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BUSY MORNING FOR BROWN RUNNERS

by *Jessica Martini*

Trainer Chad Brown sent a host of stakes horses, including GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner **Lady Eli** (Divine Park) and GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf runner-up **Stephanie's Kitten** (Kitten's Joy), out to work Monday at Palm Meadows. Sheep Pond Partners' Lady Eli, who worked three furlongs over the turf in :38.75, was returning to the work tab for the first time since her Breeders' Cup victory.

"I thought she worked great," Brown said of Lady Eli. "I wanted her to go down there and work in :38 and change and that is exactly what she did. It was a good first work back. We're just going to take our time with her, week to week. So far so good."

Brown added that the filly would likely make her sophomore debut in Lexington.

"I'd say right now my first choice is to run her in the [Apr. 12 GIII] Appalachian at Keeneland," Brown said from Palm Meadows Monday. "I like the timing and the [one-mile] distance of the race. It also gives us the opportunity to get a race over the Keeneland turf course for the fall when we have the [GI] Queen Elizabeth [Challenge Cup S.] and the Breeders' Cup. So it would just make sense to me."

Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Stephanie's Kitten had her fifth breeze of the year Monday, going five furlongs over the turf in 1:00.40. The 6-year-old mare, who RNA'd for \$3.95 million at last year's Fasig-Tipton November sale, is targeting the Mar. 7 GIII Hillsborough S. at Tampa Bay Downs. She worked in company with GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. runner-up **Ball Dancing** (Exchange Rate), who is also heading to the Hillsborough.

"They worked great," Brown said. "Both look good physically, too. I'm happy with the way they've come along this winter."

Danza Cavallo (Fr) (Sunday Break {Jpn}), who was a narrowly beaten second in her U.S. debut in last year's GIII Long Island H., worked four furlongs over the turf Monday in :51.25.

"I'm not sure what I am doing with her yet," Brown commented. "She is very good and we think a lot of her. I'm not sure when I am going to get her started, but I'm expecting her to have a good season if she stays healthy." *Cont. p3*



Lady Eli
Joe Labozzetta



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

MSHAWISH CAPS BIG WEEKEND FOR MEDAG

With his 5-year-old sons **Mshawish** and **Valid** pulling off a fine graded stakes double at Gulfstream Park three days ago, Medaglia d'Oro earned my vote for stallion of the week. Of course, such an achievement should come as no great surprise for a stallion who will imminently start his sixth consecutive season at a six-figure fee (his 2015 fee has risen to \$125,000, following five years at \$100,000).

It mustn't be forgotten, though, that it was during the years when his fee stood at around \$40,000 that this son of El Prado made his name. To be precise, he spent the 2005 season at \$35,000 at Hill 'n' Dale, before spending most of the next four years at a fee of \$40,000 at Stonewall Farm. It was nearing the end of his fifth season, after the GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Preakness S. victories by Rachel Alexandra, that he was switched to Darley following the purchase of a majority interest by Sheikh Mohammed.

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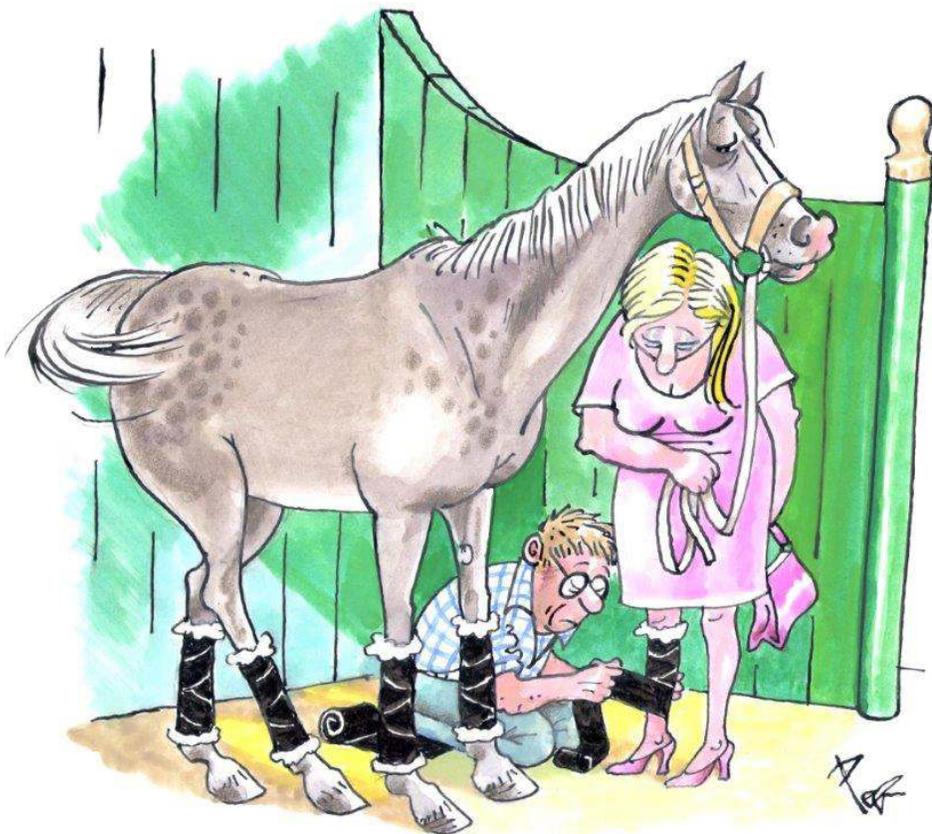
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Upstart Impresses in Gallop

GII Holy Bull winner Upstart (Flatter) continues to impress trainer Rick Violette and remains a likely candidate for the Feb. 21 GI Fountain of Youth S. after an energetic gallop at Palm Meadows Monday.



Upstart

A Coglianese

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Thurlow in Slipper Mix

Qatar Racing's 2-year-old filly Thurlow (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) leads the G1 Golden Slipper order of entry after winning the G3 Chairman's S. Saturday. Trained by Robert Smerdon, Thurlow finished second on debut in the G3 Emirates Airline Plate at Flemington Nov. 4, and graduated 11 days later in Sandown's Listed Santa's Magical Kingdom S.



Thurlow

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WinStar Buys Fasig Topper

WinStar Farm jumped into action late in the session to purchase Rose to Gold (Friends Lake) for a sale-topping \$450,000 at Fasig-Tipton Monday.

