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**SUCCESSFUL MARCH SALE WRAPS UP**

By Brian DiDonato and Steve Sherack

The newly configured OBS March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training was ruled a success at the conclusion of the two-day event Wednesday afternoon. During Wednesday's session, 155 juveniles changed hands for a total of \$24,435,000. The average for the session was \$157,645, while the median was \$100,000. The buyback rate was 25.8%.

A Broken Vow colt consigned by Eisaman Equine topped Wednesday's trade at \$950,000 from trainer Linda Rice. The overall sale topper was a \$1.4-million Bernardini colt offered by Steve Venosa's S G V Thoroughbreds and snatched up by Live Oak Plantation on day one.



Session-topping hip 481

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for \$55,682,000. The median price was \$105,000 and the buyback rate was 22.7%

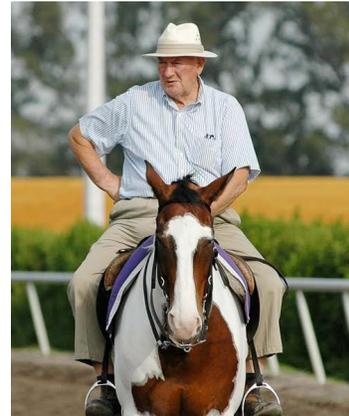
Last year's renewal, which was conducted as a select sale and over just one day due to weather, featured a catalogue of 411 compared to 610 this year. The 2014 sale saw 201 horses sell for \$37,627,500 at an average of \$187,201 with a \$135,000 median price. The buyback rate was 22.9%. **OBS March cont. p3**

**HARRY ALLEN JERKENS (1929-2015)**

By Mike Kane

Hall of Fame trainer H. Allen Jerkens, a living legend during a large part of his distinguished career and a revered figure in racing, died at the age of 85 Mar. 18 at Aventura Hospital and Medical Center in South Florida.

Jerkens, who operated his stable until his death, entered the hospital on Feb. 28 with a severe infection.



Allen Jerkens Sarah Andrew

He is survived by his children: Allen, Steve and twins Jimmy and Julie, their spouses and children. Steve and Jimmy are trainers. His wife, Elisabeth, died in August 2014.

Known affectionately as "Chief" and the "Giant Killer" for upset victories over the likes of Kelso and Secretariat, Harry Allen Jerkens was born Apr. 21, 1929 in Islip, NY, on eastern Long Island. He was a widely respected and

beloved horsemen who trained in his own name for 65 years and for decades played in touch football games on the backstretch. A large man who could be gruff and wanted things done a certain way in his stable, he was soft-spoken to the point of seeming shy and often shed tears when his horses won races. **Cont. p14**



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• Catalogued	610	411
• No. Offered	422	261
• No. Sold	326	201
• RNAs	96	60
• % RNAs	22.7%	23.0%
• No. \$500K+	25	10
• High Price	\$1,400,000	\$1,600,000
• Gross	\$55,682,000	\$37,627,500
• Average	\$170,804	\$187,201
• Median	\$105,000	\$135,000

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**Trainer Linda Rice found herself in the somewhat unusual position of signing for the session-topping son of Broken Vow during Wednesday's second and final day of trade at the OBS March Sale**

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## The Jockey Club Sticking to Its Guns

When the topic of expanding drug testing comes up, one common lament within the United States racing industry is that there isn't enough money available to broaden existing protocols. Yet in 2014, the first year that The Jockey Club budgeted \$250,000 to supplement out-of-competition (OOC) testing for horses nominated to graded stakes races, the bulk of that grant money--a staggering \$150,000--went unclaimed. Nevertheless, The Jockey Club is doing what it can to enhance awareness of the program. T.D. Thornton reports.

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## TDN Op/Ed: Where Are We Now

In a provocative TDN Op/Ed, Amanda Simmons Luby asks that question as we reach the one-year anniversary of the PETA charges against trainer Steve Asmussen and his assistant Scott Blasi.

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**OBS March cont.**

“We were within 10% of the average last year with the opening of the sale--that was kind of a surprise for us,” an upbeat OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski said. “The number was surprising, but when you walked around the sale and saw the number



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of quality horses the consignors brought, it wasn't surprising. I think it's indicative in the buying as well. You saw people spreading out on horses... Again, that comes from having a critical mass, if you will, of horses. The buyers like that--they don't all want to gang up on each other on

a couple of horses. They like being able to spread around.”

Eddie Woods was the sale's leading consignor, selling 25 horses for \$6,977,000. Conquest Stables was leading buyer with five head secured for \$3,160,000.

“Obviously, the consignors brought a lot of really good horses and they fleshed out the rest of their consignment with the right kind of horses, and I think that will only get better for next year,” Wojciechowski said. “I think the people who came expecting to find those horses and found them will be back and they'll tell more people that there's a good opportunity here.”

OBS will hold its Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training Apr. 21-24. Visit [obssales.com](http://obssales.com) for more information.

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>481</u>	colt	<u>Broken Vow</u>	Tale of the South	950,000
			(\$80,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Diane Connell (Ky)	
			Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent Purchased by Linda Rice, agent	
<u>351</u>	filly	<u>Bernardini</u>	Pure Clan	850,000
			(\$4,500,000 i/u '12 KEENOV) B-Torrealba Holdings (Ky)	
			Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XXIX Purchased by Lael Stable	
<u>590</u>	colt	<u>Uncle Mo</u>	Being Anna	725,000
			(\$90,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Hare Forest Farm (Ky)	
			Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent I Purchased by Conquest Stables LLC	
<u>428</u>	filly	<u>Adios Charlie</u>	Siren Cove	675,000
			B-John David O'Farrell & J Michael O'Farrell, Jr. (Fl)	
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 \$725,000 RNA i/u '12 KEENOV)  
*B-Padua Stables (Ky)*  
 Consigned by Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), Agent II  
 Purchased by Haruya Yoshida
- 390** filly **Twirling Candy** Sambuca Classica 630,000  
 (\$110,000 yrl '14 KEESEP)  
*B-Steven & Brandi Nicholson (Ky)*  
 Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, agent  
 Purchased by L.E.B.
- 515** colt **Adios Charlie** Unlimited Pleasure 600,000  
*B-Ocala Stud (Fl)*  
 Consigned by Ocala Stud  
 Purchased by Conquest Stables LLC
- 366** colt **Arch** Rebuke 580,000  
 (\$35,000 RNA yrl '14 KEESEP)  
*B-AR Enterprises (Ky)*  
 Consigned by Imagine...  
 Purchased by West Point Thoroughbreds, Inc.
- 610** colt **Sidney's Candy** Broadway Hennessey 560,000  
 (\$160,000 yrl '14 SARAUG; \$140,000 wnlg '13 KEENOV)  
*B-SF Racing (NY)*  
 Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, LLC, agent  
 Purchased by L.E.B.
- 537** filly **City Zip** Woodsmoke 525,000  
 (\$90,000 yrl '14 KEESEP)  
*B-Gustav Schickedanz (On)*  
 Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agent  
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<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>	<b>2015</b>
• Catalogued	305
• No. Offered	209
• No. Sold	155
• RNAs	54
• % RNAs	25.8%
• No. \$500K+	9
• High Price	\$950,000
• Gross	\$24,435,000
• Average (% change)	\$157,645
• Median (% change)	\$100,000



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**Rice Steps Up for New Partnership...**

*By Brian DiDonato*

Trainer Linda Rice has been a fixture on the New York racing circuit for years, but hasn't necessarily been a major player at the sales--until now. Acting on behalf of a recently formed syndicate of female investors founded by former model and Manhattan socialite Sheila Rosenblum, Rice fended off all challengers to take home [hip 481](#), a Broken Vow colt consigned by Eisaman Equine, for a session-topping \$950,000. Out of a stakes-placed Tale of the Cat half-sister to MGSW Futural (Future Storm), the strapping bay turned in a [:9 4/5](#) breeze.

"I knew it was going to hurt," Rice quipped after signing the ticket. "Obviously, he breezed outstandingly, and I just really had a special feeling about the colt. I really wanted to take him home. I knew that it wouldn't be easy because there are a lot of very knowledgeable and top horsemen here, and as you can see, the prices have been high all day. So, I thought if I was going to pay quite a bit of money for a horse, it better be one I love."

Rice went to \$400,000 for a Quality Road colt ([hip 246](#)) for the same syndicate--Lady Sheila Stable Two--Tuesday. The [:9 4/5](#) breezer was an \$85,000 KEESEP purchase by consignor Hal Hatch's Halcyon Hammock Farm.

"I've been pretty selective for them--I bought a nice Tiznow filly for them [at Fasig-Tipton Florida] for \$350,000 [hip 33] and the Quality Road colt [Wednesday]," Rice said. "I haven't been able to get the numbers, but I've been very selective with what I'm buying. I passed on some horses earlier in the day hoping to get this colt."

Rice trains last year's GII Distaff H. winner La Verdad (Yes It's True) for Rosenblum.



Hip 481 stretches out nicely during his under-tack preview  
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**Eisaman Has Visions of May for March Grad...**

By Brian DiDonato

Barry and Shari Eisaman's Eisaman Equine scooped up yesterday's session topper for just \$80,000 as a KEESEP yearling. "He's a very, very good colt and he's been very popular, so we knew he would sell well, but one never anticipates a number like that," Barry Eisaman stated. "Everything," the Ocala horseman said when asked what he liked about the Feb. 4 foal, who was bred in Kentucky by Diane Connell, as a yearling. "His size, pedigree, bone, the way he walked. As a training horse, he just has really, really quick speed--especially for such a big horse. He has a great mind. He has many, many qualities that get you to the first Saturday in May."

**Jacksons Add to the 'Clan'...**

By Brian DiDonato

After being responsible for Tuesday's session and sale-topping \$1.4-million colt, Darley stallion Bernardini was back in the headlines as Roy and Gretchen Jackson's Lael Stable was extended to \$850,000 for [hip 351](#) The bay daughter of MGISW Pure Clan (Pure Prize) was consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XXIX and bred in [:10 1/5](#).

"I think she's a great filly," said Doug Cauthen Thoroughbred Management's Jak Knelman, who signed the ticket. "She's beautiful--she's a beautiful mover--and with that kind of pedigree, you can't buy too many fillies like that. We're really happy and excited about her."

Of the price tag, he said, "I think she's definitely worth that."



**Jak Knelman** Photos by Z



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Four-for-four to begin her career, the chestnut annexed the GI Pocahontas S. and GI Golden Rod S. as a juvenile before finishing third in the 2008 GI Kentucky Oaks. She did her best work on the turf, annexing the GI American Oaks at three and GI Flower Bowl Invitational S. at four before finishing second in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf to conclude her career.

Pure Clan's dam was the Grade III winner Gather the Glan (Ire)

(General Assembly), who also produced Grade II-winning juvenile Greater Good (Intidab) and the dam of Grade I-winning 2-year-old Sky Diva (Sky Mesa).

SF Bloodstock bred Pure Clan's first foal--a Smart Strike filly who sold for \$320,000 at KEESEP '11--and Borges Torrealba Holdings scooped up the then 7-year-old for \$4.5 million at the 2012 Keeneland November sale carrying the Bernardini filly. Pure Clan has a yearling colt by Tapit and a weanling daughter of Tiznow.

Yesterday's sale of hip 351 followed a successful day Tuesday for the Borges Torrealba and Clay families's Three Chimneys Farm, which sold a trio of offerings for \$1.625 million. Click [here](#) for more.

**OBSMAR 'Conquest' Continues...**

By Steve Sherack

The beat rolled on for Ernie Semersky and Dory Newell's Conquest Stables at OBSMAR Wednesday afternoon, adding a trio of high-end juveniles.

[Hip 590](#), an Uncle Mo colt from the Halcyon Hammock consignment, was the ceiling at \$725,000. The \$90,000 KEESEP yearling, bred in Kentucky by Hare Forest Farm, breezed in [:10](#).

[Hip 515](#), an Ocala Stud bred/consigned Adios Charlie half-brother to three-time graded winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Unlimited Budget (Street Sense), was picked up for \$600,000. He covered a quarter mile in [:21 2/5](#).

[Hip 537](#), a filly by City Zip, realized \$525,000. The [:10 1/5](#) breezer was consigned by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables. She was a \$90,000 KEESEP yearling. **Cont. p8**



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"I like Uncle Mo a lot and I thought [Hip 590] was a big, pretty horse," Conquest's trainer Mark Casse commented.

Conquest Stables has quickly burst on the scene the past few seasons and has immediately enjoyed plenty of graded success, led by 2013 GI Darley Alcibiades heroine My Conquestadory (Artie Schiller); 2014



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GI Natalma S. heroine Conquest Harlanate (Harlan's Holiday); 2014 Summer S. victor and 2015 GIII El Camino Real Derby third Conquest Typhoon (Stormy Atlantic); 2013 Swynford S. winner and 2014 GI Holy Bull runner-up Conquest Titan (Birdstone); 2014 GI Chandelier S. second and GI Del Mar Debutante S. third Conquest Eclipse (Malibu Moon); and this term's GI Palos Verdes S. winner Conquest Two Step (Two Step Salsa).

"He gave it about a year first, and you can tell that he really enjoys it," Casse said of Semersky's approach to entering the game. "He gets involved and he certainly puts his money up."

Conquest also acquired a pair of 2-year-olds during Tuesday's session--an \$800,000 Tiznow colt and a \$510,000 Kitten's Joy colt.

