

## \$600K RAISED TO HELP VICTIMS OF SAN LUIS REY DOWNS FIRE



**Volunteers in action at Santa Anita**

More than \$600,000 has been raised via donations to the The Stronach Group/Santa Anita & Del Mar GoFundMe account through a world-wide outpouring to help the victims of last Thursday's devastating Lilac Fire which destroyed eight barns at San Luis Rey Downs Training Center, claiming the lives of 46 Thoroughbreds and displacing hundreds of workers.

To address immediate needs, a working committee has been formed to oversee those funds and has announced that \$250,000 will be distributed this week to those in critical need. The committee consists of Santa Anita/TSG's Nate Newby (Vice President, Marketing), Del Mar's David Jerkens (Racing Secretary), Madeline Auerbach (owner/breeder, California Horse Racing Board commissioner and founder of California Retirement Management Account), Alan Balch (Executive Director, California Thoroughbred Trainers) and Cliff Goodrich (Executive Director, California Horsemen's Foundation).

"We have well over 200 stable workers that have been severely impacted by this fire, some have lost everything and all have been significantly affected by the fire," said Newby. "The committee is allocating an immediate disbursement of \$500 each for every one of these workers to help them with living expenses and immediate needs."

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## CAMARERO TO REOPEN FRIDAY

by *Bill Finley*

For the first time since Hurricane Maria caused devastating damage to Puerto Rico, Camarero Racetrack will run a regular card Friday. The track ran three races with no betting Oct. 29, which was necessary for some horses to qualify for last week's Carribean Classic at Gulfstream.

The last time a full card was held at the track was Sept. 17, three days before the hurricane hit.

Camarero normally races five days a week but will stick to a three-day-a-week schedule until it can build its horse population back up.

"The track has been redone and is in perfect condition," said Marc Tacher, co-owner of the racetrack. "The barns also have been worked on and everything that is needed to race is in place." **Cont. p4 (Click here)**

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**A visit with Merit.** 26-year-old Personal Merit (Turkoman-Siggebo, by Air Forbes Won) kicks up his heels at his home in Allentown, PA. During his racing career, the multiple-graded-stakes-winning John Mazza trainee just missed victory in 1994's GI Meadowlands Cup H. by a nose, and finished second to the immortal Cigar in the 1996 Massachusetts H. "Merit" went on to a second career as a hunter/jumper and remains in the care of his devoted longtime owner, Beth Cramer. | Sarah Andrew

## NO F-T TURF SHOWCASE FOR 2018

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Fasig-Tipton's Turf Showcase yearling sale will not return for 2018. "It has sadly disappointed us, and we feel really sad that this concept didn't catch on," Fasig's Director of Marketing Terence Collier said. "We are both sad and surprised at that."

## 'OOPS' PARTNERSHIP NO MISTAKE

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While trainer Patrick Biancone said Saturday's win the Buffalo Man S. with **Diamond Oops** (Lookin At Lucky) itself was gratifying, it was made more special by the fact his long-time friend and prominent owner Martin Schwartz joined him in a partnership on the colt back in July.

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Newby added, “Getting this much needed financial assistance to the grooms and other stable workers as quickly as possible is a top priority for all of us and this will ensure they’ll have the money within two days.”

Jerkens, who has been overseeing a massive relief effort in the Del Mar Stable Area, noted that 20 different trainers were stabled in those barns at San Luis Rey that were destroyed by Thursday’s fire. He pointed to a need for supplies--bridles, halters, saddles, bits, webbings, bandages, feed buckets, stall mats, hay nets and more.

“Financial assistance to these trainers will be based and allocated on the size of their stable so that we can help with immediate needs to care for their horses,” said Jerkens. “By assisting the trainers who lost everything, we not only ensure their horses are receiving everything they need, it also puts the grooms, hot walkers, exercise riders and other stable help back to work, which is crucial.”

At the direction of the TSG/Santa Anita and Del Mar GoFundMe committee, the CTHF will distribute the funds from the GoFundMe campaign directly to individuals in need. The CTHF is registered as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, so those who contributed to the GoFundMe account will be eligible to claim their donation as a tax deduction. More information will be available at [www.gofundme.com/thoroughbredcare](http://www.gofundme.com/thoroughbredcare)

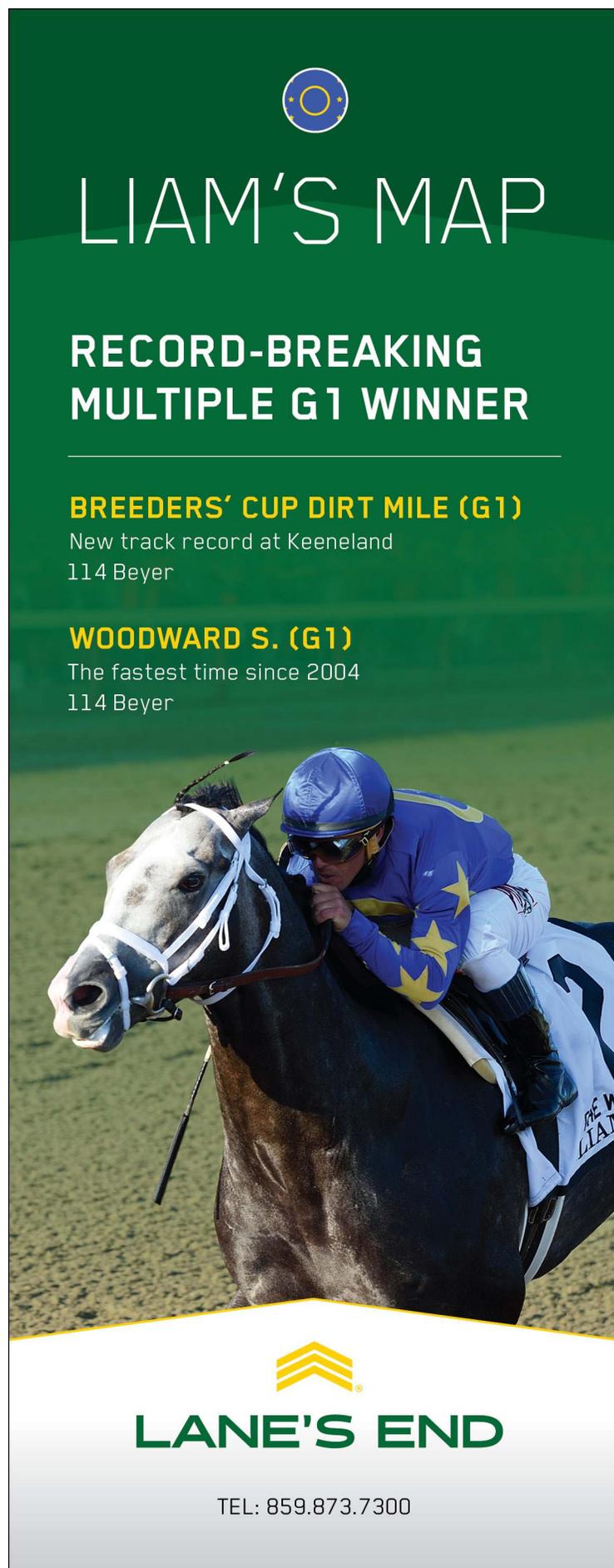
This working committee will also be holding regular meetings until 100% of the money from the GoFundMe campaign has been distributed to those who need it most. The committee will provide regular updates and continue to solicit feedback from representatives from all aspects of the horse racing industry and beyond. The committee will also be coordinating with the other charitable efforts around the country that have raised money in support of those affected by the fires at San Luis Rey.

“On behalf of the committee, we’d like to sincerely thank everyone here in Southern California and around the world that have taken the time to contribute, whether it be monetarily, or otherwise. It’s been an incredibly uplifting experience to be a part of this comprehensive effort,” said Newby.

**Barber Wins Donated Uncle Mo Season...**

Coolmore and Mike Repole concluded bidding on a season to leading third-crop sire Uncle Mo donated to fire relief efforts late Wednesday, and Gary Barber landed the winning bid of \$110,000. The contribution will go to the TCA and LNJ Foxwoods’ Horses First Fund. Mike Levy, of Muirfield Insurance, conducted the bidding on behalf of Barber and said, “Gary Barber had a number of horses stabled at San Luis Rey and, remarkably, all of them emerged from the event safely. Mr. Barber felt compelled to participate and he praises the efforts of those who risked their lives to ensure the well-being of the horses. He also applauds the gesture of Coolmore and Mike Repole for donating the Uncle Mo season to relief efforts.”

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**CAMARERO TO REOPEN FRIDAY cont. from p1**

Tacher continued, "It's already working. Of course a lot of people depend on this industry and the main reason for us moving ahead and starting the racing operation again is exactly that--because people need to work."

The track will begin racing again despite claims by a horse welfare group on the island that not nearly enough has been done in the way of repairs on the backstretch to adequately house and care for the horses stabled there.

"I'm not against starting up the racing. I think starting the racing back up is going to give hope to fans, grooms, trainers," said Kelley Stobie of Carribean Thoroughbred Aftercare Inc., a group that spearheaded the effort to save and care for horses on the track's backstretch following the hurricane. "What upsets me is not one effort has been made by Camarero Racetrack to put roofs on the barns and get these 80 horses that have been in portable stalls for the past two months into better facilities and barns. Nothing has been done to fix the damaged barns."

