she was doing it all on her own.”

Unique Bella made amends for a troubled second-place finish on debut with a dominant graduation at second asking going 6 1/2 furlongs at Del Mar Nov. 26 prior to her 7 1/2-length score in the seven-furlong Santa Ynez.

Meanwhile, two-time champion **Songbird** (Medaglia d’Oro) has returned to Hollendorfer’s barn at Santa Anita after an early winter vacation at WinStar Farm in Kentucky. The dark bay experienced her first defeat in 12 starts when second, beaten a nose by four-time champion Beholder (Henny Hughes), in the Nov. 4 GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff.

“She trained Tuesday, Wednesday and today, but she won’t be working for at least a month,” Hollendorfer explained.

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**LOVE THE CHASE FOALS TAPIT COLT**

**Love the Chase** (Not For Love--Chase It Down, by Polish Numbers), the dam of two-time Horse of the Year and 2016 champion older male California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), foaled a colt by leading sire Tapit Thursday at Atlas Farm in Nicholasville, Kentucky.

A now 11-year-old Maryland-bred mare, Love the Chase was purchased for \$1.95 million by John McCormack Bloodstock from the Taylor Made consignment at last year’s Fasig-Tipton November sale on behalf of a client he declined to identify at the time. It later came to light that the mare’s new owners were SF Bloodstock.

“It’s hard not to love California Chrome, with everything he’s accomplished to date,” said SF’s Tom Ryan. “Getting the news late last night that his 3/4-brother had arrived safe and sound at Atlas Farm was the best possible way to kick off the Pegasus weekend. I haven’t seen him myself, but [Atlas Farm owner] Neal [Clarke] tells me he’s very fancy. He has an unusual blaze like a lightning bolt. Love the Chase is a young mare with a bright future.”

The mare produced full-siblings to California Chrome in 2013, 2014 and 2015, and is booked to Pioneerof the Nile for the upcoming breeding season, Ryan said. California Chrome is in Florida preparing for his final career start, a rematch with TDN Rising Star Arrogate (Unbridled’s Song) in the \$12-million GI Pegasus World Cup Saturday at Gulfstream Park.

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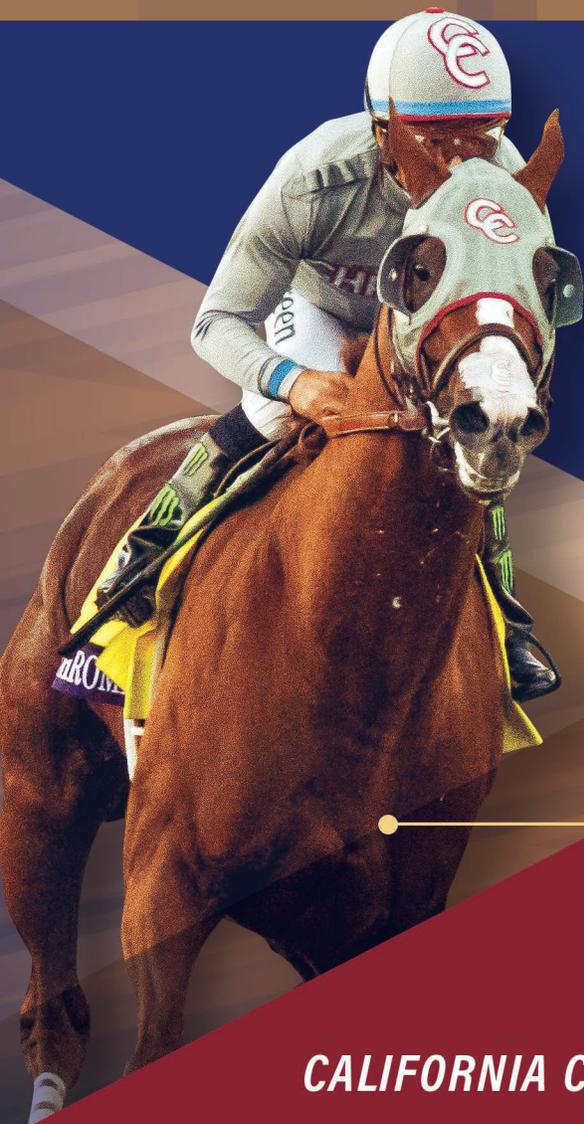


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It was, at the literal end of the day, a \$13,000 Hail Mary. Heading into the final race of last year's Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge, Joe Appelbaum seemed hopelessly out of contention. In fact, Appelbaum, well known in the racing industry as co-owner of Off the Hook LLC, and as a pinhooker, advisor, owner and breeder, sat in 47th place on the leaderboard. Moving boldly, he put nearly his entire tournament bankroll, \$13,000, on a straight exacta: Arrogate over California Chrome, in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

It was a race for the ages, as Arrogate posted the slight upset in a thrilling finish, keying a \$10 exacta that pushed Appelbaum's bankroll to \$64,000, catapulting him into first place over a bettor named Charlie Davis, who finished second at \$61,505. Appelbaum took home the \$300,000 first prize at the BCBC, in addition to his live-money earnings.



Joe Applebaum

Appelbaum took home something else, too—a seat to this weekend's National Handicapping Championship at Treasure Island in Las Vegas...and a chance at a historic \$3-million bonus. The bonus,

which would be the biggest-ever payday in tournament play, is awarded to the person who is able to sweep the BCBC and NHC. The NHC, co-sponsored by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, begins Friday morning and continues through Sunday.

On Thursday, we spoke to Appelbaum about playing for \$3 million, the idea of strategic intimidation, and who he's picking in the Arrogate v. California Chrome rematch in the \$12 million Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream.

**TDN:** Most people in the industry know you as a successful owner, breeder, and juvenile pinhooker. When did you reinvent yourself as a handicapping savant?

**JA:** I was a handicapper well before I owned my first horse, hanging out in the backyards of Saratoga and Belmont. I got involved in the industry because I was a fan of the gambling game. As I bought and sold more horses, I tended to gamble much less—pinhooking was enough risk. In the last year or two, as I have been able to access more information, I have refocused on the pari-mutuel markets.

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**Applebaum Q&A cont.**

**JA:** For most of the race, I was feeling fairly apprehensive. California Chrome had everything his own way and I felt Mike Smith had to move Arrogate a bit earlier than was optimal. I was expecting at the quarter pole for Chrome to open up again as he really hadn't been asked at that point. When he didn't, I thought Arrogate had a chance, but there was still some work to do. It wasn't until about 100 yards out that I knew he would get by.

**TDN:** What was your biggest score before the BC?

**JA:** Travers Day 2001, a bunch of friends from the Pounderville section of the Saratoga backyard hit a Pick 6 that paid \$109,000. That was the bet that really started me down the road of owning and breeding horses.

**TDN:** Take us through your approach to handicapping.

**JA:** I am fairly speed-figure oriented, but I try to employ some of the pedigree analysis I have learned breeding and buying bloodstock. Because of this, I often search for horses that are trying new situations (e.g. first time starters, surface switches, distance changes). Of course, those sorts of bets are highly risky.

**TDN:** As a horseman who has looked at thousands of yearlings and 2-year-olds, what developed skills, if any, translate to handicapping?

**JA:** The ability to spot a horse that may not look his or her best. Typically, I'll use that training to eliminate horses that I don't believe look prepared and content to expend the great amount of energy necessary to be competitive. When I am on track, I love to take physical appearance into account. In the age of simulcasting I believe this is a big advantage, as the broadcast quality is not good enough to make these judgment remotely. Unfortunately in this contest, all the races are simulcast so that perceived advantage goes out the window.

**TDN:** Are you coming to Vegas with a strategy this weekend?

**JA:** I am! Do you expect me to reveal it? I have some price targets in mind that I like to shoot for that would qualify me for Sunday. Its very basic, you have to make it to Sunday to even have a chance. To reach those targets, I try to find the right horses and situations that will pay me more than I think the horses actual chances of winning are. Its really what everyone else is doing, looking for overlays.

**TDN:** On Saturday, California Chrome or Arrogate?

**JA:** If Arrogate can throw up another 120+ Beyer like effort, its all over. However, and I don't want to appear disloyal, but I believe the circumstances of the Pegasus are more favorable to California Chrome then they were in the Breeders Cup. The shorter distance suits him a bit better and I believe he enjoys being outside of horses, so I view his outside draw as a slight positive despite the negative statistics associated with that post at Gulfstream. Chrome is very consistent at an extremely high level, but has rarely run as fast as Arrogate is capable. I hope we are all wowed.

**TDN:** Outside of some prominent racing writers and speed-figure gurus, many in the industry would have a hard time naming a single big-money bettor. Is that a problem?

**JA:** This is a MASSIVE issue. The 'industry' is totally isolated from its core customers and there is little realization or respect for those who fund the entire operation. I can't name another industry, let alone one focused on gaming and hospitality, that knew so little about its customers. I would propose a test for all track executives; without looking it up can they name their top 10 individual customers by name?

**TDN:** What are your thoughts about trash talking, or other forms of non-violent intimidation, on the tournament floor?

**JA:** In all seriousness, I have had discussion with fellow competitors about the collegial nature of most contests. It's actually a great feature, as I have developed friendships with kindred souls from all over the country. This is a far cry from poker tournaments with their poseur tough guys adorned with sunglasses and lame trash talk.

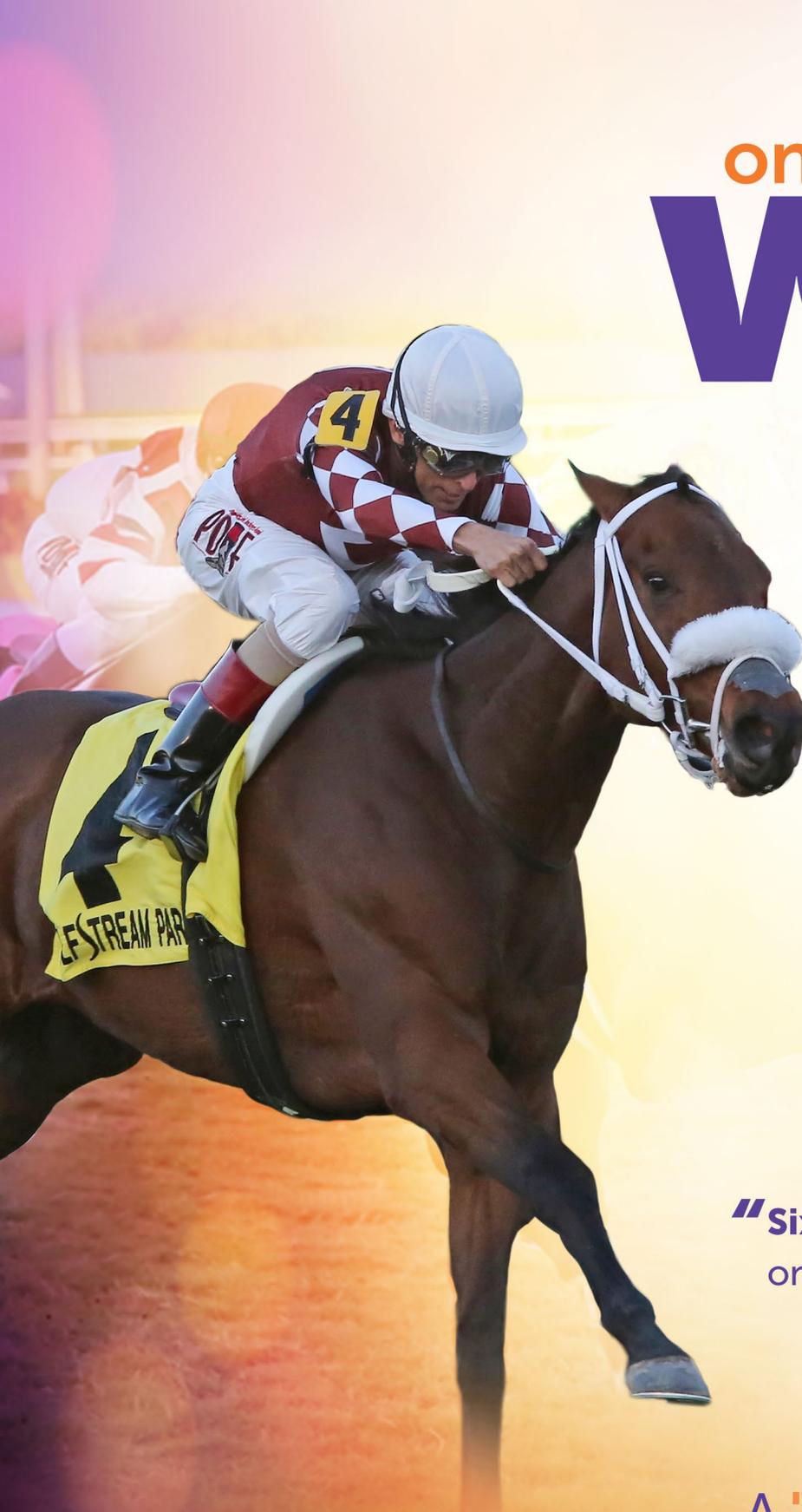
**TDN:** From your experience, would you say these tournaments are A) an outstanding venue for women to meet eligible bachelors; or B) simply a very good venue for that to happen?

