

## HE'S WON ONE RACE, BUT WHAT A RACE IT WAS



Chad Summers | DRC/Mathea Kelley

By Bill Finley

Thousands of trainers can look back at their first win as a special moment in their careers and their lives, but none can ever match Chad Summers when it comes to the time, place and magnitude of that occasion. He broke his maiden in a \$2-million race.

Any thoughts that the 32-year-old newcomer to the training ranks might have been in over his head when he sent out **Mind Your Biscuits** (Posse) in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen were put to rest when the New York-bred cruised to a three-length win last Saturday. It was Summers's first win after sending out five losers to begin his career.

"I know how hard it is to accomplish something like that," he said. "I got a lot of texts from other trainers saying, 'Well, you know it's all going to be downhill from here.' We know what we did and we don't take it lightly. It wasn't me. It was the horse and the entire team involved. It means a lot to get your first win as a licensed trainer in a race of that magnitude. It's not something you take lightly at all."

Summers took a circuitous route to the winner's circle. He grew up on Long Island and his father would frequently take him and his brother to the New York tracks. Summers wanted to go into racing as a career and tried just about everything there is to try—he worked as a hotwalker, a clocker, a racing manager and even tried his hand as a turf writer. He ultimately settled on becoming a bloodstock agent. **Cont. p3**

## MCCRACKEN TUNES UP FOR BLUE GRASS

Whitham Thoroughbreds' **McCracken** (Ghostzapper) tuned up for Saturday's GII Toyota Blue Grass S. with a half-mile work in :49.40 (14/34) ([video](#)) at Keeneland Sunday. With jockey Brian Hernandez, Jr. in the irons, the unbeaten '**TDN Rising Star**' backtracked alongside a pony to the seven-eighths pole before starting his solo journey. Breaking off at the half-mile pole, he posted fractions of :12.60, :25, :37 and galloped out five furlongs in 1:01.20 and six furlongs in 1:13.80.

"I thought the work was very good," trainer Ian Wilkes said. "It was a nice half, and he galloped out strong another quarter and I was pleased with how he did it."

McCracken opened his sophomore campaign with a victory in the Feb. 11 GIII Sam F. Davis S., but missed an expected outing in the GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby with a minor ankle injury. Sunday's work was the colt's third at Keeneland. **Cont. p4**

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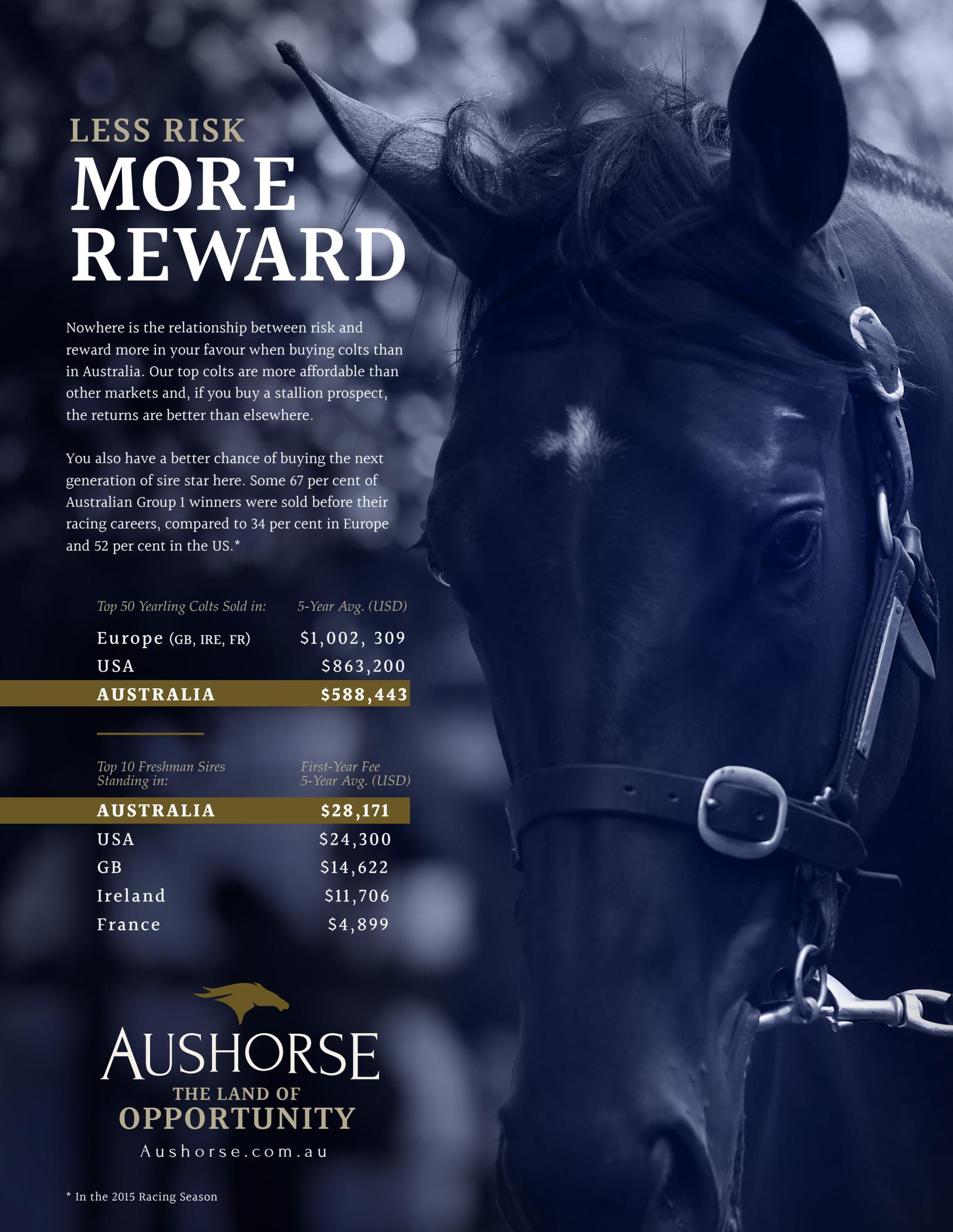


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*Sadler's Joy winning the Pan American (G2) at Gulfstream - running the final half mile in :46.47.*

## Sadler's Joy Makes the Grade in the Pan American (G2)

Coming off a runner-up performance in his stakes debut last time out in the W. L. McKnight (G3), Sadler's Joy, owned by Woodslane Farm, unleashed a powerful move on the far turn and muscled his way to a win in the Grade 2 Pan American contested at a mile and a half at Gulfstream. Earlier in the day, Whispering Oaks Farm's Eden Grey's Kitten won the Costa Rising Stakes going five and a half furlongs at the Fair Grounds. Two new Stakes Winners on the 1st of April for Leading Sire Kitten's Joy ... and that's no April Fool's joke.

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**Superman Takes Flight!** GII Wood Memorial hopeful Irish War Cry, Jorge Salazar up, works 6f in 1:13.40 Sunday morning in company with Spring Quality at Fair Hill Training Center in Elkton, MD. Story p6. | Sarah K. Andrew

**ALWAYS DREAMING 'EXCELLENT'**

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*Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) exited his emphatic victory in Saturday's GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby in 'excellent' fashion, according to trainer Todd Pletcher.*

**MO' GREEN TAKES FLIGHT**

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*Mo' Green (Uncle Mo) earned the first stakes victory of her career Sunday, striding clear to a 3 1/2-length tally in the GIII Top Flight Invitational S. at Aqueduct.*

**HARD ACES ON TOP IN TOKYO**

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*Hard Aces (Hard Spun) made it two-for-two going 1 1/2 miles with a determined score in the GIII Tokyo City S. at Santa Anita Sunday.*

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## He's Won One Race, but What a Race it Was (cont. from p1)

He came across a yearling by Posse at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Preferred New York-Bred Yearling Sale. After the horse RNA'd, Summers put together a group to buy the horse post-sale that included himself, his father and his brother. His next stop was the 2015 OBS Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds where Mind Your Biscuits again did not meet the reserve. Throughout the process, the ownership group changed and now consists of the Summers family, J Stables LLC and Head of Plains Partners. The trainers were also shuffled. Mind Your Biscuits began his career with Roderick Rodriguez before being turned over to 23-year-old trainer Robert Falcone, Jr.



Mind Your Biscuits in the Golden Shaheen | Horsephotos

Summers was content to remain in the background.

"I didn't really want to be a trainer, to be honest with you," he said. "Being a trainer, when you have a family and a young son at home and with all the hours you have to dedicate to it, it's not easy."

But he had a change of heart. Some of the people he worked for in the industry were encouraging him to take out a license and the money he was making thanks to a handful of shrewd moves as a bloodstock agent gave him the financial peace of mind to enter a business that can be treacherous for newcomers.

Summers said he made the decision that he would begin his training career and move Mind Your Biscuits into his new barn at the start of 2017. But it was not a move that looked particularly good on the surface. In his last start for Falcone, Mind Your Biscuits won the GI Malibu S. A few days later, Falcone was fired.

"I love the kid to death," Summers said of Falcone. "He's like a brother and that won't ever change. I think we worked very well together. I think he has a really bright future ahead of him and by no means did he do something wrong. It was the plan, that in

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2017 we would make the change. I was happy he was able to get the Grade I in the Malibu. In this situation, going out on my own and doing the things that I did, was it a little bit selfish on my part? Yes. Absolutely. But it was something I had to do to further my career."

Despite having just the one victory on his record, a win on the Dubai World Cup card will get you noticed. Summers has 11 horses under his care, but is expecting about 35 2-year-olds to join his stable shortly. He said some have come as a direct result of Mind Your Biscuits's win.

"Picking up new owners, it started the next day, after the race in Dubai," he said. "SF Bloodstock were out for the race and called me the next day and asked me if I would take a horse for them. It was that quick. There were other people who had already committed to me, but they hadn't told me the names of horses or numbers of horses until after the race was over. I have to think the win affected their decisions. People want to see what you can do and once you win a race like that, everybody wants to jump on board."

SF's Tom Ryan said that they were sending Summers a Gemologist filly out of Dance Alexa (Southern Halo), a half-sister to GII Santa Ynez winner Dance Daily (Five Star Day). "He's such a charismatic and confident character," Ryan said. "Chad has a very bright future ahead." **Cont. p4**

Maybe you don't have to sink before you can swim. Summers has a number of prominent owners ready to back him and says his goals are nothing short of winning the GI Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup races.

"Yes, I just experienced a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Summers concluded. "But for me, it just made me hungrier. I want to do it again, go back there and defend our title. I want more horses. I want to be on the big stage."

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## McCraken Tunes Up for Blue Grass

*(cont. from p1)*

"He is feeling good and his attitude is great," Wilkes said. "He is enjoying it here. He has gotten bigger and stronger since he has been here and maybe missing that race was a blessing. Things happen for a reason and we will find out in the long run."

The work capped a whirlwind several hours for Hernandez, who won Saturday's GII Louisiana Derby aboard **Girvin** (Tale of Ekati) and then drove all night from New Orleans to Keeneland to be aboard McCraken Sunday morning.

"It was worth it," Hernandez said of the 10-hour ride. "Every rider's dream is to be in the spot I'm in. I'm good friends with both [connections]. I'm happy for [trainer] Joe [Sharp], [his wife] Rosie and [owner] Brad [Grady] to win the Louisiana Derby with

Girvin and then I get to come here to work a horse like McCraken."

Hernandez has been aboard McCraken in each of his four lifetime starts.

"He does everything right on cue now," Hernandez said of McCraken. "He goes around in perfect :12s and gets faster as he goes. He's an amazing horse."

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“Last year he worked five-eighths before the [GII] Kentucky Jockey Club and just went out there, but now he is focused on the job like he wants to do it,” Hernandez continued. “I don’t have to force him to do anything.”

Also working at Keeneland Sunday for the Blue Grass, **It’s Your Nickel** (Dialed In) went five furlongs in 1:01.60 (20/35) ([video](#)).

“We were just looking for a nice maintenance work, something to keep his feet on the ground for the rest of the week,” Ken McPeck’s assistant trainer Alan Shell said. “He finished up well, so we’ll just keep an eye on him this week and should be good to go. He looks like he’s handling the track well.”

Owned by Harold Lerner, AWC Stables, Scott Akman and Nehoc Stables, It’s Your Nickel is coming off a 6 1/2-length victory in the Mar. 4 John Battaglia Memorial S.

Keeneland’s Sunday worktab also featured Stonestreet Farm, George Bolton and Peter Leidel’s **Lady Aurelia** (Scat Daddy), who went five furlongs over the turf in 1:00.20 (1/4). The 3-year-old filly, winner of last year’s G1 Darley Prix Morny and G2 Queen Mary S., is expected to make her 2017 debut in the Apr. 15 Giant’s Causeway S. before a second tilt at Royal Ascot in June.

“[The Giant’s Causeway] gives us good spacing to go to the [June 20 G1] King’s Stand, which is five-eighths at Royal Ascot,” trainer Wesley Ward said.

Stonestreet’s Barbara Banke was on hand to watch the work and agreed it was important for American runners to compete in Europe.

“We’ve got to do that [running American horses overseas] more,” Banke said. “It’s important just to show the breadth and speed of American bloodstock and make people want to come over here and buy our yearlings at the Keeneland sale.”

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## IRISH WAR CRY ON TRACK FOR WOOD

Isabelle de Tomaso's **Irish War Cry** (Curlin), looking to rebound from a seventh-place effort in the Mar. 4 GII Fountain of Youth S., tuned up for Saturday's GII Wood Memorial S. with a six-furlong breeze in 1:13.40 (1/3) at Fair Hill Training Center Sunday. The chestnut colt worked in company with stablemate Spring Quality (Quality Road).

"I wanted him to have a good work," reported trainer Graham Motion. "We had a lot of rain the last couple of days so that's why I put it off until today. The track was good this morning. He actually shipped back [from Florida] on Monday morning, so he got here Tuesday and he galloped since then. He seems to have had a very good week."

