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Classic Empire | Eclipse Sportswire

Classic Empire (Pioneer of the Nile) and **Champagne Room** (Broken Vow), the Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old male and filly, respectively, are the top-weighted horses in their divisions in The Jockey Club Experimental Free Handicap, released Thursday morning.

The Jockey Club Experimental Free Handicap, published each year since 1935, is a weight-based assessment of the previous year's leading 2-year-olds, with the weights compiled for a hypothetical race at 1 1/16 miles. The list of horses eligible for weighting included any 2-year-old male or female that started in a graded or listed stakes in the United States and Canada in 2016.

Of the eligible 469 horses (239 males and 230 fillies) a total of 227 (109 males and 118 fillies) were assigned weights. The leading sire by number of horses weighted was Tapit with eight (3 males, 5 fillies) followed by Into Mischief (7) with two males and five fillies. A trio of sires were tied with six weighted horses--the late Harlan's Holiday (2/4); More Than Ready (3/3) and War Front (1/5). Among freshman sires, Algorithms (3/0), Gemologist (1/2), Maclean's Music (2/1), The Factor (1/2) and Union Rags (1/2) were each represented by three weighted horses.

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O'CONNELL HOPES 'KATE' CONTINUES MOVING 'FORWARD'

By Christie DeBernardis

Wildcat Kate (Kantharos) flew under the radar at 12-1 when springing a narrow upset over favored Todd Pletcher runner **Bode's Dream** (Bodemeister) in Gulfstream's six-panel Old Hat S. Jan. 7 and she maintains that low profile with a 6-1 morning-line quote for Saturday's seven-furlong Gil Forward Gal S. at the Hallandale oval.



Wildcat Kate | Kenny Martin

"She's training very well," trainer Kathleen O'Connell told the TDN Thursday afternoon. "The distance will be a question until after the race [is run], but I think she deserves a shot." **Cont. p3**

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EASTON ANGEL SETS HOT PACE AT TATTS

Easton Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel [Ire]) set a new Tattersalls February record when selling to agent Mick Flanagan for 500,000gns Thursday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)

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Al Shaqab Racing's two-time G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) gave birth to her first foal Thursday, a colt by Dubawi (Ire). Read more in *TDN Euro/International*, p6 | *Zusanna Lupa photo*

PEGASUS TIME LOWERED, SETTING NEW TRACK RECORD 4

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JOSE ORTIZ TO RIDE LAST MONTH OF GP WINTER MEET 5

Eclipse finalist Jose Ortiz will move his tack from New York to Florida for the month of March to ride at Gulfstream full time during the final weeks of the track's Championship meet ending Apr. 2.



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Juvenile Champions Top Experimental Free Handicap cont. from p1

The weighting committee of racing secretaries included five this year: P.J. Campo of the Stronach Group, Ben Huffman of Churchill Downs and Keeneland, Steve Lym of Woodbine Entertainment, Martin Panza of The New York Racing Association Inc., and Thomas S. Robbins of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

Click [here](#) for the list of stallions and click [here](#) for the weightings.

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O'Connell Hopes 'Kate' Continues Moving 'Forward' cont. from p1

Unveiled in a \$50,000 maiden claimer at her trainer's Gulfstream Park West fall/winter base Oct. 20, Wildcat Kate made good on the promise she had shown in her workouts with a 15 3/4-length tour de force in the slop.

"She trained very forwardly and we got lucky that the field came up on the weak side," commented O'Connell, who was not at all surprised by the filly's dominant debut performance. "She has also shown a penchant for the slop, so it kind of all fell together."

Outkicked late and forced to settle for second in the state-bred Juvenile Filly Sprint at Gulfstream West Nov. 12, the San Basilio LLC colorbearer split the reopposing Bode's Dream and **Brahms Cat** (Wildcat Heir) when second in a sloppy renewal of Gulfstream's House Party S. Dec. 10. The bay got the better of Bode's Dream next



Kathleen O'Connell | Jim Lisa

out when capturing the Old Hat by a neck and it was 3 1/4 lengths back to third-place finisher **Summer Luck** (Lookin at Lucky), who also returns in this spot.

While Wildcat Kate has beaten several runner's in Saturday's test, she faces an imposing new shooter in Summer Luck's Grade I-winning stablemate **Pretty City Dancer** (Tapit), but that does not intimidate her conditioner.

"She is running against some of the same horses she has beat or run with and a couple new shooters," remarked O'Connell. "As I said, the distance is the only question. She is training very well coming into the race." **Cont. p4**

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Tapit	3	5	8	Dialed In	1	0	1
Into Mischief	2	5	7	Discreet Cat	0	1	1
Harlan's Holiday	2	4	6	Divine Park	0	1	1
More Than Ready	3	3	6	Dragon Pulse (Ire)	0	1	1
War Front	1	5	6	Elusive City	1	0	1
Speightstown	2	3	5	Exchange Rate	0	1	1
Bernardini	2	3	5	First Defence	0	1	1
Scat Daddy	3	2	5	First Samurai	0	1	1
Curlin	2	2	4	Foxwedge	1	0	1
Spring at Last	2	2	4	Girolamo	0	1	1
Tapizar	2	2	4	Gold Tribute	0	1	1
Algorithms	3	0	3	Great Notion	0	1	1
Candy Ride (Arg)	3	0	3	Harbor the Gold	1	0	1
Distorted Humor	3	0	3	Harbour Master (GB)	1	0	1
Flatter	2	1	3	Harbour Watch (Ire)	0	1	1
Gemologist	1	2	3	High Cotton	0	1	1
Ghostzapper	1	2	3	In Summation	0	1	1
Giant's Causeway	1	2	3	Intimidator	0	1	1
Maclean's Music	2	1	3	Kantharos	0	1	1
Quality Road	1	2	3	Kodiak (GB)	0	1	1
The Factor	1	2	3	Le Havre (GB)	0	1	1
Tiznow	3	0	3	Lonhro (Aus)	0	1	1
To Honor and Serve	2	1	3	Macho Uno	1	0	1
Uncle Mo	1	2	3	Majesticperfection	1	0	1
Union Rags	1	2	3	Mast Track	1	0	1
Warrior's Reward	3	0	3	Midnight Lute	1	0	1
Arch	0	2	2	Mineshaft	1	0	1
Bodemeister	2	0	2	Ministers Wild Cat	0	1	1
Colonel John	1	1	2	Mission Impazible	1	0	1
Congrats	2	0	2	Mr. Big	1	0	1
Creative Cause	1	1	2	Munnings	1	0	1
Dominus	2	0	2	My Golden Song	1	0	1
Drosselmeyer	0	2	2	Not Bourbon	0	1	1
Gone Astray	2	0	2	Oasis Dream (GB)	0	1	1
Hansen	1	1	2	Paddy O'Prado	0	1	1
Hard Spun	1	1	2	Popular	0	1	1
Kitten's Joy	2	0	2	Proud Citizen	1	0	1
Lookin at Lucky	1	1	2	Pure Prize	1	0	1
Majestic Warrior	0	2	2	Ready's Image	1	0	1
Malibu Moon	1	1	2	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	0	1	1
Medaglia d'Oro	0	2	2	Roi Charmant	0	1	1
Mizzen Mast	1	1	2	Rosberg	0	1	1
Myboycharlie (Ire)	2	0	2	Shackleford	1	0	1
Pioneerof the Nile	1	1	2	Sidney's Candy	1	0	1
Royal Applause (GB)	1	1	2	Signature Red	1	0	1
Sky Mesa	0	2	2	Silent Name (Jpn)	1	0	1
Square Eddie	2	0	2	Sing Baby Sing	0	1	1
Super Saver	1	1	2	Stay Thirsty	1	0	1
Tiz Wonderful	1	1	2	Street Boss	0	1	1
Trappe Shot	1	1	2	Stroll	0	1	1
Adios Charlie	0	1	1	Sunday Break (Jpn)	0	1	1
Artie Schiller	1	0	1	Sungold	1	0	1
Astrology	0	1	1	Tale of the Cat	0	1	1
Biondetti	1	0	1	Tiago	0	1	1
Blame	0	1	1	Tizway	0	1	1
Brilliant Speed	0	1	1	Too Much Bling	0	1	1
Broken Vow	0	1	1	US Ranger	1	0	1
Caleb's Posse	1	0	1	Victor's Cry	0	1	1
City Zip	0	1	1	Wilburn	0	1	1
Concord Point	0	1	1	Wildcat Heir	1	0	1
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O'Connell Hopes 'Kate' Continues Moving 'Forward' cont.

When asked if a strong performance Saturday would cause O'Connell to consider the one-mile GII Davona Dale S. Mar. 4, the Detroit native said, "I'm sure seven eighths might be it. You don't know until you try, so we will try this and see where it goes from there. We try to do one race at a time because these horses are very fragile animals and anything can happen."

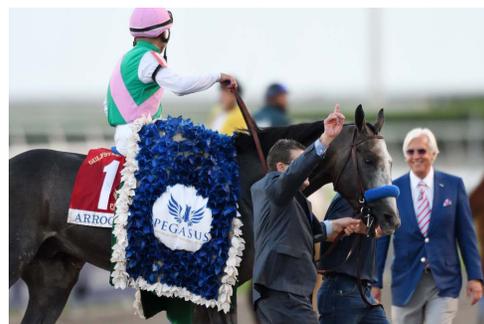
O'Connell has been successful with female sprinters in the past, having trained fleet-footed "TDN Rising Star" Lady Shipman (Midshipman) during her first two seasons on the track which included six stakes wins and a runner-up finish in the 2015 GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. While Lady Shipman's success came on the turf and Wildcat Kate has only run on dirt, the trainer sees an important similarity between the two fillies.

"They both have a very good mind," O'Connell explained. "All these fillies are different, but you always hope they have a good mind because it really helps them progress forward through their career."