**Ocala Stud Says 'Adios' to Pair of Homebreds...**  
By Brian DiDonato

The O'Farrell family's Ocala Stud enjoyed a hugely successful day at OBS March yesterday, selling a pair of homebreds by their stallion Adios Charlie (Indian Charlie) for \$675,000 ([hip 428](#)) and \$600,000 ([hip 515](#)), respectively.

Hip 428, a bay half-sister to stakes winner Puntrooskie (In Summation), worked in a good-looking :20 3/5 and was scooped up by Emmanuel de Seroux's Narvick International. She will be heading to Japan's Northern Farm. **Cont. p9**



Hip 428

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"For us, she was the best filly in the sale," said de Seroux. "She was special--quite athletic, a beautiful type--she was fantastic."

Conquest Stables got [hip 515](#), a half to MGSW and GISP 'TDN Rising Star' Unlimited Budget (Street Sense), herself a \$475,000 OBSMAR grad; GISP juvenile Jardin (Montbrook); and GSP juvenile Beacon Shine (Montbrook). The dark bay colt breezed in [:21 2/5](#).

"We loved the filly," Ocala Stud's David O'Farrell said after the sale of hip 428. "She came into the sale really



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well. She breezed really well and she galloped out incredibly. She came back to the barn, and she wouldn't have even blown out a match. From that point forward, she showed herself extremely well. She's just a classy filly with a good head on her shoulders--she's an extraordinary filly."

O'Farrell had high

hopes, but was still surprised by how popular the bay miss proved.

"I knew the sky was the limit, and I knew that her breeze, give or take, may have been the best in the sale," he offered. "I knew she was going to sell well, but I wasn't expecting that figure. She can run, I believe."

Adios Charlie, a \$400,000 March grad himself in 2010, was campaigned by Robert Sahn and trainer Stan Hough to a victory in the 2011 GII Jerome S. Out of a full sister to dual Grade I winner Teaks North (Northern Afleet) and a half to MGSW Wooden Phone, the bay joined the Ocala Stud roster in 2012, where he commanded a \$3,500 fee in his first season. He stands for \$3,000 in 2015.

"I don't want to call him a project, but he wasn't a cinch," O'Farrell revealed. "We got Adios Charlie during the March Sale, which is a very difficult time to start a stallion's career. He wasn't able to cover his first mare until mid-April, but we believed in the horse. We loved him and knew we had to breed some good mares to him. He wound up covering 49 mares that first year, and it turned out to be a pretty good book, but you're at a huge disadvantage not having a big book your first year and then trying to sell seasons in your second year... It hasn't been ideal from a timing standpoint to get him his best opportunity, but this first crop of 2-year-olds--with [hips 428 and 515]--they're exceptional."



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**OBS March cont.**

**Another 'Sweet' Sale for Hatch...**

*By Brian DiDonato*

Hal Hatch's Halcyon Hammock Farm made its second solid pinhook score with a Twirling Candy juvenile yesterday after selling [hip 390](#) for \$630,000. Agent David Ingordo signed the ticket as L. E. B.

"She's been a great filly all season," Hatch said of the \$110,000 KEESEP yearling, who covered a furlong in

[:10](#) flat. "I loved her when I bought her. She was just really balanced and had a real fluid walk and a lot of presence--she just stood out... All along the way she made the right moves. She never made a backwards step."

Halcyon Hammock sold a son of the Lane's End freshman--[hip 293](#)--for \$300,000 to Dennis O'Neill on day one of the sale. That colt was a \$90,000 September buy.

"I sold a colt for \$300,000 and he was a really nice horse also," Hatch said when asked

about his impressions of Twirling Candy's first crop. "So, I had a colt and a filly that were both very forward and did well for me. I didn't have any problems with them and felt like they were strong-minded, good-willed horses."



*Photos by Z*

According to [TDN instatistics](#), Twirling Candy is North America's leading freshman sire by 2-year-old in training sales average, with seven head sold for an average of \$374,167. In addition to the Halcyon Hammock offerings, Eisaman Equine sold a colt ([hip 170](#)) Monday to Alex and JoAnn Lieblong for \$500,000; and Eddie Woods, Agent LXXVI sold a colt ([hip 455](#)) to L R K, Inc. for \$310,000.

The Barretts March Select Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale was topped by a \$400,000 Eddie Woods-consigned Twirling Candy colt who was scooped up by Conquest Stables.

**Sadler Gets His Twirling Candy...**

*By Brian DiDonato*

Conditioner John Sadler was seated alongside David Ingordo when the agent secured hip 390 for \$630,000, and Sadler revealed that the bay filly would be joining his California stable and carry the green silks of Kosta and Pete Hronis's Hronis Racing.

A 'TDN Rising Star,' Twirling Candy was campaigned by his breeders the Craig Family Trust when he annexed the 2010 GII Del Mar Derby and GI Malibu S. and 2011 GII Strub S. William S. Farish's Lane's End and Martin Wygod bought into the colt thereafter, and he romped in the GII Californian S. before a close third in the GI Hollywood Gold Cup and narrow second in the GI Pacific Classic S.

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**TALE OF EKATI**  
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2-Year-Old Colt at OBS March

Buyer: Christina R. Jelm, Agent

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**OBS March cont.**

"I trained the sire, and I really liked the [sale-topping] Twirling Candy at Barretts [March]--I think I was the underbidder," Sadler said. "We liked this filly a lot. She was very athletic and a really nice filly, so we're excited."

Sadler added, "I thought we'd get her for a little less, but you have to stretch a little bit sometimes, and we were willing to do a little stretching."

Ingordo scooped up the last horse in the ring yesterday as L. E. B. for \$560,000. [Hip 610](#), a \$160,000 Fasig-Tipton New York-bred buy by consignor Hartley/DeRenzo, was a colt by Sidney's Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), another former Sadler trainee, 'TDN Rising Star' and freshman sire. Sidney's Candy stands at WinStar Farm. L. E. B. was the session's leading buyer with four purchases for \$1,205,000.

**Constitution Half-Bro to Bridlewood & Whitehorse...**  
By Steve Sherack

A Tiznow half-brother to this year's GI Donn H. hero and 'TDN Rising Star' Constitution (Tapit) registered a \$450,000 final bid from Bridlewood Farm's General Manager George Isaacs late during Wednesday's final session at OBS March.

The bay, consigned by Hoby and Layna Kight as [Hip 585](#), will be campaigned in partnership by John and Leslie's Malone's Bridlewood Farm and Robert LaPenta's Whitehorse Stables.



**George Isaacs**  
*bridlewoodfarm.com*

The \$175,000 KEESEP yearling graduate zipped through an eighth in [:10](#) at the under-tack show.

"We have quite a few horses for Mr. LaPenta's Whitehorse Stables and we want to position ourselves on a couple of nice colts this year to try and get lucky and catch lightning in a

bottle and try to have a stallion prospect down the road," Isaacs said after being thanked by Hoby Kight.

Hip 585, bred in Kentucky by Grapestock, was produced by the stakes-placed Distorted Humor mare Baffled. She is also the dam of Gill Tempted S. heroine Jacaranda (Congrats). Constitution, of course, also won last term's GI Florida Derby. He was a \$400,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase by WinStar Farm and Twin Creeks Racing. **Cont. p12**

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“He’s certainly by a very good stallion and he’s half to a very current and very good horse in Constitution,” Isaacs continued. “Jacaranda is certainly a very nice filly, too. [Hip 585] looks like he has a lot of class--a Classic kind of colt and he had a great video. He’s everything we’re looking for, and I thought, given the strength of the sale, he kind of fell through the cracks late in the day.”

During Tuesday’s session, Bridlewood, White Horse and Sheep Pond partnered for [Hip 88](#), a \$550,000 Flatter colt from Nick de Meric’s consignment. Sheep Pond also campaigns the unbeaten GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine Lady Eli (Divine Park).

***Eclipse Adds Another ‘Boss’ to the Stable...***

*By Steve Sherack*

After campaigning 2013 GI King’s Bishop S. hero and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Capo Bastone (Street Boss) and last term’s GI Arkansas Derby winner and GI Kentucky Derby third-place finisher Danza (Street Boss), it didn’t come as too much of a surprise to see who ended up signing for [Hip 436](#) at OBS March Wednesday.

Consigned by Top Line Sales, a Florida-bred filly by the aforementioned Darley resident brought \$450,000 from Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners/Ben McElroy. The \$55,000 KEEJAN short yearling and \$105,000 KEESEP RNA breezed an eighth in [:9 4/5](#). Southern California-based Simon Callaghan will train.

“First and foremost, we’re at a 2-year-old in training sale,” Eclipse President Aron Wellman explained. “The most important thing that we’re looking at here is their on-track performance. And this filly’s breeze was just off the charts. When I’m analyzing breezes in person and on video, I’m not even looking at the pedigrees yet. This filly just jumped off the page with her breeze—it was the first thing that caught our eye.”

He continued, “Then when we looked at the catalogue and saw that she’s by Street Boss; that certainly is a plus in my book. We’ve been very fortunate with his offspring. It’s not like we’re going to sales looking for them, but if a good one comes across, we’re certainly going to be in the market for them. He’s been good to us and I’d like to think that we’ve been pretty good to him, too.”

Street Boss (Street Cry {Ire}), winner of the 2008 GI Triple Bend Invitational H. and GI Bing Crosby H. for Bruce Headley, stands for \$10,000 at Darley in Lexington, Kentucky. Hip 436 was produced by an unraced Holy Bull mare Smooth Kitten.

“She’s a very different type of Street Boss,” said Wellman, adding that bloodstock agent Gary Young plays a pivotal role in the selection process for Eclipse. “She doesn’t really have any of his particular physical traits that would tell you that she’s a Street Boss. Objectively, taking Street Boss out of the equation, she’s just a lovely filly and is incredibly well-balanced. Hopefully, she lives up to our expectations.”

Eclipse also purchased: [Hip 200](#), a \$180,000 Proud Citizen colt; [Hip 296](#), a \$130,000 High Cotton colt; [Hip 356](#), an \$85,000 Old Fashioned colt; [Hip 538](#), a \$55,000 Ready’s Image filly; and [Hip 578](#), a \$160,000 Lemon Drop Kid colt. **OBS March cont. p13**

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OBS March cont.

**Getting the 'Point' Across at OBSMAR...**

By Steve Sherack

West Point Thoroughbreds reloaded its racing stable at the two-day OBS March Sale, adding eight head for a total of \$1,505,000 (\$188,125 average).

[Hip 366](#), a colt by Arch--Rebuke (Carson City) from the Imagine... consignment, led the way at \$580,000. The \$35,000 KEESEP RNA was bred in Kentucky by AR Enterprises. He breezed an eighth in [:10 1/5](#) at the under-tack show.

West Point also purchased:

- [Hip 35](#), a \$45,000 Paddy O'Prado colt, consigned by A. R. Equine, Agent III ([:21 3/5](#)).
- [Hip 97](#), a \$130,000 Court Vision colt, consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds (Steven Venosa), agent ([:10 3/5](#))
- [Hip 236](#), a \$70,000 Awesome of Course filly, consigned by Ends Well ([:10 1/5](#)).
- [Hip 269](#), a \$90,000 Cape Blanco (Ire) colt, consigned by Ian Vickers ([:21 4/5](#)).
- [Hip 284](#), a \$275,000 Super Saver colt, consigned by Q Bar J Thoroughbreds LLC ([:10 1/5](#)).
- [Hip 305](#), a \$255,000 Include colt, consigned by Woodside Ranch, Agent II ([:21](#)).
- [Hip 308](#), a \$60,000 (PS) Congrats colt, consigned by Mayberry Farm, Agent X ([:10 3/5](#)).

"He's just a beautiful horse," West Point head Terry Finley said of the Arch colt. "When they look like that, you've got to be in the mix. Do you want to pay that



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much for a 2-year-old? No, you never do. You just have to hope that he is as good or better than you think he is."

West Point has picked up some of its biggest stable stars at the OBS 2-year-old sales throughout the years, including Grade I winners--Dream Rush (Wild Rush) (\$285,000 '06 OBSFEB); Flashy Bull (Holy Bull) (\$205,000 '05 OBSFEB); Irish

Smoke (Smoke Glacken) (\$285,000 '07 OBSMAR); and Lear's Princess (Lear Fan) (\$110,000 '06 OBSMAR). Commanding Curve (Master Command), second at 37-1 in last year's GI Kentucky Derby, was a \$75,000 OBSAPR graduate.

"We're just looking for real good athletes and everything else comes together," Finley concluded.

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	colt	<a href="#">Flatter</a>	Need		400,000

Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent II  
Purchased by Centennial Farms

Ciaran Dunne purchased this colt for \$165,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. The handsome bay proved popular in Ocala Wednesday.

<a href="#">325</a>	colt	<a href="#">Birdstone</a>	Penny Marie		275,000
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Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, agent  
Purchased by Steven W. Young, agent

John Sykes's Woodford Thoroughbreds, in its third year of selling 2-year-olds, purchased this youngster for \$55,000 at the 2014 Keeneland September sale.