Irish War Cry opened his career with three straight victories, including a 3 3/4-length tally in the Feb. 4 GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S. He suffered his first defeat after pressing a swift pace in the Fountain of Youth.



**Battalion Runner** | *Lauren King*

"To me I think it seemed like a perfect storm of a bounce off the Holy Bull and kind of a deep, cuppy track that he struggled with," Motion said of the defeat. "That's the best case that I can give."

Of the decision to skip Saturday's GI Florida Derby and instead point towards the Wood, Motion added, "I wanted to get him home and give him the extra week. I just didn't feel like I could

run back in the Florida Derby off that performance. For me it was getting him home and getting him relaxed. The biggest factor was probably the extra week, to be honest. It's also running in a Grade II as opposed to a Grade I. That was a solid group and the winner looked very impressive, I thought."

Also working towards the Wood Memorial, St. Elias Stable's '**TDN Rising Star**' **Battalion Runner** (Unbridled's Song) breezed a half-mile at Palm Beach Downs Sunday in :49 1/5.

"It was a good work for him and he had a nice gallop-out," trainer Todd Pletcher said.

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“It’s six days out from the Wood, so we didn’t want to overdo it,” Pletcher continued. “He’s had a good, steady series of solid works so this is more of a maintenance type work before he ships north. He looked good and was moving well. It was a nice, relaxed work by himself and he seemed to come out of it well.”

The \$700,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase graduated by a front-running 8 3/4 lengths going seven furlongs at Gulfstream in December and added a 1 1/4-length tally going 1 1/16 miles in Hallandale Feb. 3. He was scratched from the Florida Derby as the 3-1 second-choice on the morning line to avoid facing stablemate Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), co-owned by St. Elias.

“Part of the strategy was we were trying to keep him and Always Dreaming separated because of the common ownership,” confirmed Pletcher. “So it kind of came down to finalizing which race we were ultimately going to end up in. Based on the breeze this morning, we felt like the Wood made the most sense.”

Pletcher will also be represented in the Wood by **Bonus Points** (Majestic Warrior), who was second in the Jan. 2 GIII Jerome S. and is coming off a fourth-place effort in the Feb. 4 GIII Withers S.

“He’s a consistent horse, he tries hard,” Pletcher said of the Three Diamonds Farm runner. “We’re hoping that maybe with a more legitimate pace, he’ll get a little better run at it. We need him to step up and improve a bit, but we feel like he’s a horse that’ll handle the distance and, with a little bit of pace setup, might be able to get a piece of it.”

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## ALWAYS DREAMING ‘EXCELLENT’

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister) was reported in fine shape Sunday morning, a day after thrusting himself into the GI Kentucky Derby picture with a commanding five-length victory in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park.

“He’s excellent,” trainer Todd Pletcher said. “It seemed like he recuperated quickly after the race, cooled out good, looked good this morning, settled back here into Palm Beach Downs and all is well. He seems to be in excellent form. I was really pleased with the way he came back to the winner’s circle. Initially, he’s showing us all the signs you’re hoping for.”

Pletcher, who has now won three of the past four runnings of the Florida Derby, was not surprised by his charge’s victory in his stakes debut Saturday.

“It was what we felt like he was capable of doing based on the way he had been training, but you’re always pleased to see him deliver the type of performance you’re hoping for,” Pletcher said. “He certainly did that, and then some.”

Of his plans leading up to the May 6 Kentucky Derby, Pletcher commented, “I’ve got to kind of map out a schedule in terms of when we’ll ship to Churchill. We’ll look to have a breeze or possibly two breezes at Churchill, but we’ll kind of play it by ear and see what the shipping arrangements look like and see what the weather’s doing in Kentucky and take all those into consideration.”

Also taking aim on the Kentucky Derby is Florida Derby runner-up **State of Honor** (To Honor and Serve).

“The winner was very impressive,” Mark Casse, trainer of the runner-up, admitted. “Was there anything we could have done to change the outcome? No. I think if he had settled a little better...you know, he’s still learning to settle, which we’re trying to achieve. I think he did that in the middle of the race, he didn’t do it early. He was probably a little bit intimidated down inside, turning for home, where [Always Dreaming] kind of got first kick on him, where we had to play catch-up. I was actually, after watching the replay, more impressed with his performance than initially. He’s a very consistent horse and ran well, so I think he deserves a shot. The owners are excited, we’re excited, and he’s going to Kentucky.”

The Conrad Farms homebred was also second in the GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby and third in the GIII Sam F. Davis S.

Trainer Antonio Sano reported **Gunnevera** (Dialed In), third as the Florida Derby favorite, exited the race well and will also be heading to Louisville.

“Gunnevera is very good, very good,” Sano said. “He was checked by the vet, and everything is very good. I’m very happy with my horse. Considering everything, it was a good race for my horse.”

Sano said Gunnevera is scheduled to ship to Churchill Downs Apr. 22 and he expects the colt to breeze Apr. 29.

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**Always Dreaming** | Leslie Martin

**Sunday, Aqueduct**

**TOP FLIGHT INVITATIONAL S.-GIII**, \$196,000, AQU, 4-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:51.79, ft.

1--**#@MO' GREEN, 116, f, 4, by Uncle Mo**

**1st Dam: She's a Rebel Too (SP, \$144,965), by Two Punch**

**2nd Dam: Dixieland Queen, by Dixieland Band**

**3rd Dam: Fearless Queen, by Iron Ruler**

(\$40,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-Leonard C. Green; B-Candy Meadows LLC & Jim R. Wells (KY); T-John C.

Servis; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-1,

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3--**Oasis At Midnight, 118, m, 7, Midnight Lute--Per Se, by**

Deputy Commander. (\$110,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP; \$30,000 3yo

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Mo' Green, coming off a runner-up effort in the Feb. 18 GII Royal Delta S. for trainer Joe Orseno, broke through with a first graded victory in Sunday's GIII Top Flight Invitational S. at Aqueduct. The bay filly, now trained by John Servis, chased the pacesetters perched three wide into the first turn and continued up close and off the fence the backstretch as favored Isabelle (Successful Appeal) was pressed by Verve's Tale through fractions of :24.47 and :48.98. Verve's Tale took over at the head of the lane as the favorite faltered, but Mo' Green quickly strode to the lead and surged clear late.

"This is the first time I've run her and I was a little concerned about her in the paddock, she seemed very quiet," admitted Servis. "I asked the owners, 'Is she always like this?' And they said, 'No, she's usually ramped up.' Then when she broke, she broke so sharp I knew I didn't have to worry about her being quiet. She put herself into the race and had a perfect trip. When they leave there running, they usually put themselves in good positions and [Irad Ortiz, Jr.] was really just able to sit on her until the eighth pole, really."

Servis said the May 19 Allaire DuPont Distaff at Pimlico could be next for Mo' Green.

Mo' Green, who ended 2016 with a runner-up effort in the seven-furlong Margate S. at Gulfstream Park Dec. 26, opened the New Year with an optional-claimer victory going one mile Jan. 19. She was a well-beaten second behind Curlins Approval (Curlin) going 1 1/16 miles in the Royal Delta in her final outing for Orseno.

**Pedigree Notes:**

The stakes-placed She's a Rebel Too, in foal to Creative Cause, sold for \$22,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale. She produced a filly by that Airdrie stallion in 2015. She was bred to Lone Star Special in 2016.

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**Mo' Green (Uncle Mo) surges clear in GIII Top Flight Invitational.**

**Sunday, Santa Anita**

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1--**HARD ACES, 124, h, 7, by Hard Spun**

**1st Dam: All in With Aces, by Quiet American**

**2nd Dam: Aces, by Housebuster**

**3rd Dam: Sweetbreads, by Secretariat**

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2--**Big John B, 122, g, 8, Hard Spun--Baldomera, by Doneraile Court.** (\$30,000 2yo '11 OBSOPN). O-Michael House; B-BryLynn Farm, Inc. (FL); T-Philip D'Amato. \$20,000.

3--**Hi Happy (Arg), 120, h, 5, Pure Prize--Historia (Arg), by French Deputy.** O/B-La Providencia (ARG); T-Felipe N Souza. \$12,000. Margins: NK, NO, 2 1/4. Odds: 4.00, 1.50, 2.20.

Also Ran: Beach View, Infobedad (Arg), Irish Surf. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Hard Aces made it two-for-two over 1 1/2 miles and earned the third graded victory of his career with a determined score in the GIII Tokyo City S. at Santa Anita Sunday. The veteran loped along near the back of the field behind splits of :25.93 and :50.34. He rushed up into contention while four wide as the mile went in :1:41.47. Asked for more run turning for home, he rallied three wide into the lane and forged determinedly to the lead in the final strides.

"We're very happy," confirmed winning trainer John Sadler. "He won one of these 1 1/2-mile races at Del Mar last summer, so we know he can get the distance. We didn't really get the trip we wanted in the Big 'Cap last month, but he's just been a wonderful horse for us. He's had a lot of seconds and thirds...he's run against some very good horses."

Looking ahead, Sadler added, "We don't really know what's next for him. We'll look and see what comes up. We've enjoyed him and we'll just look for the right spots. I think we'll look at the race he won last year at Del Mar and the Breeders' Cup Marathon."

Hard Aces was winless in nine graded stakes starts after taking the GI Gold Cup over the Santa Anita oval in 2015. He returned to the winner's circle when stretched to Sunday's marathon 1 1/2-mile distance in the GIII Cougar II H. last July at Del Mar. Well-beaten in last summer's GI Pacific Classic and GI Awesome Again S., he concluded the season with a runner-up finish in the 1 3/4-mile Marathon S. Nov. 6 and a third-place effort in the Nov. 27 GIII Native Diver S.

He failed to land a blow in two previous outings this term, finishing fifth in the Feb. 4 GII San Antonio S. and sixth in the Mar. 11 GI Santa Anita H.

**Pedigree Notes:**

All in With Aces, carrying a full-sibling to Hard Aces, RNA'd for \$390,000 at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November Sale. Her colt by Creative Cause sold for \$22,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October Yearling Sale. All in With Aces produced a colt by Hard Spun last year and was bred back to Creative Cause.



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**BEER BARONESS**, 14, Mr. Greeley--Lavish Numbers, by Polish Numbers  
 Foal born Feb. 11, a colt by Honor Code.  
 Will be bred back to Candy Ride (Arg).  
 Owned by Clover Hill Farm.  
 Boarded at Mill Ridge.  
 Accomplishments: Dam of Ria Antonia (Rockport Harbor), Ch. 2yo Filly-Can, GISW, \$1,525,496; Cross the Line (Line of David), SW & GSP, \$167,328.

**COARSEGOLD**, 7, Giant's Causeway--Cool Spell, by Grand Slam  
 Foal born Feb. 11, a filly by Bernardini.  
 Will be bred back to Tiznow.  
 Owned by and boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds.  
 Accomplishments: MSW of \$217,930.

**SILSITA**, 7, Macho Uno--Naturally Wild, by Wild Again  
 Foal born Feb. 11, a filly by City Zip.  
 Will be bred back to Exaggerator.  
 Owned by and boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds.  
 Accomplishments: GSW of \$213,873.

**THREE HEARTS**, 7, Hat Trick (Jpn)--Secret Heart (Saf), by Fort Wood  
 Foal born Feb. 11, a colt by Distorted Humor.  
 Will be bred back to Candy Ride (Arg).  
 Owned by Team Valor.  
 Boarded at Denali Stud.  
 Accomplishments: GSW of \$282,173.

**LAKEVILLE**, 18, Evansville Slew--Feathers of Hope, by Dynaformer  
 Foal born Feb. 13, a filly by Bayern.  
 Will be bred back to Vancouver.  
 Owned by Paula K Taube.  
 Boarded at Dove Crossing Thoroughbreds.  
 Accomplishments: MSW, \$100,775.

## 2017 Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 4 Friday, Mar. 31-Sunday, Apr. 2

#	Horse	ML	Final
1	Always Dreaming (Bodemeister)	50-1	6-1
2	Battalion Runner (Unbridled's Song)	30-1	26-1
3	Battle of Midway (Smart Strike)*	50-1	64-1
4	Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile)	12-1	10-1
5	Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music)*	15-1	28-1
6	El Areeb (Exchange Rate)	30-1	SCR
7	Girvin (Tale of Ekati)*	30-1	17-1
8	Gormley (Malibu Moon)	20-1	42-1
9	Guest Suite (Quality Road)	50-1	99-1
10	Gunnevera (Dialed In)	6-1	9-1
11	Iliad (Ghostzapper)	15-1	29-1
12	Irish War Cry (Curlin)	15-1	21-1
13	J Boys Echo (Mineshaft)*	10-1	21-1
14	Malagacy (Shackleford)	30-1	16-1
15	McCraken (Ghostzapper)	6-1	5-1
16	Mo Town (Uncle Mo)	50-1	38-1
17	One Liner (Into Mischief)	10-1	18-1
18	Practical Joke (Into Mischief)	12-1	25-1
19	Reach the World (Tapit)	50-1	28-1
20	State of Honor (To Honor and Serve)	50-1	47-1
21	Tapwrit (Tapit)	10-1	10-1
22	Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus})	15-1	23-1
23	Untrapped (Trappe Shot)	50-1	72-1
24	Mutuel Field-All Others	10-1	11-1

\*New Wagering Interest in KDFW Pool 3  
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## Sunday's Results:

**EG VODKA TURF CLASSIC S.**, \$100,000, TAM, 4-2, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.02, fm.

1--**WORLD APPROVAL**, 116, g, 5, **Northern Afleet--Win**

**Approval, by With Approval.** O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Julien R. Leparoux. \$60,000.

Lifetime Record: GISW, 19-7-2-4, \$953,763. \*1/2 to Miesque's Approval (Miesque's Son), Ch. Grass Horse & GISW, \$2,648,879; Za Approval (Ghostzapper), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,394,666; and Revved Up (Sultry Song), MGSW, \$1,548,653.

