



## GAINESWAY BUYS INTEREST IN KARAKONTIE

Antony Beck's Gainesway Farm has purchased an interest in defending GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner **Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein--Sun Is Up {Jpn}, by Sunday Silence) from the Niarchos family, and will stand him in Kentucky upon his retirement from racing. Conditioned by Jonathan Pease, the bay annexed the G3 Prix La Rochette and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere as a juvenile, and added the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) as a sophomore last year before capping off his season with a fast-finishing victory in the BC Mile at Santa Anita in November. Most recently third in the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp Sept. 13, the 4-year-old will go for back-to-back Miles at Keeneland Oct. 31. He currently boasts earnings of \$1,967,099 from a record of 11-5-2-1.



Karakontie | Horsephotos

"Gainesway's founder, John Gaines, transformed the stallion business through a bold vision to bring European imports to the farm," said Beck. "His vision paid handsome dividends with such significant stallions as Riverman, Green Dancer, Irish River, and Blushing Groom. Each of these imports, like Karakontie, won the French 2,000 Guineas. Other prominent winners of that stallion making race were Caro, Shamardal and Kingmambo himself. Karakontie validated his European form with his sensational victory on Breeders' Cup day. We are excited to add him to our roster and delighted to be doing it with the Niarchos family."

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## BEHOLDER GALLOPS AT KEENELAND

GI Breeders' Cup Classic contender **Beholder** (Henny Hughes), who came down with a slight fever Tuesday morning after shipping from California Monday, appeared no worse for wear in her first gallop at Keeneland Thursday. Sporting her Classic saddle towel, B. Wayne Hughes's dual champion went once around the mile track before walking the shedrow by her barn on Rice Road for about 20 minutes. "Things are a lot better today than they were two days ago," Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella said Thursday. "It was just a simple gallop this morning. We're back in the game." Cont. p3

## CRITERION STEPS UP TO THE PLATE

Sir Owen Glenn's **Criterion (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus}), already a dual Group 1 winner heading into the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. at The Championships in April, proved himself a standout in his country in that A\$4 million event, and the 5-year-old has a chance to become a global star in a truly international renewal of the A\$3 million G1 Cox Plate Saturday. Criterion has been well-traveled but not over-raced since his Queen Elizabeth score and made an excellent account of himself on the world



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stage when third in Hong Kong's G1 QEII Cup and a credible fifth in Royal Ascot's G1 Prince of Wales's S. His European swansong was a sixth in the G1 Juddmonte International Aug. 19, and he was a winner on his Australian return in the G1 Caulfield S.

Oct. 10 over six Group 1 winners, including Mongolian Khan (Aus) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), **Kermadec (NZ)** (Teofilo {Ire}), **Fawkner (Aus)** (Reset {Aus}) and **Pornichet (Fr)** (Vespone {Ire}).

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**TEAMMATE** (f. by A.P. Indy). Black-type winner, see record.

**WAR FRONT** (c. by Danzig). 4 wins, \$424,205, Alfred G. Vanderbilt Breeders' Cup H. [G2] (SAR, \$124,920), Princelet S.-R (BEL, \$39,990), 2nd Vosburgh S. [G1] (BEL, \$80,000), Forego S. [G1] (SAR, \$50,000), etc. Sire.

**ECCLESIASTIC** (c. by Pulpit). 5 wins, 3 to 6, \$346,058, in N.A./U.S., Jaipur S. [G3] (BEL, \$68,280), Jaipur S. [G3] (BEL, \$66,960), 2nd Santa Claus S.-R (CRC, \$8,000), etc. (Total: \$346,472). Sire.

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RACE RECORD: At 2, one win, once 2nd, once 3rd; at 3, one win (Bonnie Miss S. [G2] (GP, \$90,000)), 4 times 2nd (Alabama S. [G1] (SAR, \$120,000), Gazelle S. [G1] (BEL, \$50,000), Davona Dale S. [G2] (GP, \$30,000)); at 4, two wins (Shuvee H. [G2] (BEL, \$90,000)), 3 times 3rd (Juddmonte Spinster S. [G1] (KEE, \$50,000), Ruffian H. [G1] (BEL, \$30,000), Go for Wand H. [G1] (SAR, \$25,000)). Totals: 4 wins, 5 times 2nd, 4 times 3rd. Earned \$618,276.

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*Peruvian GI Breeders' Cup Distaff qualifier Salama (Desert Party) breezed four furlongs in :48.60 Thursday at Keeneland under rider Julien Leparoux. "She's a good workhorse and she did it nicely," Leparoux said. "She was strong in the lane and galloped out well." Coady Photography*

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## SNEAK PEEK AT THORNTON'S LATEST BOOK

TDN news and feature writer T.D. Thornton, author of the critically acclaimed *Not By A Longshot* in 2007, is the author of a new book, *My Adventures with Your Money: George Graham Rice and the Golden Age of the Con Artist*, from St. Martin's Press. See inside for an excerpt.

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## PLETCHER RUNNERS HAVE FINAL BC WORKS

Five of trainer Todd Pletcher's Breeders' Cup hopefuls had their final breezes for next weekend's championships Thursday.

- Expected GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile favorite **Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song) covered five furlongs in 1:01.20 (9/22)

([video](#)). "Liam's Map was outstanding," Pletcher said. "Got into a very steady rhythm, was very relaxed, very comfortable. I told Javier to let him pick it up a little bit the last part on the radio. [Liam's Map] just



Liam's Map | Coady Photography

really lengthened his stride, leveled off. Looked good finishing, galloped out exceptionally well. Very, very happy with him."

- GI Breeders' Cup Distaff contender **Got Lucky** (A.P. Indy), winner of the track-and-trip GI Juddmonte Spinster S. last time, breezed four panels in :48.40 (9/27) in company with stablemate **Zambian Dream** (Chi) (Morning Raider {Ire}). "It was a standard Got Lucky-type breeze," Pletcher offered. "She's a filly that knows the difference between practice and game time. That was a typical :49-type half for her--just a maintenance work. I thought her gallop out was good. I think she's done well since the Spinster."



Got Lucky (outside)  
Coady Photography

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### • BREEDERS' CUP WORKTAB •

#### KEENELAND

- Azar (Scat Daddy), 4f, :48.00, 3/27
- Curalina (Curlin), 4f, :48.20, 5/27
- Got Lucky (A.P. Indy), 4f, :48.40, 9/27
- Holy Lute (Midnight Lute), 4f, :51.20, 22/27
- Lady Shipman (Midshipman), 5f, 1:02.20, 20/22
- Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:01.20, 9/22
- Salama (Desert Party), 4f, :48.60, 11/27
- Thrilled (Uncle Mo), 4f, :48.00, 3/27
- Yahilwa (Medaglia d'Oro), 5f, :59.00, 1/22

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**Pletcher Workers cont.**

- GI Acorn S. winner **Curalina** (Curlin) is also pre-entered in the Distaff, with her second preference being the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint. The sophomore worked in :48.20 (5/27) Thursday alongside GII Fayette S.

hopeful Race Day (Tapit). "Typical breeze from her," said Pletcher. "Very straightforward, very much on the bridle throughout. Good gallop out. Pretty much the standard excellent breeze we've come to expect from her.



**Curalina (outside)** | Horsephotos

She continues to handle the track. Her appetite's been great here. Think she's actually put on a few pounds since [finishing second in the GI Beldame Invitational S. Sept. 26]. Very, very pleased."

- Rounding out Pletcher's Thursday workers were **Azar** (Scat Daddy) and **Thrilled** (Uncle Mo), who are pointing to the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, respectively. They covered four furlongs in tandem in :48 flat (3/27). "They went very well," he said. "For horses that have run only on the turf so far in their careers, they both handled the dirt here really well. I thought it was a good energetic breeze from both of them."



**Azar (outside) and Thrilled**  
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Breeders' Cup officials announced Thursday one change to the pre-entered fields of the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. Due to a communication error at the time of the pre-entry deadline Monday, **Holy Lute** (Midnight Lute) was mistakenly pre-entered into the Sprint, rather than the Turf Sprint. His pre-entry from the Sprint has been subsequently withdrawn and has been transferred to the Turf Sprint. The Turf Sprint is an oversubscribed race with 20 horses pre-entered. The race is limited to 14 starters. Holy Lute has been installed as the sixth horse eligible to come off the preference list into the body of the race.

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## SUMMER FRONT TO AIRDRIE

Multiple graded stakes winner **Summer Front** (War Front--Rose of Summer, by El Prado {Ire}) has been retired from racing and will take up stud duties in 2016 at Brereton and Elizabeth Jones's Airdrie Stud.



**Summer Front**  
NYRA/Coglianesse

"Getting Summer Front in the Airdrie stallion barn has been an absolute priority for us for the last two years and we couldn't be more excited about his future and what he'll mean for this farm," said Brereton Jones. "War Front is giving every possible indication that he's going to be one of the truly important sires

of a generation and we're convinced that Summer Front will carve out his own enormous piece of that legacy. When people watch his races, see that monster turn of foot at a mile, and then come out to the farm to see him, I know they will be just as excited as we are. He's 16.1, perfectly balanced and is absolute, total class. We'll be throwing the full support of the best of our broodmare band behind him and we couldn't be more excited to see where he takes us."

Summer Front captured the 2014 GII Ft. Lauderdale S., as well as the 2012 GIII Hill Prince S. and 2013 GIII Cliff Hanger S. and GIII Miami Mile H. He was second in this year's GI Frank Kilroe Mile, as well as last year's GI Shoemaker Mile and GI Eddie Read S. Also among his five Grade I placings were third-place finishes in the 2013 GI Secretariat S. and GI Jamaica H. On the board in 16 of 23 starts for Thomas Moore's Waterford Stable and trainer Christophe Clement, Summer Front retires with eight wins and earnings of \$1,077,140.

A \$475,000 Keeneland April purchase in 2011, Summer Front is a half-brother to Larch (Tapit), winner of the 2008 GI Hollywood Starlet S.

Summer Front will stand the 2016 breeding season for a \$10,000 stands and nurse fee. He will be available for inspection at Airdrie beginning Breeders' Cup week.

## TAPIT COLT TOPS FASIG FINALE

by Amanda Duckworth

The Fasig-Tipton October Fall Yearlings Sale wrapped up its four-day run on Thursday with slight declines across the board despite the money being there for quality offerings.

"It was not dramatically different from 2014," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr.

"The market for a horse below \$15,000 in terms of value is extremely difficult. From \$15,000 to \$50,000, it is sticky but still manageable, and once you get above \$50,000 it is pretty dadgum good. It was almost like a three-tiered marketplace."

Two-hundred fifteen horses sold Thursday for a combined \$7,802,600 at an average of \$36,291. The median was \$15,000, with a 28.3% buyback rate.

Cumulatively, 854 horses grossed \$29,369,300, leading to an average of \$34,390 and a median of \$15,000 during four days of trade. Over three days of selling last year, 837 horses sold for \$30,006,200, resulting in an overall average of \$35,850 and a median of \$18,500.

The cumulative RNA rate for the sale was 30.7%, as 380 of 1234 lots failed to find new homes. Comparatively, last year 219 of 1056 offerings didn't sell for an overall RNA rate of 20.7%.

"It is a little bit of a reflection of a little bit of softening in the marketplace below \$25,000," said Browning of the buy-back rate. "I don't think it was the result of the increased numbers; I think it was the result of a slight movement in the marketplace. We sold a very similar number of horses--the average is very similar--and there was a slight decrease in the median. I don't think there was a dramatic change in the overall marketplace from 2014 to 2015 at this sale." **Cont. p7**



**Hip 1363** | Fasig-Tipton Photo

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The only Tapit on offer brought a final bid of \$410,000 Thursday from John Oxley to top both the session and the overall sale. Out of the stakes-winning Smart Strike mare Apple Charlotte, he was consigned by Brookdale Sales on behalf of breeder Jack Swain. His price tag matched that of the 2014 sale topper, a filly who was also by Tapit. Consigned by Woods Edge and bought by Conquest Stables--a client, like Oxley, of trainer Mark Casse--she has since been named Conquest Tapdance.

Two horses shared the title of second-highest priced lot of the session at \$250,000. Conquest went to that amount for [hip 1272](#), an Arch colt offered by Anderson Farms; while agent Steven Young secured [hip 1237](#), a War Front colt consigned by Eaton Sales on behalf of Edward A. Cox Jr.

