

Call
510-490-1111
eNick Stallion Program

TDN
THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015
732-747-8060 • TDN Home Page [Click Here](#)

Only at
eNicks.com

'PHAROAH' WORKS, BAFFERT PLEASED WITH 3YOs

by Ben Massam

Zayat Stables' American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), champion juvenile male of 2014, recorded his first workout of 2015 yesterday morning at Santa Anita, a three-furlong move in :36.20. Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert said the ease at which his trainee completed the work was impressive.

"He went three-eighths and he did it in hand," Baffert commented. "He looked really good doing it."

American Pharoah earned a pair of Grade I victories in the Del Mar Futurity and FrontRunner S. last year, but was sidelined with an injury just days before he was to go postward as the favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Monday's work was merely another step in a series of preparations for his return to the races, but Baffert noted that the ridgling naturally maintains a high base level of fitness. With no definitive timetable announced, he plans to let the dual Grade I winner indicate when he is ready to return.

"He really didn't lose too much condition at all," the trainer offered. "The way his body type is, he'll get ready really quick." **Cont. p3**



American Pharoah
Benoit Photo

ABLE FRIEND RULED OUT OF DUBAI TRIP

Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal), the world's top-rated miler, will not travel to Dubai for the G1 Dubai Turf, nor will he venture to Australia for the G1 Doncaster Mile



Able Friend winning the Stewards' Cup
HKJC.com

following a lunchtime meeting Monday between owner Dr. Cornel Li, trainer John Moore and his son George. The focus will instead be on a domestic campaign, to include the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup over 1400 meters Mar. 15, the

Chairman's Trophy going a mile Apr. 7 and the G1 Champions Mile May 3. In making that announcement, Moore also indicated that, should an overseas trip be on the agenda, the more likely option is the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot, as opposed to the G1 Yasuda Kinen in Tokyo the same month. **Cont. p10**



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

PALOS VERDES VICTOR CONQUEST TWO STEP

What to write about? The obvious choices include Callback, who led home a one-two for Street Sense in the GI Las Virgenes S., and Pulpit's son Lord Nelson, who used his five-pound concession to narrowly get the better of Texas Red in the GI San Vicente S.

The case for Street Sense is strengthened by his having also been represented by the likes of Sweet Reason and Ocho Ocho Ocho since his return from Japan.

And, although Callback's dam Quickest once sold for no more than \$40,000, that was before her half-brother Super Saver won the GI Kentucky Derby. Indeed, Callback has a truly impressive female line, her fifth dam being none other than the champion filly Numbered Account

Moving on to Lord Nelson, he too has some impressive connections. He's inbred 3x3 to Mr. Prospector and his dam African Jade is a daughter of Seeking The Gold and the Grade I winner Miss Linda. **Cont. p4**



Conquest Two Step
Benoit Photo

Look Who's *sweet* on
Sidney's Candy

"You can tell which stallions will make it by seeing their first crop at the yearling sales. Soldat came from the first crop of War Front, Cairo Prince from the first crop of Pioneerof the Nile. In 2014, I doubled down and bought two by Sidney's Candy, including a \$245,000 colt that we love."

— Steve Shahinian

Purchaser of Soldat & Cairo Prince from their respective sires' first crops

Look for his first crop at the upcoming Two-Year-Olds-In-Training Sales.

Candy Ride (ARG) - Fair Exchange, by Storm Cat | Fee: \$15,000 S&N

WINSTAR 859-873-1717 • www.winstarfarm.com

CLASSIC QUALITY



LEADING SIRES of 2015 Triple Crown Nominees

TAPIT	14
★ TIZNOW	12
CURLIN	12
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	11

Two-time Breeders' Cup Classic winner Tiznow has sired the winners of the following classics & major Derby prep races:

BELMONT STAKES (G1)
SANTA ANITA DERBY (G1)
TRAVERS STAKES (G1)
WOOD MEMORIAL (G1)
and more...

THE BIG
HORSE
SIRE
TIZNOW

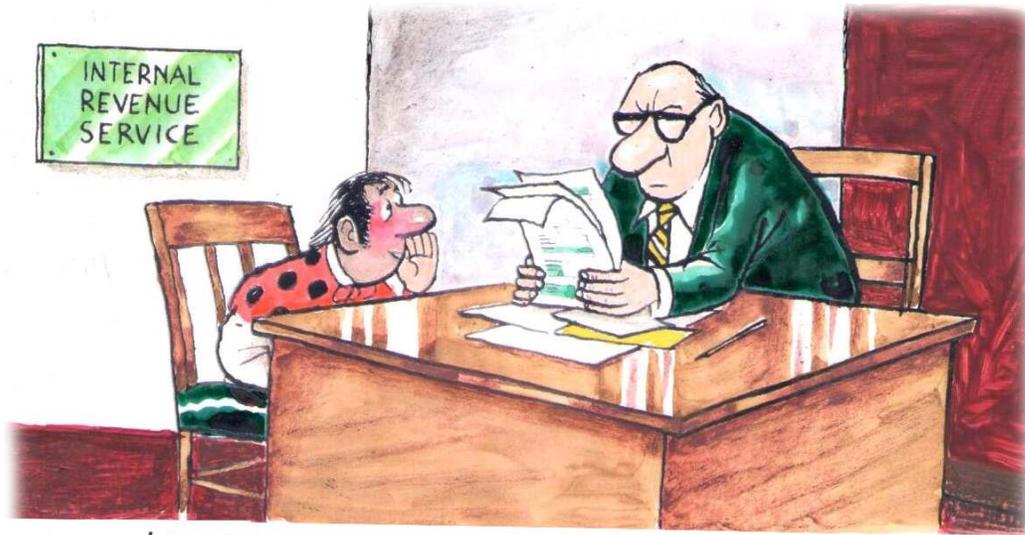
 **WINSTAR**

A TAYLOR MADE / WinStar Venture
standing at WinStar Farm

www.WinStarFarm.com

IN THIS ISSUE

Classic PEB Cartoons



'I GOT A TIP IN THE 7TH TODAY AT THE BIG A!'

