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‘CC’ PREPARED FOR SAN ANTONIO, LOOKING FORWARD TO DUBAI

Steven Coburn and Perry Martin’s Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) is ready for his seasonal debut in Saturday’s GII San Antonio S. at Santa Anita, according to trainer Art Sherman. “My horse is doing great,” offered Sherman. “As a 4-year-old, he got bigger and stronger. He looks super. He’s put on weight and I’m just so delighted to be able to run him as a 4-year-old.”



California Chrome
Benoit Photo

The conditioner also noted that he’s looking forward to another showdown with Shared Belief.

“He’s really a nice horse,” Sherman said of the Hollendorfer trainee. “I felt bad for him in the Breeders’ Cup because he didn’t really have a good shot at it, but I’ve been wanting to meet his

horse heads up for a long time. It’s going to be interesting, and I hope everybody has a fair shake at it this time. I get goose bumps when I think about [the showdown]. There’s a lot at stake. It’s like ‘Alright, who’s the champion on the block?’ It reminds me of when we were kids and we had the hotrods and we were going for pink slips. It’s going to be fun, and whatever happens, I want them to have a fair shake at it.”

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‘BELIEF’ READY FOR SAN ANTONIO SHOWDOWN

Jungle Racing, KMN Racing, Hollendorfer, Litt, Solis II and Todaro’s GI Malibu S. winner **Shared Belief** (Candy Ride {Arg}) registered his final work ahead of Santa Anita’s GII San Antonio S. with a four-furlong breeze in :50.80 at Golden Gate Tuesday. “He went a nice half to set him up for his race on Saturday,” said conditioner Jerry Hollendorfer during an NTRA teleconference. “Last week he had a really great workout in 1:11 4/5, which is a huge workout at Golden Gate--horses don’t work that fast [over the artificial surface], so that was our main work to prepare him for the San Antonio. He came out of that very well and he looks well and is acting well. We’re coming down [to Santa Anita] in, what we feel is, 100% condition. Shared Belief has been remarkably consistent. I would say that he carries a little more weight than he used to, so have we improved a little bit? I think so.”

Hollendorfer acknowledged that, even though Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) will be part of the San Antonio field, the connections of Shared Belief feel that their charge is fully prepared to face the dual Classic winner. **Cont. p3**

CBA SYMPOSIUM RETURNS FOR SECOND YEAR

by *Amanda Duckworth*

For the second consecutive year, the Consignors and Commercial Breeders’ Association (CBA) hosted its Educational Symposium in Lexington, Kentucky, as a service to its members and any interested industry professionals.

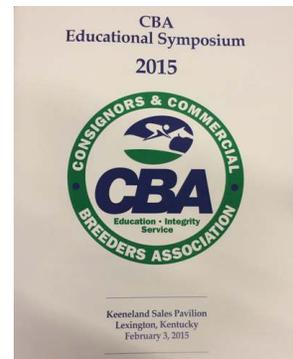
“This is the second year in a row the committee has taken the ball and put this together,” said Denali Stud’s Craig Bandoroff, who serves as CBA’s president. “It takes a lot of time on their part. You may not hear from us a lot, but I use the analogy that we are like the fire station: when issues come up, you will be the first to know.”

The symposium first came about after CBA board member Pat Costello was inspired by a similar event sponsored annually by the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association. The CBA hopes to make their equivalent an annual event as well.

Held at Keeneland’s sales pavilion, about 20 guest speakers presented information on a variety of subjects ranging from taxes and accounting to veterinary concerns to racing on an international level.

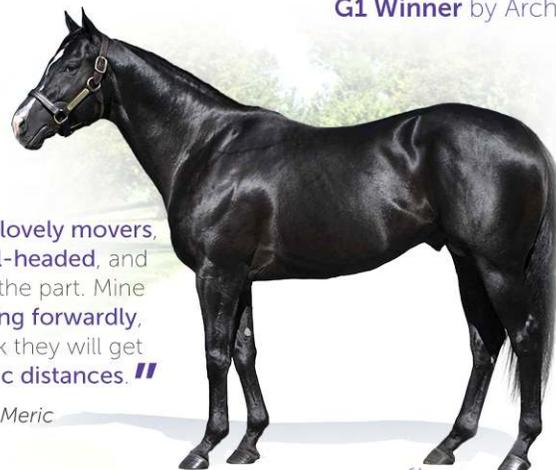
“The CBA was originally just a thought being talked over, and it is pretty amazing to see how far it has come today,” moderator Bayne Welker told a crowd of several hundred people. “It is built on sweat equity, and a lot of people do a lot of work to keep it together.”

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Ocala Stud

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CHC Launches CECF Singapore



China Horse Club Chairman Teo Ah Khing and CHC General Manager Eden Harrington with the CECF Singapore Cup

Officials at the China Horse Club (CHC) unveiled details in a Tuesday press conference in Singapore for the inaugural China Equine Cultural Festival (CECF) to be held during Chinese New Year celebrations Feb. 21 and 22 in the Asian business hub. "The CECF Singapore is a unique event and builds upon the success of previous CECF events in mainland China," commented Teo Ah Khing, chairman of the China Horse Club, the host of the CECF. "The CECF Singapore will reinforce Singapore's image as a cultural bridge between East and West and position it as a center for the exchange of culture, business, tourism and new opportunities with the Chinese, who are arguably the most influential demographic today."

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Sherman said that the connections have already begun to think about the dual Classic winner's 4-year-old campaign, and the G1 Dubai World Cup is a major target.

"The owners always said they'd like to see him run against the best in the world, so I guess that's where we have to be after this race," Sherman said. "It's a long way. When your horse goes over there, they say it takes them about three months to recover from that trip. He's an adaptable type of horse, so I'm not worried about it that much. I just like to go one race at a time and hope he comes back to them in good shape."

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Shared Belief cont. from p1

"This was the race that was coming up that was timely, so this was the one that you have to run in," Hollendorfer explained. "There's no point in trying to duck anybody. This was the race we were pointing to so, no matter who is running in it, we wanted to try to beat everybody.

This is just the next race that we pointed to his year, and when that one's done we'll find another one we'd want to run him in. Of course, we'd like to beat California

Chrome, but we'd also like to beat all the other horses that are in there, so we'll see what happens when entries and post positions come out and try to make a plan. I think the significance of the race is that this is what the fans wanted to see. The fans want to see it and we want to put it on, and, I'm sure, Art [Sherman] is looking forward to it as well as I am."