**JA:** If a woman is interested in a middle-aged curmudgeon who is going to spend most of his free time staring at a screen and muttering about his bad luck, there is no better location.

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**Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale Catalogue cont.**

The 2017 Gulfstream Sale catalogue cover features Nyquist (Uncle Mo), a \$400,000 purchase by Dennis O’Neill on behalf of owner J. Paul Reddam, who went on to become champion of his generation in 2015 before annexing the GI Kentucky Derby.

“There is no better advertisement for a sale than selling the Kentucky Derby winner,” continued Browning. “It’s a great testament to the quality of horses our consignors offer at Gulfstream, and to the success that buyers are finding from purchasing these horses off a proven dirt track. Prior to winning



the Kentucky Derby, Nyquist won the GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream--13 months after he had performed over the very same racetrack in our under tack show.”

Some potential highlights of the catalogue on pedigree include [hip 64](#), a Medaglia d’Oro half-brother to GISW My Conquestadory (Artie Schiller)

from Eddie Woods, agent; [hip 67](#), a Hartley/DeRenzo-consigned full-sister to GIII Lecomte S. winner Guest Suite (Quality Road); [hip 80](#), a full-brother to GISW Sweet Loretta (Tapit) also from Eddie Woods; and [hip 95](#), a close relative to Classic-placed Ride On Curlin (Curlin) by Smart Strike from Ciaran Dunne’s Wavertree Stables, among others.

Click [here](#) to view the catalogue. Print copies will be available by Monday, Jan. 30.

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**STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS**

**NORMANDY INVASION** (by Tapit, Keane Stud)

- Sired his first foal Jan. 14, when a chestnut filly was born at Hilltop Stables in Deposit, NY.
- The filly is out of Miss Doc Holiday (Harlan’s Holiday).
- “She is a big, strong filly with good bone, lots of leg and an attractive head,” said breeder Carl Bennett.

**MICROMANAGE** (by Medaglia d’Oro, Rockridge Stud)

- Sired his first foal Jan. 23, when a filly was born at Rockridge Stud in Hudson, NY.
- Bred by Repole Stable, the filly is out of their GSP mare Stopspendingmaria (Montbrook).
- “I am very excited to see Micromanage’s first foals, and this filly is a terrific start,” said Mike Repole. “My Repole Stable team and I are looking forward to seeing these foals in future weanling and yearling sales.”

**Triple Crown Nominees -- Leading Sires**

Sire	# Nominations
Tapit	19
Into Mischief	16
Uncle Mo	15
Union Rags	14
Bernardini	13
Pioneerof the Nile	11
Bodemeister	10
Malibu Moon	9
Mineshaft	9
Dialed In	8
The Factor	8
Gemologist	7
War Front	7
Curlin	6
Hard Spun	6
Scat Daddy	6
Shackleford	6
Smart Strike	6
Tapizar	6
City Zip	5
Creative Cause	5
Flatter	5
Giant’s Causeway	5
Lookin At Lucky	5
Majestic Warrior	5
Quality Road	5
Speightstown	5
Unbridled’s Song	5

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## 2017 Leading Third-Crop Sires by Earnings Cumulative

for stallions standing in North America through Thursday, Jan. 26

*Earnings and Black-type represents North American/European figures for 2016*

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Uncle Mo</b> <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (\$150,000)</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>\$5,189,200</b>	<b>\$15,907,041</b> <i>Nyquist</i>
2	<b>Twirling Candy</b> <i>(2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (\$20,000)</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>\$378,650</b>	<b>\$4,941,933</b> <i>Danzing Candy</i>
3	<b>First Dude</b> <i>(2007) by Stephen Got Even FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Double Diamond Farm FL (\$10,000)</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$567,402</b>	<b>\$4,538,684</b> <i>Flora Dora</i>
4	<b>Gio Ponti</b> <i>(2005) by Tale of the Cat FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Castleton Lyons KY (\$7,500)</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$1,203,040</b>	<b>\$4,021,931</b> <i>Drefong</i>
5	<b>Archarcharch</b> <i>(2008) by Arch FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$6,000)</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>\$360,440</b>	<b>\$3,889,722</b> <i>Toews On Ice</i>
6	<b>Trappe Shot</b> <i>(2007) by Tapit FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (\$7,500)</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	--	<b>2</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>\$572,185</b>	<b>\$3,809,799</b> <i>Fish Trappe Road</i>
7	<b>Paddy O'Prado</b> <i>(2007) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$3,500)</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	--	<b>3</b>	--	<b>2</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$563,832</b>	<b>\$3,673,109</b> <i>Cherry Wine</i>
8	<b>Girolamo</b> <i>(2006) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Darley KY (\$10,000)</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$374,000</b>	<b>\$3,615,958</b> <i>Highway Star</i>
9	<b>Tizway</b> <i>(2005) by Tiznow FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$7,500)</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	--	<b>4</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$302,050</b>	<b>\$3,106,482</b> <i>Coasted</i>
10	<b>Gone Astray</b> <i>(2006) by Dixie Union FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Northwest Stud FL (\$5,000)</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	--	<b>2</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>\$700,640</b>	<b>\$3,073,776</b> <i>Three Rules</i>
11	<b>Wilburn</b> <i>(2008) by Bernardini FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$3,500)</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>126</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>\$216,735</b>	<b>\$2,867,576</b> <i>Afleet Willy</i>
12	<b>Big Drama</b> <i>(2006) by Montbrook FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Bridlewood Farm FL (\$15,000)</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>73</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>\$255,585</b>	<b>\$2,517,995</b> <i>R Kinsley Doll</i>
13	<b>Lonhro (Aus)</b> <i>(1998) by Octagonal (Nz) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	--	--	<b>100</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>\$279,629</b>	<b>\$2,470,834</b> <i>Isotherm</i>
14	<b>Haynesfield</b> <i>(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY (\$5,000)</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$200,855</b>	<b>\$2,456,502</b> <i>Realm</i>
15	<b>Friesan Fire</b> <i>(2006) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Country Life Farm MD (\$4,000)</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	--	<b>1</b>	--	--	<b>73</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$264,638</b>	<b>\$2,443,309</b> <i>Morning Fire</i>

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## OBS WINTER SALE CONCLUDES

A yearling by Yes It's True brought top price of \$28,000 during Thursday's open session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale, while figures were significantly down from a year ago. Consigned by Select Sales, [hip 490](#) is out of Dattcatsgotrhythm (Tale of the Cat), a half-sister to graded stakes-placed Tenfold (Tiznow). Zachary Kilgus made the winning bid on the yearling, who was bred by Machmer Hall and Saratoga Glen Farm, which purchased Dattcatsgotrhythm for \$11,000 at the 2010 Keeneland November sale.

A total of 177 horses sold during the open session for a gross of \$677,700. The average fell 47.1% to \$3,829 and the median was down 50% to \$2,000. The buy-back rate for the session was 38.9%.

At last year's open session, 163 head grossed \$1,179,300 for an average of \$7,235 and a median of \$4,000.

The two-day auction was topped by a yearling filly by Shanghai Bobby, who sold for \$110,000 to Bill Heiligbrodt's East Hickman Bloodstock. For the sale, 326 horses sold for \$2,970,700. The cumulative average fell 28.4% to \$9,113 and the median was down 25% to \$4,500.

Next up on the OBS sales calendar is the March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, which will be held Mar. 14 and 15. The sale's under-tack show will be held Mar. 9-11.

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## ESTRADAS AIMING TO MAKE THEIR MARK

by Jessica Martini

Shoppers at Sunday's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Winter Mixed Sale will see a familiar name at the barn, but Becky Merkel's 12-horse consignment will be directed for the first time by Merkel's daughter Sarah Estrada-Brok and son-in-law Carlos Estrada.



Carlos and Sarah Estrada

"This will be our first time really taking over the consignment," Estrada-Brok

confirmed. "For this sale, we decided to just stick with my mother's name to consign under, but we would like to change it, possibly in October."

Merkel and husband Glenn Brok own and operate Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, Pennsylvania, and their daughter laughs, "I may as well have been born in the barn."

In addition to helping out at Diamond B "forever," Estrada-Brok gained experience working for trainers Todd Beattie and Kellyn Gorder and has been working for Patti Miller at EQB for the last five years.

While her husband of three years wasn't born into a racing family, Carlos Estrada has more than made up for lost time.

"He is from Mexico originally and they had a couple riding horses down there, nothing like the Thoroughbred industry," Estrada-Brok commented. "But his older brother [Javier] is also involved in the Thoroughbreds. He has a 2-year-old consignment in Ocala. Carlos started out working for him and he learned a lot from his brother. Then he moved on and started working for Four Star Sales and he's worked his way up there and he's basically their head showman and they love him there. They are pretty upset that he'll be slowing down on doing the sales for them and going into his own business, but at the same time they are happy for him."

Asked why the couple has decided the time is right to branch out on their own, Estrada-Brok has a ready answer.

