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MORE OF THE SAME EXPECTED AT KEEJAN

The first North American sale of 2015 starts today at 10:00 a.m., with Keeneland holding its four-day January Horses of All Ages Sale in Lexington, Ky. Monday and Tuesday's sessions comprise the 804-horse Book 1, while hips 805-1207 and 1208-1610 sell Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, as Book 2.



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The overall sales market remained notably stable in 2014, with numbers remarkably similar to those recorded in the year prior. The 2014 Keeneland November Sale, for instance, showed an increase in average of 2.1% with an unchanged median. While last year's Keeneland January renewal did not feature the noteworthy dispersals of 2013, leading to far fewer horses selling for \$300,000 or more, a resilient middle and

lower-end market helped keep the average at \$39,947--just a 2.36% decline from the year prior. The \$20,000 median represented a 33.3% increase from 2013. In all, 1,027 horses sold at the 2014 Keeneland January sale for \$41,025,700. The RNA rate was 19.6%--an improvement from 25.2%.

"We look forward for January to continue on what happened in September and November," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "I think the momentum from those two sales should carry forward here and we expect a pretty good sale."

Russell continued, "I see great similarities between this year's catalogue and last year. We've got a couple very nice upper-end mares in the sale and I think they'll sell very well. What January has always been about is the middle-market broodmare prospect and we've got a lot of them. I anticipate that the market will meet them very well."

Among those catalogued in the 2015 renewal is champion **Blind Luck** (Pollard's Vision), who sells for Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent, today as [hip 207](#).

"It's always nice to have jewels like Blind Luck," Russell noted. "She's a very special filly. We also have a mare in foal to War Front and a War Front foal by her side, as well as a mare in foal to Tapit. Having those items is always very important and very special to have in a sale. It draws people in, and hopefully, if they can't afford those horses, then they'll be able to buy something else." **Cont. p3**

WHAT CAN BROWN DO FOR YOU?

By Mike Kane

It's safe to say that one of these years, trainer Chad Brown will not surpass his personal purse earnings record from the previous season. You can't climb forever. At this point, though, he is perfect: 7-for-7.

Brown, 36, took another step forward in 2014 with purse earnings to \$15,383,930 to jump from third to second in the national standings, though he finished well behind perennial champ Todd Pletcher's \$22,476,736. According to Equibase, his win rate of 25% and in-the-money finish of 57% were the best in both categories in the top 10. Seven of Brown's 17 graded stakes victories were in Grade I races and he extended his reign as the leading turf trainer in the nation to four years.

While hardly an overnight sensation, Brown has come a long way in a hurry since leaving a job as an assistant in Bobby Frankel's stable at the age of 28 in 2007. He started with 10 horses, five from Ken and Sarah Ramsey and five belonging to Gary and Mary West. Though he won with his second starter, a Ramsey \$5,000 claimer taking a steep drop, it took him another five months to secure his second victory. **Cont. p6**



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The Case for Shared Belief

Alan Carasso makes his case for Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}) after last year's juvenile champion was not among the finalists announced Wednesday for 2014 Horse of the Year.



Co-owner Jim Rome and Shared Belief following the Malibu Benoit

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2014's Top 10

Brian DiDonato counts down the 10 most impressive performances of 2014, with a popular veteran claiming the top spot.



Game On Dude Benoit Photo

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Magic Millions Continues

The Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale continued Sunday with a single-session Book 2. A colt by Beneteau (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) topped proceedings when selling for A\$220,000 to Blue Sky Bloodstock.



Book 2-topping colt Magic Millions

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Gunther Sees Family Blossom

John Gunther, who bred last season's GII Gazelle S. winner My Miss Sophia, was confident the filly's half-brother would win on debut at Gulfstream Sunday and the colt did not disappoint.

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NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

More of the Same Expected at KeeJan (cont. from p1)

Last year's Keeneland January topper was the 15-year-old mare Ponche de Leona (Ponche), dam of 2013 GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno). Offered by Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC in foal to Distorted Humor, she brought a winning bid of \$775,000 from Brushwood Stable.

Taylor Made Sales Agency was leading consignor at this sale last year, with 99 head sold for \$4,126,200 for an average of \$41,679. Ben Glass, agent for Gary and Mary West, was leading buyer by gross, securing 30 horses at an average of \$56,067 for \$1,682,000. Frank Stronach's Adena Springs wasn't far behind, scooping up 29 individuals for \$1,634,500 total--an average of \$56,362.

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39, Premier Steps (Ire), 5, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Primissima (Ger), by Second Set (Ire)

Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig & Holly Bandoroff), Agent II
Group 3-placed in both Britain and France, Premier Steps defeated Grade I winner Discreet Marq (Discreet Cat) in the 2013 Sweetest Chant S. at Gulfstream for Chad Brown. Third in last year's GIII Willshire S. under the tutelage of Tom Proctor, the bay is offered as a racing or broodmare prospect.

47, Pure Symmetry, 12, Storm Cat--Serena's Song, by Storm Cat

Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig & Holly Bandoroff), Agent VI
Out of champion 3-year-old filly and Hall of Famer Serena's Song, Pure Symmetry is a full to Group 1 winner Sophisticat, Grade II winner Grand Reward and GSW Schramsberg and a half to Grade II winner Harlington (Unbridled). She is also closely related to the dam of GSW and
★ "TDN Rising Star" ★ Honor Code (A.P. Indy) and sells in foal to young sire Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy).



Sophisticat
Racing Post photo

164, Youcan'tcatchme, 6, The Daddy--Poppy's Baby Girl (GB), by Yankee Victor

Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent
Youcan'tcatchme earned the Sovereign Award for Canada's outstanding female sprinter in 2013 thanks to a pair of Grade III tallies at Woodbine. The maiden mare, who sells as a broodmare prospect, is out of a half-sister to the dam of three-time Grade I winner Princess of Sylmar (Majestic Warrior).

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No. \$300K+	8	24
High Price	\$775,000	\$1,450,000
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198, Bear Now, 11, Tiznow--Controlled, by In Excess (Ire)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XX

Out of a MSW and GSP mare, Bear Now was a three-time graded stakes winner herself and sold for \$850,000 at Fasig-Tipton November in 2009 before finishing third in Keeneland's GI Madison S. in 2009 en route to earnings of \$1,153,595. She is in foal to Medaglia d'Oro and will be followed into the ring by her Bernardini yearling filly.

207, Blind Luck, 8, Pollard's Vision--Lucky One, by Best of Luck

Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent

Certain to be among the sale's most coveted offerings is 2010's champion 3-year-old filly Blind Luck. Majority owner Mark Dedomenico bought out his partners on the six-time Grade I winner and earner of nearly \$3.28 million for \$2.5 million at the 2011 Keeneland November sale. The 8-year-old was scratched from the 2014 Fasig-Tipton November sale, and is not believed to be currently in foal. She has a Bernardini filly that recently turned two and a yearling colt by Giant's Causeway. [Click here](#) for more.



Blind Luck
Benoit

208, Blueeyesintherein, 5, Magna Graduate--Tartufi, by Mr. Greeley

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXIX

Blueeyesintherein annexed Churchill's GIII Debutante S. in her second career effort in 2012, and added Oaklawn's Instant Racing S. as a 3-year-old for trainer Gary Simms. Winless in a pair of 2014 efforts, the half-sister to GSP Set the Sail (Mizzen Mast) sells as a racing or broodmare prospect.



Blueeyesintherein
Horsephotos

212, Brief Tears, 9, Orientate--Kit's Girl, by Carson City

Consigned by St. George Sales, Agent for VinMar Farm LLC

Brief Tears, a half-sister to two-time Grade II winner Eaton's Gift (Johannesburg), was represented on the track last year by her first foal--GIII Bob Hope S. winner No Problem (Munnings). She sells in foal to Brilliant Speed.



No Problem
Benoit

267, Elusive Jackpot, 6, Elusive Quality--Silverbulletday, by Silver Deputy

Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent

While the produce of Silverbulletday have not matched the level of success that their dam achieved on the track, daughters of the Hall of Famer have done particularly well in the breeding shed when bred to fellow Bob Baffert/Mike Pegram representative Midnight Lute. A Vindication half-sister to Elusive Jackpot produced GI Malibu S. hero Shakin It Up, while another half dropped GIII Sunland Derby hero Governor Charlie. Elusive Jackpot sells in foal to that same Hill 'n' Dale Farm resident.

285, Foxy Danseur, 9, Mr. Greeley--Ravish Me, by Wild Again

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XLVII

Two-time stakes winner and MGSP Foxy Danseur has produced some serious sales horses already--her first foal, an A.P. Indy filly, was a \$300,000 KEESEP yearling in 2012 turned \$1.1-million Fasig-Tipton Florida juvenile the following year. Her Tiznow filly sold for \$400,000 at the 2013 KEESEP sale, and her Tapit colt brought \$1.1 million from Shadwell this past September. Foxy Danseur is back in foal to Tapit, and will be followed into the ring by her Medaglia d'Oro yearling filly.

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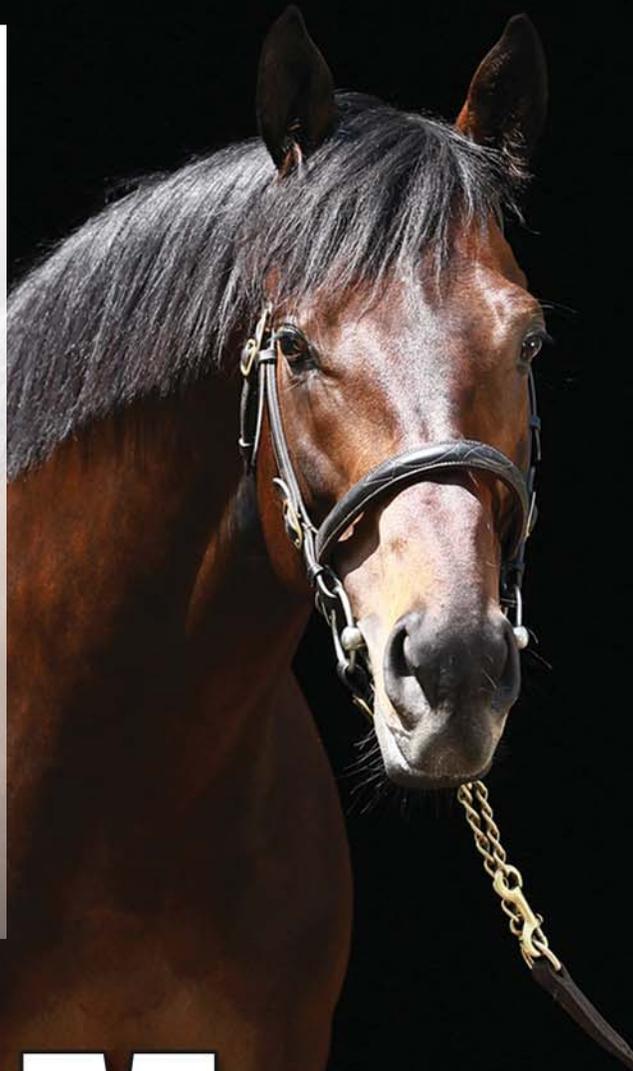
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306, Granny Mc's Kitten, 4, Kitten's Joy–Granny Franny, by Grand Slam

Consigned by Ramsey Farm, agent

By the Ramseys' leading sire Kitten's Joy, stakes winner Granny Mc's Kitten is a full to Kitten's Dumplings, whose career highlight came just steps away from the Keeneland sales pavilion in the 2013 GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup. Another full-brother Granny's Kitten aired by 4 1/4 lengths for Ken and Sarah Ramsey and Mike Maker sprinting on the Belmont sod in July, good for ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ status. Granny Mc's Kitten will be offered up as a broodmare prospect only.



