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The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association's American Graded Stakes committee released its 2016 list of U.S. Graded and Listed stakes Friday. Following a review of 788 unrestricted races with purses of \$75,000 or more, the committee granted 464 races Graded status--one more than in 2015--and named 173 Listed races. Six already Graded races were upgraded, while eight new Grade III races were named. Thirty-one races were granted new Listed status. Twenty races that were Graded or Listed in 2015 lost eligibility for grading.

The Fourstardave H. at Saratoga was the lone race upgraded from Grade II to Grade I status for 2016, while the Eddie Read S. at Del Mar and the Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita were downgraded from Grade I to Grade II.

The Eight Belles S. at Churchill Downs, Rachel Alexandra S. at Fair Grounds, Shakertown S. and Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix S. at Keeneland and Hillsborough S. at Tampa Bay Downs were upgraded from Grade III to Grade II. Aqueduct's Distaff H., Belmont's Futurity S. and Matron S., Hawthorne's Hawthorne Gold Cup H., Keeneland's Adena Springs Beaumont S., and the Super Derby at Louisiana Downs were downgraded from Grade II to Grade III.

Eight races were upgraded from Listed to Grade III: Belmont's Pennine Ridge S., Churchill's Locust Grove S., Gulfstream's Harlan's Holiday S., Sam Houston's Houston Ladies Classic S., Keeneland's Buffalo Trace Franklin County S., Laurel's Frank J. DeFrancis Memorial S., and Santa Anita's Megahertz S. and Thunder Road S. Four races lost Grade III status in 2016: the Dogwood S. and Jefferson Cup S. at Churchill, Obeah S. at Delaware and Azalea S. at Gulfstream.

BRAD COX ENJOYING BREAKTHROUGH YEAR

by Steve Sherack

Growing up around the block from the home of the Kentucky Derby, it didn't take Brad Cox long to figure out which career path to pursue.

"I think when everybody else was in a textbook, I was reading a *Racing Form*," the 35-year-old conditioner said with a laugh. "And that's the truth. I probably should have paid a little more attention in school."



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While regular weekend trips to the track with his dad--a lifelong racing fan--were the norm, it was through a buddy's family that he received his initial backstretch education. **Cont. p3**

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PLETCHER READY FOR GULFSTREAM

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With an unprecedented 12 consecutive Gulfstream training titles to his credit, Todd Pletcher is looking forward to launching a quest for No. 13 during the 2015-16 Championship Meet, which is slated to get under way Saturday and run through Apr. 3.

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Breakthrough Year for Brad Cox cont.

“I had a friend who’s dad worked at the track and he would take us to the backside when I was about nine years old,” Cox explained. “I was kind of hooked from the get-go. I think when I was probably 12 or 13 years old is when I decided that I wanted to train.”

After saddling his first career graded winner in the GIII Prairie Meadows Cornhusker H. courtesy of the overachieving **Carve**



Almasty | Reed Palmer

(First Samurai) during his 11th year of training in 2014, Cox’s operation has really continued to take it to the next level in 2015. As the season approaches the home stretch, Cox has saddled 93 winners-- five at the graded level--good for

\$3,418,357 in cumulative earnings through Dec. 4.

Headquartered at Oaklawn and Fair Grounds for the winter, he currently has approximately 60 horses in training.

“It’s been a good year, to say the least,” the Louisville native commented. “It’s certainly exceeded expectations. It’s really been a great year.”

Following stints for Jimmy Baker, Frankie Brothers, Jinks Fires and Burt Kessinger, Cox served as an assistant to Dallas Stewart for five years before striking out on his own in 2004. What did he pick up from that well-respected group of horsemen?

“With Dallas [Stewart], you learn a lot about organization with having a large number of horses,” Cox said of the former assistant to the legendary D. Wayne Lukas. “And I think that’s one of the reasons why we’ve been successful with growing our stable recently. I certainly picked up basic horsemanship from each person that I worked for along the way as well. Giving the horses time when they need it is the biggest thing. All of my clients are really good about that.”

That aforementioned horsemanship, packaged with the ability to spot his stock well throughout the country, was on display during a memorable Thanksgiving weekend for Cox’s up-and-coming operation.

Almasty (Scat Daddy), claimed for \$30,000 back in March, registered a career high with a powerful wire-to-wire upset victory in Churchill’s GIII Commonwealth S. Nov. 27. The progressive **Spelling Again** (Awesome Again), a sharp winner of the GII Chilukki S. beneath the Twin Spires last month, stayed on for third behind **‘TDN Rising Star’** Taris (Flatter) in Aqueduct’s GIII Go for Wand H. Nov. 27.

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Chocolate Ride (Candy Ride {Arg}), meanwhile, a two-time graded winner at Fair Grounds earlier this term, returned from the shelf with a popular optional claiming tally in New Orleans that same day. Cox’s other 2015 graded winner **Call Pat** (Lawyer Ron), heroine of the GIII Groupie Doll S. at Ellis this summer, rallied from far back to complete the trifecta in Churchill’s GII Falls City H. Nov. 26.

“It was a great weekend--we had a fantastic Churchill meet,” said Cox, who has also made his presence felt at the prestigious Saratoga stand the past few summers. “I was super pleased. Two graded stakes wins--that was really big.”

He continued, “Spelling Again ran a big race at Aqueduct. We’re probably going to give her a little time now and get her ready for a spring campaign. The goal with her is to try and win a Grade I to add to her broodmare value.”

Promising 2-year-old fillies **Annabelle** (Uncle Mo) and **‘TDN Rising Star’ Doxology** (Songandaprayer) were both in action on Churchill’s ‘Stars of Tomorrow’ card last Saturday. The former delivered a victory in a \$75,000 optional claimer, her second straight decision going a mile, while the impressive Indiana debut winner Doxology got going too late to finish with interest while fourth after a wide trip.

“I’m really excited about getting Annabelle around two turns,” Cox reported. **Cont. p4**

He continued, "I think she'll really enjoy that. I know she's run three times, but I've really taken my time with her. I haven't really pressed on her yet. Doxology is another one that we're still trying to figure out a little bit. I think there's a lot of improvement to come with both of those fillies moving forward. We've got a lot of young horses that will hopefully pan out as 3-year-olds."

Cox added that **Uncle Brennie** (Uncle Mo), winner of the grassy Sunday Silence S. at Louisiana Downs in September and recent third-place finisher in the Street Sense S. on dirt at Churchill, is being aimed at the Springboard Mile S. at Remington.

"I've always said that I like to train a little bit of everything—I don't want all grass, all dirt, etc. I want to have a mix of young horses and older horses, too. I don't train every horse the same. We really try to tailor the training to each individual."



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While his stable continues to project upward, there is one thing that Cox is hoping to add to his resume in 2016.