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PEGASUS TIME LOWERED, SETTING NEW TRACK RECORD

The official final time for the \$12-million GI Pegasus World Cup won by champion **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) has been lowered



Arrogate | *Andie Biancone*

from 1:47.61 to 1:46.83, setting a new track record for nine furlongs at Gulfstream, Trakus reported late Thursday. (Click [here](#) to view updated chart). The previous record of 1:46.86 was set by Lea (First

Samurai) in the 2014 GI Donn H., which was replaced by the Pegasus this year.

The Trakus release explained, "Trakus technology functions reliably, robustly and on a daily basis all over the world, and has been operated for more than 110,000 races since its introduction in 2006. During the Pegasus World Cup, a minor anomaly in the underlying tracking data was experienced for Arrogate in the measurement cycle reporting as the horse approached the finish line. On major race days, extreme environmental conditions are not unusual and may impact reliable tracking performance. Such conditions existed during the record-setting Pegasus World Cup, which resulted in the live race final time being measured with an error of a fraction of a second." **Cont. p5**

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Pegasus Time Lowered, Setting New Track Record cont.

Arrogate returned to his California base Sunday and trainer Bob Baffert reports that the “TDN Rising Star” is doing well following his Pegasus romp.

“He looks great,” Baffert remarked. “He was out jogging here [Thursday], but we have no plans yet [for his next race]. We’ve got a lot of options, but we’re going to give him a couple weeks to see how he’s doing before we decide.”

The Hall of Famer continued, “I haven’t really mapped out a schedule for him, although it looks like the race didn’t take a lot out of him. He looks good.”

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ARKLOW TO RISEN STAR

Donegal Racing’s Arklow (Arch) will look to break his maiden in the GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds Feb. 25. The bay was most recently seen finishing fourth in the GIII Lecomte S. in NOLA Jan. 21 for trainer Brad Cox.

“He came out of it in good order,” Cox said. “I thought it was a very good race. In the stretch, the eventual runner-up [Untrapped (Trappe Shot)] came out on him twice and he kind of shied away from him. I think if that wouldn’t have happened, maybe he would have been third.”

Cox continued, “He should move forward off that race. The goal with him is to get him to the [GI] Kentucky Derby, eventually, but for right now, we’ll focus on the Risen Star.”

Third on debut at Churchill Downs Nov. 6, Arklow finished a non-factor seventh after acting up at the gate in Louisville 20 days later. He improved to be second to Lecomte third-place finisher Takeoff (Arch) next out at Fair Grounds Dec. 26.

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JOSE ORTIZ TO RIDE LAST MONTH OF GP WINTER MEET

Jockey Jose Ortiz, who topped all North American jockeys in the wins category with 351 in 2016, will ride at Gulfstream full time for the final month of the track’s Championship meet, which ends Apr. 2.

“It’s great for a young guy like me to be in this position right now and show that I can do it,” Ortiz said. “In the month of March I’m coming down to ride, and I’m looking forward to coming here to ride again next winter. I think it’s the right time for me to try. I think this year I should have come, but I was getting married and I’m having a baby so I wanted to stay home one more year.” *Cont. p6*



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Jose Ortiz after winning his first Breeders' Cup race aboard Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy) in the GI BC Juvenile Turf | Horsephotos

Ortiz had a big Saturday in Hallandale last weekend, winning the GIII La Prevoyante S. aboard Suffused (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) and a maiden special weight with impressive Shug McGaughey pupil Snap Decision (Hard Spun); as well as finishing second in the \$12-million GI Pegasus World Cup with Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper). After Gulfstream, the Eclipse finalist plans to ride the spring and fall meets at both Keeneland and Belmont and will defend his title at Saratoga.

"I'm flying all over the place and doing great," Ortiz remarked. "I'm just thankful to God for keeping me healthy and thankful for the opportunity and my family. Everything is going great. It's exciting. Everything is going in the right direction right now."

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SUPER OFFERING AT FASIG WINTER SALE

by Jessica Martini

In September of 2015, 'TDN Rising Star' Super Majesty (Super Saver) became the first graded stakes winner for the burgeoning racing stable of the Roth family's LNJ Foxwoods. The Roths are intent on building a world-class broodmare band, but advisor Alex Solis, Jr. admitted "they can't keep everything," so Super Majesty will join the first wave of the family's runners to be offered at auction when she goes through the sales ring during Monday's first session of the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale as [hip 238](#) through the Darby Dan Farm consignment.

"We were watching the trends in the market and it seemed like these really nice race fillies that are graded stakes winners that are really good looking, they are really bringing a premium right now," Solis explained. "At the [Keeneland] January sale, we saw that Grade III-winning Tapit filly Delightful Joy brought \$700,000."

Super Majesty was entered in last year's Fasig-Tipton November sale, but was taken out of that auction as the team mulled mating options.



Super Majesty | Reed Palmer

Continued Solis, "We had her entered [in the November sale], but then we thought, 'Let's put her in foal and sell her next November.' But we've decided this is really a good time to take a shot and see how the market reacts to her. We thought that this would be good timing."

Solis and Jason Litt purchased Super Majesty for \$400,000 at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Florida sale on behalf of LNJ Foxwoods.

"I talked to [consignor] Eddie Woods that year and asked him for a couple of fillies that he really thought a lot of and he told me he had a couple of fillies he really liked," Solis recalled. "He gave me three fillies. He told me about her, he told me about [GISP] Enchanting Lady and he told me about Lady Eli. We were the underbidders on Enchanting Lady the sale before and then we went to that sale and Jason and I both really loved Super Majesty--we loved the look of her."

Super Majesty dominated in her first starts in the spring and summer of 2015 and went wire-to-wire to win the GIII Dogwood S. at Churchill Downs. That victory earned her a spot in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint, where she came home 12th.

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“You talk about raw talent,” Solis said of the now 5-year-old mare. “If you go watch her races, breaking her maiden first time out in 1:08 and change and coming back and winning her first condition by 15 lengths, she was the complete package. She won the Dogwood very impressively and our original plan was to go in the GII Raven Run S. with her and then aim for the GI La Brea S., but she was training so well after the Dogwood, Jerry [Hollendorfer] said, ‘Why don’t we take a shot in the Breeders’ Cup.’ She was a really neat filly. She was the Roths’ first filly to really show immense talent.”

Super Majesty is out of graded stakes winner Gins Majesty (Go For Gin), a half-sister to GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint winter Dancing in Silks (Black Minnaloushe) and Grade I-placed Love at Noon (Afternoon Deelites). The bay’s pedigree and looks should make her a standout at the two-day Winter Mixed sale, according to Solis.

“I think when people see her, they are going to love her,” he said. “She is a big, good-sized, she’s probably 16.2 hands, she has nice length and she’s a good scopey mare with a lovely walk. Physically, she’s hard to knock. She is a really imposing filly and really kind to be around. She is a Grade III winner out of a graded stakes winner. She’s really good looking by a good stallion. I don’t think it’s very often you get to see such a proven racehorse in the February sale with that kind of pedigree that is that good-looking. I think everyone is going to be pleasantly surprised when they see her.”

Super Majesty’s win in the Dogwood was the first graded win for LNJ Foxwoods. She was followed less than a month later by GI Frizette S. winner Nickname (Scat Daddy) and Dreamologist (Tapit) and ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ Constellation (Bellamy Road) have since continued the graded stakes winning trend.

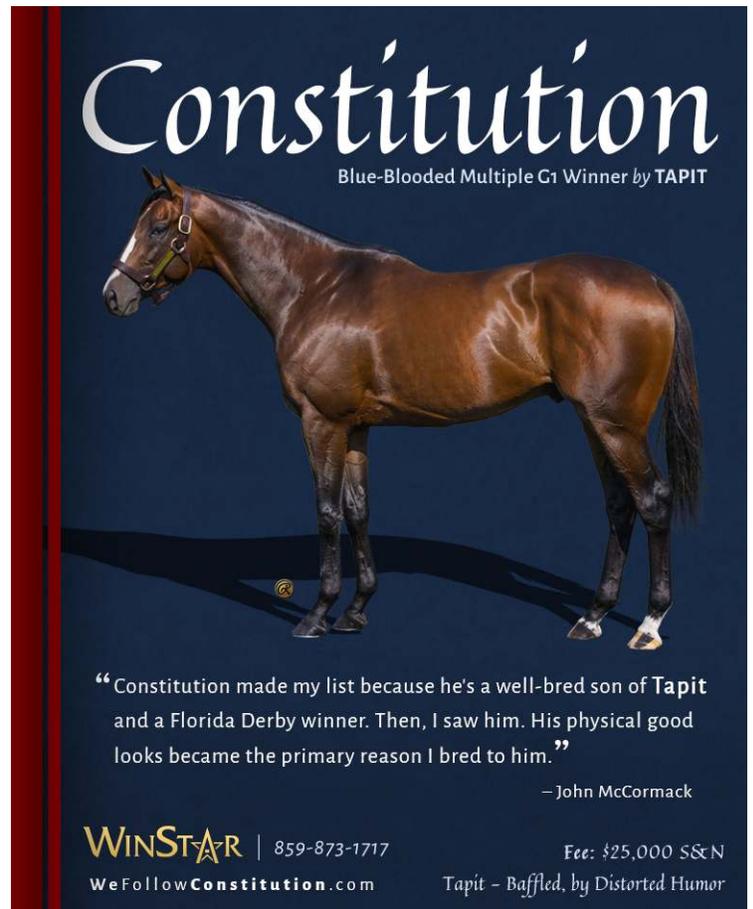
Solis acknowledged it was a tough decision to sell the mare who gave the young operation its first graded victory.

“I think we’d love to keep them all, but it’s one of those things that we’ve put a plan in place and it was set to keep no more than 15 mares. At this point in time, we’re just getting numbers a little over that. So we sold Burning Arch ([hip 134](#)) in [Keeneland] November [for \$325,000], we sold another one privately, and she is the next one. We’re at the point where you’re going to see more LNJ Foxwoods fillies sold.”

Solis continued, “They want to run it like a business and I think we have to put ourselves in every opportunity to be profitable. We think this is the perfect time to be selling her. What we’ve seen with the market, she is everything everyone is looking for.”

The Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale gets underway at 10 a.m. Monday in Lexington.

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FLORIDA

Thursday’s Results:

9th-GP, \$40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.47, ft.

APOLOGYNOTACCEPTED (m, 6, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Withmom’s approval, by With Approval**)** was named a ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ for her 16-length debut romp sprinting here for trainer David Kassen last March, but just hadn’t come close to running back to that effort in five subsequent tries for Bill Mott. Last seen checking in seventh going six panels at the Big A Dec. 4, the 3-1 shot set the pace and never looked back en route to a convincing six-length success. Realistic (Tapit) completed the exacta. The winner is a half-sister to last Saturday’s GIII Hurricane Bertie S. heroine Curlin’s Approval (Curlin), as well as an unraced 3-year-old filly named Curlin’s Mistress (Curlin) and a yearling colt by Morning Line. Withmom’s approval was bred back to Fusaichi Pegasus. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$73,635. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Alter’s Racing Stable (Happy Alter), Gary Barber & Wachtel Stable; B-Happy Alter (KY); T-William I. Mott.

 **Hidden Brook Foaled & Raised** 

8th-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 2-2, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.37, fm.
MUTAZEN (g, 5, Candy Ride {Arg}--Wynyard, by Mr. Greeley), a \$500,000 KEESEP yearling, finished third in his best outing from six tries in Ireland for Dermot Weld in 2015, and rounded out the trifecta in his belated return to the races for this outfit Dec. 26 behind regally bred 'TDN Rising Star' Delta Prince (Street Cry {Ire}). Favored at even-money here, the bay sat perched just off the pacesetter, took over in upper stretch and had 3 1/2 lengths to spare at the wire on stablemate Travis County (Tapit), an \$850,000 KEESEP pick-up by Godolphin. Mutazen is a full-brother to Wynning Ride, SW & MGISP, \$345,108. His dam is responsible for a newly turned 2-year-old colt by Awesome Again and a yearling filly by Candy Ride. She was bred back to Awesome Again last season. Lifetime Record: 8-1-0-2, \$27,183. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Shadwell Stable; B-Liberty Road Stables (KY); T-K McLaughlin.



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8th-GP, \$48k, Alw/OC, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 4:02 p.m. EDT
 Flashy 'TDN Rising Star' **BATTALION RUNNER (Unbridled's Song)** headlines this strong field that will likely produce some Triple Crown trail performers in the coming months. A troubled-trip second behind 'Rising Star' and subsequent GIII Sanford S. runner-up Random Walk (Super Saver) at Belmont last June, the \$700,000 KEESEP yearling resurfaced going seven furlongs here Dec. 31, and romped to an 8 3/4-length victory, good for a 1 on Thoro-Graph and 96 Beyer Speed Figure. The grey, who closed at 22.8-1 in last weekend's GI Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 2, was flattered on last Saturday's card when Lookin For Eight (Lookin At Lucky), runner-up to him previously, returned to graduate by three lengths with a six-point Beyer improvement.

Painter's Rags (Union Rags) uncorked a wide, sweeping move to break maiden first up going a muddy mile at Laurel Dec. 26 over a next-out winner. The \$175,000 KEENOV weanling gets first-time Lasix from Graham Motion here.

Beasley (Shackleford), his sire's priciest yearling at auction in 2015 when he brought \$340,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga, was game when breaking his maiden by a nose at Aqueduct Dec. 1 for a generally patient conditioner. He checked in a decent second here behind a loose leader going seven panels Jan. 6 and gave the impression of one who might appreciate two turns.

Fire for Effect (Smart Strike), a grinding maiden winner over track and trip Jan. 7, has been cross-entered in Saturday's GII Holy Bull S. [TJCIS PPs -@BDiDonatoTDN](#)

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EASTERN U.S.

MHIF Introduces Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program:

The Maryland Horse Industry Foundation will launch the Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program this June. The MTCP is a six-day curriculum that will increase awareness of the career opportunities available in the Thoroughbred industry; provide access to leaders in Maryland's racing industry; highlight various paths for pursuing a career in racing; and address the need to attract and retain experienced employees.

"It is a challenge to get young professionals to take a look at all of the career options available at the track--accounting, guest services, catering and more," said Sal Sinatra, General Manager of the Maryland Jockey Club. "The Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program will provide people that are passionate about horses the opportunity to get a first hand look at the wide variety of jobs the Thoroughbred industry has to offer. This program inspired us to launch the Maryland Jockey Club Students on Track Career Initiative, which will work hand-in-hand with the MTCP to attract and retain the next generation of leaders in the Maryland horse industry."

The program is open to U.S. residents ages 17 to 21 and a maximum of six people will be selected for the inaugural class. Those that complete the program are eligible to apply for a one-time funding to further their career pursuits within two years of the program's end. Applications are due Apr. 21 and can be found [here](#).

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CENTRAL U.S.

Thursday's Results:

8th-OP, \$74,000, Alw, 2-2, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.52, ft.

IMPASSE (f, 4, Quality Road--Tempus Fugit {MSW & GSP, \$344,471}, by Alphabet Soup), last seen checking in a well-beaten fifth while still diploma-less in this venue's GIII Fantasy S. last April, resurfaced in this somewhat unorthodox spot, but soon proved that her Hall of Fame conditioner knew exactly what he was doing. Off at just a tick under 7-1, the homebred shifted a bit in at the start, but quickly recovered to chase the pace in second off the rail through opening splits of :23.36 and :48.04. She took over willingly midway along the turn for home, and poured it on from there, streaking to the line seven lengths clear of Folded Wings (Lemon Drop Kid), who was another five clear of the third finisher. **Cont. p4**

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The winner is a half to Majestic River (A.P. Indy), GSW, \$258,138: unraced 3-year-old colt and \$250,000 KEESep yearling Alphatime (Distorted Humor); and a 2-year-old colt by Tiznow. Her dam most recently visited Medaglia d'Oro. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$62,477. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
O-Briland Farm; B-Briland Farm, Robert & Stacy Mitchell (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas.

3rd-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 2-2, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.44, ft.

EXCITATIONS (c, 3, Into Mischief--Summer Song {MSW & MGSP, \$336,981}, by Sunday Break {Jpn}) ran a bang-up race first out over track and trip Dec. 16, finishing second by a head while 9 1/4 lengths clear of the third finisher, good for a solid 87 Beyer Speed Figure. Backed all the way down to 1-9 here while carrying the festive silks of the [Fair Grounds Racing Club](#), the Triple Crown nominee broke like a shot from the rail, but was out-footed soon after and shuffled back slightly into a pocket trip. Guided into the clear under a confident Miguel Mena through a half in



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:45.66, the bay kicked on with only mild encouragement to best pacesetter Olivia's Uncle (Uncle Mo) by 2 3/3 lengths. A \$100,000 KEESep yearling acquisition, Excitations blossomed into a \$335,000 OBS April 2-year-old purchase by Spendthrift Farm after a [:10 flat](#) breeze. A half-sister to GISW Don't Tell Sophia (Congaree), Summer Song has a Shanghai Bobby filly of 2015 who brought \$90,000 at Keeneland September last year. She was bred to Super Saver last season. The Fair Grounds Racing Club is structured as a 501(c)(7) Not for Profit Social Club, and a check worth \$32,800--Excitations's earnings to date--was presented to the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles Cancer Center in the winner's circle Thursday. [Click here](#) for more information about Fair Grounds Racing Club, which also campaigns Jan. 26 runner-up Efforting (Into Mischief). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Fair Grounds Racing Club, Inc.; B-Richard & Connie Snyder (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

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Relentless Racing Starts Gofundme for Fallen Oaks Farm Owners:

Relentless Racing has started a GoFundMe to raise money for fellow Louisiana horsemen Bobby and Ronnie Stubbs of Fall Oaks Farm, whose home burned down Saturday. The fire, which was caused by wiring issues, destroyed 85% of the home and most of the Stubbs' personal belongings. The family, their horses and other animals were all unharmed. To donate to the Stubbs family click [here](#).

CALIFORNIA

Thursday's Results:

ASTRA II S., \$79,725, SA, 2-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:28.07, fm. 1--**GOODYEARFORROSES (IRE), 122, m, 5, Azamour (Ire)--Guilia (GB), by Galileo (Ire)**. (\$200,000 4yo '16 FTKNOV).
O-Abbondanza Racing, LLC; B-The Hornets (IRE); T-Richard Baltas; J-Corey S. Nakatani. \$46,800. Lifetime Record: GSP, 14-6-0-2, \$245,995. *1/2 to God's Speed (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), SP-Fr, \$176,283.

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2--**Estrechada (Arg)**, 120, m, 6, Offlee Wild--Escayola (Arg), by Roy. O-Rivica Inc.; B-La Esperanza (ARG); T-Mike Puype. \$15,600.
3--**Ryans Charm**, 124, m, 7, Heatseeker (Ire)--Lemon Fresh Tide, by Lemon Drop Kid. (\$6,000 Ylg '11 KEESep). O-Takaya Shimakawa; B-Ann Marie Farm (KY); T-Patrick Gallagher. \$9,360.
Margins: 1 1/4, 2 1/4, 1. Odds: 3.60, 56.70, 1.60.
Also Ran: Queen Blossom (Ire), Frenzified (GB), Dressed to a T, Dreamarcher, Ginga (Arg), Backintheacademy, Into The Mystic (Ire).

