



THE TDN DERBY TOP 12



Recently crowned juvenile champion Good Magic, MGISW Bolt d'Oro and MGISP Solomini (left to right) | *Horsephotos*

by T.D. Thornton

This past weekend's stakes action was anchored by three Road to the GI Kentucky Derby points races, including one already at nine furlongs this early in the year. But the top-ranked Triple Crown hopefuls in the rankings are still largely biding their time, with three of the first four on this week's list still awaiting 2018 debuts. Expect the plot to thicken as the pace quickens later this month.

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

O-Robert V. LaPenta & Madaket Stable. 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.

Jan. 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: 1

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

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

Next Start: *Gill Sam F. Davis S.*, TAM, Feb. 10

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KY Derby Points: 10

Catholic Boy now has two Tampa Bay Downs workouts under his belt in preparation for this Saturday's 2018 debut there in the *Gill Sam F. Davis S.* ([Click to continue to p13](#))

JUVENILE TURF SPRINT ADDED TO BREEDERS' CUP; SPRINT PURSE RAISED

The Juvenile Turf Sprint, previously run on the undercard of the Breeders' Cup championships, has been promoted and will be run as the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs this coming November, the organization announced Monday. Carrying a \$1-million purse, the race will be run at about 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf and will be open to all 2-year-olds.

"The upgrade of the Juvenile Turf Sprint is in response to the increasing popularity of turf racing in North America and will fill a need for international turf sprint sires," said Dora Delgado, Breeders' Cup Senior Vice President of Racing and Nominations. "Each year, the Juvenile Turf and the Juvenile Fillies Turf are oversubscribed at the championships. We feel that the Juvenile Turf Sprint will also be a popular draw among horsemen from North America and overseas stables and will generate interest among North American racetracks to card races in this division."

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Getting to know you. Grade I winner Tara's Tango (Unbridled's Song) enjoys turnout time with her Medaglia d'Oro colt at Stonestreet Farm in Lexington, KY. Foaled on January 18, the colt is owned by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC. Tara's Tango will be bred back to Tapit. [Click here](#) to share your 2018 foal photos with the TDN. Please include sire, dam, owner, and photographer's name. | Photo courtesy of Stonestreet

CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC BACK ON

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The imperiled GII Charles Town Classic is back on for Apr. 21 after a West Virginia Racing Commission (WVRC) vote on Monday reversed a controversial decision the WVRC made two weeks ago not to approve a fully funded version of the signature \$1.2-million stakes event at Charles Town Races.

FASIG WINTER OPENER MAINTAINS THE STATUS QUO

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The two-day Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale began Monday with a continued trend of polarization in the marketplace.

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Juvenile Turf Sprint Added to Breeders' Cup; Sprint Purse Raised *(Cont. from p1)*

The addition of the Juvenile Turf Sprint brings the total number of championship races to 14, five of which are juvenile races. Three of the juvenile races will be run on the turf. The GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf was added in 2007 and the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf was added in 2008.



Declarationofpeace | *Eclipse Sportswire*

The Qatar Juvenile Turf Sprint, run on the undercard of last year's Breeders' Cup races at Del Mar, was won by **Declarationofpeace** (War Front), a day after his Coolmore stablemate **Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy) won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf.

In addition, the purse of the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint has been increased to \$2 million, up from \$1.5 million in 2017. This year's championships will also include an additional \$1 million in undercard purses. Total purses and awards for the 2018 event will now exceed \$30 million.

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CONTROVERSIAL VOTE ON CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC REVERSED *by T.D. Thornton*

The imperiled GI Charles Town Classic is back on for Apr. 21 after a West Virginia Racing Commission (WVRC) vote on Monday reversed a controversial decision the WVRC made two weeks ago not to approve a fully funded version of the signature \$1.2 million stakes event at Charles Town Races.

But commissioners at the Feb. 5 meeting--which was called on short notice and featured just this one agenda item--made it clear that the commission-versus-racetrack debate over using contracted purse money for carding big stakes races isn't over yet. **Cont. p4**

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On Monday, prior to repealing the Jan. 23 vote that stipulated an unorthodox “matching” purse scheme for the Classic, and then voting 3-0 for the approval of Charles Town’s entire 2018 open stakes schedule, WVRC chairman Jack Rossi vowed to appoint a focus group this spring after the Classic is run to look at the “allocation of purse resources” to see if a marquee graded stakes race is truly in the best interest of racing in the state.

Rossi also introduced a new twist to the conflict prior to the vote when he said that the Charles Town’s decision to seek approval for its 2018 stakes races at the December 2017 meeting was akin to “slipping something through at the last minute”--even though Charles Town had only been following years of WVRC protocol by asking for seemingly perfunctory approval of its slate of stakes races.



Imperative wins the 2017 Charles Town Classic | Coady photo

“I think you should be planning three years in advance instead of planning 30 days in advance, and I think we need to look at it and go forward, and that’s why I’m going to appoint a focus group,” Rossi said.

Ken Lowe Jr., the WVRC commissioner and former Charles Town Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) president who seven years ago had been barred from Charles Town for distributing political flyers (and subsequently said he won an undisclosed court judgment from track management when he challenged the ejection), was the commission member who in December first threatened not to approve funding for the Classic.

Lowe had argued that the purse for the race was too high, and could be better spent doled out in a series of smaller races. After the issue got tabled in December, on Jan. 23 Lowe proposed allowing funding for up to 50% of the Classic out of the horsemen’s purse account, but only if the track matched the other half out of its own corporate pocket.

Such a funding structure is not known to be in effect for any other major stakes race anywhere in the country, and track executives had testified that Charles Town would not race the Classic in 2018 under those terms.

Lowe had led the charge for the matching purse structure even though Charles Town’s current HBPA executives said they had no problem with a \$1.2 million Classic. Track management had produced a valid purse account contract with the HBPA that allowed for up to 8% of purse account money to be used for open stakes.

On Monday, Lowe said he would back off and vote for fully funding the Classic only if Rossi’s idea for a focus group to study the race got acted upon.

Even so, Lowe reiterated his belief that big-money races aren’t in the best interest of West Virginia. He veered backwards in time to speak about president George Washington’s racing of horses in the state during colonial times, later tying the historical past into a much more recent mandate that West Virginia’s video lottery terminal revenues be used for bolstering racing in the state.

“I can say the right thing at the wrong time, or sometimes the wrong thing at the right time,” Lowe said, underscoring that his “yes” vote would also be predicated on the fact that he expects “additional monies will be put in the purse fund.” He did not elaborate about how he expected that to be accomplished.

When reached by phone after the meeting, Erich Zimny, Charles Town’s vice president of racing operations, said he was not entirely sure what Lowe meant by money needing to be put back into the purse fund.

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Zimny explained that his operations team right now is just concerned about carding a strong field for the Classic after nearly two months of uncertainty that delayed recruitment.

“We’re incredibly happy that they decided to revisit the issue,” Zimny said. “Right now we’re just focused on putting on the best event that we can in April, and that’s going to take up the bulk of our time from now until then.”

The WVRC’s Jan. 23 vote not to fund the Classic had not only placed the commission in the uncomfortable glare of the national racing spotlight, but it also elicited the threat of political repercussions within West Virginia. Within hours of the vote two weeks ago, the state’s governor vowed to have the Classic decision reversed, and a state senator filed legislation to drastically alter the makeup of the WVRC itself.

After the vote, Rossi would not directly answer a reporter’s question about what specifically led to Monday’s about-face on the Jan. 23 vote.

“The vote is there,” Rossi said. “We’re looking to the future. We’re not looking in the past.”

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KUMIN GOES IN ON CATHOLIC BOY

by Joe Bianca

Prominent owner Sol Kumin now has a minority interest in multiple graded stakes winning 3-year-old **Catholic Boy** (More Than Ready), TDN confirmed Monday following an initial report by *Daily Racing Form*. Kumin, who races under a variety of partnership names, joined majority owner Robert LaPenta with his Madaket Stable.

The bay captured the GIII With Anticipation S. over turf last summer at Saratoga and, after a fourth-place run in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf, showed his versatility by dominating the GII Remsen S. Dec. 2 at Aqueduct in his dirt debut. That effort established Catholic Boy as a potential Classic contender and enticed Kumin to get involved with LaPenta. The colt, who RNA’ed for \$170,000 as a Keeneland January short yearling, is scheduled to make his sophomore debut as the favorite in Saturday’s GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay Downs. He will continue to run in LaPenta’s recognizable maroon and gold silks.

“I bought in a while ago, right after the Remsen,” Kumin said. “I saw the horse win the With Anticipation and was interested in him, but the speed figure in that race wasn’t fast enough for me to make an offer before the Breeders’ Cup, so I waited and continued to watch him. His race in the Remsen was impressive and I made an offer right after the race. I love the sire and I think he’s going to continue to get better.” **Cont. p6**

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Kumin and LaPenta previously partnered on graded stakes winners Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Uni (GB) (More Than Ready) and Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect) in 2017.

"I love partnering with Bob and have a close relationship with his racing manager John Panagot, who I think is great," Kumin said. "We have had a lot of luck together and I enjoy spending time with Bob and his family at the races."

Kumin also had praise for Catholic Boy's trainer, Jonathan Thomas, the former assistant to Todd Pletcher who handles much of Bridlewood Farm's racing stock and is rapidly emerging as one of the sharpest young trainers in racing.

"I have been using Bridlewood for the last three years or so for a combination of breaking babies and rehabs and have gotten to know Jonathan quite well," he said. "He's a terrific guy and extremely talented and his experience from working with Todd has served him well, as he's been around many quality horses throughout his career. It's exciting to be part of a top quality horse with him and I have a great deal of confidence that he and Bob will manage Catholic Boy's career the right way. I get to come along for the ride and try and bring some good luck."

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STATUS QUO AT FTKFEB DAY 1

by *Christie DeBernardis*

LEXINGTON, Ky - Monday's opening session of the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale, topped by the broodmare prospect **Bling on the Music** (Too Much Bling) (hip 68), set figures largely on par with its 2017 edition and in line with recent market trends.

Out of 300 horses catalogued for Monday's session, 246 went through the ring and 181 sold for a gross of \$4,143,200. With 65 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 26.4%, down from 31.1% a year ago. The average dipped 20.3% to \$22,841, while the median ticked up 2.6% to \$10,000. Nine horses sold for six figures Monday, down from 12 a year ago.

"I think it is the same marketplace that we have seen," Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning said. "There is a significant demand for quality. There was a lot of competitive bidding for those horses that jumped through the hoops. The market is still very, very, very difficult for a segment of the population. If a mare has a little age on her or is not covered by a marketable stallion, it's tough. There were no significant surprises. I think the assessment is status quo."

Browning added, "The numbers can be really misleading, especially at this range in the marketplace. I think we continue to see polarization. I don't honestly think there is much change in the middle market, particularly in the broodmare section."

A BRILLIANT START TO 2018

Leading sires in USA in 2018

(by individual Graded Stakes winners)

RK	STALLION	GSW'S
1	UNCLE MO	3
-	Street Sense	3
3	Candy Ride	2
-	More Than Ready	2

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	Wnrs	Earnings
1. GRAYDAR	10	\$304,505
2. Justin Phillip	4	\$300,186
3. Alternation	9	\$262,795
4. Violence	6	\$256,044
5. Morning Line	5	\$200,536

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The 4-year-old broodmare prospect **Bling on the Music** brought the day's top price when selling for \$260,000 to Oussama Aboughazale's Sumaya US. The gray was consigned by Chris Baccari's Baccari Bloodstock. Baccari made similar comments about the demand for quality in the market.