The Arch colt had been withdrawn from the Keeneland September Yearling Sale, while the War Front failed to meet his reserve when bidding stopped at \$235,000 last month.

"He was in Book 1, and he was a little backward," said Frankie O'Connor on behalf of Eaton concerning the War Front colt. "He just progressed a lot in the last few weeks. A big, rangy colt like him, a month is a long time in their life. He did everything right, and he showed very well here the whole week. He is a real classy horse."

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## Tapit Colt Hammers for \$410K

by Amanda Duckworth

The thought that a good horse will bring a good price anywhere held true yet again, as a dark gray son of Tapit went for \$410,000 during Thursday's session of the four-day Fasig-Tipton October Yearlings Sale. John Oxley signed for [hip 1363](#), who was offered by Brookdale Sales.

"I wouldn't say it's a steal, but I think it's a very fair price for seller and buyer," said Oxley of his new purchase. "There are a lot of horses, and you have to be very selective if you want what everybody likes to have, which is a stakes horse."

Out of the stakes-winning and MGSP Smart Strike mare Apple Charlotte, the colt hails from the same family as

Oxley's 2015 GI Stephen Foster H. winner Noble Bird (Birdstone), who is campaigned trained by Mark Casse--the future conditioner of hip 1363.



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"We'll bring him along carefully, and point him for a big 2-year-old season, we hope," said Oxley. "We'll begin at Churchill Downs, hopefully, and go from there."

Brookdale consigned the colt on behalf of his owner, Jack Swain, who bred and campaigned Apple Charlotte.

"He is a really, really good guy and a good client of ours," Brookdale's General Manager Freddy Seitz said of Swain, who has been a client for around 15 years. "I'm just really happy we could get that done like that for him. He has dedicated a lot of money and time and patience to this, and I think in the last few years it has finally started to pay off really well for him. That's why it is so nice to see a horse like this hit for him."

It has been a banner year for Swain, who has bred five graded stakes winners in 2015 and will be represented as breeder by no less than three horses in the Breeders' Cup World Championships through Harmonize (Scat Daddy), Land Over Sea (Bellamy Road), and War Story (Northern Fleet).

The colt was originally offered at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale, but failed to meet his reserve when bidding stopped at \$340,000.

"Sometimes horses benefit from a little bit more time, and I think the extra month from September to October probably helped him a lot," said Seitz. "He probably gets the most improved award from a month ago as far as some of the horses that came off the farm. He's always been a real straightforward horse, a great mover, and is by one of the best sires in the world."

## Tennenbaum Finds Success at F-T October

By J.M. Severni

Breeder Alan Tennenbaum had one of his highest-priced sales Wednesday at the Fasig-Tipton October Sale when [hip 484](#), a Pure Prize filly out of a half-sister to Giant Gizmo (Giant's Causeway), went to Conquest Stables for \$100,000.

Tennenbaum's [hip 1260](#), a filly by Hat Trick (Jpn), fetched \$32,000 from Spring Apple Farm Thursday. Both fillies were consigned by Darby Dan Farm.

Although Tennenbaum, who is in his fourth year of breeding horses, is relatively new to the bloodstock game, he's been active in the industry for decades. The former jockey rode on the Ohio and Kentucky circuits during the 70s and 80s and owns a handful of horses--he currently has four in training with conditioner Brian Michael. Tennenbaum claims and buys at a variety of sales and occasionally keeps horses he's bred to race. He currently has two broodmares that are stabled at Lee Felts's Elizabeth Station Farm in Paris, Kentucky.

Tennenbaum credits pedigree expert and bloodstock agent Elizabeth Blythe for her help in making his breeding operation a success. Blythe has helped pick out dams and suggested matings, including the breeding of hip 484 and hip 1260. Tennenbaum also praised trainer Brian Michael for his work with the horses he has claimed.

"Brian does very well with his horses and he wins with a very high percentage," Tennenbaum said.

Tennenbaum claimed Kuhlu, the dam of hip 484, for \$15,000 in 2011. He retired her in 2012 and she produced a Henrythenavigator colt in 2013. The colt RNA'd for \$22,000 at the 2013 Keeneland November Sale before selling privately for \$20,000.

"I paid \$25,000 to send Kuhlu to Henrythenavigator and subsequently sold for \$20,000," the breeder said. "You live and learn, I guess. I really didn't have a whole lot of confidence in the family. I didn't think [hip 484] would bring half of what she brought."

Tennenbaum sold Kuhlu for \$45,000 in foal to Uncle Mo at last year's Keeneland November Sale.

The horseman was delighted with not only the filly's sale, but with who purchased her--trainer Mark Casse signed the ticket on behalf of Conquest Stables.

"Mark Casse is one of the best trainers in the world," Tennenbaum noted.

Westside Singer (Gone West), the dam of hip 1260, was acquired by Tennenbaum for \$16,000 at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton February Sale as a 4-year-old. She graduated at Turfway Park that March, but was unsuccessful in her subsequent starts and was retired at the start of 2013. Hip 1260 is her first foal.

Tennenbaum said he realizes how difficult the bloodstock business is, and that his success at the October sale is all the more satisfying because of it.

"I grew up with horses, my dad bred horses in Ohio since I was nine years old," he explained. "We got lucky the first couple of years, we had a few stakes horses, but after that it was one disappointment after another, so I know how tough the breeding business is."

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### FASIG-TIPTON OCTOBER YEARLING SALE THURSDAY'S TOP LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<a href="#">1363</a>	colt	<a href="#">Tapit</a>	Apple Charlotte	410,000
(\$340,000 RNA yrl '15 KEESEP) <i>B-Jack Swain, III (KY)</i> Consigned by Brookdale Sales, agent for Jack Swain Purchased by John Oxley				
<a href="#">1237</a>	colt	<a href="#">War Front</a>	Viva La Flag	250,000
(\$235,000 RNA yrl '15 KEESEP) <i>B-Edward A. Cox, Jr. (KY)</i> Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent for Edward A. Cox, Jr. Purchased by Steven Young, agent				
<a href="#">1272</a>	colt	<a href="#">Arch</a>	Wicked Diva	250,000
<i>B-Anderson Farms &amp; Jessica Buckley (Ont)</i> Consigned by Anderson Farms, agent Purchased by Conquest Stables				
<a href="#">1336</a>	filly	<a href="#">Speightstown</a>	All Due Respect	225,000
(\$260,000 RNA yrl '15 KEESEP; \$230,000 wnlg '14 KEENOV) <i>B-Highland Yard (KY)</i> Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent XLV Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent/E S Racing				
<a href="#">1481</a>	colt	<a href="#">Union Rags</a>	Brush of Fortune	220,000
(\$320,000 RNA yrl '15 KEESEP; \$290,000 yrl '14 KEENOV) <i>B-Grade I Bloodstock, Halcyon Farm &amp; W.S. Farish (KY)</i> Consigned by Wood Edge Farm (Peter O'Callaghan), agent Purchased by Fulcrum Investments				
<a href="#">1459</a>	filly	<a href="#">Harlan's Holiday</a>	Bonnie's Empire	210,000
(\$100,000 i/u '13 FTKNOV) <i>B-Mr. &amp; Mrs. Bayne Welker, Jr. &amp; D.C. Goff (KY)</i> Consigned by Allied Bloodstock, agent for Bayne & Christina Welker & D.C. Goff				
<a href="#">1333</a>	colt	<a href="#">Blame</a>	Aliyah	200,000
<i>B-Shim Racing (KY)</i> Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent XXXV Purchased by Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc.				

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**1403 filly Harlan's Holiday Bala 125,000**

*B-Black Rock Thoroughbreds, LLLP (KY)*

Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent

Purchased by Ben McElroy, agent

Steven Marshall's Black Rock Stables purchased dam Bala (With Approval) in foal to Harlan's Holiday for \$65,000 at the 2011 Keeneland November Sale. Although that foal was an RNA in his only trip through the sales ring, Bala's next foal, a filly by Kitten's Joy, went for \$500,000 at the 2014 Keeneland September Sale. Marshall enjoyed another solid sale out of the mare Thursday, and has a weanling colt from her by his GISW Violence (Medaglia d'Oro).

## MARES BRED IN 2015 STABLE; STALLION STATS INDICATE CHANGING MINDSET

By Bill Finley

While the number of mares bred in 2015 is basically on par with 2014 figures, there has been a significant shift in the North American breeding industry when it comes to stallions. According to The Jockey Club, the number of stallions used by breeders in 2015 declined by 6.3% over 2014 levels and many of the more popular stallions had bigger books than ever. There was a 15.2% increase in the number of mares bred to stallions with a book size of 100 or more and a 13.9% decrease in the amount of mares bred to stallions with book sizes between 75 and 99.

State	2014 Stallions	2015 Stallions	Pct. Change	2014 Mares Bred	2015 Mares Bred	Pct. Change
Ky	233	208	-10.73%	16,826	17,448	3.70%
Fl	122	112	-8.20%	2,910	2,890	-0.69%
Cal	143	150	4.90%	2,472	2,568	3.88%
NY	51	55	7.84%	1,614	1,554	-3.72%
La	116	104	-10.34%	1,609	1,494	-7.15%
Ont	38	39	2.63%	630	797	26.51%
NM	84	76	-9.52%	871	789	-9.41%
Md	33	36	9.09%	751	788	4.93%
Ok	67	66	-1.49%	813	756	-7.01%
Pa	55	42	-23.64%	809	627	-22.50%

The Jockey Club released the 2015 Report of Mares Bred statistics Thursday, a report that revealed that 1,449 stallions have been bred to 34,627 mares in 2015. At this time in 2014, 1,547 stallions had been bred to 34,450 mares. The 2015 numbers on mares bred represents a 0.3% increase. The Jockey Club estimates that an additional 2,000 to 3,000 mares will be reported as bred in 2015 before the final numbers are tallied.

Uncle Mo led all stallions with 221 mares bred. He was followed by Scat Daddy at 217. Both are Coolmore stallions. Into Mischief, a Spendthrift stallion, was third at 210. In fact, Coolmore and Spendthrift dominated the category as 11 of the top 12 stallions in terms of mares bred to stand at one of those two farms. The only non-Coolmore, non-Spendthrift stallion to crack the list was Ramsey Farm's Kitten's Joy, who came in eighth with 187 mares.

Kentucky-based stallions dominated as only one non-Kentucky horse, New York sire Honorable Dillon, cracked the top 40. Honorable Dillon, who stands at Rockridge Stud, was bred to 170 mares.

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### Session

- Catalogued 370
- No. Offered 300
- No. Sold 215
- RNAs 85
- % RNAs 28.3%
- No. \$200K+ 7
- High Price \$410,000
- Gross \$7,802,600
- Average \$36,291
- Median \$15,000

### Cumulative

	2015	2014
• Catalogued	1,485	1,238
• No. Offered	1,234	1,056
• No. Sold	854	837
• RNAs	380	219
• % RNAs	30.8%	20.7%
• No. \$200K+	18	19
• High Price	\$410,000	\$410,000
• Gross	\$29,369,300	\$30,006,200
• Average	\$34,390 (-4.1%)	\$35,850
• Median	\$15,000 (-18.9%)	\$18,500

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Kentucky was also the runaway leader in number of mares bred with 17,448. That was an increase of 3.7% and accounted for 50.4% of all the mares bred in North America. Florida was a distant second with 2,890. There were some surprising figures among the state and Canadian breeding numbers as some jurisdictions with slot machine-infused purses are not exactly thriving when it comes to their breeding industries. Louisiana dropped 7.15% and Pennsylvania suffered through a 22.5% decline.

On the other end of the spectrum, the Ontario breeding industry has bounced back in a big way. The number of mares bred in the province fell dramatically when the government announced the end of the Slots at Racetracks program, but Ontario political leaders have since agreed to subsidize the industry for five years, virtually wiping out the losses from the slots decision. With the industry given a second lease on life, the number of mares bred in Ontario in 2015 rose to 797, a 26.51% increase.

Among sires whose first crops were conceived in 2015, Verrazano, also a Coolmore stallion, topped all others, having been bred to 185 mares.

The list of horses that showed a major increase in the number of mares they covered includes: Temple City (87 to 199); Munnings (94 to 196); Uncle Mo (166 to 221) and Shanghai Bobby (160 to 202).