Goodyearforroses, a stakes winner going this distance over Woodbine synthetic last August and a close third in the GIII Maple Leaf S. at 10 panels there in November, is now a perfect two-for-two since being scooped up for \$200,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton November sale. Last seen romping home in the sloppy, rained-off and subsequently downgraded Robert J. Frankel S. Dec. 31, the bay mare was unhurried in the early going and found her way to midpack while drafting under a hard hold past the stands for the first time. Threading the needle under a chilly ride from Corey Nakatani on the home bend, she quickly picked off her competition when tipped into the clear and was geared down late ahead of rank outsider Estrechada, who was last seen being eased in the GII Marathon S. over the main track on Breeders' Cup Friday Nov. 4. Ryans Charm, the the Peruvian MG1SW who was sixth in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf in her North American debut, could only manage a non-threatening third. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

INDUSTRY INFO

Regulatory Policies to Undergo Review at ARCI Meeting:

The 2017 ARCI Conference on Racing Integrity and Equine Welfare in April will focus on what is and isn't working in racing regulation. The conference, which will be held in Charleston, SC, Apr. 18-20, is open to anyone involved in the industry and interested parties can register [here](#).

The current drug testing program will undergo review by a panel of experts addressing the topic, "Drug Testing: Are We Getting it Right and Catching the Cheaters?". The use of a riding crop and addressing race rule violations will also be discussed.

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NOTABLE US-BRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

Saturday, February 4, 2017

7th-TOK, ¥13,720,000 (US\$122k), Alw, 3yo, 1400m

MRS WATANABE (Tapizar), a \$130K KEESEP yearling turned \$295K OBSMAR breezer, overcame post position 16 to graduate at first asking over course and trip at Tokyo Oct. 15 and gave a good account of herself last time, finishing runner-up in a 1200-meter turf test at Hanshin Dec. 18. Mrs Watanabe is closely related to MGSP Tap for Luck (Tapit), while her MSW & GSP second dam Gerri N Jo Go (Top Command) is the dam of GSW Freefourracing (French Deputy). She squares off here with **Animal In Me (Run Away and Hide)**, an impressive debut winner at Nakayama on Christmas Day.

Sunday, February 5, 2017

3rd-KYO, ¥13,720,000 (US\$122k), Alw, 3yo, 1400m

BLANC ECLAT (Hansen), a \$24K OBSJAN short yearling purchase in 2015 was resold for \$38K as an FTKOCT yearling several months later, but fetched \$225K at the 2016 FTFMAR sale, the top price for a colt from 31 to sell from his sire's first crop. The gray colt defeated fellow US-bred Baskerville (Bernardini) in a 1600-meter maiden at Tokyo Oct. 23 and exits a third to Triple Crown nominee Mont Saint Legame (Jpn) (Came Home) in the Nov. 26 Cattleya Sho (1600m). He hails from a family that has raced successfully in this country, as his champion second dam Katies (Ire) (Nonoalco) produced three-time Japanese champion Hishi Amazon (Theatrical {Ire}).

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- AMERICAIN** (Dynaformer), Calumet Farm, \$20K, 69/2/0
9-TP, Msw 6 1/2f, +A. P. Americain, 8-1
- BODEMEISTER** (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 262/17/1
8-GP, Aoc 1 1/16m, Silent Decree, \$420K FTF MAR 2yo, 5-1
- BOLD WARRIOR** (Bernardini), Roseglade Farm, \$2.5K, 38/4/0
9-TP, Msw 6 1/2f, +One Bold Move, 15-1
- DOMINUS** (Smart Strike), Spendthrift Farm, \$6.5K, 85/10/2
3-DED, Msw 5f, +She's a Smart Cat, \$2K ESL YRL yrl, 12-1
- FORMIDABLE** (Sky Mesa), Iowa State University, 2/0/0
6-HOU, Msw 6f, +Aced My Finals, \$1K IOW OCT yrl, 8-1
- GEMOLOGIST** (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 205/18/2
6-SA, Aoc 7f, Diamondinthecenter, \$170K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-1
- HANSEN** (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 129/25/1
8-TP, Aoc 6f, Que Hansen, \$37K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 5-2
- MACHO ROCKET** (Macho Uno), 19/0/0
7-OP, Msw 6f, Alvin's Touch, 7-2
- MISSION IMPAZIBLE** (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York, \$7.5K, 121/8/1
8-TP, Aoc 6f, Proud Mission, \$6K FTK OCT yrl, 5-1
- REDDING COLLIERY** (Mineshaft), Red River Farms, \$2K, 64/4/0
3-DED, Msw 5f, Hot and Ready, \$2K ESL YRL yrl, 9-2
- 8-FG, Aoc 6f, Imindycatbirdseat, 4-1
- REWARD THE CAT** (Good Reward), 5/0/0
6-HOU, Msw 6f, +Judah, 12-1
- SHACKLEFORD** (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 208/23/1
8-GP, Aoc 1 1/16m, Beasley, \$340K FTS AUG yrl, 9-2
- SOARING EMPIRE** (Empire Maker), Rockridge Stud, \$2.5K, 42/2/0
6-HOU, Msw 6f, Saratoga Candy, \$1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl, 20-1
- STAY THIRSTY** (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 160/20/1
9-TP, Msw 6 1/2f, Fulkerson, 12-1
- UNION RAGS** (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 220/19/3
8-GP, Aoc 1 1/16m, Painter's Rags, \$175K KEE NOV wnl, 6-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-AQU, \$67,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.37, ft.

ANNIE ROCKS (f, 4, A. P. Warrior--Five Star Annie, by Five Star Day) Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-2, \$175,025. O-Michael Dubb; B-Brenda Jones & Silver Oaks Farm (FL); T-Jason Servis. *\$40,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$27,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

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6th-FG, \$44,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-2, 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.05, fm.

EDEN GREY'S KITTEN (g, 5, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Steaming Home {SW-Ire}, by Salt Lake) Lifetime Record: 19-6-5-2, \$187,420.

O-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC; B-Danny M. & Donna B. Brown (LA); T-Steven B. Flint. *\$18,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$92,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Backseat Memories (Johar), MSW, \$142,180; full to Steaming Kitten, GSW-Ity, \$242,155.

 **Hidden Brook Sales Graduate** 

3rd-PEN, \$33,300, (S), 2-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:41.18, ft.

TACTICAL PLAN (c, 4, Cat Thief--Perfect Plan {SW}, by Game Plan) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-0, \$69,268. O/B-Michael W. Jester (PA); T-Michael V. Pino.

4th-PEN, \$30,149, 2-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.98, ft.

NICK CAN FIX (g, 4, Majestic Warrior--Carly's City, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$80,950. O-Vince Campanella; B-Langsem Farm, Inc (OH); T-Keith Nations. *\$60,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

3rd-PEN, \$28,880, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-2, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.28, ft.

FIVE CENTS (g, 6, [Mineshaft](#)--Lac Du Printemps, by

Meadowlake) Lifetime Record: 49-12-13-6, \$235,981. O-James C. Wolf; B-David W Bowman (KY); T-Timothy C. Kreiser. *\$270,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. **1/2 to The Accuser (Flower Alley), GSP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

A. P. Zona, c, 3, [Creative Cause](#)--A. P. Investment, by A.P. Indy. SA, 2-2, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.28. B-Northwest Farms LLC (KY). *\$40,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$20,000 RNA Ylg '15 ARZNOV. **19th winner for sire (by Giant's Causeway).

Sterling General, g, 3, [Gandhi](#)--Reece Land, by Deputy Commander. CT, 2-2, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.29. B-Sterling Farm WV LLC (MD).

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Dream Trip, c, 3, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Dream Fuhrever, by Langfuhr. GP, 2-2, (C), 1mT, 1:35.08. B-Mrs. Jerry Amerman (KY).

Nicky Numbers, g, 3, [Run Away and Hide](#)--Daedal, by Orientate. OP, 2-2, (C), 6f, 1:11.52. B-Ikhana Farm (KY). *\$15,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV.

Gentlemens Half, g, 4, [Half Ours](#)--Sugar Loaf Gal, by Gentlemen (Arg). DED, 2-1, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.64. B-William E. Simmons (LA).

Last Kiss, f, 4, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Carafe (MSP, \$215,915), by Devil's Bag. GP, 2-2, 6f, 1:11.80. B-Stone Farm & Joseph W. Sutton (KY). *\$90,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$145,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **Full to Kitty Wine, SW, \$258,230.

Meemaw's Heart, f, 4, [Lion Hearted](#)--Even Aim, by Stephen Got Even. CT, 2-1, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.84. B-Stephen Reggetts (WV).

Shimmering Moon, f, 4, [Malibu Moon](#)--Shine Upon (MSW, \$178,937), by Congaree. AQU, 2-2, (S), 6f, 1:12.19. B-Hoffman Thoroughbreds LLC. & Blue Bison Stables, LLC (NY). *Won by 17 1/2 lengths at 15-100.

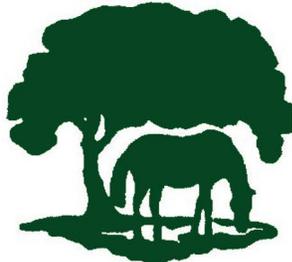
Remembermis, g, 4, [Misremembered](#)--School Girl, by Snow Ridge. FG, 2-2, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:31.69. B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA). *\$40,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

It's All Me, m, 5, [Congrats](#)--Oxford Scholar (SW, \$102,030), by Seeking the Gold. DED, 2-1, 5f, 1:00.14. B-Michael J Snyder (KY). *\$35,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. **1/2 to Turnbolt (Deputy Minister), GSP, \$219,234; Smokin Forest (Forestry), SW, \$138,335; Scholastic Giant (Giant's Causeway), SW, \$114,120.

Nikki's Rose, m, 5, [Jonesboro](#)--Smell the Roses (SW), by Storm and a Half. OP, 2-2, (S), 6f, 1:13.39. B-Eugenia Thompson (AR).

Tiz Our Time, m, 5, [Tiz Wonderful](#)--Exquisite Option, by Silver Deputy. CT, 2-1, 4 1/2f, :52.83. B-Sam E. English (VA). *\$12,000 RNA Wlg '12 EASDEC.

David's Memory, g, 5, [Vronsky](#)--Judge's Pegasus, by Unusual Heat. SA, 2-2, (S), 6 1/2fT, 1:12.94. B-David Nelson (CA). *\$2,700 3yo '15 BAROCT.



