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FAIRPLEX ERA ENDS FOR BARRETT'S

by Jessica Martini

Barretts concluded its 26-year run in Pomona Monday with a perfunctory renewal of its Select 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. While a colt from the first crop of Grade I winner Twirling Candy topped the sale with a final bid of \$400,000 from Conquest Stable, the results sheets



Twirling Candy colt
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also featured a pair of high-priced RNAs. A colt by Hard Spun failed to sell at \$500,000 and a filly by Street Sense didn't sell at \$400,000.

From a catalogue of just 116, there were 48 outs and 22 RNAs, leaving 43 horses to sell for a gross of \$5,763,000. The average fell 24.6% to \$134,023, while the median dipped 11.1% to \$100,000. A year ago, with a seven-figure sale-topper, Barretts sold 60 horses for a total of \$10,665,000. The average was \$177,750 and the median was \$112,500.

Barretts General Manager Kim Lloyd acknowledged the decreases were largely a function of a catalogue lighter on pedigrees.

"Because of the sire power, we expected the declines," Lloyd said. "The pedigrees this year weren't as strong. Last year, we had a \$1,150,000, a \$950,000 and a \$650,000. And those were Malibu Moons and a Giant's Causeway. Sire power really makes a difference. But the horses that sold today are athletes and we're very pleased with the horses that we had and they performed well. Athletes are obviously selling well, but sire power makes them sell for more money."

Lloyd added, with this being the first sale in the juvenile sales season, many buyers may be taking a wait-and-see approach in their bidding.

"I think this early, there are a lot of horses to come," Lloyd said. "Again [the market] is top heavy, the horses that are not perceived to be top horses are hard to sell this early in the year. While later in the year, it's a lot easier to sell those."

Eddie Woods, who consigned both the sale topper and the \$500,000 RNA, put it succinctly. "When they step on it, they step on it," he said.

Lloyd concluded, "We're pleased with the support of the sale and now we move on to Del Mar."

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield

PEDIGREE INSIGHT: INTERNATIONAL STAR

Do any of you remember "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother," a song which was successful for such as The Hollies, Neil Diamond and Rufus Wainwright? Well, it certainly had nothing to do with horse racing but the opening verse always springs to mind about this time of year, as the build up to the first Saturday in May starts to gather pace:

*The road is long
With many a winding turn
That leads us to who knows where
Who knows where?*

At this stage we have just about reached the first turn in the road, with plenty more to come, but it still surely counts as quite an achievement on International Star's behalf that he holds a clear lead on the road to the GI Kentucky Derby. With 71 points, he is 21 points ahead of Itsaknockout (Lemon Drop Kid) and 35 ahead of the unfortunate Upstart (Flatter). International Star collected 50 points for his determined victory under co-top weight in the GII Risen Star S., to add to the 20 points gained from his earlier successes in the GIII LeComte S. and GIII Grey S. (the remaining point came from his fourth in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.) *Cont. p5*

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Frankie Dettori (left) & Sheikh Joaan Al-Thani with The Wow Signal
Racing Post

Al Shaqab Making Noise in America

Lucas Marquardt provides an in depth feature on the success of Al Shaqab Racing's U.S. operations. Sheikh Joann Al Thani's stable may only have seven runners in America currently, but they are quickly making names for themselves and their owner on these shores.

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Pope Responds to Towers's Op/Ed

Fred Pope pens a response to Dean Towers's Op/Ed entitled "Investment in the Ecosystem--Not Splits--Will Help Horse Racing Grow". Pope attempts to clarify some of Towers's statements that he found confusing and provides some suggestions of his own on how to reduce takeout prices.

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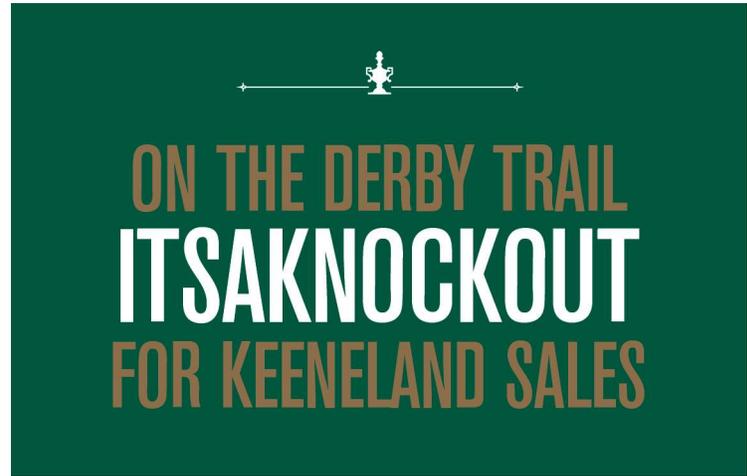





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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>39</u>	colt	Twirling Candy (\$25,000 wnlg '13 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '14 OBSAUG) <i>B-Jason Litt and Terrazas Thoroughbreds (KY)</i> Consigned by Eddie Woods, agent Purchased by Conquest Stables LLC	Dama	400,000
<u>41</u>	filly	Tale of the Cat (\$75,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) <i>B-Jim R Wells and Candy Meadows (KY)</i> Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent Purchased by Narvick International Inc	Jill's Gem	350,000
<u>52</u>	colt	Macho Uno (\$80,000 yrl '14 BAROCT) <i>B-H & E Ranch (KY)</i> Consigned by Excel Bloodstock (Bruno De Berdt), agent Purchased by Conquest Stables LLC	Life (Fr)	310,000
<u>86</u>	filly	Flatter (\$100,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL) <i>B-H Allen Poindexter & Machmer Hall (KY)</i> Consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds (Steven Venosa), agent Purchased by Frank Gallagher	Shedoesrock	270,000
<u>77</u>	colt	Macho Uno (\$100,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL) <i>B-Fredericka V Caldwell and Mitchel Skolnick (KY)</i> Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXVI Purchased by Narvick International Inc	Encore	260,000
<u>106</u>	colt	Uncle Mo (\$160,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) <i>B-White Fox Farm (KY)</i> Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent IX Purchased by Steven W Young, agent	Alienated	250,000
<u>37</u>	colt	Trappe Shot (\$127,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) <i>B-Dorsey Brown and Richard Palmer (MD)</i> Consigned by Kings Equine, agent Purchased by Narvick International Inc	High Moment	230,000
<u>62</u>	filly	Broken Vow (\$40,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL) <i>B-Lynn B Schiff (KY)</i> Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent Purchased by Narvick International Inc	Penny Arcade	220,000
<u>108</u>	colt	More Than Ready (\$85,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) <i>B-Ramona S Bass (KY)</i> Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency Inc, agent Purchased by Rollin Baugh, agent for Steve Gasparell	Aquitaine	210,000
<u>98</u>	colt	Tizway (\$75,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL) <i>B-Spendthrift Farm (KY)</i> Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXVI Purchased by Janet Lyons & Neil Haynes	Dancing Anna	200,000



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Tale of the Cat Filly Tops Busy Night for Narvick...