Hollendorfer said that connections are trying to look at Shared Belief's campaign one race at a time, and that the G1 Dubai World Cup might not be in the cards for the gelding. **Cont. p4**



Shared Belief
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"We talked briefly about [the World Cup] among our partners, and we haven't totally ruled it out, but I think the interest level isn't very high for our particular partnership," the Hall of Famer revealed. "We're enjoying running the horse here in the United States and I think that's where our preferences will lie. I think if the makeup of your horse is such that they can make that trip and come back and run well, so be it, but a lot of them don't. I would never criticize anyone for wanting to go over there and run for the big purse and run in the World Cup race, but I think for us, we're not thinking in that direction."

As for Shared Belief's troubled trip in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and eventual fourth-place finish, the conditioner offered, "We've decided to look forward and go forward. Now, we have the situation where we're going to run a big race against good horses and we're happy to be there."

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Opening Statements...

As he did in 2014, Kentucky State Senator Damon Thayer provided the opening remarks for the symposium. A longtime supporter of the horse industry, Thayer discussed how much has been achieved in Frankfort when it comes to the horse racing industry.



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"Our industry has a little bit of a chip on our shoulder about things that happen in Frankfort and Washington, but we have had some big victories," he said.

"Sometimes you can rack up victories on bad bills that you kill."

Thayer said his proudest

accomplishment during his 12 years in politics pertains to the Kentucky Thoroughbred Breeders' Incentive Fund. Since becoming law, it has returned \$123 million to Kentucky breeders, 80% of which has gone back in the pockets of Thoroughbred breeders.

However, Thayer took a firm stance on the race day medication issue, arguing that if horse racing does not regulate itself soon, the federal government will have no choice but to step in.

"My opinion is we should eliminate Lasix on raceday altogether," he said. "This issue is killing us in the eyes of the public. It gives the *New York Times* and PETA an opening where there should be none. I am very reticent to throw myself behind federal regulation of the horse business, but if we can't figure this out on a state-by-state basis, the federal government is going to take it over. I think we will live to regret that if we aren't careful." **Cont. p5**

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Conquest Two Step	Two Step Salsa	Palos Verdes S.-G2	108
Unitarian	Pulpit	H. Allen Jerkens S.	107
Upstart	Flatter	Lambholm South Holy Bull S.-G2	105
Lochte	Medaglia d'Oro	Tampa Bay S.-G3	101
Spirit Rules	Tribal Rule	Donald Valpredo California Cup Sprint S.	100
Avanzare	Grand Reward	Arcadia S.-G2	99
Star Harbour	Indian Charlie	Pelican S.	99
Barbados	Speightstown	Hutcheson S.-G3	98
Lady Shipman	Midshipman	OBS Sprint S.	98
Lord Nelson	Pulpit	San Vicente S.-G2	98
Pure Tactics	Pure Prize	Clockers Corner S.	97
The Great War	War Front	96Rock S.	97
Cassatt	Tapit	Houston Ladies Classic S.	96
Coalport	Kitten's Joy	John B. Connally Turf Cup S.-G3	96
Double Secret	Double Honor	Lightning City S.	95
Exodus	Medaglia d'Oro	Allen's Landing S.	95
Go West Marie	Western Fame	Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Turf Sprint S.	95
Heitai	Fusaichi Pegasus	Frontier Utilities Turf Sprint S.	95
It's Not Me	D'wildcat	OBS Sprint S.	95
Mischief Clem	Papa Clem	California Cup Derby	95
Ocean Knight	Curlin	Sam F. Davis S.-G3	95
Saratoga Dreamer	Elusive Quality	Rego Park S.	95
Alert Bay	City Zip	California Cup Turf Classic S.	94

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No.	Horse (Sire)	ML
1	American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile)	10-1
2	Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway)	15-1
3	Competitive Edge (Super Saver)	30-1
4	Daredevil (More Than Ready)	30-1
5	Dortmund (Big Brown)	12-1
6	El Kabeir (Scat Daddy)	20-1
7	Far Right (Notional)	50-1
8	Firing Line (Line of David)	50-1
9	Frosted (Tapit)	30-1
10	Gorgeous Bird (Unbridled's Song)	30-1
11	Imperia (Medaglia d'Oro)	30-1
12	International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus)	50-1
13	Itsaknockout (Lemon Drop Kid)	50-1
14	J S Bach (Tale of the Cat)	30-1
15	Khozan (Distorted Humor)	20-1
16	Lord Nelson (Pulpit)	30-1
17	Mr. Z (Malibu Moon)	50-1
18	Ocean Knight (Curlin)	50-1
19	Ocho Ocho Ocho (Street Sense)	30-1
20	Prospect Park (Tapit)	50-1
21	Texas Red (Afleet Alex)	15-1
22	The Great War (War Front)	22-1
23	Upstart (Flatter)	12-1
24	Mutuel Field (All other 3yos)	Even

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On the World Stage...

Racing is an international sport. As such, advances and changes in other racing jurisdictions and what the United States can learn from them were also covered. Chauncey Morris, the executive director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, spoke about the responsibilities and direction of the organization. He referenced the fact that Japan's Just A Way (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) was recently named the Longines World's Best Racehorse by the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities and no North American runners were in the top three.

"The world has obviously changed," said Morris. "The top of the heap was Japan then Europe. You can agree or disagree with how these are tabulated, but they do serve as a barometer."

Morris went on to discuss how some markets, specifically Japan and Australia, have made an effort to communicate about the success of their horses. Furthermore, in some countries, owners work together to make a concentrated assault on other jurisdictions' major races. Japan's target on France's G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe was one example.

He also noted the fact that the Kentucky foal crop is on the rise again, calling it a "flight to excellence" after other states have lost funding for the racing industry. He commented then on the importance of marketing Kentucky-bred horses to other countries.

In an afternoon session, Dr. Scott Stanley presented an explanation of equine hair as a new matrix for anti-doping control of anabolic steroids. This is a key component of the British Horseracing Authority's new zero tolerance policy, which is being put in place Mar. 1 after several high-profile cases in recent years.

Under the new policy, a horse cannot be administered an anabolic steroid at any point in its life. A horse that has been given an anabolic steroid cannot train in England for 12 months and is ineligible to run for 14 months. This will likely have an impact on horses purchased in North America with an intention to race overseas because imports will automatically be tested upon arrival in England. Horses imported from Ireland, France and Germany are exempt from that due to mirror policies.

"I've spoken to sale companies to try to get ahead of this," said Stanley. "The vast majority of horses would be tested before going overseas to give the buyer or seller confidence, but we have yet to determine the most appropriate way to go."