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# ★ TDN INSTA-TISTICS ★

## Overall Top 25 Sires of 2-Year-Olds in Training By Average

Rank by Average Price	Ring	2015 2YO-In-Training Sales					2014 Yearling Sales		
		Sold	Average	Median	Top Colt	Top Filly	Sold	Average	Median
1	BERNARDINI	7	617,857	650,000	1,400,000	850,000	30	337,400	250,000
2	TAPIT	5	603,333	575,000	900,000	575,000	40	611,125	527,500
3	DISTORTED HUMOR	4	491,667	500,000	650,000	0	33	267,966	250,000
4	STREET SENSE	7	430,000	430,000	675,000	0	40	111,825	73,500
5	TWIRLING CANDY	7	374,167	355,000	500,000	630,000	51	43,260	35,000
6	TIZNOW	6	364,000	350,000	800,000	350,000	38	237,956	160,000
7	ADIOS CHARLIE	4	360,000	347,500	600,000	675,000	4	30,125	17,000
8	MIDNIGHT LUTE	3	353,333	130,000	900,000	130,000	29	81,948	42,000
9	TALE OF EKATI	1	350,000	350,000	350,000	0	20	41,900	32,500
10	BELLAMY ROAD	7	325,000	190,000	415,000	800,000	53	57,170	35,000
11	BLAME	1	320,000	320,000	320,000	0	32	121,422	75,000
12	SMART STRIKE	9	319,625	162,500	800,000	525,000	33	208,702	180,000
13	KENDARGENT (FR)	1	310,000	310,000	0	310,000	47	78,569	59,368
14	SCAT DADDY	19	306,267	205,000	1,400,000	750,000	86	122,560	85,000
15	WAR FRONT	1	300,000	300,000	300,000	0	19	591,353	300,000
16	ARCH	3	298,333	175,000	580,000	175,000	38	138,172	90,000
17	BROKEN VOW	5	291,000	170,000	950,000	220,000	34	53,338	36,000
18	BIRDSTONE	1	275,000	275,000	275,000	0	19	34,021	16,000
19	ICE BOX	3	270,000	270,000	270,000	0	12	53,458	22,500
19	NOONMARK	2	270,000	270,000	270,000	0	11	17,745	8,000
19	DISCREETLY MINE	2	270,000	270,000	460,000	0	37	32,803	28,000
22	QUALITY ROAD	5	267,000	260,000	400,000	155,000	31	110,615	95,000
23	MALIBU MOON	14	266,000	135,000	675,000	125,000	51	239,098	220,000
24	MAJESTIC WARRIOR	3	256,667	300,000	0	310,000	53	51,281	35,000
25	INCLUDE	2	255,000	255,000	255,000	0	33	59,764	45,000
26	TALE OF THE CAT	7	252,000	250,000	140,000	350,000	34	104,142	92,500
27	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1	250,000	250,000	250,000	0	30	337,500	300,000
28	HARD SPUN	8	243,000	130,000	150,000	850,000	51	103,725	75,000
29	UNCLE MO	21	238,529	190,000	725,000	225,000	96	111,958	75,000
30	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	9	238,333	127,500	200,000	800,000	56	169,148	152,500
31	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	11	235,667	62,500	625,000	47,000	62	163,782	140,000
32	FLATTER	10	231,444	190,000	550,000	290,000	52	88,202	53,500
33	FIRST SAMURAI	1	230,000	230,000	0	230,000	9	41,556	35,000
34	PIONEEROF THE NILE	7	229,750	106,000	685,000	32,000	31	110,935	85,000
35	ESKENDEREYA	5	226,750	105,000	650,000	150,000	40	79,505	52,500
36	SPEIGHTSTOWN	12	215,333	112,500	500,000	150,000	42	182,988	175,000
37	COURT VISION	2	215,000	215,000	300,000	0	20	38,538	26,686
38	KITTEN'S JOY	10	213,125	172,500	510,000	300,000	59	197,689	140,000
39	SUPER SAVER	9	210,833	205,000	440,000	230,000	58	119,836	95,000
40	MACHO UNO	4	203,333	260,000	310,000	0	36	57,032	50,000
41	AWESOME AGAIN	11	199,250	165,000	400,000	130,000	22	162,909	85,000
42	MINESHAFT	7	197,857	190,000	400,000	240,000	53	96,792	75,000
43	CONGRATS	7	192,500	70,000	60,000	725,000	45	97,778	60,000
44	HEATSEEKER (IRE)	2	185,000	185,000	0	185,000	6	14,583	10,500
44	BLUEGRASS CAT	4	185,000	185,000	185,000	0	32	24,084	13,500
46	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	6	180,000	170,000	120,000	250,000	56	226,518	180,000
47	CITY ZIP	10	178,125	132,500	170,000	525,000	51	68,991	55,000
48	HAYNESFIELD	4	177,333	160,000	160,000	310,000	50	57,243	49,000
49	SUMMER BIRD	4	173,750	165,000	330,000	35,000	41	40,868	30,000
50	WARRIOR'S REWARD	5	170,000	147,500	200,000	310,000	41	58,256	50,000
50	CHAPEL ROYAL	1	170,000	170,000	170,000	0	1	4,000	4,000

Sales reflected in this report:

2015 Barretts Two Year Olds In Training Sale, 2015 Fasig Tipton Florida Two Year Olds in Training Sale, 2015 Ocala Selected Two Year Olds In Training Sale.

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2	ADIOS CHARLIE	4	4	360,000	347,500	600,000	675,000	4	30,125	17,000
3	ICE BOX	3	1	270,000	270,000	270,000	0	12	53,458	22,500
4	UNCLE MO	21	17	238,529	190,000	725,000	225,000	96	111,958	75,000
5	COURT VISION	2	2	215,000	215,000	300,000	0	20	38,538	26,686
6	HAYNESFIELD	4	3	177,333	160,000	160,000	310,000	50	57,243	49,000
7	TRAPPE SHOT	12	7	150,000	150,000	230,000	100,000	62	125,968	100,000
8	TIZWAY	10	6	144,667	122,500	325,000	85,000	43	83,481	50,000
9	SIDNEY'S CANDY	11	9	143,000	100,000	560,000	130,000	44	61,636	46,000
10	BIG DRAMA	7	7	135,714	120,000	150,000	270,000	28	58,304	27,500
11	CUSTOM FOR CARLOS	1	1	125,000	125,000	125,000	0	16	23,981	11,500
12	COURAGEOUS CAT	2	2	100,000	100,000	50,000	150,000	10	32,400	30,000
12	YOU LUCKIE MANN	1	1	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	0	--	--
14	SLEW'S TIZNOW	1	1	92,000	92,000	92,000	0	4	14,925	10,000
15	GIO PONTI	6	4	89,250	91,000	162,000	42,000	57	95,684	80,000
16	ARCHARCHARCH	9	8	79,375	77,500	120,000	110,000	83	27,766	17,000
17	AMERICAN LION	2	2	77,500	77,500	60,000	95,000	37	17,168	12,000
17	CAPE BLANCO (IRE)	4	2	77,500	77,500	90,000	0	72	77,229	45,000
19	GIANT OAK	2	2	69,500	69,500	9,000	130,000	9	58,500	50,000
20	DROSSELMAYER	5	3	55,333	9,000	9,000	150,000	53	63,934	40,000
21	GIROLAMO	4	3	53,333	20,000	20,000	120,000	29	40,007	15,000
22	PADDY O'PRADO	2	1	45,000	45,000	45,000	0	48	27,029	20,000
23	FIRST DUDE	9	6	38,167	36,000	50,000	52,000	33	31,642	20,000
24	J P'S GUSTO	2	2	24,500	24,500	42,000	7,000	5	13,500	9,500
25	WILBURN	3	2	21,000	21,000	22,000	0	50	23,322	10,000



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**329** filly **Mineshaft** **Phi Beta Mom** **240,000**  
 Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent I  
 Purchased by Dennis O'Neill

**390** filly **Twirling Candy** **Sambuca Classica** **630,000**  
 Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, agent  
 Purchased by L.E.B.

**590** colt **Uncle Mo** **Being Anna** **725,000**  
 Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent I  
 Purchased by Conquest Stables LLC

Halcyon Hammock's Hal Hatch was able to acquire this filly by Mineshaft for \$62,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Out of a full-sister to crack sprinter Teuflesberg (Johannesburg), this juvenile was sought after Wednesday.

Some 60 hips later, Hatch scored another pinhooking success with an offspring of a Lane's End stallion when a filly by first-season sire Twirling Candy, purchased for \$110,000 at Keeneland last September, blossomed into a \$630,000 juvenile.

Hatch's profitable day was completed when a colt from the first crop of juvenile champion Uncle Mo sold for \$725,000. The bay was a \$90,000 Keeneland September yearling.

**332** colt **Tizway** **Piano Bar** **325,000**  
 Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent II  
 Purchased by Mark Casse, agent

Nick de Meric secured this colt, from the first crop of GI Whitney H. winner Tizway, for \$95,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall sale. The dark bay rewarded the investment Wednesday.

**398** filly **Tale of the Cat** **Savviest** **350,000**  
 Consigned by Old South Farm LLC  
 Purchased by Haruya Yoshida

Albert Davis of Old South Farm purchased this filly for \$87,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. Bolstered by a 9 4/5 work, the filly was in demand in Ocala.

**455** colt **Twirling Candy** **Stellar Strength** **310,000**  
 Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXVI  
 Purchased by L R K, Inc.

W. D. North went to \$87,000 to secure this youngster at last year's OBS August sale. The colt continued his young sire's fine run in the sales ring Wednesday.

**496** colt **Bellamy Road** **Throbbin' Heart** **415,000**  
 Consigned by Thomas and Casse, agent  
 Purchased by Little Red Feather Racing

Wrangler Stable purchased Throbbin' Heart, with this foal in utero, for \$82,000 at the 2012 Keeneland November sale. Bred by Becky Thomas's Sequel Thoroughbreds and Dennis Narlinger's JMJ Racing, the juvenile RNA'd for \$95,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York Sale. He proved popular at OBS for the new consigning team of Thomas and Justin Casse.

**537** filly **City Zip** **Woodsmoke** **525,000**  
 Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agent  
 Purchased by Conquest Stables LLC

Jim and Alice Sapara's Winsong Farms was able to obtain this chestnut filly for \$90,000 and that price looked a bargain Wednesday.

**565** colt **Mineshaft** **April Frost** **400,000**  
 Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XXXIX  
 Purchased by Patrice Miller, EQB Inc., agent for Zayat Stables  
 Bo Bromagen of Ashbrook Farm signed the ticket at \$125,000 for this colt at last year's Keeneland September sale. The youngster worked in :20 4/5 and found plenty of admirers at the March sale. The Bromagen family's Ashbrook campaigned last year's GIII Winning Colors S. winner Southern Honey (Colonel John).

**610** colt **Sidney's Candy** **Broadway Hennessey** **560,000**  
 Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, LLC  
 Purchased by L.E.B.

Dean DeRenzo and Randy Hartley purchased this Empire-bred for \$160,000 at last summer's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York sale. The chestnut colt clearly found a following in Ocala.

Allen Jerkens Passes Away cont. from p1

Although he never won a Triple Crown or a Breeders' Cup race and rarely ventured too far from New York or his winter base in Florida, he is regarded as one of racing's all-time greats. Through seven decades, he competed against the giants of the sport, from the likes of Hirsch Jacobs, Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons, Sylvester Veitch, John Gaver, Max Hirsch and Woody Stephens to D. Wayne Lukas, Bill Mott, Shug McGaughey, Nick Zito and Todd Pletcher.

Jerkens began his training career as a teenager in the 1940s, handling horses running in the name of his father, Joseph, a former Austrian cavalry officer whose principal business was a riding academy on Long Island. His father made him wait until he turned 21 in April 1950 to take out his license and he went out on his own when owner Larry Gottlieb offered him some horses to train. Jerkens recorded his first official win less than three months later when Populace prevailed July 4 at Aqueduct. Easement's victory Mar. 6 at Gulfstream Park was his final triumph. According to Equibase statistics, he ranks 11th in victories with 3,859, and 14th in purse earnings, with over \$103.7 million. **Cont. p15**



Jerkens and Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons

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**Allen Jerkens cont.**

In 1975 at the age of 45, he became the youngest flat trainer elected to the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame and held that distinction until 1998 when Bill Mott--also 45 but three months younger--was enshrined. The youngest trainer to enter the Hall of Fame was steeplechase star Daniel "Mikey" Smithwick.

Jerkens won his lone Eclipse Award as the nation's leading trainer in 1973, the year he defeated Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year Secretariat twice, with Onion in the Whitney S. at Saratoga and with Prove Out in the Woodward S. He was the leading trainer in New York four times and won or shared the Saratoga training title four times. In 2009, the New York Racing Association announced that the training title at Saratoga would be named in Jerkens's honor. He was a five-time winner of the New York Turf Writers Association's award as outstanding trainer. In 2001, he was honored by the National Turf Writers' Association with its Mr. Fitz Award. His acceptance speech for the Mr. Fitz was classic Jerkens: "Thank you."

At the top of the list of the outstanding horses that Jerkens trained is Hall of Famer Sky Beauty, who swept

New York's Triple Tiara races for 3-year-old fillies in 1993. She was Jerkens' first and only Eclipse Award winner when she was voted champion older filly or mare in 1994. The daughter of Blushing Groom (Fr) out of the mare Maplejinsky was herself elected to the Hall of Fame in 2011.

Jerkens's resume of stakes winners also includes Caress,

Classy Mirage, Devil His Due, Dixie Flag, Kelly Kip, Missy's Mirage, November Snow, Passing Shot, Sensitive Prince, Shine Again, Society Selection and Virginia Rapids.