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NEWMARKET, UK--Dual listed winner **Easton Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) set a new record top price for the Tattersalls February Sale, selling for 500,000gns to lead a strong day's trade dominated by breeding prospects at Park Paddocks.

Agent Mick Flanagan had the final say for the 4-year-old filly ([lot 100](#)), but he was chased all the way by Arrowfield Stud's Paul Messara who had flown over from Australia for the sale but lost out on the day's star prize, offered by The Castlebridge Consignment on behalf of owners Al Shaqab Racing and Ritchie Fiddes. Messara wasn't Flanagan's only rival in a lively bidding round for the grey sprinter, with Cheveley Park Stud's Chris Richardson also getting involved, along with Easton Angel's original owner Ritchie Fiddes, Jake Warren and Daniel Creighton.

"I came here to buy her as a breeding prospect but the options are open as I'm told there's still plenty of racing in her," Flanagan said. "She's a good, quick filly with a great physical and she moves like a panther. She's been bought for a new client based in Europe so she will stay here."

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V'LANDYS TALKS AUSTRALIA'S EVEREST

Q&A by Kelsey Riley

Royal Randwick racecourse in Sydney, Australia will host the world's richest 1200-metre race and richest turf race on Oct. 14 with the inaugural running of the A\$10-million The Everest. An initiative of Racing NSW and the Australian Turf Club, The Everest--which will be a weight-for-age race for 3-year-olds and up--will also be the richest race in Australia, dwarfing the A\$6.2-million G1 Melbourne Cup. The Everest follows in the mould of The Stronach Group's GI Pegasus World Cup, in that the 12 starting spots are available to purchase, for A\$600,000. The purse will be fully funded by the entry fee as well as additional revenues generated from the event such as wagering, sponsor and broadcast revenues as well as other raceday revenues, and all profits will be distributed among the slot holders.

TDN International Editor Kelsey Riley caught up with Racing NSW Chief Executive Peter V'landys on Thursday to delve deeper into The Everest. [Cont. p4](#)

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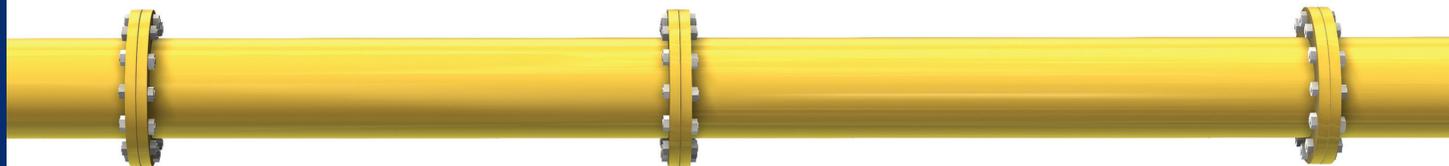
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Easton Angel Sets Hot Pace at Tatts February cont. from p1

Trained by Michael Dods, Easton Angel won her first two starts for Fiddes and then finished runner-up to Acapulco (Scat Daddy) in the G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot after being part-sold to Al Shaqab. At three she added victories in the Listed Westow S. and Listed Scurry S. to her record.

Despite being the day's top price by a wide margin, Easton Angel was one of five lots to sell for a six-figure sum, a mark reached by only one horse at this sale last year. It wasn't just the session-topper that set a new record. With another day of action still to come, the turnover of 3,273,300gns was also a February record--up 20% on last year's previous best aggregate--while the average of 20,849gns was up by 92% on 2016 and the median also rose, by 40%, at 7,000gns. A total of 157 of the 185 horses offered on Thursday were sold, a clearance rate of 85% which was also an improvement on last year.



Mick Flanagan, buyer of Easton Angel | Tattersalls

The sole offering from Anna Sundstrom's Coulonces Consignment was **Dressed In Fur (Ire)** (Excellent Art {GB})--sensible advice in the fierce Newmarket wind--and the Group 2-placed multiple winner ([lot 166](#)) made the trip from France a worthwhile one, eliciting a final bid of 155,000gns from Cormac McCormack. **Cont. p3**

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Selling for the first time at the February Sale, Sundstrom was delighted with the result and said she decided to come to Tattersalls "because all the buyers are here."

Runner-up in both the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte and G3 Prix Miesque, Dressed In Fur is out of a half-sister to the G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas winner Araafa (Ire) (Mull Of Kintyre), her grandam Resurgence (GB) (Polar Falcon) being a sister to Pivotal (GB). The 4-year-old filly will be covered this season by new Coolmore sire The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

Bar one filly from Shadwell, the remainder of the leaderboard was dominated by fillies and mares from the Godolphin draft, its 53 lots sold contributing a total of 1,689,300gns to the day's turnover.



Dressed In Fur | Tattersalls

Gay O'Callaghan selected the listed-placed dual winner **Masaya (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) ([lot 68](#)) to join the broodmare band at his Yeomanstown Stud, going to 115,000gns for the 9-year-old who was one of three mares sold in foal to O'Callaghan's homebred stallion Dark Angel (Ire).

Buying through BBA Ireland, Maurice Regan of Newtown Anner Stud picked up another of the trio, **Dancealot (GB)** (Lawman {Fr}) ([lot 167](#)), for 100,000gns and the 6-year-old mare will be covered by Regan's homebred Fascinating Rock (Ire), who is standing his first season at Ballylinch Stud this year.

As the sole mare in the catalogue to be carrying a first-crop foal of the Derby and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Golden Horn (GB), **Labise (Ire)** ([lot 171](#)) had rarity value, and the young daughter of the late Azamour (Ire) duly attracted a bid of 110,000gns from Tim Gredley. The 6-year-old half-sister to three black-type performers from Kenilworth House Stud's Peintre Celebre mare What A Picture (Fr) didn't have far to travel home from Tattersalls. She will take up residence at Bill and Tim Gredley's Stetchworth Park Stud--the birthplace of dual G2 Goodwood Cup winner Big Orange (GB) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire})--just a few miles down the road.

"We're building up our broodmare band and trying to improve the quality. She ticked all the boxes," Gredley commented.

Paul Makin is sending four mares to his first-season sire Marcel (Ire), who is standing in Newmarket at the National Stud. That quartet includes the Australian's latest purchase, **Murhibaany** (Elusive Quality) ([lot 61](#)), a grand-daughter of Sheikh Hamdan's champion filly, the Classic winner Shadayid (Shadeed), out of the listed winner Alshadiyah (Danzig). The unraced 3-year-old was sold for 80,000gns.

The international cast of buyers at Tattersalls for the first of two days' trade included WinStar Farm, which signed for a Shamardal filly out of Tiznow's Grade II-winning sister Tizdubai (Cee's Tizzy) ([lot 191](#)) at 45,000gns. Named **Fancy Day (Ire)**, the 3-year-old was a winner last year on debut for Mark Johnston. WinStar's David Hanley was back in action just nine lots later, adding the Distorted Humor filly Ribbing ([lot 200](#)) to the day's purchases for 50,000gns. Now four and placed on each of her starts, Ribbing is out of the G3 Kolner Herbst Stuten Meile runner-up Contentious (Giant's Causeway), herself a grand-daughter of multiple Grade I winner Inside Information.

Three Chimneys Bloodstock also featured on the buyers' sheet via the purchase of [lot 193](#), **Beautiful Escape** (Elusive Quality), a 3-year-old daughter of Brazilian Grade I winner Aviacion (Brz) (Know Heights {Ire}), for 58,000gns.

The extended February Sale concludes on Friday with a session of horses in training, commencing at 10 a.m.

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TATTERSALLS FEBRUARY SALE
THURSDAY'S TOP FIVE LOTS

Hip	Name	Status	Price (gns)
100	Easton Angel (Ire) <i>(f, 4, Dark Angel {Ire})--Staceymac {Ire}, by Elnadim</i>	Not in training	500,000
	Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by Mick Flanagan, agent		
166	Dressed In Fur (Ire) <i>(f, 4, Excellent Art {GB})--Little Empress {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}</i>	Horse in training	155,000
	Consigned by Coulonces Consignment Purchased by Cormac McCormack Bloodstock		
68	Masaya (GB) <i>(9, Dansili {GB})--Anbella {Fr}, by Common Grounds {GB}</i>	i/f Dark Angel (Ire)	115,000
	Consigned by Godolphin, property of Rabbah Bloodstock Purchased by Yeomanstown Stud		
171	Labise (Ire) <i>(6, Azamour {Ire})--What a Picture {Fr}, by Peintre Celebre</i>	i/f Golden Horn (GB)	110,000
	Consigned by Godolphin, property of Rabbah Bloodstock Purchased by Tim Gredley		

Tattersalls February cont.

167 **Dancealot (GB)** **i/f Dark Angel (Ire)** **100,000**
(6, Lawman {Fr}--Dance of Light, by Sadler's Wells)
 Consigned by Godolphin, property of Rabbah Bloodstock
 Purchased by BBA Ireland



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*SESSION TOTALS	2017
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• No. Offered	185
• No. Sold	157
• RNAs	28
• % RNAs	15.1%
• High Price	500,000gns
• Gross	3,273,300gns
• Average (% change)	20,849gns
• Median (% change)	7,000gns

*The 2016 February Sale was conducted over a single session.

Ours is slightly different to the Pegasus--we've tailored it for us. We're putting the money in which is the shortfall, that's guaranteed. The holders put in A\$7.2-million and we put in A\$2.8-million, which is what we generate from sponsorships, wagering and other revenues, and any incremental revenue we get we will put into the race. In actual fact it's only costing the slot holder A\$425,000, because they're guaranteed to get A\$175,000 for running last.

(Editor's Note: the prizemoney breakdown of The Everest is as follows: the winner will receive A\$5.8-million, with A\$2.4-million to second, A\$800,000 to third, A\$400,000 to fourth, A\$250,000 to fifth, and sixth to 12th A\$175,000)

The only difference with the way we've done it is that people have to commit themselves for three years. We want to make sure we've got the race, once we build the brand, and we've got the charisma of the race and the concept.

