

SOLID TRADE AS KEEJAN OPENS



Session-topping filly Bellavais in the ring | Keeneland Photo

by *Christie DeBernardis & Jessica Martini*

LEXINGTON, KY--With the blue-blooded Bellavais (Tapit) leading the way, the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale opened with a brisk day of trading Monday.

A total of 186 horses sold for \$13,265,100 compared to 2017 when 163 head brought \$10,514,000. The average was up 10.57% from \$64,503 last year to \$71,318, and the median increased 28.57% from \$35,000 to \$45,000. The RNA rate was slightly down at 38.61% with 117 horses failing to sell. A total of 13 horses sold for \$200,000 or more this year compared to just five in 2017's opening session.

"We started the sale week off very well," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell. "Gross, average and median are all up. There was no million-dollar horse or \$700,000 horse, but I thought the market was consistent all the way through. Foals were at a premium. January has always been a good spot to buy a race filly and obviously today Steve Young found one. Rarity is very important in the marketplace and when these rare pedigrees get put up, people pay premium prices."

Bellavais was the star of the day, selling for \$485,000 to bloodstock agent Steve Young, acting on behalf of an undisclosed client who plans to race the filly this year. The chestnut (hip 334) hails from the deep Darby Dan family of MGISW millionaire Memories of Silver. **Cont. p3**

THE INAUGURAL TDN DERBY TOP 12

by *T.D. Thornton*

The second Monday in January doesn't have much in common with the first Saturday in May--with the exception that the inaugural TDN Derby Top 12 has arrived to herald the coming of the seemingly far-off Triple Crown season. The initial sophomore rankings, as a whole, are based on 2-year-old form. But there's a speculative element built into the equation, because the goal isn't to create a pecking order entirely reliant on what these newly turned 3-year-olds did last year. Instead, the idea is to polish off the crystal ball and project forward how these still-developing horses will blossom over the next 117 days until it's post time for the GI Kentucky Derby.

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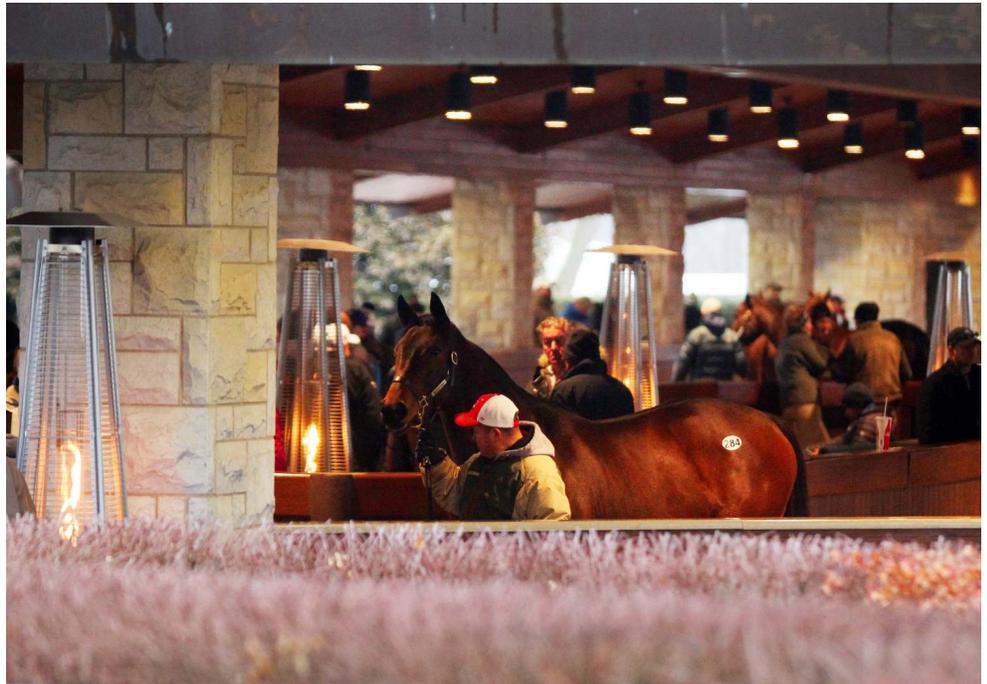
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Heat wave. Heat lamps warm horses and humans alike on the first day of the Keeneland January Sale. Following last week's frigid weather, Monday's temperatures climbed into the rainy 30s. Sales coverage with Jessica Martini and Christie DeBernardis continues on page 3. | Keeneland

AMERICAN BUYS COMING TO HAND DOWN UNDER 14

On the eve of the Magic Millions Gold Coast sale, Alan Carasso reports on some of the heavy hitters in American bloodstock becoming increasingly involved in the Australian sales scene.

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The top short yearling of the day--and second highest-priced lot overall--was **hip 303**, a colt by Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, who hammered for \$400,000 to Alex and JoAnn Lieblong. The sale also saw a high-priced RNA in the 7-year-old mare **Savings Account** (Medaglia d'Oro), who left the ring unsold on a final bid of \$650,000.

As for the market, consignors said they were seeing more of the same trends seen in the past couple of years, with continued strong demand for quality offerings.

"It seems strong," said Hill 'n' Dale's John Sikura, who consigned Savings Account. "We've had a good sale. We've sold our foals well. It's pretty much repetition of what we've seen in the past. People land on a few horses and there is a lot of interest in those. Mares in foal are selling really well. I had some mares marked and they went beyond what I thought. I get the feeling there is pent up demand for good horses. They are hard to find and when you bring them here they are premium buys. It's all about quality. Not everything you bring up suits market demands, but when you do, you are well rewarded. I'm excited for the 2018 auction season."

The January sale continues through Thursday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.

Lieblongs Strike for American Pharoah Colt

Alex and JoAnn Lieblong added a colt by Triple Crown winner American Pharoah to their racing stable when Ocala horseman Robby Harris went to \$400,000 to secure **hip 303** on their behalf Monday at Keeneland. The bay was consigned by Pope McLean's Crestwood Farm.

"He is just a really nice colt," Harris said. "[The Lieblongs] had something out of that mare that was a nice horse. And it doesn't get better than American Pharoah. We looked at all of the American Pharoahs that were here and we thought he was the best one."

Bred by the Burns family's Mount Joy Stables, the bay colt is out of Air France (French Deputy) and is a half to Smooth Air (Smooth Jazz), who carried the Mount Joy colors to victory in the 2009 GII Gulfstream Park H. and 2008 GII Ohio Derby and GII Hutcheson S. Air France is also the dam of graded stakes winner and young sire Overdriven (Tale of the Cat).

The short yearling was entered in the Keeneland November sale, where he first caught the eye of Alex Lieblong.

"I had this horse looked at in November and I think he was a little immature then and they took him back home," Lieblong said by phone. "I was waiting for him to show back up, and I'll be honest with you, I was hoping he would show up at this sale and not the September sale. So I got my wish, but I still had to pay retail." **Cont. p4**

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Hip 303, by American Pharoah in the ring | Keeneland Photo

Lieblong thinks the colt's Triple Crown-winning sire helped the yearling stand out.

"I think American Pharoah has probably put some leg on this horse versus even the filly I had [out of Air France]," Lieblong said. "She is a gorgeous filly, but I wish she had a little bit more leg. And I looked at another of the mare's offspring in the past and it didn't quite have the leg I wanted on it. But this one did. He was a horse who was hard to miss. I am looking forward to this one. I think he checked every box."

The Lieblongs purchased Air France's Bernardini filly for \$450,000 at the 2015 Keeneland September sale. The filly, who was a first-out winner at Oaklawn last April, was catalogued to sell as the next hip (hip 304) after her half-brother, but Lieblong decided to keep her and will likely breed her to his 2014 GI King's Bishop S. winner The Big Beast (Yes It's True) this spring.

"She's in Florida," Lieblong said of the 4-year-old filly All Laced Up. "I'm going to breed her. I am leaning towards breeding her to The Big Beast and I'm probably underbreeding her a little bit there, but I thought it might help The Big Beast. That filly was very quick and had a lot of class to her."

Air France was bred back to Bernardini last spring.

--@JessMartiniTDN

Mo for Town and Country

Grade I placed **Motown Lady** (Uncle Mo) (hip 148) will be joining the broodmare band at Louise and Kiki Courtelis's Town and Country Farms after farm president Shannon Potter signed the ticket at \$340,000 for the 5-year-old racing/broodmare prospect. The bay was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency.

"She basically checked all the boxes for us at Town and Country for our breeding program," Potter said. "She's by Uncle Mo and she's really pretty, she had a great physical to her." **Cont. p5**

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"She is Grade I placed," Potter continued. "We try to always be active to get the right horses. Hopefully she'll be nice addition to our broodmare band."

A \$42,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic juvenile purchase in 2015, Motown Lady is out of Binavicar (Vicar) and is a half to multiple stakes placed Liberty Cap (Street Cry {Ire}). She was third for Martin Racing Stable in last year's GI Zenyatta S. and GII Chilukki S. On the board in 10 of 21 starts, she won three times and earned \$203,419.

"We'll probably just take her home and breed her," Potter said. "I'll talk to the boss ladies and see what they think, but most likely she'll just get bred."

Of the mare's final price tag, Potter admitted, "It was probably a little bit more than I wanted to pay, but it's strong. If you have a good horse right now in this market, especially a good young mare who could run and showed a lot of potential and looks good, they are bringing a pretty good penny."

--@JessMartiniTDN

Violence Pays for Dailey, VanMeter

Renee Dailey and Tom VanMeter enjoyed a quick return on a recent broodmare investment when selling a colt by Violence for \$150,000 during Monday's first session of the Keeneland January sale. Dailey signed the ticket at \$16,000 to add the unraced Queen Priscilla (Flatter), carrying her first foal, to the broodmare band at the 2016 Keeneland November sale. The mare's colt by the highly successful freshman sire ([hip 180](#)) sold

for \$150,000 to Bloodstock Investments V during Monday's first session of the Keeneland January Sale through the VanMeter-Gentry Sales consignment.

"I actually have to give all the credit to Tom," Dailey said of the purchase of Queen Priscilla. "He saw her in the back ring and thought she was absolutely beautiful. She is a big liver chestnut mare and we saw she was in foal to Violence. We thought we'd follow her up [to the sales ring] and we got her."

Violence had 32 first-crop winners in 2017, including stakes winners Barry Lee, Cicatrix and Cosmic Burst.

"We loved the idea of Violence, but we had no idea how strong he would be at this point," Dailey admitted. "That was one of those things that was pure luck. He is on fire right now."

The short yearling, co-bred by VanMeter and Ken Meng, impressed Dailey right from the start.

"I can still remember the day he was born," Dailey said. "He was well-made and really precocious. He stood up immediately and started nursing immediately. We loved him. We thought we would bring him over here and we wanted to get a good price for him because Violence is so strong. We are thrilled, but not super surprised. We would have been happy to bring him back, too."

An hour or so later, the couple RNA'd a Union Rags filly ([hip 225](#)) for \$120,000. They had purchased the stakes-placed mare Skating (Awesome Again) carrying the short yearling for \$72,000 at the 2017 Keeneland January sale.

"Skating is a really lovely mare," Dailey said. "We were very interested in her Orb foal that she had in the sale and we didn't get her, so we bought the mare. We are huge Union Rags fans and invested heavily in Union Rags."

That Orb filly sold for \$60,000 at last year's January sale before bringing \$160,000 at the Keeneland September sale. Skating is back in foal to Exaggerator.

"We've been fortunate to buy some mares that were in foal to strong stallions at reasonable prices," Dailey said. "We have been lucky, but they can be expensive, too. We are looking at mares for this [January] sale and the ones that we like, we think are going to be very costly. We are looking for mares who have earned money themselves, hopefully stakes-placed, and have a good family below them to fill up the page. We are not opposed to purchasing an unraced mare who has a good family below her as well. I think those babies have worked out well for us. We purchased a few in November who are nice mares and we're hoping they do the same thing."--@JessMartiniTDN



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McLaughlin also trains Godolphin homebred Avery Island, who won the Nov. 5 GII Nashua S. and was second in the Dec. 2 GII Remsen S.

Golden Muscade was consigned to Monday's sale by Taylor Made and Mark Taylor said Avery Island was only part of the mare's appeal.

"I think there were a couple of different attractions here on Golden Muscade," Taylor said. "One is [her sire] Medaglia d'Oro, who carries a lot of clout. And she was a big, scopey, nice broodmare prospect who looked like she had plenty of room to carry a good foal. And then of course, Avery Island is right there in the first dam and he's on the Derby trail and looks very live."

Golden Muscade is the first foal out of Kinda Spicy (A.P. Indy), a daughter of Chilean Group 1 winner Isola Piu Bella (Chi) (Rich Man's Gold), who went two-for-two in her racing career for Godolphin in 2011. In addition to Avery Island, Kinda Spicy is also the dam of '**TDN Rising Star**' Tasteful (Street Cry {Ire}).

"I sold her for a buddy I went to high school with and he was happy with the result," Taylor said. "It was well above the reserve."

--@JessMartiniTDN

Young Comes Out on Top for Bellavais

When the dust settled after a fury of bidding on the well-bred **Bellavais** (Tapit), bloodstock agent Steve Young was the last man standing, securing the 4-year-old for a session-topping \$485,000 on behalf of an undisclosed client. Young said the filly will return to the track this year under the care of seven-time Eclipse winner Todd Pletcher.