During the 2013 Saratoga season, the 40th anniversary of Onion's stunning victory over Secretariat in the Whitney, Jerkens was interviewed a number of times about upsetting the Triple Crown winner. He talked about the conditions of the track, the way the race developed and how he received some nasty letters from fans.

"It's nice to be part of history, like Upset beating Man o' War," he said. "I'm not saying it's the same, but it's almost the same as that. Well, it was at the time anyway. It really shocked everybody."

Jerkens, who dared challenge Secretariat with a a Jack Dreyfus-owned sprinter that had never won a stakes race, recalled Onion's one-length victory under jockey Jacinto Vazquez briefly quieting what had been a raucous crowd.

"It seemed like they were kind of stunned and then there was a lot of noise because they were twittering about it, 'How the hell did this happen?'" he said.

At the age of 44, Jerkens was a seasoned, highly respected and successful trainer less than two years away from being elected to the Hall of Fame. His record included three victories over the mighty Kelso by Beau Purple in 1962; a win by Pocosaba over three-time female champion Cicada in 1963; and Handsome Boy's win against Buckpasser in the 1967 Brooklyn H. A month after the Whitney triumph, he beat Secretariat again in the Woodward.

Secretariat's biographer William Nack said the colt was sick the day he ran in the Whitney. To make matters worse, Secretariat was forced to run down down on the inside, which Jerkens and Vazquez had realized was the place to avoid.

Afterwards, Jerkens was vilified for beating the mighty Secretariat.

"I got some nasty letters from people that I had no right to beat a horse like that," he said, chuckling as he told the story. "One lady said, 'I bet you feel real proud of yourself beating a beautiful horse like that. It's too bad.'"

Jerkens never felt bad about Secretariat's loss in the Whitney.

"No, not a bit," he commented. "Hell, they won everything. They won the Triple Crown. My owner was buying oats, too. That's what I told everybody. I said, 'Mr. Dreyfus puts a lot of money into this game. He needs to win sometimes, too.'"

Jerkens won the final Grade I race of his career--and first since 2007--Aug. 12, 2012, when Emma's Encore won the Prioress. The large crowd at Saratoga Race Course enthusiastically saluted yet another of his accomplishments at America's oldest track. After the trophy presentation, Jerkens was congratulated by Marylou Whitney, another Saratoga stalwart, who was in the winner's circle to make the presentation for the next race, the Whitney H. Jerkens wiped away tears that afternoon. **Cont. p16**



**Two Hall of Famers: Jerkens and Sky Beauty in 1990**  
*National Museum of Racing HOF*



**Jerkens celebrates the final Grade I success of his illustrious career courtesy of Emma's Encore in the 2012 Prioress S.** *Adam Coglianese*



While Jerkens wanted to be a jockey, he grew too big for that profession. He did have a brief career as a steeplechase rider and said he was winless. He was an avid polo player throughout his life.

Jerkens said he did not return to school after he turned 16—he galloped horses for trainer Steve Lawler that year—and went into business with his father at Aqueduct. The elder Jerkens could get stalls at Aqueduct because he supplied horses to the Sportsmen's Club of the Queens County Jockey Club, which owned the track at the time. The Jerkenses started with five horses, some of which they acquired in a sheriff's sale because the previous owners had not paid their boarding bills. Joseph Jerkens died in 1951.

Through the decades, Jerkens had a reputation as a trainer who rewarded the loyalty and hard work of his exercise riders who were jockeys by giving them mounts in races on the prominent horses they worked in the mornings. Noel Wynter and Ray Ganpath each picked up their lone graded stakes victory on a Jerkens horse. And Jerkens was well-known for using female jockeys after the gender barrier was broken in the late 1960s. The first female rider to win a race at Saratoga was Robyn Smith on the Jerkens-trained Beaukins in 1971. Diane Nelson, Leah Gyarmati and Shannon Uske all rode for Jerkens in New York.

Gyarmati, now a successful trainer, was the divorced mother of a young daughter in the 1990s when she worked as exercise rider for Jerkens and was a jockey in the afternoon. Her first winner was aboard a Jerkens horse in 1997. Gyarmati told *Daily Racing Form* in 2013 that Jerkens is the reason she made racing her career.

"I don't think I would have stayed on the racetrack if I had worked for anybody else," Gyarmati, said. "There's something about him that just inspires you. You want to impress him so badly, and when you do, there's nothing like it.

"I could win 10 races as a jockey for anybody else, but breezing one horse correctly for him in the morning and having him pat you on the back, or smile, or say that you did it right was 10 times more gratifying than winning races," she added. "I still feel that way. Even when I do stuff now, I'm hoping that he saw it. I want to know his opinion."

Steve and Jimmy Jerkens also worked for their father before opening their stables. Successful trainers Mike Hushion, Chuck Simon and Tom Bush got their starts working for Jerkens.

Jerkens had been a private trainer for Eddie Burke but was fired in the fall of 1961 and opened a public stable. He returned to New York from Florida in the spring of 1962 with 35 horses and had just won a meet training title when he met Wall Street investor Jack Dreyfus Jr. for what started a life-changing partnership.

"I went to see him and he said he wanted me to train his horses," Jerkens said. "I said I didn't want to train for one person alone any more. I had a bad experience with it. He said, 'Yeah, but I'll claim horses and buy horses, just as if you had a public stable.' That's how I came to go with him. I had to tell all the other people I was training for, which was hard to do, but then he paid me a salary.

"That was the first time in my life that I had a salary and didn't have to worry about the bills. He paid all the bills," he continued

Jerkens was Hobeau's private trainer until 1980 when Dreyfus told him he could begin taking other clients. The relationship with Dreyfus, who raced under the name of Hobeau Farm, continued through five decades. Dreyfus died in March 2009 at the age of 95. Among the original group of six horses Dreyfus sent him was Beau Purple, the horse that was the foundation for the "Giant Killer" legend.

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We are sad to learn of the passing of Hall of Fame trainer Allen Jerkens. Rest in peace, Chief. One of the greatest trainers and ambassadors in the sport's history.



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## RIP, CHIEF

By Bill Finley

It was maybe 20 years ago, perhaps more, a quiet morning on the Belmont backstretch and Angel Cordero Jr. was telling me what he thought of various New



Adam Coglianese

York trainers. He had mostly nice things to say about them, recognizing that within the confines of this stable area worked the best and brightest among their profession. But he saved his greatest praise for just one person.

"The best trainer here is Allen Jerkens," he said. "A lot of these guys are very good, but no one can do what he does. His mind, the way he thinks, he's on a different level than anyone else."

If you just looked at Jerkens's record you might not agree. It's not that he was unsuccessful or anywhere close to it, but he never won a Triple Crown or Breeders' Cup race. He trained just one champion, Sky Beauty. But the record did not make the man. Cordero wasn't wrong. Jerkens, who passed away Wednesday at age 85, was a genius. At least in New York, where he trained for nearly 65 years, he was a revered, almost mystical figure. He was "The Chief."

Jerkens was not an eloquent man and he seemed uncomfortable when anyone tried to sing his praises. He didn't particularly like it when he was called "The Giant Killer," the nickname he earned for beating, among others, Secretariat twice, Kelso three times and Buckpasser. So he never really explained how he did what he did. That was left up to others.

Peter Berglar was the co-owner of Jerkens' last Grade I winner Emma's Encore, who won the Prioress at Saratoga in 2012.

"From being around him and talking to him quite a bit he puts so much thought into details and how to train and how to figure out the horse," Berglar told me in 2012. "He set up a training routine for her that has really kept Emma's Encore happy. It's unbelievable what he's done. You listen to him and when he talks about all the little details, at first you think they aren't that important, but for him everything is important. You put all those little things together and he gets results."

### REMEMBERING H. ALLEN JERKENS

Two days prior to the inaugural running of the H. Allen Jerkens S. at Gulfstream Park Jan. 31, 2015, Bill Finley interviewed the Hall of Famer for his "Down the Stretch" radio program on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio. [Click here](#) for the interview.

Here's another way of putting it: when it came to horses he had a sixth sense that no one else had. The two--the man and the horse--spoke the same language.

Jerkens received plenty of accolades along the way. He was elected into the Hall of Fame in 1975 at age 45, at the time the youngest person ever to receive such an honor. In 1973, the year he beat Secretariat in the Whitney and the Woodward, he received an Eclipse Award as the nation's outstanding trainer. He won numerous training titles in New York.

But he was never quite the star that he deserved to be. No one ever sent him to the yearling sales with a pocket full of money and he never trained for a sheikh or, really, anyone that would provide him with a pipeline of well-bred, perfectly conformed young horses that were meant to be stars. His best hope for a Kentucky Derby win came in 1978 with Sensitive Prince, who finished sixth behind Affirmed and Alydar. Jerkens never again came close.

I have no idea if Jerkens aspired for something more, to train a string of top 3-year-olds or to have more powerful owners knocking on his door. But it wasn't hard to see why Jerkens wasn't exactly a fashionable choice among top owners. Geniuses aren't always the most well-polished people, and that was Jerkens. He was always ruffled, a bit disheveled, a little gruff, anything but smooth. Think the polar opposite of Todd Pletcher and that was Jerkens.

His most loyal owner was Jack Dreyfus of Hobeau Farm. Dreyfus, who died in 2009, was the founder of the Dreyfus Fund and was a wealthy man, but he had simple tastes when it came to horses. His horses were blue-collar types, not fashionably bred. He entrusted these horse to Jerkens and then asked him to turn them into overachievers. The Dreyfus-Jerkens combination beat Kelso with Beau Purple, Secretariat with Onion and Prove Out and Buckpasser with Handsome Boy.

When Dreyfus died, Hobeau disbanded and Jerkens struggled like he never had before. He won just eight races in 2014 and three this year. I suppose people thought he was too old and that the game had passed him by.

Not that it really mattered. His mark had been made. Those who knew him, those who watched him operate all those any years in New York, they knew. They knew that the man was brilliant. He was a unique figure in the history of horse racing, cut from a mold that was all his own. He will be missed and must be remembered as one of the greatest trainers ever.

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Saratoga 150 Feature ([click](#))

Giving Dale Romans advice ahead of the 2012 GI Belmont S. Jerkens never won the Belmont. ([click](#))



## HAIL TO THE CHIEF

by Barry Weisbord

A year after Alan Goldberg and I stumbled into the employ of Walter Kelley in 1972, Mr. Kelley stated, in his typical self-deprecating way, "You college boys have learned enough from me. You need to go work for someone smart. I'll try to get you a job with Allen Jerkens."

We had met Mr. Jerkens the previous winter when we were stabled by him at Hialeah. As able-bodied enthusiastic young guys, Al and I were recruited into the legendary afternoon football games. So when Mr. Kelley pitched me to work for "The Chief" in the fall of 1973, you might say I received a football scholarship to Jerkens University.

Maybe Mr. Kelley knew exactly what he was doing. I surely didn't.

That fall, the Jerkens barn ruled Belmont's Saturdays. Onion's defeat of Secretariat at Saratoga had started a stakes explosion--Prove Out, Kings Bishop, Garland of Roses, Step Nicely, Blessing Angelica all won major races.

I wish I had had the horsemanship experience at that time to take better advantage of the lessons I could have learned from him. What I did learn--and learned to love under his tutelage--changed the course of my life. His competitive nature, his attention to detail, his caring for employees, his team-building, his acts of kindness to the backstretch community, and, most importantly, his love of the sport were unparalleled. I was so proud to be working for his stable.

He created a special sense of community--we worked hard, we worked long (he was the first to take the horses out to walk and graze every afternoon), we played together, we ate together. Progressive technology companies hire consultants to formulate versions of these techniques to boost productivity. Allen Jerkens knew them by instinct.



Mike Kane photo

The most important moments for me were the meals. The breakfasts at Liz's Kitchen, the dinners at Koenig's, were the times when all you wanted to do was listen. The stories. The insight. Allen might have been as great a historian of racing as he was a trainer. That's when you really felt the depth of his love for horse racing. It was contagious.

The 1973 Woodward might have been the moment to seal my fate--Prove Out was 16-1 against the legendary Secretariat. The night before the race, as we were turning out the barn lights, I asked, "Chief, can you beat Secretariat again?" Jerkens said, "Prove Out can't get beat." He didn't. I cashed.

I didn't know anything. I was a hotwalker. I did nothing to affect the barns success that fall, but the effect on me was life changing.

I was so lucky to have gotten my football scholarship.

Thank you, thank you, thank you Mr. Jerkens.

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## AS DRUG TEST GRANT MONEY GOES UNCLAIMED, JOCKEY CLUB RAMPES UP AWARENESS OF OOC PROGRAM by T.D. Thornton

When the topic of expanding drug testing comes up, one common lament within the United States racing industry is that there isn't enough money available to broaden existing protocols.

Yet in 2014, the first year that The Jockey Club budgeted \$250,000 to supplement out-of-competition (OOC) testing for horses nominated to graded stakes races, the bulk of that grant money--a staggering \$150,000--went unclaimed.

"This year we hope additional states will take advantage of it," said Matt Iuliano, executive vice president and executive director of the Jockey Club, who confirmed that only "about \$100,000 or so" was paid out in 2014. "The design of the program is to extend the reach and effectiveness of existing OOC testing programs to allow deeper testing. This year we're actively promoting it again under that same mission."

