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Goffs November Sale
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GOFFS NOVEMBER OFF TO A FLYER

By Emma Berry

Plenty of first-season stallions featured amongst the leading lights on a buoyant opening day of Goffs' November Foal Sale, but Darley's Casamento (Ire) (Shamardal) was the name at the top of the list courtesy of [lot 208](#), who was knocked down to Gay O'Callaghan of Yeomanstown Stud for **€55,000**. Consigned by Foxford Stud, the colt is the first foal of the unraced Exceed And Excel (Aus) mare Mia Divina (GB), a half-sister to listed winner Mia Diletta (GB) (Selkirk).

"I've seen a good few of the Casamentos selling today and tomorrow and this was the one horse I wanted to buy today," said O'Callaghan, who confirmed that the March-born weanling--one of three by his sire to feature in the top 10 foals on day one--would be reoffered as a yearling, in common with many of those sold during the opening session.



Gay O'Callaghan
Racing Post

A packed car park on arrival at Goffs was the first indication that the 2014 foal sale was likely to start in ebullient fashion, and thus it proved as trade got underway. The auction will build to a crescendo on

Thursday when six Frankel weanlings take their turn in the ring, and Monday's session brought good reason to be optimistic that we are in for a bumper renewal, with figures up across all sectors. The 177 weanlings to change hands on Monday for a clearance rate of 78% brought an aggregate of **€2,118,900**, a 73% rise on the equivalent session last year, with the average and median prices of **€11,971** and **€8,500** leaping by 32% and 31%, respectively.

Ballyhane Stud's Elzaam (Aus), a son of former Australian champion sire, Redoute's Choice (Aus), was another freshman to find favor yesterday. **Cont. p3**

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CASSE GEARING UP FOR YEAR-END JUVENILE STAKES

Trainer Mark Casse will have a busy few weeks coming up, as a number of his Conquest Stable's juveniles are readying for their final 2-year-old starts, including **Conquest Tsunami** (Stormy Atlantic) who is entered in Saturday's GIII Delta Jackpot S. In six lifetime starts, the bay has tallied five victories, including a last out win in the Street Sense S. Oct. 26. "He's doing well," Casse explained. "He's at Churchill and doing really well." Conquest Tsunami worked five panels in 1:00.80 on Saturday in preparation for this weekend's tilt. GII Natalma S. and GIII Mazarine S. winner **Conquest Harlanate** (Harlan's Holiday) will be aimed towards the GII Jimmy Durante S. at Del Mar Nov. 29. She was most recently 11th in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, but Casse is unconcerned. "She disappointed me a little bit in the Breeders' Cup race," Casse admitted. "But [jockey] Patrick Husbands has been on her every start and he said she just couldn't handle the Santa Anita turf." **Cont. p6**

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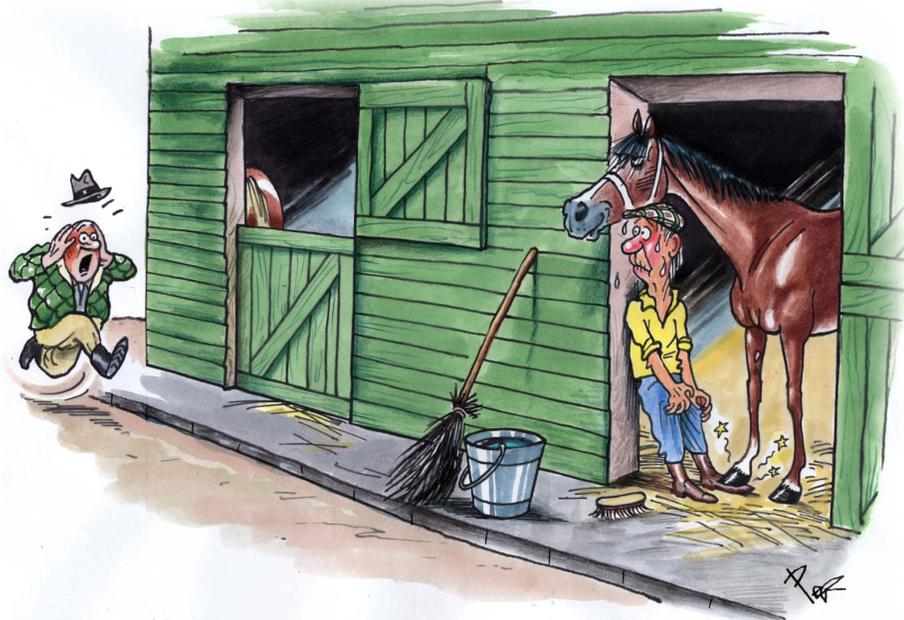
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This week, Andrew Caulfield looks at Ashford Stud's Munnings (Speightstown) and how his first crop has fared on the track and how his second crop has done in the sales ring.

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Arqana Autumn

Alix Choppin reports from day one of Arqana's Autumn Sale, where numbers were up across the board. Silverwave (Fr) (lot 185), a three-parts brother to G1 Prix Jean Prat hero Stormy River (Fr), topped the session at €420,000.

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Goffs November (cont. from p1)

[Lot 194](#) was the selection of the Oghill House Stud team at €51,000, and is was also a first foal, his dam, the 5-year-old Lost Highway (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), being a sister to G3 Gordon S. winner Rebel Soldier (Ire) and from the family of Juddmonte's champion miler Observatory.

Fast Company (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who was represented by his first 2-year-olds this season that included the G2 Norfolk S. winner Baitha Alga (Ire), broke the stranglehold of the young pretenders with his son out of Lady's Locket (Ire) (Fasliyev) ([lot 182](#)) reaching €48,000, while [lot 86](#), a February-born son of three-time winner Betty Fontaine (Ire) (Mujadil {Ire}), sold for €45,000. Both colts were first foals and consigned by Rathasker Stud, which stands the stallion.



Lot 86, a Fast Company colt
Goffs

The dependable Dark Angel (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) was the sire of the top filly of the day, [lot 121](#), who sold to pinhooker Jim McCartan for €47,000.

"She's been bought by Paul and myself to come back for sale," said McCartan, who enjoyed a terrific breeze-up sales

season in 2014, including selling the top lot at Tattersalls' Guineas Breeze-up Sale for 270,000gns through his Gaybrook Lodge Stud, while his brother Paul of Ballyphilip Stud bred leading 2-year-old filly Tiggy Wiggy (Ire) (Kodiak {Ire}).