Stobie estimated that nearly 90 horses at Camarero have died due to problems related to the storm. She said some of the deaths came after the track re-opened for training and horses suffered from laminitis or colic because they were not in good enough physical condition to return to the track.

Tacher, while admitting more work needed to be done to repair the backstretch, painted a different picture of the effort undertaken by track management to give the horses suitable stabling.

"We fixed quite a few things," Tacher said. "But we are depending on the insurance company because a lot of the claims have not been processed or approved with the adjusters and our engineers. That part of the claims process hasn't been done. We still have fixed a lot of barns and put up temporary roofs. For the horses we have that are ready to race, they are in good barns. All that we have to do is definitely not complete yet."



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Tacher added, “That’s going to take a couple more months but we can’t wait for that to be 100 percent before we start racing. That wouldn’t be the right thing to do. We need to get started as soon as possible.”

Stobie said one barn was in the process of being fully repaired and will have room for 38 horses, but said the efforts to fix that barn were undertaken not by the track but by Puerto Rico’s racing commission.

Tacher said there are currently about 800 horses stabled at Camerero, but only about 550 are ready to race. He said the others include yearlings and horses that are still dealing with injuries. He said that during normal times about 1,100 horses are stabled at the track.

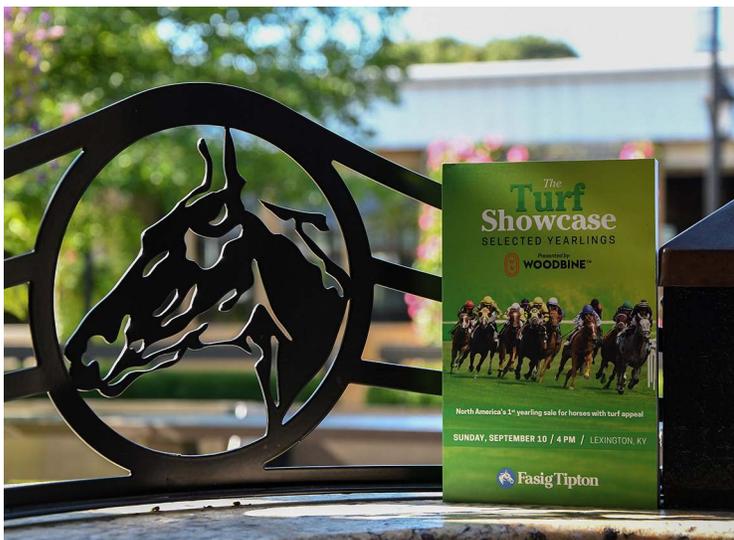
“There will be three days of racing at the start, instead of five, and gradually we’ll get back to normal with five days a week,” Tacher said. “A lot of the horses left the track right after the storm. They went to a lot of different farms and a lot of them went to the U.S. So, inventory-wise we’re not back to 100%. We have to race according to what inventory we have.”

Even with the limited racing schedule, Tacher said he was delighted that the track would soon be up and running again.

“It feels fantastic to be back,” he said. “The racing in Puerto Rico needs this and there’s no better feeling that getting back to racing.” **Return to p1**

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## FASIG-TIPTON TURF SHOWCASE WON'T RETURN IN 2018



Fasig-Tipton Photo

Fasig-Tipton’s Turf Showcase yearling sale will not return for 2018, the sales company confirmed Wednesday after a report by the *Blood-Horse*. The one-day auction was held for the first time in 2017 on Sept. 10 in Lexington in an effort to capitalize on



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### 1st Dam

**QUIET GIANT**, by Giant's Causeway  
Pitcher S. [G2], Lady's Secret  
Ladies H., Polly's Jet S. Dar

**GUN RUNNER** (c. by Candy Ride)  
Cup Classic [G1], Whitney  
[G1], Twinspires.com Lookout  
S. [G3], Razorback H.  
Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile  
Travers S. [G1].

Quiet Flirt (f. by Malibu Moon)

### 2nd dam

**QUIET DANCE**, by Quiet American  
[G2]. Dam of 12 winners

**SAINT LIAM** (c. by Saint Ballerina)  
Champion older horse  
Donn H. [G1]-ntr, 1 1/8  
H. [G1], Woodward S.

**QUIET GIANT** (f. by Giant's Causeway)  
**DANCE QUIETLY** (f. by A.P. Indy)

3rd Pike Creek S. Produce

**CONGRESSIONAL HONOR**  
[G3]. Sire.

**Miss Besilu** (f. by Medaglia d'Oro)  
Alabama S. [G1], TVG

**American Dance** (c. by American Pharoah)  
Remsen S. [G2].

Quiet Now (f. by Tiznow). Winn

**LULL** (f. by War Front). 3  
Sprint S., Exacta System

**Irsaal** (g. by More Than Ready). 6  
Birdstone S., 3rd Easy Goer S.,

Beatem Buster (f. by Honour and Glory).

**BUSTER'S READY** (f. by More Than Ready)  
Goose S. [G1], 2nd Black-Eyed

### 3rd dam

**MISTY DANCER**, by Lyphard. Unplaced. Half-s

**QUIET DANCE** (f. by Quiet American). Bl

**ROLLING FOG** (c. by Posse). 5 wins

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recent successes of American-bred turf horses abroad and the increased interest in grass racing and breeding domestically.

A pair of Scat Daddy colts topped the sale this year at \$250,000, but the buy-back rate was nearly 49% and Fasig-Tipton president Boyd Browning, Jr. expressed disappointment at its conclusion with the lack of foreign participation.

“The senior executives drew together for a meeting on Monday after this project had been evaluated, not only after the sale, but as part of our recruitment for yearlings in 2018,” Fasig’s Director of Marketing Terence Collier told the *TDN*. “We had begun to have discussions with core groups of consignors that provided us with most of the product for the 2017 sale and they all indicated that they had difficulty in going back to their clients and recruiting numbers that would make them comfortable about the sale. Those consignors were fearful that the group of horses that we could put together in 2018 would not really form the basis of a solid sale, both in terms of its quality and numbers, and the consignors, first, didn’t want to disappoint their clients. When those reactions started coming back to us, we had to make a pretty quick and hard choice. We didn’t want to go through the recruiting, which we would have had to do aggressively, and then come up short of numbers and abandon the project in 2018 and force people to shuffle.”

When asked if the sale was worth a try in retrospect, Collier

said, “I think that we went into it with a huge amount of optimism and enthusiasm and we gave it a 100% full-court press effort to recruit buyers to the sale. So we never had any doubts when we decided to stage the Turf Showcase that this was not a very solid idea. It has sadly disappointed us, and we feel really sad that this concept didn’t catch on. We are both sad and surprised at that.”

He added, “I think the prominence of Kitten’s Joy has done a lot to create awareness about turf racing. We did an evaluation of the number of races on grass and the money available. The one thing that surprised us was the buyers’ somewhat lukewarm reception to the project. None more than me; I had been over to Europe to recruit buyers and I was probably the very last one to be convinced that we shouldn’t go ahead with the thing in 2018 because Boyd and Bill [Graves] and Bayne [Welker] had started their yearling recruitment, where I don’t have as much to do with the consignors as with the buyers.”

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## 'OOPS' PARTNERSHIP NO MISTAKE

by Ben Massam



**Diamond Oops** | *Lauren King*

The first half of Saturday's card at Gulfstream Park featured a number of talented 2-year-olds on display, including **Diamond Oops** (Lookin At Lucky), who notched his third victory from four starts in the six-furlong Buffalo Man S. [video]. While trainer Patrick Biancone said the win itself was gratifying, it was made more special by the fact his long-time friend and prominent owner Martin Schwartz joined him in a partnership on the colt

back in July.

"After he won the [July 1 Kiss a Native S.], Martin Schwartz--like every owner--wanted a horse who might have a chance to go to the Derby," Biancone said, speaking from South Florida Wednesday. "So he decided to buy a piece to be involved--he's an old friend of mine. We're very happy to be partners with him."

Schwartz and Biancone paired to campaign the likes of Grade I winners Gorella (Fr) (Grape Tree Road {GB}) and Asi Siempre (El Prado {Ire}). More recently, they also teamed up as co-owners to send out Arkansas-bred **Razorback Lady** (Overdriven), a \$54,000 OBS June 2-year-old purchase, to run second in the House Party S. on Saturday's card. The partnership on Diamond Oops is unique, however, in that it also includes breeder Kin Hui of Diamond 100 Racing, as well as accomplished 2-year-old consignor Ciaran Dunne, who handled the colt prior to his time with Biancone.

"Ciaran Dunne told me the horse was special--and he was right," Biancone said. "The horse immediately showed his best and we're having fun with him. He has a chance to be a very good horse."

After breaking his maiden by a half-length in his five-furlong debut at Gulfstream June 1, Diamond Oops added a convincing score as the prohibitive favorite in the 5 1/2-furlong Kiss a

## Another juvenile Stakes win

**DIAMOND OOPS** is now a dual Stakes winner at Gulfstream Park after landing the **Buffalo Man Stakes** by 2 lengths last Saturday.