Emmanuel de Seroux's Narvick International, bidding on behalf of Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm, was the leading buyer at the sale, purchasing six juveniles Monday. Leading the way was [hip 41](#), a daughter of Tale of the Cat, who sold for \$350,000. ([ThoroStride video](#)) "She is very athletic," de Seroux said of the filly, who worked a furlong in :9 4/5. "She went fast, she looked sound and she has an excellent temperament. We like her very much."

Consigned by Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock, the dark bay is out of Jill's Gem (Mineshaft). Thomas purchased the youngster for \$75,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"We are trying to buy some racehorses," de Seroux, who purchased Japanese Group 1 winner Testa Matta (Tapit) for \$60,000 at the 2008 Barretts March sale, said of Monday's buying spree. "We liked these horses physically, they looked like runners. They should hopefully do well for us."

De Seroux admitted he found plenty of competition in his bidding, but he added, "I think some of them were good value. We bought what we were trying to buy, which is obviously what we perceived as top-class racing prospects. We are looking at good horses because, by the time we have to ship back to Japan and they have to train there, it's an expensive proposition. We need to have them be good enough to do well there."

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Pedigree Insights: International Star cont. from p1
RISEN STAR S.-GII, \$400,000, FGX, 2-21, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 4/5, ft.

1--**INTERNATIONAL STAR**, 120, c, 3, by **Fusaichi Pegasus**

1st Dam: Parlez, by French Deputy

2nd Dam: Speak Halory, by Verbatim

3rd Dam: Halory, by Halo

(\$85,000 yrl '13 FTMSEP). O-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey; B-Katharine M Voss & Robert T Manfus (NY); T-Michael J Maker; J-Miguel Mena. \$240,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$560,979. *1/2 to Fools in Love (Not For Love), SW, \$240,746; and D C Dancer (Not For Love), SW, \$226,655. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

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The Ramsey color-bearer now has earnings close to \$500,000--an achievement made all the more notable by the fact that this New York-bred cost no more than \$85,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling. Also, he's by a stallion who stood the 2011 season for \$15,000 and who is currently priced at only \$7,500.

That stallion, of course, is Fusaichi Pegasus, who improved his three-year-old record to a perfect five-for-five when he surged clear of Aptitude, Impeachment and More Than Ready to take the 2000 Kentucky Derby.

Unfortunately recent history shows that colts with a Kentucky Derby-winning father do not enjoy any advantage on Derby day. *Cont. p6*

THE **TALE OF EKATI** CONTINUES...



Leading 2nd Crop Sires

by % Winners/Starters	Rnrs	Wnrs	%
TALE OF EKATI	19	8	42%
Munnings	39	15	38%
Majesticperfection	24	8	33%
Eskendereya	35	11	31%

Source: Bloodhorse.com 2/23, 15 minimum starters

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Pedigree Insights: International Star cont.

You have to go back to 1996 to find a Kentucky Derby winner sired by a Kentucky Derby winner, namely Unbridled's son Grindstone. You then have to go back another 12 years to find the next most recent example, Seattle Slew's son Swale, and then all the way back to 1963 to find another in the form of Swaps' son Chateaugay.

Fusaichi Pegasus's current fee of \$7,500 tells its own story. It's a far cry from the amounts charged for his services when he first retired to Ashford Stud-- \$150,000 in 2001, \$135,000 in 2002 and \$125,000 in 2003. There was every reason to have sky-high hopes of this imposing stallion, who seemed to have just about everything required to develop into a leading sire. He had, after all, cost Fusao Sekiguchi a whacking \$4,000,000 at Keeneland's 1998 July Yearling Sale, with his price reflecting the fact that he was by Mr Prospector, the champion sire of 1987 and '88. Danzig and Halo, the stallions responsible for his first two dams, had also achieved multiple sires' championships, and the Danzig mare was Angel Fever, a talented sister to the GI Preakness S. winner Pine Bluff.



International Star
Hodges Photography

If Fusaichi Pegasus had a flaw, it was probably his temperament. In his report on the Kentucky Derby, Steve Haskin commented that the colt had bucked, reared, leaped and finally hurtled his way into immortality.

"Fusaichi Pegasus ...was born of royal blood, and he carried himself with all the majesty of the noblest of kings," Haskin wrote. "At first perceived by many as possessing the madness of King George III, he quickly silenced his accusers."

International Star seems to be free of such quirks, with his rider Miguel Mena saying that "he's not much to look at it, but he has a big heart." **Cont. p7**

Fusaichi Pegasus	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	Native Dancer
		Gold Digger	Raise You
	Angel Fever	Danzig	Nashua
		Rowdy Angel	Sequence
Parlez 15-3-6-1 7Fls, 1GSW,	French Deputy	Deputy Minister	Northern Dancer
		Mitterand	Pas de Nom
	Speak Halory 11Fls	Verbatim	Halo
		Halory 14Fls	Ramhyde
			Vice Regent
			Mint Copy
		Hold Your Peace	
		Laredo Lass	
		Speak John	
		Well Kept	
		Halo	
		Cold Reply	

Graded/Stakes winners over the weekend for Giant's Causeway, Scat Daddy, Munnings and Fusaichi Pegasus and a Gr.1 performer for Majestic Warrior



International Star (FUSAICHI PEGASUS) ►
wins the Risen Star Stakes-Gr.2



“I'm looking forward to going back to Kentucky with a real-live Derby prospect.”

Ken Ramsey, co-owner of International Star





Pedigree Insights: International Star cont.

Fusaichi Pegasus's high initial stud fee also reflected the fact that Mr Prospector had already found fame as a sire of sires, thanks to the exploits of Fappiano, Seeking The Gold, Kingmambo, Forty Niner, Gone West and numerous others. Significantly it has been Mr Prospector's sons which have provided International Star's family with quite a lot of its success.

His third dam is Halory, who enjoyed a first-rate innings as a broodmare despite having failed to win in 14 attempts. As you might guess of a filly bred by E.P. Taylor, Halory possessed some excellent bloodlines. In addition to being a sister to the good Canadian filly Halo Reply, she was inbred 3 x 4 to that truly remarkable mare Almahmoud. I never tire of relating that Almahmoud had only three named daughters, yet all three produced a champion sire. It was one of those champion sires, Halo, which sired Halory, and another of them, Northern Dancer, which sired her dam Cold Reply.