The guidelines are simple enough, so it's baffling why more jurisdictions aren't applying for the money: Tracks need only to make a written request to The Jockey Club, showing invoices and supporting documentation (name of graded stakes race, number of horses sampled, number of horses that started). The tests must look for blood doping agents and Racing Commissioners International Class 1-banned substances, and be collected from nominees no closer than seven days before the graded race. **Cont. p19**



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'The Chief' *Mike Kane photo*



With son and fellow trainer Jimmy Jerkens  
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Taking inventory from horseback *Horsephotos*



Onion taking down Secretariat (right) in the '73  
Whitney *Bob Coglianesse*



**T.D. Thornton cont.**

Iuliano said OOC test costs vary depending on the regulatory labs used by each state, but average between \$150 and \$500 per horse. Beyond the actual testing, the grant money can be used to pay for ancillary costs, such as sending veterinary personnel to an off-track site to collect samples, as well as shipping and processing fees.

Tracks in California, Florida, Kentucky, New York and Ontario participated in the program in 2014. Iuliano said two of the three Triple Crown races--the Kentucky



**The Jockey Club's Matt Iuliano**  
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Derby and Belmont Stakes--specifically used Jockey Club funds to augment existing OOC testing at Churchill Downs and Belmont Park. But Pimlico Race Course did not apply for money to test Preakness S. nominees.

"Maryland didn't participate last year, but we think that's

going to change this year," Iuliano said.

"Olympic sports and other major sports have been relying more on OOC testing as a complement to other testing," added Iuliano. "In horse racing, post-race testing has been the principal mechanism for catching cheaters, and we think it's important to further the reach for states that already have OOC rules on the books. We're trying to get regulators and racetracks to embrace OOC testing into the mix for their drug testing protocols."

Iuliano listed California, New York and Kentucky as U.S. industry leaders in OOC testing, noting that those jurisdictions also collectively represent the highest concentration of graded stakes races in the U.S.

Gulfstream Park was the first track to make use of the OOC testing grant money, which was announced at The Jockey Club's Round Table Conference on Matters Pertaining to Racing in August 2013. At that time, The Jockey Club committed to funding \$250,000 for both 2014 and 2015.

"With these two years as a pilot project, we're hoping racetracks will see the value and begin to embrace OOC testing mechanisms," Iuliano said. "When we look at those early adopters from last year, it's the states that we would predict would be early adopters, because they've got very robust graded stakes programs, they have a lot of racing, and they already have OOC testing protocols in place. We expect that a lot of other states are going to follow suit now that they've seen those early adopters."

Iuliano said he expected The Jockey Club will fund the program beyond 2015, with the hope of creating a "trickle down" effect as OOC protocols become more widespread.

"The reason that we restricted the program to the graded stakes is that those are the races with the highest visibility, and typically, those are the races that generally have out of competition testing already associated with them," Iuliano said. "We would entertain proposals [in future years] from racetracks if they wanted to discuss out-of-competition testing on their other races. We've made a commitment for 2014-15 not only for the graded stakes races, but if a racetrack has races other than graded stakes that they do out of competition testing for, we're willing to listen."

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**Saturday, Turfway Park, post time: 6:28 p.m. EDT**  
**HORSESHOE CASINO CINCINNATI SPIRAL S.-GIII, \$550,000, 3yo,**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Royal Son	Tiznow	Prescott	Pletcher	123
2	Big Family (K)	Any Gvn Saturday	Jimenez	Delgado	123
3	Wtchyrownbobr (K)	Hard Spun	Maragh	Maker	123
4	Wireless Future (K)	Scat Daddy	Geroux	Amoss	123
5	Another Lemon Drop (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Van Dyke	Bauer	123
6	Imperia	Medaglia d'Oro	Rosario	McLghln	123
7	Magic of Believing	Badge of Silver	Laviolette	McPeek	123
8	Task Force Glory	Badge of Silver	Hernandez	Maker	123
9	Conquest Typhoon (K)	Stormy Atlantic	Smith	Casse	123
10	Firespike (K)	Flower Alley	Mena	Maker	123
11	Metaboss (K)	Street Boss	Solis	Bonde	123
12	Dubai Sky	Candy Ride (Arg)	Lezcano	Mott	123

**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT**  
**SAN LUIS REY S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Raise Your Gaze (GB)	Mstrcrtfsmn (Ire)	Baze	Sadler	118
2	Play Hard to Get	Purim	Desrmeux	Kruljac	118
3	Diamond Bachelor (K)	War Front	Pedroza	Biancone	118
4	Power Foot	Powerscourt (GB)	Prat	Drysdale	118
5	Buymeabond (K)	Langfuhr	Puglisi	DeLeon	118
6	Joes Blazing Aaron	Graeme Hall	Talamo	Hess Jr	118
7	Fly Lexis Fly	Badge of Silver	Maldonado	Miller	118
8	Finnegans Wake	Powerscourt (GB)	Espinoza	Miller	123
9	Ashleyluvssugar	Game Plan	Stevens	Eurton	118

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**North American Black-Type Previews cont.**

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:00 p.m. EDT**

**INSIDE INFORMATION S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 You Bought Her	Graeme Hall	Lanerie	Hinsley	119
2 Merry Meadow	Henny Hughes	Castellano	Hennig	121
3 Sweet Whiskey	Old Fashioned	Velazquez	Pletcher	117
4 Classic Point	Flatter	Lopez	Jerkens	119
5 Quiet Hour	Quiet American	Leparoux	Wolfson	117
6 Centrique (K)	Malibu Moon	Saez	Wolfson	117
7 Best Behavior (K)	Into Mischief	Zayas	Wolfson	119

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT**

**SABIN S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Swinger's Party	Medaglia d'Oro	Velazquez	Wolfson	117
2 Tiz Windy	Tiznow	Leparoux	Nafzger	123
3 Sheer Drama	Burning Roma	Bravo	Fawkes	117
4 Oasis At Midnight (K)	Midnight Lute	Rios	Orseno	117
5 Flores Island (K)	Giant's Causeway	Zayas	Wolfson	117
6 House Rules (K)	Distorted Humor	Castellano	Jerkens	121
7 Molly Morgan (K)	Ghostzapper	Lanerie	Romans	123

**Saturday, Turfway Park, post time: 5:42 p.m. EDT**

**PURE ROMANCE BOURBONETTE OAKS-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT)**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Urtheoneeyelove	Congrats	Parker	Wilson	120
2 Walking the Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Hernandez	Maker	118
3 Don't Leave Me	Lemon Drop Kid	Lezcano	Pierce	118
4 Right On Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Maragh	Maker	124
5 Back Flip	Super Saver	Jimenez	Ackerman	118
6 Harlan's Destiny (K)	Harlan's Holiday	Hill	Catalano	118
7 Sweet Success	Candy Ride (Arg)	Rosario	Arnold II	118
8 Flat Deposit (K)	Flatter	Mena	Maker	118
9 Sharla Rae (K)	Afleet Alex	Van Dyke	O'Neill	124
10 Sweet On Smokey	Successful Appeal	Prescott	Sacco	118
11 College Holly	Super Saver	Laviolette	McPeck	120
12 Bossy (K)	Street Boss	Geroux	Catalano	118
Also Eligible				
13 Uncontrolled (K)	Unbridled's Song	Davis	Hublely	118
14 Christie's Ready	More Than Ready	Doyle	LoPresti	120

**Sunday, Sunland Park, post time: 7:40 p.m. EDT**

**SUNLAND DERBY-GIII, \$800,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Firing Line (K)	Line of David	Stevens	Callaghan	122
2 Lord Nelson (K)	Pulpit	Garcia	Baffert	122
3 Where's the Moon (K)	Malibu Moon	Contreras	Dominguez	122
4 Why Two (K)	Bob and John	Espinoza	Machowsky	122
5 Malibu Mogul (K)	Malibu Moon	Gomez	Dominguez	122
6 Tiznow R J (K)	Tiznow	Albarado	Asmussen	122
7 Pain and Misery	Bob and John	Arroyo Jr	Dominguez	122
8 Dirt Monster (K)	Line of David	Eikleberry	Evans	122



# Op/Ed

by Amanda Simmons Luby

**WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

It has been a year since the New York *Times* [published its article](#) and the PETA video which painted then-Hall of Fame nominee Steve Asmussen and his assistant, Scott Blasi, as allegedly abusive operatives in the seedy world of horse racing. While many of us were disturbed by the images and comments made in the PETA video, most of us knew that PETA had taken questionable liberties and made several distortions in its depiction of one of [racing's most successful, albeit frequently sanctioned, racing outfits](#). Personally, I want to see Mr. Asmussen and his team of hard-working horsemen and women continue to achieve great success so long as they, along with everyone else, achieve their successes without violating the spirit and rules of fair play (Mr. Asmussen's last reported drug overage was July 2014).

In response to the *Times* article, many people wrote heart-felt, impassioned pleas to the industry's "leadership" (whoever they are) to effectuate serious change for the long-term benefit of the sport. I jumped on [Barry Weisbord's platform](#) in response to his call to arms, as did Bill Casner and all of the other well-known, and not-so-well-known, members of the Water Hay Oats Alliance, calling for federal legislation requiring independent drug testing and a total ban on raceday medications.

Thereafter, at the Round Table conference in August 2014, The Jockey Club described a "multi-pronged approach" which it would use to address North America's drug problem. This multi-pronged approach

included pushing for federal legislation and making sure the states adopted uniform medication and testing policies as promoted by the national Racing Medication and Testing Consortium, Inc. ("RMTC"). During the 2014 conference, we were reminded that at the 2013 Round Table conference, chairman, Ogden "Dinny" Phipps had vowed that The Jockey Club would press for federal oversight of racing if the "vast majority" of racing jurisdictions had not implemented the set of uniform rules.

**PETA Accuses Two Trainers of Cruelty to Horses**

Over a 26-year career, the trainer Steve Asmussen has built one of horse racing's largest and most successful operations. He ranks second in career victories, with more than 6,000, has earned more than \$214 million in purses, the fifth most in thoroughbred racing and was recently inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame ballot.

But People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, after conducting an undercover investigation, has accused Asmussen and his top assistant trainer, Scott Blasi, of subjecting their horses to cruel and inhumane treatments, administering drugs to them for nontherapeutic purposes, and having one of their jockeys use an electrical device to shock horses into running faster. As a result of its findings, PETA filed complaints with federal and state agencies in Kentucky and New York on Tuesday, says Asmussen's friend.

The trainer Steve Asmussen ranks second in career victories, with more than 6,000.

**The March 19, 2014 New York Times story on Steve Asmussen**

## IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

[Three-judge panel hears appeal of N.J. sports betting](#)  
 "After failing two years ago in a bid to pave the way for Atlantic City casinos and New Jersey racetracks to offer Las Vegas-style sports betting, state officials were back on Tuesday to try again before the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals." **John Brennan, The Record**



As reported by Matt Hagerty in the *Daily Racing Form*, "though a handful of states had made progress in implementing the rules and complying with other Jockey Club-supported requirements, such as working with accredited testing laboratories, Phipps and Stuart Janney, a Jockey Club vice chairman, made it clear during the [2014] Round Table the organization believed progress over the past 12 months fell well short of their expectations, despite the highly complex nature of getting the rules implemented in many states."

Are we falling short again? While the RMTC's policies that some of the states have adopted don't offer a total ban on all raceday medications (since Salix would still be permitted), adoption of its policies is a step in the right direction. But adoption of the RMTC's policies is not, nor will it ever be, the end all and be all since we've already alienated ourselves from the rest of the world by allowing any form of raceday medications.

Moreover, as acknowledged by The Jockey Club leadership, the state-by-state approach is incredibly inefficient. Through no fault of those who work so hard for the local industry here, my home state of Florida--the second largest state by number of mares bred--struggles to pass legislation requiring the adoption of the RMTC's uniform medication and laboratory accreditation policies. Horse racing is simply low on the state legislature's totem pole of priorities (shoot, Florida is still trying to repeal a law enacted in 1868 that makes it a second degree misdemeanor to shack up with someone who's not your spouse, but I digress).

What about the other states that have not yet adopted the RMTC's policies? What progress have they made since last year? Would the RMTC please give us, the industry as a whole, a current status as to what states actually have adopted and implemented the RMTC policies and which states are still considering it? From a state level, what would the RMTC and each state's owner/breeder organizations encourage their members to do? How can we help?

On a national level, there has been nothing but silence since Mr. Phipps's impassioned comments at last year's Round Table Conference. And, I say this with the utmost respect, what progress been made? We all know that Washington D.C. is about as functional as a car with no tires, but may we please get an update? I, along with many others, remain concerned that the industry leadership will give up on its mission stated at the last two years' Round Table conferences. The cynics are just waiting for you to quit. Those afraid of change and who embrace the drug-induced stupor of our status quo want you to quit. Please though, don't. The industry's relevance depends upon it.

Has the federal legislation been drafted? Is the United States Anti-Doping Agency on board? Does the proposed legislation maintain USADA's independence? How can we, at a grassroots level, help you? You (the "leadership") have an industry full of very passionate people at your disposal who want to see change and who want to help.

Please don't treat the backbone of the industry--the thousands of invisible owners, breeders, horsemen and women--like Charlie Whittingham's mushrooms. If we, as a society, have learned anything during the past five years, we've learned that grassroots, through social and other media, can be a powerful tool for change. It can be used to educate and empower. Please let the industry know how it can help.

Notwithstanding the above, and not to be Debbie Downer here, let's be realistic about the political landscape. Many states, including my state of Florida, and the U.S. Congress are controlled in part by a very vocal religious-based platform. Do we really think that any politician or any political party which has a fundamentally religious platform is going to do anything to help an industry whose very existence depends upon the perceived "sin" of gambling? Without disregarding the importance of the horseplayers, isn't it time we re-branded ourselves as something more than a gambling game whose racing product is tainted by drugs?