**5 Gr.1 performers in 2017** - more than *Tapit, Ghostzapper, Quality Road, Pioneerof The Nile, City Zip, Union Rags, Distorted Humor, Hard Spun, Speightstown, Tiznow, Bernardini, Into Mischief* etc. (source: TDN)

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Native one month later. With Schwartz joining the partnership from there, the bay shipped north and reported home an unlucky sixth in the GII Saratoga Special S. Aug. 13. Although the disappointing result provided a sharp reality check for Biancone and company, the trainer said it can be chalked up to a young horse encountering unfamiliar stimuli for the first time.

“We were very hot on him when he got his first two races and we got a very cold shower when we brought him to Saratoga,” Biancone said with a laugh. “He stumbled out of the gate. Sometimes when you change certain things with young horses, and you ask them to travel and see the crowd in Saratoga, it gets them anxious...Fortunately he did not hurt himself. Sometimes they forget what we try to teach them.”



Patrick Biancone | Fasig-Tipton photo

Biancone observed that Diamond Oops likely needed more time to grow into his sizable frame, and as such, the partners elected to give the colt a freshening and bring him back for a winter campaign at Gulfstream.

Biancone trained Diamond Oops’s dam, Patriotic Viva, as well as his damsire, Whywhywhy. The former was a stakes winner around two turns, while the latter captured the GI Futurity S. over a mile. According to Biancone, his experience with the family leads him to believe that a plan to gradually stretch out to longer distances makes sense.

“[Patriotic Viva] was more effective going short, but she did win a two-turn stakes going a mile,” Biancone recalled. “I had a choice to run [Diamond Oops] in a mile or going three-quarters [last weekend], and I decided to sprint because he was very fresh. He jumped the gate and was keen to go. We’ll go step by step and next time we’ll go to the [Feb. 3 GII] Swale S. going seven furlongs. We don’t want to overload him. With that family, the older they get, the better they are.”

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**SEASON TO BENEFIT WILDFIRE RELIEF**



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## NEW HORIZON FOR A RACETRACK WARRIOR

by Roger Lyons



Marian Michalson with Bartletts

Last Wednesday, a 12-year-old gelding named Bartletts (Mr. Greeley) arrived at the Michalson Farm, its 180 acres contoured by the rolling hills east of Columbia, Missouri and turned to its purpose by the Michalson family--Greg, Gena, and their daughter, Marian. As the van turned off the highway and made

its way along county road WW, Bartletts was surely stirred from the somnolence of his long journey by the unmistakable feel of horse country.

Like so many riders drawn to the challenge of the Retired Racehorse Project, Marian Michalson recently began her search for a horse to enter in the 2018 Thoroughbred Makeover, to be held in early October at the Kentucky Horse Park. The RRP differs from programs oriented toward the rescue of horses that have fallen into perilous circumstances. It's a program of renewal, rather than rescue. The typical approach is to find a sound, healthy 4- or 5-year-old close enough to the end of its racing career to qualify as an off-track Thoroughbred--in the parlance of racehorse retirement, an OTTB. This was exactly what Marian was looking for--until the photo of a 12-year-old racehorse with 23 wins in 111 starts popped up on her newsfeed.

Bartletts is far from the typical OTTB. He's been raced in each of the last 11 years, including 10 races in 2017 as a 12-year-old.

Since age 11, Marian has schooled Thoroughbreds returning to the farm after their retirement from racing. Her first big success was a filly named Western Witch, bred and raced by Michalson Farm and subsequently trained and ridden by Marian to an Adult Jumper Championship at the St. Louis Charity Show.

That was around the time when Eugene Melnyk's young mare

# UNCLE MO NO-GUARANTTEE SEASON FOR WILDFIRE RELIEF

In an effort to aid in the response to the devastation caused at San Luis Rey Downs by the Lilac Fire, Coolmore and Mike Repole announced Friday a donation of a no-guarantee 2018 season to **UNCLE MO**.

Proceeds raised will be donated to the horsemen and horses affected by the tragedy through the Horses First Fund administered by the Thoroughbred Charities of America and founded by LNJ Foxwoods.



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Prior Park, by Silver Deputy, gave birth to Bartletts, a chestnut colt by Mr. Greeley. Marian was just out of high school, a working student first in Florida and then at a St. Louis lesson and show barn, developing her skills as a show jumper. By the time Bartletts made his first start at Saratoga for Melnyk Racing Stables, Marian had become a working student for German show jumper Wilhelm Genn, based in Ohio and known for his brilliant career as a Grand Prix jumper.

At Genn's stable, Marian encountered some of the hardest work she'd ever done and the longest days she'd ever known, traveling 40 plus weeks a year while caring for about 20 horses. During that time she'd also picked out, trained and competed on the first of two horses she campaigned to Zone 7 Young Jumper Championships.

Bartletts had come close a couple of times, but didn't break his maiden until he made his eighth start in a \$45,000 maiden claiming race--his second attempt on turf and his fifth start as a 3-year-old. He'd been ridden by seven different jockeys, shipped five times, was claimed twice, and claimed again two starts later. His future as a racehorse was far from settled.

When Marian eventually decided to continue her education, she took advantage of an equestrian scholarship at South Dakota State University. In addition to graduating Magna Cum Laude, with a major in Spanish and a minor in Biology, she won an NCAA Regional Championship. She also rode several years for the U.S. International Student Rider team throughout Europe and in South Korea.



**Marian Michalson** | Jennifer Keiser photo

Bartletts entered his racing prime as a 5-year-old, which coincided with his move to synthetic surfaces. Apart from a string of wins at Finger Lakes, he didn't have much enthusiasm for dirt tracks. He had a decided preference for the Tapeta at Presque Isle Downs, but he also ran well on Turfway Park's Polytrack. He had speed he could carry up to a mile and, once he found his footing, he started winning races.

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) is offering an updated informational brochure that summarizes the NTRA's widespread efforts to support the horse racing and breeding industry. Highlights include summaries of these areas of concentration:

- NTRA Safety & Integrity Alliance
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- Horse PAC
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Click [here](#) to view an electronic version of the new brochure. The NTRA will distribute copies through various state breed associations, major Thoroughbred sales and other industry events. TDN readers who would like to obtain a copy may contact the NTRA's Joe Bacigalupo at [joeb@ntra.com](mailto:joeb@ntra.com).



NTRA UPDATE

After finishing her degree, Marian returned to the farm and continued re-schooling the family horses for a second career. In 2014 she was co-chair of the organizing committee for the 2014 International Student Rider World Finals in Florida. In cooperation with the World University Equestrian Federation, she helped organize US hosting of teams from Europe and Canada. And, of course, she continued to ride.

Meanwhile, at age eight, Bartletts began his long, random descent through the claiming ranks. During a racing career that spanned 11 years, he was ridden by 41 jockeys, had 13 trainers, raced at 12 different tracks and accumulated lifetime earnings of \$497,293. Always there to run, he had the lead at one call or another in 50 races. He couldn't have run so willingly for so long if his life as a racehorse hadn't been a good life, and it's arguably sad that he had to leave it behind. Retiring a horse like Bartletts from the only life he knows can't be easy, but nobody knows better when it's time than those closest to him. It's a credit to the racing industry that the norm among owners is to want what's best for the horse.

Time at Michalson Farm is marked off by the horses that come and go. You can multiply the excitement of a new arrival by whatever number you choose and still not have enough left to get you through the work that lies ahead. Bartletts isn't a typical OTTB and could be even more challenging than most, but, as



**Bartletts at Michalson Farm**

Greg said, "A horse that's given that much for so long deserves a chance, and if nothing else he'll get a good retirement home here with us."

It seems the gratitude felt by those who know horses never runs out.

A couple of years back Marian earned certification as a surgical technologist, but she's recently cut that back to part time. She's ready for a new challenge, and Bartletts needs a new job. They'll both have a little less stress and a little more time to relax and enjoy life on the farm. He'll have some time off, and then Marian will give him the chance he deserves. Click [here](#) for video of the initial training of Bartletts on Michalson Farm.

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**December 15, 1973...**Sandy Hawley became the first jockey in history to win 500 races in a single year when he rode Charlie Jr. to victory in the third race at Laurel Racecourse.

**December 17, 1936...**Crooner Bing Crosby announced plans to construct a new racetrack, to be called the Del Mar Turf Club.

**December 17, 1970...**Canonero II, winless in a pair of starts at Del Mar in the summer, returned to Venezuela to earn a one-length decision in a H. at Rinconada. The colt returned to the United States the following spring to win the Kentucky Derby and Preakness S., en route to being named that year's champion three-year-old colt.