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SESSION TOTALS	2017	2016
• Catalogued	349	294
• No. Offered	290	239
• No. Sold	177	163
• RNAs	113	76
• % RNAs	38.9%	32.6%
• High Price	\$28,000	\$105,000
• Gross	\$677,700	\$1,179,300
• Average (% change)	\$3,829 (-47.1%)	\$7,235
• Median (% change)	\$2,000 (-50%)	\$4,000
CUMULATIVE	2017	2016
• Catalogued	646	639
• No. Offered	516	513
• No. Sold	326	361
• RNAs	190	152
• % RNAs	36.8%	29.6%
• No. \$100K+	1	6
• High Price	\$110,000	\$150,000
• Gross	\$2,970,700	\$4,597,600
• Average (% change)	\$9,113 (-28.4%)	\$12,736
• Median (% change)	\$4,500 (-25%)	\$6,000

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**Estradas cont.**

"I had a baby," she smiled. "He's almost nine months now. It kind of changes everything. My time schedule doesn't match up with Patti's anymore, so I can't be at her beck and call. We kind of have to start making money for us and start spending more time with the baby."

The couple's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic consignment includes horses for various clients and includes 10 yearlings. Among the group, Estrada-Brok singles out [hip 123](#), a daughter of Munnings out of She's Flattering (Flatter).

"She is a really nice filly," Estrada-Brok said of the dark bay yearling. "She's got plenty of leg and she has a solid body."

Also in the consignment is [hip 172](#), a filly by Mission Impazible out of Go on Babe (Stormy Atlantic).

"I love the Mission Impazible filly," the consignor admitted. "She looks super fast and has a walk and an attitude to back it up."

Looking forward, Estrada-Brok explained, "We'd like to keep doing the Maryland sales and possibly be able to venture up to Saratoga if we have a good New York-bred to sell up there. And we'd like to do the Fasig-Tipton July sale. We'd like to expand, but not go crazy."

The couple was active in the weanling and short yearling market, with an eye towards pinhooking horses in Timonium.

"We went to the November sale and bought a couple of babies out of there and we went to the January sale at Keeneland and bought a couple of babies out of there," Estrada-Brok said.

"That's our plan, pinhook a couple of babies, raise them here on the farm and then prep them here [in Mohrsville] and hopefully have more of the Kentucky sires that will draw people into our consignment and make some money at the same time."

As for what type of weanlings they targeted, Estrada-Brok said, "We tried to go for real racy bodies and sires that are still hot and still good. We didn't get any Uncle Mos, of course, you can't touch them. But we got a couple of good horses, like a Gemologist, a Liaison, a Yes It's True--just trying to bring in some Kentucky sires, everybody always goes for them."

Asked if there was any trepidation about starting a new business venture, Estrada-Brok doesn't hesitate.

"Always," she said. "But if you're not nervous, then you're not careful. And if you're not careful, then you mess up. That's something I learned when I was galloping. My boss Todd Beattie always asked me if I was nervous and I always said, 'Yep,' and he said, 'Good that will keep you on your toes.'"

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Winter Mixed Sale begins 11 a.m. Sunday in Timonium.

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**SNAFU MOVES SOME CHRB VOTES TO FEB.**

By T.D. Thornton

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) unanimously approved six-month licenses for six advance-deposit wagering companies at its Jan. 26 monthly meeting. But three other agenda items that required potential votes on veterinary, safety, horse eligibility, split-sample drug testing, and out-of-

competition testing issues had to be moved to February's agenda because of a technicality that violated California's public meeting rules.

Executive Director Rick Baedeker announced at the start of Thursday's meeting that because of a "clerical error," the electronic delivery and online posting of Thursday's CHRB

meeting occurred only nine days before the meeting, not 10 days ahead as required by state law. Thus, "as a precaution," only those agenda items requiring "immediate action" were voted on by the board.

Yet, given the truncated agenda, the meeting did not exactly unfold swiftly, clocking in at 3 hours 15 minutes.

The early-meeting public comment period set a particularly off-topic tone when two owners of Arabian horses spent the better part of 20 minutes asking broad questions about how the CHRB maintains its mail and email database, how constituents are notified of meetings, and why more monthly meetings aren't scheduled in the northern part of the state, away from the bulk of industry participants. Eventually, one of the commenters finally got around to voicing a racing-related complaint about why more Arabian races aren't scheduled at Golden Gate Fields.

Later, a presentation by Plusmic Corporation USA that was designed to shed some light on how the photo-finish technology works at the state's tracks got snarled before it even started when the company's slide presentation wouldn't work, forcing the meeting into an unscheduled recess.

When the meeting resumed after the technological glitch, CHRB chairman Chuck Winner presidentially deadpanned that "We can pretend like the last presentation never happened--it's an 'alternate fact'."

The CHRB did make some headway in trying to broker a resolution over the recent change in policy at the Calracing.com website, where earlier this month, free live and replay race streaming was unexpectedly switched over to a subscription service.



**Rick Baedeker**  
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“Somebody made not a very well-publicized, or acknowledged...change to the way that that service is delivered,” said commissioner Madeline Auerbach, who explained how frustrated she was to learn about this unpopular change only when she attempted to access the site in early January to watch one of her own horses run and couldn’t view the race.

After articulating both personal concerns and voicing numerous complaints that board members said came from a wide variety of people who use the service, it was agreed that the entities that administer the site would attempt to work with the board to present a better solution in time for February’s CHRB meeting.

In other business, a new CHRB commissioner appointed by the governor in December, Araceli Ruano, was introduced. An attorney who served as vice president at Sotheby’s West Coast Trusts and Estates Department from 2014 to 2016 and a former senior policy advisor for the Gore Presidential Campaign Committee in 2000, Ruano replaces Commissioner Richard Rosenberg, whose term expired last summer.

Yet the CHRB will still be operating one short of the required seven voting members until another new member is appointed, because Winner announced that commissioner Steve Beneto has recently resigned from the board to focus on other business commitments. --@thorntontd

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## FLORIDA

### Thursday’s Results:

**4th-GP, \$40,000, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-26, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.14, ft.**

**ONE LINER (c, 3, [Into Mischief](#)--Cayala, by Cherokee Run),** a debut winner as the 5-2 favorite over subsequent GI Hopeful S. runner-up Royal Copy (Bodemeister) and third-place finisher Pretty Boy Flash (Gone Astray) when last seen going 5 1/2 furlongs at the Spa July 23, returned from the bench with a solid win while facing only five rivals here. Sent early from his outside draw by John Velazquez, the 4-5 favorite chased from third while under a ride behind a pair of dueling leaders through an opening quarter in :22.48. One Liner began to advance while three-wide on the far turn, took over in the lane and leveled off nicely in deep stretch to score by 2 1/2 lengths over Jersey Street (Maimonides). The winner’s dam had an Into Mischief colt in 2016 and was bred back to Verrazano. Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$73,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-](#)

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**8th-GP, \$41,000, Alw, 1-26, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2ft, 1:29.05, fm.**

**PERU (GB) (f, 4, Motivator {GB}--Bolsena, by Red Ransom),** a handicap winner at Newbury July 21, concluded her overseas tenure for trainer Hugo Palmer with a 12th-place finish in the Betfred TV EBF Stallions Dick Hern S. at Haydock Aug. 6. Receiving first-time Lasix in her U.S. bow for Christophe Clement here, the 5-1 chance saved ground while racing near the back of the pack. With Julien Leparoux aboard, she began to roll with a sweeping move on the far turn and came charging down the center of the course to defeat Somethingelse (Leroïdesanimaux {Brz}) by a neck. Peru’s second dam is champion Waya (Fr) (Faraway Son). Sales history: 20,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, \$43,059. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Tango Uniform Racing LLC; B-Langton Stud (GB); T-Christophe Clement.

## NEW YORK

### Thursday’s Results:

**8th-AQU, \$69,000, Alw (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.25, ft.**

**INDULGENT (f, 4, [Bernardini](#)--Fast Cookie {GSW, \$557,480}, by Deputy Minister),** a maiden winner at third asking at Parx Oct. 4, cleared her first allowance condition at the Big A Nov. 10. Looking for her third straight here, the half-sister to Frosted (Tapit), MGISW-US & GSW-UAE, \$3,972,800, raced toward the rear through fractions of :23.39 and :47.10. Still with plenty to do at the top of the stretch, the 6-5 chalk began to roll while parked out at least six wide and came with a powerful late run on the extreme outside to get there by 1 1/4 lengths over Burn Control (Bernstein). Fast Cookie, a half-sister to champion 2-year-old Midshipman (Unbridled’s Song), is also represented by the unraced 3-year-old filly Apiary (Bernardini); she was most recently bred to Tapit. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$146,950. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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**7th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), Alw, 1-26, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.13, ft.**

**LEAD US TO THE BAR (f, 4, Dublin--Fast Laner {SW, \$272,283}, by Mutakddim)** delivered as the 4-5 chalk over track and trip Jan. 31 and was favored at 6-5 to take her first attempt versus winners. She raced within striking distance for most of the way while buried in traffic in fourth. Lead Us to the Bar finally found some racing room along the rail in deep stretch and closed dramatically beneath Irad Ortiz Jr. to get there by a length. Fire Key (Friesan Fire) was second. The victress is a half-sister to Sittin At the Bar (Into Mischief), MSW & GSP, \$705,896. Sales history: \$105,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$78,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC & The Elkstone Group LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez.



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**2nd-TAM, \$22k, OC 75k/N1X, 3yo, 1m40y, post time: 1:25 p.m. ET**

**ACTION EVERYDAY (The Factor)**, a sharp debut winner going seven furlongs at Tampa Dec. 23, makes his two-turn bow from the rail here. Trained by Todd Pletcher, the \$400,000 EASMAY graduate fired a five-furlong bullet in 1:02 1/5 (1/4) at Palm Beach Downs Jan. 20. The Triple Crown nominee is owned by Vinnie Viola's St Elias Stables LLC. [TJCIS PPs](#)

**5th-FG, \$43k, OC 50k/N1X, 3yo, f, 1m70y, post time: 4:13 p.m. ET**

'TDN Rising Star' **VALADORNA (Curlin)**, a valiant rallying second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Santa Anita Nov. 5, kicks off her sophomore campaign against five rivals. The Stonestreet homebred, trained by Mark Casse, earned her 'Rising Star' badge with a dominating two-turn maiden victory at second asking at Keeneland Oct. 7. [TJCIS PPs](#)

**10th-GP, \$49k, OC 62k/N2X, 4yo/up, 1m, post time: 5:02 p.m. ET**

**GREENPOINTCRUSADER (Bernardini)**, hero of the 2015 GI Champagne S. while under the tutelage of Dominick Schettino, begins his 4-year-old campaign for new trainer Todd Pletcher. The well-bred dark bay, a half-brother to four graded winners, including GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. hero Justin Phillip (First Samurai), only made two starts at three, most recently fading to seventh in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 26. [TJCIS PPs](#)

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## KENTUCKY

### Wednesday Night's Results:

**8th-TP, \$18,075, Msw, 1-25, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.38, ft.**  
**+BOUND FOR NOWHERE (c, 3, The Factor--Fancy Deed, by Alydeed)**, a \$310,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, was sent to the front from his inside draw, began to shake clear at the top of the stretch and reported home a six-length winner as the 2-1 favorite. Alabama Son (Mizzen Mast) was second. The winner's unraced dam, a half-sister to champion sprinter Midnight Lute (Real Quiet), had a filly by Goldencents in 2016. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,100. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/T-Wesley A. Ward; B-Wayne, Gray & Bryan Lyster (KY).

