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BHA RELEASES ANTI-DOPING GUIDE

by T.D. Thornton

United States breeders, owners and regulatory officials attempting to figure out the export implications of the British Horse Racing Authority's impending zero-tolerance steroid policy were given guidance in the form of a [23-page expanded rules clarification](#) released on Tuesday.

But while the new regulations shed light on a number of concerns such as the non-retroactivity of the rules prior to their Mar. 2 implementation and the chain of responsibility for exported U.S. horses, other issues remain in limbo, such as when or if testing labs will be accredited in the U.S. or what will happen if the owner of a U.S.-based horse is faced with the decision of

administering anabolics for a legitimate veterinary reason prior to a potential sale to a British-based client.

BHA guidelines

initially released in June 2014 mandated that "a horse must not be administered an anabolic steroid at any point in its life" under penalty of being ineligible to start in Britain for 14 months. "Responsible persons" associated with a breach of the BHA doping rules are "likely to receive a penalty of within one to 10 years' disqualification, dependent on the circumstances of the case."

Although anabolics are the main thrust of the new rules, "substances that have no legitimate justification for use in racehorses" also include "peptide hormones, growth factors and related substances; hormone and metabolic modulators; manipulation of blood and blood components; blood transfusions; genetic and cellular manipulation and oxygen carriers."

U.S.-based Thoroughbreds exported into Britain to race must have registration paperwork turned in 14 days prior to arrival and must be in the country and available for testing 10 business days in advance of their intended race (permanent imports have a separate, although similar, set of guidelines). Thoroughbreds sent to Britain from Ireland, France and Germany that have spent 12 months under the equivalent policies of those countries will be exempt from these requirements.

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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM

THE YOUNGEST GUNS

What a weekend it was for first-crop sires. They ran 1-2-3 in the GII Davona Dale for 3-year-old fillies: Ekati's Phaeton (Tale of Ekati) scored her second graded win by hanging on grimly from Birdatthewire (Summer Bird), with Eskenformoney (Eskendereya) a close third. First-crop sires also dominated the filly ranks in New Orleans, with I'm A Chatterbox (Munnings) defeating stablemate Lovely Maria (Majesticperfection) in a Larry Jones exacta in the GIII Rachel Alexandra. The one who really went into the notebook, though, was GII Fountain of Youth third Frammento (Midshipman). While Itsaknockout and Upstart were duking it out up front, Frammento, who was incidentally bred by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Tait, came flying at the finish in a style to suggest Nick Zito might have a very live colt for the GI Florida Derby in five weeks' time.

This flurry of success for first-crop sires just re-emphasizes the importance of breeders having a close look at young, unproven stallions; not only do the results show they seem to more than hold their own against more 'proven' commodities, they're also usually considerably more affordable. Of course, it's a risk commercially, but that's why they stand for half the price of proven sires. *Cont. p8*

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NYRA Ends 15-Day Rule

The New York Racing Association has ended the rule mandating 15 days between starts for horses competing at Aqueduct. The rule, which was put in place earlier this year after a rash of equine fatalities, will be disestablished with the entries of Mar. 5.



NYRA/Coglianese

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Riley to Saddle Diamond Runner

Australian trainer Mark Riley, who was banned Monday from racing for three years after being found guilty of administering TC02 to a horse in his care last July, will be allowed to saddle G1 Blue Diamond fancy **Of The Brave (Aus)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) in that Saturday feature.

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Qatar a Welcoming Host

TDN correspondent Emma Berry reports during the HH The Emir International Equestrian Sword Festival this week in Doha, Qatar. Qatar's eight-day equestrian festival culminates in three days of racing at Al Nayyan Racecourse, each featuring a mixture of nine Arab and Thoroughbred races.



Camel at Al Shahania
Emma Berry

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The Great War Progressing in Kentucky

Wesley Ward charge **The Great War** (War Front) is progressing well towards an appearance in Turfway Park's John Battaglia Memorial S. Feb. 28 and if all goes well would then appear in that venue's GIII Spiral S in March. The TDN's Ben Massam has all the details.



The Great War
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BHA Releases Anti-Doping Guide cont. from p1

The BHA regulations state: "The registration process remains almost exactly the same as currently—the only difference is the breeder (or their agent on their behalf) must sign a declaration that they agree to be bound by the Rules of Racing, and they confirm the horse hasn't been administered nor could have ingested any substances which are prohibited at all times at any point in its life...The trainer should bear in mind that any delay in the BHA being able to collect a sample from the horse could result in the analysis being delayed and not returned in time for their horse to be cleared to race."

A key component of the expanded rules is that the prohibition of the lifetime-banned substances only counts for drugs administered from Mar. 2 onward.

"The new Rules will not be applied retrospectively," the BHA underscored in its report. "Instead their purpose is to ensure that the zero-tolerance policy is adhered to moving forwards."

To illustrate, the BHA gave the following example:

"If a hair sample collected in October 2015 tests positive for an anabolic steroid, but further investigations identify it was administered in October 2014 whilst the horse was in another jurisdiction, then no action will be taken against the October 2015 trainer. In addition, no action will be taken against the horse (i.e. no stand down period or suspension will be applied)."

The BHA continued: "However, if the administration was after the [Mar. 2] effective date of the new rules, the horse would not be permitted to race in Britain, either as a permanent import, or as an international runner, for 14 months from the date of the administration."

While the BHA had previously accentuated that hair sampling would be the primary testing protocol (because of its ability to better pinpoint lifetime usage), the new clarifications outlined that urine and blood testing would continue to be used while hair sampling gets phased in.

"While hair sampling is available to the BHA at all times as part of the testing regime, it is not envisaged that it will be deployed extensively immediately upon implementation of the new rules," the BHA stated. "We expect hair sampling to become a more useful and more frequently deployed tool as the rules mature over time."

The BHA will pay for the costs associated with the sample collection and analysis for international runners. For horses permanently imported into Britain, those costs will be the responsibility of the importer.

The BHA stressed that it is trying to mitigate the "perceived risk" that trainers or owners will be penalized for substance administrations that might have occurred prior to their taking possession of a horse.

"The BHA wishes to assure participants that this is not the case," the report explained. "A positive hair sample...will not, on its own, constitute a breach of the rules...Instead, a positive hair test will require BHA to investigate further to determine when the substance was administered to the horse...The consequences to any associated persons and to the horse will depend on when the substance was administered."

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Owners or trainers who know that a horse has been administered anabolic steroids prior to Mar. 2 "for legitimate therapeutic reasons and at a time, and in circumstances, when that was not a breach of the rules" are encouraged to notify the BHA in advance of required testing.

The BHA addressed circumstances in which a veterinarian might advise an owner that a horse needs a prohibited substance or method, and provided a list of exceptions that includes: Beta-2 agonists (in an appropriate dosage as a bronchodilator); synthetic proteins and peptides registered for veterinary or medical use; manipulation of blood or blood transfusions when used for life-saving purposes or as veterinary regenerative therapies; modified hemoglobin products in situations of acute, life-threatening anemia.

Regarding protections for buyers at international auctions, the BHA deferred to the conditions of sale and available testing protocols at each auction house. Major U.S. sales companies, for example, give the buyer the option of rescinding the sale if the horse shows evidence of steroid administration 45 days prior to the sale.

But the BHA went on to warn that "at the current time, these [auction house protocols] will not be to the same standards as the BHA's testing, and therefore this testing is not a guarantee that the horse will pass any testing by the BHA, or that it won't subsequently be found to have been administered an anabolic steroid."

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**BHA cont.**

The rules further continued: "The BHA is intending to have other elective testing available outside of the sales house environment...This is being addressed as a matter of priority, with a view to implementing it in the next few weeks. As part of our discussions with sales houses, we will explore the opportunities for the catalogue to identify if the horse is already satisfied the requirements for registration with the BHA."

In the U.S., The Jockey Club distributed a press release on Tuesday that responded to the new BHA rules, as viewed by a collective of U.S. stakeholders.

"We appreciate that the BHA has acknowledged some of the practical and logistical challenges of implementing these new rules," the release said. "We look forward to the publication of critical information regarding testing protocols and the laboratories, in the United States and elsewhere, that have been accredited to conduct the tests...The BHA recognizes that, at present, there is no facility for trainers or owners to request sampling to provide assurance that a horse is clear before they take on or purchase a horse."



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**NYRA ENDS 15-DAY RULE**

The New York Racing Association has ended the rule mandating 15 days between starts for horses competing at Aqueduct. The rule, which was put in place earlier this year after a rash of equine fatalities, will be disestablished with the entries of Mar. 5. "Aqueduct operates under some unique circumstances, and equine welfare will always be the top of our concerns," said Martin Panza, Senior Vice-President of Racing Operations for the New York Racing Association. "This rule served a purpose through a difficult period of time. We appreciate the understanding and support of our horsemen."

The other three rules NYRA put into place in January will remain in place. They are as follows:

- Horses will continue to be placed on a "poor performance list" after losing a race at Aqueduct by a margin of 25 lengths or greater. Once on the poor performance list, said horse must complete a half-mile workout in 53 seconds or less to be permitted to enter in a future race. This list is available to the public on NYRA.com. Cont. p5



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**15-Day Rule cont.**

- Stringent workout requirements will continue mandating a minimum number of official, recorded workouts, as well as minimum distances.
- The bottom level for maiden claimers will continue to be \$16,000, raised from the previous bottom level of \$12,500.