Trained by Jimmy Toner for John Phillips's Phillips Racing Partnership, **hip 334**'s record currently stands at 11-3-2-2 with earnings of \$199,210. The chestnut boasts a pair of stakes wins on the turf last year in Gulfstream's Ginger Brew S. and Suffolk's Drum Top S.

"She's from a family that you have to have a world of respect for with the Darby Dan mares," Young said. **Cont. p7**

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Quiet Flirt (f. by Malibu Moon). Placed in 1 start at 3, 2017, \$15,000.

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QUIET GIANT (f. by Giant's Causeway). Black type winner, see above.

DANCE QUIETLY (f. by A.P. Indy). Winner at 2 and 3, \$123,570, Busanda S., 2nd Wanda S. 3rd Pike Creek S. Producer.

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Miss Besilu (f. by Medaglia d'Oro). Winner at 2 and 3, \$187,829, 2nd Ginger Brew S., 3rd Alabama S. [G1], TVG Coaching Club American Oaks [G1].

American Dance (c. by A.P. Indy). 3 wins, 2 to 5, \$174,395 (USA), 3rd Remsen S. [G2].

Quiet Now (f. by Tiznow). Winner at 3, \$37,020. Dam of--

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Irsaal (g. by More Than Ready). 6 wins, 2 to 6, placed at 7, 2017, \$340,398, 2nd Birdstone S., 3rd Easy Goer S., Jazil S., Bert Allen S.

Beatem Buster (f. by Honour and Glory). Unraced. Dam of--

BUSTER'S READY (f. by More Than Ready). 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$354,884, Mother Goose S. [G1], 2nd Black-Eyed Susan S. [G2], 3rd Out Ruled S. Producer.

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MISTY DANCER, by Lyphard. Unplaced. Dam of 7 winners--

QUIET DANCE (f. by Quiet American). Black type winner, see above.

Fog Dance (f. by Unbridled's Song). Unplaced in 1 start. Dam of--

ROLLING FOG (c. by Posse). 5 wins, 2 to 5, \$222,500 (USA), Del Mar Futurity [G1].

Opera Song (f. by Unbridled's Song). Unplaced. Dam of--

Saint Arbor (g. by Forestry). 5 wins, 2 to 6, \$85,182, 3rd Tom Ridge S.

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Flight Dancer, by Misty Flight. 4 wins at 2 in ENG, 3rd Queen Mary S. Half-sister to **DANCING MOSS** (Athboy S., etc.), Leading sire in Argentina). Dam of 7 winners, including--

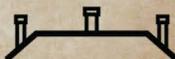
MINSTRELLA (f. by The Minstrel). 4 wins at 2 in ENG and IRE, \$317,280 (USA), **Champion 2YO in IRE**, Heinz 57 Phoenix S. [G1], Moyglare Stud S. [G1], Tattersalls Cheveley Park S. [G1], Chesham S., 2nd Pritchard Services Cherry Hinton S. [G3].

COLONIAL MINSTREL (f. by Pleasant Colony). 10 wins, 3 to 5, \$556,586, Shuvee H. [G2], Humana Distaff H. [G3], Poinciana BC H. twice, Straight Deal BC H., Oakley S., etc.

MINIDAR (f. by Alydar). 8 wins in 16 starts, 2 to 4, \$350,900, Chicago Budweiser Breeders' Cup H. [G3], Camilla Urso H., Jersey Lilly H., 3rd A Gleam H. [G2].

UNRESTRAINED (f. by Unbridled). 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$281,513, Summit S., Open Fire S., Prismatical S., 2nd Monmouth Breeders' Cup Oaks [G2], Monmouth Beach S.

MISTY GALLORE (f. by Halo). 11 wins in 19 starts, 2 to 4, \$479,711, Hempstead H.-G2, Long Look CH.-G3, Barbara Fritchie H.-G3, Bed o' Roses H.-G3, Distaff H.-G3, Berlo H., Dark Mirage S., Hydrangea H., etc.



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“There is such an infrastructure of other horses in that pedigree that are doing well,” Young added. “She is a stakes winner. She has to have a base value out there. There is a safety net that she will never be worth less than, so I thought she was a good gamble to race as a 4-year-old. A lot of that family gets a little better as they get older. She is a multi-surface stakes horse and I think she was an obvious pick.”

Bellavais is out of GSW La Cloche (Ghostzapper), who in turn is a daughter of MGISW millionaire Memories of Silver (Silver Hawk) and a half-sister to MGISW millionaire Winter Memories (El Prado {Ire}); SW War Trace (Storm Cat) and the dams of stakes winners Elusive Collection (Elusive Quality) and **‘TDN Rising Star’** Red Lodge (Midshipman). La Cloche sold to Don Alberto Corp. for \$2.4 million at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton November sale carrying a full-sister to Bellavais, now named Tap Fever, a \$475,000 KEESEP RNA who broke her maiden at Golden Gate Sunday for Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer and owners Don Alberto, Mark DeDomenico and Edward Taylor.

This already deep family received another timely update earlier in the weekend when the 3-year-old gelding Hawkish (Artie Schiller), a son of La Cloche’s half-sister Bridal Memories (Unbridled), came flying late to graduate in **‘TDN Rising Star’**-fashion at Gulfstream Saturday.

Phillips, who consigned the filly through his Darby Dan Farm, was pleased with the sale.

“It was a very practical business decision,” Phillips said. “She is from a very good family that we rarely sell out of, but we have to make the fact of the matter is, we have to make some business decisions from time to time. She just fell in that category of paying stud fees and other obligations to make the whole thing work.”

He continued, “I always feel like we can sell a little bit of gold as long as we don’t sell the gold mine. Fortunately, we have quite a number of mares in that family and hope to continue it. We wish the buyers a lot of luck with the filly and think they will do well.”

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Stuart Strikes for Stradivarius

John Stuart of Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services came out on top of a spirited round of bidding to secure the 5-year-old mare **Stradivarius** (Street Cry {Ire}), carrying her first foal by Medaglia d’Oro, for \$375,000 on behalf of owner/breeder Andrew Rosen.

The 4-year-old mare won just one of four starts for owner Earle Mack, but did so in style, romping by 9 1/4 lengths at Evangeline in April 2016 for trainer Al Stall. Out of Aldebaran Light (Seattle Slew), the dark bay is a half-sister to GISW sire Eskendereya (Giant’s Causeway) and English Group 1 winner and sire Balmont (Stravinsky).

“I liked that she ran very fast when she broke her maiden by nine and she is in foal to Medaglia d’Oro,” Stuart said. “She is also a half to two Group 1 winners. She might go back to Medaglia or she could go to Violence, a son of Medaglia d’Oro.”



John Stuart | Keeneland Photo

Stradivarius has previously been offered at the Keeneland November sale, where she RNA’d for \$475,000.

“It is a little less than I was expecting,” said consignor Craig Bendoroff of Denali Stud. “I thought she would be \$400,000 or a little north, but they looked at her hard in November and looked at her hard now and that is what they thought she was worth.” **Cont. p8**

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Stuart also thought he would have to pay more for **hip 248**.
 “She was RNA’d for \$475,000 in November, so they knew they had to sell her for less,” he said. “I was a little surprised that is all she brought to be honest with you.”
 As for the market, Stuart added, “I thought it was a little weak this morning, but is picking up a bit. There were a lot of nice mares that did not sell this morning.”

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Shadai Scoops Up ‘Elite’ Mares



Majestic Quality in the ring | Keeneland Photo

Representatives of Teruya Yoshida’s Shadai Farm were busy during Monday’s opening session of Keeneland January, securing two broodmare prospects from the Elite Sales consignment: \$350,000 purchase **Majestic Quality** (Quality Road) and \$300,000 investment **Lady Foghorn** (Zavata). Shadai representative Dr. Yuki Shimomura said that it is currently undecided which stallions the mares would go to.

“The Shadai team is as thorough in their homework as anybody,” Elite’s Bradley Weisbord said. “They inspect the mares for a long time and come back multiple times. It is exciting to know these mares are going to a world-class operation that constantly finds and buys the best bloodstock. We appreciate their support.”

The 6-year-old Lady Foghorn (**hip 102**), a daughter of SP Titia (Northern Spur {Ire}), was their first purchase of the day. Campaigned throughout her career by owner/breeder Stuart Grant’s The Elkstone Group and trainer Anthony Granitz, the Indiana-bred retired last summer with a record of 26-14-4-4 and earnings of \$824,273.

The bay’s career highlights include a win in the 2016 GII Falls City H. at Churchill and six listed stakes wins in Indiana. She also placed in two other graded events and closed her career on a winning note in an allowance at Indiana Grand July 4. **Cont. p9**

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| 16 Dreamarcher = A+ | 244 Star Super = A++ |
| 33 Fantastic Shirl = A | 300 Zip Cash Back = A++ |
| 42 Flatter Up = A | 311 Anjorie = A |
| 48 Galileo's Star = A++ | 314 Anythingyoucando = A+ |
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| 57 Goldilock's Cat = A | 348 Cableknit = A+ |
| 60 Gotachancetodance = A+ | 363 Charm City Girl = A+ |
| 64 Happy Mesa = A+ | 395 Delightful Dance = A |
| 66 Harlington's Rose = A+ | 398 Design for Life = A |
| 102 Lady Fog Horn = A+ | 407 Dreams to Reality = A+ |
| 105 Lady Renaissance = A+ | 432 Free Space = A |
| 107 La Milanese = A | 438 Gone Away = A |
| 127 Majestic Quality = A | 447 Guadalupe High = A++ |
| 129 Malibu Red = A | 451 Gypsy Cab Company = A |
| 134 Margaret Reay = A+ | 489 Kalabaka = A+ |
| 193 Rockin Jojo = A++ | 510 Long Hot Summer = A++ |
| 201 Sassy Sienna = A+ | 820 Gabbywitha G = A+ |
| 212 She Doesn't Mind = A+ | 830 Haldane = I/F War Dancer |

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| 870 Laughingly = A |
| 513 Louisville First = A |
| 584 Pulpit Fiction = A++ |
| 615 She's a Wow = A |
| 623 Sky Haven = A+ |
| 627 Somethingelse = A |
| 634 Spring Eclipse = A+ |
| 646 Strut the Canary = A |
| 649 Super Freaky = A+ |
| 665 Thundering Sky = A+ |
| 669 Time is Tight = A |
| 691 Walking Path = A |
| 724 Aquapazza = A+ |
| 740 Sense of Reality = A++ |
| 762 Cinnamon Kisses = A++ |
| 772 Coppa = A |
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| 896 Miss Cheektowaga = A |
| 939 Palmilla = A |



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| 955 Princess Hillary = A+ |
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“The Elkstone Group brought her here to sell,” Weisbord said. “I think that is very important to establish, especially for a young sales company like ourselves, to have like-minded owners that want to sell their horses. She came with a realistic reserve and was a gorgeous physical. [Grant’s] farm manager did a tremendous job prepping her. She has a great coat on her and came in great shape. She was a runner on both turf and dirt. It was a little bit on the higher end of what we thought she’d bring considering the stallion and her age.”

The 4-year-old Majestic Quality (**hip 127**) proved quite popular in the ring Monday, but Shadai fended off all comers to take the mare back to Japan. Raced by trainer Keith Desormeaux, Big Chief Racing and Rocker O Ranch, the \$40,000 KEESEP yearling buy repaid that initial investment with \$154,605 in earnings on the racetrack from a record of 12-1-2-4.

Runner-up in last term’s GII Rachel Alexandra S. as a maiden, the bay earned her diploma at Santa Anita in May and followed that with a pair of third-place finishes in the GII Summertime Oaks June 17 and GIII Indiana Oaks July 15. A half-sister to GSP Diski Dance (Songandaprayer), Majestic Quality is out of She Nuit All (Lost Soldier), who is a half-sister to MGSW Octave (Unbridled’s Song) and MGSW Belle Cherie (Belong to Me).

“This was for a really loyal, good client, Matt, Brian, Don’t Tell

My Wife Racing and Keith Desormeaux,” Weisbord said. “I got to know those guys through Exaggerator. Keith buys as many good horses as anybody for under \$100,000. He got her to be Grade II-placed. She had a little hiccup over the summer, but they got rewarded. The market is very, very strong. The mare was well positioned and got a chance to shine.”

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Heider Retains Savings Account

Grade I-placed **Savings Account** (Medaglia d’Oro) sparked a fury of bidding at Keeneland Monday, but was ultimately led out of the ring unsold on a final bid of \$650,000.

A \$310,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Craig Bernick and Scott Heider, the Tom Proctor pupil won six of 21 starts for earnings of \$418,475. Victorious in the 2016 Treasure Chest S., she checked in second in the 2013 GIII Miesque S. and was third to four-time Eclipse winner Beholder (Henny Hughes) in the 2015 GIII Zenyatta S. Her final start was in December of 2016.

“The partnership with Craig was dissolved so Scott owns the whole mare,” said John Sikura, whose Hill ‘n’ Dale Farm consigned **hip 205**. “The thought was if she made the right price, he’d sell her and if not, he would bring her to the farm and breed her to Curlin.” **Cont. p10**

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He continued, "That was the question mark coming in, whether she'd bring enough, but he knew where he wanted to be. Sometimes you get it, sometimes you don't. He's got a lovely mare, open and sound and ready to breed. I'm uncertain at this time whether she will come back to the sale or be kept as a broodmare, but she will go to Curlin in February. She could really run and is a big, beautiful daughter of Medaglia d'Oro. He is happy to own her."