2--**Go Around**, 116, h, 5, Medaglia d'Oro--Mediation (Ire), by Caerleon. (\$300,000 RNA Ylg '13 KESEEP). O-Peter Vegso; B-Vegso Racing Stable (FL); T-William I. Mott. \$20,000.

3--**Favorite Heir**, 116, g, 4, Wildcat Heir--Soldier Girl, by Lost Soldier. (\$14,000 RNA Wlg '13 OBSOCT; \$45,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-A. Bianco Holding; B-Tom McCrocklin & Frank Mermenstein (FL); T-Lilli Kurtinecz. \$10,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 2, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.40, 2.40, 17.50.

Also Ran: Tutti Sanno, Allie's Event, Two Step Time, Act of Madness.

World Approval captured the Florida-bred Sophomore Turf S. over this course in the spring of 2015 and steadily moved forward from there, eventually landing the GI United Nations S. last summer at Monmouth. Seventh in the Arlington Million, the



**World Approval** | SV Photography

grey was third after setting a slow pace in the GI Northern Dancer S. Sept. 17 at Woodbine and closed out his 4-year-old account by running eighth in the GI Canadian International Oct. 16. Off as the clear choice in this return to state-bred company, the gelding broke a half-beat slowly before sidling up alongside pacesetter Go Around through splits of :24.65, :49.81 and 1:13.10. Still under a chilly ride as the frontrunner was driven past the three-eighths pole, World Approval took charge at the top of the lane and edged clear in the final furlong to start his 5-year-old campaign on a winning note.

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"He probably looks better than he ever has, and we just wanted to get him back winning because he's been running Grade I, Grade I, Grade I," said winning trainer Mark Casse. "I have to say this is a great job by our Palm Meadows crew. The older they get, the tougher it is to bring them back, and they've done a great job with him." **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**PLEASANT ACRES STALLIONS DISTAFF TURF S.**, \$100,000, TAM, 4-2, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.27, fm.

1--**FAMILY MEETING**, 123, f, 4, **Sky Mesa--Family Plan, by Repriced.** O/B-Glen Hill Farm (FL); T-Thomas F. Proctor; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 13-4-3-1, \$283,760.

2--**Somethingelse**, 119, f, 4, Leroidesanimaux (Brz)--Gamecents, by Maria's Mon. (\$26,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN). O-Commonwealth Stable & Randy Bradshaw; B-Family Broodmares III, LLC (FL); T-Leo Azpurua, Jr. \$20,000.

### Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw

3--**My Girl Corey**, 119, f, 4, Warrior's Reward--Inspirational, by Lord At War (Arg). (\$150,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$310,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-Long Lake Stable LLC & Head of Plains Partners LLC; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC. (FL); T-Chad C. Brown. \$10,000.

### Winning with Woodford Bradley Thoroughbreds Pinbook Venture Graduate

Margins: HD, HF, HD. Odds: 6.30, 8.00, 0.90.

Also Ran: Quality Rocks, Bonita, Frosty Friday, Royal Jewelry, Evidently.

Family Meeting hooked a relatively deep group in this Florida-bred restricted event and was sent postward at her morning line price of 6-1. The dark bay rewarded her backers with a hard-fought score, adding her second stakes success of 2017. Winner of the



**Family Meeting gets up in time** | SV Photography

GIII Jimmy Durante S. as a juvenile in 2015, the filly failed to find the winner's circle in six attempts in 2016, but finished a narrowly beaten third behind Baciama Piccola (GB)

(Equiano {Fr}) in the GIII Florida Oaks over course-and-distance in March of last year. She closed out her sophomore season with a fourth-place effort in Gulfstream's Tropical Park Oaks on New Year's Eve and regained her winning form with a victory in the restricted Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Turf Jan. 21. Given a brief freshening following that effort, Family Meeting never got involved when seventh in the nine-panel GII Hillsborough S. here Mar. 11. Allowed to settle well off the pace in the early stages here, she began to make some headway along the rail through a half-mile in :49.26. Caught in traffic entering the far turn, the 4-year-old was patiently threaded between rivals by rider Jose Ortiz and responded with a quick turn of foot, rallying to the front and holding off a counter bid from Somethingelse in the shadow of the wire. The winner's dam is a full-sister to MGSW Closeout, GSW Capital Request, SW Bricks and Ivy, GSP Family Foundation and SP Final Discount. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**OCALA BREEDERS' SALES SOPHOMORE S.**, \$100,000, TAM, 4-2, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:22.40, ft.

1--**#MO CASH, 118, g, 3, by Adios Charlie**

**1st Dam: Mo's Prize, by Eltish**

**2nd Dam: Libre, by Fly So Free**

**3rd Dam: To Winners, by Victorious**

(\$11,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN). O-Marco Thoroughbred Corp.; B-Amanda Thompson Gonzalez & Gerardo Gonzalez (FL); T-Ronald B. Spatz; J-Tyler Gaffalione. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$113,284.

2--**Salute With Honor, 116, c, 3, To Honor and Serve**--Snow Cone, by Cryptoclearance. O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Mark E. Casse. \$20,000.

3--**Reason to Soar, 116, g, 3, Soaring Empire**--D' Country, by D'wildcat. (\$110,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-John Ropes (FL); T-George Weaver. \$10,000.



Margins: NK, 3/4, 5. Odds: 2.70, 7.40, 1.50.

Also Ran: Classic Cotton, Cottle and Cuddle, The Cookie Man, Do Yahwanna Salsa.

Mo Cash debuted in a \$35,000 tagger at Gulfstream with an easy nine-length success Jan. 27 and followed with a decisive tally in the American Fabius S.--contested under starter conditions--in Hallandale Feb. 20. Taking solid support for this first appearance on the Gulf Coast, the gelding pressed the pace from the outside through a quarter-mile in :45.02, rallied to the front in the stretch and dug in to narrowly hold off a late bid from Salute With Honor. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by Kantharos and a yearling half-sister by Big Drama. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**STONEHEDGE FARM SOUTH SOPHOMORE FILLIES S.**, \$100,000, TAM, 4-2, (S), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.22, ft.

1--**R ANGEL KATELYN, 122, f, 3, by High Cotton**

**1st Dam: Send for an Angel, by Southern Halo**

**2nd Dam: Schematic, by Upper Nile**

**3rd Dam: Never Scheme, by Never Bend**

(\$50,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN). O-Averill Racing LLC, CCF Racing Stable & K Lauren Racing; B-Craig Lawrence Wheeler (FL); T-Gerald S. Bennett; J-Edwin Gonzalez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 7-5-1-1, \$277,120.

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2--**Sadie Be Good, 116, f, 3, Big Drama**--Miss Grandiose, by Grand Slam. (\$47,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$125,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR). O-Namcook Stables LLC; B-Carl Bowling (FL); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin. \$20,000.

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3--**Yes I'll Go, 118, f, 3, Yes It's True**--Walkinforkisses, by Kissin Kris. (\$40,000 Ylg '15 OBSWIN; \$45,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Hernandez Racing Club; B-Dorothy Raffa (FL); T-Armando De la cerda. \$10,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, 2HF, 3 1/4. Odds: 0.90, 3.40, 4.50.

Also Ran: Sealed With a Kiss, Lirica, Star Gala, Joel's Seniorita, Ashleys Magens Bay, Karen Sue.

R Angel Katelyn captured the fourth stakes race of her young career on Florida Cup Day Sunday. Winner of the Juvenile Fillies Spring for Sunshine-bred sophomores at Gulfstream Park West Nov. 12, the dark bay kicked off the Tampa meet in style with a score in the Sandpiper S. traveling six furlongs Dec. 3. She made it two-in-a-row with a score in the seven-panel Gasparilla S. Jan. 21 and was last seen checking in a distant third behind Tapa Tapa Tapa (Tapit) in the Feb. 11 Suncoast S.--her two-turn debut. Cutting back in distance as the heavy favorite here, the OBS Sales grad departed the stalls in good order and raced between horses in third behind a quarter-mile in :22.78. Shifted out to the three path entering the turn, R Angel Katelyn moved to the front with ease and powered home to a much-the-best triumph. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Those of us who have made horse racing our lives can certainly understand the fascination with it. One of the remarkable things about the sport is its ability to continually draw in new devotees, and to have it quickly become one of the most important things in their life. This month, we delve into the story of just such a person, Jaime Roth, one of racing's most successful new owners, who, along with her parents, operates LNJ Foxwoods. Also, if you love going to the races on days when the crowd gives you the feeling that something special is happening there, you'll love our off-the-beaten path story about racing in Sonoma's Wine Country, one of the sport's most enjoyable venues. In the Southern Hemisphere, if you're getting ready to go racing at the Sydney Carnival, we know just the woman to make sure you're properly outfitted. Back in Kentucky, spring means Keeneland, and we'll clue you in to Keeneland's hottest ticket—the annual Maker's Mark bottle signing, which has raised millions for charity, and has helped to keep the long bond between two Kentucky institutions strong. And finally, our popular TDN feature, This or That, makes its TDN Weekend debut in video form, just in time for OBS April.



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**HILTON GARDEN INN/HAMPTON INN AND SUITES SPRINT S.**, \$100,000, TAM, 4-2, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.92, ft.

1--**TIGER BLOOD, 122, c, 4, Cowtown Cat--Sarah Cataldo, by Smarty Jones.** (\$4,500 Ylg '14 OBSAUG). O-MK Stables, LLC; B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL); T-Darien Rodriguez; J-Pablo Morales. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 10-5-1-0, \$175,302.

2--**Palace Barista, 116, h, 7, Lido Palace (Chi)--Lady of Prestige,** by Unreal Zeal. O/B-Lynne M. Scafe (FL); T-Raymond E. Stifano. \$20,000.

3--**Delta Bluesman, 118, g, 7, Wagon Limit--Smoke Alarm,** by Darn That Alarm. O-Monster Racing Stables; B-Denis A. Dwyer (FL); T-Jorge Navarro. \$10,000.

Margins: 4HF, 2, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.90, 50.80, 1.50.

Also Ran: One Lucky Step, Early Entry, Minute Madness.

Tiger Blood has enjoyed a splendid Tampa Bay meet, posting two wins and a runner-up performance from three appearances, including a recent score in the Pelican S. facing open company Feb. 18. The chestnut kept the ball rolling here with a decisive triumph in state-bred company, running his overall record at the Oldsmar oval to 7-5-1-0. Tabbed as the second choice, the colt got bounced around at the start and split horses in the early stages to track the pace from a joint third behind a quarter-mile in :21.58. Moving well in hand into the turn, the 4-year-old struck the front at the top of the stretch and kicked clear to notch a comfortable victory. Palace Barista rallied to complete the exacta at astronomical odds, while favored Delta Bluesman was a tiring third. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**7th-GP, \$50,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-2, 4yo/up,** 7 1/2fT, 1:28.65, fm.

**ADVENTIST (c, 4, Any Given Saturday--Sharp Minister, by Deputy Minister),** third in a trio of graded stakes including the GI Wood Memorial at Aqueduct last spring, ran second in the Ohio Derby at Thistledown June 25. The \$100,000 FTKOCT yearling rolled a trio of sevens in his last three starts for trainer Leah Gyarmati, with a pair of Aqueduct allowances Dec. 18 and Feb. 4 his most recent efforts. Now hailing from the Mike Maker barn, the 4-year-old gained blinkers for this first try in Florida and was second choice in the wagering at 5-2. Last of eight behind a half mile in :46.78, Adventist began to rally, but still had five rivals to pass by midstretch. He kept finding however, rolling home up the center of the course 1 3/4 lengths to the good of Boca Scuttlebutt (Elusive Quality). The winner is a half-brother to Sharp Writer (Capote), MSW & GSP, \$212,450; Dijeerr (Danzig), GSW-Eng, SP-UAE, \$314,491; and Isn't He Clever (Smarty Jones), MSW & GSP, \$940,995. Sharp Minister, a full-sister to French and American MGSW Flag Down, who was also placed nine times at Grade I level, has a sophomore filly named Sweet Love (Any Given Saturday), a yearling colt by

Temple City and she was bred to Majesticperfection last spring. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-2-1-3, \$337,032. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Treadway Racing Stable; B-Monticule (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.



**6th-TAM, \$20,500, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-2, 3yo, f,** 1mT, 1:34.86, fm.

**BERNADIVA (f, 3, Bernardini--Evening Jewel {MGSW, \$1,221,399}, by Northern Afleet)** graduated at fourth asking over the Gulfstream turf Mar. 5 and was given a 12-5 chance to double up in this spot. Settling in a clear fifth behind honest fractions of :23.07 and :46.87, the bay ranged up four-deep at the top of the stretch and swept to the lead at the sixteenth pole en route to a one-length success. Romantic Music (Maclean's Music) won a photo for the place. The victress's dam, a Grade I winner on multiple surfaces, is responsible for a 2-year-old Tapit filly who sold for \$400,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. She also foaled a filly by Pioneer of the Nile Feb. 15. Sales History: \$240,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$47,790. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Jake Ballis, Johns Martin, Bill Rucker & Rashard Lewis; B-Aaron & Marie Jones (KY); T-William I. Mott.

