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SORE SHIN SIDELINES UNIQUE BELLA



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by Brian DiDonato

'**TDN Rising Star**' Unique Bella (Tapit), the overwhelming favorite for the GI Kentucky Oaks, will be forced to miss at least the Apr. 8 GI Santa Anita Oaks--if not the May 6 Kentucky Oaks itself--due to a sore shin.

"She has a sore shin," confirmed Fernando Diaz-Valdes, racing manager and advisor for owner Don Alberto Stable. "We're just going to keep a close eye on it, and maybe we'll just go directly to the Kentucky Oaks."

A \$400,000 KEESep acquisition, the daughter of 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Classic heroine Unrivaled Belle (Unbridled's Song) has been absolutely dominant in four efforts since finishing second in her debut last June. **cont. p3**

FASIG-TIPTON ANNOUNCES 'TURF SHOWCASE' YEARLING SALE

by Joe Bianca

Attempting to capitalize on the international success of American-bred turf horses, as well as fill a niche in the marketplace, Fasig-Tipton announced Tuesday that it will conduct The Turf Showcase, a sale consisting of yearlings suited for grass, Sept. 10 at the company's Newtown Paddocks in Lexington, Kentucky. **cont. p5**

BARRETT'S MARCH SALE WEDNESDAY

by Jessica Martini

The Barretts March Select 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale will be held Wednesday at Del Mar, with bidding scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. PT. After a well-attended breeze show Monday, a strong group of trainers and bloodstock agents was out in force shopping at the sales barns on a gloriously perfect Southern California day at the oceanside oval Tuesday.

"There has been quite a good turnout of buyers so far--we had some pretty good traffic early today and I think it will be steady for the rest of the day," confirmed Adrian Gonzalez of Checkmate Thoroughbreds.

Gonzalez sent out three horses to work during Monday's under-tack preview, including a filly by Smiling Tiger (hip 8) who shared the second-fastest furlong time of :10 flat.

"The track was good and I've heard most of the horses have come back in good shape, so hopefully we'll have a good sale," Gonzalez said. **cont. p4**

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Happy 100th Birthday, Big Red. March 29, 2017 marks the centennial of the foaling date of Man o' War, pictured here in 1938 at his 21st birthday party at Faraway Farm with Samuel Riddle, Will Harbut, and sportscaster Clem McCarthy. [Click here](#) to read the TDN Weekend story about Man o' War's legacy and see this year's calendar of commemorative events. | International Museum of the Horse/Kentucky Horse Park collection

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Bill Oppenheim discusses 2017's top second-crop sires, such as Darby Dan's Shackleford and Dialed In.

GIRVIN SET FOR LA DERBY SPOTLIGHT

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Ben Massam reports from Tuesday's NTRA teleconference, where trainer Joe Sharp provided an update on GII Louisiana Derby contender Girvin (Tale of Ekati).



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Sore Shin Sidelines Unique Bella cont. from p1

She took the Jan. 8 GII Santa Ynez S., Feb. 5 GII Las Virgenes S. and Mar. 4 GIII Santa Ysabel S. at Santa Anita by a combined 18 1/2 lengths, and was backed all the way down to even-money in the Oaks future wager that closed Feb. 26.

“We don’t want to jeopardize anything,” Diaz-Valdes added. “We don’t want to cause her to have a more serious problem. We need to keep this filly sound. She’s a great filly. For us to make a decision like this is so painful, but we have to worry about the good of the horse--not ourselves. Grade I’s will be in her future. There are many around the world, and we won’t sacrifice her for one race.”

When asked for more on her prognosis, he said, “We will know more day by day. At the moment we’re just keeping a close eye. There was some soreness and inflammation. We took X-rays and everything was fine, but we want to make sure that we don’t jeopardize the Kentucky Oaks or racing for the rest of the year.”

Diaz-Valdes admitted, however, that the Oaks might prove too

ambitious a goal at this point in time: “To be honest, at this stage, of course, if we’re losing training time for two or three weeks we have to take the Kentucky Oaks off the table.”

Unique Bella had already been compared to fellow Jerry Hollendorfer trainee, two-time champion and ‘Rising Star’ Songbird (Medaglia d’Oro), who was forced to miss last year’s Kentucky Oaks after a dominant win in the Santa Anita Oaks due

to a fever interrupting her training schedule. That Fox Hill Farm colorbearer returned to dominate her peers throughout the summer and early fall before suffering her first defeat by the narrowest of margins to the great Beholder (Henny Hughes) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff.

Diaz-Valdes noted that while Don Alberto’s Oaks chances might have taken a significant hit, the Heller-Solari family still boasts a GI Kentucky Derby hopeful in Bob Baffert trainee **Reach**

the World (Tapit), who finished a solid second in a salty allowance Mar. 9 and will contest the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 8.



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A large number of outs even before Monday’s preview whittled the 134-strong catalogue nearly in half, but Gonzalez is confident buyers will find what they are looking for at Wednesday’s auction.

“This has always been touted as our select sale, so I don’t think people are coming here to buy a volume of horses,” he explained. “I think they are coming to buy a special horse. And there are plenty of really nice horses here that should fit most orders.”

Bruno De Berdt’s Excel Bloodstock had a strong showing during Monday’s preview, with three of its eight offerings turning in :10 flat works and the results on the track meant plenty of action at the barn Tuesday morning. “We had a very pleasant showing,” De Berdt said. “All of the horses breezed well and they all breezed to form. The track was great, it was very consistent all the way through. We are getting a lot of post-action from the breeze show from very good horse people. The money is here and people want horses, so it is setting up to be a good sale.”

Barretts will be conducting its second select sale at Del Mar after leaving its longtime Pomona home two years ago.

“I believe there was a learning curve at first,” De Berdt said of the transition. “But now that we’ve had so much success out of last year’s sale, people are not discounting the sale like they might have in the past because of the smaller catalogue. People are realizing that there is quality to be had here. You can buy a good horse anywhere and, percentage-wise, I think Barretts puts out a pretty good bunch of horses overall.”

During last year’s March sale, Barretts sold 43 horses for a total of \$5,356,000. The average was \$124,558 and the median was \$100,000. The sale was topped by a colt by The Factor, who attracted a final bid of \$460,000 from Narvick International.

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1	Arch	F00	KY	\$40,000	3	2	\$700,000	\$700,000
2	Tapit	F06	KY	\$150,000	6	4	\$681,250	\$712,500
3	Congrats	F08	KY	\$35,000	4	3	\$653,333	\$150,000
4	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$100,000	6	5	\$595,000	\$450,000
5	Bernardini	F08	KY	\$100,000	5	5	\$543,600	\$425,000
6	War Front	F08	KY	\$150,000	2	2	\$512,500	\$512,500
7	More Than Ready	F02	KY	\$50,000	7	4	\$496,250	\$440,000
8	Orb	F15	KY	\$25,000	8	6	\$480,000	\$380,000
9	Pioneerof the Nile	F11	KY	\$20,000	9	7	\$479,285	\$540,000
10	Ghostzapper	F07	KY	\$50,000	4	3	\$453,333	\$460,000
11	Bodemeister	F14	KY	\$30,000	5	3	\$436,666	\$525,000
12	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$27,500	10	8	\$421,875	\$212,500
13	Custom for Carlos	F13	LA	\$3,500	1	1	\$400,000	\$400,000
14	Giant's Causeway	F02	KY	\$85,000	1	1	\$400,000	\$400,000
15	Curlin	F10	KY	\$25,000	8	8	\$388,125	\$310,000

Leading 2017 First-Crop Sires of 2-Year-Olds in Training

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America

1	Orb	F15	KY	\$25,000	8	6	\$480,000	\$380,000
2	Point of Entry	F15	KY	\$25,000	4	3	\$358,333	\$210,000
3	Animal Kingdom	F15	KY	\$35,000	6	4	\$288,750	\$252,500
4	Justin Phillip	F15	KY	\$12,500	2	2	\$220,000	\$220,000
5	Shanghai Bobby	F15	KY	\$20,000	8	5	\$190,000	\$135,000
6	Violence	F15	KY	\$15,000	13	9	\$170,911	\$100,000
7	Paynter	F15	KY	\$25,000	6	5	\$159,600	\$95,000
8	Jimmy Creed	F15	KY	\$12,500	5	3	\$143,333	\$60,000
9	Flat Out	F15	KY	\$10,000	6	4	\$141,000	\$78,500
10	Overanalyze	F15	KY	\$10,000	5	5	\$118,000	\$110,000

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:9 4/5	006	filly	Lucky Pulpit	Nine to Five Lady
<i>Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency, Inc., agent</i>				
:10 flat	008	filly	Smiling Tiger	Perfect Feat
<i>Consigned by Checkmate Thoroughbreds LLC, agent</i>				
:10 flat	017	colt	Soldat	Revengefulpleasure
<i>Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), agent</i>				
:10 flat	044	filly	Morning Line	Surrender
<i>Consigned by Excel Bloodstock (Bruno De Berdt), agent</i>				
:10 flat	046	colt	Quality Road	Tejati
<i>Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent IX</i>				
:10 flat	061	filly	Exchange Rate	All Talk
<i>Consigned by King's Equine, agent</i>				
:10 flat	067	filly	Blame	Bagatelle Park
<i>Consigned by Excel Bloodstock (Bruno De Berdt), agent</i>				
:10 flat	076	colt	Run Away and Hide	Cabales
<i>Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), agent</i>				
:10 flat	102	colt	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gottahaveadream
<i>Consigned by Kings Equine, agent</i>				
:10 flat	121	colt	Congrats	Let's Get Married
<i>Consigned by Excel Bloodstock (Bruno De Berdt), agent</i>				
:10 flat	123	colt	Tale of the Cat	Little Miss Muffet
<i>Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent IV</i>				

Fastest Quarter-Mile Breezes

Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:20 3/5	048	colt	Justin Phillip	Town Belle
<i>Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XXV</i>				
:21 flat	109	colt	Malibu Moon	Indian Breeze
<i>Consigned by Starting Point Thoroughbreds, agent</i>				

Fasig-Tipton 'Turf Showcase' Yearling Sale, cont. from p1

Two-time champion Tepin (Bernstein), a \$140,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga graduate in 2012, won her first Eclipse as top turf female in 2015 after capturing that fall's GI Breeders' Cup Mile and two other top-level events. The bay mare's most momentous victory came last June, however, when she shipped across the pond to Royal Ascot and overcame soft ground to beat males in the G1 Queen Anne S. The victory reverberated around the racing world as a legitimizing effort for American turf horses, one that Fasig-Tipton president and CEO Boyd Browning looks to capitalize on.

"What we've certainly seen in recent years is a significant level of success for American-bred horses [overseas], like at Royal Ascot last year, and a really significant investment by many of the major stallion operations in and around central Kentucky on horses that had a turf influence," Browning said. "Literally every major stallion operation in central Kentucky has added a stallion or is in the process of adding a stallion that has turf pedigree, turf suitability or turf appeal." **cont. p6**

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Fasig-Tipton Announces Turf Yearling Sale, cont.

