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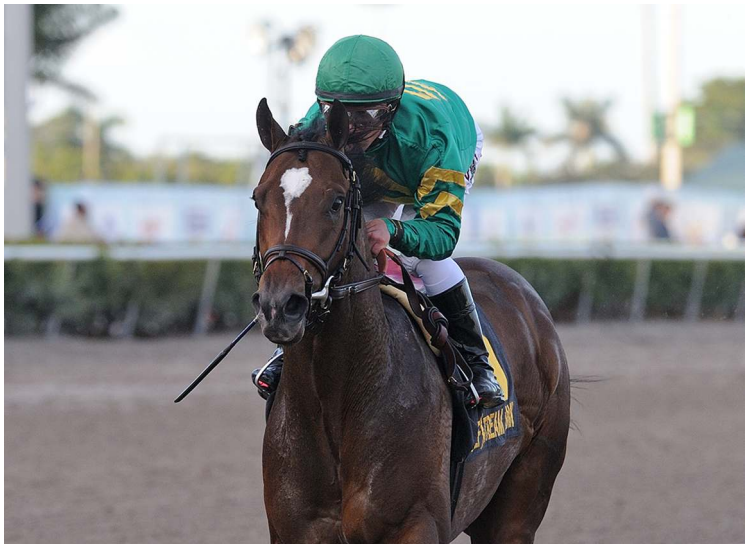
MASK SIDELINED FOR TWO WEEKS



Mask | *Kenny Martin*

Lanes End Racing's **'TDN Rising Star' Mask** (Tapit), who skyrocketed on many GI Kentucky Derby contender lists with a rousing victory in the Jan. 8 Mucho Macho Man S., will be sidelined from training for two weeks with a setback, according to trainer Chad Brown. The undefeated colt was under consideration for the Feb. 17 GII Risen Star S., but will be forced to miss the race.

"He's unfortunately had a setback, he'll miss about two weeks of training and we're anxious to get him back on track," Brown said. "We'll evaluate him from there."

Mask split horses to notch a convincing three-length victory in his 6 1/2-furlong debut at Belmont Oct. 20, defeating promising next-out winner Navistar (Union Rags) in the process. After shipping south for the winter, the $685,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase wired the field in a 6 1/4-length romp in the Mucho Macho Man at Gulfstream. He registered one published workout since the race, a four-furlong breeze at Palm Meadows Jan. 20.

Mask and e Five Racing and Stonestreet Stables' champion **Good Magic** (Curlin), recently voted champion juvenile male of 2017, are considered Brown's two primary contenders on the road to the Kentucky Derby. Brown has previously stated that Good Magic is likely to make his sophomore debut in Gulfstream's GII Fountain of Youth S. Mar. 3.

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BODY & SOUL: BACK TO THE FUTURE

by Robert D. Fierro

Sometimes it's staring you right in the face. In this case, it's the fact that there are only two remaining viable branches of the once ubiquitous, and very popular, sire line of Halo. The two branches in question are that of Southern Halo and Sunday Silence.

And this is notable, and important, because? The answer is hidden in the origins, permutations, and travels of each branch since the dawn of the 2000s when each branch assumed its own physical and performance identity while other branches simply faded away.

In this examination, we will concentrate on the Southern Halo branch, specifically through his son **More Than Ready**, who enters 2018 poised to solidify his always respected, but rarely tumultuous, reputation as a dependable source of speed, acceleration, and quality. **Cont. p3**

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Second time's a charm: *Gulfstream Park opened its doors for the first time Feb. 1, 1939, attracting a robust crowd of 18,000. The track failed to secure sufficient funding for the following cards, however, and was forced to close after four days of operation. In 1944, it reopened for good and began to flourish under the guidance of James Donn, Sr.* | *Getty Images*

APB: MONTAUK/IRISH TERRITORY 6

In the latest installment of his ongoing series, Steve Sherack gives you the scoop on a pair of promising 3-year-olds unheard from in several months.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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11:50a	**Al Fahidi Fort S.-G2**, MEY	----------	-----

BODY & SOUL

by Bob Fierro

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We do this because the Sunday Silence branch is still basically rooted in Japan, although it is showing signs of viability in North America and Europe. While pedigree data is abundant, we do not have enough viable biomechanical data to include that branch in this study (although, ironically, More Than Ready's leading earner, the champion mare More Joyous {NZ}, is out of a mare by Sunday Silence).

More Than Ready, on the other hand, has indisputably sealed the deal as the most consistently successful North America-Australia shuttle sire in history-which is far beyond the most optimistic hopes of his connections when he went to stud in 2004.

More Than Ready | *WinStar Farm*

He has also franked the form of his sire Southern Halo in terms of physical expression and geographical success. We have not found a similar instance of an American-bred sire whose influence as a sire in the Northern and Southern hemispheres includes sons, and grandsons, who are among the leading sires.

Other than as the sire of the elite performer More Than Ready, Southern Halo was not a huge success in Kentucky after an exceptional career in Argentina, but he left several good sons in the Pampas headed now by Sebi Halo.

The focus on More Than Ready comes about because of the serendipitous events of the past two months during which his son **Roy H** and his daughter **Rushing Fall** won Breeders' Cup events in November. Meanwhile, More Than Ready's son **Catholic Boy** became the only 2-year-old to win graded stakes on dirt and turf.

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Leading Dirt Sires in 2017

by Beyer 100+ Performances

Rk	Stallion (Fee)	Starters	Beyer 100+ Performances
1	CURLIN ($150,000)	161	13
2	**LOOKIN AT LUCKY ($17,500)**	**123**	**10**
3	BERNARDINI ($85,000)	153	8
4	SMART STRIKE (Died)	89	8
5	UNBRIDLED'S SONG (Died)	102	7
6	CANDY RIDE (ARG) ($80,000)	184	7
7	TAPIT ($300,000)	214	7

Source: DRF.com

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Sept. 2017

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Compounding this news is the fact that More Than Ready's best North American son to date, **Verrazano**, has his first crop ready to run in 2018, and the sire's best Southern Hemisphere son, **Sebring (Aus)**, is ranked among the top 10 sires in Australia again-and he has been every year since his first crop there turned three.

There are those who look at the pedigree of More Than Ready and wonder where he came from, because his direct female line produced very little quality through four generations despite a build-up of broodmare sires Woodman, Naskra, First Landing, and Better Self. However, the fifth dam was by Blue Larkspur, and her name was Belle of Troy, dam of the excellent racehorse and sire Cohoes. And, of course, Belle of Troy was a daughter of *La Troienne, ancestress of more great racehorses and producers than can fit on the heads of a passel of pins.

With that pedigree behind him, it's not a surprise that More Than Ready was a terrific racehorse succeeding primarily at seven furlongs or less, with a Grade I victory in the King's Bishop S. But many sprinter-leaning types don't succeed as he has, and a study of his record, along with a biomechanical examination of his branch of the Halo line, reveals some interesting clues as to why he has become such a singular success.

He has sired 103 stakes winners in the Northern Hemisphere and 80 in the Southern. The average winning distance of his progeny in the North is 7.08 furlongs, with the average maximum winning distance being 7.44 furlongs. In the South, the corresponding averages are 6.66 and 7.03 furlongs. Thus, he fits right into the breeding and racing schemes of both hemispheres, able to bring speed to the more middle-distance type mares he gets in this country while redoubling the brilliant influences of the mares he gets in the speed-crazy South.

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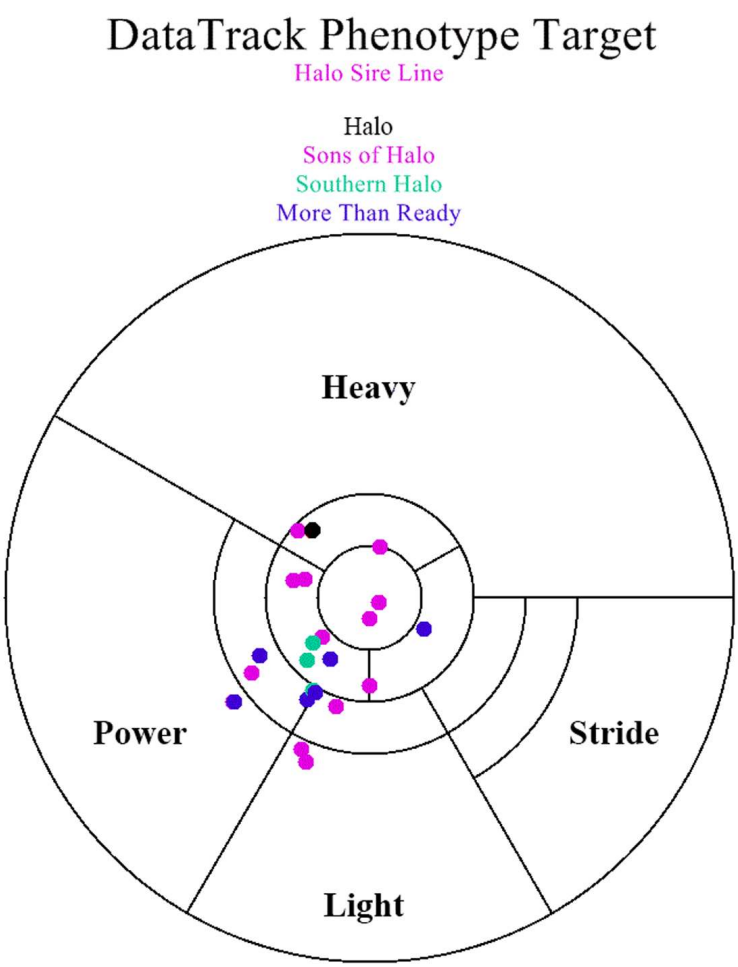
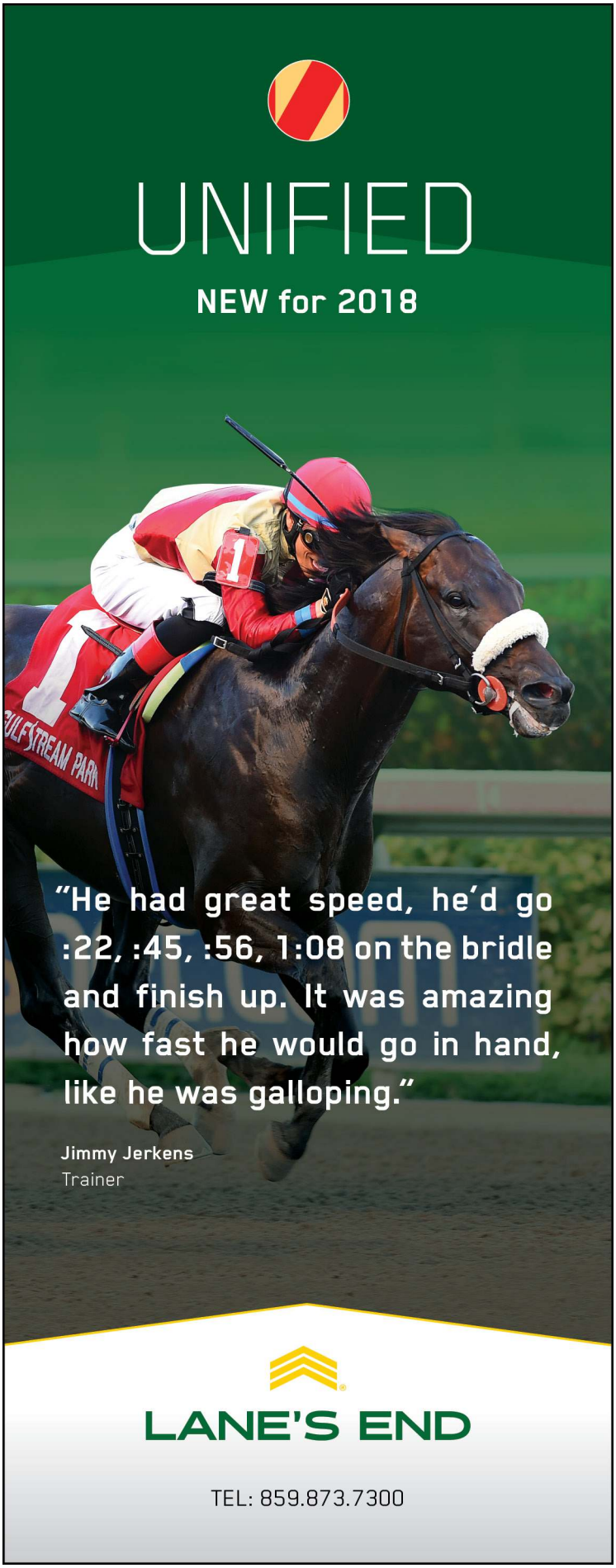


By reintroducing the Phenotype Target graphic as detailed in our previous column, we can see that one of the reasons More Than Ready (and much of the Southern Halo branch) "fits" successfully has to do with biomechanical properties. In biological terms, a breed carries on best when its male progenitors are closer to the average size and scope of a wide cross section of mares--and can pass those properties on to their descendants. That "average" is expressed in the center of the Phenotype Target. **Cont. p6**

More Than Ready's Rushing Fall | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*



In general, the Halo line was all over the place in terms of phenotype and aptitudes. Halo himself carried some weight (he would be in the Heavy category) and is probably the single most influential stallion of that type in the past half-century.

