



## TUESDAY'S TRACKSIDE BELMONT REPORT



**Tapwrit** | *Christie DeBernardis*

by *Steve Sherack*

ELMONT, NY--With champion **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile) in transit from trainer Mark Casse's Churchill Downs base, a handful of GI Belmont S. contenders were at it early to beat the impending rain on a chilly and breezy Tuesday morning beneath cloudy skies on Long Island.

Trainer Todd Pletcher arrived at the clubhouse gap and watched by himself as his one-two punch of **Tapwrit** (Tapit) and **'TDN Rising Star' Patch** (Union Rags)--neither sporting Belmont S. saddle towels--hit the track to gallop shortly after 6 a.m. The gray GII Tampa Bay Derby winner, sixth with trouble in the GI Kentucky Derby, trained with his regular black blinkers on.

His popular one-eyed stablemate, a well-beaten 14th after a rough trip of his own on the First Saturday in May, may own arguably the best pedigree in the likely field of 12 to see out the 1 1/2 miles of the Belmont. By 2012 Belmont winner Union Rags and produced by an A.P. Indy mare, Patch's second dam Unbridled Wind (Unbridled) is a full-sister to champion Banshee Breeze, heroine of the GI CCA Oaks at this distance and also the GI Alabama S. at 10 furlongs.

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## OP/ED: SAD AND PATHETIC, HIALEAH IS "RACING" AGAIN by *Bill Finley*

HIALEAH, FL--As you enter through the gate and drive toward the clubhouse entrance, there's an instant where you can imagine Hialeah as it once was. The palm trees and shrubs still line the grand entranceway, just as they did when Winston Churchill, Jackie Kennedy, the Vanderbilts, Palm Beach society and every notable trainer and owner in the East made their way toward a racetrack that typified beauty, class, history and great racing.

But turn a corner and you are jolted, face to face with the reality of what Hialeah has become: a nightmarish freak show.

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**Meanwhile, on the West Coast...** Juddmonte Farms' champion and 'TDN Rising Star' Arrogate worked three furlongs in :36.20 at Santa Anita on Tuesday morning. The all-time leading money earner among North American Thoroughbreds will likely make his next start in the July 22 GII TVG San Diego H. at Del Mar. | *Horsephotos*

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Christie DeBernardis talks to trainer Kiyoshi Hagiwara, whose pupil Epicharis (Jpn) (Gold Allure {Jpn}) will try to become the second foreign horse---and first Japanese runner---to win the GI Belmont S. Saturday.

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Bill Finley chats with Australian rider Blake Shinn, who is set to ride for five weeks at Arlington Park this summer to test the waters for Aussie jocks in America.



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**Belmont Trackside Report cont.**

Pletcher, now a well-documented two-time Kentucky Derby-winning trainer courtesy of Always Dreaming (Bodemeister)'s exploits earlier this spring, has also enjoyed more than his share of success in the third leg of the Triple Crown, led by 2007 heroine Rags to Riches (A.P. Indy) and 2013 winner Palace Malice (Curlin). Destin (Giant's Causeway) became Pletcher's fifth runner-up finisher in the Belmont after falling a painful nose short in 2016.

The action shifted to Belmont's nearby training track with Japan's **Epicharis (Jpn)** (Gold Allure {Jpn}) breezing an easy five furlongs in 1:06.06 (14/14) at 6:30 a.m. The blaze-faced dark bay looked to be getting over the ground quite well and was reaching out nicely as he picked up the pace considerably down the lane, covering his final three-eighths in a sharp :37. By comparison, the fastest three-furlong move of 11 conducted over the training track Tuesday morning was completed in :37.05, a full second better than the second-fastest move.



**Trainer Kiyoshi Hagiwara**  
*Sherackatthetrack*

Freshened since suffering his first career defeat when beaten just a nose in the G2 UAE Derby Mar. 25, Epicharis was still walking with exercise rider and assistant trainer Masa Aki up about a half-hour later outside of the Quarantine Barn as trainer Kiyoshi Hagiwara met with a small group of press (with an assist from a translator) for approximately 15 minutes.

Has Hagiwara had a chance to check out any of the sites in New York City yet? "Peter Luger," he responded with a big smile, referring to a trip to the popular steakhouse since arriving in the Big Apple.

The morning for Epicharis, however, was not quite over yet as he briefly snuck out for *another* trip to the track--this time he just stood by the main track--after taking a spin through Belmont's scenic paddock while Hagiwara continued to chat with the media. Epicharis, eligible for NYRA's \$1-million bonus offered to any Japan-based winner of the Belmont, will be ridden by regular rider

Christophe Lemaire Saturday.

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**Belmont Trackside Report cont.**

Derby runner-up and Preakness fourth **Lookin At Lee** (Lookin At Lucky) was on his toes nicely during some light exercise at 7:15 a.m. The blinkered bay, trained by Steve Asmussen, breezed four furlongs in :48.33 (8/52) over Big Sandy Sunday. Asmussen shoots for his second straight Belmont fresh off the heels of Creator (Tapit)'s upset victory last year.

Back from his trip to Epsom, trainer Kenny McPeck was on hand to supervise **Senior Investment** (Discreetly Mine)'s four-furlong breeze in :50.19 (8/13) at daybreak Tuesday morning. The flashy chestnut got rolling late to finish a good third at 31-1 in the Preakness.

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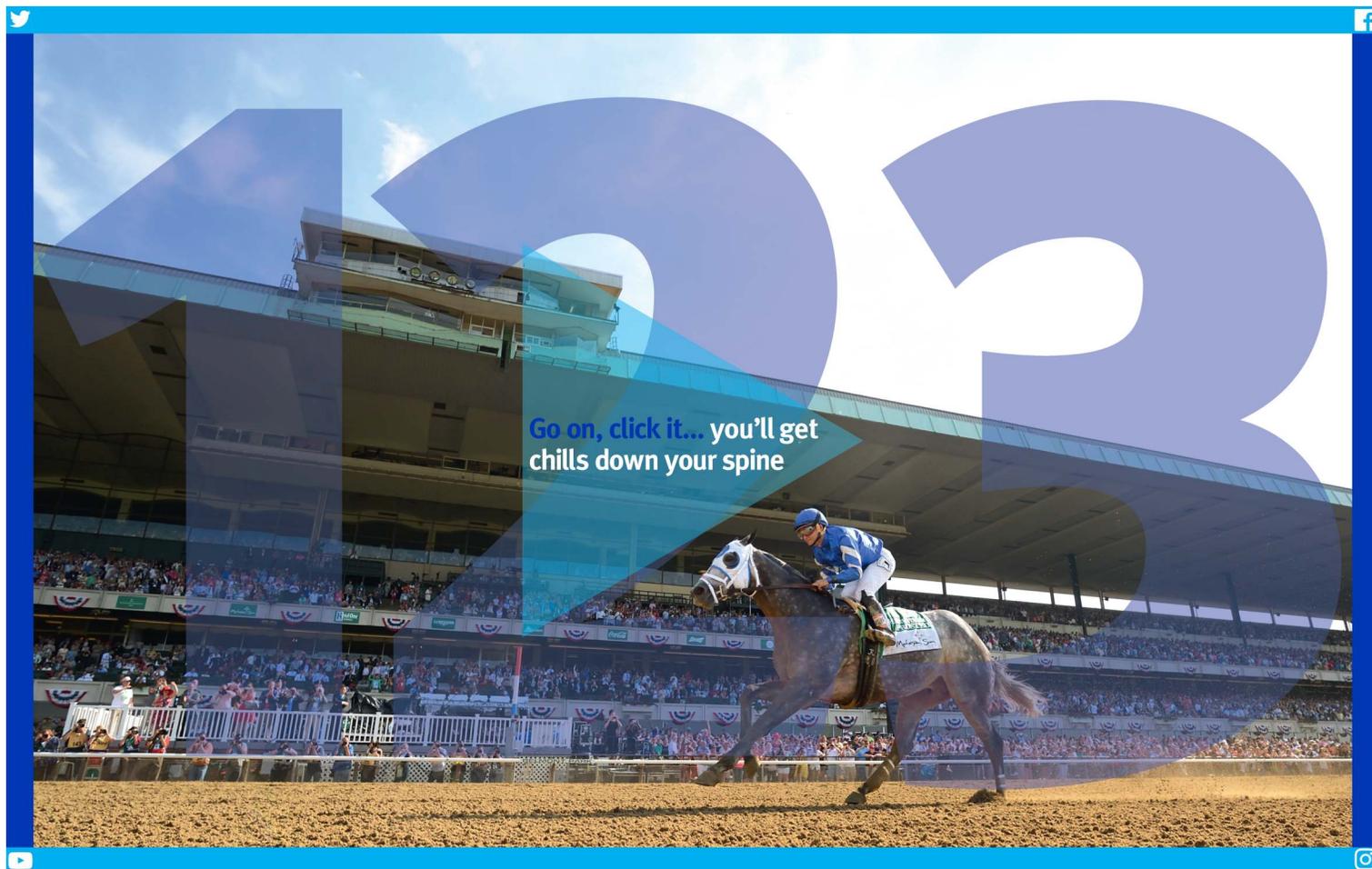
**WHAT THEY'RE SAYING AT BELMONT...**

