



SHARED BELIEF TOPS LONGINES RANKINGS

Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}) has topped the first edition of the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings of 2015 with a mark of 125 for his victory in the G1 Santa Anita H. last weekend.

Hong Kong Miler **Able Friend** (Aus) (Shamardal) sits second on the list with a rating of 124 for his win in the G1 Stewards Cup Jan. 25. The 6-year-old gelding is now riding a three-race win streak that includes the G1 Hong Kong Mile Dec. 14. Another Hong Kong flagbearer, **Designs on Rome** (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) sits a joint third with a mark of 123 for his win in the HKG3 Centenary Vase H. last month. He shares that rating with Australian sprinter **Lankan Rupee** (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who won the G1 Lightning S. on seasonal debut last month.



Shared Belief's connections receive the Santa Anita H. trophy
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Horse of the Year **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) sits fourth on the list with a mark of 121 for his second to Shared Belief in the GII San Antonio S. Feb. 7, and last year's Eclipse turf champion and older male **Main Sequence** (Aldebaran) is fifth with a rating of 120 earned in his seasonal debut--a win in the GII Mac Diarmida S. Feb. 21. For full rankings: www.ifhaonline.org.

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CONSTITUTION TO MISS WORLD CUP

WinStar Farm and Twin Creeks Racing's G1 Donn H. winner **Constitution** (Tapit) will miss the Mar. 28 G1 Dubai World Cup. "After breezing him on Saturday, we detected some heat and slight soreness in his left shin on Sunday morning," trainer Todd Pletcher said of Constitution. "With the Breeders' Cup as our main goal, we decided to take the conservative approach for now and not ship him to Dubai." WinStar President and CEO Elliott Walden added, "Constitution is a tremendous stallion prospect, and we want to be very careful with him. It doesn't make sense to push him and send him overseas now." In addition to the Feb. 7 Donn, Constitution also won last year's G1 Besilu Florida Derby and was third in the G1 Clark H. To date, he has won four of six starts with earnings of \$1,004,096.



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EASTER BIGGER, BETTER IN 2015

By Kelsey Riley

After posting admirable results with a trimmed-down catalogue last year, the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale--set for Apr. 7 to 9 in Sydney--is back bigger, and perhaps better than ever, in 2015. This year's 605 catalogued lots comprise an offering that is the sale's largest in the last five years, but Inglis Director Jonathan D'Arcy insisted that doesn't mean a compromise on quality; in fact, he said, it means quite the opposite.

"We're always selecting to a standard," D'Arcy noted. "We set a standard for Easter that we don't want to take a lesser type or a lesser pedigree to the sale, and this year we had an outstanding lineup of horses nominated for the sale, and I have to say some of the best types I've seen for many, many years."

After a blockbuster renewal in 2013 that saw a pair of colts sell for A\$5 million and A\$4 million--both surpassing the previous Australian record for a yearling at public auction--Inglis personnel were candidly reserved heading into last year's edition of the Easter sale, but the figures held their own. During the first two days of the sale--designated by Inglis as "session one"--328 yearlings were sold for A\$82,942,500, down just over A\$1.5 million from the previous year's gross for 290 sold. It is important to note, however, that last year's session one included an A\$2.1 million RNA in the form of a Street Cry (Ire) colt out of the late Australian Horse of the Year Typhoon Tracy (Aus) (Red Ransom), and the A\$1.6 million sale topper was a clear cut below the previous year's A\$5 million half-brother to Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}). **Cont. p7**

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Six Share Furlong Bullet at OBS

[Hip 224](#), a filly by Midshipman, was one of six juveniles to turn in the co-fastest furlong breeze of :9 4/5 during Thursday's under-tack preview of next week's OBS March Sale. Three horses shared the quarter-mile bullet of :20 3/5. The breeze show continues with its final session Friday morning at 8 a.m. The March sale will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday.



Midshipman filly (hip 224)
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Golden Oldie

Gail Earle's retired racehorse Prospect Point celebrated his 37th birthday Mar. 4. He just may be the oldest Thoroughbred in the country. Bill Finley gets the story on this old-timer, who raced 72 times before retiring in 1985 and then spent years as a show horse.



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Talented Sprinters Lock Horns

Australia will host a trio of Group 1 events Saturday. In a highly anticipated rematch, Lankan Rupee (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) faces off against Terravista (Aus) (Captain Rio {GB}) in the G1 Newmarket H., while the G1 Australian Cup will feature a rematch between Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and Red Cadeaux (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) and First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) is heavily favored in the G1 Coolmore Classic.



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KOCH NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY & INTEGRITY ALLIANCE

Steve Koch has been named Executive Director of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's Safety and Integrity Alliance. Starting Apr. 6 and based in Lexington, Koch will oversee the NTRA's accreditation program which is tasked with assuring the establishment and implementation of uniform standards for racetrack safety and integrity. Koch has spent the last seven years as vice president of Thoroughbred racing for Woodbine Entertainment Group.



Steve Koch
Michael Burns

"Steve has built his reputation on maintaining high standards for safety and integrity at Woodbine, an organization which has long been one of the industry standard-bearers in these areas," said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop.

In addition to his time at WEG, Koch also spent four years at the Keeneland Association. He holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the University of Kentucky.

"I'm very proud to join an organization as highly regarded as the NTRA," Koch said. "Safety and integrity represent the most critical issues facing our sport and I look forward to helping the industry adopt the highest standards possible for the benefit of horses, riders and the betting public."

Koch succeeds Mike Ziegler, who left the NTRA in January to become Executive Director of Racing for Churchill Downs, Inc.

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:9 4/5	224	f	Midshipman	Keowee Clai
Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, agent				
:9 4/5	246	c	Quality Road	Lesson Plan
Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent I				
:9 4/5	287	c	Scat Daddy	Molly Peaches
Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XVIII				
:9 4/5	336	f	Tiz Wonderful	Polish Silk
Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent II				
:9 4/5	398	f	Tale of the Cat	Savviest
Consigned by Old South Farm LLC				
:9 4/5	401	c	Uncle Mo	Sea Road
Consigned by All In Sales (Tony Bowling), agent				

Fastest 1/4 mile works

Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:20 3/5	215	c	Discreetly Mine	Jazzy Melissa
Consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds (Steven Venosa), agent				
:20 3/5	220	c	Wildcat Heir	Just Call Me Berty
Consigned by Woodside Ranch, Agent III				
:20 3/5	298	c	You Luckie Mann	My Outlet
Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent I				

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Scat Daddy colt (hip 287) shared co-fastest furlong work at OBS Thursday.

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Discreetly Mine colt (hip 215) shared fastest quarter-mile work.

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GOLDEN OLDIE

At 37, Prospect Point may be oldest living Thoroughbred

By Bill Finley, special to ESPN

Editor's note: March 4, we had a call from Gail Earle in South Carolina who told us that her ex-racehorse, Prospect Point, had celebrated his 37th birthday. We ran his photos and a brief story in the TDN and on social media asking readers to let us know if they had an older

Thoroughbred, and nobody could top him. Today, Bill Finley follows up for espn.com on the horse who may well be the oldest Thoroughbred in the country.



Prospect Point won just seven races, but now may be setting new records as the U.S.'s oldest living Thoroughbred.

One the racetrack, he was just another horse. Not famous, not fast, not one who ever made any serious money. Now, he's just an old, slow horse. A very, very old slow horse, and that's what makes him extraordinary.

Prospect Point celebrated his 37th birthday last week, as he was born on March 4, 1978. Of course, no one knows who the oldest living Thoroughbred is, or what the record is for the oldest of all time, but Prospect Point is no doubt right up there when it comes to longevity.

According to a story on the website raceday360.com, a race horse named Merrick lived to be 38 and died in 1941. The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, which has dealt with several thousand old retirees, has never had a horse live past 34. (*Ed: 34-year-old Sir Prize Birthday, one of the TRF's first retirees, still lives at the Wallkill Correctional Facility.*) In general, the average life expectancy of a Thoroughbred is somewhere between 25 and 28.

How has this guy lasted so long? He just has.

"I guess it is just luck," said his owner Gail Earle. "I try to keep everything the same with him; I don't change up his food and maybe that helps. I don't know. I am just grateful every day when I wake up and I look out the window and he's here standing up."

Prospect Point raced 72 times and won seven races. He retired from the racetrack after finishing 11th in a \$1,500 claimer on July 10, 1985 at Waterford Park, which is now Mountaineer Park.

From what Earle has been told, someone tried to turn him into a polo pony after his racing career was over and gave up when the horse didn't take to that game. Earle acquired Prospect Point in 1988 and set out to turn him into a show hunter. **Cont. p6**

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He showed until he was 15, his career in that realm interrupted because he had off-and-on problems with lameness after stepping on a rock. But Earle, who lives in Pageland, South Carolina, kept Prospect Point busy and rode him recreationally up to 2010, when he was 32.

He's doing better than could be expected for a horse who is probably about 110 in human terms.

"I think his health, in general, is great," Earle said. "He's thin but it's not like he's a walking skeleton. I am under the impression it's better to keep an older horse on the thin side rather than too fat. He's lost a couple of teeth over time. Three weeks ago I found a molar in the bottom of his feed tub.

"His appetite is great. The only problem is trying to get enough food into him because when he eats he chucks his head up and down and turns his head and, of course, the food falls out. It's hard to get as much food into him as I'd like. He eats well. He can still eat hay. I know some horses when they get old, they can chew their hay but not good enough and it ends up being in a wad and they spit it back out. I haven't seen any of that. He still has enough teeth that he can process everything."