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Busy Morning for Brown Runners (cont. from p1)

Ayaady (Tapit), a first-out winner going 7 1/2 furlongs over the Gulfstream lawn, was also on the Palm Meadows work tab Monday. The Shadwell runner went four furlongs in :49.30.

"She is possible for the [GIII] Florida Oaks on Mar. 7 at Tampa," Brown said. "The [Feb. 28 GIII] Herecomesthebride S. comes up a little quick. [Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence's GIII Sweetest Chant S. winner] **Consumer Credit** (More Than Ready), who worked yesterday, is on target for the Herecomesthebride.

Storming Inti (Stormy Atlantic), who won the Kitten's Joy S. over the Gulfstream lawn last year, could be nearing another start in Hallandale after working four furlongs over the main track Monday in :49.45.

"He's about ready," Brown said. "He'll probably run at the end of the month. We gave him a break and he's come back really well. He has a fondness for the Gulfstream course--he won a stakes here last year--and he worked well today."

Brown, whose recent Gulfstream debut winners include **Delightful Joy** (Tapit) and **Mrs McDougal** (Medaglia d'Oro), said he was impressed with Saturday's debut effort of **Lieutenant Colonel** (Colonel John) ([video](#)).

"He came out of his race in good shape so far,"

Brown said of the Harvey Clarke and Paul Braverman runner. "I'd say anything is on the table. Everything from a 1X to a stakes here or out of town. We'll nominate him to everything and see how he trains. He was very impressive for a first-time starter going a mile on the dirt. Internally, it looked like he went fast in that race and still had enough to finish. He should get a lot out of that race."



Lieutenant Colonel
A Coglianese

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VIOLETTE MAKES PLANS FOR UPSTART

by Ben Massam

Ralph M. Evans's **Upstart** (Flatter), recent winner of the GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream Park, has been training strongly in preparation for a potential start in the GII Besilu Fountain of Youth S. at that venue Feb. 21, according to trainer Rick Violette, Jr. The conditioner noted that his charge put in a strong gallop at Palm Meadows yesterday morning that essentially amounted to an unofficially timed breeze.

"I wanted him to get a big gallop on the bridle, kind of dragging [the rider] around there and make him blow a little bit," commented Violette. "I really wanted to wait for the weekend to breeze him, but he was just feeling so sharp and feeling too good. I needed to do something to blow some steam."

The trainer acknowledged that Upstart's energetic behavior has made it necessary to tailor the New York-bred's training plan over the next few weeks.

"I really didn't want to breeze him two more times, so [yesterday] was kind of a hedge, and I'll breeze him probably Saturday morning," said Violette. "If all is well, we'll go to the Fountain of Youth."

After a victorious effort in the Jan. 24 Holy Bull--his sophomore debut--Upstart garnered significant attention in the Kentucky Derby Future Wager. The ridgling was sent off at odds of 53-1 in Pool 1 off a 2-year-old campaign highlighted by a second-place finish in the GI Champagne S. and a third-place run in the GI Sentinent Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile., and was given a 12-1 chance in the recently closed Pool 2.

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Medaglia d'Oro--Apt



FASIG TO OFFER SOUTHERN EQUINE HORSES

Fasig-Tipton will be offering top-quality horses from Southern Equine Stables, as Mike Moreno's operation continues its strategic plan to reduce its Thoroughbred holdings in 2015, according to a release from the sales company. An initial group of horses will be offered at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Timonium. The group will include some 15 juveniles by sires such as Arch, Awesome Again, Bernardini, Candy Ride (Arg), Ghostzapper, Harlan's Holiday, Malibu Moon, Medaglia d'Oro, Quality Road, Smart Strike, Speightstown, Tapit, and Unbridled's Song. Eddie Woods will act as agent for this consignment.



Moreno
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Bluewater Sales will offer yearlings, broodmares, and weanlings from the collection through the appropriate sales in the coming year. Yearlings featured are by sires such as War Front, Bernardini, Scat Daddy, Medaglia d'Oro, as well as representatives from the first crop of Southern Equine and Zayat stables campaigned Bodemeister.

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1--▲**MSHAWISH**, 118, h, 5, by [Medaglia d'Oro](#)

1st Dam: **Thunder Bayou**, by **Thunder Gulch**

2nd Dam: **Bayou Storm**, by **Storm Cat**

3rd Dam: **At the Half**, by **Seeking the Gold**

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For the record, Medaglia d'Oro has so far sired 30 graded/group winners in the major Northern Hemisphere countries. His magnificent first crop set the bar very high, with a total of seven graded winners headed by the Grade I scorers Rachel Alexandra, Gabby's Golden Gal, C.S. Silk and Warrior's Reward. With his next three crops being a good deal smaller than that 145-strong first crop, Medaglia d'Oro naturally didn't match those highly impressive initial statistics. He still did very well, though, adding 10 more graded/group winners to his tally, including the Grade I winners Champagne d'Oro, Passion For Gold, Marketing Mix and Plum Pretty.

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But it was his fifth crop--the one sired largely at Stonewall prior to his switch to Darley--which has proved the most fruitful. The Grade I winner Mshawish and Grade II winner Valid are among the magnificent total of 11 graded/group winners from this crop, which was previously headed by Violence (GI CashCall Futurity), the nicely named Lochte (GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.) and Coffee Clique (GI Just A Game S.).

When a stallion's fee jumps considerably to \$100,000, it is only natural that everyone expects him to do even better than before. As I am convinced that most stallions are heavily dependent on the quality of their mares, I too am expecting an avalanche of top winners from Medaglia d'Oro's six-figure crops. But it is worth remembering that it is hard to improve on perfection--or near perfection--so Medaglia d'Oro faced a tough task in trying to fulfil these heightened expectations. Also, it wasn't just Medaglia d'Oro's fee and location that had changed. The chances are that, with considerable support from the Maktoum family, there was also a change in the type of mare he received.

It is far too soon to be drawing any firm conclusions about Medaglia d'Oro's youngest crops of racing age, but the bare facts are that only one graded winner--the French Group 3 winner Earnshaw--has so far emerged from the 118 named foals in his 2011 crop (which also includes the Grade I-placed fillies Fast Anna and Miss Besilu). It is a similar story with the 2012 crop, which so far has the Grade III winner Imperia among its 111 foals.