"I would really like to win a Grade I," he concluded. "I was just talking to my wife about that. That's the goal for 2016. We have a couple of Grade IIs now, but it's certainly easier said than done to win a Grade I, that's for sure." -@SteveSherackTDN



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DENMAN ANNOUNCES SANTA ANITA RETIREMENT

Trevor Denman, the popular voice of Santa Anita Park since 1983, will retire from 'The Great Race Place' and will not return for the upcoming 2015-16 race meet that begins Dec. 26, it was announced Friday. He will, however, return for the 2016 summer stand at Del Mar.

"After calling the races for 44 years, 33 at Santa Anita, I have come to the decision that it is time for me to kick-back, relax and enjoy the rest of my life on my farm in Minnesota and do some traveling both throughout America and overseas," the 63-year-old native of South Africa said. "It is time to stop counting dollars and to start counting the stars. I want to thank all the fans who have been so very supportive of me over the years.

People do not realize how rewarding it is when a stranger walks up to you and compliments you on your work. It is so uplifting! Once again, a very big thank you to all the wonderful Santa Anita fans. You made my life at Santa Anita an absolute pleasure."

Added Denman, "I can honestly say that I have nothing but fantastic memories. The best of the best! I have been lucky enough to have had the most harmonious relationship with management at Santa Anita from the very first day I walked onto the job. I have always felt relaxed in my work environment and have always had what I feel has been the best relationship any employee could have with their employer--and it's been that way for 33 years! I wish Santa Anita all the very best in the future."



Trevor Denman | Benoit Photo

Keith Brackpool, chairman of Santa Anita Park, added, "We knew this situation would come one day, but we were selfishly hoping it would be many years down the line. We have had the privilege of listening to the best-of-the-best for 33 years. No one paints the portrait of race like Trevor Denman. We would like to thank Trevor for changing the way America listens to races."

Denman's involvement with horse racing began at the young age of six and he called two races at Santa Anita in January of 1983, prior to being hired as the full-time announcer for Oak Tree at Santa Anita during the fall of that year. Officially the full-time Santa Anita announcer for the 1984-85 season when Dave Johnson left to pursue other interests, Denman said his "best moment in horse racing history, in his career at least" through 2012, was subsequent Horse of the Year Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire})'s victory in the 2009 GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita. Denman also developed several trademark phrases during his tenure in

Arcadia like "And away they go..." along with "They would need to sprout wings..." and "Looks like he just jumped in at the quarter pole."

"Santa Anita has been my home for 33 years," said Denman, who also is an avid student of great authors and philosophers. "I've so enjoyed working with everyone there through the years, including a great last three with Keith. Along with great racing, we share a love of soccer and our friendship will certainly continue for years to come."

"We are not going to replace an icon of three decades in less than three weeks, nor are we going to try," said Joe Morris, SVP West Coast Operations for the Stronach Group. "Santa Anita will undertake a world-wide search to find the next voice of 'The Great Race Place' for the next generation. In the meantime, we are extremely fortunate to have two exceptional race callers available to us in Michael Wrona, who is a member of the Stronach Group family through his years at Golden Gate Fields, and Frank Mirahmadi, who has done a great job of subbing for Trevor during the last two seasons. While it is possible that the right candidate ultimately might indeed be Michael or Frank, we owe it to our fans to find the perfect person, whomever and wherever they may be." **Cont. p6**

Jeff Siegel

[@jsiegelracing](#) I remember when Trevor came to Santa Anita in the early 80's and thought he would revolutionize race-calling in the U.S. He did just that.



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Denman to Retire from Santa Anita cont.

Concluded Denman, "I want to quote one of my heroes, Epicurus, for this most appropriate saying at this time of my life. 'Man should avoid the fevered competition of the city. Only with leisure can life flow in a single gentle stream. He should seek the calm of the countryside to find his deepest happiness and tranquility of body and mind. There he will find the greatest of all goods, which is peace.'"



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So welcome to part one of the Hong Kong International Races edition of "Wagering Around the World." This week, we'll look at the four features in 2014 and try to take any lessons from last year. **Andrew Hawkins, *South China Morning Post***



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Since 2004, Todd Pletcher-trained horses have won approximately 3,000 races and more than \$250 million in



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The 48-year-old Texas native has set the tone for each of the past 12 racing seasons by

capturing the training title during Gulfstream Park's Championship Meet.

Pletcher is looking forward to launching a quest for number 13 during the 2015-16 Championship Meet, which is slated to get under way Saturday and run through Apr. 3.

"For us, it's kind of the time of year when the 3-year-olds get revved up. It's a big part of our program--2-year-olds turning three," Pletcher said. "We've enjoyed a lot of success at Gulfstream over the years. I hope we keep it going."

Pletcher dominated the trainer's standings in both victories and purses-won during the 2014-15 Championship Meet, saddling the winners of 46 races and \$3.3 million in purses. In addition to saddling 'TDN Rising Star' Materiality (Afleet Alex) for his GI Florida Derby triumph last season, Pletcher also enjoyed graded-stakes success with fellow 'Rising Star' Constitution (Tapit) (GI Donn H.), Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro) (GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.), and Itsaknockout (Lemon Drop Kid) (GI Fountain of Youth S.).

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YTD 2015	\$9,982,781,802	\$1,035,760	4,473
YTD 2014	\$9,909,010,013	\$1,053,455,775	4,686
% Change	+0.74%	-1.68%	-4.55%

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ZEITLIN TO STEP DOWN FROM EQUIBASE

Hank Zeitlin, president and chief operating officer of Equibase Company since April 2007, will step down beginning Feb. 29, announced Ian D. Highet, chairman of the Equibase Management Committee and secretary-treasurer of The Jockey Club Friday. Equibase hopes to name a replacement for Zeitlin during the first quarter of 2016.

“Over the course of the past 25 years, Equibase has introduced a wide variety of products and services to help grow the sport of Thoroughbred racing, and Hank Zeitlin has played a major role in the creation and distribution of virtually all of them,” Highet said. “We are immensely grateful for all of his contributions and look forward to continuing our relationship through a transition period and possibly beyond that.”



Hank Zeitlin | *The Jockey Club*

Zeitlin joined Equibase as vice president of marketing and sales in January of 1998, the same year the company became the sole data collection agency and provider of racing data to the *Daily Racing Form*. Promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer of Equibase in January of 2003, Zeitlin was named president and chief operating officer in 2007.

During Zeitlin’s tenure at the helm, Equibase greatly increased the availability of free data and information for fans and horseplayers alike, developed and expanded the Stats Central portion of the Equibase website, increased the presence of racing data on mobile devices including smart phones, and kept fans and media apprised of industry and individual performance through its Virtual Stable notification service. Currently, Equibase serves on average over 2 million pageviews per day, while the resources generated from the partnership between the Thoroughbred Racing Associations and The Jockey Club have been reinvested into the Thoroughbred industry.