## CENTRAL U.S.

### Thursday's Results:

**8th-OP, \$76,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-26, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.52, ft.**

**ALSVID (g, 8, Officer--Reagle Mary, by Afternoon Deelites)**, third in last year's GI Bing Crosby S., ended 2016 with fourth-place efforts in the Oct. 7 GII Phoenix S. and Nov. 19 Bet On Sunshine S. Favored at 3-5 in this return, the gritty veteran settled just off the pace while racing along the rail behind an opening quarter in :21.72. He wore down the pacesetter and inched clear in the final furlong to win by one length. Sales history: \$55,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). Lifetime Record: MGSW & GISP, 47-16-11-8, \$1,372,815.

O-Black Hawk Stable (James Rogers); B-Yanagawa Stud LTD. (KY); T-Chris A. Hartman.

**7th-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 1-26, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:42.49, ft.**

**LOCAL HERO (c, 3, Hard Spun--Liam's Dream {GSW, \$194,760}, by Saint Liam)**, a \$180,000 KEESEP yearling turned \$500,000 FTFMAR juvenile, rolled a pair of two's in his first two tries going seven furlongs in Kentucky last fall, including a Nov. 26 attempt as the 4-5 chalk at Churchill. Making his two-turn debut here, the even-money favorite set an uncontested pace through fractions of :23.01 and :47.19, and ran up the score in the stretch to graduate by 7 1/4 lengths. Blueridge Traveler (To Honor and Serve) was second. Local Hero was the most expensive of 13 2-year-olds by Hard Spun to sell at auction in 2016. Liam's Dream, heroine of the 2010 GIII Cicada S. at the Big A, brought \$290,000 from Three Chimneys Farm while carrying

Local Hero at the 2014 KEEJAN sale. Liam's Dream had a Smart Strike colt in 2015, a Speightstown filly in 2016 and was bred back to Palace Malice. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$48,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

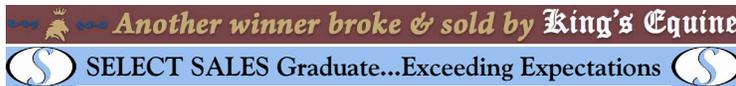
O-e Five Racing Thoroughbreds; B-Three Chimneys Farm LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



**5th-FG, \$41,000, (S), Msw, 1-26, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.71, ft.**  
**+MY MISS CHIFF (f, 3, Into Mischief--Carl's Frosty Girl {MSW, \$323,053}, by Pulling Punches),** let go at 10-1, chased the pace while three wide down the backstretch. She reeled in the pacesetter in upper stretch and strode clear to score by six lengths. Efforting (Into Mischief) was second. Carl's Frosty Girl produced a filly by Goldencents in 2016 and was bred back to Custom for Carlos. My Miss Chiff was a \$60,000 OBSOCT weanling and a \$110,000 FTKJUL yearling. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600.

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## CALIFORNIA

Thursday's Results:

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**2nd-SA, \$54,345, Msw, 1-26, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09.63, ft.**

**DELITEFULL LADY, f, 3, by Dialed In**

**1st Dam: Bird Chatter (SP), by Birdonthewire**

**2nd Dam: Opinionated Lady, by Known Fact**

**3rd Dam: Simplon Pass, by Buckpasser**

Delitefull Lady, a well-beaten third with some trouble behind the very promising GII Santa Ynez S. heroine and 'TDN Rising Star' Unique Bella (Tapit) in her 6 1/2-furlong Del Mar debut Nov. 26, stamped herself as a filly with a very bright future here. Off at odds of 8-1, the half-sister to Twitter Pie (Harlan's

Holiday), SP, \$115,901, pressed the early pace from the inside through a sharp opening quarter in :21.79. Delitefull Lady lost a few lengths on the far turn while holding her position awaiting racing room, but found another gear once tipped out for run at the top of the lane, and turned on the burners very nicely in the stretch to score by 3 3/4 lengths. Highly regarded Richard Mandella-trained first-time starter and 6-5 favorite Paradise Woods (Union Rags) stayed on for second after dueling through a hot pace. The winner's stakes-placed dam Bird Chatter, a half-sister to Awesome Action (Awesome Again), MSW & MGSP, \$785,690, most recently had a Graydar filly in 2015. Bird Chatter brought \$30,000 from Tim Hamlin at the 2015 KEEJAN sale while in foal to Graydar. Sales history: \$100,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$72,000 2yo '16 BARMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$37,080.

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**ALGORITHMS** (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 155/12/1

6-DED, Msw 1m, Free and Proud, \$2K KEE NOV wnl, 5-1

**ASTROLOGY** (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, \$7.5K, 156/15/2

9-FG, Msw 6f, +Delta Eighty Eight, 15-1

**BIONDETTI** (Bernardini), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$4K, 101/10/0

8-TAM, Msw 1mT, Run Victoria Run, \$18K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 30-1

**BODEMEISTER** (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 262/17/1

8-OP, Aoc 1m, Equator, \$400K FTS AUG yrl, 5-1

**COUNTRY DAY** (Speightstown), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 60/3/0

9-FG, Msw 6f, Day Drinker, 6-1

**DIALED IN** (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 173/20/3

7-FG, Aoc 1m, It's Your Nickel, \$100K FTK JUL yrl, 8-1

**DOMINUS** (Smart Strike), Spendthrift Farm, \$6.5K, 84/10/2

8-OP, Aoc 1m, All Right, \$20K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

**HANSEN** (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 129/23/1

4-AQU, Msw 1m, +Scarlett Jo Hansen, \$100K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1

**MACLEAN'S MUSIC** (Distorted Humor), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$6.5K, 147/22/2

9-FG, Msw 6f, Song for Ruby, 8-1

**MESSNER** (Bernardini), PA, 26/3/0

3-PEN, Alw 5 1/2f, Whatabeautifulmess, 5-1

**MISSION IMPAZIBLE** (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York, \$7.5K, 121/8/1

6-DED, Msw 1m, Impazible Pat, \$19K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1

**REDDING COLLIERY** (Mineshaft), Red River Farms, \$2K, 64/4/0

6-DED, Msw 1m, Color Me Ready, \$4K ESL YRL yrl, 15-1

9-FG, Msw 6f, +Pinch of Cayenne, \$90K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

**REDEEMED** (Include), Northview Stallion Station, \$3K, 63/4/0

3-PEN, Alw 5 1/2f, Saint Main Event, 2-1

**SHACKLEFORD** (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 208/22/1

4-AQU, Msw 1m, Tequila Sunday, \$45K RNA SAR AUG yrl, 12-1

8-TAM, Msw 1mT, Shack's Legacy, \$45K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

**TAPIZAR** (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 181/18/1

2-TAM, Aoc 1m, Stapleton, \$70K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

**THE FACTOR** (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 218/17/2

2-TAM, Aoc 1m, Action Everyday, \$400K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-5

9-HOU, Msw 1m, Factuality, \$12K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1

**TO HONOR AND SERVE** (Bernardini), Gainesway Farm, \$30K, 171/15/1

5-GG, Msw 1m, She's My First, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

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## NOTABLE US-BRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

### Saturday, January 28, 2017

**6th-KYO, ¥11,400,000 (US\$100k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1600mT**

Winchester Farm-bred **SOUTH SCHNELL** ([Scat Daddy](#)) gets his career started in this newcomers' test on the turf. The April foal is a son of South Humor (Distorted Humor), a half-sister to GI Belmont S. upsetter Da' Tara (Tiznow), who posted three wins from 21 starts in Japan before being repatriated. This is the further female family of GISW Private Persuasion (Pirate's Bounty).

**7th-TOK, ¥13,720,000 (US\$120k), Allowance, 3yo, 1600m**

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's **BASKERVILLE** ([Bernardini](#)), a \$375k Keeneland September graduate, was a close runner-up on his course-and-distance debut Oct. 23 before rolling home to a facile success in a 1600m maiden when last seen Nov. 13. Baskerville's stakes-placed dam Divalarious (Distorted Humor) is a daughter of 1997 Broodmare of the Year Alidiva (Ire) (Chief Singer {Ire}), whose produce include champions Taipan (Ire), Ali-Royal (Ire) and Sleepytime (Ire) as well as MGSP Oonagh Maccool (Giant's Causeway). Further down the page is (It's) Somewhat (Dynaformer), a top-level performer for Godolphin both in Europe and in Australia. Divalarious was recently purchased by Peter Brant's White Birch Farm for \$380,000 in foal to American Pharoah at this year's Keeneland January sale. **Cont. p7**

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**4th-KYO, ¥11,400,000 (\$100k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1200m**

**TEN MOHS (Speightstown)**, a half-brother to GISW Lochte (Medaglia d'Oro), fetched a final bid of \$230k from Koji Maeda's North Hills at the 2015 Keeneland September sale. The bay filly is a daughter of the SW Lemon Kiss (Lemon Drop Kid), a full-sister to MGSW Kiss the Kid, who was purchased by the Courtelis's Town & Country Farm for \$1.325 million in foal to Distorted Humor at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton November sale. That produce, a colt, was knocked down to Grupo 7C for \$350,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga last summer. --*Alan Carasso*

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## BREEDERS' EDITION

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**3rd-SA, \$56,345**, (S), Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-26, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.79, ft.

**ULTIMATE LUCK (g, 5, Lucky J. H.--Ultimate Honor, by Norquestor)** Lifetime Record: 28-3-8-7, \$163,985. O-Reed Saldana; B-Harris Farms & Summer Mayberry (CA); T-Jose Jesus Avalos. \*\$52,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN. \*\*1/2 to Pack Your Bags (Flying Continental), SW, \$348,368.

**4th-FG, \$43,000**, Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 1-26, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.90, ft.

**GENERAL DOWNS (g, 4, Mineshaft--Plaid {MSW & GSP, \$568,217}, by Deputy Commander)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$79,153. O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Dallas Stewart. \*\$300,000 Ylg '14 FTSAUG.

**6th-FG, \$40,000**, 1-26, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.22, gd.

**SNOW MESA (m, 5, Sky Mesa--Snow Diamond, by El Prado {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$76,798. O/B-Team Block (IL); T-Richard R. Scherer.

**4th-PEN, \$34,869**, 1-25, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:41.46, ft.

**SPRING AWAY (f, 3, Jump Start--One More Lillian, by Mutakddim)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$42,003. O/B-Paul F. Spears (PA); T-T. Bernard Houghton.

**5th-PEN, \$33,300**, (S), 1-25, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.10, ft.

**YEAH ROCKY (g, 4, Silver Train--Disco Flirt, by Disco Rico)** Lifetime Record: 20-4-0-0, \$75,821. O-Freedom Acres, Inc.; B-Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk (PA); T-Miguel Penaloza. \*1/2 to Disco Chick (Jump Start), MSW & GSP, \$654,300.

**8th-DED, \$30,820**, 1-25, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:27.02, ft.

**DAKOTA CANDY (g, 4, Twirling Candy--Winter Romance, by Benchmark)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$32,874. O-Alice Mettler; B-T/C Stable LLC (IL); T-Joel Berndt. \*\$34,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV.