With its Turf Showcase, Fasig-Tipton will try to recreate the ingenuity and success of its “New Sire Showcase,” a section of the company’s July yearling sale carved out in 1992 to help highlight and promote horses by freshman sires.

“One of the things we were able to do with the creation of the New Sire Showcase was to help change the perception of new sires,” Browning said. “We hope to help improve and enhance the market acceptability of turf pedigrees and turf stallions and thought the time was right.”

Yearlings under consideration for The Turf Showcase will be inspected and approved based on pedigree and conformation by Fasig-Tipton. Browning admitted that it’s difficult to pin down set criteria for inclusion in the sale, but laid out a general overview of how horses will be selected.

“I don’t think there’s any hard and fast rule,” Browning said. “We’re looking for stallions who have achieved success on the racetrack with horses on the turf. For unproven stallions, we’d be looking at pedigrees and/or their racing careers. We’ll also

take into consideration the female families. We’re going to have judgment and ultimately the marketplace will judge us by the group of horses that’s presented. What I don’t want to do is say ‘It’s got to be by a top 25 turf sire of 2016-2017 as of this date,’

because those lists and rankings can change pretty quickly with a significant horse or two because the population’s not all that large. We’re looking for horses that we think have a high likelihood of success in turf racing.”

The early reaction to the announcement of the sale has been mostly positive, Browning relayed, while also admitting that there have been a few doubts about the viability of such a specific sale.

“One thing I’ve learned in a number of years in this business is that you’re never going to get 100% consensus on any new concept or idea, but the overwhelming reaction thus far has been positive,” he said.

Browning added that there are no target head or target average numbers for the horses Fasig-Tipton hopes to sell at The Turf Showcase, acknowledging that it will be a niche auction during a busy time on the sales calendar. **cont. p7**



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“I don’t know what to expect and I don’t have a sales budget drawn up that says X horses averaging X and so forth,” he noted. “We believe in the concept, we believe that there’s interest, that there will be quality product available and we’re willing to expend a significant amount of energy and effort to try to make the sale a success. We think there’s a unique opportunity where we can help create and help transform interest and provide a better alternative than what might be available for a population of horses.”

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BELINDA STRONACH TO PROVIDE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT PAN AM CONFERENCE

Belinda Stronach, chairman and president of The Stronach Group, will deliver the keynote address at the May 17-20 Pan American Conference in Washington, D.C., the Latin American Racing Channel announced Tuesday.

Stronach will share insights on The Stronach Group’s future racing ventures and talk about the challenges and opportunities for the sport of Thoroughbred racing, both domestically and internationally.



Belinda & Frank Stronach
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“The focus of our 2017 conference will again be the global racing industry, our challenges and opportunities, and how we can work together to promote and enhance our sport,” said Pablo Kavulakian, director of LARC.

“Collaborating with our partners at The Stronach Group and Longines ensures that every one of the unique business and social programs will be of the highest quality and that we will be able to provide an educational, enjoyable and memorable experience for all of our guests,” said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club.

The conference will begin Wednesday, May 17, with a welcome reception at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. Thursday evening, The Stronach Group will host a Preakness Stakes Celebration at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, where attendees can view the museum’s exhibits, including the world famous Hope Diamond. A gala dinner, presented by Longines, the official partner of the GI Preakness S., is scheduled for Friday at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. The evening will also feature the Longines Ladies Awards ceremony for women who have made a significant contribution to the equestrian industry.

The conference will conclude with a trip to the 142nd Preakness at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore. The balance of the business agenda will be announced in the coming weeks.

The registration fee for all business and social activities, including Preakness Day, is \$1,200 for a delegate and \$900 for an accompanying guest. The late registration fee (after Apr. 16) is \$1,500 and \$1,000 for an accompanying guest. Additional information about the 2017 Pan American Conference can be found [here](#).

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BILL OPPENHEIM



SECOND-CROP SIRES: DARBY DAN TIME

Once again this year, sires with their first potential Classic crops of 3-year-olds (referred to as “second-crop” sires as their second crop [of 2-year-olds] have now reached racing age) are competing to muscle their way into breeders’ consciousness, and some are succeeding. Quite a few, in fact, so much so that at this early juncture the North American crop of F2014 sires, anyway, reminds us of the F2012 crop (fourth-crop sires, oldest now 5-year-olds), with as many as 10 or 15 good stories. In Europe, Thunder Snow (Helmet)’s win over Japan’s Epicharis (Gold Allure), who already qualified for the GI Kentucky Derby (but is said to be more likely perhaps for the GI Belmont S.), in the G2 UAE Derby in Dubai not only qualified Thunder Snow for a spot in the Derby starting gate, but his earnings Saturday of \$1.2 million also guaranteed that his second-crop sire, Darley’s **Helmet**, an Australian-raced son of Exceed And Excel reviewed yesterday in Andrew Caulfield’s column ([click here](#)), is the leading European second-crop sire to date this year ([click here](#)), over \$1 million ahead of Juddmonte’s **Frankel** (Galileo) and Ireland’s Tally Ho Stud’s **Sir Prancealot** (Tamayuz)--though of course the European turf season only got underway last Sunday.



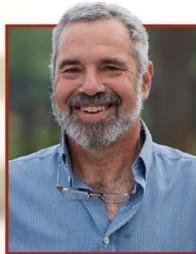
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Interestingly, Helmet is only fourth on the 2016-2017 Australian second-crop sire list (www.stallions.com.au); number one on that list is Coolmore’s **So You Think**, the 10-time Group 1 winner by High Chaparral who could barely get a winner up north last year, but those were 2-year-olds, and his Australian 3-year-olds include two Group 1 winners, the colt Inference (G1 Randwick Guineas) and the filly La Bella Diosa (G1 NZ 1000 Guineas). **cont. p8**

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High Chaparral has another very promising son in Australia in Arrowfield's **Dundeel**, a six-time Group 1 winner who has thus far had 23 yearlings from his first crop average A\$177,717, and has 17 catalogued at the upcoming William Inglis Easter Yearling Sale (Apr. 4-6). It may be that High Chaparral is the Sadler's Wells who will click in Australia, just as El Prado was the Sadler's Wells who clicked in America. But I digress; the story up north is Helmet, courtesy of Thunder Snow, who is unbeaten in three starts since running two lengths fourth to Churchill in the G1 Dewhurst, including the G1 Criterium International on soft turf at Saint-Cloud last October, and now on the dirt in the G2 UAE Derby.

Malagacy's win in the Mar. 18 GII Rebel vaulted his sire, **Shackleford** (by Forestry but for me throws more to his damsire Unbridled) into the top spot among 2017 North American second-crop sires ([click here](#)), but there were some big results for second-crop sires at Turfway Park last weekend too, with the one-two in the GIII Spiral S. (winner--**Fast and Accurate**, by Hansen {Tapit}; second--Blueridge Traveler, by Gainesway's **To Honor And Serve** {Bernardini}), and the winner of the Rushaway S. on the undercard was Montu, by Darby Dan's Leading Freshman Sire of 2016, **Dialed In** (Mineshaft). This was Dialed In's third Black-Type Winner (BTW) this year, and his fifth overall, including the GII Fountain of Youth S. winner and probable GI Florida Derby favorite this weekend, Gunnevera. The two Darby Dan sires are now one-two on the 2017 second-crop list, Shackleford leading Dialed in, and they're one-two on the cumulative North American second-crop list ([click here](#)), with Dialed In the leader. Either way it adds up to a big resurgence in the Darby Dan stallion ranks, and by the way, both are standing for \$15,000 this year, so if they happen to have any openings those look like pretty righteous prices.

Two other sires have over \$700,000 in 2017 progeny earnings so far: Ashford's **Stay Thirsty** (Bernardini, \$831k) and now Hansen (\$743k), who stood the 2013 season at Ashford, then was sold to Korea. We can see where Hansen ranks by looking at the second-crop list of all NH Sires ([click here](#)), where we can work out that is fourth in North America, but is listed there as number eight, behind also Helmet and Japanese second-crop sires **Rulership** (King Kamehameha), **Deep Brillante** (Deep Impact), and **I'll Have Another** (Flower Alley). He also ranks fifth

in North America on the cumulative second crop list ([click here](#)), behind Dialed In, Shackleford, Lane's End's **Union Rags** (Dixie Union), and Stay Thirsty.

Shackleford and Dialed In are among six F2014 North American sires with four black-type horses each this year, and a total of 12 of them (leaving aside Hansen, who did have only this one crop in North America) have 2017 progeny earnings so far of \$394,000+. Also with four 2017 BTW are: Hill 'n' Dale's **Maclean's Music** (Distorted Humor, fourth by progeny earnings with \$585k); Lane's End's **The Factor** (War Front, fifth with \$543k); Gainesway's To Honor And Serve (Bernardini, seventh with \$502k, including two graded stakes horses in GIII Spiral S. second Blueridge Traveler and GII Tampa Bay Derby second State of Honor, another heading for this weekend's GI Florida Derby); and WinStar's **Bodemeister** (Empire Maker, 10th with \$436k). The current top 12 is rounded out by: Gainesway's number six **Tapizar** (Tapit, \$503k); WinStar's number eight



Shackleford | Matt Goins

Gemologist (Tiznow, \$489k); Airdrie's number nine **Creative Cause** (Giant's Causeway, \$438k); **Union Rags** sits 11th (\$405k); and Spendthrift's **Dominus** (Smart Strike, 12th with \$394k). And honorable mention for Crestwood's **Get Stormy** (Stormy Atlantic, 15th), who has seven winners and earners of \$287k this year, including GIII Florida Oaks winner Fifty Five Sleeper; just \$5,000 and was a really good, tough turf horse himself who ran 31 times and won 11, including three Grade I races

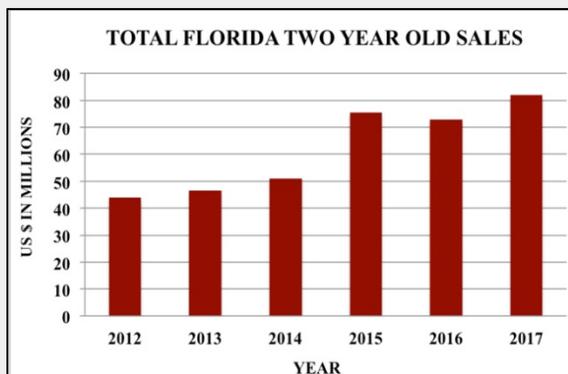
and two Grade IIs at eight to nine furlongs.