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Date	Race	Track
12/16	GIII My Charmer S.	GP
	GIII Harlan's Holiday S.	GP
	GIII Rampart S.	GP
	GIII Sugar Swirl S.	GP
	GIII Tropical Turf S.	GP
12/23	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	GP
12/26	GI La Brea S.	SA
	GI Malibu S.	SA
12/30	GI American Oaks	SA
1/13	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
	GIII Skip Away S.	GP
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
1/27	GI Pegasus World Cup	GP
	GIII W.L. McKnight H.	GP
	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP
	GIII Fred W. Hooper S.	GP
1/28	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP
	GIII Houston Ladies Classic	HOU
2/3	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU
	GII Holy Bull S.	GP



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1	<b>Scat Daddy</b> <i>(2004) by Johannesburg</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	5	7	300	158	<b>\$706,652</b> <i>Mendelssohn</i>	<b>\$12,680,863</b>
2	<b>War Front</b> <i>(2002) by Danzig</i>	21	34	11	22	5	<b>10</b>	195	93	<b>\$843,061</b> <i>Lancaster Bomber</i>	<b>\$9,871,784</b>
3	<b>Tapit</b> <i>(2001) by Pulpit</i>	19	33	11	20	3	3	294	145	<b>\$1,165,000</b> <i>Tapwrit</i>	<b>\$13,559,837</b>
4	<b>Into Mischief</b> <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday</i>	17	34	4	14	1	1	267	157	<b>\$1,056,000</b> <i>Practical Joke</i>	<b>\$10,488,381</b>
5	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire)</i>	16	26	11	17	7	9	210	104	<b>\$2,897,012</b> <i>Talismanic (GB)</i>	<b>\$15,108,373</b>
6	<b>Kitten's Joy</b> <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire)</i>	16	33	13	22	3	<b>10</b>	347	169	<b>\$1,082,480</b> <i>Sadler's Joy</i>	<b>\$13,584,053</b>
7	<b>Ghostzapper</b> <i>(2000) by Awesome Again</i>	16	24	8	13	2	4	215	116	<b>\$2,520,000</b> <i>Shaman Ghost</i>	<b>\$11,131,223</b>
8	<b>Uncle Mo</b> <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie</i>	16	31	5	15	2	6	193	94	<b>\$508,900</b> <i>Conquest Mo Money</i>	<b>\$7,951,220</b>
9	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails</i>	15	27	7	18	3	6	246	127	<b>\$6,950,700</b> <i>Gun Runner</i>	<b>\$15,066,512</b>
10	<b>Curlin</b> <i>(2004) by Smart Strike</i>	15	25	8	13	2	7	198	108	<b>\$1,216,600</b> <i>Good Magic</i>	<b>\$11,066,753</b>
11	<b>Malibu Moon</b> <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy</i>	15	33	8	17	4	6	324	<b>170</b>	<b>\$790,000</b> <i>Gormley</i>	<b>\$10,996,768</b>
12	<b>Quality Road</b> <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality</i>	14	26	10	18	2	4	200	110	<b>\$1,747,200</b> <i>Abel Tasman</i>	<b>\$10,571,071</b>
13	<b>City Zip</b> <i>(1998) by Carson City</i>	13	24	4	5	2	3	280	159	<b>\$1,846,800</b> <i>Collected</i>	<b>\$10,084,364</b>
14	<b>Speightstown</b> <i>(1998) by Gone West</i>	13	22	3	10	--	2	247	137	<b>\$443,000</b> <i>Frostmourne</i>	<b>\$8,447,121</b>
15	<b>More Than Ready</b> <i>(1997) by Southern Halo</i>	11	29	9	14	2	5	262	118	<b>\$1,270,900</b> <i>Roy H</i>	<b>\$10,313,714</b>

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**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 2:05 p.m. EST**

**RAMPART S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Curlin's Approval	Curlin	Alter's Racing Stable Inc. & Bridlewood Farm	Alter	Saez	123
2	Lirica	Kantharos	Magic Stables LLC	Sano	Meneses	118
3	Lewis Bay	Bernardini	Alpha Delta Stables	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	119
4	King's Ghost	Ghostzapper	Miller Racing LLC	Wolfson	Ruiz	121
5	Alpine Sky	Indian Charlie	Twin Tavern Stable	Casse	Gaffalione	117
6	Nonna Mela	Arch	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Castellano	114
7	Gamble's Ghost	Ghostzapper	Ivan Dalos	Carroll	Velazquez	123

**Breeders:** 1-Happy Alter, 2-Cherie M. Abner & Michael A. Bossio, 3-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 4-Adena Springs, 5-Peter Redekop B. C. Limited, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-Tall Oaks Farm

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:05 p.m. EST**

**SUGAR SWIRL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dearest	Midshipman	Gelfenstein Farm	Zerpa	Zayas	119
2	Miss Hollywood	Malibu Moon	Brinker Hill Farm	Casse	Velazquez	121
3	More Than a Party	More Than Ready	Malouf, Richard & Broome, Edwin Thomas	Broome	Jimenez	119
4	Stella Performance	Trappe Shot	Eric J. Guillot	Guillot	Batista	114
5	True Romance	Yes It's True	Robert Susi	Hills	Lopez	119
6	Girls Know Best	Caleb's Posse	Chenvert, Brian & Kenneally, Eddie	Kenneally	Castellano	117
7	Pretty Perfection	Majesticperfection	Stoneway Farm	Breen	Juarez	119
8	Rich Mommy	Algorithms	Winds of Change Racing Stable Corp	Barboza, Jr.	Saez	114
9	Bodacious Babe	Mineshaft	Panic Stable LLC	Cibelli	Ortiz, Jr.	117

**Breeders:** 1-Daniel J. Burke & Kathleen Schweizer, 2-George Krikorian, 3-Richard Malouf & Edwin Broome, 4-Extern Developments Ltd., 5-Hinkle Farms, 6-Don Von Hemel & Todd Dunn, 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, 9-Hubert H. Vester Jr.

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:35 p.m. EST**

**MY CHARMER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	April Gaze	High Cotton	Glassman, Karl & Glassman, Cathi	Plesa, Jr.	Zayas	119
2	Southern Gem	Smart Strike	Stronach Stables	Attard	Castellano	119
3	Inside Out	Colonel John	Miller Racing LLC	Wolfson	Lopez	119
4	Josdesanimaux	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	Palm Beach Racing	Nicks	Panici	119
5	On Leave	War Front	Stuart S. Janney, III	McGaughey III	Ortiz, Jr.	121
6	Pancake	Corinthian	Arindel	Gold	Vasquez	117
7	Stormy Victoria (Fr)	Stormy River (Fr)	Tango Uniform Racing, The Elkstone Group LLC & Highclere America	Clement	Rosario	119
8	Gianna's Dream	Twirling Candy	Jordan V. Wycoff	Maker	Gaffalione	121
9	Defiant Honor	Speightstown	Phillips Racing Partnership & Gartin, Pam	Toner	Velazquez	118

**Breeders:** 1-Patricia Generazio, 2-Bruce T. Hundley, 3-Colonel John Champions Series I, LLC, Emerald Q Partners, Inc. & TCR Ranch, 4-Palm Beach Racing II, LLC, 5-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC, 6-Arindel Farm, 7-Haras d'Etream, 8-Center Hills Farm & Randy Blair, 9-John W. Phillips, Hank Snowden & LynnSnowden

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:06 p.m. EST**

**HARLAN'S HOLIDAY S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Richard the Great	Distorted Humor	Arindel	Gold	Lopez	121
2	Mr. Jordan	Kantharos	Melin, David, Ellman, Leon & Plesa, Laurie	Plesa, Jr.	Zayas	121
3	Destin 	Giant's Causeway	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	123
4	Conquest Big E 	Tapit	Daniel C. Hurtak	Hurtak	Batista	121
5	Page McKenney	Eavesdropper	Staple, Adam & Jalin Stable	Eppler	Karamanos	121
6	Frammento 	Midshipman	Mossarosa	Zito	Gaffalione	117
7	Fear the Cowboy	Cowboy Cal	Amaya, Kathleen & Centofanti, Raffaele	Loza, Jr.	Castellano	121
8	Flatlined 	Flatter	Hytrek, Brian, Paden, Rodney & Kuhn, Ryan	Dickey	Rosario	123
9	Joshua's Comprise	Comprise	Rose Family Stable	Rose	Ulloa	117

**Breeders:** 1-Arindel Farm, 2-Philip Matthews & Karen Matthews, 3-James C. Weigel & Taylor Made Stallions Inc., 4-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 5-Dr. James E. Bryant & Linda P. Davis, 6-Mr. & Mrs. Oliver S. Tait, 7-University of Kentucky, 8-B & B Thoroughbreds Inc. & Marty Hughes, 9-Rose Family Stable Ltd

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:37 p.m. EST**

**TROPICAL TURF S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tower of Texas 	Street Sense	Van Meter II, Thomas F. & Dilworth, Scott	Attfield	Saez	123
2	Camelot Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Ramsey, Kenneth L. & Sarah K.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	119
3	Le Ken (Arg)	Easing Along	Pozo de Luna, Inc.	Correas, IV	Velazquez	119
4	All Included	Include	Wertheimer and Frere	Pletcher	Castellano	119
5	Galton	Offlee Wild	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Gaffalione	119
6	Western Reserve 	Indian Charlie	Turf Stable Racing	Sweezey	Lopez	121
7	Blacktype (Fr)	Dunkerque (Fr)	Jump Sucker Stable	Clement	Rosario	123
8	One Go All Go 	Fairbanks	Rodney Paden	Dickey	Landeros	117
9	Shakhimat 	Lonhro (Aus)	Gale, Dan, Attfield, Roger L. & Werner, William K.	Attfield	Zayas	119

