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## 'SOLID' OPENER TO OBS SPRING

by Jessica Martini and J.M. Severni

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, which enjoyed record-setting renewals in 2013 and 2014, got off to a measured start Tuesday in Ocala. With 163 horses selling for \$9,642,700, the average fell 7.9% to \$59,158, while



Session-topping filly 161 during her under-tack breeze Louise Reinagel

brought good prices today and we are pleased with where we are now."

Sales officials and consignors alike look for the market to heat up during the auction's next three sessions.

"We would like to see the average up, but let's give it some time over the next three days," Wojciechowski said. "There are still 900 head to go—it's a marathon not a sprint. I know we have a lot of good horses still left in the next three days."

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	2015	2014
• Catalogued	300	302
• No. Offered	227	226
• No. Sold	163	186
• RNAs	64	40
• % RNAs	28.2%	17.7%
• No. \$200K+	7	9
• High Price	\$280,000	\$550,000
• Gross	\$9,642,700	\$11,952,500
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Mubtaahij (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), the Irish-bred colt who recently annexed the G2 UAE Derby for South African-based trainer Mike De Kock, notched his first piece of American prep work ahead of the May 2 GI Kentucky Derby with a three-furlong move at Arlington Park Tuesday morning. The globetrotting 3-year-old officially breezed three furlongs in :36.20 over the local all-weather surface, and has been doing well since his stateside arrival, according to De Kock. "He kicked off from the mile and breezed the last four furlongs," said De Kock. "It was just a very easy work. He traveled just less than a week ago and he's taken it all very well. At this stage, we're pretty chuffed with the way he's come out of things." **Cont. p9**



**Mubtaahij**  
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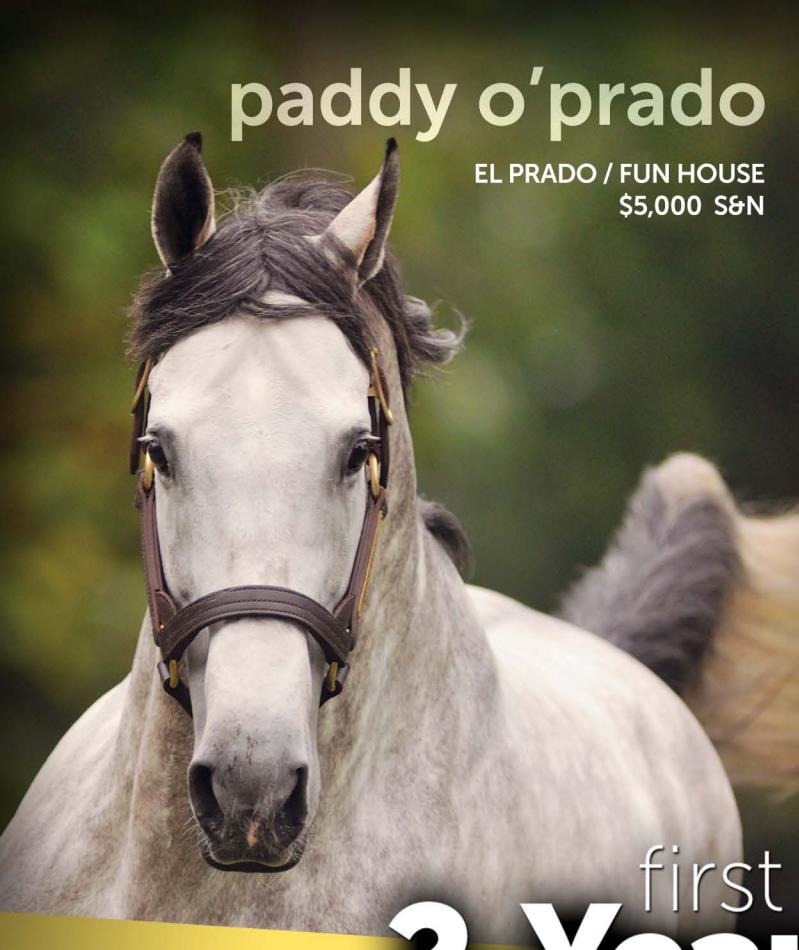
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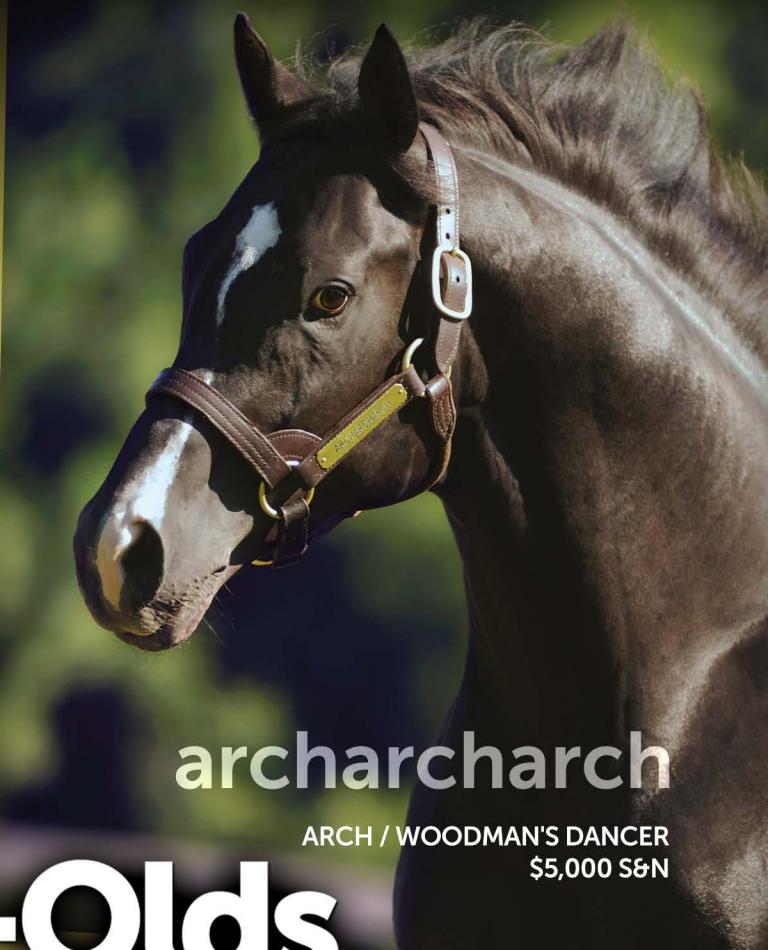
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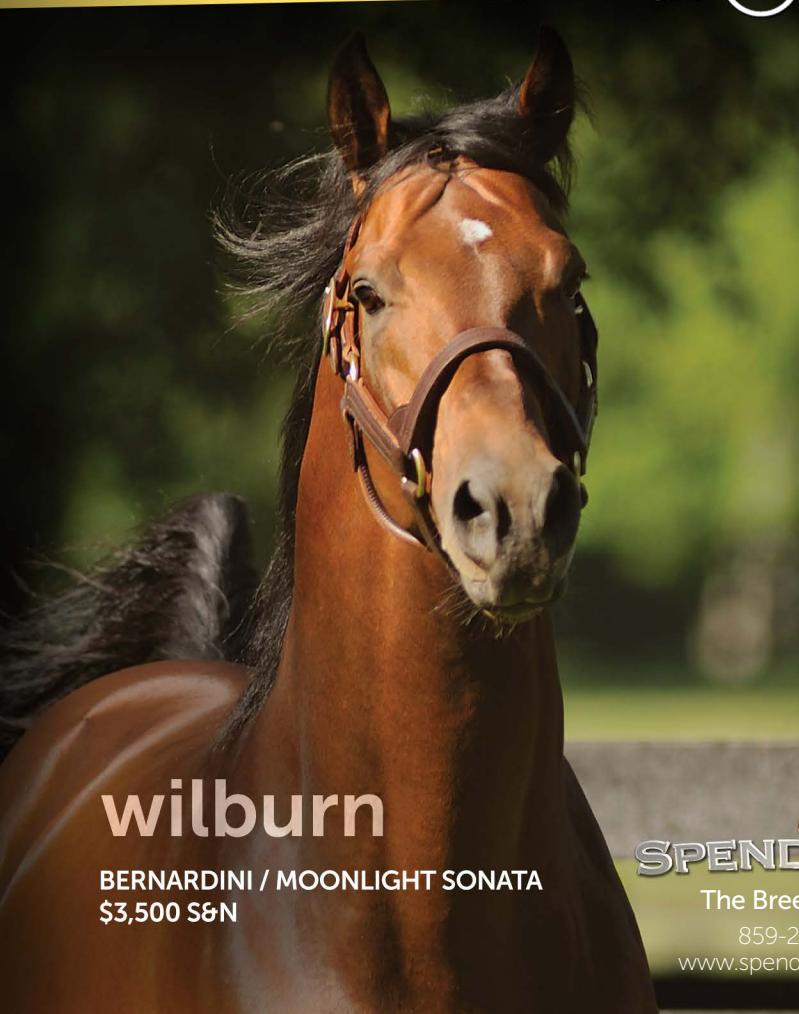
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## Kimmel Digs Deep for POTN Colt

Bidding on behalf of owners Tobey and Mike Morton, New York-based conditioner John Kimmel was extended to \$270,000 for a colt by top young sire Pioneerof the Nile--



Hip 273 Louise Reinagel

Princess Belle (Mr. Greeley) from the consignment of Paul Sharp, agent. The transaction marked a strong return on the \$130,000 Sharp gave for the colt as a yearling last year at the Fasig-Tipton October Sale. "I've been a fan of Pioneerof the Nile from the beginning and we've tried to buy a few of them from his first couple of crops, but we failed to get close to a horse that I thought was real quality," Sharp said. "This horse came up and I just liked the way he carried himself. He fit my type of horse, basically. We stretched a little for my budget and bought him and he did everything I could have asked of him."

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## Letter to the Editor: Barry Irwin



Barry Irwin Horsephotos

In response to some of the comments made by Racing Commissioners International chief Ed Martin regarding the Water Hay Oats Alliance (WHO) and the USADA/WADA (United States and World Anti-Doping Agency) at the Conference on Equine Welfare and Anti-Doping Policy in Tampa, Barry Irwin has some advice for Martin and the USADA's Travis Tygart. Says Irwin, "Travis and Ed both want the same thing, but whereas Ed is unable to accomplish what he wants, Travis will not be bound by the dictates of several different fiefdoms."

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## McLaughlin Looks to Stay Hot

It has been a purple patch of late for the Kiaran McLaughlin barn, as the conditioner has struck with a remarkable 18 of his 41 starters over the course of the last month, with a mind-boggling 50% win percentage at Keeneland. Perhaps at no time in his career has McLaughlin's horsemanship been more on display than with Godolphin's Frosted (Tapit), who will carry the hopes of the stable in the GI Kentucky Derby in 10 days' time. He's tinkered with this, toyed with that, and has the colt primed for a peak performance beneath the Twin Spires. "The race is priceless," said McLaughlin during a national media teleconference Tuesday. "You can't put a price on winning the Kentucky Derby. I would love to win it myself and I would love to win it for Godolphin."

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## Cobalt Threshold Decision Looms

Standardized threshold levels and penalties for cobalt are expected to be announced Thursday by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI). The topic is the chief morning agenda item at the final session of the three-day Conference on Equine Welfare and Anti-Doping Policy in Tampa. Interviews with key conference participants indicate that the only strong point of agreement is that everyone involved is under the gun to get cobalt regulations on the books. T. D. Thornton reports.

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**OBS Spring Sale cont.**

With 300 head catalogued for Tuesday's session, 73 were withdrawn and 64 horses failed to meet their reserves for a buy-back rate of 28.2%. Last year's first session, after the inclusion of post-sale transactions, had a buy-back rate of 17.7%.