"I think it is like anything else. You have to show up with what they want," Baccari said. "If you have what they want, they will fight over it. You just have to have that product."

Machmer Hall and Select Sales' Carrie Brogden was active as both a buyer and seller Monday, including purchasing the day's top yearling, a Distorted Humor filly (**Hip 189**). She expressed similar sentiments to Browning and Baccari on the marketplace.

"I think it is all about the above-average," Brogden said. "There is plenty of money for the above-average and below that, it is a free fall. We only had one RNA so far today. I think you have to be reasonable with reserves. If you have something in the market people no longer want, I think the only way to trade it is to walk in here with no reserve. Whether you are boarding Songbird or a \$3,000 mare, they are still the same price to carry, expenses are still the same. The market is strong for the good stuff and the rest is the rest."



Boyd Browning | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

The second session of the two-day sale gets underway Tuesday at 10 a.m. and includes a 57-horse supplemental catalogue, highlighted by a pair of mares in foal to Triple Crown winner American Pharoah.

"The catalogue looks like it has some significantly better horses [Tuesday]," Browning said. "It should start with some sparklers and end fairly well, as well."

Sumaya Takes Home the 'Bling'

Oussama Aboughazale's Sumaya US was the leading buyer at last year's Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale and the operation did not take long to make its presence known at this year's renewal, going to \$260,000 for the broodmare prospect **Bling on the Music** (Too Much Bling). Sumaya US bought eight mares overall during Monday's session for a total of \$476,000.

"I thought she was a very attractive mare," Sumaya US farm manager Jody Alexander said after signing the ticket out back as International Equities Holdings. "We are looking for more mares to take to California Chrome on Southern Hemisphere and a few more mares to support him in the Northern Hemisphere. Plus, we are trying to get a few more mares for our stallion Protonico. She's a pretty mare. They prepped her too well." *Cont. p8*



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• No. Offered	246	238
• No. Sold	181	164
• RNAs	65	74
• % RNAs	26.4%	31.1%
• No. \$100K+	9	12
• High Price	\$260,000	\$475,000
• Gross	\$4,134,200	\$4,702,300
• Average (% change)	\$22,841 (-20.3%)	\$28,673
• Median (% change)	\$10,000 (+2.6%)	\$9,750

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As for his thoughts on the price, Alexander said, "I think everybody will be on all the better-looking mares. Somebody else liked her, too, or I wouldn't have had to pay that much."

Bred in Texas by W.S. Farish, Bling on the Music is out of the Action This Day mare Soft Music and is from the family of stakes winner Super Marina (Warrior's Reward).

Purchased by Keene Thoroughbreds for \$95,000 out of the 2016 Texas Thoroughbred Association 2-year-old sale, Bling on the Music ([hip 68](#)) won three of six starts and \$153,167 for that operation and trainer Allen Milligan.

She had two stakes wins and was third in the 2016 GIII Pocahontas S. Claimed for \$20,000 out of her final start in November, the 4-year-old mare was consigned Monday by Baccari Bloodstock.

"I know she is by the sire she is by, but she is a very good physical and has a good race record," consignor Chris Baccari said. "I probably should have kept her myself to breed her, but I have too many horses in training right now. She is a very good filly."



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Glen Hill Picks Up a ‘Great Soul’

Bloodstock agent Donato Lanni signed the \$220,000 ticket for multiple stakes winner **Great Soul** (Great Notion) on behalf of Glen Hill Farm Monday afternoon.

A \$20,000 EASSEP RNA, the big bay mare was campaigned by breeders Steven and Jane Long and trainer Tom Proctor. Her record currently stands at 11-5-4-1 with earnings of \$259,220 and is highlighted by wins in the 2016 Wide Country S. and 2017 Mrs. Penny S.



Great Soul | Fasig-Tipton photo

“She is huge and she can run, which is what carried her,” said Indian Creek’s Shack Parrish, who consigned the mare as **hip 211**. “She is going to race again. I thought it was an exceptional price, given the market.”

The 5-year-old mare is out of What Am I Gonna Do (Partner’s Hero), who is a half-sister to MSW Doing Great (Great Notion) and SW Heaven Knows What (Holy Bull).

“Tom Proctor trained her last year, so I watched her a bit,” said Glen Hill’s Craig Bernick, who will send the mare back to Proctor. “I was surprised to see her in the sale. She has a nice pedigree



Donato Lanni | Fasig-Tipton photo

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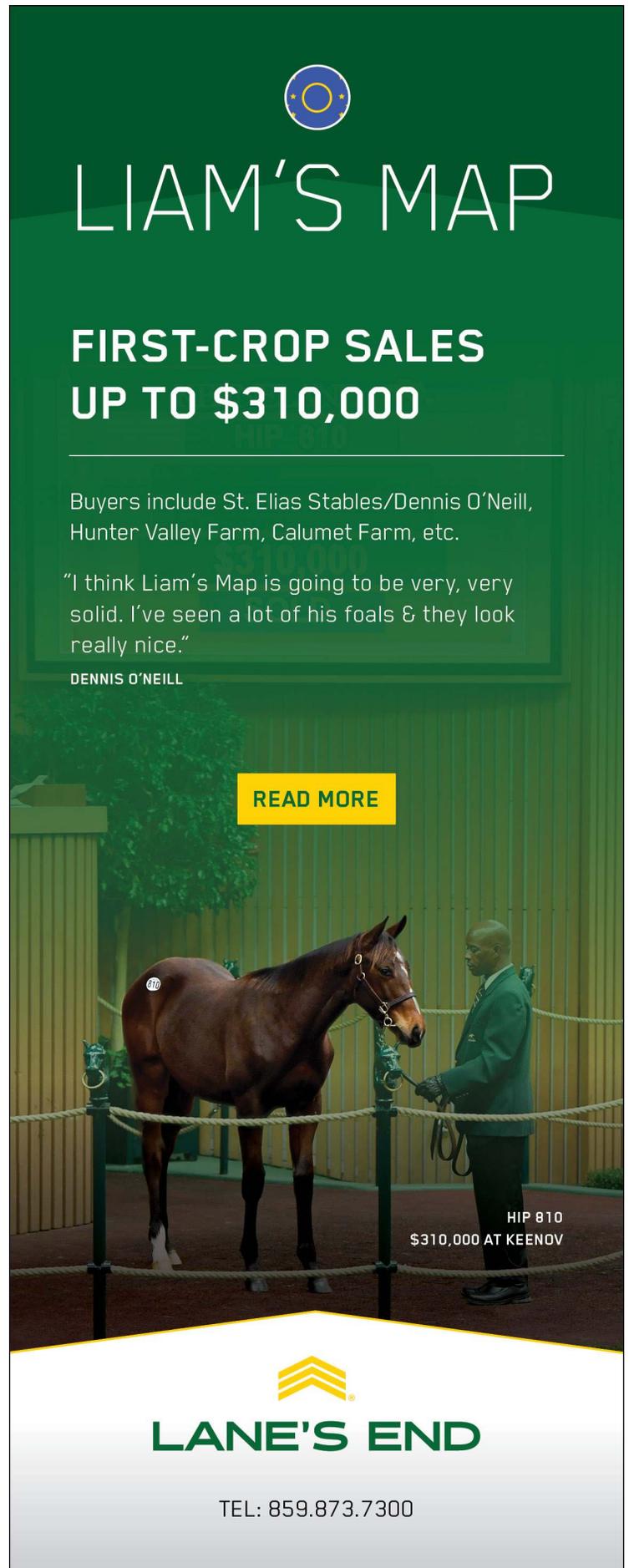
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Monday's Top Broodmares

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
068	Bling on the Music	b'mare prospect	260,000
	<i>(4, Too Much Bling--Soft Music, by Action this Day)</i>		
	Consigned by Baccari Bloodstock, Agent II		
	Purchased by International Equities Holding		
211	Great Soul	racing/b'mare prospect	220,000
	<i>(5, Great Notion--What Am I Gonna Do, by Partner's Hero)</i>		
	Consigned by Indian Creek, agent		
	Purchased by Donato Lanni, agent for Glen Hill Farm		
268	Kenda	racing/b'mare prospect	170,000
	<i>(4, Bodemeister--Indian Legend, by Cherokee Run)</i>		
	Consigned by Burluson Farms, agent		
	Purchased by Thomas Clark, agent		
118	Corby	racing/b'mare prospect	160,000
	<i>(5, Quality Road--Ballynaugh, by Desert Wine)</i>		
	Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent		
	Purchased by Nathan McCauley		
119	Coy Cat i/f Into Mischief		150,000
	<i>(13, Hold That Tiger--Shy Solana, by Tank's Prospect)</i>		
	Consigned by Bill Murphy, Agent I		
	Purchased by SF Bloodstock LLC		

Monday's Top Yearlings

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
189	filly	Distorted Humor	Gilded Gold	105,000
		<i>B-Colts Neck Stables & Barry Weisbord (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig & Holly Bandoroff), Agent VI		
		Purchased by Machmer Hall		
110	colt	Violence	Classic Elegance	100,000
		<i>B-Scarteen Stud (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by Buckland Sales (Zach Madden), Agent X		
		Purchased by James R Layden, agent		
230	filly	Flatter	Holiday Starlet	87,000
		<i>B-Martha Jane Mulholland & Candyland Farm (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by Mulholland Springs, Agent I		
		Purchased by Champion Equine LLC		
267	filly	Liam's Map	Kelli Got Frosty	87,000
		<i>B-Gary Tolchin (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson), Agent I		
		Purchased by Machmer Hall		



LIAM'S MAP

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Brogden Gets the ‘Gold’

Machmer Hall and Select Sales’ Carrie Brogden would not be denied on **Hip 189**, stretching to \$105,000 to take home the filly by top sire Distorted Humor, who was the highest-priced yearling of the session.

“I think it is at her value. If she was perfect in front, we wouldn’t have been able to buy her,” Brogden said. “I think if she stays where she is, she is fine. With this kind of filly, we have more options. That’s what really appealed. She has plenty of page to be appealing no matter what she does in the future. Everybody wants a young, well-bred Distorted Humor filly in their broodmare band that has a body and a walk like that.”



Hip 189 | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

Bred by Colts Neck Stables and Barry Weisbord, hip 189 is out of MSW Gilded Gold (Gilded Time), making her a half-sister to stakes winner Thieves Guild (Medaglia d’Oro). Thieves Guild sold for \$310,000 carrying a foal by Speightstown at the 2016 Keeneland November sale and Gilded Gold hammered for \$15,000 in foal to Kantharos at the 2017 Keeneland November sale. This is also the family of Canadian champion Hope For a Breeze (Briartic) and SW Pancake (Corinthian).

WinStar stalwart Distorted Humor cemented his status as a top broodmare sire in 2017 thanks to the exploits of Grade I winners Arrogate, New Money Honey, Elate and Practical Joke, to name a few.