Out of SW Wild Hoots (Unbridled's Song), Savings Account hails from the family of GISP Be Smart (Smarty Jones) and SW Road Ready (More Than Ready). The 7-year-old mare aborted a foal by Pioneerof the Nile and was being offered as a broodmare prospect.

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MONDAY'S TOP BROODMARES

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| 334 | Bellavais
<i>(f, 4, Tapit--La Cloche, by Ghostzapper)</i>
Consigned by Darby Dan Farm
Purchased by Steve Young, Agent | racing/b'mare prospect | 485,000 |
| 248 | Stradivarius
<i>(m, 5, Street Cry {Ire}--Aldebaran Light, by Seattle Slew)</i>
Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig & Holly Bandoroff),
Agent for Earle I. Mack LLC
Purchased by Bluegrass Tho. Services, Agent | i/f American Pharoah | 375,000 |
| 127 | Majestic Quality
<i>(f, 4, Quality Road--She Nait All, by Lost Soldier)</i>
Consigned by ELITE
Purchased by Shadai Farm | racing/b'mare prospect | 350,000 |

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| 363 | Charm City Girl
<i>(m, 7, Pioneerof the Nile--Charming Toutsie, by Storm Cat)</i>
Consigned by Upson Downs Farm, Agent
Purchased by Larkin Armstrong, Agent | i/f Union Rags | 350,000 |
| 148 | Motown Lady
<i>(m, 5, Uncle Mo--Binavicar, by Vicar)</i>
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XIX
Purchased by Town and Country Horse Farms, LLC | racing/b'mare prospect | 340,000 |
| 64 | Happy Mesa
<i>(f, 4, Sky Mesa--Happy Choice, by Broken Vow)</i>
Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent XI
Purchased by Winchell Thoroughbreds | racing/b'mare prospect | 300,000 |
| 102 | Lady Fog Horn
<i>(m, 6, Zavata--Titia, by Northern Spur {Ire})</i>
Consigned by ELITE
Purchased by Shadai Farm | racing/b'mare prospect | 300,000 |

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How clear is your crystal ball?

Gaze at these tables about mare quality and all the stallions in the \$60k-\$100k price range. *Predicting the future just got a whole lot easier...*



By CI of dams of 2018 juveniles

1	Bernardini	4.04
2	Malibu Moon	3.27
3	Giant's Causeway	2.92

By CI of dams of 2018 yearlings

1	Bernardini	3.45
2	Speightstown	3.33
3	Ghostzapper	3.15

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2	Giant's Causeway	2.74
3	Speightstown	2.73

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Hip Sex Sire Dam Price (\$)
303 colt American Pharoah Air France 400,000

B-Mount Joy Stables (KY)

Consigned by Pope McLean (Crestwood Farm), Agent III
 Purchased by Alex & JoAnn Lieblong

365 filly Pioneerof the Nile Chicalee 290,000
(\$150,000 i/u '16 KEENOV)

B-Hunter Valley Farm, Adrian Regan & Fergus Galvin (KY)

Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, Agent
 Purchased by Blue Sky Stables

378 colt Honor Code Cottage Vale 250,000

*B-Tony Dardis, Ken Donworth,
 Ben McElroy & Desmond Ryan (KY)*

Consigned by St. George Sales, Agent XIX
 Purchased by Baccari Bloodstock

356 colt Candy Ride (Arg) Chamrousse 220,000

B-Mike Abraham (KY)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LIII
 Purchased by DeMeric Stables, Agent

25 colt Uncle Mo Emerald Gold 200,000

B-Glen Hill Farm (KY)

Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, Agent
 Purchased by Rocco Bloodstock

262 filly Malibu Moon Take Me Home Too 160,000

B-JRita Young Thoroughbreds & Spendthrift Farm (PA)

Consigned by Legacy Bloodstock, Agent XXI
 Purchased by Athens Walnut Hill Bloodstock

180 colt Violence Queen Priscilla 150,000

(\$16,000 i/u '16 KEENOV)

B-T.F. VanMeter & Ken A. Meng (KY)

Consigned by VanMeter-Gentry Sales, Agent
 Purchased by Bloodstock Investments V

206 colt Cairo Prince Savvy Hester 150,000

B-Debmar Stables (KY)

Consigned by Lisa & Tim Turney, Agent II
 Purchased by John Sondereker

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• No. Sold	186	163
• RNAs	117	104
• % RNAs	38.61%	38.95%
• No. \$300K+	8	4
• High Price	\$485,000	\$1,025,000
• Gross	\$13,265,100	\$10,514,000
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Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
006	Desert Duchess	racing/b'mare prospect	225,000

(4, *Hard Spun--Aventina*, by *Dynaformer*)

Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent XII

Purchased by S.F. Henderson.

Jordan Wycoff claimed **Desert Duchess** for \$35,000 at Belmont Park last May. The chestnut filly went on to win the Cellars Shiraz S. at Gulfstream Park West in November. While she failed to land a blow in the Dec. 30 GI American Oaks, the promising 4-year-old rewarded the investment in the sales ring Monday.

369	Class Edge	i/f Cairo Prince	110,000
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(5, *Indygo Shiner--Swift and Classy*, by *Clever Trick*)

Consigned by St. George Sales, Agent VI

Purchased by D.J. Stable

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BELLAVAIS, a multiple SW 4yo filly by Tapit out of one of Darby Dan's best families, topped Monday's opening session after a final bid of \$485,000.

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Bloodstock agent Sebastian Murat purchased Class Edge on behalf of Murray, Braverman and Finch for \$52,000 at last year's Keeneland January sale. The trio, which campaigned Cairo Prince, put the mare in foal to the Airdrie Stallion last spring before returning her to the January sales ring Monday.

SHORT YEARLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
180	colt	Violence	Queen Priscilla	150,000

Consigned by VanMeter-Gentry Sales, agent
 Purchased by Bloodstock Investments V

Renee Dailey and Tom VanMeter picked the unraced Queen Priscilla (Flatter) out of the back walking ring at the 2016 Keeneland November sale and went to \$16,000 to secure the then 4-year-old mare with this foal in utero. **See story p5.**

277	colt	Ghostzapper	Underwater	110,000
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Consigned by St. George Sales, Agent XVILL
 Purchased by Clear Ridge Stables

Winding Lane Farm purchased Underwater, with this foal in utero, for \$30,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November sale.

319	filly	Lea	A. P. Reality	120,000
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Consigned by Stuart Morris, Agent VIII
 Purchased by Glencrest Farm

Through bloodstock agent Patrick Morell, Dr. Roberta Schneider purchased A. P. Reality (Pulpit), with this foal from the first crop of the popular Lea, in utero for \$8,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky February sale.

365	filly	Pioneerof the Nile	Chicalee	290,000
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Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent
 Purchased by Blue Sky Stables

Hunter Valley Farm purchased Chicalee, with this foal in utero, for \$150,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November sale. Put in foal to Cairo Prince, the mare sold for \$55,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November sale.

AMERICAN GOLD COAST PURCHASES COMING TO HAND DOWN UNDER

by Alan Carasso

American interests have become increasingly active in Australian bloodstock sales over the last few years, with the likes of WinStar Farm, China Horse Club, Stonestreet Stables, Spendthrift Farm, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Speedway Stables and Justin Casse getting involved at all levels of the market. On the eve of the 2018 **Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale**, the first of the year's major events, here are some

updates on the handful of youngsters signed for by US-connected buyers in 2017:



Queensland's Gold Coast

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
348	c	Snitzel (Aus)	Quench the Thirst (Aus)	750,000

Consigned by Newgate Farm

Purchased by WinStar Farm/China Horse Club

O-Newgate S F, China Horse Club Racing Pty Ltd, Horse Ventures, WinStar Farm LLC, John Stuart Investments Pty Ltd, Mr D W Wallace, Henry Field Bloodstock Pty Ltd, Mr B M Allen

This September foal, who hails from a stallions' family, won a Canterbury trial back in September ([video](#)) and was eighth on a single racetrack appearance to date at Randwick in October. "He's back up to fast work," said the China Horse Club's Michael Wallace of the Peter and Paul Snowden-trained colt named Munich. "He will target the Golden Slipper with the traditional lead in races his early targets. Very pleased with him."

38	f	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Furline (Aus)	500,000
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Consigned by Mill Park

Purchased by Stonestreet/P Leidel/Aquis/Blue Sky BS

O-Aquis Farm, Leidel Racing LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC

She's Furline, produced by a stakes-placed daughter of MGSW & G1SP Umaline (Aus) (Umatila {NZ}), is the veteran of two trials during the latter stages of 2017, finishing third at Wyong Oct. 23 before filling the same spot at Canterbury Nov. 3 ([video](#)). She's Furline is also conditioned by Peter and Paul Snowden.

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ONE SWEET
Racing/Broodmare Prospect!



Hip 914

4-year-old filly

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Ferruccio | Justin Casse photo

769 f Sebring (Aus) Delorosa (Aus) 320,000
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 Purchased by Marette Farrell
 O-Speedway Stables LLC

Now named Show Some Leg (Aus), the chestnut is out of a half-sister to Bring Me The Maid (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}), a dual Group 2 winner and third to Mossfun (Aus) in the 2014 Golden Slipper. Show Some Leg was runner-up in a single trial at Randwick in late November ([video](#)). "Show Some Leg is spelling at Muskoka Farm right now," said Marette Farrell. **Cont. p16**

153 c Medaglia d'Oro Lady Lynette (Aus) 500,000
 Consigned by Baramul Stud
 Purchased by Gai Waterhouse/Justin Casse
 O-Mr A R Bell, Mr M D Simonetta, Mr J Casse,
 Mrs G M Waterhouse

Bred on a similar cross to G1 Golden Slipper hero Vancouver (Aus), the October foal is a son of MGSW Lady Lynette (Aus) (Ladoni {Aus}) from the family of G1SP Regal Sashay (Aus). "[Ferruccio] has turned into a big, beautiful two-turn type and should trial in March," said Justin Casse. "[Trainer] Gai [Waterhouse] wants to take her time with him." In partnership, Casse also signed for **hip 516** (A\$120,000, Make 'Em Cry {Aus}) and **hip 702** (A\$375,000, Florida Lady {Aus}).

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“[Trainer] Gai [Waterhouse] said she showed a lot of talent and thought she was very precocious,” Farrell continued. “That is why she trialed in November with a view to setting her up for the Magic Millions 2YO race. However, she met with a little setback from that trial and will be seen out later on in the season. We are hoping this is an omen in disguise, as [future G1 Victoria Oaks winner] Pinot (Aus) (Pierro {Aus}) belonging to Eclipse Thoroughbreds was in a similar situation and look what she did. All in all, we think she is a filly with a future and Speedway are delighted to have her.” (Click for a recent [Kelsey Riley feature on Marette Farrell](#))

609 c All Too Hard (Aus) Affable (Aus) 300,000

Consigned by Milburn Creek

Purchased by Byron Rogers

O-Dr P H Hughes, Dr C M Rogers

The first foal from the listed-winning Affable (Aus) (Husson {Arg}), the colt now named Battle Cry (Aus) descends from the female family of multiple Group 1-winning sprinter Turffontein (Aus) (Johannesburg). “I bought the horse for my family and close family friend Paul Hughes,” said Byron Rogers. “He’s being trained by Mark Newnham, whom I’ve known since he first started riding and then when he was assistant to Gai Waterhouse at Randwick. Before Christmas, Mark felt that he and [two-time winner and Gold Coast grad] Quackerjack (Aus) (Not a Single Doubt {Aus}) were two of his best 2-year-olds, so we were hopeful of a pre-Christmas run and to be at the Coast this week as a runner.” Quackerjack is a 14-1 chance for Saturday’s A\$2-million Magic Millions 2YO Classic. “But he got a bad infection which has put him in the paddock for a decent break,” Rogers continued. “He’s a nice horse with some ability so hopefully we get him back towards the middle of the year. Everything by the sire improve from two to three and he should be the same.”

The Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale begins Wednesday (Tuesday evening US time) and runs through Jan. 16. Kelsey Riley is on hand and will have comprehensive coverage in the TDN Europe/International section.

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OWNER FILES PROTEST OF SANTA ANITA CONDITIONED CLAIMER

by Joe Bianca

Jason Jocher, the owner of Power Hour Racing, has filed a protest with the California Horse Racing Board after his horse, **Airfoil** (Bernardini), finished second in a conditioned \$10,000 claiming race Sunday at Santa Anita. The story was first reported by *Blood-Horse*.

Entries in the sixth race were supposed to be restricted to trainers with 20 or fewer horses in their care in California, one of several new conditioned races at the Santa Anita meet designed to level the playing field for smaller outfits. Jocher claims that Charles Treece, who won the race with Overcomer (Old Topper), trains far more than 20. Jocher also said that trainer Jesus Nunez, who saddled 10th place finisher Dutt Bart (Empire Way), also should not have been allowed to enter.

“My biggest grievance is for the bettor,” Jocher wrote on Twitter Sunday night. “The results of the race changed the outcome of a lot of plays. Two horses clearly did not belong and were allowed to run. The condition is the condition. Always has been, always should be. I don’t get paid by the state to check a horse’s eligibility. I expected the racing office would do its job.”

When contacted by TDN Monday, CHRB spokesperson Mike Marten said, “There isn’t really much comment to give. The protest is being investigated, and it will be handed over to the stewards for a hearing.”

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TOP KENTUCKY DERBY CONTENDERS

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1) CATHOLIC BOY (c, *More Than Ready--Song of Bernadette*, by Bernardini)

O-Robert V. LaPenta. B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY). T-Jonathan Thomas. Sales History: \$170,000 RNA yrl KEEJAN '16. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 4-3-0-0, \$314,000.