ARROGATE: We run out of superlatives. We all saw it; broke in a tangle, sandwiched back to last, and still won eased up over a for-real Grade I horse in Gun Runner (Candy Ride). Neolithic (Harlan's Holiday), who was third in the GI Pegasus World Cup, ran third again here; and Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper), who was second in the Pegasus, went out west to win the GI Santa Anita H. The form couldn't be more solid. After Sea The Stars (foaled 2006), Frankel (2008), and American Pharoah (2012)--and nothing against some other really top horses like two-time Horse Of The Year California Chrome--you could argue that Arrogate is the fourth off-the-charts superstar racehorse we've witnessed since Sea The Stars went undefeated as a 3-year-old in 2009.

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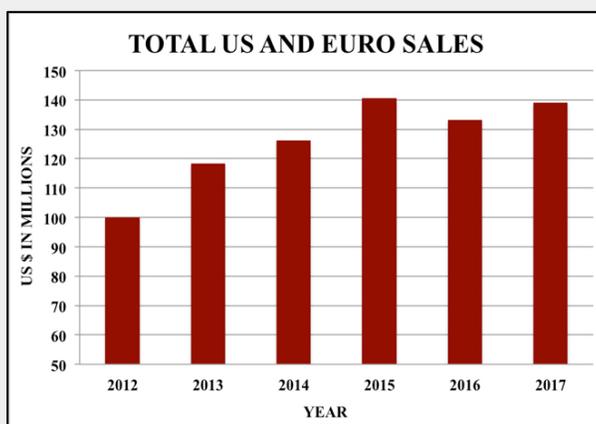
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“Barretts sells 2-year-olds at Del Mar today amidst discussion already that they may combine their March and May 2-year-old sales to have enough numbers, given the huge amount of withdrawals at the 2-year-old sales now. The juveniles have accounted for only about 11% of the NA/EU horses sold at auction this year up until now, though they have produced almost 59% of the revenue; high-end 2-year-olds following the lower-end winter mixed sales. Overall, the number catalogued is up 10%, the number sold up 15% from last year; the clearance rate from the catalogues is up 2.4%, though just to the range of the corresponding 2014-2015 sales (61%-62%). Compared to last year, the sales so far are up 4% in gross but down 9% in average.”



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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	839	501	378	40.3%	75.4%	45.1%	\$ 81,880,000	\$ 216,614
2016	767	530	386	30.9%	72.8%	50.3%	\$ 72,878,000	\$ 188,803
2015	785	554	415	29.4%	74.9%	52.9%	\$ 75,527,500	\$ 181,994
2014	568	346	248	39.1%	71.7%	43.7%	\$ 50,997,500	\$ 205,635
2013	481	314	228	34.7%	72.6%	47.4%	\$ 46,596,000	\$ 204,368
2012	529	328	239	38.0%	72.9%	45.2%	\$ 44,034,000	\$ 184,243



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN SALES AS OF MARCH 28, 2017

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	5,757	4,704	3,517	18.3%	74.8%	61.1%	\$ 139,086,878	\$ 39,547
2016	5,199	4,079	3,050	21.5%	74.8%	58.7%	\$ 133,193,888	\$ 43,670
2015	5,078	4,044	3,150	20.4%	77.9%	62.0%	\$ 140,535,515	\$ 44,614
2014	4,945	3,893	3,036	21.3%	78.0%	61.4%	\$ 126,128,383	\$ 41,544
2013	4,591	3,639	2,692	20.7%	74.0%	58.6%	\$ 118,374,159	\$ 43,973
2012	4,357	3,449	2,569	20.8%	74.5%	59.0%	\$ 99,857,537	\$ 38,870

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SHACKLEFORD	\$15,000 LF	1	1
TO HONOR AND SERVE	\$10,000 LF	0	2
BODEMEISTER	\$25,000 LF	0	1
MACLEAN'S MUSIC	\$8,500 LF	0	1
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NOW 'A MAN,' GIRVIN SET FOR LA DERBY

SPOTLIGHT by Ben Massam



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Although Joe Sharp was forced to steer Brad Grady's **Girvin** (Tale of Ekati) on a somewhat unconventional course during the month of January, the young trainer said his star sophomore colt has matured markedly throughout the soon-to-be-concluded Fair Grounds winter meet, culminating with an appearance as the likely favorite in Saturday's GII TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby. Girvin's rallying two-length victory in the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 25 [video]--his first try over a route of ground on dirt--represented a significant step towards a potential start in the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby, according to his trainer.

"He did it the right way," Sharp said of Girvin's recent triumph on an NTRA teleconference Tuesday. "He came out of it as more of a man than he went into it. He hasn't missed a beat [since], and that's pretty much been him since the day he walked into the barn. Every work has been what we expected it to be, and we feel as good as we ever had about him--physically and mentally--going into the Louisiana Derby."

Sharp added that Girvin showed flashes of his serious talent since day one at Grady's Grand Oaks Equine Training Center in Ocala, where he drew high praise from farm manager Bobby Dodd. Girvin promptly rattled off a gritty front-running victory in his six-furlong debut in New Orleans Dec. 16, but was unable to compete in the ensuing seven weeks after Sharp relocated him to the locked down Evangeline Training Center during Fair Grounds' equine herpesvirus outbreak.

"It cost us not being able to run in the [Jan. 21 GIII] LeComte," Sharp explained. "But we thought it would be paramount to have a two-turn race before the Risen Star, and the only option we were given was the [Feb. 4] Keith Gee [Memorial S.] on the grass. I talked to Brad about it, and we saw it as an opportunity to give him a good schooling going two turns--and it served as that."

Girvin closed resolutely to come up less than a length shy of then-undefeated Cowboy Culture (Quality Road) and continued on under steady encouragement past the wire to secure a useful learning experience in the Gee [video]. While Sharp acknowledged that turf is clearly not Girvin's preferred surface, his adaptability to different race scenarios gives him confidence heading into Saturday's \$1-million tilt.



Joe Sharp and his son, Carson
Churchill Downs photo

"He won on the lead when he needed to be in his maiden race, he stalked just off the pace in the turf race, and he came from considerably further back in the Risen Star--so he's shown three levels of versatility," Sharp noted. "Having said that, we did put another horse in the Louisiana Derby to ensure a good pace to run at."

Grady's **Hot Foot** (Aikenite), who has led in seven of his nine previous starts, will serve as the rabbit to keep speedy Risen Star third-place finisher **Local Hero** (Hard Spun) honest on the front end. Nevertheless, Sharp said he views lightly raced '**TDN Rising Star**' **Patch** (Union Rags)--who ships in from South Florida for trainer Todd Pletcher--and LeComte winner **Guest Suite** (Quality Road) as his chief rivals in the nine-horse field.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TIMOTHY WICKES

I love to read Bill Finley. He mixes the perfect blend of fan fervor with insight and empathy. He manages to combine a certain reverence for the sport and its athletes with that necessary gift of calling a shovel a shovel.

I love to read Bill Finley but...That **Sunday piece** anointing Arrogate at the direct expense of American Pharoah made me think Mr. Finley had fallen down the rabbit hole of front-runnerism in the face of history. What Arrogate did Saturday was awe-inspiring, no mistake about it. Lousy break, awkward footing, and no place to go are high hurdles to be sure but like Secretariat in his Preakness and Slew in his Derby, not high enough. The great ones overcome...most of the time. Angle Light and Onion weren't fit to carry Secretariat's victory plates, let alone be his conquerors. Citation got beat by a nag named Saggy. And Jiminy Crickets (!), the reason "Upset" exists in our vernacular is because Upset the horse beat Man o' War. So let's not hold Keen-freaking-Ice up as the pudding's proof. He's just history repeating itself.

American Pharoah won the Triple Crown. THE TRIPLE CROWN. First time in 37 years. Most of Mozart's lifetime. One year less than the time between Phillies' World Series parades. The first in the full era of Lasix. What once seemed to have become the impossible dream, Pharoah returned to reality.

Let us revel in the greatness of Arrogate. Let's slap Baffert on the back at his good fortune at having another Hall of Famer and his perfect management of those stars in our sky. But let's never do it at the expense of American Pharoah. He reversed history, overcame stigma, and gave us back the Triple Crown. He was The Man. Now Arrogate is The Man. Love them both.

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2017 Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 4

Friday, Mar. 31-Sunday, Apr. 2

#	Horse	Morning Line Odds
1	Always Dreaming (Bodemeister)	50-1
2	Battalion Runner (Unbridled's Song)	30-1
3	Battle of Midway (Smart Strike)*	50-1
4	Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile)	12-1
5	Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music)*	15-1
6	El Areeb (Exchange Rate)	30-1
7	Girvin (Tale of Ekati)*	30-1
8	Gormley (Malibu Moon)	20-1
9	Guest Suite (Quality Road)	50-1
10	Gunnevera (Dialed In)	6-1
11	Iliad (Ghostzapper)	15-1
12	Irish War Cry (Curlin)	15-1
13	J Boys Echo (Mineshaft)*	10-1
14	Malagacy (Shackleford)	30-1
15	McCraken (Ghostzapper)	6-1
16	Mo Town (Uncle Mo)	50-1
17	One Liner (Into Mischief)	10-1
18	Practical Joke (Into Mischief)	12-1
19	Reach the World (Tapit)	50-1
20	State of Honor (To Honor and Serve)	50-1
22	Tapwrit (Tapit)	10-1
23	Untrapped (Trappe Shot)	50-1
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Sea the Stars (Ire) <i>(2006) by Cape Cross (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Gilttown Stud Ire (€125,000)</i>	34	58	20	40	5	12	247	167	\$2,404,603	\$15,168,306 <i>Taghrooda (GB)</i>
2	Mastercraftsman (Ire) <i>(2006) by Danehill Dancer (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (€25,000)</i>	23	42	14	28	3	4	336	162	\$3,080,395	\$13,041,446 <i>The Grey Gatsby (IRE)</i>
3	Fastnet Rock (Aus) <i>(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (private)</i>	23	46	14	27	5	11	288	156	\$1,773,507	\$8,939,062 <i>Fascinating Rock (IRE)</i>
4	Le Havre (Ire) <i>(2006) by Noverre FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Haras De La Cauviniere Fr (€60,000)</i>	17	25	7	16	2	5	230	115	\$1,400,131	\$9,558,120 <i>Avenir Certain (FR)</i>
5	Pioneerof the Nile <i>(2006) by Empire Maker FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (\$110,000)</i>	16	30	9	17	3	8	206	138	\$8,650,300	\$23,367,791 <i>American Pharoah</i>
6	Champs Elysees (GB) <i>(2003) by Danehill FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Castlehyde Stud Eng (€6,500)</i>	14	25	5	14	1	4	190	113	\$697,731	\$6,688,260 <i>Trip To Paris (IRE)</i>
7	Square Eddie <i>(2006) by Smart Strike FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Ocean Breeze Ranch CA (\$25,000)</i>	10	17	1	4	1	1	94	71	\$424,773	\$7,162,995 <i>Ralis</i>
8	Archipenko <i>(2004) by Kingmambo FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Lanwades Stud Eng (£10,000)</i>	9	16	4	9	1	2	109	65	\$741,088	\$2,952,847 <i>Madame Chiang (GB)</i>
9	Adlerflug (Ger) <i>(2004) by In the Wings (GB) FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Gestut Schlenderhan Ger (€12,000)</i>	9	12	7	12	2	4	70	44	\$321,458	\$2,235,281 <i>Ito (GER)</i>
10	Diabolical <i>(2003) by Artax FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: A & A Ranch NM (\$6,000)</i>	8	18	--	--	--	--	107	86	\$518,980	\$5,034,184 <i>Diabolical Dame</i>
11	Myboycharlie (Ire) <i>(2005) by Danetime (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Haras du Mezeray Fr (€4,500)</i>	8	11	4	6	1	2	196	97	\$812,563	\$4,267,257 <i>Euro Charline (GB)</i>
12	Kodiak Kowboy <i>(2005) by Posse FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	7	14	4	4	1	2	133	96	\$1,398,552	\$8,426,850 <i>Melatonin</i>
13	Zensational <i>(2006) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	7	11	1	4	--	1	151	110	\$928,415	\$7,378,455 <i>Pure Sensation</i>
14	Cowboy Cal <i>(2005) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Pin Oak Stud KY (\$5,000)</i>	7	17	2	4	--	1	164	113	\$330,319	\$7,286,961 <i>Fear the Cowboy</i>
15	Giant Gizmo <i>(2004) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Adena Springs North ON (\$7,500)</i>	7	13	2	4	--	--	82	62	\$800,022	\$7,002,156 <i>Amis Gizmo</i>