“The ‘Big-Book Era’ (since 1996) which has seen ‘normal’ book sizes double has had the effect of concentrating the foal population into fewer stallions,” said breeding market expert and TDN contributor Bill Oppenheim. “One effect of this has been the lowering of the highest Apex A Runner indexes from the 5.00 range to the 4.00 range, in other words there has been a ‘flattening’ of the curve. The more random nature of a larger variety of influences is actually a good thing because it allows more stallions to influence the population in ways we can’t necessarily predict.”

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**Top First-Year Sires:**

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Mares</u>
1. Verrazano	185
2. Goldcents	179
3. Honorable Dillon	170
4. Flashback	157
5. Cairo Prince	148

**PLETCHER: STALLION MAKER**

Among the list of top stallions in terms of mares bred, three of the top four (Uncle Mo, Scat Daddy and Shanghai Bobby) were trained by Todd Pletcher. Pletcher also trained four of the top six, five of the top nine and seven of the top 13.

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### TOP STALLIONS BY MARES BRED

Of the top 12 sires in North America in terms of number of mares bred to, two farms--Coolmore and Spendthrift--dominated. A look at how they fared:

Sire	Mares	Farm
1. Uncle Mo	221	Coolmore
2. Scat Daddy	217	Coolmore
3. Into Mischief	210	Spendthrift
4. Shanghai Bobby	202	Coolmore
5. Temple City	199	Spendthrift
6. Munnings	196	Coolmore
7. Declaration of War	192	Coolmore
8. Kitten's Joy	187	Ramsey
9. Verrazano	183	Coolmore
10. Flat Out	183	Spendthrift
11. Goldencents	179	Spendthrift
12. Tizway	178	Spendthrift

Sunday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT

SENATOR KEN MADDY S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2ft

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Chati's On Top	Old Topper	Gonzalez	Puype	119
2 Velvet Mesquite	In Excess (Ire)	Desormeaux	Heap	119
3 Kool Kat	Scat Daddy	Graham	Cassidy	119
4 <b>Amaranth</b> <sup>Ⓚ</sup>	Mr. Greeley	Gutierrez	Jauregui	119
5 Spirit of Xian (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Talamo	Mandella	119
6 Baruta (Brz)	Crimson Tide (Ire)	Bejarano	Mandella	119
7 <b>Theatre Star</b> <sup>Ⓚ</sup>	War Front	Van Dyke	Proctor	119
8 Off the Road (Brz)	Quick Road (Brz)	Smith	Mandella	119

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*Letters*  
TO THE EDITOR

**GARY BISZANTZ**

As a Thoroughbred owner for many years and having not raced at Jeffrey Gural's racetrack, but certainly would hope to, I want to compliment his forthright and honest approach to improving both the integrity and cleanliness of our great sport. ([Stricter racehorse doping regulations are key to maintaining integrity of sport. NJ.com](#)). Jeffrey Gural is a true leader!

In 2002, The Jockey Club President, Dinny Phipps, asked me to address the Round Table, the topic being medication from an owner's perspective. Mr. Phipps never asked to see or address what I was going to say. My address laid out quite simply what had happened to our sport since Lasix was accepted and the definition of "therapeutic" was rewritten by the veterinary community. Webster had it correct; "to heal an injury or illness." Very simple, but precise. Rewriting the definition so horses could race on many "therapeutic" drugs was not what Webster intended. I suspect Webster thought that if you used therapeutic medication properly to heal an injury or cure an illness, that you could then enter the horse when they were clean of drugs--longer withdrawal standards but more rest before training resumed. Can you imagine how much money owners have spent on suggested or unnecessary race day medications in the past 13 years? Most agendas are motivated by money, and drug use in racehorses is no exception. Therapeutic drugs should always be available for their intended purpose, but not available to run on. Achieving an edge on race day is not a level playing field, particularly for those trainers who know much of the medications are not needed.

The Thoroughbred Horseracing Integrity Act of 2015 definitely is what a vast majority of owners seek. Often we forget that owners are the investors in the sport that provides jobs for many and an exciting sport for fans to enjoy. Clean and fair racing for everyone should be the goal.

The H.B.P.A. organization, trainers, and veterinarians who oppose stricter control of drugs need to rethink, cooperate, and begin to participate in creating the level playing field, free of drugs on race day. Creating an edge, making more money, should not be a goal of trainers and vets. The horse comes first and racing sound and clean should be #1.

We can turn the needle around; create more fan and sponsor approval when they know "drugs" are not part of our sport.

The job is to figure out how to make the Thoroughbred Horseracing Integrity Act of 2015 work for the betterment of our great sport. We have no bigger challenge.

- Gary E. Biszantz, Cobra Farm



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## PRINCE GIBRALTAR TO STUD IN FRANCE

Dual Group 1 winner **Prince Gibraltar (Fr)** (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}--Princess Sofia {UAE}, by Pennekamp) will enter stud next year at his birthplace, Haras de la Reboursiere et de Montaigu, according to *Racing Post*. The publication also reported the two arms of that operation--Reboursiere and Montaigu--owned by Gilles and Aliette Forien will be separated next year, with



Prince Gibraltar | Scoop Dyga

Reboursiere becoming a broodmare operation and Montaigu being the stallion base.

Prince Gibraltar will make his final start in the Nov. 1 Grosser Preis von Bayern Nov. 1. Owner/breeder Jean-Francois

Gribomont bid out his partners when signing for Prince Gibraltar for €1.35 million at last month's Arqana Arc sale, and he told *Racing Post*, "He could have kept racing at five but we wanted to make a commitment to French breeders. When I bought out my partners at the Arc Sale it was with a view to either continuing his racing career or sending him to stud. Aliette Forien made the offer to take a share in him."

Prince Gibraltar is being syndicated, and interested parties will be able to view him at Deauville's equestrian center during the Arqana December sale. His stud fee is currently set at €5,000.



## PILOTE D'ESSAI ADDED TO AUTUMN SALE

**Pilote d'Essai (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), a two-time winner over a mile in France this year and a half-brother to Group 1 winner Planteur (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), has been added to next week's Tattersalls Autumn Horses-In-Training sale as [lot 669A](#). Campaigned by Ballymore Thoroughbreds and trained by Andre Fabre, the 3-year-old has finished no worse than fourth in six outings and most recently filled that position on his stakes debut in the Listed Prix Le Fabuleux Oct. 6.

The Autumn sale takes place Oct. 26 to 29.



## EBF SUPPORTS SPONSORSHIP MOVEMENT

The European Breeders Fund has voiced its support for a new policy announced by Jockey Club Racecourses and Arena Racing Company last week that will not allow bookmakers to sponsor races unless they make a fair contribution to the sport, according to *Racing Post*. Jockey Club Racecourses and Arena Racing Company said earlier this week they will not enter into sponsorship agreements with bookmakers unless they pay an agreed amount in Levy contributions or have a commercial funding agreement in place as of Dec. 31. Betting operators deemed to have a fair and mutually sustainable funding relationship with the sport will be designated as authorized betting operators, and those currently include 32Red, bet365 and Betfair.

EBF Chief Executive Kerry Murphy told *Racing Post*, "The European Breeders Fund is delighted with the initiative launched by JCR and Arc and, as one of the largest sponsors in Britain, wishes to do all it can to support them. Accordingly, the British EBF will in future engage in new joint-sponsorships only with authorised betting partners. We will work with JCR, Arc and the independent racecourses over the coming months as the allocation of EBF funds, estimated at over £1.3 million for 2016, is determined."



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Johannes Vermeer (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien
2	Tony Curtis (GB)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Levey	Hannon
3	Port Douglas (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	E McNamara	A O'Brien
4	Marcel (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Atzeni	Chapple-Hyam
5	Deauville (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
6	Foundation (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden
7	Mengli Khan (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Bentley	Palmer

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**Saturday, Moonee Valley, Australia, post time: 3:40 a.m. ET**

**WILLIAM HILL COX PLATE-G1, A\$3,000,000 (US\$2,177,819), 3yo/up, 2040mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Winx (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Bowman	Waller	122
2	The Cleaner (Aus)	Savoire Vivre (GB)	Callow	Burles	130
3	Hartnell (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	McDonald	O'Shea	130
4	Highland Reel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	123
5	Arod (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Williams	Chpple-Hym	130
6	Complacent (Aus)	Authorized (Ire)	Doyle	O'Shea	130
7	Criterion (NZ)	Sebring (Aus)	Walker	Hyes/Dbrng	130
8	Gailo Chop (Fr)	Deportivo (GB)	B Rawiller	de Watrigant	130
9	Preferment (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	N Rawiller	Waller	127
10	Kermadec (NZ)	Teofilo (Ire)	Boss	Waller	127
11	Pornichet (Fr)	Vespone (Ire)	McEvoy	Waterhouse	130
13	Happy Trails (Aus)	Good Journey	Zahra	Beshara	130
12	Mourinho (Aus)	Oratorio (Ire)	Duric	Gelagotis	130
14	Fawkner (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	Oliver	Hickmott	130

"He's the most-traveled horse over the last 12 months but he's lightly raced," Criterion's co-trainer David Hayes told *Racenet.com*. "Training him in Newmarket as part of the string with John Gosden has built a deep base of fitness. The race at York [Juddmonte International] was part of the plan to get him here for the spring."

Of tactics, Hayes added, "As long as he can get a clear run and [jockey Michael Walker] can settle him just off the speed, that's the most important thing, I feel. I know my horse can run his last 600 [meters] in 33 [seconds], so as long as he is close to them around the home turn it will take a very good horse to get past him."

While confident in the preparedness of his horse, Hayes admitted he is fearful of the opposition, namely European invaders **Highland Reel (Ire)** and **Arod (Ire)**.

"In a normal Cox Plate year I'd be feeling confident--say 10 years ago, I'd be very confident, but I wish these internationals were not here," Hayes told *Racenet*. "They frighten me; I know how good they are."

**Another High For O'Brien?**

Last year, Adelaide (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) handed champion trainer Aidan O'Brien a landmark first win the Cox Plate, and the Coolmore clan no doubt is experiencing a sense of deju vu with Highland Reel, who enters the race with a similar profile. Like Adelaide, Highland Reel has thus far been handled by O'Brien at Ballydoyle, and will be racing off the plane Saturday. Both horses also spent the early parts of their 3-year-old campaigns running over middle distances in Europe and America, and both won Arlington's G1 Secretariat S. Highland Reel



**Aidan and Joseph O'Brien with Highland Reel | *Racing Post***

comes into this off a fifth, beaten 3 3/4 lengths, in the G1 Irish Champion S. Sept. 12, and Coolmore Australia's Tom Magnier said, "Adelaide was a great traveler, and this horse seems to have traveled well. The Coolmore team at Werribee seem happy with him. We need a bit of luck on the day but we think we might have a real chance."

British-based trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam has been bullish about the chances of Qatar Racing's Arod, who has won this year's G3 Diomed S. and G2 Summer Mile and was second in the G1 Sussex S. to Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) July 29.

"This has been the plan for a long time, although it was on and then off and then on again, but everyone who's with him is very happy," said Chapple-Hyam. "I've been speaking with the lads twice a day. They've sent me videos of him working and I've been checking on the times and telling them what to do and things like that. It's all worked well."

Leading Australian rider Craig Williams will pilot Arod, and he added, "I'm very happy with Arod going into the Cox Plate and very happy with the barrier draw [stall five]. I love his form coming over from Europe. He was second in the Sussex S. and Solow, who beat him, arguably would be the best miler in the world. To have a horse with Arod's credentials in a Cox Plate is a really impressive step for Australian racing and especially Moonee Valley. He's not going to break clocks as he's quite lazy in his work, but he's got the best form in the race and the horse is healthy and well."

**Waller Saddles Trio...**

A major Australian Group 1 just wouldn't be that without a strong presence from trainer Chris Waller, and the Sydney champion conditioner saddles three 4-year-olds Saturday: the filly **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}); last year's G1 Victoria Derby winner **Preferment (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}); and dual Group 1 winner **Kermadec (NZ)** (Teofilo {Ire}).

Waller was reluctant to nominate one of his runners as having a better chance than the others, and told *Racing.com*, "The three horses all have their own styles of racing. Winx is a very sharp horse; she has a devastating turn-of-foot. She's done that moreso in shorter races, so a Cox Plate is going to test her a little. You have a horse like Kermadec, he's probably a middle-of-the-road type horse. He's never won at 2000 meters but to me he



Chris Waller | *Racing and Sports*

looks a good, tough 2000-meter horse. He probably has a little more stamina than Winx."