Halory did so well as a broodmare that her Storm Cat yearling of 2001 realized no less than \$6,400,000. Named Van Nistelrooy after the famous Dutch soccer player, he became a Group 2 juvenile winner in Ireland before siring a handful of graded/group winners. Altogether Halory produced five graded winners--a record worthy of a mare inbred to Almahmoud. Two of the five were by sons of Mr Prospector, but not the ultra-fashionable ones. Prory, a Grade III winner, was by Procida, a Grade/Group I winner in France and the U.S. who proved much less effective as a stallion, and Halory Hunter, winner of the 1998 GI Blue Grass S., was by Jade Hunter.

International Star's dam Parlez is another who owes her success to sons of Mr Prospector. Two of her foals by the non-stakes-winning Not For Love enjoyed stakes success in Maryland and now she has come up trumps with her son by Fusaichi Pegasus.

International Star is the latest to make me wonder what his broodmare sire French Deputy might have achieved in America had he not been sold to Japan's Shadai Corporation towards the end of 2000, when he had only two crops of racing age.

French Deputy's career had been restricted to six starts by a variety of problems, including a bruised foot which ended his Triple Crown aspirations after he had won his first three starts. However, he returned from a lengthy absence to give a hint of what might have been, taking the Gil Jerome H. by four lengths from Mr Greeley.

His five American crops produced the likes of Left Bank, Mayo On The Side, House Party, Bella Bellucci, Latour and Queue, and his American daughters have more than 20 Graded winners to their credit, including the Grade I winners Visionaire, Majestic Harbor and Danza. Perhaps International Star will also progress to that level.

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AL SHAQAB MAKING NOISE IN U.S.

By Lucas Marquardt

Three years ago, few in Europe had heard of Sheikh Joaan Al-Thani, a younger brother of Qatar's ruling Emir. Then came Group 1 winners like **Olympic Glory (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}) and **Toronado (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}). And of course, the mighty **Treve (Fr)** (Motivator {GB}), who won the last two renewals of the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.



Frankie Dettori (left) and Sheikh Joaan Al-Thani with The Wow Signal
Racing Post

These days, it's a different story. Sheikh Johann's operation, Al Shaqab Racing, is rightly considered one of the premier racing outfits on the continent. In the same league as Godolphin and Coolmore? No, not yet. But with 170 racing prospects set to represent the stable in Europe in 2015--including the

hot Classic prospect **The Wow Signal (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), the G1 Prix Morny winner, and Treve aiming for an unprecedented third Arc--as well as a broodmare band growing ever more impressive, the keyword is 'yet.' **Cont. p8**

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Al Shaqab Making Noise in U.S. cont.

Now, Al Shaqab Racing is making waves in the U.S. And while it can't be said Sheikh Johann has turned his full attention to America, a considerably weighty sideways glance, shot first in the spring of 2014, has yielded some impressive results here.

That was evident on Saturday, Feb. 7, when two of Al Shaqab's European imports, **Mshawish** (Medaglia d'Oro) and **Sandiva (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), won graded stakes on the same card at Gulfstream Park. Mshawish just got up by a nose in the GI Gulfstream Park H. ([video](#)); while Sandiva mowed them down in the Gill Suwannee River S. ([video](#)).

Then this past Sunday, Al Shaqab's **Khozan** (Distorted Humor), the 3-year-old half to champion Royal Delta (Empire Maker), improved to two-for-two with another tour de force at Gulfstream ([video](#)). A month after being tabbed a "TDN Rising Star" in a debut that earned him a huge 103 Beyer, Khozan rolled home an effortless 12 3/4-length winner facing entry-level allowance foes. The win put Khozan squarely on the Kentucky Derby trail, though the colt, without a point on the Derby ranking system, would need a big effort in the GI Florida Derby Mar. 28--his intended target--to punch his ticket to Churchill Downs.

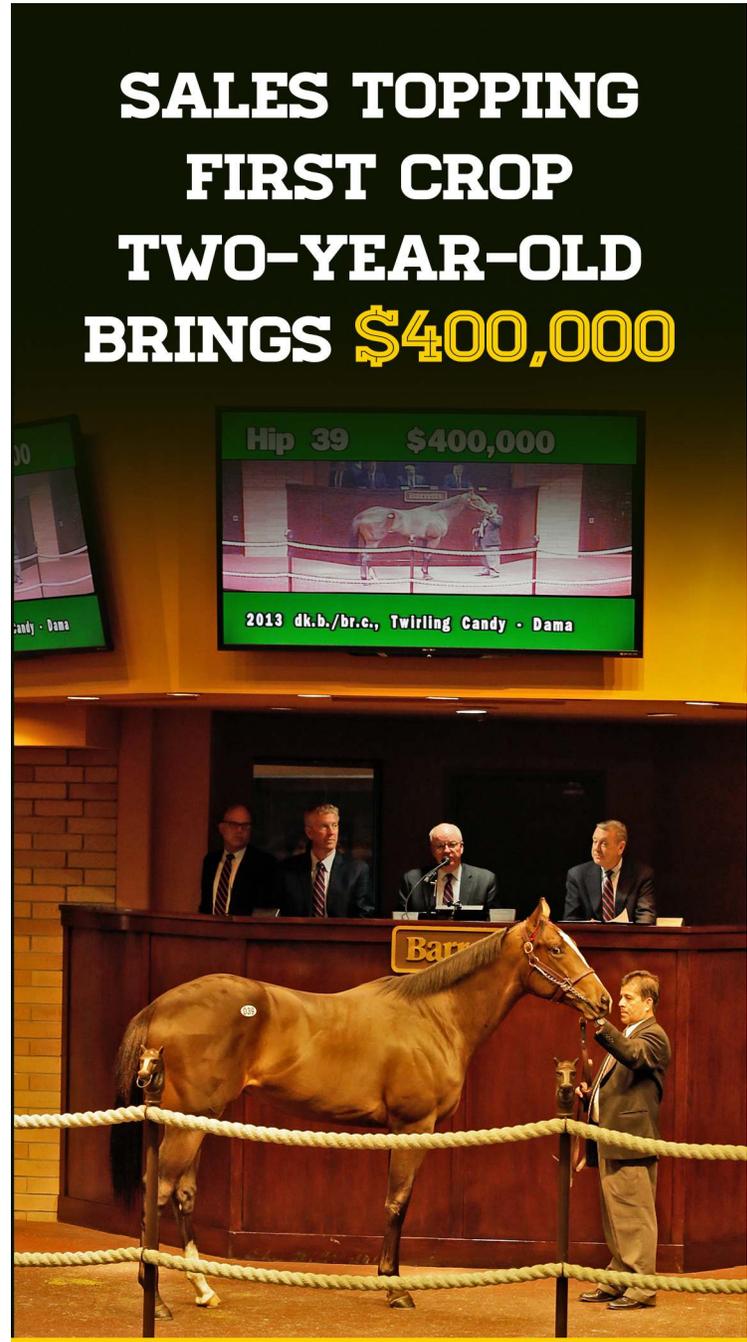
What makes Al Shaqab's early results in the States so impressive is that they've come by way of a relatively tiny stable. The aforementioned trio are just three of seven runners Al Shaqab has in the U.S., all of whom are trained by Todd Pletcher. In total, those runners have made 23 starts and won 10 times, a 43% strike rate. At Gulfstream, Al Shaqab is now a perfect seven-for-seven with its starters.