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DUBB NAMED LEADING OWNER AT BIG A INNER MEET

Michael Dubb has now been named the leading owner for the Aqueduct inner track meet, according to a release from the New York Racing Association issuing a correction to its original announcement Sunday that named David Jacobson as top owner. Dubb and his various partnerships closed the meet with a total of 23 wins from 86 starts, which was seven more than Jacobson, who had 16 wins from 68 starts.

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EASTERN U.S.

Tuesday's Results:

8th-PRX, \$65,108, Alw, 3-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.42, sy.

EXTRASEXYEXOTKMINX (f, 4, Silver Train--Extra Sexy Psychic {SW, 311,650}, by Freud) crushed Pennsylvania-breds by 9 1/4 lengths here Mar. 6, and dominated in similar fashion here. The 21-10 second choice emerged with a clear lead, turned for home far out into the track and kicked away under energetic encouragement to splash home 7 1/4 lengths to the good of longshot Checkbouncin Billy (Rimrod). The winner is a half to Extrasexyhippster (Stroll), MSW, \$268,400. Her dam produced a Big Brown colt last year and was bred back to Mineshaft. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$134,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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 2-year-old: **Irish War Cry** (Curlin)
 3-year-old Filly: **Diamond Play** (E Dubai)
 Older Female: **Bustin Out** (Bustin Stones)
 Turf Runner: **Rainbow Heir** (Wildcat Heir)
 Broodmare of the Year: **Irish Sovereign** (Polish Numbers)
 Stallion of the Year: **Hey Chub** (Carson City)

INDUSTRY INFO

HorsePlayers.com Launched as Official NHC/BCBC Website:

Breeders' Cup Limited and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association have combined forces to launch a new online handicapping contest qualifying platform, HorsePlayers.com, the two organizations announced Tuesday. HorsePlayers.com will serve as the official online qualifying site for both the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge (BCBC) and the NTRA's newly re-branded National Horseplayers Championship (NHC).

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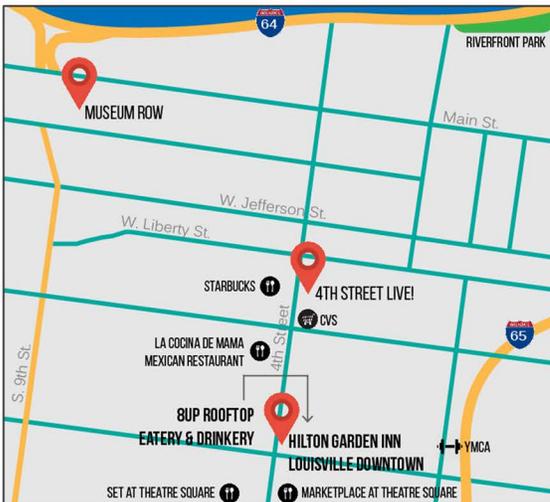


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CREATIVE CAUSE (Giant's Causeway), Airdrie Stud, \$15K, 174/24/3

8-TAM, Msw 1 1/16mT, My Bright Idea, \$97K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

EYE OF THE LEOPARD (A.P. Indy), Calumet Farm, 35/4/0

8-TAM, Msw 1 1/16mT, +Candy Naples, \$7K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1

NOBLE'S PROMISE (Cuvee), Breakway Farm, \$0, 16/2/1

5-TAM, Aoc 1 1/16mT, P J's Awesome, 12-1

OVERDRIVEN (Tale of the Cat), Ocala Stud Farm, \$3K, 114/18/0

6-CT, Alw 4 1/2f, Gallant Calling, 7-2

SHACKLEFORD (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 208/29/2

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Samseong Bulpae, g, 3, **Flower Alley**--Splendid Sound (SW), by Trippi. Seoul, 3-26, Hcp. (\$54k), 1300m. B-Charles H Deters (KY). *\$50,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

Heungryong, g, 3, **J P's Gusto**--Koni's Penty, by Pentelicus. Seoul, 3-25, Hcp. (\$81k), 1200m. B-Steve Tucker & Michelle Jackson (FL). *Won by four lengths as the 3-2 favorite. **\$17,000 2yo '16 FTMMAY.

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Cheongdam Dokki, g, 3, **To Honor and Serve**--Elusive Gold, by Strike the Gold. Seoul, 3-25, Hcp. (\$67k), 1400m. B-Blue Heaven Farm LLC (KY). *1/2 to Gouldings Green (Charismatic), MGSW, \$682,493; and Baby Bird (Cape Town), GSP, \$222,804; and Filare l'Oro (Hard Spun), SW & GSP, \$185,100. **\$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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Doraonpogyongseon, c, 4, **Kantharos**--Smartybegone, by Smarty Jones. Busan, 3-26, Hcp. (\$99k), 1400m. B-GoldMark LLC (FL). *\$14,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

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South Korea cont.

Cheonjiga, g, 4, **Trappe Shot**--What a Girl Needs, by Dixieland Band. Seoul, 3-26, Hcp. (\$67k), 1200m. B-Nursery Place (KY). *\$85,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$14,000 2yo '15 OBSJUN.

IN PERU:

Birdie Gold, f, 3, **Birdstone**--Gold Revenue, by Touch Gold. Monterrico, 3-26, Cond., 1300m, 1:20.03. B-Teneri Farm Inc & Bernardo Alvarez Calderon (KY). *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKJUL.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Unlimited Resource, f, 3, **Broken Vow**--Off Limits (MSP, \$127,675), by Include. PRX, 3-28, (C), 1m 70y, 1:49.31. B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY). *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '16 KEENOV.

Snowcone Bob, g, 3, **Euroears**--So Long Baby, by Ex Federali. WRD, 3-28, 6f, 1:11.80. B-Dwayne Gilbreath (OK).



THE RIGHT RESULT FOR LOPE DE VEGA



The Right Man ahead of last week's Al Quoz Sprint | *Emma Berry*

By *John Berry*

Although the Dubai World Cup rightly stole most of the headlines at Meydan on Saturday, it was merely one of five Group 1 races on a race-day which never disappoints. Among the heroes whom Dubai World Cup Night threw up was **The Right Man (GB)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}). His thrilling victory in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint wrote the latest chapter in the story of his excellent young sire, who has already produced an impressively wide selection of high-class horses.

Lope De Vega only began having runners in 2014. He made an immediate impact when his son Belardo (Ire) won Britain's top juvenile race, the G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket. That was a very good start, but obviously not a guarantee that he would make further progress. However, that is exactly what Lope De Vega has done, just as his own sire Shamardal (Giant's Causeway) had done before him. In Shamardal's case he came up with some very good horses in his first crop and has been doing so on an annual basis ever since. In addition to Lope De Vega, Shamardal's first-crop offspring around the world included the G1 winners Faint Perfume (Aus), Captain Sonador (Aus) and Zizou (Ger). However, Lope De Vega was his best first-crop son, as he showed by winning two Classics in France as a 3-year-old in the spring and early summer of 2010.

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INGLIS TO TEST BOUTIQUE SALE MODEL

By *Kelsey Riley*

The concept of a boutique sale in conjunction with a major race meeting is one that has cottoned on rather successfully in the Northern Hemisphere, with auctions such as the Goffs London Sale and the Arqana Arc sale now regular fixtures on the eve of Royal Ascot and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, respectively. With the ever-evolving international nature of the bloodstock industry, then, why not replicate the idea Down Under? That's exactly what the team at Inglis will do with the inaugural staging of the Chairman's Sale at Newmarket in Sydney.

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Shamardal was a strong and ultra-genuine racehorse, and he comes not just from one of the best Ballymacoll Stud families, but from the same branch of it as the outstanding Street Cry (Ire) (Machiavellian). He was a top-class juvenile (winning the G1 Dewhurst S. in 2004) before thriving at three, his victories in his second season including both the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club. Lope De Vega, an imposing horse in the mould of his sire even if a different colour, followed in his father's footsteps as a high-class juvenile who progressed to win those same two races.

Trained by Andre Fabre for his breeder Dietrich von Boetticher of Gestut Ammerland, Lope De Vega raced three times as a juvenile in 2009. His first two appearances brought victories in the Prix de Montaigu over 1500m at Deauville and in the Prix Al Khor over 1400m at Longchamp. He was then upped in class straight to the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere over 1400m at Longchamp on 'Arc Day'. As previously, he again started favourite, but this time could only finish fourth, albeit beaten by three very good horses: Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), Pounced (Rahy) and Buzzword (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Siyouni is now a household name thanks to the superb start which he has made to his stud career; while Pounced won the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf S. on his next start, and Buzzword took the G1 Deutsches Derby the following year.



Lope de Vega winning the G1 Prix du Jockey Club | Racing Post

Lope De Vega continued to progress the following spring. Although beaten first-up in a confusing renewal of the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau, when he and Siyouni filled the minor placings behind the latter's pace-maker Rajsaman (Fr) (Linamix), Lope De Vega quickly became a dual Classic winner. Over 1600m at Longchamp he won the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, beating subsequent dual G1 winner Dick Turpin (Ire) (Arakan) by half a length, with Siyouni, Buzzword, Rajsaman, Zazou and Poet's

Voice (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) among the 13 colts who followed the pair home. Over 2100m at Chantilly he took the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club, shattering any doubts about his ability to handle the extra distance by slamming his 21 rivals, headed by subsequent G1 Prix Ganay winner Planteur (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}).