Okay, so it's not easy being ancient. "He is getting a little bit senile," she said. "He might be starting to get cataracts because his eyesight is not good at all. He tends to doze a lot, like right after he eats. Sometimes I'll have to really holler for him, so I don't know if he has hearing problems. But overall I am just amazed at how well he is doing."

At this point for Prospect Point, it's all about quality of life. If he were in any way suffering he would be a candidate for euthanasia, but Earle says he behaves like he's very much enjoying his life. One of his favorite activities is to play with the female donkey Earle bought for him as a companion.

"Usually he is very well mannered and well behaved and you can catch him any time, any place," she said. "Every once in a while I try to go get him and he knows something is coming up that he won't like, like getting his feet trimmed, he'll trot away. We got a little donkey for him several years ago and he and her will get to just racing around. If he could, he would leap off the ground and buck and do lippizaner type things."

There's not much else to be done with the old fella. Earle will just love him and care for him as long as he is around. He couldn't run a lick, but for some horses, there's more to being special than being fast.

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37-year-old Prospect Point: there's more to being special than being fast.

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Easter Bigger, Better in 2015 (cont. from p1)

Last year's session one saw seven sell for A\$1 million or more, compared to nine the previous year. The average was down 13% to A\$252,873, while the median dipped 5% to A\$190,000. Another positive achievement last year was the 15.2% buyback rate--a five year low.

While D'Arcy openly remarked last year that the catalogue lacked the ideal matchups of pedigree and conformation seen in 2013, no such excuses are being made for this year's edition, which includes the progeny of 44 Group 1 winners and siblings to 151 stakes winners, including 46 Group 1 winners.

D'Arcy said he thought some of Australia's leading sellers were bringing standout drafts to Easter this year.

"Some of our vendors probably have the best drafts they've had for many, many years," he noted. "Arrowfield Stud have an outstanding draft of horses, probably headlined by a Snitzel (Aus) colt out of a great racemare called Alinghi (Aus)."

"[Arrowfield's] stallions are doing a great job at the moment," D'Arcy added. "Of course they have Redoute's Choice (Aus), who has been a perennial champion sire here in Australia, but Snitzel had a Group 1 winner on the weekend in the Australian Guineas, the A\$1 million colt from Easter a few years ago called Wandjina (Aus), and so Snitzel is now the heir apparent to his sire as one of the leading sires in



High action at Inglis Easter
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the country."

D'Arcy added, "Arrowfield Stud also stand Smart Missile (Aus), a first-season son of Fastnet Rock (Aus) who is selling very well, and we have some very nice ones to sell by him."

The most represented sire at Easter will be Coolmore's champion sire Fastnet Rock (Aus), whose progeny have been hot commodities at the sales in recent years. He has 57 catalogued, with Coolmore set to offer 20 of those among its 34-horse draft.

"Coolmore have an outstanding draft of Fastnet Rocks, and he's as popular as ever," D'Arcy said.

"We also have some very nice types coming from some of our smaller breeders," D'Arcy added. "We have a full-brother to Sizzling (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), who is a young stallion standing at Newgate Farm. Milburn Creek will offer that colt; he's an outstanding individual, so I'm sure we'll see good money paid for the better colts in the sale."

"This year we had an outstanding lineup of horses nominated for the sale, and I have to say some of the best types I've seen for many, many years."

Some of the other standouts on pedigree include [lot 8](#), the Manhattan Rain (Aus) half-brother to last weekend's G1 Australian Guineas winner and A\$1-million Easter graduate Wandjina; [lot 24](#), a filly by red-hot first-season sire Sepoy (Aus) who is a half to

champion Star Witness (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}) and Group 3 winner Nostradamus (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro); [lot 37](#), a Fastnet Rock colt out of the GI Spinaway S. victress Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot); [lot 54](#), a colt by More Than Ready out of dual champion and five-time Group 1 winner Miss Finland (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), whose only foal to race thus far is the stakes-placed Woodbine (Aus) (Hussonet); [lot 65](#), a Fastnet Rock (Aus) filly who is the first foal out of the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner More Than Real (More Than Ready); [lot 153](#), a Street Cry (Ire) son of champion Samantha Miss (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}); [lot 160](#), a Fastnet Rock (Aus) half-brother to G1 Cox Plate winner and five-time Group 1 winner Ocean Park (NZ) (Thorn Park {Aus}); [lot 188](#), a So You Think (NZ) half-sister to star sprinter and the recently deceased Hay List (Aus) (Statue of Liberty {Aus}); [lot 206](#), a half-brother to multiple champion and six-time Group 1 winner Dundeel (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}) by first-season sire and G1 Epsom Derby winner Pour Moi (Ire); [lot 213](#), a full-sister to four-time Group 1-winning filly Mosheen (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}); and [lot 345](#), a So You Think half-brother to last weekend's G1 Canterbury S. winner Cosmic Endeavour (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}). **Cont. p8**

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Cream of the Crop...

D'Arcy said he thought this year's exceptional first-season sire crop also contributed to the rise in quality individuals entered for the Easter sale. One member of that crop, Sepoy--Australia's champion 2-year-old and 3-year-old in 2011-12--set an Australian record for a first-season sire at public auction in January when his colt out of Sister Madly (Aus) topped the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale with a bid of A\$1.2 million from Spendthrift Farm, and he was also responsible for that sale's A\$850,000 third-top lot. At the same sale, a colt by Smart Missile realized A\$700,000. A son of Group 1-winning sprinter Foxwedge (Aus) was the second most expensive offering at the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale earlier this month when fetching A\$420,000.



Jonathan D'Arcy
Inglis

"We have this outstanding group of first-season stallions, highlighted by the champion 2- and 3-year-old of his year in Sepoy," D'Arcy pointed out. "He was an absolute champion on the racetrack and his yearlings are selling very well."

"You have the likes of Foxwedge, Smart Missile, Helmet, So You Think--who was a champion in both Australia and Europe--and then you have the likes of some of the shuttle stallions, such as Uncle Mo, Zoffany, Pluck and Poet's Voice--those sorts of horses are a really good bunch of horses," he continued. "I think all those horses are adding to what is a top-class catalogue."

Also included among the first-season shuttle sires are Eclipse turf champion Cape Blanco (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}); Group 1-winning sprinter Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB}), whose first yearlings were popular at last year's European sales; another Eclipse turf champion in Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat), who previously shuttled to Arrowfield and looks to emulate the Southern Hemisphere success of his own sire; and Epsom Derby winner Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). **Cont. p9**

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	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Cat.	437	422	451	417	500
Off.	393	372	398	383	456
Sold	333	291	331	311	366
RNA	60	81	67	72	90
%RNA	15.2%	21.7%	16.8%	18.8%	19.7%
Gross	A\$83.26m	A\$84.53m	A\$72.88m	A\$74.13m	A\$80.71m
Avg.	A\$250,058	A\$290,481	A\$220,181	A\$238,360	A\$220,519
Med.	A\$180,000	A\$200,000	A\$160,000	A\$180,000	A\$160,000
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There has been some talk Down Under that this year's first-season sire crop could be the best-ever in the country. While D'Arcy noted the newcomers still have to prove their mettle where it really matters, on the racetrack, many of them have certainly made the best possible start to their second careers.

"I think they have potential to be [the best first-season sire crop], but of course they still have to go out and do that on the racetrack with their progeny," D'Arcy reasoned. "A few years back we had the group that included Redoute's Choice and Testa Rossa--that was a very strong group of stallions that came through, and as any Thoroughbred enthusiast around the world will know some years are stronger than others, but this year certainly does look like a vintage year, and the types they're throwing--I think that's why they're selling at the top end of all the sales we've seen.

"As most of us would know, normally it's the proven sires that are getting the top prices at sales, so that's the esteem these first-season stallions are held in," D'Arcy added. "I'd be shocked if the likes of Sepoy, Foxwedge, Helmet and Smart Missile didn't feature very strongly on our 2-year-old sire list later in the year."

International Evolution...

The aforementioned Sepoy, Foxwedge, Helmet and Smart Missile were all at the very top of their generation on the racetrack, and all are second- or third-generation descendants of shuttle sires. The profile of the Australian Thoroughbred has evolved quickly and dramatically since the modern shuttling era took off in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and D'Arcy said he thinks the commingling of international bloodlines has helped improve the Australian breed, which was represented on the international stage last year by the likes of Easter graduates Amber Sky (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and Sterling City (Aus) (Nadeem {Aus}), who recorded a Group 1 sprinting double on last year's Dubai World Cup card; G1 Hong Kong Mile winner Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal), the joint-top rated Southern Hemisphere horse by the IFHA last year; and Majmu (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), winner of the G1 Cape Fillies Guineas in South Africa. In addition, the rising profile of the Australian Thoroughbred is also highlighted in the fact that the country had 26 races included in the Longines 100 best races in the world in 2014--more than any other country.

"I think one of the reasons for that [success of Australian horses internationally] has been the investments our breeders have made over the last 15 years; going up to England and going over to Keeneland and buying the top-class racemares," D'Arcy explained. "It just adds to our gene pool, and of course we're standing some of the best stallions in the world; not only our homebreds, but the international shuttle stallions that come down here, and I think that's a major reason why we're now breeding world-class horses--because we have world-class bloodlines here to make them."