Freshmen Sir Prancealot (Ire), Helmet (Aus) and Requito (GB) are all well represented throughout the four-day foal, sale and each achieved a weanling in the top 15 during the opening session. *cont. p4*



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Catalogued	254	209
No. Offered	226	186
No. Sold	177	137
RNAs	49	49
% RNAs	21.6%	26%
High Price	€55,000	€43,000
Gross	€2,118,900	€1,238,050
Average (% change)	€11,971 (+32%)	€9,037
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The combination of unproven stallions and young mares is clearly not a concern for some foal buyers. [Lot 173](#), a Sir Prancealot colt out of the unraced Haafhd (GB) mare Khajool (Ire), was yet another first foal, this one selling for €38,000 from the Wardstown Stud draft to Peter and Ross Doyle. He is well related, his second and third dams Khulood (Storm Cat) and Elle Seule (Exclusive Native) both being group winners.

Helmet, a G1 Caulfield Guineas-winning son of Exceed And Excel (Aus) for Sheikh Mohammed, recorded a best price of €34,000 for Dr Tom Purcell's filly out of a half-sister to listed winner Croisultan (Ire) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}) ([lot 56](#)), and the same breeder, selling through Milltown Park Stud, also received €32,000 for a son of Coolmore's Requinto (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) out of a Tiger Hill half-sister to G1 Middle Park S. winner Primo Valentino (Ire) (Primo Dominie {GB}).

The sale continues today at 11 a.m. local time.

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SALES NEWS

TRADE STRONG AT ARQANA AUTUMN

By *Alix Choppin*

Trade was strong on day one of Arqana's Autumn Sale, featuring a dense offering of 201 horses in training (from 263 catalogued). The clearance rate was substantially up, reaching 82% against 68% a year ago, allowing the aggregate to take a 22% leap at €4,416,500. The average price improved by almost 10% from €24,389 to €26,767.

While horses destined for the jumping game fetched many of the six-figure prices, 2-year-olds with form and some upside proved a hot commodity and attracted the most spirited bidding among the flat offerings. Silverwave (Fr) ([lot 185](#)), a three-parts brother to G1 Prix Jean Prat hero Stormy River (Fr) and cozy winner of his first two starts, topped the session at €420,000--a record for the sale--following a protracted duel between Matt Coleman and trainer Alain Couetil, with the latter emerging as the eventual winner. Although Couetil already has the son of Silver Frost (Ire) in his care, he wasn't acting on



Alain Couetil
Scoop Dyga

behalf of the horse's current owner and explained, "I have bought him for another client of mine, HSpirit [Jean-Michel Hegesippe, of Spiritjim {Fr} fame]. He is a horse I have always liked and there is still a lot of improvement in him. We will now shelve him for the winter and start making plans for the spring. We have high ambitions with this colt." **cont. p5**

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Lot 179, Kingoverthewater (GB), will also remain in France after Laurent Benoit of Broadhurst Agency paid €155,000 for the 3-year-old gelding. The son of Dalakhani (Ire) won three races this season under the guidance of Francis-Henri Graffard and saw his rating leap from 86 to 107 on the back of his 2nd place in the Listed Grand Prix du Nord, his first attempt at stakes level.

"I have been looking for a couple of horses to compete in the Defi du Galop for my client Boetie Racing," said Benoit. "This horse ticked all the boxes as he is lightly raced and his form is still improving."

Benoit also secured Soriano (GB) (**lot 177**), a 3-year-old son of Halling from the yard of Dominique Sepulchre, for €72,000 on behalf of the same connections.

Bukhari (Fr) (**lot 139**) was another juvenile with an attractive profile, having won two of his five starts to date and run fifth in the Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux on his last outing for trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. The icing on the cake was provided by his red-bordered green sheet, characteristic of the extremely desirable Aga Khan Studs draft. Bids fired from all around the ring for the son of Dalakhani (Ire) out of the black-type performer Brofalya (Fr) (Fasliyev) until Chris Richner offered €82,000. The Swiss-born, Czech-based agent noted, "I have bought him for Mr Durdak, a new client of mine who has a growing number of horses in training. This horse will join Zdeno Koplik and we will try to win the Czech Derby with him. We were looking for a smart 2-year-old and there aren't many in the catalogue so this one was our pick. He is a little bit on the small side, but I am convinced that he will grow over the winter."

Another high price from the Aga Khan Studs draft came courtesy of Ashkand (Fr) (**lot 141**). The 3-year-old son of Sinndar (Ire) and first foal out of the Group-winning mare Ashalanda (Fr) may still be a maiden in 10 outings, but he has posted several eye-catching placed efforts, notably when third in the Listed Prix de Turenne at Saint-Cloud in September.

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The hammer fell at €78,000 in favour of Australian trainer Chris Waller, who was bidding over the phone via Arqana's Olivier Delloye, while Marco Bozzi and Emmanuel de Seroux were amongst the underbidders. Delloye explained, "Obviously the form of European imports in Australia is very strong and Chris Waller thought this horse had the right profile to succeed in cups races."

The sale continues tomorrow with 181 yearlings, starting at 1 p.m. local time.

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No. Offered	201	216
No. Sold	167	148
RNAs	34	68
% RNAs	17%	31%
High Price	€420,000	€300,000
Gross	€4,479,000	€3,609,500
Average (% change)	€26,820 (10%)	€24,389
Median (% change)	€11,000 (+22%)	€9,000

ARQANA AUTUMN SALE TOP FLAT LOTS

Lot	Name	Price (€)
185	Silverwave (Fr) (€60,000 RNA yrl '13 ARQOCT) B-Mlle M-L, J & Mme M Collet (c, 2, Silver Frost {Ire}--Miss Bio {Fr}, by River Mist) Consigned by Couetil Purchased by Alain Couetil	420,000
179	Kingoverthewater (GB) (€40,000 RNA yrl '12 ARQAUG) B-Laundry Cottage Stud Farm (g, 3, Dalakhani {Ire}--Logjam {Ire}, by Royal Academy) Consigned by Francis-Henri Graffard Purchased by Broadhurst Agency	155,000
139	Bukhari (Fr) B-Haras De S.A. Aga Khan Scea (c, 2, Dalakhani {Ire}--Brofalya {Fr}, by Fasliyev) Consigned by Aga Khan Studs Purchased by Chris Richner Bloodstock	82,000

2014 Leading Two-Year-Old Sires

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Casse Gearing up for Year-End Juvenile Stakes
(cont. from p1)

“He said she was pitching for the start,” Casse continued. “Which means she was struggling with the track.” Conquest Harlanate covered five furlongs in 1:02.00 at Del Mar Saturday morning. **Conquest Typhoon** (Stormy Atlantic), winner of Woodbine’s GI Summer S., was most recently fourth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf. He’s set to make his next start in Del Mar’s GIII Cecil B. Demille S. Nov. 30. The colt worked five furlongs in 1:00.80 at Del Mar Sunday. “He worked great, I was very pleased with him,” Casse offered. The conditioner explained that Conquest Typhoon exited his Breeders’ Cup race in fine form and is doing well coming into his final race of the year. “I thought he looked great,” Casse said of his charge’s form after the Breeders’ Cup. “He’s a big, tough horse and he looks well. I thought, with a little better trip, he definitely would have been third, and possibly second. We have him out here and it seems to be a nice race at Del Mar, so I figured we’d run him one more time before the end of the year.”