"Then you have Preferment who looks more like a stayer, hopefully a Melbourne Cup horse after the Cox Plate," he added. "He was the winner of the Victorian Derby last year; that indicates his stamina, and he doesn't have the same speed as the other two, in particular Winx. So they're going to be coming from all angles and hopefully we get it right down that Moonee Valley straight."

Waller made no secret, however, of his opinion of Winx's potential. She has won her last four starts, including a landmark victory over males in the G1 Epsom H. Oct. 3.

"I could make a case to say that Winx could be a superstar, and that's why Hugh Bowman is riding her over Preferment," Waller explained to *Racing.com*. "What she's done in her last four wins in Queensland and in Sydney has been quite phenomenal. She's overcome problems, which you can't do in Group 1 races, and she hasn't only won, she's won with ease."

Others to ignore at one's peril in this prized Australian jewel include **Fawkner (Aus)** (Reset {Aus}), who was second in this last year and showed no rust at age eight with a win in the G1 Makybe Diva S. Sept. 12; and Godolphin's Group 1 winners **Hartnell (GB)** (Authorized {Ire}) and **Complacent (Aus)**

(Authorized {Ire}). The latter owns a win over Criterion in the 2013 G1 Spring Champion S.

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## PROTECTIONIST OUT OF MELBOURNE CUP

Last year's G1 Melbourne Cup winner **Protectionist (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) will miss the opportunity to defend his crown after being ruled out of contention for that Nov. 3 contest due to injury, according to *Racing.com*. The 5-year-old finished 15th of 18 in last weekend's G1 Caulfield Cup, after which bruising was discovered in all four fetlocks.

"He pulled up really lame across his lumbar, back area on



Protectionist | *Racing and Sports*

Sunday morning," trainer Kris Lees told *Racing.com's* RSN. "He's very tender. We sent him for scintigraphy, and that was done on Tuesday. He's come back with subchondral bone disease in all four fetlocks. So with the pain across his backside all secondary, he's

basically got severe bruising in all four fetlocks. It's causing him to lose his action when he's under pressure."

Lees said the Australian Bloodstock colorbearer would go for a six-month spell, and he didn't rule out a return to Europe for the entire.

"Whether his bones aren't handling our training surfaces, and our racing surfaces here in Australia, he certainly needs a proper break this time to get him right," Lees added. "Europe would still be an option I would imagine."

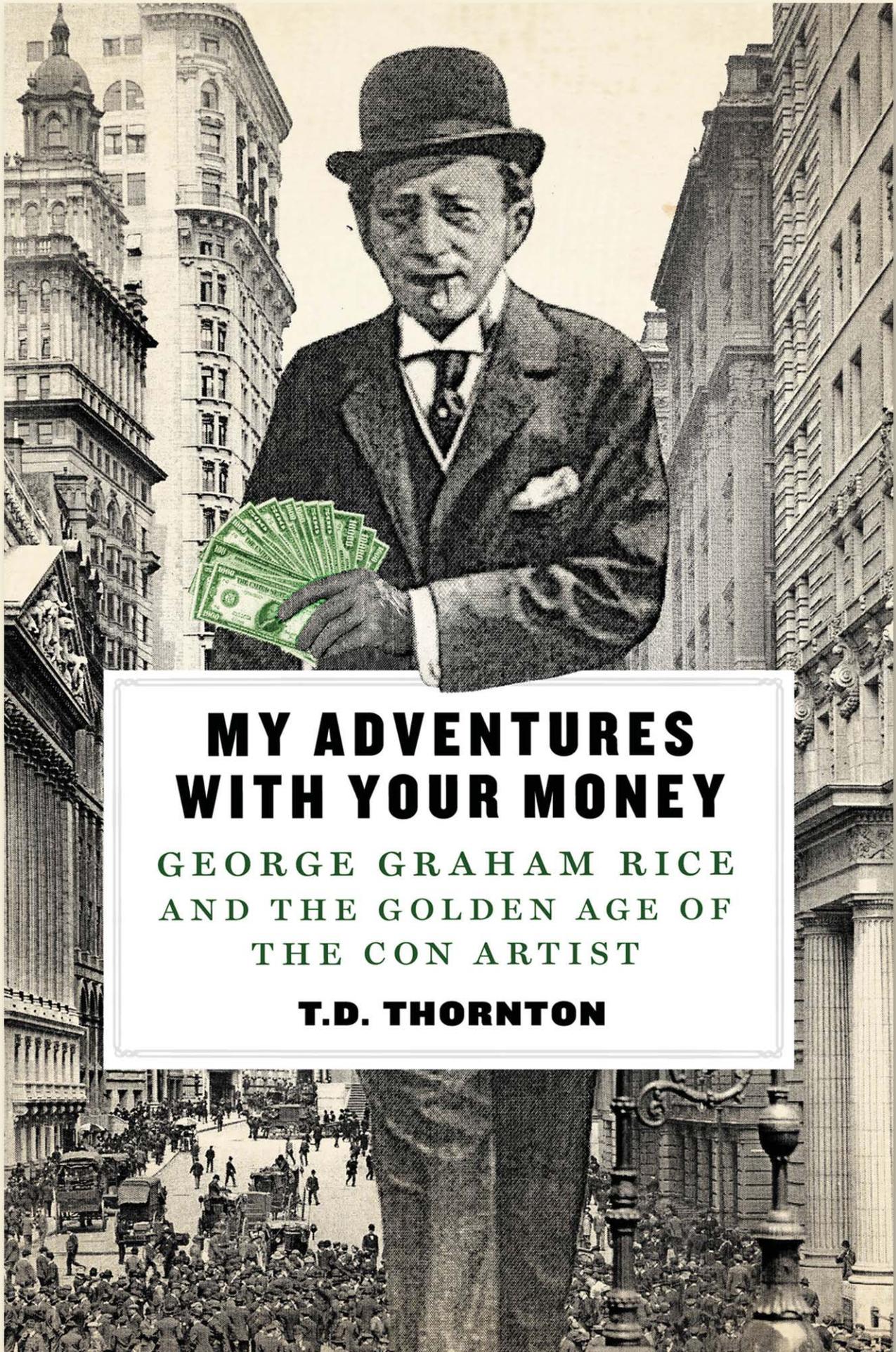
Protectionist won the Melbourne Cup in his second Australian outing for German trainer Andreas Wohler, and was transferred to Lees thereafter. He has not won since.

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# EDITOR'S NOTE

TDN news and feature writer T.D. Thornton, author of the critically acclaimed *Not By A Longshot* in 2007, is the author of a new book, *My Adventures with Your Money: George Graham Rice and the Golden Age of the Con Artist*, from St. Martin's Press. The book tells the story of one of the most imaginatively successful villains in American history. With only seven dollars to his name, Rice parlayed a chance horse racing tip into millions, lost it all to pride and ego, then won it back many times over. Vilified by securities regulators as the "Jackal of Wall Street," he sparked riots in Manhattan's financial district by perfecting the art of "bucket shop" trading with the sole purpose of bilking the public blind. From the lawless frontier of the Gold Rush to his lust for dizzying riches on Wall Street, GG's supreme knowledge of "sucker psychology" empowered him to orchestrate everything from street corner rip-offs for pocket change to elaborately scripted gambling hoaxes for hundreds of thousands of dollars, all while being vilified by old-guard profiteers like J.P. Morgan and befriended by gangsters like Arnold Rothstein. The TDN is pleased to offer our readers an exclusive preview of the book. We hope you enjoy it.



# MY ADVENTURES WITH YOUR MONEY:

## GEORGE GRAHAM RICE AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE CON ARTIST

by **T.D. THORNTON**

After six months of shifting and grifting between crooked card games, poolrooms, and horse tracks without a real job, George Graham Rice crisply aligned the brim of his derby with the top of his smart-looking spectacles and edged into the seven-story shadow of the Metropolitan Opera House, calmly but keenly observing New York's urban blur from the yellow-bricked street corner of Fortieth and Broadway. Maintaining a countenance of congeniality, Rice shrewdly scanned the slushy chaos of foot, trolley, and carriage traffic, sizing up faces with a feral inner cunning his thirty years had honed to a sharp tool of self-preservation. Because the \$7.30 tucked tightly into the pants pocket of his one good suit represented Rice's entire net worth on this first Tuesday of March 1901, George was instinctively—but with casual, cultured dignity—on the hustle for marks who looked ripe to be sickened.

Amid the swirl of strangers, Rice recognized an old racetrack chum. Although George was a man of many acquaintances, he steered clear of true friendships based on mutual trust. Rice could play the part of a witty, charming ringleader when he chose, but he valued his charismatic personality more as an asset that afforded him an edge in social manipulation.

As the man from the track approached, George clicked into intuitive overdrive, calculating the costs and benefits of extended conversation. Without missing a beat, Rice beamed a phosphorescent smile and reached out to heartily shake Dave Campbell's outstretched hand, even though he knew in his gut the gent's too-robust greeting belied the desperation of a struggling soul down on his luck.

"Buy me a drink?" Campbell rasped as soon as pleasantries were out of the way.

Rice didn't consider Campbell a sucker he'd fleece. But he was willing to speculate on the chance that Dave might be harboring some nugget of useful information worth extracting.

George wasn't much of a drinker—the occasional silver gin fizz or flute of fine champagne—but he did have a weakness for good cigars.

At a café table, Rice lit up a twenty-five-cent perfecto and set up Dave with a nickel beer. Over by the lunch counter, a regulation news ticker chattered away, spitting out a continuous tape of stock quotes and racetrack results.

"Still bet on the horses?" Campbell asked.

"No," Rice replied, exhaling a plume. His unflinching blue eyes squarely met Dave's. "Haven't had a bet down in more than a year."

This was an outright lie. Yet the man telling it possessed a most persuasive way of making even the most outlandish distortions of reality seem wholly convincing and plausible.

Although it was technically true there had been recent periods when George did not set foot in any gambling establishment, that's only because those abstentions coincided with stints behind bars for stealing. For two and a half years at Elmira Reformatory, Rice was known as inmate No. 4018. Serving a six-and-a-half-year forgery sentence at Sing Sing, George was prisoner B-516. Prior to incarceration, he had abandoned his birth name, Jacob Simon Herzig, in favor of multiple aliases, trying out and discarding names—Abram Herzog, Joseph Hart, Jack Hornaday—as they suited his convenience. Rice's current nom de plume—liberated from a deceased reform school inmate—had been his preferred moniker since he first tried to use it to win a short story contest. Around the gritty Tenderloin district, they knew him as GG. In racetrack betting rings, bookies dubbed him Ricecakes. His first wife called him Jock. His second bride probably had a nickname for him too, although Rice took great pains to ensure neither spouse became aware of the other's existence.

As the twentieth century opened, Rice had not yet settled into the nebulously mysterious role of con artist. But he had tried it out, just like the various aliases, and would have bristled at the notion that anyone considered him a thief because of the series of—as he preferred to term them—“youthful indiscretions” that landed him in jail. George cultivated a literary style while incarcerated, reading voraciously, improving his manners, and earning early release. Now, back on the street, he could pass for a college graduate. Except his education took the form of the dark, nuanced art of swindling.

After Sing Sing, Rice hooked on as a newspaperman with the New Orleans Times-Democrat. He happened to be in Galveston, Texas, on September 8, 1900, in the hurricane eye of America's most deadly natural disaster. His firsthand stories of carnage and courage made headlines nationwide, but conflicting accounts arose over whether Rice's writing was more fiction than fact: One self-styled tale had George stealing a horse to escape the flood before heroically meeting a supply train to lead the relief expedition. A separate version asserted he was run out of town by colleagues for selling stories to rival papers and double billing expenses.

Yet another contended the military ordered Rice out of Texas for spreading false panic. Now, back in New York, the only certainty about George was that whatever sensational tale he spun, it was bound to be brimming with the allure of tantalizing possibility. He didn't care that he was broke and jobless; Galveston had sparked a brainstorm about the sensational selling power of a well-crafted story.

Campbell was cagey enough to know you didn't get something for nothing from GG, not even a five-cent mug of suds. He followed his opening gambit about the racetrack by producing correspondence from a notorious horse hustler, the only item of value Dave had in his possession.

“Here's a letter I just received from Frank Mead at New Orleans,” Campbell said, sliding a folded slip across the table. “It ought to make you some money.”