I should rapidly add that the 2011 crop still has every chance of adding to its graded-winner total--no fewer than 13 of Medaglia d'Oro's 30 graded winners waited until they were four or older to record their first graded success. It's a shame that ☆ "TDN Rising Star" ☆ Atreides has been forced into early retirement by a tendon injury after this fleet-footed colt had won four of his five starts, usually in very fast time. I note with interest that he is based at Hill 'n' Dale, where Medaglia d'Oro started out so brilliantly. Hill 'n' Dale is also home to the unbeaten 2-year-old Violence, so the farm must stand a good chance of finding an heir to its former resident.

To get back to Medaglia d'Oro's 2012 crop, it goes without saying that it still has time very much on its side. Although eight of Medaglia d'Oro's graded winners, such as Violence, Rachel Alexandra, Passion For Gold and C.S. Silk, recorded their first important victories at two, another nine of his graded winners didn't do so until they were three. He has a potentially smart 3-year-old in France in Mexican Gold. This half-sister to the Group 1 winner Announce won her only juvenile start in good style.

It is worth mentioning that Mshawish and Valid are males, as there was a stage early in Medaglia d'Oro's career when fillies dominated his list of leading winners. These imbalances have a way of evening out--although not always--and this has happened with Medaglia d'Oro.

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It is going to be fascinating to see how Medaglia d'Oro fares with his Australian crops, which are smaller than their American equivalents (the first four number between 67 and 80 live foals). His first crop--currently aged three--has so far produced the Group 3-winning sprinters Nostradamus and Java, but all eyes are focused on Vancouver, a colt from his second crop. He earned ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ status when he won a listed race in fast time on his debut last October and he won the G3 Canonbury S. over five and a half furlongs at the end of January, to keep his Golden Slipper hopes alive.

With a May 16 birthday, Mshawish managed only one start as a juvenile in France, but he was mature enough to take his chance in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club and emerged with plenty of credit in finishing fourth of 19 to Intello. He has since proved his ability in the UAE and now the U.S., so there is plenty to like about the latest winner of the GI Gulfstream Park Turf H. With a record like this, it is hard to believe he sold for as little as \$25,000 as a weanling and for \$10,000 as a yearling.

Mshawish follows Passion For Gold as the second Grade I winner from the 12 foals sired by Medaglia d'Oro from daughters of the recently retired Thunder Gulch. His dam Thunder Bayou failed to win during a brief career but she had an interesting pedigree in that she is inbred 3x3 to Storm Bird and 3x4 to Mr. Prospector. The admirable Summer Bird was another inbred 3x3 to Storm Bird.

Thunder Gulch's stallion career was a tale of two halves. The champion 3-year-old of 1995 started extremely well, with those outstanding performers Spain and Point Given in his first two crops, but his popularity faded over the years. It is worth remembering that he covered some very good mares during the first eight or nine years of his career, so his eldest daughters had the depth of pedigree often needed to succeed as a broodmare. Thunder Bayou, for example, comes from the same female line as those good fillies Lu Ravi and Halfbridled. Another of Thunder Gulch's daughters, the unraced Alittlebitearly, is the dam of G1 Dubai World Cup nominee Bayern.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

DAVID POWELL

In the debate about the number of fatal breakdowns at Aqueduct, I am struck by the omission of, what seems to me, the obvious major cause: that these horses are running on a powerful analgesic, phenylbutazone, and don't feel the pain--nature's warning signal when an injury occurs--in time to save themselves.

The racing surface can be an aggravating factor, but if it is too firm and a horse is sore on it, he will shorten his stride, or lose his action--providing he can feel the discomfort.

We have created, via selection, a noble breed of peaceful warriors who will perform above the call of duty, and they are already prone to enough injuries due to their courage and devotion, without depriving them of the ability to actually feel the damage they are doing to themselves.

Many jockeys have been killed, maimed or handicapped from falls and pileups which should not have occurred if their mount had not been on bute. I have never quite understood why none of these unfortunate victims or their families thought of suing the connections of the horse involved: they had a much better case in court than many plaintiffs who win damages. Perhaps we need such a case to wake the industry up?

After reading John Sparkman's and Bill Finley's excellent studies on the reduction in number of average starts, I wished to expand on these, and I remembered an [article](#) I had written for Pacemaker in February, 1997--and it was linked to my [op/ed](#) in the TDN issue of March 12, 2011.

I am afraid you will find it eerily prophetic, which I wish it had not been.

It is frustrating to read, because it concluded with a ready-made, non-coercitive and actually self-enforcing "solution" (if the word is not too strong): restricting black type to non-medication races, and flagging with an * any horse who had raced on medication. As we concluded then, it would just have been normal consumer information, and left each race track with a choice: black type or medication.

Perhaps the problem would have gradually "fixed itself" over 15 years or so, and we wouldn't be discussing it any more? This could still be done--the international pattern race committee promote, demote, create or rescind black type races every year, so they have the authority to do it. --David Powell

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NOMS UP FOR KEY CHAMPIONSHIPS RACES

A total of 1,221 nominations were received for the second renewal of The Championships at Royal Randwick in Sydney Apr. 4 and 11 when nominations closed yesterday. The event's feature race is the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. on day two, which with an A\$4 million purse is the country's richest weight-for-age event. The Queen Elizabeth attracted 120 nominations, up eight from last year. Nominations for the A\$3 million G1 Doncaster Mile on day one are also up, by 11 to 139.



Last year's Queen Elizabeth winner Dundeel
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Nominations were received from every Australian state as well as New Zealand, Hong Kong, Japan and England.

"The Championships have gained international recognition very quickly and we're pleased to see a number of overseas nominations," said Peter V'landys, Racing NSW chief executive. "The nominations

are strong for every race and it's notable that there is an increase in nominations for two of the marquee races, the Queen Elizabeth and the Doncaster Mile. It augurs well for some excellent racing not only during the two big days, but also the country and provincial championships that commence Mar. 1."

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Trainer 'stumbled with words' Trainer Mark Riley is claiming "impaired mental functioning" in a bid to reduce or beat a charge of bicarb treatment that threatens a three year ban. Riley, who pleaded guilty to taking Gold For Kev to Sandown on July 13 with an elevated TCO2 level and was found guilty by the Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board of either administering the banned substance or ordering someone unknown to do it, succeeded in gaining an adjournment until Monday, February 23. *Sporting Post*

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EARTHQUAKE TUNES UP FOR OAKLEIGH

Last year's G1 Blue Diamond S. heroine **Earthquake (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) prepared for a return in the Feb. 28 G1 Oakleigh Plate with an eye-catching trial victory at Cranbourne yesterday. Racing prominently early in the 800-meter heat, the Godolphin colorbearer took a clear lead on the inside rounding the bend and lengthened her advantage to 3 1/2 lengths on the wire under mild hang urging from Chad Schofield. She clocked the 800 meters in :45.79.