Kitten's Dumplings
Reed Palmer



Keeneland January sales grounds
Keeneland photo

317, Honey Hues, 6, Henny Hughes–Unbridled Echo, by Unbridled's Song

Consigned by Glendalough, agent

Speedy router Honey Hues posted a 9-4-1-0 record in 2014, highlighted by an upset victory in Churchill's GIII Mint Julep H. in June and a score in the Ellis Park Turf S. the following month. She sells as a racing or broodmare prospect.

2014 KEENELAND JANUARY

Cumulative Top Five Buyers by Gross

Buyer	# Head	Average (\$)	Gross (\$)
Ben Glass, agent	30	56,067	1,682,000
Adena Springs	29	56,362	1,634,500
Calumet Farm	23	41,870	963,000
Solis/Litt	2	450,000	900,000
Glen Hill Farm	3	271,667	815,000

2014 KEENELAND JANUARY

Cumulative Top Five Consignors by Gross

Consignor	# Head	Average (\$)	Gross (\$)
Taylor Made	99	41,679	4,126,200
Mill Ridge Sales	30	62,500	1,875,000
Paramount Sales	42	41,136	1,727,700
Hidden Brook	45	34,067	1,533,000
Gainesway	22	69,636	1,532,000

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Now he is established as one of the elite trainers in the country. Brown, who typically has 135 horses in his care, saw his purse earnings increase 14.8% in 2014. His earnings have jumped over 400% in the last five seasons.

“Another consecutive year where we have earned more money for the stable and capping that with the three Breeders’ Cup victories is terrific,” Brown said. “I certainly couldn’t argue with any of the results or be disappointed with anything. We’re fortunate for how the year went and hopefully we can build on it moving forward in 2015.”

Not only has Brown raised the bar again, he is chasing the next goal with a different roster in place. Change is a constant for trainers and Brown’s 2014 lineup will not include Grade I winners Dayatthespa, who is a finalist for an Eclipse Award as champion turf female; Minorette, Alterite and Real Solution. The stable is led by Breeders’ Cup winners Lady Eli, another Eclipse finalist, and Bobby’s Kitten; Flower Bowl winner and Eclipse chance Stephanie’s Kitten; and Suburban H. winner Zivo. Majestic Affair gave his stable its first stakes win of 2015 in the Jan. 2 Fred Capossela S.

“Thankfully it looks strong again,” Brown said. “Of course, you’re going to lose horses at year’s end to retirement, sales, etc. If you take our top 10 money-winning individual horses, we’ve lost about half of them. It’s a natural progression that horses need to step up and develop and take their spot. Really, the key to running a stable at this level, is developing replacements for your stars. That’s how you stay competitive at the top end. We have some good candidates, some very nice 2-year-olds that we ran.”

In that group of new 3-year-olds--that combined to win 30 juvenile races in 2014--is Leave the Light On, who captured the GII Remsen S. in late November. Brown is targeting the GII Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 21 at Gulfstream Park for Leave the Light On’s next start.

“He clearly is the leader for that division in our barn, having already gone a mile and an eighth on the dirt as a 2-year-old,” Brown said. “We have some other horses that look like they may have that type of potential, but it’s very early. They have good breeding and they look good training so far. I’m not going to name them, because the longer I do this, I realize that they really have to go out and do it first before they establish themselves as legitimate contenders for the Kentucky Derby trail, the Triple Crown trail, and the Travers in the summer in Saratoga.”

“So I’m always conscious of not being all in for the Derby and having a long-term plan for the Travers, if these horses need a little extra time to develop. Thankfully, I have a really loyal, patient group of owners that are sending me a lot of good prospects who set no timetable for the Derby versus the Travers or anything else. They would be happy, as I would be, just to have a horse that reaches any of those Grade I races for 3-year-olds.”

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That said, Brown acknowledges that he wants to be involved in the major dirt races, like the Kentucky Derby.

"You've got to have the horses and it's very competitive recruiting those horses," he said. "I see areas where I need to recruit in and that would be it. I need a chance. I need someone to give me the ball."

Though he picked up about two-thirds of his purse money on the turf last year, Brown's dirt stats were solid. He finished ninth overall with \$4.77 million and had a 25% win rate and his runners were in the top three 55% of the time. In 2013, multiple stakes winner Last Gunfighter made \$865,000 on the dirt. His only Derby runner, Normandy Invasion, was fourth in 2013.

Still, Brown knows that because of the numbers he has produced, he is being identified as a turf trainer.



Lady Eli
Joe Labozzetta

"What I'd like to express to people, who might think that is: Don't punish me because I dominate one area," he said. "I happen to be the leading turf trainer in the country in money won and people may arguably say that if they have a turf horse it should be with me. I'm not the only person who runs on the turf, but I believe it's fair to say that I've dominated the turf in this country. But that's an area that we excel in. It doesn't mean that we can only excel there, but don't punish me because we do."

Brown's mentor, Frankel, taught him how to handle turf horses, but he said that Frankel certainly was not one-dimensional and neither is he.

"Later on in his career, he showed what he could do when he got the right horses, like Medaglia d'Oro, Sightseek, Ghostzapper, Empire Maker and Flute," Brown said. "Before I came around, he had horses from Europe, like Tinnors Way, that won on dirt here. He did it and he knew how to do it. And I know how to do it. I just need the horses."

Brown spent a couple of weeks away from the track with his family in late December and is back at work trying to continue the upward trend and top his own stats for an eighth time. Perhaps that journey will include a certain race on the first Saturday in May in Louisville.

"We've only taken one horse to the Derby so far, but we haven't been in business all that long, when you look at the career of a Thoroughbred trainer in general," he said. "We had a good chance to win the race. I'm confident that we'll be back with another good chance to win. I hope it's 2015, but if not, it will happen, I am confident. I have too many good employees and too many good owners not to end up with a really good 3-year-old dirt horse come Derby time."

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Ralph Evans's **Upstart** (Flatter), third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, continues to progress and may make his sophomore debut in the Jan. 24 Gil Lambholm South Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream Park. The colt is expected to work five furlongs at Palm Meadows Monday for trainer Rick Violette.

"He's doing great," Violette said. "We'll have [Monday's] breeze and then another one. I'm kind of a work and a half behind. We'll see how easily he does those and how much he blows and how he comes out of his next two breezes. We'd love to make the Holy Bull without getting ahead of ourselves. We'll see how he does things and go from there."

Upstart joined Violette's southern string in mid-November and had his first three-furlong breeze in :37.25 Dec. 23. He followed with a pair of half-mile works, going :50.05 Dec. 31 and :49.10 Jan. 6.

"He went a terrific half in company last week and looked good," Violette said. "He'll do the five-eighths [Monday] and we'll kind of see where that leads us."

A debut winner at Saratoga in August, Upstart returned to take the Funny Cide S. before running second behind Daredevil (More Than Ready) in the Oct. 4 GI Champagne S. He was 6 1/2 lengths adrift of Texas Red (Afleet Alex), and just a nose behind runner-up Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), in the Nov. 1 Breeders' Cup.

"We gave him four weeks off, and I think he's thrived," Violette said. "We put him out in the paddocks there and he was bucking and squealing. He put on some weight and got a little bit more mature looking, a little squarer. He didn't necessarily get any taller, but he filled out a little bit. Certainly that little brief time off did him well. We're kind of back to full speed ahead."

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SAVOY STOMP LOOKS TO MAKE GRADE

Team Valor International and Southern Equine Stable's **Savoy Stomp** (Medaglia d'Oro), the top-priced colt at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, will look to get his sophomore campaign off to a good start in Saturday's GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds. In his final work for the race, Savoy Stomp went four furlongs at Palm Beach Downs Sunday in :49.02 for trainer Todd Pletcher.

The \$875,000 yearling debuted a winner over seven furlongs at Belmont last September before running fifth behind Blofeld (Quality Road) in the one-mile GII Nashua S. Nov. 2. He concluded his juvenile campaign with a third-place finish as the 7-5 favorite in a Dec. 17 optional claimer at Gulfstream Park. The winner that day, Bluegrass Singer (Bluegrass Cat), came back to win the Mucho Macho Man S. at Gulfstream last week.

"He's an extremely good-looking horse," said Team Valor's Barry Irwin. "He's out of a mare who is from a sprint family and when I bought him I was worried he wouldn't run that far, but since we put him in training he has more stamina than speed, which is good. He won first time out and, when they win like that going seven furlongs on the rail, they're going to go two turns."

Of the colt's previous outings, Irwin noted, "He didn't like the wet dirt [in the Nashua]; [the kickback] stung him and he ran horribly. Then in his [third] race, the rail was golden and he could have stayed there, but [jockey Javier Castellano] was so worried about the kickback that he stayed outside. On a normal track like Fair Grounds going two turns, he should do well."

Savoy Stomp was bred by Mike Moreno's Southern Equine and he is out of stakes winner Crystal Current, a daughter of GISW Dream Supreme (Seeking the Gold). Dream Supreme is the dam of Grade I winner Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy). Southern Equine was reluctant to part with the colt at the Saratoga sale.

"When I bought the horse at the sale, Southern Equine told me they wanted to stay in, and I said that was fine," Irwin explained.

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THE CASE FOR SHARED BELIEF

by Alan Carasso

Yes. I voted for Shared Belief for Horse of the Year. I know--blasphemy. Well, before you scream and shout or flip the page, hear me out.