*"Of all the athletes I can compare him to, I think he's like Michael Phelps. When he comes, he's focused. Phelps always looks focused when he's ready to swim, and that's what it reminds me of. He looks focused and ready to go."* -trainer **Mark Casse on Classic Empire**

*"It was a simple half-mile, nothing complicated, just let him stretch his legs over the track. I think that horses need a little work over this racetrack before they run here and he handled it fine. What I call a happy half--just keep him happy, switch his leads, give him a peek at the scenery, all that. [Rider] Dylan [Davis] said he was a little conservative with him, just kind of went easy and finished up well."* -trainer **Ken McPeck on Senior Investment**

*"He was right next to J Boys Echo (Mineshaft) and they were hanging out sharing the hay rack. He made a new friend. He's a character. He's very funny. In the van, all the other horses were standing quiet and he was there shaking his chain. He's something else. He's a clown."* -Richelle Duhon, a foreman and exercise rider for trainer **Brendan Walsh, on Multiplier (The Factor)**, who shipped to Belmont Tuesday morning

*"Not going to win anything jogging around here. We galloped the hell out of him. He's doing real good. The weather was still good then. The track was still perfect, so we got lucky."* -trainer **Brian Lynch on Meantime (Shackleford)**



## HAGIWARA HOPES TO MAKE HISTORY



Kiyoshi Hagiwara walking alongside Epicharis outside of Barn 5  
Christie DeBernardis

by Christie DeBernardis

ELMONT, NY--Only one foreign horse has ever managed to win the GI Belmont S. and that was Ireland's Go and Go (Ire), who took the 1990 renewal of the Test of a Champion. Japanese trainer Kiyoshi Hagiwara hopes to change that Saturday when he saddles G2 UAE Derby runner-up **Epicharis (Jpn)** (Gold Allure {Jpn}) in the final leg of America's Triple Crown.

"He recovered from the long flight well, better than Dubai," Hagiwara said through the help of a translator during a mini press conference held outside Barn 5, Belmont's quarantine barn, where Epicharis has been housed since he arrived Thursday. "He is doing very well. I think he showed he is a good horse [in the UAE Derby]. I am very proud of him."

Opening his account with a trio of dominant victories as a juvenile last term, one of which was a stake, Epicharis earned automatic berth to the GI Kentucky Derby May 6 after winning his homeland's Hyacinth S. Feb. 19, which is part of the new Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby. However, his connections felt he needed more time following a close second to Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) in the UAE Derby Mar. 25 and opted to wait for this spot instead.

"It was difficult to come to the Derby because we didn't have much time from the UAE Derby to the Kentucky Derby so we decided to try the Belmont S.," Hagiwara explained. "He was a little bit tired after the UAE Derby, so we needed to have some time. Epicharis won the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby so we were given the right to run, but we couldn't and we were sorry about that."

The conditioner thinks the race's 1 1/2-mile distance will suit his charge perfectly and was not at all concerned about Belmont's deep, sandy surface.

"I think the distance is very good for him," remarked Hagiwara. "Originally I thought over 2000 meters is good for him, so this is a good opportunity."

He continued, "I feel [the surface] is a little bit firmer than Japanese dirt. That's the difference between a Japanese dirt course and a U.S. dirt course. The Japanese dirt course is like sand."

Epicharis took to Belmont's training track at 6:30a.m. on a cloudy and cold Tuesday morning for his final breeze, covering five furlongs in 1:06.06 under assistant trainer Masa Aki.

"He looked very good," Hagiwara said when asked his thoughts on the work. "His run on the backstretch, especially, was very good."

Though Epicharis has displayed some speed in his prior races, Hagiwara plans for him to be coming from a bit off the pace Saturday.

"I am talking with the jockey about the position, but I think he would likely come from off the pace," the Japanese horsemen offered. "I think it is better to get position behind some horses."

This is Hagiwara's first visit to New York and though he has spent most of his time at the racetrack, he did manage to squeeze in a visit to New York's famous Peter Luger Steak House, an aside which drew laughs and nods of approval from the assembled media.

"This is my first experience here," Hagiwara remarked. "It is a good atmosphere and the climate is better than Japan. It is very good here."

Epicharis is scheduled to head back to Japan after the Belmont, but if all goes well Saturday, a return to the U.S. could be in the cards.

"The plan is to ship back to Japan after the race, but if the result was very good I would consider running in the Breeders' Cup or other great races in America," offered Hagiwara. **Cont. p6**



Epicharis | Christie DeBernardis

**Epicharis cont.**

Epicharis is not the first Japanese horse to run in the Belmont. Just last year, the country was represented by the extremely popular Lani (Tapit) in all three of the Triple Crown races. Lani's best finish was a strong third to Creator (Tapit) in last year's Belmont, but he became one of the best known horses on the 2016 Triple Crown trail due to his antics and unusual training style.

As a newcomer to the U.S., Epicharis, who seems to be more level-headed than Lani, has not developed quite the same following in America just yet, but the Japanese people are already showing their support for their representative.

"I am hoping for a good result for the fans," Hagiwara said. "I am getting a lot of stuff from fans and fellow horsemen and other connections. I'm sure a lot of fans will watch in Japan and cheer for him."

Epicharis's owner, the Japanese syndicate U. Carrot Farm, made history in 2005 when Cesario (Jpn) (Special Week {Jpn}) won the GI American Oaks, making her the first Japanese runner to win a Grade I win in the United States. That horse was not trained by Hagiwara, but he has saddled a Group 1 victor in his homeland, winning the 2009 G1 Japanese Derby with Logi Universe (Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}).

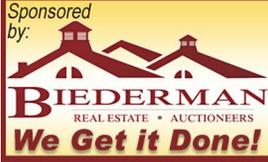
That victory remains as the conditioner's only top-level success and, on what coincidentally was the two-year anniversary of American Pharoah's Triple Crown victory, Hagiwara took a moment to reflect on what a Belmont win would mean to him.

"As a Japanese horsemen, this is the most exciting thing that has ever happened," the trainer said. "It is an honor to have a horse here to run in the Belmont. I am very excited."

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### **Tim Ritvo tackles his biggest challenge yet: Revitalizing racing at Santa Anita**

*Not to put any pressure on Tim Ritvo, but his job is easily defined: Save California racing. The affable 52-year-old former jockey, trainer and long-time racetrack executive has been sent to Santa Anita to fix things.*

**John Cherwa, Los Angeles Times**

**Hialeah Op/Ed cont.**

The parking lot is empty, the entrance into the clubhouse appears abandoned, untouched and unattended to for who knows how long. Keep going, out to the apron and there you will see racing that has been called 'a sham,' and 'fake racing.' Hialeah's owner, John Brunetti, himself, once called the sort of racing that has been going on for a while at backwoods "racetracks" in Northern Florida the "Mickey Mouse circuit." Here's a better way to describe it: grotesque.



**22-year-old Miss Minnie Matt prior to her race at Hialeah**

What else would you describe something where the competitors include a 22-year-old horse, a poor thing named Miss Minnie Matt?

The ancient mare was there to take part in what Hialeah management passes off as Quarter Horse racing. It is not. To say it is Quarter Horse Racing, or any kind of real racing, is a mockery. It is, instead, a farce that allows Hialeah to maintain its license to have slots, poker and simulcasting.

The concept was created by devious, but creative, individuals. In order to have various forms of gaming, Florida racetracks must have, according to law, "horse racing." Which means what? An argument was made that as long as any kind and any number of horses were pitted in a competition against one another that was "horse racing" and that was good enough to have a gaming license. A 22-year-old horse racing 110 yards against some other animal? Why not, or so said the Florida courts and the Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel racing.

It began at a place called Gretna Racing and spread to places named Oxford Downs and Hamilton Downs. At first, Gretna conducted pari-mutuel barrel racing, but someone actually put their foot down and said that was not "horse racing." Little did it matter, as the rogue tracks just took the same horses and riders and conducted short match races. During the fiscal year that ended in June, 2016, the handle at Gretna was \$73. That's not for a race or even a card, but for the entire meet. **Cont. p7**

**Hialeah Op/Ed cont.**

Hialeah was late to join the party. Squeezed out by competition from Calder and Gulfstream, Hialeah ran its final thoroughbred race in 2001. With slot machines having come onto the table, Hialeah re-opened in 2009 with Quarter Horse racing, which allowed it to have gaming. And while purists may not have appreciated a track with such a rich Thoroughbred history running Quarter Horse races, at least they were “real” Quarter Horse races. Hialeah paid out \$140,000 a day in purses, had a 40-day meet, and entered into a contract with a legitimate Quarter Horse horsemen’s association.