However, many of his sons were biomechanical outliers--i.e., they were extremely efficient racing machines but did not have the overall properties to mix with a wide cross-section of mare types and their sons, in turn, became inconsistent progenitors.

Our study of almost 50 Halo-line stallions shows that the Southern Halo branch has more consistently produced stallions that were closer to the average size and scope of the breed, i.e., the bullseye, than any other Halo branch. All of Halo's other sons are in red, but the Southern Halo and More Than Ready sires are in blue and green. For the most part, they are where a majority of successful sires, and sire lines, used to come from back in the day. And as it looks, maybe ahead in the day.

*(**Bob Fierro** is a partner with **Jay Kilgore** and **Frank Mitchell** in **DataTrack International**, biomechanical consultants and developers of **BreezeFigs**. He can be reached at **bbfq@earthlink.net**).*

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APB | STEVE SHERACK Tracks Down Top Horses on the Sidelines

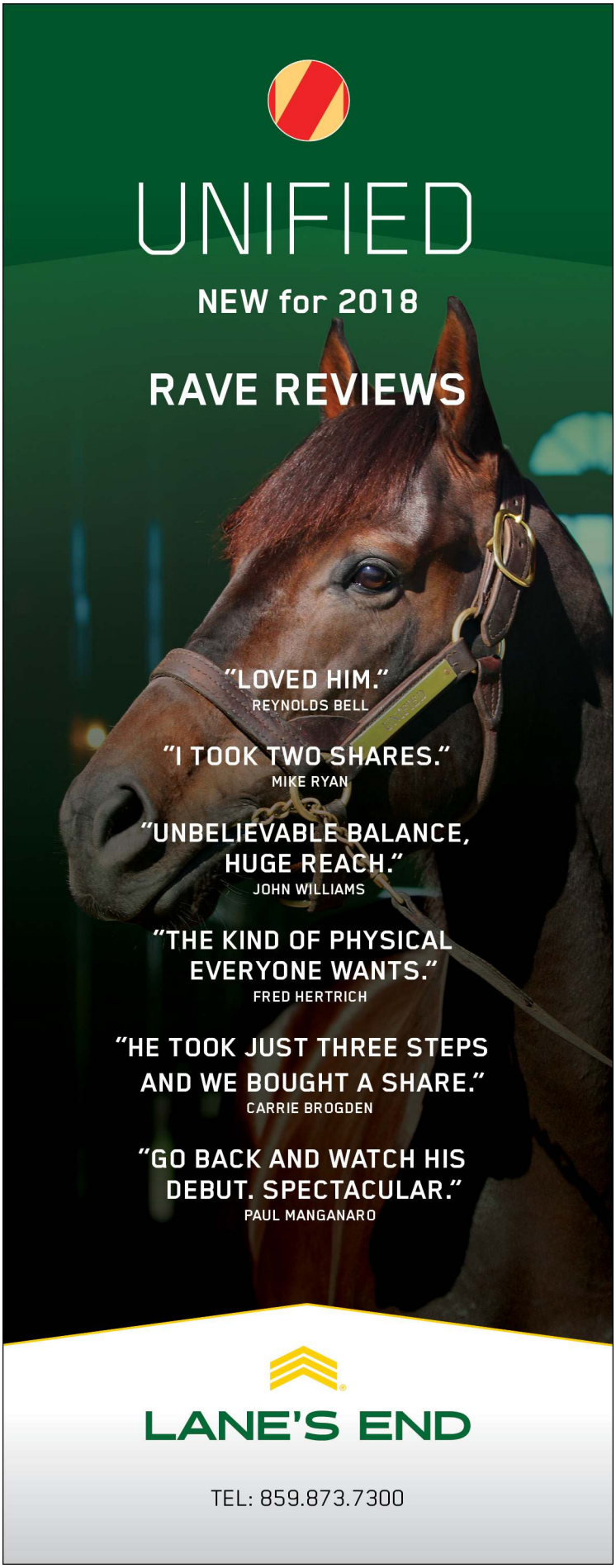
MONTAUK GETS BACK TO WORK

by Steve Sherack

'TDN Rising Star' Montauk (Medaglia d'Oro), unraced since posting one of the more visually impressive debut victories of 2017, took his first steps toward a 3-year-old campaign in South Florida this past weekend.

The $300,000 KEESEP yearling turned $850,000 OBSAPR juvenile (:10 1/5), campaigned in partnership by Robert LaPenta, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Stables and Bridlewood Farm, covered three furlongs in :37.20 (1/2) at trainer Todd Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs base Jan. 28.

"He was smooth as silk and well within himself throughout the breeze and he seems to have emerged in good order," Eclipse President and Founder Aron Wellman said. "We're very pleased with his condition, and while Todd and our ownership group have no intention of pressing on him, we anticipate Montauk coming to hand rather expediently as things just come so natural to him." **Cont. p7**



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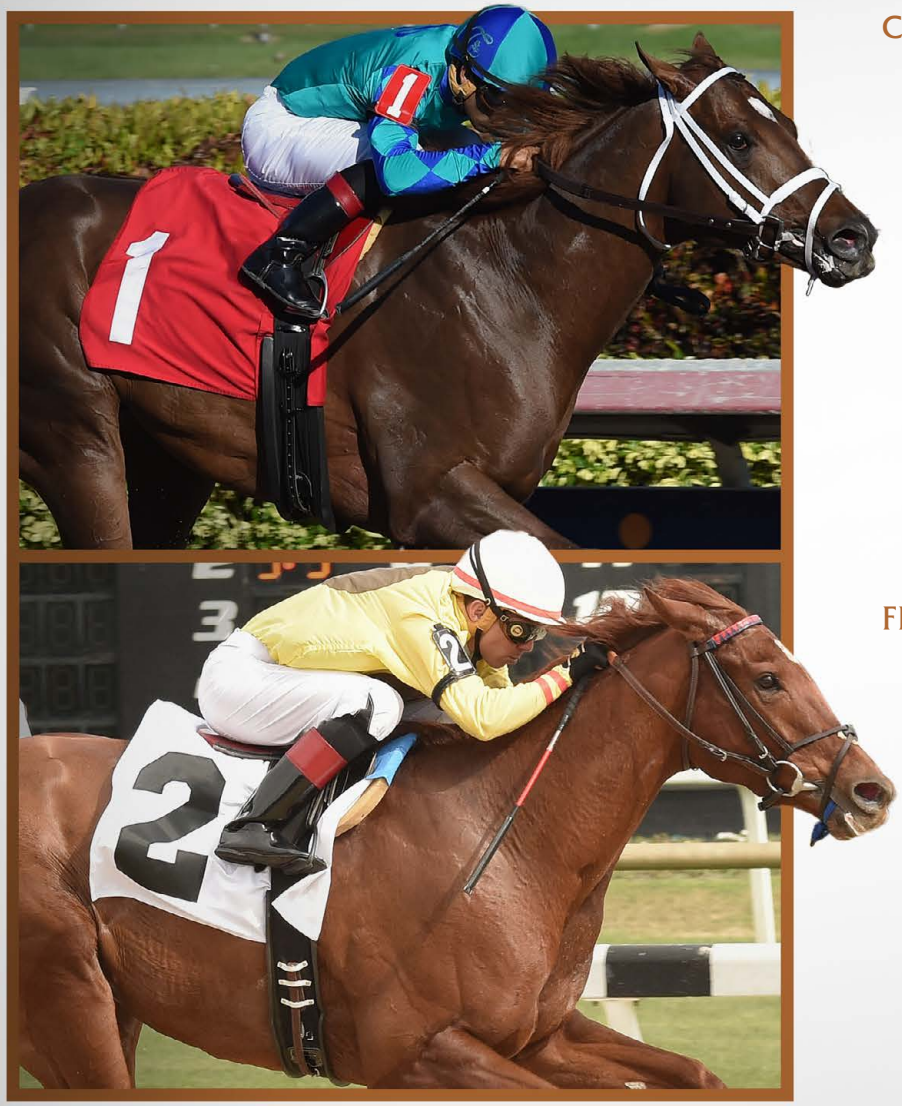

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Montauk ran to his lofty reputation and justified even-money favoritism in a field of 11 with a jaw-dropping, stalk-and-pounce 11 1/4-length tally, or, "from here to the end of Long Island" as track announcer Larry Collmus put it, going seven furlongs on debut at Belmont Park Oct. 7 (video). He earned a very solid 89 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort. The time off since has been by design, per Wellman.

Montauk | *Susie Raisher*

"We have no plan for him other than to allow Montauk to tell us when he's ready to return to race action," Wellman said. "Clearly, with a horse like him, we'd love to be in a position to consider the Classics, but the entire ownership group is level-headed about our path and no one wants to compromise a horse of his quality and talent by forcing him to do something he's not ready to do."

Montauk's late dam Indian Vale (A.P. Indy) won four graded stakes and placed in both the GI Beldame S. and GI Personal Ensign S. while carrying the colors of Eugene Melnyk. His second dam Marley Vale (Forty Niner) won the 1999 GI Test S. Montauk was bred in Kentucky by Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm, which purchased Indian Vale for $725,000 at the 2013 FTKFEB sale.

Montauk closed at odds of 17-1 in the first round of the GI Kentucky Derby Future Wager late last November.

"If he's not quite ready for the Classics, we believe we have a superior animal on our hands, and as we've learned from the likes of Arrogate and West Coast the past few seasons, there's no downside to having a late-developing 3-year-old," Wellman concluded. "We're excited to have him back on the worktab and it will be fun for us to all see how he progresses under Todd's guidance."

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"He has everything you want in a foal. I'd love to own him!" Paul Shanahan

Pictured at Coolmore on Tuesday at just 12 hours old, a colt ex. Dream The Blues (dam of G1-winning 2YO in 2017 Sioux Nation) bred by John Halley

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COMEBACKING MAIDEN EXITS KEY RACE

by Steve Sherack

Irish Territory (Ire) (Declaration of War), last seen finishing a strong second in a very live renewal of the GIII With Anticipation S. at Saratoga last summer Aug. 30 (video), is aiming for a spring return to the races.

The Zayat Stables colorbearer led in the stretch that day after posting a powerful sweeping move on the far turn and was reeled in late by the highly regarded subsequent GII Remsen S. hero Catholic Boy (More Than Ready).

No shortage of talent finished behind the maiden of two career starts in the With Anticipation including: **'TDN Rising Star'** Untamed Domain (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) (third), who followed with a win in the GII Summer S. and runner-up finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf; Seabhac (Scat Daddy) (fourth), a next out winner of the GIII Pilgrim S.; Evaluator (Overanalyze) (seventh), winner of the Sleepy Hollow S.; and Nauti Buoy (Mizzen Mast) (ninth), winner of the Juvenile Turf S.

Irish Territory | *Sarah Andrew*

Irish Territory, a€475,000/$532,713 purchase at the 2016 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale, has posted a handful of works at Payson Park under the watchful eye of Hall of Famer Bill Mott since turning three, including an easy three-furlong move in :38.80 (10/11) Jan. 29.

Bred in Ireland by Springbank Way Stud, Irish Territory is the first foal out of the stakes-placed Oasis Dream (GB) mare Sleeping Beauty (Ire). His second dam is Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Nightime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

"He just had little baby things here and there--no major issues, just a minor setback--so we gave him 60 days off," Justin Zayat, President and CEO of Racing and Bloodstock at Zayat Stables, said.

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"She's well put together and looks like a runner"

Richard Kent of Kaizen Sales

Pictured at Jason and Ashley Schappert's Leading Edge Farm, a filly out of the Tiznow mare Havelsee

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"He hasn't missed a day of training since coming back to Bill," Zayat continued. "He's moving really well, has grown and developed, and is getting stronger every single day. He's doing all the things that you want to see. Maybe a race like the [GIII] Transylvania S. [at Keeneland Apr. 6] or something like that could potentially be a comeback spot. He's still technically a maiden though, and has conditions."

A very troubled and green seventh on debut going two turns on the lawn at the Spa Aug. 5 (video), the money showed up at the windows for Irish Territory facing much tougher next time, going off at a well-backed 6-1 in the With Anticipation.

"We've always known that he's talented, but he just had to do it in the afternoon, especially after his first race at Saratoga," Zayat said. "It was actually Bill's idea to run him in the With Anticipation. When Bill Mott, who tends to be a little more conservative, is telling you that he wants to run a maiden in a Grade III, I was like, 'Wow. Let's do it.' He really ran a hell of a race that day and almost won."

The Zayat family has hit the ground running with a handful of European purchases thus far. In addition to Irish Territory, **'TDN Rising Star'** Gidu (Frankel {GB}) (€410,000/$457,683 Arqana Deauville August Yearling) lines up next in Saturday's GIII Dania Beach S. at Gulfstream. The future also looks bright for last year's €1.6-million Goffs Orby Sale topper, a son of the mighty Frankel owned in partnership with Coolmore.