Earthquake
Racing and Sports

Earthquake also won last autumn's G3 Blue Diamond Prelude and G2 Reisling S. prior to finishing second in the G1 Golden Slipper. She won the G3 Thoroughbred Club S. at

third asking in October and was last seen finishing eighth in the G1 Coolmore Stud S. Nov. 1.

Also on display at the Cranbourne trials yesterday was champion sprinter **Lankan Rupee (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who won the first 800 meter heat in :45.94--slightly slower than Earthquake--as he prepares for the G1 Lightning S. Feb. 21. Rated by Dane Smith, the 5-year-old gelding swung wide off the turn and bested dual Group 3-winning filly A Time For Julia (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) by a length.

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SLIPPER CONTENDER FOR QATAR RACING

Qatar Racing's 2-year-old filly **Thurlow (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}) leads the G1 Golden Slipper order of entry after winning the G3 Chairman's S. Saturday. Trained by



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Robert Smerdon, Thurlow finished second on debut in the G3 Emirates Airline Plate at Flemington Nov. 4, and graduated 11 days later in Sandown's Listed Santa's Magical Kingdom S. She was victorious by a half-length Saturday, and has now bankrolled A\$190,250. She is a 50-1 shot for the Golden Slipper Mar. 21, and 14-1 for the G1 Blue Diamond S. Feb. 28. While seven of the top

10 in the order of entry for the Golden Slipper are fillies, ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ and current race favorite **Vancouver (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro) sits second.

Golden Slipper second choice and fellow Rising Star **Ottoman (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) also remains on track for the world's richest juvenile race after finishing a narrow third in a solid performance in a trial at Warwick Farm yesterday.

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WINSTAR STRIKES GOLD AT FASIG-TIPTON

by Amanda Duckworth

WinStar Farm sprang into action late to secure graded-stakes winner **Rose to Gold** (Friends Lake) for a sale-topping \$450,000 during Monday's second and final session of the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale in Lexington.

"We were stretched to right where we wanted to be," said WinStar President Elliott Walden. "We were hoping to get her for \$350,000-\$400,000."

Rose to Gold ([hip 614](#)) was a supplemental entry into the catalogue and sold as a broodmare prospect. Racing for Kathleen Amaya and Raffaele Centofanti and trained by Salvatore Santoro, she won the 2012 GIII Delta Downs Princess S. and 2013 GIII Honeybee S. and GIII Fantasy S. She retired with earnings of \$990,183.



Rose to Gold
Coady Photography

It was Rose to Gold's second trip through the sales ring at Fasig-Tipton's winter sale. The chestnut was purchased by Alexandro Centofanti for \$1,400 at this sale as a yearling in 2011.

Rose to Gold is out of Saucy (Tabasco Cat), a full-sister to multiple graded stakes placed Sun Cat.

"[Fasig-Tipton announcer] Terence [Collier] kind of stole my thunder because, if you look at her grandsires, you see Storm Cat, Mr. Prospector and Seattle Slew," explained Walden. "And Spend a Buck is an influence for speed. That's what we were attracted to."

Consigned by Hidden Brook, agent, the classy 5-year-old mare will be sent to WinStar's stalwart stallion Tiznow this year.

"I think she will fit well with Tiznow," Walden explained. "He's worked really well with Mr. Prospector, and he works awesome with Seattle Slew. She has a lot of class. She is great physically and well balanced. He will give her the size that she needs, so I thought she would be a good fit for him."

Overall, 406 horses sold for \$10,560,700, an average of \$26,012 and a median of \$12,000. Last year, the exact same number of horses sold for a total gross of \$13,527,500 and an average of \$33,319. The median was \$16,000. A total of 21 horses sold for six figures this year, while 30 topped that mark in 2014.

"I thought it was pretty much as expected," Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning said at the close of business Monday. "It sounds like a broken record, but there is more demand than you anticipate for quality offerings and less demand than you anticipate for horses that the buyers don't perceive as having sufficient quality. It is the same trend we saw throughout 2014. It is tough to buy and tough to sale."

One bright spot for the overall sale was the buyback rate, which declined slightly from 19.6% a year ago to 17.6% this year.

"The day I will be happy is when the buyback rate is zero, but it is a fair marketplace," Browning concluded.

During Monday's session, 275 horses sold for \$6,592,300, an average of \$23,972 and a median of \$11,000. In 2014, the second day of the sale saw 284 horses gross \$9,052,400 and average \$31,875. The median was \$16,000.

Of Monday's sale-topping Rose to Gold, who entered the ring just two hips from the end as part of the supplemental catalogue, Browning said, "You could hear the chatter start immediately on her. She is really good looking. It wouldn't have mattered if she was hip 614 or hip 14, she was going to be in high demand. If we sold her on Wednesday as a one-horse consignment, she probably would have sold really well."

Sunday's session topper, **Gamay Noir** (Harlan's Holiday), was the second-highest priced horse overall at the two-day auction, selling to Justin Casse for \$375,000. Casse was bidding on behalf of an undisclosed partnership.

The highest-priced short yearling also went through the ring on Sunday when Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt bought an Into Mischief filly from Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services, agent, for \$180,000.

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<u>KENTUCKY WINTER MIXED SALE</u>			
SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014	
• Catalogued	416	411	
• No. Offered	329	352	
• No. Sold	275	284	
• RNAs	54	68	
• % RNAs	16.4%	19.3%	
• High Price	\$450,000	\$360,000	
• Gross	\$6,592,300	\$9,052,400	
• Average (% change)	\$23,972 (-24.8%)	\$31,875	
• Median (% change)	\$11,000 (-31.3%)	\$16,000	
CUMULATIVE	2015	2014	
• Catalogued	616	588	
• No. Offered	493	505	
• No. Sold	406	406	
• RNAs	87	99	
• % RNAs	17.6%	19.6%	
• High Price	\$450,000	\$360,000	
• No. \$100K+	21	30	
• Gross	\$10,560,700	\$13,527,500	
• Average (% change)	\$26,012 (-21.9%)	\$33,319	
• Median (% change)	\$12,000 (-25.0%)	\$16,000	