As an Eclipse Award voter (by the way, where and who are the 15 who didn't return theirs?), I see it as my duty to formulate my opinions around horse competitions. So, I put horses in a given category in a starting gate of sorts, spring the latch and decide which is the best, i.e. most gifted--you know, best. Winners, at least to my way of thinking, are not determined by who is most popular, who did the most for our sport, who had the longest season. At the end of the day, I think these are far less relevant to the discussion than the simpler, yet maybe more complicated question: who was best?

In addressing my Horse of the Year vote, let me say at the outset that, based on their accomplishments, Bayern, California Chrome and Main Sequence are each infinitely qualified finalists.



Co-owner Jim Rome and Shared Belief following the Malibu Benoit

I realized that my vote for Shared Belief would be "unpopular" or "less popular" or "against the grain," but none of those reasons is enough to act as a deterrent. I decided to vote my conscience and did so through what I believe to be a sound thought process.

I could not and would not rule any horse out of consideration based on the length of their campaign. In fact, I readily voted for Palace Malice in spite of his having made just the five starts. So, just because Shared Belief was forced to miss the Triple Crown (yes, folks, Hollendorfer really was telling us the true story), didn't mean that he couldn't finish the year at the head of the class. A very good class. I digress.

Sure he rolled those Golden Gate allowance rivals, as he should have, further--as some would argue--enhancing his credentials as a superior synthetic animal. This line of thinking is hardly flawed. After all, his three wins at two came on the Tapeta/Cushion Track. Of course, he had his detractors when it came time to return to stakes company. Will he handle conventional dirt? Maybe nine furlongs is too far for him? Well, he answered those naysayers with a fair bit of authority in the GII Los Alamitos Derby, winning off as much the best.

From there, Hollendorfer had a decision to make on whether to ship out of town for a race like the GI Haskell Invitational or the GI Travers S., but instead, he rolled the dice and decided to take on older horses in the GI Pacific Classic, a daring, but not unprecedented move for a 3-year-old at that point of the season.

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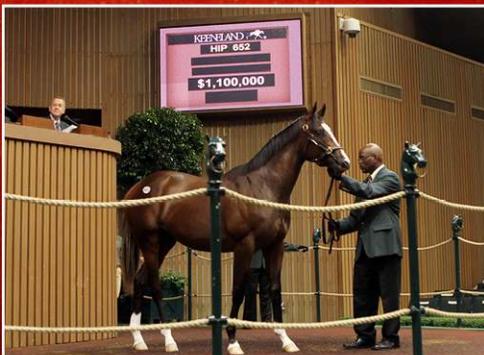
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Even Mike Smith, theretofore the regular jockey of Game on Dude, took off that grizzled veteran to guide Shared Belief--a lofty endorsement. It was not a super easy trip at Del Mar that Sunday afternoon, as he was further off the pace than he'd been before. But he adapted, came with a push-button and sweeping move and charged home a convincing winner.

With another high-profile and big-money opportunity available in the \$1-million GII Pennsylvania Derby--which of course proved to be the destination for California Chrome--Shared Belief instead got an extra week of rest and lined up against elders for a second straight time in the GI Awesome Again S. at Santa Anita. What happened there is well documented. The Beyer Speed Figure earned for his razor-thin defeat of the capitalistic Fed Biz was a modest 101. Yet, had he been able to save ground--any ground at all--that number could have looked much more like 105-108, maybe even 110, depending on just how much savings there was, and the margin of victory anywhere from two to seven lengths.

And with that perfect 7-for-7 record intact, it was on to the Classic. The 3-year-olds were expected to dominate. And so it was. Yet the sophomore the betting public landed on did not prove victorious, having been effectively stripped of his chance to give his best effort by that incident out of the gate. Many horses would have called it a day, yet Shared Belief tried every step of the way and finished fourth, ahead of the GI Belmont S. and Jockey Club Gold Cup winner, ahead of the GI Travers S. hero, ahead of the GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita victor and the GI Whitney H. conqueror. In front of him were Bayern, who it could be argued was aided by the track; and California Chrome, who had things very much his way, not a straw in his path, yet couldn't quite get it done. Had he found that little bit extra, this discussion would be moot.

Most thought the season was over, but Art Sherman acted pre-emptively and pointed California Chrome for the GI Hollywood Derby in an attempt to a) generate some support for the Eclipse Award and b) to perhaps open some doors for 2015. It was a daring move, insofar as the turf was a question mark, but the lanky chestnut handled it with aplomb and with authority, even if the speed figure was unimpressive.

The ball was now in the court of the Shared Belief camp, and a few weeks not long after the Breeders' Cup suggested there was something in the offspring. That something was the GI Malibu S., the final top-level event restricted to 3-year-olds. The task would not be an easy one--cutting back from 10 furlongs to seven is not simple, by definition.

And the field was a good one, including a quartet of horses from Bob Baffert, trainer of Bayern. When one of those was scratched on raceday, it left another as the controlling speed and likely forced Hollendorfer and team to go back to the drawing board. Instead of being able to lay off the pace and make a run, Shared Belief was ridden closer to the front, and despite being out of his element, still got the job done.

Though neither the winning margin nor speed figure (surprising given the raw time of 1:20.69) was great, he had done enough in my mind to make me say, 'that is the best horse in training. That is the Horse of the Year.'

Shared Belief was brilliant going short and going long, was the only member of the division to defeat older horses twice (California Chrome faced elders just once) and overcame a tremendous amount of adversity on multiple occasions and, who knows, if not for the incident at the start of the Classic might be undefeated. I cannot say with any amount of certainty that he would have won, but he was certainly deprived of his best chance to do so.

I give Bayern and his connections credit for an exceptionally ambitious campaign in which he was awesome much or most of the time, but was also very ordinary when things didn't go just right. California Chrome manhandled his rivals for the first half of the year, but didn't get back to the win column until he defeated a filly at Del Mar. And Main Sequence did all that was asked of him, albeit against competition that was probably inferior on balance when compared to one of the deepest collections of 3-year-olds since Curlin, Street Sense and Hard Spun back in 2007.

So, crazy and blasphemous and incredulous as it may seem, this is how I voted. I'll be surprised if more than 10% of my fellow voters agreed. I'm OK with that. I knew someone was going to have to be excluded from the Horse of the Year ballot and in my gut, I anticipated it would be him. I look forward to what he--and, happily, Bayern and California Chrome and Main Sequence--have to offer in 2015.

Maybe we'll meet again at this place same time next year.

But, like it or not, Shared Belief was my Horse of the Year for 2014.

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THE TOP 10 PERFORMANCES OF 2014

BY BRIAN DIDONATO

#1 - GI Santa Anita H. - Game On Dude

Game On Dude (Awesome Again)'s career was one defined by jaw-dropping displays of speed and stamina, but also head-scratching clunkers, oftentimes in the biggest spots. He entered the GI Santa Anita H. in March as a horse that looked to have finally lost a step for good at age seven, having checked in fifth at 3-10 in the GII San Antonio S. on seasonal debut a month earlier. That he was let go at more than 7-2-- which was double the odds he had been in any start since the 2011 GI Breeders' Cup Classic--spoke both to public's perception of his form and the competition that he was facing, which included the one-two finishers from the 2013 GI Breeders' Cup Classic--Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno) and champion 3-year-old Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song). Hard-sent early to his usual spot on the lead, Game On Dude was pressured by a very eager Hear the Ghost (Ghostzapper) through an ambitious opening quarter in :22.91 before zipping away down the backside through a half in :45.39. Pursued turning for home by the two favorites, the old pro quickly shut the door on the Classic winner before stiff-arming Will Take Charge to win his record third Big 'Cap by a measured 1 3/4 lengths. The 117 Beyer Speed Figure Game On Dude earned was the highest of his career and for any horse in 2014. He went winless in his next three races before being retired, but the good Game On Dude was as talented as they come. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).



Game On Dude turns back Will Take Charge
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#2 - GI Pacific Classic - Shared Belief

Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}), who may very well have been a shoe-in for Horse of the Year if not for that unfortunate start in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, was never better than when he first tried 10 furlongs and older competition in Del Mar's GI Pacific Classic S. Aug. 24. He tracked from midpack behind an extremely hot pace set by Game On Dude, and launched a powerful bid around the turn outside of subsequent BC Classic runner-up Toast of New York (Thewayouare). He disposed of Toast of New York easily at the top of the lane, and while the stewards considered a disqualification for Shared Belief cutting off Toast of New York after passing him, there was no denying who was best and the result ultimately stood. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).



Shared Belief
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#3 - GII New Orleans H. - Palace Malice

Remember when **Palace Malice** (Curlin) looked like a very strong favorite for Horse of the Year off big wins in the GII Gulfstream Park H., GII New Orleans H., GIII Westchester S. and GI Metropolitan H.? Things didn't work out, but the hype was warranted. Either his New Orleans or Met Mile win was his best, and I gave the slight edge to the former due to trip. Palace Malice wasn't even favored at the Fair Grounds, as fellow 4-year-old Normandy Invasion (Tapit) garnered that distinction off a track record-breaking comeback in Florida. **Cont. p12**



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But Palace Malice proved superior on the day. He was hung three deep throughout, made his move to the lead way too soon, and still had plenty left in the tank to gallop away from his main foe by 4 3/4 lengths, good for a 114 Beyer. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)

#4 - GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile - Goldencents

Goldencents (Into Mischief) has been on of the more brilliant dirt horses we've seen in the U.S. over the last couple of seasons, and flashed his immense talent once again when defending his GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile title on Halloween. Hustled right to the front from the rail as expected by Rafael Bejarano, the W C Racing colorbearer was pestered early by Vicar's in Trouble (Into Mischief)--the dueling duo opened up some eight lengths on the rest of the field early through fractions of :22.06 and :44.80.

While Vicar's in Trouble soon checked out of it and back to last due to injury, Goldencents kept right on going. Tapiture (Tapit) cut the gap into the lane and looked like a major danger, but Goldencents refused to relinquish his edge and struck the line an ultra-game 1 1/4-length victor. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)



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#5 - GIII Belmont Sprint Championship S. - Clearly Now

Perhaps no horse this year was more frustrating to trip handicappers than **Clearly Now** (Horse Greeley). A break-out winner of last October's GIII Bold Ruler H., the dark bay seemed to find a new way to lose in each of his next five outings. Despite those disappointments, he was favored over GII True North S. winner Palace (City Zip)--and that support proved plenty warranted.