“The reason we bought this horse is because my husband said no, but he didn’t stay here to hold my hand down,” Brogden said with a laugh. “So, since he left and wasn’t paying attention, my mom and I bought her! We figured she is out of a stakes winner and stakes-producing mare, so we can either go to the yearling sale or the 2-year-old sale or put her in the Machmer Hall broodmare band. Distorted Humor is becoming such an unbelievable broodmare sire, so we figured, with what we do at our farm, she could be a very versatile purchase.” **Cont. p12**



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Brogden added, "She wasn't perfect in the front end, but I was really happy with her. That was our last bid. I am just a huge fan of the sire. He is 25 now and is an unbelievable broodmare sire. She's got a great bottom side of her pedigree, plus my mom and I are horse addicts."

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Wonderful Luck, in foal to Atrides, sold for \$9,500 at the 2015 Keeneland November sale. Her Atrides filly, bred by Amy Boulton and Brad Auger, sold for \$150,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September sale. The mare produced a filly by Creative Cause in 2017 and was not bred back.

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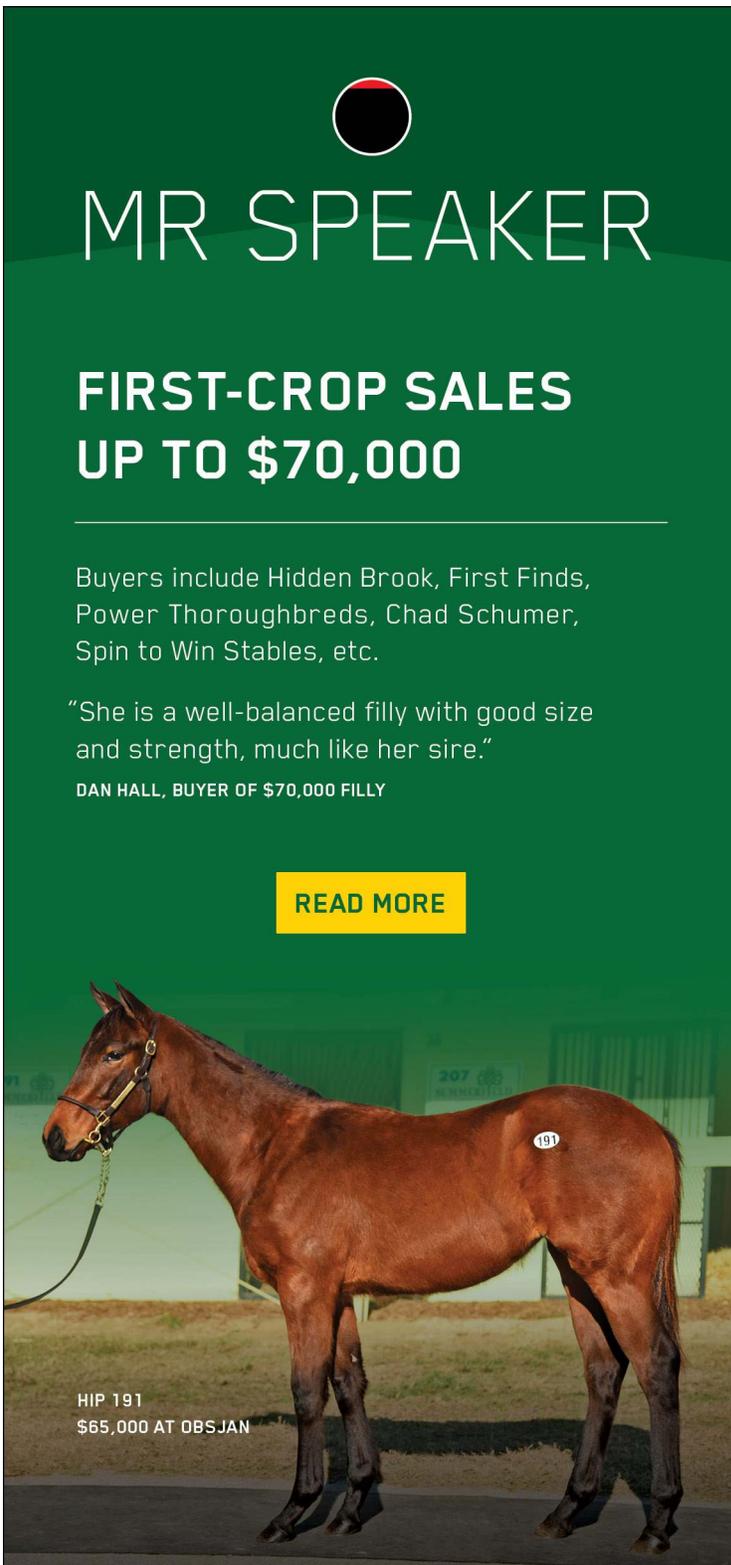
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The TDN Derby Top 12 (cont. from p1)

Catholic Boy's Sunday half-mile breeze in :49.20 (19/66) saw him parked outside of an unraced workmate, and the bay son of More Than Ready (Southern Halo) clearly wanted to break away on the far turn but was ridden with restraint until allowed to edge away in hand nearing the wire before galloping out in 1:02.20 for five furlongs. In this era of light seasoning for Triple Crown candidates, a subsequent start in the GI Florida Derby on Mar. 31 could be part of a concise two-race game plan leading up to the GI Kentucky Derby. It's worth noting that even though his connections have obviously aimed to familiarize Catholic Boy with the sandy Tampa surface by working and stabling him there this week, the track often plays differently (i.e., souped up) on

big stakes days (last year track records for 1 1/16 miles were established on both the Davis and GII Tampa Bay Derby cards). This colt's stock got a sizable boost this past weekend when Avery Island (Street Sense), the beaten fave who ran second behind Catholic Boy in the GII Remsen S., methodically dismantled the GIII Withers S. field at Aqueduct. But who-beat-whom comparisons can only carry a Derby candidate so far, and the truer test of advancement from age two to three will be Catholic Boy's ability to build off an already-demonstrated willingness to fight through adversity while reeling in A-level rivals over expanding distances of ground.

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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 yrl KEESEP '16. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-1-2-0, \$1,216,600.

Jan. 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: 2

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

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

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

Equineline PPs.

KY Derby Points: 24

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The newly crowned 2-year-old Eclipse Award winner is edging closer to his 2018 debut after breezing five-eighths in 1:01.10 (3/28) at Palm Meadows Training Center on Saturday, his third timed morning move of the season. Trainer Chad Brown is targeting the Mar. 3 GII Fountain of Youth S. for the million-dollar KEESEP colt's first sophomore start, and it is a question mark how the competition for that next Gulfstream stakes will shake out considering the winner of Saturday's GII Holy Bull S. isn't a lock to run back in the Fountain of Youth and the horses who ran 2-3-4 in the Holy Bull all looked like they needed the race from a seasoning perspective. Good Magic's mystique as a one-win champion is only going to deepen in the coming weeks thanks to his planned late arrival on the 3-year-old scene. His four-month gap between starts will rank as one of the longest layoffs we'll see this year among Top 12 contenders, with only Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) attempting a prep schedule with similar spacing. A responsive, keen stalker when last seen drubbing the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile field, it will be intriguing to see how this son of Curlin (Smart Strike)'s running style develops as he matures, especially if his prep races will be at Gulfstream, where a premium is often placed on early speed.



Good Magic | Horsephotos

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.

Jan. 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: 3

Last Start: 1st, **GIII Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 6

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI Los Alamitos Futurity**, LRC, Dec. 9

Next Start: Possible for either **GII San Felipe S.**, SA, Mar. 10 or **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 17 **Equineline PPs. Caulfield on McKinzie.**

KY Derby Points: 20

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This \$170,000 KEESEP Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) colt is maintaining fitness while awaiting a next start that has yet to be decided by trainer Bob Baffert ("I've got a lot of options. I won't know until I get closer.") The odds-on guesses are that the **'TDN Rising Star'** goes in either the GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita Mar. 10 or the GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Park one week after that. On Saturday he worked a :49.40 half (38/65), wearing down a maiden 4-year-old workmate after spotting that sparring partner 1 1/2 lengths. McKinzie right now has a tenuous hold atop the SoCal division of sophomores, and that ranking is described as "tenuous" only because of the deep crush of Santa Anita-based competition lining up behind him. Although the progression of Derby-caliber colts is rarely as linear as their connections wish it would be, each one of McKinzie's three races so far has been demonstrated capable, measured advancement.



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McKinzie's GI Los Alamitos Futurity company line is the one that stands out based on the three-way stretch fight with Instilled Regard (Arch) and Solomini (Curlin). But on the minus side, his Jan. 6 GIII Sham S. score produced a next-out beaten stakes favorite, Shivermetimbers (Shanghai Bobby), who ran a lackluster seventh in Saturday's underwhelming renewal of the GIII Lewis S.



McKinzie | Benoit

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 yr1 FTSAUG '16. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 4-3-0-1, \$576,000.

Jan. 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: 4

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.

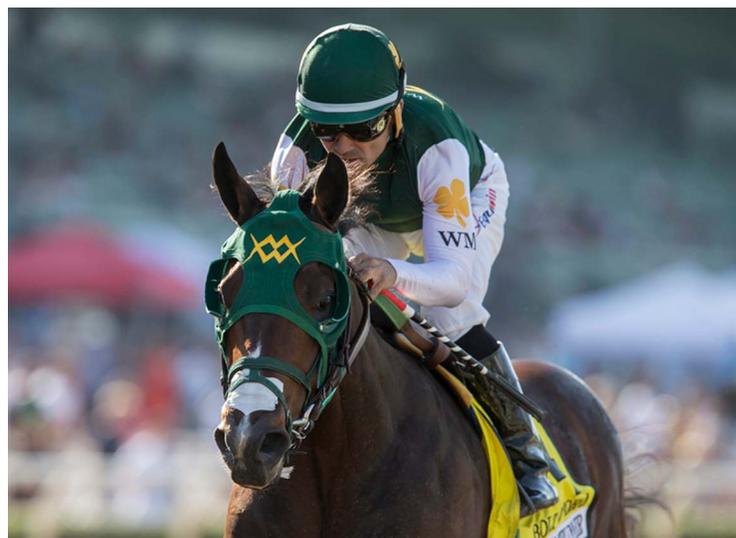
Next Start: Aiming for GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 10

Equineline PPs. Caulfield on Bolt d'Oro.

KY Derby Points: 14

Sophomore plans are starting to crystallize for the runner-up (some might say "beaten favorite") in the juvenile male Eclipse Award voting. Since the last installment of the Derby Top 12, Bolt d' Oro has posted his first two published morning moves of the year, breezing solo and without being asked over three furlongs Jan. 27, then stretching to four furlongs for another solo tour of the track Feb. 2. "He did it easy," owner/trainer Mick Ruis said after Friday's :48.40 (7/45) half mile, after which "Bolt" galloped out five furlongs in 1:01. The jockey for his next start has been solidified, with Javier Castellano committing to the mount in the GII San Felipe S. on Mar. 10, replacing Corey Nakatani. This \$630,000 son of Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado {Ire}) had a stranglehold on the SoCal 2-year-old division until he was upended by a poor start and a six wide trip in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

But in the last three months the West Coast-based 3-year-olds have progressed more as a group than those in any other geographic region, so it's likely that Bolt will face a stern test for his comeback in five weeks. That 1 1/16 miles start in the San Felipe, plus the nine-furlong GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 7, could serve as his only two springboard races leading up to a start in Louisville on the first Saturday in May.