"We've really just dabbled so far in the overseas market and so far we've had some nice success," Zayat said. "We've gotten reports from Aidan O'Brien that the Frankel Orby topper is doing really well, too. Hopefully, we'll go back in the future and buy a couple more."

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JOCKEY CLUB OF CANADA UPGRADES FOUR STAKES FOR 2018

The Jockey Club of Canada's Graded Stakes Committee held its annual review of the graded and listed stakes in Canada and chose to upgrade four stakes at Woodbine, while downgrading one at Northlands Park.

The Summer S., run at a mile on turf for 2-year-olds, was bumped up from a Grade II to a Grade I, as was the Highlander S., contested at six furlongs on grass for 3-year-olds and up. The Royal North S., also run on the lawn at six panels for 3-year-olds and up but for fillies and mares, was boosted from a Grade III to a Grade II. The Trillium S., previously Listed, is now a Grade III. The Speed to Spare S. will lose its black-type status in 2018 and is therefore disqualified from Listed status.

All in all, there will be 45 graded stakes run in Canada this year, consisting of seven Grade I's, 14 Grade II's and 24 Grade III's. Forty-one of those will be run at Woodbine, with Hastings hosting three and Northlands one.

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NTRA, THA HIGHLIGHT NEW TAX CHANGES FOR HORSE INDUSTRY

by T.D. Thornton

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act bill passed in December has enough new provisions and loopholes to confound even the most seasoned tax professionals. But an informational teleconference Jan. 31 jointly presented by the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) attempted to shed light on the changes that will immediately affect those who either own Thoroughbreds or earn income from racing and breeding.

"As a general matter, the tax provisions are pretty favorable to our industry," said Lauren Bazel, vice president of the government relations consultancy Alpine Group and a former senior tax policy advisor to Senator John Kerry (D-MA). "But again, every participant in racing will be impacted differently. So if you take away one thing from this call, it's this: In order to know whether the tradeoffs that were made in this process are good or bad for you, and by how much, you really should walk through your individual situation with a qualified tax adviser."

At the top of Bazel's general concerns list for horse-industry taxpayers are:

- Choices taxpayers will have to make regarding whether they should be classified as individuals, incorporated entities, or a "pass-through" business.

- The balance between the permanent reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21 versus the temporary changes in various individual tax rates and brackets that will expire in 2025.

- The doubling of standard deductions for individuals, which is coupled with a simultaneous limitation in itemized deductions.

- The repeal of the corporate alternative minimum tax (AMT) contrasted by the modification of the AMT for individuals (with higher exemption limits and a phase-out threshold).

So again, all of these items have to be considered as a whole to know where your personal break point may be," Bazel said.

With regard to more specific horse-centric tax rules, NTRA president and chief executive officer Alex Waldrop outlined three key points:

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Bonus Depreciation: An increase in bonus depreciation from 50% to 100% for both new and used property acquired and put into service after Sept. 27, 2017, and before Jan. 1, 2023. Bonus depreciation permits first-year, full expensing for purchases such as yearlings, breeding stock, and farm equipment. Current law provides for 50% depreciation on new property only. The new benefits will be effective at the 100% rate through 2022. Beginning with 2023, bonus depreciation will be phased out at a rate of 20% each year until fully phased out after 2027. "Now purchasers will be able to write off 100% of all horses purchased, including yearlings and breeding stock…as long as the asset purchase has not previously been owned by the purchaser," Waldrop said.

Alex Waldrop | *Horsephotos*

179 Deduction: The maximum amount that may be expensed under this provision has been increased from $500,000 to $1 million for new and used property. Additionally, the phase-out threshold for the deduction has been increased from $2 million to $2.5 million. Both the maximum deduction and phase-out amount are permanently extended and will be indexed for inflation.

Farm Property: Machinery and equipment used in farming operations will be granted accelerated depreciation with a useful life of only five years and depreciation using the 200% declining balance method. The current law provides for a useful life of seven years and depreciation using the 150% declining balance method.

"Those are three important provisions that are used by horse owners and farms that are engaged in the active trade or business," Waldrop said. He took care to underscore the distinction between "active" ownership versus "hobby" ownership.

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"For years, as many of you know, the thing you try to avoid as a horse owner is being categorized as a hobby owner…in which case none of these provisions [will] apply if [your Thoroughbred activities are] considered by the IRS to be a hobby.

"The new tax act completely eliminates itemized deductions for hobby expenses, along with other miscellaneous itemized deductions. This means that you will not be able to deduct any expenses that you earn from a hobby during these years, but you're going to still have to report and pay tax on any income that you earn from that hobby."

Waldrop added that the doubling of the standard deduction amount for individuals "might provide some relief" for hobbyists who are classified as such, but he cautioned horse owners to check with a personal tax professional to clarify individual situations.

What ended up getting left out of the new tax law is just as important as what did make it into the package, pointed out Greg Means, principal of The Alpine Group, the NTRA's Washington, D.C.-based lobbyist.

An example Means gave was the threatened removal of language that allows horse racing bettors to deduct gambling losses to the extent of winnings.

"We had to play defense on this because late in the process, a senator from Arizona, Jeff Flake [R], floated an amendment that basically would have prohibited the ability to deduct losses from gaming," Means said. "We were able to get that amendment taken down. It was never officially offered. It did get floated, we had the language, but we were able to persuade the powers that be that it was a bad idea, so it didn't arise."

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:30 p.m. EST

SWALE S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Diamond King	Quality Road	D. J. Stable LLC, Cash is King LLC and LC Racing	Servis	Pennington	120
2	Tricks to Doo	Into Mischief	Lael Stable	Delacour	Ortiz	120
3	Gotta Go	Shanghai Bobby	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Wilkes	Landeros	120
4	Empire Power	Bodemeister	Secure Investments	Sano	Zayas	116
5	Piven	Prospective	Derek Chin	Attard	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Strike Power	Speightstown	Courtlandt Farms	Hennig	Saez	116

Breeders: 1-JSM Equine, LLC., 2-D. C. Goff, 3-Machmer Hall, 4-Respite Farm Inc, 5-Wendy Christ & Carol Hershe, 6-Courtlandt Farm

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 2:30 p.m. EST

SWEETEST CHANT S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Thewayiam (Fr)	Thewayyouare	Great Point Stables LLC, Dubb, The Elkstone Group LLC and Bethlehem Stables LLC	Motion	Ortiz	118
2	Andina Del Sur	Giant's Causeway	Don Alberto Stable	Albertrani	Rosario	114
3	Cash Out	Street Cry (Ire)	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Arnold, II	Juarez	114
4	Data Dependent	More Than Ready	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Castellano	114
5	Salsa Bella (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Dubb, Michael, Madaket Stables LLC and Bethlehem Stables LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	114
6	My Favorite Gift	Tapit	Grupo 7C Racing Stable	Delgado	Jaramillo	114
7	Go Noni Go	Get Stormy	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	114
8	Queen's Fate	Artie Schiller	Maxis Stable and Maker, Michael J.	Maker	Leparoux	114
9	Arabella Bella	Skipshot	Olympia Star, Inc.	Yanakov	Reyes	114

Breeders: 1-SCA La Perrigne, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 4-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & Airlie Stud, 5-Jonathan Pease, 6-Grousemont Farm, 7-David E. Hager, II, 8-Josham Farms Limited & Yvonne SchwabeThoroughbreds, 9-Mikhail Yanakov

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST

PALOS VERDES S.-GII, $200,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Roy H	More Than Ready	Rockingham Ranch and David A Bernsen LLC	Miller	Desormeaux	124
2	Bobby Abu Dhabi	Macho Uno	Rockingham Ranch	Miller	Espinoza	120
3	Americanize	Concord Point	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Bejarano	120
4	Mongolian Saturday	Any Given Saturday	Mongolian Stable	Ganbat	Prat	120
5	Red Lightning	Midshipman	Cuyathy LLC	Morey	Conner	120

Breeders: 1-Ramona S. Bass, LLC., 2-T/C Stable, LLC, 3-Kaleem Shah Inc., 4-Normandy Farm, 5-Susan M. Green

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:35 p.m. EST

WITHERS S.-GIII, $250,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Firenze Fire	Poseidon's Warrior	Mr. Amore Stable	Servis	McCarthy	122
2	Marconi	Tapit	Bridlewood Farm, Magnier, Mrs. John, Smith, Derrick and Tabor, Michael B.	Pletcher	Franco	116
3	Bal Harbour	First Samurai	Red Oak Stable	Pletcher	Carmouche	118
4	Avery Island	Street Sense	Godolphin Racing LLC	McLaughlin	Bravo	122
5	Coltandmississippi	Pioneerof the Nile	Teresa Viola Racing Stables and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Alvarado	118
6	California Night	Midnight Lute	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Hernandez	116

Breeders: 1-Mr Amore Stables, 2-Brushwood Stable, 3-Red Oak Stable, 4-Godolphin, 5-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds, 6-James H. Tolliver

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:43 p.m. EST

FORWARD GAL S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sultry	Malibu Moon	Joseph W. Sutton	Kenneally	Ortiz	120
2	Morning Destiny	Morning Line	J Stables LLC	Sano	Ortiz, Jr.	116
3	Heavenhasmynikki	Majestic Warrior	Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.	Quartarolo	Saez	116
4	Take Charge Paula	Take Charge Indy	Peter Deutsch	McLaughlin	Lopez	120
5	Foxtrot Sally	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Landeros	116
6	Violent Times	Violence	Thoroughbred Acquisition Group	Nicks	Zayas	116
7	Miss Mo Mentum	Uncle Mo	Gary Barber	Casse	Gaffalione	120
8	My Miss Lilly	Tapit	Courtlandt Farms	Hennig	Castellano	116

Breeders: 1-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 2-Scarteen Stud LLC, 3-Langsem Farm, Inc., 4-Extern Developments LTD., 5-Calumet Farm, 6-C Biscuit Racing, Island Peak Stables,Squire Thoroughbreds, et al, 7-Ralph Kinder, Erv Woolsey &Uncle Mo Syndicate, 8-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:16 p.m. EST

DANIA BEACH S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Speed Franco	Declaration of War	Grupo 7C Racing Stable	Delgado	Jaramillo	120
2	Cuestion de Tiempo	The Factor	Secure Investments and I. C. Racing LLC	Correas, IV	Ortiz, Jr.	116
3	Wildcat's Legacy	Wildcat Heir	English, Kenneth D. and Braun, Alan	Nicks	Zayas	120
4	Cometin	Trappe Shot	Magic Stables LLC	Sano	Meneses	116
5	Golden Dragon	Skipshot	Olympia Star, Inc.	Yanakov	Reyes	116
6	Untamed Domain	Animal Kingdom	West Point Thoroughbreds	Motion	Ortiz	122
7	Gidu (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Zayat Stables, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	116
8	Renaisance Frolic	Paynter	Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc.	Fawkes	Saez	120
9	Channel Cat	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Pletcher	Castellano	116
10	Machtree	Kitten's Joy	Stonestreet Stables LLC and Aquis Farm	Casse	Lezcano	116

Breeders: 1-Ice Wine Stables, 2-Rhinestone Bloodstock, 3-Alan Braun & Ken English, 4-Judy Hicks, Kathryn Nikkel & PegasusStud LLC, 5-Mikhail Yanakov, 6-Clearsky Farms, 7-Ecurie Des Monceaux, 8-Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc., 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Clearsky Farms

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Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST

ROBERT B. LEWIS S.-GIII, $150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ayacara (GB)	Violence	Marquis, Charles K. and Marquis, Cynthia F.	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	120
2	Pepe Tono	Bodemeister	Juan J. Garcia	Garcia	Roman	120
3	Dark Vader	Tale of Ekati	Alesia, S., Burns Racing LLC, Ciaglia Racing LLC and Christensen, R.	Eurton	Elliott	120
4	Lombo	Graydar	Michael V. Lombardi	Pender	Prat	120
5	Shivermetimbers	Shanghai Bobby	Mark DeDomenico LLC and West Point Thoroughbreds	Hollendorfer	Bejarano	120
6	Inscom	Distorted Humor	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Baze	120
7	Peace	Violence	Spendthrift Farm LLC and Town and Country Racing, LLC	Mandella	Smith	120
8	Regulate	Quality Road	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Baffert	Talamo	120
9	Blame the Rider	Jimmy Creed	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120

Breeders: 1-Overbury Stallions Ltd, 2-Sanford R. Robertson, 3-Schleprock Racing LLC, 4-Twin Creeks Farm, 5-Tim Thornton, Robert Watt & Doug Glass, 6-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 7-Grade I Bloodstock & Tony Holmes, 8-Juddmonte Farms Inc., 9-Sarah A. Wells