It was disappointing that Lope De Vega did not win again after that glorious afternoon at Chantilly. He cut little ice in his final three races, ultimately finishing midfield behind G1 Derby S. winner Workforce (GB) (King's Best) in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe over 2400m at Longchamp in the autumn. However, he clearly ranked as one of the most appealing stallion prospects to come off the track in Europe in the autumn of 2010, and duly found his way to a good stud. The 2011 breeding season thus saw him taking up stud duties in Ireland at Ballylinch in February 2011 at a fee of €15,000.

Now, six years later, Lope De Vega is even more appealing. His already good pedigree looks even better as his Group 3-winning, Group 1-placed dam Lady Vettori (GB) (Vettori {Ire}) now ranks as producer of three stakes winners, as well as French Classic entrant and recent impressive debutante winner Lady Frankel (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Shamardal's status is rock-solid and, more importantly, Lope De Vega has proved his own ability to sire winners. **Cont. p3**

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Lope de Vega cont.

The aforementioned Belardo was a wonderful ambassador for Lope De Vega's first crop, taking the G1 Dewhurst S. over 1400m at Newmarket as a 2-year-old in 2014 before developing into a top weight-for-age miler at four, winning the G1 Lockinge S. over a mile at Newbury before finishing an excellent half-length second to Tepin (Bernstein) in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot. Belardo, though, was merely one of four Group-winning 2-year-olds among Lope De Vega's first crop. Also scoring in Pattern company at two were the English Group 3 winners Burnt Sugar (Ire) and Royal Razalma (Ire), as well as Hero Look (Ire), successful in 2014 in Italy's top juvenile race, the G2 Gran Criterium at San Siro. The latter augmented that triumph the following spring when taking Italy's equivalent of the 2,000 Guineas, the G3 Premio Parioli in Rome.

Further good horses emerged once Lope De Vega's first crop had turned three. In the spring of 2015 Ride Like The Wind (Ire) became his sire's fifth Group winner by taking the G3 Prix Djebel over 1400m at Maisons-Laffitte, beating two very good horses. Runner-up Make Believe (GB) (Makfi) won the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains next time out; while third-placed Sir Andrew (Fr) (Polan {Fr}) now ranks as a dual Group One winner in Hong Kong, where he races as Helene Paragon. The total later rose firstly to six courtesy of Very Special (Ire) who has been a Group winner at each of the past two the Dubai International Carnivals at Meydan; and then to seven thanks to the Anita Wigan-bred The Right Man, a Group 3-winning sprinter in France as a 4-year-old in 2016 and now a Group 1 winner at five thanks to his ultra-determined victory in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan last Saturday.

Some horses have sired a top-class juvenile or two in their first crop only for time to show that this initial success was merely flash in the pan. That, though, has not been the case with Lope De Vega. Since that great start, Lope De Vega has continued to come up with good horses in each subsequent crop. The best juvenile in his second crop was the excellent Blue De Vega (Ger). Bred, like his sire, by Gestut Ammerland, Blue De Vega landed the G3 Killavullan S. over seven furlongs at Leopardstown at two before finishing third in the following year's G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas. That excellent Classic placing, though, was not the best performance by a Lope De Vega second-crop three-year-old in the spring of 2016: Jemayel (Ire) became her sire's second Group 1 winner by taking the G1 Prix Saint-Alary over 2000m at Chantilly last May.

Lope De Vega duly had some good juveniles in his third crop last year, most notably South Seas (Ire) and Navara King (Ire). The former became his sire's second winner of the G3 Sirenia S. when winning at Kempton last August; while the latter, another Gestut Ammerland-bred, landed the G3 Zukunfts-Rennen over 1400m at Baden-Baden in September. [Cont. p4](#)

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Lope de Vega cont.

Past form suggests that it is likely that several more good horses will emerge from this crop now that its members have turned three; and that we can expect some good Lope De Vega fourth-crop juveniles to thrive during the forthcoming European season.

During the early days of his stud career Lope De Vega shuttled to the ill-fated Patinack Farm in Australia. Inevitably he left some good horses behind him there, most notably French Fern (Aus), Vega Magic (Aus) and Santa Ana Lane (Aus). French Fern, winner of the G2 Riesling S. over 1200m at Randwick, was one of the best 2-year-old fillies in Sydney last season; Vega Magic was one of the stars of the most recent Perth Summer Carnival, winning two Group 3 sprints; and the Lee Freedman-trained Santa Ana Lane was the first member of Lope De Vega's first Australian crop to strike at Group level thanks to his victory in last season's G3 Zeditave S. over 1200m at Caulfield. Arguably the best son of Lope De Vega racing at present in Australia, however, is the imported Endless Drama (Ire). This super-tough sprinter/miler has been one of the stars of Lope De Vega's first crop. He finished second to Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas; third to his paternal half-brother Belardo in the G1 Lockinge S. as a 4-year-old; and, aged five, he has now finished third behind Australia's reigning Horse of the Year Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G2 Apollo S. over 1400m at Randwick and then sixth behind her in the G1 Chipping Norton S. over 1600m.

Lope De Vega's fee at Ballylinch Stud has risen from a first-season fee of €15,000 in 2011 to €50,000 this year. This large fee, though, seems justified as the evidence continues to accumulate that he is a high-class stallion who can churn out a solid stream of good horses, capable of showing high-class form from sprints to middle distances under varying racing conditions. It would be a major surprise if his list of accomplishments does not continue to expand during 2017 and well beyond.

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CULLEN TO JOIN TDN AS MARKETING MANAGER

Alayna Cullen will assume the role of Marketing Manager of TDN upon completion of the Godolphin Flying Start programme this summer. "Alayna spent some time with us last year on a work placement, and made significant contributions to the company in a short period of time," commented TDN Vice President of International Operations Gary King. "Alayna's drive, enthusiasm and industry knowledge will be a big asset to TDN, and we look forward to her coming on board."

The Kildare native will be responsible for helping to expand the company's profile, particularly in Europe.

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has given me amazing opportunities in the last two years, and I have learned an immense amount which I hope to put to use in my new role. This is an exciting time for me and I am looking forward to being part of the hardworking team to continue the growth of the TDN."

Cullen will spend a period of time in the TDN's Red Bank, New Jersey offices this summer, before ultimately helping TDN

establish an office in Ireland.

"We were very impressed with Alayna's knowledge and work ethic during her placement with the TDN," said Sr. Vice President, Sue Finley. "The Godolphin Flying Start programme continues to turn out well-educated and connected industry professionals who are a credit to the Godolphin brand."

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ELLISON'S DOUBLE BID FOR LINCOLN GLORY

With Ireland's Flat Turf season having commenced on Sunday, Britain follows suit this Saturday when the valuable Betway Lincoln H. takes centre stage at Doncaster.

Few trainers these days have the ammunition to attempt the 'Spring Double', which constitutes the Lincoln and the Grand National, but one successful dual-purpose trainer who has this notable aim in mind is Brian Ellison, who will unleash a pair of old favourites for the first half of the challenge. [Cont. p5](#)

Lincoln H. cont.

Both **Top Notch Tonto (Ire)** (Thousand Words {GB}) and **Dream Walker (Fr)** (Gold Away {Ire}) are owned by Keith Brown and, now aged seven and eight, respectively, are expected to take their place in the line-up for in the straight-mile contest which should be run on easy ground that will suit both horses.

Top Notch Tonto was bought for just €3,000 as a yearling and has won six races, including the G3 Superior Mile at Haydock, and two Listed contests. Dream Walker, meanwhile, was a £4,500 yearling and has now won nine times and been listed-placed. The pair returned to action in the Lincoln Trial at Wolverhampton on March 11.



Top Notch Tonto | *Racing Post photo*

"Everything is fine with both horses. It's all good," reported Ellison, a former jump jockey who is also hoping to run **Definitely Red (Ire)** (Definite Article {GB}) in the following Saturday's Grand National, which is being sponsored by Radox Health for the first time this year.

A total of 91 horses stood their ground for the Lincoln at the confirmation stage, with a maximum field of 22 allowed to face the starter. The market is led by the Roger Varian-trained **Morando (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}), a treble winner last season for Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani.

Doncaster's meeting on Saturday also includes the first British 2-year-old contest of the season, the Betway Brocklesby S., which was last year won by subsequent G1 Middle Park S. hero The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), who is now standing at Darley's Kildangan Stud. Among the 28 possible contenders for this year's race is the David Griffiths-trained **Angel Force (Ire)**, who, if declared on Thursday, would become the first runner for the dual Group 1-winning sprinter Lethal Force (Ire).

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'WIN AND YOU'RE IN' SCHEME EXTENDED FOR IRISH DERBY

The Curragh Racecourse has teamed up with Dubai Duty Free to offer a range of enticements to ensure a strong field for the G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby, which will this year be run on Saturday, July 1.

With a total of €1.5 million on offer, the Classic will continue to be the most valuable race in Ireland with a first-place pot of €870,000 and prize-money continuing through to €15,000 for the eighth horse home.

The 'Win and You're In' initiative has also been extended to include additional races, as well as placed horses in certain races, with free entry being granted or the entry fee being refunded as applicable.

Derek McGrath, CEO of the Curragh, explained, "We have identified the key races which should generate runners for this year's Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby and we hope that this exciting initiative will maximise the potential for us to encourage owners and trainers to be part of Ireland's greatest and most valuable horse race."



Harzand winning the 2016 Irish Derby
Racing Post photo

The first four home in the G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas, G1 Prix Du Jockey Club and G1 Derby at Epsom will all have any entry or supplementary entry fee that has been paid by their connections refunded should they run in the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby.

The winner of the G1 Oaks at Epsom, G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas, G1 Prix de Diane, G2 Derby Italiano, G2 Prix Hocquart, G2 King Edward VII S., G3 Airlie Stud Gallinule S., G3 Tercentenary S., Listed Nijinsky S. and Listed TRM Silver S. will be given a free entry for the Irish Derby with any entry or supplementary fees paid refunded if they run.

Furthermore, the winner of the G2 UAE Derby, G2 Derrinstown Derby Trial, G2 Dante S. and G2 Prix Greffulhe--all of which take place before the second entry stage for the Irish Derby--will receive a free entry, not including supplementary fees.

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BRITAIN

**Tuesday's Results:**

6th-WOL, £6,000, Mdn, 3-28, 3yo, 12f 50y (AWT), 2:37.98, st.
COUNT OCTAVE (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Honorine {Ire}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire}), third on debut behind another promising son of Frankel in Monarchs Glen (GB) over nine furlongs at Goodwood in October, raced in second early with the filly and only serious rival Utopian Dream (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}) providing a perfect lead. Niggled at to take her measure inside the final quarter mile, the 3-10 favourite who holds a G1 Epsom Derby entry ran greenly after hitting the front with over a furlong remaining but comfortably asserted to score by three lengths. The winner is a half-brother to the G1 Irish Derby and G1 Secretariat S. hero and G1 Epsom Derby runner-up Treasure Beach (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 11-14f, G1SW-Ire & US, GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$2,435,343, who ironically trailed his sire in the G2 Royal Lodge S. He is also a half to Elidor (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), GSP-Eng, \$314,319, and to the Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial scorer Honor Bound (GB) (Authorized {Ire}). The dam, who is a half to the G2 Hardwicke S.-winning sire Indian Creek (GB), also has a 2-year-old filly by Frankel to follow. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,070. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

2nd-WOL, £4,000, Mdn, 3-28, 3, 4, /5yo, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:49.43, stn.