Mead wrote a racing column for the New Orleans States-Item under the pen name Foxy Grandpa and recorded bets as a sheet writer for a Crescent City bookmaking firm known as the Big Store. He also moonlighted as a night-shift croupier at a clandestine casino, and his unique combination of quasi-legal gambling gigs meant Mead frequently brushed up against inside information in horse racing's premier winter betting market. The letter told Campbell to keep an eye out for a precocious colt named Silver Coin: Held back by his jockey the last few races to make the fast horse appear talentless, Silver Coin would be unleashed to run to his true potential next time out. Those in the know would bet big, presumably burning bookies at odds as high as ten to one.

Rice was quick to compute how to best leverage this edge. If he bet his last \$7, it would net him \$70 if Silver Coin won at ten to one—a decent return, but not the huge, breakthrough score GG was gunning for. If he was going to risk every last cent in his pocket, George wanted a gamble that paid off in life-altering terms.

Lost in a swirl of cigar wisps, he began sketching the outline of a scheme on a scrap of paper.

The ticker awoke with a clatter. Campbell idly went to unravel the jumble, then exclaimed when he read the tape: Silver Coin was entered to race the very next afternoon in New Orleans.

Rice sparked into action.

Grabbing the sketch, he hustled two blocks north to the classified office of The Morning Telegraph at 140 West Forty-Second Street. He pushed his entire bankroll across the counter to the cashier. Seven dollars bought a sliver of advertising space, a four-inch, one-column next-day placement in the nation's most widely circulated horse-racing paper that read:

**Bet Your Last Dollar On**

**SILVER COIN**

**To-Day**

**At New Orleans**

**He Will Win At 10 to 1**

In fine print, the ad explained that this sure thing was the first and last free horse from a bold new “turf advisory bureau.” After Silver Coin proved the accuracy and veracity of the inside information, anyone who wanted the bureau's best bets would have to subscribe to a \$5 daily tipping service.

Rice christened his newly minted firm Maxim & Gay after glimpsing the regal-sounding stallion name St. Maxim on a racing sheet and coupling it with sporty-sounding “gay” for a euphonic pairing. George then leased a closet-sized walk-up at 1410 Broadway, secured secondhand furniture, and had tin signs painted to advertise Maxim & Gay—all, of course, on credit.

Campbell tagged along but didn't really understand what Ricecakes was up to.

The next afternoon, March 6, 1901, Rice and Campbell went to the Gallagher & Collins poolroom on Sands Street in Brooklyn to learn the results of the second race at New Orleans. At the turn of the twentieth century, “poolrooms” in America had nothing to do with billiards. They were openly illegal gambling establishments where bookmakers offered wagering pools on horse races. The nation was zany over horse betting, and big-city poolrooms like Gallagher & Collins were equipped with cutting-edge technology that catered to the craze. Because it was imperative for bookies to have access to the order of finish before anyone else—lest they risk being “past-posted” by bettors who attempted to wager with advance knowledge of race results—top-notch poolrooms utilized clandestine telegraphy to receive cipher wired from racetrack spies. After being decoded in a back office, the results were chalked on a board in the gamblers' lounge for all to see. An eager mob always hovered around the blackboards because the poolroom payouts were quicker than the “official” transmissions that went out on delay to the general public.

Waiting for the race to go off, George riffled through his Telegraph for the umpteenth time to check his ad. Buried at the bottom of a back page, its fifty-six agate lines disappointed him. “It looked puny,” he thought. “Would people notice it?”

At higher-class poolrooms, races were re-created by a back-room announcer narrating the running order off a ticker tape, embellishing the call with theatrical flourishes. If Silver Coin's race was one of those performed aloud, the announcer had plenty of drama to work with: Careening into the turn, Silver Coin got cut off by a rival. Nearly whipsawed off the horse's back, the jockey had no choice but to yank Silver Coin back to last and try to circle the field. Rallying from far behind, the colt stormed down the stretch and lunged ahead in the shadow of the winning post, nailing the favorite, Sarilla, to prevail by a nose.

When the prices were chalked up, the cheering was more boisterous than Rice and Campbell expected, considering the favorite had lost. By the time they crossed the East River back to Manhattan, the Tenderloin was abuzz with how bookies had been burned by some mystery horse out of New Orleans. Silver Coin had gone off at eight to one at the track in Louisiana, but an unexpected swell of action was so heavy in New York that the best price you could find in any East Coast poolroom was six to one.

Even though he hadn't backed the horse himself, George got to feeling euphoric. He told Dave with an opportunistic glint that Silver Coin's win was sure to snare Maxim & Gay at least ten solid subscribers to get the venture off and running.

The next morning, Campbell woke Rice with news of another telegram from Mead. This one advised to bet a hot horse named Annie Laretta in Friday's first race. The betting line in New Orleans was an astronomical forty to one.

When Rice and Campbell arrived on Broadway, they were confounded by a throng in the street, with half a dozen policemen attempting to corral the herd into some sort of line.

"What theater has a sale on seats today?" Dave wondered aloud.

George didn't know. But when he turned the corner to climb the rickety stairs of their office building, he was startled to see the line traced straight up to the locked front door of Maxim & Gay.

Keeping their mouths shut, Rice and Campbell marched up the narrow stairway past an impatient file of customers. George turned the key, the two stepped in, and Rice re-bolted the door, bracing it with his back.

"What have we done?" he gasped.

The first order of business was deciding what to do about Friday's best bet. Even GG was unsure about the audacity of selling a tip on a forty-to-one long shot. But the vision of all those \$5 bills thrust at him by racemad disciples assuaged any such concerns. The next dilemma was how to convey this hot horse into merchantable form. George sent for a typist from the Hotel Marlborough across the way.

The girl probably thought it was a peculiar assignment to be asked to strike the name "Annie Laretta" hundreds of times on small slips of paper while Rice and Campbell sealed them in tall stacks of envelopes.

Keep typing, George urged the girl between tastes of envelope glue. Dave craned his neck out the window and saw the line snaked down Broadway for a block and a half.

They made the transactions as efficient as possible, with Dave handing out envelopes as each man handed George five bucks. Rice stuffed the cash into the right-hand drawer of his desk. When it became clogged, he crammed it into the left drawer. "Finally, the money came so thick and fast that I picked up the waste-paper basket from the floor, lifted it to the top of the desk and asked the buyers to throw their money into the receptacle," George would later reminisce. "When a man wanted change, I let him help himself."

The procession moved steadily for two and a half hours. By the time the race was about to go off, Maxim & Gay had sold 551 tips on Annie Laretta, raking in \$2,755—roughly \$75,000 in 2015 dollars.

Rice and Campbell didn't have time to make it to a poolroom, so they scurried to a neighborhood spa where a news ticker would discharge the New Orleans results thirty minutes after the race became official. The wait was excruciating.

*Ticka, ticka, ticka . . . NEW ORLEANS . . . FIRST RACE . . . Ticka, ticka, ticka . . . WEATHER CLEAR . . . TRACK FAST . . . Ticka, ticka, ticka . . .* Finally, here it came.

*Ticka, ticka, ticka . . .*

The first letter was F.

Instantly, they knew their horse had lost. It was Free Hand. Free Hand won the race.

“Grim silence” was how George described it. He didn’t bother to watch the rest of the result sputter out of the machine.

*Ticka, ticka, ticka . . .*

“Here she is!” bellowed Campbell.

Annie Laurretta had just missed, finishing second at huge odds.

Any customer who had backed up win wagers with “across the board” place and show bets for finishing second or third was about to be rewarded with a twenty-to-one return. From a pure publicity perspective, GG knew giving out a narrowly defeated long shot would prove many times more profitable than if Maxim & Gay had tipped the actual winner of the race at much shorter odds.

George now had more cash in his pocket than he was accustomed to earning in a year.

Ricecakes asked his pal how much it might cost to keep him in beer money while helping to run Maxim & Gay. Campbell proposed a \$10 daily salary. GG stripped a sawbuck off his wad and slapped it into his partner’s palm. Dave laughed that it was more money than he had touched in a month.

George hopped aboard a streetcar and rode down to the stately marble Stewart Building at Broadway and Chambers. He peeled off more bills and rented an office suite of “sober magnificence” commensurate with the status he wanted to project upon Maxim & Gay. Then he hightailed it back to The Telegraph and ordered a “flaring full-page ad” that unabashedly called attention to the bookie-busting success with Silver Coin and Annie Laurretta while announcing the firm was open for business at a swank new address.

After a sumptuous dinner—George relished the three-finger steaks and clubby “no women allowed” atmosphere at Browne’s Chop House—he wired Mead, empowering his man in New Orleans to spare no expense in setting up the best staff of “clockers, figurators and toxicologists” money could buy. In return for a sizable salary, Mead was to distill his racetrack intelligence into the form of a single wagering proposition each day, which he would then wire to the home office so George could trumpet the horse’s name nationwide as Maxim & Gay’s “One Best Bet.”

By the end of the spring season, New York’s most sought-after horse advisory bureau would be soaring toward its first million in profits. Yet George Graham Rice did not make a dime of this money by selling winners to gamblers.

Instead, he got rich peddling confidence to suckers.



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**CHRB MOVES FORWARD ON SAFETY & MEDICATION INITIATIVES** *By T.D. Thornton*

The California Horse Racing Board advanced several proposed rule changes Thursday that had been snagged at past meetings by semantics and wording, then spent time listening to updates and debating the merits of longer-range initiatives and potential problems facing the state’s racing industry.

Voting advanced the establishment of standards for post-mortem examination reviews, revised penalties for medication violations and made safety vests a requirement for all on-track personnel. The “yes” voting on each of these issues triggered 45-day public commentary periods that are mandatory in California before the initiatives can be adopted in full by the CHRB.

Longer-term items that were discussed, but not voted upon, included an update on the CHRB’s microchip pilot program, ongoing work to standardize dirt, turf and synthetic track maintenance protocols across the state, and ways that California could engage outside entities to help study and possibly establish optimal bet takeout rates.

At its September meeting, the board had tried to adopt a rule (1846.6) that would require a post-mortem examination review of each equine fatality on CHRB-regulated property. But there was ambiguity over whether the results of such reviews would be strictly limited to the rule’s intended “education and research purposes only,” even if the review uncovered alleged rules violations that would require commission-level discipline.

“I think we had a specific issue here, and that was to keep [post-mortem exams] as separate as possible from investigations,” commissioner Jesse Choper said, noting that the language in the proposal has since been tightened to address last month’s concerns. He then moved the item to a vote, which passed unanimously.

The CHRB also unanimously approved a proposed amendment to rule 1843.3, which covers penalties for medication violations.

The notable changes to this rule include: 1) The elimination of category D penalties for phenylbutazone violations; 2) Medication violations that occur within a specified time period will now count as either a prior offense or an aggravating factor when penalties of subsequent violations are being considered; 3) Trainers whose suspensions are for more than 30 days will be prohibited from transferring their horses to a licensee who has been their employee within the previous year (with the aim of eliminating “puppet” trainers who might still be taking orders from the suspended trainer).

A 17-minute debate over semantics ensued when the CHRB tried to revisit a safety rule it had previously passed that was rejected by the California Office of Administrative Law.

Jockeys and exercise riders are already required to wear safety vests while on track, but the CHRB had earlier attempted to include “pony riders” in that group as well.

After debate over whether the new wording should also pertain to other stable personnel on horseback--and a side argument over whether anyone “leading” or “handling” a horse while on the ground might also be required to wear a vest--the board finally passed simplified language that reads: “Any person licensed by the board, mounted on a horse, on a track of a racing association, racing fair, or authorized training facility shall wear a safety vest.”

A report from the CHRB’s Pari-Mutuel, ADW, Satellite and Simulcast Committee noted that a Wednesday committee discussion about commissioning an in-depth study on optimal takeout rates has already yielded a step forward from an industry stakeholder: Alan Balch, executive director of the California Thoroughbred Trainers, said he has already started contacting university-level business and economics educators about their participation in such analysis.

“I think if we could put together a working group, I believe that CTT would certainly make a contribution toward this,” Balch said. “And I think that we need to try to raise the necessary funding to do this properly.”

The simulcast committee discussion about takeout rates morphed into a separate item reporting on the competition racing is facing from unregulated fantasy sports contests.

In this area, the emphasis of the CHRB conversation mirrored the industry’s overall “late to the party” tone about the subject, with several CHRB members postulating why racing isn’t doing more to increase print newspaper coverage that might draw new fans to the sport.

The CHRB also made one appointment Thursday: Darrel McHargue, who won the Eclipse Award for outstanding jockey in 1978 and has worked as a California steward since 1990, was assigned to the newly created position of chief steward by the CHRB. Starting Dec. 26, his primary responsibility will be the daily supervision of all CHRB stewards.