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:49 p.m. EST

HOLY BULL S.-GII, $350,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Enticed	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin Racing LLC	McLaughlin	Rosario	122
2	Free Drop Billy	Union Rags	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Saez	122
3	Master Manipulator	Tale of the Cat	Calumet Farm and Southern Equine Stable LLC	Guillot	Ortiz	116
4	Audible	Into Mischief	WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd. and SF Racing LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	116
5	Bandito	Creative Cause	Calumet Farm	Romans	Zayas	116
6	Hollywood Star	Malibu Moon	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Ortiz, Jr.	116
7	Tiz Mischief	Into Mischief	Frank L. Jones, Jr.	Romans	Albarado	116
8	Pony Up	Aikenite	Calumet Farm	Pletcher	Velazquez	116
9	Tip Sheet	Brethren	Arindel	Gold	Jaramillo	116
10	Aequor	Flatter	Grupo 7C Racing Stable	Delgado	Lezcano	116
11	Mississippi	Pioneerof the Nile	Magnier, M., Tabor, M., Oxley, J., Smith, D. and Jooste, M.	Casse	Leparoux	116

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Helen K. Groves Revokable Trust, 3-CASA Farms I, LLC, 4-Oak Bluff Stables, LLC, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-George Krikorian, 7-T/C Stable, LLC, 8-Calumet Farm, 9-Arindel, 10-B. D. Gibbs Farm, LLC &Fleetwood Bloodstock, LLC, 11-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST

SAN MARCOS S.-GII, $200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Prince of Arabia	Mineshaft	D P Racing	Cassidy	Pereira	120
2	Free Rose	Munnings	Abbondanza Racing, LLC and Premier Racing Club	Baltas	Talamo	120
3	Mr. Roary	Scat Daddy	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Maragh	120
4	Isotherm	Lonhro (Aus)	Matthew Schera	D'Amato	Prat	122
5	Itsinthepost (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Red Baron's Barn LLC	Mullins	Baze	124
6	Flamboyant (Fr)	Peer Gynt (Jpn)	Bienstock, David and Winner, Charles N.	Gallagher	Van Dyke	120
7	Hayabusa One (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Team Valor International and Barber, Gary	Miller	Espinoza	120
8	Editore (Brz)	Redattore (Brz)	Bonne Chance Farm, LLC and Stud R D I, LLC.	Lobo	Blanc	122

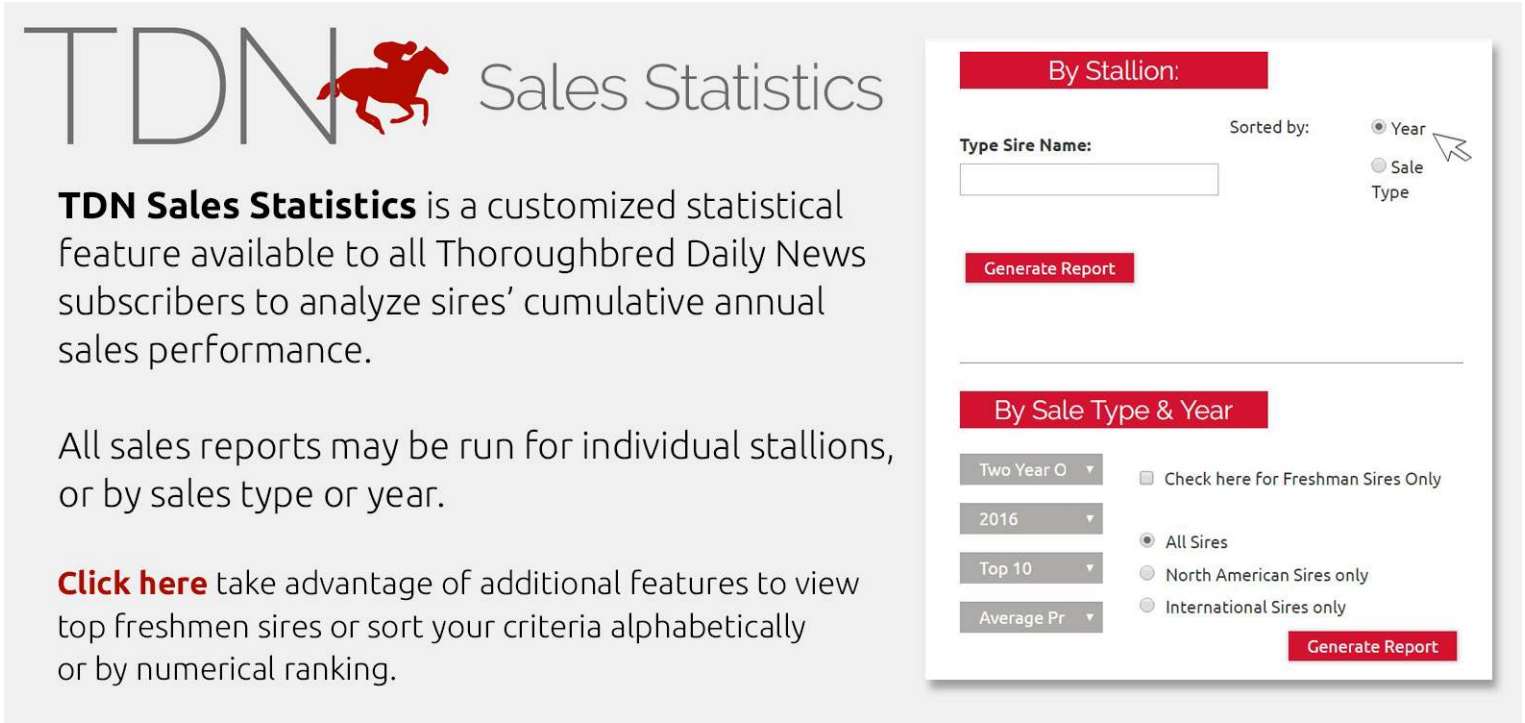
Breeders: 1-Eileen H. Hartis, 2-Nathan John McCauley, 3-Judy Hicks & Kathryn Nikkel, 4-H. Allen Poindexter, 5-Julien Leaunes, 6-SNC Regnier & San Gabriel Inv. Inc., 7-Dominque Lepagney, 8-Stud Rio Dois Irmaos

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

SAN PASQUAL S.-GII, $200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pavel	Creative Cause	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	122
2	Mubtaahij (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum	Baffert	Van Dyke	124
3	Accelerate	Lookin At Lucky	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Espinoza	122
4	Win the Space	Pulpit	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Maragh	120
5	The Lieutenant	Street Sense	Warren, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William K.	McCarthy	Prat	120
6	Ike Walker	Bellamy Road	C T R Stables LLC, Hollendorfer, LLC and Sigband, Michael	Hollendorfer	Bejarano	120
7	Irish Freedom	Pioneerof the Nile	Donegal Racing	Baffert	Smith	120
8	Prime Attraction	Unbridled's Song	D P Racing	Cassidy	Pereira	122
9	Top of the Game	Desert Party	Wilson, Holly and David	Cerin	Desormeaux	120

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones & WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Dunmore Stud Ltd, 3-Mike Abraham, 4-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 5-John D. Gunther, 6-Buck Pond Farm, Inc., 7-Philip Robertson & Brenda Robertson, 8-Payson Stud, Inc., 9-Cantrell Family Partnership Ltd.



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for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, January 30

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Tapit**	1	9	--	5	--	--	97	13	$80,000	$715,654
	(2001) by Pulpit		*Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: $300,000*							*Actress*	
2	**Candy Ride (Arg)**	4	6	2	2	1	1	76	18	$7,000,000	$7,571,786
	(1999) by Ride the Rails		*Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $80,000*							*Gun Runner*	
3	**Medaglia d'Oro**	--	5	--	1	--	--	71	14	$135,494	$766,236
	(1999) by El Prado (Ire)		*Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: $250,000*							*Classic Emperor*	
4	**Speightstown**	2	5	--	1	--	--	71	14	$175,844	$658,806
	(1998) by Gone West		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $100,000*							*Matera Sky*	
5	**Scat Daddy**	1	5	--	--	--	--	83	19	$60,760	$452,507
	(2004) by Johannesburg		*Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)*							*Flameaway*	
6	**Midnight Lute**	4	4	1	1	--	--	66	16	$120,000	$610,628
	(2003) by Real Quiet		*Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY Fee: $15,000*							*Midnight Bisou*	
7	**Congrats**	1	4	--	--	--	--	103	10	$90,000	$362,618
	(2000) by A.P. Indy		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $17,500*							*Stronger Than Ever*	
8	**English Channel**	3	4	--	--	--	--	44	7	$110,000	$350,899
	(2002) by Smart Strike		*Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: $25,000*							*Rye*	
9	**Morning Line**	1	4	--	--	--	--	16	5	$60,000	$192,168
	(2007) by Tiznow		*Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $7,500*							*Empire Line*	
10	**Hard Spun**	1	3	1	1	--	--	95	21	$650,000	$1,502,337
	(2004) by Danzig		*Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: $40,000*							*Singing Bullet*	
11	**Dialed In**	1	3	--	1	--	1	31	6	$1,300,000	$1,497,076
	(2008) by Mineshaft		*Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: $25,000*							*Gunnevera*	
12	**City Zip**	--	3	--	1	--	--	86	14	$650,000	$1,011,914
	(1998) by Carson City		*Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)*							*Collected*	
13	**Curlin**	1	3	--	1	--	--	74	9	$650,000	$1,010,626
	(2004) by Smart Strike		*Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY Fee: $150,000*							*Stellar Wind*	
14	**Street Sense**	3	3	2	2	--	--	87	15	$240,000	$785,157
	(2004) by Street Cry (Ire)		*Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: $35,000*							*Tiger Moth*	
15	**Into Mischief**	--	3	--	--	--	--	109	20	$45,000	$677,636
	(2005) by Harlan's Holiday		*Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: $100,000*							*Transgress*	

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MONMOUTH ANNOUNCES 2018 STAKES SCHEDULE

Led by the Grade I $1-million betfair.com Haskell Invitational July 29, Monmouth Park will offer 39 stakes, 13 of them graded, totaling $4,340,000 in purses for its meet opening May 5, the track announced Wednesday.

In addition, Monmouth is set to offer several new bundled stakes days. For example, the GI United Nations S. will be held June 30, accompanied by the GIII Philip H. Iselin S., the GIII Eatontown S. and the Lady's Secret S.

"We are committed to delivering world-class racing and events to the Jersey Shore," said Dennis Drazin, Chairman and CEO of Darby Development LLC, operators of Monmouth Park. "Our enhanced stakes schedule and newly created event days ensure Monmouth's prominence on the national racing stage while providing our live fans with exceptional summer racing."

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FLORIDA

Wednesday's Results:

4th-GP, $45,400, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm ($25,000), 1-31, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.87, ft.

ARMY MULE (c, 4, Friesan Fire--Crafty Toast, by Crafty Prospector) was making his first start since earning '**TDN Rising Star**' status for an 8 1/2-length debut success at Belmont Park last April and overcame a sluggish dispatch to score with condescending ease Wednesday afternoon at Gulfstream Park. After bobbling slightly at the break, the Pennsylvania-bred quickly mustered at the fence beneath Javier Castellano and did not have to expend too much energy to get onto the leaders' heels before the field hit the turn. Taken a snug hold of from there, Army Mule was angled out into the three path at the apex of the bend, swept to the lead with better than a furlong to travel and was ridden out hands and heels to score by 7 1/2 lengths in slick time. **Cont. p2**

4th-GP, cont.

"He's a special talent," trainer Todd Pletcher said. "He broke a little slow, [being] a little rusty first time off the layoff, but recovered quickly and put himself in a beautiful spot and won impressively in a fast time and seemed to be doing it well in hand. We had a little time off after that race and started taking a conservative approach so hopefully the owner's patience will pay off down the road. The sky's the limit if he stays healthy." The conditioner indicated he would likely shop around for a one-turn stakes for Army Mule's next appearance. A half-brother to Platinum Steel (Eddington), SP, $171,013; and to SP Special Ruth (Forest Camp), Army Mule cost the braintrust at David Scanlon's Scanlon Training & Sales just $35,000 at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton October sale, but made for a tremendous pinhooking success when hammering to Crupi's New Castle Farm for $825,000 at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. He worked an eighth of a mile in :10 flat at the auction's under-tack preview. The dam of a 2-year-old colt by the expatriated Old Fashioned, Crafty Toast was covered by both Imagining and Normandy Invasion last year. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $71,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-St. Elias Stable; B-Hope Hill Farm (PA); T-Todd A Pletcher.

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3rd-TAM, $20,000, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm ($16,000), 1-31, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 40y, 1:40.88, ft.

SPECIAL EVENT (f, 4, Arch--La Reina {GSW, $350,062}, by A.P. Indy) returned from a 9 1/2-month absence to finish third as the favorite in a Laurel maiden Oct. 28 and most recently overcame gate 11 to graduate by three lengths over 6 1/2 furlongs of this main track Dec. 23. Putting starts back to back and stretching out for the first time, the homebred was well-rated by Antonio Gallardo through a half-mile in :48.47 and led them into the second turn. Even-money favorite Glittering Jewel (Bernardini) took a three-wide run at her, but Special Event stiff-armed that bid and kicked away late to score by three lengths as the second choice by $1,288. The winner is a half to Chief Havoc (Giant's Causeway), GSW, $218,478, and is out of Hamilton homebred La Reina, winner of the 2003 GII Demoiselle S. Special Event's Eclipse Award-winning second dam Queena (Mr. Prospector) was responsible for GISW Brahms (Danzig) as well as $3.6-million KEESEP yearling and SW Olympic (Danzig). Third dam Too Chic (Blushing Groom {Fr}) was a two-time Grade I winner and produced Queena's Grade I-winning full-sister Chic Shirine, herself the granddam of '**TDN Rising Stars**' Sweet Corine (Pulpit), La Madrina (Tapit) and Verrazano (More Than Ready). La Reina is the dam of a 2-year-old Pioneerof the Nile colt, a yearling filly by Bodemeister and was most recently bred to Nyquist. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $28,180. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Emory A Hamilton (KY); T-Claude R McGaughey III.