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**FASIG-TIPTON KENTUCKY WINTER SALE
MONDAY'S TOP BROODMARES**

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
614	Rose to Gold <i>(5, Friends Lake--Saucy, by Tabasco Cat)</i> Consigned by Hidden Brook, Agent X Purchased by WinStar Farm LLC	broodmare prospect	450,000
348	Shanon Nicole <i>(4, Majestic Warrior--Crafty Wac, by Patton)</i> Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent XXI Purchased by Edmond A. Hudon	racinq/b'mare prospect	220,000
432	Useewhatimsaying i/f Pioneerof the Nile <i>(11, A.P. Indy--Lucinda K, by Red Ransom)</i> Consigned by Gainesway, Agent II Purchased by Calumet Farm		210,000
356	Sheza Smoke Show racinq/b'mare prospect <i>(4, Wilko--Avery Hall, by A. P Jet)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXVII Purchased by Bloodstock Investment II		205,000
597	Angelica Zapata racinq/b'mare prospect <i>(7, Sharp Humor--Two Dot Slew, by Evansville Slew)</i> Consigned by Buck Pond (Douglas Arnold), agent Purchased by Millennium Farms		180,000PS

MONDAY'S TOP YEARLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
429	colt	Midnight Lute (\$32,000 RNA '14 KEENOV)	Upside	60,000
<i>B-James Herbener, Jr., Dr. Patrick Ford & Heather Herbener Ford (Ky)</i> Consigned by James M. Herbener, Jr., Agent IV Purchased by Taylor Made Sales, agent				
604	colt	Munnings	Hickory Heifer	55,000
<i>B-Buck Pond Farm (Ky)</i> Consigned by Buck Pond Farm (Douglas S. Arnold), agent Purchased by Bo Bromagen, agent				
275	filly	Line of David (\$1,700 i/u '14 FTKFEB)	Our Mariella	45,000
<i>B-Harmony Farms (Ky)</i> Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent IV Purchased by Chester Stables LLC, agent				
544	colt	McLean's Music	Toy Indian	45,000
<i>B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings (In)</i> Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by XIB, agent				



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TEXAS COMMISSION HEARS CHAPA APPEAL

by Mike Kane

Texas Racing Commission stewards heard jockey Roman Chapa's appeal Monday of a summary suspension and are expected to issue a ruling this week.

Chapa was suspended on Jan. 19 while the commission investigates allegations that he used an electrical device on a horse in a stakes race at Sam Houston Race Park Jan. 17. The State of Texas has taken legal action against the veteran jockey and has charged him with a felony, unlawful influence on racing. He posted a \$10,000 bond, appeared in Harris County District Court on Feb. 6 and the case was reset to Mar. 18.

The suspension has prevented Chapa from riding for two weeks and he sought to have that ban stayed during the appeal hearing. Texas Racing Commission spokesman Robert Elrod said that Chapa and his attorney spoke with the stewards by phone. Elrod said the hearing lasted between 90 minutes and two hours and that the stewards would rule on the appeal within a day or two.

Chapa, 43, piloted Quiet Acceleration to victory in the \$50,000 Richard King H. A photograph taken by the track photographer of the final stages of the race appears to show an object in Chapa's left hand as he grips the reins. Jeffrey Green of the Texas Department of Public Safety conducted an investigation and filed a probable cause statement that led to an arrest warrant being issued for Chapa. In his report, Green said that track photographer Jack Coady told him that he had been contacted Jan. 18 by Chapa, who asked him to take the photo off the track's website. Green said in his statement that Chapa told him that the image had been photo-shopped and someone was trying to frame him.

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Eastern U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-PRX, \$57,300, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19, ft.

GREAT DRIVE (f, 4, Great Notion--Dune Drive Avalon, by Holy Bull) won her first two career starts at Parx last April and at Penn National Oct. 8. Since then, the dark bay was third in an allowance here Nov. 15, second Dec. 15 and third Jan. 5. The 9-5 pick rated off the pace down the backstretch, but improved her position on the turn. Great Drive swung out to the four path at the top of the lane, rallied to chase down Distinctive Lady (With Distinction) late and hit the wire a nose in front. The winner is a half to Seventeenohsix (Dance With Ravens), SP, \$166,213. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2, \$101,640. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). O/B-SMD Ltd (PA). T-John C Servis.

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Kentucky

KEEP Hires Lobbyist Joe Clabes:

Lobbyist Joe Clabes has been hired by the board of directors of the Kentucky Equine Education Project to assist the organization during the 2015 legislative session in Kentucky. Clabes, of Alliant Strategies LLC, will represent KEEP in its continued support of Historical Horse Racing, consideration of legislation that will achieve sales tax equity with other sectors of the Kentucky agriculture industry and protecting and preserving the Kentucky Breeders Incentive Fund. "Joe combines a thorough knowledge of Kentucky's horse industry with a solid background in legislative and regulatory affairs," said KEEP Board Chairman Corey Johnsen. "His father, Gene Clabes, was an integral part of the original KEEP management team, so Joe understands the issues facing the horse industry and can communicate those challenges to elected officials during this legislative session."

INDUSTRY INFO

NTRA Safety & Integrity Alliance Seeks Executive:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association is searching for a its next executive director for its Safety & Integrity Alliance. The Executive Director opening calls for 10 or more years of management experience in the Thoroughbred industry, as well as demonstrated knowledge of issues pertaining to equine drug testing, track management, equine health and safety, jockey safety, wagering security and racehorse aftercare. For more details on the position, visit www.ntra.com/about-ntra/employment. To begin the application process, send a resume and cover letter to the attention of Amber Florence at NTRA, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 510, Lexington, Ky, 40504.

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IN JAPAN:

Asian Taste, c, 3, [Into Mischief](#)--Touch Me Babe, by E Dubai. Tokyo, 2-7, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$119,328. O-Yukio Baba; B-Gerson Racing; T-Takahisa Tezuka. *\$175,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$390,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. **Winning jockey Francis Berry commented, "He is a very good horse. He had a short vacation since November, and I had to use him early from the wide gate, so I thought he would take the edge off his finish, but he never gave up. He has more scope to improve with his hind quarters compared to his front part."

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Kafuji Orion, c, 3, [Pulpit](#)--Patti O'Rahy, by Rahy. Kokura, 2-7, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$66,387. O-Mamoru Kato; B-Lester Kwok & Dr Naoya Yoshida; T-Kazuya Nakatake. *\$150,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '14 BESMAR.