Bolt d'Oro | Benoit

5) INSTILLED REGARD (c, Arch--Enhancing, by Foresty)

O-OXO Equine LLC. B-KatieRich Farms (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. Sales history: \$110,000 RNA yr1 KEESEP '16, \$1,050,000 2yo OBSMAR '17. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 5-2-2-1, \$228,000.

Jan. 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: 5

Last Start: 1st, GIII LeComte S., FG, Jan. 13

Accomplishments: 2nd, **GI Los Alamitos Futurity**, LRC, Dec. 9

Next Start: Probable for GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 17

Equineline PPs. Caulfield on Instilled Regard. KY Derby Points: 14

It was never any secret that this \$1.05 million OBSMAR Arch (Kris S.) colt is a sharp-looking physical specimen with a deep pedigree. But we needed to see his tactical early prowess and commanding late turn of foot in his 3 3/4-length GIII LeComte S. score to establish that Instilled Regard belongs with the upper crust of the division at this juncture of the season. It appears as if he'll make a return trip to New Orleans for the Feb. 17 GII Risen Star S., which could scare away some outliers from other circuits whose connections might also be considering a ship to the Fair Grounds. There are different ways to assess Derby hopefuls on this list (especially at this time of year), but among the ranked contenders in this week's Top 12 version, I'd have to rate this colt highest in terms of the horse I think has the most upside potential once his fitness level is acutely honed. Instilled Regard has that "scary good" presence about him, and trainer Jerry Hollendorfer will aim to fully develop and unleash it.

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

O-Godolphin Racing. B-Godolphin (KY). T-Kiaran McLaughlin.

Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-1-0, \$365,332.

Jan. 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: 12

Last Start: 1st, **GIII Withers S.**, AQU, Feb. 3.

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

Next Start: Uncommitted

EquineLine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 14

After six years as a 1 1/16-mile winter Derby prep and decades elsewhere on the New York calendar as a mile fixture, the Withers S. offered Classics hopefuls a rare nine-furlong graded stakes opportunity in early February this past Saturday, and Avery Island made the most of it. His two-length score was not flashy, but it exuded a sense of accomplishment that might be likened to the rumbling of thunder that signals a powerful storm is in the pipeline. This strapping son of Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) broke running, willingly allowed a 34-1 speedster to dart around him and secure the lead, and looked comfortable on the backstretch coasting several paths off the rail while another rival edged up to his inside. The Godolphin homebred was asked for a measured move to seize the lead three-eighths out, responded to rousing at the head of the lane, then kept chugging along to widen the gap in methodical, responsive fashion. "He's just learning to enjoy himself out there," said jockey Joe Bravo. "He just relaxed. He just got better and stronger going down the lane. I opened up early around the turn. The quicker he goes, the better he is, but I didn't want to turn it into a sprint." Added trainer Kiaran McLaughlin: "It looked like he was push-button, so it was great that he switched off that quick and then switch back on."



Avery Island | Chelsea Durand

7) MOURINHO (c, Super Saver--Sandi's Ready, by More Than Ready)

'**TDN Rising Star**' O-Phoenix Thoroughbred III. B-WinStar Farm (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$30,000 yrl KEESEP '16; \$625,000 2yo OBSMAR '17. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$154,360. Jan. 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: 7

Last Start: 1st, **SSmarty Jones S.**, OP, Jan. 15

Next Start: Uncommitted **EquineLine PPs.**

KY Derby Points: 10

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Trainer Bob Baffert is well aware that 'TDN Rising Star' Mourinho isn't going to be freewheeling on the front end cutting fast fractions as the distances get longer and the competition gets tougher. This \$625,000 OBSMAR (pinhooked for \$30,000 KEESEP) colt won as he pleased against four overmatched rivals in the Jan. 15 Smarty Jones S. at Oaklawn. The only time in that race that Mourinho faced a tactical challenge (getting position into the first turn), he was easily able to out-hoof that sent-for-the-lead rival. In two Santa Anita workouts since, Baffert has trained Mourinho without blinkers going a non-taxing three-eighths, then last Thursday with blinkers back on he tracked \$400,000 OBSAPR maiden stablemate Show Time Rocket (Into Mischief) from several lengths behind for five-eighths before pulsing past at the wire and continuing solo for another furlong to register a bullet 1:12.60 (1/4) for six furlongs. The son of Super Saver (Maria's Mon) could return to Hot Springs for the GIII Southwest S. Feb. 19, but considering Baffert's affinity for biding his time with stakes decisions, that's only an educated guess at this point.



Mourinho | Coady

8) AUDIBLE (c, Into Mischief–Blue Devil Bel, by Gilded Time)

O-WinStar, China Horse Club & SF Racing. B-Oak Bluff Stables LLC (NY). T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$175,000 FTNSAR yrl; \$500,000 FTFMAR 2yo. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$287,720

Jan. 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A

Last Start: 1st, **Gil Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 3.

Next Start: Possible for Florida Derby, GP, Mar. 31

Equine PPs. Kentucky Derby Points: 10

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Audible debuts on the Derby Top 12 off a 5 1/2-length shellacking (99 Beyer) of the Holy Bull S. Saturday at Gulfstream Park. He broke alertly, dueled between rivals into the first turn, edged back behind those pacemakers to stalk confidently, commenced a solid bid midway around the far bend, then clicked into a nice overdrive gear when confronted on even terms by Free Drop Billy (Union Rags) at the quarter pole. Jockey Javier Castellano kept the \$500,000 FTFMAR New York-bred to task when the colt started looking around a bit and saw the tire marks on the damp track, but this son of Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) seemed to have no problem stretching out from three one-turn races. The lack of serious, prolonged confrontation from the three well-regarded entrants who ran 2-3-4 behind Audible (plus the fact that the speedsters who set the pace meekly retreated to last and next-to-last) means we have to regard the race as a whole with a touch of skepticism, but trainer Todd Pletcher definitely has a base to build upon moving forward. "I love the way he came over here and handled everything," he said. "He was perfect in the paddock, post parade, gate--all those little intangibles that really help with horses that are pointing for big days."



Audible | *Coglianese*

9) 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: 3-2-1-0, \$101,800.

Jan. 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: 8

Last Start: 2nd, **GIII Lecomte S.**, FG, Jan. 13

Next Start: Possible for **GII Risen Star S.**, FG, Feb. 17.

Equine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 4

At this early stage of the Triple Crown season, every Derby Top 12 list needs at least one horse whose raw potential exceeds his on-track accomplishment in stakes races. This \$600,000 FTKNOV Tapit (Pulpit) colt owns a monster maiden win over the Churchill Downs strip and a near-effortless shredding of a two-turn Fair Grounds allowance field at 2-5 odds (18 lengths combined margins of victory). Principe Guilherme chased a powerhouse winner in Instilled Regard when 3 3/4 lengths behind that rival in the Lecomte S. But the effort likely represented more of a positive learning experience than it might appear on paper, because it was an attempt to balance this colt's natural quickness and high-torque acceleration with a dose of rateable patience, which could be a potent combination when blended with his distance-centric pedigree. This '**TDN Rising Star**' worked five furlongs in 1:01.40 (8/37) at the Fair Grounds Monday morning.

10) SOLOMINI (c, Curlin–Surf Song, by Storm Cat)

O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Glenna R. Salyer (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$270,000 KEESEP yrl. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 4-1-2-1, \$472,000

Jan 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A

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

Accomplishments Include: 2nd, **GI Fronrunner S.**, SA, Sept. 30;

2nd, **GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, DMR, Nov. 4

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 14

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Solomini slipped off the last Top 12 list when he was leapfrogged by several January stakes winners while simultaneously spiking a temperature that briefly knocked him off his training schedule. But considering that his star-crossed company lines include a pair of seconds to the top two juvenile Eclipse Award vote-getters and the fact that he finished three-quarters of a length ahead of (but was disqualified behind) McKinzie and Instilled Regard, he belongs inside the Top 12.

Trainer Bob Baffert is attempting to nudge him toward maturity and a yet-to-be-determined next start, and a :48.60 half-mile workout at Santa Anita on Saturday (19/65) put him back on the path to afternoon engagement. He needs to overcome the greenness he displayed when he hit the front and couldn't sustain his lead in the stretch of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and expected seasoning from age two to three will go a long way toward rectifying a similar loss of focus that contributed to his disqualification in the Los Alamitos Futurity.



Solomini | Benoit

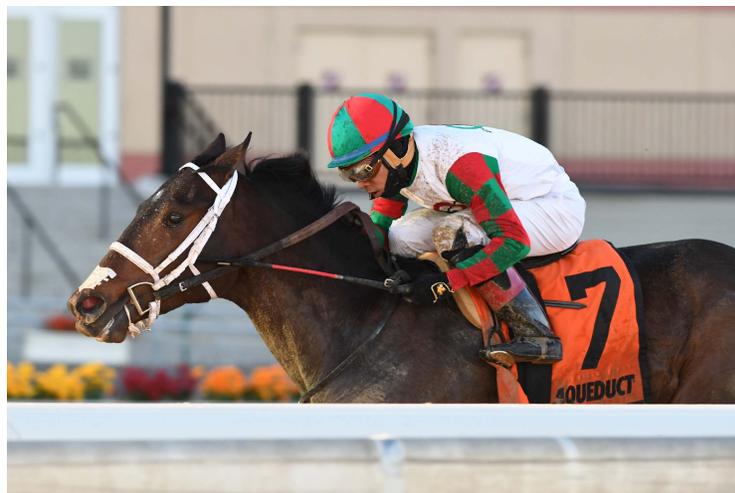
11) FIRENZE FIRE (c, Poseidon's Warrior--My Every Wish, by Langfuhr)

O/B-Mr. Amore Stables (FL). T-Jason Servis. Lifetime Record: GISW, 7-4-1-0, \$589,100.
 Jan. 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: 10
 Last Start: 2nd, GIII Withers S., AQU, Feb. 3
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI Champagne S.**, BEL, Oct. 7; 1st, **GIII Sanford S.**, SAR, July 22; 1st, **Jerome S.**, AQU, Jan. 13.
 Next Start: Possible for GIII Gotham S., AQU, Mar. 10
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 24

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I can't state with confidence that Firenze Fire looks cut out to be a 10-furlong horse, but you have to give him credit for shouldering tough assignments square-on and putting up a fight against some of the heavier hitters in the division. The ace in his past performance cut, of course, is his GI Champagne S. score last autumn over eventual 2-year-old champ Good Magic, and his connections have previously stated that the only two poor races in his six-race career coincided with the colt not feeling right (cough before the GI Hopeful S. fourth; fever prior to Breeders' Cup seventh). He closed into a dawdling pace to eke out a win in the Jan. 13 Jerome S., and in Saturday's nine-furlong Withers he was an all-out second behind the up-and-coming (and more physically imposing) Avery Island.

Firenze Fire's connections have indicated a desire to remain on the New York prep path to Louisville, and that will mean a decision about whether or not to cut back to a mile for the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 10 prior to considering the nine-furlong GII Wood Memorial four weeks later.