The longevity of hair samples compared to urine and blood samples has become important due to these long-term regulations.

"The BHA responded with a very strong statement saying they will not have anabolic steroids in British horse racing," said Stanley. "Drugs remain in the hair almost permanently. The blood supply is what delivers the drug into the hair at the follicle as it is growing. We can also determine if it is multiple or singular administration."

Money, Money, Money...

Several panels featured ways consignors could protect their money or make more on their investments.

On the business side of things, Jen Shah of Dean Dorton Allen Ford, PLLC took the audience through the ins and outs of taxes and accounting. With changes in health care laws, many businesses are dealing with a different set of taxes from the past. She also covered how to properly classify workers and the differences between an employee and an independent contractor. Del Pearson of M&J Insurance discussed coverage available to farms, while Michael Meuser of Miller, Griffin & Marks PSC covered legal issues pertinent to the breeding industry. Meuser went through the recent changes to conditions of sale at Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton and the legalities. This led to a lively question and answer session from the audience, as liability is a complicated issue within horse sales.

Following that, an auctioneer panel featuring Keeneland's Ryan Mahan and Kurt Becker and Fasig-Tipton's Tom Biederman and Reed Ringler took to the stage. They discussed ways to make a sale better and more satisfactory even though it takes place in a small amount of time.

"We understand you deserve a lot for our 5%," said Mahan. "Auctioneers are a bit like orchestra conductors. It is my opinion that it is all about relationships. Relationships can be very powerful when commerce takes place in 90 seconds."

Biederman then discussed reserves and the ways consignors unknowingly hurt their own cause. The two main mistakes he pinpointed were trying to do the auctioneer's job and telling buyers a horse's exact reserve.

"We get paid to make it happen the right way," Biederman said. "Unfortunately, some sellers would like to help us drive. It all goes back to you have to remember that we are working for you. This is not a dual agency situation. We are working for the seller every time."

He recommended that if buyers won't stop pressuring a consignor for a reserve to offer a range, but to never give the actual amount.

Five veterinarian experts also went front and center to discuss the issue of sesamoiditis, which is the inflammation of the sesamoid bone. Opinions on treatment varied, much like the severity of the issue can vary widely from case to case. The fact that it is something to be aware of and overzealous sales preparation can be a factor was noted, though.

"The significance has less to do with the actual bone and more to do with the suspensory ligament that attaches to that bone," said Dr. Jeffrey Berk. "What has happened to the soft tissue?" **Cont. p6**



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Leave Them Laughing...

The final panel of the day was entitled "Storytellers" and featured Ted Bassett, Dr. John Chandler, Terence Collier, and John Williams.

The four respected gentlemen spent their hour swapping tales, both happy and sad, but always entertaining, to the delight of the crowd.

Perhaps Bassett summed it up best, saying: "The bad times do exist, but they are overwhelmed by all the good moments."

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SLOANE AVENUE GALLOPS AT GULFSTREAM

Susan Roy's GI Donn H. contender **Sloane Avenue** (Candy Ride {Arg}) got acquainted with Gulfstream Park for the first time yesterday morning, galloping 1 1/4 miles under exercise rider Wayne Tanner. The 4-year-old Jeremy Noseda trainee arrived in Florida from England Sunday, and will make his conventional dirt debut in Saturday's \$500,000 Donn. "I thought he moved great," Noseda said. "He's a very relaxed horse early on in his gallop. He wasn't really concentrating, but once he got down the lane and got into his bridle I was delighted. He looked to be in great order." Sloane Avenue is three-for-three on Polytrack, having most recently annexed Kempton's Hyde S. Nov. 19. The half-brother to American GSW Carve (First Samurai) and SW Apropos (First Samurai) was eighth on soft grass in Belmont's Oct. 4 GIII Hill Prince S. in his lone previous Stateside outing. "I'm more than hopeful," Noseda said of his charge's chances. "I'm sort of quietly confident that he will handle the dirt really well." Noseda's last trip to Gulfstream came for the 1989 Breeders' Cup, 10 years before The Stronach Group purchased and reconstructed the facility. "It looks a lot different from 1989, that's for sure," Noseda said. "The track looks the same, just the grandstand has changed significantly."



Sloane Avenue
Gulfstream Park

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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM

UNDER THE RADAR

At the end of 2014, four of the top 10 sires on the TDN North American General Sire List for last year were the four sires with first foals 2006 that have been so prominent since they first had runners in 2008: Gainesway's Tapit; WinStar's Speightstown; Darley's Medaglia d'Oro; and Lane's End's Candy Ride. Among them, by the end of last year, with seven crops of racing age each, they had sired 219 black-type winners (BTW), of which 104 were graded/group winners (GSW), and 43 were Grade I/Group 1 winners (from a total of 28 crops). They are a formidable quartet.



Kantharos, son of Lion Heart
Ocala Stud

Arguably, the number five North American F2006 sire was Lion Heart, who was a \$1.4-million Fasig Florida 2-year-old trained by Patrick Biancone for Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith. Lion Heart went three-for-three as a 2-year-old, winning the GI Hollywood Futurity and contributing to his sire Tale of The Cat's 2003 North American 2-year-old sire championship with his second crop. Lion Heart ran second to Smarty Jones in the 2004 GI Kentucky Derby, fourth in the GI Preakness, and won the GI Haskell S. at three. After five seasons at Ashford, Lion Heart was sold to Turkey early in 2010. He finished the American phase of his career with an APEX A Runner Index of 1.86, and, typical of his sire and sire line (Storm Cat), a very salty 2.11 ABC Index for 2-year-olds. He also left behind two sons, Ocala Stud's Kantharos and Spendthrift's Line Of David, who both have their first 3-year-olds racing in 2015, and who are both starting to hint they might be names worth knowing.

A \$250,000 OBS 2-year-old from Lion Heart's third crop, Kantharos went three-for-three himself at two in 2010 for owner Stonestreet Stable and trainer Steve Asmussen. He was a real speedball: he broke his maiden by almost 12 lengths at five furlongs at Churchill Downs in May, won the six-furlong GIII Bashford Manor S. there on July 3 by 9 1/2 lengths and won the 6 1/2-furlong GII Saratoga Special by more than seven lengths. Kantharos suffered a fracture, however, after what was described as a routine workout at Saratoga later that month and was retired, initially to Vinery in Florida, then moved to Ocala Stud in 2013. **Cont. p7**



Oppenheim cont.