[Click here](#) to buy a print of this sketch, or the original.

Currently accepting commissions. Visit www.pebsite.com for details.

France's Stallion Riches Increasing

Emma Berry is on the La Route des Etalons and discovers France's stallion ranks have only gotten stronger since the trail began back in 2010. Among the stallions on offer are Le Havre and Siyouni (Fr), who share the country's highest stud fee of 20,000 euros.



The TDN's Alix Choppin (left) and Emma Berry visit leading French sire Le Havre on La Route des Etalons.

Page 8

Yearling Positive Under Investigation

A yearling sold at last month's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale has returned a positive test for altrenogest, a substance currently found on Australia's list of banned steroids. The Australian Racing Board, however, is reviewing whether altrenogest, a substance found in Regu-Mate, a product used to regulate cycles and help maintain pregnancies in fillies and mares, belongs on that list.

Page 10

Moody Fined for Ibuprofen Positives

Trainer Peter Moody has been fined A\$12,000 after a horse from his Randwick satellite twice tested positive for ibuprofen.

Page 10

TDN

THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS

President: Barry Weisbord
barryweisbord@thetdn.com
[@barryweisbord](https://twitter.com/barryweisbord)

Sr. V.P. and Co-Publisher: Sue Finley
suefinley@thetdn.com [@suefinley](https://twitter.com/suefinley)

V.P., International Operations: Gary King
garyking@thetdn.com [@garykingTDN](https://twitter.com/garykingTDN)

EDITORIAL

editor@thetdn.com

Editor-in-Chief: Jessica Martini

Managing Editor: Alan Carasso

Senior Editor: Steve Sherack

Racing Editor: Brian DiDonato

Associate Editor: Justina Severni

Associate Editor: Christie DeBernardis

Assistant Editor: Heather Likins

Assistant Editor: Ben Massam

ADVERTISING

advertising@thetdn.com

Director of Advertising: Alycia Borer

Art Director: Lia Kusch

Sr. Ad Coordinator/Dir. of Distribution:
Sarah K. Andrew

Advertising Designer: Amanda Crelin

Advertising Assistant: Amanda Foster

Social Media Strategist: Nichola Henry

CUSTOMER SERVICE

customerservice@thetdn.com

Dir. of Customer Service: Vicki Forbes

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Director of IT: Robert Williams

robertwilliams@thetdn.com

WORLDWIDE INFORMATION

International Editor: Kelsey Riley

kelseyriley@gmail.com

Assistant Editor: Alix Choppin

Newmarket Bureau, Cafe Racing:

Sean Cronin & Tom Fray

caferacing@aol.com

60 Broad Street, Suite 100

Red Bank, NJ 07701

732-747-8060 | 732-747-8955 (fax)

www.thoroughbreddailynews.com

www.thetdn.com





NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

'Pharoah' Works, Baffert Pleased with 3YOs *(cont. from p1)*

In the meantime, Baffert has the task of managing a number of other intriguing sophomore prospects in his barn.

This past Sunday, Baffert saddled Peachtree Stable's **Lord Nelson** (Pulpit) to a hard-fought victory in the GII San Vicente S. at Santa Anita. The colt dug in to edge out last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile victor Texas Red (Afleet Alex) by a neck in the seven-furlong test.

"He came out of [the San Vicente] really well," remarked Baffert. "It was a good effort and it kind of looked like he took off again. It looked like he was going to get beat, but he found another gear. He's really maturing and it was the perfect race coming off [the Nov. 29 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.], where he stumbled and got shuffled way back--that was really a disastrous race."

Although Lord Nelson has yet to register a win in two tries at route distances--including a fourth-place finish behind American Pharoah in the GI FrontRunner S.--Baffert plans to return his charge to an extended distance in the near future.

"He's been training forwardly and he'll definitely go two turns in a stakes race somewhere," he said. "That's the plan with him."

The three-time Kentucky Derby-winning trainer will also send out ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Dortmund (Big Brown), carrying the colors of Kaleem Shah, in the GII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita this Saturday. Established as the individual favorite in Pool 1 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager, the undefeated colt closed out his juvenile campaign with a win in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity Dec. 20.



Dortmund
Benoit

"He's been training very well and we're all set for the weekend," said Baffert. "He'll do a little bit tomorrow and he's ready to roll."

While countless years of experience have surely made the push toward the first Saturday in May seem routine to Baffert, the trainer still finds the process to be unique.

"It's an exciting time of year," he concluded. "You get some races into these horses and see which ones start separating themselves over the next couple months. The Derby is our Super Bowl, and you're just trying to get them there at their own pace."

[t f](#) [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

AFLEET ALEX

**CHAMPION RACEHORSE
AND PROVEN SIRE**

\$12,500 LFSN

BLOOD-HORSE

**#1 ON STEVE HASKIN'S
DERBY DOZEN**

A TOP 20 ACTIVE SIRE IN 2014
OVER \$6,100,000 IN PROGENY EARNINGS
WITH TWO GRADE 1 WINNERS

MG1SW IOTAPA - OWNER OF THE
HIGHEST FEMALE BEYER OF 2014 AT MORE THAN A MILE
SOLD FOR \$2,800,000 AT KEENOV

ECLIPSE FINALIST TEXAS RED
HIGHEST EARNING 2YO COLT OF 2014
OWNS THE HIGHEST 2YO BEYER AT MORE THAN A MILE

 **GAINESWAY**

POWER . PASSION . PERFORMANCE .

TEXAS RED (G1)

BREEDERS' CUP
JUVENILE CHAMPION (G1)

CO-HIGHWEIGHT
ON EXPERIMENTAL FREE HCP
AT 126 LBS.



Breeders' Cup

*Texas Red, bred by Stonestreet
Thoroughbred Holdings LLC*



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

(Cont. from p1)

PALOS VERDES S.-GII, \$200,250, SAX, 1-31, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08, ft.