“Equibase has achieved and, in many cases, surpassed all of its original goals regarding the quality and timeliness of its data collection and distribution, and Hank Zeitlin deserves a good deal of credit for that,” said Ogden Mills Phipps, the former chairman of The Jockey Club and a member of the Equibase Management Committee since it was formed. “With guidance from [past Equibase chairmen] Ted Bassett, Alan Marzelli, Nick Nicholson and, most recently, Ian Highet, Hank was at the helm for several important technological transformations that helped Thoroughbred racing keep pace with other major spectator sports. The success of the company under his leadership also once again reaffirmed the benefits of industry collaboration.”

Added TRA Executive Vice President Chris Scherf, “Through Hank’s deft and prescient leadership, Equibase has been extremely successful in responding to the business challenges imposed by changing consumer habits and technology, while also capably serving the needs of the individual partner racetracks. His foresight and informative reports of general business trends at every TRA board meeting fostered complete confidence in the management of Equibase. The performance of the company during a time of decreased live racing and attendance has been viewed by the TRA as nothing less than exceptional.”

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Friday’s Results:

6th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 12-4, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.96, yl. SEEKING ALPHA (c, 3, [Medaglia d’Oro--Royale Michele {GSW, \\$231,365}](#)), by [Elusive Quality](#)) finished fourth in a pair of tries over the lawn at Keeneland and Saratoga earlier this term and switched to the main track to complete the superfecta once again going one mile at Parx Sept. 27. The bay recently finished second-best in a maiden test over this same grassy trip at Belmont Oct. 22, crossing the wire a neck ahead of next-out graduate Red Guard (Bernardini). Seeking Alpha posted a quartet of drills at Belmont in the interim and was tabbed as the 8-5 choice to break through in this first appearance in Queens. Away without incident, the \$385,000 KEESEP yearling tracked the pace from the outside through a half-mile in :50.46, took charge into the lane and edged clear to a 2 3/4-length win over Caldera (Arch). The winner’s dam, who captured the GII Barbara Fritchie H. in 2009, is also responsible for the juvenile colt Tapster (Tapit), as well a yearling colt by Tiznow and a weanling colt by Eskendereya. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$70,490. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Robert V. LaPenta; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.**

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SWEET SOUL MUSIC (c, 3, [Leroidesanimaux {Brz}](#)--Almost Always, by Seattle Fitz {Arg}) finished second on debut over a grassy mile at Monmouth Aug. 15 and could do no better than third as the 3-2 choice in his second trip to post over the Delaware lawn Sept. 14. He graduated going nine furlongs over the Laurel turf Oct. 18 and recently endured a brutally troubled trip in a state-bred optional claimer going a mile on the sod at Gulfstream Park West. Tabbed as the 8-5 favorite for this return to open company, the bay skimmed the rail around the opening bend and settled to track the pace in the pocket through a half-mile in :49.62. Patiently handled by Antonio Gallardo on the final bend, Sweet Soul Music found a clear path entering the stretch and rallied to tag Tribal Message (Tribal Rule) on the wire by a half-length. Sales History: \$19,000 RNA 2yo '14 EASMAV. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$48,180. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** O-Robert A.Meier IV & Mark F.Taylor; B-Elizabeth Mateo (FL); T-Kathleen O'Connell.

 **LAMBHOLM SOUTH Training Graduate** 

New Wagering Options for Gulfstream Meet:

Gulfstream Park will usher in the 2015-16 Championship Meet Saturday with a pair of new options on its wagering menu. The Rolling \$1 Super Hi-5 will be offered for every race, challenging the bettors to select the first five finishers in exact order in order to cash. If there are multiple-winning tickets the pool will be paid out. If no one holds a ticket with the first five finishers, the entire pool will be carried over to the next race.

"We continue to try new wagers to interest all levels of bettors," said P.J. Campo, Gulfstream Park General Manager and Vice President of Racing for The Stronach Group. "The one thing we don't want to do is become complacent in a highly competitive market. We want to continue to challenge ourselves to create innovative wagers and enrich our customers' experience."

In addition to the Rolling \$1 Super Hi-5, the Early 50-Cent Pick 5 (Races 1-5) will be added to the wagering menu, which will also include the Late 50-Cent Pick 5 (last five races). The 20-Cent Rainbow 6 will once again be offered on the last six races each day. A pair of 50-cent Pick 4 wagers and multiple \$1 Bet 3 opportunities will offered on every card, in addition to win, place, show, exacta, trifecta and superfecta wagers.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2nd-GP, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 12:35 p.m. ET

Todd Pletcher unveils **ZULU ([Bernardini](#))** on behalf of the Coolmore contingent and Stonestreet Stables here. The \$400,000 Keeneland September yearling blossomed into a \$900,000 Fasig-Tipton Florida juvenile after a [:10 1/5](#) breeze. The grandson of MGSW Lemhi Go (Lemhi Gold) is a half to MSW Third Chance (Kafwain) and Banner Bill (Rockport Harbor). Antonio Sano also sends out a pricey Fasig Florida grad in the form of **Mr Louise ([Uncle Mo](#))**. Just a \$120,000 KEESEP buy, he brought \$600,000 following a [:10 2/5](#) move. The Cloud Nine Lumoni colorbearer is out of a half-sister to local GI Donn H. winner Albertus Maximus (Albert the Great) as well as last year's Grade I-winning juvenile Daredevil (More Than Ready). His third dam is Grade I winner Race the Wild Wind (Sunny's Halo), who produced French champion sprinter King Charlemagne (Nureyev) as well as the dam of GI Forego S. hero Here Comes Ben (Street Cry {Ire}). **[TJCIS PPs](#)**.

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Eastern U.S.

Friday's Results:

6th-LRL, \$53,150, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000-\$50,000), 12-4, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.13, ft.

RAINBOW HEIR (h, 5, Wildcat Heir--Rainbow Pride, by Prospectors Gamble) captured the GIII Jersey Shore S. at Monmouth Park in 2013 and added a trio of scores last year, including victories in the Teddy Drone S. and the restricted New Jersey Breeders' H. Off the board in three stakes in Oceanport to begin his 2015 campaign, the chestnut ran second in the New Jersey Breeders' H. Sept. 12 and recently showed signs of awakening with a gritty runner-up effort in a 6 1/2-panel optional claimer at Belmont Oct. 25. Sent postward as the 5-2 second choice in this contentious affair, Rainbow Heir extracted himself from tight quarters in the early stages and moved forward to track the pace from the outside as stablemates Joe Franklin (Bernstein) and Pablo Del Monte (Giant's Causeway) tussled through a quarter-mile in :22.54. Sent up three wide to confront that duo turning for home, the Jersey-bred leveled off nicely and strode clear to a much-the-best 4 1/4-length score. D C Dancer (Not For Love) rallied to complete the exacta. Lifetime Record: GSW, 18-8-2-1, \$388,710. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** O/B-New Farm (NJ); T-Benjamin W. Perkins Jr.