Rick Violette, Jr., President of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, commented, "New York horsemen recognize that aggressive measures were warranted at the time these steps were taken, and also that as the season progressed, the rules would be adjusted accordingly. We will continue to work to ensure the scrutiny of all horses competing at Aqueduct will remain at the highest level."

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MONMOUTH TO INTRODUCE PAID FANTASY SPORTS

Monmouth Park announced yesterday that it has formed a marketing partnership with Fantasy Sports Network (FNTSY), and that it will introduce a paid Monmouth Park Daily Fantasy Game featuring professional sporting events in the coming months. "Fantasy Sports Network is a tremendous partner as Monmouth Park looks to strengthen its gaming and entertainment presence in New Jersey and across the national market," said Bill Knauf, VP of Business Operations at Monmouth Park.

"Aspects of the partnership include brand cross-promotion, and development of an on-site presence at the track, including a Fantasy Sports Weekend prior to the start of the 2015 football season." Monmouth hopes to roll out its fantasy sports product before Opening Day of the 2015 Major League Baseball season Apr. 6. "We are excited to play such an important role in the pioneering process of bringing fantasy sports to such a historic New Jersey destination," said Louis M. Maione, Chief Strategy Officer of Anthem Media Group Inc. and its FNTSY Sports Network. "Already on the cutting edge of Thoroughbred racing, Monmouth Park is now expanding into one of the most exciting areas of sports entertainment and interactivity, one that is experiencing continued exponential growth. Adding our fantasy expertise and distribution will allow Monmouth Park to take-off with this endeavor, catering to fantasy enthusiasts in both local and remote locations." Monmouth Park and the state of New Jersey have been embroiled in a legal battle with the professional sports leagues and NCAA to allow sports betting. Oral arguments are expected in that case later this month.

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LUZZI WINS WOOLF MEMORIAL AWARD

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Woolf Award recognizes riders whose careers and personal character earn esteem for both the individual and sport of Thoroughbred racing.

Winner of the 1989 Eclipse Award for Top Apprentice Jockey, the 45-year-old has enjoyed success riding in New York, Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region.

Luzzi, who has been sidelined since suffering a broken leg and fractured pelvis in a paddock accident at Aqueduct Nov. 2, won out over four other finalists--James Graham, Leslie Mawing, Corey Nakatani and the recently retired Rosie Napravnik.

Luzzi's biggest early stakes wins came aboard Timely Warning, trained by his grandfather, the legendary Buddy Raines, in the 1991 Maryland Million Classic and GI Brooklyn H. Luzzi also won New York's Mike Venezia Memorial Jockey Award in 2001.



Mike Luzzi
A Coglianese

With 26,540 career mounts, the Delaware native has won 3,420 races for purse earnings of \$108,218,039. Luzzi lives in Floral Park, New York with his wife and two children. His 16-year-old son Lane is preparing to follow in his father's footsteps and become a jockey.

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Barretts Select 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
025	filly	Lucky Pulpit	Fantasy Rocks	180,000

Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency, Inc., agent
Purchased by Three Amigos

Trainer Ron Ellis signed the ticket at \$40,000 to secure this youngster at last year's Barretts October sale. After working a furlong in :10 flat, the filly was in demand in her return trip through the Barretts sales ring Monday.

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PARRANDA

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Barretts Hip Happenings cont.

037 colt Trappe Shot High Moment 230,000

Consigned by Kings Equine, agent

Purchased by Narwick International, Inc.

Scott and Evan Dilworth purchased this colt as a yearling for \$127,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. By a popular young stallion and with a :10 flat breeze under his belt, the chestnut validated the investment Monday.

052 colt Macho Uno Life (Fr) 310,000Consigned by Excel Bloodstock (Bruno De Berdt), agent
Purchased by Conquest Stables, LLC

Bruno De Berdt was able to acquire this dark bay colt for \$80,000 at last year's Barretts October sale. That price looked like a bargain Monday.

062 filly Broken Vow Penny Arcade 220,000Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas),
agent

Purchased by Narwick International, Inc.

Bruno De Berdt signed for this filly at \$40,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale. She rewarded that investment Monday.

077 colt Macho Uno Encore 260,000

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXVI

Purchased by Narwick International, Inc.

W.D. North purchased this colt for \$100,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Sale. The dark bay zipped a furlong in a co-bullet :9 4/5 last week and was sought-after in the Barretts sales ring Monday.

086 filly Flatter Shedoescrock 270,000Consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds
(Steven Venosa), agent

Purchased by Frank Gallagher

Crupi's New Castle, which also pinhooked last year's \$1.51-million Barretts sale topper through Steve Venosa's SGV Thoroughbreds, purchased this attractive filly for \$100,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Sale. The chestnut proved popular in Pomona after a flashy breeze last week in :10 flat.

IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

Kentucky Embraces the Thoroughbred Makeover

"Sixty leaders of the central Kentucky horse industry gathered today in the Conference Center at Rood and Riddle to hear a presentation by Retired Racehorse Project about the launch of the \$100,000 Thoroughbred Makeover, an event to take place at the Kentucky Horse Park on the weekend before Breeders' Cup 2015." **Retired Racehorse Project**

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BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
House Rules	Distorted Humor	Rampart S.-G3	108
Ekati's Phaeton	Tale of Ekati	Davona Dale S.-G2	104
North Slope	Elusive Quality	Evening Attire S.	103
Chocolate Ride	Candy Ride (ARG)	Fair Grounds H.-G3	100
Long On Value	Value Plus	Canadian Turf S.-G3	100
Main Sequence	Aldebaran	Mac Diarmida S.-G2	100
C. Zee	Elusive Bluff	Gulfstream Park Sprint S.-G3	99
Distinctiv Passion	With Distinction	Joe Hernandez S.	99
Spring Included	Include	Spring Fever S.	99
Street Babe	Street Sense	Mineshaft H.-G3	99
Bettys Bambino	Unusual Heat	Sensational Star S.	98
Condo Commando	Tiz Wonderful	Buscher S.	97
Eden Prairie	Mizzen Mast	Bayou S.	97
Ghost Is Clear	Ghostzapper	Sam Houston Sprint Cup S.	97
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I'm a Chatterbox	Munnings	Rachel Alexandra S.-G3	96
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This colt, born recently at Marula Park Stud in Lexington, is from the first American crop of former Darley reverse shuttler Denman, and he has been appropriately stamped, with the map of Australia on his forehead. He is out of the Irish Group 3 winner Out of Reach.

Photo courtesy Tony Holmes

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THE YOUNGEST GUNS cont. from p1

On that note, this week my two colleagues, *TDN* columnist Andrew Caulfield and International Editor Kelsey Riley, join me in revealing our personal predilections--each of our choices of young European stallions from the F2015 (first foals this year) and F2016 (standing first season 2015) 'sire crops' who we'll bet to become successful sires. As last week, we were each to select one regardless of stud fee (up to 50,000 £/€), and one for 10,000 and under.

F2015 Sires: FIRST FOALS 2015

Just one small hitch appeared with that plan--we all picked the same horse among European F2015 sires: Coolmore's **CAMELOT**. Talk about a huge endorsement (we hope)! So we also each selected a 'first runner-up' among this group, as well as a '10,000 and Under' stallion.

ANDREW: As all three of us have chosen Camelot, I'll restrict myself to what I consider his main attraction--the power of his immediate bloodlines. With Montjeu as his sire and Sadler's Wells and Kingmambo as his grandsires, his pedigree combines three of the most potent Classic sires of the last 25 years or so.

With a score of four Epsom Derby winners, Montjeu



Camelot
Racing Post

is one ahead of his paternal half-brother Galileo and two ahead of their sire Sadler's Wells. Montjeu also supplied four winners of the Irish Derby, three of the Grand Prix de Paris (arguably France's nearest equivalent of the Derby) and even two of the Australian Derby.

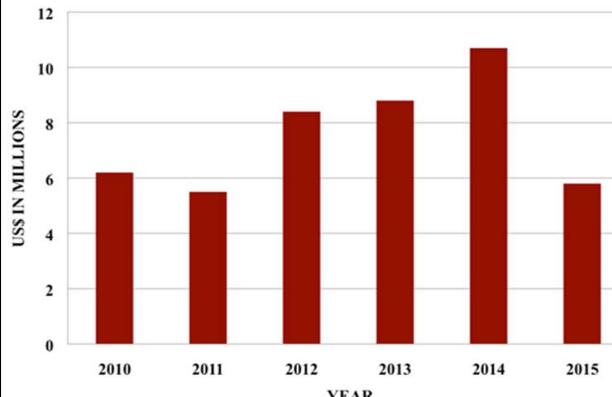
Throw in winners of three St Legers and two Irish Oaks and Montjeu has strong claims to being one of history's finest sources of Classic middle-distance stayers. But only one of those Classic winners--Camelot--had the speed to win a Classic over a mile. **Cont. p9**

Weekly Sales Ticker by Bill Oppenheim

"The Mixed sales have been down \$10-million in gross (13%) this winter, and 11% in average, which is probably more a reflection of what was offered than any actual dip in the market. Barretts, the first 'boutique' 2-year-old sale, was pretty much like all the boutique sales - 37% of those catalogued were sold, and only 116 were catalogued. The gross was down 46%, which has to reflect a shortage of buyers -- and owners -- in California. The stakes purses there need to get back to where they were 10 years ago."