**7th-CT, \$24,500**, (S), 1-25, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.88, ft.

**WEEKEND LIBERTY (g, 4, Midshipman--Hard to Get, by Not For Love)** Lifetime Record: SP, 13-3-3-3, \$79,329. O/B-Coleswood Farm Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. \*Full to Slip The Cable, MSW, \$347,884.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Screen Vision**, f, 3, **Court Vision**--Soul of Hollywood, by Perfect Soul (Ire). CT, 1-25, 4 1/2f, :54.13. B-Charles Fipke (KY). \*\$6,500 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

**Dominus Effect**, f, 3, **Dominus**--Danzing Celtic, by Danzig. CT, 1-25, 6 1/2f, 1:19.98. B-Malibu Farm (MD).

**T Loves a Fight**, g, 3, **Giolamo**--Worth Fighting For, by Broken Vow. AQU, 1-26, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13.28. B-Hoffman Thoroughbreds LLC. (NY).

**Plum Gorgeous**, f, 3, **Hansen**--Aguara, by End Sweep. OP, 1-26, (C), 6f, 1:11.83. B-Tracy Strachan (OK). \*\$30,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN.

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**Air Guitar Star**, f, 3, **Star Guitar**--Labadeel, by Forest Wildcat. DED, 1-25, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22.24. B-Larry Romero (LA). \*\$15,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$65,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

**Midtowncharlybrown**, c, 3, **Uptowncharlybrown**--Torchwood, by Speightstown. PEN, 1-25, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03.89. B-Godric LLC (PA).

**Votre Coeur**, f, 4, **Flutter**--Empress Josephine, by Empire Maker. AQU, 1-26, (S), 1m, 1:44.08. B-Berkshire Stud & B. D. Gibbs (NY). \*\$140,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG; \$30,000 3yo '16 FTKFEB.

**Nevisian Sky**, g, 4, **Sky Mesa**--Cades Bay, by Fusaichi Pegasus. AQU, 1-26, (S), 6f, 1:11.69. B-Alpha Delta Stables LLC (NY).

**Jeffery Scott**, g, 4, **Windsor Castle**--Alaska Ash (SW, \$294,255), by Wesham. CT, 1-25, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:49.79. B-Lawrence E. Perry (WV).

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"Jet Setting will be bred to Le Havre," China Horse Club representative Mick Flanagan told the *TDN*. "China Horse Club purchased a share in the stallion recently and now we will breed this Classic-winning filly to a multiple Classic-producing sire. Whether it's Europe, the U.S. or Australia, China Horse Club is committed to supporting its stallion interests with high-quality broodmares and fillies off the track."

China Horse Club purchased a share in Le Havre for €355,000 on Arqana Online in November.

A €7,000 purchase from the Goffs November Sale as a foal in 2013, Jet Setting went winless in four outings during the first part of her juvenile campaign for trainer Richard Hannon before being culled at the Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale. Kilbride Equine picked her up for 12,000gns, and Jet Setting--under the new ownership of Equinegrowthpartners and trained by Adrian Keatley--picked up black-type next out when third behind eventual dual Classic winner La Cressonniere (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) in Chantilly's Listed Prix Herod.

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## INGLIS INTRODUCES CHAIRMAN'S SALE

Inglis will this year host the inaugural Chairman's Sale which, split between two sessions book-ending its flagship Easter yearling sale, will offer high-class racing and breeding prospects.

The Chairman's Sale Session 1, set for the evening of Thursday Mar. 30, will offer elite racing prospects two days out from the opening card of The Championships on Apr. 1. Its primary offering will be the opportunity to purchase runners--in full or percentages--entered in The Championships to be conducted over the following two Saturdays at Royal Randwick.

The Chairman's Sale Session II will be held the evening of Friday, Apr. 7, the day after the conclusion of the Easter yearling sale and on the eve of the second card of The Championships. It will include top-class breeding prospects, weanlings, stallion shares and breeding rights. The Easter yearling sale will remain in its original Apr. 4 to 6 slot, and in another change the Australian Weanling and Broodmare Sale will be moved up to Apr. 10 to 13. **Cont. in Worldwide News p5**

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### PEGASUS REPORT: SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON TOP PAIR

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### Jet Setting Retired; To Visit Le Havre Cont. from p1

Kicking off her 3-year-old campaign with a pair of wins in a Cork maiden and Leopardstown's G3 1000 Guineas Trial, Jet Setting was well beaten in ninth behind Minding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas, but turned the tables on that rival three weeks later when landing the Irish equivalent by a head under Shane Foley.

Consigned to the Goffs London Sale thereafter, Jet Setting was bought by China Horse Club for £1.3-million. She finished sixth in Royal Ascot's G1 Coronation S. later that week and filled the same position in the G1 Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron S. before dropping down in class to win the G3 Coolmore Concorde S. by 6 1/2 lengths. She closed out her career with an 11th-place finish behind Minding in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot.

Keatley said, "I can't complain about what we got out of her, of course I'd love to have been able to train her again because I had a strong feeling she could have been a nice horse for something like the [G1] Lockinge S. at Newbury, but she's going to stud and that's what she was bought for by the China Horse Club."

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### SHALAA TO SHUTTLE TO ARROWFIELD

Dual Group 1-winning juvenile **Shalaa (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Ghurra, by War Chant) will shuttle to Arrowfield Stud in Australia from 2017, where he will stand for A\$33,000. Shalaa is currently preparing to stand his first season at stud at Sheikh Joaan's Haras de Bouquetot in France, where he will stand for €27,500, the highest among first-season sires in Europe.

Arrowfield Chairman John Messara said, "We're excited to stand Europe's dominant sprinting 2-year-old Shalaa at Arrowfield in association with Al Shaqab, alongside their champion sprinter-miler Olympic Glory. Shalaa displayed the high-quality, early maturing speed that Australian breeders demand, and offers a fresh take on the Danzig sireline that is clearly working here. I have inspected him personally and he is a great physical type, ideally suited to the Australian market. Arrowfield will support him strongly with a significant number of our quality mares."

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"He's very, very fast--the fastest 2-year-old I've trained," Gosden said. "He has so much speed and has that sprinter's build, so he reminds us all of Oasis Dream--he's of that mould."

Confirming the regard in which Al Shaqab holds Shalaa, his first book of mares at Haras de Bouquetot will include Sheikh Joaan's dual G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}).

Benoit Jeffroy, manager of the Al Shaqab breeding operation, said, "Shalaa is a standout individual, well-balanced, correct and he is a great mover. As a son of Invincible Spirit he should undoubtedly prove as popular with Australian breeders as he has been in Europe."

Another son of Invincible Spirit, I Am Invincible (Aus), currently leads the Australian general sire table.

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Shalaa at Haras de Bouquetot | Zuzanna Lupa

## BRITAIN



### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Fiery Spice (Ire)**, g, 3, **Dream Ahead**--High Spice, by Songandaprayer. SOU, 1-26, 5f (AWT), 1:03.22. B-K. A. Dasmal (IRE). \*11,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT.

**Mums the Word (GB)**, f, 3, **Mayson (GB)**--Tell Mum (GB), by Marju (Ire). WOL, 1-26, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:52.27. B-Brook Stud Bloodstock Ltd (GB). \*28,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; 52,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT; 26,000gns HRA '16 TATAUT.

## FRANCE



### Thursday's Results:

**1st-CGN, €24,000, Debutantes**, 1-26, 3yo, f, 10f (AWT), 2:09.20, st.

**+ASK ME ANOTHER (f, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Storybook {UAE}, by Halling)**, sent off at 3-1, sauntered into the early lead. Asked to lengthen approaching the straight, the homebred was joined by Motivaroom (Fr) (Motivator {GB}), but gradually weakened that rival's resolve under hand riding to score by two lengths from the closer Yaabalady (Smart Strike). Storybook has already produced two useful types for Joseph Allen, the listed-placed Romeo Lima (Medaglia d'Oro), who enjoyed 'TDN Rising Star' status, and Camp Courage (War Front), who also placed twice at that level for the same stable. The dam is a half to the G1 Dubai World Cup hero African Story (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) descended from the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup winner Danish (Ire) (Danehill). She herself is a full-sister to the former

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Ballydoyle luminary **Ace (Ire)**, who captured the G3 Desmond S. and was runner-up in the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf and G1 Prince of Wales's S. and third in the G1 Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup. She is also a full-sibling of Hawkeye (Ire), who also won the Desmond and was also third in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. and G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. The dam also has a 2-year-old filly and yearling colt by War Front named Hot Zone and U S S Saratoga, respectively, and was bred back to Giant's Causeway for 2017. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Joseph Allen (KY); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



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**2nd-CGN, €24,000, Debutantes**, 1-26, 3yo, c/g, 10f (AWT), 2:11.28, st.

**+EIFFEL IN PARIS (FR) (g, 3, Hurricane Cat--Miss Fine {Fr}, by Kaldoun {Fr})**, sent off at 9-1, was keen after being restrained to take a lead through the early stages. Still green at the top of the straight, the €32,000 OSASEP yearling responded gamely when challenged in the closing stages to earn a short-neck success from Laamatheel (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). [Cont. p4](#)

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**2nd-CGN Cont.**

The prolific winner-producing dam, whose extended family contains the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., G1 Sussex S., G1 Prix d'Ispahan and G1 Prix de la Foret-winning sire Bigstone (Ire), also has a 2-year-old filly by Pedro the Great named Finess Bere (Fr) and a yearling filly by Peer Gynt (Jpn) named Gloria Bere (Fr). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-SARL Ecurie J L Tepper & Frank A McNulty; B-SNC Regnier & San Gabriel Inv. Inc. (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



**O'ROURKE TO LEAVE HRI**

Michael O'Rourke, Director of Marketing and Communications of Horse Racing Ireland, will leave his post with the intention of pursuing a career as an independent marketing and



Michael O'Rourke | HRI photo

communications consultant, he announced Thursday. O'Rourke had worked at the Turf Club and The Curragh Racecourse since 1992 and joined HRI in 2001.

"It has always been my intention to work

as an independent consultant and now is the right time to do so," said O'Rourke. "I have been fortunate to have worked in Irish racing for 25 years and could not have wished for a more stimulating and rewarding career. Working in the racing industry has introduced me to a lot of very talented and dedicated people. I wish my colleagues in HRI every success at what is a very exciting time for the industry."

Added HRI Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh, "I would like to thank Michael for his service to racing for more than a quarter of a century. He has been an invaluable part of the senior management team here at HRI and prior to that at The Curragh. Michael has been a valued friend and colleague for many years and I am sure that he will remain a familiar face at race meetings in the future. I wish him every success at his new venture."

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**HRI LAUNCHES NEW TRAINER MARKETING SUPPORT SCHEME**

Horse Racing Ireland is introducing a new trainer marketing support scheme to assist fully licenced trainers in adding new owners in 2017 through its recently formed ownership department, HRI announced Thursday. A grant of up to €1,000 per trainer, to be paid on a pre-approval and reimbursement basis, is being made available specifically to address the cost of an open day, creating a website or other social media initiatives, producing promotional material and the upskilling of trainers and/or their staff in key marketing areas. This expands on an initiative to continue to assist Irish trainers.

"2016 saw a welcome increase in the number of new owner registrations, active owners and horses in training in Ireland, and it is hoped that the new trainers marketing support scheme will assist in maintaining this positive trend in 2017," said Jason Morris, Director of Racing. "It remains a challenging environment with many trainers around the country struggling to attract owners, and against this background, HRI is keen to help both by providing financial backing and by assisting trainers to promote themselves and the thrill of racehorse ownership to a wider audience."