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By taking the best-of-the-best from other international markets to compliment Australia's colonial sires, D'Arcy said Australia has compiled probably "the strongest stallion market anywhere in the world," and also created a situation where colts offered for sale are valued higher. He used the 3-year-old Easter graduate Deep Field (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus})--a Group 2-winning and Group 1-placed sprinter--as an example to illustrate his point.

"You can get a young horse like Deep Field, who was sold at Inglis Easter a couple years ago for A\$440,000. He's run in Group 1 races over the carnival here and they're talking about taking him to Royal Ascot and the July Cup," D'Arcy said. "He's being valued on a dual hemisphere basis, so the hope is he can go up there and perform well, whereas most horses being sold in America or Europe are only being valued on what they can stand for up there. We're seeing some huge sales here in the past six or eight years, with the likes of Exceed and Excel starting off [well in Europe] and other stallions being syndicated on the back of the dual hemisphere income stream they can have. Foxwedge is another who was an Easter yearling, was sold as a stallion and stands dual-hemisphere. I think the Australian industry is seeing interest in the well-bred colt because of that."

Americans Search For Easter Eggs...

The potential of a greater return on investment would no doubt be enticing to potential international shoppers, and the Easter sale--and the Australian industry as a whole--has certainly seen increased support from overseas investors in recent years. Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Stud, the leading buyer at Easter the last two years, has had continued success in South Africa and Dubai with its purchases and another Emirati, Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum, bought three of the top five lots at Easter last year. His interest in Australian racing will surely be fueled by the victory of his homebred, Pride of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), in the G1 Blue Diamond S. last month. The Easter sale also sees perennial investment from Asia, New Zealand and Europe.

The big story last year, however, was the significant outlay by American buyers at Easter. John Moynihan signed for an A\$840,000 daughter of Lonhro on behalf of Stonestreet Stables. Now named Kangarilla Joy (Aus) and in training with Peter and Paul Snowden, the filly won a barrier trial at Rosehill Feb. 17 and is expected to start soon. **Cont. p10**



John Moynihan at Easter last year
Inglis



(cont. from p9)

Spendthrift Farm principals came to town to see their homebred Tapit half-brother to multiple Group 2 winner Kauai Katie (Malibu Moon) sell for A\$500,000 to Katsumi Yoshida, and B. Wayne Hughes's operation ended up laying out A\$1.6 million for three yearlings.

The story hardly stopped there. Stonestreet returned to the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale in May and shelled out A\$900,000 for Group 1 winner Miracles of Life (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), who won the G2 Challenge S. last weekend in the Stonestreet yellow and burgandy, and Moynihan was back in action at the Gold Coast sale in January, partnering with agent James Harron on a A\$720,000 Redoute's Choice colt on behalf of George Bolton. Spendthrift bought two on the Gold Coast; in addition to the A\$1.2 million topper, Hughes also took home a A\$200,000 Redoute's Choice colt. Hughes detailed his plans to set up breeding and racing operations in Australia in a *TDN* feature last month ([click here](#)). Moynihan noted after singing for Kangarilla Joy last year that the plan would be to race her in Australia then likely bring her to America as a broodmare.

"The idea is to buy here, race here and take advantage of what they have to offer in Australia, which is 2-year-old and 3-year-old racing," Moynihan said at the time. "And the purse money is huge here. We'd like to leave them where they have proven they can run well."

D'Arcy noted that, in addition to the current favorable exchange for the American dollar, the Australian racing structure is likely the most enticing aspect of the industry for internationals.

"We have very good prize money on offer," he explained. "In Sydney and Melbourne, our two main racing centers, we race for a minimum of A\$80,000, then on top of that you have the BOBIS scheme in Victoria and the BOBS scheme in New South Wales--both those schemes add A\$20,000 onto prize money on a weekend for 2- and 3-year-old racing. So I think the fundamentals, comparing costs to the return to owners, are very strong."

D'Arcy said he sees no reason why fillies like Kangarilla Joy or Miracles of Life couldn't have success as a racehorse and broodmare in the U.S. after starting out in Australia.

"The world is becoming a smaller place," he said. "Certainly some of the mares who raced here, there's no reason why as older horses they can't go up to America and compete, and I'm sure once we see our better performed gallopers going over there as older horses, they'll be very competitive in any race that they contest, because we're proven when we go to England, Hong Kong, and any of those international melting pots. The Australian horse is very well proven to be of world class." D'Arcy is expecting American interest at Easter again this year. "What we're hearing is that there are several groups coming from America--a few to have a look, and others to continue with their purchases," he said. "Spendthrift dipped their toe in the water last year, and I think they'll be down looking at yearlings and perhaps broodmares."

Another element that will likely add to the international appeal of this year's Easter sale is the positioning of the second renewal of The Championships on the Saturdays either side of the sale--Apr. 4 and 11. The Championships, which will feature eight Group 1 races headed by the A\$4 million G1 Queen Elizabeth S., is staged at Royal Randwick just a short hike from the sales grounds, and therefore domestic and international visitors alike will be treated to a week of world-class Thoroughbred action across both platforms.

"We've always tried to align ourselves with the strongest racing here in Sydney over the Easter period, and this year it does work out very well," D'Arcy said. "We're working very closely with the Australian Turf Club and Racing NSW to ensure that visitors to Sydney get to enjoy the best of the racing and the best of the sales that week."

He added, "It's going to be really exciting--I think the eyes of the Thoroughbred world will be on Sydney. We have a good lineup of horses coming from Japan, a couple from Hong Kong, and I think The Championships are really starting to gain momentum. In a few years' time we'll look back to these early days and think, 'we were lucky enough to see the infancy of what was to become one of the most important seven days in the Thoroughbred industry anywhere in the world.'"

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INGLIS EASTER FIRST-SEASON SIRE

SIRE	CAT.
Cape Blanco (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})	2
Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB})	8
Foxwedge (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus})	33
Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat)	4
Helmet (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus})	5
Jimmy Choux (NZ) (Thorn Park {Aus})	1
Pluck (More Than Ready)	1
Poet's Voice (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})	3
Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire})	1
Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality)	18
Smart Missile (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus})	25
So You Think (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire})	32
Toorak Toff (Aus) (Show A Heart {Aus})	2
Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie)	1

INGLIS EASTER MOST REPRESENTED SIRE

Fastnet Rock (Aus)	57
Snitzel (Aus)	47
Redoute's Choice (Aus)	35
Foxwedge (Aus)	33
Sebring (Aus)	33
So You Think (NZ)	32
More Than Ready	30
Northern Meteor (Aus)	28
Smart Missile (Aus)	25
Exceed and Excel (Aus)	20
Street Cry (Ire)	20



MCDONALD SIGNS GODOLPHIN RETAINER

Australian jockey James McDonald has signed as a contracted rider to Godolphin. McDonald has long been the number one rider to Godolphin trainer John O'Shea, who has been in his post for nearly a year, but Godolphin will now have first call for McDonald's services internationally.

"We felt the time was right to formalize our arrangement with James," John Ferguson, bloodstock



James McDonald
Racing and Sports

advisor to Sheikh Mohammed, said. "He is a first-class jockey, as we all know, but having him under retainer gives us the opportunity to use him not just in Australia but in Europe as well. We would like him to join William Buick and James Doyle

later in the year when the Derby trials are run in May and Epsom and Royal Ascot take place in June. There is a two-month window available away from the Australian scene that could be used to great advantage for both parties."

The New Zealand-born McDonald, who rode Contributor (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) to victory in the Feb. 28 G1 Chipping Norton S., marking the first top-level victory for O'Shea for Godolphin, said, "I am delighted to have signed for Godolphin, not only in order to continue our great association in Australia, but also for the opportunity to ride for the stable for a short time in Britain when commitments allow. I am very thankful to Sheikh Mohammed for the chance to further my career in this direction."

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EURO CHARLINE PREPS FOR DUBAI TURF

Team Valor International's **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}), winner of the G1 Beverly D. S. last summer, prepared for a tilt at the Mar. 28 G1 Dubai Turf (formerly the Dubai Duty Free) with a one-mile 'mock race' at Chelmsford City last night.

Jockey Ryan Moore partnered the 4-year-old filly in the workout with two stablemates. "I could not ask for anything more; it was a very nice work," he said.

Euro Charline has not raced since the Beverly

D., and she will travel to Dubai from trainer Marco Botti's Newmarket base Mar. 21.

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Euro Charline at Chelmsford City last night
Aimee Hockey-Righton

CLASH OF CUP TITANS

Tomorrow's G1 Australian Cup, one of the top weight-for-age contests in the country, sees the rematch of last year's G1 Melbourne Cup one-two, **Protectionist (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) and **Red Cadeaux (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}). Protectionist made up some ground after at last finding daylight when sixth behind **Mourinho (Aus)** (Oratorio {Ire}) in the too-short



Red Cadeaux
Emma Berry

1800-meter G2 Peter Young S. on seasonal debut two weeks ago. He won the Melbourne Cup second-up last season and should be more effective at the distance than Red Cadeaux, who has never won below 2400 meters. That 9-year-old gelding should never be discounted, however, and he returns to a track he loves, having finished second in the Melbourne Cup three times. Red Cadeaux was last seen finishing sixth in the G1 Hong Kong Vase in December. Unlike his more famed counterparts, Mourinho has excelled at shorter distances.