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# Kentucky

## Thursday's Results:

**7th-KEE, \$61,894, Alw (NW3\$X)**, Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 10-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:43.38, ft.

**JULIE'S JEWELRY (f, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--[Jeweled Lady](#), by [General Meeting](#))** was the 3/4-length winner of a Mountaineer grass allowance May 10 in her final start for Kellyn Gorder, was caught late in a July 12 main-track allowance at Ellis Park and was most recently a neck second in the Sept. 19 Pink Ribbon S. at Charles Town. The fourth choice in this field of five, Julie's Jewelry was sent for the lead by apprentice Sebastian Saez, swatted away a bid from odds-on Tiz So Sweet (Tiznow) in upper stretch and edged away to defeat that one by 3 1/4 lengths. Julie's Jewelry is a half-sister to Petition the Lady (Petionville), SW, \$165,069; and Saucey Evening (More Than Ready), MSW & GISP, \$368,459. She is also kin to Jewel of the Night (Giant's Causeway), the dam of MGISW Evening Jewel (Northern Afleet). Sales history: \$130,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 12-4-2-0, \$103,419. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Ben Colebrook.

**8th-KEE, \$56,873, Alw**, 10-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT, 1:59.05, fm.

**WEREWOLF (f, 3, [Arch](#)--[She's Justa Friend](#), by [Hussonet](#))** was a longshot ninth in a local grass maiden Apr. 12 won by the talented Robillard ([Distorted Humor](#)) and one from which five next-out winners emerged. Werewolf was one of them, as she took care of an Aug. 5 Presque Isle field by 3 1/4 lengths, and was exiting a fast-finishing third in a first-level Churchill allowance Sept. 25. Backed down to 6-1 from a morning line of 10-1, the bay raced prominently just behind dueling pacesetters before being tipped out into the three path at the final corner. Asked to come after front-running My Senses ([Street Sense](#)) at the furlong marker, Werewolf surged by and on to a 1 1/2-length victory to become the second winner on the program for her sire. Favored Dating Lady Luck ([Arch](#)) was third. The winner, from the female family of Desert Party, is a half-sister to a Quality Road filly who made \$300,000 from Starlight Stable at this year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Yearling Sale. Sales history: \$115,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$55,186. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Windmill Manor Farm; B-Hunter Valley Farm, Steve Sinatra & David Smith (KY); T-Andrew McKeever.

**4th-KEE, \$56,000, Msw**, 10-22, 2yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:54.88, fm. **LOPE (f, 2, [Arch](#)--[Sidle](#), by [Seeking the Gold](#))** could not overcome a double-digit draw and was forced to cover ground on both turns when a debut eighth behind GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hopefuls Thrilled ([Uncle Mo](#)) and Harmonize ([Scat Daddy](#)) on the grass at Saratoga Aug. 9. She may have moved a touch prematurely in a Sept. 20 maiden over the Churchill turf course and came home an even fourth, beaten just over four lengths. Away alertly, the Claiborne homebred raced in tandem with the rail-drawn Etsu ([Smart Strike](#)), and that duo covered a half-mile in :51.72 and three-quarters in a pedestrian 1:17.53. Shaken up by Brian Hernandez Jr. at the top of the lane, Lope wrested command from a stubborn Etsu with about a sixteenth of a mile to race and went on to take it by a half-length at overlaid odds of 12-1. Silver Magnolia, runner-up in the aforementioned Sept. 20 maiden, ran on well for third. The winner's dam is a winning half-sister to the productive turf runners Stroll ([Pulpit](#)) and his half-brother Patrol ([Lear Fan](#)). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$35,842. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Albert M Stall Jr.

## Godolphin Bringing International Contingent to T'Bred Makeover:

The Retired Racehorse Project announced Thursday that it will welcome an international contingent of delegates hosted by Godolphin with active interests in aftercare for the TCA Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium at the Kentucky Horse Park Oct. 23-25.

The delegates will be coming from Australia, Ireland, France, England, Japan and the U. S. and are key representatives from each country's most recognized equine welfare organizations. In addition to attending the TCA Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, the group is also scheduled to meet with key representatives from various American-based equine welfare organizations, including the Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA), the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) and New Vocations Racehorse Adoption.

"Darley USA signed on early to support the Thoroughbred Makeover and it seems that the enthusiasm spread quickly among their international partners at Godolphin," said Retired Racehorse Project President Stuart Pittman. "Their decision to host this international delegation of observers is a huge honor for Retired Racehorse Project and an endorsement of our market-based strategy of securing the futures for Thoroughbred racehorses."

The Godolphin delegation will take part in the weekend's various seminars and demonstrations and will be spectators for The TCA Thoroughbred Makeover. They will also take part in discussions with Pittman and representatives of various equine aftercare organizations in an effort to learn from and collaborate with one another. **Cont. p3**



"The conversation that will begin among this group will have long-term consequences for Thoroughbreds world-wide," Pittman continued. "Each country has a different cultural relationship with the horse, and no two will approach aftercare in the same way. All of them, however, revere these horses and are looking for ways to show their talent and trainability to the public. The Thoroughbred Makeover should leave this group with some new ideas."

**UK Ag Equine Programs to Host Showcase, Breeders' Course:**

University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs will host the fifth annual UK Equine Showcase and the seventh annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course Jan. 29-30, both at the Fayette County Extension Office, 1140 Red Mile Place, in Lexington. The UK Equine Showcase will highlight the university's current equine programs and relevant industry findings, focusing specifically on the equine athlete. It will run from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Jan. 29. The Kentucky Breeders' Short Course is an in-depth program on equine reproduction and horse management issues. It will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 30, with lunch provided. For more details about this event and other information about UK Ag Equine Programs, visit <http://www.ca.uky.edu/equine>.

## New York

**Thursday's Results:**

**8th-BEL, \$85,000, Alw (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 10-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.55, fm.**  
**HOPE CROSS (IRE) (f, 4, Cape Cross {Ire}--Great Hope {Ire}, by Halling)** signed off an oft-frustrating 2014 campaign with her lone off-the-board effort in November, then resumed with a troubled fourth--placed third--in a local allowance over seven grassy panels May 23. She cleared her first condition when stretched to two turns at the Spa Aug. 2, but was an even fourth at the next level upstate four weeks later. Hope Cross broke on terms, but drifted back through the field, then gave Javier Castellano all he could handle while attempting to get her to settle. Allowed to improve up the fence entering the turn, she came out one path nearing the stretch and eventually three away from the inside at the furlong pole. It took her a few strides to find her top gear, but the 3-1 chance knifed through between horses in the waning yards to defeat Striking Style (Smart Strike) by a neck. Sparkle Factor (Ire) (Arch), making her U.S. debut, was a nose further away in third. Sales history: €36,000 Ylg '12 GOFORB. Lifetime Record: 10-3-4-1, \$220,810. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**  
 O-Magalen O Bryant; B-P A Byrne (IRE); T-Chad C Brown.

**6th-BEL, \$75,000, Msw, 10-22, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.60, fm.**  
**INFINITE WISDOM (g, 4, Smart Strike--Meridiana {Ger} {G1SW-Ity, MGSW-US, MSW-Ger, \$556,795}, by Lomitas {GB}),** third and one spot behind future GISW Interpol (English Channel) in a Woodbine maiden last summer, returned from a 12 1/2-month absence to be second over the Saratoga turf Aug. 8. He failed by just a neck in a similar spot Sept. 7 and was even money to break through third off the layoff. Given a more positive ride here by Joel Rosario, the Amerman colorbearer dictated his own pace, responded when challenged in the stretch by Seeking Alpha (Medaglia d'Oro) and pulled away late to take it by three lengths. The \$300,000 KEESEP yearling is a half to Center Divider (Giant's Causeway), GISP, \$341,446; and Pine Needles (Giant's Causeway), GSP, \$119,700; and a full to Chamois, MSW & MGSP, \$295,025. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$85,457. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**  
 O-Amerman Racing LLC; B-Jon & Sarah Kelly (KY); T-Brian A Lynch.

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**9th-FL, \$23,000, Msw, 10-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.09, ft.**  
**+PERSIAN CAT (f, 3, Discreet Cat--Miz Dixie, by Dixieland Band)** was sent off at 6-5 in this open maiden that drew seven New York-bred fillies and took care of business at first asking. Routed along early by David Lopez, the dark bay filly was in front after a furlong, took some mid-race pressure from chief market rival Addenda (Read the Footnotes), but scampered clear from that one late to graduate by 5 1/2 lengths. Sales history: \$57,000 Ylg '13 SARAUG; \$47,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-Happy Face Racing Stable; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC & Robert Forlano (NY); T-Michael S. Ferraro.

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**9th-BEL, \$75K, Msw, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, post time: 5:19 p.m. EDT**  
 With the Breeders' Cup just a week away, it seems appropriate that Forever Together (Belong to Me), victorious in the 2008 GI Filly & Mare Turf en route to an Eclipse Award, is represented by her first foal to make the races in the form of **TAPIT TOGETHER (Tapit)**. **Cont. p4**

The bay filly--a product of two grays--races without Lasix as a homebred for George Strawbridge's Augustin Stable and has trained steadily down at Fair Hill for Michael Matz. In addition to her F/M Turf success, the versatile Forever Together was a two-time winner of the GI Diana S., won the 2007 GII Forward Gal S. on the main track and was runner-up in the GII Stonerside Beaumont S. on Polytrack. Chad Brown is always dangerous with his turf firsters, and Ken and Sarah Ramsey's **Pay the Kitten (Kitten's Joy)** looks to add to the 32% strike rate at the current meet. The bay has license to be any kind over this surface, as her full-brother is MGISW Big Blue Kitten, arguably this country's best hope for the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Oct. 31. [Equibase PPs](#)

**4th-SA, \$52K, Msw, 2yo, 1m, post time: 5:39 p.m. EDT**

**MOR SPIRIT (Eskendereya)** will look to improve on a debut runner-up effort as he stretches out to a mile for the first time. An \$85,000 Fasig-Tipton October purchase, the colt breezed an eighth of a mile in [:10 1/5](#) and was hammered down for \$650K, easily the most expensive juvenile for his expatriated sire. The form of that maiden has since been validated, as the victorious Street Vision (Street Sense) returned to be second to Toews On Ice (Archarcharch) in the Oct. 18 Speakeasy S. Immediately behind Mor Spirit in that 6 1/2-furlong maiden was **Urlacher (Discreet Cat)**, who also 'tackles' a route of ground for the first time. The Darley homebred is a maternal grandson of Unbridled Elaine (Unbridled's Song), upset winner of the 2001 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. [Equibase PPs](#)

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## ▶ Florida

**Thursday's Results:**

**9th-GPW, \$36,200, Alw (NW1X)**, Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 10-22, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:40.83, ft.  
**SHESTHEWINNER (f, 2, Paddy O'Prado--White She Devil {MSP}, by Vicar)** belied odds of 24-1 to graduate by a neck at first asking at Gulfstream June 25, split the field in fifth in that track's Cassidy S. July 5 and trailed in eighth facing Ellis allowance rivals Aug. 14. Getting the blinkers off, but disregarded at odds of 68-1 in this first two-turn voyage, Shesthewinner showed decent early speed to track from second, came off the fence at the five-sixteenths and dug in determinedly to score by a half-length. Sales history: \$30,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$3,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$36,621. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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**Wednesday Night's Results:**

**10th-DED, \$33,110, Alw**, 10-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.03, ft.  
**MONEY FLOWS (g, 4, Malibu Moon--Words of War {MSW & MGSP, \$683,832}, by Lord At War {Arg})** made light work of an Evangeline maiden field Aug. 29, scoring by 10 1/2 lengths, and was 70 cents on the dollar to take the next step here. With the early vanguard from between horses, Money Flows eased back into second before taking command on the turn. In hand at the head of the stretch, he found another gear inside the final furlong and accelerated away to score by 6 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half-brother to No Matter What (Nureyev), GISW-US, SW-Fr, \$185,726, the dam of champion European 2-year-old filly & G1SW Rainbow View (Dynaformer); as well as GSW & MGISP Just As Well (A.P. Indy); MGSW Winter View (Thunder Gulch); and GSW Utley (Smart Strike). Money Flows is also kin to E Dubai (Mr. Prospector), MGSW & MGISP, \$800,800. Sales history: \$130,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$32,700. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Columbine Stable LLC; B-Malibu Farm LLC (KY); T-Albert M Stall Jr.