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7th-OP, $75K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, post time: 5:14 p.m. ET

SONG OF MINE (Ghostzapper), the half-sister to two-time champion and nine-time Grade I winner Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro), gets her career underway over this track's short-stretch mile. The daughter of Grade II-winning sophomore Ivanavinalot (West Acre) was purchased by Tom Haughey's PTK LLC for $800K at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale less than two weeks before Songbird won the GI Alabama S. at the Spa and is under the care of former jockey Dane Kobiskie. PTK and Kobiskie were represented by their first Oaklawn winner in the form of Colour Guard (Archarcharch) Jan. 25. Song of Mine recorded a half-dozen breezes at Payson Park, including three consecutive bullet drills, and has since worked three times over the Oaklawn strip. **Cont. p3**

Insights cont.

In her latest move Jan. 22, she covered a half-mile from the gate in :48 flat. "We give all our horses as much time as they need before they run, and Song of Mine is simply a big filly," Kaitlin Haughey told the Oaklawn press office in an email. "We wanted to give her as much time as she needed to grow, mature and fill out. So in a sense she's right on schedule, but in actuality there never was a schedule. We just listen to our horses and to Dane and let them tell us when the time is right." **TJCIS PPs**

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Sambuco, g, 4, **Regal Ransom**--Flashy Senorita, by Pembroke. Siracusa, 1-27, Hcp., 7fT. O-B Liberatore; B-Jose Carlos Ortega (FL); T-M Restuccia. *$3,500 Ylg '15 OBSAUG. **VIDEO.**

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FIRST & SECOND-CROP RUNNERS

First-/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Feb. 1

Farm and fee represent current information

Alternation (Distorted Humor), Pin Oak Stud, $7,500
143 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
8-OP, Alw 1 1/16m, BOXING GLOVE, 20-1
$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Brethren (Distorted Humor), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $6,000
100 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
5-FG, Aoc 5 1/2fT, FEISTY EMBRACE, 4-1
$4,700 RNA OBS WIN yrl

Double Irish (Tapit), Mcdowell Farm, $1,000
16 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
7-OP, Msw 1m, DUTCH TREAT, 12-1

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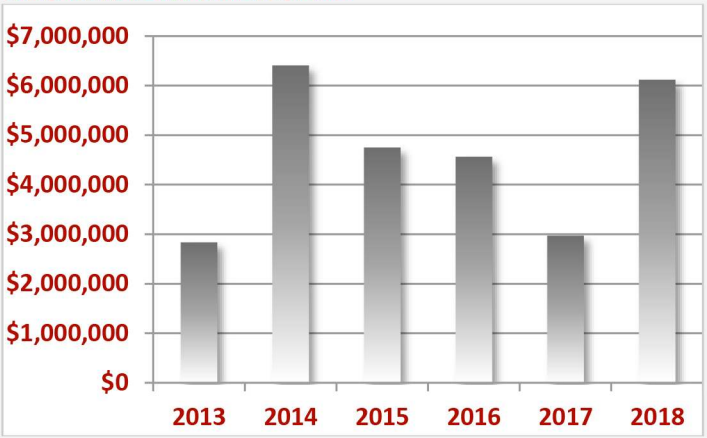
OBS WINTER MIXED SALE



In an early sales ticker covering the OBS Winter Mixed sale, the TDN inaccurately reported the number of horses in the catalog, which skewed some of the other categories. The numbers below are correct.

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2018	711	545	413	23.3%	75.7%	58.0%	$ 6,119,600	$ 14,817
2017	646	516	326	20.1%	63.2%	50.5%	$ 2,970,700	$ 9,113
2016	639	509	358	20.3%	70.3%	56.0%	$ 4,565,100	$ 12,752
2015	514	410	335	20.2%	81.7%	65.2%	$ 4,751,000	$ 14,182
2014	809	633	463	21.8%	73.1%	57.2%	$ 6,408,500	$ 13,841
2013	454	392	257	13.7%	65.6%	56.6%	$ 2,835,200	$ 11,032

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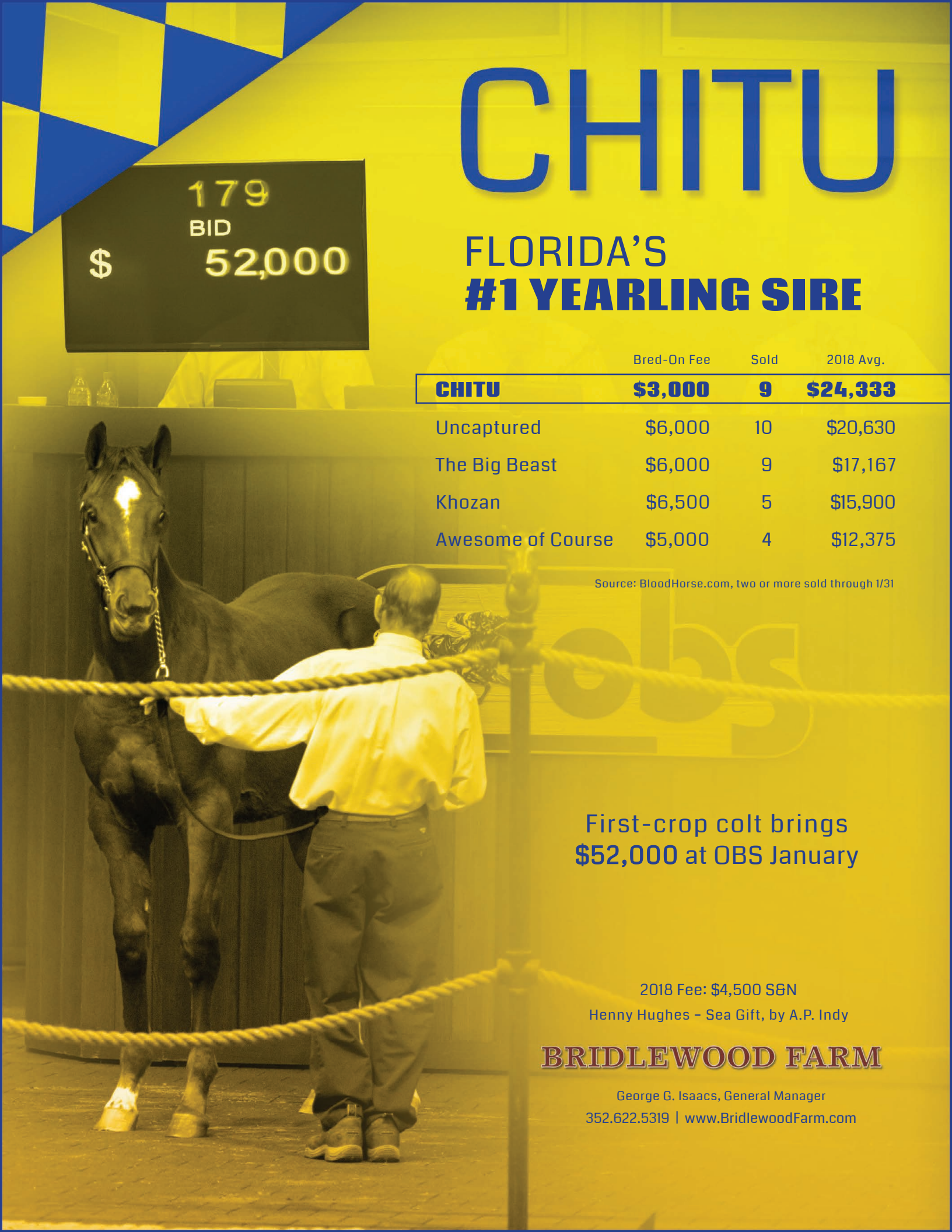

	Bred-On Fee	Sold	2018 Avg.
CHITU	**$3,000**	**9**	**$24,333**
Uncaptured	$6,000	10	$20,630
The Big Beast	$6,000	9	$17,167
Khozan	$6,500	5	$15,900
Awesome of Course	$5,000	4	$12,375

Source: BloodHorse.com, two or more sold through 1/31

First-crop colt brings
$52,000 at OBS January

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Henny Hughes – Sea Gift, by A.P. Indy

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El Padrino (Pulpit), Northview PA, $5,000
112 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CT, Msw 6 1/2f, EL BESTIA, 15-1
$1,000 EAS OCT yrl

Emcee (Unbridled's Song), Haras Santa Maria de Araras, $7,500
44 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-FG, Aoc 1mT, ANOTHER LEVEL, 12-1
$11,000 KEE JAN yrl; $3,200 TTA APR 2yo

Flat Out (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, $10,000
230 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
7-FG, Aoc 1mT, DEADLINE, 7-2
$16,000 KEE JAN yrl; $75,000 FTK JUL yrl

Just a Coincidence (Forestry)
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
9-OP, Msw 6f, JUST A COINKYDINK, 9-2

Liaison (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, $10,000
166 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners
9-OP, Msw 6f, GOT MOJO, 12-1
$15,000 RNA OBS WIN yrl; $18,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Orb (Malibu Moon), Claiborne Farm, $25,000
195 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
7-FG, Aoc 1mT, LUNA, 4-1

Overanalyze (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, $10,000
191 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners
5-AQU, Msw 7f, RACING RAVEN, 2-1
3-CT, Msw 6 1/2f, SATURDAY SUDOKU, 15-1
$2,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Paynter (Awesome Again), WinStar Farm, $25,000
218 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
7-FG, Aoc 1mT, SALT BAE, 9-2
$100,000 KEE JAN yrl

Point of Entry (Dynaformer), Adena Springs, $25,000
147 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
7-OP, Msw 1m, LA DAME BLANCHE, 6-1

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-GP, $45,000, Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-31, 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.56, fm.
ISLAND REWARD (m, 5, Street Boss--Cat Fight, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 14-5-1-3, $175,752. O-Bruno Schickedanz; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Yvon Belsoeur. *$120,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

7th-SUN, $30,500, (S), 1-30, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.78, ft.
UNBELIEVABULL (g, 4, King Bull--Tia Tia, by Pine Bluff) Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-2, $43,277. O-Delinda Green & Mari Lou Campbell; B-Greg & DeLinda Green (NM); T-Greg Green.

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NTRA LEGISLATIVE ACTION CAMPAIGN

5th-MVR, $27,500, 1-31, (NW23MX), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.83, ft.
YOLO MON (g, 7, Pure Prize--Crafty Judith, by Crafty Prospector) Lifetime Record: 22-7-6-3, $165,855. O/B/T-Alberta Davies (KY).

7th-HOU, $20,500, (S), 1-31, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:07.43, ft.
STILLWATER R. (g, 4, Uncle Abbie--Jennifer R., by Festival of Light) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, $32,993. O-Carla J & Robert J Pickard; B-Greg M Wisner (TX); T-Robert J Pickard.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Justas Loud, g, 3, **Oratory**--Sexy Librarian, by Theatrical (Ire). HOU, 1-31, Msw, (S), 6f, 1:12.33. B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (TX). *1ST START WIN. **$5,000 Ylg '16 HEROCT.

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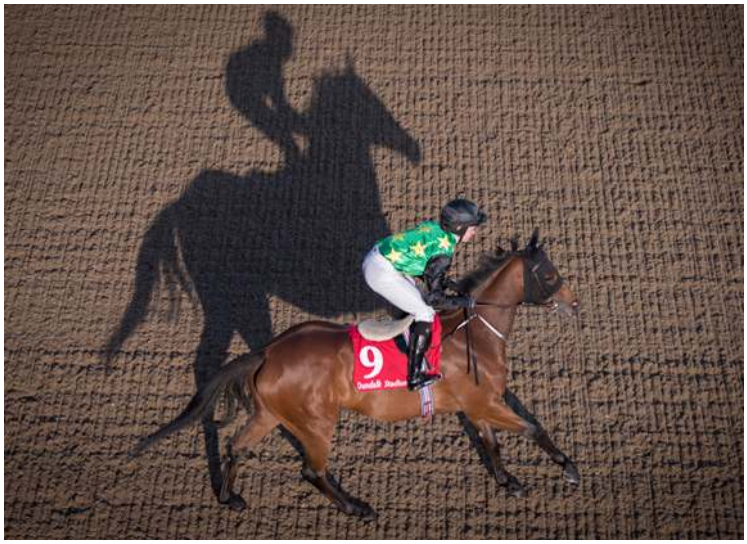

Smoulder, a half-sister to Legatissimo, is part of the Markus Jooste offerings at Tattersalls February | *Racing Post photo*

By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK--Markus Jooste was prevented from having runners at South Africa's major Sun Met meeting last weekend amid the fallout from the Steinhoff accounting scandal, and some of the Thoroughbreds in which he is involved in Europe are likely to provide a boost to the bottom line of the Tattersalls February Sale, which begins its two-day run on Thursday.