Trainer Steve Asmussen, bidding on behalf of Carroll Castille's Whispering Oaks Farm, purchased the session's top-priced lot when going to \$280,000 for a colt by Flatter from the Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds consignment. The youngster was one of seven to top \$200,000 Tuesday. During last year's opening session, the top price was \$550,000 and there were nine lots over \$200,000.

The OBS Spring sale continues Wednesday through Friday with sessions beginning daily at 10:30 a.m.

**Consignors Look for Momentum to Increase**

by J.M. Severn

Many consignors noted that, although the market was steady throughout Tuesday's opening session, they expect the momentum to build in Ocala through the week. Some also noted a weakness in the lower market.

Consignor Eddie Woods referred to the market as "very tricky."

"The Koreans aren't playing like they did in the past, so they not cleaning up," Woods continued. "But even the top end is not as strong as I expected it to be. From my own point of view, my strongest part of the sale was far from today and we'll get much stronger as we go along and, hopefully, so does everything else."

De Meric Sales ended the day as the session's top consignor with 12 head sold for a gross of \$875,000. De Meric sold a few of the day's higher-priced lots, including [hip 58](#), a Smoke Glacken filly out of a half-sister to GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song) that went to bloodstock agent Steve Young for \$220,000 and [hip 281](#), a gelding by Katharos, who fetched \$225,000 from Young.

"I think the market is fine," Nick de Meric explained. "Any time you lead a good horse up here, they're standing in line for them. I think it's a little stickier in the bottom tier, there's maybe not quite so many people and the mesh isn't quite as fine for those less expensive horses. Having said that, I think they're probably close to true value. I don't know what the numbers will look like at the end of the day, but I think it's been a very fair and very honest sale and good horses are selling well."

De Meric also believes the sale will gain steam as the week goes continues.

"I think, if anything, it will probably gather a little momentum going forward," the consignor said.

Young, who along with his de Meric consignment buys, signed the \$80,000 ticket for [hip 110](#), a colt by Zensational, and went to \$50,000 to secure a Trappe Shot filly in [hip 194](#), also thinks the sale will pick up after the opening session.

"There's a definite ceiling as to how much money is here," Young offered. "I think it's probably going to get much stronger from here on out."

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<a href="#">161</a>	colt	<a href="#">Flatter</a>	Mrs. Debbie M (\$87,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Susan King (OH)	280,000
			Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, LLC, Agent Purchased by Whispering Oaks Farm	
<a href="#">273</a>	colt	<a href="#">Pioneer of the Nile</a>	Princess Belle (\$120,000 wnlg '13 KEENOV; \$130,000 yrl '14 FTKOCT) ThoroStride video	270,000
			B-Booleenagh Bloodstock (KY) Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent XVI Purchased by John C Kimmel, agent for Tobey L Morton	
<a href="#">137</a>	colt	<a href="#">Archarcharch</a>	K. O. Kitty (\$62,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL) B-Phillip B, Hunter & Clare Hager (KY)	250,000
			Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XXXVII Purchased by Arnold Zetcher LLC	
<a href="#">157</a>	filly	<a href="#">More Than Ready</a>	Morekissesforpatti (\$70,000 yrl '14 KEEJAN; \$50,000 RNA yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Jerry Jamgotchian (KY)	250,000
			Consigned by Mayberry Farm, Agent XI Purchased by Jacob L West, agent	



OBS Spring Sale--Day One Toppers cont.				
277	filly	<a href="#">Kanthalos</a>	Privacy	225,000
		B-Lambholm (NY)		
		Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XXXV		
		Purchased by Steven W Young, agent		
58	filly	<a href="#">Smoke Glacken</a>	Lilies So Fair	220,000
		(\$32,000 yrl '14 KEEJAN; \$100,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL)		
		B-Lee & Mary McMillin & David Thorner (KY)		
		Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XLIII		
		Purchased by Steven W Young, agent		
256	filly	<a href="#">Yes It's True</a>	Pleasant Ring	200,000
		(\$100,000 yrl '14 OBSAUG)		
		B-John B Penn (FL)		
		Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XXIII		
		Purchased by Barry Berkelhammer, agent		

### Colt 'Flatter's Hartley/DeRenzo

by J.M. Severni

Almost midway through Tuesday's opening session of the OBS Spring Sale, the hammer dropped at \$280,000 for [hip 161](#), a colt by Flatter. Trainer Steve Asmussen signed the ticket on behalf of Carroll Castille, owner of Whispering Oaks. The Ohio-bred is out of MSP dam Mrs. Debbie M (War Chant), who has produced three winners from three starters.



Randy Hartley  
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Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, which purchased the colt for \$87,000 at Keeneland September, consigned the colt. He breezed in :10 1/5 at the under-tack show.

"I felt that we could bring quality here and they'd bring good money," said Randy Hartley. "I think Steve will be excited."

Asmussen commented, "I think he's an outstanding individual. I think he's well kept, he looked great."

Obviously, I loved his work, he looks like a racehorse. I liked him as an individual, I think he has an outstanding physical, and hopefully he does good things."

Asumussen, who currently trains GSW Street Story (Street Cry {Ire}) and SP Indian Annie (Indian Charlie) for Whispering Oaks, said the colt will be headed to Churchill Downs. Castille, the owner of several telecommunications companies, is a native of Louisiana. He founded Whispering Oaks in 2001 and the farm is currently home to six stallions, headlined by Closing Argument and D'Wildcat.

Flatter will be represented in the GI Kentucky Derby by Ralph Evans and WinStar Farm's Upstart.



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### Zetcher Looks for More OBS April Success

by Jessica Martini

Owner Arnold Zetcher and trainer Simon Callaghan, who purchased subsequent Grade I winner Fashion Plate (Old Fashioned) at the OBS Spring sale two years ago, were back in action in Ocala Tuesday, with Callaghan signing the ticket at \$250,000 for a colt from the first crop of Archarcharch.

"We loved him," Callaghan said of [hip 137](#). "We loved his preview ([10 1/5](#)).

"He is a very well-grown, mature 2-year-old. And he looks like he'll be top-draw at Del Mar."

Consigned by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables, the juvenile is out of K.O. Kitty (Tale of the Cat) and is a half-brother to multiple stakes placed Syriana's Song (Indian Charlie). He was purchased by Ballysax Farm for \$62,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale.

On behalf of Zetcher, Callaghan purchased Fashion Plate for \$340,000 at the 2013 Spring Sale. The filly went on to win the 2014 GI Santa Anita Oaks and GI Las Virgenes S. and was sold to Katsumi Yoshida for \$1.2 million at last year's Fasig-Tipton November sale. Cont. p5



Arnold Zetcher and his wife Ellen  
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"We've been lucky in the sale for the same owner, so hopefully this will be another one," Callaghan acknowledged. "He was a colt we really liked."

Before Del Mar, Callaghan has more pressing business for Zetcher. The Zetcher-owned Firing Line (Line of David), runaway winner of the GIII Sunland Derby, is on course for a start in the May 2 GI Kentucky Derby.

"Firing Line is doing great," Callaghan said. "He is going to do his last breeze at Santa Anita Sunday morning. It will be an easy five-eighths. His last breeze was great and he has come out of it really well. And everything is so far so good."

### **Pioneerof the Nile Colt to Kimmel**

by Jessica Martini

Trainer John Kimmel, bidding on behalf of Tobey and Mike Morton, paid \$270,000 for a colt by Pioneerof the Nile during Tuesday's opening session of the OBS Spring sale. Consigned by Paul Sharp, [hip 273](#) is out of stakes winner and graded stakes placed Princess Belle (Mr. Greeley). He worked in [:10 2/5](#).

"The horse, to me, just looked like a nice athletic individual by a very hot young sire," Kimmel said. "I think he has a lot of top-side potential. He checked all the boxes, he is a beautiful mover, I really liked his athleticism, his look and his walk. I am actually very interested in the way a horse's head and eye look and the horse just, to me, had the look of a real athlete. Some of the best horses I've bought over the long time I've been doing this, I hope this horse falls into that same pattern."

The colt was the second juvenile Kimmel has purchased for the Mortons this year.

"He was in the business a long time ago," Kimmel said of the Boca Raton-based Morton. "He's had some horses and he is just getting involved again. We bought a Bernardini filly ([hip 522](#)) for \$325,000 at the March sale. So they have two really nice horses and we might buy another one. He's playing at a fairly high level and he's a great person to train for. He's looking to get in and play in New York at the highest end of the business. Hopefully we can buy him horses with value and not overpay."

Sharp purchased the Pioneerof the Nile colt for \$130,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale. The youngster was a \$120,000 Keeneland November weanling.

"I've been a fan of Pioneerof the Nile from the beginning and we've tried to buy a few of them from his first couple of crops, but we failed to get close to a horse that I thought was real quality," Sharp said. "This horse came up and I just liked the way he carried himself. He fit my type of horse, basically. We stretched a little for my budget and bought him and he did everything I could have asked of him. He was a little slow to come and we didn't push him and gave him all the time that we could. That's why he ended up at this sale instead of down in Miami. He was just a magnificent horse, very poised and classy. I think he has a great future ahead of him."

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Echoing a sentiment which seemed prevalent during Tuesday's session of the four-day auction, Sharp said, "I think the market is very good for good horses right now. You can't pass a mediocre horse off as a good horse. The buyers are very sophisticated and everybody has the idea of what they are looking for and if you don't have that you have to hope another buyer comes along to bid for you."



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## Strong Start for Archarcharch

by Jessica Martini

Archarcharch (Arch), winner of the 2011 GI Arkansas Derby, was represented by his biggest sales result to date Tuesday in Ocala when [hip 137](#) sold for \$250,000. The seven-year-old stallion stands for \$9,000 at Spendthrift Farm. Going into Tuesday's sale, he had had nine 2-year-olds to sell this year and had



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been represented by a pair of six-figure juveniles, with a \$120,000 colt leading the way at Barretts March sale. His sales yearlings averaged \$27,766 a year ago, with top price of \$130,000.

"I think any result that demonstrates ability and precocity in a stallion certainly

helps," said Spendthrift Farm General Manager Ned Toffey. "We've seen it before that good results at 2-year-old sales move the needle a little bit in terms of selling seasons. And this was a big number at that sale, but more importantly is how Archarcharch has been so favorably received in the market and that good overall impression is a credit to our breeders who have embraced the share the upside program."

This was a wonderful first step in a stallion being made."

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Of Archarcharch's 2015 book, Toffey said, "He has a very strong, full book this year. I think that is a reflection of how solid and consistent his yearlings were. And as good as his yearling crop from last year was, we are really, really excited about his yearling crop to come."

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11	colt	Magna Graduate	Kimberlite	110,000
		B-Elisabeth Alexander (KY)		
		Consigned by Blue River Bloodstock, Agent VI		

Purchased by Mike Dubb

About a week and a half before Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderful) carries the hopes of Michael Dubb and partners in the GI Kentucky Oaks, the New York-based owner was busy in Central Florida snapping up this colt with in-breeding to Weekend Surprise. Just a \$5,000 KEENOV weanling in the fall of 2013, the Jan. 22 foal cost Blue River Bloodstock only \$10,000 at the OBSAUG sale and, after drilling three furlongs in :33 2/5, fetched a tidy six-figure pricetag Tuesday.



**Smoke Glacken** was at the top of the sheets for the early half of Tuesday's opening session of the OBS Spring sale after Steve Young purchased [hip 58](#) for \$220,000. "Champion Smoke Glacken is still making his mark with fast progeny at the sales, while enjoying his recent retirement," said Gainesway's Michael Herson. The 19-year-old stallion, sprint champion of 1997, is pictured here with Gainesway's Tommy White in February.

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Hailing from the female family of Grade I winner Zoftig (Cozzene) and her Grade I-winning daughters Zo Impressive (Hard Spun) and Zaftig (Gone West), this chestnut colt, who turned two on the calendar five days ago, was knocked down to Royal Flush Racing for \$35,000 at the Fasig-Tipton October Sale last fall. He breezed an eighth of a mile in :10 2/5 and caught the eye of this top California outfit Tuesday.