Saturday, Laurel Park, post time: 2:12 p.m. EST

GIN TALKING S., \$100,000, 2yo, f, 7f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Prognosis	Tiznow	Toledo	Woolley	8-1
2 Look Who's Talking	Cape Blanco (Ire)	Boyce	Robin	5-1
3 Thundering Sky	Sky Mesa	McCarthy	Weaver	12-1
4 Mecke's Madalyn	Desert Party	Albright	Caiazzo	30-1
5 Wait Your Turn	Warrior's Reward	Pimintel	Fisher	10-1
6 Cathryn Sophia	Street Boss	Rosado	Servis	1-2
7 Dare to Be	Successful Appeal	Carrasco	Jenkins	8-1

Saturday, Laurel Park, post time: 3:07 p.m. EST

MARYLANDER S., \$100,000, 2yo, c, 7f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Midnight Lovin	Midnight Lute	Pimintel	Geralis	15-1
2 Vorticity	Distorted Humor	Carrasco	Lawrence	8-5
3 Professor Zoom	City Zip	Toledo	Dilodovico	20-1
4 Never Gone South	Munnings	McCarthy	Lynch	7-5
5 Captain Alex	Admiral Alex	Perez	Haughton	20-1
6 Tale of E Dubai	E Dubai	TBA	Salzman	10-1
7 Runningfromthefeds	Three Hour Nap	Canchari	L Rodriguez	9-2



Apprentice jockey Lane Luzzi, son of veteran rider Mike Luzzi, earned his first professional victory Friday afternoon aboard Midwest Thoroughbreds's Flo's Strawberry for trainer Jamie Ness. "This is a dream come true," said the 18-year-old jockey. "I've dreamed of this day my entire life." | Jim McCue

Central U.S.

Friday's Results:

9th-FG, \$40,000, Msw, 12-4, 2yo, 1m 70y, 1:43.04, ft.
NOBLE THOUGHT (c, 2, Harlan's Holiday--No Use Denying {SW, \$219,016}, by Maria's Mon) began his career campaigning for trainer Malcolm Pierce at Woodbine in a trio of seven-panel sprints over the all-weather track. Third on debut behind subsequent GSP Tizzarunner (Tizway) Aug. 16, he made good progress to complete the exacta in the wake of Shakhimat (Lonhro {Aus}) Sept. 19. Transferred to this new barn following a third-place run Oct. 10, the colt trained steadily over the local strip and was sent postward with a 5-1 shot. The dark bay engaged in a protracted duel with No Distortion to his inside through fractions of :23.61 and :47.68. He dispatched that rival in midstretch and reported home 2 1/2 lengths in front. The winner hails from the extended family of GISW Missed the Storm (Storm Cat). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$41,899. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

 **HOLLY HILL Training Center**

Thursday Night's Results:

3rd-RP, \$35,200, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-3, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.38, ft.
GORDY FLORIDA (c, 2, Cactus Ridge--Indianella, by Indian Charlie) overcame some antics behind the gate to easily annex his career debut going 5 1/2 furlongs here Oct. 21 and was sent postward as the 9-5 second choice to remain unbeaten in this first time facing winners. Away a step slowly, the chestnut rushed up to seize control and took pressure from favored Bravura (Early Flyer) to his outside through a quarter-mile in :21.90. Moving comfortably into the stretch, the homebred shook loose from that rival and drew clear to a decisive 3 3/4-length tally. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$40,359. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Dream Walkin' Farms Inc. (KY); T-Kenny P. Smith.

6th-RP, \$33,000, Msw, 12-3, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.71, ft.
+KATALUST (f, 2, Munnings--The Cat's Reach, by Bernstein), a \$60,000 FTKOCT yearling purchase, posted six workouts over the local surface in preparation for this career unveiling and was given a 6-1 chance as one of five firsters in this heat. The dark bay raced off the pace in sixth behind a quarter-mile in :22.71 and launched a five wide bid to score by 1 1/2 lengths over Tom's to the Max (Jonesboro). The winner is a half to Yougotthatgoinforu (Student Council), MSP, \$305,184. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,443. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-R R Equine Stables LLC (OH); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel.

KTA/KTOB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2015-16

Newly elected KTA/KTOB Board of Directors for 2015/16:

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- Anita Cauley** – Thoroughbred Owner, Louisville
- Hutton Goodman** – Thoroughbred Owner/Breeder, Lexington
- Ben Haggin** – Woodford Racing, Lexington
- Paul McGee** – Thoroughbred Trainer, Louisville

**Craig Bandoroff, Price Bell, Stuart E. Brown, II, DVM & Marty Buckner were re-elected to the Board of Directors.*

California

Friday's Results:

6th-LRC, \$46,000, Msw, 12-4, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:02.82, ft.
IRON ROB (c, 2, [Twirling Candy](#)--Cold Blooded, by Tiger Ridge) held a significant experience in his seventh lifetime start, facing a field comprised largely of first-time starters. Runner up behind **"TDN Rising Star"** Justin Squared (Zensational) in a Del Mar dash Sept. 5, he ran fourth and second in a pair of maiden tests at Santa Anita Oct. 10 and Oct. 24, respectively. Recently a tiring seventh after setting the pace over a grassy mile in Oceanside Nov. 8, the bay was sent off at odds of 5-1 for this cut back in distance. Prominent from the outset, Iron Rob pressed the pace three deep through a quarter-mile in :21.98, seized control at the head of the lane and drew clear to score. It was 3 3/4 lengths back to runner-up Gato Dolce (Candy Ride {Arg}), the only other rival with previous race experience. The winner, the 20th for his freshman sire (by Candy Ride {Arg}), is out of a dam who is a full-sister MGSW millionaire Leah's Secret. Sales History: \$29,000 RNA Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$90,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, \$63,170. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
 O-Kretz Racing LLC; B-John C. Pereira (FL); T-George Papaprodromou.