Firenze Fire | Robert Mauhar

12) FREE DROP BILLY (c, Union Rags-Trensa, by Giant's Causeway)

O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC. B-Helen K. Groves Revokable Trust (KY). T-Dale Romans. Sales history: \$200,000 KEESEP yrl. Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-2-3-0, \$495,220.
 Jan 22 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A
 Last Start: 2nd, **GII Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 3.
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI Breeders' Futurity**, KEE, Oct. 7; 2nd, **GI Hopeful S.** Sept. 4.
 Next Start: Uncommitted
Equineline PPs.
 KY Derby Points: 14

Free Drop Billy latches onto the Derby Top 12 rankings this week with a long list of hopefuls nipping at his heels for placement on the main body of this list. His 2018 debut on Saturday was capable enough--this \$200,000 KEESEP colt fought to attain a contending position in the Holy Bull S. and was on even terms with winner Audible at the quarter pole--but it reads more of a "work in progress" effort than a powerful, breakthrough try. "He ran hard. He tried hard. The winner was tough," said jockey Luis Saez. "Maybe after the layoff he got a little tired, but he tried. I think he'll be ready for his next start." His juvenile past performances signal that Free Drop Billy is a player at the graded stakes level, because if you forgive his inexplicable ninth (beaten 29 1/4 lengths) in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, he owns two wins and a pair of close seconds against solid competition, including a four-length triumph in the GI Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order)

Ax Man (Misremembered): Half to champ Indian Blessing aims for Gil San Vicente.

Choo Choo (English Channel): Won Cal Derby as fave; back working at GGF.

Combatant (Scat Daddy): Back working at OP for Asmussen.

Copper Bullet (More Than Ready): 'TDN Rising Star' idle since Spa with five FG works.

Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro): Beaten fave, no punch in Holy Bull.

Exclamation Point (Concord Point): Classic Empire half won OP 6f MSW debut.

High North (Midnight Lute): Cox says "90% sure" for Southwest.

Hollywood Star (Malibu Moon): Soph debut on Sat. in Davis at Tampa.

Lombo (Graydar): Wired GIII Lewis S. on Saturday.

Marconi (Tapit): 'TDN Rising Star' started slow, closed OK in Withers.

Mask (Tapit): Undisclosed setback to cost this 'TDN Rising Star' two weeks training.

Montauk (Medaglia d'Oro): 'TDN Rising Star' back working at PBD.

Nero (Pioneer of the Nile): Bullet on Fri. in prep for San Vicente.

Noble Indy (Take Charge Indy): 2-for-2 'TDN Rising Star' likely for stakes next.

Restoring Hope (Giant's Causeway): MSW winner at 4-5 for Baffert on Fri

Retirement Fund (Eskendereya): 2-for-2 'TDN Rising Star' could try Southwest.

Sporting Chance (Tiznow): GI Hopeful S.-winning 'TDN Rising Star' goes next in Southwest.

Strike Power (Speightstown): 2-for-2 'TDN Rising Star' could stretch out in GP stakes.

Tiz Mischief (Into Mischief): Third, but no big kick in Holy Bull.

Untamed Domain (Animal Kingdom): Might try dirt in Tampa Derby.

Vouch (Yes It's True): Decent third behind Catholic Boy, Avery Island.

World of Trouble (Kantharos): Recent romp by 13 3/4 lengths in Pasco at Tam.

Zulfikhar (Bodemeister): 'TDN Rising Star' to make stakes debut in San Vicente.

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SOUTH AMERICA

PUERTO ESCONDIDO INJURED

by *Diego Mitagstein*

South America's top-rated horse **Puerto Escondido (Arg)** (Hurricane Cat), winner of Saturday's G1 Gran Premio Miguel A. Martínez de Hoz at San Isidro in Argentina, suffered a left front tendon injury and will be sidelined for at least five months, according to trainer Pablo Sahagian.

"I'm very sad with what happened to the horse," Sahagian said of the Stud Facundito colorbearer. "I think he should be the best on the planet if he could win with that injury. The ultrasound was not good and now we have to stop, wait for the rest and wait to see if he will be able to train again."

Puerto Escondido notched three consecutive victories and was being pointed toward the May 25 Gr.1 Gran Premio, a qualifier for the GI Breeders' Cup Turf.

"There is no other way to wait until he recovers and start working again," Sahagian said. "It happened in the final 200 meters."

Sahagian placed the injury in perspective, noting, "After the great joys, sadness usually comes... Puerto Escondido is a super horse [and] with this, I believe it even more."

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Sunday, Valparaiso, Chile

CLASICO EL DERBY-G1, P94,500,000 (*US\$156,808*), Valparaíso Sporting Club, 2-4, 3yo, 2400mT, 2:25.74, fm.

1--**LEITONE (CHI)**, 125, c, 3, by **Dunkirk**

1st Dam: **Queen Zanobia (Chi)**, by **The Mighty Tiger**.

2nd Dam: **Tawila, (Chi)**, by **Roy**

3rd Dam: **Set Fun (Chi)**, by **Settlement Day**

O-Stud Ferro; B-Haras Sumaya (Chi); P70,000,000, T-John Pinochet; J-Hector Berríos. Lifetime Record: 8-3-4-1, P149,775,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Penn Rose (Chi)**, 123, f, 3, Dylan Thomas (Ire)--Penumbrosa (Chi), by Golden Voyager. O-Stud La Nonna; B-Haras Don Alberto (Chi); T-Guillermo Aguirre. P14,000,000.

3--**Galantemente (Chi)**, 123, f, 3, Henrythenavigator--Gran Diosa (Chi), by Dushyantor. O/B-Haras Don Alberto (Chi), T-Guillermo Aguirre. P7,000,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, HF. Odds: 3.40, 3.50, 6.30.

Also Ran: Lago En El Cielo (Chi), Don Vitto (Chi), Gato Pa Rato (Chi), Jacare (Chi), Oceanbenz (Chi), Tramador (Chi), Soy Orgullosa (Chi), Bicampeon Chileno (Chi), Pugliano (Chi), Siamo Fuori (Chi), Manccini (Chi), Kaif (Arg).

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Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO ESTADO DO RIO DE JANEIRO-G1, BRZ\$136,000 (*US\$41,678*), Gavea, 2-4, 3, c, 1600mT, 1:32.08, fm.
1--**FLIGHT TIME (BRZ)**, 125, c, 3, by **Put It Back**

1st Dam: **Quanto Carina (Brz)**, by **Wild Event**

2nd Dam: **Shanty (Arg)**, by **Southern Halo**

3rd Dam: **Shangri-La (Arg)**, by **Logical (Arg)**

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Black Opal Stud; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-Roberto Solanes; J-Angelo Marcio Souza.

Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) *1/2 TO Baccello (Brz)

(Northern Afleet), G1SW-Brz, GSW-US, \$336,882; Carrocel Encantado (Brz) (Elusive Quality), MGSW & G1SP-Brz, \$87,886; Dolemite (Brz) (Adriano), G1SW-Brz, \$56,869.

DH-2--**Arrocha (Brz)**, 125, c, 3, Pounced--Avon Lady (Brz), by Signal Tap. O/B-Haras Estrela Nova (Brz); T-Roberto Solanes.

DH-2--**Quarteto de Cordas (Brz)**, 125, c, 3, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)** --New Hampshire (Brz), by Punk (Arg). O-Sol Marte; B-Beverly Hills Stud (Brz); T-L.C. Costa.

Margins: HF, DH, 3/4. Odds: 0.30, 3.40, 22.90.

Also Ran: Or Noir (Brz), Juan Manuel Fangio (Brz), Red Spirit (Brz), Highlander Again (Brz), El Zorro (Brz). [Click for the Racing Post chart or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Gaveao Video.](#)

Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO HENRIQUE POSSOLO-G1, BRZ\$132,000 (*US\$40,452*), Gavea, 2-4, 3yo, f, 1600mT, 1:33.48, fm.

1--**FANCIFUL (BRZ)**, 125, f, 3, by **Wild Event**

1st Dam: **French Riviera (Arg)**, by **Lode**

2nd Dam: **Fricote**, by **Ogygian**

3rd Dam: **Quip Mask (Brz)**, by **Waldemeister (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-Christiano Oliveira; J-Henderson Fernandez. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0.

*Full to Double Talk (Brz), GSW-Brz. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**.

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2--**Per-Piacere (Brz)**, 125, f, 3, Plenty of Kicks (Brz)--Pemaquid, by Deputy Minister. O-Stud Ciacao Seabra; B-Haras San Francesco (Brz); T-R.M. Lima.

3--**Lepate Goose (Brz)**, 125, f, 3, T.H. Approval--Yellow Girrafe (Brz), by Quinze Quilates (Brz). O/B-Haras Phillipson (Brz); T-A.F. Barbosa.

Margins: HF, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 36.00, 30.00, 6.30.

Also Ran: Silence Is Gold (Brz), Frutada (Brz), Etrusca (Brz), Jolie Mabi (Brz), Feminine (Brz), Ordinary Love (Brz), Guanabara (Brz). [Click for the Racing Post chart or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Gaveao Video.](#)



EASTERN U.S.

Monday's Results:

5th-MVR, \$22,100, Msw, 2-5, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.91, ft.

YOUVEGOTTOPAYTOPLA (f, 3, Giant's Causeway--Divalarious {SP}, by Distorted Humor), a \$39,000 Keeneland January juvenile purchase, was off a step slow at 3-1, but quickly rushed up and sat just to the outside of pacesetter Flame Mingo (Blame) down the backstretch. The chestnut got on even terms with the leader at the quarter pole and took command just outside the eighth pole before kicking away to a 4 1/4-length graduation. Flame Mingo was another 3 3/4 lengths clear for second. The victress' dam is half to G1 winners Taipan (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), Ali-Royal (Ire) (Royal Academy) and Sleepytime (Ire) (Royal Academy). She also has a juvenile colt by Bernardini and a yearling colt named Basquiat (American Pharoah), Sales history: \$85,000 RNA 3yo '18 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,260. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Jerry Jamgotchian; B-Tenth Street Stables (KY); T-Eric R. Reed.



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Phantom on Tour Passes Away:

Multiple graded stakes winner **Phantom on Tour** (Tour d'Or), a Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation retiree, passed away Jan. 29 at the age of 24. He had suffered from complications caused by Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis (EPM), a neurological disease that he was first diagnosed with in 2006.

"Phantom was always liked by every inmate that came into the Second Chances program; everyone always wanted to see the horse that had run in the Kentucky Derby," said Linda Dyer, farm manager. "I would show them his race with everybody commenting on what a good race horse he was. It helped show them what these retired race horses are capable of as athletes."

Phantom on Tour won the 1998 GIII New Orleans H. and 1997 GIII Rebel S. He was second in 1997 GII Arkansas Derby and third in the 1998 GI Oaklawn H.

Sent to stud in 1998, Phantom on Tour proved to be infertile, was gelded and returned to racing. After three starts, a group of caring fans purchased him in 2001. The TRF said they were

honored to provide a safe haven at TRF's Second Chances Farm at Blackburn Correctional Facility in Lexington.

Phantom on Tour spent nine years as part of a living exhibit at the Kentucky Derby Museum in Louisville before returning to TRF's Blackburn farm, where he helped teach inmates equine care as part of TRF's Second Chances vocational program.

"He was really an icon for our farm here," Dyer said. "He was quite a character and sweet as pie when a visitor came into the barn because he knew they usually had carrots or mints."

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CENTRAL U.S.

Ready's Image to Stand in Indiana:

Graded stakes winner **Ready's Image** (More Than Ready--Clever Phrase, by Clever Trick) will stand the 2018 breeding season at Midwest Equine and Veterinary Hospital in Trafalgar, Indiana.