Last Start: 1st, *Gil Remsen S.*, AQU, Dec. 2.

Accomplishments Include: 1st, *GIII With Anticipation S.*, SAR, Aug. 30.

Next Start: Possible for *GIII Sam F. Davis S.*, TAM, Feb. 10

EquineLine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 10

Catholic Boy's versatility over different surfaces, his willingness to fight through adversity, and his ability to reel in solid stakes

rivals at nine furlongs all combined to earn him top billing on the initial *TDN* Top 12 list of 2018--even though two horses ranked behind him are the ones who'll be vying for the juvenile championship honors. This colt began his career on turf largely because of a lack of two-turn summer dirt races for 2-year-olds, and his Grade III grass score at Saratoga was remarkable for the fact that he looked hopelessly blocked yet kicked clear decisively. His ground-saving fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (beaten only 1 1/2 lengths) left the impression that Catholic Boy has a very high comfort level with being covered up and/or pinned down near the rail, and that race essentially served as a prep for transitioning effectively to dirt.

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THE **BEST.**

CHAMPION SECOND CROP SIRE

	Fee	Earnings
1. BODEMEISTER	\$40,000	\$5,090,321
2. Union Rags	\$60,000	\$4,733,012

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In the GII Remsen S., Catholic Boy once again stalked mid-pack, and when he emerged from mild traffic to commence a measured bid three furlongs out, it was clear he had the leaders at his mercy even though he was not set down for a drive until turning for home. After a month of gearing down at Bridlewood Farm in Ocala, he should soon be set for a series of works that lead to a possible 2018 debut in the GIII Davis S. at nearby Tampa Bay Downs.



Catholic Boy | Sarah K. Andrew

2) GOOD MAGIC (c, Curlin--Glinda the Good, by Hard Spun)

O-e Five Thoroughbreds & Stonestreet Stables. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY). T-Chad Brown. Sales History: \$1,000,000 yr1 KEESEP '16. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-1-2-0, \$1,216,600.

Last Start: 1st, GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile, SA, Nov. 4.

Accomplishments Include: 2nd, GI Champagne S., BEL, Oct. 7.

Next Start: Possible for GII Fountain of Youth S., GP, Mar. 3

Equine PP's.

KY Derby Points: 24

Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency

At this point in the season, Good Magic's maiden-breaking 11-1 upset in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile represents the chief enigma in terms of getting a good read on the juveniles who were most highly rated going into that championship race. Was his stalking, responsive, drawing-away win merely the tip of the iceberg in terms of what we might expect moving forward into 2018? Or do you make the case that the solid favorite in that race, Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), endured such a brutal trip that he never attained a contending position, thus depriving both colts of a truer test of their abilities? You certainly can't say that this million-dollar KEESEP colt hadn't been keeping good company prior to his Breeders' Cup win.

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THE BIG LEAGUES.

2017 LEADING SIRES OF 3YOS

	'18 Fee	'17 Earnings
1. Into Mischief	\$100,000	\$7,107,340
2. Tapit	\$300,000	\$6,973,874
3. Quality Road	\$70,000	\$5,033,818
4. Empire Maker	\$85,000	\$4,654,837
5. BODEMEISTER	\$40,000	\$4,497,606
6. War Front	\$250,000	\$4,208,532
7. Ghostzapper	\$85,000	\$4,043,950
8. Malibu Moon	\$75,000	\$4,034,625
9. Tiznow	\$50,000	\$4,008,797
10. Flatter	\$40,000	\$3,962,401



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Good Magic debuted as the odds-on favorite in a maiden race on the GI Travers S. undercard at Saratoga, and off that decent second-place try he stretched out to a one-turn mile in the GI Champagne S. and got beat only a half-length by an impressive winner while striding out three lengths clear of a next-out Grade II winner. He's been freshened on the farm for the past two months; *TDN's* Bill Finley reported on Sunday that owner Bob Edwards said Good Magic is being pointed to the GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Mar. 3.



Good Magic | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

3) MCKINZIE (c, *Street Sense--Runway Model*, by Petionville) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Karl Watson, Michael Pegram & Paul Weitman. B-Summer Wind Farm (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$170,000 yrl KEESEP '16. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-3-0-0, \$270,000.
 Last Start: 1st, *GIII Sham S.*, SA, Jan. 6
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, *GI Los Alamitos Futurity*, LRC, Dec. 9
 Next Start: Uncommitted
 EquineLine PPs. *Caulfield on McKinzie*.
 KY Derby Points: 20

Purchased by Donato Lanni/Hill 'n' Dale Bloodstock
LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

Each one of this 'TDN Rising Star's three races so far has been an exercise in measured progression, building from a seven-furlong debut score to a two-turn Los Alamitos stakes win (via disqualification), and then a primed-to-pounce victory on Saturday going a mile in the GIII Sham S. In that 3 1/2-length win, McKinzie tracked the action three wide and about three lengths off the lead until 3 1/2 furlongs out, then was nudged along into closer contention prior to getting light

encouragement at the top of the lane to peel away with ease from the all-out 14-1 pacemaker. McKinzie raced with blinkers removed for the first time in the Sham, which might have contributed to jockey Mike Smith's push-button handling. "He looks great today," trainer Bob Baffert told the Santa Anita notes team on Sunday. "Now I can sort of ease off him a little bit, find two spots--it could be here, it could be out of town--I don't know yet."



McKinzie | Benoit photo

4) BOLT D'ORO (c, *Medaglia d'Oro--Globe Trot*, by A.P. Indy) O-Ruis Racing. B-WinStar Farm (KY). T-Mick Ruis. Sales History: \$630,000 yrl FTSAUG '16. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 4-3-0-1, \$576,000.
 Last Start: 3rd, *GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile*, SA, Nov. 4
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, *GI Del Mar Futurity*, DMR, Sept. 4; 1st *GI FrontRunner S.*, SA, Sept. 30.
 Next Start: Aiming for GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 10
 EquineLine PPs. *Caulfield on Bolt d'Oro*.
 KY Derby Points: 14

For the better part of three months last summer and autumn, Bolt d'Oro was putting together one of those "man against boys" past performance blocks that can lead to juvenile championship honors and top spot in the pecking order for the Triple Crown Classics. Then the starter sprung the latch for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the undefeated 7-5 favorite bobbled and got fanned six wide into the clubhouse bend, and "Bolt" has essentially been trying to catch up to his own previously unblemished image ever since. Should we write off that trip-troubled third-place championship race over his home track and consider it a one-time aberration of form? Or was his failing to seriously contend against the strongest field he'd ever faced a signal that his period of dominance had already peaked? **Cont. p20**

On Sunday, Bolt galloped at Santa Anita, four days after missing his first scheduled work since the Breeders' Cup and undergoing a nuclear scan to assess what may be a pulled muscle. Owner/trainer Mick Ruis said his star colt "was a little stiff and off [from training] for three days because we wanted to be really careful and sure nothing was wrong." He added that Bolt won't make his anticipated 3YO debut in the seven-furlong GII San Vicente S. Feb. 10 and will now aim for the GII San Felipe S. at 1 1/16 miles Mar. 10 instead.



Bolt d'Oro | Benoit photo

5) ENTICED (c, Medaglia d'Oro--It's Tricky, by Mineshaft)
 O-Godolphin Racing. B-Godolphin (KY). T-Kiaran McLaughlin.
 Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 3-2-0-1, \$213,880.
 Last Start: 1st, **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 25.
 Accomplishments Include: 3rd, **GI Champagne S.**, BEL, Oct. 7.
 Next Start: Aiming for GII Holy Bull S., GP, or GIII Withers S.,
 AQU, both Feb. 3

Equine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 12

Enticed asserted himself as a top-tier threat with a no-nonsense win in the Nov. 25 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. that imparted a sense he might still have a few more gears that are not yet fully developed. Against a well-matched field of 13 rivals while making his first start around two turns (and under the lights), Enticed broke running, was unafraid to mix it up when in tight between foes on the clubhouse turn, then achieved a prominent first-flight placement on the backstretch run while snugly held. He responded with a six-wide rally off the turn when urged for run 2 1/2 furlongs out, then leveled off with good intensity after getting challenged one furlong from the finish. Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin has a Feb. 3 target picked out for Enticed's 3-year-old debut, although whether that start is in the GII Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream or the GIII Withers S. at Aqueduct remains to be seen.



Enticed | Sarah K. Andrew

6) PRINCIPE GUILHERME (c, Tapit--Aubby K, by Street Sense)
'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Three Chimneys Farm (KY). T-Steve
 Asmussen. Sales History: \$600,000 wlg FTKNOV '15. Lifetime
 Record: 2-2-0-0, \$61,800.
 Last Start: 1st, Allowance Optional Claiming, FG, Dec. 16
 Next Start: Entered in GIII LeComte S., FG, Jan. 13

Equine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 0

Will the devastating ease with which Principe Guilherme won his first two career tries (by a combined 18 lengths) be eclipsed by what he might do once he finally faces a stern challenge? He is the only member of the season-opening Top 12 to debut on this list without stakes experience, but this **'TDN Rising Star'** will get his shot when he starts favored in Saturday's GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds. In his seven-furlong maiden debut at Churchill, this Tapit colt was somehow let go at 7-1 in the betting, yet displayed sharp natural speed, seemed to relish getting hooked (and then swatting away) early challengers, and responded zealously to vigorous stretch rousing (even while remaining on his left lead in the run to the wire). Principe Guilherme's second career start was a near-effortless dismantling of a two-turn Fair Grounds allowance field at 2-5 odds in which he was hand-ridden home by 11 3/4 lengths. His stakes debut got a touch more interesting when the Lecomte was drawn, as Principe Guilherme landed in post 12 and will have to be tactically nimble considering there is no shortage of speed drawn to his inside.

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7) FIRENZE FIRE (c, Poseidon's Warrior--My Every Wish, by Langfuhr)

O-Mr. Amore Stables. B-Mr. Amore Stables (FL). T-Jason Servis.

Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-3-0-0, \$449,100.

Last Start: 7th, **GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, SA, Nov. 4.

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI Champagne S.**, BEL, Oct. 7; 1st, **GIII Sanford S.**, SAR, July 22.

Next Start: Jerome S., AQU, Jan. 13

EquineLine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 10

Another Webb Carroll Training Center Graduate

Firenze Fire spiked a fever but was not deemed ill enough to scratch from the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and if you are willing to accept that explanation for his lackluster seventh-place finish, he certainly belongs with the division's heavy hitters based on his Saratoga and Belmont stakes form. His Champagne win was particularly powerful, both in terms of how he won and what the horses behind him did in subsequent starts. Firenze Fire broke alertly, rated willingly, and accelerated smoothly a half mile out, then looped 11 rivals to finish with good energy into a solid pace. Champagne runner-up Good Magic upset the Juvenile four weeks later, and third-place finisher Enticed improved enough to win the Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 25. Firenze Fire's connections are plotting a New York route to Louisville on the first Saturday in May; their colt had been installed as the even-money favorite for the canceled Jan. 1 Jerome S. that will be rescheduled for this Saturday, and he is expected to be similarly favored in the redrawn version of the race.

8) MASK (c, Tapit--Hidden Expression, by Yonaguska)

'**TDN Rising Star**' O-Lane's End Racing. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Chad Brown. Sales History: \$685,000 yrl KEESep '16. Lifetime Record: SW, 2-2-0-0, \$105,760.

Last Start: 1st, **Mucho Macho Man S.**, GP, Jan. 6

Next Start: Uncommitted

EquineLine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 0

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The sight of completely composed 7-5 favorite Mask gliding off the turn under a hand ride while the jockeys aboard the second-and third-favorites in Saturday's Mucho Macho Man S. were flailing and driving several widening lengths behind him was enough in and of itself to get this lightly raced (two-for-two) potential powerhouse onto the Top 12 list ahead of other candidates who have deeper seasoning. Beyond what Mask showed on the track, his steady, focused state is what trainer Chad Brown and jockey Javier Castellano were raving about after the 6 1/4-length tally. "The horse has always trained like he was something special," Brown said post-race. "Very professional. Second start, he handled himself perfect in the paddock." Added Castellano, "The most important thing is he's got such a good mind and is mature with everything he does." Exiting this one-turn mile win, Brown said the next challenge for this '**TDN Rising Star**' will be a two-turn affair that has yet to be decided.



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9) TIZ MISCHIEF (c, Into Mischief--Indivia, by Tiznow)

O-Frank L. Jones, Jr. B-T/C Stable (KY). T-Dale Romans. Sales History: \$55,000 yrl KEESEP '16. Lifetime Record: GSP, 4-1-2-0, \$88,000.

Last Start: 2nd, **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 25.

Next Start: Aiming for **GII Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 3

EquineLine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 4

Tiz Mischief won a trip-troubled maiden-breaker going 1 1/16 miles at Keeneland last autumn, but his second-place try when getting pipped at the wire by a head bob in the Kentucky Jockey Club S. is the race that truly put an exclamation point on his 2-year-old campaign. Breaking from post 12, he commendably wove his way through traffic (avoiding the aftershocks of a spill on the clubhouse turn) before engaging and picking off most of the field on the backstretch run, then he decisively knifed between rivals three-eighths out. He cut the corner off the turn like a pro, had to shift off the heels of a tiring rival nearing the furlong marker, then split foes late to barrel home on just about even terms with number five-ranked Enticed (and galloping out past that winner after the wire).