For more information on this new initiative, please go to [www.hri.ie/](http://www.hri.ie/) or contact Aidan McGarry, Owner Relations Manager, or Caroline Townend, Owner Executive, on 045 455455 or via email at [marketingsupport@hri.ie](mailto:marketingsupport@hri.ie).

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**ANJAAL'S FIRST FOALS HAVE ARRIVED**

Rathasker Stud's G2 July S. hero **Anjaal (GB)** (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), who also ran



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third in the G2 Lennox S. in the Shadwell silks, welcomed his first foals recently, the stud announced Thursday. Anjaal covered over 190 mares in his first season at stud in 2016, with one of the

earliest results a bay filly out of Mrs. Beeton (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) arriving at Pier House Stud Jan. 11. Out of a half-sister to MGSW and G1 Arlington Million S. third-place finisher Stotsfold (GB) (Barathea {Ire}), she is reported to be "physically similar to her father being strong and correct with a nice length of rein." [Cont. p5](#)

**Anjaal's First Foals Have Arrived Cont.**

Pearly Brooks (GB) (Efisio {GB}) produced a bay colt at Esker Lodge Stud Jan. 16. Gerry Flannery commented, "We are delighted with our Anjaal colt--it is the best foal the mare has every produced--with great shape and good bone." The third foal for Anjaal is another bay colt--out of Danza Nera (Ire) (Dansili {GB})--who appeared Jan. 25 at Vinesgrove Stud. Billy McEnery said, "We couldn't be happier with our Anjaal colt--this is a young and exciting family--he is a half-brother to listed placed Jalapeno (Ire) (Windsor Knot {Ire})."



'17 Pearly Brooks colt

Madeline Burns of Rathasker Stud said, "We are extremely pleased to hear great reports from clients on their first Anjaals--a number of his first foals have been born to breeding right holders such as the Morrins, the McEnerys, the Flannerys, and the Hodges, all who have given him fantastic support. A large part of Anjaal's appeal is as a speed outcross for Danehill/Danzig-line mares."

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**Inglis Introduces Chairman's Sale Cont. from p1**

Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster said, "The Chairman's Sale will present the perfect platform for investors to buy into some of the country's leading racehorses, as well as top-class broodmares and weanlings. With the focus of the Thoroughbred world on Sydney over this period, it then makes sense to revert to the proven formula of having the Australian Weanling and Broodmare Sale straight after Easter, as it provides vendors a greater buying market for their offerings."

He added, "You don't improve if you don't continue to seek feedback from clients and we now believe the move back from May for the Weanling and Broodmare Sale will benefit our clients and allows us the potential to continue this new structure more effectively at our new site at Warwick Farm in years to come."

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**DIAMOND CLUES UNCOVERED AT CAULFIELD**

Thursday's Australia Day card at Caulfield featured a pair of G3 Blue Diamond previews--with a division each for males and for fillies with an eye towards the G1 Blue Diamond S. on Feb. 25. The Helmet (Aus) filly **Limestone (Aus)** prevailed in the fillies' division for trainer Darren Weir and owner David Moodie, while **Property (Aus)** (Starcraft {NZ}) took the colts' and geldings' division.

Sent off the co-favourite with the Coolmore partners' 'TDN Rising Star' **Tulip (Aus)** (Pierro {Aus}), Limestone bided her time in the second half of the field under Damian Lane. Getting up on Tulip's heels coming off the turn, Limestone moved to the inside to split runners nearing the 100-metre mark as Tulip ground down the outside of the track. Limestone hit the wire a head to the better of Tulip, who held off a fast-finishing **Chateau Griffo (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}) for second. The time of :56.88 slightly edged the colts' time of :56.94.

Third on debut at Moonee Valley in September, Limestone broke her maiden at Flemington on New Year's Day over a field that included Oscietra (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), the first foal out of world champion sprinter Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}), and was making her black-type debut here.



**Property** | Bronwen Healy

The colts and geldings division of the Blue Diamond Preview was won in more clear-cut fashion by Price Bloodstock Management's Property, who was breaking his maiden at second asking. Stalking the pace off the rail, Property moved out four-wide off the bend. Set to a drive by Craig Williams at the 200-metre mark, Property hit the lead in the dying strides and won by 1 3/4 lengths under wraps from **Azazel (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}). Purchased by Aquanita Racing for A\$130,000 at last year's Inglis Classic Sale, Property was set to be sold to Hong Kong, but failed his veterinary examination five weeks ago.



Damian Lane wore very appropriate silks when riding Limestone to victory on Australia Day | Bronwen Healy

**'Diamond' Clues Unveiled at Caulfield Cont.**

While owners David Price and Jenny Chapman are now in the fortunate position to have a G1 Blue Diamond S. contender on their hands, as a result of the colt's expected sale he is not nominated to the race.

"We thought it would be a done deal so as a result, we're not paid up for the big races in Australia because we didn't think the horse would be racing there to be honest," Price said. "He had a radiographic issue with a knee which caused him to fail the vet so obviously we had to keep him to race in Australia. Given the situation, it's exciting in one sense to win a race like the Blue Diamond Preview, but it's also a bit disappointing in another sense because it's a A\$55,000 late entry fee if we were to go down that path."

Trainer Robert Smerdon said Property would likely take in the Blue Diamond Prelude on Feb. 11 before a decision on supplementing is made.

"It's really too early to call because with 2-year-olds, you can have them one day and lose them the next," Smerdon said. "His knee issue obviously cost him the Hong Kong trip but as long as we manage things, and we are at the moment, then he'll keep going. He's a very nice horse and he's shown that in both career runs."

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**Thursday, Meydan, Dubai**

**AL RASHIDIYA EMPOWERED BY IPIC-G2**, \$200,000, MEY, 1-26, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 9fT, 1:49.43, gd.

1--**PROMISING RUN**, 120, f, 4, by [Hard Spun](#)

1st Dam: **Aviacion (Brz) (G1SW-Brz)**, by Know Heights (Ire)

2nd Dam: **Arbulus**, by Liloy (Fr)

3rd Dam: **Buck the Tide**, by Buckpasser

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (KY); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Jim Crowley. €120,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng & Tur, 13-4-2-2, €445,119. \*1/2 to Arabian Comet (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSP-Eng. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: C.



2--**Light the Lights (SAf)**, 126, g, 5, Western Winter--First Arrival (SAf), by Northern Guest. (R450,000 yrl '13 SADAPR) O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Hallmark Thoroughbreds (SAF); T-Mike de Kock. \$40,000.

3--**Earnshaw**, 126, h, 6, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Emily Bronte (GB), by Machiavellian. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (KY); T-Salem bin Ghadayer. \$20,000.



Margins: HF, NK, 2.

Also Ran: Elite Excalibur (Aus), Gabriel (Ire), Farrier, Mr Owen. Scratched: Master the World (Ire).

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Promising Run made the most of a five-pound weight break from the males to earn a third group win in Thursday's G2 Al Rashidiya S. at Meydan. Winner of the G2 Rockfel S. at Newmarket as a 2-year-old in 2015, Promising Run ran twice at the Dubai carnival last year but was relegated to second on both occasions behind **'TDN Rising Star'** Polar River (Congrats), in the UAE 1000 Guineas Trial and the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas. [Cont. p7](#)



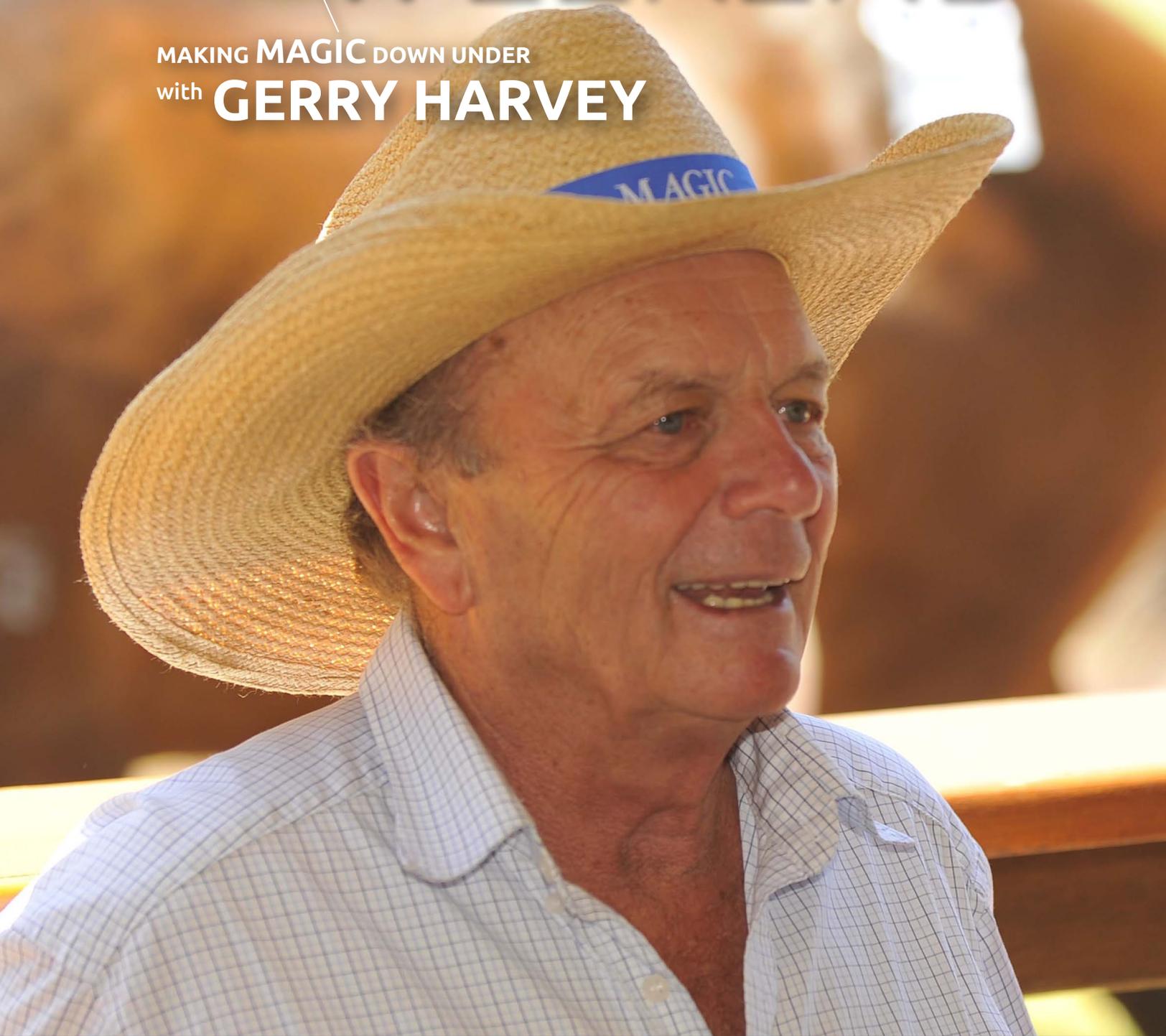
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## G2 Al Rashidiya Cont.

Third behind So Mi Dar (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the G3 Musidora S. at York in May, Promising Run settled for fifth, beaten 3 1/4 lengths, behind Qemah (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) in the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot and was sixth in Glorious Goodwood's G3 Thoroughbred S. the following month.