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IN AUSTRALIA:

Tales of Grimm, g, 6, [Distorted Humor](#)--Stupendous Miss (GSW-US, \$232,097), by Dynaformer. Rosehill, 2-7, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1200mT. B-Winsong Farms. *GSP-Eng. **Full to Do It All, GSW-UAE & GSP-US, \$274,267. ***\$60,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; 320,000gns 2yo '11 TATAPR; 230,000gns RNA HRA '13 TATHIT; 75,000gns HRA '14 TATJUL.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-PRX, \$46,500, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41, ft. **LEMON SONG** (m, 5, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--I Sing, by **Lasting Approval**) Lifetime Record: 24-5-1-4, \$187,133. O-James F & Margaret Caterbone. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-Gary Sciacca. *\$7,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; \$19,500 2yo '12 TEXMAR.

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7th-PRX, \$35,600, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.

VALID MELODY (f, 4, [Even the Score](#)--Valid Goddess {GSW, \$230,318}, by **Valid Appeal**) Lifetime Record: 17-3-1-4, \$92,598. O-Timothy Cunningham. B-Heart Hill Farms LLC (PA). T-Michael P Petro. *\$25,000 yrl '12 FTMOCT. **1/2 to Valid Brush (Broad Brush), GSP, \$177,815.

6th-SUN, \$33,440, NW2\$X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09, ft.

MY BIKINI FELL OFF (f, 4, **Elusive Jazz**--**Unconstitutional**, by **Grand Slam**) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$67,854. O/B-Brian Mundell (NM). T-Bart G Hone.

4th-MVR, \$21,300, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:15 4/5, ft.

COLONYS HOT BID (c, 4, **Colony Key**--**Gray Hot Momma**, by **Magnificent One**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$29,467. O-Anne Jashienski. B-Joanne May (OH). T-Candace M Huffman.

10th-HOU, \$21,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 5fT, :58 1/5, fm. **DREWRYS BLUFF** (g, 4, **Lone Star Special**--**Spry Maiden**, by **Distorted Humor**) Lifetime Record: 18-5-4-3, \$49,143. O-Jeffrey S Deitz. B-Tigertail Ranch (LA). T-Christie Grisham.



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shezararejoule, f, 3, **Special Rate**--Expressive Word, by Hopeful Word. HOU, 2-9, (S), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs Michael Chance Danapas (TX).

Echo Libra, g, 4, **Lido Palace (Chi)**--Gadget, by Eastern Echo. PRX, 2-9, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5. B-Julie D Gordon & Ann M Bernecker (PA).

Sunday's Sun, g, 6, **Wagon Limit**--Lone Wolf's Rose, by Jack Livingston. HOU, 2-9, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Claude Sparks (LA).



WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRES

IN JAPAN:

Cromlech (Jpn), h, 5, **Smart Strike**--Le Cirque, by Dynaformer. Tokyo, 2-8, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 18-3-3-2, \$302,941. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Hirofumi Toda.

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FAIR GROUNDS

Coupe De Grace (Tapit), 4f, :48.60, 10/50

Shook Up (Tapit), 5f, 1:01.20, 13/20

Tapiture (Tapit), 5f, 1:02.20, 21/28

Untapable (Tapit), 5f, 1:02.80, 25/28

OAKLAWN PARK

Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway), 4f, :49.80, 10/22

PALM BEACH DOWNS

Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat), 3f, :38.41, 5/8

Sweet Whiskey (Old Fashioned), 3f, :37.99, 4/8

PALM MEADOWS

Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy), 3f, :38.75, 10/10

Caval (Blame), 3f, :38.15, 9/10

Jacaranda (Congrats), 5f, 1:00.00, 1/26

Lady Eli (Divine Park), 3fT, :38.75, 2/2

Main Sequence (Aldebaran), 7fT, 1:23.90, 1/3

Ring Weekend (Tapit), 5fT, :58.50, 1/24

Stephanie's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), 5fT, 1:00.40, 5/24

PAYSON PARK

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:01.40, 1/7

Riposte (GB) (Dansili {GB}), 5f, 1:04.20, 7/7

SANTA ANITA

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), 3f, :36.40, 4/12



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Sale	Date	Under Tack
Barretts Select Sale	Feb. 23	Feb. 20
Fasig-Tipton Florida	Mar. 4	Mar. 2
OBS March Sale	Mar. 17-18	Mar. 11-13
Fasig-Tipton Texas	Mar. 31	Mar. 29
OBS Spring	Apr. 21-24	Apr. 13-18
Equine Sales of Louisiana	Apr. 27	Apr. 25
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Fasig-Tipton Midlantic	May 18-19	May 13-14
OBS June 2YOs/HRA	June 16-19	June 8-13

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STEADY START TO ARQANA FEBRUARY SALE

By *Alix Choppin*

Trade was steady on day one of Arqana's February Mixed Sale yesterday, which was inaugurating a new two-day format on the back of last year's outstanding results. Of the 176 horses through the ring, 127 found new homes at a clearance rate of 72.16%, grossing €895,500. The average price was €7,051, down 30.4%, and the median was €4,000, down 33.3%. Comparisons are difficult to draw with last year's renewal, where 100 more horses were offered over a single session.

The highest-priced lot of the day was **Vangaug (Fr)** (Gentlewave {Ire}) ([lot 74](#)), a 3-year-old colt from the yard of Henri-Alex Pantall. The bay ran on three occasions in the provinces as a juvenile, scoring at third attempt over 2000 meters at Angers, in a fashion suggesting there was some improvement in store. He is a half-brother to the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris runner-up Dupontal (Ire) (Blackdown {Fr}). Andriy Ostapchuk of Imperial Bloodstock got the last word at €70,000 and commented, "I was looking for a middle-distance horse with a bit of upside so he fitted the bill. He is for an existing owner who has several horses in training in France, and will likely join Pia Brandt in Chantilly".

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SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	201	312
• No. Offered	176	276
• No. Sold	127	240
• RNAs	49	36
• % RNAs	27.8%	13%
• High Price	€70,000	€74,000
• Gross	€895,500	€2,431,000
• Average (% change)	€7,051 (-30.4%)	€10,129
• Median (% change)	€4,000 (-33.3%)	€6,000

ARQANA FEBRUARY SALE DAY TWO OUTS

209, 215, 220, 229, 230, 235, 260, 265, 272, 273, 274, 286, 296, 320, 331, 342, 371, 379, 388, 391, 392, 394

Correction: yesterday's session one Arqana outs were listed incorrectly. The correct list reads 3, 9, 24, 51, 54, 72, 78, 79, 82, 96, 104, 110, 116, 132, 133, 135, 146, 150, 158, 159, 163, 174, 178, 179, 189. We regret the error.