He was a fast-finishing third in the G1 C F Orr S. over 1400 meters to kick off his campaign Feb. 14, and despite hitting the lead in early stretch and drifting late, held off **Happy Trails (Aus)** (Good Journey {Aus}) to earn the spoils. While the 7-year-old gelding showed signs of stamina shortage on that occasion, he is proven over the distance, having won at 2025 meters and as high as 2200 meters. Happy Trails has been one of the more consistent Group 1 gallopers in recent seasons in Australia. He is a three-time Group 1 winner, and two of those top-level scores have come over this course and distance--the 2013 Turnbull S., and last season's Mackinnon S. Happy Trails was sixth in the C F Orr prior to his runner-up Peter Young effort, and is the likely choice to upset the big names here. Another evergreen gelding, the 8-year-old **Foreteller (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), also stakes claims. Third in this last year, Foreteller earned his third Group 1 in the G1 Underwood S. over 1800 meters at Caulfield in September. He has two runs under his belt this campaign--a ninth, beaten four lengths, in the G2 Apollo S. and a sixth, beaten two lengths, in the G1 Chipping Norton S., both in Sydney.

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Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 1:30 a.m. ET
AUSTRALIAN CUP-G1, A\$1,000,000 (US\$758,390), 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	14	Red Cadeaux (GB)	Cdeaux Generx (GB)	Bowman	Dunlop
2	3	Protectionist (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Williams	Lees
3	4	Happy Trails (Aus)	Good Journey	Oliver	Beshara
4	5	Foreteller (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Boss	Waller
5	16	Extra Zero (Aus)	Danzero (Aus)	Lane	Hyes/Dbernig
6	13	Mourinho (Aus)	Oratorio (Aus)	Duric	Gelagotis
7	9	The Cleaner (Aus)	Savoire Vivre (GB)	Arnold	Burles
8	2	Puccini (NZ)	Encosta de Lgo (Aus)	Newitt	McKay
9	6	Lidari (Fr)	Acclamation (GB)	Nolen	Moody
10	11	Akzar (Ire)	Selkirk	Rawiller	Weir
11	10	Au Revoir (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	Melham	Moody
12	15	Big Memory (Fr)	Duke of Mmalde (Ire)	Zahra	McEvoy
13	7	Sonntag (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Symons	Dwyer
14	1	Entirely Platinum (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Dunn	Hawkeses
15	8	Spillway (GB)	Rail Link (GB)	Walker	Hyes/Dbernig
16	12	Greatwood (GB)	Manduro (Ger)	Schofield	Waterhouse

All carry 130 pounds.

Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 12:50 a.m. ET
LEXUS NEWMARKET H.-G1, A\$1,000,000 (US\$758,390), 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Lankan Rupee (Aus)	Redoute's Chce (Aus)	Newitt	Price	129
2	1	Terravista (Aus)	Captain Rio (GB)	Bowman	Pride	124
3	3	Chautauqua (Aus)	Encosta de Lgo (Aus)	Dunn	Hawkeses	122
4	2	Aeronautical (Aus)	Encosta de Lgo (Aus)	Williams	Cohen	114
5	5	Brazen Beau (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Moreira	Waller	114
6	8	Driefontein (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Schofield	Waterhouse	114
7	4	Lord of the Sky (Aus)	Danerich (Aus)	Moloney	Laing	114
8	7	Watermans Bay (Aus)	Eternity Range	Winks	Morton	114
9	6	Delectation (Aus)	Shamardal	Yendall	Waller	110

WORLD'S BEST SPRINTERS TO LOCK HORNS

The G1 Newmarket H., one of Australia's most important sprints, sees the much anticipated rematch of the five-time Group 1 winner **Lankan Rupee (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and his most recent conqueror, the G1 Darley Classic victor **Terravista (Aus)** (Captain Rio {GB}). Lankan Rupee wrapped up last year's autumn season as the undisputed king of Australian sprinting, with Group 1 scores in the Oakleigh Plate, Newmarket and T J Smith under his girth. The spring started off less smoothly for the 5-year-old gelding when he was narrowly overturned twice at Moonee Valley, but he rebounded there when making all to win the G1 Manikato S. in October.



Lankan Rupee
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Lankan Rupee's speed got the better of him when he was run down late by the up-and-coming Terravista and **Chautauqua (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) in the Darley Classic, but he showed a new dimension when rating off the pace before exploding late to take the G1 Lightning S. on seasonal debut Feb. 21 over the 3-year-old **Brazen Beau (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}). Terravista was winning his first Group 1 in the Darley Classic after finishing fifth behind Lankan Rupee in the Manikato, and he and Lankan Rupee were the co-highest rated sprinters in the world last year as rated by the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings. So while there is somewhat of a score to settle, Terravista has history against him--no horse since 1917 has won the Newmarket first-up off a layoff. Trainer Joe Pride remains confident, however.

"I wouldn't swap my preparation," the conditioner told *Racenet.com.au*. "I am really happy with my horse. It's a big test for him but if he can run up to what he did in the spring, it would make him very competitive."

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SIGNED AND SEALED

The price on the China Horse Club's **First Seal (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) heading into tomorrow's G1 Coolmore Classic at Rosehill would suggest the result of the race is a foregone conclusion. As we know, however, this is horse racing, and therefore anything can happen. The oddsmakers could hardly be called crazy, though, for listing the 3-year-old filly at \$1.70 against her elders; First Seal hasn't finished worse than second since her debut at Canterbury last May, and in between she has collected the G2 Tea Rose S., G1 Flight S. and, last out, the G2 Surround S. by three lengths. First Seal will have to defy a bit of history if she is to reward her backers, however. Since 1983, 11 sophomores have won this event, but just two have shouldered more than 119 pounds, and First Seal will go postward with 122 pounds. Waiting in the wings should the impost prove too much for First Seal will be the likes of **Mahara (Aus)** (Hussonet and **Dear Demi (Aus)** (Dehere). A Group 3 winner over 1400 meters in November, Mahara has run respectively in both outings this term: a troubled fifth in the G3 Triscay S. and a third in the G3 Guy Walter S. The 5-year-old Dear Demi was fifth in the Guy Walter and usually improves with a race under her belt.



First Seal
Racing and Sports

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 1:10 a.m. ET
COOLMORE CLASSIC-G1, A\$600,000 (US\$454,698), 3yo/up, f/m, 1500mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Dear Demi (Aus)	Dehere	Cassidy	Connors	128
2	10	Diamond Drille (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	McDonald	Waterhouse	123
3	5	Tinto (Aus)	Red Dazzler (Aus)	Bell	Lipp	123
4	11	First Seal (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Shinn	Thompson	122
5	13	Arabian Gold (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	McEvoy	Vandyke	122
6	7	Thump (Aus)	Red Ransom	Avdulla	Lees	119
7	8	Plucky Belle (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Meech	Moody	117
8	2	Amicus (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Clark	Waller	116
9	4	Mahara (Aus)	Hussonet	Collett	Snowdens	114
10	6	Hera (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Gibbons	Lees	114
11	1	Tarloshan (NZ)	Istidaad	Tarrant	Boyd	114
12	3	Adrift (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Berry	Waterhouse	114
13	9	Abduction (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Clipperton	O'Shea	114



Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:00 p.m.
QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (US\$1,287,522),
 3yo/up, 1400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Able Friend (Aus)	Shamardal	Moreira	Moore
2	6	Gold-Fun (Ire)	Le Vie dei Colori (GB)	Soumilon	Gibson
3	2	Dan Excel (Ire)	Shamardal	Berry	Moore
4	8	Ambitious Dragon (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Purton	Millard
5	3	Gordon Lord Byron (Ire)	Byron (GB)	Lordan	Hogan
6	4	Beauty Flame (Ire)	Ftspsinthesand (GB)	Mosse	A Cruz
7	11	Rewarding Hero (GB)	Exceed & Excel (Aus)	Callan	Moore
8	10	Secret Sham (Aus)	Shamardal	Rawiller	Moore
9	1	Real Specialist (NZ)	Storming Home (GB)	Angland	Size
10	7	Dundonnell	First Defence	Whyte	Gibson
11	9	Divine Calling (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	R Moore	Millard

All carry 126 pounds.

Douglas Whyte, currently third in the jockeys' premiership, has taken off of Luger in favor of **Giant Treasure** (Mizzen Mast) for trainer Richard Gibson and owner Pan Sutong, the same connections responsible for 2013 Derby hero Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). A full-brother to the Bobby Frankel-trained/Juddmonte owned and bred MGSW & GISP Jibboom, the grey gelding has acquitted himself well in the 4-year-old series, finishing third to **Beauty Only (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the Hong Kong Classic Mile and third to Thunder Fantasy and **Redkirk Warrior (GB)** (Notnowcato {GB}) in the Classic Cup over 1800 meters last time. He drew nicely in stall seven and is one of three in the race for Gibson, who will also tighten the girth around **Got Fly (Fr)** (Early March {GB}, gate four) and Sutong's **Obliterator (Ire)** (Oratorio {Ire}, barrier two).

Beauty Only will try to give Hong Kong legend Tony Cruz a third Derby success and will attempt to provide a rare double for his sire, who also accounted for Designs On Rome (Ire) last March. The blaze-faced bay, who drew the five hole for Sunday's feature, was slightly disappointing when fourth as the 8-5 favorite in the Classic Cup last time, but leave him out at your own risk, says jockey Neil Callan.