"It's been an amazing run since the horses started appearing over there," said Al Shaqab's chief racing advisor Harry Herbert. "The statistics are sort of spooky. We all know that doesn't happen very often, so we're enjoying it while it lasts."

Brick by Brick...

With so much happening with Al Shaqab's U.S. stable, the big question is, what's next from here? Herbert stresses that Sheikh Joaan, who turns just 30 in 2015, is keen on building Al Shaqab's American operation slowly.

"The results are such that I'd like to think we will increase there, but sensibly, and not trying to overdue it and have horses just for the sake of having horses," said Herbert. "The Sheikh wants to take a considered and structured approach. We're all headed out to Doha for the big race meeting this week, and we'll be sitting down with the Sheikh and figuring out what he'd like to do in the States. I think as the proven horses run, it's likely we will send more to the States, and hopefully get more like Sandiva and Mshawish. We're sending another horse named Helwan (Fr) [Bernstein] [a Maisons-Laffitte conditions winner]. There are horses for courses and horses for countries, and I think there's a wonderful opportunity to increase the number of horses we have in America with the turf horses we have here in Europe." *Cont. p9*



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Al Shaqab Making Noise in U.S. cont.

Asked to gauge Sheikh Johann's interest in American dirt racing, Herbert explained, "It's interesting to him at the highest level. We'd love to win a Kentucky Derby, or a Preakness or a Belmont or a Breeders' Cup. It's the big races in the world that Al Shaqab wants to win. We just bought Toast of New York [Thewayouare], for instance, and he'll be heading out to Dubai for the G1 World Cup, but the plan is very much for him to return to the Breeders' Cup and see if he can go one better [in the G1 Classic]. To just have a lot of dirt runners in America for the sake of having them, however, that would not be part of the plan."



Harry Herbert
Racing Post

As far as attending and buying at U.S. sales, Herbert said nothing's been decided.

"The Sheikh will decide sale by sale, just like he does over here," he said. "It's not an automatic scenario that he'll want us to go buy. He'll look at the horses we have and decide whether to buy in Florida [at the juvenile sales], or to wait and buy some yearlings at Keeneland September, or both."

Market Implications...

At this point, Al Shaqab's racing stable is a near-equal mix of established horses brought over from Europe, and current 3-year-olds purchased as juveniles. The total receipts from last year's 2-year-old sales explains why American sellers are keeping a keen eye on Sheikh Joaan's participation in the U.S. Al Shaqab acquired just four horses, but paid \$3,325,000 for them. They included **Farraj** (Tapit), the full-brother to Zazu and Flashback who co-topped the OBS March Sale at \$1.6 million; and **Khozan**, the second-highest lot at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale at \$1 million. **Aljalela** (Unbridled's Song), from the immediate family of Eight Belles, cost \$450,000 at OBS March, while **Al Khazaaliya** (Blame) was acquired for \$275,000 at F-T Florida.

There's nothing like success on the track to convince an owner to reinvest in a particular market, and on this front, Al Shaqab U.S. has excelled. Of the four horses mentioned above, all but Farraj have started, and all three--Khozan, Aljalela and Al Khazaaliya--won on debut.

Harry Herbert is quick to credit Bradley Weisbord, named Al Shaqab's U.S. racing advisor last spring, for the operation's fast American start.

"Bradley, who set things up over there, added four breeze-up horses to the stable, and three of the four have run and won in their first starts," Herbert said. "And it looks like Al Shaqab really has a horse to go to war with in Khozan."

Al Shaqab took their time with Khozan. He didn't start training in earnest until the fall in New York before he was shipped down to Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs base in November. "He was training really nicely all winter," said Weisbord. "Then, two breezes before [his debut], the light more than came on. He outworked his workmate by six or eight lengths, and we thought, 'Ok, he's ready.'"

Breaking from the parking lot in post 14, Khozan overcame the wide draw and won off as the 9-5 favorite. "Todd obviously has a lot of success with his debut runners, so it wasn't surprising to see a Pletcher first-out winner," said Weisbord. "But the stats from the 14 hole were terrible, and he beat a very credible horse in Wisecracker [Distorted Humor]. We expected him to run well, but we didn't expect him to run a 103 Beyer."



Khozan
Lucas Marquardt

Following Sunday's win, Khozan's \$1 million price tag now seems like a bargain, but even when the hammer fell on the colt at Fasig-Tipton Florida, the price didn't seem exorbitant, given his pedigree and physical prowess.

"He was the hype horse of the sale, and I was extremely surprised that's all he cost," Weisbord said. "He's the one I wanted out of the entire sale, and as long as the price was realistic for a horse with that pedigree, I wanted to buy him. I think what kept the price where it was was that he was slightly lame on his shins coming out of his breeze, and that can turn buyers off. But we did multiple x-rays and were very confident there wasn't a crack there, that he just had sore shins, like many babies do. The other thing is that he's a medium-sized horse. He doesn't look like Royal Delta. He's not a monster, imposing colt. He's a medium-sized horse with a strong shoulder. And a lot of times the buyers want the horse to look like their siblings."

Khozan will likely face stablemate Itsaknockout in the Florida Derby.

The date of that race--Mar. 28--could be a huge one for Al Shaqab, as Mshawish will make his next start on Dubai World Cup night, in either the \$1 million G2 Godolphin Mile on dirt or the \$6 million G1 Dubai Duty Free over 1800 meters on turf. Moreover, Sandiva could start in the GII Honey Fox S. on the Florida Derby undercard, though the GI Jenny Wiley S. at Keeneland is a possibility.

As for some of the other members of the stable, things remain on hold at present. The \$1.6 million Farraj was up to working five furlongs in New York by last September, but came out of a five-furlong drill over Saratoga's Oklahoma in 1:02 4/5 with an ankle injury.

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Al Shaqab Making Noise in U.S. cont.

"We thought he had as much talent, if not more, than Khozan," said Weisbord. "He had a super five-eighths breeze, but came out of it with an ankle chip. He's currently rehabbing at WinStar. He's a really big horse; he's the opposite of Khozan. He's 17 hands and we just have to really take our time with him. He won't make the Classics, but we're hoping to get him back to the track by the middle of the year."