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Saturday, December 5
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
ADMIRAL ALEX (Afleet Alex), 5/1/0
 5-AQU, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Admiral Blue, 20-1
 7-LRL, Stk, 7f, Captain Alex, 20-1

- BACKTALK** (Smarty Jones), Bridlewood Farm, \$4K, 16/1/0
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, Spintalk, 10-1
- BIG DRAMA** (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 68/11/1
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, +Two Times Book, \$35K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1
- BULLDOGGER** (Dixie Union), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm, 9/2/0
 7-TUP, Stk, 6f, Sondrio, \$9K RNA ARZ NOV yrl, 20-1
- CAPE BLANCO (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$18K, 165/10/0
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, +Megacosm, 20-1
 8-PRX, Stk, 7f, Wychmere, 12-1
 5-LRL, Stk, 7f, Look Who's Talking, 5-1
- COAST GUARD** (Stormy Atlantic), 14/4/0
 5-GG, Stk, 1m, Marqula, \$15K WAS SEP yrl, 12-1
- CUSTOM FOR CARLOS** (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 50/5/1
 4-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Custom Clover, \$5K BSC YRL yrl, 15-1
- DROSSELMAYER** (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$18K, 96/5/0
 1-DED, Msw, 7f, Warlander, \$7K EVA MAR 2yo, 3-1
- EUROEARS** (Langfuhr), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division, \$3K, 28/4/0
 6-RP, Msw, 1m, Eurodreamer, \$15K TEX APR 2yo, 7-2
- EZ DREAMER** (In Excess {Ire}), 13/4/2
 7-TUP, Stk, 6f, Ez Deluxe, \$30K ARZ NOV yrl, 12-1
 2-TUP, Stk, 6f, Heidi's in Charge, \$33K ARZ NOV yrl, 3-5
 7-TUP, Stk, 6f, Waste It Wisely, \$10K ARZ NOV yrl, 8-1
- FIRST DUDE** (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$8K, 98/15/1
 3-LRC, Msw, 5 1/2f, Skye Diamonds, 5-2
- FRIESAN FIRE** (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 61/7/0
 8-PRX, Stk, 7f, Morning Fire, 5-2
- GIANT OAK** (Giant's Causeway), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 40/1/1
 5-TP, Msw, 6f, Tavernonthecrow, 8-1
- LIKE MINDED** (Mineshaft), 7/0/0
 6-HAW, Msw, 6f, +Ima Little Kitten, 12-1
- MISREMEMBERED** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$8K, 36/5/0
 5-LRC, Msw, 1m, Uninvited, 5-2
 4-TP, Aoc, 1m, Whiskey Tree, 20-1
- MT WAVERLY** (Mt. Livermore), 5/0/0
 6-HAW, Msw, 6f, Audrey and Annie, 4-1
- PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 106/12/0
 1-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Little Scotty, 12-1
 1-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Paddy O'Wagon, \$60K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
 5-TP, Msw, 6f, +Knee Pads, 8-1
- SIDNEY'S CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 87/8/0
 4-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, He's a Dandy Candy, \$50K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-2
- TELLING** (A.P. Indy), 18/0/0
 1-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Slapjack, 15-1
- TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 92/19/0
 2-LRC, Aoc, 1m, Frac Candy, \$25K KEE SEP yrl, 8-5
- UNCLE MO** (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 165/25/7
 5-LRC, Msw, 1m, Laoban, \$260K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, +Mr Louise, \$600K FTF MAR 2yo, 6-1
 4-TP, Aoc, 1m, Uncle Jimmy, \$10K EAS MAY 2yo, 4-1

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Rookies cont.

First/second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, December 5

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

BADGE OF TRUTH (Silver Deputy), 5/0/0

5-TP, Msw, 6f, +El Libito, 20-1

DESERT PARTY (Street Cry {Ire}), Sequel, \$8K, 115/36/4

5-LRL, Stk, 7f, Mecke's Madalyn, \$22K RNA KEE JAN yrl, 30-1

7-HAW, Stk, 1 1/16m, Partay, 7-2

DISCREETLY MINE (Mineshaft), Lanes End, \$10K, 182/64/2

7-HAW, Stk, 1 1/16m, Discreet Charm, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/76/13

7-LRL, Stk, 7f, Never Gone South, \$90K OBS APR 2yo, 7-5

TALE OF EKATI (Tale of the Cat), Darby Dan Farm, \$15K, 129/44/2

8-PRX, Stk, 7f, Pig Pen, 12-1

THE PAMPLEMOUSSE (Kafwain), R San Miguel, \$3K, 35/10/0

8-LRC, Stk, 1m, And in the End, \$47K RNA BAR MAR 2yo, 20-1

THORN SONG (Unbridled's Song), Harris Farms, \$3K, 69/7/0

8-LRC, Stk, 1m, Yodelsong, 10-1

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/68/5

5-LRL, Stk, 7f, Wait Your Turn, \$30K FTK OCT yrl, 10-1

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
12/12	GI Starlet S.	LRC
	GIII Rampart S.	GP
12/19	GI Los Alamitos Futurity	LRC
	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	GP
12/26	GI La Brea S.	SA
	GI Malibu S.	SA
	GII Mathis Brothers Mile	SA
	GIII Daytona S.	SA
	GIII La Prevoyante H.	GP
	GIII Sugar Swirl S.	GP
	GIII W.L. McKnight H.	GP
1/2	GIII Hutcheson S.	GP
	GIII Old Hat S.	GP
	GIII Dania Beach S.	GP
1/9	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
	GIII Sham S.	SA
1/16	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-AQU, \$67,620, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.78, ft.

SUSTAINABLE (f, 4, Forestry--Normandy's Nell, by Mt. Livermore) Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-3-6-2, \$254,840.

O-Cheyenne Stables LLC; B-Normandy Farm LLC (KY); T-Kiaraan P. McLaughlin. *\$200,000 Ylg '12 FTKJUL. **1/2 to Culotte (Sky Mesa), MSW, \$140,301.

Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw

8th-LRL, \$42,000, 12-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:51.04, sf.

MY ENIGMA (g, 3, Indygo Shiner--Humoristic {MGSW, \$526,862}, by Sefapiano) Lifetime Record: 14-5-0-2, \$80,840.

O-Two Rivers Racing Stable LLC & MCA Racing Stable LLC; B-Arturo Peralta Ramos (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. *1/2 to Easy Crossing (English Channel), MSP, \$187,031.

8th-DED, \$40,000, (S), 12-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00.53, ft.

RUNNING FOR BOSTON (f, 3, Run Production--Boston Maggie, by Boston Harbor) Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-1, \$71,000. O/T-Patti Turner; B-Circle H Farms (LA).

9th-FL, \$35,000, 12-4, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:43.28, my.

IM KWIK (g, 5, Clever Dude--Strawberry Kwik, by Will's Way) Lifetime Record: 30-3-2-3, \$68,450. O-Carleton Chandler; B-John D. Steill (MA); T-Joseph Raposa.

6th-DED, \$30,770, 12-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.24, ft.

SAIL MAKER (c, 4, Malibu Moon--Skipper Tale, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, \$61,806. O-Pegasus Stables LLC (Joseph and Patsy Rink); B-Hinkle Farms & Joe Iracane (KY); T-Keith G. Bourgeois. *\$150,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; \$110,000 3yo '14 KEENOV.