Clearly Now
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The Brian Lynch trainee rated in the pocket behind a slower-than-average pace, tipped out for clear sailing at the head of the lane and turned on the afterburners from there to trounce Palace by 6 1/4 lengths despite struggling with his leads while breaking Belmont's seven-panel track record with a 1:19.96 clocking. Palace came back to take the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. and GI Forego S. at Saratoga. Clearly Now finished eighth in the latter. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)

#6 - GII Woody Stephens S. - Bayern

🌟 **"TDN Rising Star"** 🌟 **Bayern** (Offlee Wild) has several races worthy of this list, and the quality of his GI Breeders' Cup Classic run will likely never get the credit it deserves because of all the controversy surrounding it, but his best effort in 2014 probably came sprinting in the GII Woody Stephens S. on the GI Belmont S. undercard. The dark bay was let go at in insane-in-hindsight 9-1 off a disastrous ninth in the GI Preakness S. as the money poured in for then second coming Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile). Breaking from the rail, the Bob Baffert pupil took over after a quarter in :21.96 and posted a half in :44.20 while under serious pressure. Social Inclusion challenged Bayern at the quarter pole, but Bayern kicked away straight and strong, airing by 7 1/2 lengths over 12 rivals while nearly breaking Belmont's seven-furlong track record with a time of 1:20.75. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)
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#7 - GI United Nations S. - Main Sequence

It's hard to really separate **Main Sequence** (Aldebaran)'s four wins this year, and the GI Breeders' Cup Turf was obviously the toughest field he faced, but his GI United Nations S. was likely his most visually impressive outing. Off since the G1 Qipco Champion S. at Ascot the previous October, the Flaxman homebred was dismissed at 8-1 for this first start for Graham Motion and lagged at the back of the pack early. He came alive on the turn for home, picked off horses one by one and didn't stop until he was a neck ahead of Twilight Eclipse (Purim), who hit the board in all four of Main Sequence's Stateside wins. Main Sequence covered his final three furlongs in the U.N. in something like :34 flat--that's quick. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**



Main Sequence
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#8 - GI Santa Anita Derby - California Chrome

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) had a few races to choose from this year, but his GI Santa Anita Derby romp might have been his most impressive. The chestnut was away awkwardly, but attended the pace after that before galloping away under wraps to air by 5 1/4 lengths. Runner-up Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday) was the GI Kentucky Derby second choice before scratching, and went on to take the GI Clark H. at the end of the year. Third finisher Candy Boy (Candy Ride {Arg}) also flattered the race before and after. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**



California Chrome
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#9 - GI Ogden Phipps S. - Close Hatches

The match-up of ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ **Close Hatches** (First Defence), four-time Grade I winner Princess of Sylmar (Majestic Warrior) and 2013 champion 3-year-old filly Beholder (Henny Hughes) in this \$1-million event was billed as a race for the ages, and it didn't disappoint. Close Hatches was the third choice off a victory in the GI Apple Blossom H., and the big question with her was whether or not she could successfully rate. The Bill Mott pupil had no problem bidding her time early in fourth before taking over midway on the turn. Princess of Sylmar came with a late run, but Close Hatches found the wire with a head to spare. Next-out GIII Shuvee H. winner Antipathy (A.P. Indy) was third that day, while subsequent two-time Grade I winner Belle Gallantey (After Market) was fifth behind Beholder. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**



Close Hatches (inside)
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#10 - GI Kentucky Oaks - Untapable

Untapable (Tapit)'s GI Kentucky Oaks was so good that many believed she was the best 3-year-old of either sex after Oaks/Derby weekend. That proved to be a bit of an overstatement as the year wore on, but her Oaks was quite devastating all the same. Tracking in the clear after breaking from the far outside, the Winchell homebred ranged up three deep outside of GII Gazelle S. romper My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song) into the lane, and was quickly well in front of that rival in the blink of an eye before increasing her advantage to 4 1/2 lengths at the end. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**



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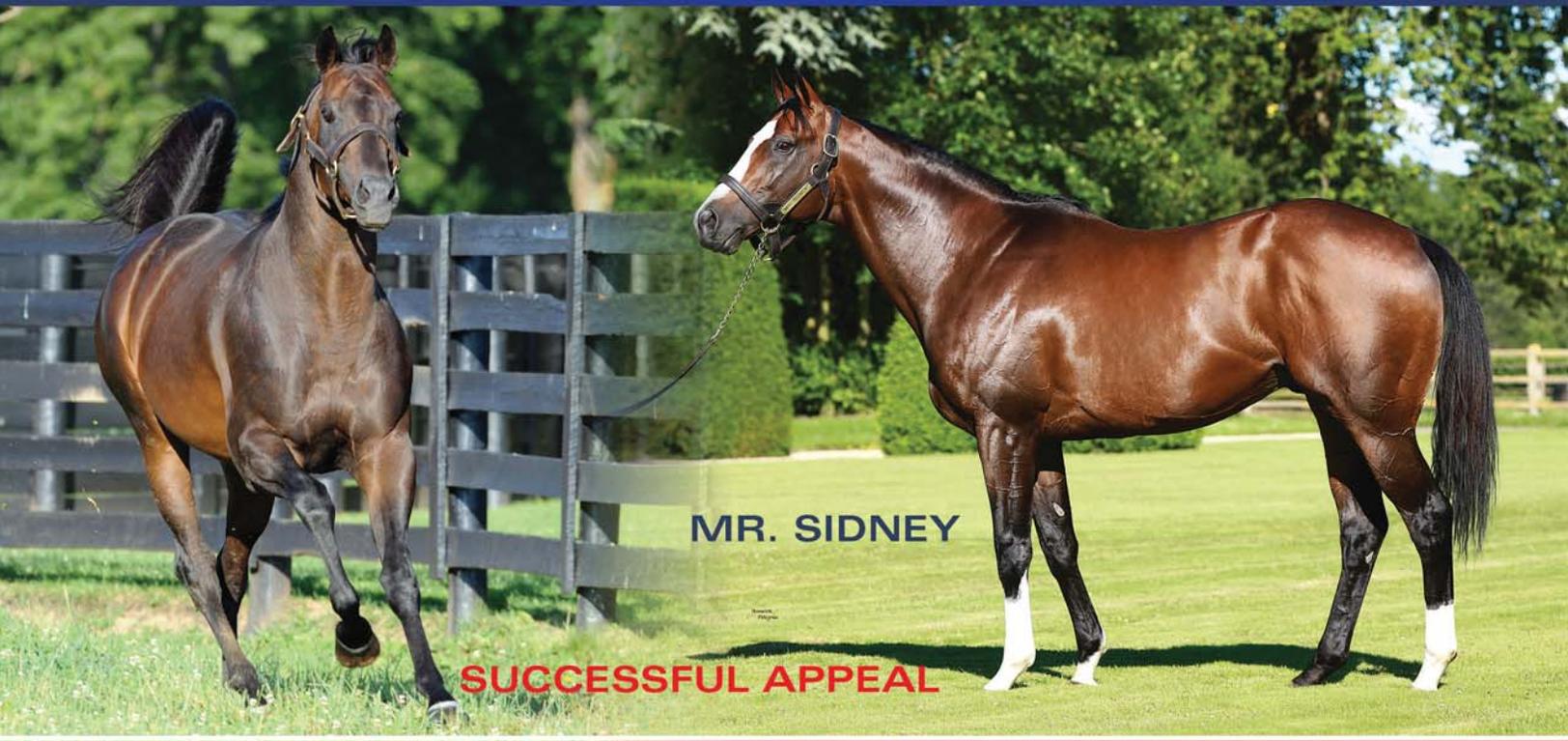
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Jan. 31	GI Santa Monica S.	SA
	GI Tampa Bay S.	TAM
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	GI Connally Turf Cup	HOU
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	GI Palos Verdes S.	SA
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Feb. 7	GI Donn H.	GP
	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP
Feb. 14	GI Robert B. Lewis S.	SA
	GI San Antonio S.	SA
	GI San Marcos S.	SA
	GI Withers S.	AQU
	GI Toboggan S.	AQU
	GI Fred W. Hooper H.	GP
	GI Suwannee River S.	GP
	GI Santa Maria S.	SA
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SERENA'S SONG, by Rahy. 18 wins, 2 to 4, \$3,283,388, champion 3-year-old filly, Mother Goose S. [G1], etc. Half-sister to **VIVID IMAGINATION** [G3]. Dam of 13 registered foals, 12 of racing age, 12 to race, 10 winners, incl. - **SOPHISTICAT** (f. by Storm Cat). Winner at 2, €53,666, in Ireland, 2nd Eirell Silver Flash S., etc.; winner at 3, £209,350, in England, Coronation S. [G1], etc.; winner at 3, €73,005, in France, Prix de la Grotte [G3], etc. (Total: \$443,393). Dam of **SEFROUA** (f. by Kingmambo, Total: \$141,957). **GRAND REWARD** (c. by Storm Cat). Winner at 2, £38,653, in England, 2nd Dubai Duty Free Mill Reef S. [G2], etc.; winner at 3, €62,972, in Ireland, 2nd Rock of Gibraltar E.B.F. Tetraich S. [G3], etc.; 2 wins at 4, \$406,467, in N.A./U.S., Oaklawn H. [G2] (OP, \$300,000). (Total: \$545,844). **SIRE**. **HARLINGTON** (c. by Unbridled). 6 wins in 10 starts, 2 to 5, \$370,000, Gulfstream Park H. [G2] (GP, \$180,000). **SIRE**. **SCHRAMSBERG** (c. by Storm Cat). 6 wins at 4 and 5, \$394,626, John B. Connally Turf Cup H. [G3] (HOU, \$120,000), etc. **SERENA'S TUNE** (f. by Mr. Prospector). 7 wins, \$337,260, Victoria Lass H. [L] (FG, \$75,000), etc. Dam of **VOCALISED** [G3] (c. by Vindication, Total: \$188,432, sire). **SERENA'S CAT** (f. by Storm Cat, Total: \$121,091, dam of **NOBLE TUNE** [G2], c. by Unbridled's Song, \$492,224, **HONOR CODE** [G2], c. by A.P. Indy, 2 wins in 4 starts at 2, placed at 3, 2013, \$461,200). **Arbitrate** (c. by Deputy Minister). 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$195,390, 2nd Dr. Fager S. (AP, \$8,725). **SIRE**.