"Ready's Image is the ideal horse for Indiana," said trainer/breeder Mike Lauer. "His offspring run both short and long on the dirt and turf. He is very capable of throwing consistent top-notch horses and will be the only stallion presently standing in Indiana that has sired a millionaire. With his impressive physical and high win rate of nearly 77% winners per starters, Ready's Image will provide Indiana breeders with a great option for the 2018 breeding season. We will be breeding to him."

Ready's Image captured the 2007 GII Sanford S. and was second in that year's GI Hopeful S. He previously stood at Calumet Farm and is the sire of multiple stakes winner Rivers Run Deep, an earner of over \$1 million, and multiple graded stakes winner I'm Already Sexy.

Ready's Image will stand for a fee of \$2,000 LFSN with discounts for multiple mare packages and quality mares.

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IN JAPAN:

Mr Melody, c, 3, **Scat Daddy**--Trusty Lady, by Deputy Minister. Tokyo, 2-3, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$203,182. O-Green Fields Inc.; B-Bell Tower Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Hideaki Fujiwara. *\$75,000 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$400,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Trendy Lady (Unbridled's Song), GSP, \$199,299. **VIDEO**.

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Copano Kicking, g, 3, **Spring At Last**--Celadon, by Gold Halo (Jpn). Kyoto, 2-4, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$45,455. O-Sachiaki Kobayashi; B-Reiley McDonald (KY); T-Akira Murayama. *\$19,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '17 FTFMAR. ***"He left the gate so fast and settled into a good rhythm," said winning jockey Haruhiko Kawasu. "He is a rising talent." **VIDEO**.

Top Line Sales **TOP LINE SALES, LLC** Two-Year-Old Graduate

Deep Opus, h, 5, **Exchange Rate**--Lemonlime (MSW, \$125,824), by Lemon Drop Kid. Kyoto, 2-4, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 21-4-6-3, \$541,818. O-Toshio Fukami; B-Richard Shultz (KY); T-Kenichi Fujioka. *\$90,000 '13 Wlg KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. ***"I wanted to set the pace from the gate and keep the position to the wire," said winning jockey Fuma Matsuwaka. "He never gave up and it worked well."

STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

PEACE AND JUSTICE, Northview Stallion Station, Pennsylvania

- First foal is a filly born during the second half of Sunday's Super Bowl at Northview Stallion Station's PA Division.
- The filly is out of Movie Starlet (Flatter), a winning mare from the family of stakes winner Miss Charm City.
- "She needs a good name," said Steven W. Young, owner of the filly's sire Peace And Justice. "She's his first foal, she's a PA-bred, she's a Philly filly, and she was born during the Super Bowl." Fans are encouraged to submit suggested names via the stallion's website www.PeaceAndJusticePA.com by Mar. 1. The chosen name will be announced on the website, as well as the stallion's Facebook Page.

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7-SUN, Msw 5f, JUDY'S JAM, 5-1
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Flat Out (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000
230 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
3-MVR, Msw 1m, SHE'S FLAT OUT, 9-2
\$4,500 FTK OCT yrl

Kettle Corn (Candy Ride {Arg}), Fair Winds Farm, \$3,000
35 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
3-MVR, Msw 1m, HIGH CUPPER, 12-1

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-PRX, \$50,430, 2-5, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.42, my.
WILDCAT BELLE (m, 5, Intidab--Elusive Folly, by Elusive Quality)
Lifetime Record: 19-5-2-7, \$193,930. O-Ben Mondello; B-University of Kentucky (KY); T-David A. Cannizzo. *\$15,500 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

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3rd-MVR, \$32,700, (S), 2-5, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.10, ft. **BLACKTIEANDTUX (g, 5, Hold Me Back--Sheena's Gold, by Fast Gold)** Lifetime Record: 28-3-5-6, \$106,763. O-Infront Racing LLC; B-Sparks View Farm LLC & Ginger Emerson (OH); T-Gary L. Johnson. *\$37,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT. *1/2 to The Groom Is Red (Runaway Groom), GISW, \$401,153.

6th-MVR, \$32,500, 2-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.83, ft. **HANSENATION (c, 4, Hansen--Reversed On Appeal, by Successful Appeal)** Lifetime Record: SP, 14-5-2-0, \$120,109. O-Kendall E. Hansen; B-Moneylane Farms (OH); T-Michael J. Maker.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Paddy Jean, f, 4, **Paddy O'Prado--St. Jean**, by Macho Uno. SA, 2-4, (C), 6 1/2ft, 1:13.35. B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA). *\$10,500 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '16 EASMAY.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track	
2/10	G1 Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP	
	GII San Vicente S.	SA	
	GII Santa Maria S.	SA	
	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP	
	GIII Thunder Road S.	SA	
	GIII Endeavour S.	TAM	
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	TAM	
	GIII Tampa Bay S.	TAM	
	2/17	GII Rachel Alexandra S.	FG
		GII Risen Star S.	FG
GII Barbara Fritchie S.		LRL	
GII Buena Vista S.		SA	
GIII General George S.		LRL	
GIII Mineshaft S.		FG	
GIII Fair Grounds H.		FG	
GIII Bayakoa S.	OP		
2/18	GIII Las Flores S.	SA	
2/19	GIII Royal Delta S.	GP	
	GIII Razorback H.	OP	
	GIII Southwest S.	OP	
2/24	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP	
	GIII Daytona S.	GP	
3/3	GII Fountain of Youth S.	GP	
	GII Davona Dale S.	GP	
	GII Mac Diarmida S.	GP	
	GIII Palm Beach S.	GP	
	GIII Canadian Turf S.	GP	
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GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE BEGINS TUESDAY



Goffs February graduate Obviously (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}) | Benoit Photo

The Goffs February Sale begins its three-day run on Feb. 6, with 627 lots, a combination of 2-year-olds, horses-in-training, weanlings and breeding stock, set to go under the hammer. Kicking off the action at 11 a.m. local time on Tuesday, is a selection of 2-year-olds, older horses, and horses-in-training, before approximately 120 short yearlings from lot 80 onwards.

Tuesday lots of note included **lot 42**, a Dream Ahead juvenile colt offered by Coole House Farm, who is a half-brother to Italian listed winners Rivertime (Ity) (Tout Seul {Ire}) and Storm of Wind (Ity) (Tout Seul {Ire}), while under the second dam is young sire and MGSW Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}).

Among the short yearlings of note are: a Kodiac (GB) filly (**lot 102**) out of a full-sister to G1SW Favourable Terms (GB) (Selkirk) consigned by Tullamaine Castle Stud; and The Castlebridge Consignment offers a filly (**lot 108**) by the popular Muhaarar (GB), whose dam is a half-sister to champion juvenile Second Empire (Ire) (Fairy King).

Weanlings feature all day on Wednesday. Derby hero Australia (GB), whose first progeny race in 2018, is represented by a colt (**lot 283**) out of Group 3 winner Danehill Music (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) offered by The Castlebridge Consignment. Baroda and Colbinstown Studs will send **lot 378**, a colt by Classic hero Night of Thunder (Ire) and a half-brother to MGISW Obviously (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), through the ring. Also certain to be a highlight, is **lot 399**, a half-brother to G1SW and Classic heroine Jet Setting (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}) by Cappella Sansevero (GB) from the draft of Brookville Farm.

The final session on Thursday is devoted to breeding stock from both codes, with **Glamorous Approach (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}) (**lot 578**), a MSW and MGSP in England from the extended family of champion and Group 1 sire Teofilo (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) a lot of interest from the draft of Glebe House Stables. Rougeyrock Stud's SP **Kithonia (Fr)** (Sadler's Wells) (**lot 598**) is another lot of note, as she was covered by French stallion sensation Le Havre (Ire) in May. Also offered on Thursday, is **La Chapelle (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) (**lot 600**), a daughter of Classic heroine Nightime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and a half-sister to GISW Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Offered by The Castlebridge Consignment, she is in foal to Fascinating Rock (Ire).

The 2017 Goffs February Sale grossed €5,208,100, and was topped by €210,000 purchase and MGSP Military Angel (Big Brown). Out of a significantly larger catalogue of 757 lots, 397 sold, with an average of €13,119 and a median of €5,500.

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EURO VALUE SIRES: PART II--STARTING UP ON THE TRACK

by Chris McGrath

Sires With First 2-Year-Olds in 2018...

This category tends to find itself at a real crossroads. Many will have had fee cuts for their third season, as the usual tide of initial enthusiasm ebbed in advance of a debut at the yearling sales; and now they have actual racehorses, of all things, looming round the corner as they embark on their fourth year.

As a group, however, this intake certainly shared a buoyant ride through their first examinations in the ring--and there will be corresponding optimism about their approaching track auditions.



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As a superbly bred Classic miler, **Kingman (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) (Juddmonte, £55,000) has done more than enough to hold his fee as kingpin of his intake. His yearlings achieved an average of 198,000gns--boosted by a single filly at 1,700,000gns out of the Ballymacoll dispersal at Tattersalls, but maintaining a productive median as well at 113,960gns.

Rather like Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in his slipstream, **Australia (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) (Coolmore, €35,000) has been given an early trim-- from an opening €50,000--to maintain his position among the many sons of the farm's colossus competing for his mantle. His yearlings more than paid their way at 126,830gns. As a son of a Derby winner out of an Oaks winner, he might not be

expected to make a flying start, but if he matches Camelot (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) last year, he'll be doing just fine. **Cont. p3**

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Euro Value Sires: Part II Cont.

Remember he was neck and neck with Kingman in the Guineas--behind the startling intrusion of Night Of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})--before moving up in trip.

Conversely the farm has been able to give **No Nay Never** (Scat Daddy) (Coolmore, €25,000) a hike from €17,500 after he produced some dazzling multipliers at the sales. His first yearling under the hammer raised €480,000 at Deauville in August and another colt brought double that, at 850,000gns, at Tattersalls Book 1. He ended with an average nearing six figures and, if the median clearly couldn't stretch that far, this very fast juvenile from a line of Group 1 juvenile sires looks the man to beat in the freshmen's championship.

The next in the averages had nothing like so obvious a commercial profile, so deserves all the more credit; while we'll also take a look at a couple of fast-and-early options:

SEA THE MOON (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) (Lanwades, £15,000)

As an 11-length German Derby winner out of a Monsun (Ger) sister to three other German Classic winners, Sea The Moon mustered a Timeform rating of 127 in just five starts (derailed by injury after his sole defeat). But even that kind of merit tends to count against sires who won't win you a Brocklesby, so his sale returns represent a remarkable measure of the way he stamped some knockout yearlings.

With 10 of them raising €100,000 or more, he achieved some unexpected dividends for those who had recognised the generic appeal of German blood--arguably the best value in Europe for anyone actually trying to breed a racehorse, as opposed to a show pony at the sales--and the specific lustre of this graduate from the first crop of a sire soaring beyond the reach of most breeders. Sea The Stars himself, of course, traces to another outstanding German family: that of Urban Sea's dam Allegretta (GB) (Lombard {Ger}). **Cont. p4**



Sea The Moon | Lanwades Stud

Euro Value Sires: Part II Cont.

Sea The Moon's arrival in Newmarket had given imaginative breeders in the European mainstream access to a sire who might otherwise have been confined to the quality-but-not-quantity shared by so many underrated German sires. And the market showed that it can sometimes see past the witless commercial stampedes, stretching to a 525,000gns colt at Tattersalls Book 1.