10) AVERY ISLAND (c, Street Sense--Kinda Spicy, by A.P. Indy)

O-Godolphin Racing. B-Godolphin (KY). T-Kiaran McLaughlin. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-1-0, \$215,332.

Last Start: 2nd, **GII Remsen S.**, AQU, Dec. 2.

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GII Nashua S.**, AQU, Nov. 5.

Next Start: Aiming for **GII Holy Bull S.**, GP, or **GIII Withers S.**, AQU, both Feb. 3

EquineLine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 4

Big, long-striding Avery Island completes a two-colt tandem of Godolphin-owned and -bred candidates within the initial Top 12 rankings. Both this prospect and number five-ranked Enticed are currently based at Palm Meadows with trainer Kiaran McLaughlin, and the idea is to race one in New York and the other in Florida for two Derby points races on Feb. 3. Avery Island put together breakthrough efforts when winning a pair of one-turn route races by 10 combined lengths at Belmont (MSW) and Aqueduct (GII Nashua S.) last autumn, then capped off his juvenile season with a solid second behind top-ranked Catholic Boy when favored in the nine-furlong Remsen S. He was a composed stalker while on hold inside amid mild traffic in the early stages, then seemed to run only in spots (while taking dirt to the face). He lacked an explosive late kick to polish off the performance, but this colt stayed on well enough to believe he belongs with the division's top dozen at this early juncture of the rankings.

11) SOLOMINI (c, Curlin--Surf Song, by Storm Cat)

O-Zayat Stables. B-Glenna R. Salyer DVM (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

Sales History: \$270,000 yrl KEESEP '16. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 4-1-2-1, \$472,000.

Last Start: 3rd, **GI Los Alamitos Futurity**, LRC, Dec. 9

Accomplishments Include: 2nd, **GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, SA, Nov. 4; 2nd **GI FrontRunner S.**, SA, Sept. 30.

Next Start: Uncommitted

EquineLine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 14



Solomini rates a spot within the initial Top 12 rankings, but it's unclear at this nascent stage of the season whether or not he's solidly entrenched at this level. His company lines seem stronger than his actual on-track efforts, which to date include: 1) A lugging-in maiden sprint win; 2) Back-to-back, open-length seconds in the wakes of Good Magic and Bolt d'Oro, the two top juvenile Eclipse Award finalists, and 3) Finishing three-quarters of a length ahead of fellow Baffert trainee McKinzie in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity, only to have his number taken down via debatable disqualification. In that Los Al stakes, Solomini broke running, seemed to lose touch a bit down the backstretch, re-engaged on the far turn while four wide off the bend, then gained better focus the longer and deeper he got into the drive. McKinzie's rebound win on Saturday in the Sham S. certainly flattered Solomini's form. But Solomini--a grinder type of racehorse--is going to have to authoritatively take the next step to advance his own placement in the Triple Crown pecking order.

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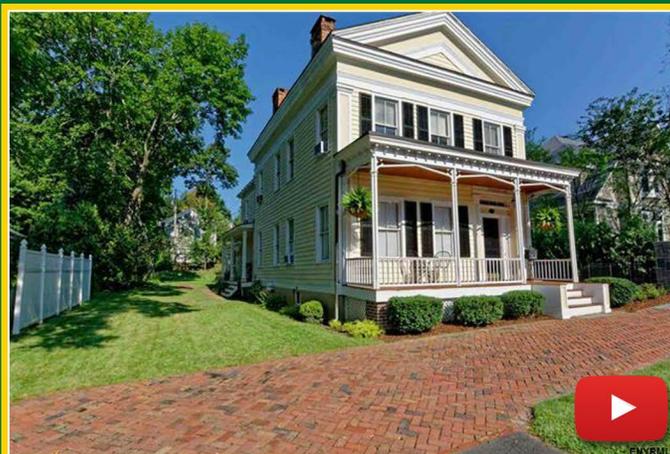


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'**TDN Rising Star**' O-Albaugh Family Stables. B-George Krikorian (KY). T-Dale Romans. Sales History: \$550,000 yrl KESEF '16.

Lifetime Record: MGSP, 4-1-2-0, \$116,520.

Last Start: 6th, **GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, SA, Nov. 4

Accomplishments Include: 2nd, **GII Saratoga Special S.**, SAR, Aug. 13; 2nd, **GIII Iroquois S.**, CD, Sept. 16.

Next Start: Uncommitted

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With the Derby still four months away, is there a huge talent gulf between the number 12-ranked horse and the hordes of others who could be considered legitimate "On the Bubble" candidates? Not really. But in compiling this list, it can be a bit of a treasure hunt trying to come up with an under-the-radar colt who isn't getting much hype. Hollywood Star's sixth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile came after jockey Joel Rosario dropped him straight down onto the rail from post 12, and he was so far out of touch that the ground he gained in beating half the field is more impressive than the running line seems. And in the Sep. 16 GIII Iroquois S., this '**TDN Rising Star**' wove through the pack to settle into stalk mode, split foes entering the far turn, then chipped away at the lone leader's margin before finishing second and galloping out well past the winner. On Saturday, Hollywood Star had his first breeze at Gulfstream after spending some time unwinding on the farm in Lexington.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order):

Arrival (Tapit): Much better-than-looks wide bid in CD stakes.

Ax Man (Misremembered): Baffert monster MSW winner.

High North (Midnight Lute): Brushed loose foe, rallied in CD stakes.

Marconi (Tapit): '**TDN Rising Star**' aired in 9f AQU MSW.

Montauk (Medaglia d'Oro): '**TDN Rising Star**' won debut by 11 1/4 lengths.

Noble Indy (Take Charge Indy): Big-debut winner in GP allowance on Thursday.

Sporting Chance (Tiznow): GI Hopeful S.-winning '**TDN Rising Star**' targets OP stakes.

Tap Rap Strike (Tapit): Bad stumble, then prolonged Remsen bid.

Tricks to Doo (Into Mischief): Coasted by 7 1/4 lengths in Tampa stakes.

Vision (Orb): Baffert to stretch out this Los Al sprint winner.

Vouch (Yes It's True): Keen stalker was third in Remsen.

Zulfikhar (Bodemeister): July '**TDN Rising Star**' nears stakes debut. ([Click here to return to p1](#))

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Quality Road <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality</i>	16	28	11	19	3	5	207	115	\$1,747,200 <i>Abel Tasman</i>	\$11,071,284
											<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$70,000</i>
2	Lookin At Lucky <i>(2007) by Smart Strike</i>	7	21	3	10	--	5	166	81	\$753,000 <i>Lookin At Lee</i>	\$6,654,670
											<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$17,500</i>
3	Munnings <i>(2006) by Speightstown</i>	11	20	2	7	1	1	149	84	\$343,900 <i>El Deal</i>	\$4,529,449
											<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$25,000</i>
4	Blame <i>(2006) by Arch</i>	9	17	3	6	1	1	176	98	\$733,765 <i>Senga</i>	\$6,244,788
											<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>
5	Kantharos <i>(2008) by Lion Heart</i>	7	16	2	5	--	--	136	75	\$326,875 <i>Bucchero</i>	\$4,084,453
											<i>Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>
6	Midshipman <i>(2006) by Unbridled's Song</i>	3	15	--	3	--	1	143	74	\$143,740 <i>Dirt in Your Face</i>	\$3,486,271
											<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: \$8,500</i>
7	Warrior's Reward <i>(2006) by Medaglia d'Oro</i>	4	11	--	--	--	--	194	111	\$184,483 <i>Warrior's Club</i>	\$4,271,428
											<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>
8	Super Saver <i>(2007) by Maria's Mon</i>	4	11	1	5	--	--	184	88	\$523,300 <i>Inside Straight</i>	\$4,138,525
											<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$35,000</i>
9	Tale of Ekati <i>(2005) by Tale of the Cat</i>	3	11	1	4	1	1	134	63	\$1,561,792 <i>Girvin</i>	\$3,786,563
											<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>
10	Majesticperfection <i>(2006) by Harlan's Holiday</i>	4	11	--	2	--	--	126	68	\$266,389 <i>Pretty Perfection</i>	\$3,231,932
											<i>Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000</i>
11	Temple City <i>(2005) by Dynaformer</i>	3	8	3	5	--	1	140	66	\$227,053 <i>Miss Temple City</i>	\$2,935,182
											<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>
12	Concord Point <i>(2007) by Tapit</i>	3	7	1	2	1	1	59	32	\$387,000 <i>American Gal</i>	\$1,705,237
											<i>Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY Fee: Private</i>
13	Discreetly Mine <i>(2007) by Mineshaft</i>	3	5	2	3	--	1	166	82	\$445,247 <i>Senior Investment</i>	\$3,205,683
											<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>
14	Street Magician <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire)</i>	2	5	--	--	--	--	57	34	\$251,861 <i>My Magician</i>	\$1,655,634
											<i>Stands: Heritage Stallions MD Fee: \$3,000</i>
15	Hold Me Back <i>(2006) by Giant's Causeway</i>	2	4	--	1	--	--	149	77	\$297,894 <i>Black Tide</i>	\$2,812,498
											<i>Stands: Irish Hill Century Farm NY Fee: \$5,000</i>

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6	Believe in Royalty	Tapit	Mack, William, Baker, Robert C. & Jones, Brereton	Jones	Albarado	118
7	Night Strike	Liaison	Erich G. Brehm	Calhoun	Borel	122
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10	Instilled Regard	Arch	OXO Equine LLC	Hollendorfer	Castellano	116
11	Ciaran	Malibu Moon	Donegal Racing	Morley	Garcia	116
12	Principe Guilherme	Tapit	Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Geroux	120
13	Prince Lucky	Corinthian	Daniel McConnell	Jones	Leparoux	122
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15	Trigger Warning	Candy Ride (Arg)	Brinley Enterprises LLC	Lejzerowicz	Doyle	116
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Monday's Results:

DAVE'S FRIEND S., \$100,000, LRL, 1-8, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.93, ft.

1--**FAVORITE TALE, 118, g, 7, Tale of the Cat--Tricky Elaine (GSP), by Grindstone.** O-PJG Stable; B-Paul Conaway (PA); T-Guadalupe Preciado; J-Frankie Pennington. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW & MGISP, 23-9-5-4, \$1,020,300.

2--**Struth, 118, g, 6, Curlin--Star Number, by Polish Numbers.** O-Mark Sitlinger; B-Fitzhugh, LLC (MD); T-Kieron Magee. \$20,000.

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3--**Great Stuff, 118, h, 6, Quality Road--Sumptuous, by Hennessy.** (\$185,000 Ylg '13 KESEEP; \$145,000 3yo '15 KEENOV). O-Bruce Golden Racing; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-David Jacobson. \$10,000.

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Also Ran: Schivarelli, Fellowship, El Areeb, Irish Colonel, Afleet Willy, Ready for Rye, Never Gone South. Scratched: Awesome Banner, Recruiting Ready.

Favorite Tale enjoyed a splendid 2015 season, capturing the GII Smile Sprint S. and placing third in both the GI Alfred Vanderbilt H. and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. After capturing Penn National's Fabulous Strike S. to wrap up the season, he raced sporadically over the next two years, racing just four times.



Favorite Tale | MJC photo

Last seen finishing a narrowly beaten second behind Chief Lion in the 2017 Fabulous Strike, the gelding was a bit overlooked in this spot as the sixth choice in wagering. Away to an alert beginning, he showed the way in the clear through a quarter-mile in :22.40 and took a bit more pressure from Struth through a half in :44.73. Favorite Tale showed his class in the stretch, shaking away from that rival after a prolonged battle and reporting home a comfortable winner.

"I'm very proud of him," said winning owner/breeder Paul Conway. "It's been a long way back. He finally got it done. I'm very proud of the trainer and Frankie rode a great race, and we're finally glad to get it done. We bred the horse, we own the mare, so we've had him since he was born. He's very special to us. He's family... We'll see how he comes out of this race. We always point to the Breeders' Cup. It's a long way off from now but we'll take it one race at a time. We're just excited to get this win under our belt. We've been looking for it for a while, and I'm happy for him."

Tricky Elaine has a pair of unnamed full-sisters to Favorite Tale born in 2015 and 2016. She was bred back to Will Take Charge last spring.

The Dave's Friend was one of two stakes on Laurel's Monday card that were originally scheduled for Dec. 30 and ultimately postponed after track conditions necessitated a cancellation of the card. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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CANADA

Woodbine Handle Rises in 2017:

Wagering on Woodbine's 2017 live Thoroughbred racing season rose over the 2016 meet, Woodbine Entertainment announced Monday. The 132-date Thoroughbred season, which had one cancellation, produces all-sources handle of \$500,713,839, a 7.3% increase over the \$469,452,009 figure tallied from 133 dates in 2016.

"We continue to see fine wagering growth in both our Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing programs," said Jim Lawson, CEO, Woodbine Entertainment. "Racing fans of both breeds from across North America are enjoying our entertaining, competitive fields which feature some of the best horses, jockeys, drivers and horsepeople in the world. Our commitment to high quality horse racing remains at the strategic core of our operation."

Opening day for the 2018 Thoroughbred racing season, with 133 dates, is scheduled for Apr. 21.

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BREEDERS' EDITION

STAKES RESULTS:

THIRTY EIGHT GO GO S., \$100,000, LRL, 1-8, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.13, ft.

1--**BISHOP'S POND**, 118, m, 6, **Curlin**--More for Me (SW), by **More Than Ready**. (\$100,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '14 FTFMAR).