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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

ROYAL DIAMOND TO REMAIN DOWN UNDER

Andrew Tinkler’s Group 1-winning stayer **Royal Diamond (Ire)** (King’s Best), previously trained in Ireland by Johnny Murtagh, will remain in Australia with trainer



Royal Diamond
Racing Post

John Sadler to prepare for an Australian autumn campaign, according to *Racing and Sports*. Winner of the G1 Irish St Leger when trained by Thomas Carmody in 2012, Royal Diamond was trained and ridden by Murtagh to victories in last year’s Listed Challenge S., G3 Irish St Leger Trial S. and G3 British Champions Long Distance Cup before Murtagh hung up his tack at the end of the year. The 8-year-old finished second in this year’s G3 Vintage Crop S. and Irish

St Leger Trial and was 20th of 22 in the G1 Melbourne Cup Nov. 4. His primary aim for the Australian autumn will be the G1 Sydney Cup over 3200 meters at The Championships in April.

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Team Valor International's **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) was flown from the U.S. to England yesterday, where she will re-join trainer Marco Botti in Newmarket. The 3-year-old filly was purchased by Team Valor from Scuderia Blueberry after recording back-to-back wins over Wolverhampton's all-weather surface last winter. She finished second in the G3 Nell Gwyn S. at Newmarket in her first start in the Team Valor colors



Euro Charline prior to shipping
Briana Mott/Team Valor

Apr. 16, and was a respectable fifth in the G1 1000 Guineas prior to finishing third in the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot. Euro Charline's recent efforts are back-to-back victories in the Listed Valiant S. as Ascot July 25 and the G1 Beverly D. Aug. 16. The G1 Dubai Duty Free in March was identified as a possible goal for Euro Charline.

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CHROME WORKS FOR NEXT START

Dual Classic winner and recent GI Breeders' Cup Classic third-place finisher **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) worked a half-mile in :47.60 (7/17) at Los Alamitos Monday ([video](#)). "That was the strongest half-mile he's ever worked," said jockey Victor Espinoza, who was aboard for the breeze. "I was tired holding him. I think that's the first time since I've been on him that he's been that good. He went in :47 basically just jogging around the racetrack. He's an amazing horse, and he's doing unbelievably good right now."

Trainer Art Sherman has nominated the colt to both the GIII Native Diver H. Nov. 29 and the GI Hollywood Derby on the same card. California Chrome, who has never raced over the sod, will work over the Jimmy Durante turf course next week, before Sherman determines his next start. "We're all set to go to Del Mar and work him on the grass on the 23rd. If Victor thinks he can handle it really well, we'll run in [the Hollywood Derby]. I still nominated him in the Native Diver, which is 1 1/8-mile race on the same day, so if he handles the grass, we'll definitely go in the Hollywood Derby because it's a Grade I and the other is a Grade III. It's very close for horse of the year right now, so if we get one more race into him, I think we have a big chance for being Horse of the Year. I wish I had had another week before the Breeders' Cup, there's no doubt in my mind he would have won it. I just think he needed the race really bad. He's a different horse now, and you're really going to see a nice 4-year-old campaign, I'm hoping."

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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

RED ROCKS TO CALUMET FARM

Red Rocks (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}-Pharmacist {Ire}), by Machiavellian), winner of the 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Turf, will relocate to Calumet Farm for the 2015 breeding season, where he will stand for a fee of \$12,500.

"We are delighted to have purchased a majority interest in Red Rocks and to be able to offer him to breeders," said Ken Wilkins, the farm's stallion director. "Calumet will strongly support Red Rocks with its broodmare band, and I think breeders will really like this horse once they are able to see him in person."

Red Rocks accumulated \$2,918,357 in earnings over a five-year racing career that also included a win in the 2008 GI Man o'War S., in which he defeated two-time Horse of the Year Curlin (Smart Strike). Group 1 stakes-placed twice during a 2006 campaign in Europe, Red Rocks also registered a third-place finish in the 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Turf. The stallion previously stood at Centro Equino Arcadia in Italy. He is available for inspection by appointment starting this week.

FREEDMAN TO RETURN TO TRAINING

Five-time G1 Melbourne Cup-winning trainer Lee Freedman will return to training, he revealed yesterday on *RSN's Racing Ahead*. Freedman will enter into a training partnership with his younger brother, Anthony, who took over the family license when the elder Freedman stepped back in 2011. The partnership will come into effect Sunday, with Freedman overseeing the operation's Flemington stable.

"It's a decision I weighed over quite heavily for the last few months and the opportunity's arisen to go partner with Anthony and I'm very excited about it," Freedman told *RSN*. Freedman trained the famed Makybe Diva (GB) to two of her three Melbourne Cup victories, and also won the great race with Tawrrific (NZ), Subzero (Aus) and Doriemus (Aus). Freedman has also won four G1 Caulfield Cups, a pair of G1 Cox Plates and four G1 Golden Slippers.

KEENELAND TO HOST ART AUCTION

Keeneland will host its second annual Sporting Art auction, showcasing 175 lots by world-acclaimed artists Nov. 19. The event will take place at 4 p.m. in the Keeneland Sales Pavilion.

The auction will feature N.C. Wyeth's "The Horse Race" and Richard Stone Reeves' "Three Kings," a representation of champions Nijinsky II, Spectacular Bid, and Secretariat at Claiborne Farm. Additionally, 19th and 20th century pieces by renowned artists such as Sir Alfred Munnings, John Frederick Herring Sr., Henry Stull, and Emmanuel Fremiet will be accompanied by contemporary work from the likes of Andre Pater, Larry Wheeler, Richard Firth and Theodore Waddell.

The collection is open for public viewing today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and beginning at 11 a.m. on Wednesday. Bids for the artwork can be placed in person, over the phone, or online at www.liveauctioneers.com.

Two New 2yo SWs

Sunday Afternoon at Aqueduct...

2YO THE LEWIS DINNER (left) won the Key Cents S., a few races later, 2YO REGAL MINISTER (right) won the Notebook S.