He has managed to maintain three-figure books to follow his first one through and surely represents value pegged at the same fee. After all, foals conceived this spring will reach the yearling sales with two crops having been able to reach full bloom as 3- and 4-year-olds. So it's all looking pretty sustainable, even as it stands: a new stallion with every right to sire a Classic horse, standing for 15 grand, and paying his way at the sales. Nowadays that's not so much rare as nearly unique.

WAR COMMAND (War Front) (Coolmore, €8,000)

There seems to have been a pressing of the panic button here--not by the farm, but by breeders. Having covered 152 mares in 2016, War Command plummeted to 59 last year, and has received a corresponding fee cut after opening at €15,000. The culprit, however, might not be War Command himself, but Air Force Blue (War Front). For War Command's first crop of weanlings went on the market straight after Air Force Blue's similar failure to train on, at three, prompted many Europeans into some pretty wild extrapolations about their sire.

The silly thing is that had both horses been retired straight after winning the Dewhurst, two things would have happened. People like me would have written sanctimonious commentaries on an appalling trend; and each would have been oversubscribed at €30,000 by breeders who couldn't care less what kind of 3-year-olds they might have made.



War Command | Coolmore



Garswood | Cheveley Park Stud

As such, you can't blame certain farms for taking the bird in the hand with a precocious horse, rather than risk him not training on.

Breeders who can think for themselves, however, will perhaps look at the contrasting example of the super-tough Roly Poly (War Front) here, or durable and classy horses like Summer Front (War Front) in the U.S., and acknowledge that there might be umpteen different reasons for a given son of the same sire to appear to have drained the tank by excelling at two.

Whatever accounted for War Command's insipid second season, it seems odd that commercial breeders, notoriously obsessed with speed and precocity, should be allowing a six-length Coventry winner (who later added that Dewhurst) to slip to eight grand before he has even had a single breezer.

His dam, an E.P. Taylor S. winner by a top broodmare sire in Red Ransom, is out of a half-sister to Silver Hawk, herself out of a Jacques Le Marois winner. If you look, in fact, there's a lovely spread of old school blood across War Command's deeper pedigree. You'd like to think a \$250,000 sire might even be in his favour too, but people get funny ideas.

If he seems up against it for now, his first yearlings did double the average achieved by his first foals, and included eight at €100,000 or more. And a bunch of juvenile winners for War Command could be no surprise whatsoever. By the time he has had three summers' worth of fast and early types, those who keep the faith this spring could find themselves feeling pretty smug.

GARSWOOD (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) (Cheveley Park, £4,000) & COACH HOUSE (Oasis Dream) (Bucklands Farm & Stud, £3,000)

Here's a pair with very different backgrounds who have both been priced, not to squeeze every last penny out of breeders, but to give them a proper chance of turning some kind of profit.

Coach House | *Racing Post*

Euro Value Sires: Part II Cont.

Garswood comes from the premier British wellspring of commercial speed, a black-type winner in three consecutive years who rounded off his career with a Group 1 success in the Prix Maurice de Gheest. He has a dyed-in-the-wool Cheveley Park background, out of a Kyllachy (GB) half-sister to Coronation S. winner Infallible (GB). His first yearlings were in comforting demand with some real pragmatists (at up to 140,000gns) and they will be reliably putting him on the map this summer. It's interesting to note that his book expanded from 57 to 88 last year, a good reflection on his first weanlings.

Coach House, meanwhile, was given an impressively businesslike start by a much smaller British outfit, a debut book of 110 mares giving him every chance of producing a few sharp types to see him through smaller ones since.

On the track, Coach House could not match the durability of Garswood, derailed by injury after five starts, but he was terribly precocious: up and running for Ballydoyle by the first week of April, a six-length maiden winner next time, and sent off favourite for the Norfolk after following up in a listed race. He ran into no less a creature than No Nay Never (Scat Daddy) at Ascot, but broke the previous juvenile course record in chasing him home.

His dam won the G3 Ballyogan S. and was twice on the podium in Group 1 sprints, while her bottom line spreads into a series of unreconstructed speed influences, from Thatching (Ire) to Abernant (GB).

Naturally, not every mare bred at this level is going to produce a statue, but his yearlings achieved a high clearance rate and one of them brought 125,000gns from Roger Varian out of Tattersalls Book 2.

Even those of us dismayed by the overloading of this end of the market, then, must acknowledge that it can still provide value.

Sires With First 3-Year-Olds in 2018...

Pretty perky stuff from this crew with their first runners last year, albeit the most prolific of them had sadly already been lost to Tally-Ho in Society Rock (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}).

The biggest winner from a flying start is **Dabirsim (Fr)** (Hat Trick {Jpn}) (Haras De Grandcamp, €30,000), whose fee has more than trebled from €9,000. A top juvenile himself, he offered imaginative Europeans something different as a grandson of Sunday Silence and they reaped the dividends with his first juveniles--above all Mr. Marnane, of course, with Different League (Fr). Even as it was, Dabirsim was already the busiest sire in France last year and he has obviously left the branch line for the intercity now.

His second crop of yearlings averaged second only to **Camelot (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}) (Coolmore, €30,000) in their intake. As such a beautiful and accomplished horse, Camelot always looked a good bet to salvage his magnificent sire from treatment--in Britain and Ireland, at any rate--as primarily a National Hunt influence.

His numbers have held up across the board: mustering 179 mares even in his fourth season, after maintaining an average of 200 through his previous three; 20 juvenile winners, five impacting at stakes level, very auspicious in stock seemingly guaranteed to progress; and, as noted, heading the yearling averages with his second crop. As such, a €5,000 trim to his fee has a thoroughly charitable look.

Havana Gold (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) (Tweenhills, £15,000), in contrast, has doubled his fee--fair enough, off such a low base--after making an instant impression in both quantity and quality, two of his 23 winners scoring at group level. [Cont. p6](#)

Dabirsim | *Emma Berry*

Euro Value Sires: Part II Cont.

We'll start our browse for residual value elsewhere--always tricky, in the transition to sophomore sire--with the only other freshman to match that achievement in Europe:

RELIABLE MAN (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) (Haras Du Thenney, €7,000)

Remarkably, Reliable Man's two GSW emerged from just 20 starters--compared with 66 for Havana Gold. In fact, they were his only two winners of any kind, albeit he has meanwhile also been doing very well with his first Southern Hemisphere crop.

That duly earned him a transfer from Germany, but the fee remains most enticing for a Prix du Jockey-Club winner (emulating sire and grandsire, though unraced until that April) who looked better than ever in Australia as a 5-year-old.

Having gone down by less than two lengths to champion Pierra (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) on his first start off the plane, when merely warming up over just 7 1/2f, sadly he broke down in the very act of shocking It's A Dundeel (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S.

But he has meanwhile consolidated that brief but dazzling impression with a pair of Group 1-placed runners sired at Westbury Stud in New Zealand. His first German crop, meanwhile, was headed by Erasmus (Ger), who looked clearly the best colt on the domestic scene when running away with the G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten by eight lengths; and Narella (Ire), whose own Group 3 success gave her an equivalent status among the local fillies.

A grandson of the 1978 Oaks winner Fair Salinia (Ire), Reliable Man is bred to be every bit as classy as he looks in the flesh. It's sad that his sire did not get the respect he deserved before his premature retirement; sad, too, that perhaps his best son first had to seek out more imaginative racing cultures in Germany and New Zealand.



Reliable Man | Emma Berry



Farhh | Darley

But Reliable Man has certainly seized his limited opportunities and now, perhaps, people will remember the flair that won him a stallion-making Classic. At the fee, this is one seriously intriguing prospect.

PEDRO THE GREAT (Henrythenavigator) (Haras de la Haie Neuve, €6,000) & **FARHH (GB) (Pivotal {GB})** (Dalham Hall, £10,000)

These represent a David and a Goliath among European studs but otherwise have plenty in common: a debut crop of just 34 and 33 respectively, producing two black-type winners apiece from the seven to have won so far; leading to a monster clearance rate of their second crops at the yearling sales, at an average in healthy multiples of the covers involved.

Both have duly earned a small hike, from €3,000 and £8,000, but have hopefully done enough to ride things out if their next crops struggle to match their overture.

Farhh, for instance, has only entertained 72 partners over his last two seasons. But his first 3-year-olds should certainly build on the foundations they laid in 2017: his dam, a dual Group 1 winner at 12f by Lando (Ger), is out of a half-sister (by Slip Anchor (GB)!) to the dam of Fame And Glory (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}). As a horse who himself did so well in maturity, certainly, you wouldn't necessarily be expecting him to produce a G3 Acomb winner at the first attempt in the unbeaten Wells Farhh Go (Ire).

As a 5-year-old Farhh managed just two starts, bookending the season, but he won the Lockinge by four lengths in the spring and then beat Cirrus Des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}) in the Champion S., just like Frankel (GB) the previous year. He's earning his stripes and looks a solid bet for serial promotions.

Pedro The Great, for his part, is a half-brother to Guineas winner Footstepsinthesand (GB); his standout performance in a career restricted to just five juvenile starts was a surprise win in the G1 Phoenix S. after his stablemate (and the hot favourite in a field of just six) slipped up. [Cont. p7](#)



Pedro the Great | Haras de la Haie Neuve

Euro Value Sires: Part II Cont.

On the face of it, not the most substantial foundation--but he's giving himself a surprising chance, and you have to admire it when a young sire does it that way round.

Sires With First 4-Year-Olds in 2018...

Even a European champion from the first crop of the rival he famously beat on their debut could not steal the show from **Frankel (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) (Banstead Manor, £175,000), whose indices are so wildly off the charts that he is threatening to become still more dominant in his second career than he was in his first.

You'll now find as many people prepared to quibble with a fee hike from £125,000, as to confess that they sneered at Frankel's first foals. These caused a diminution in both quality and quantity among the book of just 114 mares in 2015, but he will doubtless ride out that bump until reaching the crop conceived from 195 mares last year.

Certainly these are exciting times for Juddmonte, either side of the ocean. One who started alongside Frankel is **Bated Breath (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) (Banstead Manor, £10,000), who's Juddmonte top and bottom and earned a squeeze up from £8,000 after G2 Railway S. winner and Group 1 runner-up Beckford led seven black-type operators in 2017. His third crop duly made third in the European sales averages.

It was, of course, the year of the sophomore both in Europe and the U.S., where two legs of the Triple Crown were won by graduates of their sires' debut crop.

In France, **Rajsaman (Fr)** (Linamix {Fr}) (Haras de Montfort & Preaux, €8,000) has been allowed to remain at an unchanged fee despite producing a dual Classic winner in Brametot (Fr). Okay, he has had a fairly quiet couple of years at the sales--but

that's an acceptable risk when you load numbers behind a young sire. And people will surely now be taking a second look at one of the all-time Group 3 races, when Rajsaman beat Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) and Lope De Vega (Ire) (Shamardal) in the Prix de Fontainebleau of 2010. He did that as a pacemaker, but his overall CV left no doubt as to his authentic Group 1 calibre, even if he never actually nailed an elite prize; and he does have a smart pedigree, too, quite apart from keeping the flame alive for a venerable sire.

Poor old **Excelebration (Ire)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) (Coolmore, €8,000) has actually taken another fee cut--from €10,000, his fifth in a row--despite a first-crop standout of his own in Barney Roy (GB). Yet only one or two of the intake meaningfully surpassed his winners-to-runners clip in 2017, and only three his black-type horses. This group included one who missed a Group 1 podium in the Middle Park by a head, so he's no one-trick pony.