**5th-GP, \$38,000, (S), Msw, 4-2, 3yo, 7f, 1:22.47, ft.**

**DRIVEN BY THUNDER (c, 3, Overdriven--My Friend Melini, by Trippi)** finished second on debut in a \$50,000 maiden claimer at Belmont last October and followed with a non-threatening fifth in special weight company going six furlongs over a muddy main track at Aqueduct Dec. 1. Tabbed as the second choice here, the bay went straight to the front and showed the way through a quarter-mile in :22.56. Widening past a half in :45.41, he coasted home four lengths ahead of Entangled (Discreet Cat). The winner's second dam is a half to GSW and sire Yesbyjimminy (Yes It's True) and MSW Magic Mecke (Mecke). My Friend Melini is also responsible for a juvenile High Cotton colt named High Francesco and a yearling colt by Drill. She visited Soldat last spring. Sales History: \$1,200 Ylg '15 OBSWIN; \$65,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$33,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Repole Stable; B-Marion G. Montanari (FL); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



**7th-TAM, \$21,750, Msw, 4-2, 3yo, 7f, 1:25.18, ft.**  
**MR SHEEN (c, 3, Adios Charlie--Rose Bay {SP}, by Montbrook)** was 10th on debut over the Ellis Park turf Aug. 15 and improved to run fourth on the main track there 15 days later. Let go at 81-10 off the layoff here, the bay broke alertly and showed the way through a :22.74 quarter. Challenged passing a :46.08 half, he shook loose into the stretch before holding sway in the late stages for a 3/4-length graduation. Siteenparksidelane (Twirling Candy) was second. The winner has a juvenile half-brother by High Cotton and a yearling half-brother by Overdriven. His dam was bred to I Spent It last season. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$14,930. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Donald F. & Robert J. Hunt; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Donald F. Hunt.

**Florida Derby Handle Second Highest:**

Handle on Saturday's Florida Derby Day card at Gulfstream Park was \$30.614 million--second highest ever for a Florida Derby card and, excluding Breeders' Cups, the third largest handle at Gulfstream Park. Total handle on Saturday and Sunday of Florida Derby Week was a record \$48.792 million, compared to \$40.457 million in 2016. Sunday's handle of \$18.177 million



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was helped by a mandatory Rainbow 6 payout in which \$7.3 million was wagered. The total Florida Derby handle Saturday was second only to last year's Derby, which produced a total handle of \$32.082 million. The largest handle at Gulfstream is

\$40.2 million, handled Jan. 28 of this year on the inaugural running of the \$12-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational.

"Obviously, you always want to do better than the year before, but we're happy with the way things went Saturday," said P.J. Campo, Vice President of Racing for The Stronach Group and General Manager of Gulfstream Park. "The most important thing was our jockeys and horses all came back safe and sound and our fans had a great time. Last year we had two undefeated colts in Mohaymen and Nyquist, the two top Triple Crown contenders on both coasts, and we weren't competing against another Triple Crown prep race. We think several horses will come out of Saturday's races and have continued success. We want to thank horsemen who supported our Saturday program and our fans for coming out and enjoying a great Florida tradition. We're now looking forward to our spring and summer meet, which begins Wednesday."

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# NEW YORK

**Sunday's Results:**

**3rd-AQU, \$63,650, Alw, 4-2, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.39, gd.**

**PICCO UNO (f, 4, Macho Uno--Piccola Isola, by Western Expression)** was morning lined at 4-5 as an apparent standout here and ultimately went postward at odds of 3-10. Away without incident from the inside post, the blinkered gray disputed the pace along the rail through a quarter-mile in :23.69 and briefly ceded the lead to a three-wide Riot Worthy (Patriot Act) midway on the turn. Picco Uno managed to find more once straightened out for the drive and rebroke to punch clear by 1 1/2 lengths in the end. Riot Worthy held on to complete the exacta. The winner notched her third consecutive victory, following a pair of allowance scores traveling six furlongs over the inner track Dec. 7 and Jan. 29. Sales History: \$35,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$27,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$34,000 RNA 2yo '15 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 9-4-3-1, \$191,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kennesaw Mountain Racing; B-Topsmeade LLC & Adena Springs Farm (NY); T-Jason Servis.

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# KENTUCKY

**Ramseys, Maker Repeat at Turfway:**

Ken and Sarah Ramsey were the leading owners at Turfway Park for the 12th time when racing concluded at the Florence, Kentucky track's winter/spring meet Apr. 1. The Ramseys, who were also the leading owners at Gulfstream's championship meet which concluded Sunday, sent out 12 winners from 40 Turfway starters. Mike Maker earned his fifth consecutive Turfway training title, and 19th overall, saddling 27 winners during the 46-day meeting. Alonso Quinonez captured the first riding title of his career with 50 wins from 266 mounts. Racing returns to Turfway Nov. 29.

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## CENTRAL U.S.

### Sunday's Results:

**7th-FG, \$38,000, Msw, 4-2, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37.38, fm.**

**PATRIOT DRIVE (g, 3, Majestic Warrior--Just Fabulous, by Include)** ran third over the dirt here Dec. 3 and rolled a pair of fives locally Dec. 26 and Jan. 21. Time was called on the potential breeding career of the chestnut in the interim and the newly made gelding returned in his turf bow with blinkers applied Sunday. The 12-1 shot adhered to the rail and found himself stalking from fourth with a half mile remaining. He launched a three-wide bid for the lead on the far bend and kicked away to win well under Robby Albarado. It was five lengths back to My Man Jax (Midshipman), who had been favored at 3-5. The winner is a half-brother to Midnight On Oconee (Midnight Lute), who ran second in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. and earned \$136,725, as well as a juvenile filly by Bodemeister and a yearling filly by Into Mischief. Just Fabulous was covered by Bodemeister last year. Sales history: \$180,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$38,070. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Cottonwood Stables, LLC (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

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### Texas Under-Tack Show Postponed:

The under-tack show for the Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, originally scheduled for Sunday, was postponed due to weather and will instead begin Monday morning at 9 a.m. The sale will be held Tuesday with the start time pushed back to 2 p.m. Videos from the preview show will be available at [www.ttasales.com](http://www.ttasales.com).

## CALIFORNIA

### Sunday's Results:

**9th-SA, \$58,070, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-2, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 1:12.98, fm.**

**STORM THE HILL (f, 3, Get Stormy--Thornhill, by Good and Tough)** failed to find the mark in six starts for the Buff Bradley barn before being privately purchased from Bradley and David Goldman and graduating by open lengths first time out for this barn Mar. 5. Off as the 2-1 favorite in this initial downhill try, the bay bobbed a bit leaving the blocks and set up shop in fifth past a :22.41 quarter. Bottled up nearing the straightaway, she split

horses at the three-sixteenths pole and matched strides with European import Spy Ring (Ire) (Bushranger {Ire}) to the line, gamely edging that one out by a neck. The winner has a juvenile full-brother named Dragon Drew and an unnamed yearling full-brother. Her dam was bred to Revolutionary last spring. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$91,350. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary Barber, Silver Ranch Stable & Wachtel Stable; B-Kimberly S. & William B. Bradley (KY); T-Peter Miller.

**6th-GG, \$40,551, Alw, 4-2, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:36.73, ft.**

**ALERT BAY (g, 6, City Zip--Hickory {Chi} {Ch. miler & MSW & G1SP-Chi}, by Dushyantor)**, a five-time graded stakes winning millionaire, kicked off his 2017 season with a victory here. The versatile gelding found the winner's circle once in 2016, a victory in the GIII San Francisco Mile over the lawn here in April, and was last seen reporting home an even fourth in the GIII Longacres Mile on dirt at Emerald Downs Aug. 14. The dark bay was away without incident and raced at the fore of the second flight from third as a pair of leaders spurted well clear of the others through a blistering half-mile in :46.67. Alert Bay picked up the chase soon after that juncture, ranged up three deep turning for home and punched clear to score by a length over Star Student (Student Council). Sales History: \$65,000 Ylg '12 KEEJAN; \$42,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 30-13-7-2, \$1,168,555. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.; B-Thomas Newton Bell & Ross John McLeod (CA); T-Blaine D. Wright.

### INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

**5th-SA, \$55,380, Msw, 4-2, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.47, ft.**

**COLONIST (c, 3, Pioneer of the Nile--She Cat, by Bluegrass Cat)** closed well late to complete the trifecta in the wake of 'TDN Rising Star' American Pastime (Tapizar) going six furlongs on debut here Mar. 11. Hammered down to 4-5 favoritism for this try at an extended distance, the bay caught a flyer leaving the gate and floated a bit wide into the first turn before moving down to the rail to press the pace through a half-mile in :48.62. Shuffled back a bit entering the far turn, the colt regained his best stride to match an outside bid from Union Rebel (Union Rags) midway on the bend and closed with ample energy to score by 3 3/4 lengths over that rival. The winner's dam--a half-sister to GSW Palmeiro (Pleasant Tap) and MSW & GSP Slew's Final Answer (Seattle Slew)--produced a colt by Blame in 2016 and was bred back to that sire last spring. Sales History: \$300,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$38,880. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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4-MVR, Msw 1m, Musketier's Angel, \$4K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1  
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### IN CHINA:

**Mutual Force**, h, 9, **Arch**--Freeroll (SW, \$213,619), by Touch Gold. Chengdu, 4-2, Hcp., 2418mT, 2:36.26. B-Claiborne Farm (KY). \*\$57,000 Ylg '09 KEESEP; 150,000gns 2yo '10 TATAPR.

### IN FRANCE:

**That Which Is Not**, f, 4, **Elusive Quality**. See "France."

### IN ITALY:

**Sambuco**, c, 3, **Regal Ransom**--Flashy Seniorita, by Pembroke. Pisa, 4-2, Mdn, (€8,000), 8fT. O-Sc. delle Rose; T-Agostino Affe'; B-Jose Carlos Ortega (FL). \*\$3,500 Ylg '15 OBSAUG.

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## BREEDERS' EDITION

### STAKES RESULTS:

**14 HANDS WINERY SOPHOMORE TURF S.**, \$100,000, TAM, 4-2, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.23, fm.

1--**#MUGGSAMATIC, 116, c, 3, Any Given Saturday--Brown Eyed Woman (MSP), by De Niro.** O-Stonehedge LLC; B-Gilbert G. Campbell (FL); T-Kathleen O'Connell; J-Ronald Dale Allen, Jr. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-0, \$111,900. \*1/2 to Blue Eyed Sweetie (West Acre), MSW, \$181,273; and My Brown Eyed Guy (With Distinction), MSW, \$197,410.

2--**General McGooby**, 116, g, 3, General Quarters--Local Gossip, by Horse Chestnut (Saf). (\$11,500 RNA 2yo '16 EASMAY). O-No Palla Stables; B-Tim James & Karen Faye Mawhinney (FL); T-Lilli Kurtinecz. \$20,000.

3--**Prize Fight**, 116, g, 3, **Tiznow**--Scolara, by Quiet American. (\$125,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$47,000 2yo '16 KEENOV). O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras S. A. & Tiznow Syndicate (FL); T-Michael J. Maker. \$10,000.

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**STAR GUITAR S.**, \$60,000, FG, 4-2, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.63, ft.

1--**#GRANDE BASIN, 117, g, 5, Good and Tough--Silver Rail (SW & GSP, \$321,449), by Dispersal.** O-William J. Deckwa, Jr. & John Carbo; B-Coteau Grove Farms (LA); T-Edward J. Johnston; J-Miguel Mena. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 29-6-7-6, \$279,342.

2--**Mageez**, 117, c, 4, Musket Man--Spaseeba, by Spectacular Bid. O-Double Dam Farm LLC; B-James A. Mcgehee (LA); T-Delmar R. Caldwell. \$12,000.

3--**Sir Genghis**, 117, g, 6, Tale of the Cat--Staria, by Unbridled's Song. (\$52,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Gillian & Kirk L. Harris; B-Randel Stutes (LA); T-Kirk Harris. \$6,600.

Margins: 3/4, 4 3/4, HD. Odds: 2.40, 5.60, 9.70.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**5th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt.** Clm (\$75,000), 4-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.30, gd.

**TIME SQUARED (f, 4, Midnight Lute--Annual Appeal, by Successful Appeal)** Lifetime Record: 14-4-0-4, \$148,984. O-Rohan Ramdat; B-Crusader Racing (NY); T-Joseph G. Parker. \*\$47,000 RNA Wlg '13 FTKNOV; \$50,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG.

### **B** Hidden Brook Sales Grad **B**

**8th-FG, \$44,000, (S), Opt.** Clm (\$35,000), 4-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.44, fm.

**SAFARI CALAMARI (m, 5, Half Ours--Zaafira, by A.P. Indy)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-6-1-2, \$174,280. O/B-Brittlyn Stable, Inc. (LA); T-Ron Faucheux.

**8th-PRX, \$40,740, (S), 4-2, (NW2BX), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.94, ft.**

**TALE OF E DUBAI (c, 4, E Dubai--Lady's Tale, by Tale of the Cat)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-2, \$146,599. O/T-John E. Salzman, Jr.; B-MAT Stables, LLC & Hastings Farm (PA). \*\$5,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP.

### **V** VINERY SALES GRADUATE **V**

**3rd-FG, \$40,000, (NW1X)/Opt.** Clm (\$50,000), 4-2, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.03, fm.

**WARRIOR'S KID (c, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Warrior Maid {MSW, \$496,109}, by Holy Bull)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 8-2-1-2, \$69,493. O/B-Russell Welch (KY); T-Eric L. Heitzmann.

**8th-GG, \$29,493**, Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 4-2, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:38.26, ft.

**PERFECT COME BACK** (g, 3, **Pleasantly Perfect--Millie's Quest** {**GSW & GISP, \$171,538**}, by **Quest for Fame** {**GB**}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$39,280. O-Patrick LePley; B-Jack Swain (KY); T-Tim McCanna. \*\$9,500 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

**7th-CT, \$24,500**, 4-1, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.40, ft.

**FOLLOW THE NOTION** (g, 6, **Great Notion--Follow the Queen, by Not For Love**) Lifetime Record: SP, 17-7-2-1, \$146,232. O/T-Gary L. Williams, Jr.; B-Gary Williams (WV).

**6th-TP, \$22,345**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-1, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:36.36, ft.

**DAC** (g, 6, **Distorted Humor--Corrazona** {**GISW-US & MGSW-Fr, \$518,218**}, by **El Gran Senor**) Lifetime Record: MSW, 27-7-2-2, \$225,271. O-Sarinana Racing, LLC; B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-William S. Brumley. \*1/2 to Olmodavor (A.P. Indy), MGSW & GISP, \$706,540; Slow Down (Seattle Slew), SW, \$120,162; and Smart Ellis (Smarty Jones), MGSP, \$188,040.