From Ukraine to Coolmore and a Career as a Bloodstock Agent...

Now a well-established figure on the buying bench at Arqana—he bought a record 37 horses at last year's Autumn Sale—Andriy Ostapchuk has followed a most unusual career path. He was born in Ukraine, a country with a virtually non-existing racing industry.

“My first experience in the Thoroughbred business was a rather random one,” he recalled. “I wanted to become an engineer and was looking for a way to pay for my college fees in Ukraine—that's how I ended up applying for a job as a stud hand at Kildangan Stud.



Andriy Ostapchuk
Arqana

“I spent a year there, and actually never made it back to college,” he continued. “While I was in Ireland, I heard that Darley was starting a training program and thought I would give it a chance. So I became one of the 12 students on the initial Darley Flying Start.”

Upon graduating in 2005, Ostapchuk gained some more experience alongside James Wigan before seizing an opportunity to join Coolmore Stud, where he spent three years on the Primus team. In 2008, with the financial crisis taking its toll in Ireland, the young man had to look further—and quickly bounced back. “During the Darley Flying Start, I had made contacts with some Russian owners who had horses in Dubai, and kept in touch with them,” Ostapchuk explained. “In 2008, I contacted them again and they said they were looking for a good horse. I bought them a 3-year-old out of Ballydoyle called The Bogberry (Hawk Wing), and three weeks later he won a Group 3 at Leopardstown. That finished to convince me that I wanted to pursue a career as a bloodstock agent.”

A trip back home came next, where Ostapchuk started building a clientele of mainly Russian, Kazakh and Kyrgyz owners. It is also at that time that he was approached by Arqana and became the company's representative in Eastern Europe. The successes kept on coming, notably courtesy of the filly Beautiful Heroine (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), an €82,000 yearling purchase at Arqana who went on to win at listed level for trainer—and fellow Darley Flying Start graduate—Francis-Henri Graffard, in the colors of a new Russian client.

“Due to the political unrest in Ukraine, I am now based in France,” said Ostapchuk. “I buy horses and also advise my clients with all the paperwork, transport, how to recoup VAT, etc.” Asked about the appeal of the French market to Eastern Europeans, he offers, “There is good value for money here, and the tight ban on race-day medication is also important. The owners know that they are buying sound horses.”

Soundness has to be a major criterion for those buyers, particularly with regards to the lesser-priced horses they are looking to take home. As Ostapchuk explained it, “Racing is rather big in countries like Kazakhstan, but it is very different to what we know. Races take place in large fields, over distances of 7, 11 or 17 kilometers.”

Kitten's Joy's Italian Connection...

Among the other high prices of the day was [lot 124 Enough Paint \(Ire\)](#) (New Approach), a well-bred 3-year-old filly with one win and five places to her name from seven outings, who commanded €46,000 from Marco Bozzi Bloodstock. She is set to join the yard of one of Bozzi's many compatriots who now call France home, Maisons-Laffitte-based Gianluca Bietolini.

The Roman native made the move to France 18 months ago on account of the enduring crisis affecting Italian racing, in contrast with France's attractive purses. His debut in the French training ranks did not go unnoticed, with 21 individual runners in 2014 securing 12 wins, including the Listed Prix des Jouvenceaux et des Jouvencelles with the 2-year-old colt Jolly Good Kitten (Kitten's Joy), in the colors of Ken and Sarah Ramsey.

There are very few Kitten's Joys in training in France—in fact, the vast majority of them are with Bietolini. “I was introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey by John d'Amato, who is of Italian origin and a mutual friend,” Bietolini explains. “Five years ago, when I was still training in Italy, they sent me a horse called Real Solution (Kitten's Joy), who won his first three starts for me and ran sixth in the G2 Italian Derby. Then of course he went to America, where he won the GI Arlington Million and GI Manhattan S.”

Last January, Bietolini and Bozzi travelled to Kentucky where the Ramseys offered them to pick three yearlings. All three won later in the year. “In fact, every single Kitten's Joy that has come to me has run and won,” Bietolini said.

The young professional has found his footing in France in no time at all, and is at loss to find any negative about his move. “I still have a base in Italy, where my father and brother are. We do the pre-training there, as the climate is milder over the winter, then the better horses come to France. The facilities in Maisons-Laffitte are fantastic and I have some very good staff. Obviously the style of racing is a bit different, you could say it is more tactical over here, but the horses do whatever you teach them to do. It is only a matter of adapting your methods.”

Stable star Jolly Good Kitten will be entered in the French Classics, with the hope that Bietolini's Midas touch with his sire's offspring continues.

G1 Deutsches Derby hero Sea The Moon (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) is likely to gain another quality mate after Pierre Boulard signed the docket at €47,000 for **Waldblume (Ger)** (Halling) ([lot 157](#)). From the draft of La Motteraye Consignment, the 13-year-old boasts a stellar pedigree and is closely related to a pair of new French stallions. **Cont. p6**



Her half-brother is the Deutsches Derby winner Waldpark (Ger) (Dubawi {Ire}), who has recently taken up stud duties at Haras du Thenney, while one of her sisters produced G1 St Leger scorer Masked Marvel (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), the latest addition to Haras d'Etreham's stallion roster. Currently in foal to Makfi (GB), Waldblume is set to visit Sea The Moon at Lanwades Stud, after Boulard indicated that he was acting on behalf of Heike Bischoff, breeder of Sea The Moon at her Gestut Gorldorf.

The sale continues tomorrow with breeding stock and short yearlings, starting at 11 a.m.

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Australasia

STRENGTH CONTINUES AT INGLIS CLASSIC

The Inglis Classic Yearling Sale Summer Book continued its strong performance during its second of three sessions in Sydney yesterday. While the average and median dipped slightly from opening day, significant gains were posted nonetheless, with the average now standing at A\$44,356, up 27.7% from last year, and the median at A\$35,000, up 34.6%. Despite 84 fewer horses having passed through the ring compared to this time last year, the gross has already surpassed last year's mark, and currently stands at A\$13,706,000. The buyback rate is down almost 1 1/2 points to 14.1%, and 20 yearlings by 14 different sires have sold for A\$100,000 or more, compared to 15 this time last year.

"The diversity of vendors and sires all recording strong results is very pleasing, as is the size and depth of the buying bench who are obviously pleased with the product presented to them here in Sydney," said Inglis manager director Mark Webster.