"People obviously have short memories, that was a good effort," Callan told South China *Morning Post*, referring to the Classic Cup. "It had rained and, even though the track was rated good, it was a bit tacky underfoot. He doesn't want it too firm, but he is better on top of the ground."

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DERBY FAVE OUT WIDE

What is being advertised as one of the more wide-open renewals of the BMW Hong Kong Derby became even more interesting Thursday when likely favorite **Luger (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}) drew gate 12 in a field of 14 for the richest domestic race on the calendar. After nearly having his Derby campaign derailed by a heart irregularity, the bay punched his ticket to the race with a hard-fought victory over recent Hong Kong Macau Trophy H. hero Arpinati (GB) (Lucky Story) over 1600 meters Feb. 15. An impressive six from nine in his career, he will try a distance over a mile for the first time, and trainer John Size knows the task at hand became a little more complicated Thursday.



Trainer John Size after drawing 12 for Luger
HKJC.com

"Luger will have to get going from there," said Size, who will also saddle Hong Kong Classic Cup hero **Thunder Fantasy (Aus)** (Lucky Owners {NZ}) and **Contentment (Aus)** (Hussonet). "He won't be able to be too relaxed, he'll have to go forward and show some sort of pace to cross those horses, but I think he's capable."

Size, who sent out the upset-minded Fay Fay (NZ) (Falkirk {NZ}) to win the 2012 Derby, calls upon second-leading rider Zac Purton to work out the right trip Sunday afternoon.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 5:10 p.m.
BMW HONG KONG DERBY, HK\$18,000,000 (US\$2,317,515),
 NH/SH4yo, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	12	Luger (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Purton	Size
2	5	Beauty Only (Ire)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Callan	A Cruz
3	3	Thunder Fantasy (Aus)	Lucky Owners (NZ)	Teetan	Size
4	7	Giant Treasure	Mizzen Mast	Whyte	Gibson
5	8	Gun Pit (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Prebble	Fownes
6	6	Redkirk Warrior (GB)	Notnowcato (GB)	Moreira	So
7	11	Contentment (Aus)	Hussonet	Rawiller	Size
8	9	Helene Happy Star (Ire)	Zamindar	Bowman	Moore
9	4	Got Fly (Fr)	Early March (GB)	R Moore	Gibson
10	10	Romantic Touch (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Angland	Yung
11	1	Dynamism (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Doleuze	Ferraris
12	14	Anticipation (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Mosse	A Cruz
13	13	Golden Sleep (SAf)	Sail From Seattle	Fayd'herbe	Millard
14	2	Obliterator (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Soumillon	Gibson
Also Eligible					
		Savvy Nature (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Berry	Moore



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FAMILIAR SIRES DOT HKIS

A total of 25 ready-to-run horses acquired by the Hong Kong Jockey Club at auction houses in Europe and Australasia are set to go under the hammer during Saturday's Hong Kong International Sale to be held in the state-of-the-art parade ring at Sha Tin Racecourse. Conducted in previous years in conjunction with the Hong Kong International Races each December, officials at the Hong Kong Jockey Club added a March sale in 2013 to give horses extra time to acclimate and mature, as necessary. This event marks the first time all horses will be consolidated into a single March sale.

The HKJC has become increasingly aggressive in their purchases for this sale, and--as is often the case--the horses on offer are by established stallions that have been represented by high-class individuals down the years at Hong Kong's two racetracks.

Designs On Rome (Ire) has ascended through the ranks to be one of the top horses in Hong Kong on the strength of three Group 1 victories, including the G1 Hong Kong Cup and G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup in the last couple of months. His sire [Holy Roman Emperor \(Ire\)](#), also responsible for GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship hero Rich Tapestry (Ire), is represented by lot [8](#), an Irish-bred son of Tralanza (Ire) (Traditionally).

The sire of 2014 G1 Al Quoz S. winner Amber Sky (Aus), Darley's shuttler [Exceed and Excel \(Aus\)](#) (Aus) will be represented by a pair of offerings Saturday morning, including lot [9](#), a New Zealand-bred son of County Mayo (Grand Slam), who cost NZ\$300,000 at the NZB Premier Sale in 2014. Coolmore's pensioned Encosta de Lago (Aus) has been a successful sire down the years in Hong Kong, his champion son Sacred Kingdom (Aus) having won two renewals of the G1 Hong Kong Sprint. Lot [7](#), an A\$295,000 graduate of the 2013 Inglis Easter Sale, is a son of Pretty Proud (Mr. Greeley), full-sister to U.S. Grade I winner Whywhywhy and a half to MGSW Spellbinder (Tale of the Cat).



Interested onlookers, including trainer Caspar Fownes (back row, middle), at last weekend's breeze-ups [HKJC.com](#)



Lot 23 (near) [HKJC.com](#)

Lot [1](#) could get the sale off on a high note. An A\$375,000 acquisition out of the Magic Millions Gold Coast sale in early 2014, the Sept. 3 foal is out of a Giant's Causeway half-sister to MGSW and MG1SP Shania Dane (Aus) (Danehill) and to Scintillation (Aus) (Danehill), a three-time domestic Group 1 winner in Hong Kong.

The Club's most expensive yearling acquisition for this sale is lot [23](#), an A\$400,000 from the 2013 Gold Coast Sale. The 3-year-old, produced by Elite Circle (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and is closely related to G2 Skyline S. winner Valentia (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) under the second dam.

The sale is set to begin Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. Hong Kong time, with a live webcast available [here](#). Click for the [full catalogue](#) and to the [breeze-up videos](#).

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WINNING POINT, 11, Point Given--Biblical Sense, by Blushing Groom (Fr)
Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Distorted Humor.
Will be bred back to Medaglia d'Oro.
Owned by Diamond A Racing Corp.
Boarded at Diamond A.
Accomplishments: SW & MGSP, \$370,170.

TRAPPINGS, 15, Seeking the Gold--Duck Trap, by Affirmed
Foal born Feb. 12, a filly by Paynter
Will be bred back to Noble Mission (GB).
Owned by Mike and Nancy Mazzoni
Boarded at Keene Ridge Farm.
Accomplishments: Dam of She Be Wild (Offlee Wild), Ch. 2yo Filly, GISW, \$1,355,540.

HOLY BUBBETTE, 15, Holy Bull--Juliac, by Accipiter
Foal born Feb. 14, a colt by Pioneerof the Nile.
Will be bred back to Shackelford.
Owned by Richard & Katherine Elam.
Boarded at Elam Farm.
Accomplishments: MSW & GSP, \$240,995. Dam of Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), MGSW, \$562,000.

SHIP & WIN EXPANDS IN CALIFORNIA

The "Ship & Win" program introduced at Del Mar four years ago, which was designed to attract out-of-state horses to race in California, has been expanded to include the entire Southern California racing circuit beginning Apr. 2. The program, which will apply to horses racing at Santa Anita, Los Alamitos and Del Mar, will guarantee a \$1,000 appearance fee and a 30% enhancement to all purse money earned in the initial start of horses who have not raced in California in the past 12 months. Funding for the program will come from the three Southern California racetracks, the Thoroughbred Owners of California and the California Marketing Committee.

"Horse recruitment and increasing field size are top priorities for TOC," said Joe Morris, the ownership group's president said in a joint statement from the three Thoroughbred tracks. "We supported the 'Ship and Win' program at Del Mar for the last four years and believe it will be equally successful as a year-round program for Southern California."

Trainer Mark Casse, who had a string at Del Mar for the first time last summer, is a proponent of the program.

"It's been a very good program for my owners and my horses," said Casse. "It's a major expense to ship out there, so the bonus monies certainly helped. And now that we've seen that we can come and compete well, we'll be bringing out more horses this year, including some of our better 2-year-olds. Several of my owners have never raced in the west with the exception of the Breeders' Cup, so this has opened a door for them to try California."

Local stalwart Bob Hess, Jr. had 16 qualified Ship & Win horses start at Del Mar last summer.

"I'm a big fan of Ship & Win," said Hess. "We have the best stage in the country for presenting horse racing, but we need to get people aware and involved in being part of it. A program like this one is a part of the puzzle, part of how we actually get people to realize how good it is to race in California."

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Florida

Yesterday's Results:

6th-GPX, \$45,200, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT, 1:53 (NCR), fm.

HELLENISTIC (f, 4, English Channel--Garimpeiro, by Mr. Prospector) took several tries to get off the mark in Ireland at three and finally broke through in a Limerick handicap over 1 3/8 miles of yielding turf Apr. 26. She added another handicap victory over 10 furlongs at Leopardstown July 10 and ended the year with an eighth in the Gill Long Island H. with first-time Lasix over her preferred soft ground at Aqueduct Nov. 8. Transferred from Dermot Weld to Chad Brown, the chestnut was sent off at 5-2 to improve in this second stateside appearance.

GP6 cont.

Away slowly, Hellenistic spotted the field several lengths and soon found cover against the inside. Shifted to the outside, she improved her position to catch up to the field and perched three wide in the tightly bunched group turning for home. The chestnut took the overland route past the majority of her rivals inside the final 300 meters and strode away to win by three-quarters of a length in a new course record. Courtisan (Street Sense) was second. The winner is a half to Geri (Theatrical {Ire}), GISW, \$1,707,980; Clure (Theatrical {Ire}), SW, \$361,349; Stage Shy (Theatrical {Ire}), GSP, \$132,901; A.P. Arrow (A.P. Indy), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,463,887; and Almonsoon (Giant's Causeway), SW & GSP, \$249,386. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-3, \$47,122. [Click for the **brisnet.com** chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Calumet Farm. B-Bluegrass Hall LLC (KY). T-C Brown.