[88](#) colt Giant Oak Magic Shaw 100,000

B-Darlene & Jeff Wahman & Robert Stubbs (LA)

Consigned by Robert Brewer, agent

Purchased by West Point Thoroughbreds

From the first crop of this dual Grade I-winning son of Giant's Causeway, the Valentine's Day foal was purchased by reseller Robert Brewer for \$4,000 at the Equine Sales Company of Louisiana Sale last September. After covering a furlong in :10 2/5, he made for an outstanding return on investment for his consignor.

[148](#) colt [Drosselmeyer](#) Monaassabaat 140,000

B-Tinnakill Bloodstock Inc & Patrick Hayes (KY)

Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, Agent

Purchased by Alex & Joann Lieblong

Woodford Thoroughbreds consigned this May 16 foal to last year's Keeneland September sale, but took him home when bidding stalled out at \$20,000. Given a second chance here, this first-crop son of the 2010 GI Belmont S. hero and 2011 GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner turned in a spectacular quarter-mile in :21 1/5 and made the decision to hold on to him look very wise. The cross with Distorted Humor on the female family is responsible for European MGSP Artigiano.



Nothing But Net cont.

**157** filly [More Than Ready](#) Morekissesforpatti 250,000

B-Jerry Jamgotchian (KY)

Consigned by Mayberry Farm, Agent XI

Purchased by Jacob L West, agent

A February foal by this successful global sire and hailing from the female family of his four-time GSW daughter Ready's Gal, the dark bay made \$70,000 from B & I Ventures as a short yearling at KEEJAN early last year, but was led out unsold on a bid of \$50,000 at KEESEP. She turned it around in a big sort of way during the opening session.

**202** filly [Jump Start](#) Office Miss 180,000

B-Burning Sands Stable (NY)

Consigned by King's Equine, Agent VI

Purchased by Linda Rice, agent

Trainer Linda Rice knows her way around New York-bred fillies, having sent out the likes of La Verdad (Yes It's True) to win last Saturday's GII Distaff H. at Aqueduct. The conditioner was back to work Tuesday afternoon at OBS for this Empire-bred, who was acquired by Raul Reyes's King's Equine for \$32,000 at Fasig-Tipton last October. A fast work in :10 flat was the icing on the cake Tuesday.

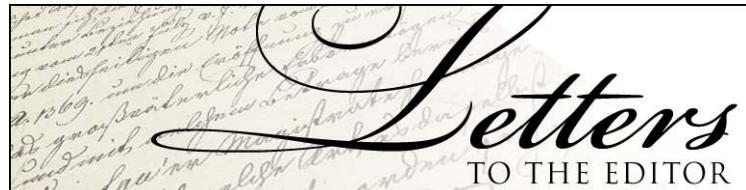
**208** filly [Tiznow](#) Only First Class 170,000

B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY)

Consigned by Robert Brewer, Agent

Purchased by William L Clifton

A \$60,000 buyback out of last year's KEESEP sale, this filly, bred by Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm, was hammered down to Champion Racing Stable for half that number at Fasig-Tipton the following month. Produced by a full-sister to MGSW & MGSP Runway Model (Petionville), she made for another pinhooking success for Robert Brewer and was sold to Bill Clifton, who campaigned Tiznow's GI Met Mile and GI Whitney H. hero Tizway.



#### BARRY IRWIN:

In a report filed Monday from the Racing Commissioners International (RCI) and the Association of Official Racing Chemists Association (AORC)

Conference on Equine Welfare and Anti-Doping Policy (click [here](#) for Monday's story from T. D. Thornton), RCI head Ed Martin made several pointed remarks about USADA/WADA (United States and World Anti-Doping Agency) and WHOA (Water Hay Oats Alliance) that require clarification.

WOAH, which is against race-day medication, was behind a push that led The Jockey Club to form an association with USADA to have the Congress of the United States appoint them to oversee the use of drugs in American Thoroughbred horseracing.



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The main reason TJC and WHOA are behind this initiative is to have an independent organization oversee the sport in an effort to gain national unity on drug rules and use. TJC tried and failed to persuade enough states that race to get behind uniform medication rules.

Nobody at TJC or WHOA has ever envisioned, imagined and pined for a program in which tests designed for human athletics was the benchmark to test Thoroughbred racehorses.

What both TJC and WHOA are impressed with that USADA has managed to accomplish is the ridding from the sport of cycling the notorious drug abuser Lance Armstrong. This was done because USADA is independent of any political affiliation.

Thoroughbred racing has nothing in place like USADA.

I have a message for Travis Tygart of USADA and Ed Martin of RCI:

Travis, do your utmost to convince Ed that you two are on the same team with the same goals. Convince Ed that he has job security. Explain to him that you are in a position to be the best thing that ever happened to him, because with your appointment by Congress as an independent overseer of drugs in America you can give teeth and traction to initiatives Ed has wanted to employ for years.

Ed, your hands are tied by the state racing commissions that by and large are peopled by folks appointed by politicians. USADA will operate above this partisan melee and to get things done. Cont. p9

**Letter to the Editor cont.**

Travis and Ed both want the same thing, but whereas Ed is unable to accomplish what he wants, Travis will not be bound by the dictates of several different fiefdoms.

All of the other alphabet organizations will benefit from an independent overseer of drugs in racing, because right now they have nothing but chaos.

The reason you have not seen anybody at your conference from WHOA is that we are busy rallying our troops for the fight to restore integrity in racing. I wish you all luck in your endeavors this week, but more importantly, I urge Ed Martin to get on the same page as Travis Tygart and support the initiative to have USADA appointed.

Ed you cannot get done what you want without them. The sooner you realize this, the better racing will be. Because a united front before the Congress will help get USADA appointed. Ed, it is time to get with the program, sir.

[Facebook](#)[Twitter](#)[E-mail](#)[Print](#)**Mubtaahij cont. from p1**

The trainer revealed that Mubtaahij will likely work once more at Arlington over the weekend prior to shipping to Churchill Downs in Louisville Monday morning. De Kock added that it was not in his original plans for Mubtaahij to remain in Chicago after his arrival to America.

"[The trip] was close to 24 hours door to door," De Kock explained. "When he got to Chicago, my assistant Trevor thought that he just looked a little tucked up. So right then, I took the decision to not travel him down to

**Mike de Kock** *Racing Post*

the yard we were going to near Louisville, which was going to be two to three days later. So I thought, let's just stay in Chicago. We're very comfortable at the track there, we've had horses there before and we've raced really successfully at Arlington. We sort of switched plans mid-stride, and I think we've done the right thing, because within two or three days the horse was just bursting out of his skin. He never stopped eating and never stopped

drinking, and whatever weight he lost visibly [during the flight to America], he put on very quickly."

Despite concerns about dietary changes and a potentially taxing travel schedule, DeKock said he has plenty of faith in the attitude and competitive spirit of his colt ahead of the May 2 engagement. He is also well aware that his charge may be facing one of the toughest Kentucky Derby fields in recent memory.

"When he goes and wins really well in the UAE Derby, I suppose you get a little bit of confidence," continued the conditioner.

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"And you think, what the hell, let's have a crack at it. But to be honest, I've probably picked the worst year when it comes to the opposition."

Given the emphasis on speed in American racing, De Kock also noted that the race could play out in a similar fashion to his triumph in Dubai. The conditioner readily acknowledged that his trainee may have sat a perfect trip behind a multiple-horse speed duel in that event, but placed a heavy emphasis on Mubtaahij's proven ability at an extended distance.

"He's a horse that can relax fairly well off quite a hot speed or hot pace, and he will be doing his best toward the end," observed De Kock. "Certainly, I'm not there to match the American horses for speed, because I don't think we have that ability. But I do know we have the ability to get the 10 furlongs, and I do know we have the ability to come on strong the last three or four furlongs."

Aside from the stresses of travel and the dynamics of the race, the 51-year-old conditioner concluded that having a Derby starter will represent the fulfillment of a long-time dream.

"One looks at the Kentucky Derby in awe, it doesn't matter what country you come from," said the trainer. "To be part of that is really special for us. And to go there with a horse who is not a 100-1 shot, it would be fantastic if he ran well." —Ben Massam

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# NORTH AMERICAN NEWS



## MCLAUGHLIN HOPEFUL FROSTED

**CONTINUES HOT STREAK** by Ben Massam

With 18 wins from 41 starts over the past month and a 50% strike rate at the Keeneland spring meet, it is difficult to debate that the Kiaran McLaughlin barn is the hottest in the country right now. The conditioner will attempt to keep that recent streak alive on the grandest of stages when he sends out Godolphin Racing's **Frosted** (Tapit) in the GI Kentucky Derby May 2 at Churchill Downs.

"The race is priceless," said McLaughlin. "You can't put a price on winning the Kentucky Derby. I would

love to win it myself and I would love to win it for Godolphin."

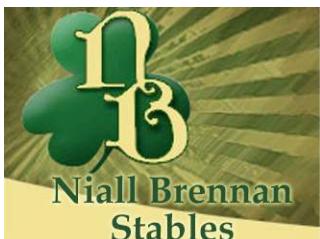
Fresh off a rallying victory in Aqueduct's GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S. Apr. 4, McLaughlin is the first to admit that Frosted has been a project for his

barn. After kicking off his sophomore campaign with a runner-up effort behind Upstart (Flatter) in the Jan. 24 GII Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream, the grey took command at the head of the stretch but stopped abruptly en-route to a fourth-place finish in that venue's GII Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 21.

"We were quite frustrated [by the race]--myself and my team--so we decided to just change everything that we could," recalled McLaughlin.

McLaughlin noted that Frosted's makeover during the month of March included a switch in riders from Irad Ortiz Jr. to Joel Rosario, a corrective procedure to fix palatal instability, an adjustment to the size of his blinkers and an assessment of whether the horse idled after passing his rivals.

"Joel Rosario worked him behind horses in a very fast 3/4 of a mile [Mar. 13], which I don't do very often," the trainer continued.



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"That work went great, and then we did a [minor] procedure to help him from displacing [his palate]. And he only missed one day of training--not even that. So we took care of that, and we decided to change racetracks and went back to Aqueduct, where he broke his maiden and where he ran second in the GII Remsen. We changed everything that we could."

The efforts of McLaughlin's team were evident in the Wood Memorial, where Frosted raced wide behind a modest pace and rallied to notch a two-length score over longshot Tencendur (Warrior's Reward). The trainer said he is optimistic that Frosted can replicate that performance on the first Saturday in May.

"So many of the major contenders have speed, so it was great that we could come from well back that day and handle the dirt well," reflected McLaughlin. "Even though [Rosario] pulled him out down the backside because he thought the kick-back was a little severe that day, he had plenty of dirt on his blinkers and on his face. So we like the style that we have."

With the goal of keeping Frosted in the same routine that led to success at Aqueduct, the colt was returned to Palm Meadows Training Center in Florida to complete his preparation for the Derby. The homebred worked a bullet five furlongs in 1:01 1/5 there Apr. 16, and according to McLaughlin, is scheduled to have his final breeze over the coming weekend. The trainer said he does not expect Frosted to require any further adjustments between now and Derby day.

"We would just like to adjust the tough field, but we can't do that--it might be the toughest Derby we've had in quite a few years," quipped McLaughlin.