Admittedly, I am not terribly optimistic about politicians helping our industry, but I remain steadfast in my belief that federal legislation is one of the many tools that we need to help the industry. I also believe that, internally, this industry has to be more creative and more assertive in regulating itself and getting rid of its drug problem. A few years ago I wrote a column, published in the *Paulick Report*, about The Jockey Club that, as the breed registry, it has an inherent power to regulate. I remain of equally strong conviction that it, as a private organization to which we all agree to abide by its rules and regulations, is not using all of its resources to clean up and regulate the sport.

The registry, though, is not alone in its ability to enact rules and enforce them. We also have to ask what the Thoroughbred racetracks have done in the past year to improve the integrity of their gambling product and the safety of their racetrack participants. Using their private property rights, what steps have they taken to actually implement new policies that protect the integrity of the game and welfare of the horses and jockeys? Respectfully, I don't see Thoroughbred racetracks adopting and enforcing the same kind of house rules that Ruidoso Downs, Los Alamitos, and the Meadowlands have. Racetracks, along with the state regulatory boards and stewards, are charged with ensuring that the gambling product they offer to the public isn't tainted and rules are consistently enforced. Are Thoroughbred tracks prepared to cancel their major races, the same way Dr. Allred cancelled the Champion of Champions, if pre-race testing shows its contenders are dirtied with drugs?

The Jockey Club announced Wednesday that it was providing another \$250,000 in funds this year for racetracks to perform out-of-competition testing for graded stakes races. However, of those same funds allocated to racetracks in 2014, racetracks only requested \$100,000 in reimbursements for out-of-competition testing. **Op/Ed cont. p22**

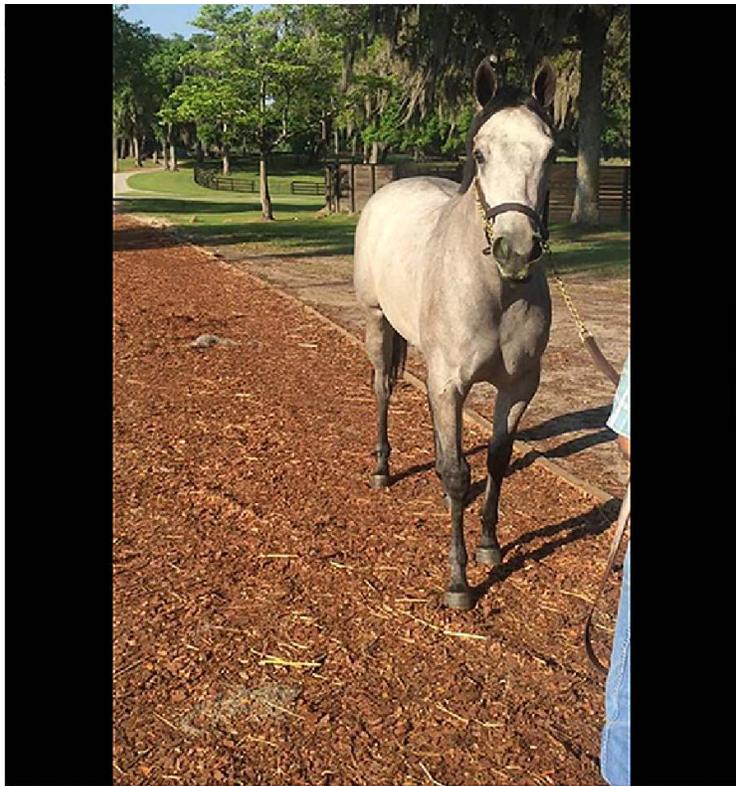


Either out-of-competition testing is cheaper than we all thought or the racetracks are not doing what they can to ensure the purity of their product. Will all Thoroughbred tracks that host graded stakes races, at the very least, commit to actually performing out-of-competition testing for our graded stakes races? (It would be great if the pre-race testing was performed for all stakes races, but I'm trying not to be too pushy here).

For so long now, the grassroots voices have tried to get those in power in our industry to see what North America's drug addiction has done, and is still doing, to the integrity of horse racing. On March 26 of last year, [I wrote in the TDN](#) that "I'd like for all of us to be able to say that real changes have been made because the PETA video was the perfect kick in the pants."

Was it? If so, where are we now?  
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**Tom Ryan** @TRyanequine · 3h  
 Our Medaglia DOro half sister to TAPIT has developed well over the winter with Sequel. She needs a name ... [@theTDN](#)

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Tom Ryan Tweeted at us to ask for our help in naming his 1/2-sister to Tapit (Medaglia d'Oro—Tap Your Heels). We thought we'd open the question up to our readers. Please email your suggestions to [nhenry@thetdn.com](mailto:nhenry@thetdn.com) by Sunday, March 29 for your chance to name her. The top contenders will be announced Monday and listed in Tuesday's TDN. Good luck!



**TREVE RETURN MOVED FORWARD**

Dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine **Treve (Fr)** (Motivator {GB}) will return to the races earlier than expected this year, trainer Criquelette Head-Maarek told *Turfcom*. Treve, who enjoyed a winter holiday at the Head family's Le Quesnay in Normandy after her second Arc win in October, was originally slated to start her



**Treve and jockey Thierry Jarnet after winning last year's Arc**  
*Scoop Dyga*

season in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud June 28, but Head-Maarek has now pinpointed the May 29 G3 Prix Corrida over 2100 meters at Saint-Cloud as a starting point because the 5-year-old mare "is doing well very."

"She can't contain herself in her skin," Head-Maarek told *Turfcom*. "She's very advanced and so fresh that I started thinking that she could come back a little sooner. But there is only one conceivable race

before the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, and that's the Prix Corrida. There is a month between the two races, which seems ideal."

Treve, who also won the G1 Prix de Diane as a 3-year-old and now carries the colors of Sheikh Joaan Al Thani's Al Shaqab Racing, could advance to the G1 Prix Vermeille at Longchamp Sept. 13, followed by the Arc Oct. 4. Treve has used the Vermeille as a springboard to both Arc wins; she won it in 2013 and was fourth last year.

Head-Maarek, who has won the Prix Corrida three times, noted that Treve returned to her Chantilly base "much stronger" after her winter vacation.

"She was in her paddock from 8 a.m. until noon, she came in to eat and then went out from two to four," she explained. "She physically has gotten much stronger and she's starting to canter well."

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European News cont.

## BRITISH RACING TO GET FUNDING BOOST

British racing is poised for a financial boost after Chancellor George Osborne announced during his budget speech Wednesday that the government would introduce a Horserace Betting Right--a system under which bookmakers will pay for the rights to bet on racing. The Right is seen as the replacement funding mechanism to the 1963 Horserace Betting Levy, and would apply to all bookmakers, wherever located, who take bets from British customers on British racing and be administered directly by the racing industry.

"Today's announcement is a welcome and tremendous boost for the tens of thousands of people across the country that derive their livelihoods from our sport," said Nick Rust, chief executive of the British Horseracing Authority.



**BHA Chief Executive Nick Rust**  
*Racing Post*

industry, and believes that a Racing Right is the best solution to achieve this, and to secure the long-term prosperity of our sport and those within it. We are still in the situation whereby the vast majority of bets placed by punters outside of betting shops are making no contribution to the central finances of the sport. This is unsustainable, and there is recognition that this needs to change."

Rust added, "The hard work will continue, throughout the forthcoming General Election campaign and beyond, and with the betting industry, as we look to have a Racing Right introduced as soon as is possible."

The Association of British Bookmaker's took the opposite stance on the Racing Right. The ABB's Campaigns Director Hilary Douglas said, "we believe the Racing Right is unworkable and the detail will derail it, leaving racing seriously underfunded for a considerable length of time. It will be mired in legal and other issues for many, many years. Arguably the proceeds from the Right will not even be able to be distributed until legal certainty is obtained, with racing being the main loser."

Douglas added, "Our members already pay 10.75% of their gross profits from their UK horse racing business to racing and, together with media rights and sponsorship, the transfer from our members to racing is some £248 million, an incredible amount that has to be enough."

"We do, however, believe in a continued sensible dialogue with racing to try and achieve a solution that meets the concerns of both these great industries," she concluded.

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## WARD RUNNERS POSSIBLE FOR GUINEAS

Trainer Wesley Ward, who tasted success in Europe last summer with eventual GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner **Hootenanny** (Quality Road), could take that 3-year-old back across the Atlantic for the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 2. The Coolmore colorbearer could also be joined by the Ward-trained **Sunset Glow** (Exchange Rate), who last year finished second in the G3 Albany S. at Royal Ascot before



**Hootenanny with part owner Derrick Smith after the Windsor Castle**  
*Racing Post*

winning the GI Del Mar Debutante.

Ward noted that Hootenanny, who won the Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot and finished second in the G1 Prix Morny, is "going great."

"He had a nice workout this morning and we're really happy with him," the

conditioner said. "We're thinking about it [the 2000 Guineas]. We lost a little time due to the weather here in Kentucky during the winter, but the race is the first Saturday in May, so we should be right on it. I'll know more when I work him on the grass in a week."

Of Sunset Glow, who carries the colors of Ten Broeck Farm, Ward said, "She's doing well and she could go to Newmarket as well. We'll see."

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## FRANCE TO CRACK DOWN ON TEAM TACTICS

France-Galop has put into place measures that will tighten the rules on team tactics of horses of the same ownership, according to *Racing Post*. An addition mad to the rules of racing prohibits a horse to make a move that "manifestly helps the progress of another runner in the same ownership." The change brings the French rules on team tactics closer in line to those in Britain.

"The idea is not to ban pacemakers, but to tighten up the rules on what in Britain would be called team tactics," Henri Pouret, France-Galop's director of regulation, told the trade daily. "The BHA has a section of its rules governing this but in France, the only criterion under which stewards could previously take action was if interference was caused. Now a jockey on a pacemaker must maintain the same line and not move in order to help a horse under the same ownership. Even without directly interfering with a rival, such a maneuver can indirectly impede others."

Jockeys found guilty of breaching the rule will be liable for a penalty, but the horse benefitting from the movement will not be disqualified.

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### NINE EXPECTED FOR DUBAI WORLD CUP

Nine horses from five countries are expected to line up for the \$10 million G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 28. The Dubai Racing Club Wednesday released the projected fields for the Dubai World Cup card's eight Thoroughbred races, and **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) and **Lea** (First Samurai) are expected to represent the U.S. Godolphin's **African Story (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) will attempt to become the first back-to-back winner of the World Cup off a victory in the track-and-trip G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 Mar. 7, which he won from the re-opposing **Prince Bishop (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}). Former American galloper **Ron the Greek** (Full Mandate) is set to represent Saudi Arabia, while G1 Japan Cup winner **Epiphaneia (Jpn)** (Symboli Kris S) and **Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)** (King



Last year's Dubai World Cup trophy *Racing Post*

Kamehameha {Jpn}) fly the flag for Japan. "We are very happy with the fields that have been lined up for races on Dubai World Cup day this year," said Martin Talty, Dubai Racing Club international manager said. "In the Dubai World Cup race alone there are eight Group or Grade 1 winners from five countries. Across the entire card we have 31 Group or Grade 1 winners from 12 countries and we look forward to a huge day of racing for the 20th renewal of the world's richest race day."

The entire Dubai World Cup card will be worth \$30 million. The G1 Dubai Turf--formerly the Dubai Duty Free--and the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic each receive a purse boost this year to \$6 million.

[Click here](#) for the full list of projected fields.

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### DUBAI WORLD CUP--PROJECTED FIELD

HORSE	COUNTRY	TRAINER
<b>Epiphaneia (Jpn)</b> (Symboli Kris S)	Jpn	Sumii
<b>California Chrome</b> (Lucky Pulpit)	USA	Sherman
<b>Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)</b> (King Kamehameha (Jpn))	Jpn	Nishiura
<b>Ron the Greek</b> (Full Mandate)	KSA	Bachalard
<b>Lea</b> (First Samurai)	USA	Mott
<b>African Story (GB)</b> (Pivotal {GB})	UAE	bin Suroor
<b>Prince Bishop (Ire)</b> (Dubawi {Ire})	UAE	bin Suroor
<b>Side Glance (GB)</b> (Passing Glance {GB})	GB	Balding
<b>Candy Boy</b> (Candy Ride {Arg})	UAE	Watson

### AUSTRALIAN MARE SET FOR ROYAL ASCOT

Last month's G1 Oakleigh Plate winner **Shamal Wind (Aus)** (Dubawi {Ire}) will not be seen again during the Australian autumn and will instead prepare for a tilt at the G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot in June, trainer Robert Smerdon told *Sky Sports Radio*. The 5-year-old, campaigned by Love Racing, was winning her first Group 1 in the Oakleigh Plate.

"The connections have decided they'd like to travel with her," Smerdon said. "She was invited to run in the



**Robert Smerdon**  
*Racing and Sports*

[G1] Al Quoz Sprint in Dubai, but that timing didn't seem ideal. The plan is that she'll go to England run in the King's Stand, and then on the other side of that stay there and probably be covered by a Northern Hemisphere stallion to

Southern Hemisphere time. She's going to stud this year regardless."

Smerdon added, "She won't run again [before the King's Stand] because her best form has always been at 1000 [meters] and fresh, so we'll just keep ticking her along and have her ready when the time comes."