Shipping to Turkey for the one-mile G3 Istanbul Trophy on Sept. 3, Promising Run prevailed by a half-length, and was fourth in Newmarket's Listed Rosemary S. over the same trip Sept. 23. Stepping up to a mile and four furlongs for the G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies and Mares S. Oct. 15, Promising Run managed to beat just two home, and she appeared much more comfortable dropping back in trip on Thursday.

Allowed to stalk the pace by Jim Crowley as Light The Lights took the early initiative on the outside, Promising Run spotted the pacesetter about three lengths as the field ran into the turn. Taking closer order passing the 600-metre mark, the filly swung three-wide into the stretch. The highly regarded Light The Lights soon looked in trouble and Promising Run capitalized, looming up on his outside as Earnshaw made an eye-catching run on her outside from the back of the pack. Promising Run collared Light The Lights in the dying strides to record her third group win in three countries.

"We were not the best away, but the pace was not quick so we were soon in contention," said Crowley. "I rode this filly on her last start at Ascot when the slower ground did not suit her but this quicker surface was ideal. She will stay further and I think she is still improving, which gives connections plenty of options."

## Pedigree Notes...

Promising Run is the sixth produce of Aviacion, a Group 1 winner in her native Brazil. Promising Run's fourth dam is Swansea (Turn To), a half-sister to Secretariat. Aviacion's next-best produce is the G3 Lillie Langtry S.-second Arabian Comet (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), and she has a 2-year-old filly by Medaglia d'Oro to come. She was barren last year after being covered by Dawn Approach (Ire). [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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## Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

**CAPE VERDI EMPOWERED BY CEPESA, AN IPIC GROUP COMPANY-G2**, \$200,000, MEY, 1-26, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:37.21, gd.

1--**VERY SPECIAL (IRE)**, 126, m, 5, by **Lope de Vega (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Danielli (Ire)**, by **Danehill**

**2nd Dam: Ingabelle (Ire)**, by **Taufan**

**3rd Dam: Bodelle (Ire)**, by **Falcon (GB)**

(280,000gns yrl '13 TAOOCT) O-Godolphin; B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Jim Crowley. \$120,000. Lifetime

Record: G1SP-Eng, 10-5-3-1, \$635,026. \*1/2 to Janicellaine (Ire) (Beat Hollow {GB}), GSP-US, \$124,223; and Chriselliam (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eur & Eng, G1SW-Eng & GISW-US, \$729,684. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. **\*Triple Plus\***.

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2--**Opal Tiara (Ire)**, 126, f, 4, Thousand Words (GB)--Zarafa (GB), by Fraam (GB). (£1,800 yrl '14 BRIDEC; 230,000gns HRA '16 TATNOV) O-The Filly Folly & Sweet Partnership; B-Mike Channon Bloodstock Ltd & Mrs G H Hedley (IRE); T-Mick Channon. \$40,000.

3--**Muffri'Ha (Ire)**, 126, m, 5, [Iffraaj \(GB\)](#)--Grecian Dancer (GB), by Dansili (GB). (85,000gns yrl '13 TAOOCT) O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Lodge Park Stud; T-William Haggas. \$20,000.

Margins: HF, NK, NK.

Also Ran: Silver Step (Fr), Tahanee (Arg), Via Firenze (Ire), Realtra (Ire), Queen's Parade, Anahita (Fr), Arabda (GB).

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Very Special lived up to her name on Thursday evening at Meydan to defend her Cape Verdi title and hand trainer Saeed bin Suroor his 200th winner at the Dubai World Cup Carnival, as well as a double on the night and a sweep of the feature races. In addition, Godolphin won five of the six Thoroughbred races on the card.

A five-length debut maiden winner at two, Very Special hit the board in all three sophomore outings, including a win in a mile Kempton handicap. She excelled on the Dubai lawn last campaign, winning this race first-up before besting Grade I winner Euro Charline (GB) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) by 2 1/2 lengths



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in the G2 Balanchine S. The task of the G1 Dubai Turf on Dubai World Cup night proved to be a bit out of her reach next out, but Very Special was far from disgraced, beaten three lengths for it all when sixth. Very Special had just one outing last

summer in Britain, finishing second to Alice Springs (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in Newmarket's G1 Falmouth S., and came into this fresh once again. Bottled up on the rail as Tahanee (Arg) (Stormy Atlantic) crossed over to set the pace, Very Special was on that one's heels and still pinned to the fence as they turned into the straight. Angled out sharply by Jim Crowley for daylight approaching the 300-metre mark, Very Special had to call on all her reserves to overhaul Opal Tiara, who flashed home on the rail, and Muffri'Ha, who briefly held the lead in the final furlong as Tahanee faded. Silver Step (Fr) (Silver Frost {Ire}) also made progress on the outside to get up for fourth. **Cont. p8**

**G2 Cape Verdi Cont.**

“Saeed wanted me to settle her off the lead today so I was delighted when Christophe [Soumilion] wanted to go to the front,” said Crowley. “I was always happy and she quickened nicely when I asked her. She is a very good mare.”

**Pedigree Notes...**

Very Special is a half to the ill-fated Chriselliam, who won the G1 Shadwell Fillies' Mile and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf before losing a battle with a foot infection early as a 3-year-old. Their dam, the placed Danielli, has also produced the graded placed Janicellaine, and is herself out of the GIII Phoenix Sprint S. winner Ingabelle (Ire) (Taufan). Danielli is a half to G1 Premio Lydia Tesio winner Eva's Request (Ire) (Soviet Star) and Priory Belle (Ire) (Priolo), who has produced Kiltubber (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), the dam of G1 Metropolitan H. winner in Australia Opinion (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), as well as Group 3-winning stayer Fox Hunt (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and G3 Concorde S. winner Anam Allta (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Danielli has a 2-year-old filly by Galileo (Ire) and was barren last year after being covered by that champion sire. **Click for the [free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)**

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MIDDLE EAST

**Thursday's Results:**

**4th-MEY, \$100,000, Cond, 1-26, 3yo, 7f, 1:24.48, ft.**

**FLY AT DAWN (c, 3, [Discreet Cat](#)--Emirates Girl {SP-Ger & Fr}, by Unbridled's Song)** endured a busy and fruitful juvenile campaign last year, winning three of six outings. A debut winner



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at Newmarket in July, he added a Kempton handicap three weeks later before running third in a conditions race over that same track. Returning to the winner's enclosure back at Newmarket when stepped up to a mile on Sept. 22, Fly At Dawn dropped to fifth

when upped to a mile and two furlongs in the Listed Zetland S. Oct. 8. He was fifth on his local debut over this track and trip Dec. 29. Chasing from midpack off the rail in this UAE 2000 Guineas Trial, Fly At Dawn turned into the lane second-best behind the front-running Cosmo Charlie (Stay Thirsty). Switched to that rival's outside at the top of the lane, Fly At Dawn overtook that valiant foe to win by 1 1/4 lengths. “He ran well, under a penalty, first time here and has improved a lot since,” said jockey Mickael Barzalona. “The plan was actually to make the running but we did not break that well so I was happy to take my time. The extra 200 metres of the UAE 2000 Guineas will certainly suit him and he will probably stay even further so the UAE Derby could be an option.” Fly At Dawn is the fifth foal out of French and German stakes-placed Emirates Girl, who produced a full-sister last year and was bred back to Amira's Prince (Ire). Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$94,362. **Click for the [Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)**

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (KY); T-Charlie Appleby.

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**2nd-MEY, \$175,000, Hcp, 1-26, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2410mT, 2:33.52, gd.**

**GOLD TRAIL (IRE) (h, 6, [Teofilo {Ire}](#)--Goldthroat {Ire}, by Zafonic)** made just two starts last year, finishing fourth in York's John Smith's Cup before winning a handicap over this trip by five lengths at Doncaster Sept. 10. Hustled out of the outermost gate by Adam Kirby, Gold Trail moved over to settle on the rail in second into the first bend as Desert God (Ind) (Burden Of Proof {Ire}) set the tempo while racing freely. Little changed in the running order down the backstretch as Desert God led Gold Trail by a length and a half. Given the cue by Kirby as they straightened for home, Gold Trail overtook Desert God at the top of the lane. The only true threat thereafter was fellow Godolphin colourbearer Prize Money (GB) (Authorized {Ire}), but Gold Trail held that rival comfortably at bay by a length. Gold Trail, a €280,000 Goffs Orby purchase, is a half to G1 Criterium International winner Zafisio (Ire) (Efisio {GB}), G1SW-Fr, GSW-Ger & GSP-Ire, \$260,599. His fourth dam is the great producer Reprocolor (GB) (Jimmy Reppin {GB}), whose four stakes winners include the G1 Champion S. winner Cezanne (GB) (Ajdal), as well as Colorspin (High Top {Ire}), the dam of champions Opera House (GB) (Sadler's Wells), Kayf Tara (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and G1 Prix de l'Opera winner Zee Zee Top (GB) (Zafonic). Gold Trail's dam, Goldthroat, has a 2-year-old colt by Dark Angel (Ire) and a yearling filly by Born To Sea (Ire). Lifetime Record: 20-7-4-2, \$239,713. **Click for the [Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)** O-Godolphin; B-Mrs S M Rogers & Sir Thomas Pilkington (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

### Middle East Report Cont.

**7th-MEY, \$175,000, Hcp, 1-26, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.48, gd.**

**BACCARAT (IRE) (g, 8, Dutch Art {GB}--Zut Alors {Ire} {GSP-Fr & SP-Ger}, by Pivotal {GB})** picked up black-type when third in Newmarket's Listed Hopeful S. over this trip in August, and closed out his British campaign with a second in a Yarmouth conditions race. Breaking in the air under Adam Kirby, Baccarat traveled down the straight in the middle of the tightly packed field. Shaken up by Kirby passing the 400-metre mark, the chestnut hit the lead at the 100-metre mark and had to call on all his reserves to see off stubborn stablemate Jungle Cat (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}). The win was the third on the evening for trainer Charlie Appleby and the second for Kirby. "I was always happy throughout the race," said Kirby. "He really traveled very well and is, basically, a lovely horse and a pleasure to ride as a jockey. It is great to ride a winner here for the Godolphin team and this is a nice horse who could probably step up in trip if they decided to." Baccarat's dam, Zut Alors, is a Group 3-placed daughter of U.S. stakes winner Zeiting (Ire) (Zieten), making her a half-sister to group winners Combat Zone (Ire) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}), Scottish (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) and Royal Empire (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}). The last reported foal of Zut Alors, who has also produced, Peut Etre (Ire) (Whipper), GSP-Fr; and Precieuse (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), MSP-Fr, is a 2-year-old Dark Angel (Ire) colt named Delph Crescent (Ire). Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 25-7-4-3, \$531,313. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [VIDEO.](#) O-Godolphin; B-Twelve Oaks Stud (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

**6th-MEY, \$135,000, Hcp, 1-26, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 8f, 1:37.84, ft.**

**HEAVY METAL (GB) (g, 7, Exceed and Excel {Aus}--Rock Opera {SAF} {G1SW-SAF & SP-UAE, \$115,777} by Lecture)** Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 49-9-8-0, \$639,911. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (GB); T-Salem bin Ghadayer. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

### ANOTHER COBALT BAN IN THE UAE

For the third time in the space of a little over a week, a Purebred Arabian trainer based in the United Arab Emirates has been banned two years for cobalt positives. Nacer Samiri pleaded guilty to presenting two horses to race in November with cobalt in their systems over the allowed limit of 100 micrograms per litre of urine. Both horses were disqualified from their respective races, and Samiri was banned one year for each charge, which stewards directed to be served concurrently. The suspension takes effect immediately and expires Jan. 18, 2018.