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Date	Race	Track
Apr. 24	GIII Bewitch S.	KEE
	GIII Texas Mile S.	LS
Apr. 25	GIII Excelsior S.	AQU
	GIII San Francisco Mile	GG
Apr. 26	GIII Miami Mile H.	GP
	GIII Last Tycoon S.	SA
May 1	GIII Wilshire S.	SA
	GI Kentucky Oaks	CD
	GI La Troienne S.	CD
	GII Alysheba S.	CD
	GIII Edgewood S.	CD
	GIII Eight Belles S.	CD
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## SHARED BELIEF DIAGNOSED WITH HIP FRACTURE

Champion **Shared Belief** (Candy Ride {Arg}) suffered a non-displaced fracture on the point of his right hip, part-owner Jim Rome announced via Twitter Monday night. The injury was sustained Saturday during the running of the GII Charles Town Classic. The 4-year-old did not seem to be traveling right after stumbling at the start and was pulled up by Hall of Famer Mike Smith entering the second turn.

"Shared Belief has a non-displaced fracture on the point of the right hip," Rome tweeted. "He is bright, alert and doing well. Vets are recommending stall rest for Shared Belief and his prognosis is excellent!"

Rome also tweeted, "A heartfelt thank you to Mike Smith for protecting Shared Belief. His quick reaction is a big reason [Shared Belief] is doing as well as he is right now. Shared Belief could not be in better hands than he is with Jerry Hollendorfer. Groom Armando and [Steve Bourmas, who specializes in equine photobiostimulation therapy] have been unbelievable."

Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer did not comment on the nature of the Shared Belief's injury when reached by phone Tuesday morning, but he did give some insight into the gelding's recovery time.

"He is doing fine," the Hall of Fame conditioner told the *TDN*. "He is flying to California as we speak. He is going to go out for 45 to 60 days at Pegasus Training Center in Renton, Washington, and then he will resume

training after that. I don't want to get into the details [of his specific injury], but my vet thinks that it is not going to be a serious long range problem."

Owned by a partnership that includes Rome's Jungle Racing, KMN Racing, Hollendorfer, Jason Litt, Alex Solis II and George Todaro, Shared Belief kicked off this season with victories in Arcadia's GII San Antonio Invitational S. Feb. 7 and GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 7. The dark bay was making his first start outside of California in the Charles Town Classic.

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## COBALT THRESHOLD DECISION PENDING

By T.D. Thornton

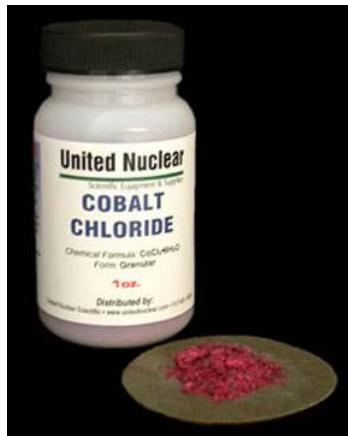
Cobalt abuse has dominated racing's doping headlines for the better part of a year, and North American regulators have been portrayed as slow to come up with uniform Thoroughbred and Standardbred rules to combat its use as an alleged performance enhancer.

Part of the perceived lag has to do with the fact that racing commissioners must rely on evidence-based science to document harms before enacting drug rules.

Dopers, on the other hand, don't wait for the results of rigorous, peer-reviewed studies before administering questionable substances to horses in their quest for an illicit edge.

But standardized threshold levels and penalties for cobalt are expected to be announced Thursday by the Association of Racing

Commissioners International (RCI), even though the properties and mechanisms of the drug are not completely understood.



The topic is the chief morning agenda item at the final session of the three-day Conference on Equine Welfare and Anti-Doping Policy in Tampa. Interviews with key conference participants indicate that the only strong point of agreement is that everyone involved is under the gun to get cobalt regulations on the books.

"I intend to leave Tampa with a recommended regulatory policy for all the commissions in North America," RCI president Ed Martin told TDN. "You're going to see us tackle cobalt. There is a real disagreement in the scientific community about what cobalt does and at what levels and what the science currently tells us. That doesn't mean we don't know enough to sort through what a regulatory policy should be."



**Dr. Dionne Benson** [rmtc.net](http://rmtc.net)

Dr. Dionne Benson, DVM, the executive director and chief operating officer for the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium, heads the board that has been tasked with providing the scientific analysis to the RCI rule makers. **Cont. p12**

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She said the RMTC recommendations on cobalt that will up for debate on Thursday call for a two-tier penalty system. The goal is not to penalize too stringently for accidental overages that might occur through nutritional supplementation while coming down harder on obvious attempts to blood-dope.

"Honestly I have no idea," Benson said when asked how the RCI will react to the RMTC recommendations. "I can tell you that I'm very confident and comfortable with the recommendation that we've made. I think it's a good recommendation and a solid recommendation. It's up to the RCI to enact what they want."

***"I intend to leave Tampa with a recommended regulatory policy for all the commissions in North America."-- Ed Martin, president, RCI***

sometimes testily--in trying to establish industry-wide standards.

In humans, cobalt stimulates the production of red blood cells (erythropoiesis). Increased red blood cell production leads to better oxygenation of the blood and, consequently, better endurance and decreased muscle fatigue.

This effect is presumed to occur in other mammals, but it has not been definitively proven to work when horses are fed cobalt chloride (powdered cobalt "salts"). In addition, no research has been done to quantify other physiological effects of cobalt on horses with regard to cardiac output and muscle function, so dopers who administer it to horses are banking on anecdotal evidence that it works as a performance enhancer.

What is known is that when administered in abundance, the bluish, metallic trace element is toxic to both humans and animals, causing organ damage, impaired thyroid activity and goiter formation.

Dr. Mary Scollay, DVM, equine medical director for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC), has conducted research that shows when horses are a

given doses of cobalt higher than 200 mg (some dopers have been alleged to administer more than that amount, but 200 mg is still about 100 times more than what would be fed in a nutritional supplement), it induces profuse sweating, muscle trembling, restless



Dr. Mary Scollay Jim Lisa photo

circling, brief periods of collapse, and interferes with the clotting mechanism of blood.

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Unspurned	Lemon Drop Kid	Whimsical S.-G3	102
Moreno	Ghostzapper	Charles Town Classic S.-G2	101
Dramedy	Distorted Humor	Dixiana Elkhorn S.-G2	99
Galiana	Stonesider	Primonetta S.	98
Nellie Cashman	Mineshaft	Dahlia S.	98
Stellar Path (FR)	Astronomer Royal	Plenty of Grace S.	98
Deceptive Vision	A.P. Indy	Hilliard Lyons Doubledogdare S.-G3	97
Bodhisattva	Student Council	Federico Tesio S.	96
La Verdad	Yes It's True	Distaff H.-G2	95
Lady Shipman	Midshipman	Stormy Blues S.	95
Talk Show Man	Great Notion	Henry S. Clark S.	95
Imposing Grace	Empire Maker	Sand Dollar S.	93
Russell Road	Wheaton	Confucius Say S.	93
Whiskey Ticket	Ghostzapper	Illinois Derby-G3	93
Yahilwa	Medaglia d'Oro	Sixty Sails H.-G3	93
Queen of The Sand (IRE)	Footstepsintheshand (GB)	Santa Barbara H.-G3	92
Aztec Brave (FR)	Pyrus	Danger's Hour S.	91
Control Stake	Discreetly Mine	Robert Hilton Memorial S.	91
Gliding Alone	Quien	Howard B. Noonan S.	90
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While tests were being developed for synthetic blood doping (EPO) in the 1990s, it remained an underground secret in the racing world that jurisdictions didn't test for cobalt, which was cheaper to administer and allegedly produced similar performance enhancement. Its abuse was under the radar until about 2013, when cobalt use seemingly exploded on backstretches everywhere.

Researchers in California began a comprehensive study to determine the effects of cobalt, and by September 2014, Indiana became the first state to adopt an emergency racing commission rule banning cobalt levels above 25 ppb in Thoroughbreds under penalty of up to a one-year suspension.

In October, the RMTC's Scientific Advisory Committee failed to reach a consensus on thresholds when it met, partially because the board was waiting for additional data (that allegedly has still not been provided) from a separate study funded by the United States Trotting Association (USTA).

In January, Benson told TDN that about \$50,000 had been spent on cobalt research without any definitive guidelines coming out of the studies.

By March, with cobalt routinely making alarming headlines in the racing press worldwide, North American regulators were facing increased pressure to respond to its abuse. On Mar. 19, the RCI issued a pre-emptive press release in which Martin predicted that "regulators would act to set in motion a ban on intentional cobalt administrations out of equine welfare concerns" at the Tampa convention. Cont. p13

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One week later, Mar. 26, the RMTC advisory committee finally came to a consensus and released recommended guidelines, which read:

- Horses that test above 25 parts per billion (ppb) of cobalt in plasma shall be: (i) subject to a fine or a warning for the first offense; (ii) placed on the veterinarian's list; and (iii) ineligible to race until they test below 25 ppb of cobalt in plasma (at the owner's cost); and
- Horses that test above 50 ppb of cobalt in plasma shall be subject to a class B penalty which in most jurisdictions includes: (i) disqualification of the horse; (ii) a fine; and (iii) trainer suspension.

What will happen Thursday when the RCI Drug Testing Standards and Practices Committee discusses the majority and dissenting opinions on these guidelines is anybody's guess. The recommendations could be batted around like a pinata or adopted wholeheartedly with little dissension.

"The RMTC has made a proposal to us. I don't know if that proposal will be accepted, changed or modified. I don't know how that will play out, but it certainly will be assessed and possibly debated," Martin said.

"I voted in support of the RMTC recommendation that ultimately came out of our last meeting for the tiered thresholds and penalty structures," Scollay said. "It is based on extensive data and I am very comfortable with it, and I would hope that the RCI would choose to adopt that."

Racing commissions in individual states don't have to wait for the RCI and RMTC to agree on guidelines about drug rules before implementing their own standards, but most do. Scollay told TDN in January that the KHRC was waiting for the RMTC to establish parameters before acting on cobalt. In contrast, Apr. 16, the California Horse Racing Board unanimously approved moving forward with establishing violation and penalty guidelines for the presence of cobalt in an official blood sample. Those rules could go into effect as early as June (California already has a separate Standardbred guideline that requires horses testing higher than 25 ppb to be put on the vet's list until the animal clears its system of cobalt).

One bone of contention that has been holding back a consensus are concerns from horsemen that routine cobalt supplementation will trigger positive tests.

"Our approach is to be more conservative [in terms of penalizing for supplementation overages]," Martin said. "But if somebody does something that potentially endangers the horse, I think there's a feeling among our members that you've got to give them a pretty harsh penalty."

Dr. Rick Arthur, DVM, the RMTC secretary and equine medical director for the CHRB, said he doesn't buy the "accidental overage" argument.

"This proposal is designed to protect the health and welfare of the racehorse," Arthur said.

"The recommended thresholds provide generous allowances for vitamin and mineral supplementation but make the administration of cobalt salts impractical. Importantly, the 25 ppb total cobalt threshold in blood is comparable to the 100-200 ppb thresholds in urine being administered internationally."

Another issue is whether or not regulators should publicly disclose the cobalt thresholds that trigger penalties.

"There is also a debate going on over do you publicly say what your threshold is, and that's an interesting debate," Martin explained. He said the Hong Kong Jockey Club simply classifies cobalt as a "prohibited practice," and that New York recently instituted a 10-year ban for cobalt dopers (in harness racing only) with no published threshold level.

"So you've got a real difference of opinion as to how you handle this, and we've got to sort this out," Martin said.

Benson said she backs the disclosure of threshold levels.

"In the United States we've had a history of giving our threshold information; giving what the number is," Benson said. "I don't anticipate there will be a departure from that procedure."

And what if the RCI deviates from the RMTC's two-tier system of 25 and 50 ppb entirely? For example, the above-referenced USTA study recommended a 70 ppb threshold.

"If there's a different threshold [from what the RMTC recommends], I'm not sure what the basis for that would be," Benson said. "If there is a different threshold that comes out of this, I think you will see more divisiveness."

Martin said differences of opinion among scientists, veterinarians and regulators shouldn't be taken as a sign that the system is not working. And, he noted, regardless of what the eventual RCI recommendation is, the commissioners in individual states still have to act on making sure those guidelines get adopted in their own jurisdictions.