6th-PEN, \$30,149, 12-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.78, gd.

FIVE CENTS (g, 4, Mineshaft--Lac Du Printemps, by Meadowlake) Lifetime Record: 30-5-5-5, \$102,702. O-James C. Wolf; B-David W Bowman (KY); T-Timothy C. Kreiser. *\$270,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP.

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3rd-HAW, \$27,720, 12-4, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.87, ft.

JAMIE'S GIRL (f, 3, [Bellamy Road](#)--Shellys Terms, by Private Terms) Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-4, \$62,625. O/B-Joel Meredith & T/C Stable (IL); T-Michael L. Reavis.

7th-CT, \$27,000, (S), 12-3, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:28.21, ft.
SIR A. J. MUNNINGS (g, 3, [Munnings](#)--Minister's Lady, by Mane Minister) Lifetime Record: MSP, 19-3-3-4, \$90,224. O-Cross Creek Farm; B-Maurice F. Casey III (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *1/2 to Cedar Run's Emblem (Our Emblem), SW, \$211,808; Fool Proof (Silver Ghost), SW, \$138,187.

8th-TAM, \$22,100, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.47, ft.

FIESTA ROSE (f, 3, [In Summation](#)--Elizabethswildrose, by Hennessy) Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-1, \$85,317. O-Ridenjac Racing & Hot Scot Racing Stables; B-Thomas A Moore (FL); T-Dennis Ward. *\$4,500 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

8th-FL, \$20,400, (S), 12-4, (NW3BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.08, my.

SWEET SWEET AFLEET (f, 4, [Northern Afleet](#)--Sweet Sweet {MSW, \$191,341}, by Honour and Glory) Lifetime Record: 12-6-2-2, \$115,664. O/B-Michael S. Ferraro; B-Stonewall Farm (NY).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Krewe Chief, g, 2, [Parading](#)--Antique, by Smart Strike. TP, 12-3, 1m (AWT), 1:37.81. B-Stone Farm (KY). *\$17,000 Ylg '14 KESEEP.

Rho Zeta Rock, f, 4, [Burbank](#)--Mimi's Deputy, by Coordinator. RP, 12-3, (S), 6f, 1:14.15. B-Roger D Neff (OK).

Unlawful Plot, g, 4, [Prospect Bay](#)--Jet to the Stars, by Unbridled Jet. CT, 12-3, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.31. B-Oak Hill Farms (WV).

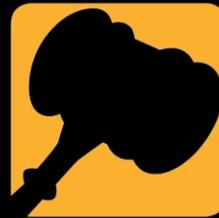
Hebgen Lake, f, 4, [Windsor Castle](#)--High Meadow, by Meadow Monster. CT, 12-3, (S), 4 1/2f, :54.39. B-Gordonsdale Farm (WV).

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CURTAIN CLOSER KICKS OFF IN DEAUVILLE

By Kelsey Riley



L'Amour De Ma Vie | Arqana

The European sales circuit moves to France this weekend for its annual curtain closer, Arqana's four-day December Breeding Stock Sale, and the company's Deauville sales ground was buzzing Friday under sunny skies on a picture-perfect December day. The international crowd that has come to be expected at these big events was continuing to filter in Friday, with representatives from all parts of Europe, the U.S., Japan and Australia inspecting the 993 lots on offer.

Arqana Managing Director Olivier Delloye was upbeat about the weather and the crowd, both human and equine.

"It's a very sunny day and I've never seen such a lovely day to inspect mares and fillies and foals at the December Breeding Stock Sale," he said. "I think that pleases everyone. The right people are here; it's been busy all morning so we'll see how it goes [Saturday]."

Coulonces Consignment sends out a top-class draft of 32, including L'Amour De Ma Vie (Dansili {GB}) (lot 162)--the only mare in foal to Galileo (Ire) to be offered at public auction in Europe this year--and that operation's Etienne Drion noted they had been busy with inspections.

"We got here Wednesday afternoon to give the horses time to settle in," he explained. "[Thursday] was good, it picked up a bit in the evening and then [Friday] it's been going non-stop.

There's a good crowd, lots of foreign people and all the people you'd want to see here." [Arqana December cont. p2](#)

GUN PIT AIMING HIGH AT CHUKYO

While the vast majority of Hong Kong's best horses will be on display at next weekend's International Races meeting on the turf at Sha Tin, the jurisdiction's top dirt horse, **Gun Pit (Aus)** (Dubawi {Ire}), has made the trip north and east to Japan for Sunday's G1 Champions Cup at Chukyo Racecourse. The 5-year-old gelding, a perfect seven-for-seven on dirt, was first-up for 4 1/2 months when making an appearance under top weight of 132 pounds in a Class 1 going an extended mile Nov. 18, and he made the most of a perfect inside trip beneath Zac Purton to score by a cozy two lengths, breaking his own track record in the process ([video](#)). A positive showing could lead to a trip to Dubai for a race like the G2 Godolphin Mile or the G1 World Cup, if he proves this slightly longer trip is within his capabilities.

[Champions Cup cont. p9](#)

in TDN America today...

The Fourstardave H. at Saratoga has been boosted to Grade I status for 2016 and TDN Racing Editor Steve Sherack profiles up-and-coming trainer Brad Cox

Those stories and more in today's TDN America.

2015 LEADING FIRST CROP SIRES IN EUROPE (IN ORDER OF WINNERS)

STALLION	WNRS	SWs	TOTAL
1 CANFORD CLIFFS	33	3	€643,381
2 Zoffany	30	5	€1,047,790
3 Lilbourne Lad	24	0	€302,993
4 Frozen Power	20	0	€228,096

Hyperion Promotions, 24/11/15

2015 yearlings sold for: **€340,000, €285,000, €280,000, €255,000, €200,000** etc.

2016 Fee: **€17,500 (APPROX. £12,500)**

COOLMORE

Arqana December Preview cont.

Nicolas de Chambure, whose 22-strong draft at Haras d’Etreham includes the Galileo (Ire) mare **Embellishment (Ire)** in foal to Kingman (GB) ([lot 177](#)), said he was pleased to see the recent attacks in Paris hadn’t seemed to deter many visitors.

“There’s a nice group of international people, some Americans, Japanese and of course people from Europe,” he said. “I was a little afraid with everything that’s happening in France that we might be lacking a few of the foreigners but everyone seems to be here. The fact that the Euro is a little weak compared to some other currencies may help as well.”