**8th-TP, \$19,925**, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.34, ft.

**STARLIGHT EXPRESS** (f, 4, **Flower Alley--Friend of a Friend, by Crafty Friend**) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-2, \$55,770. O-Candie A. Baker; B-New Dawn Stable (KY); T-James E. Baker. \*\$22,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Blazing Away**, c, 3, **Diabolical--Blazing Bartok**, by Bartok (Ire). SUN, 4-2, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.05. B-Laurie & David Green (NM).

**Whisky N Roses**, c, 3, **Lookin At Lucky--Maxxi Arte** (Ire) (SW, \$141,880), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). GG, 4-2, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.98. B-DP Racing, LLC (KY).

**Don't Over Look**, c, 3, **Quality Road--Half Heaven** (MSW, \$435,526), by Regal Classic. GP, 4-2, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.88. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). \*\$120,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$220,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR.

**LANE'S END Sales Graduate**

**Really**, f, 3, **The Factor--Smokey's Love**, by Forestry. AQU, 4-2, (C), 6f, 1:12.64. B-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc. (KY). \*\$130,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

**We Were Kings**, c, 4, **Girolamo--Ibis**, by Empire Maker. AQU, 4-2, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18.74. B-Sequel Thoroughbreds & JMJ Racing Stables (NY). \*\$20,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR.

**Heat**, g, 5, **Unusual Heat--Bel Air Belle**, by Runaway Groom. SA, 4-2, 6 1/2fT, 1:12.52. B-Madeline Auerbach, Barry Abrams & Vincenzo Lovero (CA). \*Full to Bel Air Sizzle, MSW & GISP, \$515,646; America's Friend, SW, \$284,244; and Starspangled Heat, GSP, \$476,685.

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The Kelly family has been breeding Thoroughbreds at Newhaven Park since the 1920s; not long after Inglis began staging the Easter yearling sale at Newmarket in 1906. Newhaven has developed a synonymous relationship with the sales company, selling winners of the Golden Slipper and numerous Classics through its ring. Newhaven has also enjoyed some great moments with its homebreds in recent years, like Group 1-winning mares Peeping (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and English (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). This year, Newhaven's yearling sale purchase Frolic (Aus) (Husson) won the Inglis Classic and G2 Reising S. before finishing second in the Golden Slipper. With young sires Delago Deluxe (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and Xtravagant (NZ) (Pentire {GB}) going for it, it seems likely the nursery will stay in the news for years to come. Newhaven will offer a draft of 18 at Easter this week, and the TDN's Kelsey Riley sat down with John Kelly, the fourth generation to run Newhaven, at Newmarket to discuss his last consignment at the historic sales ground before Inglis moves to Riverside in 2018, and more.

**KR:** Newhaven Park has been in operation almost as long as Inglis has been selling yearlings at Newmarket. What are some of your favourite memories here?

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### 'JIMMY' IMPRESSES IN EDMOND BLANC

Tried only once at this trip when an inconclusive 10th in Deauville's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains last May, Jimmy Two Times moved back up from sprinting and made light of any stamina concerns with an authoritative success to open up an array of options. Before his Classic flop, the grey had finished a head second to the eventual G1 Commonwealth Cup and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine Quiet Reflection (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) in the six-furlong G3 Prix Sigy at Chantilly in April and he bounced back afterwards with a smooth win in the Listed Prix Marchand d'Or over 6 1/2 furlongs at that venue. Next up was another score in the seven-furlong G3 Prix de la Porte Maillot also at Deauville in July and he was doing his best work late on when third in the 6 1/2-furlong G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest during the August festival at the Normandy track. [Cont. p4](#)

### IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

#### HE'S WON ONE RACE, BUT WHAT A RACE IT WAS

Bill Finley interviews Chad Summers, who gained his first win as a trainer when **Mind Your Biscuits** (Posse) landed the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen at Meydan Mar. 25. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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# TDN Q & A

With John Kelly Cont. from p1

**JK:** There are so many memories here. For most people, this is where they got their start in the horse business, whether they started off as a strapper and ended up a farm manager, a trainer or a vet; and then these people, when they made their first trade or whatever they did, it happened here. It's a great social time as well as a great business time. I can't tell you what our best memories are, but we've sold many wonderful horses here, Golden Slipper winners, Derby winners, Oaks winners, but just the great times we've had here is the most amazing thing.

**KR: Who would you nominate as the highlights of your Easter draft?**

**JK:** We have two lovely colts, a Sebring (Aus) half-brother to Peeping (lot 232). He's a lovely horse who has been very well admired. We have a beautiful Redoute's Choice colt (lot 50), a full-brother to Wylie Hall (Aus) and a half-brother to Absolute

Champion (Aus) (Marauding {NZ}), and he's a lovely horse. We've got a filly by Redoute's Choice out of Court (Aus) (Anabaa) (lot 87) who is a half-sister to English. She's a unique opportunity; it's very rare that fillies like that get sold. She's the third foal of a young mare and a half-sister to a champion 2- and 3-year-old filly by the champion sire in the country.

**KR: How did you come to the decision to sell the Redoute's Choice filly out of Court? Did you ever think of retaining her?**

**JK:** We breed horses to sell horses. We race a few horses and we buy fillies, but we have some lovely members of the family. English's half-sister Puzzle (Aus) (Shamardal)'s first foal is a beautiful Exceed and Excel (Aus) filly, and Court herself has a beautiful Snitzel (Aus) weanling filly, so we have a lot of fillies in the family so we brought her here to sell her.

**KR: Newhaven Park has a pair of exciting young sires in Delago Deluxe and Xtravagant. Delago Deluxe has his first 2-year-olds racing this season, and Xtravagant will stand his first season this year. How is Delago Deluxe doing with his first runners, and how has Xtravagant been received by breeders?**

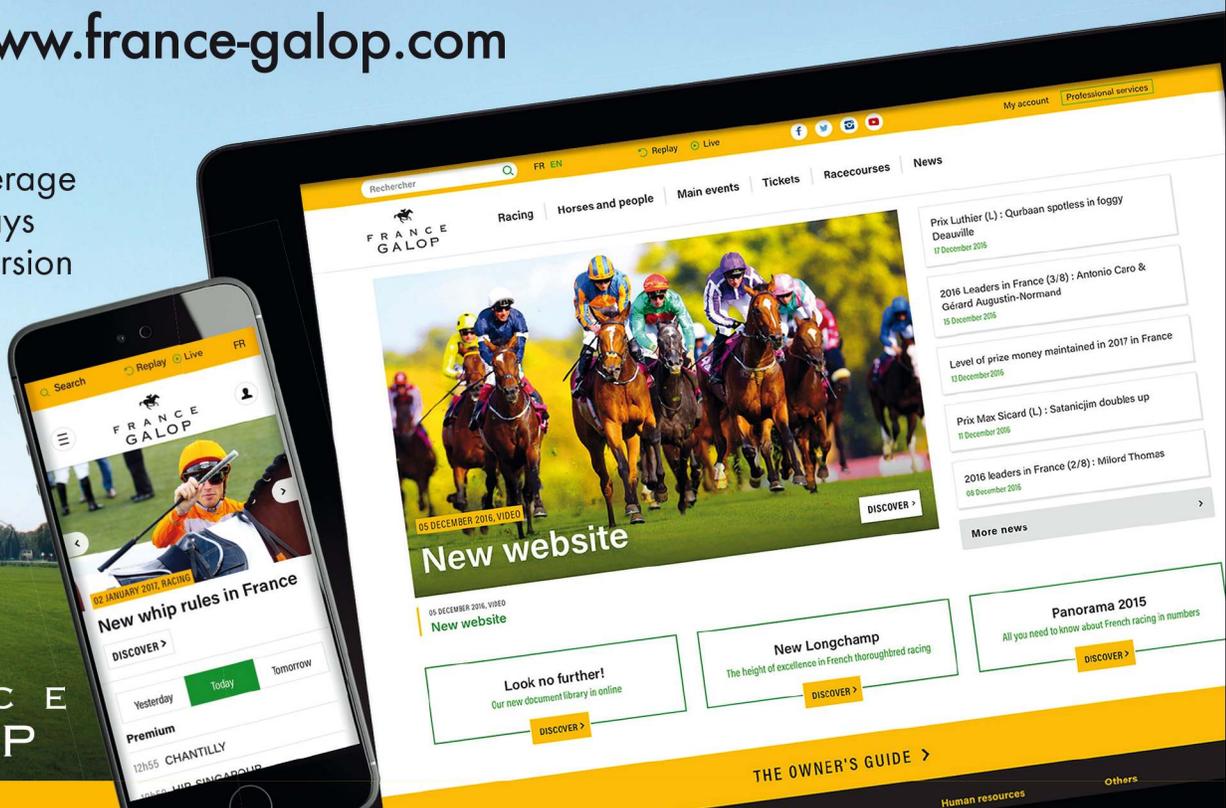
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### TDN Q&A W/John Kelly Cont.

**JK:** Delago Deluxe has had his first winner and he's started off well. He's been very well admired. His yearlings have sold very well this year, which makes us very happy that trainers like them. We're really excited about Xtravagant. We have a great syndicate of breeders in on him and we think he's a wonderful opportunity for Australian breeders. He's got no Danehill in him, which is so important, so we think he's going to suit a lot of mares. He was a wonderful racehorse, he won two Group 1s, one by 10 lengths and one by eight lengths. He is the highest-rated 3-year-old to come out of New Zealand in over 30 years. He's got a lot of things going for him, so it's exciting.

**KR:** The Australian racing industry has been gaining huge traction and exposure globally over the last few years. What are the main attractions of breeding and racing horses here?

**JK:** The greatest attraction of racing in Australia is prize money. Our prize money levels are fantastic, from the Everest, a A\$10-million 1200-metre race, the G1 Melbourne Cup, a A\$6.5-million



John Kelly | Sharon Chapman

race, and the A\$3.5-million Golden Slipper, but then every Saturday race in Sydney is worth A\$100,000, every Saturday race in Melbourne is worth A\$100,000, and then in New South Wales provincially we race for A\$30,000, and in the country we have country showcase meetings that are worth A\$30,000. We have the Country Championships that has A\$150,000 qualifiers

at country racetracks. Racing in Australia is in a very healthy place; it's in the healthiest place and the most sustainable place it's been in my lifetime. Things are very positive and I think that's why people are coming here and they want to compete.

**KR:** You sponsored the Country Championships Final at Randwick on Saturday for the first time. Why is this an important initiative for you?

**JK:** The country racing is the grassroots of our racing, and if you look after the grassroots the rest will look after itself. The initiatives of Racing NSW with country prize money has reinvigorated country racing. The people from the bush are back into racing and they're keen, and that's a wonderful thing. Racing in Australia is probably a little bit unique in that way.

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**KR:** Where is your favourite place to kick back after a busy day at the sales?

**JK:** My favourite place is anywhere where there's a beer. My favourite restaurant is Nino in Woollahra. That's where I like to go after a day at the sales.

**KR:** If you could invite one person for dinner, who would it be?

**JK:** Donald Trump. Why not? It'd be an interesting dinner.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

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**'Jimmy' Impresses in Edmond Blanc Cont. from p1**

No match for Limato (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) when fourth in the G1 Prix de la Foret also at seven at Chantilly in October, he returned in rude health to suggest he has made another leap forward during his winter respite. Keen early trapped wide under restraint from Vincent Cheminaud racing worse than mid-division, Jimmy Two Times, who has a 2-year-old half-sister by Authorized (Ire), was able to deliver a telling surge down the outer from the 300-metre mark to the furlong pole as he grabbed the lead with a decisive winning move. [Cont. p5](#)

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**'Jimmy' Impresses in Edmond Blanc Cont.**

Instead of tiring in the run to the line, he instead stayed the extra distance strongly en route to an emphatic dismissal of the solid yardsticks Dicton and Attendu in race record time.

"The distance was a question mark, but he had been finishing nicely in all his races so I thought he would stay," trainer Andre Fabre commented. "He got into a good rhythm in the race, so that allowed him to settle and produce his turn of foot. He goes on any ground and although the [G2] Prix du Muguet [at Saint-Cloud May 1] is a possibility, I will also consider the [G1] Lockinge S. [at Newbury May 20]."

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**Sunday, Saint-Cloud, France**

**PRIX EDMOND BLANC-G3**, €80,000, SCD, 4-2, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:37.78 (NSR), gd.

1--**JIMMY TWO TIMES (FR)**, 128, c, 4, by Kendargent (Fr)

1st Dam: Steel Woman (Ire), by Anabaa

2nd Dam: Saperlipoupette (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr)

3rd Dam: Emmanuelle (Fr), by Margouillat (Fr)

(€85,000 Ylg '14 AROCT). O-Haras de Saint-Pair; B-Francis Teboul & Jean Boniche (FR); T-Andre Fabre; J-Vincent Cheminaud. €40,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 11-5-2-1, €234,364. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

**Werk Nick Rating: B.**

2--**Dicton (GB)**, 126, c, 4, Lawman (Fr)--Saying, by Giant's Causeway. O-Robert Ng; B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Gianluca Bietolini. €16,000.

3--**Attendu (Fr)**, 128, c, 4, Acclamation (GB)--Gwenseb (Fr, by Green Tune. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (FR); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. €12,000.

Margins: 3HF, NK, NK. Odds: 3.60, 7.00, 6.50.

Also Ran: Kourkan (Fr), Dhevanafushi (GB), Djiguite (Fr), Maimara (Fr), Aim to Please (Fr), Narnia Dawn (Ire), Rakhsh (Fr),

via Cassia (GB). Scratched: Taareef. [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

**STARS ALIGN FOR MAY COMEBACK**

Saeed Suhail and Sir Michael Stoute teamed up to take Saturday's Betway Spring Mile with Ballet Concerto (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and the pair could soon be back in the limelight with last year's G2 King Edward VII S. winner **Across The Stars (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), who is being primed for a comeback in the G2 Jockey Club S.