We believe one of the great aspects of it is that it has so many stories that can go with it. Let's say I've got a great horse but I don't have a slot; I'm going to negotiate with someone, or even I'm just an investor that's never had a horse that goes into Japan and gets Japan to come to Australia at that time, and they share the prizemoney with those people. They're the sort of stories you want to generate out to the media, and that's why we love the concept. The first box has been ticked, it's got enormous media coverage here in Australia, so now we've just got to get the 12 slot holders and go from there.



WITH PETER V'LANDYS *cont from p1*

KR: The Everest is very much in the mould of the Pegasus World Cup. Was that the inspiration for the race?

PV: Absolutely. We thought the Pegasus was a great concept and we take our hats off to The Stronach Group for being pioneers and innovators. What we liked about it more than anything else was the marketing potential for Thoroughbred racing to a broader audience. I think The Stronach Group has achieved that because they got enormous coverage for racing in America that they would not normally get. Every effort they've put in will be rewarded, because it'll have ongoing benefits to the branding of Thoroughbred racing in America.

We picked it up in a similar vein. We wanted a vehicle to promote Thoroughbred racing in New South Wales. We used the concept, and once we announced it we had racing on the front page of newspapers, and the lead story on free-to-air TV networks, so it achieved exactly what we were trying to do: promote racing to a bigger audience and take up some media space.



Racing NSW Chief Executive Peter V'landys | Getty Images

KR: What did you learn, both positive and negative, from the first running of the Pegasus that you think can help make your event a success?



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Peter V'Landys Q&A cont.

PV: We love the concept about the slot holders. The negative was that they came across two champion horses in California Chrome and Arrogate, but that's going to happen. That's why we decided to make it 1200 metres for us here; there's a massive pool of sprinters. We wanted to get a distance that wasn't going to be dominated [by a couple of horses], so I guess the little

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weakness in the Pegasus—although there is no weakness because it's a fantastic concept--was the fact that they were unlucky that there were

two very good horses.

On the positive, they marketed it brilliantly. They got racing back in the media. I just think they've done a wonderful job, I take my hat off to them. This is what American racing needed. It was on a massive decline, to be realistic. It started with American Pharoah that generated enormous publicity, and The Stronach Group, which is very innovative, have taken advantage of that fanfare that was generated by American Pharoah with this concept.

KR: While the Pegasus was placed in a spot on the calendar that wouldn't conflict with other major race meetings, The Everest has been placed in the heart of the spring racing season, and namely on Caulfield Guineas day. Why was this date chosen?

PV: One of our main objectives was to promote the sport to a broader audience. In order to do that you need to get as much media attention as possible. That period of time there is no competition. Our rugby league, which is one of the main sports, and the AFL have finished their seasons. It'd be like the basketball and the gridiron finishing their seasons in America, and there's a lapse where you've got the chance to promote. That day there is no other major events on, and it was the best day to get that promotion.

We believe it'll compliment the Victorian spring carnival because of the 1200 metre distance we've put it as. Two weeks later there's a race at Moonee Valley for A\$1-million [G1 Manikato S.], and there's a race at Flemington for a further A\$1-million [G1 Darley Classic] two weeks later. If a horse did come from overseas, not only can it run in the A\$10-million Everest, but it can also run in the Manikato and then in the Darley.

So it could assist the Victorian Spring Carnival in getting international sprinters. Yes, it clashes with the Guineas, but that was the date we had to place it on to get the maximum media exposure.

In the future we're going to possibly look at running it on a Friday night under lights at Randwick. It's not always going to stay where it is, we just needed to find a day where we could get some publicity and that was the day we selected. That's one of the reasons we also selected the distance, because it does compliment the racing calendar.

KR: And I understand it took some time for you to decide on that distance for the race?

PV: We looked at all the distances. We'd been working on it for four or five months to get it right. We did market analysis, we consulted people, and it was very unusual for us over here that it didn't leak out to the media. It was the best kept secret in racing. Yesterday it was on the front page: racing bombshell. It has a charisma all its own, this race, and that's why we called it The Everest: the peak, and it's got so many marketing components, it's great.

KR: Whereas the Pegasus was placed to allow colts to get to studs in time for the breeding season, the placement of The Everest makes it so colts wouldn't be able to retire to stud and cover a full book. Was this taken into consideration, and do you think this could be a positive for racing's image by keeping star colts in training longer?

PV: It's a positive for us because one major investor has come out and said they may keep their horses going for another 12 months rather than taking them to stud, which for us as the racing industry is great, to have those great horses still racing is a benefit.

KR: The Everest won't be a black-type race in its first year. What is the process for receiving black-type in Australia, and subsequently reaching Group 1 level?

PV: We've haven't made an application for it at this point. We wanted to get the concept up and going and then look at group and listed [status]. To the general public it doesn't matter if it's a Group 1; for the purists and the trainers and the stud books, etc, it does, but for us we're using this for marketing. The normal person wouldn't really know what a Group 1 or a maiden is. So we decided we'll establish it, and then we'll look at making it a Group 1 race in the future. [Cont. p6](#)

Peter V'Landys Q&A cont.

You've got to establish the race first and foremost and you've got to get the ratings. I think in America they swapped an existing Grade I race [the Donn H.]. We haven't really looked into it too much here because we were just ensuring the concept worked first and foremost.

KR: And you'll consider selling more than 12 slots if the interest is there?

PV: Correct. And what we'd do is put it back into the prizemoney. So if we were to sell two more slots it would become A\$-11.2

million. And naturally we'd do that in agreement with the other slot holders, because we wouldn't want someone thinking it's 12 and then it goes to 14. We always want to be transparent.

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KR: How much interest have you had from potential investors thus far, and did you float the idea past industry stakeholders before announcing it to test its viability?

PV: We've had a number of people seeking to be included in the expressions of interest, which is great. We haven't even gone out on the road yet. It's a very positive response. We analysed it with a couple of major players and they were extremely positive and thought we could sell the 12 slots quite easily. We did the market analysis and consulted in people we could trust that it wouldn't leak out and they kept our confidence, including some of our leading trainers, owners and others.

KR: Australian sprinters have always been expected to travel overseas to prove their mettle. Do you think we could see the reverse here, where the best sprinters from other nations come to Australia for the world's richest sprint race?

PV: That's what we're hoping. We're better on our home ground. We go pretty good traveling but when you're on your home ground you're even better, aren't you, so it's about time they started coming on our home ground. And then we'll beat them here as well!

KR: You said in your comments announcing The Everest that it would help promote racing to a wider audience. Are there marketing plans already in place to reach mainstream audiences?

PV: We've put a budget aside naturally for The Everest, and we will promote it in a big way. The beauty of the race and the concept is that it will generate its own publicity. We're big into the social media and we're investing a lot in our social media. For example LinkedIn, which is all the professional people, we're going to market very hard through there. They're the ones that have the higher disposable income and they're the sort of customers that we're looking to get into racing.

KR: You touched on it a little bit already but the race name, The Everest--how did you land on that?

PV: What's the peak? We looked at The Pinnacle, we looked at a couple other things, and we said what's the highest peak? The highest peak is The Everest--you've got to climb The Everest to get there. There's a saying in Australia, if something's too hard, you say it's like climbing Everest. The peak of racing is going to be The Everest.

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TREVE FOALS A DUBAWI COLT

Dual G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine **Treve (Fr)** (Motivator {GB}) produced her first foal on Feb. 1 at Sheikh Joaan al Thani's Haras de Bouquetot—a colt by Dubawi (Ire).

Stud Manager Benoit Jeffroy said, "Treve has produced a good first foal. Everything went well and after being a few days overdue she decided to foal at lunchtime. Treve and her foal are doing really well. The next chapter to the story starts now, and we can only hope this colt will be as fast as his parents."

Campaigned as a homebred by the Head family's Haras du Quesnay in the early part of her career and trained by Criquette Head-Maarek, Treve was purchased privately by Sheikh Joaan's Al Shaqab Racing after winning the G1 Prix de Diane Longines in her third start. She would go on to win that season's G1 Prix Vermeille and Arc, defend her Arc title the following year and add the 2015 G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and Prix Vermeille before wrapping up her career with a fourth in that year's Arc.

Treve is due to visit new Bouquetot sire Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) this year.

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Buyers at next week's Goffs February Sale will have the unique opportunity to buy into coveted female families fostered down the years by Ballymacoll Stud, as five fillies and mares from the Weinstock Family's operation--to be sold without reserve--are set to go under the hammer Friday, Feb. 9.

The draft includes a pair of exciting young fillies led by **Edith Wharton (Ire)**



Edith Wharton | Goffs photo

Wharton (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) ([hip 498](#)), a newly turned 3-year-old daughter of Ballymacoll's champion homebred MG1SW Islington (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) ([video](#)). Another interesting prospect is [hip 672](#), the 3-year-old Olive Branch

(Ire) (Arcano {Ire}), a homebred half-sister to G1SW Sir John Hawkwood (Ire) (Sir Percy {GB}) from the further female family of G1SW and sire Naaqoos (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) ([video](#)).

Next Friday's offerings also include [hip 508](#), **La Donna E Mobile (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}), out of a full-sister to Islington; [hip 509](#), an Iffraaj (GB) half-sister to La Donna E Mobile; and [hip 568](#), Kitty Hawk (GB) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) offered in foal to Big Bad Bob (Ire).

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Thursday's Results:

3rd-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, 2-2, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.81, st. MAYTIME (FR) (f, 3, [Henrythenavigator](#)--Timepecker {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by Dansili {GB}), runner-up over seven furlongs at Toulouse when last seen in October, broke well to head her rivals initially before settling for a lead. Needing a gap in midstraight, the 6-4 favourite was switched in time to gain the advantage in the closing stages and beat Stormy (Fr) (Stormy River {Fr}) by a short neck. The useful dam, who is a half-sister to three other black-type performers headed by the G3 Prix Exbury winner Court Canibal (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), has a 2-year-old colt by Lope de Vega (Ire). Sales history: €23,000 Ylg '15 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, €22,350. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Christophe Ferland & Giulio Riva; B-Marquise de Moratalla (FR); T-Christophe Ferland.