**1st-RP, \$33,000, Msw**, 10-21, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:38.97, ft.  
**+TIZMONEY (f, 2, Tiznow--Indy's Windy, by A.P. Indy)** pieced together a promising worktab over the local strip and was off as the 3-1 second choice at first asking. Sent away from gate four by Luis Quinonez, the bay was perfectly placed in second and poked her head in front with three furlongs to the wire. Odds-on Flash of Wonder (Tiz Wonderful) ranged up three deep to try to make a race of it turning for home, but Tizmoney rebroke and came home a five-length winner. Christine Sixteen (Even the Score) just outfinished Flash of Wonder for second. The winner's dam, a half-sister to champion Banshee Breeze (Unbridled), was a \$1.1 million KEESEP yearling purchase in 2005 and was acquired by WinStar for \$550,000 at Keeneland November three years later. Her yearling colt by Bodemeister was sold for \$180,000 at this year's September sale and she produced a colt by More Than Ready this season. Sales history: \$95,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,749. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Donnie K Von Hemel.

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**6th-RP, \$33,000, Msw, 10-21, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.44, ft.**  
**+GORDY FLORIDA (c, 2, Cactus Ridge--Indianella, by Indian Charlie)** was difficult to load in the gate, but overcame that touch of misbehavior to get his career off to a good start. Toby Keith's homebred colt jumped alertly and showed good speed while wide on the track and was ready to pounce on 103-1 Bar Fight (Forestry) nearing the stretch. He switched leads on cue, took command an eighth of a mile from the money and went on to score by 4 1/4 lengths at odds of 11-1. Minnesota-bred Bar Fight held on for second (\$107.60 the place) to round out a \$2,192 exacta. Keith campaigned the winner's sire (by Hennessy) to four wins from as many starts in 2003, including the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,443. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)  
 O/B-Dream Walkin Farms Inc (KY); T-Kenny P Smith.

#### Thursday's Results:

**8th-IND, \$34,000, (S), Msw, 10-22, 2yo, 6f, 1:13.22, ft.**  
**+MR MANNING (g, 2, Greatness--Sotogenic, by Soto)**, off at a well-backed 7-2 as the lone firster in a field of nine, argued the early pace, bid three wide into the lane and was punched out to score by 5 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)  
 O-Daniel Bell; B-Larry Goodwin (IN); T-Barbara I McBride.

## Eastern U.S.

#### Thursday's Results:

**3rd-PEN, \$33,300, (S), Alw, 10-22, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.49, ft.**  
**HAITIAN HILL (c, 2, Peticionville--Chapel Hill, by Langfuhr)** caught a sloppy local main track on his Sept. 10 debut, but handled the off going with aplomb to graduate by three lengths. Bothered a bit at the start and last early, Haitian Hill wound up with a wide run leaving the three-eighths pole, was still deepest entering the drive, but kept on nicely for a half-length defeat of the stakes-winning *Imply* (E Dubai) at odds of 16-1. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$39,960. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
 O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm Inc (PA); T-R Madrigal Sr.

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## Canada

#### Conquest Curlinate to Shannondoe Farm:

MGSP **Conquest Curlinate** (Curlin--Higher World, by Peaks and Valleys) will stand the 2016 breeding season at the Everatt family's Shannondoe Farm in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. Beaten a nose in Hawthorne's GIII Illinois Derby in April, the \$70,000 KESEP yearling filled the same slot in Belmont's GII Peter Pan S. May 9 for Ernie Semersky and Dory Newell Conquest Stables. He was last seen finishing second in Woodbine's Plate Trial S. June 14. "Conquest Curlinate was truly one of the best 3-year-olds I've ever had," said trainer Mark Casse. "He never ran a bad race and was extremely unlucky not to have won one of those graded races. If not for a freak training accident in early July there's no doubt in my mind we'd be talking about a Queen's Plate winner. This horse just had so much untapped talent." Bred in Ontario by Charles Hayden, the grey will command a fee of C\$5,000, live foal. "The good sons of Curlin are starting to come off the track and we couldn't be happier to have one of them in Conquest Curlinate," offered Shannondoe Farm's Arika Everatt-Meeuse. "He's absolutely gorgeous and this is a great opportunity for Canadian breeders. I know we'll be supporting him just like we did with Society's Chairman. We're grateful to Ernie Semersky and Dory Newell for the opportunity to develop a horse like this and we're excited to be part of the Conquest team." He retired with a record of 6-1-3-1 and earnings of \$188,490.

## ROOKIES

#### First-crop starters to watch: Friday, October 23

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**ALBERTUS MAXIMUS** (Albert the Great), Shadwell Farm, 51/3/1 3-LRL, Aoc, 1mT, Azuma Mura, \$9K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 20-1  
**AMERICAN LION** (Tiznow), Darby Dan Farm, \$5K, 70/4/0 9-DED, Stk, 7f, American Holiday, \$95K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1  
**ARCHARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 123/11/1 3-LRL, Aoc, 1mT, Archarella, \$45K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1  
**BIG DRAMA** (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 68/8/1 9-GPW, Aoc, 1m, Biggest Drama, \$45K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1  
**DROSSELMAYER** (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$18K, 94/4/0 1-DED, Msw, 1m, Warlander, \$7K EVA MAR 2yo, 7-2  
**FIRST DUDE** (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$8K, 98/12/1 9-GPW, Aoc, 1m, Behzad's Pride, \$10K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

**Rookies cont.**

**GIO PONTI** (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 110/4/0  
7-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Anissa, \$40K EAS SEP yrl, 5-1  
**MISREMEMBERED** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Hill N Dale Farms, \$8K, 36/3/0  
4-SA, Msw, 1m, Uninvited, 8-1  
**PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 106/9/0  
9-DED, Stk, 7f, Above Fashion, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1  
7-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Paddy O'Kay, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1  
**SMOKIN GLOCK** (El Prado {Ire}), 3/1/0  
1-HAW, Aoc, 1mT, Prairie Chick, 3-1  
**TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 92/16/0  
6-KEE, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Rippin Ride, \$70K EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1  
**WILBURN** (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 106/8/0  
9-GPW, Aoc, 1m, Parmel Landing, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1  
9-BEL, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Wicked Fun, \$50K FTK OCT yrl, 10-1  
7-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Whatifiwaswilling, \$10K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1  
1-DED, Msw, 1m, Berniestrike, 2-1

**First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, October 23**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/  
BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**ESKENDEREYA** (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 195/51/4  
7-RP, Stk, 6 1/2f, Racinrosemary, \$30K KEE SEP yrl, 30-1

**HOLD ME BACK** (Giant's Causeway), Winstar, \$6K, 154/45/2  
9-DED, Stk, 7f, Jet Black Magic, \$47K BSC YRL yrl, 9-2

**HOSTILE TAKEOVER** (Dixie Union), 10/1/0  
2-TDN, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Hostile Cruz, 12-1

**KINGSHIP** (King Cugat), Polar Creek Horse Center LLC, \$1000, 7/0/0  
2-TDN, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Kinetic Art, 8-1

**MIDSHIPMAN** (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/44/6  
11-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +In the Navy Now, \$170K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1

**QUALITY ROAD** (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/51/3  
9-BEL, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Qualifying, \$85K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-WO, C\$70,175**, 10-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT),  
1:03.01, ft.

**COPPERPLATE** (g, 4, **Curlin**--Verdana Bold {GSW, \$331,297}, by **Rahy**) Lifetime Record: 17-4-1-0, \$99,664. O-Pocket Aces Racing LLC; B-Edward A Seltzer (KY); T-Daniel J Vella. \*\$70,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP.

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**2nd-SA, \$53,000**, (S), Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 10-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.78, ft.

**DESERT MADAM (f, 4, Desert Code--Madam General, by General Meeting)** Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-0, \$89,706. O/B-Oakcrest Stable (CA); T-Sean McCarthy. \*1/2 to Yodelady O (Swiss Yodeler), SP, \$208,278.

**5th-RP, \$44,880**, (S), 10-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.45, fm.

**PENGUINI (f, 3, Omega Code--The Penguin {SW, \$104,909}, by Devious Course)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$60,984. O/B-Georgie Stuart (OK); T-Clinton C Stuart. \*Full to Zeta Zody, SW, \$195,845.

**8th-RP, \$37,136**, 10-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.07, fm.  
**INTO RUNNING (f, 4, Into Mischief--Black Zone, by Wild Zone)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$84,821. O-Norman Stables LLC; B-Russell Welch (LA); T-Steven M Asmussen. \*\$75,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSMAR.

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**3rd-IND, \$36,720**, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 10-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.25, ft.

**SILENT RONIN (f, 3, First Samurai--Quiet Hope, by Quiet American)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-2, \$52,205. O-Five Sons Racing; B-Joseph Fowler (KY); T-Richard R Scherer. \*\$50,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR.



**4th-PEN, \$33,040**, 10-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.06, ft.  
**HEAT SEEKING (f, 3, Here's Zealous--Fuego Grande, by Adonis)** Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$61,450. O-Peter Kazamias; B-Kaz Hill Farm (PA); T-Dimitrios K Synnefias.

**7th-CT, \$26,000**, (S), 10-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.67, ft.  
**LONGSTREAK (g, 3, Bwana Charlie--Miss Felicia, by Family Calling)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$39,135. O/B-Dennis P Finger (WV); T-Timothy C Grams.

**8th-FL, \$20,400**, (S), 10-22, (NW3BX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.08, ft.  
**GO GET THE BASIL (h, 5, Andromeda's Hero--Images in Jade, by Jade Hunter)** Lifetime Record: GSP, 26-6-6-3, \$246,293. O/B-John T Esposito & Anthony J Lo Grippo (NY); T-Daniel H Conway Jr. \*1/2 to Hot Splash (Sunriver), SP, \$230,267.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**+Derby Chatter**, g, 2, **Dixie Chatter**--Wide Eyed View, by Benchmark. SA, 10-22, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06.52. B-Jason Tackitt (CA).

**Suavemente**, g, 2, **Grace Upon Grace**--Air Force Woman, by Proud Irish. SA, 10-22, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06.18. B-Terry C Lovingier (CA). \*\$50,000 Ylg '14 NCAAUG.

**Queens Tiara**, f, 2, **Hat Trick (Jpn)**--Inca Queen, by Indian Charlie. BEL, 10-22, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:19.39. B-Stone Bridge Farm LLC (NY). \*\$10,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$27,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$1,800 Ylg '14 OBSOCT; \$85,000 2yo '15 EASMAV.

**+So Sorry Ruston**, c, 2, **Interactif**--So Sorry (SP), by The Prime Minister. DED, 10-21, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:23.33. B-Neal McFadden (LA). \*\$2,200 Ylg '14 ESLMIX; \$6,500 2yo '15 TEXAPR. \*\*1/2 to Nubin Ridge (Gold Tribute), MSP, \$284,605. \*\*\*Won via DQ.

**Conquest Cavalry**, c, 2, **Old Forester**--Miss Blakely (MSW, \$302,000), by Smart Strike. WO, 10-21, (S), 7f (AWT), 1:23.91. B-Ballycroy Training Centre (ON). C\$145,000 Ylg '14 CANSEP.

**Easy Grader**, f, 2, **Tribal Rule**--Corissa's Birthday, by Half Term. SA, 10-22, (S), 6f, 1:11.75. B-Academic Farms (CA).

**Madikwe**, c, 3, **Belong to Me**--And Guess What, by Kris S. SA, 10-22, (C), 1mT, 1:35.38. B-Keith Abrahams (KY). \*Full to Llandudno, GSP, \$150,160.

**Freedom Rules**, g, 3, **Forefathers**--I. B. Uncatchable, by Swamp. DED, 10-21, (S), 5f, 1:00.16. B-World War IV Racing (LA).

**Gospel Holiday**, g, 3, **Purim**--Pishon, by Aptitude. RP, 10-21, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18.32. B-Save Williams (OK).

**Irish Cat**, g, 3, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Carolyn's Cat (MGSW, \$307,415), by Forestry. BEL, 10-22, (C), 6fT, 1:08.17. B-W K Warren (KY). \*1/2 to Mufajaah (Tapit), GSW, \$267,140.



**Thursday's Results:**

**PRIX ISONOMY-Listed**, €55,000, DVL, 10-22, 2yo, 8fT, 1:52.98, hy.

1--**#LA CRESSONNIERE (FR), 123, f, 2, Le Havre (Ire)--Absolute Lady (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)**. O-Ecurie Antonio Caro & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Franklin Finance S.A. (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Christophe Soumillon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 3 wins, €53,500.