The 4-year-old, who was last seen finishing third to Idaho (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G2 Great Voltigeur S. last August, had been an intended runner in the G1 Longines Sheema Classic on Dubai World Cup night, but failed to make the trip owing to a minor setback.

"He was being aimed at the Sheema Classic, but spiked a temperature the day before [he was due to travel]," revealed his owner's racing manager Bruce Raymond. "It didn't worry him and he hasn't missed anything since, so he's pretty fit. I haven't spoken in depth to Sir Michael, but I'd imagine that the Jockey Club S. at the Guineas meeting looks the obvious place to start off."

Another classy winner of the 2016 turf season, Jeff Smith's homebred Stewards' Cup heroine **Dancing Star (GB)** (Aqllaam {GB}), is also likely to return to the track in May, with the G2 Duke of York S. having been highlighted as a potential target.

"She went from strength to strength last year and got better as the season went on," said trainer Andrew Balding. "She is a lovely filly to have in the yard. We will let her just come to herself, but I think the Duke of York could be an option for her. I'd hope she can play a part in the big sprint races, as the Stewards' Cup is a pretty good guide to how they will go the next year." [Cont. p6](#)



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### Stars Align for May Comeback Cont.

From the family of the Ian Balding-trained sprint star Lochsong (GB), Dancing Star won four of her six starts last season and ended the year with a ninth-place finish behind Quiet Reflection (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) in the G1 32 Red Sprint Cup at Haydock.

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# BRITAIN



### Sunday's Results:

## BENBATL EARNS TDN RISING STAR TAG

Benbatl enjoyed the bulk of public confidence, going off as the 15-8 chalk for this 12-runner affair, and justified those short odds in emphatic style. Bouncing out of the gate to stalk the pace in second under Josephine Gordon, he powered by the pacesetter Jewel House (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) passing the quarter-mile marker and quickened clear under negligible urging before gearing down late to account for Made of Honour (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}) by a hugely impressive seven lengths.

"He's a very nice horse and did that easily, but is still a bit green," explained Gordon. "He'd maybe appreciate a bit more juice in the ground and would have been happy enough to travel out in front. He is very forward and is only going to improve." The homebred bay is the first scorer produced by G1 Prix de l'Opera and GI Flower Bowl Invitational-winning British highweight Nahrain (GB) (Selkirk), whose own dam Bahr (GB) (Generous {Ire}) earned her stripes in the G2 Ribblesdale S. and G3 Musidora S. as well as hitting the board in the G1 Epsom Oaks, G1 Irish Oaks and GI Flower Bowl Invitational.



Benbatl | *Racing Post*

The G1 Epsom Derby entry shares his third dam, Lady of the Sea (GB) (Mill Reef), with G1 Toorak H. victor Our Rakkii (NZ) (Roc de Cambes {NZ}) and the antipodean connection is enhanced by fourth dam La Mer (NZ) (Copenhagen II {GB}), a multiple champion and G1SW New Zealand Horse of the Year. Benbatl is a half-brother to the 2-year-old colt Ta Allak (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Dansili {GB}).

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**2nd-DON, £5,000, Mdn, 4-2, 3yo, 7f, 1:25.65, gd.**

**+BENBATL (GB), c, 3, by Dubawi (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Nahrain (GB) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Fr, GISW-US, SW-Eng & GSP-Ire, \$1,041,961), by Selkirk**

**2nd Dam: Bahr (GB), by Generous (Ire)**

**3rd Dam: Lady of the Sea (GB), by Mill Reef**

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,058. [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

**7th-DON, £12,000, Hcp, 4-2, 3yo, 10f 60yT, 2:06.65, gd.**

**BIN BATTUTA (GB) (c, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Land of Dreams {GB} {MG1SW-Eng, \$113,251}, by Cadeaux Genereux {GB}),** who

followed an impressive Windsor debut win in June with a disappointing seventh after a troubled trip in the G2 Superlative S. when last seen at Newmarket's July meeting, was confidently-ridden towards the rear early by Jim Crowley. Cajoled into contention down the outer in the final quarter mile, the 4-1 second favourite gave generously when the whip was applied to overhaul fellow Godolphin runner First Nation (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) with 75 yards remaining and stave off that rival's rally to prevail by a neck. Bin Battuta is a son of the G2 Flying Childers S. and G3 King George S. winner Land of Dreams, dam of the five-times Group 1-winning European champion sprinter Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB}), Ch. Sprinter-Eur, Ch. 2-y-o Colt-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Colt-Eng, Hwt. 3yo Colt-Eng at 5-7f, Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 7-9 1/2f, MG1SW-Eng, MG1SW-Fr, \$1,261,395, and also Into the Dark (GB) (Rainbow Quest), MSW & GSP-Eng, \$169,531. Also under her is the dam of last year's G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial winner and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third Now or Never (Ire) (Bushranger {Ire}) who is connected to the G3 Princess Margaret S. winner and G1 Cheveley Park S. runner-up Princess Noor (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). [Cont. p7](#)

**7th-DON Cont.**

The second and third dams are the G3 Molecomb S. winner Sahara Star (GB) (Green Desert) and the G1 July Cup runner-up Vaigly Star (GB) (Star Appeal {Ire}), with the latter being a half-sister to the sire Vaigly Great (GB). Land of Dreams also has a 2-year-old colt by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £12,032. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

**3rd-DON, £5,000, Mdn, 4-2, 3yo, 7fT, 1:25.58, gd.**

**+DREAM CASTLE (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Sand Vixen {GB} {GSW-Eng, \$119,931}, by Dubawi {Ire})** made a sharp exit and raced freely before finding a chaperone to track the pace after the initial exchanges of this unveiling. Nudged along at the two-furlong pole, the 4-7 favourite quickened to the fore approaching the final eighth and kept on powerfully in the closing stages to score by an impressive 3 1/2 lengths from To Dibba (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). "There's a little bit of [sire] Frankel about him in his character and the trainer and his team have done a good job settling the horse down and preparing for today," explained rider Oisin Murphy. "Today was a learning curve, I was pleased with that effort and it'll stand him in good stead for the future. The race went perfectly and it was important he had a good experience."



**Dream Castle** | *Racing Post*

The homebred bay, who holds entries in the May 6 G1 2000 Guineas, May 27 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and July 1 G1 Irish Derby, is the first winner produced by G2 Flying Childers S. heroine Sand Vixen (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and is a half-brother to a 2-year-old colt by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Sand Vixen is herself a half-sister to the stakes-winning G3 Greenham S. placegetter So Will I (GB) (Inchinor {GB}) and to the dam of last term's G3 Prix Eclipse runner-up King of Spades (Fr) (Foxwedge {Aus}). He hails from a family which includes G1 St Leger third and sire Scallywag

(GB) (Sea Hawk II {Fr}) as well as 1964 St Leger-winning sire Indiana (GB) (Sayajirao {GB}) and 1958 Belmont S.-winning sire Cavan (Ire) (Mossborough {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,058. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

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**5th-DON, £20,000, Cond, 4-2, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:32.99, gd.**

**CHEMICAL CHARGE (IRE) (h, 5, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Jakonda {MSP-Fr}, by Kingmambo)** Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, SP-Eng & Fr, 8-3-5-0, \$84,882. O-Qatar Racing Ltd; B-Viktor Timoshenko (IRE); T-Ralph Beckett. \*€95,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG.

## IRELAND

**Sunday's Results:**

**CORK S.-Listed, €45,000, COR, 4-2, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:20.82, hy.**

**1--#DOWNFORCE (IRE), 133, g, 5, by Fast Company (Ire)--**

**Spinning Ruby (GB), by Pivotal (GB).** (€62,000 Ylg '13 GOFORB). O-Donal Finnan; B-P. Burns (IRE); T-Willie McCreery; J-Billy Lee. €26,550. Lifetime Record: 14-5-1-1, \$96,483.

**2--Penny Pepper (Ire), 128, m, 5, Fast Company (Ire)--Evening Time (Ire), by Keltos (Fr).** (€55,000 Ylg '13 GOFORB). O-J F Tuthill. €8,550.

**3--Only Mine (Ire), 133, f, 4, Pour Moi (Ire)--Truly Mine (Ire), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire).** (€80,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB). O-Mrs C. C. Regalado-Gonzalez. €4,050.

Margins: 12, HD, HF. Odds: 3.00, 16.00, 8.00.

Also Ran: Dandyman Port (Ire), Great Minds (Ire), Sors (Ire), Spirit Quartz (Ire), Giant Spark (GB), Heroic Heart (Fr), Gymkhana (GB), Master Speaker (Ire).

Campaigned over as far as a mile at three, Downforce started last term with a brace of handicap wins when the ground was testing over seven and six furlongs at Sligo and The Curragh in May. Back to winning ways after three off-the-board efforts over nearly 7 1/2 furlongs at Tipperary in early October, the bay ended his season with a third in the Listed Knockaire S. at seven at Leopardstown later that month. Turning this into a procession to suggest he has improved again for his winter break, he tanked along in second and, when allowed to stride to the lead by Billy Lee passing the two-furlong pole, put clear daylight between him and struggling rivals in a manner rarely seen in the sprints.

"He just goes through [the ground] when others can't and I was delighted to see it barely raceable today," trainer Willie McCreery said. "We'll keep stepping him up, he's a grand horse but today was his Derby as we have to make hay with him early on, and late on, in the year." **Cont. p8**

**Listed Cork S. Cont.**

Spinning Ruby, who is from the extended family of Old Vic (GB), has only three foals, having been barren either side of producing this winner and one of them is a 2-year-old full-sister to him named Raramauri (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**2nd-COR, €15,000, Mdn, 4-2, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:09.38, hy.**  
**SON OF REST (GB) (c, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Hightime Heroine {Ire}, by Danetime {Ire})**, last seen finishing fourth behind Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) at 50-1 and ahead of some smart types in the seven-furlong G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. at The Curragh in September, broke well to lead. Never in any danger, the 4-11 favourite stretched away from two out to win by 6 1/2 lengths from Florida Times (Ire) (Elzaam {Aus}). "He wasn't drilled for today by any means and I was half toying between coming for this race or the seven-furlong maiden, but just thought the ground would be testing enough and came for this," Trainer Fozzy Stack explained. "He'll go for the Navan next month for a six-furlong listed race." The dam, who is a half to the G1 Criterium International third Redolent (Ire) (Redback {GB}), has a 2-year-old filly by Kyllachy (GB) and a yearling colt by Garswood (GB). Sales history: 40,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; €70,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$28,571.

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O-B Parker; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-J A Stack.

**4th-COR, €12,000, Mdn, 4-2, 3yo, f, 8f 100yT, 1:56.89, hy.**  
**+ANGEL ISLAND (IRE) (f, 3, So You Think {NZ}--Dombeya {Ire}, by Danehill)**, sent off at 10-3, was settled behind the leading group early racing wide. Delivered to tackle Dabulena (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) inside the final quarter mile, the €65,000 GOFORB yearling began to assert from the furlong pole and had two lengths to spare at the line. "She had been working well all spring and likes that ground," trainer Fozzy Stack said. "She had been with David Wachman last season and he hadn't done much with her as she's a big filly. She'll have no problem getting an extra furlong or two and will go for the Listed Salsabil S. at Navan next." The dam, who is a half-sister to the G1 Gamely S. heroine Tuscan Evening (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), also has a 2-year-old son of Canford Cliffs (Ire) and a yearling filly by Camelot (GB). She is connected to the G1 Prix d'Ispahan-winning sire Sasuru (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}) and the G2 Challenge S. and G3 Jersey S. scorer Sally Rous (Ire) (Rousillon), as well as the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Rose Gypsy (GB) (Green Desert). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,877. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Rebels With A Cause Syndicate; B-Desert Star Phoenix Jvc (IRE); T-J A Stack.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Maximus Daia (Ire), g, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Bayberry (UAE) (SP-Eng), by Bering (GB). COR, 4-2, 7fT, 1:36.38. B-Ballygallon Stud Limited (IRE).**

**FRANCE****Sunday's Results:**

**PRIX ZARKAVA - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-Listed, €48,000, SCD, 4-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 10 1/2fT, 2:12.58, gd.**

**1--#THAT WHICH IS NOT, 123, f, 4, Elusive Quality--Shiva (Jpn) (Hwt. Older Mare-Eur at 9.5-10.5f, 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Ire, MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$360,702), by Hector Protector.** O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd (KY); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Stephane Pasquier. €24,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, €65,050.

**2--Armande (Ire), 123, f, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Alpine Snow (Ire), by Verglas (Ire). O-Lady O'Reilly & Baron Edouard de Rothschild. €9,600.**

**3--Thank You Bye Bye (Fr), 123, m, 5, Zanzibari--Puritanical (Ire), by Desert King (Ire). (€22,000 Ylg '13 AROCT). O-Jean-Louis Magnin & Jean-Pierre Gauvin. €7,200.**

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 11.50, 2.40, 6.00.

Also Ran: Saimaa (Ire), Cosmica Sidera (Ire), Sacrifice My Soul (Ire), Girl's Hope (Ire), Glade (GB), Jollify (Ire), Endless Summer (Ity), Sisene (Ire).

On a roll after two conditions wins but only sixth on her first attempt at black-type in the Listed Prix de Liancourt over 10 1/2 furlongs at Chantilly at the start of September, That Which Is Not improved to be third in the Listed Prix Casimir Delamarre over nine furlongs back there the following month. Held up towards the rear of mid-division by Stephane Pasquier throughout the early stages, the bay who sported a hood was sent to the front with a wide run 300 metres from the line and had just enough to last out as Armande surged late. **Cont. p9**



**That Which Is Not (right) | Scoop Dyga**

**Listed Prix Zarkava Cont.**

“She was a little lazy today, so it was good that we ran her over a longer trip,” trainer Francis-Henri Graffard said. “She quickened nicely and lasted it out well, so we’ll talk about her future with [racing manager] Alan Cooper now. Of course, the [G3] Prix Allez France [at Chantilly Apr. 30] is now a possibility.”