APPOINTMENTS

Patrick O'Callaghan: General Manager, Limerick Racecourse

- O'Callaghan has been with Limerick Racecourse for seven years as Financial Controller and commenced his new role as General Manager on Feb 1.
- O'Callaghan has a degree in Business Studies from Tralee Institute of Technology and is a Certified Public Accountant with over 16 years experience in both Practice & Industry.
- O'Callaghan said, "I am very much looking forward to my new position as General Manager of Limerick Racecourse. Limerick Racecourse has a very progressive Board, together with dedicated, loyal and hard-working staff. I am delighted to be taking up the challenge of managing such a modern event and sporting venue."



Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R2 SPONSORED BY EMIRATES GLOBAL ALUMINIUM-G2, \$250,000, MEY, 2-2, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 9 1/2f, 1:58.85, ft.

1--**FURIA CRUZADA (CHI), 121, m, 5, by Newfoundland**

1st Dam: Nuestra Machi (Chi), by Hussonet

2nd Dam: Fast Look (Chi), by Parisienne

3rd Dam: Pura (Chi), by Prologo (Chi)

(180,000gns RNA HRA '16 TATNOV) O-F Fantini; B-Haras Dadinco (CHI); T-Ewan Charpy; J-Antonio Fresu. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3yo Filly & G1SW-Chi, MG1SW-Arg, MGSP-Eng & GSP-Fr, 22-7-4-4, \$454,478. *Full to General Cruzado (Chi), GSP-Chi. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Second Summer, 126, g, 5, Summer Bird--Greenstreet, by Street Cry (Ire).** (\$72,000 yrl '13 KESEEP) O-Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi; B-Richard Shultz (FL); T-Doug Watson. \$50,000.

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3--**Power Blade (Kor), 125, c, 4, Menifee--Cheonmachong (Kor), by Lost Mountain.** O-Kim Hyeong Ran; B-Kim Jung Du (KOR); T-Kim Young Kwan. \$25,000.

Margins: NO, 5, NK.

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Furia Cruzada, a three-time Group 1 winner (twice on dirt) in Chile and Argentina, failed to find the winner's enclosure in Britain last year in six tries on the turf. She relished her return to the dirt at Meydan on Thursday, however, winning her local debut in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 and handing trainer Erwan Charpy a double on the card. Saving ground from her inside post around the first bend, Furia Cruzada sat third down the backstretch on the heels of the free-wheeling Long River (A.P. Indy). Moving outside and around that tiring rival approaching the quarter pole, Furia Cruzada emerged a clear leader at the 300 metre mark. Last year's GII Californian S. winner Second Summer (Summer Bird), also making his Dubai debut, emerged from the toiling pack as a threat shortly thereafter, and Furia Cruzada found the wire just in time to hold off his late charge by a diminishing margin.



Furia Cruzada wins the Al Maktoum Challenge R2 | Dubai Racing Club

"She is very tough," said jockey Antonio Fresu. "She loves the dirt and to be honest, she is not 100% fit so I am looking forward to her next race. I ride her every day so I know. She needed the race so she could have run better. I think she will improve."

Furia Cruzada joined the John Gosden stable in Newmarket last year off a productive campaign that included wins in Argentina's G1 Gran Premio Gilberto Lerena and G1 Gran Premio Criadores. Fifth and second, respectively, behind Godolphin's standout filly Usherette (Ire) (Shamardal) in the G2 Dahlia S. and G2 Duke of Cambridge S., she was a narrow second when stepped up to a mile and four furlongs for the G2 Lancashire Oaks, but was beaten over 20 lengths in her next two outings over that trip: the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and the Listed Godolphin S.

Wrapping up her European campaign with a third in France's G3 Prix de Flore Oct. 23, Furia Cruzada was a 180,000gns buyback at Tattersalls December last year.

Furia Cruzada is a relative of the Chilean Horse of the Year, champion 3-year-old filly and two-time champion mare Val Gardena (Chi) (Roy), who appears under her third dam.

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AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT SPONSORED BY EMIRATES GLOBAL ALUMINIUM-G3, \$200,000, MEY, 2-2, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.49, ft.

1--**COOL COWBOY**, 126, h, 6, by Kodiak Cowboy

1st Dam: Grand Breeze, by Grand Slam

2nd Dam: Breeze Lass, by It's Freezing

3rd Dam: Faneuil Lass, by Somebody II (Aus)

(\$110,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) O-Zaur Sekrekov; B-Columbiana Farm (KY); T-Doug Watson; J-Pat Dobbs. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: SW-US, 22-8-6-3, \$739,798. *1/2 to Appeal to the Win (Successful Appeal), SP-US. **Werk Nick Rating: C+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

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2--**Muarrab (GB)**, 126, g, 8, [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)--Licence To Thrill (GB), by Wolfhound. (280,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Stratford Place Stud (GB); T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri. \$40,000.

3--**Wild Dude**, 126, h, 7, Wildcat Heir--Courtly Choice, by Doneraile Court. (\$9,000 wnl '10 OBSOCT; \$42,000 2yo '12 OBSAPR) O-Yu Long & Team Cheval; B-Versatile Thoroughbreds Llc (FL); T-Mick Halford. \$20,000.

Purchased & Consigned by **ANTHONY COSTANZO Sales**

Purchased by Christina R. Jelm



Margins: NK, 4 3/4, 1.

Also Ran: Stunned (GB), Shaishee, Moviesta.

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Cool Cowboy hadn't contested the 1200 metre trip of Thursday's Al Shindagha Sprint since last January--and hadn't won over it since his 3-year-old campaign at Mountaineer Park in the U.S.--but that proved to be no hindrance when he ran down last year's G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner and track record-holder Muarrab on Thursday in his return to sprinting. Breaking one slot to Muarrab's outside, Cool Cowboy shadowed that rival down the backstretch while about four lengths off the lead set by Shaishee. [Cont. p9](#)

Al Shindagha Sprint cont.

Cool Cowboy was on Muarrab’s flank at the top of the lane as the Group 1 winner hit the lead. Muarrab put up a valiant fight down the stretch but Cool Cowboy at last wrestled the lead from him at the 100 metre mark and won by a neck. The top two were well clear of Grade I winner Wild Dude back in third. It was the third straight runner-up effort for Muarrab to begin his campaign.

Winning rider Pat Dobbs said, “I was able to settle him in behind runners and he loved racing on their heels. I was tracking the right horse in Muarrab and he took me there traveling very strongly before digging deep in the final 200 metres. All credit to Doug and his team; it was their idea to drop back to this 1200 metre trip and it has paid off. Last season he did not show as much speed but, this year, he has strengthened. He really looks like a sprinter and has shown a lot more speed.”

Second to another Golden Shaheen winner, Reynaldothewizard (Speightstown), in the Listed Dubawi S. going this distance last January, Cool Cowboy won a handicap next out over seven furlongs before stepping up to a mile for three further starts during the campaign, including a win in the G3 Burj Nahaar on Super Saturday. Shelved for the Dubai summer after a third in the G2 Godolphin Mile on Dubai World Cup night, Cool Cowboy posted a pair of thirds prior to the start of the carnival late last year and was fifth last out behind Le Bernardin (Bernardini) in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 going a mile Jan. 5.



Cool Cowboy takes the Al Shindagha Sprint | racingfotos.com

Pedigree Notes...

Cool Cowboy is the best performer to date for his winning dam Grand Breeze, a half-sister to stakes winner Afleet Lass (Northern Afleet). Another of Grand Breeze’s sisters, Irmadohomemra (Candy Stripes), has produced three Brazilian stakes winners headed by the champion filly Juno (Brz) (Setembro Chove {Brz}). The third dam is dual Grade III winner and GI Hollywood Oaks second Faneuil Lass (Somebody II), the

dam of Grade III winner Sam Who (Lypheor {GB}). GI Matron S. winner Fiesta Lady (Secretariat) falls under the third dam. Grand Breeze has a 2-year-old filly by Into Mischief, a yearling colt by Midnight Lute and is in foal to Sky Mesa for 2017. [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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APPOINTMENTS

Amber Byrne, Owner Recruitment Manager, Horse Racing Ireland

- Byrne joins HRI in March, having worked previously with Betfair in both London and Ireland. Byrne has held various roles at the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association, where she developed and implemented the ITBA Expo and Symposium in 2008 and 2010, and she has also worked as sales and marketing manager at Fairyhouse Racecourse. In her subsequent consultancy roles, Byrne has co-ordinated and grown the annual Tattersalls International Horse Trials and Country Fair, while in 2013 she introduced Equus Live, an event attended by over 10,000 visitors that showcased all aspects of the Irish horse industry. Byrne has also been involved in racehorse breeding and ownership.
- Jason Morris, HRI Director of Racing, said, “We are delighted to have appointed someone of Amber’s calibre to the new role of HRI Owner Recruitment Manager within our expanded HRI Ownership Department. Amber brings a wealth of marketing and promotional experience to the role, along with an in-depth knowledge of the racing industry. Amber’s appointment underlines HRI’s commitment to broaden the ownership base and to assist Irish trainers in attracting new and returning owners to enjoy the thrills of racehorse ownership.”

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MIDDLE EAST

Thursday's Results:

2nd-MEY, \$135,000, Hcp, 2-2, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 8fT, 1:37.49, gd.