Kentucky

KEEP to Offer Seattle Slew License Plates:

The Kentucky Equine Education Project Foundation will be offering Kentucky drivers the option to purchase a special license plate featuring Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew, according to a release from the organization. Proceeds from the sale of each plate will support the organization's grassroots funding program and educational activities. Pre-orders for this license plate are currently being taken through the foundation office and online at www.thekeepfoundation.org.

"This license plate, bearing the image of one of the greatest racing champions of all time, means a great deal to us," said Fred Sarver, chairman of the KEEP Foundation. "The revenue from the sale of this commemorative plate will allow us to bring greater awareness of the importance of the horse industry in Kentucky. We are truly grateful to the partners of the Tony Leonard Collection for their permission to use this photo of Seattle Slew."

Added Bobby Shiflet, a partner in the Tony Leonard Collection, "All of us at the Tony Leonard Collection are very excited about KEEP choosing one of Tony's photos for the new KEEP license plate. Tony would have loved sharing this image with the people of his adopted home state of Kentucky, and for it to be a picture of Seattle Slew makes it all the more special. He remains a fan favorite, and was certainly one of Tony's favorite subjects."

• ON THE WORKTAB •

GULFSTREAM PARK

Ekati's Phaeton (Tale of Ekati), 5f, 1:01.73, 8/14

PALM MEADOWS TRAINING CENTER

By the Moon (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:01.95, 5/16



▶ Central U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-FGX, \$40,740, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1m (off turf), 1:40 1/5, sy.

FUSAICHI FLAME (c, 3, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Merry Mary {MSW, \$248,759}, by [Leestown](#)), kicked off his sophomore year with a second in the Big Drama S. at Delta Downs Jan. 10. Third in an off-turf allowance going this trip Feb. 5, the bay was bumped at the break of the Black Gold S. going 7 1/2 furlongs over the Fair Grounds sod and finished ninth Feb. 28. The 3-2 favorite motored right to the head of affairs and quickly put several lengths on his rivals after a first quarter in :24.30. The bay's lead shrank to 1 1/2 lengths in upper stretch, but Fusaichi Flame found another gear late and strode away from the rallying Top of the Page (Parading) to win by 5 1/4 lengths. Sales history: \$31,000 yrl '13 KESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-2-2, \$65,110. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Norman Stables LLC. B-Inside Lane Partnership (KY). T-Scott Gelner.

9th-OPX, \$64,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 3/5, sy.

+I'M WORKIN ON IT (f, 3, [Quien--With a Passion](#), by [Honour and Glory](#)), a 14-1 chance in this unveiling, settled in the middle of the field as the dueling leaders doled out moderate fractions on the front end. Angled four wide to challenge after four furlongs in :47.24, the chestnut sprinted to the front and streaked clear in the slop to win by 2 1/2 lengths over Charis (Sky Mesa). Sales history: \$2,500 yrl '13 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$38,400. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-William E Oswald. B-B A Man Inc & Richard Maynard (IN). T-Lynn Chleborad.

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association Year End Awards	
2-Year-Old Filly	Wind Chill Factor (Successful Appeal)
2-Year-Old Colt	Mr L.S. Shoe (Forefathers)
3-Year-Old Filly	Our Quista (Half Ours)
3-Year-Old Colt	Vicar's In Trouble (Into Mischief)
Older Female	Sittin At the Bar (Into Mischief)
Older Male	Sunbean (Brahms)
Broodmare	Character Builder
Stallion	Brahms & Half Ours
Leading Breeder by Awards	Spendthrift Farm
Leading Breeder by Win Percentage	Terry Adcock, Brett Brinkman & Alan Chiasson

▶ California

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$64,350, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 2/5, fm.

TALCO (FR) (c, 4, [Pivotal](#) (GB)--Trylko, by [Diesis](#) {GB}), third behind Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) and Queen's Plate heroine Lexie Lou (Sligo Bay {Ire}) in Del Mar's grassy GI Hollywood Derby Nov. 29, was not disgraced when fifth after having to steady in the GII Mathis Brothers Mile S. here to end his season Dec. 26. The 4-year-old could not overcome a slow break when runner-up as the favorite in a nine-panel optional claimer over the Arcadia lawn Feb. 5 and was sent off at 2-1 to go one better. Away well, the French-bred found plenty of cover while second last through the early stages. He tugged his way up to fourth after six furlongs in 1:10.57 and pounced four wide at the head of the lane. The race was over in a matter of strides as Talco sped home to win by 1 1/4 lengths over favorite Boozer (Unusual Heat). "Yeah, I'd love to put him back into some graded stakes, he's a pretty nice horse," said winning trainer John Sadler. "He's been so unlucky. In the Mathis Brothers Mile he had a tough trip. I guess he had a good trip with no excuses against California Chrome, but other than that, he runs really well." The winner is a half to Limonar (Ire) (Street Cry {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$125,072 and his dam is a half to 2004 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero Bachelor Duke (Miswaki). Sales history: €145,000 yrl '12 ARQAU. Lifetime Record: GISP-US, SP-Fr, 12-3-3-3, \$182,796. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Hronis Racing LLC. B-Sarl Darpat France (Fr). T-John W Sadler.

5th-SAX, \$57,000, Msw, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 1/5, fm.

TO THE BAR (g, 4, [Kitten's Joy](#)--[Surpriseinthebox](#), by [Outofthebox](#)), fourth after a slow break sprinting over the Santa Anita dirt in his first trip to the post Jan. 4, tired to sixth after setting the pace over course and distance Jan. 25. The chestnut was sent off at 3-1 and briefly led before settling for a stalking trip. To the Bar ranged up on the outside of the tiring leader rounding the final bend, seized command in upper stretch and maintained his advantage to the line. It was a length back to Winning Causeway (Giant's Causeway) in second. Sales history: \$38,000 yrl '12 FTKOCT; \$60,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$37,210. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Kretz Racing LLC. B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY). T-Ronald W Ellis.

TODAY'S FEATURED VIDEO REPLAYS

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INDUSTRY INFO

Rebel Hopeful Running for Standardbred Chaplaincy:
Madefromlucky (Lookin at Lucky), who takes a three-race win streak into Saturday's GI Rebel S. at Oaklawn, is the only Thoroughbred member of the 'the Stable That God Loves,' meaning 1% of his purse earnings in 2015 will go to Chaplain Ken Carter's Standardbred Chaplaincy of Canada, according to a release from the group. The organization is dedicated to providing for the emotional, physical, spiritual and human needs of the horse racing work force in southwestern Ontario. Madefromlucky is co-owned by Ontario horseman Mac Nichol and Everett Dobson. "I figured I'll mix it up a bit on this Thoroughbred and maybe it will open some more doors for support [for the chaplaincy]," said Nichol, who is owner of Ideal Training Center in Erin, Ontario.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, March 13
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

BLAME (Arch), Claiborne, \$30K, 152/11/1
 8-LRL, Msw, 6f, +Moon Over Paris, \$175K KEE NOV wnl, 6-1

BULLSBAY (Tiznow), Northview, \$3K, 37/4/1
 4-LRL, Msw, 1m, +Irina Baranova, \$15K RNA EAS SEP yrl, 10-1

CHARITABLE MAN (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 80/7/0
 7-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Charitable Annuity, 5-2

DISCREETLY MINE (Mineshaft), Lane's End, \$10K, 181/23/1
 8-OP, Aoc, 1m, Starlet O'Hara, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2

ESKENDEREYA (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 194/20/0
 6-FG, Msw, 1m, Eskadoodle, 12-1

HOLD ME BACK (Giant's Causeway), WinStar, \$6K, 153/11/1
 8-OP, Aoc, 1m, Big Red Seven, \$11K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

10-LRL, Aoc, 5 1/2f, Truth in the Lies, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

4-AQU, Msw, 1m, Black Tide, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

KANTHAROS (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/19/1
 9-GP, Aoc, 5fT, Katie's Kiss, 4-1

4-LRL, Msw, 1m, Doukas, \$85K OBS APR 2yo, 8-5

LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/35/3
 2-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Diamond Majesty, \$225K BAR MAR 2yo, 5-2

9-GP, Aoc, 5fT, Asia, 5-2

6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Lucky Foursome, \$65K SAR AUG yrl, 15-1

PROM SHOES (Include), Anderson Farm, \$1K, 7/0/0
 2-DED, Msw, 1m, Little Shoes, 15-1

QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/22/3
 1-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Fortuitous Path, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

9-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, The Strip, \$105K FTK OCT yrl, 9-2

SUMMER BIRD (Birdstone), Japan, Dead, 191/14/1
 6-FG, Msw, 1m, Creole Summer, 15-1

SUPER SAVER (Maria's Mon), WinStar, \$20K, 203/25/4
 6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Sebonack, \$75K OBS APR 2yo, 8-5

2-DED, Msw, 1m, Super Sissy, \$40K KEE NOV wnl, 8-1

8-OP, Aoc, 1m, College Holly, \$40K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1

TALE OF EKATI (Tale of the Cat), Darby Dan Farm, \$15K, 127/18/1
 4-LRL, Msw, 1m, Tale of Houdini, 9-2

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/22/1
 6-FG, Msw, 1m, Rikleiner, \$36K BSC YRL yrl, 9-2

9-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Distraction, \$45K OBS APR 2yo, 7-2

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

9th-OP, \$64K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 6:10 p.m. ET
 Anita Cauley's homebred **TREASURE BOX** ([Lemon Drop Kid](#)) debuts for trainer Gary Hartlage and should appreciate the route distance. A half-sister to MGISW and millionaire On Fire Baby (Smoke Glacken), the bay is also a half-sister to GSW High Heels (E Dubai), who ran third in the 2007 GI Kentucky Oaks behind Rags to Riches (A.P. Indy). They were produced by Pleasant Temper S. winner Ornate (Gilded Time), who also has SW & GSP French Kiss (Hussonet) to her credit. [Click for Brisnet.com PPs.](#)

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
8th-AQU, \$69,000, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 4/5, ft.
MAKE THE MOMENT (m, 5, [Indygo Shiner--Pretty Pretty](#), by [Silver Deputy](#)) Lifetime Record: MSP, 26-6-3-5, \$315,720. O/T-Charlton Baker. B-Gallaghers Stud (NY). *\$27,000 RNA yrl '11 FTNAUG; \$50,000 2yo '12 OBSMAR.