- Bill Oppenheim

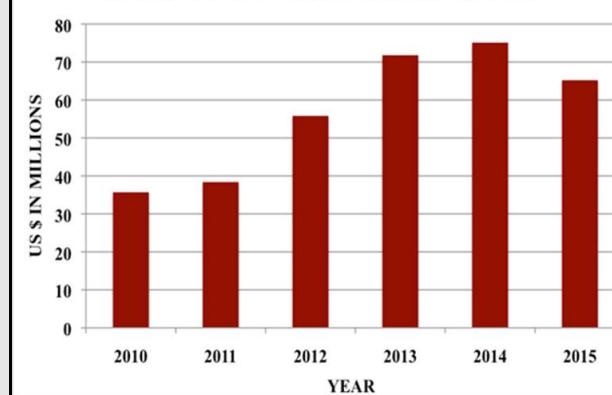
BARRETT'S MARCH 2YO SALE



BARRETT'S MARCH 2YO SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	Avg
2015	116	65	43	44.0%	66.2%	37.1%	\$5,763,000	\$134,023
2014	141	94	60	33.3%	63.8%	42.6%	\$10,665,000	\$177,750
2013	138	92	61	33.3%	66.3%	44.2%	\$8,751,000	\$143,459
2012	149	121	77	18.8%	63.6%	51.7%	\$8,426,000	\$109,429
2011	106	72	55	32.1%	76.4%	51.9%	\$5,539,000	\$100,709
2010	135	100	68	25.9%	68.0%	50.4%	\$6,215,000	\$91,397

TOTAL US AND EURO MIXED SALES



TOTAL US & EURO MIXED SALES AS OF FEB 24, 2015

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	Avg
2015	4,293	3,490	2,731	18.7%	78.3%	63.6%	\$65,174,705	\$23,865
2014	4,377	3,547	2,788	19.0%	78.6%	63.7%	\$75,130,883	\$26,948
2013	4,110	3,325	2,464	19.1%	74.1%	60.0%	\$71,778,159	\$29,131
2012	3,828	3,121	2,330	18.5%	74.7%	60.9%	\$55,823,537	\$23,959
2011	4,029	3,232	2,312	19.8%	71.5%	57.4%	\$38,435,898	\$16,625
2010	4,120	3,331	2,206	19.2%	66.2%	53.5%	\$35,709,011	\$16,187

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Youngest Guns cont.

For that Camelot probably owes a sizeable debt to Kingmambo and Danehill, the stallions responsible for his stakes-winning first and second dams. Kingmambo himself was a Classic-winning miler out of a Classic-winning miler, and he also proved a dominant stallion at Classic level. In addition to siring a Belmont S. winner in Lemon Drop Kid and a Japanese Derby winner in King Kamehameha, he sired winners of the 2000 Guineas (two), 1000 Guineas (two), Oaks and St Leger (two). The Derby may have escaped Kingmambo's grasp, but his son King's Best was responsible for the impressive 2010 winner Workforce.

Poignantly, it was a son of Kingmambo who denied Camelot the honor of becoming only the second Triple Crown winner since 1935. That was the quality colt's first defeat in six starts. Unfortunately his subsequent career featured three more defeats, which perhaps owed something to the colic surgery he underwent soon after his disappointing effort in the Arc. Breeders, though, have those defeats to thank for making Camelot available for no more than €25,000 in his first two seasons (he reportedly covered 195 mares in Ireland last year, followed by 103 when he shuttled to Australia).

BILL: We put Andrew's comments first here, not only because he is a great man and possibly older than me, but also because he sent his in first, and made a couple of key points with which I completely agree; so rather than going first myself and saying "as Andrew says below," we thought it made more sense for his reasoning to kick off our coverage.

One key point Andrew makes is that Montjeu sired the winners of 14 colts' Classics (including the G1 Grand Prix de Paris, which is not the official 'French Derby') at a mile and a half and beyond, but only one colt who had the speed to win a Classic at a mile--Camelot, winner of the 2012 G1 English 2000 Guineas. This is relevant when we look at Montjeu as a sire of sires. Two of his four Epsom Derby winners are established stallions (the third, Pour Moi, has his first 2-year-olds this year, and was featured in this column last week); ironically, both are now at stud in France, having started their careers in England.

Montjeu's first-crop 2005 Derby winner Motivator, who now stands at the Haras du Quesnay for €15,000, did not have year-end 2014 APEX ratings because he missed the 2010 covering season and had no 2011 foals (sires had to have 10+ foals of 2011 to be rated), but he did have a 1.70 A Runner Index at the end of 2013; since then, of course, Treve has scored her second win in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Authorized, the 2007 Derby winner, now stands for €7,000 at the Haras du Logis. He has a 1.23 A Runner Index and, while not knocking the barn down, he's not a bad sire, either--and this year he's starting to have some impact as a jumps sire, too. Montjeu is clearly at least a reasonable sire of sires, so I reckon Camelot, who had plenty of class and speed, has got to be a good bet to become a successful sire.

KELSEY: I couldn't possibly add anything more to Bill's and Andrew's analysis of Camelot's pedigree, so I'll take the on the honor of recapping his race record. Camelot ran just twice as a 2-year-old--both wins--and won the G1 Racing Post Trophy with an RPR of 118. He displayed enough speed to win the G1 2000 Guineas in just his third start (RPR 121), and a month later drubbed last year's dual Eclipse champion and GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner Main Sequence by five lengths in the Derby (RPR 126). He slugged through an atrociously soft track to win the Irish Derby a month later, and the margin would have been 11 lengths back to his overmatched rivals had it not been for Galileo and Sea the Stars' brother Born to Sea two lengths back in second. Camelot suffered his first loss when a valiant three-quarter length second in the 14 1/2 furlong St Leger in a rare attempt to complete the British Triple Crown six weeks later, and was at the end of a long and busy season when finishing seventh in a boggy Arc three weeks later. Camelot gave connections a scare when suffering a bout of colic bad enough to require surgery between his 3- and 4-year old campaigns, and while he won just one of three starts as a 4-year-old--the G3 Mooresbridge S.--he did run an RPR of 120 when second to Al Kazeem in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup. Considering Camelot's pedigree and race record--he is a three-time Classic winner over a mile and a 1 1/2 miles, after all--it is remarkable to think he is available for €25,000.

BETTING WITHOUT CAMELOT

BILL: Darley stands FARHH (Pivotal) at Dalham Hall in England; he stood for £17,500 last year, but is down to £12,000 for 2015. Farhh has a couple of pretty strong indicators going for him: he was never out of the first three (5-4-1) in ten starts over four seasons, and in five of his last six starts he ran RPR's of 126-127; very comparable to Nathaniel's form, though Farhh was an 8-10 furlong horse, whereas Nathaniel was more 10-12 furlongs.

Mention of Nathaniel brings in Frankel, and, like Nathaniel and Excelebration, Farhh had very good form behind Frankel. That was in 2012, the year all four of them were 4-year-olds; but whereas the other two had form behind Frankel at two and three, Farhh had run just once at two and once at three, winning both, but 16 months apart. Farhh really got going as a 4-year-old, when he ran six times: he won a handicap called the Thirsk Hunt Cup off an Official Rating of 100, which must have made him the handicap certainty of all time. His other five runs were placings in Group 1 races. He was third, beaten 2 3/4 lengths, by So You Think and Carlton House in the Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot. Then he was second, beaten a half-length by Nathaniel, in the Eclipse S. He was then a distant second twice to Frankel, beaten six lengths in the Sussex S. (one mile) and seven lengths in the Juddmonte (10 1/2 furlongs). He closed out the year by running Moonlight Cloud to a diminishing head in the Prix de Moulin at Longchamp. **Cont. p10**

**Young Guns cont.**

Farhh came back at five to score his first two black-type wins, both Group 1's, five months apart: the Lockinge S. (one mile) at Newbury in May, and the British Champion S., defeating the doughty Cirrus des Aigles, at Ascot in October 2013. He didn't race much, it is true, but he sure made it count when he did.



Farhh
Racing Post

ANDREW: History went a long way towards repeating itself when New Approach's first-crop son **DAWN APPROACH** reached the track. Both father and son ended their juvenile career as the champion of their generation after an unbeaten campaign which featured victories in the G1 National S. and G1 Dewhurst S. Timeform rated the father 127 and the son 126p. Their career paths eventually diverged, but only after both had confirmed their class in the 2000 Guineas. The father lost by just a nose, whereas the son romped home five lengths clear. The difference between the two was highlighted in the Derby, with Dawn Approach pulling too hard to give himself any chance of emulating his sire's success. Dawn Approach was still tough enough to win the G1 St James's Palace S. in very game fashion when dropped back to a mile just 17 days later.