**Breeders:** 1-Anderson Farms (Ontario) Inc. & RodFerguson, 2-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 3-Haras Cachagua S.A. & Haras Pozo deLuna S.A., 4-Wertheimer Et Frere, 5-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 6-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 7-E.A.R.L. Haras Du Quesnay, 8-Albert P. Coppola, 9-Adena Springs



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## FLORIDA

### Wednesday's Results:

**3rd-GP, \$43,000, Alw, 12-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.76, ft.**

**FILLET OF SOLE (c, 3, Union Rags--Detect, by Devil's Bag)**

graduated at fourth asking in the Parx slop last November and was seventh in the GIII Withers S. before running a distant third in an Aqueduct optional claimer Mar. 10 and heading to the bench. Made a 21-5 proposition in this return, the \$350,000 Keeneland September buy traveled near the back of the pack while being urged along behind splits of :22.82 and :45.56. Finding his best stride passing the eighth pole, the chestnut outkicked General Obvious (Dialed In) to the line for a head decision, the first of four winners on the day for his trainer. The victor is a half to Senor Rojo (Out of Place), GSW, \$485,621; and High Ridge Road (Quality Road), GSW, \$442,157. His dam is responsible for a yearling Bodemeister filly who sold to Christina Jelms for \$150,000 at KEESEP, and she foaled a colt by Malibu Moon May 13. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-4, \$87,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-MEB Stables LLC, Louis Lazzinnaro LLC & Brooklyn Boyz Stables; B-Betz/Kidder/Blackburn/Lamantia/J. Betz/Graves/Davidson (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

**Trained at Crupi's New Castle Farm**

**7th-GP, \$42,000, Msw, 12-13, 2yo, 6f, 1:09.98, ft.**

**IMPACT PLAYER (c, 2, City Zip--Candy Apple {Arg} {GSW-Arg}, by Halo Sunshine),**

a hard-fought second on debut to subsequent GIII Futurity S. winner Engage (Into Mischief) Sept. 4 at Saratoga, was a no-show fourth when switched to turf Oct. 1 at Belmont and ran fifth going a mile on the Big Sandy main Oct. 25. Backed to 4-5 turning back in this spot, the \$350,000 OBS April buy broke alertly and showed the way narrowly from well-bet firster Projector (Tiz Wonderful) through a :22.24 quarter. Those two turned for home on even terms and battled throughout the lane, with Impact Player digging in to prevail by a head on the wire. The runner-up was 10 3/4 lengths clear for

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the place. Candy Apple, a half-sister to undefeated Argentinean champion and star sire Candy Ride (Arg) (Ride the Rails), was bred to Gemologist this spring. Impact Player represented the third of four winners on Wednesday's Gulfstream card for perennial leading trainer Todd Pletcher. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$47,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-NK Racing; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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**5th-LRC, \$40K, Msw, 1m, 2yo, post time: 5:28 p.m. E.T.**

**REGULATE (Quality Road),** a Juddmonte homebred, is the first foal out of Modulate (Mizzen Mast), who sold to Haras Paso Nevado Lida at the 2015 Keeneland November sale for \$90,000 in foal to Noble Mission (GB)(Galileo {Ire}). This bay's third dam is the legendary Toussaud (El Gran Senor), who has produced the likes of Empire Maker (Unbridled), MGSW, \$1,985,800; Chester House (Mr. Prospector), GSW & GISP-Eng & GISP, \$1,944,545; Honest Lady (Seattle Slew), GISW, \$894,168; Chiselling (Woodman), GISW, \$410,000; and Decarchy (Distant View), MGSW & GISP, \$703,862.

**Aquila (Union Rags)** hammered for \$685,000 at this year's OBS March sale after breezing a furlong in :10 flat. He is out of GSW Sangrita (Mr. Greeley), who is a half to Offlee Wild (Wild Again), GISW, \$976,325. This chestnut is a full brother to Tequilita, MGSW & GISP, \$535,640.

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# INDUSTRY INFO

## ARCI Voices Concerns over Breeding and Sales Regulation:

The Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) has called for the independent regulation of the breeding and sales industry, citing the use of bisphosphonates in sales horses that may result in improper bone development.

“These significant portions of the racing industry are totally unregulated,” said ARCI Chair Jeff Colliton. “If we care about our horses and the integrity of the sport, the racing industry can no longer turn a blind eye to the need to address this shortcoming.”

The ARCI Equine Welfare Committee, chaired by Dr. Corrine Sweeney, met via conference call Nov. 7, 2017 to discuss the use of bisphosphonates on horses that race or are intended to race. Committee members expressed their concerns about the use of drugs in young horses and noted research that shows that the bones of horses treated with bisphosphonates may falsely appear to be fully developed when subjected to a radiograph prior to entering the sales ring.

“It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see the profit motive for the seller. But this should never be allowed overrule the concerns about the welfare of the horse,” said ARCI President Ed Martin.

Colliton cited a high-profile federal investigation that revealed that the Mexican drug cartel was utilizing Quarter Horse sales to launder drug money as another reason why the breeding and sales sectors needed to be subject to further regulation.

The use of “front” owners and corporations is outlined in the book *Bloodlines: The True Story of a Drug Cartel, the FBI, and the Battle for a Horse-Racing Dynasty* by Melissa Del Bosque.

“Equine breakdowns and activities relating to organized crime are damaging to the public image and acceptability of this sport,” Martin said.

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7-TP, Msw 1m, MCKINLI'SBABYBLUES, 6-1

\$70,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Liaison** (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000

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7-TP, Msw 1m, DONTLAUGHIMPAIDFOR, 20-1

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**1st-GP, \$43,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.13, fm.**

**PANZACOLA (IRE) (f, 4, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--Blue Inlet {Ire}, by Bluebird)** Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-1, \$40,055. O-Isabelle de Tomaso; B-Locsot S.R.L. (IRE); T-H. Graham Motion.

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**7th-TAM, \$20,000, 12-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.34, fm. HARV WON'T TAP (g, 3, Divine Park--Winslet {SW}, by Five Star Day) Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, \$62,918. O-Good Stuff Stable, LLC; B-Sheltowee Farm & Vossfeld Bloodstock Group LLC (KY); T-Michael Stidham. \*\$17,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$17,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSAPR.**

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**Count de Loot**, f, 2, **Colonel John**--Faraway Kingdom, by Indy King. MVR, 12-13, (S), 6f, 1:17.71. B-Blazing Meadows Farm (OH).

**Your Only Man**, g, 3, **Creative Cause**--Dying to Dance, by Street Cry (Ire). GP, 12-13, (C), 1mT, 1:37.70. B-Rose Hill Farm & Ralph Stroope (KY). \*\$30,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Encumbered (Violence), SW, \$102,345.



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Date	Race	Track
12/16	GIII My Charmer S.	GP
	GIII Harlan's Holiday S.	GP
	GIII Rampart S.	GP
	GIII Sugar Swirl S.	GP
	GIII Tropical Turf S.	GP
12/23	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	GP
12/26	GI La Brea S.	SA
	GI Malibu S.	SA
12/30	GI American Oaks	SA
1/13	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
	GIII Skip Away S.	GP
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
1/27	GI Pegasus World Cup	GP
	GIII W.L. McKnight H.	GP
	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP
	GIII Fred W. Hooper S.	GP
	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP
1/28	GIII Houston Ladies Classic	HOU
	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU
2/3	GII Holy Bull S.	GP

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## BIG SPLASH FOR DARLEY JAPAN AT FOAL SALES



Darley Japan's Castle Park training centre | Darley Japan

By Kelsey Riley

Darley Japan was quietly busy at the foal sales this season, scooping up a total 17 colts in the middle to lower market at Keeneland, Goffs and Tattersalls. Sheikh Mohammed's Japanese satellite signed for a colt by Animal Kingdom at Keeneland at the start of November, but the team was especially busy in Europe, signing for six at Goffs for a total of €270,000 and 10 at Tattersalls for 492,000gns.

Dr. Harry Sweeney, an Irishman but a Japanese resident of 30 years, is president of Darley Japan, and he said the European buying venture is intended to add some turf influences to Sheikh Mohammed's Japanese stable. While slightly more than half of the Japan Racing Association's races are dirt races, the country's premier races are on turf, and the use of stallions like American Grade I winner Pyro (Pulpit)—a permanent Darley Japan resident and among the leading dirt sires in the country—and Street Sense and Hard Spun, who each spent a year in Japan, means the stable is currently more prominent in dirt races.

“We'd like to expand a little bit and get some more turf influences into our racing,” Sweeney said. “We've seen there's opportunity here [in Europe]—going back to when I first went to Japan, which was 30 years ago, foreign-breds had become very popular to the stage that there were nearly 500 yearlings being imported each year. And then that declined very quickly.

They were very successful, but with the arrival of Sunday Silence, Japanese owners kind of decided to buy Sunday Silence and not go abroad. The foreign horses were neglected somewhat and the numbers of foreign-bred yearlings coming into Japan went right down to under 100. It's currently back up to about 100, so still very small numbers considering the scale of Japanese racing and the number of horses we have in training. We felt there was opportunity there, and we're buying colts and buying turf horses.”

Sheikh Mohammed currently has about 175 horses in training in Japan, and the purchase of horses at public auction clearly represents a change in policy, as 49 of this season's 50 individual winners for the stable are homebreds. Notably, just one of the 17 colts purchased this season cost six figures.