So here's what he's done so far. Kantharos had 45 foals in his first crop, now 3-year-olds of 2015. One month in to 2015, he's had 31 runners in total for 19 winners. His only black-type winner so far is Mr. Jordan, impressive winner of two stakes in Florida last fall. But he does have eight black-type horses in all, including last month's GIII Hutcheson S. second, X Y Jet, and is the sixth-ranked North American second-crop sire by cumulative progeny earnings ([click here](#)) to date. As Andrew Caulfield was just saying yesterday about Two Step Salsa, Florida has a real history as a nursery of sires, and Kantharos could just be another to follow that tradition.

Another son of Lion Heart, Line of David, led all the way to defeat Super Saver in the GI Arkansas Derby, but he stopped to a walk in the slop behind Super Saver in the 2010 GI Kentucky Derby and was retired a month later and sold by owners Ike and Dawn Thrush to B. Wayne Hughes, captain of the resurgent Spendthrift Farm stallion development program. Line Of David started

at \$7,500 in 2011, but is down to an advertised fee of just \$2,000 for 2015. Like Horse Greeley at Claiborne, this looks like the bargain of the century. Like Kantharos, Line of David had 45 foals in his first crop. Through Monday he also had 31 starters in total, for 10 winners, and five black-type horses. These include last month's California Derby winner Cross the Line and Firing Line, who gave Dortmund a big scare in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity. These horses are holding their own in good company. Right now Line of David is #12 North American second-crop sire by cumulative progeny earnings, but the crystal ball says he could be climbing up that list.

At the end of 2014, Lane's End's Quality Road was leading North American freshman sire by \$25,000 over WinStar's Super Saver. Ashford's duo of Lookin At Lucky and Munnings were third and fourth ([click here](#)). The top two each had two GSWs, including a Grade I winner; Ashford's pair each had three black-type winners, including one GSW.

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Line of David
Spendthrift

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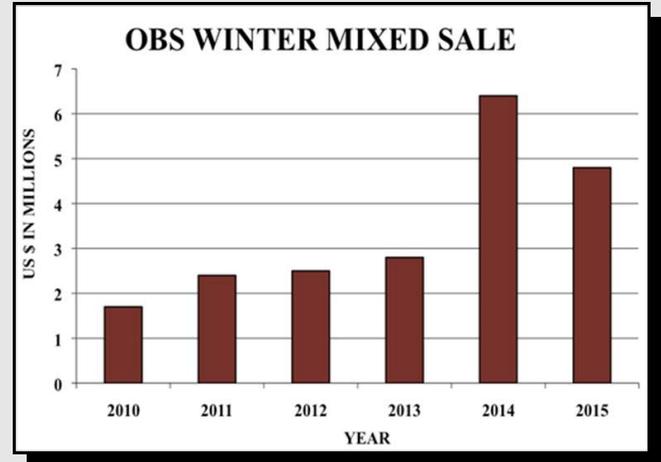


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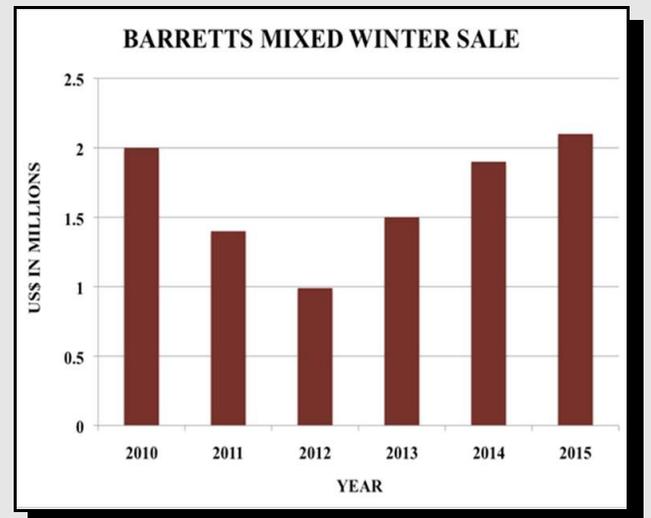
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"Regional mixed sales at Ocala and Fairplex seemed to go okay for what was in there, including horses of racing age, a continuing growth sector in the auction marketplace. There is a battery of mixed sales in the next couple of weeks: Tattersalls tomorrow in Newmarket, followed by Arqana in Deauville and Goffs in Ireland next week; and Fasig-Tipton has a two-day mixed sale (with lots of supplements) next Sunday and Monday."
- Bill Oppenheim



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2015	514	410	335	20.2%	81.7%	65.2%	\$4,751,000	\$14,182
2014	809	633	463	21.8%	73.1%	57.2%	\$6,408,500	\$13,841
2013	454	392	257	13.7%	65.6%	56.6%	\$2,835,200	\$11,032
2012	382	335	238	12.3%	71.0%	62.3%	\$2,475,300	\$10,400
2011	522	451	309	13.6%	68.5%	59.2%	\$2,376,000	\$7,689
2010	469	425	288	9.4%	67.8%	61.4%	\$1,656,000	\$5,750



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	372	325	248	12.6%	76.3%	66.7%	\$2,104,800	\$8,487
2014	316	270	224	14.6%	83.0%	70.9%	\$1,944,900	\$8,683
2013	289	239	184	17.3%	77.0%	63.7%	\$1,536,100	\$8,348
2012	294	243	162	17.3%	66.7%	55.1%	\$982,500	\$6,065
2011	408	347	256	15.0%	73.8%	62.7%	\$1,361,600	\$5,319
2010	518	447	275	13.7%	61.5%	53.1%	\$2,013,000	\$7,320

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Oppenheim cont.

After the first month of 2015, the same four are in the same four positions, though Quality Road leads Super Saver by just \$5,000 in cumulative progeny earnings as of yesterday. Munnings has moved closer to the top three by virtue of being the leading

second-crop sire so far this year, with eight winners, including two BTWs.

Airdrie's Majesticperfection, like Into Mischief a son of Harlan's Holiday, was a horse with blinding speed as a 4-year-old, the only year he raced. In his last four starts, all on fast dirt at six furlongs, he was never headed at any call, and in his last two starts, he ran a Beyer 117 at Prairie



Midshipman
Darley

Meadows in the Iowa Sprint H. and a Beyer 115 at Saratoga in the GI A G Vanderbilt, in which he defeated Big Drama by almost three lengths. He was the fifth-ranked North American Freshman Sire last year, but with no BTWs. He is still fifth, but has two BTWs already this year, including Aqueduct and Laurel BTW Majestic Affair, and is second to Munnings in 2015 second-crop progeny earnings ([click here](#)).