WILLIAM SAYLE (GB) (c, 3, Bahamian Bounty {GB}--Incarnation {Ire}, by Samum {Ger}), a Feb. 1 debut eighth going one mile at Kempton last time, settled off the clear leader after the initial exchanges of this one. Reducing arrears rounding the home turn, the 7-4 favourite was shaken up to challenge at the top of the straight and kept on well under continued rousting in the closing stages to prevail by two lengths from Golden Wolf (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}). Kin to a yearling filly by Mayson (GB), the chestnut is out of a winning half-sister to MG1SP sire Norse Dancer (Ire) (Halling) and hails from a family which includes G1SW New Zealand heavyweight Good Faith (NZ) (Straight Strike), MG1SW New Zealand champion distaffer Daffodil (NZ) (No Excuse Needed {GB}) and G1 Moyglare Stud S. victress Mail the Desert (Ire) (Desert Prince {Ire}). Sales history: 28,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; 10,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TAOCT; 100,000gns 2yo '16 TATHIT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$3,250. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-HRH Princess Haya of Jordan; B-Lady Hardy (GB); T-John Gosden.

FRANCE

**Tuesday's Results:**

PRIX DE LA PORTE DE MADRID-Listed, €52,000, SCD, 3-28, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:38.92, sf.

1--**#TIBERIAN (FR), 126, h, 5, Tiberius Caesar (Fr)--Toamasina (Fr) (SP-Ger), by Marju (Ire)**. O-Haras du Logis, Australian Thoroughbred Bloodstock Ltd Heiko Volz & Stefan Falk; B-Haras du Logis, Julian Ince, Stefan Falk & Heiko Volz (FR); T-Alain Couetil; J-Olivier Peslier. €26,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 13-3-4-0, €167,600.

2--**Talismanic (GB), 128, c, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Magic Mission (GB), by Machiavellian**. O-Godolphin SNC. €10,400.

3--**Travelling Man (GB), 125, g, 4, Oasis Dream (GB)--Montare (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire)**. O-George Strawbridge. €7,800.

Margins: 3, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 6.50, 0.70, 3.40.

Runner-up in the 2015 Prix Chaudenay at Longchamp, Tiberian was tried in the G1 Gold Cup at Ascot in June following a fourth in the G3 Prix d'Hedouville over this course and distance the previous month but made no impact there when 14th. Second in the Listed Prix Hubert Baguenault de Puchesse back at this trip at Vichy in July, the bay was fourth in the G1 Grosser Preis Von Baden in September and filled that spot again in the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris at Chantilly in October. Granted an easy lead throughout, he was threatened by Talismanic from two out to the furlong pole but steadily drew away in the run to the line for an authoritative and deserved first black-type success. The dam is a granddaughter of Marie de Beaujeu (Fr) (Kenmare {Fr}), whose progeny include the G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire All My Dreams (Ire) and the dam of the GI Beverly D. S. heroine I'm a Dreamer (Ire) (Noverre). **Click for the Racing Post result.** **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

2nd-SCD, €35,000, Cond, 3-28, 3yo, 8fT, 1:47.06, sf.

STUNNING SPIRIT (GB) (c, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Stunning View, by Dynaformer) broke through at Chantilly on sophomore return last time Mar. 2, and soon led here. Maintaining control throughout, the 13-5 chance was shaken up when threatened with 300 metres remaining and ridden out inside the final eighth to hold Veranda (Fr) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length. Stunning Spirit, half to the 2-year-old colt Estcourt (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and a yearling filly by Champs Elysees (GB), is out of a winning full-sister to MG1SW European champion juvenile filly Rainbow View (Dynaformer). His GI Del Mar Oaks-winning granddam No Matter What (Nureyev), herself kin to MGISP sire E Dubai (Mr. Prospector), also produced GIII Arlington H. victor and MGISP sire Just As Well (A.P. Indy), dual Grade III scorer

Winter View (Thunder Gulch) and GII Dixie S. winner Utley (Smart Strike), and hails from a family which also includes MG1SW sire Raven's Pass (Elusive Quality). Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, €45,150. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O/B-George Strawbridge (GB); T-Freddy Head.

4th-MRV, €16,000, Mdn, 3-28, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:32.60, st. SHAJJY (IRE) (g, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Greenisland {Ire} {MSP-Eng & SP-Ger}, by Fasliyev), a 400,000gns TATOCT yearling, was third over a mile at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat in October last time and tracked the leader Dibazari (Fr) (Zanzibari) in second early. Bumped along to throw down his challenge turning for home, the 11-10 favourite who was sporting cheekpieces gained the advantage without being asked a serious question in the last 100 metres and asserted to win by a length. The winner is a full-brother to the listed winner Shamshon (Ire), SW-Fr, \$119,040, who descends from the G1 Yorkshire Oaks runner-up and G1 Irish Oaks third Green Lucia (Green Dancer). She is a half-sister to the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Irish Derby-winning champion and renowned national hunt sire Old Vic (GB). The dam also has a yearling colt by Sea the Stars (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, €13,600. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd (IRE); T-Francois Rohaut.

6th-SCD, €28,000, Cond, 3-28, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:42.56, sf. BLACK MAX (FR) (g, 4, Fuisse {Fr}--Okapina {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Okawango) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 10-4-2-0, €77,500.
O/B-Ecurie Haras de Quetieville (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Clos Fuisse (Fr), c, 3, **Fuisse (Fr)**--Roadaniya (Fr), by Grape Tree Road (GB). NTS, 3-28, 11fT, 2:31.01. B-Mme Christian Bresson & Mme Pierre Lamy (FR).

Mia Wallace (Fr), f, 3, **No Risk At All (Fr)**--Quellaffaire (Fr), by Charge d'Affaires (GB). NTS, 3-28, 8fT, time: n/a. B-Michel Chartier (FR). *€8,000 RNA Ylg '15 OSLATE; **1/2 to Calvin Williams (Fr) (Carlotamix {Fr}), MSW-Fr, \$237,585.

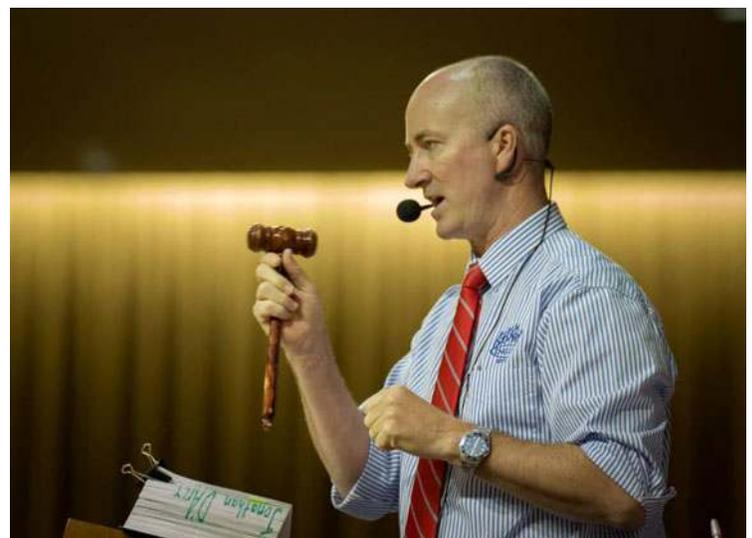
Tinarilou (Fr), f, 3, **Tin Horse (Ire)**--Goodbye Marylou, by Dixieland Band. LLD, 3-28, 10fT, 2:24.59. B-Genevieve Neveux (FR). *€6,000 RNA Ylg '15 ARQNOV.

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Inglis Chairman's Sale cont.

The catalogue will be finalised two days before the sale, but Inglis's National Bloodstock Director Jonathan D'Arcy said it will likely consist of a catalogue of "five to 10" high-quality racehorses to be offered wholly or in part, some of which will have entries at The Championships. Part II, the Elite Breeding Prospects session, has drawn a catalogue of 89 broodmares, weanlings and stallion seasons and shares and is set for Apr. 7, the day between the end of the Easter sale and day two of The Championships.

D'Arcy said the Inglis team did consider the success of sales like the Arc Sale and Goffs London when making the decision to try the concept themselves, and hoped to cater to the big spenders in Sydney over the Easter period.



Jonathan D'Arcy | Inglis

"We're gathering the best buyers both nationally and internationally in Sydney at that time of year. We've got the biggest yearling sale and we've got The Championships on," he said. "I was speaking to some of the internationals who were coming into town for the Easter sale and they said, 'we're really interested in investing in broodmares in Australia as well.' So we thought, it's hard for them to come back again, be it in May or in June to our Australian breeding stock sales when they've already come down in April, so why don't we put on a sale that can showcase some of the best bloodstock, be it weanlings or mares, that we've got to offer here in Australia."



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D'Arcy said the Chairman's sale was also born out of the fact that Inglis's agents have been increasingly inundated with inquiries into private purchases.

"What we've found the last two years is we're making a lot of offers to either buy horses or buy into horses, and we thought, 'why don't we put that into an auction format and let them fight it out in the auction ring, which has stood the test of time?' The auction ring is the strongest place to realize a horse's full potential sale price. We've been watching what's been happening around the world, and I think the opportunity and the timing is just perfect to do it here. If it's something that works here in Sydney we might look to replicate it in Melbourne at the start of the spring carnival as well. A lot of people we've spoken to are really interested in it, and we're hoping to have a catalogue of around five to 10 lots to offer at this first sale, then grow it from there."

Having trimmed down its Easter catalogue by 100 lots, Inglis has the necessary space to house the additional horses for the Chairman's sale. The Elite Racing Prospect offerings are likely to be auctioned in absentia if they hold a Championships entry, but "one or two lots" could be present on the Thursday evening, according to D'Arcy. The Elite Breeding Prospects lots will ship in Monday and Tuesday of the following week while the Easter sale is in full swing, and for added measure the horses catalogued for the Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale Apr. 10 to 13 will ship in Friday the 7th, making for a busy week of horses moving in and out of Newmarket.

"It's the best opportunity to get to Sydney and see some outstanding horses on the track, and buy your next champion in the ring," D'Arcy reasoned.