1--#**@CONQUEST TWO STEP**, 118, c, 4, by Two Step Salsa

1st Dam: Homesteader (MSP, \$220,034), by Pioneering

2nd Dam: Sugarloaf, by Regal Intention

3rd Dam: Merle Halton, by Rattle Dancer

(\$20,000 yrl '12 OBSAUG; \$420,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR). O-Conquest Stables LLC; B-Manuel

Andrade (FL); T-Mark E Casse; J-Joseph Talamo.

\$120,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-3-5-1, \$309,408.

Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

[EISAMANEQUINE.COM](#)

Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [VIDEO](#).

But these impressive 3-year-olds are by stallions which at one time commanded fees as high as \$75,000 (Street Sense) and \$80,000 (Pulpit). In sharp contrast, last week's GII Palos Verdes S. winner, the Two Step Salsa colt Conquest Two Step, certainly wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Neither Two Step Salsa nor his sire Petionville was a Grade I winner, which explains why Two Step Salsa is based in Florida, not Kentucky. Petionville, for his part, now stands at a fee of \$5,000 in Maryland, having earlier left Kentucky for Pennsylvania.

This may not sound like the basis for a promising stallion career, but the bare facts of Two Step Salsa's record are that, from 84 named foals in his first two crops, he has sired Dance With Fate, successful in last year's GI Blue Grass S. after a couple of Grade I seconds as a 2-year-old, and now Conquest Two Step. Dance With Fate's dam Flirting With Fate won just one of her seven starts and has changed hands for as little as \$28,000, while Conquest Two Step's dam Homesteader made no more than \$40,000, in foal to Scat Daddy, on her last visit to the sales ring, in 2008.

Cont. p5

CONQUEST TWO STEP, c, 2011

Two Step Salsa	Petionville	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prosepector Con Game
		Vana Turns	Wavering Monarch The Wheel Turns
	Two to Waltz	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning My Charmer
		Lady for Two	Storm Bird Very Special Lady
Homesteader 22-5-7-3 6 Fls, 1 GSW	Pioneering	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native Gold Digger
		Terlingua	Secretariat Crimson Saint
	Sugarloaf 1-1-0-0 12 Fls, 1 SW	Regal Intention	Vice Regent Tiffany Tam
		Merle Halton 12 Fls, 1 SW	Rattle Dancer Emily Wolf

Strength in depth!

2014 Leading 2nd Crop Sires in Europe

SIRE	TOTAL £
1 MASTERCRAFTSMAN	3,481,941
2 Sea The Stars	3,447,609
3 Le Havre	2,186,861

Hyperion Promotions

F2011 SIRE Top 5 by Number of ABC Runners

SIRE	HIS SIRE	ABC's
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	Danehill Dancer	18
Pioneerof The Nile	Empire Maker	18
Sea The Stars	Cape Cross	17
Le Havre	Noverre	14
Colonel John	Tiznow	12

TDN



THE GREY GATSBY

Irish Champion S.-Gr.1. French Derby-Gr.1 in record time

Both staying in training for 2015

KINGSTON HILL

St Leger S.-Gr.1. Racing Post Trophy-Gr.1

MASTERCRAFTSMAN

COOLMORE

Fee: €40,000 (£30,000)



Two Step Salsa is clearly doing something very right, but he is still available this year for only \$7,500 at Get Away Farm. It is going to be fascinating to chart his career over the next few years. He has only 34 2-year-olds this year and his yearling crop numbers 39, but his promising start, highlighted by Dance With Fate's efforts, earned him a book of 109 mares in 2014, so he could be one to watch in 2017 and 2018.



Conquest Two Step
Benoit

Clearly, Two Step Salsa's bright start was unexpected by most people, but perhaps we shouldn't be so surprised. While it's not possible to describe any son of Petionville as fashionably bred, Two Step Salsa's

pedigree contains some notable elements. For a start, he is inbred 4x5x4 to Buckpasser, who retired with the brilliant career figures of 31-25-4-1, having been champion of his generation at two and three, as well as Horse of the Year. Although Buckpasser was arguably most effective in the role of broodmare sire (three championships), he sired 11% stakes winners in building a very impressive Average Earnings Index of 4.04.

Two Step Salsa's dam Two To Waltz was the result of an \$80,000 mating in 1995, which gives a good illustration of the quality of her bloodlines. By Seattle Slew, she had daughters of Storm Bird, Buckpasser, Turn-to and Princequillo as her first four dams. That Princequillo mare, Sail Navy, had the distinction of being a half-sister to Make Sail (Kentucky Oaks and Alabama S.) and Never Bow (Widener H. and Brooklyn H.).

Two Step Salsa didn't race at two, but he did so well in winning half of his eight starts as a 3-year-old that he came to the attention of Godolphin. His versatility was no doubt part of his appeal to the Dubai operation. His four victories, which included Grade III wins over seven furlongs and 1 1/16 miles, had all been gained on all-weather tracks in California, and he had also run respectably on turf. After ending his season with a creditable third in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (misleadingly contested on all-weather), Two Step Salsa headed for Dubai. He justified his purchase by winning his two starts on Nad Al Sheba's dirt track, being particularly impressive in wiring his field in the G2 Godolphin Mile. Although he wasn't able to reproduce that form when he was returned to the U.S. for two more starts, Timeform rated him 121.

To get back to Conquest Two Step, he is now proving well worth the \$420,000 he cost after a 10-second work at the OBS sale in April 2013. His first graded victory came a month after he had given Shared Belief's supporters a real scare in the GI Malibu S.

Cont. p6



SEPTEMBER GRADS SET SAIL ON THE KENTUCKY DERBY TRAIL

With a stirring finish,
LORD NELSON edged out
TEXAS RED for a September-sold
exacta in the G2 San Vicente Stakes.

Students of history know
that Keeneland provides more
Derby contenders than
all other sales companies combined!

Congratulations to all the Connections!

For Graded Stakes Success, Why Buy Anywhere Else?