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BENEDICT

by Emma Berry

Author's note: Recent tragic events at the racecourse – particularly the deaths of two horses, *Admire Rakti* and *Araldo*, after the Melbourne Cup – caused me to revisit a short story I wrote some years ago after a horse trained here at our Newmarket stables, *Benedict*, lost his life in the Lincoln. I'm not sure I ever meant it to be published – writing it was more a way of trying to cope with *Benny's* death, which I still find hard to come to terms with more than eight years later. The backlash against racing in the Australian media following the Melbourne Cup was savage and, to a worrying degree, misinformed, despite a sensible and measured advertising campaign run on behalf of the racing industry in the daily papers during the Spring Carnival. I don't imagine that *Benedict's* story will change the minds of those who are firmly set against racing, but perhaps it will help to demonstrate how those of us who work in and love the sport are deeply affected by the death of a horse.



It's that feeling inside. A small flutter that increases through the day until the pit of your stomach holds the rest of you to ransom. Helping the trainer saddle is a good excuse to do something, to occupy hands and mind in an attempt to control the feeling of dread. The minutes drag by, waiting for the jockey, waiting for the horses to canter to post, waiting for the field to load into the starting stalls. The race, when it comes, when it's over, brings merciful relief.

It wasn't like that with Benedict. He was born to be good. Bred by The Queen, his sire won the Derby, his half-brother Right Approach won a Group 1 the year Benedict came into training. He was the most expensive horse to set foot in our yard. His very presence brought pride.

The unimposing brown colt was delivered into the trainer's hands a few months before I arrived at the stable. Both Benedict and I were green to the rigours of racing. The two-year-old had raced only twice before being found surplus to requirements at one of the biggest yards in town. There was no time to show his worth before the next year's intake



Benedict and John Berry
Emma Berry photo

arrived. In our small stable, however, Benedict had a three-year-old season that was like a dream sequence: eight creditable runs, never out of the frame, three wins, two of those at our home track, the most special track: Newmarket.

That morning, the alarm, set for even earlier than usual, wasn't needed. It's rare to beat the trainer out of bed but the excitement of Benedict's appearance in the Lincoln at the first meeting of the Flat season had meant little sleep. The winters are long in Newmarket, the winds so icy they could originate in the Urals. Blasting straight across the flats of East Anglia, they meet no resistance from Newmarket Heath, a perfect landscape for setting racehorses against each other but offering no protection from marauding eastern weather systems. By the time Doncaster's Lincoln meeting is upon us, the town's inhabitants, mostly workers in the racing industry, have shrugged off the worst months of the year. We look only forward to a fresh start, a new racing season. That's our new year.

We'd already won one battle with Benedict: keeping him in the yard over winter. His eye-catching season had aroused interest and a lucrative offer came for him from Hong Kong.

Our biggest fear then was that his owner would accept a very generous sum for his now gelded and fully-fledged racehorse. But sporting owners know that good horses don't come around too often, and Benedict's honourable man stuck with the little horse who had already brought so much pleasure. He knew that money won on the racecourse is worth so much more than money from a business transaction which sees your horse race in someone else's colours.

Lee, his rider and groom, was in Benedict's box when I got down to the yard from our flat upstairs. Lee rode him every day, loved him as much as we did, and was there extra early to prepare him for his long trip to the races. Development work that year meant the Lincoln had been switched to Redcar, some hundred miles north of Doncaster. With horse and groom on board, our regular driver, Tim, left the yard in the still small hours. The trainer and I would join them later.

The Lincoln date had been etched in diaries from the end of the previous season, Benedict's form over a mile and his ability to cope with soft ground making this an obvious early-season target. Thoughts of his reappearance sustained us through the winter. From the shortest day just before Christmas, we ticked off each dark morning, every dawn taking us one step nearer to this day.

Despite Lee's coaxing with body brush and curry comb, Benedict hadn't quite surrendered the last of his winter coat. A tad woollier in the parade ring than his rivals, he was nevertheless ready and was attracting attention in the betting ring. The jockey appeared, black and white silks, blue cap. The pair cantered to post. In the stand, trainer and owner said little, full of hope rather than confidence.

There are some horses whose entire racing careers are a bead-string of worries for a trainer. Never mind winning, young fragile bones and soft-tissue problems make just getting some horses to a racecourse a triumph. But Benedict wasn't one of those. Apparently mentally and physically perfect for the job, his life with us brought not a lame step or fretful moment, just a willingness to work and an appreciation of being fussed over by whichever human friend happened to be near.

So to see Benedict falter so early in his race that day at Redcar wasn't just a shock. It was scarcely believable. A bump from another horse in the headlong cavalry charge down the straight mile was enough to put him off his stride.

Then the jockey started to pull him up. Within seconds he was off his back, dismounting so urgently that alarm flooded me.

The other runners were still hurtling towards us. Desperately wanting to get to our horse, we had no choice but to wait for them to finish. The six of us eventually broke onto the course, running towards horse and rider, a steward's car stopping with room only for some. I kept running, cursing my lack of fitness, my choice of shoes. I wanted to reach him, but the closer I got, the more I knew that it was the very last place I should be. **cont. p10**



A circle had formed by the time I got there. Lee was at the horse's head. Benedict was frighteningly still, head down, in shock. The vet was speaking in a low voice to the trainer. I didn't need to hear what he was saying; their faces conveyed the sheer awfulness of it.

The problem with racing is that once you're in, that's it. There's no choice. The bond isn't with the sport itself, it's with the horses.

'He's broken his pelvis, he has to be put down,' the trainer says to me, trying hard to sound matter-of-fact when I know how much he loves this horse.

'But Jack broke his pelvis and he's fine,' I shout, frightened by the eerie calm of the scene. 'For God's sake, can't we get him to the vet's, give him a chance?'

What the vet has said is that Benedict's fracture is displaced and that he is hemorrhaging, bleeding so badly internally that he has little time left. His misery must be ended here on the track, where ours begins.

The screens, the very worst sight on a racecourse, start to be assembled around him. The trainer tries to take me away but I can't go. I stay, patting Benedict, talking to him, hugging Lee, apologising pointlessly. No-one wants to walk away, to admit that we have to let him go. The trainer begs me to leave as the vet prepares to commit his sorry deed. We argue but Tim the driver settles it. Tim, one cool remove from the horse loved so much by the rest of us, takes Benedict's reins and shoos us all into a car that will carry us back down the track.