7th-OPX, \$68,000, NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, sy.
ELECTRIC TEMPTRESS (f, 4, [First Samurai-- Electric Shock](#) {SW, \$134,100}, by [Cure the Blues](#)) Lifetime Record: 13-6-2-1, \$174,767. O-Maggi Moss. B-Clifford J Grum (KY). T-Chris Richard. *1/2 to Electric Chant (War Chant), MSP, \$153,497.

8th-OPX, \$68,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW29MX, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5, sy.
FOR GREATER GLORY (h, 5, [Afleot Alex--Lady's Touch](#), by [Touch Gold](#)) Lifetime Record: GSP, 20-4-4-6, \$269,100. O-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong. B-Peter E Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Steve Hobby. *\$120,000 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP; \$290,000 RNA 2yo '12 OBSMAR.

6th-SAX, \$59,000, NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24 4/5, ft.
SWISSARELLA (f, 4, [Swiss Yodeler--Donerella](#), by [Doneraile Court](#)) Lifetime Record: 22-3-5-6, \$138,012. O-R Brown, T Halasz, J Johnson, P Kinne, P Newhart & C Martin. B-Heinz Steinmann (CA). T-Rafael Becerra.

6th-AQU, \$57,000, NW1\$X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14, ft.
JAZZMINEGEM (f, 4, [Mineshaft--Self Rising](#) {SP, \$164,931}, by [Hansel](#)) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, \$103,243. O-Duffryn Run Farm. B-Happy Hill Farm (NY). T-Linda Rice. *\$20,000 yrl '12 FTNAUG; \$100,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Notacatbutallama (Harlan's Holiday), MGSW, \$696,834.

Purchased as a Yearling by Justin Casse



Breeders' Edition America cont.

4th-LRL, \$49,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), C, 4yo/up, a1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, my.

SOUPER LUCKY (g, 4, [Giant's Causeway](#)--[Slewfoundmoney](#) {MSW & MGSP, \$184,591}, by [Seeking the Gold](#)) Lifetime Record: 17-6-2-2, \$207,935. O/B-Live Oak Plantation (FL). T-Michael J Trombetta. *Won by 9 3/4 lengths.

6th-DED, \$42,500, 3-11, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42 1/5, sy.

STRIKE PLEASURE (f, 4, [Tenpins--Begue](#), by [My Friend Max](#)) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$41,070. O-Collinsworth Thoroughbred Racing LLC. B-Marc & Jill Winston (LA). T-Henry B Johnson Jr. *\$5,200 yrl '12 TEXAUG.

3rd-PEN, \$33,689, 3-11, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, gd.

LEMON MAKER (g, 4, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--[Pissarro](#) {MSP, \$121,930}, by [Empire Maker](#)) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-0, \$81,044. O-Tencendur LLC. B-Fitzhugh LLC (PA). T-Ramon Preciado.

6th-PEN, \$33,689, 3-11, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:44 1/5, gd.

FARA'S KID (g, 4, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--[Sticky](#) {MSW, \$381,650}, by [Concern](#)) Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-0, \$87,248. O/B-Fitzhugh LLC (PA). T-Michael J Trombetta.

6th-CTX, \$27,000, 3-11, NW1X, 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :53 1/5, my.

ZIP CAT (g, 6, [Kitten's Joy](#)--[Little Miss Zip](#) {SW, \$225,442}, by [City Zip](#)) Lifetime Record: 14-4-5-0, \$95,340. O-Altamira Racing Stable. B-Runnymede Farm Inc & Catesby W Clay (KY). T-Jeff C Runco. *\$10,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '11 FTMMAY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Silver Lucky Q, c, 3, [Closing Argument](#)--

[Redrunnedaway](#), by [Runaway Groom](#). GPX, 3-12, (C), 7 1/2fT, 1:29. B-Michael & Amy Feuerborn (KY). *\$15,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$37,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

Highly Elusive, f, 3, [High Cotton](#)--[Pretty Elusive](#), by [Elusive Quality](#). SAX, 3-12, (C), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-E Paul Robsham Stables LLC (FL). *\$3,000 yrl '13 KEENOV.

Fancy Malka, f, 3, [Munnings](#)--[Let It Go Lady](#), by [Cherokee Run](#). GPX, 3-12, (C), 7 1/2fT, 1:29 2/5. B-Indian Creek & John & Riley Hess (KY). *\$100,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR.

H Man, c, 3, [Musket Man](#)--[Private Port](#), by [Sea Salute](#). AQU, 3-12, (S), (C), 1m, 1:44 4/5. B-Eric Fein (NY).

STONESTREET TRAINING ALUMNI

Swamped, f, 3, [Swamp](#)--[Thunder Lure](#), by [Thunder Gulch](#). FGX, 3-12, (S), 1m, 1:42 4/5. B-Delmar R Caldwell (LA). *1/2 to [Miss Goodthing](#) ([Closing Argument](#)), SW, \$165,336.

Keezheekoni, f, 4, [Heatseeker \(Ire\)](#)--[Six Ribbons](#), by [Cape Town](#). SAX, 3-12, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-Jenny Mills & Heatseeker Syndicate (KY). *\$12,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$180,000 2yo '13 FTMMAY.

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Marzocco, g, 4, [Kitten's Joy](#). See *Breeders' Edition Europe*."

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Yesterday's Results:

PRIX MONTENICA-Listed, €55,000, CHA, 3-12, 3yo, c/g, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.33, ft.

1--**#EL TOPO (SPA)**, 128, c, 3, by [Caradak \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: [Topita \(Ire\)](#), by [Daggers Drawn](#)

2nd Dam: [Cappadoce \(Ire\)](#), by [General Monash](#)

3rd Dam: [Urgent Liaison \(Ire\)](#), by [High Estate \(Ire\)](#)

O-Yeguada Donostiarra. B-Zubieta Ltd (Spa). T-Sergio Vidal-Santos; J-Thierry Jarnet. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 4 wins, 3 places, €90,000.

2--**Projected (GB)**, 128, c, 3, [Showcasing \(GB\)](#)--

[Deliberate \(GB\)](#), by [King's Best](#). O-Khalid Abdullah. €11,000.

3--**Svoul (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, [Siyouni \(Fr\)](#)--[Dansia \(Ger\)](#), by [Lavirco \(Ger\)](#). (€30,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT; €300,000 2yo '14 ARQMAY). O-Qatar Racing Ltd. €8,250.

Margins: NK, 1HF, 1. Odds: 6.20, 1.20, 13.00.

Also Ran: [Romeo Lima](#), [Royal Spring \(Fr\)](#), [Super Nothing \(Ire\)](#). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

El Topo registered two seconds and two wins from four starts at Spain's San Sebastian venue last term before running fourth in the Oct. 6 Listed Prix Herod on the turf here to close his freshman campaign. Successful atop the Cagnes-sur-Mer Polytrack on seasonal bow last time Feb. 16, he continued his upward trajectory with a determined first black-type score here. El Topo was steadied in third, racing hard on the steel, after the initial strides. Inching closer turning for home, he challenged going well at the two pole and was ridden out inside the final furlong to deny the rallying Projected for a career high. "He won well at Cagnes, but we wanted him fit for this race and we're delighted with the result," said winning trainer Sergio Vidal-Santos. "I train just 15 horses at my San Sebastian base and he is, by far, the best of them. We will now look for another listed race or maybe a group race, but we'll need to make sure the horse is well because the journey from Spain takes a lot out of a horse."



French Report cont.

PRIX RONDE DE NUIT-Listed, €55,000, CHA, 3-12, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.03, ft.1--**#FOND WORDS (IRE)**, 126, f, 3, by **Shamardal**1st Dam: **Nashmiah (Ire) (MSW & GSP-Eng, \$209,033)**, by **Elusive City**2nd Dam: **Fronde (GB)**, by **Alzao**3rd Dam: **Fern (GB)**, by **Shirley Heights (GB)**

(150,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (Ire); T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Mickael Barzalona. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 places, €44,300.