Aljalela, meanwhile, came away a 1 1/4-length winner in a one-mile turf maiden at Delaware Sept. 1, but has been off since working two weeks later.

"She had some minor stuff--no surgery or anything--and needed some time to grow up, so we gave her some time off and she should be back with Pletcher this week or next," Weisbord said. "I expect her to be a spring/summer horse, and we have really high hopes for her. We really think a lot of her, both on dirt and turf. She was working with Carpe Diem [Giant's Causeway] last summer."

On the Shoulders of Giants...

As Sheikh Joaan builds his stable in the U.S., Europe and beyond, there are easy parallels drawn between him and Dubai's Sheikh Mohammed. Both hail from the ruling families of oil-rich, Middle East states. Both have family members closely involved in the sport. And both are passionate horsemen who view the success of their stables as a way to promote their countries. But Harry Herbert cautions to not get carried away with the comparisons.

"When I started last year working for the Sheikh, people always asked, 'Is he going to be another Sheikh Mohammed? Will this be another Darley?'" he said. "The answer is, it may be in time. But it's one step at a time. We'll do it in a careful, controlled manner. We have a good team around us, a small team who are doing a fantastic job, whether it's Bradley in America or Rupert Pritchard-Gordon in France, or the team I have in the UK near the offices of Highclere, it's a very exciting project. Sheikh Mohammed has been doing this for almost 30 years, and has built the most fantastic operation. Juddmonte, the same thing, and indeed many others--Cheveley Park Stud, the Niarchoses--these great owner breeders take many, many years to build up their broodmare bands and operations.

"I think he and everyone who works for him is happy to look at those organizations that have been so successful. But at the same time, he may want to do things differently in some areas. The Sheikh is a young man. I don't want to speak for him, but I think he has tremendous admiration for Sheikh Mohammed and what he's achieved, and is achieving. And the same for Juddmonte and the bigger breeders from the Middle East. You'd be absolutely made not to look at what other people have done well, and maybe done not so well, and try to fine tune your own operation to be as successful as it can be. We're just starting out with Al Shaqab."

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op/ed feedback

In response to [Dean Towers's Op/Ed](#), which ran in the Feb. 20 edition of the *TDN*:

Dean Towers' Op/Ed about off-track wagering splits was a bit confusing.

When he used the pricing model of the movie industry, where studios receive 50% and theaters receive 50%, I'm concerned *TDN* readers might think host tracks actually get 50% of the off-track wagering revenue on their races.

No host racetrack in North America receives 50% of the off-track wagering revenue on all of its races. Not one. If they did, racing might be healthy.

When interstate wagering began, host tracks averaged 3% of the 20% takeout on their races, while the receiving bet takers kept 17%. The host track then split the 3% with its purse account, for only 1.5% of the wager.

Recently, the host tracks average from off-track wagers has inched up to about 5%. Based upon about \$10 billion in off-track wagering handle, the 5% amounts to \$500 million to be split with purses. That means the bet takers on the other end keep \$1.5 billion for just taking the bet. Imagine what a shift to a 50/50 share would mean.

Mike Rogers, president of The Stronach Group, gave a speech to the National HBPA Convention, which was candid and refreshing. They are the largest racetrack operator and also own an ADW, racino and every type of bet taking and gambling operation connected to horse racing. So, he is the guy with all the numbers. The guy with all the numbers says we need to fix the business model and have the host track in control of its distribution and pricing of its product.

That seems a common sense change. But for the people keeping the \$1.5 billion from the off-track wagers, such a change would be very bad. People connected to those benefitting from the current model, which includes gamblers getting rebates and discounts, like the current system and shout down anyone proposing change, even though they don't like the trends in racing.

Mike Rogers did not speak for all racetrack operators. In fact, most of them do not want change. With blinkers on, they want to continue making 15% as bet takers even though ADW's are now taking more of their off-track customers every day. When the ADW takes their customer, the 15% of the wager for the receiving track and owners' purse account disappears.

I've spent a lot of time over the years on this issue and in the short run, Mr. Rogers' company probably has a lot more to lose as a major bet taker than they have to gain as the operators of several host racetracks. The only way his change makes sense is if he wants racing to have a long-term future.

When off-track wagering started, racetracks that wanted to take bets on New York and California races created a "buyers' market". *Cont. p11*



Op/Ed Feedback cont.

Instead of the 50/50 split used in the movie business, the buyers joined together and drove the percentage for the host track down to 3% and kept 17% as the bet taker. That extreme pricing model was in place for more than 20 years and did the damage we are living with today.

A buyers's market is a lot of fun when you want cheap airline tickets and cheap healthcare. But, when the prices paid are less than it cost to operate, what happens is not funny. There is no money for R&D, quality control and maintenance, the basics of a healthy business.

Napster was a very innovative product. Millions of people loved it, because they got free music. Did it bother them that they were stealing someone's product? Nah, the music producers were rich, weren't they?

Steve Jobs killed Napster with iTunes before it destroyed the music industry. iTunes established a distribution model that protected the product of music writers and producers. Those buying music bought into doing the right thing.

ADW's could become the iTunes of racing. They are growing fast and have the margin to pay popular host tracks close to 10% of the wager, then they use the remaining margin for price competition, to net about 5% of the bets they take. The 5% they are giving away is the margin the host tracks and purse accounts need to be healthy.

An iTunes-type solution could be for the ADW's to get a straight up 5% commission from the host tracks to take bets on their races. That means the host track would get 15% for producing the show. That's healthy. Lotteries use such a model to pay 5% to the stores that take their bets.

Lotteries are now evolving to direct sales to customers, without middlemen expenses, and host tracks should now be making the same transition. The IHA needs an update.

The major part of off-track wagering is still between racetracks and that is where change is needed immediately. Most tracks would make more as host tracks if they were getting 10%, than they would currently as bet takers, especially with ADW's cutting into their bet taking operation. Live racing must be their mission.

Host tracks set the takeout rate, which averages about 20% of the wager. The takeout rate should be based upon how much money the track and purse account need to operate and pay owners to participate. Each location is different.

Currently the takeout rate from off-track wagers means very little to the host track, because the majority of the revenue it is kept by the off-track bet takers. So, if the takeout rate goes up or down a few points, it doesn't significantly impact the revenue of the host track setting the rate. Horseplayers, make no mistake, bet takers want the highest take-out rates possible to boost their margins.

The fastest way to reduce takeout rates is to put the host tracks in control of their product's distribution and pricing. Forget what they did in the past. When they have a profit incentive to produce races that will win in the off-track market, when they have an incentive to sell and service your account, the game changes for the better, and for bettors.

The buyers's market in off-track wagering shifted the profit incentive from producing races to taking bets on imported races. That's when many of the current problems in racing grew unmanageable.