We simply don't know what to do next. I want to leave the racecourse but the thought of going without our horse keeps us there, doing nothing, saying nothing. A friend from the press room passes and asks how Benedict is. He wishes instantly that he hadn't as he sees me trying to answer without choking. Other friends watching on TV start to send text messages; the grim news has already spread, the sadness of the day has been so public.

Finally, home is the only option. Lee travels in the car with us, the empty horsebox too much to bear. The pair of us can only cry as the trainer looks straight ahead. I cry almost as much for him as I do for Benedict. Every small trainer needs a chance with a horse that will bring recognition--a 'Saturday horse'. His chance had come and gone.

Sunday morning dawned cruelly sunny. Bright heads looked over stable doors into the yard, waiting for their breakfasts. One head was missing. At breakfast, I open the Racing Post.

A photograph of the big race is a head-on shot. It shows the winner surging to the post. Far away, down the track, stands the small figure of our stricken Benedict, stoically awaiting his fate.

I can't eat. But there is no time to dwell on sorrow. This is a racing stable and Market Rasen beckons for two of our young hurdlers. In the dark hours, I'd lain awake wondering whether I could return to a racecourse so soon or, indeed, ever. The problem with racing is that once you're in, that's it. There's no choice. The bond isn't with the sport itself, it's with the horses. Benedict was gone but beneath our bedroom stood another 20 horses with whom we had an unspoken pact: to do our best for them if they'll do their best for us. Walking away from them is unthinkable.

I had to gather my courage to go to the bottom of the yard and enter Benedict's box, empty except for his thick winter rug not needed at Redcar. It has to be shaken out, put away in the store. That act is the beginning of acceptance.

In those awful circumstances, what makes it possible to carry on is knowing that throughout that horse's life you did everything you could to fulfil your side of the pact. Horses always keep their side of the bargain.

Ngauruhoe and Bilkie are our runners this day, both having their second run over hurdles, an occasion that would bring enough nervous anticipation without the ghastly events of the day before. Silent, glum, we drive to the races.

As they canter to post, panic surges and I start to understand Benedict's legacy: never again will I be able to go racing with one of our horses without feeling fear. Both horses are pulled up by their jockeys before completing their race: the ground is too soft. But they come home unscathed. That's enough.

There's no let-up. The next day we're south-bound to Folkestone with My Obsession, a big backward four-year-old having only the third run of his life after surprising us with two third places the previous summer. On his debut in a maiden at Lingfield, he was beaten less than a length at odds of 50/1. The trainer bought him as a yearling and owns him in partnership with long-standing patrons and friends from Jersey, who have made the trip to see him run. We must buck ourselves up if we're to do a proper job of looking after his owners at the races, sharing in their optimism of a good run. **cont. p11**



There's every cause for optimism with a horse whose only 'fault' has been a slowness to mature. And just as they can be at the heart of the blackest of days, racehorses can change a mood, inject some hope, make everything seem that much better, just by doing what they were born to do: winning a race.

That day at Folkestone, with perfect timing, My Obsession lifted us from the gloom with a performance we didn't dare hope he was capable of. His victory will almost certainly not be remembered by anyone other than the five of us there connected to him. It would turn out to be his only win, several niggling problems in the following two seasons spoiling his early promise. But for that moment, for that one victory, long after he has taken up his second career as a riding horse, he remains unforgettable. The record will show that the big gangly horse, whose scope was such that he once jumped a five-bar gate from a standstill, won £3,562.35 for his Folkestone exertions. But what he gave us in elation and restoration of hope in that dark time cannot begin to be measured in money.

Those three days are fixed in my mind as teaching me lessons I had to learn. The sport is so much more than the kaleidoscopic flutter of silks on a spotless day at Ascot or Sandown. We readily accept just one of racing's glorious fleeting moments as a fair exchange for the relentless work in wind, rain and mud. But that's not always the deal. More often than not it's an unequal struggle of a life, a life of balancing bills, managing disappointment, coping with frustration and, sometimes, of having to look a horse in the eye in the knowledge that the absolute worst is about to happen.

In those awful circumstances, what makes it possible to carry on is knowing that throughout that horse's life you did everything you could to fulfil your side of the pact. Horses always keep their side of the bargain. Only horses who have learned the hard way that it is not in their best interests to do so ever let you down. Even then it's not their fault. They are what we make them.

Some weeks later, we finally felt able to put another horse in Benedict's box. Now it is occupied by a horse of a similarly charming disposition, a giant son of Danehill Dancer called Extreme Conviction (known to us as Ex Con). He's a worthy successor, another cast-off from a big yard who has already won two races for us. It's now Ex Con's box but I'll never come in or out of the gate next to it without seeing the big bright bay head with a white blaze and thinking, with a flash of pain, of the plain little brown head once there.

This piece was originally published last week on Emma Berry's blog, Unstable Life, and reprinted here with her permission. Ex Con won another three races for the stable and retired in 2013 to the British Racing School, where he is a much-loved member of the team.



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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

MUNNINGS

One common misconception in horse-racing is that speed equals precocity, but these two assets don't necessarily go hand in hand--as the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint's roll of honor sometimes reminds us. The latest winner, Work All Week, is a 5-year-old who gained his first graded success as recently as October;



Munnings
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Amazombie, successful in 2012, was another 5-year-old to whom graded success came late; and Speightstown, the hero in 2004, didn't become a stakes winner until the age of six in a sporadic career hampered by some very lengthy absences.

However, when Speightstown's first runners hit the track in 2008, there were soon signs that some of his progeny possessed the 2-year-old ability that Speightstown had been unable to exhibit on his only juvenile start. In England a colt called Lord Shanakill found the winner's enclosure as early as May and then acquitted himself very well in several of Europe's top juvenile prizes, winning the G2 Mill Reef S. and ending his first season with a very narrow defeat in the G1 Dewhurst S.

Similarly swift rewards looked destined for another of Speightstown's sons, Munnings, after he had made an eye-catching debut over six furlongs at Saratoga in late July. That display earned him the **TDN Rising Star** accolade, but that wasn't the only reason to anticipate a sparkling career. **cont. p12**

MUNNINGS, h, 2006

Speightstown	Gone West	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
		Secretame	Gold Digger
	Silken Cat	Storm Cat	Secretariat
		Silken Doll	Tamerett
La Comete Unraced 11Fls, 1GSW, 2SW	Holy Bull	Great Above	Storm Bird
		Sharon Brown	Terlingua
	La Gueriere GISW 14Fls, 2GSW 2SW	Lord At War (Arg)	Chieftain
		Lady Winborne 15Fls, 6SWs	Insilca
			Minnesota Mac
			Ta Wee
		Al Hattab	
		Agathe's Dawn	
		General (Fr)	
		Luna De Miel (Arg)	
		Secretariat	
		Priceless Gem	



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Although Munnings had cost no more than \$150,000 as a yearling, potential buyers had seen him in a new light at Fasig-Tipton's February sale, when his price soared to \$1,700,000 following a 10-second work. Munnings had maintained this encouraging impression with a series of impressive works for Todd Pletcher at Belmont Park, building up to his debut by covering four furlongs in :48 3/5 and five furlongs in 1:00 3/5.