That was the situation until Hialeah management saw the light or, perhaps, the darkness. If Gretna, Oxford and Hamilton could do it, why couldn’t they? A tremendous amount of purse money could be saved if Hialeah ran fake Quarter Horse races rather than real ones. So they pushed aside the Florida Quarter Horse Racing Association and signed an agreement with a previously unknown horsemen’s group that has ties to Gretna.



**They’re off at Hialeah | Bill Finley photo**

It’s a Sunday and the Hialeah program kicks off at noon with the first of 16 races. In order to satisfy the requirement of having to run a 40-day meet, the Hialeah card is divided into two programs of eight races each. They’re taking advantage of a loophole so they can really operate only 20 days instead of 40. Another rule that requires a minimum of five entrants in a race is also conveniently overlooked. The program lists two horses in each race, plus three also-eligibles. The same three horses are the also-eligibles in all 16 races.

About 25 people are watching as the races begin, but virtually all of them appear to be involved with the horses in some manner. It’s quite possible I am the only “spectator.”

Intimidating Jess beats This Star Is Shining in the opener and the races keep going and going, each one looking exactly like the one before it. Two horses break from something resembling a

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starting gate and run for seven seconds or so. The jockeys, all of them female, all wear jeans, have Western saddles, and their legs are fully extended as they ride. The silks are red for the one, white for the two. There are no purses or past performances in the program but I’m told that the winner of each race gets \$2,000 and the loser \$750. It seems like an astonishing amount of money for horses who might otherwise be sitting in someone’s backyard.

Horse racing has its roots in match races, one horse owner challenging another, convinced his horse was faster than his rival and willing to bet his money that he is right. But there’s nothing quaint, historic or charming about these races. Nothing at all.

Starter Smokeking Enterprise is 17. Matts Red Cloud is 18, the same age as Impressive Hipockets. Thirteen races down, three to go, the 22 year-old Miss Minnie Matt comes on to the racetrack to take on the 5-year-old Smokeking Rosa. Along with her age, all the program tells us is that she is owned and trained by Jim Handley and the rider is Marni Wintermute. The horse is registered with the American Quarter Horse Racing Association but has never run in a sanctioned race.

Everything else about her life is a mystery. The 22-year-old has a tired countenance on her face as she prepares for the race.

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**Hialeah Op/Ed cont.**

With apparent compassion for her elderly partner, Wintermute does not push her to run as she is badly beaten on her way to making an easy \$750 for Handley. It's the right and the wrong thing to do. A joke or not, there is betting on the race.

But does anybody care? Obviously the Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering doesn't--nor do Florida politicians. The same can be said for Brunetti, who has signed off on the desecration of his once proud racetrack.

It is one thing to have this sham go on in a cow pasture somewhere out in the middle of nowhere at a place that never was and never will be a racetrack. This is Hialeah. Poor old, tired Miss Minnie Matt traversed the same hallowed dirt that Citation, Seattle Slew, Northern Dancer, War Admiral and so many other greats thundered over on their way to victory.

Slot machines and horse racing have always had an uncomfortable marriage. But it was never supposed to come to this. Slots, and other forms of gambling, came to racetracks and the deal was not meant to merely make track owners even more wealthy. The machines were also supposed to benefit the sport of horse racing and no one was supposed to be able to have alternative gambling at the tracks without racing. Real racing, that is.

Frank Stronach would never do this at Gulfstream. But he could.

In the Hialeah management offices, they must be having a good laugh as the slots whirl, the money rolls in and Miss Minnie Matt keeps showing up in the entries.

Not only did Miss Minnie Matt lose on this day. So did decency.

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**AUSSIE JOCKEY SHINN SET TO DEBUT AT ARLINGTON**



Blake Shinn | *The Championships.au*

by *Bill Finley*

Here for a five-week working holiday, Australian jockey Blake Shinn will likely pick up his first U.S. mounts Saturday at Arlington Park. Though here for just a short time, he said he hoped the experience will help him become a better jockey and give him the sort of exposure that could lay the foundation for future trips to the U.S., perhaps even a permanent one.

"I got offered this opportunity by Wesley Ward to come over here and it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, a dream come true," Shinn said. "I've always wanted to ride in America. I am sure I will learn a lot. You can always learn something by traveling to different countries and learning from the best riders. Though I'll only be here a short time, I know there are some fantastic riders here and I'll be looking to pick their brains and watch and absorb the American style and take as much away from my time here as I can."

Shinn, 29, is among the top riders in Australia and his accomplishments include a win in the 2008 G1 Melbourne Cup and the 2016 G1 Golden Slipper. He is based in Sydney and, with Australia now entering its winter, there is a lull in the racing schedule there. Ward reached out to Shinn and recommended that he come to the U.S. for a few weeks and promised that he would give him mounts.

"He's an outstanding individual, just a genuine person," Ward said. "He's the type of guy you want to help. You look at his accomplishments in his homeland and his talent goes without saying. He expressed an interest in coming over here and with all he has going for him, I thought this is someone I wanted to get behind."

Ward first met Shinn in 2008 when he came to the U.S. for three weeks and worked horses for the trainer at Keeneland.

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Wesley Ward does a lot of things well, but he has one specialty that stands above the rest-his ability to win at the Royal Ascot meet. No American-based trainer has come close to what he has done there, which is to win seven races at what is one of the most prestigious race meets in the world. Ward, who will send a large contingent to England for this year's meet, is this week's guest on the Thoroughbred Daily News podcast, brought to you by Taylor Made.

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### Shinn Set for U.S. Debut cont.

"I was the stable rider for Gai Waterhouse at the time and she sent me on a working holiday for about three weeks to Keeneland, and with her association with Wesley, she thought it would be a good idea that I go to work for him and learn," Shinn explained.

With declining purses in recent years at Arlington, the Chicagoland track might seem like an odd choice for Shinn to make his base. But Ward said choosing Arlington was his idea and that he thought it was a place where Shinn could get opportunities to ride decent mounts. Ward lined Shinn up with agent Steve Leving, who also handles the business for Arlington's leading rider Jose Valdivia, Jr.

"I wanted to pick a place for him where he'd have the best chance to show people what he can do," Ward said. "Should he have come to Belmont and then Saratoga? Probably not. There, he'd just get on 10-1, 15-1 shots and be in the back of the pack and nobody would see him. Steve is one of my best friends in the world and he has revitalized Jose Valdivia's career. That's his only rider and he always has multiple trainers asking him to put his rider on their horses in the same race. Now he's got Blake to offer to them as an option. If he gets lucky and he clicks and all the magic starts happening, I think trainers all over the country will start watching him."

Ward, who races at numerous tracks, said he will also be giving mounts to Shinn on some of the horses he ships out of his base at Keeneland in the coming weeks. He said it's likely the jockey will be given some assignments for him at Belmont.

Shinn said he would like to return to the U.S. at some point after he's done riding here for the five weeks, but isn't sure when or where that will be or for how long.

"I hope to come back and that this is something I can build on for the future," Shinn said. "Australia will always be home. But you never know. America is a place that I'd like to keep coming back to. I know some great people here and, hopefully, I can do well during this five-week stint and then see what happens."

He said another goal is to prove that Australian jockeys can hold their own against the best in the world.

"Not many Aussie jockeys have been here before and it's great to be here representing Australia," Shinn said. "Hopefully, I can do well and showcase what talented riders we've got back at home."

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Recent graduates of the July Sale include GI Cigar Mile H. winner **Connect** (Curlin), a \$150,000 purchase in 2014, and GI Del Mar Futurity winner **Klimt** (Quality Road), a \$140,000 purchase in 2015 before reselling for \$435,000 as a juvenile.

"Our selected yearling sales are statistically proven to be highly concentrated sources of quality," Browning added. "Buyers in search of success at the highest levels cannot afford to miss our selected yearling sales--and July is their first opportunity in 2017."

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## TWILIGHT ECLIPSE RETIRED



Twilight Eclipse winning the 2015 GI Man O' War S. | Adam Coglianese

West Point Thoroughbreds' Grade I-winning millionaire **Twilight Eclipse** (Purim--My Twilight Dancer, by Twilight Agenda) has been retired from racing and will be pointed to a second career in eventing, West Point announced Tuesday.

Trained by Tom Albertrani, the 8-year-old gelding won or placed in 19 graded stakes and earned his signature win when capturing the 2015 GI Man o' War S. He also set a world record for 1 1/2 miles in capturing the GI Pan American S. at Gulfstream in 2013, covering the distance in 2:22.63. He retires with a record of 8-5-11 from 40 starts with earnings of \$2,103,953.