“This market over here [in Europe] is extremely fashion-driven,” Sweeney said. “First-season sires and new sires, that's what all the pinhookers want. I try to not look at those but just buy nice horses outside that population.” [Cont. p2](#)

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**Big Splash For Darley Japan At Foal Sales Cont. from p1**

“We consider them largely value for money,” Sweeney continued. “Horses in the range that we’re buying, even when we get them into Japan and we pay the costs and tariffs, we have a very reasonable chance that they will be profitable for us.”

Darley Japan is likely somewhat unique among the world’s major racing stables in that it operates at a profit. Its current earnings for 2017 stand at \$18.5 million, and Sweeney said at year’s end, with all expenses paid, the net profit is expected to be \$6 million. This, of course, is largely due to the country’s unprecedented purse structure that is fuelled by a young racing fan base that is highly enthusiastic about betting.



Harry Sweeney at this year’s Japanese Derby | Darley Japan

“It’s an amazing country in terms of the structure of prizemoney,” Sweeney said. “The JRA do an absolutely brilliant job. In Japan the total prizemoney fund between the Japan Racing Association and the NAR [National Association of Racing, the secondary tier of racing] is about \$1.3 billion.”

By comparison, the U.S. paid out \$1.08 billion in purses last year for more than double the number of races. In Britain, it was £89.7 million (\$120.2 million) in 2015.

All that means that, despite the tariffs and costs associated with quarantining and traveling the foals to Darley Japan, they stand a reasonable chance of being profitable. There is currently a ¥3.4-million (about \$30,000) tariff on all ‘racing prospects’ entering Japan, which also includes foals in utero. This, according to Sweeney, has historically been a barrier to Japan’s smaller stud farms upgrading their stock, but it is set to change from as early as next year.

“By the time it’s all said and done each one of those foals is going to cost us an additional \$60,000 by the time they land in Japan,” Sweeney said.

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### **Big Splash For Darley Japan At Foal Sales Cont.**

“That’s a thing that will change a little bit in the future, because of the trade agreement that has been agreed between Europe and Japan. It’s been agreed, but not formally ratified, but once it is the tariff will go immediately from all in-foal mares. People buying in-foal mares from Europe won’t have to pay the tariff on the unborn foal. The tariff on the yearlings will start to reduce incrementally over about 15 years. It’ll start to get cheaper, so I imagine you’ll probably see a little more interest in these sales from the Japanese going forward. Unfortunately at the moment in America, because the president has taken the country out the [Trans-Pacific Partnership], the tariff is going to remain on American bloodstock.”

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While racing in Japan makes business sense, Sweeney said Sheikh Mohammed’s interest in the nation was fuelled after seeing the relatively recent improvement of the Japanese horses in the world’s best races, including those at the Dubai World Cup carnival.

“Sheikh Mohammed has enormous interest in Japan,” Sweeney said. “He has enormous respect for Japanese racing and has seen Japanese-trained horses run well at the Dubai World Cup Carnival. Sheikh Mohammed is a true sportsman and he appreciates the high standard and competitive nature of Japanese racing.”



Racing fans at Tokyo Racecourse | Getty

The aforementioned high purses in Japan are fuelled by the betting turnover from the highly enthusiastic Japanese fans, who are encouraged by a competitive product and an inherent love for the sport. Last year, \$27.8 billion was wagered on JRA and NAR racing. It was \$10.7 billion, again on more than double the races, in the U.S. last year. [Cont. p4](#)

## Big Splash For Darley Japan At Foal Sales Cont.

“Japanese racing fans are truly enthusiastic about racing,” Sweeney said. “The Japanese calendar is designed in such a way that you find out who are the best racehorses. We only have 23 Group 1 races per year, and when you take juvenile races out of it or fillies races out of it, if you’re a 10-furlong colt there are limited races you can run in. It’s not like Europe where you can run in the UK or go to France and pick your spot. You can’t do that in Japan. If you’re that class you have to run. In some of these Group 1 races there is just incredible depth in quality. You can have 10 Group 1 winners lining up against each other.”



Darley Japan's Shiomi Farm in Hokkaido | Darley Japan

“In Japan, there is absolutely true progeny testing,” Sweeney added. “We’re sure at the end who the best racehorses are. We don’t have to guess or make assumptions. Japanese fans are truly interested in racing and they love being part of it. They love the whole drama of it. Betting turnover in Japan is enormous--there’s more gambled on Japanese horse racing than the U.S. and the UK combined. And while that’s the case, it’s not about making profit for a lot of them. I often cite the situation when Deep Impact was running. He was just an awesome racehorse, and when he was running in the Japanese St Leger, the betting turnover on him was so great that finally the odds returned zero. It was already assured on the boards that the odds were zero, so you put down \$10 and you got \$10 back. But people kept betting because they wanted to be a part of it. There’s an enormous fan base. People come to Hokkaido when the horses retire to stud, and normally we open our farm during the summer for an hour during the afternoons, and there isn’t an afternoon when 30 or 40 people don’t turn up.”

## An Answer To Sunday Silence...

The JRHA foal sale has historically been the premier market for the Japanese to buy their racing prospects in their country, and Sweeney said there are numerous reasons the Darley Japan team has stuck with that model for their imports, rather than buying yearlings or 2-year-olds.

“I was reared, and the whole Japanese market was, on the foal market,” he said. “In Japan we now have a yearling market, but in the history of things far more very good horses came out of the foal sale than the yearling sale.”

“For us, there are a few logistical reasons for buying at the foal sales,” Sweeney continued. “We need to have these horses in Japan if we can by August of their yearling year. They’ll winter here in Europe, probably in Ireland, and then they’ll go to Japan. We need time for quarantine, and we need to have them on the farm by August. We’ll break them in Japan and because trainers in Japan only have 20 stalls, we need to get them [allocated] early on, otherwise we’ll go to them in September and say, ‘we’ve just bought these 20 nice horses, will you take one or two?’ And they may say, ‘we’d love to take them, but we’re actually full,’ because they only have 20 stalls.”

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*“Horses in the range that we’re buying, even when we get them into Japan and we pay the costs and tariffs, we have a very reasonable chance that they will be profitable for us.”*

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Sweeney said he thinks there is value to be found at the foal sales as well.

“We think the yearling markets over here are competitive and there are a lot of competing forces,” he said. “We’re competing with more end users there. Here we’re competing with some end users, but mostly traders and pinhookers and the like. There is some risk, we understand that, but there’s risk buying yearlings as well.”

Sheikh Mohammed’s satellites in other countries have historically been active at public auction--extensively in Europe and America--but this is new ground for Darley Japan.

“People kept saying, buying in the name of Darley Japan, that had never happened before,” Sweeney said. “Darley Japan, we’re the youngest of the Darley family. So it’s a bit like being the youngest of four sons. We have the U.S. and of course Europe and Australia who are older and bigger. Darley Japan is starting to come of age. Up to now our older brothers looked after us, but now we’re starting to assert ourselves a little bit. We’re starting to go out on our own, at night time.” **Cont. p5**

### Darley Japan Foal Purchases 2017

<u>Pedigree</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Page</u>
<b>Keeneland November</b>		
Animal Kingdom--Triune, by E Dubai	\$160,000	Lot 357
<b>Goffs November</b>		
Dawn Approach--Spanish Doll, by Dubawi	€28,000	Lot 119
Raven's Pass--And Again, by In The Wings	€66,000	Lot 183
Raven's Pass--Brown Bee, by Camacho	€34,000	Lot 202
Dawn Approach--Lyric of Fife, by Strategic Prince	€22,000	Lot 315
Dream Ahead--Abend, by Sea The Stars	€58,000	Lot 451
Slade Power--Buzkashi, by Nayef	€62,000	Lot 690
<b>Tattersalls December</b>		
Mastercraftsman--Nantyglo, by Mark Of Esteem	60,000gns	Lot 518
Night Of Thunder--Dayrose, by Daylami	52,000gns	Lot 588
Nathaniel (Ire)--Majestic Dancer, by Danehill Dancer	26,000gns	Lot 833
New Approach--Miss Kenton, by Pivotal	70,000gns	Lot 878
Sea The Moon--Algarade, by Green Desert	52,000gns	Lot 881
Exceed and Excel--Sapporo, by Distorted Humor	52,000gns	Lot 919
Nathaniel--Alice Alleyne, by Oasis Dream	28,000gns	Lot 1118
Pivotal--Royal Crystal, by Tapit	30,000gns	Lot 1159
Nathaniel--Masque Rose, by Oasis Dream	42,000gns	Lot 1226
Iffraaj--Princess Cammie, by Camacho	80,000gns	Lot 1227

### Big Splash For Darley Japan At Foal Sales Cont.

The foals bought over the last few weeks aren't the only horses Darley Japan will be importing: the farm purchased this year's GI Maker's 46 Mile winner American Patriot and will stand the son of War Front beginning next year. He will be one of two sons of War Front standing their first seasons in Japan, with the JBBA having leased The Factor for one season. Sweeney said American Patriot has two distinct qualities that are important to Japanese breeders: he is a fast turf miler and is free of Sunday Silence blood.