It was therefore a little disappointing when Munnings could finish no closer than third behind Vineyard Haven after stumbling at the start as favorite for the GI Hopeful S. at the start of September. Vineyard Haven again proved much the better when the pair filled first and second places in the GI Champagne S. and Munnings' first season ended on a disappointing note when he beat only two home in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Although Speightstown's first juveniles also included Reynaldothewizard (third in the GI Saratoga Special), Gemswick Park (third in the GI Frizette S.) and the stakes-winning Haynesfield, the son of Gone West ended 2008 still awaiting his first Grade I winner.

That soon changed and no fewer than five of Speightstown's first-crop foals were to develop into Grade I winners. It wasn't always a fast process, though. Lord Shanakill became the first Group 1 winner when he took the Prix Jean Prat in 2009, followed in 2010 by the 4-year-olds Mona de Momma (Humana Distaff), Haynesfield (Jockey Club Gold Cup) and Jersey Town (Cigar Mile).

Finally, the 7-year-old Reynaldothewizard completed the quintet with his victory in the 2013 Dubai Golden Shaheen.

Munnings, for his part, never quite rose to Grade I heights. He did, though, confirm his status among America's best sprinters with three Grade II successes, but we had to wait until the June of his second season for the first of them, in the Woody Stevens S., in which he wasn't far off Belmont's seven-furlong track record. He was similarly impressive against older horses in the Tom Fool H. the following month, with the third of his GI victories coming the following February, in the Gulfstream Park Sprint Championship.

So, when Munnings retired to Ashford Stud at a fee of \$12,500, breeders could be forgiven for expecting him to supply plenty of speed, with a dash of precocity thrown in. After all, his dam La Comete is a well-connected daughter of Holy Bull, who began his brilliant career with an unbeaten four-race juvenile career.

However, Munnings' progeny didn't make the explosive start I half expected, and even now he has had no more than 46 starters from a first crop of 104. Fortunately, he has rapidly been gaining momentum over the last few months, to the extent that he now has more winners--19--than any of the other first-crop stallions. *cont. p13*

BIG NUMBERS

16 first crop yearlings made **\$200,000** or more & averaged **\$112,000**, with top prices of **\$550,000**, **\$450,000**, **\$390,000**, **\$375,000** etc.

118 Earned the **highest Beyer figure** of his generation when winning the **Kelso H.-Gr.2** by **3 lengths** as a 3yo.

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Unfortunately most of these didn't come early enough to help any commercial breeders who supported Munnings in his second season, in the understandable expectation that he would be one of the front-runners in the rush for first-crop honors. Consequently his yearling average for his second crop stands at around \$31,000, compared to a figure of over \$47,000 for his first crop. His median is also markedly lower this year.

Buyers of second-crop Munnings yearlings now have good reason to be pleased with themselves. Not only has he enjoyed a surge in his number of winners but also in his number of stakes horses, which now stands at five. He enjoyed a particularly productive time three days ago when his sons No Problem and Alright Alright supplied the exacta in the Gill Bob Hope S. at Del Mar, with Lake Sebago also becoming a stakes winner.

If Munnings can maintain this sort of momentum, pinhookers can look forward to a rewarding time at next year's 2-year-old sales. After all--as I mentioned earlier--Munnings was himself a \$150,000 yearling who was transformed into a \$1.7 million juvenile.

Munnings' surge must also be very welcome news to the other farms standing young stallion sons of Speightstown, as any sins of the eldest sons tend to be visited on their younger counterparts. There is also reasonably good news of Speightstown's first Group 1 winner, Lord Shanakill. He commenced his stallion career at a fee of only €7,500 at the Irish National Stud, so won't have been blessed with top-level mares. Nonetheless he has sired 15 winners from 32 runners across Europe.

Next to face the racecourse test will be the Airdrie-based Haynesfield, who will be starting out with a crop of 81 live foals. Some 50 of them found buyers at the yearling sales, averaging more than \$57,000, off a fee of \$10,000. His second-crop weanlings averaged nearly \$43,000, so it should pay to keep an eye on this tough horse, who defeated Blame to take the Jockey Club Gold Cup. But perhaps we shouldn't expect fireworks before next fall, as Haynesfield didn't gain his first stakes success until the December of his first season.

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FORT LOUDON TO STAND AT BRIDLEWOOD

Multiple graded stakes winner Fort Loudon (Awesome of Course--Lottsa Talc, by Talc) will commence his stud career in 2015 at Bridlewood Farm in Ocala, standing for \$4,000 as the property of Fred Brei's Jacks or Better Farm. "For me, Fort Loudon offers everything Florida breeders are looking for," noted George Issacs, Bridlewood's farm manager. "He is a strong, physical and very precocious horse. Plus, he had proven soundness as an older horse. What's not to like?"

Fort Loudon earned seven stakes victories while racing for his breeder, Jacks or Better Farm, capped by triumphs in the 2012 Gill Carry Back S. and the 2013 Gill Gulfstream Park Sprint Championship. As a juvenile, he swept all three legs of the Florida Stallion Stakes series. An earner of \$931,973, Fort Loudon was also runner-up in the 2012 GI King's Bishop S.

WV BREEDERS SUPPORT TRF

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation has received a \$25,000 donation from the 28th edition of the West Virginia Breeders Classics, held Oct. 18 at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town. "The West Virginia Breeders Classics is grateful for the outstanding job done by the TRF in its care of our retired racehorses," said Carol Holden, president of the West Virginia Breeders Classics. "We also applaud its leadership as the very first national organization to recognize and take action in the effort to give these horses a well-deserved home." The nine-race West Virginia Breeders Classic card featured \$1.28 million in purses and was highlighted by the \$500,000 West Virginia Breeders Classic, which now stands as the richest state-bred race in the country.

Florida

Gulfstream to Host SPCA Fundraiser:

Gulfstream Park will host an expected 400 guests as part of the South Florida Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Horse Rescue fundraiser Dec. 14. SFSPCA's A Day at the Races will include a private buffet at Ten Palms restaurant, as well as prizes and silent auction items. Philanthropist, international equestrian and Chesapeake Petroleum board chair Victoria McCullough will be honored at the event with the South Florida SPCA Horse Rescue Award for Excellence in Equine Protection for her efforts to protect U.S. equines. Florida Congressman Mario Diaz Balart and Miami Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle will also be recognized by the SFSPCA for their support of equine welfare issues. Tickets and sponsorships are available by going online at www.helpthehorses.org.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPW, \$36,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m70y, 1:46 3/5, gd.