"It doesn't mean reasonable people cannot disagree," Martin said. "But at the end of the day, when we recommend a uniform policy to the regulatory agencies, it would be helpful if the industry got behind that and aggressively pushed to see that it works its way through the various state government processes. There are some people who would like to absolve themselves at that level and just sit back in judgment of it all, but it's like anything else: To get the right government policy you have to give it a little push."



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From the desk of...

## BILL OPPENHEIM

### GUINEAS CONTENDERS

Of course you're familiar with the old saying, "its price got shorter while it was sitting in the barn." That was pretty much the case after two rounds of Classic trials the last two weekends in Britain, Ireland, and France. In spite of in-and-out results for their 'sighters' (**War Envoy** [War Front], fourth in the G3 Craven at Newmarket, and **Dick Whittington** [Rip Van Winkle], fourth in the G3 Greenham at Newbury; they did win a valuable Tattersalls sales race as a consolation prize, with **Clear Creek Island** [Fastnet Rock]), Coolmore's **Gleneagles** (Galileo) hardened into around a 5/2 favorite (on Betfair, yesterday) for the G1 English 2000 Guineas on Kentucky Derby Day, May 2; and their top filly, **Found** (Galileo), also at around 5/2, is a similarly imposing favorite for the following day's G1 English 1000 Guineas.



**Gleneagles and Joseph O'Brien  
after the Grand Criterium**  
*Racing Post photo*

The reasons, as usual, are in the form book. Gleneagles, a full brother to 2014 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Marvellous, out of a full sister to Giant's Causeway, no less, made six starts last year, all at seven furlongs. He was beaten in the first of them and crossed the wire first in the next five, only to be controversially disqualified to third in his final start at two, the G1 Jean-Luc Lagardere. In between he won the G3 Tyros, the G2 Futurity, and the G1 National S., Ireland's most important 2-year-old race. In the Lagardere, he finished in front of **Full Mast**

(Mizzen Mast), the best French 2-year-old, and **Territories** (Invincible Spirit), who came back this spring to win the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau two weekends ago. They will be two of the favorites for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains--the French 2000 Guineas--on May 10.

When we look at the form of last year's major European 2-year-old races, we have to take into account that the whole division was in the midst of chaotic scheduling which was an unfortunate side effect of the rise of British Champions Day at Ascot. The major British year-end 2-year-old races were shuffled around to the point nobody could make any sense of them--though hopefully that has now been alleviated with the placement of the 2015 Future Champions Day at Newmarket on October 9-10.

The upshot was that last year the G1 Dewhurst and G1 Fillies' Mile were run on soft ground; the Dewhurst was won by the first-time hooded 10-1 shot **Belardo**, who instantly propelled his sire, Ballylinch's Lope de Vega, into orbit as Europe's 2014 Leading Freshman Sire. But the betting market all along has rated Gleneagles's Lagardere form higher.

Second in the betting for the 2000 Guineas (the colts' race) is a horse who has been beaten in his last two races, Sheikh Hamdan's **Estidkhaar**. A £200,000 yearling bought by Peter and Ross Doyle at Doncaster, by the very upwardly mobile Morristown Lattin sire Dark Angel, and trained by Richard Hannon, Estidkhaar was beaten over six furlongs on soft ground first time out, then won three in a row at seven furlongs, including the G2 Superlative S. at Newmarket in July and the G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster two months later. He was sent off hot favorite for the Dewhurst but evidently confirmed his dislike for soft ground when only fourth behind Belardo. He was 9/2 second favorite behind another Hannon trainee, **Ivawood** (from Zebedee's first crop), for last Saturday's key Guineas trial, the seven-furlong G3 Greenham S. at Newbury. As reviewed by Andrew Caulfield yesterday ([click here](#)), Sheikh Hamdan's third string, the Oasis Dream colt **Muhaarar**, winner of the G2 Gimcrack but third behind **Charming Thought** (also by Oasis Dream but sidelined until Ascot) and Ivawood in the G1 Middle Park, upset them all under an inspired Frankie Dettori ride to win the Greenham, with Estidkhaar second and Belardo well down the field on the good-to-firm ground. Both Muhaarar and Belardo look to be heading to France. Estidkhaar is now the leading English challenger, in to 7-1 on Betfair yesterday morning.

Another of Coolmore's Galileo colts, **Highland Reel**, winner of the G2 Prestige S. at Goodwood last July 30 but not seen since, is third in the betting at 9-1. Saturday's G3 Greenham third Ivawood won two Group 2s at six furlongs and was beaten a nose in the Middle Park at two; in the absence of any other compelling performances, bettors are sticking with the Hannon team's big guns, betting that they really will both come on for these prep runs. Ivawood was 16-1 yesterday morning. A real outlier is Qatar Racing's **Elm Park**, winner of the G2 Royal Lodge and G1 Racing Post Trophy, both over a mile, and by the obscure Phoenix Reach, who was trained by Elm Park's trainer, Andrew Balding, to win 12-furlong Group 1 races in Canada, Hong Kong, and Dubai (G1 Sheema Classic, no less). This isn't the first time the Balding team have pulled something out of the hat by an obscure horse they formerly trained: Side Glance, now an 8-year-old, has earned over £1.7-million and has made his last 17 starts in Group 1 races for Pearl Bloodstock, like Qatar Racing a 'nom du course' for Sheikh Fahad al-Thani. Just as Elm Park is by the obscure former Balding trainee Phoenix Reach, so Side Glance is by Passing Glance, another former Balding trainee turned obscure stallion.



**Bill Oppenheim cont.**

But Elm Park is the concern here, and his Guineas price has drifted to around 18-1 after Balding said he might miss the Guineas if the ground is too fast--and, after all, both his pedigree and his two one-mile wins at two suggest he is more likely to be a Derby horse than a Guineas one. The same could be said of Coolmore's **Ol' Man River**, by Montjeu out of Finsceal Beo, who was 2-for-2 at two, including the G2 Beresford S. He was into 20-1 from 30-1 on Tuesday.

Sheikh Hamdan has some nice 3-year-old colts this year: besides Estidkhaar and Muhaarat, there is G3 Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial winner **Zawraq**



**Kool face...Craven winner Kool Kompany will be a good price in the Guineas.**  
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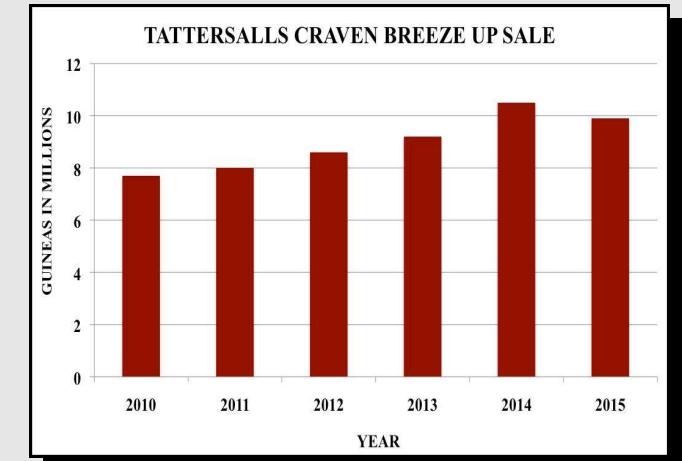
Craven-Kool Kompany, Nafaqa, and Craven third **Moheet** (High Chaparral)--are all priced between 50-1 and 70-1 for the Guineas.

Two longshots worth a second look: **Dutch Connection** (Dutch Art), winner of the G3 Acomb S. and third to Gleneagles in the G1 National S., is trading around the 25-1 mark; and Al Shaqab Racing's **The Wow Signal**, from Starspangledbanner's first small crop, won the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot, followed up by defeating subsequent GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner **Hootenany** (Quality Road) in the G1 Prix Morny, but then flopped miserably when trailing home last of nine as the 7-4 favorite in Gleneagles's (later Full Mast's) Lagardere. He ran that day like a horse who was simply 'over the top,' and the rider, Dettori, got off him and said he was over the top. So the race just might have been a throw-out. He's currently around 30-1 for the Newmarket race, and on his previous form he could be a threat to all if he runs either in Newmarket or in France. **Cont. p16**

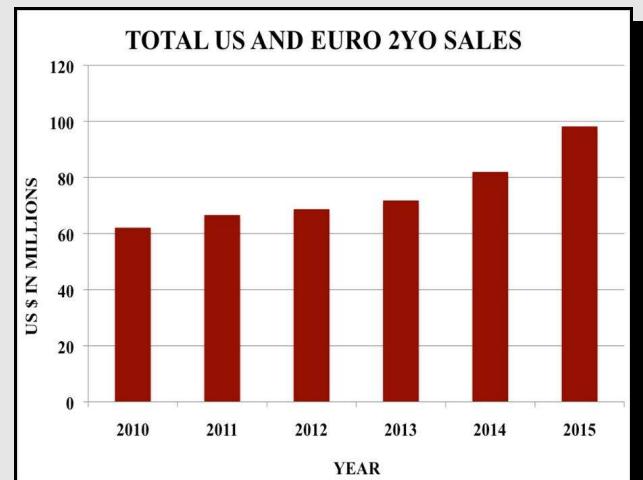
## Weekly Sales Ticker by Bill Oppenheim

"With 20 fewer (-12%) horses catalogued, it was always going to be difficult for Tattersalls Craven 2-year-old sale to match last year's heights, especially after a weak first night of selling. But a big second night plus a 10% rise in the clearance rate from the catalogue (66%, vs. 56% last year) resulted in just a 6% decline in gross, and 9% decline in average, from the 2014 sale. The overall picture for the 2-year-old sales will be clearer after this week's OBS April and Doncaster sales".

– Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	TATTERSALLS CRAVEN SALE (IN GUINEAS)						AVG
		RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	
2015	146	121	96	17.1%	79.3%	65.8%	9,893,500	103,057
2014	166	131	93	21.1%	71.0%	56.0%	10,489,000	112,785
2013	182	155	103	14.8%	66.5%	56.6%	9,235,000	89,660
2012	183	150	117	18.0%	78.0%	63.9%	8,578,000	73,316
2011	196	164	112	16.3%	63.3%	57.1%	7,987,000	71,313
2010	166	139	96	16.3%	69.1%	57.8%	7,656,500	79,755



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN 2YO SALES AS OF APRIL 20, 2015	
							GROSS	AVG
2015	1,170	839	620	28.3%	73.9%	53.0%	\$98,188,985	\$158,369
2014	1,013	695	481	31.4%	69.2%	47.5%	\$82,009,235	\$170,497
2013	935	667	466	28.7%	69.9%	49.8%	\$71,863,697	\$154,214
2012	1,011	718	513	29.0%	71.4%	50.7%	\$68,652,026	\$133,825
2011	1,199	832	590	30.6%	70.9%	49.2%	\$66,629,395	\$112,931
2010	1,101	813	561	26.2%	69.0%	51.0%	\$62,084,683	\$110,668

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



## FOUND MONEY

Now, back to the form book and, just as with the colts, the key season-ending race was in France on G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe day, in this case the one-mile G1 Prix Marcel Boussac, won by Coolmore's **Found** (by--you guessed it--Galileo). But actually, Found is not the key horse in the English 1000 Guineas form: that is **Cursory Glance**, a homebred filly by Distorted Humor trained by Roger Varian for Craig Bennett's Merry Fox Farm, which also--with the assistance of Merry Fox pedigree guru Gary Hadden--bred last year's

G1 Middle Park winner, Charming Thought. Cursory Glance announced herself by beating **Sunset Glow** (Exchange Rate), who has turned out to be an excellent yardstick (consider last two defeats by Lady Eli) in the G3 Albany S. at Royal Ascot. She then ran second to sprinting sensation **Tiggy Wiggy** (Kodiac) in the G2 Lowther at six furlongs, but stepped up to seven furlongs in Ireland's G1 Moyglare S. and defeated **Lucida** (Shamardal), with Found third, **Malabar** (Raven's Pass) fourth, and **Osaila** (Danehill Dancer) fifth.