Last year's leading first-season sire I Am Invincible recently saw his 2015 fee doubled to A\$55,000, and the Yarraman Park resident proved his worth as far as the sales ring is concerned yesterday, siring two of the top five of the session.

That pair was headed by [lot 329](#), who led the day's trade at A\$300,000. Consigned by Yarraman Park, the bay is closely related to the stakes-winning Conquering Queen (Aus) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), a half-sister to his dam. The Sept. 12 foal was hammered down to trainer Gai Waterhouse on behalf of Greg and Donna Kolivos, who campaigned 2-year-old champion and juvenile Triple Crown winner Pierro (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) with Waterhouse.

Earlier in the session, Lindsay Park Racing and Matchem Racing went to A\$150,000 for another I Am Invincible colt from Yarraman Park, [lot 221](#). The dark bay is the ninth foal out of Magdalena (Aus) (Snaadee), who has produced three stakes-placed winners, including a full-sister to this colt, Tetsuko (Aus), who was third in the G2 Sweet Embrace S.

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395, 410, 412, 420, 468, 486, 522, 556

This year's current leading first-season sire in Australia is Arrowfield's Beneteau (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who died last January shortly after covering his second book. He was represented by yesterday's second-top lot, a filly from Arrowfield catalogued as [lot 282](#). She is out of the winning Hussonet mare North Sea (Aus), and her third dam, Oceana (Northern Dancer), is a full-sister to Storm Bird and Northernette. The bay was picked up by trainer Paul Perry for A\$170,000. Beneteau also sired the A\$220,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale Book 2 topper last month.

Describing the appeal of the Beneteaus, Perry said, "Every time you see one they always show up. It's a shame for Arrowfield he's not here anymore. She was just a lovely walker and looked a 2-year-old--lovely way about her and looked a runner."

Shuttler Lope De Vega threw his name among the exciting young sires in hot demand yesterday when a colt from his second Australian crop brought A\$170,000 from Michael Otto Bloodstock. [Lot 296](#) is from the extended family of GI Strub S. winner Siberian Summer (Siberian Express) and Magnificent Style (Silver Hawk), the dam of three Group 1 winners including exciting British sire Nathaniel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and G1 Irish Oaks heroine Great Heavens (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). Lope De Vega was last year's leading first-season sire in Europe, and he has thus far sired one winner from his first Australian crop.

Arrowfield's Snitzel (Aus), second to his sire Redoute's Choice on last year's Australian general sire table, was the fourth-leading sire by average at the Gold Coast sale; his average stood at A\$243,488 with 43 sold, more than double any other sire in the top five with runners. Snitzel was once again in demand yesterday, with a pair of youngsters fetching A\$125,000.

The first through the ring was [lot 201](#), a filly from Fairview Park out of Life of the Party (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}) whose third dam produced champion 2-year-old filly Victory Vein (Aus) (Mr Henrysee). The bay was picked up by Blueblood Thoroughbreds. Later in the session, Triple Crown Syndications shelled out that amount for [lot 307](#), a Snitzel colt from Arrowfield who is out of a half-sister to a trio of stakes winners.

Another young Arrowfield stallion, the first-crop yearling sire Smart Missile (Aus), has also been popular at the sales this season, and he put his name among the six-figure lots with [lot 228](#), a filly who is the first foal out of the five-time winner Mambo Flyer (Aus) (King Cugat). Her third dam is the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. winner Dinky Flyer (NZ) (Balmerino {NZ}). She was purchased by McEvoy Mitchell for A\$110,000. Also bringing that amount was [lot 294](#), a Dane Shadow (Aus) colt scooped by Australian Bloodstock.

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TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
329	c	I Am Invincible (Aus) <i>B-Mr. HJ Mitchell</i>	Pure Ebony (Aus)	300,000
Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud Purchase by G Waterhouse				
282	f	Beneteau (Aus) <i>B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd</i>	North Sea (Aus)	170,000
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by Paul Perry Horse Training				
296	c	Lope De Vega (Ire) <i>B-Palya Bloodstock Pty Ltd</i>	Our Duchess (Aus)	170,000
Consigned by Rosemont Stud Purchased by Michael Otto Bloodstock				
221	c	I Am Invincible (Aus) <i>B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd</i>	Magdalena (Aus)	150,000
Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud Purchased by Lindsay Park Racing/Matchem Racing				
201	f	Snitzel (Aus) <i>B-Mystery Downs</i>	Life of the Party (Aus)	125,000
Consigned by Fairview Park Stud Purchased by Blueblood Thoroughbreds				
307	c	Snitzel (Aus) <i>B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd</i>	Patronage (Aus)	125,000
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by Triple Crown Syndications				
228	f	Smart Missile (Aus) <i>B-Redbank North</i>	Mambo Flyer (Aus)	110,000
Consigned by Redbank North Purchased by McEvoy Mitchell Racing				
294	c	Dane Shadow (Aus) <i>B-Glenwood Farm Syndicate</i>	Optometrist (Aus)	110,000
Consigned by Murrulla Stud Purchased by Australian Bloodstock				

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Middle East

DUBAI DESTINATION SOLD TO SAUDI ARABIA

Dubai Destination (Kingmambo) has been sold to continue his stud career in Saudi Arabia, according to *Racing Post*. The G1 Queen Anne S. winner had stood the past five years at Glenview Stud in Ireland. He is the sire of G1 Racing Post Trophy winner Ibn Khaldun as well as Farraaj (Ire), winner of the G3 Winter Derby and third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and last year's G1 Mackinnon S. in Australia.

"I am delighted to have Dubai Destination arrive safely in Saudi Arabia, where I hope he will be very popular as a stallion," said Khalid Mishref, who purchased the 16-year-old.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Sharp Sword (Ire)**, g, 4, **King's Best--Pictavia (Ire)** (GSW & G1SP-Eng, SW & GSP-US, G1SP-Ire, \$450,233), by Sinndar (Ire). WOL, 2-9, 12f 50y (AWT), 2:42.59. B-Darley (Ire). *£4,500 HRA '14 BRINOV.



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CUMULATIVE	2015	2014
• Catalogued	390	480
• No. Offered	360	444
• No. Sold	309	375
• RNAs	51	69
• % RNAs	14.1%	15.5%
• No. \$100K+	20	15
• High Price	A\$310,000	A\$200,000
• Gross	A\$13,706,000	A\$13,019,500
• Average (% change)	A\$44,356 (+27.7%)	A\$34,719
• Median (% change)	A\$35,000 (+34.6%)	A\$26,000



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