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Catalogued	220	263
No. Offered	204	239
No. Sold	179	200
RNAs	25	39
% RNAs	12.3%	16.3%
High Price	A\$220,000	A\$280,000
Gross	A\$9,863,000	A\$9,532,000
Average (% change)	A\$55,101 (+15.6%)	A\$47,660
Median (% change)	A\$45,000 (+12.5%)	A\$40,000



Beneteau won the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude while racing in partnership with Arrowfield and Blue Sky, and stood at Arrowfield until his untimely death a year ago. Beneteau is represented by his first 2-year-olds this year, and had four others sell for six figures yesterday. Three of his progeny yesterday were purchased by Blue Sky, which has campaigned two of his juvenile winners, including Prompt Return (Aus).

"We're obviously very interested in his progeny after buying Beneteau as a yearling and the early success with Prompt Return," Blue Sky Bloodstock's Julian Blaxland said. "I thought he was an outstanding individual and he happened to be by Beneteau, so we had to have him."

Another sire who was well received yesterday was Australia's 2013/14 champion first-season sire I Am Invincible (Aus) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who was responsible for two of the top six lots. [Lot 811](#)--who is out of Mariana Sunset (Aus) (Fantastic Light), a daughter of dual Group 1 winner Juanmo (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus})--was picked up by trainer Paul Perry for A\$200,000. Later in the session, Magic Millions as Agent signed for [lot 841](#), an I Am Invincible colt from the family of G1 Doomben Cup winner Mr Bureaucrat (Aus) (Bureaucracy {Aus}), for A\$180,000.

**MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLINGS
SUNDAY'S TOP SEVEN LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
860	colt	Beneteau (Aus)	Sassy Peg (Aus)	220,000
		(Sirecam.com video)		
		<i>B-P J Favretto & T & J Hodgson</i>		
		Consigned by Arrowfield Stud, agent		
		Purchased by Blue Sky Bloodstock (FBAA)		
811	filly	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Mariana Sunset (Aus)	200,000
		<i>B-M Connolly</i>		
		Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud, agent		
		Purchased by Paul Perry Racing		
871	colt	Zoffany (Ire)	She's Sirius (Aus)	180,000
		<i>B-Geraghty Trust Pty Ltd</i>		
		Consigned by Berkeley Park Stud, agent		
		Purchased by Ciaron Maher Racing		
841	colt	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Prinny's Girl (Aus)	180,000
		<i>B-Dr I Duckworth</i>		
		Consigned by Fairview Park Stud, agent		
		Purchased by Magic Millions, agent		
909	colt	Duporth (Aus)	Typify (NZ)	170,000
		<i>B-Mill Park</i>		
		Consigned by Mill Park, agent		
		Purchased by Magic Millions, agent		
873	filly	Beneteau (Aus)	Shelbey (Aus)	170,000
		(Sirecam.com video)		
		<i>B-Invermien Pty Ltd</i>		
		Consigned by Riversdale, agent		
		Purchased by LB Racing		
730	colt	Zoffany (Ire)	Centaure (NZ)	170,000
		(Sirecam.com video)		
		<i>B-P A Payne & John Holmes</i>		
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		Purchased by Paul Perry Racing		

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Zoffany Picks Up Freshman Baton...

The prominence of first-season sires was one of the overriding themes of Book 1 of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, and that pattern continued into Book 2 yesterday, with Coolmore's Zoffany (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) responsible for two of the top five lots.



Zoffany
Coolmore

Victorian trainer Ciaron Maher signed for the pricier of the two when succeeding at A\$180,000 for [lot 871](#), a colt from Berkeley Park Stud out of the Galileo (Ire) mare She's Sirius (Aus), a half-sister to stakes winner Spectrolite (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}).

Paul Perry certainly knows a good horse when he sees one, having conditioned Group 1 winners and now leading sires Choisir (Aus), Fastnet Rock (Aus) and Stratum (Aus), and the Newcastle-based trainer threw his support behind another young stallion yesterday when going to A\$170,000 for a colt by Zoffany ([lot 730](#)).

While he is perhaps best known for running Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) to three-quarters of a length when second in the 2011 G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot, Zoffany was also a precocious juvenile, garnering the G1 Phoenix S. at The Curragh. Zoffany is represented by his first Australian-bred crop here, and his first Northern Hemisphere yearlings were well received at the sales last year, averaging \$80,196

"Zoffany was quite a horse himself--he was a good racehorse and a great type of horse," Perry remarked. Of his newest acquisition, the trainer added, "I just thought he was a great athletic type. He was a great walker and he carried himself well. He's just a real standout of a colt."

The early September foal is out of Centaure (NZ) (Centaine {Aus}), who has produced three winners.

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Perry was amongst the leading buyers through Book 1 of the sale, signing for 11 lots for A\$2,247,500. He was complimentary of the quality of horse on offer.

"It's been an extra strong sale," he noted. "There has been great quality, I thought--it's one of the better sales I've been to in terms of type of horse."

The South Australian-based Mill Park Stud, which enjoyed much success during Book 1 highlighted by the sale of Wednesday's session-topping A\$850,000 Sepoy filly, capped a perfect nine-for-nine Magic Millions sale with the sale of a Duporth (Aus) colt ([lot 909](#)) to Magic Millions as agent on behalf of Queensland trainer Gillian Heinrich.

Syndicates Take Center Stage...

For those accustomed to the sales scene in the U.S. or Europe, it would come as somewhat of a surprise to see the majority of high-priced lots in Australia purchased on behalf of syndicates, with many lots knocked down on spec to syndicators or trainers who are then responsible for selling shares. This is the culture of the racing industry in Australia, however, where it is not unusual to pick up a racing program and see a long list of names beside most runners. Indeed, during the 2013/14 racing season in Australia 1,317 horses were listed with 10 or more owners, and that figure has risen steadily since 2009. Many of Australia's leading trainers are directly associated with syndicators, and some of Australia's most prominent racehorses in recent years have been owned by syndicates, including Sebring (Aus) (More Than Ready), who won the G1 Golden Slipper and was sold for stud duty for more than A\$20 million; Starspangledbanner (Aus) (Choirir {Aus}), the G1 Caulfield Guineas winner who was purchased by Coolmore and went on to international Group 1 success; G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Reward for Effort (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and dual Group 1 winner Platelet (Aus) (Strategic {Aus}).

Tom Reilly, Chief Executive Officer of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and the marketing body Aushorse, explained that racing associations across the country have recognized the advantages of encouraging a model that allows people to invest in horses at all levels.

"Syndications in Australia have a far bigger share of the market than in the UK or America," Reilly said. "The racing associations here have looked at that growing model and done things to help. Here, you can have up to 20 names in the [racing program]. So if you're a syndicator and you want to sell a horse, you can say to someone, 'you'll get to see your name in the card each time,' which is a big thing."

Reilly also recognized that it is likely easier to get the public involved in syndicates in Australia because racing is firmly ingrained in the culture.

"In Australia, racing is much more a part of the sporting culture," he said. "You can bet in bars and racing and the form cards are in the newspapers every day, so there's a huge interest in racing. It's more part of the fabric of the country, so to give people the opportunity to get involved in a horse for \$5,000 or less, which happens, is a real advantage."

Saturday's Magic Millions raceday, which offered eight races restricted to sales graduates highlighted by the A\$2-million Magic Millions 2YO Classic and the A\$1-million 3YO Guineas, was an example of how owners can cash in on a small investment--the most expensive of the eight winners was purchased for A\$150,000, by Gai Waterhouse on behalf of a syndicate.

Next year's Magic Millions raceday--and the ensuing seven years--will be worth A\$10 million with support from the Queensland government, and many buyers have admitted to going a few bids farther than they otherwise would have knowing those rewards will be on the line.

"The extra prize money Magic Millions puts into the races is a huge advantage for syndicators and trainers who carrying the risk by buying a horse then trying to sell it to a group of people," Reilly said. "Having the sales races and the prize money is a huge carrot for those people. You saw the prices of the horses that won yesterday and they weren't all top of the sale. So it can be done, and people see that."

Reilly recognized the momentum created by next year's Magic Millions raceday--which will be the richest meeting in the country--is likely to have positive reverberations across the country.

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"The extra money can only be a good thing for the whole industry across the board," he said. "We've had a strong sale here, and I hope very much that will flow through the other sales."

Being and a member of a syndicate also encourages camaraderie and sparks new friendships.

"If you have horse in partnership with a bunch of people, some who you may know and some you may not, you suddenly make a whole new bunch of friends," Reilly said. "You go to the races in a group, and you're all invested together in something, and I think that's exciting."

Reilly reiterated that racing's lofty status in the Australian sporting culture helps encourage people to get involved and buy into a syndicate.

"I think fundamentally here what makes the biggest difference is racing's place in society," he said. "If you come for the Spring carnival and Sydney's Championships in April, racing is prime time. It'll be the first or second item on the news. Gai Waterhouse would probably be the most recognizable sportswoman in Australia. It's incredible when you come from elsewhere in the world where racing struggles to get into the sports pages or doesn't have a great reputation. Here, racing's not only in the sports pages, but often on the front page."

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Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale Book 1 Leading Buyers by Gross

Name	Lots	Gross
Gai Waterhouse Racing	22	A\$4,795,000
James Harron B'stock/Snowden Racing	17	A\$4,495,000
Magic Millions as Agent	24	A\$3,360,000
Paul Perry	11	A\$2,247,500
Star Thoroughbreds	15	A\$2,105,000
China Horse Club	3	A\$2,030,000
Chris Waller Racing	10	A\$1,935,000
Moody Racing	8	A\$1,935,000
Hawkes Racing	7	A\$1,770,000
Spendthrift Farm	2	A\$1,400,000

Leading Consignors by Gross

Consignor	Sold	Gross
Coolmore Stud	41	A\$7,432,500
Arrowfield Stud	23	A\$5,372,500
Newgate Farm	27	A\$5,220,000
Baramul Stud	32	A\$5,190,000
Newhaven Park	22	A\$4,325,000
Widden Stud	26	A\$3,722,500
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Leading Sires by Average (10+ sold)**

Sire	Offered	Sold	Average
Fastnet Rock (Aus)	22	17	A\$380,147
Redoute's Choice (Aus)	20	19	A\$366,579
*Sepoy (Aus)	29	26	A\$286,346
Snitzel (Aus)	46	43	A\$243,488
Exceed and Excel (Aus)	12	11	A\$240,000
*So You Think (NZ)	18	16	A\$234,688
Northern Meteor (Aus)	24	20	A\$221,250
I Am Invincible (Aus)	14	13	A\$203,846
*Smart Missile (Aus)	35	33	A\$179,394
More Than Ready	33	25	A\$168,400