"Twilight Eclipse is one of racing's unsung heroes, a durable and honest horse who showed up at the highest level time and time again," said West Point president Terry Finley. "He owes us nothing, and Mother Nature was telling us it's 'time.' I'm forever grateful to Tom Albertrani and his team for keeping him sound and at the top of his game for five years. We'll miss having him in the barn, but look forward to seeing him excel in his second career."

Bred in Kentucky by Epona Thoroughbreds, Twilight Eclipse was originally purchased for just \$1,000 by John Langemeier at the 2010 Keeneland January sale, and he was bought privately by West Point in the summer of 2012.

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## CENTRAL U.S.

### Tuesday's Results:

**3rd-IND, \$31,000, Msw, 6-6, 3, 4, /5yo, 6f, 1:12.04, ft.**  
**+WESTERN BOY (g, 3, Colonel John--Western Fate, by Gone West)**, dismissed at 22-1 off a very unassuming series of three-furlong drills, overcame some greenness in the stretch to blow up the tote and score by 2 1/2 lengths. Fellow firster Harlan's Ette (Arg) (Harlan's Holiday) was bet like the race was a foregone conclusion, but that one completely missed the break and the race complexion immediately changed. Western Boy overcame a tardy start of his own to track out in the clear, and asserted at the eighth pole before opening up late. North Elkhorn (Northern Afleet) was second, while Harlan's Ette could do no better than sixth. The winner's unraced dam was a half to Canadian champion Points of Grace (Point Given), who in turn produced last year's Canadian champion 2-year-old filly and GI Natalma S. heroine Victory to Victory (Exchange Rate); and to British stakes winner Fatefully (Private Account), who was responsible for G1 Nassau S. heroine Favourable Terms (GB) (Selkirk). Sales history: \$7,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$6,500 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$14,000 RNA 3yo '17 OBSWIN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)  
 O-Rancho Monarca, LLC; B-Gary J. Falter, Cindy Falter & WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Antonio Duran.

### IN THE DARBY DAN TRADITION

**7th-IND, \$31,000, Msw, 6-6, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:11.72, ft.**  
**THERE'SYOURTROUBLE (f, 3, Into Mischief--Wickedly, by Mr. Greeley)** faded to a well-beaten last at Fair Grounds Mar. 10, but improved to second in the local mud May 9 behind impressive romper Cash In (Tapit). Given a 7-2 chance here, the bay broke well towards the outside of the gate but ceded the advantage to Ethel G (Uncle Mo) through splits of :22.94 and :46.50. There'syourtrouble asserted in upper stretch, and while the pacesetter fought on gamely, she eventually kicked away to a 2 1/2-length success. Ethel G, who was claimed for \$30,000 out of a turfy debut May 20, stayed on to be a solid second. The winner has an unraced 2-year-old half-brother by Gemologist, and a foal colt half by Goldcents. Her dam is a half to Grade I-winning juvenile and millionaire Noble's Promise (Cuvee). Sales history: \$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$24,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)  
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Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2014 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/

BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

**BRETHREN** (Distorted Humor), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$6K, 37/0/0

6-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Awesome Mass, 4-1

**FORT LARNED** (E Dubai), Adena Springs, \$15K, 54/0/0

6-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, Blonde Bomber, 2-1

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**GEMOLOGIST** (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 205/33/3

6-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Rose to Fame, \$65K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

**OVERDRIVEN** (Tale of the Cat), Ocala Stud Farm, \$3K, 114/24/1

8-GP, \$50K Liza Jane H., 6 1/2f, Faith N Hope, \$3K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1

**TO HONOR AND SERVE** (Bernardini), Gainesway Farm, \$20K, 172/31/1

6-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Honor Causeway, \$3K OBS WIN 2yo, 15-1

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### IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Kiliui Yeowang**, f, 3, **Adios Charlie**--Our lady of Liberty, by Sky Mesa. Seoul, 6-3, Alw (\$134k), 1400m. B-Nora Imprescia (FL). \*\$57,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$33,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN.

**Dolkong**, c, 3, **Afleet Alex**--Swapoodle, by Broken Vow. Seoul, 6-3, Alw (\$134k), 1800m. B-Ellen B Kill Kelley (KY). \*\$52,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

**Gyeongju Bulpae**, g, 3, **Bellamy Road**--Friend of a Friend, by Crafty Friend. Seoul, 6-3, Hcp. (\$53k), 1000m. B-New Dawn Stable (KY). \*\$32,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

**Jigukcheonwang**, c, 3, **Tizway**--Ritzy, by Storm Boot. Busan, 6-4, Hcp. (\$49k), 1200m. B-H Allen Poindexter (IA). \*\$19,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Wild Ritzy (Offlee Wild), MSP, \$169,517. \*\*\*A debut third over this course and distance last November, the Iowa-bred colt resumed here in style, kicking away to graduate by four lengths as the 7-10 favorite.

**Doraonpogyongseon**, c, 4, **Kantharos**--Smartybegone, by Smarty Jones. Seoul, 6-4, SBS Sports Sprint (NB) (\$223k), 1200m. B-GoldMark LLC (FL). \*\$14,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

**Mupae**, g, 4, **Paddy O'Prado**--Buy Out Time, by Dehere. Busan, 6-4, Hcp. (\$98k), 1200m. B-Haras Chillon (KY). \*\$39,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '15 FTMMAY. \*\*Stepping up to Class 1 for the first time, Mupae validated 9-10 favoritism to best Triple Five (Girolamo) by three lengths.

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**5th-LAD, \$26,000**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-5, 3yo/up, 7f (off turf), 1:23.98, ft.

**SEA VOW** (g, 4, **Private Vow--Victory At Sea, by Hazaam**)

Lifetime Record: MSW, 15-5-3-2, \$273,390. O/B-Ronald Webb (LA); T-Joseph M. Foster.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Offlee Cloudy**, g, 3, **Offlee Wild**--On a High Cloud, by Cloud Hopping. PRX, 6-6, (S), 1m, 1:40.55. B-James Nolan (PA).

**It's Debatable**, g, 3, **Posse**--Healthy Debate, by Freud. FL, 6-6, 6f, 1:13.50. B-Charlton Baker (NY).



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## FERGUSON RESIGNS FROM GODOLPHIN



John Ferguson and Sheikh Mohammed at Tattersalls in 2010  
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John Ferguson, longtime advisor to Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, has resigned from his post as chief executive and racing manager of Godolphin. Originally reported in *Racing Post*, the news comes after that publication ran an interview with Godolphin trainer Saeed bin Suroor last week revealing a breakdown in communication between the two men. Joe Osborne, managing director of Godolphin in Ireland, will take up the position of interim chief executive of Godolphin, which has operations in Dubai, Britain, Ireland, the U.S., Australia and Japan.

"We are committed to our objective of achieving success for His Highness Sheikh Mohammed and his family," Osborne said. "Our thanks go to John Ferguson for his longstanding contribution to Godolphin and Darley."

In a story published by *Racing Post* last week, bin Suroor—who has trained for Sheikh Mohammed for 22 years and ran three horses in last weekend's Derby—revealed he has experienced a myriad of frustrations since the resignation of former Godolphin racing manager Simon Crisford in 2014 and the departure of former stable jockey Frankie Dettori two years prior. Bin Suroor alluded to a breakdown in communication between himself and Ferguson, saying, "Sheikh Mohammed makes the decisions at Stanley House [Stables], nobody else."

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## BILL OPPENHEIM: TWO CLASSICS EVEN BETTER THAN ONE

In the world of what we designate "second-crop" sires (meaning their second crop has reached racing age as 2-year-olds, and their first crop are 3-year-olds), there is nothing more important than Classic form. It's not just the prestige and enhanced future value in the breeding shed, it's the money, too, because invariably the second-crop sire lists at this time of year are headed by those "second-crop" stallions, if any, which have sired Classic winners. This year there are four of them, two in North America (WinStar's **Bodemeister**, sire of GI Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming, and Hill 'n' Dale's **Maclean's Music**, sire of GI Preakness winner Cloud Computing), and, last weekend, two in Europe: England's Newsells Park's **Nathaniel**, sire of last Friday's G1 Epsom Oaks winner Enable, and France's Haras de la Cauviniere's **Rajsaman**, sire of G1 Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) winner Brametot.

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### TRACKSIDE TUESDAY AT BELMONT: EPICHARIS WORKS

In typical Japanese style, it was slow early and fast late for Epicharis (Jpn) (Gold Allure {Jpn}) Tuesday morning at Belmont Park.  
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### Ferguson Resigns From Godolphin cont. from p1

Bin Suroor also lamented the requirement last year for him to use retained Godolphin rider James Doyle, and described this year's 2-year-old intake as being "behind by miles," in comparison to what he normally receives.