Here's what happened next. Lucida, trained by Jim Bolger

for Godolphin, shipped to Newmarket and won the G2 Rockfel S., but then flopped as the 6/5 favorite in soft ground in the G1 Fillies' Mile. That race was won by **Together Forever** (by--let's see--Galileo), trained by Aidan O'Brien, and who is now second favorite (10-1) for the English 1000, with Lucida co-third favorite (12-1), along with Sheikh Hamdan's (yes) **Fadhayyil** (Tamayuz), who was second to Lucida in the Rockfel. Fifth favorite (16-1) is **Osaila** (Danehill Dancer); this Al Shaqab filly, trained by Richard Hannon, was fifth to Cursory Glance in the Moyglare. She then won a Tattersalls sales race at Newmarket, followed by a trip to Santa Anita, where she ran a good third to **Lady Eli** (Divine Park) and Sunset Glow in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf. She made her first start this year last week, and won the G3 Nell Gwyn at Newmarket. So all this form ties together.



Found is yet another star by  
Coolmore's Galileo  
*Racing Post photo*

Unfortunately, Cursory Glance is sidelined and misses the Guineas, but hopefully will be back for the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot. Her absence helps explain why Found is so short in the English 1000 Guineas betting. Found has only made three starts. She won her first start, at a mile, in which subsequent Group 1 winner Together Forever was second. She then dropped back to seven for the Moyglare, when she was third behind Cursory Glance and Lucida, before going back up to a mile for the Boussac. She won that decisively, from the Aga Khan's **Ervedya**, from the very successful first crop by Siyouni, and Ervedya came back and aired in the G3 Prix Imprudence earlier this month. Ervedya is currently one of four fillies trading at around 20-1 for the Newmarket race. Saturday's G3 Fred Darling one-two, **Restart** (Cockney Rebel)--the fourth winner of the Fred Darling in the last seven years for trainer Ralph Beckett--and the Lloyd-Webbers' unusual yearling purchase, **Jellicle Ball** (Invincible Spirit), who was making just her second start at Newbury, are also around 20-1, along with Godolphin's **Beautiful Romance** (New Approach), third in the G3 Nell Gwyn last week in just her second start. The only other two under 30-1 are Malabar, a Group 3 winner who was fourth in both the Moyglare and the Boussac; and Tiggy Wiggy (by Kodiac out of a Kheleyf mare, so inbred 3x4 to Danzig speed top and bottom), winner of the G2 Lowther (defeating Cursory Glance) and G1 Cheveley Park, both over six furlongs last year, but only third as the even-money favorite in the seven-furlong Fred Darling.

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## op/ed feedback

Thank you for this very important article (click [here](#) for Dean Towers's Op/Ed from Tuesday's *TDN*). From my own needs and perspective field size is paramount. Santa Anita and Aqueduct have become unbettable to me. Some races card only four or five horses. Unfortunately, they usually happen to be the most important race of the day. There are various factors at work to diminish field size and they all need to be studied. Owners and trainers must get financial help for they are the providers of the runners available. We must look to South America and other continents to purchase new stock if the breeding industry is not willing or capable here.

Thank You,  
Michael Dickerson



## DBS BREEZE-UPS ON TAP, SALE THURSDAY

The DBS Breeze Up Sale will get underway Wednesday with 181 juveniles set to breeze over Doncaster Racecourse before they go through the ring Thursday.

Numbers at the sale remain similar to last year's catalogue which featured 182 juveniles, a 25% increase from 2013. Last year's sale graduates include Italian Highweight and G2 Gran Criterium S. winner **Hero Look (Ire)** (*Lope de Vega {Ire}*), who sold for £62,000 and is currently aiming for France's G1 2000 Guineas; and record-setting £340,000 sale-topper **Likely (Ger)** (*Exceed and Excel {Aus}*), a five-length maiden winner at Carlisle who is being pointed at the G1 1000 Guineas.

Many of the world's leading stallions are represented in the 2015 catalogue, including Acclamation (GB), Cape Blanco (Ire), Distorted Humor, Exceed and Excel (Aus), Exchange Rate, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire), Lope De Vega (Ire), G1SW and DBS graduate Paco Boy (Ire) and Street Cry (Ire).

Some of the catalogue's highlights include **Lot 8**, a colt by Sky Mesa out of GISW See How She Runs (Maria's Mon); **Lot 11**, a Siyouni colt out of a daughter of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Gal in a Ruckus (Bold Ruckus) and from the family of South African champion Soft Falling Rain (Saf) (National Assembly); **Lot 19**, a Street Cry (Ire) half-sister to GSW Necessary Evil (Harlan's Holiday); and **Lot 31**, a Cape Cross half-brother to GSW and G1SP Penkenna Princess (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}).

The breezes, which start at 10 a.m. Wednesday, can be viewed live on the [DBS website](#), and the sale gets underway at 10 a.m. Thursday. Click [here](#) to view the catalogue.

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## MCCARTAN RIDING WAVE OF SUCCESS

*By Daithi Harvey*

Jim McCarran will remember the 2014 breeze-up sales season fondly. The consignor, who operates from his Gaybrook Lodge Stud in County Westmeath in the midlands of Ireland, was one of the top vendors at both the Tattersalls Craven and Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up sales. All told, at the 2014 European breeze ups, McCarran offered 19 2-year-olds that realized a total of £2 million in sales. From this bunch, 14 have run so far and nine have won.

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McCarran will be hoping his business continues in rude health this week at the DBS Breeze-Up sales at Doncaster. Gaybrook Lodge got the European breeze-up season off to a strong start last week at Tattersalls

Craven sale, with its sales headed by a Showcasing (GB) colt sold for 240,000gns; a healthy return on the 55,000gns it took to secure the colt as a yearling in the same ring six months ago.

McCarran also pinhooked an Exchange Rate colt for 190,000gns; he paid \$175,000 for the grey at Keeneland last September.

McCarran's hot streak dates back to 2013, when he sold the subsequently dual Classic-placed Lightning Thunder (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) to David Redvers for £115,000.

Last year's returns were headed by a High Chaparral (Ire) colt, later named Moheet (Ire), who was bought at the Craven sale by Peter and Ross Doyle on behalf of Al Shaqab Racing for 800,000gns; a big return on his £41,000 purchase price at the same venue five months previously. Moheet did not let his new connections down, making his debut for Richard Hannon in a Salisbury maiden in October where he stormed home to win by seven lengths under Frankie Dettori. He reappeared as favorite in his 3-year-old debut in the G3 Craven S. at Newmarket last week and ran a highly promising third, showing signs of inexperience early before running on in eye-catching style late.

McCarran certainly retains faith in the colt, and commented, "It was a big task for Moheet taking on experienced colts having had only one run last year and it looks as if the run will bring him forward a good deal. He showed a lot of natural ability from an early stage and was a very professional horse to deal with. He was always very healthy and had a great temperament and constitution."

From a five-strong draft at last year's Craven Sale in Tattersalls, McCarran also offered an Invincible Spirit (Ire) filly that he had bought for £25,000 six months previously from Highclere Stud. Her impressive breeze saw her value soar to 210,000gns when purchased by Godolphin. Named Blue Aegean (GB), she is a three-time winner for Charlie Appleby, most recently finishing second in a valuable conditions race at Lingfield Apr. 3.

"Last year's draft was just a quality bunch of horses and it's very satisfying to see them go on and be successful for their new connections," McCarran added. "Repeat business is very important in this game and you need to keep your customers happy." Cont. p18



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## Jim McCartan cont.

As with many people working in the bloodstock business, McCartan got bitten by the bug at a young age, riding ponies and cutting his teeth on the sport horse circuit. He show-jumped to an international level before gradually increasing his involvement in racing by



**Gaybrook Lodge hydrotherapy spa**

*Photo courtesy of Jim McCartan*

dabbling in breeze-up horses in the late eighties. He began developing Gaybrook Lodge in 2005, having spent time in the business working for trainer Noel Meade and also the neighboring O'Callaghan family's Tally-Ho Stud. He has transformed the farm into a state of the art

complex with a 40-meter straight indoor equine pool and hydrotherapy spa to complement the impressive all-weather gallops, horse walkers and modern barns, in addition to ample limestone paddocks for grazing young stock.

"We have everything we need here on-site," he explained. "Each year we have been fortunate enough to be able to add onto and improve the facilities; we built the swimming pool in 2014 and it's proving to be a great asset."

While a daily swim does not form part of the breeze up horse's routine it is ideal when a horse may have a slight injury that requires non-impact exercise. McCartan also has plans to develop the facility as a spelling complex, offering the complete hydrotherapy experience for horses in layup.

Not content with having his hands full educating future racecourse stars, McCartan also finds the time to



**Gaybrook Lodge's equine pool**

*Photo courtesy of Jim McCartan*

run his own media production company. Adsell Productions, which he formed back in 1989, is among the leading producers of corporate programs in Europe. McCartan's prominence in the bloodstock industry has created some useful synergies for Adsell,

and he can list studs such as Darley, Coolmore, Derrinstown, Rathbarry and Ballylinch as clients, having produced promotional stallion videos for each farm.

"2014 was our busiest year in a long time with Adsell," said McCartan, adding, "Obviously we do a lot of work within the bloodstock industry, but we are not dependant on it. We rolled out a health and safety video across eight manufacturing plants for a major European corporation last year and we have also produced promotional material for some well-known hotels and golf courses in Ireland."

A consignor's reputation is very much based on his ability to produce and sell good horses on a regular basis, and this fact will not be lost on buyers at Doncaster this week. At last year's sale two of the three horses that Gaybrook Lodge sold went on to win on their debut for their new connections, and he offers a larger draft of seven this year. McCartan is particularly sweet on another son of Exchange Rate ([Hip 137](#)) that he bought at Keeneland last September for \$40,000.

"He is a lovely horse and I've been lucky with the stallion," he said. "I bought three by Exchange Rate last year and they continue to be good to me, all selling well and ultimately racing well. I seem to be in a good position also with the other stallions that I am represented by at Doncaster. I have two nice colts by Lope De Vega (Ire) and Showcasing (GB), and both of those stallions are very popular at the moment. I also have a colt by first- season sire Lilbourne Lad (Ire), and he was the first freshman sire in Europe to sire a winner so that's also quite fortunate."

One gets the impression that McCartan's success is down to a lot more than just luck, and it can only be a matter of time before he realizes his ambition of selling a Classic winner.

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**STEELIN'**, 11, Orientate--Steel Band, by Carson City  
Foal born Apr. 7, a colt by Tapit.  
Will be bred back to Medaglia d'Oro.  
Owned by Jeff & Chiquita Reddoch.  
Boarded at Stonehaven Steadings.  
Accomplishments: SW, \$185,197. Dam of Shanghai  
Bobby (Harlan's Holiday), Ch. 2yo Male, MGISW,  
\$1,875,000.

**PETITION THE LADY**, 10, Petionville--Jeweled Lady, by General Meeting  
Foal born Apr. 8, a colt by Pioneerof the Nile.  
Will be bred back to Into Mischief.  
Owned by Tony Holmes & Breffni Farm.  
Boarded at Marula Park Stud.  
Accomplishments: SW, \$165,069.