Timeform considered that both were worthy of a rating of 132 at the end of their second season.

Dawn Approach was the more precocious and speedier of the two, as he demonstrated by making a winning debut as early as Mar. 25 as a



Sheikh Mohammed, Jim Bolger and Dawn Approach
Racing Post

2-year-old, whereas New Approach debuted on July 15. And whereas New Approach never tackled a distance shorter than seven furlongs, Dawn Approach had four victories over five or six furlongs, including the G2 Coventry S.

We don't have to look too far for the source of Dawn Approach's speed, as his broodmare sire is the American flyer Phone Trick. And here we have a difference between the two. Neither of Dawn Approach's first two dams managed to win, despite making a joint total of 13 starts. New Approach, on the other hand, is out of Park Express, a top-class racemare and producer. I have spoken to breeders for whom the bottom half of Dawn Approach's pedigree rings a few alarm bells, but his third dam, the Alydar mare Kittihawk Miss, is out of Kittiwake, a high-class racemare and producer. Another of Kittiwake's Alydar fillies was Miss Oceana, a champion who built a record of 19-11-6-1. This is an outstanding American family, so I am inclined to forgive Dawn Approach's first two dams for their lack of racecourse prowess.

More to the point, Dawn Approach bears a very strong resemblance to his sire, the main difference being that his hocks are behind him. Bearing in mind that New Approach was 2012's champion first-crop sire and had at least 20 2-year-old winners from his third crop, the more precocious Dawn Approach must have every chance of developing into a formidable sire of juveniles. He covered 166 mares in his first season, including plenty of mares belonging to Jim Bolger, who bred Dawn Approach and trained both father and son. So don't be surprised if the 2017 Royal Ascot meeting sees his first crop challenge the remarkable start made by New Approach's five years earlier.

KELSEY: INTELLO raced just nine times over two seasons (seven times as a 3-year-old), but he never finished worse than third, and his career was marked by high-level consistency throughout--an important trait in a sire prospect. After shipping from his French base to take Newmarket's Feilden S. to kick off his 3-year-old campaign, Intello was unlucky to draw in post 17



Intello
Racing Post

for the French Guineas, and after overcoming a troubled trip flew home to be beaten just a half-length in third. He rebounded decisively to take the French Derby six weeks later with an RPR of 121, and added the G3 Prix Messidor a month later. He ran a 122

RPR when finishing third, beaten 1 3/4 lengths, by the crack sprinter/miler Moonlight Cloud in the G1 Jacques le Marois another month later, and prepped for the Arc with a victory over 10 furlongs in the G3 Prix du Prince d'Orange. Intello ran his eyeballs out to be third to Treve in the Arc three weeks later, recording a career-best RPR of 125 in his swansong.

Intello also boasts one of the top pedigrees of his sire crop; his dam, Impressionante (GB) (Danehill) was a Group 2 winner and second in the French 1000 Guineas, and she herself was out of the dual Group 1 winner Occupandiste (Ire) (Kaldoun {Fr}), who has produced two other stakes winners. He traces back further to the sire-producing family of outstanding broodmare Fall Aspen. He stands for £25,000 at Cheveley Park Stud, which developed Pivotal (GB) from a stallion that stood for as low as £5,000 to a high of £85,000.

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F2015 SIRES AT 10,000 & UNDER

BILL: Like Andrew with Bated Breath last week (and with Frankel, by the way), I have to declare an interest here: I was a contributor to the decision that led to the mating of Gestut Fahrhof's syndicated (big word for a German stallion) **MAXIOS**, a half-brother, by Monsun, to the 2004 'Arc' winner Bago, bred by the Niarchos Family and out of Moonlight's Box, a daughter, by Nureyev, of Coup de Genie, herself a champion 2-year-old and full-sister to Machiavellian. It is an absolutely mouth-watering pedigree: his fourth dam, Raise The Standard, was only a half-sister (by Hoist The Flag, remember him?) to Northern Dancer.

A Group 3 winner as a 2-year-old and a Group 1 winner at a mile (he slammed Olympic Glory by five lengths in the 2013 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp) to 1850 meters (Prix d'Ispahan, 9 1/4 furlongs), Maxios has received unprecedented support from major German breeders, in a country where syndication has been rare. But what really makes Maxios an even more interesting bet was his reception in the commercial marketplace at last year's Tattersalls December Sale. The Fahrhof team made the decision to bring Maxios from Germany to Newmarket to have him available for breeders to look at. They told me they had shown him almost 300 times, and Maxios went from being a stallion people had a sort of vague idea about to a horse a lot of breeders, outside of as well as inside Germany, are paying attention to. More than one 'judge' who toured the Newmarket stallions that week came back to say Maxios, as an individual, rated right up there with the best they'd seen. Eight mares in foal to Maxios averaged \$91,849 at the Mixed sales, ranking him fifth among European sires still at stud (in other words, excluding Al Kazeem and Reckless Abandon, who had three sell each), off a €10,000 fee.

ANDREW: Gestut Fahrhof added two new stallions to its team for the 2014 season. I guess the one which will have attracted more attention from breeders outside of Germany will have been Maxios, a dual Group 1 winner in France by the much-missed Monsun. Spare a thought, though, for **PASTORIUS**, the other Fahrhof recruit.

For €6,500, Pastorius offers group-winning form at the ages of two, three and four and his trio of Group 1 successes include a victory over the future King George winner Novellist in the Deutsches Derby and a defeat of Maxios in the Prix Ganay. Clearly he was well up to top international standard.

I can imagine non-Germans thinking that they know little about his sire, Soldier Hollow. Well, there is nothing wrong with this grandson of Sadler's Wells. Like that very successful stallion Singspiel, Soldier Hollow is by Sadler's Wells's highly effective son In The Wings. Soldier Hollow was also very talented and his long and distinguished racing career saw him become a multiple Group 1 winner over middle distances in Germany and Italy. He also defeated Manduro to take the G2 Prix Dollar.

In common with some other good German stallions, Soldier Hollow has been siring much smaller crops than is the norm in Britain and Ireland. Fortunately that hasn't stopped him siring a top international performer in each of his first two crops, with Pastorius coming from his first and Ivanhowe from his second.

Pastorius's appeal extends to his being out of a mare by the mighty Monsun, who has sired the dams of the last three Deutsches Derby winners, including the most recent, Sea The Moon. Pastorius also comes from a classic German female line, so he should prove an asset to the German industry.

KELSEY: In addition to Intello, Cheveley Park will also be developing **LETHAL FORCE**, who began to hit his best stride late in his 3-year-old campaign when taking the G2 Hungerford S. and blossomed into a top-class sprinter at four, with clear-cut victories in the G1 Diamond Jubilee and G1 July Cup (123 and 124 RPR, respectively). Only Moonlight Cloud stood between Lethal Force and three straight Group 1s in the Prix Maurice de Gheest, and he was ninth in the G1 Betfred Sprint Cup to round out his career. Lethal Force hails from a productive immediate family that includes fellow Group 1-winning sprinter G Force, and while Dark Angel has not yet had a chance to prove himself as a sire of sires, his sire, Acclamation, is proving useful with limited representatives; in addition to Dark Angel he has Equiano, who notched 16 winners with his first-crop 2-year-olds last year. Lethal Force is down to £10,000 this year after starting at £12,500 last year.

F2016 SIRES: COVERING 1ST SEASON 2015

There is a big group of 10 European sires retiring for 10,000 or more in 2015, including 2014 G1 Epsom Derby winner **Australia** (Galileo, €50,000) and 2014 champion miler in Europe, **Kingman** (Invincible Spirit, £55,000), both of whom we've declared ineligible for consideration for this feature, because, who wouldn't want to breed to them? Besides the big two, Qatar's Al-Thani family retires three: impressive 2014 G1 Prix de la Foret winner **Olympic Glory** (Choisir) goes to Haras de Bouquetot for €15,000; impressive 2014 G1 Queen Anne S. winner **Toronado** (High Chaparral) goes to the English National Stud for £10,000; and the near-champion 3-year-old miler, **Charm Spirit**, like Kingman by Invincible Spirit, goes to Tweenhills, in England, for £25,000. Coolmore also retires three: 2013 G1 Epsom Derby winner **Ruler of the World** (Galileo, €15,000); 2013 G2 Coventry S. and G1 Dewhurst S. winner **War Command** (War Front, €20,000); and the 2013 2-year-old rocket, **No Nay Never** (Scat Daddy, €20,000), winner of the G2 Norfolk at Royal Ascot and the G1 Prix Morny at Deauville, and last year a narrow loser to Bobby's Kitten in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Santa Anita. Darley retires 2014 G1 Diamond Jubilee S. and July Cup winner **Slade Power** (Dutch Art, €20,000) to Kildangan in Ireland; and Kirsten Rausing stands the 2014 G1 German Derby winner and one-time 'Arc' favorite **Sea The Moon** (Sea The Stars, £15,000) to her Lanwades Stud near Newmarket. A lot of form there; a lot to choose from.



BILL: An €140,000 Arqana yearling bought by trainer Freddy Head for Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani, **CHARM SPIRIT** developed into a near-champion by the end of 2014, winning his last four races, including three Group 1's at a mile: the Prix Jean Prat, Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, and the Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot on British Champions Day, after which he was retired to Tweenhills Stud.