Bin Suroor, who trained Sheikh Mohammed's 1995 Derby winner Lammtarra as well as the likes of Mark Of Esteem, Sakhee, Daylami, Dubai Millennium and Fantastic Light, has since 2014 split British training duties for Godolphin with Charlie Appleby, whose assistant is Ferguson's son James.

Ferguson, bloodstock advisor to Sheikh Mohammed for more than 30 years, was named chief executive and racing manager of Godolphin in December 2015 when it was announced Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin and Darley empires would be merged. At that time Ferguson ended his brief but successful career as a jumps trainer based in Newmarket. Ferguson said in a statement on Tuesday, "Given the recent articles in the media, it was clear my position [with Godolphin] was untenable. At times such as these, what matters is the future and my stepping down will allow everyone to draw a line under things and move forward. All the staff at Godolphin are wonderful people who work so hard for the greater good and I want to thank each and every one. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed has given me so much over the years--trust, opportunities, amazing experiences and, perhaps most importantly, his kindness and counsel. For all these things I thank him with all my heart."

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## BILL OPPENHEIM



### Two Classics Better Than One cont. from p1

Brametot became just the third horse since the distance of the Jockey Club was shortened to 2100 metres in 2005 to complete the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) - Prix du Jockey Club double. The first two were

Shamardal (2005) and his son, Lope De Vega (2010).

What's particularly striking is that Rajsaman is the second success story from two tries for Haras La Cauviniere, which previously launched Le Havre (Ire) to become one of France's top three sires.

You might get lucky once, but rarely in this game do you get lucky twice; this team knows what they're doing.

First we'd like to refer you to the [TDN Year-to-Date Second-Crop Sire List](#) for European sires, calculating their progeny earnings in North America and Europe only. On this list Rajsaman is the clear leader, with the earners of \$1,583,982 through Monday; note, however, that Brametot has earned \$1,384,229, and that Rajsaman has only seven winners in NA/EU this year, so the other six have earned less than \$200,000 among them. That's really just a footnote, though: he's had 65 starters in NA/EU this year, just as many as the other top five European second-crop sires, and this may only reflect there being more opportunities for lowly-rated horses to break their maidens in Britain and Ireland.

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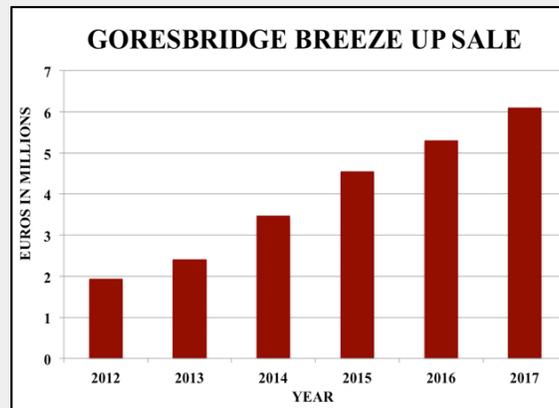
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Juddmonte's mighty **Frankel** is currently second on the European 2017 second-crop sire list (NA/EU earnings only), and leads all European second-crop sires in 2017 NA/EU winners, with 26, with earners in NA/EU of just over \$1-million, including the 3-4 (Cracksman and Eminent) in last Saturday's G1 Epsom Derby. You'll note the black-type numbers on the list are worldwide, but in Frankel's case, the only one not in NA/EU is Soul Stirring, who is a dual Group 1 winner in Japan, including the G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) last time out. Frankel's other nine black-type horses this year are in Europe. Frankel is of course by Galileo, as is Nathaniel, who himself has seven black-type horses this year, and is third by YTD NA/EU progeny earnings, with \$944,457, over \$300,000 clear of Coolmore's **Excelebration** (\$619,650) in fourth. Excelebration is the sire of Barney Roy, second to Churchill in the G1 English 2000 Guineas, and pointing for a rematch at Royal Ascot in the G1 St James's Palace S.

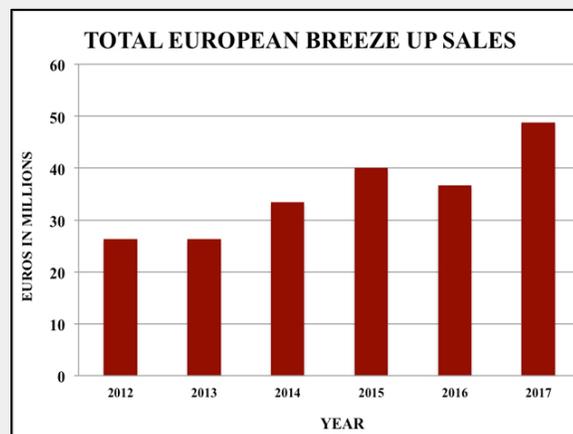
Soul Stirring has earned over \$1.6-million this year, more than all Rajsaman's runners put together, so when we look at the [worldwide 2017 progeny earnings by European second-crop sires](#), you see that Frankel tops the list, with Darley's **Helmet** second, followed by Rajsaman and Nathaniel. Helmet is the sire of Thunder Snow, winner of \$1.2-million in the G2 UAE Derby, subsequently pulled up in the G1 Kentucky Derby and a good second to Churchill in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas two weekends ago. [Cont. p3](#)

“The Goresbridge 2-year-old sale in Ireland continued the strong results at this year’s 2-year-old sales both in Europe and the US, with a 15% gain in gross and a 19% gain in average. The European sales have been up even more than the American 2-year-old sales this year, in fact they’re up almost 33% in gross from 2016, though a better comparison is that this year’s sales are up 23% in gross and 17% in average from 2015, which was stronger than 2016. Yes, they have far fewer numbers – only 30% of the combined number sold were in Europe, so 70% in the US – but a clearance rate of nearly 72% from the catalogues is nearly 20% higher than the clearance rate in America. It all augurs well for the yearling sales as the pinhookers have done relatively well this year.”



### GORSBRIDGE BREEZE UP SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	237	207	177	12.7%	85.5%	74.7%	€6,102,500	€34,477
2016	255	233	183	8.6%	78.5%	71.8%	€5,289,500	€28,904
2015	236	203	179	14.0%	88.2%	75.8%	€4,548,500	€25,411
2014	216	183	163	15.3%	89.1%	75.5%	€3,470,200	€21,290
2013	191	159	138	16.8%	86.8%	72.3%	€2,414,000	€17,493
2012	188	162	136	13.8%	84.0%	72.3%	€1,814,200	€13,340



### TOTAL EUROPEAN 2YO BREEZE UP SALES AS OF JUNE 7, 2017

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	894	768	643	14.1%	83.7%	71.9%	€48,803,607	€75,900
2016	874	749	580	14.3%	77.4%	66.4%	€36,721,841	€63,314
2015	885	743	615	16.0%	82.8%	69.5%	€39,697,079	€64,548
2014	854	705	571	17.4%	81.0%	66.9%	€33,449,010	€58,580
2013	792	662	523	16.4%	79.0%	66.0%	€26,334,035	€50,352
2012	855	719	560	15.9%	77.9%	65.5%	€26,320,587	€47,001

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La Cauvinere's leading second-crop sire Rajsaman | La Cauvinere

Now, what's the rest of the story--the three European Classics last weekend, England's storied 12-furlong Oaks and Derby, and France's 2100 metre Prix du Jockey Club--aside from the second-crop sires? The Oaks and the Jockey Club were won by second-crop sires; the Derby was won, as everybody knows now, by the 40-1 shot Wings of Eagles, by Coolmore's third-crop sire **Pour Moi**, himself one of four Epsom Derby winners by Montjeu, the number two sire son of Sadler's Wells. Pour Moi was only ninth on the 2016 European second-crop sire list and spent this year covering National Hunt mares at Coolmore. Wings of Eagles is from only his second-crop of 3-year-olds, so Pour Moi may yet be rehabilitated and move back up to the 'big house,' as it were.

So Coolmore's World Number One, **Galileo**, had no Classic winners last weekend. But, oh, he did have the second in all three Classics. Rhododendron ran second in the Oaks on Friday; Cliffs of Moher ran second in the Derby on Saturday; and Waldgeist ran a very good second, by the way, in the Jockey Club on Sunday. One of his second-crop sons, Nathaniel, got a Classic winner (interestingly, inbred 3x2 to Sadler's Wells); the other, Frankel, had the 3-4 in the Derby. It wasn't a bad weekend for Galileo, and if you look at the list of **Leading European 2017 Sires** (NA/EU earnings only), he's well out in front, including 29 graded/group stakes horses (black-type categories are worldwide) and 11 Group 1 Horses, including four 2017 Group 1 winners.