CYMRIC (g, 4, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Fastbridled, by Unbridled's Song) showed plenty of talent for trainer John Gosden as a juvenile of 2015, winning twice and finishing a short-neck second in the G1 Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp as well as picking up a black-type placing in York's G3 Acomb S. Tried over 2000 metres to start his 3-year-old campaign in the Listed Newmarket S., Cymric trailed in eighth behind Godolphin's eventual Group 1 winner Hawkbill (Kitten's Joy) and was restricted to a mile for four further starts for the season. He outran his odds to finish fourth at 66-1 in the G1 St James's Palace S. on June 14, and was second behind Group 1-winning filly Lumiere (Ire) (Shamardal) in the Listed Sir Henry Cecil S. on July 7. Cymric came into this contest off a 188-day layoff, having last been seen finishing last of nine in Glorious Goodwood's G3 Thoroughbred S. July 29 and having been since gelded, and was making his first start for trainer Charlie Appleby. Breaking on the rail, Cymric moved off the fence down the backstretch as fellow Godolphin colourbearer American Hope (Lemon Drop Kid) took up the running. A length second to that rival rounding the bend, Cymric drew even with him under a William Buick drive passing the 300

metre mark and had enough left in the tank to hold off a belated rally from Singapore raider Elite Excalibur (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), while American Hope faded to third.

"I won on this horse when he was



Cymric | racingfotos.com

a juvenile with John Gosden and a very promising one," said Buick. "Things did not go totally to plan for him last year but he had been working well and we were hopeful. We had a lovely lead into the race and he responded well when I asked him. You would like to think there is more to come from him because, as I said, he is a nice horse."

Cymric is the fourth foal out of the unraced Fastbridled, and was purchased by John Ferguson for \$300,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale of 2014. The mare has a 2-year-old colt by Quality Road and a yearling filly by Street Sense, and is in foal to Tiznow for 2017.

She has also produced Lismore (Tiznow), GSP-US.

Fastbridled is a half to three-time graded winner Interactif (Broken Vow) and listed winner and graded-placed Stretching (Red Ransom), as well as the French Group 3-placed Wingspan (Silver Hawk). GIII Delta Downs Jackpot winner Ocho Ocho Ocho (Street Sense) and graded winners Divine Oath (Broken Vow) and Auntie Joy (Uncle Mo) appear under the third dam, and the fourth dam is the champion race mare and producer Personal Ensign. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr & GSP-Eng, 12-3-2-1, \$244,189.

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O-Godolphin; B-Jamm, Ltd. (KY); T-Charlie Appleby.

6th-MEY, \$175,000, Hcp, 2-2, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 10fT, 2:03.17, gd.

SANSHAAWES (SAF) (g, 7, [Ashaawes](#)--Vicario {SAf}, by Northern Guest) Lifetime Record: G1SP-Saf & UAE, 31-5-6-4, \$577,764. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Oldlands Stud (SAF); T-Mike de Kock. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [VIDEO](#).**

4th-MEY, \$160,000, Hcp, 2-2, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 16fT, 3:23.95, gd.

ZAMAAM (GB) (h, 7, [Muhtathir](#) {GB}--[Nasheed](#) {SW-Eng}, by Riverman) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 30-5-4-4, \$259,345. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd (GB); T-Ewan Charpy. *1/2 to Tamazug (GB) (Machiavellian), GSP-Ire. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [VIDEO](#).**

7th-MEY, \$160,000, Hcp, 2-2, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 5fT, 58.41, gd.

SPEED HAWK (g, 6, [Henny Hughes](#)--[Cosmic Wing](#) {MSP-US, \$114,106}, by Halo) Lifetime Record: MGSP-UAE & MSP-Eng, 30-4-5-7, \$273,237. O-Khalifa Dasmal; B-Santa Rosa Partners (KY); T-Dhruba Selvaratnam. *\$2,000 wnl '11 KEENOV; \$55,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [VIDEO](#).**

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INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

1st-MEY, \$60,000, Hcp, 2-2, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 9 1/2f, 1:58.15, ft.

GRAND ARGENTIER (FR) (h, 5, [Palace Episode](#)--[Ashkadima](#) {Ire}, by [Ashkalani](#) {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 24-4-3-4, \$155,128. O-EERC (Mngr: Mrs Rebecca Byrne); B-Claude Lambert (FR); T-Doug Watson. *€6,000 yrl '13 AROOCT; €22,000 RNA 2yo '14 ARQJUL; 80,000gns HRA '15 TAJJUL. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [VIDEO](#).**

Worldwide News cont.

SHADAI BUYS LIGHTHOUSE BAY

Teruya Yoshida's Shadai Farm has purchased the 2013 GI Prioress S. winner **Lighthouse Bay** (Speightstown--Pay Lady, by Seeking The Gold). The 7-year-old mare is in foal to American Pharoah, and has a 2-year-old Tapit colt and a yearling colt by Medaglia d'Oro. The purchase was brokered by Greg Harbut of Harbut Bloodstock, who said, "I think she's a beautiful specimen. It offered the client a unique opportunity to acquire a young mare in foal to an exciting stallion."

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PER INCANTO EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS AT KARAKA *by Alan Carasso*

Per Incanto (Street Cry {Ire}) has made quite an impression in his first few years at Little Avondale Stud and his progeny have been exceptionally well received during this week's New Zealand Bloodstock sales at Karaka. A few days after a Little Avondale-consigned son of Star Guest (NZ) (Pentire {GB}) ([hip 426](#)) was hammered down for NZ\$250,000 during the Select Sale, the sire's daughter of Grable (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) ([hip 728](#)) was the subject of a protracted battle between John McArdle's Redgum Racing and trainer Matt Cumani, with McArdle ultimately prevailing on a session-topping bid of NZ\$300,000.



Little Avondale's hip 728 | nzb.co.nz

"We thought the filly that sold for \$300,000 today would make around the \$100,000 mark so to make \$300,000 is just amazing," enthused Little Avondale's Sam Williams. "I was actually really anxious about the Select Sale this year because of the state of our domestic racing industry, but then I firmly believed we had our best draft ever on type thanks mainly to the stock of Per Incanto."

Little Avondale is the Select Sale's leading vendor by aggregate, with 16 horses sold for NZ\$1,197,500.

He added, "You have to be bullish about your own stock otherwise who will be and with Per Incanto's results on the track, and at this year's sale, all off the back of a \$5,000 service fee--that's just brilliant."

Cumani did not leave empty-handed, as he went to NZ\$175,000 for Blandford Lodge's October-foaled son of Shamexpress (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), whose first crop of yearlings have sold well this week. [Hip 746](#) is out of a half-sister to SP Kona Breeze (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) from the further female family of G1SW Mission Critical (Aus) (Fantastic Light) and European champion Nedawi (GB) (Rainbow Quest).

The Select Sale concludes Friday with a session beginning at 11 a.m. local time. For full results, visit www.nzb.co.nz.

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• % RNAs	29%	21%
• High Price	NZ\$300,000	NZ\$300,000
• Gross	NZ\$14,020,000	NZ\$19,245,200
• Average (% change)	NZ\$47,687	NZ\$60,710
• Median (% change)	NZ\$40,000 (-20%)	NZ\$50,000

KARAKA SELECT SALE DAY 2 TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
728	filly	Per Incanto	Grable (NZ) (walking video) <i>B-Little Avondale Trust</i> Consigned by Little Avondale Stud Purchased by Redgum Racing	300,000
746	colt	Shamexpress (NZ)	Hollywood Angel (Aus) <i>B-Mrs H G & W G Bax & Goldeye Trust</i> Consigned by Blandford Lodge Purchased by Fittocks Stud	175,000
881	colt	Tavistock (NZ)	Monkey Magic (NZ) (walking video) <i>B-The Micaela Murray Trust</i> Consigned by Cambria Park Purchased by M Downs	160,000

2017 Third-Crop European Sires by Cumulative Earnings

for stallions standing in Europe through Thursday, Feb.2

Black-type represents final worldwide figures for 2016-2017, earnings limited to North America/Europe

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Zoffany (Ire) <i>(2008) by Dansili (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (€35,000)</i>	10	15	6	9	1	5	152	71	\$531,867	\$3,821,005
2	Wootton Bassett (GB) <i>(2008) by Iffraaj (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Haras d'Etream Fr (€20,000)</i>	2	2	1	2	1	1	30	15	\$3,042,729	\$3,484,989
3	Canford Cliffs (Ire) <i>(2007) by Tagula (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (€10,000)</i>	5	10	4	6	--	2	145	76	\$196,581	\$2,319,381
4	Dream Ahead <i>(2008) by Diktat (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire (€12,500)</i>	4	10	2	8	--	1	125	56	\$353,703	\$2,206,953
5	Poet's Voice (GB) <i>(2007) by Dubawi (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Dalha m Hall Stud Eng (£8,000)</i>	5	7	3	4	--	--	144	62	\$155,207	\$1,567,235
6	Roderic O'Connor (Ire) <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: The National Stud Ire (€9,000)</i>	4	9	2	3	--	--	91	45	\$209,041	\$1,447,619
7	Lilbourne Lad (Ire) <i>(2009) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Rathbarry Stud Ire (€5,000)</i>	--	5	--	2	--	--	116	51	\$73,808	\$1,082,077
8	Pour Moi (Ire) <i>(2008) by Montjeu (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (€10,000)</i>	3	4	1	1	--	--	84	42	\$127,897	\$1,008,832
9	Frozen Power (Ire) <i>(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Centro Equino Arcadia Ity (€4,000)</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	101	42	\$91,639	\$942,774
10	Never On Sunday (Fr) <i>(2005) by Sunday Break (Jpn) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Haras Des Granges Fr (€2,500)</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	8	\$98,254	\$390,956
11	Shakespearean (Ire) <i>(2007) by Shamardal FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Haras de la Barbottiere Fr (€2,500)</i>	--	3	--	--	--	--	30	9	\$69,400	\$375,674
12	Dick Turpin (Ire) <i>(2007) by Arakan FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: The National Stud Eng (£3,000)</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	58	15	\$86,066	\$326,155
13	Elusive Pimpernel <i>(2007) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Irish National Stud Ire (€1,000)</i>	--	4	--	1	--	--	32	13	\$41,902	\$299,125
14	Kingsfort <i>(2007) by War Chant FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: (n/a)</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	35	17	\$28,307	\$289,637
15	Soul City (Ire) <i>(2006) by Elusive City FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Stands: Haras Du Saz Fr (€1,800)</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	7	\$127,444	\$275,745

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