Charm Spirit's form bears the closest scrutiny. Winner in his second start at two, he then ran third to subsequent 2014 G1 Breeders' Cup Mile winner



Charm Spirit
Racing Post

Karakontie in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere on Arc Day 2013. Last year, at three, his only defeat in six starts came when he was fifth, beaten under four lengths by Night of Thunder, Kingman, Australia, and Shifting Power in what is turning out to be a red-hot 2014

G1 English 2000 Guineas. Charm Spirit subsequently beat Shifting Power in the Jean Prat, Night of Thunder twice, and Toronado. He's out of a Montjeu mare, out of a Machiavellian mare, and is sure to benefit from the patronage of the increasingly powerful Al-Thani family as well as having great appeal to commercial breeders.

ANDREW: One of the most remarkable stories of the last few years has been the transformation in War Front's status. His initial fee of \$12,500 in 2007 reflected a racing career which featured just four wins from 13 starts, his best victory coming at Grade II level. Yet by 2014 his fee had risen to \$150,000, and it could be argued that he has the highest international reputation of any U.S.-based stallion. This transformation has also resulted in keen demand for War Front's stallion sons. In the U.S. in 2014, The Factor covered 151 mares, Soldat 124 and Data Link 121, while Declaration of War attracted more than 170 mares in what proved to be his solitary season at Coolmore.

This suggests that **WAR COMMAND**, another of War Front's best sons, will be highly popular as he attempts to fill the void left by Declaration of War's transfer to Kentucky. War Command is starting out at only €15,000, compared to Declaration of War's €40,000, the disparity stemming from a largely disappointing second season by War Command. However, Ireland's commercial breeders love a horse with a high-class record at two years and War Command certainly meets that standard.



War Command
Racing Post

Five starts produced four victories, starting as early as June 7, and War Command was highly impressive in winning the G2 Coventry S. by six lengths on his second start. He later gave weight and a decisive beating to the future Jersey S. winner Mustajeeb in the G2 Futurity S. before rounding off an excellent first season with victory in the G1 Dewhurst S. Few colts possess the necessary blend of class, precocity and durability to complete the Coventry-Dewhurst double, other examples being the great Mill Reef and Dawn Approach.

War Command's grandsires, Danzig and Red Ransom, both showed enormous potential at an early age but neither stayed sound long enough to fulfil the huge expectations. Fortunately War Command proved more durable and there is good reason to think he will thrive at Coolmore. For a start, he has no Sadler's Wells blood, which opens the door to daughters of Galileo, Montjeu, High Chaparral, etc, and he should also flourish with mares by Danehill's tough sons.

When I reviewed War Command's pedigree in the *TDN*, I commented that "from the viewpoint of War Command's future stallion career, it can only be good news that his dam [the Grade II winner] Wandering Star is bred along similar lines to that excellent sire Silver Hawk. In fact her sire [Red Ransom] is a son of Silver Hawk's sire Roberto and her dam was a daughter of Silver Hawk's dam, the Prix Jacques le Marois winner Gris Vitesse."

KELSEY: Choisir was represented last year by first-season sire Starspangledbanner, who recorded two stakes winners (including the Group 1 winner The Wow Signal) from just 19 starters, and another in the pipeline for Choisir will be **OLYMPIC GLORY**, who enters stud at Haras de Bouquetot this year for €15,000. Olympic Glory's family boasts a lot of class--his third dam won the G2 Queen Mary and his fourth dam was the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas victress Favoletta--but the key attraction of Olympic Glory is his consistent brilliance on the racetrack (and his sizzling turn of foot). Olympic Glory ran 125+ RPRs on four occasions--twice as a 3-year-old and twice as a 4-year-old, and was also a Group 1 winner and dual Group 2 winner as a juvenile. His only loss in five juvenile outings came when second to champion and subsequent Classic winner Dawn Approach in Royal Ascot's G2 Coventry S., and after that effort Olympic Glory garnered the G2 Superlative S., G2 Vintage S. and G1 Jean-Luc Lagardere. After shipping back to Britain to take the G3 Greenham S. on 3-year-old debut, Olympic Glory was an excusable 11th in the French Guineas after drawing poorly and enjoying no luck in running. He ran Moonlight Cloud to a short head when notching his first 127 RPR in the Jacques le Marois later in the year, and hit that figure again two starts later when taking the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. on British Champions Day.



Olympic Glory
Racing Post

**Young Guns cont.**

Olympic Glory received a 125 RPR for his season-opening score in the G1 Lockinge S. the following year, and closed out the season with the same figure when using his remarkable turn of foot to go last-to-first in the G1 Prix de la Foret. If you haven't seen Olympic Glory's Foret, take 1:17.33 and [watch it](#). Yes, a fast pace set up for him, but the way he comes through the pack in a matter of seconds is spine tingling.

F2016 SIRES UNDER 10,000

BILL: Oasis Dream has at least 10 sons who have gone to stud in Europe since 2010, including successful 2014 freshman sire Showcasing, and two sons featured by one of us in these two columns, Power and Frozen Power. Here's number three: the Irish National Stud's **GALE FORCE TEN**, who was a £280,000 Doncaster yearling bought for the Coolmore team. He was quite precocious, running second to Reckless Abandon in the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot, then at the end of the season was third to the same horse in the G1 Middle Park S. At three he ran a good fourth to Style Vendome in the G1 Prix d'Essai des Poulains--French 2000 Guineas--then second to Magician in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, then went to Royal Ascot for a second year and won the ultra-competitive G3 Jersey S. as a well-backed favorite. He was then unplaced in three runs behind buzzsaw older horses in the G1 July Cup, G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Prix du Moulin. He ran four times the following winter in Dubai for trainer Mike de Kock, but never got close. Nonetheless, it's all about how good the horse was in his best form, and on that score, I'd say Gale Force Ten's best form is definitely good enough to make him a good punt for a €5,000 sire.

ANDREW: Being in competition with near-neighbor Coolmore must make it all the more difficult for Rathbarry Stud to establish a young stallion. However, the Cashman family have a proud record in this sphere, thanks to such as Alzao, Taufan, Barathea and Acclamation. With the notable exception of Barathea, none of these stallions had won at Group 1 level, so it is going to be interesting to see whether Rathbarry can again work its magic with Lilbourne Lad and **MOOHAAJIM**, two young members of the team that finished second in the G1 Middle Park S.

Moohaajim failed narrowly to deprive Reckless Abandon of his unbeaten record in the Middle Park of 2012. Moohaajim had first drawn attention to himself at Tattersalls' Craven Breeze-Up Sale, when a fast piece of work put him on many short-lists. In the end he fell to a bid of 200,000gns from Marco Botti, who explained that he considered him a very good physical model.

The Cape Cross colt proved a shrewd purchase, and he raced exclusively at group level after making an impressive winning debut at Ascot. He warmed up for the Middle Park by overcoming traffic problems in the G2 Mill Reef S. I had high hopes that Moohaajim would make a fine 3-year-old but he was injured in the 2000 Guineas and that was the last that was seen of him.

His sire Cape Cross has found fame as the sire of the brilliant Sea The Stars, who did so well with his first 3-year-olds last year, and he's also the broodmare sire of the highly talented Australia. Cape Cross seemed to do very well with mares with Nureyev blood, to the extent that he has eight stakes winners with second dams by Nureyev. Moohaajim's dam, the Irish and American winner Thiella, is inbred 3x3 to Nureyev through two of that brilliant stallion's most important progeny, Miesque and Theatrical. With no Sadler's Wells or Danehill in his pedigree, he should prove an attractive addition to the Rathbarry team, especially with his fee set at only €5,000.

KELSEY: Pedigree and racetrack performance combined, **ANODIN** is the complete package, and for €7,500 he is a gift, really. Bill highlighted Anodin as a European bargain in December ([click here](#)), and in fact would have written about him here had I not stolen him first.

Anodin is a full-brother to the 14-time Grade/Group 1 winner Goldikova and a half to G1 Prix Vermeille victress Galikova, and their second dam and third dams are both Group 1 winners and accomplished producers.

It is likely Anodin is available at a bargain price because his best performances were not victories; in fact, he won just twice in 14 starts: the G3 Prix Paul Moussac and a Longchamp conditions race as a 3-year-old. He was unfortunate to run into a handful of giants as a 4-year-old last year. A talented miler, he finished second to Cirrus des Aigles when stretched out to 9 1/2 furlongs in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan (RPR 118). He finished third to Toronado in the G1 Queen Anne (RPR 119) and second to Kingman in the Prix Jacques le Marois (RPR 119). Fifth to Olympic Glory when dropped back to seven furlongs in the Foret, Anodin ran an absolute blinder to be second to Karakontie in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile--the race his famed sister won three times.