KEENELAND ®



The 4-year-old has an interesting broodmare sire in Pioneering. With Mr. Prospector as his sire and the flying Terlingua as his dam, Pioneering was bred well enough for anything. Unfortunately, he proved unexceptional, though he did win two of his six starts as a juvenile, before a suspensory injury forced his retirement. His fee was set at only \$3,500 when he commenced stallion duties alongside his celebrated half-brother Storm Cat at Overbrook in 1997 and it was no higher than \$5,000 in 2009, the year he was sold to Brazil. He had his moments, though, his best effort in the U.S. being Behaving Badly, winner of the GI Santa Monica H. Conquest Two Step is the second graded winner out of one of his daughters.

Conquest Two Step's dam Homesteader achieved a few stakes placings in earning more than \$165,000, but a graded stakes victory is something new for recent generations of his family, which again suggests that Two Step Salsa merits plenty of respect for what he has achieved so far.

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Non-Industry Media

[McCain calls for hearings on expanded sports betting](#) With all eyes on the Super Bowl and the billions of dollars being wagered—mostly illegally—on the game, Sen. John McCain says Congress should hold hearings whether to expand legalized sports betting that now largely is limited to sports books in Nevada. **Steve Tetreault, Casino City Times**

SIMULCAST IMPASSE CONTINUES

by T.D. Thornton

The contractual standoff that has kept top winter signals from being imported by a cooperative representing 23 simulcast centers across the country has passed the two-month mark.

“Over the past couple of weeks we’ve actually had some discussions that seem to be progressing well, but I have no idea how close we are to an agreement,” said Phil O’Hara, executive director of MidAtlantic Cooperative, L.L.C. “We continue to try to knock items off the issues list every time we talk.”

Scott Daruty, president of Monarch Content Management, could not be reached for comment in time for this story’s deadline.

Monarch (a simulcast purchase and sales agent owned by the Stronach Group) and MidAtlantic (which negotiates group rates on behalf of individual simulcast outlets) have been deadlocked over the signing of a new contract since Dec. 1.

The dispute centers primarily on fees Monarch wants to charge in exchange for the right to bet on signals it either owns or distributes. Also at issue has been Monarch’s insistence on charging a higher rate to simulcast facilities that conduct little or no live Thoroughbred racing.

All horses in the *TDN* are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated

SUPER WEEKEND

CURLIN #1 THIRD CROP SIRE IN 2014

OCEAN KNIGHT
SAM F. DAVIS G3 - 93 BEYER

CONQUEST CURLINATE
IMPRESSIVE MSW AT OAKLAWN

CURLINS FOX
NEW ☆ TDN RISING STAR ☆



LANE'S END

p (859) 873.7300 | lanesend.com





op/ed

by Dan Liebman

Twice in recent editions of *Thoroughbred Daily News* there has been mention of a foal being a three-quarter sibling to another.

On Jan. 25: "Upstart's dam is a half-sister to GSW Josh's Madelyn and produced a Majestic Warrior ¾-sister to the Holy Bull winner in 2014."

On Jan. 19: "The (allowance) winner (Run of the River) is a ¾-sibling to Heavenly Landing, GSW, \$313,115."

These examples are why, during my lengthy tenure at a Thoroughbred magazine, I always supported that publication's style point to never use the term three-quarter.

There are full siblings and half-siblings. Period. Why?

As these two examples illustrate, the reason is because there is no agreement on the meaning of the term.

When most read three-quarter they assume two siblings are connected the way Upstart and the yearling produced from his dam are.

Upstart is by Flatter; the yearling is by Majestic Warrior. Thus both are by sons of A.P. Indy out of the same mare. Looking at the pedigrees, three of the four names in the second generation are the same.

Three of four...thus three-quarters.

In the second example, however, Heavenly Landing is by Pulpit and Run of the River is by Tapit, a son of Pulpit.

Looking at the second generation of these two and only two names are the same, not three as in the first example.

Yet both are being called three-quarter siblings.

I'm a journalist, not a geneticist, but my common sense tells me these two are not the same.

What if you bred two mares to full brothers?

What if full sisters were bred to the same stallion?

Suppose half-sisters were bred to the same stallion?

Or those half-sisters were bred to half-brothers?

But wait, as this column was being written, the following outline appeared in the Jan. 30 *TDN*:

"This regally bred filly by Camelot was born at Coolmore Stud in Ireland overnight Jan. 28. She is out of Cherry Hinton, a half-sister to Galileo and Sea the Stars, and she is therefore a 3/4 sister to G1 Irish Oaks winner Bracelet and G2 Rockfel S. winner Wading."

Both Bracelet and Wading are by Montjeu, while this newborn foal is by Camelot, a son of Montjeu.

What if you had three mares, all full sisters, and bred them to a sire, one of his sons, and one of his grandsons?

You have three foals from the same sire line, but because you had success breeding to a sire, you decided to breed to his sons and grandsons.

We know certain broodmare sire lines cross well with certain sire lines. That is why, though Mr. Prospector and Northern Dancer are gone, we now breed mares from certain broodmare sire lines to sires that trace to Mr. Prospector and Northern Dancer.

With the amount of inbreeding in the Thoroughbred, countless offspring come from similar sire lines and descend from common ancestry, thus sharing some genetic makeup.

That we can agree on. But there is no such thing as a three-quarter sibling; only full and half-brothers and sisters. Two foals are either by the same sire and dam or they aren't.

[t f](#) [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)



Be entered in a drawing to win a TDN jacket! Vote for your favorite picture of a racing personality wearing their TDN jacket on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/thetdn. A name will be drawn from the photo with the most likes and shares. Today, trainer Todd Pletcher tries his on at Palm Beach Downs.



EUROPEAN NEWS

PRESENTED BY  DESTINATION EUROPE

FRANCE'S STALLION RICHES INCREASING

By Emma Berry

Back in 2010, La Route des Etalons took place for the first time, with around 30 Normandy stallion studs throwing open their doors to breeders over a well-planned and busy weekend.

It's fair to say that at that time, the list of French sires was lacking in star names. The old guard of Linamix (Fr), Anabaa, Highest Honor (Fr) and Co. had gone, leaving an array of stallions offering great value to breeders but without the pulling power of the likes of Galileo (Ire), Dubawi (Ire), Invincible Spirit (Ire) or Oasis Dream (GB). In just five years, however, the outlook has changed markedly.