While the Elite Racing Prospects catalogue remains open, horses already committed include stakes-placed 2-year-old **Eden Roc (Aus)** (Star Witness {Aus}), a close relation to group-winning and Group 1-placed sprinter Star Turn (Aus) (Star Witness {Aus}) (lot 7); a 30% share of G1 Doncaster Mile entrant **Land Of Plenty (Aus)** (Stratum {Aus}) (lot 1); a quarter share in G2 Hobartville S. winner **Man From Uncle (Aus)** (Uncle Mo) (lot 8) and G1 Australian Oaks hopeful **Moqueen (Aus)** (Uncle Mo) (lot 6); and G2 Todman S.-winning gelding **Gunnison (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) (lot 10).

"We've been getting out and explaining what the concept is," D'Arcy noted. "It's very different from the normal path, which is putting a horse in the sale and selling it 100%. Eden Roc is being sold 100% and he's a horse that suits not only here in Australia with his stud potential, but he also ticks a lot of boxes for Hong Kong. Then you've got horses like Land Of Plenty and Man From Uncle who are 3-year-olds aimed at races over The Championships.

Their potential on the racetrack in Australia or internationally is very strong as well. Both those horses have about 25% or 30% on offer, so it's an opportunity for someone who wants to race straight away."

"Everyone in the industry knows you have to have a lot of patience to buy a yearling, have it broken in and jump through all the hoops to get to the races," he added. "Here's the opportunity for an investor to go racing two days after buying into a horse. We think there's an appetite for that type of investment and obviously our vendors are sharing that view and are prepared to put part of their horses on the market. They'll still stay in the horses and enjoy the racing, but instead of owning 40% of a horse they'll own 20% of a horse. I think we all know the thrill is the same no matter how much you own."



Chairman's Racing Prospect entrant Gunnison | Inglis

The Elite Breeding Prospects session includes G1 Queensland Oaks winner **Provocative (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}), in foal to Tavistock (lot 74); the well-related Group 2-winning maiden mare **Don't Doubt Mamma (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) (lot 49); Group 2 winner **Heatherly (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}) (lot 4) and dual Group 2 winner **Press Report (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) (lot 7), both currently in training; and Group 3 winner **Yattarna (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) (lot 9), also currently in training. Last year's G2 Reising S. winner French Fern (Aus) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) has been added as a wildcard.

Other highlights include lot 11, a colt foal from the first crop of Wandjina (Aus) and a half-brother to G2 Roman Consul S. winner Russian Revolution (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}); lot 29, a Fastnet Rock (Aus) filly foal out of Group 3 winner Sweet Sanette (SAf) (Jallad); lot 34, a Snitzel filly foal out of Your Life Style (Aus) (Hussonet), a daughter of Monsoon Wedding (Danehill) and therefore from the great Shantha's Choice (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}) line. [Cont. p9](#)

Inglis Chairman's Sale cont.

Your Life Style will be offered herself as the last lot in the sale (lot 89) in foal to I Am Invincible (Aus). **Acts Of Grace** (Bahri) (lot 40), a half-sister to Invincible Spirit (Ire), is catalogued in foal to Pride Of Dubai (Aus); **Close To My Heart (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), (lot 48) a granddaughter of Coup de Folie, is offered in foal to Frankel (GB); **Flame Of Sydney (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) (lot 51), the dam of multiple group winner Not Listenin'tome (Aus) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) is catalogued in foal to Medaglia d'Oro; **Opalize (Aus)** (Anabaa) (lot 70), the dam of this term's G3 Blue Diamond Prelude winner Property (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}) goes under the hammer with a Sizzling (Aus) cover; the unraced **Paper Round (GB)** (Street Cry {Ire}) (lot 72) sells with a Southern Hemisphere cover to European Horse of the Year Golden Horn (GB); **She's A Vamp (Aus)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) (lot 80) is a half-sister to G3 Magic Night S. winner Tulip (Aus) (Pierro {Aus}) in foal to Lonhro (Aus); and **Street Secret** (Street Cry {Ire}) (lot 84), from the family of the great producer Urban Sea, carries her third foal by Snitzel (Aus).



Group 3 winner Property's dam will be offered in foal to Sizzling
Bronwen Healy

Also set to be auctioned are a share in Hinchinbrook (Aus), two shares in Sebring (Aus) and two lifetime breeding rights to I Am Invincible (Aus).

"We were blown away by the support from the studs and some of the leading breeders," D'Arcy said. "I think that now that the catalogue has been put to bed we're very happy with the quality of horses we have to sell."

Ahead of what is set to be a blockbuster week in Sydney, D'Arcy concluded, "It seems to be a great time to be involved in racing here in Australia. The confidence in the yearling market is there for all to see, and we've got some exciting horses going to stud. At the weanling sales this year you'll see the first progeny of some very exciting young stallions.

I think with the way prizemoney is in Australia at the present time, it's a good time for people to get involved here, particularly from around the world. The world's becoming a smaller place; once you get on the plane and have a glass of wine you're here in no time at all, and I think our racing product is as good as anywhere in the world. We've got a lot of young people at the races and it's a great experience."

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CHAPPLE-HYAM AND PAYNE TEAM UP IN MELBOURNE DREAM

Newmarket-based Jane Chapple-Hyam is teaming up with fellow Australian Michelle Payne in recent Italian recruit **Kaspersky (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), who has been bought with the Melbourne Cup Carnival in mind.

Winner of the G2 Premio Carlo Vittadini in Milan and G2 Aengevelt Meilen Trophy in Germany, the 6-year-old was previously trained by Endo Botti and has recently arrived at Chapple-Hyam's yard at Abington Place.

The trainer is aiming for the G1 Queen Anne S.



Jane Chapple-Hyam | Emma Berry

at Royal Ascot before heading to her home city of Melbourne for the G1 Emirates S. at Flemington in November. Chapple-Hyam hopes that Payne will be available to partner the horse at Royal Ascot, though she is unlikely to be able to be in the UK for his intended start in the Paradise S. at the same course in May.

The conditioner said, "I've been friends with Michelle Payne for about eight years now and when we caught up at the Australian Open tennis, I was looking for a Melbourne Cup horse. It is so expensive to buy a Cup horse now, though, so I called Michelle and said, 'How about an Emirates S. horse instead?'"

She added, "Gay Kelleway was actually buying horses in Italy and she saw this one and while he was out of her budget, she flipped him on to me. He's been bought by Ernest Clarke and his wife Ronda, who are fairly new to UK racing, and will run in both their names. He arrived with us on Saturday and the plan is to run him in the Queen Anne at Royal Ascot with Michelle coming over to ride him. We know he will be a 50-1 shot, but he should give Ernest and Ronda a great thrill. **Cont. p10**

Chapple-Hyam, Payne to Team Up cont.

"He's been third in a Group 1 and won a couple of Group 2s so he has some nice form in the book."

Chapple-Hyam previously sent Mull Of Killough (Ire) (Mull Of Kintyre) to run in Australia, with the Group 3-winning half-brother to Excelebation (Ire) finishing third in the Emirates S. of 2013.

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OUR IVANHOWE RETIRED

Four-time Group 1 winner **Our Ivanhowe (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {Ire}--Indigo Girl {Ger}, by Sternkoenig {Ire}) has been retired from racing with stud options in the works, www.racing.com reported Tuesday morning. The Mar. 18 G1 Ranvet S. victor was lame in his off foreleg afterwards and was scratched from Saturday's G1 The BMW after failing a fitness test.

"We always had it on or radar, win lose, or draw the Ranvet was always going to be his swansong," co-owner Rupert Legh told www.racing.com Tuesday. "There was really nothing left for him. You don't get wet tracks in Melbourne and we know he's a superstar, but he just needs a bit of cushion. He's a four-time Group 1 winner, he's a very kind-natured horse and we don't want to bury him on hard tracks."



Our Ivanhowe | Steve Hart

Bred by Gestut Schlenderhan and a winner of the G2 Oppenheim-Union-Rennen at three, Our Ivanhowe--who raced as Ivanhowe in the Northern Hemisphere--progressed to take both the G1 Longines Grosser Preis von Baden and Munich's G1 Pastorious-Grosser Preis von Bayern as a 4-year-old. Tabbed a German highweight at 11-14 furlongs that year, he was purchased from Gestut Schlenderhan by these connections with the intent to contest the G1 Caulfield and G1 Melbourne Cups.

From 14 runs Down Under, the Lee and Anthony Freedman trainee's best performance bar the Ranvet was when he captured the G1 Doomben Cup over 2000 metres during the Australian fall last year. His favoured heavy ground finally materialized in the Ranvet, where he drew off to win by 3 1/4 lengths under Kerrin McEvoy. Our Ivanhowe retires with a mark of 24-7-2-1 and \$1,453,283 in earnings.

The 7-year-old son of Soldier's Hollow (Ire) has several studs in both hemispheres showing interest, but no plans have been finalized yet.

Added Legh, "We've got a couple studs both in Europe and here talking to us at the moment. "We thought, why don't we go out on top and it's coming into April and it's time to find him a nice home and start building a nice book for him."

Out of Indigo Girl (Ger), who was third in the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks), Our Ivanhowe is the second winner of four to race and lone stakes winner. Indigo Girl is a half-sister to German SWs Irulan (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) and Indian Breeze (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and GSP Lolith (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}). Third dam Indian Pearl (Ger) (Gulf Pearl {GB}) was the champion 3-year-old filly in Germany in 1978.

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REBEL DANE TO STAND AT SWETTENHAM

The dual Group 1-winning sprinter **Rebel Dane (Aus)** (California Dane {Aus}--Texarcana {Aus}, by More Than Ready) will join the stallion ranks at the Sangster family's Swettenham Stud in Victoria on his retirement from racing.

Now seven, Rebel Dane's first Group 1 triumph came in the Rupert Clarke S. as a 4-year-old and he was back for more in last October's Manikato S. at Moonee Valley. The Gary Portelli trainee has struck in five Group races in total.



Rebel Dane | Bronwen Healy

Rebel Dane cont.

"Standing Rebel Dane in Victoria was a natural fit as the horse has won his two Group 1s there and a number of Victorian Studs expressed interest in him," explained the horse's managing owner, Louis Mihalyka of Laurel Oak Bloodstock. "The opportunity to stand him at Swettenham is simply a bonus, as they are one of the leading stud farms in Victoria with a wonderful reputation and a well-established client base that will give Rebel Dane the opportunity for a successful stud career."

Swettenham's Adam Sangster added, "The opportunity to access a dual Group 1-winning sprinter is rare for Victorian breeders, especially the winner of one of our iconic sprint races, the Manikato S. We were keen to get the stallion for Swettenham Stud and Victoria, and were delighted when the owners agreed. He will provide Victorian breeders the opportunity to access a sound, high-class sprinter bred on the successful Danehill/More Than Ready cross that will complement Swettenham's existing stallion roster and be ideal for SuperVOBIS."

No stud fee has yet been announced for Rebel Dane, who has further Group 1 targets in his sights in Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide in the immediate future.