Among the sires produced by the legendary stallion master Alec Head are Anodin's sire Anabaa, so you can be sure the master of Haras du Quesnay will give Anodin the best possible chance. Head also selected as yearlings and started at stud Lyphard and Riverman, both of whom appear in Anodin's female family.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS



Thursday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 10:55 a.m. ET

UAE OAKS-G3, A\$250,000, 3yo, f, 1900m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Shahrasal (Aus)	Shamardal	Hanagan	de Kock	
2 Yodelling	Medaglia d'Oro	Hughes	Appleby	
3 Good Place	Street Cry (Ire)	Buck	bin Suroor	
4 Local Time (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Doyle	bin Suroor	
5 Icicapada (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Graberg	Petersen	
6 Runner Runner (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Dobbs	Baker	

All carry 121 pounds bar Shahrasal, 131 pounds.

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 12:40 p.m. ET

ZABEEL MILE-G2, A\$250,000, 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Earnshaw	Medaglia d'Oro	Barzalona	Ghadayer	125
2 Dark Emerald (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Fallon	Powell	125
3 Outstrip (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Doyle	Appleby	125
4 Anaerobio (Arg)	Catcher in the Rye (Ire)	Geroudis	de Kock	125
5 Safety Check (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	129
6 Emirate's Girl (Arg)	Lizard Island	Murphy	Kodama	121
7 Empire Storm (Ger)	Storming Home (GB)	Hanagan	Attwater	125
8 Johann Strauss (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Dobbs	de Kock	125
9 Short Squeeze (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Smullen	Palmer	125
10 Rostrum (Fr)	Shamardal	Smith	Mohammed	125
11 Darwin	Big Brown	Soumillon	de Kock	125

RILEY TO SADDLE DIAMOND RUNNER

Australian trainer Mark Riley, who was on Monday banned from racing for three years after being found guilty of administering TC02 to a horse in his care last July, will be allowed to saddle G1 Blue Diamond fancy **Of The Brave (Aus)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) in that Saturday feature, according to published reports.



Mark Riley
Racing and Sports

While Riley is appealing Monday's decision, the rules of Australia's Racing and Disciplinary Appeals Board state that he would not be allowed to run horses in his name from the time the decision was handed down. Racing Victoria stewards informed Of The Brave's owners they would need to find a new licensed trainer by 10 a.m. today in order to run Saturday, and rejected applications for an

employee of Riley's to take over training. Riley initially sought assistance from the Supreme Court to allow him to saddle Of The Brave and was unsuccessful, but his legal team broke through after applying with the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal late Tuesday, and his disqualification has been put on hold until Monday.

Saturday, Caulfield, Australia

BLUE DIAMOND S.-G1, A\$1,000,000 (US\$782,270), 2yo, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Stoker (Aus)	Writtin Tycoon (Aus)	Oliver	McEvoy	124
2	9	Of The Brave (Aus)	Strspngldbnrr (Aus)	Baster	Riley	124
3	7	Prompt Return (Aus)	Beneteau (Aus)	Winks	O'Brien	124
4	14	Manhattan Blues (Aus)	Mnhattn Rain (Aus)	Hall	McEvoy	124
5	12	Sampeah (Aus)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	C Schfld	O'Shea	124
6	3	Bantam (Aus)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Mott	O'Shea	124
7	5	Pride of Dubai (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Browne	P/P Snwden	124
8	1	Fontiton (Aus)	Turffontein (Aus)	Zahra	Smerdon	120
9	8	Thurlow (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Williams	Smerdon	120
10	15	Flamboyant Lass (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Boss	Waterhouse	120
11	10	Miss Gidget (Aus)	Gonski (Aus)	Melham	C/C Aldersn	120
12	2	Claudia Jean (Aus)	Nt A Sngle Dbt (Aus)	Walker	Hyes/Dbrnig	120
13	11	Lake Geneva (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Dunn	Hawkeses	120
14	4	Air Apparent (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Lane	Hyes/Dbrnig	120
15	13	Reemah (Aus)	Rdoute's Chce (Aus)	Symons	Hyes/Dbrnig	120

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PIUSSANCE DE LUNE RETIRED

Puissance de Lune (Ire) (Shamardal--Princess Serena, by Unbridled's Song), a multiple group winner and Group 1-placed in Australia, has been retired from racing and will enter stud at Swettenham Stud in Victoria, Australia later this year, according to published reports. The 7-year-old

made his first four starts in France before being sold to Australian owner Gerry Ryan, and he quickly reeled off three straight group victories Down Under, making him the early favorite for the 2013 G1 Melbourne Cup. Puissance de Lune finished second in that year's G1 Makype Diva S. and G1 Turnbull S., but failed to make it to the starting gate for the Melbourne Cup after injuring himself in the G1 Cox Plate. He returned to competition after an extended layoff for a spring 2014 campaign but was unplaced in two tries.



Puissance de Lune
Racing and Sports

Puissance de Lune is by Shamardal, sire of last year's European champion first-season sire Lope De Vega (Ire), and is out of a daughter of Serena's Sister (Rahy), a full-sister to Serena's Song. A half-sister to Puissance de Lune, Serena's Storm (Ire) (Statue of Liberty), produced the G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G1 Coronation S. winner Rizeena (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}).

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Writers Up

QATAR A WELCOMING HOST

By Emma Berry

There are some days when it's tough being a racing and bloodstock journalist. Today is not one of them. If fans of Thoroughbred racing don't know much about the HH The Emir International Equestrian Sword Festival taking place in Qatar this week then they soon will. The St Regis Hotel in Doha is packed to the rafters with racing hacks of all nationalities, not to mention a number of leading trainers of similarly varied origins.



Horses overlook diners at Al Shahania

Emma Berry

Stoute and Luca Cumani during a short quest for a seat with a view. In the racing world, home is never too far away.

That said, the *TDN* has done a good job in keeping me away from home since the start of the year and so far I've done an equally good job of getting lost--first in Ireland, later in Normandy (where I spared the blushes of our locally based correspondent Alix Choppin by not mentioning that she was at the wheel as we tried unsuccessfully to find Haras de Bonneval). In the case of Qatar, I subscribe to the view that if you don't know where you're going in the first place then you can't be lost. I'm also willing to believe that the driver of the happy bus of hacks wasn't genuinely lost, merely choosing to show us the sights of downtown Doha despite the increasingly desperate urgings of the passengers to return to the hotel in time to change and head to the races.



Camel at Al Shahania

Emma Berry

In Newmarket, it's perfectly normal behavior to be on horseback before breakfast. At Al Shahania, the fearless members of our party--including Stephen Wallis of the Jockey Club--opted for a camel ride around the courtyard during what can only be described as an early-morning feast. Some of us, especially those missing greyhounds at home, fussed the stable's three Salukis, while others posed for selfies with falcons or were tattooed with henna.

While undoubtedly one of life's truly memorable breakfasts--watched over by the bemused but lovely dish-faced mares from the stable doors of the stud's breeding barn--this was just the sideshow to the order of the morning, which was a tour of the facilities at Al Shahania, some 45 minutes outside Doha (depending on the whims of your driver). The complex, surrounded by desert which is quickly being converted into vast office buildings and shopping malls as far as the eye can see, is a surprising green oasis which doubles as a stud farm and racing stable.

The original barn, which resembles a small palace and is wide, cool and airy, is home to a combination of 15 Arab broodmares, show horses and four stallions, including the one-eyed grey Aziz ASF, winner of the prestigious Emir Sword in 2012. Further similarly high-spec barns reveal a number of yearlings and 2-year-olds, though the bulk of Al Shahania's yearlings are sent to France for their formative years, where the stud's owner, HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani, also has Haras des Cruchettes in Normandy.

Towards the rear of the property, the grass paddocks give way to individual sand day-yards for each of the 40 horses trained on the property by Julian Smart. Turned out each day after morning exercise, the 38 Arabs and two Thoroughbreds--the latter sons of Authorized (Ire) and Duke Of Marmalade (Ire) respectively--look fit, relaxed and happy in small paddocks surrounded by palms. Despite the presence of a canopy in each of the yards, once the Qatari summer arrives it's too hot for the horses, who then switch to being stabled in the air-conditioned barns by day and out in the open air by night.



Canopied yard

Emma Berry

"I love to keep the horses out as much as possible," said 44-year-old Smart, an Englishman by birth, but one who learned the ways of the racing world in Canada and America before training in the Gulf, first in Abu Dhabi then Oman. He is now in his sixth season in Qatar.

He added, "It works especially well for Arab horses. Perhaps Thoroughbreds are a little more used to being stabled for longer periods but the Arabs are more complex and really seem to benefit from being turned out." **Cont. p16**

**Qatar a Welcoming Host cont.**

The deep sand training tracks and paddocks of the racing stable are a far cry from Lambourn, the English training center at which Smart's horses are stabled in the summer for the European Arab racing season. But two very important members of the team, doubles of which could be found in almost any British racing stable, belie the trainer's roots and follow him wherever he goes: Jade the Labrador, who greets visitors with a soggy coat after her morning swim in the equine pool, and Bobby the Jack Russell terrier.