Kendargent
Haras de Colleville

Not many people outside France were familiar with the name Kendargent (Fr), and those visiting him on the first year of 'La Route' would have been shrewd indeed to have signed up to use him at €1,000. His owner, Guy Pariente, never wavered in his belief of the son of Kendor (Fr), however, and has effectively made the stallion himself, with 13 of the 14 black-type horses by Kendargent having been bred by Pariente.

Understandably, Pariente's Haras de Colleville, where Kendargent has stood since 2010 having spent his first two years at stud at Haras de la Roserie, is now a popular stop for breeders on La Route des Etalons.

"He's had plenty of visitors again this year and will cover around 180 mares like last season," says Haras de Colleville manager Guillaume Vitse, reciting statistics that show Kendargent's book to have grown at an extraordinary rate from his first crop of just 19 foals. His €1,000 covering fee has also grown--to €18,000--but this doesn't make him the most expensive stallion in France. That honour is shared, at €20,000, between Le Havre (Ire) and Siyouni (Fr), the leading second and first-crop stallions in the country, respectively, in 2014. With Redoute's Choice (Aus) remaining in Australia after two seasons of shuttling to Bonneval Stud, Siyouni is now the crowd-puller for the Aga Khan's team of stallions in France, which has been augmented this season by the addition of Sheikh Fahad Al Thani's Makfi (GB), who was represented by the listed winner Cornwallville (Ire) in France last year and could well be in for an exciting season ahead. Like Siyouni, Makfi's eldest runners are three this year.

Le Havre's explosive 2014, which saw his daughter Avenir Certain (Fr) win both the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane--as well as stakes wins for Auvray (Fr), Orbec (Fr), Queen Bee (Fr), Summer Surprice (Fr) and La Hogue (Fr)--also led to his syndication. Like Kendargent, he now has a number of major breeders as his shareholders and he too is set to cover around 180 mares, with about 45 of those belonging to English breeders.



Le Havre
Emma Berry

"The interest in him has been phenomenal," says Mathieu Alex of Haras de la Cauviniere. "He was very quickly full for this year and the same is true for Rajsaman."

Apart from the fact that, as a Classic winner, Le Havre had a far greater profile than Kendargent when retiring to stud, the stories of the two young stallions bear similar threads. Le Havre's owner, Gerard Augustin-Normand, repelled attractive offers for his horse from abroad, deciding to stand the son of Noverre himself and bought Haras de Montfort, close to the original base of Haras de la Cauviniere, owned by his racing manager Sylvain Vidal and his wife Elisabeth. The picturesque main yard at Montfort is now the stallion wing of La Cauviniere with three residents, including Air Chief Marshal (Ire), who is represented by his first 3-year-olds this season, and Rajsaman (Fr), who, as a son of Linamix, has been well supported in France and has his first yearlings at the sales this autumn.

Vidal and Alex have been at the forefront of higher-profile marketing campaigns for French-based stallions and, having both been well trained during their days in Ireland with the Coolmore team, have proved adept in ensuring big books of mares for their three stallions. After spending a tidy sum in buying mares to support Le Havre, La Cauviniere has thus far been rewarded with some notable homebred success for their flagship stallion, particularly with Avenir Certain and G2 Prix Chaudenay winner Auvray, and many of those mares have also now visited Rajsaman. **Cont. p9**



Rajsaman
Emma Berry



An even newer kid on the block is Haras de Bouquetot. While the stud started operating in the 1960s, up until last year it had more recently been used as a training center. Thoroughbred breeding is now very much at its core again, however, since the farm's purchase by Sheikh Joaan Al Thani. Its paddocks will no doubt eventually be graced by the great Treve, but in the meantime there are some pretty well-credentialed



Olympic Glory in Bouquetot's new stallion yard
Emma Berry

mares in residence, such as dual G1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner Mizdirection and Group 2 winner Strawberrydaiquiri (GB). Their plush quarters in a spacious and

state-of-the-art American barn are bettered only by the stunning new stallion yard, which has been built in the traditional colombage style of Normandy farms.

A tour by Al Shaqab's nominations and marketing manager Audrey Leyval revealed the extent of the work taking place at Bouquetot, and while there's plenty still to be done, the farm is already markedly different from this time last year.

The Al Shaqab team is boosted by three new stallions this year, with Toronado (Ire) standing at the National Stud in England, while at Bouquetot, Olympic Glory (Ire) and Bobby Di Job (Brz) join Planteur (Ire) and Style Vendome (Fr), both of whom have first foals on the ground this year.

"We had already announced that Olympic Glory would be joining us and after his win in the [G1] Prix de la Foret on Arc weekend, we were just overwhelmed by breeders wanting to book mares to him," says stud manager Benoit Jeffroy. "He was full very quickly and will be covering 170 mares."

One horse who will need a little more of an introduction to European breeders is Bobby Di Job, a 7-year-old son of The Minstrel's grandson Job Di Caroline (Brz), who was a decent performer in Uruguay before being bought for Sheikh Joaan with the G1 Dubai World Cup in mind. After recovering from a career-ending injury at the stud last year, Bobby Di Job covered three of the Sheikh's own mares, all of whom are in foal, and he has now officially joined the roster.



Benoit Jeffroy and Darley's Dawn Laidlaw
Emma Berry

Sheikh Mohammed's Darley operation has long had a significant presence in France via Julian Ince's Haras du Logis, which is now home to G1 Epsom Derby winner Authorized (Ire) along with Alexandros (GB), Rio De La Plata and two sons of Monsun (Ger)--Manduro (Ger) and the regally-bred Masterstroke, who is out of Urban Sea's daughter Melikah (Ire) (Lammtarra). However, top billing must go to Slickly (Fr), who has carved a successful, if largely unheralded, stallion career in France. His snow-white coat does more than hint that he's a son of Jean-Luc Lagardere's great stalwart Linamix and, at 19, he looked better than ever this year as he stood, ears continually pricked, to allow breeders to admire him.