With no incentive to produce good races, bad races multiplied, thus the need for extra medication and lax rules. Customer service for live racing was cut and promotion for live racing attendance was virtually eliminated, both with predictable results.

Low host track revenue led to low purses, higher takeout and then to racinos. Low purses led to less breeding and fewer foals, which led to packaging races without full fields. The cause of this death spiral was a parasitic business model that starved the host. Although it was diagnosed long ago, it was never corrected.

When the host tracks start receiving a fair rate from the off track distribution of their product, then you will immediately see the incentives shift and they will deliver better racing, better service, better maintenance at the host tracks and higher purses for the reduced number of races. Less racing means state racing commissions have more resources to promote and enforce rules.

Everybody in racing and breeding wins when the host track regains control of its product. Will some host tracks mess it up, sure they will, but a real business model for distribution will weed them out and leave a healthy sport.

A real business model in racing will be something new, something business people can understand for the first time, and our massive cash flow will then become attractive for investment and innovation.

There are several "silver bullets" for our industry that solve problems quickly. Fixing the off-track business model is the first one, and it will make all others possible.

- Fred A. Pope

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- ◆ **Maiden Special Weight Races:** purses of \$18,000/up
- ◆ **Maiden Claiming Races:** purses of \$18,000/up & a minimum claiming price of \$40,000



RILEY TO APPEAL THREE-YEAR BAN

In an adjourned penalty hearing Monday, Australia's Racing and Disciplinary Appeals Board pronounced a three-year ban against Victorian trainer Mark Riley. On Jan. 29, Riley was found guilty of administering the prohibited substance TCO2 (bi-carb) to one of his charges ahead of a race at Sandown last July. The trainer pleaded not guilty and argued that he was suffering from mental distress at the time of the events.



Mark Riley
Racing and Sports

Evidence was brought to the Board by his wife, a registered nurse and a psychiatrist, yet the verdict from Judge Russell Lewis concluded that, "[The evidence] has failed to satisfy the Board to the required standard that Riley's impaired mental functioning was a link to the breach of the rules and substantially reduce his culpability."

The disqualification is set to commence Mar. 3, which means Riley is given until then to have all horses in his care transferred to other trainers.

The interdiction to race horses under his name takes immediate effect, and most prominently applies to **Of The Brave (Aus)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), who currently assumes third-favorite status for Saturday's G1 Blue Diamond S. Riley's legal counsel Damian Sheales said after the verdict that an appeal would be lodged Tuesday with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal applying for a stay of proceedings.

However, Racing Victoria has warned that the identity of **Of The Brave's** trainer come Saturday will be a decisive element of the horse's acceptance into the Blue Diamond. "Owners are entitled to accept for the race, but it will play out from here to Saturday as to who is likely to train the horse," Racing Victoria's chief steward Terry Bailey told *Australian Associated Press*. "We will have to be satisfied with whatever application comes in as to who will train the horse."

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SYDNEY QUARANTINE CENTER APPROVED

Racing New South Wales and the Australian Turf Club have received approval from the federal government to host an equine quarantine, training and stabling facility at Canterbury Park racecourse--located just seven miles from Sydney--ahead of The Championships, which will take place at Royal Randwick Apr. 4 and 11. The purpose-built facility is set to open Thursday, with capacity to immediately accommodate up to 12 horses in custom-made areas developed from an existing stable block on the course.

Space is available in two more blocks for further development.

Among some of the features of the new quarantine center is a self-contained horse surgery, a scrubbing room and showers for veterinarians, quarantine and stable staff, and a state-of-the-art digital security and surveillance centre.

Up to four Japanese horses heading for The



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To The World will soon be stabled at Canterbury Park

Championships--**To The World (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), **Tosen Stardom (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), **Real Impact (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **World Ace (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn})--are expected to arrive in Sydney Wednesday night ahead of their required quarantine period.

They will be joined in March by Australian idol **Red Cadeaux (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) once he arrives from his Melbourne campaign, and Hong Kong visitor **Dominant (Ire)** (Cacique {Ire}). All of the international horses housed at Canterbury Park are expected to remain at the facility to train and use the course proper for gallops.

Racing NSW CEO Peter V'landys paid tribute to the work carried out by his and the ATC staff, saying "This has been an extraordinary effort by the teams of Racing NSW and the ATC as people don't realise the enormity of the task and what has been achieved in a short period of time. The international visitors who have inspected the Quarantine Centre believe that it is one of the best in the world. Although The Championships are only in their second year, with this quarantine centre they are well and truly on the world stage."

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PROTECTIONIST RETURNS SATURDAY

Melbourne Cup hero **Protectionist (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) is set to have his first start for new trainer Kris Lees in the 1800-meter G2 Peter Young S. at Caulfield Saturday. This will be the first time the former charge of Andreas Wohler is tried over a distance shorter than 2000 meters since his 2-year-old season. The well-traveled 5-year-old has won five of his only 10 starts to date, including the G2 Hansa-Preis in Hamburg over 2400 meters, the G2 Prix Kergorlay in Deauville over 3000 meters, and the G1 Melbourne Cup over 3200 meters, where he left the nation's old favorite Red Cadeaux (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) four lengths adrift.

Protectionist will be partnered for the first time by Craig Williams, having been steered to victory by Ryan Moore in Melbourne. He is likely to be up against a strong field with 16 horses nominated, including the Group 1 winners **Happy Trails (Aus)** (Good Journey) and **Beaten Up (GB)** (Beat Hollow {GB}).

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RACING FESTIVAL UNDERWAY IN QATAR

After five days dedicated to shows of pure-bred Arabian horses, the focus at H.H. The Emir 24th International Equestrian Sword Festival turns to horse racing Tuesday. At a press conference held in Doha Monday, Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club General Manager Sami Jassim Al Boenain welcomed local and international media and said, "We have some very exciting racing to look forward to over the next three days and competition, especially in the international Thoroughbred races, will be tough. We are very grateful to our sponsors who support our events here in Qatar and France and also around the world, the partnerships we have formed with them are very important to us." Sponsors include oil and gas companies Total and Qatar Petroleum, while the partnership with Longines notably includes the prize for the Competition of Elegance. The three days of racing will see a combined prize money offer in excess of QR25 million (\$6.8 million), and is headed by the running of [local G1] H.H. The Emir's Trophy Thursday.



The press conference in Doha
QREC

British-based trainer Marco Botti is set to have his first runner in Qatar when **Golden Steps (Fr)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) lines up for Tuesday's joint feature, the [local G3] Qatar 2022 Invitation Cup, which also sees Al Shaqab principal jockey Frankie Dettori renew his partnership with Luca Cumani who sends out **Mission Approved (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) in the 1200-meter turf event. Cumani could also be represented in the following day's [local G2] Qatar International Cup in which **Ayaar (Ire)** (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) is among four reserves.