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC & The Elkstone Group LLC; B-Richard S. Kaster (KY); T-Jason Servis; J-Rosario Montanez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 24-5-3-2, \$316,527.

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2--**Sky Flower**, 118, f, 4, Flower Alley--Sapphire Sky, by Sky Mesa. O-Ronald Clark; B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY); T-Gerald E. Brooks. \$20,000.

3--**Miss Inclusive**, 118, m, 5, Include--Miss Pickums, by Afternoon Deelites. (\$50,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-Main Line Racing Stable & Joshtylane Farm; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-John C. Servis. \$10,000. Margins: 5HF, 3/4, 3HF. Odds: 3.50, 15.90, 20.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-GG, \$34,242, 1-7, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:08.62, ft.

QUICK AND SILVER (g, 7, Dunkirk--Royal Confection {SP}, by Candi's Gold) Lifetime Record: SW, 39-14-2-3, \$302,220.

O-William J. Delia, Ray Pagano, John Wall, Sr. & Patty Wall; B-Elizabeth P. & David J. Whelan, Teresa & Steve Murphy (FL); T-William Delia. \$25,000 Ylg '12 KEEJAN; \$67,000 Ylg '12 FTKJUL; \$165,000 2yo '13 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Karama (Macho Uno), SW & GSP, \$201,471.

3rd-MVR, \$31,300, (S), 1-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.77, ft.

SPEEDY MOBILE (g, 4, Mobil--Fighting Speedy {MSP, \$281,710}, by Senor Speedy) Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-2, \$68,430.

O-Holly Delaney; B-Greg A. Tabler (OH); T-Kenneth W. Marshall.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sigur Ros, g, 4, **Gemologist**--Awesome Chic (GSW, \$216,028), by Awesome Again. GG, 1-7, 6f (AWT), 1:08.84. B-Pronto Pronto Breeders (KY). *\$1,000 Ylg '15 FTKFEB; \$20,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$180,000 2yo '16 EASMA. **1/2 to Awesome Slate (Summer Bird), GSW, \$134,823.

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Andrew Balding at Kingsclere | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

Readers of a certain age may recall the 1970s cinematic tribute to Mill Reef named 'Something To Brighten The Morning'. It's more than 45 years since Paul Mellon's outstanding colt lit up the ancient gallops at Kingsclere, following in illustrious hoofprints of a host of top-class winners to have graced the Hampshire turf. Little has changed up on Watership Down, but from its vantage point overlooking Park House Stables, the view of the yard looks significantly different to how it appeared during the tenure of its founder, John Porter, during the second half of the 19th Century.

A series of aerial photographs on display at Park House demonstrate its sprawl, from Porter's original hand-drawn plans for the red-brick yards named in honour of Triple Crown winners Ormonde (GB) and his grandson Flying Fox (GB). The Mill Reef yard was added during Ian Balding's 39 years at the helm, while a series of more modern American barns have increased the capacity since Andrew Balding, born in the year of Mill Reef's retirement, took on the licence from his father 15 years ago. The most recent addition to the stabling facilities is currently under construction, as is a new circular Polytrack gallop to augment the revered turf and the existing all-weather facilities.

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GOLD COAST STAGES YEARLING SEASON OPENER

By Kelsey Riley

GOLD COAST, Australia--Five days of selling for Books 1 and 2 of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale get underway on Wednesday at the sales company's headquarters on Australia's Gold Coast, and vendors were in optimistic mood on what was for many the third day of inspections on Monday. The nearby Gold Coast beaches make for an idyllic setting to kick off the Australian yearling sale season in the height of the Australian summer, and buyers from across the globe continued to comb through the 1,062 yearlings on offer under sunny skies and temperatures hovering around 30 degrees celsius.

"Inspections have been phenomenal since the horses started parading," said Magic Millions's Barry Bowditch, who will take over as Managing Director after the Gold Coast sale, with Vin Cox departing to head up Godolphin Australia. "It's been a good buzz around, the buyers are telling us they're liking what they see. **Cont. p8**



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Mornings Still Bright At Kingsclere Cont. from p1

On the morning of *TDN's* visit, Storm Eleanor has much of England in her fiercely wayward clutches but such an unsettled start to the new year has done little to dent Balding's optimism on the back of his best-ever season and significant support from a major new investor in British racing, meaning that he has a formidable team heading into 2018.

"Every penny the business has made since I've started training has been reinvested in trying to improve the facilities and the capacity. I wouldn't want to get any bigger now we have room for 180 horses but I would like to continue to try to make this one of the best training establishments in the country," he says. "With the just-turned 2-year-olds we have a really exciting bunch of horses. We're about 10 horses up on last year in terms of numbers but my feeling is that, from a quality perspective, it's the strongest team we've had."

That team has been enhanced by 20 juveniles from King Power Racing, in addition to 14 older horses already in the stable for the owners. The star of the latter group is the consistent **Beat The Bank (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}), who added the G2 Shadwell Joel S. and G2 Bonham's Thoroughbred S. to a Newmarket listed victory to finish the season with five wins to his name (one for his previous trainer Darren Bunyan) from seven starts.

Beat The Bank's Exceed And Excel (Aus) half-sister subsequently became the most expensive filly, at 500,000gns, sold during Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale and, as yet unnamed, she has joined her elder brother at the Balding yard. One young filly who is named, and who brought the hammer down at 2.5 million gns, is the Frankel (GB) half-sister to Oaks winner Talent (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), who has plenty to live up to having been handed the moniker **King Power (GB)**.

The two fillies were part of a major spending spree in 2017 by Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, which began, publicly at least, during the Goffs London Sale, at which he was the leading buyer with more than £2 million spent, and kept agent Alastair Donald busy throughout the yearling sales. Balding is not the only beneficiary of the largesse of Srivaddhanaprabha, whose King Power International Group owns Leicester City Football Club, of which he is chairman. Balding's friends and fellow trainers Ralph Beckett and Richard Hannon have also received a number of 2-year-olds.

He explains, "King Power Racing were just dipping their toe in the water last year. We had a bit of success for them and they thoroughly enjoyed it. They are real enthusiasts and this is an exciting venture."

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Mornings Still Bright At Kingsclere Cont.

"Jon Rudkin, who is the director of football at Leicester and is a good friend of the owners, was given the job of trying to find a suitable trainer to have some horses with and happily we had some associations that made Kingsclere the obvious choice. The statement of intent at the yearling sales last year was very exciting. They haven't all come here. I felt it was important--as they did--to spread the risk a bit, so Richard has 10 yearlings, as has Ralph. Al Donald is a very good judge and, judging by what I'm seeing on the gallops, they're a really nice bunch."

Balding continues, "King Power Racing are ambitious but at the same time they have a genuine affection for horses and for the sport, which is great. You want owners who are enthusiastic and interested and I'm very lucky to have a large number of those. There are people who have been at Kingsclere for many years, like Jeff Smith and George Strawbridge, and the Mariscottis, the Hays and Barbara Keller."

As Balding illustrates, the list of owners at Park House Stables is very much a blend of some of the more established names of the turf, along with major, newer international investors. Atop them all, of course, is Her Majesty The Queen, who has assigned 3-year-old **Natural History (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) and 2-year-old **Compass (GB)** (Henrythenavigator) to Balding.



Beat The Bank with owner Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha
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"The Queen visits in the spring and has been doing that without fail ever since she had horses here, which goes back to my grandfather's day soon after her Coronation, so she's certainly our longest-standing owner and it's a huge privilege to train for her," says the trainer, who confesses that he never had any desire but to follow in the family business, however daunting an example his forebears may have etched in the history books. **Cont. p4**

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His great grandfather Aubrey Hastings trained three Grand National winners and even rode the first of them, Ascetic's Silver, to victory at Aintree in 1906. Grandfathers Peter Hastings-Bass and Gerald Balding were also successful trainers, as of course was his father Ian, and uncles Toby Balding and Lord Huntingdon, who trained for the Queen at West Ilsley between 1988 and 1998.

"From the age of about seven or eight this was all I wanted to do," says Balding, who has two sons, Jonno and Toby, and a daughter Flora with his accomplished wife Anna Lisa, who is a vital cog in the well-oiled Kingsclere machine and often deputises for her husband at the races.

He continues, "It's quite interesting watching my kids as they are already keen on it. It's a huge advantage to have an interest in racing from a young age as you just absorb the knowledge and it's a difficult thing to go and learn when you are 25."

As well as the natural osmosis from early years spent observing life in his father's stable, which is situated next door to Kingsclere Stud, run by his mother Emma, Balding served the now-obligatory apprenticeship with a variety of trainers, flat and jumps, at home and abroad. This included time with Nigel Twiston Davies, Toby Balding and Lynda Ramsden, as well as stints in California and Australia.

"I had two years with Lynda and Jack Ramsden in Yorkshire and that was a fantastic help to me--they were the best two years I could have spent. It was a totally different set-up and the Ramsdens had a very fresh approach, both to training and placing horses," he recalls.



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Returning to Kingsclere to assist his father on Ramsden's retirement, Balding was handed the baton four years later, in January 2003, and just five months after that was already a Classic-winning trainer when Will Farish's Casual Look (Red Ransom) won the Oaks at Epsom.

"When I started training, happily I was young enough that I didn't even think about what had gone before," Balding says. "I was probably blinded by ambition and thinking that everything was going to work out fine, and Casual Look was a big help. We may have taken it to another level in regard to the number of horses trained here, but dad trained 40 Group 1 winners and we're still some way behind that."

However, he has become noted for his international success, winning major races in Australia, Canada, Dubai, Hong Kong and Turkey with such campaigners as **Side Glance (GB)** (Passing Glance {GB}) and **Phoenix Reach (Ire)** (Alhaarth {Ire}). While the former was bred at Kingsclere from a homebred stallion, the latter provided another important homebred winner for Kingsclere Stud and the syndicate of owners involved in Kingsclere Racing Club in G1 Racing Post Trophy winner **Elm Park (GB)**. Both Side Glance and Elm Park passed from the club's ownership to that of Sheikh Fahad following private sales and forged another important link with a big international owner. Sheikh Fahad's Qatar Racing now has 10 horses in training at Park House Stables, either solely or in partnership. **Cont. p5**

Mornings Still Bright At Kingsclere Cont.

Balding, who is currently preparing David Taylor's admirable homebred **Elbereth (GB)** (Mount Nelson {GB}) for a trip to Qatar in February ahead of her retirement to the paddocks, says, "The opportunities abroad in terms of the prize-money available are fantastic. I'm lucky I have a very good travelling team and we've had a lot of success travelling horses, which gives us the confidence to keep doing it. We've been fortunate enough to win Group 1 races in Dubai, Australia, Canada and Hong Kong. It's been very satisfying and having an international profile has been a help to my career as well."

The stable's two major victories in 2017 came via Jim and Fitri Hay's **Here Comes When (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) in a soggy G1 Qatar Sussex S., and Barbara Keller's globetrotting mare **Blond Me (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}) in the GI EP Taylor S. at Woodbine. Blond Me has been retired and is set for a date with Dubawi (Ire) but Here Comes When, now eight, remains at the head of a solid team of older horses and could be aimed at Sydney's The Championships in April, along with King Power Racing's **Donjuan Triumphant (Ire)** (Dream Ahead), known in the yard by his nickname Donald Trump. There's little doubt, however, that it's another King Power colourbearer who is exciting the trainer the most.

"I think Beat The Bank is a very good horse," says Balding of the 4-year-old. "He had a lot of racing last year and when he came to Ascot [for the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S.] he wasn't drawn right and was a bit keen--classic signs of being over the top and I think you can put a line through that run. But his three previous starts were impressive and to be a five-length winner in a Group 2 he must be a seriously good horse. I'm looking forward to him this year."

Despite having, on paper, a mouth-watering array of 2-year-olds, Balding is particularly proud of the older horses in his stable, which includes the 7-year-old G2 Lonsdale Cup winner **Montaly (GB)** (Yeats {Ire}) and Elm Park's 5-year-old half-brother **Brorocco (GB)** (Shirocco {Ire}).

He says, "It's not a coincidence that our Group 1 races last year were won by a 7-year-old and a 5-year-old. Horses tend to improve with age and the more we can hang on to them the better, though they have to be of a calibre worth persevering with. Our 4-year-olds this year are very strong."

While Balding may be able to enjoy the freedom of conducting his business on a private estate rather than a major training centre, his stable is far from an isolated concern when it comes to the residents of Kingsclere, which has been a racing village since 1867.

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"This is very much the heart of the village. Kingsclere has expanded enormously in my lifetime and it now has quite a large population for a village but it is amazing--you go down the pub or to the butcher's or the hairdresser's and everyone knows if we've had a winner," says Balding, the village's major employer.

"Staffing is one of the big issues in racing at the moment--the difficulty in finding good quality staff--and that's happily one of the things that has helped with our success over the years, being able to get quality staff because this is a nice place to live and to work. Being able to accommodate staff is a huge advantage as well, and that's something I'm very grateful for."



Here Comes When winning the Sussex S. | *Racing Post*

While the relaxed and informal Balding is known to his staff either as "Boss" or simply "Andrew", the longer-serving members of the team reserve the title "Guv'nor" for Ian Balding, who turns 80 this year and still patrols the gallops on his hack. "He still very much loves to be involved and gets a lot of enjoyment out of watching the runners and being a part of the place," says the trainer of his father.

"Dad had the foresight to buy the place when he did and during his training career he continued to invest in it. Yes, it's a huge commitment but it's a very satisfying one. That will be my aim, to try to elevate the property to be one of the best in

the country."