Julian Ince and Pompon
Emma Berry

The only other grey to garner as much attention as Slickly each year at Logis is a giant stable cat who goes by the name of Pompon and assumes that the visitors are there to see him. He puts on quite a show, parading alongside each stallion before going over to the crowd to be fussed.

Reflecting on a successful weekend, Julian Ince commented, "Pompon did us proud and welcomed all the visitors in his usual way--he appeared to be a happy cat as he tucked into the leftovers at the end of the day. We had between 500 and 600 visitors over the weekend so we're really pleased."

Along with almost 100 stallions on view at studs that are every bit as beautiful and varied as the bloodstock housed within, the entertaining Pompon is another of the many reasons to keep going back to Normandy year after year for La Route des Etalons.

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#) ☒

AUSTRALIAN CAMPAIGN FOR RED CADEAUX

Ron Arculli's globetrotting 9-year-old gelding **Red Cadeaux (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) will head to Australia for a potential three-race campaign, therefore bypassing the Dubai World Cup card Mar. 28.

Red Cadeaux is no stranger to Australia, having run in the last four Melbourne Cups and having finished second in 2011, 2013 and 2014, and he has been entered for the G1 Australian Cup Mar. 14 at Flemington, home of the Melbourne Cup, where he expected is to face his most recent Melbourne Cup conqueror Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}).

Trainer Ed Dunlop has noted that the chestnut could head to Sydney for the G1 The BMW Mar. 28, with a possible finale at The Championships in either the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. or the G1 Sydney Cup. Dunlop stressed, however, that Red Cadeaux's Australian campaign would be taken one race at a time.

Red Cadeaux is currently in quarantine at Longstones Stud in Kentford, England.

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#) ☒



Able Friend Ruled Out of Dubai Trip (cont. from p1)

"We had a great lunch and Dr. Li asked myself and my son, George, for our opinion on his view that it would be best to keep Able Friend in Hong Kong until his program here is finished and then look at the Royal Ascot option," Moore told South China *Morning Post*. "Dr. Li has had runners at Royal Ascot before, so he knows the meeting well, and I can certainly see where he is coming from. That would allow Able Friend to have a spell afterwards, maybe even some time in a green paddock in England, at the end of the campaign."

Moore added, "Dr. Li isn't opposed to Dubai as a future option, perhaps next year when we feel Able Friend, as a 6-year-old, will be at his absolute peak. But he said to me we've got a very special horse on our hands, we won't overrace him the way the Hong Kong program is and let's look at doing more overseas travel with him next season."

Runner-up to Designs on Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in last year's Hong Kong Derby, Able Friend has won three times from four starts this season, including comprehensive scores in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile Dec. 14 and more recently the G1 Stewards' Cup Jan. 25.

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

YEARLING POSITIVE UNDER INVESTIGATION

A yearling sold at last month's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale has returned a positive test for altrenogest, a substance currently found on Australia's list of banned steroids. The Australian Racing Board, however, is reviewing whether altrenogest, a substance found in Regu-Mate, a product used to regulate cycles and help maintain pregnancies in fillies and mares, belongs on that list. Regu-Mate is on Australia's list of banned steroids for colts, but it is reportedly used on stud farms and at yearling sales to control studish behavior, and its removal from the list is being considered.

"Authorities are reconsidering whether or not an error has been made in defining it [altrenogest] as an anabolic steroid," Australian Racing Board chief executive Peter McGauran told *Racing Post*. "There is a rethink underway and we are obtaining independent expert veterinary and scientific advice. The Australian Racing Board is moving quickly to clarify the situation."

The Australian Racing Board banned anabolic steroids in all Thoroughbreds last May, and Magic Millions offered buyers the opportunity to test prospective purchases for A\$500 each. The colt in question was not tested by his buyer, but the positive was uncovered as a result of testing conducted by Racing Queensland, which tested 20% of the yearlings sold.

Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox noted that sale of the colt is on hold until the issue is resolved, but he said he expects Regu-Mate to be removed from the banned list and the sale to proceed. Cox told *ThoroughbredNews.com.au*, "Regu-Mate is not an anabolic steroid, which is permitted in fillies and mares on raceday, but currently not for colts and geldings, and it is widely used on stud farms and yearling sales. While it sits in the barred list of steroid use in raceday medication the Australian Racing Board is reviewing their stance on this rule to stud farms and yearling sales." The Australian Racing Board also moved to refute rumors the colt had tested positive for an anabolic steroid.

"There have been unsubstantiated media reports [yesterday] that a sample taken at the recent Magic Millions Yearling sale has proved positive for anabolic steroids," the statement read. "Whilst an inquiry into a substance is underway by Racing Queensland, it is not yet confirmed that it is an anabolic steroid. The ARB, at the request of Racing Queensland, has sought expert advice as to the nature of the substance. Until the results are known, I would caution against any speculation, let alone assumption, that the substance is an anabolic steroid until further enquiries are completed."

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

MOODY FINED FOR IBUPROFEN POSITIVES

Trainer Peter Moody has been fined A\$12,000 after a horse from his Randwick satellite tested positive for ibuprofen on two occasions, according to *Racing and Sports*. The 3-year-old filly House of Hingis (Aus) (Swiss Ace {Aus}) tested positive for the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug after finishing fifth at Rosehill Nov. 14 and third at Warwick Farm Nov. 28, and she has been disqualified from both races. Moody informed stewards the filly had received ibuprofen as treatment for a suspensory injury in July and August, but New South Wales chief vet Craig Suann said at an inquiry yesterday that scientific evidence showed the substance should have cleared her system within a few days of treatment.



Peter Moody
Racing and Sports

On Dec. 16, all horses in Moody's Randwick stable were tested for ibuprofen, with no positives returned. Moody is one of four Victorian-based trainers involved in an ongoing cobalt investigation.

[t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)



Got the
TDN app?