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MIKKI ISLE TO ARROWFIELD

Arrowfield Stud has further bolstered its strong stallion line-up by the addition of a third Japanese-bred stallion and second son of Deep Impact (Jpn) to its roster with the recruitment of **Mikki Isle (Jpn)** (--Star Isle {Ire}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}).

The champion sprinter/miler of 2016 in his native country, Mikki Isle won twice as a juvenile before landing the G1 NHK



Mikki Isle | Arrowfield Stud

Mile Cup at three to become Japan's top-rated miler of his age group. Further black-type wins were recorded in the G2 Swan S. and the G3 Hankyu Hai, both over 1400 metres, before he notched a second top-level win in the

G1 Mile Championship S. at Kyoto last November.

Bred by Northern Farm, he is out of the unraced Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire) mare Star Isle (Ire), a grand-daughter of the multiple Grade I winner Stella Madrid (Alydar). Star Isle is also the dam of recent dual Grade 3-placed Taisei Starry (Jpn) (Manhattan Cafe {Jpn}).

Mikki Isle is currently standing his first Northern Hemisphere season at Shadai Stallion Station and will join his stablemate Real Impact in shuttling to the Hunter Valley. His fee for 2017 will be set after the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale.

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EXPENSIVE FRANKEL COLT SET TO DEBUT

Merovee (Aus) (Frankel {GB}), the A\$1.6-million fourth most expensive lot at last year's Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, is set to debut in the Wednesday afternoon opener at Newcastle.

Trained and part-owned by Chris Waller along with Vinery Stud, breeder John Singleton's Strawberry Hill Stud, R&C Legh Racing and Werrett Bloodstock, among others, the bay colt is a son of More Strawberries (Aus) (More Than Ready), a dual Group 2 winner and twice placed in Group 1 company, including a third in the 2010 Golden Slipper S. More Strawberries is a half-sister to G1 Emirates S. winner All American (Aus) (Red Ransom), while champion third dam Tersa (Mr. Prospector) produced US MGISW Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.).

Merovee, to be ridden by Hugh Bowman, has logged three barrier trials to date, all at Rosehill, but his most recent trial Mar. 13 was his most promising, as he hit the line generously to 'win' the heat by 3/4 of a length ([video](#)).

Merovee is drawn gate two in a field of 14. Post time for the 1200m test is 12:45 p.m.

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Merovee as a yearling | Inglis photo

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Magic Legend (Aus), g, 3, **Red Element (Aus)**--Trail of Secrets (Aus), by Secret Savings. Sha Tin, 3-26, Hcp. (A\$295k), 1200mT, 1:09.84. B-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld). *Formerly Hostwin Legend (Aus). **A\$50,000 Ylg '15 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

What Else But You (Aus), g, 4, **Duporth (Aus)**--Fortune Princess (Aus), by Danehill. Sha Tin, 3-26, Hcp. (A\$295k), 1600mT, 1:34.92. B-Miss V Chow (NSW). *Formerly Eminent Knight (Aus). **A\$70,000 RNA Ylg '14 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

IN SINGAPORE:

+Bear Witness (Aus), g, 3, **Star Witness (Aus)**--Train Wreck (Aus), by Honours List (Ire). Kranji, 3-26, Restricted Maiden (A\$71k), 1200mT, 1:09.94. B-G Nash (NSW). *A\$12,000 Ylg '15 MMNAT. **VIDEO**

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Baramui Heunjeok (Aus), g, 3, **Equiano (Fr)**--Glorious Spirit (Aus), by Hold That Riger. Seoul, 3-25, Hcp. (A\$65k), 1200m. B-Lauriston Thoroughbred Farm (Vic). *Led home a rare Australian-bred one-two, besting Choego Jilju (Aus) (Astronomer Royal) by three lengths. **A\$5,000 Ylg '15 INGVBS; A\$60,000 2yo '15 MMGC2YO.

DISPERSAL SALE AT BACKWORTH STUD

Bloodstock South Africa is set to host a dispersal sale at Backworth Stud of all the farm's bloodstock on April 10.

Set in South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal Midlands region, Backworth Stud, which is owned by Keith Russon and Ian Todd, has seen a number of its graduates rise to prominence, including the 2010 GI Allan Robertson Fillies Championship winner Chocolicious (SAf) (Kahal {GB}), whose Frankel (GB) filly sold for A\$610,000 at last year's Inglis Easter Yearling Sale.

The sale, which will get underway at 1pm, features 96 lots and includes mares, 2-year-olds, yearlings, weanlings, and fillies out of training. The catalogue, which can be viewed online at www.tba.co.za, also contains offerings from Janet Baker Properties, Spring Valley Stud and Summerhill Stud.

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Saturday, Royal Randwick (Sydney), Australia, post time: 5:10 p.m. (2:10 a.m. ET/7:10 a.m. BST)

THE STAR DONCASTER MILE H-G1, A\$3,000,000, 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	SC	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	14	I Am A Star (NZ)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Nichols	Yendall	114
2	5	Happy Clapper (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Webster	Shinn	122
3	3	Palentino (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Weir	Zahra	125
4	23e	Top of My List (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	A & E Cummings	No Rider	112
5	17	Sons of John (Aus)	Oratorio (Ire)	Attard	No Rider	113
6	16	Antonio Giuseppe (NZ)	Shocking (Aus)	Waller	Berry	114
7	8	Arod (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Waller	G Schofield	119
8	2	Le Romain (Aus)	Hard Spun	Lees	Bowman	125
9	6	It's Somewhat 	Dynaformer	Purton	O'Shea	121
10	13	Sense of Occasion (Aus)	Street Sense	Brown	Lees	115
11	20	Euro Angel (NZ)	Rip van Winkle (Ire)	M/W/J Hawkes	Adkins	112
12	22e	No Doubt (Aus)	Not a Single Doubt (Aus)	A & E Cummings	No Rider	112
13	18	Testashadow (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Portelli	Mallyon	112
14	7	Ecuador (NZ)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Waterhouse/Bott	Hyeronimus	121
15	10	Redkirk Warrior (GB)	Notnowcato (GB)	D/B Hayes/Dabernig	Bayliss	117
16	1	Hauraki (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	O'Shea	Doyle	126
17	11	McCreery (GB)	Big Bad Bob (Ire)	Waller	McEvoy	117
18	21e	New Tipperary (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Pride	Ford	112
19	15	Hey Doc (Aus)	Duorth (Aus)	McEvoy	Clark	114
20	12	Endless Drama (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Waller	Avdulla	117
21	9	Dibayani (Ire)	Shamardal	D/B Hayes/Dabernig	Oliver	119
22	19	Spectroscope 	Medaglia d'Oro	O'Shea	Moreira	112
23	4	Tosen Stardom (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Weir	Williams	125

Saturday, Royal Randwick (Sydney), Australia, post time: 4:30 p.m. (1:30 a.m. ET/6:30 a.m. BST)

DARLEY T J SMITH S-G1, A\$2,500,000, 3yo/up, 1200mT

PP	SC	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	12	English (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Waterhouse/Bott	Shinn	125
2	10	Target In Sight (Aus)	Nadeem (Aus)	Pride	Avdulla	129
3	8	Voodoo Lad (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Weir	Lane	129
4	13	Astern (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	O'Shea	Doyle	125
5	5	Japonsime (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Waller	G Schofield	129
6	6	Fell Swoop (Aus)	Not a Single Doubt (Aus)	Dale	Moreira	129
7	2	Malaguerra (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	Gelagotis	Melham	129
8	9	Rock Magic (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Gangemi	Noske	129
9	11	Tivaci (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Moroney	Oliver	129
10	14	Russian Revolution (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	P/P Snowden	McEvoy	125
11	1	Chautauqua (Aus)	Encosta de Lago	M/W/J Hawkes	Berry	129
12	3	Terravista (Aus)	Captain Rio (GB)	Pride	Brown	129
13	7	Spieth (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Heys	Bowman	129
14	15	Derryn (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	T/B Hayes/Dabernig	Bayliss	125
15	4	Rebel Dane (Aus)	California Dane (Aus)	Portelli	Williams	129

Saturday, Royal Randwick (Sydney), Australia, post time: 3:50 p.m. (12:50 a.m. ET/5:50 a.m. BST)

BMW AUSTRALIAN DERBY-G1, A\$2,000,000, 3yo, 2400mT

PP	SC	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	7	Anaheim (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Busuttin/Young	Bowman
2	12	Righteous Mate (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Newnham	Angland
3	10	Hollywood Mo (Aus)	Uncle Mo	Perry	Purton
4	3	Inference (Aus)	So You Think (NZ)	M/W/J Hawkes	Berry
5	6	Hardham (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Brideoake	Nolen
6	1	Prized Icon (Aus)	More Than Ready	J Cummings	G Schofield
7	5	So Si Bon (Aus)	So You Think (NZ)	Laing	McEvoy
8	8	Ruthven (Aus)	Domesday (Aus)	Maher	Zahra
9	4	Jon Snow (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	Baker/Forsman	Lane
10	9	Harper's Choice (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Ryan	Collett
11	11	Impavido (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Baker	Moreira
12	2	Gingernuts (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	Autridge/Richards	Bosson
13	13	Shine Tak Star (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Sargent	Avdulla

All carry 125 pounds.

Saturday, Royal Randwick (Sydney), Australia, post time: 3:10 p.m. (12:10 a.m. ET/5:10 a.m. BST)

INGLIS SIRE'S S-G1, A\$1,000,000, 2yo, 1400mT

PP	SC	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	19e	Merchant Navy (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Maher	No Rider	125
2	15	Tulip (Aus)	Pierro (Aus)	D/B Hayes/Dabernig	McEvoy	120
3	5	Trapeze Artist (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Ryan	Clark	125
4	8	Invader (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	P/P Snowden	Bowman	125
5	17e	Feng Chu (Aus)	Moshe (Aus)	D/B Hayes/Dabernig	Zahra	125
6	4	Veranillo (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	O'Shea	Moreira	125
7	7	Single Bullet (Aus)	Not a Single Doubt (Aus)	Portelli	Melham	125
8	20e	Spencer (Aus)	Pierro (Aus)	A & E Cummings	No Rider	125
9	12	The Mission (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Perry	Lane	125
10	11	Sirconi (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	Morgan	Baster	125
11	2	Menari (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Ryan	Brown	125
12	10	Aspect (Aus)	Pluck	McEvoy	Currie	125
13	9	Summer Passage (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	O'Sullivan/Scott	Purton	125
14	6	Gunnison (Aus)	Not a Single Doubt (Aus)	P/P Snowden	Shinn	125
15	16	One More Honey (Aus)	Onemorenomore (Aus)	Thompson	Ford	120
16	14	Frolic (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	M Freedman	Berry	120
17	18e	Memento (Aus)	Your Song (Aus)	A & E Cummings	Clipperton	120
18	3	Diamond Tathagata (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Newnham	G Schofield	125
19	13	Astoria (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	O'Shea	Doyle	125
20	1	Chauffeur (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Ryan	Parr	125



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