The Seitz family of Brookdale Farm in Kentucky enjoyed a homerun result as a consignor at last week’s Tattersalls sale when Saltanat (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}), a mare they bought for €20,000 at Arqana last year, made 170,000gns from Rabbah Bloodstock. Saltanat’s half-sister Qualify (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) gave the page the ultimate update when winning the G1 Investec Oaks in June, and the 5-year-old mare sold in foal to Sidney’s Candy. Brothers Joe and Freddy Seitz are back in Deauville in search of another Saltanat, and Joe Seitz said, “This sale is similar to what it was last year. We bought Qualify’s half-sister out of this sale last year. My brother Freddy picked her out, so this sale’s been good to us.”

Reflecting on the Northern Hemisphere breeding stock market as it nears its conclusion, Seitz added, “It seems like the market has polarized. People are gravitating towards the safe horses and they might spend a little more on the safe horses than they would in the past. Some horses that are questionable might sell for less than they would in the past.”

Tuesday’s session grew by seven Friday when it was announced seven stallions belonging to ex-National Studs would be auctioned at the beginning of the day. They are Network (Ger), Crossharbour (GB), Khalkevi (Ire), Lauro (Ger), Policy Maker (Ire), Racer (Fr) and Spanish Moon.

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La Motteraye On the Rise...

La Motteraye has become a familiar name on the French sales scene in recent years and, in just six years of existence has already outgrown itself, as evidenced by the fact that owners Lucie Lamotte and Gwenael Monneraye purchased a new and larger property to accommodate their burgeoning business just two weeks ago. La Motteraye, which this week sends 39 mares and foals through the ring, is located 45 minutes from Deauville.



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Lamotte explained that she and Monneraye enjoy consigning, but now plan to expand their business to include more breeding.

“We have about 25 mares on the farm and we’d like to keep it around that amount,” she said. “We [board] for clients in France and abroad and we have a few of our own mares.”



Lucie Lamotte and Gwenael Monneraye | Kelsey Riley

Lamotte and Monneraye started La Motteraye in December 2009 at a 30-hectare property they rented just a kilometer from their new land.

Lamotte noted they were supported from the beginning by some key players in France and abroad.

“We started quite quickly; Sylvain Vidal from La Cauviniere was buying a lot of mares out of training and he helped us by putting plenty of mares on our farm, so we started with him,” she said. “We had people like Liam Norris and William Huntingdon buy a few foals and they were very confident in us.”

La Motteraye sent out its first consignment at the 2010 Arqana August yearling sale, and the results could hardly have worked out better: all eight lots were sold, with three going on to be group-level horses.

“It was a very good draft and every year we’re getting bigger and bigger,” Lamotte said. “Now we’re trying to focus on less horses, but more quality. We always had it in our heads to be consignors; we loved prepping yearlings, so we wanted that to be our focus.”

The improving quality of the La Motteraye program is evident in this year’s draft, which includes foals by the likes of La Havre (Ire), Mastercraftsman (Ire), Raven’s Pass and young sires Planteur (Ire), Dabirsim (Fr) and Wootton Bassett (GB) as well as mares in foal to the likes of La Havre, Olympic Glory (Ire) and Tornado (Ire).

“We have a very good draft this year; every year it’s getting better and better,” Lamotte said. “We have very good mares in foal to good stallions like Le Havre, Olympic Glory, and Tornado and good, well-bred foals.”

Lamotte noted the continued improvement of the French breeding industry--fueled by the French racing premiums--has helped she and Monneraye kick-start their business.

“The premiums were a big help for us,” she said. “When we started all the English, Irish, Spanish, and Italians wanted to breed in France and use our system. It’s so well-made; it’s very good for breeders. It was a big help in us starting our business and we hope it will continue like that.”



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Lamotte said they purchased three foals at Tattersalls last week, and said she would eventually like to put their business on the global map.

“I think one day we’d love to go to the U.S. [to buy] foals,” she said. “We would prefer first to concentrate on Europe, but one day we’d like to buy some foals in the U.S. There is a big, big market there.”

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41, c, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Elle Danzig (Ger), by Roi Danzig

Consigned by Haras d'Ombreville

This April-born bay is the latest produce of the German and Italian Group 1 winner Elle Danzig, who has already produced three stakes winners and seven stakes horses. Chief among those is the German Group 3 winner and Classic-placed Elle Shadow (Ire) (Shamardal).

66, Jessica Rocks (GB), f, 3, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Jessica's Dream (Ire) by Desert Style (Ire)

i/f to No Nay Never

Consigned by Coulonces Consignment

This half-sister to Group 1 Prix Jean Prat winner Havana Gold (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) is in foal for the first time to G1 Prix Morny winner and champion juvenile No Nay Never. "He has proven to be very popular," said Anna Drion, "and she is from one of those families that ticks a lot of boxes. Being by Fastnet Rock, it is interesting to inject that speed from No Nay Never."

95, Matauri Pearl (Ire), m, 6, by Hurricane Run (Ire)--Moonrise (Ger), by Grand Lodge.

i/f to Cape Cross (Ire)

consigned by Coulonces Consignment

A full-sister to Wekeela (Ire), the G1 Prix Saint-Alary second and G3 Prix Chloe winner who sold last month for €1.1 million at the Arqana Arc sale, Matauri Pearl has been covered for the first time by Cape Cross and is the only mare in foal to him selling at Arqana December. "As the sire of Golden Horn (GB), Cape Cross is quite hot at the moment," said Anna Drion. Her second dam is a full sister to Monsun (Ger), "one of the greatest stallions we have had," she added. "If someone wanted something special, she makes a lot of sense."

Lot 115 and Lot 116, Pearlescence, m, 9, Pleasantly Perfect--Grisonnante, by Kaldoun **i/f to Makfi (GB)**

Consigned by Haras des Capucines

Pearlescence, the half-sister to MGISW and Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf champion Starine (Fr) and her foal by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) sell here to dissolve a partnership. Her one foal of racing age is a three-time winner at three in France. She sells in foal to Makfi (GB).

119, f, Oasis Dream--Hideaway Heroine (Ire), by Hernando (Fr)

Consigned by Haras du Thenney

Hideaway Heroine was bought back for €280,000 carrying this filly at this sale last year, and connections will try again with the resulting foal. Already a sibling to two stakes winners when born in March, the filly's pedigree enjoyed a significant update in August when her half-sister Maimara (Fr) (Makfi {GB}) won the G3 Prix de Lieurey.

126, Portland River (Fr), m, 5, Stormy River (Fr)--Porza (Fr), by Septieme Ciel **i/f to Sepoy (Aus)**

Consigned by Coulonces Consignment

A half-sister to Pornichet (Fr) (Vespone {Ire}), the G1 Doomben Cup winner in Australia, Portland River is in foal for the first time to Sepoy. "It's a nice cross, with a bit of speed as well," said Anna Drion. "I've heard a lot of great things about the Sepoy foals. She's very exciting for the Australian market."