CUP HERO PROTECTIONIST WINS TRIAL

Last year's G1 Melbourne Cup winner **Protectionist (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) won a Newcastle barrier trial yesterday in preparation for an Australian autumn campaign that is expected to include the G1 Australian Cup Mar. 14. Traveling last about five lengths off the lead through the opening stages of the 1200 meter heat under jockey Hugh Bowman, Protectionist ranged up four-wide coming off the turn and found the wire three-quarters of a length in front with minimal urging ([video](#)).



Protectionist winning a Newcastle barrier trial yesterday
Racing and Sports

Protectionist won the Melbourne Cup for Narola Stables and Australian Bloodstock and German trainer Andreas Wohler, but the 5-year-old is now under the care of Australian trainer Kris Lees, who said the dark bay will target the G2 Peter Young S. at Caulfield Feb. 28 for his

first start since the Cup.

"Very happy with how he performed and Hugh said he gave him a good feel," Lees told *Racing and Sports*. "I'll keep an eye on the weather, but at this stage the horse is going to Melbourne for the Peter Young S. and Australian Cup. He may have an exhibition gallop before we send him south about a week before his first race."

The 2013 Melbourne Cup winner Fiorente (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) last year recorded the Peter Young/Australian Cup double.

Bowman partnered another Australian Bloodstock colorbearer for Lees in a later trial--the 4-year-old filly **Lucia Valentina (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}), winner of last year's G1 Turnbull S. and G1 Vinery Stud S. Lucia Valentina was not pushed to be fifth in her 900 meter trial, and Lees was pleased with the effort, saying she will resume in next Saturday's G2 Apollo S. with a long-term goal of the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. at The Championships Apr. 11.

[t f](#) [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)



Scan this QR code and sign up for a free subscription to the TDN. All we need is your name and email.



Gai Waterhouse @GaiWaterhouse1 · 13h
Coffee, chocolate fix & a read of @theTDN's thoughts on Vancouver ☺ and now we're off to the trials! 🐾🐾

© Copyright Thoroughbred Daily News. This newspaper may not be reproduced in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, without prior written permission of the copyright owner, MediaVista. Information as to the American races, race results and earnings was obtained from results charts published in Daily Racing Form and utilized here with the permission of the copyright owner, Daily Racing Form.

Buying horses at auction? Get the eNicks Auction app:

Copyright © 2014 Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc.



SILENT ACHIEVER TO START IN APOLLO

Four-time Group 1-winning New Zealand-based mare **Silent Achiever (NZ)** (O'Reilly {NZ}) is expected to make the first start of an ambitious year, which could include the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, in the G2 Apollo S. at Rosehill Feb. 14.

"She's very well," trainer Roger James told *RSN Racing and Sports Radio*. "I just finalized plans yesterday with my owners and she's on the plane in



Silent Achiever
Racing and Sports

about 10 days time to run first-up in the Apollo S. on the 14th."

James noted the 6-year-old mare would progress to the G1 Chipping Norton S. Feb. 28, followed by the G1 Ranvet S. Mar. 21. James said the G1 The BMW Mar. 28 and the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. at The

Championships Apr. 11 would also be under consideration, but the calendar is not ideal for his charge.

"The Ranvet and the BMW are close together and I don't think she comes back from 2400 meters to 2000 meters, which makes the Queen Elizabeth tricky, so she may only have three runs in Sydney," he noted.

James said he was mindful of not giving Silent Achiever a strenuous autumn campaign with her Arc tilt in mind.

"I've done a lot of homework on that and we're very serious about it, and very mindful that we have to get through Sydney first," he said. "But we have three runs lined up in France, all Group 1s. But before we can concentrate too much more on that we've got Sydney."

[t f](#) [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

Sunday, Valparaiso Sporting Club, Chile

CLASICO EL DERBY-G1, P81,000,000, Valparaiso Sporting Club, 2-1, 3yo, 2400mT, 2:24.05, fm.

1--**IL CAMPIONE (Chi)**, 128, c, 3, by [Scat Daddy](#)

1st Dam: **Global Gold**, by **Pleasant Tap**

2nd Dam: **Golden Honor**, by **Mr. Prospector**

3rd Dam: **Glowing Honor**, by **Seattle Slew**

O-Stud Alvidal; B-Haras Paso Nevado; T-Sergio Inda; J-Hector I Berrios. P60,000,000. Lifetime Record: 10-8-1, P210,500,000. **Werk Nick Rating: B+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Fantasmagorico (Chi)**, 128, c, 3, [Scat Daddy](#)--

Fantastic Snow, by **Fantastic Light**. O-Stud Viejo Perro; B-Haras Paso Nevado. P12,000,000.

3--**Indy Noble (Chi)**, 128, c, 3, **Indy Dancer**--**Plaza de Mayo (Chi)**, by **More Royal**. O-Stud Matriarca; B-Haras Santa Amelia. P6,000,000.

Margins: 9, HF, 1/4. Odds: 0.40, 4.80, 54.30.

[Click for the Racing Post result](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [VIDEO](#).



6th Annual

A Party For the People

Ferdinand's Ball

Meet New Friends to Benefit Old Friends

Celebrities & Athletic Attendees:

- Premium Open Bar
- Appetizers & Desserts
- Magnolia Photo Booth
- Silent Auction
- Live Entertainment by:
- The Southern Sirens
- Breathtaking Views of Downtown & the Ohio River
- Art created live by:
- Equine Artist Donna Bernstein
- VIP Gift Bags

Thursday April 30, 2015 at the

Muhammad Ali Center

TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION AT:
FERDINANDBALL.COM



IN
PARTNERSHIP
WITH:



Central U.S.