That Which Is Not is the first progeny of Shiva, who captured the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and finished placed in the G1 Champion S. and G1 Eclipse S., to achieve black-type, although the former Niarchos luminary did produce the dams of two useful types in the G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial runner-up Radiantly (GB) (Aussie Rules) and the G2 Coventry S. third Eltezam (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). Shiva is a full-sister to the G2 Prix Foy-winning sire Limnos (Jpn) and a half to the G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Light Shift (Kingmambo), as well as the G2 Prix d’Harcourt third Burning Sunset (GB) (Caerleon). She herself is the dam of the d’Harcourt winner and G1 Singapore Airlines International Cup runner-up Smoking Sun (Smart Strike) and the dam of the champion Main Sequence (Aldebaran). Still to come from Shiva are the as-yet unraced 3-year-old colt Sputnik Planum (Quality Road) and a 2-year-old filly by Hat Trick (Jpn) named Proserpine. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**3rd-SCD, €35,000, Cond, 4-2, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:11.35, gd.**  
**SISTERCHARLIE (IRE) (f, 3, Myboycharlie {Ire}--Starlet’s Sister {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}),** a Dec. 17 debut winner at Deauville and a last-out fourth going 10 furlongs here in the Mar. 11 Listed Prix Rose de Mai, raced off the tempo towards the rear for most of this test. Hampered when fishing for an opening at the quarter-mile marker, the 5-1 chance regrouped and quickened smartly in the closing stages to swoop for a 3/4-of-a-length verdict over Palombe (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}) in the dying strides. Sistercharlie is out of a full-sister to G3 Prix Cleopatre victress Leo’s Starlet (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and a half to stakes-winning GI Clement L Hirsch S. and G1 Prix Saint-Alary placegetter Anabaa’s Creation (Ire) (Anabaa). From the family of G1 Sussex S.-winning champion Noalcoholic (Fr) (Nonoalco), the €12,000 AROCT yearling is kin to the 2-year-old filly My Sister Nat (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}) and a yearling colt by Siyouni (Fr). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €35,450. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Mme Jacques Cygler; B-Ecurie des Monceaux (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

**1st-SCD, €35,000, Cond, 4-2, 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2fT, 2:13.98, gd.**  
**RECOLETOS (FR) (c, 3, Whipper--Highphar {Fr}, by Highest Honor {Fr}),** who broke through at Fontainebleau on seasonal return Mar. 9 after running ninth at Chantilly on debut Nov. 9, lobbed along in a share of third after the initial exchanges of this

one. Nudged along soon after turning for home, the 4-1 chance went second entering the final eighth and quickened smartly under urging in the latter stages to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths from My Scholar (Fr) (Pour Moi {Ire}). Pharaonic (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Khalid Abdullah’s half-brother to G1 Prix du Jockey Club victor New Bay (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), made some late headway from off the pace to finish fourth. The winner’s granddam is GII Garden City Breeders’ Cup H. and G3 Prix de Sandringham victress Pharatta (Ire) (Fairy King), whose four black-type siblings are headed by G2 Grosser Preis von Dusseldorf and G2 Premio Ribot-winning sire Crimson Tide (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). From a family which also includes G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Irish Derby-winning sire Shahrastani (Nijinsky II), Recoletos is kin to a 2-year-old filly by American Post (GB) and a yearling filly by Whipper. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €28,950. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-SARL Darpat France (FR); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

**Sunday’s Results:**

**PREIS DES GESTUTS ROTTGEN-Listed, €27,000, HOP, 4-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:40.96, gd.**

- 1--**#FLEMISH DUCHESS (FR), 123, f, 4, Duke of Marmalade (Ire) --Fabiana (GB) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 7-9.5f, MGSP-Ger & GSP-ity, \$100,203), by Ashkalani (Ire).** O-Stall Molenhof; B-Wim van de Poel (FR); T-Andreas Suborics; J-Filip Minarik. €16,000. Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-0, €37,500.
- 2--**Partyday (Ire), 123, f, 4, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Jolie Clara (Fr), by Kahyasi (Ire).** (€11,500 Wlg ‘13 GOFNOV; €13,000 Ylg ‘14 TISEP). O-Stall PartyDay.cz. €8,500.
- 3--**A Raving Beauty (Ger), 123, f, 4, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Anabasis (Ger), by High Chaparral (Ire).** (€60,000 RNA Ylg ‘14 ARAUG; €95,000 RNA Ylg ‘14 BBAGO). O-Gestut Karlshof. €3,000.

Margins: NK, 1, NK. Odds: 9.60, 7.80, 10.70.

**3rd-HOP, €8,750, Mdn, 4-2, 3yo, f, 9fT, 1:53.59, gd.**  
**+SHY ANGEL (GB) (f, 3, Zamindar--Shy Lady {Fr} {SW-Ger}, by Kaldoun {Fr}),** sent off the 6-4 favourite, was keen early tracking the leader Adutchgirl (Ger) (Dutch Art {GB}) in second. Tackling that rival at the top of the straight, the homebred steadily asserted to score with a touch of class by 3 1/4 lengths. Shy Lady has excelled as a broodmare, with her most accomplished progeny being the G1 St. James’s Palace S. and G2 Mill Reef S.-winning sire Zafeen (Fr), Hwt. 3yo Colt-Eng at 7-9 1/2f, G1SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$559,248,

**3rd-HOP Cont.**

She is also responsible for fellow sire Atlantic Sport (Machiavellian), SW-Eng & SP-Ity, \$188,818, Akeed Champion (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), SW-UAE, \$117,396, and the G3 Prix du Calvados scorer Ya Hajar (GB) (Lycius), GSW-Fr, who later produced the listed-winning and group-placed Prince of All (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}). A descendant of the G1 Prix Morny runner-up Shy Princess (Irish River {Fr}), who is a half-sister to Opening Verse and the dam of the G2 Diadem S.-winning sire Diffident (Fr), Shy Lady still has more to offer courtesy of a yearling colt by Toronado (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €5,000. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Andreas Wohler.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Kauttio (Ire)**, c, 3, **Excelebration (Ire)**--Pinacothèque (Ire) (SP-Fr), by In the Wings (GB). HOP, 4-2, 8fT, 1:40.30. B-R G & T E Levin (IRE). \*€50,000 Ylg '15 GOFSP.

**ITALY****Sunday's Results:**

**PREMIO PISA-Listed**, €66,000, PIS, 4-2, 3yo, 8fT, gd.

1--**#AMORE HASS (IRE)**, 122, c, 3, by **Azamour (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Hassaya (Ire)**, by **King's Best**

2nd Dam: **Hasaiyda (Ire)**, by **Hector Protector**

3rd Dam: **Hasainiya (Ire)**, by **Top Ville (Ire)**

(€35,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 40,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT).

O-Scuderia Rencati; B-T. Boylan; T-Alduino Botti; J-Nicola Pinna. €25,600. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, €52,156.

2--**Biz Power (Ire)**, 125, c, 3, **Power (GB)**--Biz Bar (GB), by

Tobougg (Ire). O-WE Bloodstock; B-Massimo Parri-Ire;

T-Alduino Botti. €11,220.

3--**Law Power (GB)**, 122, c, 3, Lawman (Fr)--Clarietta (GB), by

Shamardal. (150,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT; 25,000gns 2yo '16

TATHIT). O-Mario Lanfranchi; B-Bluehills Racing (GB);

T-Riccardo Santini. €6,120.

Margins: HF, 4, 4. Odds: 2.38, 1.88, 4.99.

Also Ran: Winny (Ire), Agrid II Moro, Sopran Dulanna (Ity),

Opinion Maker (Ire), Apple Scruffs (Ire).

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**PREMIO REGIONE TOSCANA-Listed**, €42,900, PIS, 4-2, 4yo/up, 11fT, gd.

1--**QUELINDO (GER)**, 122, h, 5, **Aussie Rules--Quintana (Ger)**, by

**Fantastic Light**. (€9,000 Ylg '13 BBAGAUG). O-Stall Almodo;

B-Gestut Paschberg; T-Gabor Maronka; J-Alberto Sanna.

€16,575. Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year-Hun, Ch. 3yo Colt-Hung, Ch. Grass Horse-Hun, Hungarian Triple Crown Winner, SW-Ger, 12-8-0-1 €74,358. \*1/2 to Queenie (Ger) (Areion {Ger}), GSW-Ger.

2--**Pretending (Ity)**, 122, c, 4, Librettist--Brumeux (Ire), by Machiavellian. O-Scuderia Effevi. €7,293.

3--**Freedom Beel (Ire)**, 122, c, 4, Pour Moi (Ire)--Querida (GB), by Rainbow Quest. O-Scuderia New Age. €3,978.

Margins: 5, 1HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 3.03, 0.29, 0.29. (Pretending & Freedom Beel joint entry).

Also Ran: Burggraf (GB), Shocking Blue (GB), Fico Senza Spine (Ire), Kelvin Hall (Ire).

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## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

**2.20 Chantilly, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT)**

**LITERARY SOCIETY (IRE) (Dansili {GB})** is the first foal out of the G1 Coronation S. and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois heroine Immortal Verse (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), who races in the famed Susan Magnier silks representing a partnership between Magnier, Tabor, Smith and John Moores and Charles Noell's Merriebelle Stables. Freddy Head has charge of the blueblood against 10 rivals which include His Highness The Aga Khan's **Sanabad (Fr) (Cape Cross {Ire})**, an Alain de Royer-Dupre-trained son of the G1 Prix Saint-Alary runner-up Sanaya (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}).

**3.20 Chantilly, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT)**

**TROARN (FR) (Wootton Bassett {GB})** is a full-sister to last year's sensation Almanzor (Fr) who represents the same Gerard Augustin-Normand and

Antonio Caro partnership and the same Jean-Claude Rouget stable. In opposition to the G1 English and Irish Champion S. hero's sibling are a clutch of regally-bred individuals



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including **Esquise (GB) (Dansili {GB})**, one of three Andre Fabre representatives and a Wertheimer-bred daughter of the G2 Prix de Malleret winner and dual Group 1-placed Legerete (Rahy).

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## EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN CHINA:

**Skygazer (Ire)**, h, 5, **Echo of Light (GB)**--Calando (GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ire & lty, G1SP-Fr, \$163,458), by Storm Cat. Chengdu, 4-2, Hcp., 2218mT, 2:21.81. B-Darley (Ire). \*1/2 to Champlain (GB) (Seeking the Gold), SW-Eng; and Calare (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), SP-Eng & Fr, SW-Ire.

**Sky Jockey (GB)**, g, 6, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Danella (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). Chengdu, 4-2, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:38.40. B-Brook Stud Bloodstock & W A Tinkler (Ire). \*1/2 to Azabara (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), SW-Fr, \$100,105. \*\*100,000gns Wlg '11 TATNOV.

**Muhtaram (GB)**, g, 7, **Shamardal**--Neshla (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). Chengdu, 4-2, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:39.81. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd. (GB). \*1/2 to Volatile (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}), SP-Eng. \*\*160,000gns Ylg '11 TATOCT.

**Damar (Ire)**, g, 8, **Authorized (Ire)**--North East Bay, Prospect Bay. Chengdu, 4-2, Hcp., 1400mT, 1:25.20. B-Thurso Ltd (Ire). \*1/2 to Prince Bishop (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-UAE at 9 1/2-11f, MG1SW-UAE, MGSW-Fr & Eng, \$7,061,632. \*\*130,000gns Ylg '10 TATOCT.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### I AM INVINCIBLE A RISING SALES STAR

by Kelsey Riley

Sydney, AUSTRALIA--The dominance of the Danehill line in Australia has created a demand for outcross sires, and in **I Am Invincible (Aus)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) the Mitchell family's Yarraman Park Stud appears to have struck gold. The country's champion first-season sire in 2013/14, I Am Invincible has gone from strength to strength, and it is impossible to ignore the popularity of his yearlings thus far in 2017; his 108 sold thus far have averaged A\$222,199, with a top-priced colt of A\$1.4-million and top-priced filly of A\$575,000.

I Am Invincible has 18 yearlings set to go under the hammer at this week's Inglis Easter yearling sale Apr. 4 to 6, including **lot 8**, a filly who is the first foal out of stakes winner Walk With Attitude (Aus) (Hussonet); **lot 69**, Yarraman Park's first foal out of the multiple stakes winner Camporella (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}); **lot 71**, a colt who is the first foal of Captivating Claire (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}) from the family of Octagonal (NZ), Danewin (Aus) and Commands (Aus); **lot 246**, a half-brother to

stakes winner Moonlight Hussler (Aus) (Hussonet); and **lot 366**, Yarraman Park's colt out of the two-time stakes producer Speedy Bell (Aus) (Brocco).

I Am Invincible, a member of the first of four Southern Hemisphere crops for Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert), had a productive but unheralded racing career, winning a pair of stakes at four over 1100 metres. Perhaps the best indication of his talent was his placings behind a pair of superstars: a third behind subsequent G1 Golden Slipper winner Forensics in the G3 Kindergarten S. at two and a second behind sprinting worldbeater Takeover Target in the G1 Goodwood S. at four.

Yarraman Park's Arthur Mitchell explained how the stud came to stand one of Australia's most exciting young sires.

"We followed his racing career and we knew he was a good horse, and eventually someone came to us and said, 'you should have a look at this horse,'" he said. "So my brothers and I went to have a look at him at his stables in Victoria and the criteria was that we had to love him. He came out of his box and he's as good a looking horse as you'll see. He's so handsome, big and strong, and we just loved him from the moment we saw him. So we bought half of him and the group who raced him retained the other half."