Qatar's eight-day equestrian festival culminates in three days of racing at Al Nayyan Racecourse, each featuring a mixture of nine Arab and Thoroughbred races. With the Qatar International Cup and Trophy to

come on Wednesday, followed by the Emir Sword and Trophy, Tuesday's fixture brings a first for the country with the Italian-born duo of Luca Cumani and Marco Botti becoming the first British-based trainers to saddle runners at the



Luca and Francesca Cumani at the races
Emma Berry

meeting with Golden Steps (Fr) and Mission Approved (GB) lining up for the Qatar 2022 Invitation Cup. Neither horse troubles the judge as the domestic Group 3 contest falls to the fast-finishing 8-year-old Roi De Vitesse (Ire) (Chineur {Fr}) for owner Mohammed Marhan Jamsheer and trainer Ali Jan. As dusk falls, the large party of foreign visitors are ushered back to the hotel for the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club (QREC) gala dinner. In less than 24 hours, the QREC, which has the Emir, HH Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, as its patron, has already proved to be the most welcoming host. In its 40th anniversary year it has attracted an international guest list and has its two best days of the racing calendar still to come.

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SHEETS, 11, Scatmandu--One Hot Minute, by Relaunch Foal born Jan. 30, a colt by Congrats. Will be bred back to Mineshaft. Owned by Robert & Joan Masterson. Boarded at Denali Stud. Accomplishments: GSW, \$460,369.

ALLEGRETTO (IRE), 12, Galileo (Ire)--Alleluia (GB), by Caerleon Foal born Feb. 2, a filly by Dansili (GB). Will be bred back to Mastercraftsman (Ire). Owned and boarded at Cheveley Park Stud. Accomplishments: Co. Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 14+, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng 13.5+, MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, G1SW-Fr, \$963,021.

ARRAVAL, 12, Arch--Kulosca, by Kaldoun Foal born Feb. 3, a colt by Quality Road. Will be bred back to Quality Road. Owned by Mr. Bob Costigan. Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm. Accomplishments: Ch. Horse of the Year & Ch. Turf Mare-Can, MGISW, \$1,129,697.

DEBONNAIRE (GB), 10, Anabaa--Ultra Finesse, by Rahy Foal born Feb. 3, a colt by Frankel (GB). Will be bred back to Frankel (GB). Owned by Mt. Brilliant Broodmares II, LLC. Boarded at Highclere Stud. Accomplishments: Dam of Hartnell (GB) (Authorized {Ire}), GSW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$268,651.

HESSONITE, 7, Freud--Lakab, by Manilla Foal born Feb. 3, a colt by Bernardini. Will be bred back to Tapit. Owned by Dattt Farm LLC. Boarded at Denali Stud. Accomplishments: GSW, \$879,644.

TAKE THE RIBBON, 12, Chester House--Magical Flash, by Miswaki Foal born Feb. 3, a filly by Dansili (GB). Will be bred back to Sea the Stars. Owned by Eurowest Bloodstock. Boarded at Coolmore. Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$372,102.

**'WAR' SET FOR SECOND SKIRMISH AT TURFWAY**

by Ben Massam

After multiple flights across the Atlantic Ocean, Tabor, Smith, Magnier and Allen's **The Great War** (War Front) has found a home in Kentucky--a return to the state in which he was bred that trainer Wesley Ward hopes will ultimately propel his charge to the top of the American sophomore division.

Winner of his 3-year-old debut in the 6 1/2-furlong 96 Rock S. at Turfway Park Jan. 31, the colt will make

his next start Saturday in the John Battaglia Memorial S. over 1 1/16 miles at that same venue. As a juvenile, The Great War registered three wins from seven starts on the turf in Ireland and Great Britain prior to traveling to America to finish fourth in the GI Breeders'



The Great War
Coady Photography

Cup Juvenile on dirt at Santa Anita Nov. 1. He was transferred from Aidan O'Brien to Ward following that effort.

Ward said his initial impressions of The Great War were highly favorable.

"He's doing everything right and he hasn't skipped a beat since he came into the barn," Ward said. "From the Breeders' Cup, he had to travel back to Ireland because of quarantine restrictions. He came back through Chicago, and after he got out of quarantine there, he came down to my barn in Kentucky at Keeneland."

In light of the hectic travel schedule, Ward acknowledged that he considered the variables of climate familiarity and level of competition when plotting a series of races for the bay. The local series for 3-year-olds at Turfway, seemed like the perfect option to Ward.

"He was in Ireland in a cold-weather climate and came through Chicago--which would have been cold," explained Ward. "I just thought [Kentucky] would be a really good path to see how good this horse is, instead of coming down to Florida to catch the best newly turned 3-year-olds in the East Coast division. He got through the first hurdle with an 'A-plus' and we're heading into this next race with big expectations for him."

The Great War won last month's 96 Rock S. with the greatest of ease, pressing the pace before drawing clear to a 7 1/4-length score in what essentially amounted to a paid workout. Drawn widest in post 11 for Saturday's affair, Ward said that his trainee's natural speed and adaptability leave him with little concern.

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"Honestly, [post 11] couldn't have been a better post to get because we have speed, which we saw in his last race," the conditioner reasoned. "So when he breaks, we won't have to contend with anyone outside pressuring us. If he wants to go, it will be at my rider's discretion to let him go. But having an outside post, we can possibly track somebody that wants to go fast early and maybe sit off them. So it's an ideal post for this particular horse."

Bred by Claiborne Farm, The Great War was sold to his current owners for \$1 million as a Keeneland September yearling. Ward, however, had his eyes on the colt since last June when he competed against him in the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot. The experience enabled him to gather useful information for the prospect's transition to his own barn.

"When he was the 4-5 favorite [in the Norfolk], I was looking at him, being as he was my key competition at the time," the two-time Breeders' Cup winning trainer recalled. "I looked at his feet and he's got a dirt foot on him. He doesn't have a big flat foot of a turf type of runner, so I talked to my good friend Paul Shanahan and said I wouldn't be scared to run this horse on the dirt in the future."

As fate would have it, the dirt-footed colt is now under the care of Ward, and the trainer has high praise for the runner whom he may keep on the synthetic surface at Turfway for the duration of the winter. As such, a graded-stakes try may be on the horizon.

"He's a beautiful colt, and he's a \$1 million yearling, so that sort of signifies how his physical attributes are," said Ward. "He's done everything right, so we're hopeful he takes this next jump and then we're off to the GIII Spiral S. [at Turfway Park Mar. 22]."

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► Eastern U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-PRX, \$45,500, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.
WE MISS ANTHONY (c, 3, [Midshipman](#)-[Oxford Joy](#) {SP}, by Lord Carson), off the board in his first two starts, put that experience to good use when third in a one-mile Parx affair Dec. 23 and was a distant second shortened up to 5 1/2 furlongs at this oval Feb. 7. The 2-1 favorite was quickest from the stalls and briefly led, but conceded command to a rival along his inside, who posted a :21.78 first quarter. He engaged that foe shortly thereafter and stormed away down the lane to post a three-length victory. Elclinico (Cowtown Cat) rallied from the back of the field to be runner-up. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$41,860. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Bran Jam Stable & David W Clark. B-Darley & John O'Meara (KY). T-Louis C Linder Jr.



Tuesday Cancellations
Mahoning Valley Race Course

**East Report cont.**

5th-PRX, \$31,400, Msw, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.
+ COSMIC DESTINY (c, 3, Fairbanks--Paris Gem, by Rubiano), the only firster in the field, was overlooked here and went off as the second longest shot on the board at 16-1. Away alertly, the dark bay soon powered to the front and streaked through a swift opening quarter. Hard pressed turning for home, he hit another gear entering the stretch while two wide and increased his advantage to three lengths at the wire. Ontheroadtovictory (Not For Love) finished second. The winner is a half to Roll Your Own (Smoke Glacken), SP, \$166,636. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Peter A Double Deuce Stables LLC. B-Epona Equine, LLC (PA). T-Martin E Ciresa.

INDUSTRY INFO**Old Friends to Launch Equidoodles:**

"Equidoodles by Old Friends," abstract paintings done by retired Thoroughbreds, are set to debut in an exclusive eBay auction Sunday, Mar. 1 and run through Mar. 8 with the proceeds going to Old Friends. The watercolor paintings have been done by some of Old Friends most famous residents, including Silver Charm, Game On Dude, Sarava, Kudos, Gulch and Little Silver Charm.

Mary Simon, a long-time supporter of Old Friends, has spearheaded the Equidoodle project. Simon has been creating equine art since 2001. "This is a wonderful opportunity to have an original work of art that just happens to have been created by a four-legged artist," said Simon. "It's a wonderful enrichment for the animals, and for the buyer it's like taking home a piece their spirit."

APPOINTMENTS

Jessica Paquette: Director of Communications, Starlight Racing

- "Jessica has a diversified background in a number of areas that can benefit our team and we're looking forward to having her working with us," Co-managing partner Jack Wolf said.
- Previously worked as Senior Director of Communications at Suffolk Downs, and worked as the track's racing analyst and television personality. She also served as the New England Turf Writers' Association since 2010.
- "I am thrilled to be coming on board with the team at Starlight and StarLadies Racing, especially at such an exciting time," said Paquette. "I'm looking forward to getting a chance to work with and learn from some of the best in the industry."

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+ Rain Wind and Fire, c, 3, [Eskendereya](#). See "Britain."

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Dee Day, f, 4, [Invasor \(Arg\)](#)--Plan Nine, by Mizzen Mast. HOU, 2-23, 6 1/2f, 1:21 4/5. B-H V Farms Ltd (KY).

**STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS**

NEPHRITE (GB) (Pivotal {GB}--Cape Merino {GB}, by Clantime {GB}), winner of the G3 Killavullan S., stands at Park Stud for C\$2000 stands and nurses.

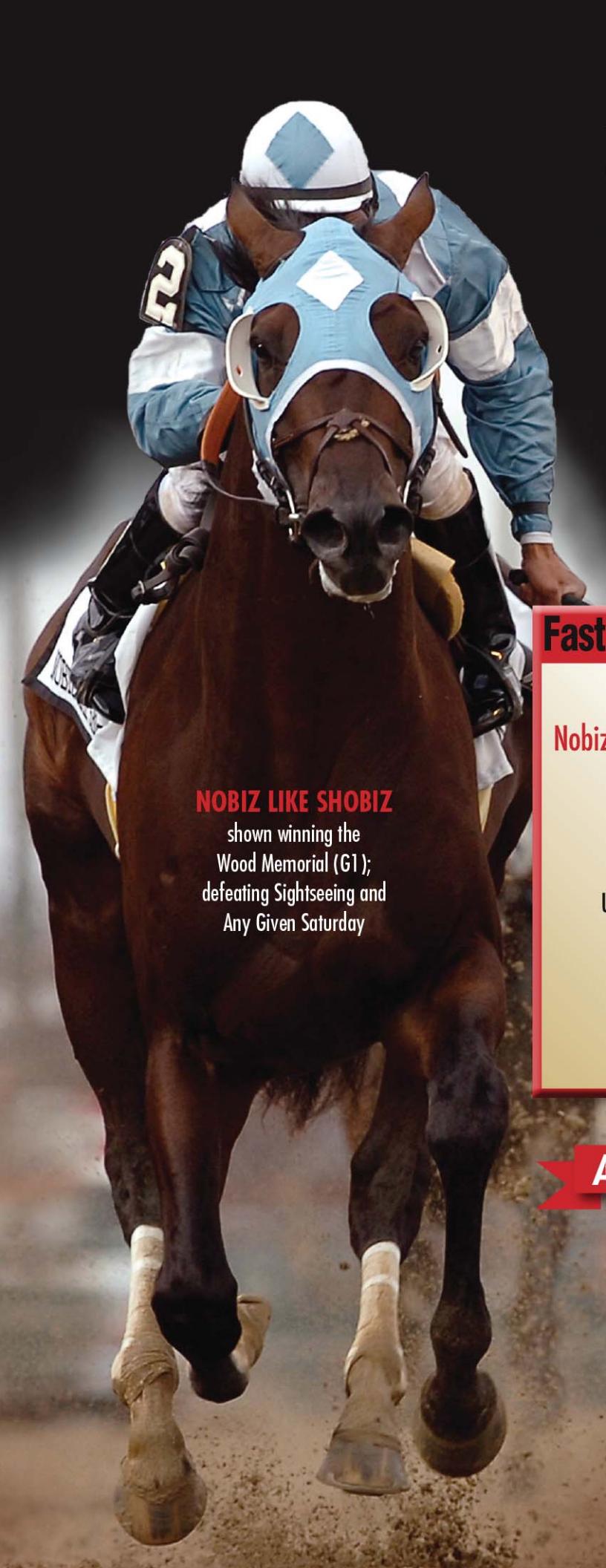
- Ben's Dancin (Whiskey Wisdom--Tagett, by Northern Jove) produced a chestnut filly at Park Stud Feb. 20. The foal is a half-sister to stakes winner Grandy's Glory (Bold Executive).
- "She's exactly what we were hoping for from a talented sprinter like Nephrite," said Michael Byrne of Park Stud. "Well balanced with a strong hip and shoulder."

BRITAIN[www.destinationeuroperracing.com](#)**Yesterday's Results:**

1st-LIN, £5,000, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:25.65, ft.
+ RAIN WIND AND FIRE (c, 3, [Eskendereya](#))--Call Mariah, by Dixie Union), sent off the 7-4 second choice, showed early speed from his wide post to shadow the early pace-setter Moonfaarid (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in second. Taking until the last 150 yards to master that rival, the homebred asserted to score by three-quarters of a length. The dam is a half-sister to Albertus Maximus (Albert the Great), GISW-US, \$1,328,230; and to Daredevil (More Than Ready), GISW-US, \$345,000. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,235. [VIDEO](#), courtesy attheraces.com.

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Lady Eli (Divine Park), 4f, :48.75, 1/42
 Mr. Jordan (Kantharos), 3f, :36.80, 1/1

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Atwix (GB), f, 3, Sakhee--Atwirl (GB), by Pivotal (GB).
 LIN, 2-24, 10f (AWT), 2:06 1/5. B-Southcourt Stud (GB). *3,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.



EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN QATAR:

Upholland (GB), g, 4, **Dutch Art (GB)**, Never Away (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). QREC, 2-24, Hcp, 1850mT. B-Never Away Partnership. *£28,000 yrl '12 DONAUG; £48,000 2yo '13 DONAPR; 12,000gns HRA '14 TATHIT.

Charlie's Wish (Fr), f, 4, **Myboycharlie (Ire)**--Lindsey's Wish (SW-US), by Trippi. QREC, 2-24, Mdn, 2000mT. B-S F Bloodstock.

Sherston (GB), g, 4, Shamardal--Shersha (Ire) (SW-Ire & SP-UAE, \$181,136), by Priolo. QREC, 2-24, Hcp, 1600mT. B-Sir Eric Parker. *60,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT; 18,000gns HRA '14 TATJUL.

Mudhish (Fr), h, 5, **Echo Of Light (GB)**--Beau Fete (Arg) (G1SW-Arg), by Beau Sultan. QREC, 2-24, Hcp, 2400mT. B-Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani.

Roi de Vitesse (Ire), h, 8, **Chineur (Fr)**--Face the Storm (Ire), by Barathea (Ire). QREC, 2-24, Listed Qatar 2022 Invitation Cup, 1200mT. B-Tally-Ho Stud. *GSP-Eng & SP-Ire. *8,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT; 39,000gns HRA '09 TATHIT.



The Irish Stud and Stable Staff Awards, sponsored by Godolphin, yesterday unveiled its newly designed trophies. They are bronze sculptures designed by Ani Mollereau, pictured (left) with Joe Osborne (middle) and Bernard Caldwell

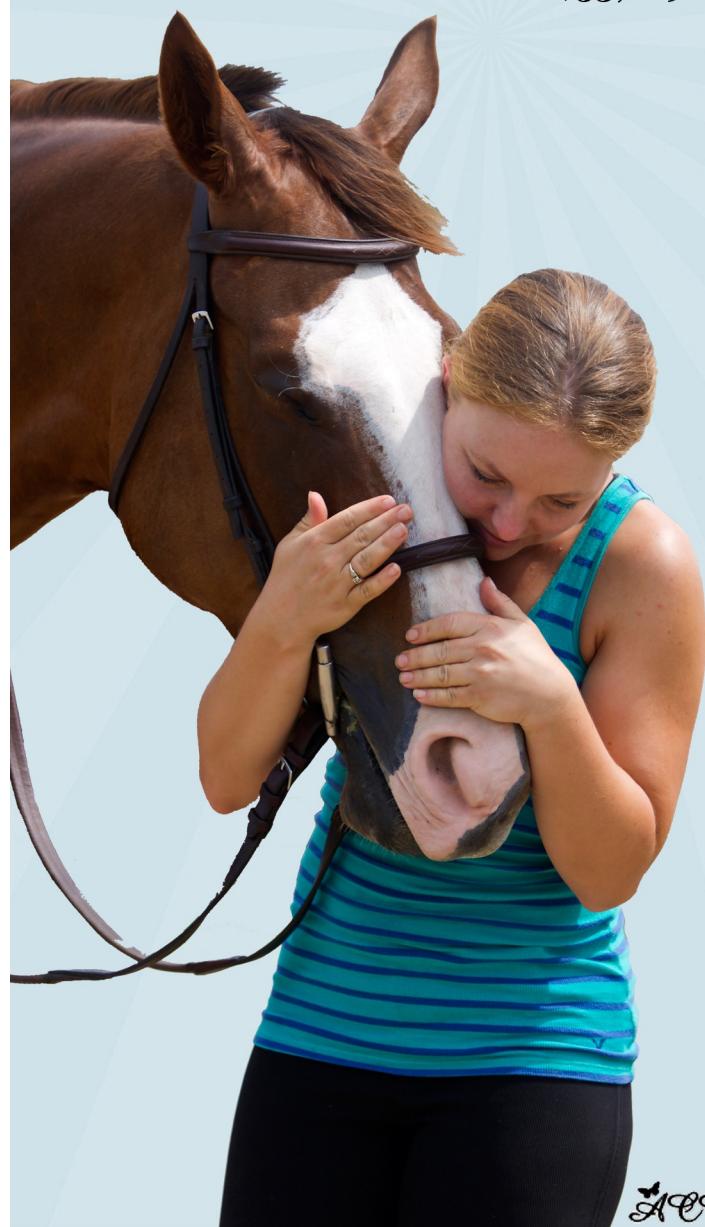
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