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### XTRAVAGANT RETIRED TO NEWHAVEN PARK

G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas hero **Xtravagant (NZ)** (Pentire {GB}--Axiom {NZ}, by Zabeel {NZ}) has been retired to Newhaven Park Stud, New South Wales, the stud announced Thursday. The Te Akau colourbearer, New Zealand champion 3-year-old colt in 2016, also captured the G1 NRM Sprint S. and the G3 Cambridge Breeders S., while winning half of his 12 starts for a record of 12-6-0-1 and earnings of \$321,246.

"He was a breathtaking racehorse with phenomenal speed," said Newhaven Park's John Kelly. "His eight-length win as a 2-year-old was incredible, then his record victories in the Guineas and the Waikato Sprint against older horses were unbelievable. You don't often see horses win by eight and nine lengths in Group 1 company, which he did."



**Xtravagant** | Newhaven Park Stud

"[Co-trainer] Stephen [Autridge] and I were so lucky to train such a gifted and talented horse, he was incredibly fast, had a wonderful turn of foot and everything you look for in a racehorse," said co-trainer Jamie Richards. "To be involved in such a horse this early in my career was a privilege and we wish the team at Newhaven all the very best with a truly wonderful racehorse."

Added Te Akau's David Ellis, who selected Xtravagant out of the New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale for NZ\$375,000, "Xtravagant is certainly one of the most exciting 3-year-olds that Te Akau has had in the last 35 years. He is the highest rated 3-year-old in New Zealand since Bonecrusher, winning two Group 1 races by a combined margin of 16 1/2 lengths. As a 3-year-old he raced in August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March and April and won his last start for the season in the G3 Cambridge Breeders S. in the fastest time since we went from furlongs to metres. He is a wonderful example of equine excellence, has a wonderful temperament and I will be sending mares of my own to Australia to mate with him." [Cont. p10](#)

**Xtravagant Retired to Newhaven park Cont.**

Xtravagant’s dam is a daughter of MGSW Arletty (Centaine {Aus}), herself a full-sister to Australian GSW Firetaine (NZ) and to the SP dam of New Zealand champion 3-year-old filly Legs (NZ) (Pins {Aus}). Also a full-brother to GSW & MG1SP He’s Remarkable (NZ), who was runner-up in the 2010 New Zealand 2000 Guineas as well as two other Group 1s, the imposing dark bay will stand his first season for A\$15,000 in 2017.

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**VOLKSTOK’N’BARRELL FAVORED IN THORNDON MILE**

by Heather Anderson

Three-time Group 1 winner **Volkstok’n’barrell (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}) aims to return to the winner’s circle in the NZ\$200,000 G1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile at Trentham Saturday. Spotting his rivals anywhere from seven to 12 pounds, the 130-pound highweight landed the G1 Bonecrusher New Zealand S. at Ellerslie last March, but has had a bit of an up-and-down record since, finishing third in the G2 A.D. Hollingdale on May 7, before



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Logan and Chris Gibbs charge ran sixth in the G1 Captain Cook S. in his seasonal opener Dec. 3 and gave notice of his improved fitness with a narrow second as the crowd’s pick in the G1 Zabeel Classic on Boxing Day.

“He’s in great shape, but he’s not particularly well in on Saturday although it’s better than him carrying 64kg at Pukekohe,” Logan told [www.racingnews.co.nz](#). “The race will keep him right up to the mark for the [G1] Herbie Dyke S.”

Conditioner Stephen Marsh saddles four chances Saturday, including Dec. 10 Listed J Swap Contractors Spring winner **Thee Auld Floozie (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), with stablemate **Seize the Moment (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}) second, before completing the exacta behind that foe in the G3 Anniversary S. at Trentham Jan. 14.

taking fourth in the G1 Doomben Cup later that month. The 2015 Rosehill Guineas hero emerged lame from the Listed The Wayne Wilson Mile at Eagle Farm when last of 17 going a mile June 11. Given time to recover, the Donna

NEW ZEALAND GROUP 1 RACES – 2016/2017		
Date	Race	Track
Jan. 28	Thorndon Mile	Trentham
Feb. 11	Herbie Dyke S.	Te Rapa
Feb. 11	NRM Sprint	Te Rapa
Feb. 25	Classic S.	Otaki
Mar. 4	New Zealand Derby	Ellerslie
Mar. 11	Auckland Cup	Ellerslie
Mar. 11	New Zealand S.	Ellerslie
Mar. 11	Diamond S.	Ellerslie
Mar. 18	New Zealand Oaks	Trentham
Apr. 1	Manawatu Sires’ Produce S.	Awapuni
Apr. 8	New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders’ S.	Te Aroha

**Ruud Not Too (NZ)** (Bernardini) aims to stretch her winning streak to three, after taking the 1500-metre Rising Stars C’ship Final at Ellerslie Dec. 26 and earned a career best with a victory in the G2 Rich Hill Mile there Jan. 1. Marsh’s quartet is rounded out by G3 Hawkes Bay Breeders Gold Trial hero **Serious Satire (Aus)** (More Than Ready).

“We’ve got four in and they are all running,” Marsh told [www.racingnews.co.nz](#). “It’s very exciting and it’s created a bit of talk too. It was always something we’d worked towards. They all had their final gallops at Cambridge Thursday morning and they all worked exceptionally well too. They are in great order and we just need a bit of luck in the running now.”

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Saturday, Trentham, post time: 4:58 p.m. local time (10:58 p.m. EDT)

**HARCOURTS THORNDON MILE-G1, NZ\$200,000**

(US\$145,333/£115,183/€135,353), Open, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Volkstok’n’barrell (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Cameron	D/C Lgan & Gibbs	130
2	Authentic Paddy (NZ)	Howbaddouwantit	Riddell	Latta	123
3	Ringo (NZ)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Parkes	Breslin	123
4	The Justice League (NZ)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	McCulloch	Tiley	123
5	Stolen Dance (NZ)	Alamosa (NZ)	Innes	Greene	121
6	Abidewithme (NZ)	Rdute’s Chce (Aus)	Bosson	S/J Autrdge & Rchrds	121
7	Seize the Moment (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	NcNab	Marsh	121
8	Ruud Not Too (NZ)	Bernardini	Johnson	Marsh	121
9	Prince of Passion (NZ)	Castledale (Ire)	Coleman	Miller	121
10	Shadow Fox (NZ)	Keeninsky (NZ)	Hannam	Gulliver	121
11	Son of Maher (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Wynne	M/M Pitman	121
12	Girl of My Dreams (NZ)	Gold Centre (Aus)	Allpress	Tiley	119
13	Thee Auld Floozie (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Myers	Marsh	118
14	Serious Satire (Aus)	More Than Ready	Du Plessis	Marsh	118

**Monday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:40 p.m.**

**STEWARDS' CUP-G1**, HK\$10,000,000 (£1,025,286/€1,206,358/

A\$1,710,333/US\$1,289,048), 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Werther (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Clipperton	Moore
2	Sun Jewellery (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Teetan	Size
3	Helene Paragon (Fr)	Polan (Fr)	Berry	Moore
4	Contentment (Aus)	Hussonet	Prebble	Size
5	Giant Treasure	Mizzen Mast	Callan	A Cruz
6	Joyful Trinity (Ire)	Zanzibari	Mosse	Moore
7	Secret Weapon (GB)	Choisir (Aus)	Rawiller	Yip
8	Beauty Flame (Ire)	Foostepsinthesand (GB)	Leung	A Cruz
9	Designs On Rome (Ire)	Holy Romn Empr (Ire)	Whyte	Moore
10	Blazing Speed (GB)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Chadwick	A Cruz
11	Beauty Only (Ire)	Holy Romn Empr (Ire)	Purton	A Cruz
12	Able Friend (Aus)	Shamardal	Moreira	Moore

All carry 126 pounds.

**Monday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:40 p.m.**

**CENTENARY SPRINT CUP-G2**, HK\$8,000,000 (£819,758/€964,729/

A\$1,367,020/US\$1,031,244), 3yo/up, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Not Listenin'tome (Aus)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Berry	Moore
2	Blizzard (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Rispoli	Yiu
3	Strathmore (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Schofield	Millard
4	Amazing Kids (NZ)	Falkirk (NZ)	Moreira	Size
5	Aerovelocity (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Purton	O'Sullivan
6	Lucky Bubbles (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Prebble	Lui
7	Merion (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Leung	D Cruz

All carry 126 pounds.

## NOTABLE AUSTRALIAN-BRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

**6th-KYO, ¥11,400,000 (A\$132k), 3yo, Newcomers, 1600mT**

**FIANO ROMANO (AUS) (Fastnet Rock {Aus})** is a son of Heart Ashley (Lion Heart), a two-time Grade 3 winner in the US at age three and purchased by bloodstock agent James Bester for US\$500,000 at the 2010 Keeneland November Sale before her export to Australia. Bred and consigned to the 2016 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale by Kia-Ora Stud, Fiano Romano attracted a final bid of A\$250,000 from Katsumi Yoshida and faces older 'peers' in this debut. Fiano Romano's 4-year-old full-sister Ameristralia (Aus) carried the Spendthrift Australia silks to victory in a BM84 handicap at Moonee Valley Jan. 21. Her year-younger half-sister by More Than Ready was purchased by Vinery Stud for A\$600,000 at the recently concluded Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

**AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2016/2017**

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 11	C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 18	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 25	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
Mar. 4	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	Canterbury S.	Randwick
	Australian Guineas	Flemington
Mar. 11	Coolmore Classic	Rosehill
	Australian Cup	Flemington
	Lexus Newmarket H.	Flemington
Mar. 18	Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	George Ryder S.	Rosehill
	Ranvet S.	Rosehill
	The Galaxy S.	Rosehill
	Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill
Mar. 24	William Reid S.	Moonee Valley
Mar. 25	The BMW S.	Rosehill
	Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill
<b>THE CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>		
Apr. 1	Doncaster H.	Randwick
	T. J. Smith S.	Randwick
	ATC Australian Derby	Randwick
	ATC Sires' Produce S.	Randwick
Apr. 8	Queen Elizabeth S.	Randwick
	Sydney Cup	Randwick
	ATC Oaks	Randwick
	Queen of the Turf S.	Randwick
Apr. 15	All Aged S.	Randwick
	Champagne S.	Randwick
May 6	Schweppes Oaks	Morphettville
	UBET Classic	Morphettville
May 13	BTC Cup	Doomben
	SA Derby	Morphettville
May 20	Doomben Cup	Doomben
	The Goodwood	Morphettville
May 27	Doomben 10,000	Doomben
June 3	Queensland Oaks	Eagle Farm
June 10	Stradbroke H.	Eagle Farm
	J. J. Atkins	Eagle Farm
	Queensland Derby	Eagle Farm
June 24	Tattersall's Tiara	Eagle Farm