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 2nd Dam: Sunlight Bourbon (Jpn), by Ile de Bourbon
 3rd Dam: Hashino Cedar (Jpn), by Mincio (Fr)
 O-Toshihiro Matsumoto; B-Chuo Farm; T-Yoshihito
 Kitade; J-Yutaka Take; ¥37,448,000. Lifetime
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 2--Lord Felice (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Harbinger (GB)--Lady
 Charm (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Lord Horse Club;
 B-K.I.Farm; ¥15,128,000.
 3--Navion (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Yukino
 Sweet Pea (Jpn), by Last Tycoon (Ire). O-Hiroshi
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Yesterday's Results:

6th-AQU, \$57,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1\$X, (S), 3yo, f, 1m70y, 1:44 2/5, ft. HOT CITY GIRL (f, 3, [City Zip](#)--Noble Fire {SP}, by Hook and Ladder) faded to fourth over the Belmont turf Oct. 9, but got off the mark by 6 3/4 lengths at second asking in an off-the-turfer Nov. 15 before finishing a distant second in the East View S. Dec. 14. Hot City Girl was away well from the outside and pressed the early leader through a half in :49.24. She moved up to challenge for the lead heading into the straight and opened up in the lane to finish 2 1/2 lengths ahead of Building Permit (Bellamy Road). It was 9 1/4 lengths back to third-place finisher In Spite of Mama (Speightstown). The winner is a half to La Verdad (Yes It's True), GSW, \$780,700. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-0, \$96,800. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

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5th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m70y, 1:43 1/5, ft. MARCH (c, 3, [Blame](#)--Lifeinthefastlane, by Unbridled's Song), a \$320,000 Keeneland November weanling, was second on debut on the main track here Nov. 29. The 4-5 pick rated just off the pace from two path down the backstretch and moved up to challenge the pacesetter on the bend. The dark bay gained a narrow advantage, inched clear by midstretch and had enough left to hold off the late-charging Dontbetwithbruno (Tiz Wonderful) with a neck to spare. The winner is a half to Eightyfiveinafifty (Forest Camp), GSW, \$168,514. Sales history: \$320,000 wlng '12 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$50,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

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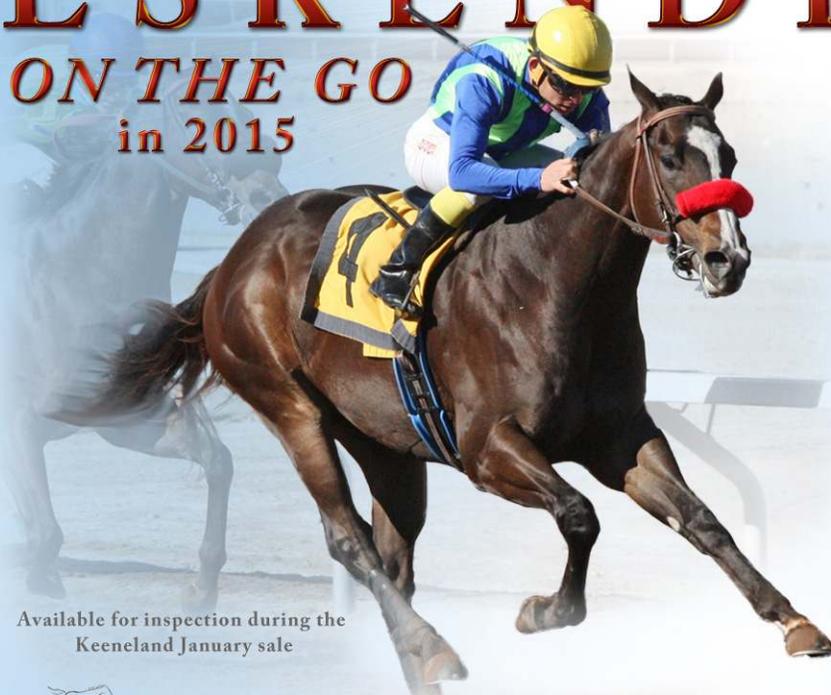
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Yesterday's Results:

10th-GPX, \$42,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44 1/5, sy.

ALL IN FUN (f, 3, [Tapit](#)--Devils Humor, by Distorted Humor) was fourth first out over the Belmont turf Sept. 5 and graduated next time routing there Oct. 19. Supported as the 4-5 favorite for this rained-off affair, All In Fun established the early lead soon after the break and clicked off splits of :24.46 and :48.76 from along the inside. The chestnut pulled away down the lane en route to a 5 1/2-length victory. Arctic Ocean (Concord Point) completed the exacta. Sales history: \$200,000 yrl '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$73,950. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O-Stuart S Janney III. B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Claude R McGaughey III.

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5th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45 3/5, sy.

RATHER BEAUTIFUL (f, 4, [Malibu Moon](#)--Virden (GSW, \$194,768), by Tactical Cat) was fourth behind Keri Belle (Empire Maker) on debut going 1 1/16 miles over the yielding turf at Aqueduct Nov. 23, and relocated to South Florida with her trainer following that effort. Given a 5-2 chance in this off-the-turf event for a barn that scores with 35% of its second-timers, the chestnut saved ground early and eased out to track the pace two wide through a half-mile in :48.36. Rather Beautiful split horses on the far turn, gained command in mid-stretch and held off a late rally from Lucknow (Medaglia d'Oro) to score by a half-length. First-time starter A.P. Sonata (A.P. Indy) was fourth. The winner RNA'd for \$30,000 as a KEESEP yearling and progressed to a \$145,000 OBSMAR juvenile buy. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

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11th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, 5f (off turf), :58 1/5, sy.

POW WOW PAL (c, 3, Indian Charlie--Funny Moon {GISW, \$530,900}, by Malibu Moon) was runner-up in his first two starts over the main tracks at Churchill Downs Sept. 20 and Keeneland Oct. 16. Shedding blinkers for this one, Pow Wow Pal set the early pace through splits of :22.65 and :45.82. The homebred began to edge clear on the turn and had enough in the tank to finish 1 1/2 lengths ahead of Sir Alfred (Munnings). Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$42,600. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O/B-My Meadowview Farm LLC (KY). T-Wesley A Ward.

4th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 1/5, sy.
+ MATERIALITY (c, 3, Afleet Alex--Wildwood Flower {SW & MGSP, \$109,916}, by Langfuhr), a half-sibling to last year's GII Gazelle S. winner, GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up and fellow Pletcher trainee My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song), \$418,300, was given an 8-5 chance for his debut here. The Alto Racing colorbearer vied for the early lead, but was content to drop back and stalk the pace from the outside in second. He ranged up to re-bid on the turn, gained control and opened up down the lane to win by 4 1/4 lengths. Star's Ride (Street Sense) completed the exacta.

Materiality was the most expensive of his sire's progeny to sell at auction in 2014, when Steve Young signed the \$400,000 ticket at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale after the colt breezed in [:10.2](#).

"We were hopeful," said winning conditioner Todd Pletcher. "We were a little concerned about the sloppy track, but the colt was trained well. Everything we've breezed him with he's been right there. We've had some success in maiden races so far with horses we've worked him with. We thought we had a decent comparison and we were very pleased with him today."

"He had some baby stuff," Pletcher continued. "He came out of the Fasig-Tipton Timonium sale and needed some time off after that. He needed to get acclimated down here and get some training done and before you know it, it's January." Sales history: \$260,000 yrl '13 KEESSEP; \$400,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. O-Alto Racing LLC. B-John D Gunther (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

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Materiality, sent off the 8-5 second choice in his debut at Gulfstream Sunday, obviously had his supporters at the track, but perhaps one of his most confident backers was watching from afar.



Materiality
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“Actually, I bet him pretty good,” laughed the colt’s breeder John Gunther. “I had been watching his works and I just loved the way he was working. I was pretty confident that he would win his first start.”

Still, the colt’s 4 1/4-length victory surpassed Gunther’s expectations.

“It was impressive to run on that kind of sloppy track and run in 1:10 and change and draw off like that,” he said.

Materiality is out of stakes winner Wildwood Flower, a filly bred by Gunther. After RNA’ing for \$20,000 as a Keeneland November weanling in 2001, the mare went on to win the 2003 Piedmont S. and was third in the 2004 GIII Santa Ysabel S. and GII Beaumont S.

“She was really a good racemare,” Gunther recalled. “She should have been a lot better than she showed. I had her in a Grade I at Santa Anita when Jerry Hollendorfer had her and she flipped in the paddock just as Gary Stevens was getting a leg up. We had to scratch and she was the second favorite. I think she would have run big in that Grade I. Then she came up with a slight injury, so I retired her. But I had some really good race fillies running at the same time back then. I had five fillies who won and placed in about 25 stakes races and she was one of the best, although it didn’t show that on form. To me, she was a very good mare.”

Wildwood Flower’s stock was on the rise last year when her daughter My Miss Sophia (Unbridled’s Song), a \$260,000 Keeneland September yearling, won the GII Gazelle S. and was second in the GI Kentucky Oaks for Materiality’s trainer Todd Pletcher. The filly sold for \$2.15 million at last year’s Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale. **cont. p5**

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Gunther credits his daughter, Tanya, with the mating which produced Materiality.

“This horse that won today, my daughter Tanya decided to breed to Afleet Alex, because of Afleet Express, who was a very nice horse and is in that pedigree as well,” he explained. “That was an important reason to breed to Afleet Alex.”



“We nicknamed him Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum when he was born,” said Tanya Gunther, who tweeted this photo of a young Materiality after his win at Gulfstream Sunday. “Good bone, strength and size from Day 1!”

Wildwood Flower’s dam Dial a Trick is the dam of the Gunther-bred Expanse (Distant View), who produced GI Travers S. winner Afleet Express (Afleet Alex), as well as multiple graded stakes placed Reporting for Duty (Deputy Commander). Out of Dial a Trick, Gunther also bred multiple graded stakes winner Eye of the Tiger (American Chance).

Materiality impressed Gunther right from the start. “He was fantastic,” Gunther said of the youngster. “He was probably one of our best-looking yearlings that we consigned that year. And he was one of the best foals on the farm. He was awesome-looking as a foal and he certainly looked great today in the paddock.”

Materiality sold for \$260,000 as a Keeneland September yearling and, following the exploits of his older sister, he brought \$400,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Midlantic juvenile last spring.

Wildwood Flower is currently in Europe. The 14-year-old mare was bred to Nathaniel (Ire) in 2013, but lost that foal. She is currently in foal to Intello (Ger).

“We’ve booked to Galileo (Ire), so she’ll be bred to Galileo this year,” Gunther said. “We’ll probably foal the Galileo next year over there and sell the foal as a weanling or a yearling.”