Another second-crop sire that strikes us as a little bit under the radar is Darley's Midshipman, the 2008 GI Del Mar Futurity and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner by Unbridled's Song. He came as part of the Stonerside purchase but rather went off the radar when making only four more starts over the next two seasons. He started out at \$15,000 in 2011, but is priced at \$7,500 this year. He now has 20 winners, including BTWs on the grass at Louisiana Downs last year, and the speedy filly Lady Shipman, who ran a very fast six furlongs in the Ocala races last week. He's another second-crop sire well worth keeping an eye on.

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CHC LAUNCHES CECF SINGAPORE

Officials at the China Horse Club (CHC) unveiled details in a Tuesday press conference in Singapore for the inaugural China Equine Cultural Festival (CECF) to be held during Chinese New Year celebrations Feb. 21 and 22 in the Asian business hub.

"The CECF Singapore is a unique event and builds upon the success of previous CECF events in mainland China," commented Teo Ah Khing, chairman of the China Horse Club, the host of the CECF. "The CECF Singapore will reinforce Singapore's image as a cultural bridge between East and West and position it as a center for the exchange of culture, business, tourism and new opportunities with the Chinese, who are arguably the most influential demographic today."

Following a black-tie cocktail party at the ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands Saturday evening, at which guests will mingle with renowned artists Mao Wen Biao, Li Xiaoling and Huw Williams as well as international horsepeople, the China Horse Club will host the CECF Singapore Race Day at Kranji Racecourse Sunday afternoon, featuring the inaugural running CECF Singapore Cup over 1800 meters. It will be the richest race run in the 173-year racing history in Singapore with a purse of S\$3.05 million (*US\$2.26 million*) and the Sunday program will also feature the S\$200,000 CECF Singapore Prestige Classic at 1400 meters. The day will be capped by a performance from the hugely popular entertainer Kit Chan. **Cont. p9**



China Horse Club Chairman Teo Ah Khing and CHC General Manger Eden Harrington with the CECF Singapore Cup

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CECF Singapore cont.

Jockeys and trainers from around the world scheduled to jet in for the weekend's events include Australia's Tommy Berry, Hugh Bowman and Blake Shinn; jockey Darryl Holland representing Japan; Belgian native Christophe Soumillon representing France; and Jamie Spencer for the United Kingdom. Trainers representing the China Horse Club and scheduled to attend include Christophe Clement from the U.S; his brother Nicolas from France; Francis Graffard, the youngest of the CECF Singapore Cup trainers, also from France; John Thompson and Jason Warren from Australia; and Roger Varian from the UK. Kranji-based conditioner Michael Freedman handles the local CHC runners.

The China Horse Club has made a significant commitment to acquiring bloodstock from all over the world. After spending \$1.4 million at Fasig-Tipton last November, the outfit signed for eight horses at the Keeneland November sale, accounting for \$5,865,000, highlighted by the \$2.8 million it gave for MGISW lotapa (Afleet Alex). Through its agent Michael Wallace, the China Horse Club went to A\$1.05 million for a son of Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Response (Aus) (Charge Forward {Aus}) at last month's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in Queensland. Teo Ah Khing raced G1 Investec and Irish Derby hero Australia (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in partnership with Coolmore and remains a major shareholder in the 4-year-old's stallion career.

The China Horse Club is "China's premier lifestyle, business and Thoroughbred racing club" and "provides peerless experiences for members and their guests." Over the last two years, CHC members have enjoyed 62 winners in eight countries, including the Thompson-trained First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the G1 Coolmore Flight S. last October; Tropaio (GB) (Excellent Art {GB}), who won the prestigious Longines Singapore Gold Cup in 2013; and Parranda (English Channel), who was acquired by the China Horse Club for \$800,000 at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale and landed the Gill Marshua's River S. Jan. 10 in her first start for the Clement barn. She is a probable starter in the CECF Cup, the full field for which will be released Feb. 16.

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 12:40 p.m. ET
AL MAKTUUM CHALLENGE R2-G2, \$250,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1900m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1 Capital Attraction	Speightstown	O'Shea	Ketbi
2 Prince Bishop (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	bin Suroor
3 Cooptado (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Dobbs	Watson
4 African Story (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Doyle	bin Suroor
5 Surfer	Distorted Humor	Mullen	Seemar
6 Haatheq	Seeking the Gold	Hanagan	Al Raihe
7 Emirates Flyer (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	de Vries	bin Suroor
8 Ennobled Friend	Malibu Moon	de Sousa	bin Harmash
9 Frankyfourfingers (Fr)	Sunday Break (Jpn)	Barzalona	Al Raihe
10 Le Bernardin	Bernardini	Ffrench	Al Raihe
11 Zambucca (SAf)	Lundy's Liability (Brz)	Smith	Seemar

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AUSSIE SPRINTER HAY LIST DIES

Three-time Australian Group 1-winning sprinter **Hay List (Aus)** (Statue of Liberty) has been euthanized due to complications from laminitis. The 9-year-old gelding had been in retirement at the farm of his trainer, John McNair, since making his final career start in October 2013.

Hay List won the 2010 G1 Manikato S., the 2011 G1 All Aged S. and the 2012 G1 Newmarket H. in a



Hay List
Racing and Sports

career that was plagued by injuries, but is perhaps best known for the races he didn't win. Hay List ran against the unbeaten supermare Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) six times in Group 1 company and finished second on four occasions. Hay

List won 15 times from 28 starts for earnings of more than A\$2.5 million. His best winning performance was possibly the Newmarket, where he carried 129 pounds to victory over fellow Group 1-winning sprinter Buffering (Aus) (Mossman {Aus}), who carried nine pounds less. Hay List's 129 pounds was the heaviest winning impost of the Newmarket since 1959.

"I realized today we are only keeping him going for our sake, not his," McNair told *The Daily Telegraph*. "He has been fighting this condition since mid-December and in the last few weeks he was taking two steps forward, five steps back. He had a terrible night [Monday] and we could not put him through that again."

Hay List, who raced as a homebred for the Davenport family, will reportedly be buried on McNair's farm, standing up and facing the sun.

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LANKAN RUPEE WINS JUMP-OUT

Lankan Rupee (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), the winner of four Group 1 sprints in Australia last year, yesterday won a jump-out at Caulfield. According to *Racing and Sports*, the 5-year-old gelding stalked the leaders of the jump-out before powering home smartly at the end of the 800-meter heat.