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Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha (head of King Power Duty Free and owner of Leicester City Football Club) pictured with former manager, Claudio Ranieri. Srivaddhanaprabha's King Power Racing has horses in training with Andrew Balding. | *Getty*

Mornings Still Bright At Kingsclere Cont.

For the foreseeable future, the matchless sight of racehorses in full flight across the Downs will continue to brighten a Kingsclere morning.

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ROBERTSON TO CHAIR RACING AUTHORITY

Sir Hugh Robertson has been appointed as independent Chair of the Racing Authority, the BHA announced on Monday. The Racing Authority will replace the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) as the distribution body for channelling Levy income for the improvement of horse-racing in April 2019, at which point Robertson's three-year term as Chair will commence. In the meantime he will start his induction in January when he becomes Chair of the Shadow Racing Authority.

Following 10 years in the Army, Sir Hugh Robertson worked with Schroders before becoming the MP for Faversham and Mid Kent in 2001. In 2010 he took up the post as Minister of Sport and the Olympics, followed by a position as Minister in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office responsible for Middle East, North Africa and counter-terrorism. Since exiting politics in 2015, Robertson has worked for Falcon Associates and currently chairs the British Olympic Association.

The key roles of the Racing Authority will be to make expenditure decisions on behalf of British racing, ensure fair and transparent distribution of funds and consult with the betting industry and wider stakeholders.



Steve Harman | BHA

Following his appointment Sir Hugh said, "I am delighted to be taking on this new role in British racing. I hope that my independence, experience of the wider world of sport and knowledge of sports finance will help racing make the most of this exciting new opportunity."

Echoing this was BHA chairman Steve Harman who added, "Sir Hugh has worked tirelessly for British Olympic sport for more than 10 years, and was both an advocate and supporter in the Levy reform process. He is keen to grow the Racing Authority's income and to drive the health and growth of the sport. He also brings a healthy independence to the Racing Authority, and significant governance experience."

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-WOL, £19,000, Cond, 1-8, 4yo/up, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:01.01, st.

VICTORY BOND (GB) (g, 5, Medicean {GB}--Antebellum {Fr}, by Anabaa) Lifetime Record: MSP-Eng, 12-3-2-1, \$76,297. O/B-Bloomsbury Stud (GB); T-William Haggas. *90,000gns RNA 4yo '17 TATAHI.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Maximinus Thrax (Fr), c, 4, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Ziride (Fr) (SP-Fr, \$135,271), by Valanour (Ire). WOL, 1-8, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:28.77. B-Jean-Francois Gribomont (FR). *€37,000 Ylg '15 ARAU2; €70,000 2yo '16 ARQMAY.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-MRV, €17,000, Cond, 1-8, 4yo, 10f (AWT), 2:09.47, st.

ZANGOKARI (FR) (c, 4, Alexandros {GB}--Tequila Heat {Ire}, by Clodovil {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-3, €73,710. O-Joseph Troggi; B-Haras du Logis, Sandra Karnikian & Julian Ince (FR); T-Patrick Khozian. *€20,000 Wlg '14 ARQDEC; €17,000 RNA Ylg '15 AROCT.

8th-MRV, €17,000, Cond, 1-8, 4yo, 13f (AWT), 2:47.89, st.

REINDETROIE (FR) (f, 4, Dunkerque {Fr}--Miss Clem's {Fr}, by Baratheia {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, €41,780. O-Robert Malherbe, Mme Jacques Rossi, Charley Rossi & Miguel Blancpain; B-Ecurie du Sud, Cedric Rossi & Charley Rossi (FR); T-Cedric Rossi.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jessy Love (Fr), f, 3, **Rajsaman (Fr)**--Miss Nevees (Fr), by Kaldounevees (Fr). MRV, 1-8, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:32.06. B-Guy Zamora (FR).

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IN UNITED STATES:

Sweet Charity (Fr), m, 5, **Myboycharlie (Ire)**--Sapfo (Fr), by Peintre Celebre. Santa Anita Park, 1-7, Alw. (NW2X)/Opt. Clm. (\$60,070), 1mT, 1:34.39. B-Hubert Honore (Fr). *€30,000 Ylg '14 AROOCT; €450,000 HRA '16 ARQARC.

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Cascapedia (Ire), f, 4, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Janoubi (GB), by Dansili (GB). Turffontein, 1-7, London News S.-G3, 1800mT, 1:51.20. O-Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Miss J B Slack); B-Camas Park Stud; T-Mike de Kock. *€170,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Gold Coast Stages Yearling Season Opener Cont. from p1

“Vendors are saying the interest is strong and they’re getting good numbers through their drafts. The weather is holding out for us and everyone is in a good frame of mind.”

Bowditch **said last week** on-farm inspections had reached record numbers for the yearlings shipping from the Hunter Valley--just over half the catalogue--and he said that interest has transferred to the sales grounds, with shoppers equally keen on seeing the offerings from other jurisdictions.

“The vendors that got in early that aren’t from the Hunter Valley saw the same level of interest,” he said. “A lot of buyers want to do full drafts and look at every horse in the catalogue so those vendors outside the Hunter Valley had big inspections to start with. Now people are getting into their second looks and getting around them. There’s great depth to the catalogue and I think there’ll be a big spread of buyers.”

The Gold Coast Yearling Sale catalogue is up in numbers this year, and Bowditch was keen to stress that horses at all levels of the market have their place in Book 1, which runs Wednesday through Saturday evening and comprises 853 lots.

“We say whether you have A\$30,000 to spend on a horse or A\$1 million, there will be a horse in Book 1 for you,” he said. “We keep marketing the sale that way and we keep taking nice horses that aren’t going to make a lot of money, because there’s a purpose for those horses. They’re still worthy of being in our sale and can go on to be good racehorses.”

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The Magic Millions raceday, which takes place annually on the Saturday of the sale and which offers A\$10 million in purses for the second time this year, annually produces plenty of resounding success stories, and one such this year could be Sunlight (Aus) (Zoustar {Aus}), who heads to the A\$2-million Magic Millions 2YO Classic as one of the favourites. The filly was one of the members of her sire’s first crop to sell well at this sale last year, bringing A\$300,000 out of the Widden consignment, and she will race on Saturday for an all-women’s syndicate, making her eligible for the A\$500,000 Racing Women’s bonus. One of the members of the ownership group is Katie Thompson, wife of Widden Stud owner Antony Thompson, and the latter said on Monday, “we’re very excited. Zoustar has always been that sort of stallion that we believed would be a big and important stallion for us. To see him doing what he’s doing already, early days, we’re very excited.”

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Of the inspections, Thompson added, “With still a day to go we’ve had terrific inspections. The regular buyers and supporters are all here and some interesting new faces as well.”

First-season sires are the subject of plenty of scrutiny and interest at sales across the world, and perhaps nowhere moreso than at Magic Millions, where yearlings from the first crops of horses like Sepoy (Aus) and Pierro (Aus) have commanded seven figures in recent years. One of last year’s first-crop darlings was Arrowfield’s six-time Group 1 winner Dundee (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}), and while he has had just one starter at this early juncture, Arrowfield’s John Messara was bullish about the stallion’s prospects.

“A few trainers that have three to five of them are very keen on them,” he said. “I think those that have them are going to come and buy more because they’re showing a lot of early raceability. They want to go, and they do things right. A couple of them have won trials already, but you wouldn’t expect them to be sighted until the end of their 2-year-old, early 3-year-old seasons, but he’s certainly showing all the positive signs and I’m very keen on him.”

Arrowfield this year debuts its shuttler Olympic Glory (Ire), the son of another successful dual-hemisphere sire, Choisir (Aus). Arrowfield will offer 11 of the 19 Olympic Glories set for sale, including **lot 24**, a filly out of a full-sister to Grade I winner Marsh Side (Gone West). Arrowfield will also offer a strong team by its leading triumvirate of Redoute’s Choice (Aus) and his sons Snitzel (Aus) and Not A Single Doubt (Aus).

“A well-known judge said he felt our colts was as good a run of colts as any other farm had, and they’re mainly by proven stallions—Not A Single Doubt, Snitzel, Redoute’s Choice,” Messara said. “We have the produce of a relatively new sire in Dundee, who only has 2-year-olds, and we have the produce of

Olympic Glory, which we’re very pleased with. It’s a mixed bag of horses from different origins, and with a couple very nice Lord Kanaloas, too ([click here for more](#)). Overall we’re very happy with the 58 horses we have here.”

Messara said inspections have been “pretty steady,” but said he expected them to pick up with a number of private Hong Kong buyers expected to arrive only on Monday.

“Due to racing commitments elsewhere we haven’t seen all our Chinese clients yet, they’re arriving in today, so that should be a bit more of a guide,” he said. “There’s no reason not to be optimistic about this sale because every other sale around the world has been quite buoyant.”

Messara said Australia’s vibrant racing scene and healthy industry structure is driving growth.

“Frankly we’ve got the best racing metrics here in terms of prizemoney to racing costs so we have good fundamentals to our racing industry and I expect that will draw more people to racing and to buying yearlings both from here and from overseas,” he said. “It’s all based on pretty solid foundations. I know in other places it’s more about the emotion of winning, but here you can actually get a result out of racing, so it’s going to get a broader demographic involved.”

The aforementioned record-breaking champion sire Snitzel is understandably a regular feature at the top of the market of this and all major Australian yearlings sales, and John Muir of Milburn Creek offered three progeny of that sire as the highlights of his 12-horse draft, which rarely fails to produce a headline horse. They are **lot 12**, a filly out of La Fluorescent (NZ) (General Nediym {Aus}), **lot 480**, a full-brother to Group 1 winner and first-crop yearling sire Sizzling (Aus) and **lot 767**, a half-brother to world champion sprinter Starspangledbanner (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}) out of Makybe’s excellent producer Gold Anthem (Aus) (Made of Gold {Aus}). [Cont. p10](#)



Inspections at Coolmore | *Magic Millions*

Gold Coast Stages Yearling Season Opener Cont.

“We started parading horses two days ago and we’ve been extremely busy,” Muir said. “People have been, naturally, for their first looks and are coming back for their second and third. We’ll soon find out who are the popular ones and who are not so popular.”

The sale begins at 10 a.m. local time Wednesday through Friday, at 6 p.m. after racing on Saturday and at 11 a.m. on Sunday. ([Click here to return to p1](#))

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HUTCHINS FAMILY IN THEIR ELEMENT

By Kelsey Riley

GOLD COAST, Australia--The Hutchins family--John and Fu-Mei and son Josh--have done things in reverse to the typical Thoroughbred breeder’s timeline: first, achieve success on the racecourse. Second, acquire a top-class foundation broodmare. Third, purchase a farm. It is a formula, however, that is clearly working for the family, as they can boast the distinction of breeding and racing a Horse of the Year and also owning Element Hill, which has become one of Queensland’s leading vendors and offers 17 yearlings at Magic Millions this week.

Josh Hutchins is the general manager of Element Hill, and he explained, “Dad started dabbling in racehorses about 20 years ago. He got [trainer] John O’Shea to buy him a horse from New Zealand. It was an Anabaa filly, and we brought her over to Australia and managed to win a stakes race with her. The enjoyment of winning a stakes race was a catalyst for us going, ‘this is fun, let’s have more investment.’”

It didn’t take long for the Hutchinses, who own the Australian women’s footwear company Famous Footwear, to make a big investment. While the pricetag on the Group 1-winning mare Tracy’s Element may have seemed steep, she has since proven priceless for the family as their foundation mare and the namesake of their farm.

Hutchins explained that the price placed on Tracy’s Element by Vinery Stud was A\$1 million, but his mother insisted something be added to the deal.

“Mum being mum, she said ‘I want a discount,’” he said. “[Vinery manager] Peter [Orton] wanted A\$1 million and mum said ‘no, I want a discount, you have to give me something.’ Peter said no, so it was a bit of a stalemate there for a little bit. Our bloodstock agent Neil Jenkinson brokered the deal, and he said to Peter, ‘I really want to get this deal over the line, but you have to give me something.’ Peter said, ‘how about I give you a service to Red Ransom?’ That resulted in Typhoon Tracy.”

Typhoon Tracy would win six Group 1 races in the Hutchins’ red and yellow silks, including four straight through the 2009/10 season, which saw her crowned Australia’s Horse of the Year. Typhoon Tracy was retired after winning the 2011 G1 Futurity S. but sadly died the following year after producing her first foal, a colt by Street Cry (Ire) named Last Typhoon (Aus) who has won twice.

“Tracy’s Element was the first mare we had great success with,” Hutchins said. “We got four daughters out of Tracy’s Element, which is the backbone of our broodmare band and from there we expanded to where we are now, with 42 mares in Queensland, over 700 acres, and a small 100-acre farm in the Hunter Valley. Our mares get covered in the Hunter Valley and come up [to Queensland] once they’re 45 days positive.”

It was the same year that Typhoon Tracy received her Horse of the Year hardware that the Hutchinses purchased Element Hill and named it in honor of their champion’s dam. The first Group 1 winner to be reared on the farm was the 2015 G1 Queensland

Derby winner Magicool (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

“The farm we bought in Queensland was pretty much an old rundown dairy farm and we started from scratch and built everything the way we wanted,” Hutchins said. “Once it was fully operational in 2011 we shipped all the mares we had in Coolmore and Vinery to Element Hill.”

Hutchins was bit by the unrelenting racing bug early on, and after finishing high school spent 18 months at Coolmore doing both foaling and yearling prep, followed by

a further short stint at Glastonbury Farm. He graduated university with a finance and accounting degree in 2009 and started running Element Hill a year later.