Dettori is also poised to be on board **Dubday (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), bidding for back-to-back victories in H.H The Emir's Trophy, and commented at a press conference Monday, "Racing in Qatar is very competitive. It's a sharp track and the straight is only 400 meters so getting a good position early on is very important. Dubday is unbeaten in Qatar, he and I have every confidence that Jassim [Al Ghazali] has got him spot on, but it will be a competitive race." Tariq Al Siddiqi, Deputy General Manager of Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club and Director of Racing said, "The track is in very good condition and we are looking forward to welcoming many of the highest-rated horses. There is prize money of QR3 million (\$823,847) for the H.H The Emir's Sword and we are expecting some very competitive racing."

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KTBIFF REWARDS KY-BREDS WORLDWIDE

by Ben Massam

The Kentucky Thoroughbred Breeders' Incentive Fund (KTBIFF), available to owners who board mares in Kentucky for their entire gestation period, recently announced that in 2014, over \$10 million in awards were distributed to state-bred runners competing in more than 4,000 eligible races worldwide. For the second straight season, Ken and Sarah Ramsey topped the fund's awards list, with 82 incentivized wins at 34 different racetracks.

Senator Damon Thayer (R-Georgetown), who authored the legislation that passed in 2005 with the help of then-Governor Ernie Fletcher, said that the fund serves to reaffirm Kentucky as the world's premier breeding program.

"You look at the Ramsey operation, Adena Springs, WinStar, and even a lot of smaller-level breeders, their horses are succeeding everywhere," noted Thayer. "We aren't just a successful racing state. We are an exporter of bloodstock to the world."

The national landscape has changed significantly in recent years, with many states relying upon casino revenues to fund both racetrack purses and breeders' programs. Although it can be argued that programs with rewards generated from

slot machines have become more prominent as a result, Thayer said he believes Kentucky is uniquely equipped with resources that no other state possesses in a self-sustaining enterprise.

"[The fund] helps us compete [with other states] because Kentucky has the best infrastructure," asserted the senator. "We have the best veterinary funds, the best feed companies, the best blacksmiths, the best land and the best water. Everybody knows if your mare is in Kentucky, she is going to get the best care around. And if you're also going to get a breeders' incentive, that's a huge boost."

The incentive money disseminated by the program is generated from the already-existent sales tax on the breeding of stallions to mares in the state.

According to Thayer, the KTBIFF has expanded over time to offer benefits for eligible foals who ultimately achieve racing success beyond American borders. Program participants can earn up to \$7,500 for winning a Group 1 race overseas, and in 2014, eligible runners won races in four different countries.

"A few years ago, we made a few tweaks to recognize the success of Kentucky-breds in Canada and across the world," said Thayer, adding that Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz})'s victory in the 2013 G1 Dubai World Cup served to confirm the international preeminence of the program.

Victories in domestic races earn between \$3,000 to \$7,500 in rewards, ranging from allowance wins to Grade I wins, respectively.

A \$50,000 bonus exists for winners of the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Kentucky Oaks. Breeders are notified and awards are distributed in the first quarter following the year in which the award was earned.

Thayer added that improvements in the number of mares bred are evidence that the program is working. While he believes the fund is likely the most generous in endowments for successful state-bred runners across the globe, he also notes that the localized Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund (KTDF) compliments the KTBIFF in an "excellent one-two punch."

The KTDF rewards owners of Kentucky-sired and foaled Thoroughbreds for competing at in-state racetracks, giving owners further motive to breed, board, and race in the Commonwealth.

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The Ramseys in the winners' circle
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Yesterday's Results:

9th-PRX, \$50,568, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:43, gd.

1--COUSIN STEPHEN, 119, c, 4, Proud Citizen--Gallant Dreamer (MSP, \$145,770), by Belong to Me.

(\$210,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL). O-Klaravich Stables Inc & William H Lawrence; B-Brereton C Jones (KY); T-Chad C Brown. Lifetime Record: GSP, 11-4-1-1, \$167,452.

de Meric Stables Purchase and Graduate

2--Rienzi, 119, g, 5, Majestic Warrior--On a Lark, by The Prime Minister. (\$160,000 wlng '10 KEENOV; \$140,000 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '12 FTFMAR).

3--Starry Moon, 119, c, 4, Malibu Moon--Hartigan, by Include.

Margins: 6 3/4, 4 1/4, NO. Odds: 0.70, 14.30, 24.20.

Cousin Stephen, third in the Gill Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay Downs as a sophomore, notched an allowance score as the even-money favorite here June 16. Subsequently ninth in the restricted Curlin S. at Saratoga July 25 and again in a grassy one-mile optional claimer at Belmont Sept. 19, he returned from a brief freshening to finish second behind the reopposing Classic Giacnroll (Giacomo) over an extended mile here Nov. 11. In his most recent start, the bay broke through with a dominant 5 3/4-length score as the 1-2 favorite in a local one-mile optional claimer Dec. 14. Hammered down to heavy favoritism for this start, Cousin Stephen broke alertly to press the pace along the rail through a quarter-mile in :23 flat. Sent through to gain command on the backstretch, the colt angled off the rail and drew clear to another runaway victory. Classic Giacnroll was fifth. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**





ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, February 24

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

CABO LOBO (Salt Lake), 3/1/0

7-PRX, Msw, 6f, +Bobby C, \$5K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1

HOLD ME BACK (Giant's Causeway), Winstar, \$6K, 153/10/1

5-PRX, Msw, 6f, Just Another Toy, \$28K EAS SEP yrl, 9-2

MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/21/2

7-PRX, Msw, 6f, We Miss Anthony, 5-2

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FAIR GROUNDS

Bahnah (Elusive Quality), 4f, :47.60, 1/44

Cassatt (Tapit), 5f, :59.80, 1/19

GULFSTREAM PARK

Skywarn (Congrats), 4f, :49.70, 11/25

PALM BEACH DOWNS

Sweet Whiskey (Old Fashioned), 4f, :50.23, 9/10

PALM MEADOWS

Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy), 4f, :50.10, 23/35

Clearly Now (Horse Greeley), 5f, 1:02.35, 10/15

Night Prowler (Giant's Causeway), 4f (T), :52.60, 21/22

Ring Weekend (Tapit), 1m (T), 1:39.15, 1/1

Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile), 3f, :39.00, 8/9

Stephanie's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), 5f (T), 1:02.00, 3/19

Testa Rossi (Fr) (Dr Fong), 4f (T), :49.95, 2/22

PAYSON PARK

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:01.60, 1/2

Lea (Pulpit), 4f, :50.40, 8/12

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-HOU, \$21,000, 2-23, C, 3yo, 1m, 1:41, ft.

WEST ROAD (c, 3, Hard Spun--Speedy Escape, by Aptitude) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-0, \$35,187.