+ STORM STAR (f, 2, Candy Ride {Arg}--Stormy West, by Gone West), who brought \$110,000 as an OBS April juvenile after working a furlong in :10 1/5, was sent off at 6-1 odds for her debut. Racing four wide around the first turn, the chestnut chased the pace through six furlongs in 1:15.54, bid for the lead racing three wide around the far turn and took control in the stretch. Kept to her task down the lane, Storm Star held off a late rally from favored Prom Dress (Stephen Got Even) to prevail by one length. Storm Star's dam, Stormy West, was a \$500,000 Keeneland September yearling purchased by Guy and Diane Snowden. From the family of Maplejinsky, Sky Beauty, Pine Island, Point of Entry and Pleasant Home, she was a four-time stakes winner and was runner-up in the 2008 Gill Jenny Wiley S. Stormy West subsequently sold to Alpha Delta Stables for \$600,000 while carrying Storm Star at the 2011 Keeneland November sale. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.

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'SERV'ING NOTICE

by Heather Likins

When Blane Servis finally decided to hang out his shingle as a public trainer, he had plenty of family history to fall back on. His father, John Servis trained dual-Classical winner Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality) and a pair of uncles enjoyed graded-stakes success this year.



Insane Monk (r) Equi-Photo

Servis himself has gotten off to a solid start as a trainer and his success continued Sunday with Daniel Cassella's homebred Insane Monk (Ecclesiastic) becoming his eighth 2014 winner and ninth winner overall from just 53 career starters when he took a Pennsylvania-bred maiden special weight at Parx. The Bensalem-based conditioner is winning at a 20% clip through Sunday and currently fields a stable of nine.

Born in Sicklerville, New Jersey, Blane, 26, spent most of his formative years in Bensalem, where he ultimately took out his trainer's license in July of 2013.

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"I pretty much grew up in Pennsylvania," commented Servis. "We'd travel sometimes with my dad. I lived in Florida for a couple years when I was a lot younger. I lived down in Arkansas for a year."

Servis held other positions at the track, but he always had it in the back of his mind that he would follow in his father's footsteps.

"My dad is a trainer and I've been around horses all my life," said Servis. "I worked at the starting gate for a number of years here at Parx and I learned a lot being an assistant for my dad. I was really fully on my own the last six or seven months, maybe a couple months longer."

Servis had plenty of support when he made the decision to go out on his own. Besides his father John, he counts on uncles Jason Servis, who saddled Hangover Kid (Lemon Drop Kid) to victory in this year's GII Bowling Green H., and Eddie Plesa, Jr.--who is his father's brother-in-law--also found success with 2014 GI Woodward S. winner and GI Preakness S. runner-up Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron).

"It's all about picking up on certain things and I'm not afraid to ask questions," said Servis.

"I've had the opportunity to meet a number of different trainers and having my uncles Jason and Eddie and being able to pick their brains--taking different things from different trainers--things that I like and I see that work, or things that I don't like."

Added Servis, "Even though I am just starting out, and even if I were training for years, there is still something you can learn all the time and there are new ways you can do things. It's just about trying to get the best out of the horses that you have, whether it's a \$5,000 claiming horse or a stakes horse."

"Since I've been training, I've been calling a lot of owners and trying to pick up more clients," he continued. "You need to prove yourself before people give you opportunities, so that's why I'm really thankful for Mr. Cassella and the people who gave me opportunities without too much of a body of work."

"The first couple horses I had were some cheaper horses, but I did pretty well with them," said Servis. "I got some horses claimed, started getting more opportunities and owners gave me bigger opportunities. Like Mr. Casella with Insane Monk, sending me a baby, a PA-bred. They gave me opportunities to show what I can do."



John, Blane, Stacey and Kade Servis
Equi-Photo

That brings us to the cleverly named Insane Monk (Ecclesiastic--Lunacy {Brz}, by Minstrel Glory). The 10-1 shot is the latest training success for Servis, who wasn't surprised with how well the bay colt performed ([video](#)).

"We knew early he had talent and we were very happy with how he was doing," remarked Servis. "He had some really good works out of the gate with some horses that were working really nice. They gave us the odds they gave us, which I thought were crazy, but I wasn't complaining. We ended up paying a big price."

Added Servis, "It was a great ride by the jockey [Roberto Rosado]. Insane Monk didn't get a great start, but [Rosado] put him where he needed to be and the horse is a fighter. He dug in and showed what he had."

Plans for Insane Monk are up in the air, but Servis is mulling several options.

"We'll see how he came out of the race," Servis commented. "He could be running in an allowance at Parx or something like that, but obviously you don't want to ship unless you need to. I'd rather keep him here, especially being a PA-bred. He'll tell me the way he comes out of the race and the way he is in the next week."

Reflecting on how well his runners have performed recently, Servis is grateful for what he has and is optimistic about the future.

"I have a good group of horses right now, they are all running well in the spots that they can compete in and that's all I can ask for," said an upbeat Servis. "I've been really thankful to be in the family that I am and have so much support and help from my wife, Stacey, and family. It's been a pleasure for me to see things paying off for the horses. It's a reflection on all the people that have supported me and helped me along the way and it's a reflection on the people that are still with me now--my grooms down to the hotwalkers and the riders--and even the horses that are doing the work. It's an exciting time. I'm hoping that I'll be able to get more opportunities and more horses to just keep improving and getting better as a trainer."

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Delta Jackpot on Sirius XM:

Sirius XM Radio will provide live on-site coverage of Saturday's GIII Delta Downs Jackpot from Delta Downs Racetrack Casino and Hotel. The race will be broadcast live at 4:15 p.m. CT. The two-hour program on Sirius XM channel 92 from 3-5 p.m. CT, will be co-hosted by Dave Johnson, the voice of the Triple Crown for a quarter century, and by award-winning journalist and commentator Bill Finley. The broadcast will also include the live call of the GIII Delta Downs Princess, which is scheduled to run at approximately 3:43 p.m. Johnson and Finley will also co-host "Down the Stretch" from Delta Downs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. CT Saturday.