One that deserves a mention, for the little good it may do him, is **Tai Chi (Ger)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) (Gestut Ohlerweiherhof, €4,500). He may be hard to reach, for breeders operating at that level outside Germany; and his sample may seem too small to be reliable, statistically. But eight winners from 14 starters in 2017, out of just 32 named foals in two crops, included two at black-type level (plus two others placed).

Anyway here are a couple of more familiar names who seem to represent value--one more obvious than the other, but with no apologies for that:

NATHANIEL (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) (Newsells Park, £20,000)

A tweak back up from £17,500, to the fee he stood at for his first four years, is apparently all Nathaniel deserves after producing a filly as imperious as Enable (GB) from his very first crop.

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Nathaniel | Newsells Park Stud

Euro Value Sires: Part II Cont.

That's how perverse are the values of the commercial market. But for those labouring under the quaint misapprehension that thoroughbreds are bred to gallop, rather than merely walk round a sales ring, that also makes him serious value.

Those who care, already know all they need to: that Nathaniel is just one of three Group 1 winners out of his dam; and that he thrived with maturity and middle distances while famously getting closer to Frankel, first time out over a mile, than did any other horse subsequently.

So dominant was Enable, however, that perhaps not everyone realises the breadth of Nathaniel's achievement in 2017. He had a dozen black-type operators, and seven at group level, far exceeding every other sire in the intake bar Frankel.

Yet while he was again only surpassed by his old nemesis--albeit by a yawning margin--in the averages achieved by third crop yearlings, the unbelievable fact is that his median was virtually unchanged from that registered by his previous crop.

You might not think that's crazy, but whatever works for you, pal. Enjoy your trips to Brighton and Redcar during Ascot week.



Rio De La Plata | Darley

RIO DE LA PLATA (Rahy) (Haras du Logis, €5,000)

One thing Nathaniel did nail before launching his first runners was the size of his book, which dipped below three figures for the first time only last year. Rio De La Plata, in contrast, mustered just 78 named foals from his first two crops.

Yet of the 46 who started a race in 2017, 19 were winners--three at black-type level. Of course, that's not going to win over the kind of people who run away screaming from a South American family, even one saturated with local Group 1 success. Never mind most of those won't have got past a Blushing Groom (Fr) top line, which offers precisely the kind of variegation in such desperately short



Mastercraftsman | Coolmore

supply in Europe these days.

Nor, come to that, will commercial breeders especially embrace Rio De La Plata's track record--which speaks of far too much hardiness and racing character to be of interest, even if he did win the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at two. (When he also won a maiden by five at the July Meeting, the G2 Vintage S. at Goodwood, and was foiled only by New Approach in the G1 National S.)

Classic-placed, he was still winning Group 1s at five when also collared on the line in the Moulin with the following nobodies immediately behind: Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), Paco Boy (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}), Lope De Vega (Ire) (Shamardal). At six, he was again runner-up in the Moulin, to Excelebration (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}).

As things turned out, the market liked his first yearlings and he was suddenly sent 116 mares in 2016. Last year, ludicrously, new fads saw him slump to 37. I guess he was always up against it, not having gone to stud until he was eight. Because who, in this day and age, wants to know a juvenile G1 winner with top-class mile form?

And the Judges Say...

OLIVER ST LAWRENCE

*First of all an easy one. I thought **Muhaarar (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) (Nunnery, £30,000) looked under-priced when he went to stud and I think they are to be commended for keeping his book down, too. The third year is a tricky one to be using him, obviously, but his foals achieved an extremely high median and he wouldn't seem a bad bet at 30 grand as a champion sprinter with that pedigree.*

*I'd say **Mastercraftsman (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) (Coolmore, €25,000) is now very*

*good value, if not necessarily to produce a sales horse then particularly for an owner-breeder. **Cont. p9***

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His first crop at €35,000 are now 3-year-olds, and he's got a €40,000 crop of 2-year-olds coming through.

And, for a cheap one, **Poet's Voice (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) (Dalham Hall, £6,000). I wouldn't have given him the time of day a year ago, but I've booked a few nominations for clients this time round after he had a stack of 2-year-old winners and Group horses.

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KEENELAND TO SPONSOR PRINCESS MARGARET S.

The July 28 G3 Princess Margaret S., a six-furlong event for juvenile fillies, will now be sponsored by Keeneland as part of a new association with Ascot Racecourse, Ascot announced on Monday. The aim of the sponsorship is for Keeneland to further promote the global success of U.S.-bred and -trained horses through its support of the Princess Margaret S., with Ascot's Chief Executive Guy Henderson slated to attend Keeneland's upcoming Spring Meet in April.

"We are excited to sponsor the Princess Margaret Keeneland S., and to work with Ascot to encourage the international participation of horses bred and trained in the United States," Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason said. "As a major race track, sales company and training centre constantly looking forward, we feel this new arrangement fits perfectly with our ethos."

Guy Henderson, Chief Executive of Ascot Racecourse, added, "We are delighted to be beginning this relationship with Keeneland, which celebrates the tremendous record of Keeneland graduates at Royal Ascot and indeed the more recent successes on the respective tracks by an ever increasing number of dual winners."

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BOWMAN LOSES APPEAL, APOLLO IN DOUBT

Jockey Hugh Bowman, regular pilot of Australian supermare **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}), will not be able to partner the Chris Waller trainee in the G2 Apollo S. at Randwick on Feb. 17 after he failed in an appeal to have a careless riding ban reduced at a hearing on Monday.

Bowman told *www.racing.com*, "I really believed that we had a case to come here with. I wouldn't have just come here in the hope that if I asked politely they'd give me reduction--we really felt we had a case. It was heard fairly so that's all I can ask for. It's not the end of the world. Being suspended for careless riding is part and parcel of what we do and I think for the sake of safety and fairness of horse racing, it is important that we ride with due care."

Winx ran fifth in a Monday barrier trial ([video](#)) at Rosehill in the wake of The Everest hero **Redzel (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}), who covered the 1000 metres in :58.2. Slow to begin, the bay was asked for little by Bowman and finished up well.

"She doesn't go out with the mindset in a trial as compared to a race," said a pleased Bowman to *racenet.com.au*. "It's interesting how she knows it's not gameday. She was good in the barriers and seemed a lot more alert. It was all pretty smooth and can head to the races now, wherever that may be. We know what's under the bonnet. So, we'll wait for prizemoney for that." [Cont. p10](#)

Bowman Loses Appeal, Apollo in Doubt Cont.

Her start in the Apollo is not a guarantee, and Bowman still faces an appeal in New Zealand. Waller was quick to note how valuable Bowman is to Team Winx and did suggest some alternatives depending on where connections decide to run.

He told the *Sydney Morning Herald*, "He's been such a vital part of her success, as we've seen a number of times. It's still two weeks away from her planned first-up run in the Apollo but, if we need to make changes, we'll do that when required to do so. Does she need to race in the Apollo? Are there bigger targets? She doesn't have to be racing every week. We've seen before she races well fresh, you can space her races."

Waller said, "There's lots of options. We don't want to make things too difficult, but obviously going to Melbourne for the [G1] Futurity [S. over 1400 metres at Caulfield on Feb. 24] is a possibility. It's unlikely but it's a possibility. We could even go first-up in a [G1] Chipping Norton [S. at Randwick on Mar. 3], so there's lots of options there."

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ALOISIA TUNES UP AT CRANBOURNE

Aloisia (NZ) (Azamour {Ire}), successful in the Oct. 14 G1 Schweppes Thousand Guineas, trailed in last of all, but only five lengths behind the leader in the 800m trial ([video](#)) at Cranbourne on Monday morning. Aloisia was last seen running sixth in the G1 Kennedy Oaks at Flemington on Nov. 9.

"She wasn't here to win or to show anyone up," said trainer Aaron Purcell to *racenet.com.au*. "She was here to do a strong piece of work, which she did. She'll have another strong piece of work at Caulfield next Tuesday and then she should be ready to go to [Listed] The Vanity over 1400 metres [on Feb. 17]. We've got four weeks to the [G1 Australian] Guineas [on Mar. 3] and we think we are on the right track."

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Dream Tree (Uncle Mo) winning the GII Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita for Phoenix Thoroughbreds on Sunday. Click [here](#) for race replay.

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BONNEVAL PLEASURES IN TRIAL

Reigning New Zealand Horse of the Year **Bonneval (NZ)** (Makfi {GB}) exited a Monday trial at Cambridge in good form, *racenet.com.au* reported. The Murray Baker/Andrew Forsman trainee, successful three times at the highest level, including the New Zealand Oaks, Australian Oaks and Underwood S., is headed back across the Tasman Sea for a start in the G1 Chipping Norton S. on Mar. 3. She ran third in the 1200-metre heat (1:11.20, fast-forward to 3:30 for the heat). In her last racecourse appearance, she was 14th in the G1 Caulfield Cup on Oct. 21.

“She ran on nicely and she probably needs another trial before she races in Sydney over a mile in the Chipping Norton,” Baker told *racenet.com.au*.

Te Akau Racing’s G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas hero **Embellish (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}) and G1SW **Melody Belle (NZ)** (Commands {Aus}) are also bound for Australia. The former was a narrow runner-up in the Listed Karaka 3YO Classic on Jan. 27 and will contest the G3 CS Hayes S. over 1400 metres on Mar. 17 with Opie Bosson aboard, while the last out G3 Mongolian Khan Trophy heroine will take her place in the G2 Light Fingers S. over 1200 metres at Randwick the same day.

“Unfortunately, they are both running on the same day, so Blake Shinn has been booked to ride Melody Belle,” Jamie Richards, who trains with Stephen Autridge told NZ Racing Desk. “That will be his lead-up to the [G1] Australian Guineas a fortnight later. “We’re really pleased with him and everything is going right. She’s bounced through her Ellerslie win really well and it’s a nice series for her in Sydney.”

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Bonneval | Darren Tindale

JAPANESE SPRINTER BOUGHT FOR EVEREST

GSP **Ittetsu (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), a millionaire and winner of six of his 26 starts in Japan, was purchased by Jamie Lovett’s Australian Bloodstock with his long-term goal the A\$13-million The Everest during the Australian spring, *news.com.au* reported. Also bought with an eye toward The Championships in April, Ittetsu will be trained by Darren Weir. Among his victories is a 1200-metre win at Sapporo in 1:07.7.

“We have had our eye on Ittetsu for a few months,” Lovett told The Daily Telegraph on Monday night of the G3 Keihan Hai third. “We feel he has the speed and ability to be a big chance in The Everest later this year. Some of our clients were keen to get involved in The Everest after we had Brave Smash (Jpn) (Tosen Phantom {Jpn}) run third in the race last year and Ittetsu has been purchased with that race in mind. The plan is to bring the horse to Sydney. He will go into quarantine at Canterbury and come out four days before [G1] The Galaxy [at Rosehill on Mar. 24]. All going well, he will then go to the [G1] TJ Smith S. [at Randwick on Apr. 7] and then we hope to get him to The Everest in the spring.”

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Inglis officially opened their Riverside Stables complex at Warwick Farm on Monday. The statue “The Yearling And The Leader”, a portrayal of a yearling and its strapper, was also unveiled at the front of the William Inglis Hotel at the complex. | Inglis



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