**MONTJEU** sired four **Epsom Derby** winners between 2005 and 2012

**Motivator** (2005)  
**Authorized** (2007)  
**Pour Moi** (2011)  
**Camelot** (2012)



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Nine winners of the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. have gone on to be crowned 2-year-old champion, and that Curragh feature on Sept. 10 during Irish Champions Weekend has this year drawn 102 entries, 12 more than last year. Looking to follow in the footsteps of last year's winner Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who has added this year's G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, will be 28 from the stable of his trainer Aidan O'Brien, including **'TDN Rising Star' Declaration of Peace** (Declaration Of War) and recent maiden winner **Murillo** (Scat Daddy). Joseph O'Brien has entered Listed Rochestown S. winner **True Blue Moon (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), while trainer Dermot Weld has 13 entries. There are 27 entries from Britain.

Sixty-eight fillies have been entered for the same day's 2-year-old fillies' feature, the G1 Moyglare Stud S., including **'TDN Rising Star' Alpha Centauri (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), who won the Listed Fillies' Sprint S. by five lengths, from the Jessica Harrington stable. Aidan O'Brien's 18 include full-sisters to his Galileo Group 1-winning quartet of Churchill, Minding, Gleneagles and Rhododendron. The 11 entries from Britain include Godolphin's unraced duo **Poetic Charm (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), a half-sister to Teofilo (Ire) from the Charlie Appleby yard, and Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus})'s half-sister **White Lightning (Ire)** (Shamardal) trained by Saeed bin Sueroor.

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'TDN Rising Star' Alpha Centauri | *Racing Post*

# BRITAIN



### Tuesday's Results:

**1st-YAR, £5,000, Cond, 6-6, 2yo, 6f 3yT, 1:14.99, gd.**

**ENJAZAAT (GB) (c, 2, Acclamation {GB}--Miliika {GB}, by Green Desert)**, who was last of 19 on debut over six furlongs at Newbury on May 19, attracted market support nevertheless and began in front as the even-money favourite. Stretching his rivals approaching the furlong pole, the 115,000gns TATFOA foal hit the line strong with six lengths to spare over Zaaki (GB) (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}). The winner is the first foal out of a daughter of the G3 Ballyogan S. scorer Miss Anabaa (GB) (Anabaa) from the family of the G1 July Cup-winning sire Owington (GB). She also has a yearling colt by Sepoy (Aus). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,174. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-C. J. Mills (GB); T-Owen Burrows.

**1st-CHW, £5,000, Cond, 6-6, 2yo, f, 6f 16yT, 1:11.94, sf.**

**SO HI SOCIETY (IRE) (f, 2, Society Rock {Ire}--Lilac Mist {GB}, by Spectrum {Ire})**, a first-up third going a shade over five panels at Bath last time on May 27, raced without cover in the second rank through the early fractions of this one. Joining the leaders at halfway, the 5-1 chance was shaken up on the front end with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and ridden out in the closing stages to prevail by a neck from Oriental Song (Ire) (Shamardal). Her third dam is G3 Prix Vanteaux victress and G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Saint-Alary runner-up Louveterie (Nureyev), whose five stakes performers are headed by G1SW sires Loup Sauvage (Riverman) and Loup Solitaire (Lear Fan). Kin to a yearling filly by Gale Force Ten (GB), she is the third scorer for her dam Lilac Mist (GB) (Spectrum {Ire}) and the seventh for her ill-fated freshman sire (by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). Sales history: €5,000 Ylg '16 TIRSEP; £62,000 2yo '17 GOFBRE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$5,045. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-K Sohi; B-Robert Ryan, Brendan Quinn & Joan Quinn (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

**6th-CHW, £5,000, Mdn, 6-6, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:39.04, sf.**

**ZENON (IRE) (c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Jacqueline {Ind}) {Horse of the Year-India, Filly Triple Crown-India, \$695,747}, by King Charlemagne**, runner-up over 10 furlongs at Newmarket last time on May 18, was settled in second early behind Dark Pearl (Ire) (Born To Sea {Ire}). Getting the better of that rival with two furlongs remaining, the 10-11 favourite drew away to win by three lengths. Cont. p5

In racing, we hear the word Normandy and immediately think Deauville, Arqana Sales, the lovely Clairefontaine Racecourse, Calvados, apple tarts and caramel. But to the world, of course, three-quarters of a century ago, Normandy represented something far more seminal; the largest invasion in history and by the time the battle of Normandy was over, more than 50,000 Allied troops had given their lives in an effort which resulted in the turning point in the war. In this edition of TDN Weekend, we offer advice on exploring Normandy's World War II history while you're in Deauville for your equine pursuits this summer. We also profile successful owner Michael Dubb, whose Anna House is changing the lives of the children of Belmont's backstretch workers; talk vintage top hats (and tails) with Ascot's official top-hat licensee, Kristian Robson; tell you why if you're going to the Melbourne Cup, you should start planning right now; and bring you a special edition of The Last Word with Angel Cordero Jr., who has some fascinating revelations you've never heard before.



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**6th-CHW, cont.**

Owned in partnership between Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Indian racing's pivotal figures Khushroo and Deepa Dhunjibhoy, the winner is out of Jacqueline, who made history by becoming the only horse to win four Indian Classics including the Indian Derby. She has a yearling filly by Australia (GB).

Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$6,621. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Shirke Dhunjibhoy Desai Magnier & Tabor; B-V B Shirke, K N Dhunjibhoy & B M Desai (IRE); T-John Gosden.

**7th-CHW, £5,000, Mdn, 6-6, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:40.29, sf.**

**+GREAT SOUND (IRE) (c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Wanna {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire})**, a 320,000 TAOCT yearling, was slowly away and raced greenly towards the rear throughout the early stages. Given a reminder a half mile from home, the 3-1 second favourite took some organising by Fran Berry but had enough ability to get to the long-time leader Kazawi (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), a full-brother to Al Kazeem (GB), with just over 100 yards remaining en route to an ultimately cosy 1 3/4-length success.

The winner is a half-brother to Danjeu (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), MSP-Aus, \$165,515, and to the Qatar Derby winner Tannaaf (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), SW-UAE & Sp-Eng, \$243,433. The dam is a half to three black-type winners headed by the G1 Cheveley Park S. scorer and G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Coronation S. runner-up Wannabe Grand (Ire) (Danehill), who was also third in the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup. Her 2-year-old filly by Camelot (GB) is named Waheebah (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,174. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Bermuda Thoroughbred Racing Limited; B-Churchtown House Stud (IRE); T-John Gosden.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Magnus (Ire)**, c, 2, **Makfi (GB)**--Royale Danehill (Ire), by Danehill. WET, 6-6, 5f 110yT, 1:08.70. B-Stowell Park Stud (IRE). \*10,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT.

**Jedi Master (Ire)**, c, 2, **Red Jazz**--Misrepresent, by Distorted Humor. WET, 6-6, 5f 110yT, 1:08.43. B-Mrs Eithne McDonnell (IRE). \*€15,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV; €27,000 Ylg '16 GOFSP.

**Star Gypsy (Fr)**, g, 3, **Myboycharlie (Ire)**--Melandia (Ire), by One Cool Cat. WET, 6-6, 8fT, 1:47.34. B-3 0 Stilvi Compania Financiera (FR). \*€30,000 Ylg '15 ARAU2; €120,000 2yo '16 ARQMAY.

**Rigoletto (Swi)**, c, 3, **Zoffany (Ire)**--Rumina (Fr), by Dashing Blade (GB). YAR, 6-6, 8f 3yT, 1:42.74. \*€40,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS; 170,000gns 2yo '16 TATHIT.

FRANCE



**Tuesday's Results:**

**6th-SCD, €30,000, Mdn, 6-6, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:48.08, sf.**

**DJAMBA (FR) (f, 3, Dalakhani {Ire}--Darjana {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, runner-up over this trip at Chantilly last time on May 7, pulled her way into mid division after breaking towards the rear here. Improving into fifth at halfway, the 9-5 pick made smooth headway in the straight to launch her bid approaching the final eighth and kept on strongly under urging thereafter to assert by a length from Snirvana (Ire) (Elusive Quality). The homebred grey is the second scorer, from as many foals to race, out of a winning half-sister to MG1SW European champion distaffer Darjina (Fr) (Zamindar). Kin to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Dandjira (Fr) (Sinndar {Ire}), she shares her third dam, G3 Prix Minerve third Daralbayda (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}), with last year's MG1SW European highweight Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) and is from a family which also features G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Darsi (Fr) (Polish Precedent). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, €28,050. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Princesse Zahra Aga Khan (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

**2nd-NTS, €30,000, Cond, 6-6, 3yo, 12fT, 2:39.20, sf.**

**NOT AFTER HOURS (FR) (f, 3, Wiener Walzer (Ger)--Nota Bene (Ger), by Slickly (Fr)**. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €28,800. O/B-Loderi Racing (FR); T-Francois Rohaut. \*€5,000 RNA Ylg '15 AROCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Zone Regard (Ire)**, f, 2, **Acclamation (GB)**--Lafleur (Ire), by Grand Lodge. SCD, 6-6, 6fT, 1:19.25. B-Paul McCarthy (IRE). \*€30,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB; \*\*1/2 to Charlie Farnsbarns (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$234,488.