Shamal Wind will be Smerdon's first Royal Ascot contender.

"It's a great opportunity for her--no one's under any illusions as to the enormity of the task, but they want to give her the opportunity so that looks like being the plan from here," he said. "It's a very difficult thing for a horse--everything has to go right. The horse has to travel that far, and we've seen it in the past--horses get there and the effect of the travel impacts them. So a lot has to fall into place--we're quite aware of the task at hand."

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### INGLIS BROODMARE SALE EXTENDED

The Inglis Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale will be extended an extra day due to increased entries and will take place May 3 to 6 in Sydney.

For this year's sale Inglis will introduce the Platinum Session, restricted to weanlings that, at the time of entry, vendors guaranteed would have x-rays lodged. Inglis is also offering free entry to weanlings by first-season sires, which will include Pierro (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}), All Too Hard (Aus) (Casino Prince {Aus}), Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), Excelebration (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), Americain (Dynaformer) and Bullet Train (GB) (Sadler's Wells).

Entries for the sale close Friday.

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Worldwide News cont.

Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 2:10 a.m. ET

GEORGE RYDER S.-G1, A\$1,000,000 (US\$766,015), 3yo/up, 1500mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Sacred Falls (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Oliver	Waller	130
2	5	Criterion (NZ)	Sebring (Aus)	Williams	Hys/Dberng	130
3	7	World Ace (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Hall	Ikee	130
4	12	Real Impact (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	McDnald	Hori	130
5	10	Moriarty (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	Boss	Waller	130
6	9	Weary (Fr)	Astronomer Royal	Dunn	Waller	130
7	14	I'm Imposing (GB)	Danehill Dncer (Ire)	Angland	Waller	130
8	1	Hooked (Aus)	Casino Prince (Ire)	Bowman	Thompson	130
9	2	Burbero (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Bosson	Baker	130
10	8	It's Somewhat	Dynaformer	Buick	O'Shea	129
11	4	Csmic Endvour (Aus)	Nrthern Mteor (Aus)	Berry	Waterhouse	125
12	6	Royal Descent (Aus)	Redte's Choice (Aus)	McEvoy	Waller	125
13	3	Shooting To Win (Aus)	Nrthern Mteor (Aus)	Shinn	Snowdens	123
14	11	Kermadec (NZ)	Teofilo (Ire)	Moore	Waller	123

Friday evening, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 11:30 p.m. ET

RANVET S.-G1, A\$500,000 (US\$383,008), 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Contributer (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	McDonald	O'Shea	130
2	3	Dominant (Ire)	Cacique (Ire)	Oliver	Moore	130
3	7	He's Your Man (Fr)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Shinn	Waller	130
4	4	Fast Dragon (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Avdulla	Wallace	130
5	1	Tosen Stardom (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Berry	Ikee	129
6	6	Silent Achiever (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	McEvoy	James	125
7	2	Lucia Valentina (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Bowman	Lees	125

Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 12:10 a.m. ET

SKY RACING ROSEHILL GUINEAS-G1, A\$500,000 (US\$383,008),

3yo, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Hallowed Crown (Aus)	Street Sense	Bowman	B/J Cmmings
2	1	Preferment (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Oliver	Waller
3	6	Mongolian Khan (NZ)	Hly Rman Empror (Ire)	Bosson	Baker
4	5	Sweynesse (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	McDnald	O'Shea
5	4	Hampton Court (Aus)	Redoute's Chce (Aus)	Parr	Waterhouse
6	2	Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Williams	Logan
7	3	Pounamu (Aus)	Authorized (Ire)	G Schfld	Denham

All carry 124 pounds.

Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 12:50 a.m. ET

CANADIAN CLUB GALAXY S.-G1, A\$400,000 (US\$306,406), 3yo/up,

1100mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Tiger Tees (NZ)	Dubawi (Ire)	G Schofld	Pride	128
2	15	Fmous Seamus (NZ)	Elusive City	Cassidy	Myfld-Smith	127
3	14	Miracles of Life (Aus)	Nt A Sngle Dbt (Aus)	Bowman	Snowdens	122
4	12	Sweet Idea (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Shinn	Waterhouse	122
5	17	Deep Field (Aus)	Nrthern Meteor (Aus)	Berry	Hawkeses	121
6	6	Avoid Lightning (Aus)	Blevic (Aus)	Clark	Bridge	120
7	2	Knoydart (Aus)	More Than Ready	McDonald	O'Shea	120
8	13	Flamberge (Aus)	Excd and Excel (Aus)	C Schofld	Moody	119
9	4	Rubick (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	McEvoy	Ryan	118
10	8	Fast 'N' Rcking (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Dunn	Hyes/Dbrng	118
11	16	Heart Testa (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Reith	Waller	118
12	11	Va Pensiero (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Collett	Coyle	118
13	1	Villa Verde (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	Avdulla	Cummings	116
14	3	A Time Fr Julia (Aus)	Redte's Choice (Aus)	Boss	Moody	114

Also Eligible:

15	7	Atmospherical (Aus)	Nrthern Meteor (Aus)	Williams	Pfiever	114
16	5	Chloe in Paris (Aus)	Excd and Excel (Aus)	Clipperton	Maher	114
17	10	Kuro (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	C Schofld	Pride	114

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**WISEMAN'S FERRY DIES**

**Wiseman's Ferry** (Hennessy--Emmaus, by Silver Deputy), the sire of two-time Horse of the Year Wise Dan, died Tuesday at Dana Point Farm in Pennsylvania. A necropsy is planned for the 16-year-old stallion. In addition to Wise Dan, Wiseman's Ferry is also the sire of Canadian turf champion Riding the River, as well as stakes winners Kick On, Listen In and Fort Drum. Wiseman's Ferry, who began his racing career in Europe for Coolmore, was purchased by trainer Niall O'Callaghan and, racing for the partnership of Swifty Farms, Dell Ridge and Morton Fink, the chestnut won the 2002 GIII West Virginia Derby and GIII Lone Star Derby. Fink bred his mare Lisa Danielle (Wolf Power {SAf}) to Wiseman's Ferry while he was standing at Castleton Lyons in Kentucky in 2006. The resulting foal became Wise Dan, winner of the 2012 and 2013 GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Wiseman's Ferry had been standing at Dana Point since 2009.

Under a confident Joel Rosario, Free As a Bird shifted toward the middle of the course, flew through a seam and streaked up the center of the track to win by a narrow margin. "I think she's very good," said winning trainer Ian Wilkes. "She's bigger and stronger this year. I think she's a better filly this year. I've been saying all along that she's come in so good this year. To overcome what she did, she shouldn't have won today. You're always anxious when you've been off for so long. You want to get them back. It's a little tough on this course to come from [behind] and then get shut off at the eighth pole, too, and still win." Take the Cake's last reported foal was a Nobiz Like Showbiz filly of 2014.



**Free as a Bird**  
*Lauren King*

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**2nd-GPX, \$41,000, Msw, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5, ft. JUBA (c, 4, Tapit--Adoradancer {SP}, by Danzig Connection) closed to complete the trifecta behind subsequent GII Tampa Bay Derby third Surfing U S A (Roman Ruler) and MGSP Scotland (Horse Greeley) when unveiled at Aqueduct in November 2013. The \$250,000 KEESEP yearling tired to second when switched to Gulfstream Park after setting the pace with first-time Lasix, only a length behind 'TDN Rising Star' and subsequent MGISW Constitution (Tapit) last January. Missing for over a year and made the 6-5 favorite, the newly minted 4-year-old was runner-up again after getting passed late for the spoils going six panels here Feb. 4. Sporting first-time blinkers, the gray was bet down to 3-5 and seized command along the rail, although under pressure from Have a Good Laugh (Graeme Hall) to his outside. Under a hand ride after a half in :45.65, Juba coasted to the wire three lengths in front of a stubborn Have a Good Laugh. The winner is a half to Saint Anddan (A.P. Indy), GSW, \$423,170 and hails from the same family as GI Vanity H. heroine Love Theway Youare (Arch). Sales history: \$250,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$47,800. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Centennial Farms. B-Manganaro LLC (KY). T-James A Jerkens.

**LANE'S END Foaled, Raised, & Sold**

 **Florida**

**Wednesday's Results:**

**CAPTIVA ISLAND H.**, \$60,000, GPX, 3-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55, fm.

1--**FREE AS A BIRD, 121, m, 6, Hard Spun--Take the Cake (GSW & GISP, \$256,333), by Fly So Free.**

O/B-Elizabeth J Valando (KY); T-Ian R Wilkes; J-Joel Rosario. \$34,968. Lifetime Record: 22-9-4-5, \$538,176. \*1/2 to Let Me Entertain U (Nobiz Like Shobiz), SW, \$129,463.

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2--**Gal About Town, 114, m, 5, City Zip--Antique Crystal, by Devil His Due. (\$32,000 yrl '11 KEEJAN; \$64,000 yrl '11 FTKOCT).** O-Iroquois Racing Club LLC. \$11,280.

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3--**Runway Ready, 115, m, 5, Mr. Greeley--Fashion Cat, by Forest Wildcat. (\$70,000 yrl '11 FTKOCT; \$75,000 2yo '12 FTFMAR).** O-Lee Pokoik. \$5,640.

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A winner of five consecutive stakes races sprinting on the lawn including Saratoga's Smirnoff Sorbet Caress S. Aug. 1 and Smart and Fancy S. Aug. 25, Free as a Bird ended her year on a high note when running out a 1 1/2-length winner of the 5 1/2-furlong Buffalo Trace Franklin County S. at Keeneland Oct. 10. The chalk was off a step slow and trailed near the back of the field as the dueling leaders blitzed a :20.48 first quarter. Perched three wide, the chestnut made up ground turning for home, but was forced to steady in upper stretch as a hole closed.

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Florida Report cont.

**6th-TAM, \$21,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$32,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:46 2/5 (NCR), fm.

**SPECIAL ENVOY (g, 4, [Stroll--Diplomacy](#), by Cozzene)**, third in a nine-panel allowance over the Keeneland sod Apr. 24, ran a credible fourth after getting a rough trip as the favorite in Pimlico's grassy James W. Murphy S. cutting back to a mile May 17. A powerful four-length winner of a 1 1/16-mile allowance over the lawn here on Valentine's Day, the dark bay was a rank fourth in between horses after a :22.76 quarter and settled farther back after a half in :47.09. In close confines circling the bend, the 8-5 favorite angled out to find clear running room and accelerated clear down the straight to win by 1 1/2 lengths in a new course record time. Tattenham (Rock Hard Ten) was second. "I think he is an improving horse," commented winning trainer Arnaud Delacour. "I liked him last year, too, but he was really immature--he would throw his head up, stuff like that. When we gelded him and put a pair of blinkers on it seemed to do the trick, because he came back much more professional." Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$56,670. [Click for the \*\*brisnet.com\*\* chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Mr & Mrs Bertram R Firestone (VA). T-A Delacour.

## ▶ Eastern U.S.

### Jockeys' Guild and Parx Reach Agreement:

The Jockeys' Guild has reached an agreement with Parx, resolving their dispute in a manner that will not alter the current on-track accident policy. After discussions between the parties Wednesday afternoon, all jockeys will continue to be covered by the \$1 million dollar on-track accident policy both in the morning during training and in the afternoon for racing.

It was agreed that Parx can require the jockeys, who ride or participate in racing, to file any lawsuit in the county in which the track is located. The parties have also agreed to work together, along with the horsemen, to create the safest racing environment possible for both human and equine athletes.

"For the past 75 years the Jockeys' Guild has been working to assure the safety of the jockeys, as well as their interests and be a voice for the riders in the industry," said National Manager, Terry Meyocks. "We look forward to working with Parx management in the future."

Added Joe Wilson, Parx Racing's Chief Operating Officer, "I am pleased that there will not be an interruption of racing at Parx and that we were able to resolve this matter in an amicable fashion without any impact on the horsemen, fans, or jockeys."

Racing will continue as regularly scheduled at the Bensalem facility, Saturday Mar. 21, with first post at 12:55 p.m. For questions contact the Jockeys' Guild at (859) 523-5625 or 1-866-465-6257.

## ▶ Central U.S.

### Wednesday's Results:

**5th-OPX, \$67,840, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.**  
**+ CHIDE (f, 3, [Blame--Yell](#) {MGSW & MGISP, \$598,903}, by A.P. Indy)**, racing without Lasix and 4-1 for this debut, settled in third through the early going perched one off the rail. Full of run but hemmed in with two furlongs to go, the 4-1 chance angled four paths off the rail at the top of the lane and finished up nicely through the straight to win by 1 1/4 lengths over the rallying Bon Heir (Wildcat Heir) to her outside. The winner is a half to Shrill (Distorted Humor), MSP, \$167,990; and Cheery (Distorted Humor), SW, \$172,762. Chide counts MGSW and Broodmare of the Year Glowing Tribute (Graustark) as her third dam through her daughter, MGSW Wild Applause (Northern Dancer), responsible for GISW Eastern Echo (Damascus), and MGSWs Roar (Forty Niner) and Blare of Trumpets (Fit to Fight). This is also the family of GSW & MGISP Congrats (A.P. Indy). Yell produced a full-sister to the winner, Sentence, in 2013 and a colt by First Samurai this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,240. [Click for the \*\*brisnet.com\*\* chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B Dilschneider (KY).

T-Albert M Stall Jr.