"I thought he went super," trainer Mick Price told the site, adding his stable star would likely trial at Cranbourne next Monday in preparation for the G1 Lightning S. at Flemington Feb. 21.

Lankan Rupee recorded a Group 1 triple last autumn in the Oakleigh Plate, Newmarket H. and T J Smith S., and was second by the barest of margins in the G2 McEwan S. and G1 Moir S. at the start of the spring. He rebounded to take the G1 Manikato S., but was run down after setting the pace in the G1 Darley Classic when last seen Nov. 8. Price said he is looking to revert to off-the-pace tactics for Lankan Rupee.

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ATC CHAIRMAN RE-ELECTED

The board of the Australian Turf Club has re-elected Chairman Michael Crismale, as well as Vice-Chairman and independent director Laurie Macri, for a 12-month term. The re-elections occurred during the first meeting



Michael Crismale
Racing and Sports

of the new seven-member board Monday.

"As a club-appointed director I am very grateful for the continued support from members, and I lead a board which has a great deal of passion and energy for racing, as well as the business of the club," Crismale said. "The ATC is now entering a growth and investment stage and we are looking forward to making several announcements over the coming 12 months to

return more benefits to our members, customers and the NSW racing industry."

He continued, "In the short term we are very excited to be hosting Sydney's Autumn Racing Carnival, including the Golden Slipper Carnival at Rosehill Gardens and the second running of The Championships at Royal Randwick."

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Glyn Schofield @SchofieldGlyn
No horse has ever meant so much to me. RIP my big friend

-Jockey Glyn Schofield, who rode Hay List to two of his Group 1 wins and five wins in total.

Nick Quinn @Quinn_1
Hay List was a champion and if it wasn't for him we wouldn't have the appreciation we do for @blackcaviar2006

Shane Anderson @Globalgallop
When Hay List was at his peak he had to contend with Black Caviar. His record could have been legendary as well if raced in another era.

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THE WOW SIGNAL TO PREP FOR GUINEAS

Al Shaqab Racing's **The Wow Signal (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) has wintered well and is expected to have a prep run prior to the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 2, according to trainer John Quinn. The conditioner pointed to the G3 Craven S. at Newmarket Apr. 16 and the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury two days later as possible targets.

"The Wow Signal had a nice break and then came back in after Christmas and is back cantering," Quinn said. "He is a big, strong colt and is very enthusiastic. The QIPCO 2000 Guineas is his number one spring target and I think that it will be helpful to get a prep race into him beforehand, so he will probably go for the Craven S. or the Greenham."



The Wow Signal with Frankie Dettori and Sheikh Joaan after the Coventry
Racing Post

Purchased privately by Al Shaqab after a nine-length debut score at Ayr in May, The Wow Signal took the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot next out followed by the G1 Prix Morny over subsequent G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf scorer Hootenanny (Quality Road). His unbeaten record was snapped, however, when he was last of nine in the G1 Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp Oct. 5.

"I wouldn't want to make any major excuses [about his Longchamp performance], but when he came back home afterwards he was a very tired colt who had clearly had enough, whereas after his Ascot and Deauville runs he bounced back straight away," Quinn explained. "You never know when it's going to be a bridge too far and he had a very long, hard year with a lot of traveling. If he had finished fourth or fifth one might think that was just as good as he is, but how he ran was clearly not his real form."

All of The Wow Signal's victories have come over six furlongs, but Quinn said he doesn't expect the step up to a mile for the Guineas to be an issue.

"He should have every chance of staying a mile and he might stay further, although we will not be thinking about that until after the Guineas," he said. "His sire, Starspangledbanner, was a tough sort who won at up to a mile and there is plenty of stamina on the dam's side of his pedigree. Before his last run you would have said that he was screaming out for seven furlongs as he only got up in the last 50 yards in the Morny, and he was going away at the finish in the Coventry."

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THREE MARYLAND TRAINERS SUSPENDED

Trainers Scott Lake, A. Ferris Allen and Hector Garcia have each been handed suspensions by the Maryland Racing Commission after horses under their care tested positive for stanozolol, a prohibited anabolic steroid available only through drug compounders.

Lake, who at one time was one of the country's leading trainers based in the Midlantic region, was suspended for a total of 60 days beginning this Thursday after two of his horses tested positive for the banned substance. The conditioner was issued two suspensions, but he had not been notified of the first positive at the time the second horse returned a positive test, and therefore he will serve a single, concurrent suspension.



Scott Lake
MJC photo

Allen was handed down a \$1,000 fine and a 30-day suspension, but had that number pared in half based on his previous record and testimony

from a veterinarian relating to the time frame in which the drug was given. The abbreviated penalty is contingent on no further positives within the next 36 months.

Garcia, who is deputizing for the already-suspended Juan Vazquez, was slapped with the stiffest sanctions--more than one year in suspensions--after no fewer than three of the horses in his care tested positive for stanozolol and a fourth tested positive for xylazine, a sedative.

Additionally, each of the trainers was assessed 'points' according to a relatively new multiple medication violations system. Once a trainer has collected three points or more, penalties are amplified based on the number of points they have accrued. For example, Garcia's four positives resulted in 10 points against his record and triggered an additional eight months of suspension. Lake received a \$1,000 fine and four points, which, when added to a similar amount received from Pennsylvania, resulted in the 60-day ban.

Sal Sinatra, the vice president and general manager of the Maryland Jockey Club, confirmed that Garcia and Vazquez were served with papers demanding they vacate the grounds of MJC-owned properties within two weeks. Sinatra, who recently came to Maryland from Parx Racing, believes the message being delivered is clear.

"We absolutely want to impress upon trainers that we are trying to clean things up and that we are dead serious about this," he commented. "We will not tolerate this kind of behavior and will come after those who are found to have broken the rules."

The use of anabolic steroids was not regulated prior to 2010, but racing commissions--citing therapeutic benefits of the drug--instituted a 30-day withdrawal period. Taking this one step further, the Maryland Racing Commission in 2014 tightened the standard further by stating that any amount of an anabolic steroid present in the blood represented a violation.

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BILLS INTRODUCED TO AMEND PASPA

A pair of bills have been introduced in the new Congress seeking to amend the 1992 Professional Sports Protection Act (PASPA) prohibiting non-exempt states from initiating new forms of sports betting, the American Horse Council noted Tuesday. The state of New Jersey, and notably Monmouth Park, have been at the forefront of attempts to introduce legalized sports betting, but have so far been stymied by the courts' upholding of PASPA after protests from the Department of Justice, professional sports leagues and the NCAA. Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ)'s bill, the New Jersey Betting and Equal Treatment Act of 2015 (H.R. 457), aims to exclude New Jersey from PAPSAs. Nevada, Delaware and Oregon are the only states currently exempt from the act. Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)'s bill, the Sports Gaming Opportunity Act of 2015 (H.R. 416), seeks to open a four-year window from Jan. 1, 2015 to Jan. 1, 2019 in which any state could legalize sports betting. Neither bill will have any effect on pari-mutuel betting on horse racing.