Asked if the foal would sell in Europe or the U.S., Gunther said, “We may sell it at Keeneland because of My Miss Sophia and this horse. Although, it’s by Galileo, My Miss Sophia and this horse that won today would be well-known in the U.S., so it may be an idea to sell the Galileo in the U.S. It’s something to think about down the road.” **cont. p6**



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Gunther has a broodmare band of approximately 20 head, with most of the offspring destined for the sales ring.

“We like to race a few as well,” he said. “It just depends on how they mature at the time. We basically sell most of them. Some that RNA we end up racing, like Wildwood Flower, and several others that have actually done well for us. Sometimes you just don’t know. We try to keep the odd filly that we like and sell the colts.” -*Jessica Martini*

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FILLIES PREP FOR SILVERBULLETDAY

Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence’s **Top Decile** (Congrats) and Charles Fipke’s **Forever Unbridled** (Unbridled’s Song) turned in works Sunday at Fair Grounds for their sophomore debuts in Saturday’s Silverbulletday S.

Top Decile, coming off a runner-up effort behind Take Charge Brandi (Giant’s Causeway) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies, went four furlongs in :49.60 for trainer Al Stall, Jr. It was fifth fastest of 114 at the distance.

Jockey Mike Smith takes over the mount on Top Decile, who was ridden in her previous three starts by the now-retired Rosie Napravnik.

“She was certainly one we were watching,” Smith said. “Immediately after Rosie retired, we knew we wanted to get on her. I watched the Breeders’ Cup over and over again and, given her outside post that day, she ran really well and galloped out excellent--so she seemed to like the distance. She seems to have a lot of class about her. I’ll put her in the race and ride her with a lot of confidence. I’m going to let her get into a good rhythm.”

Forever Unbridled, who broke her maiden impressively at Fair Grounds Dec. 12, earned the four-furlong bullet Sunday when working in :48.80 over a deep track. The filly is a daughter of 2006 GI Kentucky Oaks winner Lemons Forever (Lemon Drop Kid) and a full-sister to 2014 Silverbulletday S. winner Unbridled Forever.

“She was great,” said trainer Dallas Stewart, who also conditioned her sister and dam. “She worked very well and did it very easily and came back good. She’s very healthy right now and coming into the race great. She’s had a race over the track and has been working consistently.”

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8th-FGX, \$37,240, Msw, 3yo, f, a1mT, 1:40 1/5, fm. **SAVE OUR OCEANS** (f, 3, [Super Saver](#)--Atlantic Ocean {MGSW,\$678,210}, by **Stormy Atlantic**), a well-beaten 10th in her 1 1/16-mile unveiling on dirt at Churchill Nov. 29, added blinkers and was switched to the lawn for this second try. Overlooked at odds of 20-1, the bay bided her time along the rail in mid-pack behind a half-mile in :49.30 and advanced into contention on the far turn. Save Our Oceans followed the move of Seeking Paradise (Blame) turning for home and caught that rival in the final furlong to register a 3/4-length score. The winner sold for \$240,000 as a KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,380. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Gold Square LLC. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (NY). T-Steve Margolis.

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Yesterday's Results:

PASEANA S., \$92,500, SAX, 1-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:42 4/5, wf.

1--**WARREN'S VENEDA, 121, m, 5, Affirmative--More Cal Bread**, by **Flying Continental**. O/B-Benjamin C Warren (CA); T-Craig Anthony Lewis; J-Tyler Baze. \$60,600. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 20-6-3-5, \$467,612.

2--**Taste Like Candy, 118, f, 4, Candy Ride (Arg)--My Success**, by A.P. Indy. (\$80,000 RNA wlng '11 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '12 KEESEP). O-Bad Boy Racing LLC & Whizway Farms. \$15,700.

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3--**Valiant Emilia (Per), 121, m, 6, Pegasus Wind--Valiant Saint**, by Aljabr. O-Teneri Farm Inc. \$9,420. Margins: 5HF, 3/4, 5 1/4. Odds: 4.20, 4.80, 14.70.

Warren's Veneda last found the winner's circle in the 2013 edition of the Cat's Cradle H., but has been knocking on the door recently with a third in Del Mar's Betty Grable S. Nov. 9 and finishing second by a head in the Gil Bayakoa S. at Los Alamitos Dec. 6. Warren's Veneda stalked the pace along the inside rail early here and crept up closer to the leader down the backstretch. **cont. p7**

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The chestnut zipped up the rail on the bend to take command and opened up down the straight for the victory. "This mare is really handy," said winning trainer Craig Lewis. "[Jockey] Tyler [Baze] told me that he wanted to lay a little closer to the pace today, and I thought maybe she should be further back. He told me when he cut her loose, it was over. She's feeling good right



Warren's Veneda
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now and she's just a hard-trying mare." **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

5th-SAX, \$57,008, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:38 1/5, wf.

MISS BOOM BOOM (f, 3, [Run Away and Hide--Heat Street, by Street Cry {Ire}](#)) was third last time for Aaron Sones, Michael Riordan and trainer Byron Hughes at Churchill Downs Nov. 14. Making her first start since being privately purchased by her current connections, Miss Boom Boom was sent off as the 5-2 second choice for this off-the-turfer. The bay rated just behind the pacesetter and asserted for the lead on the bend. Miss Boom Boom opened up under urging and finished 4 1/4 lengths clear of Madam Aamoura (Zensational) under a hand ride. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$44,185. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Jerry Hollendorfer, Steve Melen & Steve Taub. B-Michael Riordan & Aaron Sones (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

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4th-SAX, \$56,750, Msw, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11, wf. + **EXFANOSIXTIES (f, 3, [Sought After--Fall in Love, by In Excess {Ire}](#))** displayed an extensive worktab dating back to July in preparation for this debut try, highlighted by a pair of seven-furlong works over the local surface Nov. 26 and Dec. 8. Sent postward at odds of 5-1, the blinkered bay went straight to the front and cut the pace through a quarter-mile in :21.65. The California-bred turned for home with a narrow lead and dug in down the stretch to hold off a late rally from Slew's Charm (Roi Charmant) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,600. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Los Pollos Hermanos Racing & Santa Ines Stable. B-Francoise Dupuis (CA). T-A C Avila.



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FAIR GROUNDS

Cassatt (Tapit), 5f, 1:00.20, 1/50
Top Decile (Congrats), 4f, :49.40, 5/114

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Skywarn (Congrats), 4f, :49.02, 39/86
Taylor S (Medaglia d'Oro), 5f, 1:03.11, 40/43

PALM BEACH DOWNS

Angela Renee (Bernardini), 3f, :36.98, 1/2
Competitive Edge (Super Saver), 3f, :36.98, 1/2
Constitution (Tapit), 5f, 1:02.96, 12/15
Dame Dorothy (Bernardini), 4f, :49.52, 11/24
Enchantress (Malibu Moon), 4f, :49.63, 14/24
Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:00.65, 1/15
Overcontrol (Tapit), 4f, :49.02, 5/24
Protonico (Giant's Causeway), 5f, 1:01.60, 8/15

PALM MEADOWS

Leave the Light On (Horse Greeley), 4f, :49.30, 12/48

SANTA ANITA

Luminance (Tale of the Cat), 3f, :36.80, 8/19
Texas Red (Afleet Alex), 6f, 1:17.80, 31/31



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

LASENORA S., \$85,160, SUN, 1-11, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

1--#**MISS E BAR, 122, f, 3, Firejack--Fantastic Flatter, by Flatter.** O/B-Donnell Echols (NM); T-Joel H Marr; J-Ken S Tohill. \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$77,500.

2--**Tea Light, 122, f, 3, Right Rigger--Tea Rona, by Dry Gulch.** O-Larry R & Harry Teague. \$18,700.

3--**Muy Rapido, 122, f, 3, Diabolical--Rapidamente, by Dixieland Band.** O-J Kirk & Judy Robison. \$8,500.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 12.20, 1.00, 1.50.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-GPX, \$42,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58 1/5, sy.

RUNWAY READY (m, 5, Mr. Greeley--Fashion Cat, by Forest Wildcat) Lifetime Record: 20-4-2-3, \$136,496. O-Lee Pokoik. B-AGS Thoroughbreds Ltd (KY). T-Gary C Contessa. *\$70,000 yrl '11 FTKOCT; \$75,000 2yo '12 FTFMAR. **1/2 to Corfu (Malibu Moon), GSW, \$214,200.

7th-FGX, \$41,000, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.

PLATINUM LADY (f, 4, Half Ours--Isle of Grey {MSP, \$140,888}, by Digression) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, \$81,192. O/B-Valene Farms LLC (LA). T-Eric L Heitzmann. *1/2 to Sammie Sam (Autocracy), MSW, \$370,162; and Katlin's Rocket (Autocracy), SW, \$127,400.

8th-PRX, \$35,200, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11, ft.

KAZURI (f, 3, First Defence--Kabili Star, by Housebuster) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-0, \$73,959. O-Thomas G McClay. B-Heart Hill Farms LLC (PA). T-Michael W Salvaggio Jr. *\$17,000 yrl '13 FTMSEP.

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6th-PEN, \$33,300, 1-10, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:45 3/5, ft.

FARA'S KID (g, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Sticky {MSW, \$381,650}, by Concern) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-0, \$58,928. O/B-Fitzhugh LLC (PA). T-Michael J Trombetta.

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5th-GGX, \$30,345, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38 3/5, ft.

MISS LAFAYETTE (f, 4, Midnight Lute--Chilling Effect {SP, \$196,433}, by Gold Fever) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$61,750. O-St Elias Stable & West Point Thoroughbreds. B-Wolverton Mountain Farm LLC & The Midnight Lute Syndicate (KY). T-Craig Dollase. *\$18,000 wlng '11 KEENOV; \$70,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL.

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7th-GGX, \$27,696, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38 4/5, ft.

CHARLIE'S ANGEL (FR) (f, 4, Myboycharlie {Ire}--Classic Actress {SW, \$119,677}, by Lear Fan) Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-3, \$46,379. O-Gillian S Campbell. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (FR). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. *10,000€ yrl '12 ARQOCT.

8th-CTX, \$26,000, 1-10, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21 1/5, ft.

SPECTACULAR LADY (f, 4, Spring At Last--Cobra Lady {MSW, \$425,379}, by Cobra King) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$27,922. O/T-J Michael Baird. B-John Michael Baird (WV).



Breeders' Edition cont.

7th-TPX, \$23,190, NW2L, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:40 4/5, ft.