"War Front is a very well proven turf sire; we particularly like that," he said. "American Patriot himself is a Grade I winner on turf. That's generally what we need in Japan; good, fast turf milers to 10 furlong horses. We can take a mile and a half horse as well, but it needs to be a fast mile and a half horse. He's popular, and he's free of Sunday Silence blood. There's a huge concentration of Sunday Silence genes in the whole population in Japan. If you have Sunday Silence mares there are limited opportunities there. That's another reason why we're buying foals over here, because they're all free of Sunday Silence influence. If one of them was to strike big, the fact that they're free of Sunday Silence makes them far more valuable to us than having a Japanese-bred horse who is from the Sunday Silence line."

The level of prizemoney in Japan means that any racehorse owner in the world would want to compete there, but the government--which operates the JRA--keeps it heavily guarded, with all prospective owners required to go through a rigorous application process. Sweeney said obtaining a JRA license is essentially as difficult as it was 30 years ago, the main difference being that applicants are no longer required to be a Japanese citizen or permanent resident; they must, however, appoint a Japanese-speaking representative.

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*"In Japan, there is absolutely true progeny testing. We're sure at the end who the best racehorses are. We don't have to guess or make assumptions."*

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"The rules are largely the same for foreigners now as they are for Japanese," he said. "The JRA are very thorough in their investigations. They ask a lot of questions. The questionnaire you have to fill out is very detailed. There's one question that always amuses me: 'any outstanding student loans?' I find it amazing that someone who might be applying for an owner's license to race horses in Japan might have an outstanding student loan."



The Paca Paca-bred Tokyo Yushun winner Deep Brillante | Getty

"The JRA do a great job to keep Japanese racing clean, and they want to keep out any bad influences from racing," he added. "The application process takes time. It is very thorough and maybe a little bit invasive. It's more onerous than getting a racing license anywhere else in the world but it's the same requirements for Japanese as for foreigners, except they do require you appoint someone who is a Japanese speaker in Japan to help out with any issues with language."

## Big Splash For Darley Japan At Foal Sales Cont.

### Breaking Down Barriers...

Sweeney himself has certainly been a pioneer of the Japanese Thoroughbred industry. He had to break down a few significant barriers—including becoming the first foreigner to gain a JRA license and membership with the Hokkaido Breeders Association, as well as the country's first foreign agricultural land owner—to start his Paca Paca Farm, which is located a few miles from Darley Japan in the popular Hidaka breeding region of Hokkaido. The significant hurdles have proven worthwhile, with Paca Paca having produced the likes of G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) winner Deep Brillante (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), G1 NHK Mile winner Pink Cameo (Jpn) (French Deputy) and champion 2-year-old Ampere (Jpn) (Wild Rush).

"We're lucky to own the most beautiful, spectacular farm," Sweeney said. "Whenever I go to Tokyo and I meet people at different events there, they always ask, 'what space are you in, what are you doing?' I say, 'farmer.' They always think I'm referring to pharmaceuticals, like 'pharma.' Whenever they hear I'm truly a farmer, owning land, they're always like, 'wow, that's amazing.' I love where we're based. Every day I wake up and walk around my farm and I think 'wow, I'm really lucky to own this.' Japan is a fantastic country and has a fantastic racing structure, just amazing."

Sweeney's latest project has been starting a racing club, which got off the ground this year after about four years of paperwork. Membership in a racing club is popular in Japan, as it provides an avenue to racehorse ownership without the headache of obtaining a JRA license, and any one individual—local or foreigner—is permitted to own up to 49% of any horse in the club. Large-scale racing club Carrot Club races this year's Tokyo Yushun winner and recent G1 Japan Cup second Rey de Oro (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), and another club, DMM.com, burst onto the international scene this year after buying Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})'s full-sister at the JRHA foal sale, and a Frankel (GB) filly for 1.4 million gns at Book 1 of Tattersalls October.

"Racing partnerships in Japan, or clubs as we like to call them, are very difficult to get," Sweeney said. "In Japan there have only been 23 racing clubs ever ratified in the history of JRA racing. It's extremely well policed and supervised but once you get the license it's open to anybody."

With world-class regulatory and prizemoney structures in place and an enthusiastic fan base to match, and barriers to horse importation and ownership slowly being eased, the future appears bright for racing in Japan, and Darley Japan looks poised to be a big part of that success.

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### YEARLING DERBY ENTRIES RELEASED

The first entry stage for the 2019 G1 Investec Derby has seen 338 yearlings made eligible for the blue riband. The Coolmore partners lead all owners with 45 entries, 30 of those by Galileo (Ire). The Aga Khan, who has won the Derby five times, has 22 entered, while Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum has 21, Khalid Abdullah 18 and Godolphin 11. Thai businessman Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, the owner of Leicester City Football Club who made a big splash at this year's yearling sale, has entered nine, while Phoenix Thoroughbreds has entered three, including a 1-million gns Sea The Stars (Ire) colt and a \$1.1-million War Front colt.

Galileo has the most entries among sires with 46, while his son and fellow Derby winner Australia (GB) has 23. Galileo's half-brother Sea The Stars (Ire), also a Derby winner, has 22 entered, while Dubawi (Ire) has 21 and Frankel (GB) 20.

The next entry stage for the Derby is in April 2019, with the supplementary stage on May 27, 2019. There are also two chances to pick up a wildcard entry by winning at Epsom: a conditions race in September 2018 and the Investec Derby Trial in April 2019.

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## JOOSTE IN STEINHOFF SCANDAL

South African news website *IOL* has reported that former Steinhoff International Chief Executive Markus Jooste has been given 48 hours by the National Horseracing Authority of Southern Africa to respond to allegations that he is "manipulating and controlling the horse industry in South Africa for his personal gain."

According to Reuters, **Jooste resigned from Steinhoff**, an international retail holding company, earlier this month after the company launched an investigation into accounting irregularities.

NHA Chief Executive Lyndon Barends told *IOL*, "We have written to Mayfair Speculators, the vehicle that represents the racing interests of Mr. Jooste. We have given them 48 hours to revert to the NHA insofar as Mr. Jooste, Mayfair Speculators and his racing interests are concerned. Once we have received this submission we will then decide on the way forward."

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17:45-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, ROSEAU CITY (GB)

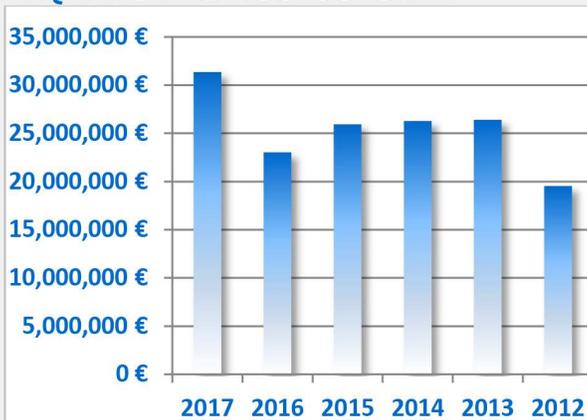
**Mazameer (IRE)** (Green Desert), Kingfisher Stallions

24 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
17:45-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, ROSE OF SHIRAZ (GB)  
5,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foals Sale 2015



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### ARQANA BREEDING STOCK SALE



“Arqana’s December Sale brought the curtain down on a strong breeding stock sale season, and the sale for the first time in its history surpassed €30-million in gross returns. The average was well up and the median also improved by 19% at €19,000, pointing to healthy trade in the lower facets of the market as well. Buyers from four different countries took home the 10 top-priced lots, and buyers from five continents were active.”

-Kelsey Riley

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	962	871	690	9.5%	79.2%	71.7%	€31,365,000	€45,457
2016	953	832	620	12.7%	74.5%	65.0%	€23,035,500	€37,154
2015	986	895	686	9.3%	76.6%	69.5%	€25,945,900	€37,822
2014	976	871	672	10.8%	77.1%	68.8%	€26,301,250	€39,139
2013	954	846	686	11.4%	81.0%	71.9%	€26,430,000	€38,528
2012	924	814	598	12.0%	73.4%	64.7%	€19,561,500	€37,712

**First-Season Sires With Runners Cont.**

**Reckless Abandon (GB)** (Exchange Rate), Kildangan Stud  
18 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
17:45-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, HAVEN'S VIEW (GB)  
55,000gns Tattersalls December Foals Sale 2015; 62,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2016 - Book 2

**Society Rock (IRE)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud  
122 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner  
17:45-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, GRASMERE (IRE)  
€21,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2016



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**FRANCE**

**Dabirsim (FR)** (Hat Trick {Jpn}), Haras de Grandcamp  
98 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners  
3-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, SA MOLA (GER)

**Farhh (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud  
38 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners  
1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, ZUKHROF (GB)  
85,000gns Tattersalls December Foals Sale 2015; 120,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2016 - Book 2

**George Vancouver** (Henrythenavigator), Haras de la Hetraie  
69 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, FINE GEORGE (FR)  
€5,500 RNA Arqana Deauville February Mixed Sale 2017  
3-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, HELL AND BACK (FR)  
€9,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2015 -  
English Version -; €6,000 Osarus Sales La Teste Yearling 2016  
Sale

**Lethal Force (IRE)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Cheveley Park Stud  
101 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, MY PLEASURE (IRE)  
€90,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearlings 2016

**Planteur (IRE)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot  
75 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, WUAYRA (FR)  
€12,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2016

**Style Vendome (FR)** (Anabaa), Haras de Bouquetot  
78 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, KYVON DES AIGLES (FR)  
3-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, STYLE PRESA (FR)

**BRITAIN****Wednesday's Results:**

**1st-KEM, £5,000, Cond, 12-13, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.02, st.**  
**MONADEE (GB)** (g, 2, Showcasing {GB})--Messelina {GB}, by  
**Noverre**), who was third over this course and distance last time  
Nov. 29, started as the 5-2 second favourite and broke alertly to  
lead. Always in control, the 120,000gns TAOCT yearling hit the  
line with 1 1/2 lengths to spare over Breathless Times (GB)  
(Bated Breath {GB}). The unraced dam, who is a half to the G3  
Anglesey S. scorer Pan Jammer (GB) (Piccolo {GB}), has already  
produced one black-type performer in the Listed Grand Prix de  
Fontainebleau winner and G3 Premio Verziere runner-up  
Meliora (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}). Lifetime Record:  
3-1-0-1, \$4,950. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**  
O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Litex Commerce  
(GB); T-Roger Varian.