O-Richard Drake. B-H Allen Poindexter (KY). T-M Brent Davidson. * \$22,000 yrl '13 KEEJAN; \$30,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Plucky, f, 3, Lucky Lionel--Spanish Guitar (SW, \$119,967), by Birdonthewire. HOU, 2-23, 1 1/16mT, 1:47 2/5. B-Henthorn Racing Inc (OK). * 1/2 to Big Business (Eddington), SW & GISP, \$773,930.

Mr. Discreet, c, 3, Scat Daddy--Pretty Boundary, by Boundary. PRX, 2-23, 1m70y, 1:43 4/5. B-Jumping Jack Racing LLC (KY). * 1/2 to Concorde's Edge (Concorde's Tune), SW, \$113,630; and Bound Notebook (Notebook), MSP, \$185,965.

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IN JAPAN:

La Terrasse, f, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Garden Party, by A.P. Jet. Tokyo, 2-21, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$65,546 O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Mrs. Gerald Nielsen ; T-Mizuki Takayanagi.

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Symboli Tapit, c, 3, Tapit--Miss Emma, by Key of Luck. Tokyo, 2-21, Plate Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$158,807. O-Symboli Farm; B-Takahiro Wada; T-Takashi Kubota.

Golden Barows, c, 3, Tapit--Mother Russia, by Mayakovsky. Tokyo, 2-22, Hyacinth Stakes, 8f. Lifetime Record : 4-3-1-0, \$280,420 O-Hirotsugu Inokuma; B-Crossed Sabres Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori.

Ireland

Tote Ireland to Sponsor Handicaps at The Curragh:

Tote Ireland will sponsor four Premier Handicaps at the Curragh Racecourse this year: the Irish Lincolnshire, the Rockingham, Irish Cambridgeshire and the Irish Cesarewitch. The partnership between Tote and the Curragh was launched by former champion jockey-turned-trainer Johnny Murtagh, who rode to victory a grand total of nine times in the Irish Lincolnshire, Irish Cambridgeshire and Irish Cesarewitch. The Tote Irish Lincolnshire is the first in the series of Tote Premier Handicaps and the 74th renewal of the race will take place at the Curragh on Mar. 29, the opening meeting of the 2015 flat season. To celebrate the sponsorship, Tote account holders will be offered free admission on the day, and details of this promotion are available on the Tote website.

"We are delighted that Tote has agreed to strengthen their association with the Curragh through their sponsorship of four of our most historic races," said Paul Hensey, General Manager of the Curragh Racecourse. "Their support is very positive news for the racecourse as we approach the start of a new season. We will work with Tote to get full fields ensuring that these races are as competitive as possible with a very strong betting market."



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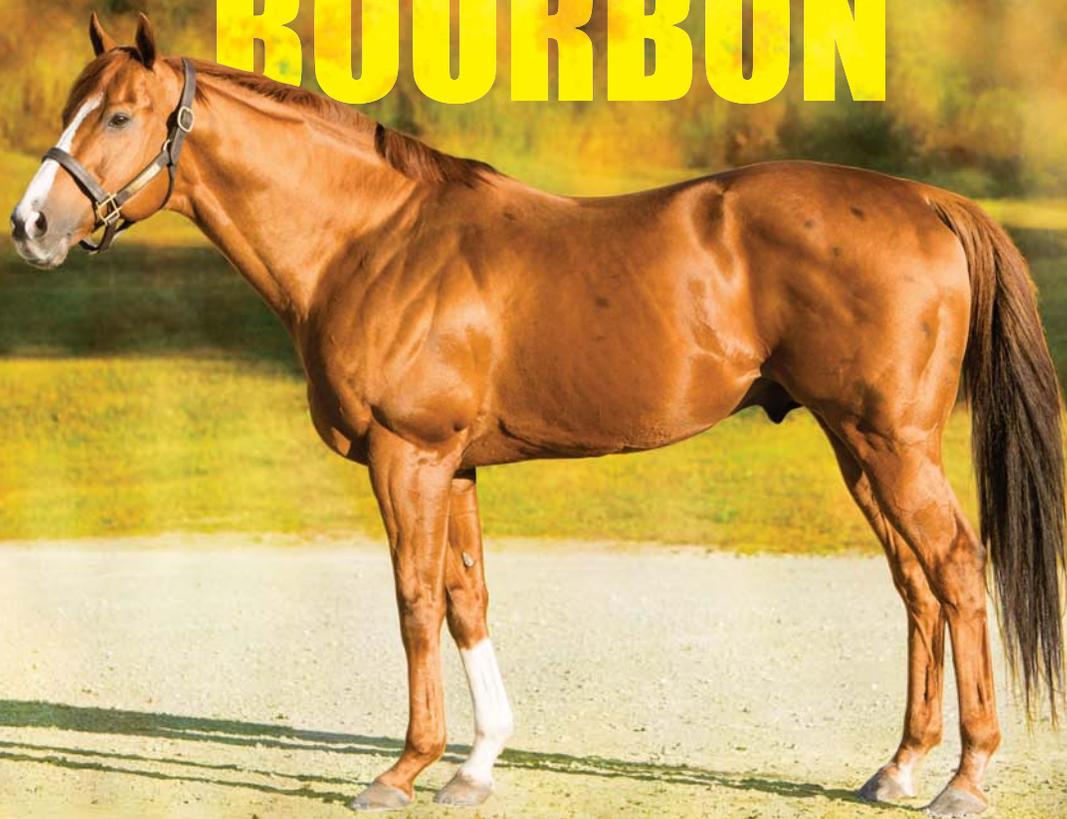
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Yesterday's Results:
6th-WOL, £5,000, Mdn, 3yo, 9f 103y (AWT), 2:01.88, ft.

ANTIQUARIUM (IRE) (c, 3, [New Approach {Ire}](#)--Antillia {GB}, by Red Ransom), who holds a Derby entry, had been slowly away when runner-up on debut over this track and trip a week previously and missed the kick again before recovering quickly to stalk the pace in third. Pushed to the front passing the quarter pole, the 2-7 favorite was kept up to his work to account for Martiniquaise (GB) (Mawatheeq) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £4,197. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Van Wilder (Ire), c, 3, [Rip Van Winkle \(Ire\)](#)--Zelding (Ire) (GSW-Fr, \$122,949), by Warning (GB). WOL, 2-23, 5f 216y (AWT), 1:13 4/5. B-Kilfrush Stud (IRE). *72,000gns RNA yrl '13 TATOCT; 50,000gns RNA 2yo '14 TATAPR. **1/2 to Beauty Is Truth (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), MGSW-Fr, \$226,147; and to Glorious Sight (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}), SW & MG1SP-Fr, \$430,378.



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