2--**Notte Bianca (Fr)**, 122, f, 2, Kendargent (Fr)--Biancarosa (Ire), by Dalakhani (Ire). O-Teruya Yoshida. €11,000.

3--**Secret Existence (Ire)**, 123, f, 2, Sakhee's Secret (GB)--Mad Existence (Ire), by Val Royal (Fr). O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard. €8,250.

Margins: 3HF, NO, NK. Odds: 1.10, 15.00, 23.80.

Also Ran: Floodlight, Saajid (Ire), Rougeoyant (Fr).

**Prix Isonomy cont.**

After two perfect educative wins over seven furlongs at Clairefontaine July 25 and over an extended mile at Craon Sept. 20, La Cressonniere carried on her move up the ladder by opening her black-type account in this filly-dominated renewal. Sent straight to the lead, the bay always had the measure of her rivals and only needed to be pushed out to register an authoritative score. [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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**1st-DVL, €25,000, Debutantes, 10-22, 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:50.52, hy. +ZARAK (FR), c, 2, by Dubawi (Ire)**

- 1st Dam: Zarkava (Ire) (Horse of the Year & Ch. 3yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, Hwt. at 11-14f & 9 .5-11f & MG1SW-Fr, \$4,793,989), by Zamindar**
- 2nd Dam: Zarkasha (Ire), by Kahyasi (Ire)**
- 3rd Dam: Zarkana (Ire), by Doyoun (Ire)**

The first of the four progeny out of the amazing Zarkava to race, Zarak was sent off the 11-10 favorite and missed the kick slightly before racing with two behind early. Making smooth progress out wide to lead with just under a quarter mile remaining, the bay was pushed out with hands and heels to register a cozy 1 1/4-length success from Qatar Dream (Ire) (Makfi {GB}). "He was very impressive and we are thrilled with him," The Aga Khan's stud manager Georges Rimaud commented. "He had shown



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enough at home for him to start. The ground was heavy, but the horse answered every question. The jockey was thrilled and in the end, it was a simple operation. We are not sure what the plan will be, but I think we will leave him alone until next

year now. Zarak is Zarkava's fourth foal. She also has a yearling by Redoute's Choice and a Frankel filly. There is also the Galileo three-year-old [Zarkar], who has not yet raced. He is not the most precocious of horses, but that is one of those things." Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-His Highness The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

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**2nd-DVL, €25,000, Debutantes, 10-21, 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:53.22, hy. +COME ALIVE (GB) (f, 2, Dansili {GB})--Portrayal (SW & GSP-Eng & MGSP-Fr, \$105,212), by Saint Ballado),** sent off the 9-2 second choice, was settled towards the rear of mid-division early. Switched wide to deliver her challenge in midstretch, the homebred showed a smart turn of acceleration to hit the front with furlong remaining en route to a comfortable 1 3/4-length verdict over Al Wathna (GB) (Nayef). G1 Irish Oaks winner Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) appears under the winner's third dam. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

**STATS STAY ON PAR AT ARQANA**

A pair of youngsters shared top billing during the third session--and second day of Part II--of Arqana's October Yearling Sale Thursday when selling for €70,000. The session experienced minor dips from the corresponding day last year. A total of 119 yearlings were sold for €2,880,000, compared to 117 sold for €2,981,000 12 months ago. The average dropped 5% to €24,202, while the median held steady at €20,000. The buyback



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rate was up marginally to 22.7%. Cumulative statistics show the sale continues to follow global trends in 2015 by being largely on par with last year. The overall median of €30,000 is down slightly from last year's €30,500 at this point,

while the cumulative average is down less than 1% to €41,149. The buyback rate has shown a 4% improvement at 20.9%.

The co-session toppers caused a flurry of activity when stepping into the ring just two lots apart. The first to appear was [lot 423](#), an Irish-bred daughter of Speightstown out of the French stakes winner Pride Dancer (Ire) (Fasliyev). The bay, who is also from the family of Italian Group 1 winner Linngari, was picked up by agent Alain Decrion for €70,000 on behalf of owner Jean-Claude Seroul. Seroul's Trixia (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) was in the spotlight Wednesday in Deauville when extending her unbeaten record to four in the G3 Prix des Reservoirs, and Seroul's new filly will also go into training with Trixia's trainer, Marseille-based Frederic Rossi.

"She is on the small side but with plenty of scope," said Decrion of the filly consigned by Ecurie des Monceaux. "She is very well-bred, by a proven sire out of a good racemare, so she has a lot of things going for her. We mostly look for horses who can make good 2-year-olds." **Cont. p9**

**French Report cont.**

Two lots later, Chantilly trainer Eric Saint-Martin went to the same price for [lot 425](#), a colt by Soldier Of Fortune (Ire) out of Princess Love (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) who is a half-brother to a pair of stakes-placed winners.

“I thought I had the budget to buy two yearlings but I was beaten several times,” said Saint-Martin after seeing off the likes of Marc-Antoine Berghgracht, Francis Graffard and Guillermo Arizkorreta. “I’d rather focus on quality than quantity, so this one will probably end up being my sole purchase. I really fell in love with him; he is a very nice horse out of a mare who has done nothing wrong. He will carry the colors of Alaric de Murga, who has been a great supporter.”

First-crop sire and 10-time global Group 1 winner So You Think (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}) also made his presence felt Thursday when a filly by the Coolmore resident fetched €68,000 from Paul Nataf. The bay ([lot 443](#)) is out of the stakes-placed Seal Bay (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}) and therefore a half-sister to the listed-winning Scalambra (Fr) (Nayef). Her third dam produced Classic winner Torrestrella, the dam of Group 3 winners Farmah and Intilaaq. Nataf revealed the filly was bought for owner Claudio Marzocco. “She is a strong filly who should develop into a nice 2-year-old,” he said. “She will be trained by Criquette Head.”

The final session of the Arqana October Yearling Sale takes place Friday.

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**Arqana October Yearling Sale**

SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• No. Offered	154	149
• No. Sold	119	117
• RNAs	35	32
• % RNAs	22.7%	21.2%
• High Price	€70,000	€140,000
• Gross	€2,880,000	€2,981,000
• Average (% change)	€24,202 (-5%)	€25,479
• Median (% change)	€20,000 (n/c)	€20,000

CUMULATIVE	2015	2014
• No. Offered	449	464
• No. Sold	355	350
• RNAs	94	114
• % RNAs	20.9%	24.6%
• High Price	€290,000	€350,000
• Gross	€14,608,000	€14,517,000
• Average (% change)	€41,149 (-0.7%)	€41,447
• Median (% change)	€30,000 (-1.6%)	€30,500



**SECOND EDUCATION WEEK A SUCCESS**

The second Dubai Future Champions Education Week, which exposes Newmarket school children to the heritage and career opportunities in their town, was deemed a success, with 147 students participating. The event, which is supported by Sheikh Mohammed and Newmarket Racecourses, saw students visit the likes of the National Horseracing Museum, Newmarket Equine Hospital and Rosssdales Veterinary Practice, Tattersalls, and the Rowley Mile Racecourse.

“It was fantastic to see Dubai Future Champions Education Week return again this year with just under 150 students attending five days of activities,” said Amy Starkey, regional director of Jockey Club Racecourses East region. “The students were all very enthusiastic to learn what their local area has to offer both now and in the future and we feel it is vital for them to have an insight into this part of their community. I am very grateful to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and the rest of the stakeholders involved for helping us to make this possible and I look forward to working with all parties to develop the week even further next year.”

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**OBSERVATIONS**  
on today's European racing scene

**2.00 Doncaster, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, f, 8ft**  
**SOUTHERN STARS (GB) ([Smart Strike](#))** is the first progeny out of the star mare Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}) to grace the track and starts in the colors of her breeder Teruya Yoshida for the John Gosden stable. The February-foaled daughter of the 2009 G1 Prix de Diane, G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Prix Saint-Alary, 2010 Prix Jean Romanet and 2011 GI Beverly D. S. and GI Flower Bowl Invitational S. heroine meets another debutante of note in Andrew Rosen and Edward Easton’s 260,000gns purchase **September Stars (Ire) ([Sea the Stars {Ire}](#))**, a Brian Meehan trainee whose dam is a half to Angara (GB) (Alzao) and who has already produced the 2013 G1 Racing Post Trophy third **Altruistic (Ire) ([Galileo {Ire}](#))**.

**2.25 Newbury, Mdn, £10,000, 2yo, 8ft**  
**MIDTERM (GB) ([Galileo {Ire}](#))** is another significant newcomer to race on Friday, being the first foal out of the six-times Group 1 winner Middy (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Sir Michael Stoute introduces Khalid Abdullah’s colt, who encounters another with top connections in Qatar Racing Limited’s **Goldmember (GB) ([New Approach {Ire}](#))**, a 300,000gns TAOCT half-brother to last

year's G1 Prix Jean Romanet winner Ribbons (GB) (Manduro {Ger}) from the David Simcock stable.

**2.35 Doncaster, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, 7fT**

**ROYAL ARTILLERY (War Front)** is another intriguing newcomer from the Gosden stable which is in the ascendant at present and this time it is Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith who are represented. Out of the 2007 GII Dance Smartly S. scorer Masseur (Dynaformer), the \$450,000 Fasig-Tipton graduate is joined by the same barn's **Kalkrand (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})**, a fellow newcomer who sports the Godolphin silks and is a half-brother to the 2014 G1 Metropolitan winner Opinion (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and full-brother to the GSW Fox Hunt (Ire).

**4.45 Newbury, Mdn, £10,000, 2yo, 8fT**

**ULYSSES (IRE) (Galileo {Ire})** is yet another blueblood off the mark on a day replete with them, this time being a son of the 2007 G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Light Shift (Kingmambo), who is herself a half to Shiva (Jpn) (Hector Protector). Sir Michael Stoute launches the Niarchos Family's March-foaled chestnut, who will have to be smart to deal with Kirsten Rausing's experienced **Algometer (GB) (Archipenko)**, a David Simcock-trained son of the MG1SW Albanova (GB) (Alzao).

Upgrading and remodeling of the grandstand and upgrades to the weigh room, owners' and trainers' room and other facilities will begin next year.

"The capital development work set to be carried out at Naas and Sligo will predominately benefit the racegoer and will transform the appearance of both racecourses," said HRI Chief Executive Officer Brian Kavanagh. "The designs for the new pavilion building at Naas are very striking and the raft of other projects planned will ensure that the rest of the racecourse facilities are the same high level. It is great to see Sligo building on the extensive improvements they carried out in 2014, with plans to continue the architecturally designed theme throughout."

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**DEVELOPMENTS IN STORE FOR NAAS, SLIGO RACECOURSES**

Naas Racecourse and Sligo Racecourse in Ireland will undergo developments in the coming years, part of which will be covered by Horse Racing Ireland's Racecourse Capital Development scheme.

Naas will get a €2.6 million renovation, of which more than €1 million will be covered by HRI's Capital Development Grants. Naas's projects will include a new stand next to the parade ring,



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including enhancement of public and private facilities and a rooftop terrace with a covering that can be removed according to weather conditions. Sligo's plans for it's €1.9 million renovation--€800,000 covered by the scheme--include the

construction of a new two-storey hospitality building overlooking the parade ring and track. Work on this project is expected to begin in 2018 with completion in 2019.

**ALLOWANCE RESULT:**

**2nd-LYP, €27,000, 10-22, 2yo, 8fT, 1:45.54, g/s.**

**SIYOUNOR (FR) (c, 2, Siyouni {Fr})--Oranor (Fr), by Starborough {GB})** Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €26,900. O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. \*€48,000 Ylg '14 AROCT; €300,000 2yo '15 ARMAV.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**+Thikriyaat (Ire), g, 2, Azamour (Ire)--Malaspina (Ire), by Whipper. CHD, 10-22, 8f (AWT), 1:37.60. B-Kildaragh Stud (IRE).** \*70,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

**Jameerah (GB), f, 2, Dansili (GB)--Jira (GB) (SW-Eng, \$124,702), by Medicean (GB). CHD, 10-22, 6f (AWT), TIME. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB).** \*65,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

**Rashawn (Fr), c, 2, Siyouni (Fr)--Retina (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB). SSB, 10-21, 7fT, 1:29.07. B-F Hodel (FR).**

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