The mixed auction has been on the up in recent years, not just in numbers catalogued, which saw it stretched to two sessions in 2017 from its more regular stand-alone day. Twelve months ago also featured a new high mark when Easton Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) was sold for 500,000gns to Mick Flanagan. That record price has to be under threat with the inclusion in the sale of the regally-bred **Willie John (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), catalogued as lot 379, to be sold from William Haggas's Somerville Lodge on behalf of Jooste and the China Horse Club. It's rare to see a Classic prospect change hands at this time in his career but the unusual circumstances of the colt's current ownership means that he will return to the ring where he fetched 325,000gns as a yearling.

Since then, the son of Meon Valley Stud's dual Group 1 winner Izzi Top (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) has won his sole start--a seven-furlong novice race at Yarmouth--in eye-catching fashion (video), and he holds entries for the Derby and the Irish Derby.

"He looks great and is in good shape. All the vettings have been good and there's been plenty of interest in him," said Willie John's trainer William Haggas, whose own Classic success stretches to Derby winner Shaamit (Ire) (Mtoto {GB}) and Oaks winner Dancing Rain (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). "He won his maiden very impressively and he certainly has potential. Obviously we don't want to lose him and if he'd been staying with us we'd have been looking at a campaign starting with the Craven S."

Other well-bred offerings co-owned by Jooste to be returning to Tattersalls for sale are **Smoulder (GB)**, the 4-year-old Redoute's Choice (Aus) half-sister to Legatissimo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who will sell on Thursday as lot 150.

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Steve Sherack is back with his APB series, this time featuring **Montauk** (Medaglia d'Oro) & **Irish Territory (Ire)** (Declaration of War). **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

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On her previous appearance in Book 1 she fetched 725,000gns, while **Key To My Heart (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who sells four lots later as lot 154, was a 1.3 million-gns yearling and won the Listed Oaks Trial at Naas last season.

Also in the draft from the Castlebridge Consignment as lot 152 is **Pocketfullofdreams (Fr)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), a half-sister to Group 2 winner The Juliet Rose (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}) who won a mile maiden and was runner-up in the Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial for Jooste and the Coolmore partners.

Other notable Castlebridge offerings include the final mare from the Ballymacoll Stud dispersal, **Thetis (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who missed her intended slot in the December Sale. Offered as lot 149, she will be sold alongside her Lope De Vega filly foal who was born on Jan. 13.

Among a Juddmonte draft which, as ever, includes some interesting in-training prospects, two in-foal mares will be offered on the first day. Lot 70 is the regally-bred listed winner **Novellara (GB)**, a 15-year-old daughter of Sadler's Wells and Modena (Roberto) and thus a half-sister to Group 1 winners Reams Of Verse (Nureyev) and Elmaamul (Diesis), and also to the dam of Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Already a Group 3 producer, Novellara will be sold with a mid-April cover to Bated Breath (GB) and will be followed through the ring by Canada Water (GB) (Dansili {GB}) (lot 71), a full-sister to the Arc winner Rail Link (GB) who is carrying to Showcasing (GB) on a May 24 cover.

Among a 27-strong draft from Godolphin are two Shamardal fillies of note: lot 183, the unraced 3-year-old **Endow (Ire)**, is a grand-daughter of the G1 Irish Oaks winner Pure Grain (GB) (Polish Precedent), while lot 186, **Laughily (Ire)**, is also three and is out of a half-sister to G3 Prix de Cabourg winner and G1 Lockinge S. runner-up Alexandros (GB) (Kingmambo) from the further family of In The Wings (GB) (Sadler's Wells).

Buyers on the lookout for a progressive staying or dual-purpose prospect will doubtless be scrutinising the well-credentialed **Zenon (Ire)**, a 4-year-old son of Galileo (Ire) and the Indian champion filly Jacqueline (Ind) (King Charlemagne) who has won twice for John Gosden and is rated 96. He is catalogued as lot 394, two lots before **Gracious Diana (GB)** (Foxwedge {Aus}) (lot 396), an impressive maiden winner last season at Newbury and a half-sister to the classy stayer and Australian-based stallion Dandino (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

A popular feature of the February Sale at Tattersalls has been the staging of the TBA Flat Stallion Parade before trading commences on the opening day. This year, 14 first- and second-season stallions will be on site in the Left and Right Yards and will parade through the ring at 11 a.m. **Cont. p3**

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These include Ardad (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Danon Ballade (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Frankel's full-brother Proconsul (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Australian newcomer Spill The Beans (Aus), who is the first son of Snitzel (Aus) to stand in Europe, and his fellow National Stud resident Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}).

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Op / ED

WOMEN CAN BE FIRST AMONG EQUALS

By Emma Berry

In Newmarket, the first day of February traditionally heralds a metaphorical shrugging off of the winter wraps as the grass canter opens on Warren Hill and a countdown to the start of the Flat turf season can begin in earnest.

From my office in a draughty hayloft directly above the stable in which the 1946 2000 Guineas winner Happy Knight once munched his hay, I have a view across the roof of Waitrose to the looming hill that forms the unofficial centre point of Newmarket's training grounds. My daily mood often depends largely on whether it is bathed in sunshine or shrouded in gloomy clouds. Judging by today's outlook, there'll be no actual shrugging off for a while yet.

This particularly wet and windy winter has been taking its toll on man, woman and beast but there have been one or two bright spots, and for those of us glued to all-weather and National Hunt racing on TV, the current good run of Nicola Currie and Hollie Doyle in the former and Bryony Frost and Lizzie Kelly in the latter has been a source of continued enjoyment over the last few weeks.

That the aforementioned all happen to be female should of course be of no consequence. The more important link between the quartet is that they are all excellent riders, and they are not the only women on the scene under both codes who are worth following. In Britain and Ireland, we can add the outstanding Josephine Gordon and the woman who has made arguably the biggest breakthrough to date, Hayley Turner. Then there's Georgia Cox, Shelley Birkett, Sammy Jo Bell, Ana O'Brien, Gemma Tutty, Katie Walsh, Nina Carberry, Lisa O'Neill, Kate Harrington. The list goes on, perhaps not for long enough, but it is increasing.

The arrival in my inbox this week of a BHA press release entitled 'Female jockeys as good as males' was greeted initially with a silent, "Well, duh." **Cont. p4**

Op/Ed: Women Can Be First Among Equals Cont.

As someone whose introduction to racing came through an initial love of anything equine followed by a childhood devotion to show jumping and eventing, it would never have crossed my mind that women weren't as good as men in the saddle (or in countless other areas). In other equestrian sports, they have competed on equal terms for generations.

Racing has been woefully behind the times on this but it is now starting to catch up, thanks in no small part to the efforts of Turner, Gordon, Currie and co.

A response to a BHA tweet on the matter from trainer Stuart Williams hit the nail on the head: "Let us just call them jockeys then, absolutely no reason to distinguish them by gender, no other equine discipline does this."

Josephine Gordon had a 31% strike-rate for Saeed Bin Suroor last year | *Racing Post*

Williams currently employs another rising apprentice, Milly Naseb, and is clearly one of a growing number of trainers who have no problem booking a female rider. But that number needs to grow faster.

The study conducted by Thoroughbred Horseracing Industries MBA graduate Vanessa Cashmore and released by the BHA takes into account 14 years of data and, allowing for the quality of horses ridden, comes to the conclusion, which should have been fairly obvious to all, that female jockeys are just as good as their male counterparts. The difference is that they are given far fewer opportunities and are greatly outnumbered by men in the weighing-room.

In Britain, only 11.3% of licenced jockeys are female, and over the course of the study only 5.2% of the rides went to females. More telling was the fact that the distribution was far from even in race profile, with females accounting for 1.1% of rides in Class 1 Flat races, and 10% and 9.3% in Class 6 and 7 races, respectively. Cont. p5

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2	PIVOTAL	70.78	£40,000
3	DANSILI	68.73	£65,000
4	OASIS DREAM	68.57	£30,000
5	DUTCH ART	63.60	£15,000
6	**SIR PERCY**	**62.20**	**£7,000**
7	IFFRAAJ	61.75	£40,000
8	NAYEF	60.92	£5,000
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It's reasonable to believe that in another 14 years those percentages will be significantly higher and to hope that we see more women riding on the big days.

A closer look at the case of five-pound claimer Nicola Currie, who is currently one of the most talked-about jockeys in Britain and perhaps the only one to emerge from the small Scottish Isle of Arran, is encouraging in this regard. In January alone, Currie--one of three apprentices employed by Richard Hughes--rode for 26 different trainers. In the last few months she's got the better of Ryan Moore, Frankie Dettori and Adam Kirby in close finishes, giving lie to the lazy excuse so often dragged up that female jockeys simply aren't strong enough.

I'm not suggesting that she's better than any of the experienced trio mentioned but Currie, whose particular gift seems to be in the way she settles horses, is clearly an extremely promising jockey who, like Turner and Gordon before her, is proving that, given the chances, a gifted rider will deliver regardless of gender. Good race-riding is rarely about brute force, rather an almost indefinable combination of balance, sensitivity, bravery and timing.

"As someone whose introduction to racing came through an initial love of anything equine followed by a childhood devotion to show jumping and eventing, it would never have crossed my mind that women weren't as good as men in the saddle."

Josephine Gordon's champion apprentice title of 2016 was followed by her appointment to Hugo Palmer's stable, which provided almost a third of her tally of 106 winners in 2017, not to mention her first group win. She subsequently finished in 11th position in the jockeys' championship and riding nine winners for Godolphin and Saeed Bin Suroor from just 31 starts will have done her profile no harm. For the hard-working Gordon, opportunity is now knocking loudly, and only two other jockeys took more rides than her last year.

Opportunity is not afforded to every female rider, however, nor indeed to many male jockeys or plenty of small trainers for that matter. Responding to the study, the BHA's Chief Executive Nick Rust has emphasised his organisation's desire to ensure that the gender gap in the weighing-room is reduced and said, "Understanding why there are fewer female jockeys than male, and why those jockeys get fewer rides than the men--in particular in higher-profile races--is something that we are determined to address."

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The BHA has not signaled any intention of following France Galop's introduction of a weight allowance for female jockeys, a measure which certainly has increased their chances of being booked for rides but does little to advance the level terms argument. Rust has also spoken of his belief that we will see a female crowned champion jockey before too long, and clearly the opportunities, along with the inspiration to others, are steadily improving. The BHA boss will be laughed out of town by some but I'm a fellow believer. And when it happens, let's not pat her on the back for being a woman, for as the data shows, it's not about being male or female, it's about being a damn fine jockey.

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A new £1-million bonus will be up for grabs for the first time this year for any horse that can win one of four early season prep races in addition to three later-season features. The WH Stayers' Million, sponsored by Weatherbys Hamilton, will reward any horse that can win the G3 Sagaro S., G3 Ormonde S., G2 Yorkshire Cup or the G3 Henry II S. and go on to win the G1 Gold Cup, G1 Goodwood Cup and the G2 Lonsdale Cup.

The £1-million would be split between the connections of the successful horse, with 70% awarded to the owner and 30% divided equally between the trainer, stable staff, breeder and jockey.

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FIELDS UP, OWNERS DOWN IN IRELAND

The Irish industry enjoyed growth across bloodstock sales, entries, runners and field sizes in 2017, Horse Racing Ireland announced in its Irish Thoroughbred Industry Statistics released on Wednesday.

Bloodstock sales at public auction in Ireland grossed €175.6-million last year, up 7% from 2016, while export sales at public auction were down 1.8% to €268.1-million.

"2017 represented a seventh consecutive year of growth in sales, with the value of Irish bloodstock sold at public auction being €175.6-million, up 7% on the 2016 figures," said HRI Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh. "Irish-bred horses continued to dominate at the highest levels internationally and the value of Irish-foaled exports sold at public auction was €268.1-million, with clients from 31 different countries investing in Irish bloodstock." Cont. p7

The Curragh | *Racing Post photo*

Fields Up, Owners Down in Ireland Cont.

Flat entries were up 10.4% and runners were up 5.7%, while average field size for flat and National Hunt combined was up 2.6% to 11.5. The number of horses in training was down just 1% at 8,488, while active owners were also down a touch (0.6%) at 3,687. New owners were down 2.7% to 686. All of these areas had, however, enjoyed growth in 2016.

"Sole owners and partnerships remain the most popular form of ownership in Ireland, however, syndicates continue to take an increasing share with growth of 5% year-on-year," said Kavanagh. "Registered racing clubs made a significant jump with a 50% increase in the number of clubs active in 2017."

Total tote betting was up 7.2% to €103.8-million last year; however, total on-course betting was down 6.2% to €83.1-million. Total attendance and average attendance were both similarly down, 3% (1.28-million) and 2.8% (3,589) respectively.