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### Tuesday's results:

**5th-PRX, \$60,516, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m70y, 1:45 2/5, gd.**  
**VALUED STRIKE (f, 3, Smart Strike--Deputy Valuation, by Deputy Minister)** finished fast to check in second on debut against Pennsylvania-breds in a six-panel maiden event at Penn National Mar. 28. Tabbed as the 5-2 second choice for this try at an extended distance, the chestnut settled along the rail in mid-pack to track the pace through a half-mile in :50.52. In search of running room on the far turn, she angled out to the three path entering the lane and uncorked a stout rally to win going away by 3 1/4 lengths. Rock Me Again (Rock Hard Ten) was second best. The winner, who raced without Lasix, is out of a daughter of MGSW Ratings (Caveat). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$38,958. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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## INDUSTRY INFO

### Olczyk Joins NBC for Derby Coverage:

Former National Hockey League star and current NHL lead broadcaster Eddie Olczyk, also a passionate horseplayer, will be part of the NBC and NBC Sports Network team at the upcoming GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Kentucky Derby, it was announced Tuesday. Olczyk

previously worked on the NBC Sports Group's coverage of the 2014 Breeders' Cup and Breeders' Cup Challenge Series, and will be handicapping the races for the network.

As lead NHL analyst for NBC Sports Group, Olczyk's Kentucky Derby assignment comes in the midst of his NHL Stanley Cup Playoff duties. In the 18 days

between the start of the NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs on April 15 through the May 2 Kentucky Derby, Olczyk will have served as an analyst on at least six hockey games (in cities ranging from Nashville to New York), and as a handicapper on many of the 19 races NBC Sports Group is covering live from Churchill Downs in Louisville.

"There's nothing like hockey and horses at this time of year," said Olczyk. "After working on NBC Sports Group's horse racing coverage last summer through Breeders' Cup, I'm thrilled to join the team for the Triple Crown season."



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"Eddie's knowledge of and enthusiasm for the sport of horse racing is infectious," said Rob Hyland, Coordinating Producer for NBC Sports Group. "We are happy that what started out as a labor of love for him has turned into a regular role on our horse racing telecasts, which are the premier events in the sport."

### Horse Country, Inc. Adds New Members:

Horse Country, Inc., founded this past January by a collective of Kentucky farms in an effort to support fan development through guest experiences at equine-related locations, has announced the addition of seven new members to the organization.

Joining existing members Adena Springs, Airdrie Stud, Ashford (Coolmore America), Crestwood, Darby Dan, Darley, Diamond A, Gainesway Farm, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, Keene Ridge, Lanes End, Mill Ridge, Mt. Brilliant, Pin Oak Stud, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, Runnymede, Siena Farm, St. George, Stone Farm, Stonestreet, Taylor Made, WinStar and Winter Quarter are Blackwood Stables, Brookdale Farm, Denali Stud, Hallway Feeds, Hurstland Farm, Saxony Farm and Three Chimneys.

"The support for the organization and its mission has been overwhelming, as evidenced by the organic growth in the membership base," said Price Bell of Mill Ridge Farm and Nicoma Bloodstock. "While the organization is still in its infancy, the commitment by our members to promote the stories of our horses and work together to create experiences that share these stories with fans, is inspiring."

### NTRA Submits Official Response for IRS Comments:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association has submitted an official response to an invitation by the Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service for comments on amending Treasury regulations regarding withholding and reporting with respect to pari-mutuel winnings. Over the next six weeks, the NTRA is encouraging fans and other industry stakeholders to support an initiative for modernizing tax withholding and reporting from pari-mutuel wagering. Specifically, the NTRA is asking Treasury and the IRS to amend their tax regulations to make it clear that the definition of the "amount of the wager" includes the total amount wagered by a bettor into a pari-mutuel pool when determining whether a bettor's winnings are subject to withholding and reporting. The entire formal response to Treasury and the IRS by NTRA President & CEO Alex Waldrop can be accessed online [here](#). A form that makes it easy for the public to submit an e-mail directly to the appropriate IRS and U.S. Treasury officials seeking comment can also be found on the NTRA website [here](#).



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## APPOINTMENTS

Marc Ricker: Sales Account Mgr., Eaton Sales

- Son of respected horseman Scott Ricker, Marc grew up working on his family's Sunny Oak Farm in Paris, KY, and continues to assist his mother Carol in its management.
- Following a 10-year career in real estate and investment fund equities, Marc has decided to return to the Thoroughbred industry.
- Reiley McDonald, owner of Eaton Sales, said "Marc's industry knowledge and experience with thoroughbred auctions make him a key addition to our team. He is one of the brightest young people in the business, and he has a great future ahead of him."

## ROOKIES

### First-crop starters to watch: Wed., April 22

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/*

*BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**ARCHARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 122/0/0

2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Tia Chuy, \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl, 20-1

**HAYNESFIELD** (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 78/0/0

2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Tessier, 8-1

**REGAL RANSOM** (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$8K, 47/1/0

2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Sheza Fine Justice, \$5K PED IND yrl, 15-1

**WILBURN** (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 105/0/0

2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Cowabunga, \$6K FTK OCT yrl, 5-1

### First/second-crop starters to watch: Wed., April 22

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**ESKENDEREYA** (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 195/27/0

2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Sombree, \$7K FTK OCT yrl, 3-1

**QUALITY ROAD** (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/27/3

2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Wonderful Remark, \$26K FTK OCT yrl, 1-1

2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Laxfield Road, \$130K KEE SEP yrl, 1-1

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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-IND, \$42,160, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.**

**BOURNE FREE** (g, 4, *Don't Get Mad--d'Aroak*, by *Roanoke*) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-5-0-3, \$128,708. O-Randy L Klopp & Dennis Claramunt. B-Dennis & Cynthia Claramunt & Randy Klopp (IN). T-Randy L Klopp.

\*Raced without Lasix. \*\*1/2 to *Saint D'aroak* (*Saint Anddan*), SW, \$149,779.

**5th-IND, \$38,000, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5, gd.**

**DADDY JUSTICE** (g, 3, *Lantana Mob--Moon Beamy*, by *Malibu Moon*) Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-1, \$121,058. O-Cindy Patrick. B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (IN). T-R Gary Patrick. \*\$10,000 RNA yrl '13 FTKOCT.

**8th-MNR, \$20,700, 4-20, NW4LX, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12, my.**

**SPECIAL JO** (h, 5, *Johannesburg--Quiet City*, by *Carson City*) Lifetime Record: MGSP, 21-4-5-2, \$167,967. O-Gene Burkholder. B-John H Clarke, Kim & Rodney Nardelli (KY). T-Kim A Puhl. \*\$40,000 wlnng '10 KEENOV; \$230,000 2yo '12 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to *Veneti* (*Old Trieste*), MSP, \$176,185.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Cat's Wish**, c, 3, *Cat Dreams--Long Term Wish* (SW, \$155,654), by *Souvenir Copy*. IND, 4-21, (S), 5f, 1:00 4/5. B-Dennis Behrman (IN).

+**Wired Warrior**, g, 3, *Desert Warrior--Line Up a Birdie*, by *Line in the Sand*. IND, 4-21, (S), 5f, 1:00 3/5. B-Terry Lorts (IN).

**Fcmiraculouscode**, c, 3, *Omega Code--Miraculous Event*, by *Pleasant Tap*. WRD, 4-21, 5 1/2f, 1:03 3/5. B-Freddie D Coats (OK).

+**Son of a Nut**, g, 3, *Unbridled Express--Damie's Peanut*, by *Stravinsky*. IND, 4-21, (S), 5f, :59 3/5. B-Greenhill Racing (IN). \*1/2 to *In a Jif* (*Saintly Look*), SW, \$200,885.

## BRITAIN

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### Tuesday's Results:

**2nd-KMP, £4,500, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:25.94, ft.**  
**BOLD (GB)** (c, 3, *Oasis Dream {GB}*--*Minority {GB}* {MGSP-Fr}, by *Generous {Ire}*), last seen finishing third in an extended mile maiden at Nottingham in October, quickly had the advantage. Kicking clear inside the final quarter-mile, the 10-11 pick enjoyed a seven-length margin over *Prefect (GB)* (*Paco Boy {Ire}*) at the line. The winner is a half-brother to *Proportional (GB)* (*Beat Hollow {GB}*), Hwt. 2yo Filly & G1SW-Fr, \$354,833; and to *Vote Often (GB)* (*Beat Hollow {GB}*), GSW & G1SP-Ire, \$130,567. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £4,509.

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O-Mr K Abdullah. B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (GB). T-Roger Charlton.



**British results cont.**

**1st-BTN**, £4,500, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 59yT, 1:02.18, gd/fm. **TAEXALI (IRE)** (c, 2, [Raven's Pass](#))--Enchanted Evening {Ire} {SW-Ire}, by High Chaparral {Ire}), who was fifth on debut in The Curragh's season-opening maiden Mar. 29 that has already produced two winners, was sent straight to the lead to make his experience count. After having things his own way, the 8-11 pick was never seriously threatened and comfortably held Jet Setting {Ire} (Fast Company {Ire}) to score by a half length. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,911. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Thistle Bloodstock Limited. B-Mrs C L Weld (IRE). T-Pat Shanahan.

## OBSERVATIONS on today's European racing scene

### 3.20 Epsom, Cond, £50,000, 3yo, 10f 18yT

**CHRISTOPHERMARLOWE** ([Tapit](#)) brings an unbeaten record into this Investec Derby Trial which has received a prize money boost this year and has attracted some smart colts as a result. Michael Tabor and Rachel Hood's son of the GSW Dress Rehearsal {Ire} (Galileo {Ire}) has experience of this difficult track, having won here in September and trainer John Gosden will be hoping that makes the difference as he takes on Godolphin's G3 Solario S. runner-up and G3 Autumn S. third **Future Empire (GB)** ([New Approach {Ire}](#)).

## FRANCE

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### Tuesday's Results:

**PRIX SERVANNE-Listed**, €52,000, MLF, 4-21, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.20, gd.

**1-SUEDOIS (FR), 127, g, 4, Le Havre (Ire)--Cup Cake {Ire}, by Singspiel (Ire)**. O/B-Mme Elisabeth Vidal (Fr); T-Christian Baillet; J-Gregory Benoist. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 13 starts, 5 wins, 7 places, €122,350.

**2-Robert Le Diable (Fr), 127, g, 6, Dutch Art (GB)--Red Begonia (GB), by Pivotal (GB)**. (€12,000 yrl '10 ARQAUG). O-Bryan Lynam. €10,400.

**3-Noozhh Canarias (Spa), 127, c, 4, Caradak (Ire)--Noozhh (GB), by Singspiel (Ire)**. O-Grupo Bolanos Gran Canarias SL. €7,800.

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 7.70, 4.70, 1.60. Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

Suedois, who hit a high when runner-up in last term's Listed Prix Montenica, had been out with stakes company in his last five starts, registering all-weather conditions wins at Chantilly Oct. 1, Deauville Oct. 21, and again at Chantilly on seasonal return last time Mar. 3. The homebred bay sat in rear initially here. Tanking his way into midfield before halfway, he challenged full of run approaching the final eighth and was pushed out late to easily claim a career best.

**2nd-MLF**, €29,000, Cond, 3yo, 6fT, 1:12.10, gd. **SALLAL (GB)** (c, 3, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#))--Wise Melody {GB}, by Zamindar), who bagged a course-and-distance maiden win last time Oct. 11, tacked under a firm hold and stalked the leaders in fourth until beyond halfway here. Readied for his bid inside the two pole, the even-money favorite kept on strongly under mild coaxing in the closing stages to comfortably assert by two lengths from Iron Ryan (Fr) (Namid {GB}). Sales history: 110,000gns wlng '12 TATDEC; 320,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €32,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-AI Shaqab Racing. B-Redgate Bloodstock & I A Southcott (GB). T-Andre Fabre.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Marasquin (Fr)**, c, 2, Zanzibari-Marola (Fr), by Kendor (Fr). MLF, 4-21, 5fT, 1:00.60. B-Haras de la Gisloterie (Fr). \*€16,000 yrl '14 OSASEP.