I Am Invincible | Yarraman Park Stud

I Am Invincible stood for A\$10,000 for his first four years at Yarraman Park and went up to A\$25,000 off the success of his first 2-year-olds, which saw him top the first-season sire ranks by number of winners and stakes winners. A member of that first crop, Brazen Beau (Aus), would become his first Group 1 winner in the G1 Coolmore Stud S. the following season, and I Am Invincible's fee went up to A\$50,000 by the time Brazen Beau had added a win in the G1 Lightning S. and a second in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot. Brazen Beau is now a dual-hemisphere sire for Darley, with his first weanlings to be offered at Australia's upcoming breeding stock sales. **Cont. p12**

## I Am Invincible a Rising Sales Star Cont.

“His first four years he was 10-grand and we kept him pretty full of mares the best we could,” Mitchell said. “Away he went with his first crop and he just kept on improving. All his ones racing now are off A\$10,000 or less nominations. To be competing against the big guns he’s done an excellent job. These yearlings are off a A\$25,000 fee and then he went to A\$50,000, and next year he’ll be a minimum of A\$100,000.”

Mitchell said a fee raise for I Am Invincible will accompany a restriction in book size.

“He covered around 140 or 150 the first year and then we always kept him up around 170 or 180, and the last couple years he’s covered around the 200 mark,” he explained. “This year we’re going to restrict him back to around 160 if we can, but I’m getting bullied pretty badly everywhere.”

It’s plain to see why breeders are clamouring to get a spot in I Am Invincible’s book. He added another Group 1 winner in the spring in Myer Classic winner I Am A Star (Aus), and his flagbearers also include Singapore’s champion sprinter Super One (Aus), now standing at Newgate Farm, and this year’s Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Houtzen (Aus).

“He’s now being supported by all the major studs in Australia,” Mitchell said. “His book this year, I wouldn’t be able to count the number of high-class, stakes-winning mares or stakes-producing mares he’s going to get, but it’ll be a very good book. The problem is we’re trying to get his numbers down.”

Yarraman Park has enjoyed a productive season not only with I Am Invincible but with its other resident sire, **Hinchinbrook (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), as well. A half-brother to Australia’s leading sire Snitzel (Aus), Hinchinbrook, who was leading first-season sire in 2014/15 with dual Group 1 winner Press Statement (Aus) to his credit, sired the Magic Millions 3YO Guineas winner Flying Jess (Aus) on the Gold Coast in January 30 minutes before Houtzen won the 2YO Classic for I Am Invincible, and his four stakes winners this season include the G2 Skyline S. winner and Golden Slipper runner Diamond Tathagata (Aus).

“He was bred on the farm and he’s out of the same mare as Snitzel, and Snitzel is our leading stallion,” Mitchell said.

“Hinchinbrook is doing a fabulous job. He’s getting lots of stakes

horses. He does cover a restricted book so he doesn’t have the numbers—he only covers around 130 mares—but I think he’s doing a very good job. He’s getting plenty of stakes winners on the major tracks.”

Heading into this week’s Easter sale, the momentum of its sires isn’t the only thing Yarraman Park has going for it. The nursery will offer 15 yearlings in Sydney, including the Shamus Award (Aus) half-sister to last month’s G1 Golden Slipper winner She Will Reign (Aus) (Manhattan Rain {Aus}) (**lot 86**).

“She’s a really nice filly,” Mitchell said. “She’s a really good walker and has a great attitude. She wasn’t bred on the farm, she’s only come to us for yearling prep, but she’s a really nice, good-natured, good-moving filly. I’d expect her to sell really well.”

Noting other potential stars in the draft, Mitchell said, “We have what we think is an outstanding Medaglia d’Oro colt (**lot 178**) out of a mare called Hoss Amor (Aus) (General Nediym), who was a very fast, speedy mare with a good Australian pedigree. He’s an outstanding colt so we’re hoping he sells very well.”

“We’ve got a couple of I Am Invincibles,” Mitchell added. “A lot of them have already been sold but we have a very nice filly out of Camporella, her first foal, and we’ve got a very nice colt out of a mare called Speedy Bell, who is an older mare. She’s been a phenomenal producer and he’s a lovely colt.”

While Australia’s middle market for yearlings is generally very strong, thanks to the participation of a variety of syndicators, Mitchell noted that the Easter sale generally returns the best results at the top end, thus emphasizing the need to bring one’s best yearlings.

“Often the Easter sale is not a syndicator’s sort of sale—it’s a bit more of a high-end sale—and often the middle market isn’t naturally as strong as the top end,” he explained. “At the top end you can get very lucky, where at the Magic Millions and the other sales the middle market is very strong.”

With a history of success and the momentum of a strong 2017 behind it, Yarraman Park shouldn’t struggle to deliver results this week in Sydney.



Lot 86, Shamus Award half-sister to She Will Reign | *Inglis*

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**Apple or Android?** Apple  
**Twitter or Facebook?** Twitter  
**Golden Slipper or Melbourne Cup?** Golden Slipper  
**North or South Island?** South, although it's a beautiful country from top to bottom  
**Snakes or spiders?** Spiders, they're easier to kill.  
**Espresso or flat white?** Flat white  
**George Gregan or Richie McCaw?** Richie McCaw, by the length of the straight  
**Richie McCaw or Dan Carter?** As per above, but smaller margin  
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## AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN HONG KONG:

**Bravo Watchman (Aus)**, g, 3, **Congrats**--Secover (Aus), by Danehill. Sha Tin, 4-2, Hcp. (A\$208k), 1200mT, 1:10.06. B-G Harvey (NSW). \*1/2 to Landlocked (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), SW-Aus, A\$320,300. \*\*A\$85,000 Ylg '15 MMADE. \*\*\*Favored at 6-5 to make it a perfect three-from-three in his career, Bravo Watchman raced prominently for the opening 800m, came three deep at the top of the stretch and plugged on late for a half-length success. "I've got a nice horse in this one, but he's still very green," winning trainer Chris So said. "I've just spoken



**Bravo Watchman makes it three out of three**  
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to [jockey] Joao [Moreira] and I am thinking that we will give him a good break now. Early season, we can bring him back and hopefully he strengthens up before then. He's done his job, three starts for three wins, for a

3-year-old that's pretty good. From three to four, he should mature physically, mentally, he'll get better." **VIDEO**

**+Sam's Love (Aus)**, g, 3, **Smart Missile (Aus)**--Dashie Diva (Aus), by Dash For Cash. Sha Tin, 4-2, Hcp. (A\$142k), 1200mT, 1:09.61. B-Bell River Thoroughbreds, L Walker, B Hogno, A Green, A MacKinnon (NSW). \*A\$200,000 Ylg '15 INGSYD; NZ\$275,000 2yo '15 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**

**Western Express (Aus)**, g, 4, **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**--Alsatia (Aus), by Marauding (NZ). Sha Tin, 4-2, Hcp. (A\$295k), 1400mT, 1:20.86. B-F Peisah (NSW). \*Formerly Cardless Cash (Aus). \*\*1/2 to Whitefriars (Aus) (Arena {Aus}), MGSW-Aus, A\$618,765; and Ringmeister (Aus) (Arena {Aus}), SW-Aus, A\$270,700. \*\*\*A\$80,000 Ylg '14 INGMEL. **VIDEO**

### 'BLACK' BACK FOR MORE IN OSAKA HAI

Newly promoted to Group 1 status, Hanshin's Osaka Hai was rewarded with a first-class winner in the 2016 Horse of the Year **Kitasan Black (Jpn)** (Black Tide {Jpn}), whose long-term aim this season is a trip to Chantilly to take on Europe's finest in the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. **Cont. p14**



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### 'Black' Back for More in Osaka Hai Cont.

The 5-year-old stallion may well now stop off en route in Ireland, with Sunday's three-quarter-length victory having earned him an automatic berth in the G1 QIPCO Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown following the inaugural 'win and you're in' link between the two races.

Runner-up to Satono Diamond (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Arima Kinen on Christmas Day after a decisive win in the G1 Japan Cup last November, Kitasan Black was sent off as favourite for the Osaka Hai under Yutake Take, who had his mount perfectly positioned in third on the rail as **Maltese Apogee (Jpn)** (Goshawk Ken) set an unsustainable frenetic early pace some eight lengths clear of the chasing **Lord Vent d'Or (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}). As the early leaders gave way rounding the turn, Kitasan Black loomed into contention, with eventual runner-up Staphanos (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) making a bold bid to run him down, but the Hisashi Shimizu-trained galloper looked the certain winner throughout his stretch run and duly notched his ninth career success from 15 starts.

### Pedigree Notes...

Sired by a stakes-winning full-brother to Shadai superstar Deep Impact (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), Kitasan Black is the best foal of the unraced Sugar Heart (Jpn) (Sakura Bakushin O {Jpn}), who is out of a half-sister to GI Super Derby third-place finisher Cee's Tizzy (Relaunch), himself responsible for two-time GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Tiznow.

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Kitasan Black | Horsephotos

### Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

#### OSAKA HAI-G1, ¥232,260,000

(US\$2,085,387/£1,662,258/€1,957,342), Hanshin, 4-2, 4yo/up, 2000mT, 1:58.90, fm.

#### 1--KITASAN BLACK (JPN), 126, h, 5, by Black Tide (Jpn)

**1st Dam: Sugar Heart (Jpn), by Sakura Bakushin O (Jpn)**

**2nd Dam: Otome Gokoro (Jpn), by Judge Angelucci**

**3rd Dam: Tizly, by Lyphard**

O-Ono Shoji Inc.; B-Yanagawa Farm; T-Hisashi Shimizu; J-Yutaka Take; ¥122,982,000. Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year-Jpn, Ch. Older Horse-Jpn, 15-9-2-3. \*1/2 to Shonan Bach (Jpn), Stay Gold (Jpn)), GSP-Jpn, \$624,964. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Staphanos (Jpn)**, 128, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Kokoshnik (Jpn), by Kurofune. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥48,852,000.

3--**Yamakatsu Ace (Jpn)**, 128, h, 5, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Yamakatsu Marilyn (Jpn), by Grass Wonder. O-Kazuo Yamada; B-Okada Farm; ¥30,426,000.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 1HF. Odds: 1.40, 16.70, 9.20.

Also Ran: Makahiki (Jpn), Ambitious (Jpn), Satono Crown (Jpn), Mikki Rocket (Jpn), Monde Intero (Jpn), Angreifen (Jpn), Decipher (Jpn), Suzuka Devious (Jpn), Maltese Apogee (Jpn), Sakura Empereur (Jpn), Lord Vent d'Or (Jpn).

[Click for the Racing Post chart](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [JRA Video](#).

### SKYGAZER THE CUP STAR IN CHENGDU

In front of a crowd of around 6,000 spectators, the Ali Rashid Al Rayhi-trained **Skygazer (Ire)** (Echo Of Light {GB}) landed Sunday's fourth running of the Chengdu Dubai International Cup presented by Longines at China's Al Jimna Racecourse.

Winning jockey Royston Ffrench was claiming his second victory in the race and was a member of the winning team of riders in the inaugural jockeys' challenge, glory going to the internationals with a winning tally of 28 points to the home team's 20.

"It's fantastic to ride a winner here in Chengdu and it was a great performance from the horse. It's for my old boss and to be able to ride a winner for him makes it extra special," Ffrench commented after Skygazer had atoned for a stalls incident during last year's race in which he unseated jockey Tadhg O'Shea and ran loose as the race got underway.

It was in 2014 when the jockey last won the International Cup aboard Skygazer's now 9-year-old stablemate **Mutual Force** (Arch), who this time around won the Meydan H. under Adrie de Vries. [Cont. p15](#)



Skygazer triumphs in China | Neville Hopwood

**Skygazer the Cup Star in Chengdu Cont.**

A joint venture between Meydan Group, Sichuan Provincial Government, Chengdu Municipal Government, the Wenjiang District Government and China Guangsha Group, the five-race meeting, which takes place in the Wenjiang District of Chengdu, is worth a total of RMB3,750,000 (approximately \$545,000).

Chinese jockey Wenxun Wang claimed the opening contest, the Wenjiang Sprint, aboard **Damar (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire}) who was recording back-to-back wins in the race and was also the first of two winners on the day for trainer Maria Ritchie. Her second came in the final race, the Wenjiang-Meydan Classic, which was won by 7-year-old **Muhtaram (Ire)** (Shamardal) in partnership with Argentinean jockey Jesus Rosales.

Mohammed Al Shehhi, a member of Meydan City Corporation board and Undersecretary of the Ministry of Economy, said, "It has been a great pleasure for us to return to Chengdu for the fourth running of the Chengdu Dubai International Cup and renew ties with our Chinese partners. We are very thankful for the wonderful hospitality and the warm reception we have received here. Today we were treated to some exciting racing action at Jinma Lake Racecourse and it is satisfying to see how this significant raceday for China has flourished and developed into a world-class event. This year we are also pleased to showcase Chinese jockeys for the first time through the Chengdu Dubai International Cup Jockeys' Challenge."

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<b>2016 2-Year-Old Group Winners in Italy</b>	
<b>Race</b>	<b>Horse</b>
G2 Premio Gran Criterium	Skarino Gold (Ger)
G3 Premio Primi Passi	Hargeisa
G3 Premio Dormello	Rainbow Royal (Ire)
G3 Premio Guido Berardelli-gruppo Iii	Aethos (Ire)

**FURTHER HONOUR FOR KEI CHIONG**

A little over a week after winning the People's Award at the inaugural Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Horse Racing Excellence Awards in Dubai, Hong Kong apprentice Kei Chiong gained further recognition on the international stage when being named Best Lady Apprentice Jockey at the 2017 HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Darley Awards.

The prize was based on performances from the 2016 racing season, in which the young jockey finished sixth in the Hong Kong table with 37 winners. Her award was received during Friday's ceremony at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, California. The Darley Awards have been running for three years and recognise the achievements of female participants in Thoroughbred and purebred Arabian racing around the world.

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Kei Chiong | HKJC photo

<b>AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2016/2017</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Track</b>
Apr. 8	Queen Elizabeth S.	Randwick
	Sydney Cup	Randwick
	ATC Oaks	Randwick
	Queen of the Turf S.	Randwick
Apr. 15	All Aged S.	Randwick
	Champagne S.	Randwick
May 6	Schweppes Oaks	Morphettville
	UBET Classic	Morphettville
May 13	BTC Cup	Doomben
	SA Derby	Morphettville