**Rebilito (Fr)**, g, 3, **Montmartre (Ire)**--Saga d'Or (Fr), by Sagacity (Fr). SCD, 6-6, 8fT, 1:48.83. B-Mme Carla Giral (FR).

**2017 4-Year-Old & Up Group Races in France**

Date	Race
June 17	G3 La Coupe
June 18	G3 Prix Bertrand Du Breuil-Longines
July 2	G1 Grand Prix De Saint-Cloud
July 14	G2 Prix Maurice De Nieuil
Aug. 15	G3 Prix Gontaut-Biron-Hong Kong Jockey Club
Aug. 20	G1 Darley Prix Jean Romanet
Sept. 10	G2 Qatar Prix Foy
	G3 Qatar Prix Gladiateur
Sept. 30	G1 Qatar Prix Du Cadran
Oct. 1	G1 Qatar Prix De L'Abbaye De Longchamp*

\*2yo/up



## ITALY

### Tuesday's Results:

#### FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

**5th-CAP, €16,500, Mdn, 6-6, 2yo, 7fT, 1:25, gd.**  
**+FA UL SCIUR (GB) (c, 2, Farhh {GB}--Rosa Del Dubai {Ire} {GSW-Ity, \$252,017}, by Dubai Destination)**, with this first-out score becomes the first winner for Darley's Farhh (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), winner of the G1 Lockinge S. and G1 Qipco Champion S. during his 5-year-old season. The Scuderia Rencati homebred, sent off at 1-2, jumped slowly and needed a strong ride by Dario Vargiu to find interest in running. The chestnut colt had a clear way entering the last two furlongs but was far back, with some six lengths to make up. He kicked for home in brilliant style and scored by a length. Fa Ul Sciur is a half-brother to GSW Folega (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), the G2 Oaks d'Italia heroine 10 days ago; and to the Italian listed winner Favulusa (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,375. **VIDEO**  
 O-Scuderia Rencati; B-Azienda Agricola Francesca; T-Alduino Botti.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Stone Skipping, c, 3, Bustin Stones--Mick's Doll, by Mojave Moon. CAP, 6-6, 7.5fT, 1:32. B-Miojo Stables (NY). \*\$1,300 wnl '14 FTNOCT. VIDEO**

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## SWEDEN

### RECORD CROWD FOR NATIONAL DAY

By Amie Karlsson

A park in central Stockholm is transformed into a racetrack for the Swedish National Day on June 6 each year, and on Tuesday more than 55,000 people turned up to watch the six races and enjoy the sunshine—an event record. The event, which started five years ago as a new way of celebrating the Swedish National Day, has already established itself as one of the main summer events in Stockholm.

Like in many other countries, Swedish racecourses struggle to get people to the races, and attendance has been declining over the past decade. Even the main racedays such as the Swedish Derby at Jagersro, the G3 Stockholm Cup at Bro Park, and the Swedish Grand National at Stromsholm, rarely attract more than 5,000 spectators.

'If you can't get the people to the races, bring the races to the people,' was the idea behind the National Day event, and it works. The central location, free entrance, live music and hat parades appeal to people that normally wouldn't go racing. Dennis Madsen, Head of Racing at the Swedish Horseracing Authority, said he was very pleased with the day.

"55,000 people is a new attendance record," he said. "It's a unique event and it is great to see so many people come to enjoy the races. It is so easily accessible, and I think that is a big part of the success. The races take place in a public park that many people visit regularly."

Long term, the Swedish Horseracing Authority hopes that the event will help bring not only spectators to the other main racing events in the country, but also new owners to the sport.

"Throughout the day we try to teach people about racing, but in a fun and informal way," Madsen explained. "For example, people on stage explain why the horses are carrying different weights, and talk about the starting stalls, and we show some behind the scenes footage on the big screen. We also give out free tickets to the races at Bro Park."

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## EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN HONG KONG:

**Lucky Master (Ire), g, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Taking Liberties (Ire), by Royal Academy. Sha Tin, 6-4, Griffin Race (£82k/€93k), 1200mT, 1:10.97. B-Lynch Bages Ltd. \*1/2 to Troubadour (Ire) (Danehill), SW-Ire, SP-Eng, \$473,818; full to Roman Legend (Ire), Ch. 3yo & SW-Qat, \$645,908. \*\*€70,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB. **VIDEO**

# WORLDWIDE NEWS

## MORE THAN READY COLT TOPS MAGICS

A son of More Than Ready was the prized lot of the first of three sessions of the Magic Millions National Yearling Sale on Tuesday, attracting a final bid of A\$380,000 from Hong Kong-based agent George Moore. The Attunga Stud offering was the highlight of a session that saw an average (A\$59,041, +30.6%) and median (A\$37,500, +25%) well up on last year, while the clearance rate dropped to a disappointing 67% from 82% on the same day last year.



Session-topping lot 1927 | Magic Millions photo

"The competition on the quality lots was outstanding and as a result a number of good prices were attained, which has given us a very healthy average," Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox summarized. "The clearance rate is a very disappointing 67%, which we will hope to improve tomorrow with the vendors being more realistic for their less-admired stock. We have worked hard to attract a large buying bench and we anticipate they will step into the market as opportunities arise."

George Moore described the More Than Ready colt (lot 1927) as "the standout yearling of the sale." He is out of Xandretta (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}), a winning half-sister to G1 Champagne S. winner Carry On Cutie (Aus) (More Than Ready), whose son The Mission (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}) collected that same race this season.

"He's by More Than Ready who is the sire of Eagle Way, a recent Group 3 winner in Hong Kong for the stable," Moore said, referring to the barn of his father, trainer John Moore.

"He comes with an outstanding page with the recent Group 1 winner The Mission in the second dam. The colt ticked all the boxes for what I was looking for."

The session's highest-priced filly, a daughter of Fastnet Rock (Aus) (lot 2032) from Coolmore Australia, also has a Group 1 winner featuring in her family, being a half-sister to G1 Victoria Derby and G1 The BMW winner Fiveandahalfstar (Aus) (Hotel Grand {Aus}). The filly, at A\$350,000, was one of two bought on the day by David Lucas on behalf of Dubai-based investment company Phoenix Thoroughbreds, which was busy also at last week's National Broodmare Sale. Lucas also signed for a Hinchinbrook (Aus) colt (lot 1922) for A\$280,000.

Magic Millions owner Gerry Harvey's Baramul Stud sold a pair of yearlings for A\$250,000 on Tuesday: lot 2026, a filly by More Than Ready to Matthew Dunn and Neil Jenkinson; and lot 1834, a colt by All Too Hard (Aus) to trainer Danny O'Brien. Both of those boast strong pedigrees, the More Than Ready filly being a granddaughter of dual Group 1 winner Fashions Afield (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), also the dam of G2 Todman S. winner and young Aquis Farm sire Kiss And Make Up (Aus) (More Than Ready), and the All Too Hard colt being a half-brother to G1 Cox Plate winner and sire Savabeel (Aus) (Zabeel {NZ}).

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## SESSION TOPPERS

### Magic Millions National Yearling Sale

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
1927	c	<b>More Than Ready</b>	<b>Xandretta (Aus)</b> <i>B-Mr. G Walsh</i>	380,000
Consigned by Attunga Stud Purchased by George Moore Bloodstock				
2032	f	<b>Fastnet Rock (Aus)</b>	<b>Cryptic Miss (Aus)</b> <b>(A\$460,000 RNA Ylg '17 INGEAS)</b> <i>B-Caradale Pty Ltd</i>	350,000
Consigned by Coolmore Australia Purchased by Phoenix Thoroughbreds				
1922	c	<b>Hinchinbrook (Aus)</b>	<b>Waterspell (Aus)</b> <i>B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd</i>	280,000
Consigned by Tyreel Stud Purchased by Phoenix Thoroughbreds				
2026	f	<b>More Than Ready</b>	<b>Costume (Aus)</b> <i>B-Harvey</i>	250,000
Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Matthew Dunn/Neil Jenkinson				
1834	c	<b>All Too Hard (Aus)</b>	<b>Savannah Success (Aus)</b> <i>B-Harvey</i>	250,000
Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by O'Brien Thoroughbreds				



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### MAGIC MILLIONS NATIONAL YEARLING SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2017	2016
• Catalogued	234	230
• No. Offered	217	205
• No. Sold	145	169
• RNAs	72	36
• % RNAs	33.2%	17.6%
• High Price	A\$380,000	A\$220,000
• Gross	A\$8,561,000	A\$7,638,000
• Average (% change)	A\$59,041 (+30.6%)	A\$45,195
• Median (% change)	A\$37,500 (+25%)	A\$30,000

## VANCOUVER BROTHER WINS JUMP OUT

**Plato (Aus)** (Pierro {Aus}), a half-brother to G1 Golden Slipper winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), won a Caulfield jump out on Tuesday for trainer Mick Price. The last foal out of Skates (Aus) (Danehill), the colt—who is also a half-brother to Group 1 winner Juste Momente (Aus) (Giant's Causeway) and eight other winners—was bought by Coolmore for A\$1.5-million at last year's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, with breeder John Camilleri's Fairway Thoroughbreds retaining an interest as part of an ownership group including Coolmore interests and Greg and Donna Kolivos, who raced Pierro, also the winner of the Golden Slipper and 2-year-old Triple Crown.