**4th-KEM, £5,000, Cond, 12-13, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.98, st.**  
**HIGHBROW (GB)** (c, 2, Intello {Ger})--Wild Gardenia {GB}, by  
**Alhaarth (Ire)**), third on his racecourse bow over this track and  
trip Nov. 7, was settled in mid-division initially. Delivered with a  
strong staying effort to head Returning Glory (GB) (Exceed and  
Excel {Aus}) approaching the furlong pole, the 120,000gns  
TATOCT yearling was 4 1/2 lengths ahead at the line as the 8-11  
favourite. The dam is a half-sister to the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas  
and G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S.-winning sire Power  
(GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), the GI E. P. Taylor S. and G2  
Ribblesdale S. heroine Curvy (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and another  
who captured the latter Royal Ascot contest in Thakafaat (Ire)  
(Unfuwain). Another of her half-siblings, Applauded (Ire) (Royal  
Applause {GB}), is responsible for three black-type performers of  
her own including this year's G2 Flying Five S. and G3  
Renaissance S. runner-up Alphabet (GB) (Lawman {Fr}). This is  
also the family of the G1 2000 Guineas-winning sire  
Footstepsinthesand (GB) and G1 Phoenix S.-winning sire Pedro  
the Great (Henrythenavigator). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$4,942.  
**Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**  
O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Mrs C. R. Philipson &  
Lofts Hall Stud (GB); T-David Simcock.

**British Report Cont.**

**4th-LIN, £4,500, Mdn, 12-13, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:06.03, st. DASH OF SPICE (GB) (c, 3, Teofilo {Ire}--Dashiba {GB} {MSP-Eng}, by Dashing Blade {GB}),** who was last seen finishing second over this trip on heavy turf at Epsom Oct. 1, tanked his way to the front initially before accepting a tow to the three-furlong marker. Back in command there, the 11-10 market leader went clear in early straight and was pushed out to record an authoritative 3 3/4-length verdict over Past Master (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). Jeff Smith's Dashiba, who managed a third placing in the Listed Chesham S. at Royal Ascot, is also responsible for the Listed Stonehenge S. winner Doctor Dash (GB) (Dr Fong), the listed-placed full-brother to the winner Dashing Star (GB), SP-Eng, \$150,858, and more importantly Barshiba (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), MGSW-Eng, \$588,780. Restricted to full sight in only one eye, she managed to take the G2 Lancashire Oaks twice and four listed contests as well as place in the G2 Summer Mile and G2 Hardwicke S. Her daughter Arabian Queen (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) achieved notoriety when beating Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the G1 Juddmonte International S. and also captured the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. and G3 Princess Elizabeth S. Her 2017 offering is a colt by Acclamation (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$5,795. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Mr J. C. Smith; B-Littleton Stud (GB); T-David Elsworth.

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**3rd-KEM, £5,000, 12-13, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:40.07, st.**

**RUSPER (IRE) (g, 2, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Sweet Dreams Baby {Ire}, by Montjeu {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$8,617. O-Melbourne 10 Racing; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Jamie Osborne. \*€62,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Humbert (Ire), g, 3, Kodiak (GB)--Fee Eria (Fr), by Always Fair.** KEM, 12-13, 8f (AWT), 1:38.47. B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE). \*€130,000 Ylg '15 TISEP.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

**JAMEKA IN WORK, CAREER UNCERTAIN**

**Jameka (Aus) (Myboycharlie {Ire}),** a three-time winner at the highest level, is back in work following a bout of life-threatening travel sickness reported *Racing.com*. The 2016/2017 champion stayer's last race was a 6 1/2-length romp in the G1 BMW H.E. Tancred S. on Mar. 25, but in the ensuing eight months, she has been nursed back to health and has spent the last two weeks at the Pakenham pre-training property of Aaron Purcell. **Cont. p10**



The Year In Pictures: Cracksman (Frankel) and John Gosden pictured at Clarehaven Stables in Newmarket. | [Racingfotos.com](http://Racingfotos.com)

### Jameka in Work, Career Uncertain Cont.

“As you know, she spent five months in intensive care where she had to have constant supervision,” owner Col McKenna remarked to *Racing.com* about the 2016 G1 Caulfield Cup heroine. “She came through that and once she came off medication, she spent another seven to eight weeks in the paddock. She became the old Jameka again, fresh and fractious in the paddock, and that’s just her. So we thought it was time to put her back in work again, but she’s only at the early stages. She is just doing light work at this stage.”

Added McKenna, “She was too late to head to the breeding barn this season because she was still too sick, so we will try and get her back to the races now. She won’t race this autumn, but we’ll see how she goes, if she doesn’t get up, she will head to the breeding barn next season.”

**Shy Talk (Aus)** (Shamus Award {Aus}), Jameka’s half-sister, participated in a jumpout at Sandown on Tuesday, which impressed the Purcell team and her dam, Mine Game (Aus) (General Nediym {Aus}), foaled a full-brother to the G1 Crown Oaks heroine this season McKenna confirmed.

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## ASIA

### Wednesday's Results:

**ZEN-NIPPON NISAI YUSHUN**, Kawasaki, 12-13, ¥59,500,000 (US\$526,487/£394,114/€447,185), 2yo, 1mT, 1:41.60,

1--**LE VENT SE LEVE (JPN)**, 121, c, 2, **Symboli Kris S**

**1st Dam: Maestrale (Jpn)**, by **Neo Universe (Jpn)**

**2nd Dam: Autumn Breeze (Jpn)**, by **Timber Country**

**3rd Dam: September Song (Jpn)**, by **Real Shadai**

O-G1 Racing Co. Ltd; B-Shadai Corporation Ltd (Jpn); T-Kiyo Hagiwara; J-Mirco Demuro. ¥35,000,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, ¥52,231,000.

2--**Don Fortis (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, Henny Hughes--Grotta Azzurra (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn). (¥11,500,000 Ylg '16 JRHAJUL).

O-Koichi Yamada; B-I's Stud Corporation (Jpn); T-Maki Makiura.

3--**Haseno Pyro (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, **Pyro**--Taiki Avenue (Jpn), by Timber Country. O-Fumio Hasegawa; B-Minoru Kironaka (Jpn); T-Ken Sato.

Margins: 1, 3, NK. Odds: 0.80, 3.70, 45.90.

Also Ran: **Dark Repulser (Jpn)**, **Big Smoky (Jpn)**, **Riko Walther (Jpn)**, **Tosen Bull (Jpn)**, **Southern Vigorous (Jpn)**, **Happy Grin (Jpn)**, **Hayabusa Maca O (Jpn)**, **Dombey (Jpn)**, **Soy Cowboy (Jpn)**, **Mr Bach (Jpn)**, **Damonde (Jpn)**.

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G1 Racing Co. Ltd's **Le Vent Se Leve (Jpn)** (Symboli Kris S) maintained his perfect record in the Zen-Nippon Nisai Yushun at Kawasaki on Wednesday, the second leg of Japan's Road to the Kentucky Derby. In the process, the bay gained 10 points toward a potential berth for the GI Kentucky Derby on May 5. Slowly away, the 4-5 favourite raced out in the centre of the track and was four deep and three from the back as the field entered the first turn. Improving from there, Le Vent Se Leve swooped toward the front from midpack on the far bend and inhaled his rivals in upper stretch, winning by a length over **Don Fortis (Jpn)** (Henny Hughes) (4 points. **Haseno Pyro (Jpn)** (Pyro) (2 points) was third, and **Dark Repulser (Jpn)** (Hard Spun) (1 point) was fourth. Le Vent Se Leve opened his career with a seven-length win at Niigata in August and added the Platanus Sho at Tokyo on Oct. 14.

Le Vent Se Leve is out of the four-time winner Maestrale (Jpn) from the extended family of Japanese stakes winners Rosen Kavalier (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) and Summer Suspicion (Jpn) (Sunday Silence). His fourth dam is Japanese MGSW Dyna Fairy (Jpn) (Northern Taste).

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**Le Vent Se Leve captures the Zen-Nippon Nisai Yushun.** | *Horsephotos*

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