 **Kentucky**

G.H. Mumm, Churchill Form Partnership:

G.H. Mumm has been named the "Official Champagne of the Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs Racetrack" after the two entities reached a three-year deal in January. The partnership will begin with the 141st running of the GI Kentucky Derby May 2, and will include sponsorship of the Churchill Downs winner's circle and a featured part in post-race victory celebrations following stakes races. "We welcome G.H. Mumm to the celebration of the Kentucky Derby, one of the world's most spectacular sports and entertainment celebrations, as a partner in both our great race and year-round festivities at Churchill Downs," said Kevin Flanery, president of Churchill Downs Racetrack. "There are few moments in the world of sports and entertainment as special and dramatic as the emotional minutes leading up to America's greatest race and the joyous celebration that follows the victor's run to the finish. G.H. Mumm will be a wonderful part of those Kentucky Derby moments and memories."



Tuesday Cancellations

Mahoning Valley Racecourse (Races 3-8) and PARX (Full card)



INDUSTRY INFO

T.I.P. Approves 750 Shows for 2015:

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.) has approved awards and classes for nearly 750 shows in 43 states and Canadian provinces in 2015, it was announced in a release. The complete calendar of events can be viewed at tjctip.com. The show disciplines include eventing, dressage, Western and English pleasure, hunter/jumper, Western performance, games, and even polo and polocrosse. "This program was created to encourage the retraining of Thoroughbreds into other disciplines upon completion of their careers in racing or breeding and it is obviously fulfilling that mission because in three years, we have offered awards at 1,100 horse shows in 41 states and provinces," said Kristin Werner Leshney, legal associate for The Jockey Club and coordinator of T.I.P. In addition to awards for shows, T.I.P. has renewed the Thoroughbred of the Year Award and the Young Rider of the Year Award. Applications for these non-competition awards will be available at tjctip.com in April with a deadline of June 30, 2015. Only Thoroughbreds that have been registered with The Jockey Club or a foreign Thoroughbred stud book recognized by The Jockey Club are eligible to participate in T.I.P. classes and compete for awards. All participating Thoroughbreds should have a T.I.P. number, which can be obtained at tjctip.com. Created and announced in October 2011, T.I.P. recognizes and rewards the versatility of the Thoroughbred through sponsorship of Thoroughbred classes and high point awards at sanctioned horse shows, performance awards, and non-competition awards. To date, T.I.P. has received more than 10,000 Thoroughbred entries competing for awards.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2:58p (HRTV) 6th-GP, MSW (\$45k), 1 1/16mT, f, 3yo
Merriebelle Stable LLC's **ENGLISH SUNSET** (English Channel), a full-sister to 2014 GI Travers S. hero V.E. Day, adds Lasix today for her second career start after racing in traffic on debut here New Year's Day. The Brendan Walsh trainee comes from the extended family of 1988 champion turf horse and \$2-million earner Sunshine Forever (Roberto). Joining her in the starting gate is Ramona S. Bass's **ENTHRALLING (Arch)**, the first foal to compete out of the unraced mare Possibly a Ten (Seeking the Gold)—daughter of 1995 champion female turfer Possibly Perfect (Northern Baby). Conditioned by Michael Matz, the \$240,000 KEESEP yearling raced a bit wide around the opening bend before improving position in the stretch in her Dec. 21 unveiling over this course. She, too, adds Lasix today for this second try.

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FAIR GROUNDS

Coup de Grace (Tapit), 3f, :36.20, 1/12
Irish You Well (Broken Vow), 5f, 1:01.60, 6/23

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}), 4f, :50.80, 11/13

GULFSTREAM PARK

Skywarn (Congrats), 4f, :48.73, 2/21

PALM MEADOWS

Gorgeous Bird (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :50.00, 21/29

Pants on Fire (Jump Start), 3f, :36.00, 1/6

Pleuven (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), 4f (T), :49.30, 3/20

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Dortmund (Big Brown), 4f, :47.60, 3/27

Sam's Sister (Brother Derek), 4f, :49.40, 13/27

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Dancing Rachel, f, 3, **Exclusive Quality**--Gold Bag Lady, by Friendly Lover. Seoul, 1-31, Cond. (\$46k), 1200m. B-Ken & Cheryl Breitenbecker (FL). *Won by five lengths as the 1-10 chalk to remain perfect in her two career starts. **\$8,500 yrl '13 OBSJAN; \$10,000 RNA yrl '13 OBSAUG; \$21,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN.

Jinmyeong Gangho, g, 3, **Graeme Hall**--Gold Binder, by Notebook. Seoul, 2-1, Maiden (\$46k), 1000m. B-Shade Tree Thoroughbreds & Thomas Rygiel (FL). *\$8,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG; \$30,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

Samjeong Jeguk, g, 3, **Roman Ruler**--Chip (MGSW, \$448,033), by Norquestor. Seoul, 1-31, Maiden (\$46k), 1300m. B-Liberation Farm & Brandywine Farm (KY). *\$10,000 wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$27,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

+ **B K Top**, g, 4, **Bernstein**--Tash Dash, by Coronado's Quest. Busan, 2-1, Maiden (\$37k), 1200m. B-Alastair Thoroughbred Co (KY). *\$27,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.

IN PERU:

Arezzo, c, 4, **Rock Hard Ten**--Love Sting (SW, \$198,750), by Lit de Justice. Monterrico, 2-1, Hcp., 1200m. B-Kenneth Littrell (KY). *Won by 6 3/4 lengths. **\$27,000 yrl '12 KEESEP.

Remolcador, c, 4, **Kitten's Joy**--Heavenly Oil, by Golden Missile. Monterrico, 1-31, Cond., 1900mT. B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY). *\$15,000 yrl '12 KEESEP.

Good Shine, g, 8, **Sharp Humor**--Brazen Brass, by Grindstone. Monterrico, 1-31, Premio Aristo (N), 1000mT. B-Kerry, Steve & Doug Cauthen & Tony Lacy (KY). *Ch. Sprinter & MGSW-Per. **\$9,500 RNA yrl '08 KEENOV.



ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Weds., February 4

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

BLAME (Arch), Claiborne, \$30K, 152/9/0

5-TAM, Aoc, 1 1/16mT, Al Khazaaliya, \$275K FTF MAR 2yo, 4-1

CHARITABLE MAN (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 80/6/0

8-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Charitable Flight, 4-1

8-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Sargent Shultz, 10-1

8-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Shepherd's Pride, 8-1

ESKENDEREYA (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 194/14/0

7-AQU, Aoc, 1m, Stolen Victory, \$40K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1

LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/32/3

2-GP, Aoc, 1 1/8m, Madefromlucky, \$150K OBS MAR 2yo, 1-1

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/32/4

5-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Devil's Silent, \$40K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1

QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/21/3

2-GP, Aoc, 1 1/8m, Quality Bird, 4-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-HOU, \$23,500, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 4/5, fm.

FEMME FATALE (m, 5, **Distorted Humor**--Imagine {MSW, \$267,059}, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: MSP, 19-4-5-2, \$148,889. O-Elm Racing LLC. B-Padua Stables LLC (KY). T-Eric R Reed. *\$125,000 HRA '13 FTKNOV; \$195,000 RNA 2yo '12 OBSAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

On the Beach, f, 3, **Any Given Saturday**--Lake Merced, by Salt Lake. HOU, 2-2, 6f, 1:14. B-Monticule (KY). \$12,000 RNA yrl '13 FTKOCT. *Won by five lengths.

Jet Trick, g, 3, **Jet Phone**--It's Deja Vou, by Mr. Greeley. HOU, 2-3, (S), 1m70y, 1:45 2/5. B-Spring Hill Farm (TX).



ARCHWARRIOR (Arch--Winner's Edge, by Seeking The Gold), debut winner at Saratoga and 🌟 **"TDN Rising Star"** 🌟. Stands at Hartley/De Renzo for \$3,000, live foal.

• Blue Grass Dancer (Dance Brightly) produced a colt Jan. 28 for breeder John Ocasio.

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STRONG ENTRIES FOR IRISH AUCTION RACE

The €250,000 Tattersalls Ireland Super Auction Sales S., to be run on the second day of Irish Champions Weekend at The Curragh Sept. 13, has received 186 entries, including over 100 from the UK. The purse was recently increased by €50,000, making it more than double the 2013 purse.

Simon Kerins, sales and marketing director of Tattersalls Ireland, said, "We are delighted with the increased number of entries for the 2015 €250,000 Tattersalls Ireland Super Auction Sale S., and in particular the significant number that have entered from the UK. We are naturally thrilled to be part of Irish Champions Weekend again this year, the inaugural weekend having proved an outstanding success. The prize fund for the Tattersalls Ireland Super Auction Sale Stakes has increased by €50,000 this year to €250,000, making it one of the most valuable and longest-running sales race in Europe and justifying its place on a race card that is considered to be one of the best weekends of racing on the international calendar."

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gerrard's Slip (GB), g, 3, **Captain Gerrard** (Ire)--Park's Girl (GB), by Averti (Ire). SWL, 2-3, 6f (AWT), 1:19 1/5. B-Mrs Alurie O'Sullivan (GB). *£15,000 yrl '13 DONAUG; €6,500 RNA yrl '13 GOFFEB.

Virtual Reality (GB), g, 3, **Virtual** (GB)--Regal Riband (GB), by Fantastic Light. KMP, 2-3, 8f (AWT), 1:40 3/5. B-Cheveley Park Stud (GB). *15,000gns yrl '13 TATDEC. **1/2 to Regal Realm (GB) (Medicean {GB}), MGSW-Eng, \$116,432.



EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN AUSTRALIA:

Weary (Fr), g, 5, **Astronomer Royal**--America Nova (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Verglas (Ire). Rosehill, 1-31, Expressway S.-G2 (A\$200k), 1200mT. B-SF Bloodstock LLC. *MG1SP-Aus, GSP-Eng, SP-Fr. **€16,000 yrl '11 ARQOCT; €145,000 HRA '13 ARQARC.

Career Victory
#1,000

Who: Trainer Tony Cruz
When: Sunday, February 1
Where: 7th race, Sha Tin
With: Key Witness (Aus)
(Show A Heart {Aus})

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TWO NEW STAKES PERFORMANCES OVER THE WEEKEND!

– *Friday 1/30 at Laurel* –

3YO filly **COMFORTER**
ran a game 3rd in the
\$100k Marshua S.

– *Saturday 1/31 at Aqueduct* –

3YO colt **DRAMA KING**
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IN HONG KONG:

Redkirk Warrior (GB), g, 4, **Notnowcato (GB)**--Flag (GB), by Selkirk. Sha Tin, 2-1, Hcp. (\$193k), 1600mT, 1:35.33. B-Mrs R D Peacock. *Formerly Redkirk (GB). **22,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT. ***Previously trained trained by William Haggas, Redkirk Warrior belied debut odds of 6-1 to best Yarmouth maidens by five lengths June 26 and doubled his win tally with a 3/4-length success at Ascot July 27, with both races over 10 furlongs. Scooped up as a potential Hong Kong Derby prospect and turned over to trainer Chris So, the chestnut hardly embarrassed himself in his local unveiling Jan. 4 over 1400 meters, overcoming the widest draw and last in the field of 14 to finish fifth, beaten under two lengths, as a 20-1 shot. Following that race, Gerald Mosse, his rider on that occasion, was suspended for a whopping 15 meetings for failing "to take all reasonable and permissible measures in a race to win or to achieve the best possible placing. Sent off at a shade over 3-1 this time with Joao Moreira booked for the ride, Redkirk Warrior landed in a position slightly behind midfield as odds-on and previously unbeaten Contentment (Aus) (Hussonet) was ridden forward by Nash Rawiller to take up the running. While the chalk enjoyed a reasonable time of it on the engine, Redkirk Warrior was doing it tougher out three deep, but made good progress and was steered out into about the six path as they turned for home.

With Rawiller riding the favorite cold, Joao Moreira was stoking up Redkirk Warrior and that pair hit the front 150 meters out. By the time Contentment tried to re-rally, the race had already been lost and the gelding went down by a half-length. Redkirk Warrior will make his next start in the Hong Kong Classic Cup Feb. 15 en route to the Hong Kong Derby Mar. 15. "There's a long way to go yet," So told South China *Morning Post*. "Of course, the Derby is what the owners would have been thinking when they bought the horse, so he is headed that way, but first we have the Classic Cup in a couple of weeks." [VIDEO](#).



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