Josh Hutchins | Kelsey Riley

Hutchins Family in Their Element Cont.

"I just decided to take the reins and said, 'let's do this and do it properly if we're going to do it,'" he said. "It was never my intention to but because we had such a large investment in it I felt someone in the family had to oversee it and I fell in love with it straight away. Now I wouldn't change it for anything."

Element Hill will offer 17 yearlings this week, 15 of them homebreds and two pinhooks. Hutchins nominated the likely draft topper as **lot 239**, a powerfully built Fastnet Rock (Aus) colt out of Risk Aversion (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), a mare bred and raced by the Hutchinses to win the Listed Juanmo S.

"He's been very well received, he's one of the nicer Fastnet Rocks around and has a big, international page, so I'm hoping the international market will be all over him as well as the domestic market," Hutchins said.

The consignment also includes a Redoute's Choice (Aus) filly (**lot 51**) and an I Am Invincible (Aus) colt (**lot 399**) out of daughters of Tracy's Element.

"It's a family people have tried to get into and because we have all the daughters of Tracy's Element it's not an easy family to get into, especially up top," Hutchins said. "We try to keep direct descendants as close as possible. They have to prove themselves as broodmares, but we have four young mares out of Tracy's Element that we're keeping, and hopefully we'll cash in on their progeny and hopefully they set the world on fire."

Another Redoute's Choice filly in the consignment is **lot 511**, the first foal out of the multiple group winner Arabian Gold (Aus) (Dubawi {Ire}). **Lot 749** is a colt by the three-time champion sire, from the family of Royal Academy, while **lot 114** is a filly by the on-fire Not A Single Doubt (Aus) bought last year for A\$240,000. **Lot 220** is a colt from the first crop of Horse of the Year Dissident (Aus) and a grandson of the dual Group 1 winner Danendri (Aus) (Danehill).

"I would be surprised if he's not in the top three or four lots selling by Dissident," Hutchins said. "[Newgate Farm's] Henry Field came over and said he's definitely in the top 5% of Dissidents at this sale."

Looking at the big picture, Hutchins said, "We may not have those A\$1 million yearlings, but hopefully we have A\$400,000, A\$500,000, or A\$600,000 yearlings. That would be a good average to have. We've been well received from everyone here. We're really putting the effort into selecting these mares, and it's a long process as a breeder; what you're doing now will affect you in two years' time, so you have to put a lot of thought into it and hopefully it pays off."

While the results this week will tell the story, the Hutchins family appears to have found the Element of success.

'STARDOM' TO STAND AT WOODSIDE STUD

Australian breeders can look forward to the prospect of having a multiple Group 1 winning son of Deep Impact standing in Victoria with the news that **Tosen Stardom (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}--Admire Kiremeki {Jpn}, by End Sweep) will retire to Woodside Park Stud next spring. The 7-year-old will continue to race for trainer Darren Weir and owners Australian Bloodstock and will bid to improve on an already impressive race record which has seen him claim top-level victories in the G1 Toorak H. at Caulfield last October before doubling his Group 1 score in the G1 Emirates S. at Flemington the following month.



Tosen Stardom | Racing And Sports

Explaining the situation with Tosen Stardom, Australian Bloodstock's Jamie Lovett said, "The deal they've done with Woodside--they have taken 50% equity in the horse so my owners will remain in the horse up until he retires."

Speaking to *Racing.com* Lovett said Tosen Stardom had a lot of qualities that should ensure his popularity among breeders, adding "Breeders are starting to think outside the square a bit. They can't all stand a Golden Slipper winner and more often than not they are failures at stud. But a horse like him is proven at weight-for-age from 1400 metres out to 2000 metres so he's got all the ticks. Obviously, he's got the Deep Impact sire line and a very strong dam side and that means he will appeal to breeders. I'm sure he'll get every chance at stud."

Tosen Stardom's dam was a winner in Japan and is a half-sister to the 2011 G1 Tenno Sho winner Tosen Jordan (Jpn) (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}).

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HALL OF FAME AWAITS WALLER AND BAKER

Sydney-based New Zealander Chris Waller is to be inducted into the New Zealand Racing Hall Of Fame. Waller moved to Australia in 2000 and since then has won the last seven Sydney training titles as well as being Australia's leading Group 1 trainer the last few seasons; however he is become internationally known for his handling of the brilliant **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}), who has won the last three runnings of the G1 Cox Plate. Joining Waller in the Hall Of Fame next month will be NZ trainer Murray Baker, who apart from being the pre-eminent trainer in his homeland, has won 21 Group 1 races in Australia, a record for a New Zealand-based trainer.

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'KANALOA' FILLY BESTS MALES AT KYOTO

Few things enhance a young sire's reputation more quickly than siring stakes winners, and former Japanese Horse of the Year Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) gained a valuable first black-type winner and first Group 3 winner when **Almond Eye (Jpn)** saluted in the G3 Nikkan Sports Sho Shinzan Kinen versus males at Kyoto Racecourse on Monday.

Tabbed the 9-5 crowds pick, the Silk Racing colourbearer trailed in last through the early going, before inching up to ninth after 600 metres in :35.70 under Keita Tosaki. Picking off rivals on the final bend while well in hand, Tosaki hit the go button at the head of the lane and the bay whooshed past all comers out in the centre of the course to win going away by 1 3/4 lengths. **Tsuzumimon (Jpn)** (Strong Return {Jpn}) was a neck to the good of GSW **Cassius (Jpn)** (Kinshasa no Kiseki {Aus}) in second, after they duelled for much of the stretch.



Lord Kanaloa | Kelsey Riley

Runner-up in a Niigata maiden on Aug. 6, Almond Eye was first past the post going this trip at Tokyo on Oct. 8 when last seen.

Pedigree Notes...

Almond Eye is the first black-type winner for her Shadai-based sire, the speedy Lord Kanaloa and her dam, the Japanese MSW Fusaichi Pandora. Already the dam of six winners from six foals of racing age, Fusaichi Pandora, who ran second in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup during her racing days, did not produce a foal in 2016 and has a yearling colt by Rulership. Almond Eye's second dam, the unraced Lotta Lace (Nureyev), is a half-sister to English and Irish champion juveniles and El Gran Senor (Northern Dancer) and Try My Best (Northern Dancer) being out of the blue hen Sex Appeal (Buckpasser), who also produced GSW Solar (Halo). Numerous SWs trace to her, including GISWs Bahamian Pirate (Housebuster) and Chinchon (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), with the latter winning Monmouth Park's GI United Nations S. *(Click [here](#) for a recent Alan Carasso feature on Arrowfield Stud-consigned fillies by Lord Kanaloa pointing toward the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale on Wednesday.)* **Click for the [free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)**

Monday, Kyoto, Japan

NIKKAN SPORTS SHO SHINZAN KINEN-G3, ¥72,650,000 (US\$642,419/£473,482/€536,494), Kyoto, 1-8, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:37.10, gd.

1--**ALMOND EYE (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)

1st Dam: Fusaichi Pandora (Jpn) (MSW & G1SP-Jpn, \$3,264,457), by Sunday Silence

2nd Dam: Lotta Lace, by Nureyev

3rd Dam: Sex Appeal, by Buckpasser

FIRST BLACK-TYPE WIN. FIRST GROUP WIN. O-Silk Racing;

B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Sakae Kunieda; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥38,455,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0. *1st SW/GSW for her sire (by King Kamehameha {Jpn}). **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**

Triple Plus. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)**

2--**Tsuzumimon (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Strong Return (Jpn)--Katamachi Botan (Jpn), by Dance in the Dark (Jpn). O-Itohan Holdings; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); ¥15,130,000.

3--**Cassius (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus)--Love Dylan (Jpn), by Dylan Thomas(Ire). O-Kanayama Holdings; B-Tanioka Farm (Jpn); ¥9,565,000.

Margins: 1.3/4, NK, 2HF; Odds: 1.90, 15.70, 6.50.

Also Ran: Fast Approach (Jpn), Kafuji Vanguard (Jpn), Starry Stage (Jpn), Velgado (Jpn), Plus (Jpn), Blanc Monstre (Jpn), Hishi Cosmah (Jpn), Meiner Aimer (Jpn).

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KK calls it a day: Hong Kong's history-making female jockey Kei Chiong quits at 25 following finger injury Dubbed the 'leading lady' of Hong Kong racing, she was crowned most popular jockey in her breakout season. **Michael Cox, South China Morning Post**

INFANTRY NAMED SINGAPORE HOTY

by Alan Carasso

Alwin Wang trainee **Infantry (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}), whose four wins from eight starts in 2017 included the valuable Emirates Singapore Derby, was named Singapore's Horse of the Year in ceremonies held Monday evening at the St Regis Hotel. He was also recognized as champion 4-year-old and champion miler.

Bred by Sir Patrick and Lady Hogan at Cambridge Stud, the home of the wildly successful Tavistock, the Kajorn Petch Racing No 2 Stable colourbearer was sold for a mere NZ\$7,000 as a weanling at the 2013 New Zealand Bloodstock Weanling, Broodmare and Mixed Sale. Out of the top three just four times in his career, the versatile gelding kicked off the 2017 season with a defeat of champion Polytrack horse **Nova Swiss (NZ)** (Swiss Ace {Aus}) in the Merlion Trophy (1200m AWT) in March ([video](#)) and followed two starts later with a victory over **Gilt Complex (NZ)** (Gold Centre {Aus}) in the Moonbeam Vase (1800mT) ([video](#)). The latter was the recipient of three awards Monday evening. Given a break following his one-length victory in the Derby (2000mT) in July ([video](#)), Infantry raced first up for nearly three months in the Kranji Mile and outgamed the very talented **Countofmontecristo (NZ)** (Echoes Of Eternity {Aus})--the champion 3-year-old elect--and 2016 HOTY Debt Collector (NZ) (Thorn Park {Aus}) by a half-length ([video](#)) despite sustaining a deep cut to his near-hind fetlock in the run.

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Infantry winning the 2017 Emirates Singapore Derby
Singapore Turf Club photo

SINGAPORE CHAMPIONS – 2017

HORSE OF THE YEAR, CH. 4-YEAR-OLD & CH. MILER
Infantry (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ})

CH. OLDER HORSE, CH. STAYER & MOST IMPROVED HORSE
Gilt Complex (NZ) (Gold Centre {Aus})

CHAMPION 3-YEAR-OLD
Countofmontecristo (NZ) (Echoes of Eternity {Aus})

CHAMPION 2-YEAR-OLD
Be Bee (NZ) (Showcasing {GB})

CHAMPION SPURTER
Lim's Cruiser (Aus) (Casino Prince {Aus})

CHAMPION POLYTRACK HORSE
Nova Strike (NZ) (Swiss Ace {Aus})

Champion Trainer:	Mark Walker
Champion Jockey:	Vlad Duric
Champion Apprentice:	Wong Chin Chuen
Leading Owner (wins/stakes):	Lim's Stable

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Golden Dash (Aus), g, 3, **Snitzel (Aus)**--Aussie Christmas, by Johannesburg. Sha Tin, 1-7, Hcp. (A\$144k), 1000mT, :57.72. B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd (NSW). *1ST START WIN.
A\$150,000 Ylg '16 INGMEL; NZ\$340,000 2yo '16 NZBTR. **VIDEO

IN SINGAPORE:

Whistling Win (Aus), g, 3, **Golden Archer (Aus)**--Alyssa Jean (Aus), by Dodge (Aus). Kranji, 1-7, Hcp. (A\$43k), 1000m (AWT), 1:00.71. B-B M Nolan (Qld). **A\$28,000 Wlg '15 MMNWNL; A\$47,500 Ylg '16 MMADE; A\$80,000 2yo '16 MMGC2YO. **VIDEO**

Born to Be King (Aus), g, 3, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Corporate, by Mt. Livermore. Kranji, 1-7, Restricted Maiden (A\$81k), 1200mT, 1:10.25. B-Hillside Parade Racing & Breeding Pty Ltd (Vic). *Formerly Rockefeller (Aus). **1/2 to Too Good to Refuse (Aus) (Rothsay {Aus}), SW & MGSP-Aus, A\$480,050.
***A\$110,000 Ylg '16 INGMEL. **VIDEO**

Mokastar (Aus), g, 4, **Poet's Voice (GB)**--Saddler's Silk (Aus) (G1SP-Aus, by Barathea (Ire). Kranji, 1-7, Hcp. (A\$77k), 1000m (AWT), 1:00.07. B-Yarradale Stud (WA). *1/2 to Jerezana (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}), SW-Aus, A\$317,700. **A\$35,000 Ylg '16 MMPER; A\$110,000 2yo '16 MMGC2YO. **VIDEO**

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JANUARY CUP H.-G3, HK\$3,000,000 (£282,866/€318,488/A\$488,094/US\$383,723), 3yo/up, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	9	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	Moore	Purton	133
2	8	Romantic Touch (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	A Cruz	Boudot	127
3	11	Dinozzo (Ire)	Lilbourne Lad (Ire)	Size	Badel	123
4	6	Harbour Master	Mizzen Mast	Moore	Berry	123
5	3	Marvel Hero (Ire)	Lord Shanakill	Fownes	Moreira	123
6	10	Doyeni	Smart Strike	A Cruz	Prebble	120
7	7	Packing Dragon (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Yiu	Rispoli	119
8	5	The Golden Age (Fr)	My Risk (Fr)	A Cruz	Chadwick	118
9	2	Citron Spirit (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Yiu	Schofield	116
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