Minnesota Racing Commission Seeks Stewards:

The Minnesota Racing Commission is currently accepting applications for the position of steward for the 2015 Canterbury Thoroughbred/quarter horse racing season. The season runs from May 15 through Sept. 12. Accredited Stewards are encouraged to contact the commission to receive a proposal package. Contact the Minnesota Racing Commission at (952) 496-7950 or pam.webber@state.mn.us to receive a copy of the Request for Proposal that provides requirements and instructions for submission. All proposals must be completed and submitted by Feb. 24 at 3:30 p.m. CST. For complete details via the official Minnesota state register posting visit: http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/39_31.pdf

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Sunday, January 7

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

DISCREETLY MINE (Mineshaft), Lanes End, \$10K, 181/21/1

5-PRX, Alw, 1m, Discreetly Placed, \$35K OBS OPN 2yo, 2-1

MAJESTICPERFECTION (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/22/2

5-PRX, Alw, 1m, El Posole, \$27K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/20/2

6-PRX, Msw, 1m, We Miss Anthony, 12-1

SING BABY SING (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Texas, \$3K, 51/5/0

2-HOU, Msw, 1m, Sing It Up, 3-1

TEMPLE CITY (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 161/12/3

5-PRX, Alw, 1m, Lockport, \$105K FTK JUL yrl, 4-1



Monday Cancellations
Mahoning Valley Race Course
(all races -- weather)
PARX

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

Tapiture (Tapit), 4f, :50.60, 34/53

Untapable (Tapit), 4f, :51.00, 37/53

GULFSTREAM PARK WEST

Bluegrass Singer (Bluegrass Cat), 3f, :36.40, 5/20

Valid (Medaglia d'Oro), 3f, :35.20, 1/20

PAYSON PARK

Mean Season (Henny Hughes), 4f, :47.00, 1/14

Puca (Big Brown), 5f, 1:02.60, 1/3

Riposte (Dansili {GB}), 6f, 1:19.00, 1/1

SANTA ANITA

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), 3f, :36.20, 5/22

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-HOU, \$21,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:45 4/5, ft.

MOON BLING (m, 5, [Too Much Bling](#)--Fiery Forum, by Open Forum) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, \$39,722. O-Irby Jack Cook II. B-Ed Few (TX). T-Danny Pish. *\$11,000 yrl '11 TEXAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Youaremyconnection, f, 3, Uncle Abbie--Atti Girl Fergie (SP), by Atticus. HOU, 2-2, (S), 1m70y, 1:48 2/5. B-Galen Huddleston (TX).

Zippin Through, g, 4, Roll Hennessy Roll--Total Expectations, by Valid Expectations. SUN, 2-2, (S), 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Brad King (NM). *\$17,000 yrl '12 RUIJUL. **Full to Dodson, SP, \$156,965.

JockeyTalk360.com

Congratulations to last week's **JockeyTalk360.com** Jockey of the Week **Irada Ortiz Jr.**, who won the Gill Endeavour S. aboard Testa Rossi (Fr) (Dr Fong), the Gill Sam F. Davis S. aboard Ocean Knight (Curlin) and the Rego Park S. aboard Saratoga Dreamer (Elusive Quality).

Irada Ortiz Jr.
A. Coglianese

American-Bred Winners Abroad

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: **IRT** Thanks for flying IRT.
Phone +1 630 377 2300
Click here to visit irt.com

IN JAPAN:

Golden Barows, c, 3, [Tapit](#)--Mother Russia (MSW-US & MGSP-Can, \$528,996), by Mayakovsky. Tokyo, 1-31, Plate Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$128,205. O-Hirotsugu Inokuma; B-Crossed Sabres Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori. *\$130,000 wnl '12 KEENOV; \$175,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$450,000 2yo '14 FTFMAR.

Scan this QR code and sign up for a free subscription to the TDN. All we need is your name and email.



BRITAIN results sponsored by  Destination Europe
www.destinationeuropeoperacing.com

Yesterday's Results:
3rd-LIN, £5,200, Mdn, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:37.99, ft.
WAJEEH (IRE) (g, 3, [Raven's Pass](#)--Olympic Medal {GB}, by Nayef), a 250,000gns TATOCT yearling, had finished third on debut over this track and trip nine days previously and was sharper from the gates this time to stalk the leader Silent Thunder (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) early. Taking until the last 100 yards to master that rival, the 6-4 pick asserted to ultimately score a shade cozily by three-quarters of a length. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £3,826. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com](#). O-Al Shaqab Racing. B-Mrs T Mahon (IRE). T-Richard Hannon.

APPOINTMENTS

Mike Kneebone: Director of Business Development, NZB, based in Sydney

- Following increased Australian spend at last week's 2015 National Yearling Sales Series, New Zealand Bloodstock has announced its commitment to growing its valuable Australian market by appointing Mike Kneebone to a new role as Director of Business Development based in Sydney.
- Kneebone has been based in Singapore for the past six years, where he has established a strong brand presence for NZB throughout the Asian region. He will head up NZB's five-person team in Australia.
- "Our original strategic plan to develop our international markets with a strong day-to-day presence started successfully in Singapore, and moves into the next phase with my move to Sydney," says Kneebone. "Our plan is to continue to enhance our service to our Asia-based clients, while taking our servicing of our Australian clients to the next level."

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-WOL, £19,000, 2-2, 4yo/up, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:46 2/5, ft.
GRAPHIC (IRE) (g, 6, [Excellent Art](#) {GB}--[Follow My Lead](#) {GB}, by [Night Shift](#)) Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, SW & GSP-Eng, 31-9-3-3, £198,081. O-The Royal Ascot Racing Club. B-Kevin & Meta Cullen (IRE). T-William Haggas. *48,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT.



WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRES

IN JAPAN:

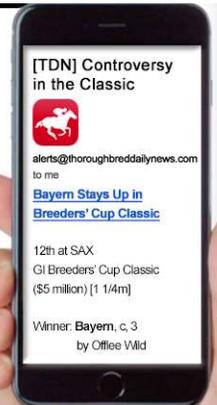
Libertango (Jpn), f, 3, [Smart Strike](#)--Ollagua (Arg) (2x Ch. Older Mare-Arg, MG1SW-Arg), by Pure Prize. Tokyo, 1-31, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$42,735. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Takanori Kikuzawa.



Can't wait to get your TDN for **STANDOUT** race results?

[Click Here](#) to sign up!

 **TDN Mobile Alerts**



Our Tactical Research Program's rapid test development & deployment supports regulatory efforts to eradicate persistent cheaters from our sport. Please ensure the continuation & advancement of this program with a donation to the RMTC.

Help us strengthen the integrity of racing!