Pierro | Coolmore

Jumping straight to the lead in the 650 metre heat, the blinkered Plato held an advantage of a half-length heading into the turn before exploding off the bend and leaving his rivals eight lengths behind (video).

Pierro is Australia's leading first-season sire, his four winners including 'TDN Rising Star', Group 3 winner and Golden Slipper placegetter Tulip (Aus) as well as Pierata (Aus), who lines up for this weekend's G1 JJ Atkins S. He stands alongside Vancouver, whose first foals arrive later this year, at Coolmore Australia.

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## LEILANI LODGE STAYS IN CUMMINGS FAMILY

Leilani Lodge at Royal Randwick, long associated with the Cummings family thanks to the success that Hall of Fame trainer Bart Cummings enjoyed from there beginning in the 1970s, will have Bart's son Anthony Cummings and his son Edward as its next tenants, *Racing.com* revealed on Tuesday. Leilani was most recently occupied by another of Anthony's sons, James Cummings and he will vacate the stables in the coming weeks to take up the position of head trainer for Godolphin. Anthony and Edward Cummings will move from their current Randwick stables, which will be taken over by former Godolphin head trainer John O'Shea.

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## AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN HONG KONG:

**Invictory (Aus)**, g, 3, **Mossman (Aus)**--Inca Lagoon (Aus), by Hussonet. Sha Tin, 6-4, Hcp. (A\$143k), 1200mT, 1:09.63.

B-J Woods. \*A\$67,500 Wlg '14 MMNWNL; A\$80,000 Ylg '15 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

**Rocketeer (Aus)**, g, 3, **Smart Missile (Aus)**--Some Girls Do (NZ), by More Than Ready. Sha Tin, 6-4, Hcp. (A\$299k), 2000mT, 2:02.70. B-Rothwell Park (NSW). \*GSP-Aus. \*\*A\$110,000 Wlg '14 MMNWNL; A\$150,000 Ylg '15 INGMEL. **VIDEO**

### RAFEF RETIRED TO HIGHLANDS STUD

by Alan Carasso

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's **Rafeef (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), one of two sons of 2006 South African Horse of the Year National Colour (SAf) (National Assembly) to register Group 1 victories at Turffontein May 6, has been retired from racing and will enter stand his first year at Highlands Stud near Cape Town beginning with the upcoming breeding season. The deal was brokered by Jehan Malherbe's Form Bloodstock.

## Rafeef Retired to Highlands cont.

Bred in partnership by John Messara's Arrowfield Stud and Ralph Koster's Klawervlei Stud from a treble Grade 1-winning dam, Rafeef was consigned by Arrowfield to the 2014 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale and was purchased by Shadwell's Australasia arm for A\$800,000. Trained by Mike de Kock, Rafeef made his racetrack debut as a 4-1 chance in the 2015 G1 S A Nursery S., then proceeded to cross the wire first in six of his next nine outings, including the G2 Hawaii S. (1400m) at Turffontein Mar. 4 before following in the considerable hoofprints of his dam by taking out the May 6 G1 Computaform Sprint (1000m) in the slick time of :55.95. Four races earlier on that program, Rafeef's Shadwell-owned full-brother, the A\$1.75-million Easter grad Mustaaqem (Aus), drilled his fellow juveniles by four lengths in the S A Nursery.

"We knew from the start that Rafeef was an exceptionally talented horse gifted with brilliance," de Kock commented. "We saw only a glimpse of that in the Computaform Sprint and I have no doubt that he would have won many more Grade 1s had he been kept in training. He has the 'wow' looks to go with his 'wow' ability."

Craig Carey of Highlands thanked Malherbe for putting together, "a very nice group of shareholders" and said: "We are very pleased to have a horse of this calibre coming to the farm. Our special thanks must go to Mike de Kock, who fought hard for Rafeef to stay in South Africa. This is a very exciting venture for us."

Rafeef, who was named Horse of the Year, champion older horse and champion sprinter at the recent Highveld Feature Season Awards, will command a fee of R50,000.

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Rafeef as a yearling | Inglis photo

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## Second-Crop Sires by Cumulative Black-Type Winners

for stallions standing in Europe through Monday, June 5

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Frankel (GB)</b> <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 196 Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: (£125,000) Cracksman (GB)</i>	9	14	8	11	1	2	67	37	\$273,323	\$1,652,666
2	<b>Sepoy (Aus)</b> <i>(2008) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 125 Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: (£15,000) Dabayah (IRE)</i>	5	7	2	4	--	1	73	31	\$103,700	\$599,643
3	<b>Power (GB)</b> <i>(2009) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 113 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: (€8,000) Peace Envoy (FR)</i>	4	5	2	3	--	1	61	23	\$180,609	\$698,879
4	<b>Helmet (Aus)</b> <i>(2008) by Exceed and Excel (Aus) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 145 Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: (£10,000) Thunder Snow (IRE)</i>	3	6	2	4	1	1	79	33	\$341,429	\$1,211,423
5	<b>Mayson (GB)</b> <i>(2008) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 107 Stands: Cheveley Park Stud Eng Fee: (£6,000) Mazyoun (GB)</i>	3	8	--	3	--	--	68	29	\$106,990	\$731,665
6	<b>Sir Prancealot (Ire)</b> <i>(2010) by Tamayuz (GB) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 125 Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire Fee: (€8,000) Stormy Clouds (IRE)</i>	2	5	1	3	--	--	95	49	\$290,961	\$1,242,209
7	<b>Nathaniel (Ire)</b> <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 183 Stands: Newsells Park Stud Eng Fee: (£17,500) Enable (GB)</i>	2	7	1	4	1	1	80	21	\$414,796	\$1,086,703
8	<b>Harbour Watch (Ire)</b> <i>(2009) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 166 Stands: Tweenhills Farm &amp; Stud Eng Fee: (£6,000) Tis Marvellous (GB)</i>	2	3	1	1	--	--	104	35	\$104,505	\$871,529
9	<b>Dragon Pulse (Ire)</b> <i>(2009) by Kyllachy (GB) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 108 Stands: Irish National Stud Ire Fee: (€8,000) Aethos (IRE)</i>	2	5	1	3	--	--	70	31	\$78,427	\$779,887
10	<b>Rajsaman (Fr)</b> <i>(2007) by Linamix (Fr) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 205 Stands: Haras de la Cauviniere Fr Fee: (€8,000) Brametot (IRE)</i>	1	2	1	2	1	1	85	18	\$1,481,081	\$1,980,954
11	<b>Excelebration (Ire)</b> <i>(2008) by Exceed and Excel (Aus) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 152 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: (€10,000) Barney Roy (GB)</i>	1	5	1	3	--	1	88	42	\$188,677	\$993,435
12	<b>Casamento (Ire)</b> <i>(2008) by Shamardal FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 151 Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: (£5,000) Paiardina (IRE)</i>	1	5	--	4	--	--	80	25	\$116,836	\$878,045
13	<b>Foxwedge (Aus)</b> <i>(2008) by Fastnet Rock (Aus) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 112 Stands: Whitsbury Manor Stud Eng Fee: (£7,000) Star Empire (GB)</i>	1	6	--	4	--	1	72	31	\$139,905	\$817,747
14	<b>Bated Breath (GB)</b> <i>(2007) by Dansili (GB) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 162 Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: (£8,000) Al Johrah (GB)</i>	1	6	--	3	--	--	86	27	\$126,861	\$701,213
15	<b>Born To Sea (Ire)</b> <i>(2009) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 112 Stands: Giltown Stud Ire Fee: (€10,000) Sea of Grace (IRE)</i>	1	4	1	2	--	1	62	17	\$191,083	\$491,016

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