**L'Acclamation (GB)**, f, 3, [Acclamation \(GB\)](#)--Lunaska (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Ashkalani (Ire). LLD, 4-20, 7fT, 1:27.27. B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd (Fr). \*1/2 to Lustre (Fr) (American Post {GB}), MSP-Fr, \$194,263.

**Graceland (Fr)**, f, 3, [Mastercraftsman \(Ire\)](#)--Jeunesse Lulu (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). WLV, 4-21, 12f 50y (AWT), 2:42 3/5. B-Capital Pur Sang & Francois Drion (FR). \*€47,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT; 25,000gns 2yo '14 TATAPR.

**Orpening (Fr)**, c, 3, [Orpen](#)--Graceful Bering, by Bering (GB). LLD, 4-20, 7fT, 1:27.42. B-Le Thenney SA (Fr). \*€25,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT. \*1/2 to Golden Honor (Ire) (Hero's Honor), Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 7-9.5f & SW-Ity, \$205,073; and Handsome Maestro (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), GSP-Fr, \$185,907.

+ **Ilek (Fr)**, c, 3, [Peintre Celebre](#)--Intriguing (Ire), by Fasliyev. NCY, 4-21, 9f 165yT, 2:08.14. B-Joe Heron (Fr). \*€7,000 RNA wlng '12 ARQDEC; €30,000 yrl '13 BBAOCT.

**Rail Dancer (GB)**, c, 3, [Rail Link \(GB\)](#)--Mara Dancer (GB) SP-Ity, by Shareef Dancer. CAP, 4-21, 8.5fT, 1:48.07, gd. B-Scuderia Blueberry (GB). \*Half to Dancer Destination (GB) (Dubai Destination) GSW-Ity, Nayef Dancer (GB) (Nayef) SW-Ity, Mara Spectrum (Ire) (Spectrum) (Ire) SW-Ity



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# ► South Africa

## BLOODSTOCK SOUTH AFRICA NATIONAL YEARLING SALE BEGINS TODAY

*Editorial & Photos by Liesl King*

The three-day Bloodstock South African National Yearling Sale kicks off Wednesday, Apr. 22 at the Germiston Sales complex near Johannesburg, where 449 yearlings representing 52 stallions will come under the hammer. Fifty of the stallions represented are local sires, with High Chaparral (Ire) ([lot 229](#)) and Tapit ([lot 207](#)) being the only international sires with yearlings on offer.

The 2013 champion stallion Silvano (Ger) (Lomitas{GB}) has 30 yearlings on offer and the talk horse of the sale so far

has been [lot 110](#), an outstanding Silvano colt out of Crown Office (Horse Chestnut {SAf}) consigned by Drakenstein Stud. Interestingly while Horse Chestnut resided at Drakenstein Stud until his recent death, Crown Office hails from his time spent in the USA and is a

daughter of Great Verdict (Aus) (Christmas Tree {Aus}). That makes Crown Office a half-sister to 2003 Equus champion 3-year-old colt Grey's Inn (Zabeel {NZ}), who competed successfully abroad and at home for Mike De Kock. Despite having his first ever runner in the GI Kentucky Derby next weekend, De Kock is at the sale and the outstanding colt is sure to have caught his eye.

Another Silvano yearling that has impeccable credentials is [lot 274](#), a colt out of Minelli (Saf) (Elliodor{Fr}). The strong bay colt is a half-brother to three black-type horses, including Equus champion sprinter, the filly Val De Ra. Minelli has produced six winners from six runners and with three of them being black-type performers, this colt will certainly not be cheap. Named Palladium, the colt is consigned by Avontuur Thoroughbred Farm.

While Silvano is mainly known for producing outstanding colts such as the globetrotting Vercingetorix (SAf), Bold Silvano (SAf) and Kings Gambit (SAf), as well as G1 J & B Met winner Martial Eagle (SAf) and G1 Vodacom Durban July winner Heavy Metal (SAf), he has also had his fair share of successful fillies such as G1SW winners Happy Valentine (SAf), currently racing abroad and Do You Remember.



**Lot 110**



**Lot 179**

On offer as [lot 179](#) is a chestnut filly out of Gypsy Queen (SAf) (Royal Chalice{SAf}), consigned by Rathmor Stud. Despite only racing once, Gypsy Queen, who hails from an illustrious South African and American female line, has produced the likes of GI Matriarch S. winner Gypsy's Warning (Saf) (Mogok) and multiple graded winner Surabi (SAf) (Wolfhound).

Sire of the moment Dynasty (SAf) has fifteen yearlings in the sale and with his son Futura (SAf) winning the G1 Queen's Plate, G1 J & B Met double, while another son, Legislate (SAf), was crowned 2014 Horse of the Year, the buyers are unlikely to be picking them up cheaply. Ascot Stud consigns [lot 41](#), a bay colt named Arabian Dynasty out of the imported mare Arabian Jazz (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). While Australian bred, Arabian Jazz is a daughter of South African champion 2-year-old and 3-year-old filly, Arabian Lass, who notched up ten victories including four Grade I races before being exported to Australia. Lot 41 is a magnificent bay colt and is sure to have catalogues waving.

Avontuur Thoroughbred Farm also has a Dynasty on offer, with a colt out of G1 Cape Fillies Guineas winner, Sports Chestnut (SAf), catalogued as [lot 407](#). From the female family of Horse Chestnut and with four of her five runners to date already winners, including Sports Coach (SAf), who finished a close second in the G1 Gold Medallion, this imposing colt is one of the standouts of the sale. Avontuur Thoroughbred Farm is the home of sires Var (SAf) and Oratorio (Ire) and while Oratorio's first crop will only be on offer in 2016, Var has 31 yearlings here at the National Sale. A standout

must be [lot 100](#), the cleverly named Paperback Writer, a Var colt out of the Elliodor (Fr) mare Classique Story (SAf). Classique Story, who ran second in the G1 SA Fillies Classic, has already produced the G1 Gold Bowl winner Canterbury Tales (SAf) (Greys Inn).

Horse Chestnut (SAf) (Fort Wood) will be sorely missed as a sire and he still ranks as one of the greatest, if not the greatest racehorses ever to come out of South Africa. Mauritzfontein Stud, home of his sire Fort Wood, consigns [lot 235](#), a stunning colt by Horse Chestnut out of the Stage Colony mare Lady Helen. Named Cassius, the colt is a full brother to G3 Ladies Mile winner Banbury.

Captain Al (Saf) (AI Mufti) has for many years been a stalwart of the South African breeding industry and has been crowned champion 2-year-old sire four times. He may only have 16 yearlings in the sale, but most of them are pure quality, with [lot 294](#), the standout.

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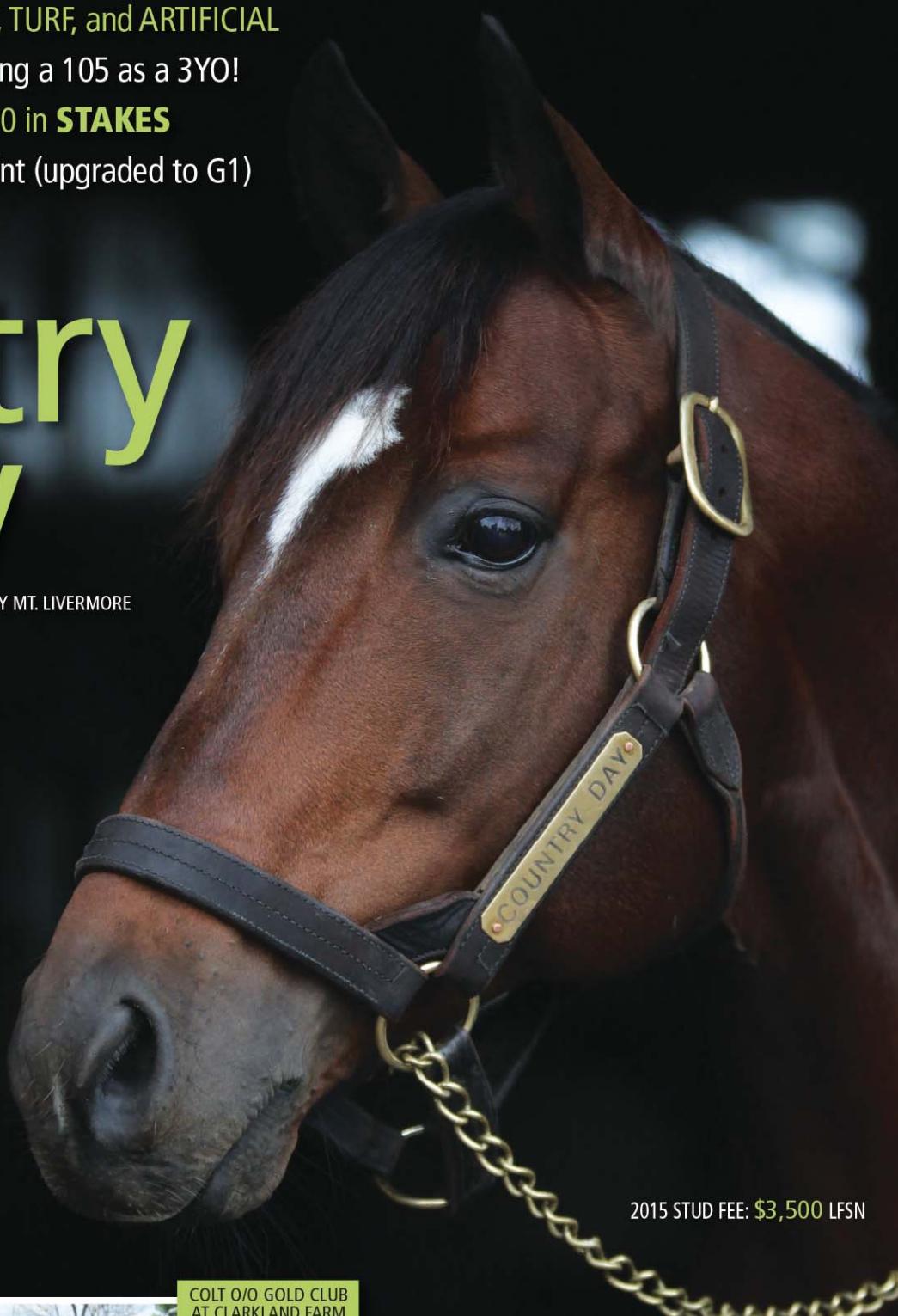
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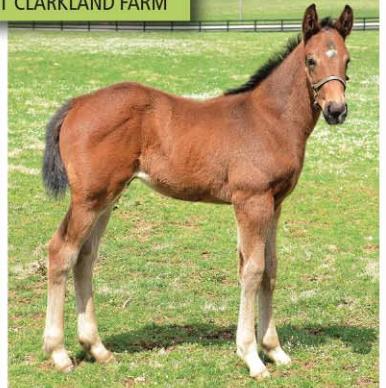
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Consigned by Cheveley Stud, the beautiful grey colt is the 10th produce of the outstanding broodmare Mystic Spring (SAf), who has already produced five multiple graded winners, including Equus champion 3-year-old colt, Rabiya (Saf) (Jallad) and Secret Of Victoria (Saf) (Goldkeeper), dam of Equus champion 2-year-old filly All Is Secret (SAf) by none other than Captain Al.

Last but certainly not least is [lot 148](#), a Philanthropist filly out of Spey Bridge champion 3-year-old filly, First Arrival (Saf) (Northern Guest). First Arrival has already produced Equus champion 3-year-old colt Let's Rock and Roll and Equus champion 3-year-old filly In The Fast Lane and all her runners to date are winners. Just on paddock

**Lot 148**

value alone the filly is worth a fortune, but she also has an outstanding conformation and could easily be one of the fillies' salestoppers.

The sale starts at 1:00 p.m. today with lot 1 to lot 150 being auctioned by local auctioneers Graeme Hawkins, Andrew Miller and visiting auctioneer Steve Davis.

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	GII Churchill Downs S.	CD
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