"The attendance figures reflect the reduced numbers at The Curragh, in particular the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby and day two of the Longines Irish Champions Weekend," said Kavanagh. "We look forward to the completion of the redevelopment in 2019, when The Curragh will have facilities to match the world-class action on the track."

Prizemoney and sponsorships were up last year: prizemoney climbed 7.6% to €61.1-million, while commercial sponsorships were up 3% to €4.94-million and EBF sponsorships were up 15.8% to €1.98-million.

Kavanagh concluded, "Horse racing generates a very significant return to the rural economy in Ireland and positive international profile for our country. The Sports Business Group at Deloitte, in their report into the Economic Impact of Irish Breeding and Racing 2017, published in September, estimated that the industry contributes €1.84-billion to the Irish economy, supporting directly and indirectly almost 29,000 jobs. Despite our size, we are the third-biggest producers of Thoroughbred foals in the world and estimates place Ireland only behind the United States as the biggest seller of bloodstock by public auction globally. None of this success could be achieved without the support provided by government through the Horse and Greyhound Fund, which is much appreciated."

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Wednesday's Results:

5th-CHD, £8,800, Cond, 1-31, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:22.71, st. **DANZAN (IRE) (c, 3, Lawman {Fr}--Charanga {GB}, by Cadeaux Genereux {GB})** was runner-up in the 6 1/2-furlong Weatherbys Racing Bank £300,000 2-Y-O S. at Doncaster in September and less than five lengths behind U S Navy Flag (War Front) when eighth in the G1 Middle Park S. at Newmarket in September last term but was overturned as favourite when second in a Kempton conditions event over this trip on his comeback on Jan. 16. In no danger once Oisin Murphy set about leading from the outset, the 6,500gns TATFOA foal and £12,000 GOUKPR yearling hit the line with four lengths to spare over Persian Prize (Ire) (Approve {Ire}) at a prohibitive 1-8. The winner is the first foal out of Charanga, a granddaughter of the SW Gai Bulga (GB) (Kris {GB}) connected to Footstepsinthesand (GB), who also has a 2-year-old filly by Casamento (Ire). Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, $101,918. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**. O-Mr B. Greenwood/Mr R. Homburg & Partner; B-Colin Kennedy (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

British Report Cont.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Good Boy Alfie (GB), g, 3, **Showcasing (GB)**--Costa Brava (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. NC, 1-31, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:30.77. B-Mr & Mrs P. Rooney (GB).

PLUS 10 DEADLINE APPROACHING

The deadline to qualify 2-year-olds of 2018 to the Plus 10 bonus scheme is on Feb. 28. Qualifying makes the horse eligible to win £10,000 bonuses as a 2- and 3-year-old across about 800 races, and this year the scheme has been expanded to include all Class 5 3-year-old maidens over one mile three furlongs and further.

Plus 10 Chairman Julian Richmond-Watson said, "We are hugely excited to be expanding the scheme to offer more opportunities to staying type horses and to link in with broader industry objectives to encourage more people to breed and own stayers. I urge owners of eligible 2-year-olds to finalise their Plus 10 registrations by completing the Owner Registration stage before the end of February and to stake their claim in the rich bonus prize pool on offer across British and Irish 2- and 3-year-old races."

Plus 10 has paid out more than £11.5-million in bonus prize money since 2015. In 2017 alone, 384 bonuses were won, rewarding about 500 owners and breeders.

FREE ENTRY FOR ARMED FORCES

All 60 racecourses in Britain will offer free entry to armed forces personnel in 2018. Since the scheme launched in 2009 British Racecourses have donated over 70,000 tickets to the scheme, which allows those employed in the armed forces to attend some of British racing's premier days for free.

Robin Mounsey, Head of Media at the BHA, said, "It is great news that all 60 racecourses are able to show appreciation for the brave men and women who serve our country, and we are grateful to our racecourses for the generosity they continue to show. There is a wider variety of fixtures on offer than ever this year and we hope plenty of troops will enjoy a well-deserved day out at the races in 2018."

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-CGN, €35,000, 1-31, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.25, st. **BEAU MASSAGOT (FR) (c, 3, Panis--In Memory {Fr}, by Chimes Band)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, €52,050. O-Mlle Neila Mahjoub, Christian Cimolai, Antoine Bardini & Alexandre Giannotti; B-Mme P Baillet, C Baillet & J L Terrieres (FR); T-Christophe Escuder.

5th-CGN, €28,000, 1-31, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:36.45, st. **MIRACLE DES AIGLES (FR) (g, 5, Siyouni {Fr}--Folie des Aigles {Fr}, by Ocean of Wisdom)** Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 29-5-5-4, €174,020. O/T-Mme Corine Barande-Barbe; B- Suc. Y Lelimouzin & B Deschamps (FR).

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Dinozzo (Ire), g, 5, **Lilbourne Lad (Ire)**--Nisriyna (Ire), by Intikhab. Happy Valley, 1-31, Hcp. *(£168/€191k)*, 1650mT, 1:39.18. B-Swordlestown Little. *GSP-HK. **€44,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €75,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

KARAKA BOOK 1 ENDS ON A HIGH

by Heather Anderson

Lot 612 | *Darryl Sherer*

Owners: did you know?

In the top 200 Flat trainers in Britain in 2017, only **9** had a strike-rate of **20%** or more: John Gosden, William Haggas, Charlie Appleby, Saeed bin Suroor, Roger Charlton, Roger Varian, Jeremy Noseda, Archie Watson and

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The final day of the reformatted four-day NZB Karaka Yearling Sale Book 1 ended on a high, with all key statistics rising from 2017. Of the 700 yearlings catalogued in Book 1, 539 sold (82.5%), grossing NZ$83,549,000--already higher than last year's entire Premier, Select and Festival Sales combined. The average was NZ$155,007, while the median was NZ$110,000 at the close of sale on Wednesday. One of the most telling indices, was that the average for fillies was NZ$167,857, over NZ$20,000 above the colts' average of NZ$147,504. A Tavistock (NZ) filly (lot 612) went the way of the China Horse Club to top the final session for NZ$975,000.

"This sale has already exceeded all expectations," said New Zealand Bloodstock's Managing Director Andrew Seabrook. "For the Book 1 turnover to exceed 2017's total sale aggregate is remarkable. One of our ambitions in designing the new format was to retain international buyers onsite for longer, so to see today's activity so strong right to the end, with a clearance of 85% for Day 4, goes a long way towards validating the new format."

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CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2018
• Catalogued	700
• No. Offered	653
• No. Sold	539
• RNAs	114
• % RNAs	17.5%
• No. NZ$500K+	19
• High Price	NZ$1,025,000
• Gross	NZ$83,549,000
• Average (% change)	NZ$155,007
• Median (% change)	NZ$110,000

**Direct comparisons are not available, as New Zealand Bloodstock reformatted the 2018 sale.*

Tavistock/Cambridge Provide Top Two Lots...

The China Horse Club's Bloodstock and Racing Manager Michael Wallace successfully acquired Wednesday's topper from Sir Patrick and Lady Justine Hogan's Cambridge Stud draft. Lot 612, by Cambridge resident Tavistock, is out of the unraced Special Diamond (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), a full-sister to G1SW Don Eduardo (NZ) and a half to MG1SW Tristalove (NZ) (Sir Tristram {Ire}). The bay's second dam is G1 Railway H. heroine Diamond Lover (Aus) (Sticks and Stones {Aus}), while her third is the exceptional matriarch Eight Carat (GB) (Pieces of Eight {Ire}), the dam of Octagonal (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}).

"Patrick is putting up his world-class pedigrees," said Wallace. "You take these opportunities when they arise--world-class pedigrees, world-class type and from a world-class stallion. From a long-term perspective that's very enticing."

Lot 667 | *NZB*

Another yearling by Tavistock and consigned by Cambridge, this time a colt (lot 667), drew the eye of Dean Hawthorne, who bid NZ$700,000 to take home the second-dearest lot on the day. The Aug. 28-foaled bay is out of dual winner Tricia'o (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), a half-sister to MGSW & MG1SP La Sizeranne (NZ) (Stravinsky), as well as G1SP Imperial Lass (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}) and GSPs Joy's Choice (NZ) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and Napa Sky (NZ) (Stravinsky). G1 Australian Derby hero Tavago (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}) is also under the GSP second dam.

The Hogans, who have run Cambridge Stud for 44 years, were honoured before the start of the fourth session on Wednesday. New owners Brendan and Jo Lindsay will take up the reins of the historic stud in April and have been active during Book 1, shelling out NZ$1.365 million for five head, led by a NZ$520,000 filly (lot 695) by Lonhro (Aus) from the Jamieson Park draft.

Sir Patrick & Lady Justine Hogan were honoured with a farewell ceremony at Karaka on Wednesday | *NZB*

Zoustar Filly Goes to Beemsterboer....

Lot 600, a filly by young Widden Stud sire Zoustar (Aus) from the Landsdowne Park consignment, caused some fireworks just a dozen hips earlier than the Wednesday topper, when Ger Beemsterboer extended to NZ$650,000. The fourth foal out of the unraced Snow Blitz (Aus) (Zabeel {NZ}), the bay's second dam is G1 Golden Slipper S. heroine Polar Success (Aus) (Success Express).

"We paid a bit more than we thought for the Sacred Falls (NZ) [NZ$210,000 for Waikato Stud's lot 426,] and got this one for a bit less--you have to be lucky," said Beemsterboer of his two filly purchases. "Both of them will be entered in the Karaka Million."

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Yulong Lands Savabeel Filly...

Yuesheng Zhang's Yulong Investments limited its spending to the final day of Book 1, but the operation still managed to rank 10th by aggregate on the buyers' sheets, outlaying NZ$1.455 million for six lots on Wednesday. Leading the way was a NZ$625,000 daughter (lot 595) of Waikato Stud's Savabeel (Aus), who also consigned the bay, on the bid of Yulong's COO Sam Fairgray. The well-credentialed miss is out of a half-sister to four-time Group 1 winner Metal Bender (NZ) (Danasinga {Aus}). G1SW Keeper (Aus) (Danehill) is a member of the extended family.

"She is a quality filly, Mr. Zhang really liked her and we wanted to add her to our racing team," said Fairgray. "Quality is hard to get and you have to pay the money for it. Hopefully we see the rewards on the racetrack. Mr. Zhang loved Zabeel (NZ), and now he loves Savabeel (Aus), so we came here looking to get one. It's been great to secure a Savabeel filly from one of the best nurseries in New Zealand."

Fairgray also parted with NZ$300,000 for a Milan Park-consigned colt (lot 700) by Savabeel out of Youtoofast (NZ) (Fast 'n' Famous {Aus}). The final lot in the ring on Wednesday, the colt is from the family of G1SWs Vision And Power (NZ) (Carnegie {Ire}) and Glamour Puss (NZ) (Tale of the Cat).

New Format a Success....

The Chittick Family's Waikato Stud leads the vendors' table at the close of Book 1, with 70 yearlings grossing NZ$12,845,000. Cambridge Stud sits second with 51 sold for NZ$9,762,500 followed by Haunui Farm which took third by average (NZ$218,217) and by gross (NZ$5,019,000) for 51 head. Highden Park led all consignors by average (NZ$238,333), with six yearlings bringing NZ$1,430,000.

Mark Chittick was pleased with the reworking of the Karaka Sales and commented, "The new format to me has just been a masterstroke and so successful. Everybody in the NZB team has been Group 1 quality."

Yearlings parade at Karaka | *NZB*

A strong buying bench--both international and local--continued to dig deep in their pockets through the fourth day of the sale, with representatives from Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore already exceeding their combined Premier and Select Sale spending of 2017. Australian Dean Hawthorne has purchased nine yearlings for NZ$3.875 million, while the Hong Kong Jockey Club has paid NZ$2.06 million for seven lots. New Zealander David Ellis of Te Akau Racing has also exceeded his 2017 spending, spending NZ$7,612,500 for 27 lots and is on track to secure his 13th consecutive leading buyer title. Among them is the NZ$1.025 million Book 1 sale topper, a Cambridge Stud-consigned colt (lot 301) by Savabeel (Aus) out of Katie Lee (Aus).

The two-day Book 2, which will offer lots 701-900, commences at 11 a.m. local time at Karaka.

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Leading Sire by Average (Three or More Sold)

Sire	Sold	Average (NZ$)
Snitzel (Aus)	3	441,667
Fastnet Rock (Aus)	12	394,167
I Am Invincible (Aus)	3	343,333
More Than Ready	4	287,500
Savabeel (Aus)	61	261,066
Tavistock (NZ)	62	177,016
Per Incanto	12	159,583
Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	3	146,667
Deep Field (Aus)*	8	141,875
Pierro (Aus)	3	141,667

**Denotes first-season sire*

SESSION TOPPERS

NZB KARAKA YEARLING SALE BOOK 1 DAY 4

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ$)
612	f	Tavistock (NZ)	Special Diamond (NZ)	975,000
		B-Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan (NZ)		
		Consigned by Cambridge Stud		
		Purchased by China Horse Club		
667	c	Tavistock (NZ)	Tricia'o (NZ)	700,000
		B-Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan & Dr G W T (NZ)		
		Consigned by Cambridge Stud		
		Purchased by Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock		

Karaka Book 1 Toppers Cont.