PASSAGE OF POWER (g, 4, Distorted Humor--Teammate {MGSW & MGISP, \$618,276}, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$36,032. O-Frank D Irvin & David Mortensen. B-Joseph Allen (KY). T-Michael J Maker. *\$335,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lonnie Ton, g, 3, Attila's Storm--Lady Caine, by Raise Caine. SUN, 1-11, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03 3/5. B-Maurcenia Cross & Jim Fox (NM).

Flying Like Magic, f, 3, Majestic Warrior--Evelina, by Cape Canaveral. FGX, 1-11, (S), 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Roger S Braugh Jr (LA). *\$2,000 yrl '13 OBSJAN; \$40,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

Joe Flyer, c, 4, Even the Score--Aunt Ginger (SP), by Fred Astaire. TPX, 1-11, 1m (AWT), 1:40 4/5. B-Rocking H Farm, Inc (KY). *1/2 to Anna Em (Our Emblem), MSW, \$192,792; and Rhythm in Shoes (Rhythm), SW, \$169,507.

Lookingoutforyou, g, 4, Hard Spun--Miss Primetime (SP), by Fusaichi Pegasus. AQU, 1-11, (C), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Gilbert G Campbell (FL). *\$145,000 yrl '12 FTSAUG.

Dihementionmyname, f, 4, Thunder Gulch--Lion Lemon 'n Lime, by Lion Hearted. TPX, 1-11, 1m (AWT), 1:40 4/5. B-Doug Branham (KY).

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Tempus Fugit, a half-sister to MGSP Color Me Up (Aptitude), produced a filly by Quality Road in 2013 and a colt by Distorted Humor in 2014. She was bred to Tiznow last spring. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, £16,173. O-Godolphin. B-Briland Farm, Robert & Stacy Mitchell (KY). T-John Gosden.

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Yesterday's Results:

5th-CHD, £20,000, Cond, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:40.36, ft. **TEMPUS TEMPORIS** (c, 3, Dynaformer--Tempus Fugit {MSW & GSP-US, \$344,471}, by Alphabet Soup), who graduated with a six-length score in a Kempton nursery handicap last time Dec. 16, sat one length off the pace in second for most of this All-Weather Championships qualifier. Sent to the front at the top of the two-furlong straight, the 11-4 second choice stretched clear under urging before gearing down to easily best Anonymous John (Ire) (Baltic King {GB}) by five lengths. The winner, a \$300,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half to Majestic River (A.P. Indy), GSW-US, \$258,138. Majestic River sold to Frank Stronach for \$950,000 at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale.

2nd-CHD, £5,000, Mdn, 3yo/up, f, 10f (AWT), 2:10.31, ft.

ZAMOURA (GB) (f, 3, Azamour {Ire}--Move {GB}, by Observatory), a short-head second going one mile at Lingfield on debut last time Dec. 5, contested the lead after the initial strides of this return. Gaining outright control with three furlongs remaining, the 2-5 chalk was under serious threat once turning for home, but kept on gamely under a forceful drive to hold on by a head from Duchess of Marmite (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}). Sales history: 42,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £4,101. O-Ann Black, M Al Qatami & K M Al Mudhaf. B-Marston Stud (GB). T-John Gosden.



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GOSDEN GETS FIRST WIN FOR GODOLPHIN

Trainer John Gosden registered his first win for Godolphin when **Tempus Temporis** (Dynaformer) came home first in a mile conditions stakes at Chelmsford City, formerly Great Leighs, Sunday. The Essex track was holding a preview day of racing before its official launch Feb. 1.

“This horse had the blinkers on, which suited him, and he’s been very progressive,” reported Gosden’s wife, Rachel Hood.

Tempus Temporis was a winner last time out and was stepping up in class for the £20,000 Fast Track Qualifier, but Robert Havlin always looked confident and the 11-4 chance beat **Super Kid** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) by an easy five lengths.

“I knew Mr. Gosden’s horse stayed and we probably beat a few non-stayers there today,” admitted Havlin.

Jono Mills, representing Godolphin added, “I would anticipate that the All-Weather Championship is exactly where we’ll go, but we’ll go home and check with John and the team and then a decision will be made.”

Gosden also won with **Zamoura (GB)** (Azamour {Ire}) in the SIS Maiden Fillies’ S. earlier on the card, while Godolphin was represented by **Tryster (Ire)** (Shamardal), who won the day’s first race.

Only fans with pre-booked tickets and connections were able to attend the preview day of racing at Chelmsford City and, despite a few setbacks, the reaction of the crowd of roughly 750 in attendance was positive.



Tempus Temporis wins at Chelmsford City Sunday.
Racing Post photo

“I came here when it was Great Leighs four or five times and it definitely wasn’t as good as this--this place is really nice,” said racegoer Seddik Hamla. “It’s better than places like Lingfield and they’ve really spent a few quid. I’ll be coming back soon as they’ve done it really well and what I’ve seen so far is very, very good.”

Racecourse manager Philip Siers said, “We’ve got 58 fixtures here this year and we only bought it in December of 2013 and we’ve collapsed a two-year construction project into one year. The weather hasn’t helped us and we’ve a couple of small things to do, which will be completed by the end of January and we’ve limited the crowd on that basis.” *cont. p12*



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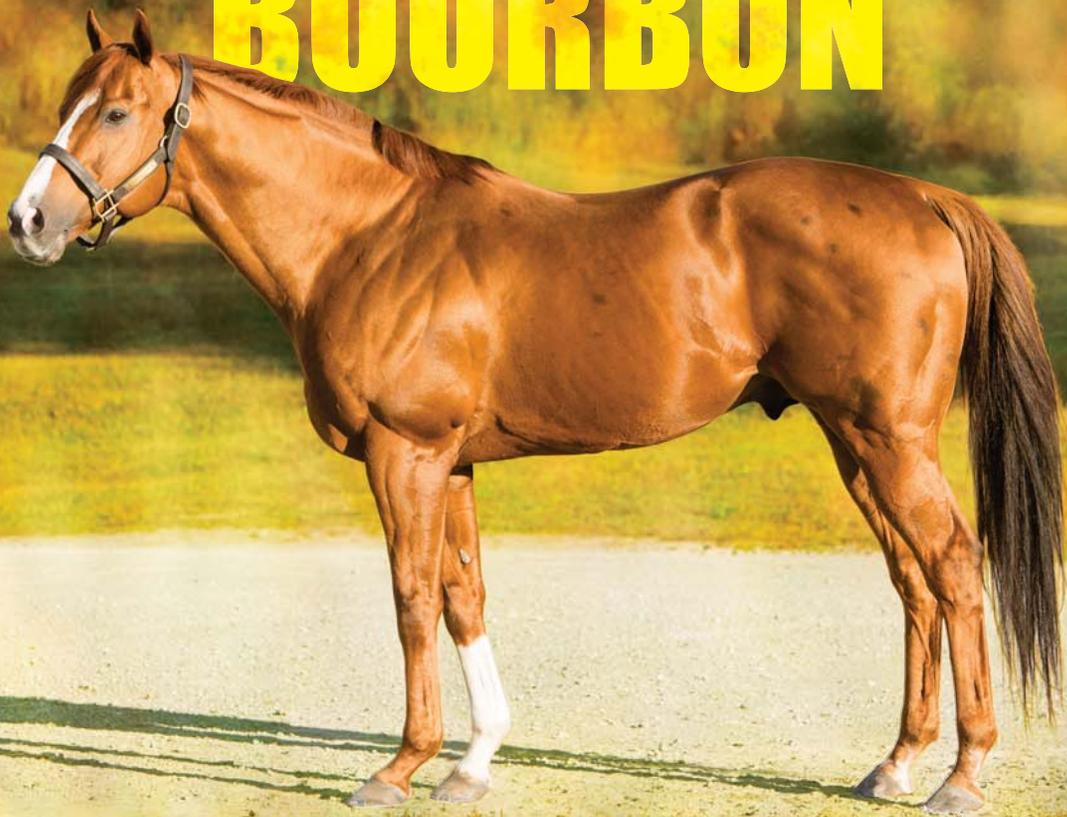
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Gosden Gets First Winner for Godolphin cont.

“We’ve spent £15 million on the track, as we want to have a facility that helps racing and all of racing’s constituents,” Siers continued. “This is the first of possibly three trial fixtures--we certainly want one more. The official opening will be on Feb. 1 when we’ll be open to the public, although we might increase the crowd gradually, perhaps up to 1000/1200 for the Jan. 22 fixture. We’ve got overall prize money of £2.2 million this year, which is a considerable investment by us. For a small track that is a significant amount and we’re hoping to get some big corporate sponsors with the money ploughed back into the facilities and prize money. We have a couple of significant fixtures here-- Mar. 28, which is World Cup night at Meydan and Sept. 26, which is Breeders’ Cup Trial night.”

Joe Scanlon, racecourse chairman, added: “This is a preview and you don’t open a production on Broadway or the West End without a preview. I know that people are disappointed not to be at the inaugural meeting, but it’s for all the right reasons.”

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APPOINTMENTS

Alix Choppin

- Appointed marketing manager and co-ordinator for Destination Europe, the strategic alliance formed in 2014 between the French Racing and Breeding Committee (FRBC), Great British Racing International (GBRI), Irish Thoroughbred Marketing (ITM), the European Breeders' Fund (EBF) and German Thoroughbred Marketing (GTM).
- Choppin previously served as head of communication at Arqana. She will continue with roles at Generation Galop and *Thoroughbred Daily News*.
- “I am very excited to be joining the dynamic, forward-thinking project that is Destination Europe,” Choppin said. “I am a great believer in the virtues of unity and think that together, the racing nations of Europe have a fantastic story to tell to the world.”
- “We are delighted that Alix is joining us, as she has all the necessary skills and expertise to drive Destination Europe forward,” said Kerry Murphy, CEO of the European Breeders’ Fund. “I think this initiative can really make a difference in growing global awareness of the attractiveness and integrity of European racing, as well as of the outstanding quality of our bloodstock.”

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1--**#OTTAWA (FR), 124, g, 5, Celtic Swing (GB)-- Olympic Skater (Ire), by Loup Solitaire.** O-Al.Ca. Torre Di Canicarao; B-Dayton Investments (Fr); T-Sabastiano Cannavo; J-Antonio Cannella; €16,150. Lifetime Record: 25-6-4-1 €55,891.

2--**Vado Di Siella (Ity), 124, g, 4, Dane Friendly (GB)-- Candok (Ire), by Celtic Swing.** O-Dioscuri; €7,106

3--**Gasquet (Ity), 124, h, 9 Denon--Minnelli, by Manila.** O-Francesco Puglisi. €3,876.

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