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+ **Asian Taste**, c, 2, **Into Mischief**--Touch Me Babe, by E Dubai. Tokyo, 11-15, Mdn, 7f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$60,345. O-Yukio Baba; B-Gerson Racing; T-Takahisa Tezuka. *\$175,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$390,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. **Settled just behind the two leaders, Asian Taste showed a strong late kick in the stretch and pulled away to win by three lengths. Winning jockey Ryan Moore commented, "Because of a good start from the gate, I could settle him in a favorable position and race as expected. He was sometimes annoyed with the kickback, but when I shifted him to the outside he answered me very well."

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Congratulations to last week's JockeyTalk360.com Jockey of the Week Julien Leparoux, who won the GIII Commonwealth Turf S. aboard Heart to Heart (English Channel).

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OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

14.10 Southwell, Mdn, £4,500, 2yo, 8f (AWT)

CRUSADING (Street Cry {Ire}) is out of the 1998 G1 Blue Diamond S. victress Danelagh (Aus) (Danehill) and is thus a half-brother to the five-time Hong Kong Group 1 winner and 2007 G1 Dubai Sheema Classic scorer Vengeance of Rain (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}). Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's homebred bay, who is also a sibling of the 2005 G1 Australian Oaks heroine Dizelle (Aus) (Zabeel {NZ}), faces seven rivals opening up for the Mark Johnston stable on this notoriously slow fibresand surface.

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QUEALLY BANNED FROM DRIVING FOR 22 MONTHS

Jockey Tom Queally, best known as the pilot of Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) through his unbeaten 14-race career, has been banned from driving for 22 months after claiming he was sleep-walking while drunk driving. Queally was found to be more than twice over the limit while asleep behind the wheel of his car Mar. 16. The



Tom Queally
Racing Post

30-year-old's celebrity lawyer Nick Freeman claimed Queally as "morally totally innocent," as he was "sleep driving" at the time. Freeman said a number of trigger events prompted an episode of sleep walking that led Queally, a man of no previous convictions and "exemplary character" to get in the car. He said

Queally used to ride for Sir Henry Cecil, who died in June 2013. An ex-girlfriend had also committed suicide and he had suffered the break-up of a long-term relationship.

Queally had never sleep driven before, but Freeman claimed, "I don't think the law has kept up with scientific developments, because it seems simply unfair for a man of this quality now to have a criminal conviction for something which in my view, he's morally totally innocent."

Dr. Irshad Ebrahim, a consultant psychiatrist called by the defense to give evidence, told the court he had twice examined the defendant. Dr Ebrahim said it was possible Queally was unaware of his actions because of his sleep walking.

"It is an automatic state, like a trance state, where there's no control of it," he said.

District Judge Bridget Knight said previous legal authorities had ruled sleep walking was not a defense for drunk driving. In addition to the 22-month ban, she ordered Queally to pay a £1,350 fine, with a victim surcharge of £120 and prosecution costs of £3,500. Queally agreed to pay the fines within seven days.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-GPW, \$35,400, Opt. Clm. (\$16,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42 1/5, gd.

SILK N' SEQUINS (f, 3, Shaniko--Premier Gray, by Premiership) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-3, \$57,273. O-Pompei Enterprises LLC. B-Judy B Clemow (KY). T-Alfonso Miranda. *1/2 to Sir Von (Even the Score), Ch Imp Older Horse & Stayer-Jam, SW-Jam.

9th-ZIA, \$32,585, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

HEHASSPIRIT (g, 3, Son of the West--Inrightclassitime {SP}, by Straight Man) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-3-1, \$91,576. O-Dale & Carey Taylor & Jon Hogg. B-Dale F & Debbie Taylor (NM). T-Todd W Fincher.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Town Kitty, f, 3, Relato Del Gato--Road to Town, by Williamstown. FLX, 11-17, 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Edward Cohn (NY).



WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRES

IN JAPAN:

Ocean Drive (Jpn), h, 5, [Ghostzapper](#)--Island Fashion (MGISW-US, \$2,037,970), by Petionville. Fukushima, 11-16, Plate Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 16-3-5-3, \$378,534. O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm; T-Katsuhiko Sumii. *\$950,000 i/u '09 KEEJAN; ¥58,000,000 wnl '09 JRHAJUL. **1/2 to Pacific Gal (Jpn) (Zenno Rob Roy {Jpn}), GSP-Jpn, \$372,480.

• ON THE WORKTAB • GULFSTREAM PARK WEST

R Free Roll (Rockport Harbor), 3f, :35.60, 2/13
LOS ALAMITOS

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), 4f, :47.80, 7/17
Enchanting Lady (Tale of the Cat), 3f, :36.80, 3/7

SANTA ANITA

Big Macher (Beau Genius), 5f (gate), :59.00, 3/44
Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), 6f, 1:12.60, 4/21
Ocho Ocho Ocho (Street Sense), 5f, 1:01.60, 33/44
Papacoolpapacool (Temple City), 6f, 1:12.20, 1/21
Secret Circle (Eddington), 5f, :59.40, 4/44
Wake Up Nick (Cindago), 5f, 1:01.00, 23/44

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-CAV, €17,000, 11-16, 3yo, 8fT, 1:44, hy.
MADEMOISELLE SALLY (GB) (f, 3, Virtual {GB}--Dena {GB}, by Deploy {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €19,600. O-Basilo Gila de la Puerta. B-Nipio SL (GB). T-Luis Urbano Grajales.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Louisiane (Fr), f, 2, **Barastraight (GB)--Ashley (GB)**, by Polar Falcon. LEM, 11-16, 9f 165yT, 2:16.17. B-Haras des Sablonnets (Fr). *€9,000 RNA yrl '13 ARQOCT.

Praticks (Ire), f, 3, **Bertolini--Plique a Jour (Fr)**, by Hernando (Fr). LEM, 11-16, 11 1/2fT, 2:34.96. B-Marquise de Moratalla (Ire). *€6,000 RNA HRA '14 ARQJUL.

Servantes (Ire), c, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Sail (Ire)** (SW-Eng), by Sadler's Wells. LEM, 11-16, 7fT, 1:30.60. B-Ecurie des Monceaux (Ire). *€80,000 yrl '12 ARQOCT.

Allegro Forte (Fr), c, 3, **Zambezi Sun (GB)--Nee Brune (Fr)**, by Akarad (Fr). LYP, 11-16, 12fT, 3:01.50. B-Mme Sylvie Le Gall, Jean-Michel Olivart & Hubert Favre (Fr).

Polly's Rose (GB), m, 5, **Bahamian Bounty (GB)--Tiana (GB)** (SP-Eng), by Diktat (GB). WOL, 11-17, 7f 32y (AWT), 1:29.81. B-Wickham Stud (GB). *2,500gns HRA '11 TATHIT.

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