2--**Power of the Moon (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Amenixa (Fr), by Linamix (Fr). (95,000gns wlng '12 TATDEC). O-Gerard Thomas Ryan. €11,000.3--**Super Eria (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Hold That Tiger--Dark Mile, by Woodman. (€12,000 yrl '13 OSASEP). O-Mlle Julia Rusu. €8,250.

Margins: NO, NK, HD. Odds: 5.80, 7.50, 17.00.

Also Ran: See Your Dream (GB), Lostinparadise (GB), Strelkita (Fr), Hors Forfait (Fr), Hot Chilli Kiss (Fr). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

Fond Words went untested as a juvenile, but made up for lost time with three starts in 26 days at Cagnes-sur-Mer, kicking off with a Jan. 14 debut score and following up with a Jan. 29 conditions second. She lined up here coming off a seventh in the Feb. 8 Listed Prix de la Californie and raced last-but-one of the eight runners for much of the contest. Stoked up in early stretch, she came under a drive inside the two pole and kept on resolutely for continued urging to chin Power of the Moon by a pixel on the line for a first black-type rosette. "We knew she had a bit of quality and she won well at Cagnes first time," said Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard. "She then ran moderately when it looked like Monsieur Pantall's horses were maybe not quite right at the end of that meet. We know she has a lot of speed, we targeted this race and it's nice to get her a stakes win. She won't go much further than 6 1/2 or seven furlongs so we'll have to select her races carefully."

4th-CHA, €25,000, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:26.20, ft.

IMPASSABLE (IRE) (f, 3, **Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Gwenseb {Fr} {GSW-Fr, \$296,961}**), by **Green Tune**), a last-out fourth at Saint-Cloud Nov. 18, took control after the early exchanges dropped a half-panel for this sophomore return. Pushed along approaching the final quarter mile, the 41-10 second favorite refused to buckle and was ridden out to comfortably hold the slow-starting **Satiriste (GB)** (Shamardal) by a length. The homebred bay is a full to **Foreign Tune (GB)**, SW-Fr, \$161,685. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €15,900. **[Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#)**.

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (Ire). T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

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Derby Raises Money for Injured Jockeys:

The St Patrick's Day Derby, the charity race for amateur riders run annually at the end of Cheltenham Thursday, is expected to have raised more than £150,000 for the Injured Jockeys Fund.

"We are up to £145,000 so far and the total is rising by the minute," said Sarah Oliver, chief executive of the Amateur Jockeys Association, which supports the race, yesterday morning before the running of the race. Jockey James Collins won the race aboard **Knight's Parade (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}).

"That was great," said Collins. "He's a great horse. I need to thank Gordon Elliott and the Bodhran Syndicate for letting me ride him."

Jono Mills, bloodstock manager of Rabbah, rode the John Ferguson-trained **Monarch's Way (GB)** (King's Best) to be third, and he described the experience as, "Awesome; simply the best thing."

The race has been run in aid of Cancer Research for the previous five years and raised £1.2 million for the charity.

Middle East**Kylie Minogue to Perform at DWC:**

Award-winning singer Kylie Minogue will perform at Meydan Mar. 28 upon conclusion of the Dubai World Cup card. The concert will begin at approximately 10 p.m. following the presentation of the G1 Dubai World Cup trophy.

Minogue's talents span from singing to television and film. She has received both Brit and Grammy Awards; has been appointed as a Chevalier of the Ordre des Arts

**Kylie Minogue**

et des Lettres and an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. She also has a Guinness World Records citation for most consecutive decades with top five album

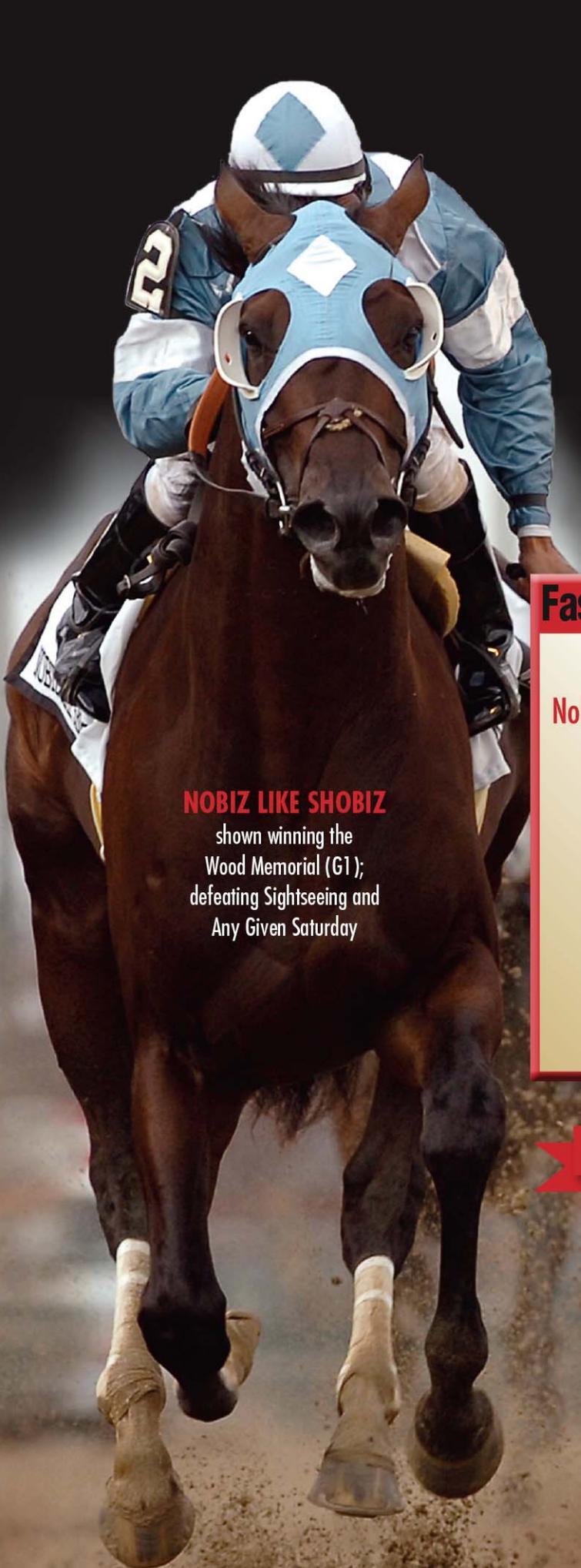
rankings.

"Growing up in Melbourne, horse racing is a major and exciting part of our annual calendar," Minogue said. "So to be able to bring my show to the Dubai World Cup is something I'm very much looking forward to. It will certainly be an unforgettable experience."

Admission to the concert is exclusive to Dubai World Cup ticket holders. For more information about tickets and hospitality packages, visit www.dubairacingclub.com.

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HANDICAP RESULTS:

5th-KMP, £8,000, 3-11, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.32, ft. **WANTING (IRE)** (f, 3, **Acclamation {GB}**--**Bold Desire {GB}**, by **Cadeaux Genereux {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £10,350. O-Godolphin; B-J Doyle (Ire); T-Charlie Appleby.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-CHD, £20,000, 3-12, 4yo/up, 16f (AWT), 3:28.72, ft.

MARZOCCO (g, 4, **Kitten's Joy**--**Dynamia {MGSP-US}**, by **Dynaformer**) Lifetime Record: MSP-Eng, 10-2-3-1, £90,695. O-Godolphin; B-Dr John A Chandler (KY); T-John Gosden. *\$300,000 yrl '12 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Joharmony (Johar), SW-US, \$149,299.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Aledaid (Ire), g, 3, **Acclamation (GB)**--Lanark Belle (GB), by Selkirk. KMP, 3-11, 6f (AWT), 1:12.53. B-Camogue Stud Ltd (Ire). *€100,000 wIng '12 GOFNOV. **1/2 to Quissisana (Ire) (Antonius Pius), Ch. 2yo Filly-Svk & SP-Ity.

Broadway Boogie (Ire), c, 3, **Distorted Humor**--Grande Melody (Ire) (GSW-US & SP-Fr, \$163,508), by Grand Lodge. MPV, 3-12, 10f (AWT), 2:11.15. B-Joseph Allen (Ire).

Plantureuse (Fr), f, 3, **Hold That Tiger**--River Trebor, by Myrakalu (Fr). MPV, 3-12, 10f (AWT), 2:10.04.

B-San Gabriel Investments Inc & Robert Geringer (Fr). *€11,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT.

Snaad (GB), g, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Olivia Grace (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Pivotal (GB). CHA, 3-12, 7f (AWT), 1:25.29. B-Aston House Stud (GB). *75,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.

Mister Rockandroll (GB), g, 3, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Cruel Sea (SP-Eng), by Mizzen Mast. CHD, 3-12, 10f (AWT), 2:08.56. B-Ed's Stud Ltd (GB). *15,000gns yrl '13 TATDEC. **Hydrogen (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), the 2.5 million gns half-brother to Authorized (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), finished fifth while making his second start.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 14	GI Santa Margarita S.	SA
	GII Azeri S.	OP
	GII Rebel S.	OP
	GIII Razorback H.	OP
	GII Santa Ana S.	SA
Mar. 15	GII Inside Information S.	GP
	GII Royal Delta S.	GP
	GII San Luis Rey S.	SA
	GIII Bourbonette Oaks	TP
	GIII Spiral S.	TP
Mar. 22	GIII Sunland Derby	SUN
Mar. 28	GI Florida Derby	GP
	GII Louisiana Derby	FG

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