600 f **Zoustar (Aus)** **Snow Blitz (Aus)** **650,000**
B-Burnewang North Pastoral (Vic)
Consigned by Landsdowne Park Ltd
Purchased by Mr GC Beemsterboer

595 f **Savabeel (Aus)** **Sitting Pretty (NZ)** **625,000**
B-Waikato Stud Ltd (NZ)
Consigned by Waikato Stud Ltd
Purchased by Yulong Investments

695 f **Lonhro (Aus)** **Wedding (Aus)** **520,000**
(A$370,000 i/u '16 MMNBS)
B-Mr J Chapman (NSW)
Consigned by Jamieson Park
Purchased by Mr BJ Lindsay & Mrs JE Lindsay

561 f **Fastnet Rock (Aus)** **Seachange (NZ)** **450,000**
B-The Oaks Stud (NZ)
Consigned by The Oaks Stud
Purchased by Mark Pilkington Management/Lindsay Park Racing

608 f **Pins (Aus)** **Soriano (NZ)** **420,000**
B-Miss D Howell, B M & Mrs C N Taylor (NZ)
Consigned by Trelawney Stud Ltd
Purchased by Team Rogerson

559 f **Snitzel (Aus)** **Scintillula (Ire)** **400,000**
B-Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd (NZ)
Consigned by Pencarrow Stud
Purchased by Sunlight Thoroughbreds

TALISMANIC TO DUBAI WORLD CUP

Godolphin's GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner **Talismanic** (Medaglia d'Oro), most recently second to Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Hong Kong Vase on Dec. 10, will target the Mar. 31 G1 Dubai World Cup, where he would be making his first start on dirt.

"Talismanic is on course for the Dubai World Cup," said Godolphin's French representative Lisa-Jane Graffard. "Andre Fabre suggested it after he came back from the Breeders' Cup as a potential long-range target. The horse has wintered really well and looks in great condition. He appears to have fully recovered from his trips to Del Mar and Hong Kong."

Talismanic | *Scoop Dyga*

"The [Dubai World Cup] is the target for him now as the horse appears to have some aptitudes which would suggest it's worth trying him on dirt," Graffard continued. "In regularly training, albeit doing steady work, at Del Mar he showed a very easy action on the dirt track there. He's also a horse who is easy to place in his races and can lie up with the pace and is by a top-class dirt stallion. He has an excellent temperament and is a good traveller, adapting to different situations easily. It's a big step into the unknown, but Andre Fabre is very talented at pinpointing objectives that might not seem obvious to anyone else."

Graffard said Talismanic could prep at Meydan on Super Saturday on Mar. 10 or at Chantilly on Mar. 6.

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CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS IN FORT

Championship (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) was shaping up as one of the stars of last year's carnival before injury ruled him out of Super Saturday and Dubai World Cup night. The 7-year-old gelding is back after almost a year on the sidelines on Thursday in Meydan's G2 Al Fahidi Fort, a race he won by 3 1/2 lengths last year before besting **Noah From Goa (SAf)** (Tiger Ridge) in the G2 Zabeel Mile. Cont. p13

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Championship | *DRC/Andrew Watkins*

Championship Returns in Fort Cont.

"He's doing very, very well," trainer Ahmad bin Harmash said. "He looks the same as always and is a fresh horse. His handicap [rating] is so high, we had to save him for this spot. Don't forget that last year he started at 102 and now we are 117, so you can't run him in handicap races because of the weight."

Noah From Goa finished third behind Championship in last year's Al Fahidi Fort and second in the Zabeel Mile, and the Mike de Kock charge was third on seasonal debut in a Jan. 11 handicap behind Godolphin's **D'Bai (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}). In winning that track and trip race, D'Bai lowered Championship's course record set in the Al Fahidi Fort. D'Bai is trained by Charlie Appleby, who has won this race twice with Safety Check (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and who also saddles **Jungle Cat (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}).

"D'Bai, just like Safety Check did, has really thrived in Dubai and we are following the same route," Appleby said. "He should have strong claims, while Jungle Cat is something of a carnival veteran. Stepping him up to 1400m seemed to suit him last year and he is working well."

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FAMILIAR RIVALS DO 'BATL' FOR RASHIDIYA

Mike de Kock and Saeed bin Suroor have won 13 of the 17 runnings of the G2 Al Rashidiya S. between them, and the trainers will once again do battle in Thursday's renewal. Bin Suroor, who is responsible for five of those wins in the Godolphin blue, saddles **Benbatl (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) in search of an early season double after the 4-year-old entire won the G3 Singspiel S. over this 1800 metre track and trip on Jan. 11. De Kock's **Light the Lights (SAf)** (Western Winter) was back in seventh that day, but he won a handicap upped to 2000 metres on the turf last weekend.

De Kock also sends out the intriguing **Al Sahem (SAf)** (Silvano {Ger}) for his local debut. The 4-year-old won the G1 S A Derby last May in his native South Africa when trained by Sean Tarry before finishing second in the G1 Daily News 2000 and in the G1 Durban July when last seen on July 1. De Kock said, as is custom with his first-up runners out of quarantine, "Al Sahem will improve for the run, but is pleasing us at home and is a nice horse for an international campaign, hopefully including Hong Kong. We have left [first-call rider] Christophe [Soumillon] on Light The Lights, who is obviously in good shape having won his second start and should be thereabouts."

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Benbatl | *DRC/Andrew Watkins*

NO BIRCHLEY RUNNERS IN VICTORIA

Trainer Liam Birchley has agreed to not enter horses in Victoria for the remainder of the racing season after being engulfed in a scandal that has seen trainers and other licensed persons for the former Aquanita Racing charged for alleged raceday treatment dating back to 2010. Birchley, who is based in Queensland, will not ship runners to Victoria until the new season or until the case in finalized. Queensland stewards will now need to decide whether to follow suit, with chief steward Allan Reardon telling *Racenet.com.au*, "We will have to discuss this with the Commissioner [Queensland Racing Integrity Commissioner Ross Barnett]. I have asked the Victorians for some paperwork on this latest development, so we can look into it further and make some decisions from there. It will be a matter for discussion."

Birchley has insisted he is innocent and has said he will plead as such. After agreeing to not enter runners in Victoria, Birchley is no longer required to attend a show cause hearing. Fellow Aquanita trainers Robert Smerdon (the most heavily accused with 115 charges against him) and Stuart Webb have stood down.

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NEW SCHEME FOR TAS BREEDERS

Tasmanian-breds will be eligible for bonuses of A$20,000 in 72 races across the state in a scheme developed to stimulate investment in the state's breeding industry.

In the past 10 years the number of Thoroughbred foals born in Tasmania has declined by almost 50%, from 479 in 2006 to 240 in 2016, the most recent year for which full figures are available. The number of broodmares in the state has also dropped from 920 to 501 in that time. The scheme was developed by local breeders in association with TasRacing and the government.

"If we can get more people breeding horses or buying our horses and racing them in the state we are going to create scores of jobs, whether on stud farms, with trainers and all the other areas such as feed, veterinary care and transport that you need with these horses," said Jenny Watson, president of TasBreeders. "We believe we have a great industry in Tasmania but we are facing stiff competition from across the country and this is a way of encouraging people to buy our product."

The TasBred scheme aims to increase the number of broodmares in the state by 230 in the next six years, with the expected increase in foals of 115 each year. This will generate nearly A$8-million extra in economic activity in the breeding sector, with an expected 20 more full-time jobs in that industry alone. A similar increase in jobs in training the horses for racing and associated areas is also expected.

The Liberal government has committed an initial A$300,000, with a promise of a further A$300,000 per year for five years if re-elected. Registration to the scheme will cost breeders A$440 if the horse is sired by a local stallion, or A$1,320 if it was conceived on the mainland but reared in Tasmania.

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SOUTH AFRICA

NOBLE TUNE OFF THE MARK

by Alan Carasso

Rathmor Stud freshman sire **Noble Tune** (Unbridled's Song--Serena's Cat, by Storm Cat) was represented by his first winner when Awesomely Tuned (SAf) graduated Wednesday afternoon in a 1200-metre turf maiden at Scottsville. Trained by Kumaran Naidoo, the bay filly was winning at her third racecourse appearance, having finished a debut fourth over the Greyville Polytrack Dec. 12 before improving one spot over course and distance Jan. 6.

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Noble Tune Off the Mark Cont.

Noble Tune was bred in Kentucky by Dell Ridge Farm, who acquired Serena's Cat--a grand-daughter of US champion Serena's Song (Rahy)--for $1.4 million as a weanling at the 2003 Keeneland November sale. Trained by Chad Brown, Noble Tune was a leading turf horse of his generation in 2012, winning at Grade III level before finishing second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. He added a Grade II score at three in 2013 and was sourced to stand in South Africa the following year by Alistair Brown's Equarius Bloodstock. He retired with four wins from seven starts and earnings of $491,682.

Bred on the same Fappiano--Storm Cat cross responsible for US Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Noble Tune is a half-brother to champion and 'TDN Rising Star' Honor Code (A.P. Indy), whose first foals fetched up to $370,000 in 2017. Noble Tune's current 4-year-old Tapit half-sister sold for $3 million as a Keeneland November weanling, while $2.6-million Keeneland November purchase Declarationofpeace (War Front) won the Juvenile Turf Sprint at the 2017 Breeders' Cup meeting. His further female family includes MG1SW Sophisticat (Storm Cat) and GSW and sire Harlington (Unbridled).

Noble Tune stood for an introductory fee of R25,000 (about US$2,300) and is represented by 46 horses in his first crop. In addition to Awesomely Tuned, four of the sire's five other juveniles to start have finished second or third.

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Noble Tune winning the 2012 Pilgrim | *Adam Coglianese*

ASIA

Wednesday's Result:

KAWASAKI KINEN-Listed, ¥102,000,000, Kawasaki, 1-31, 4yo/up, 2100m, 2:14.90, yg.

1--**K T BRAVE (JPN), 126, h, 5, Admire Max (Jpn)--K T Laurel (Jpn), by Sakura Laurel (Jpn)**. O-Kazuyoshi Takimoto; B-Okano Farm; T-Tetsuya Meno; J-Yuichi Fukunaga; ¥60,000,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Jpn, 26-8-6-5.

2--**Apollo Kentucky**, 126, h, 6, Langfuhr--Dixiana Delight, by Gone West. O-Apollo Thoroughbred Club; B-Doug Branham; ¥21,000,000. *$55,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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3--**Awardee**, 126, h, 8, Jungle Pocket (Jpn)--Heavenly Romance (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Management; ¥12,000,000.

USBRED KYBRED

Margins: 1HF, 1, HF. Odds: 1.70, 5.10, 2.80. **VIDEO.**

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Coys (Aus), c, 3, **Uncle Mo**--Calvello (Aus), by Flying Spur (Aus). Scottsville, 1-31, Hcp., 1950mT, 1:59.82. O-Messrs G M Bortz, M A Currie, P V Lafferty, M E Leaf, L M Nestadt, A G O'Connor, J A Soma & K P Truter; B-Odessa Stud Australia (NSW); T-Paul Lafferty. *A$10,000 RNA Wlg '15 INGWBS; R175,000 Ylg '16 CAPPRE.

NEW ZEALAND GROUP 1 RACES – 2017/2018

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 10	Herbie Dyke S.	Te Rapa
	NRM Sprint	Te Rapa
Feb. 24	Haunui Farm WFA Classic	Otaki
Mar. 3	NZ Derby	Ellerslie
Mar. 10	Auckland Cup	Ellerslie
	Bonecrusher New Zealand S.	Ellerslie
	Sistema S.	Ellerslie

TDN EUROPE/INTERNATIONAL GROUP ENTRIES

Thursday, Meydan Racecourse, United Arab Emirates, post time: 8:50 p.m. (11:50 a.m. EST/4:50 p.m. BST)

AL FAHIDI FORT S.-G2, $250,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Championship (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	bin Harmash	de Sousa	126
2	D'Bai (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Buick	126
3	Janoobi (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	de Kock	Crowley	126
4	Richard Pankhurst (GB)	Raven's Pass	bin Ghadayer	Ziani	126
5	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	bin Suroor	Cosgrave	126
6	Jungle Cat (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Appleby	Doyle	126
7	Akeed Champion (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Seemar	Fresu	126
8	Noa From Goa (SAf)	Tiger Ridge	de Kock	Soumillon	126
9	Hornsby (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	126

Thursday, Meydan Racecourse, United Arab Emirates, post time: 7:05 p.m. (10:05 a.m. EST/3:05 p.m. BST)

AL RASHIDIYA S.-G2, $200,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Al Sahem (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	de Kock	Cosgrave	126
2	Bay of Poets (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Appleby	Doyle	126
3	Sharpalo (Fr)	Shamardal	bin Harmash	de Sousa	126
4	Bravo Zolo (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Appleby	Buick	126
5	Earnshaw	Medaglia d'Oro	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	126
6	Light the Lights (SAf)	Western Winter	de Kock	Soumillon	126
7	Benbatl (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	bin Suroor	Murphy	126

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