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**7th-OPX, \$64,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:39 3/5, wf.**  
**PERFECTLY (c, 3, [Majesticperfection--Formal Miss](#) {MSW & GSP, \$495,690}, by Formal Dinner)**, third behind next out allowance winner and GII Fountain of Youth S. fifth Gorgeous Bird (Unbridled's Song) beneath the Twin Spires to end his 2-year-old season Nov. 22, was twice fourth here Jan. 15 and Jan. 31. The bay most recently completed the exacta over 1 1/16 miles in the slop at this oval Feb. 21 and was 4-1 to go one better Wednesday. Breaking from the extreme outside stall, the sophomore took the overland route into the first turn before racing second last for the backstretch run. He commenced his rally four wide with a half mile to travel and reached contention by the top of the stretch. Perfectly found another gear inside the final furlong and got the job done by 1 1/2 lengths over Langdarma (Candy Ride {Arg}). Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-2, \$75,847. [Click for the \*\*brisnet.com\*\* chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-McNeill Stables LLC & Cheyenne Stables LLC.

B-Candy Meadows LLC & McNeill Stables LLC (KY).

T-Donnie K Von Hemel.

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# TODAY'S INSIGHTS

**2nd-SA, \$58K, Opt. Clm., 3yo, 1m, 4:30 p.m. ET**

Michael Lund Petersen's **ONE LUCKY DANE** ([Lookin At Lucky](#)) makes his return to the races off a six-panel bullet (1/19) in 1:12 flat Mar. 12. The Bob Baffert charge and \$490,000 KEESEP yearling earned 'TDN Rising Star' status on the back of a 9 1/2-length graduation in his third career appearance over track and trip Oct. 4, one start prior to a sixth-place effort after a wide journey in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 1. The bay was a debut third in a key maiden race behind Om (Munnings) and GISP Iron Fist (Tapit) at Del Mar Aug. 9. He reported home ahead of GSW & MGISP Calculator (In Summation), MGISW and champion juvenile male American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile third Daddy D T (Scat Daddy) as well that day. [Click for Brisnet.com PPs.](#)

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# ROOKIES

**First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, March 19**

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**ARROW EXPRESS** (Arromanches), 2/0/0

5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Arrowbee, 12-1

**BULLSBAY** (Tiznow), Northview, \$3K, 37/4/1

6-LRL, Aoc, 6f, Last Confession, 3-1

**CHARITABLE MAN** (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 80/7/0

5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, He'sacharitableman, \$4K EAS SEP yrl, 15-1

5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Charitable Flight, 6-1

5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Shepherd's Pride, 8-1

**HOLD ME BACK** (Giant's Causeway), WinStar, \$6K, 153/11/1

2-SA, Aoc, 1m, Commute, \$50K OBS AUG yrl, 2-1

**IT'S A BIRD** (Birdonthewire), 14/2/0

5-PEN, Msw, 1m, Nancy Pants, 12-1

**KANTHAROS** (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/19/1

6-LRL, Aoc, 6f, Whateveryouwant, \$33K OBS OPN 2yo, 8-5

**KISS THE KID** (Lemon Drop Kid), Journeyman, \$4K, 30/0/0

6-SA, Msw, 1m, Just Kidding, \$110K OBS OPN 2yo, 9-2

**LOOKIN AT LUCKY** (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/35/3

2-SA, Aoc, 1m, One Lucky Dane, \$490K KEE SEP yrl, 4-5

**MAJESTICPERFECTION** (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/25/2

8-OP, Aoc, 6f, Distant Kingdom, \$32K OBS OPN 2yo, 4-1

**TEMPLE CITY** (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 161/15/3

7-SA, Alw, 1mT, Flat Footed Mama, 8-1

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FAIR GROUNDS

Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie), 4f, :51.80, 35/38

PALM MEADOWS

Caval (Blame), 5f, 1:02.90, 3/7

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Ocho Ocho Ocho (Street Sense), 5f, 1:00.80, 10/25



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-OPX, \$67,000, NW3L, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 3/5, wf. DEN'S LEGACY** (h, 5, [Medaglia d'Oro--Sunshine Song, by War Chant](#)) Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 27-3-8-4, \$537,675. O-Westrock Stables LLC. B-Gaye Swartz (FL). T-Ron Moquett. \*\$150,000 wnlg '10 KEENOV.

**INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE**

**8th-TAM, \$20,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm.**

**SHOWERSOFBLESSINGS** (m, 5, [Leelanau--Bitsy's Blessing {SP}](#), by [Mocha Express](#)) Lifetime Record: 17-3-6-2, \$73,015. O-Terry Biondo, Cherrywood Racing Stables II & Michael Bojarski. B-Barr Three LLC (IL). T-Michele Boyce.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sweet Sandy**, f, 3, [Flutter](#)--Moonlight Cruise (SP, \$121,366), by Silver Deputy. TAM, 3-18, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5. B-Lazy Lane Farms LLC (VA). \*\$14,000 RNA yrl '13 FTMSEP; \$25,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

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**Wednesday's Result:**

**3rd-KMP, £3,500, Mdn, 3-5yo, 12f (AWT), 2:41.54, ft. SOUL SEARCHER (IRE)** (f, 3, [Motivator {GB}](#)--[Israar {GB}](#), by [Machiavellian](#)), a €240,000 GOFORB yearling, was third on debut over this trip at Wolverhampton Mar. 6 and shadowed the moderate early tempo in second. Gaining the edge approaching the furlong pole, the 15-8 second choice asserted to score a shade cozily by 3/4 of a length from the long-time leader Diamond Joel (GB) (Youmzain {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £2,697. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Sheikh Suhaim Al Thani/QRL/M Al Kubaisi. B-Lynn Lodge Stud (Ire). T-Charles Hills.

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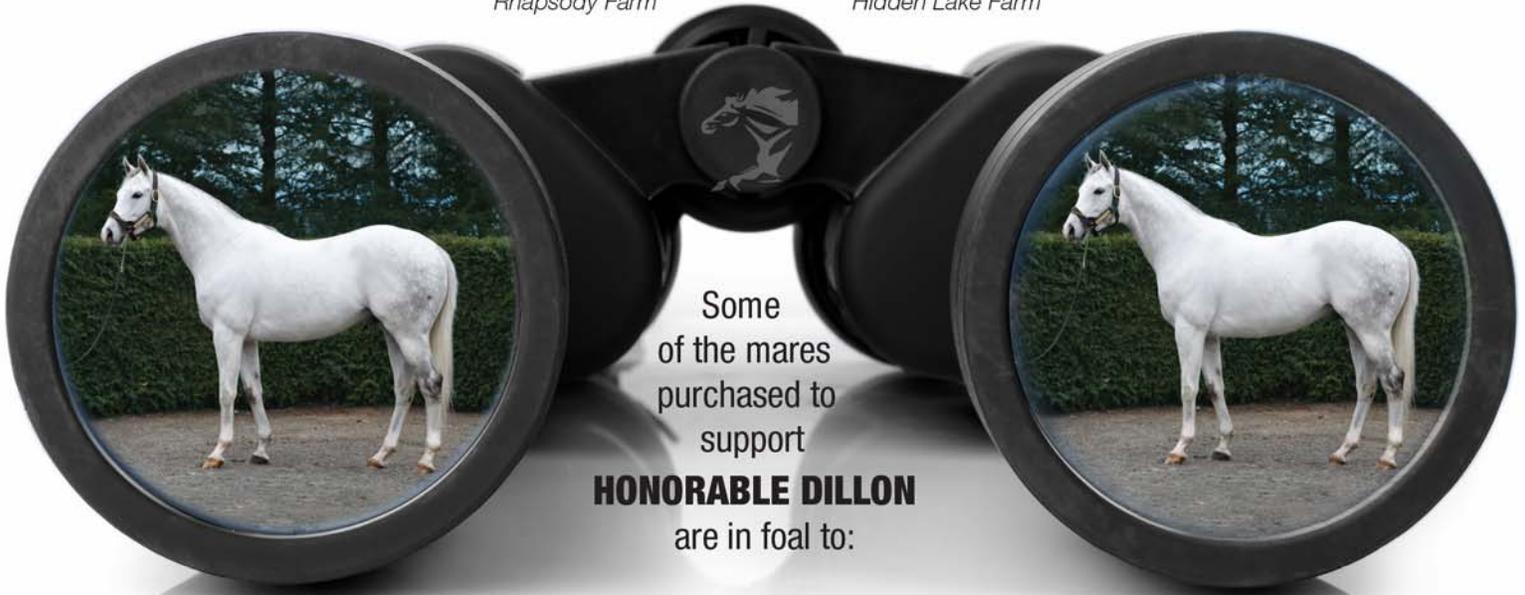
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### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Distant Destiny (Fr)**, c, 3, **Lope de Vega (Ire)**--  
Desisterna (Ger), by Sternkoenig (Ire). LAR, 3-18,  
9fT, 1:54 1/5. B-Gestut Ammerland (FR).  
+ **Munfarrid (GB)**, g, 3, **Showcasing (GB)**--Thankful  
(GB), by Diesis (GB). KMP, 3-18, 7f (AWT), 1:26 2/5.  
B-Mr T J Cooper (GB). \*55,000gns wlng '12  
TATDEC; 150,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to  
Morning Post (GB) (Acclamation {GB}), SP-Eng,  
\$308,557.

## OBSERVATIONS on today's European racing scene

**2.20 Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 8fT**  
**LUXE VENDOME (FR)** (**Kendargent {Fr}**) is a half-brother to the 2013  
G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Style Vendome (Fr) (Anabaa) and  
also Prestige Vendome (Fr) (Orpen), who was runner-up in that same  
Classic last term. Al Shaqab Racing's €450,000 ARQAUG yearling  
purchase is trained like that duo by Nicolas Clement and encounters  
Valentin Bukhtoyarov's **Russian Hockey (Giant's Causeway)**, an  
Arslangirey Shavuyev-trained close relative of the 2012 G1 Matron S.  
scorer Chachamaidee (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), as well as  
Hspirit's €340,000 ARQAUG yearling purchase **Coloradojim (GB)**  
(**Iffraaj {GB}**), a Pascal Bary-trained son of the 2010 G1 Prix de Diane  
third Sandbar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).

**5.30 Wolverhampton, Mdn, £4,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f 141y (AWT)**  
**SERENE BEAUTY (Street Cry {Ire})** debuts for Godolphin's Charlie  
Appleby stable and is a standout on pedigree as a half-sister to the 2005  
G1 Blue Grass S. winner Bandini (Fusaichi Pegasus) and a full-sister to  
the classy Discourse, who took the G3 Sweet Solera S. for the operation  
four years ago.

## Middle East

### Kheleyf to Stand in Qatar:

Group 3 Jersey S. winner **Kheleyf** (Green Desert),  
who previously stood at Darley's Kildangan Stud in  
Ireland and Dalham Hall in Newmarket, has been  
purchased by the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club to  
stand in Qatar from 2016 onwards, according to *Racing  
Post*.

Agent Nicolas de Watrigant explained that the  
14-year-old would stand at Haras des Faunes in France  
this year for €3,000 due to the timing of the deal.

"The transaction took a little while and so he will  
stand in France this season because it's too late to go  
to Qatar," de Watrigant told the trade daily. "He will be  
based in the Southwest with Alain Chopard, the  
breeder of Gailo Chop."

De Watrigant continued, "He has been a leading sire  
in Britain and the QREC are keen to improve the quality  
of their stallions. Previously we purchased Desert Style,  
Namid and Redback for them.

Kheleyf is well known for producing stock with speed  
and precocity and I think he is a very interesting  
addition to Qatar's stallion ranks."

Kheleyf is the sire of five group winners, including  
Group 2 winners Penny's Picnic (Ire) and Sayif (Ire).

## Australasia

### Alfred Nobel to Go Down Under Full Time:

Group 1-winning juvenile **Alfred Nobel (Ire)** (Danehill  
Dancer {Ire}) will stand full-time in Western Australia at  
Lynward Park Stud from this year's Southern  
Hemisphere covering season, according to *Racing Post*.  
Alfred Nobel began shuttling to Lynward Park after his  
first season at Coolmore in Ireland in 2011. His first  
crop in the Northern Hemisphere are 3-year-olds this  
year, and his leading runners include the G3 Princess  
Margaret S. third Explosive Lady (Ire). He is responsible  
for the G3 Gimcrack S. third Showy Chloe (Aus) Down  
Under, as well as the listed-placed Dickey (Aus).

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**LEVA MAE**, 9, Emancipator--Vada Belle, by Strawberry  
Road (Aus)

Foal born Mar. 2, a colt by Great Notion.

Will be bred back to Flat Out.

Owned by Susan S. Cooney.

Boarded at Paradigm Farm.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$134,601.

**SHE BE WILD**, 8, Offlee Wild--Trappings, by Seeking  
the Gold

Foal born Mar. 6, a colt by Frankel (GB).

Will be bred back to Medaglia d'Oro.

Owned by Mike & Nancy Mazzoni.

Boarded at Keene Ridge Farm.

Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly, GISW, \$1,355,540.

**WASTED TEARS**, 10, Najran--Wishes and Roses, by  
Greinton (GB)

Foal born Mar. 7, a filly by Medaglia d'Oro.

Will be bred back to Candy Ride (Arg).

Owned by Jeff & Chiquita Reddoch & Bart Evans.

Boarded at Stonehaven Steadings.

Accomplishments: MGSW & GISP, \$941,463.