128, Polygreen (Fr), m, 16, Green Tune (Ire)--Yxenery (Ire), by Sillery **i/f to Invincible Spirit (Ire)**

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French stakes winner and U.S. graded-placed Polygreen has already proven her worth in the breeding shed as the dam of stakes winner and multiple group-placed Evaporation (Fr) (Red Ransom), as well as the stakes-placed Ankle (Fr) (Shamardal). She is offered in foal to Invincible Spirit (Ire).

132, c, Dawn Approach (Ire)--Acatama, by Efsio

Consigned by Haras de Grandcamp

The first-crop foals of champion 2-year-old and G1 2000 Guineas winner Dawn Approach have thus far found favor with buyers--he is Europe's leading sire of weanlings heading into this sale with 17 sold for an average of \$116,000--and this colt also has strong appeal on the dam's side, being a half-brother to this year's G1 Prix Jean Romanet and G1 Lydia Tesio winner Odeliz (Ire) (Falco), who was sold privately to Man O'War Farm after RNA'ing at 950,000gns at Tattersalls on Tuesday.

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The colt's dam is a half-sister to dual Grade I winner Amorama (Fr) (Sri Pekan), and the page also traces back to the prolific Head family that includes dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}).

**Lot 160, Irish Cliff (Ire), m, 6, Marju–Miss Corinne (GB)
by Mark of Esteem (GB)
i/f to Le Havre (Ire)**

Consigned by Haras des Capucines

A half-sister to Sandiva (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), the multiple graded stakes winner in Ireland, the UK, France and the U.S., Irish Cliff was herself a four-time winner and listed-placed runner who hails from the family of British champion 2-year-old and Derby winner Sir Percy (GB). She is in foal to leading European third-crop sire Le Havre and will produce her first foal next year.

**161, Daria (Ger), m, 5, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)–Desabina (Ger)
by Big Shuffle
i/f to Teofilo (Ire)**

Consigned by Haras d'Etream

A listed winner from the family of Animal Kingdom, Daria sells with her first foal, by Teofilo, in utero as part of the dispersal of Capital Pur Sang, which is concluding its six-year program. "They have a nice group of young mares, some are stakes families, and the whole draft [eight, including mares and foals] is a nice group," said Haras d'Etream's Nicolas de Chambure. "She is a nice daughter of Rock of Gibraltar, and these days, people are always keen to buy young fillies, with a good race record, from the right family."

**162, L'Amour de Ma Vie, m, 6, Dansili (GB)–Cuaba,
by Smoke Glacken
i/f to Galileo (Ire)**

Consigned by Coulonces Consignment

The lone mare selling in foal to Galileo in Europe this year (and just the second in the world), L'Amour de Ma Vie is the winner of the G2 Balanchine S. In Dubai who was second to Integral (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) in the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. at Royal Ascot. Offered by Coulonces Consignment to dissolve a partnership, "She was a very good racemare, but she's also a great individual," said Coulonces' Anna Drion. "You're going to the best of the best with the Danehill--Sadler's Wells cross. They're so, so rare on the market."

**169, f, Dark Angel (Ire)–Saturnine (Ire) by Galileo (Ire)
*consigned by Haras d'Etream***

The third product out of the listed winner Saturnine, this filly is a half-sister to two winners. Born Feb. 9, she is a "nice, forward, early-born daughter of Dark Angel, with good size and a very good walk. With Galileo maybe bringing a bit of stamina to Dark Angel, and I think she's an interesting filly for people to race," said Etream's Nicolas de Chambure.

**172, Ennaya (Fr), m, 4, Nayef--Elva (Ire), by King's Best
i/f to Le Havre (Ire)**

Consigned by Aga Khan Studs

Another member of the ever-popular Aga Khan draft, Ennaya is a winning half-sister to this year's triple Group 1 and French Classic winner Ervedya (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). Ennaya is offered carrying her first foal, by popular young sire Le Havre (Ire).

**177, Embellishment (Ire), m, Galileo (Ire)–Sophisticat,
by Storm Cat
i/f to Kingman (GB)**

consigned by Haras d'Etream

This daughter of the G1 Coronation S. winner Sophisticat, herself a daughter of American champion 3-year-old filly and 11-time Grade I winner Serena's Song, should prove an attractive offering for Europeans and Americans alike. "It's quite an opportunity," said her consignor, Nicolas de Chambure. "I would think Americans could think it's a cheaper way to get into the family because she's being sold in France, but at the same time, she has great appeal in Europe because she's by Galileo. To have that American female line with that great Galileo family, who is doing such a good job as a broodmare sire, is pretty unique."

**194, Luckbealadytonight (Ire), m, 7, Mr. Greeley--Sumora (Ire),
by Danehill
i/f to Australia (GB)**

Consigned by Haras d'Ombreville

A half-sister to G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Maybe (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Luckbealadytonight has Classic potential all over her pedigree. Her dam, the stakes-winning Sumora, is a half-sister to G1 Investec Oaks and G1 Preis der Diana winner Dancing Rain (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), while her third dam produced G1 Epsom Derby winner Dr Devious (Ire) (Ahoonora {GB}). Luckbealadytonight is offered carrying to the first crop of dual Derby winner Australia.

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SIYOUNI NOM TOPS SEASONS AUCTION

By Kelsey Riley

A nomination to leading young French sire **Siyouni (Fr)** was the highest-priced offering at Friday evening's stallion seasons' auction to benefit the anti-waste-dump efforts in Nonant-le-Pin. The nomination was sold to Mick Flanagan for €52,000. Siyouni, the sire of this year's triple Group 1 and Classic winner Ervedya (Fr), will stand at the Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval for €30,000 in 2016. The auction of 16 nominations--as well as an option to Kingman (GB)--raised a total of €282,500.

Proceeds from the auction--organized by Arqana and the Association Sauvegard des Terres d'Eleavage--will go towards the legal bills--about €500,000 annually--of the anti-waste-dump movement. The dump, which has the capacity for 2.3 million tons of car parts and industrial waste, was opened in October 2013 in



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Nonant-le-Pin, the heart of Normandy's Thoroughbred breeding region. It was open for just two days before being shut down by protestors. Courts ordered the project to be shut down in late 2014, but that order was later overturned. The case has been reopened and a decision is due early next year.

"It's always difficult to ask for help but it's a problem that's a concern for everybody," said Eric Puerari, president of the Association Sauvegard des Terres d'Eleavage and co-owner of Haras des Capucines, one of the approximately 150 stud farms that lies adjacent to the waste dump. "It was a big polluting project but with the help of the government I think it won't happen now. We have a very solid case that shows that this authorization has been given on a wrong basis."

The second-highest price was brought by a nomination to **Le Havre (Ire)**, which was purchased by Lady O'Reilly for €44,000. Lady O'Reilly also signed for a nomination to **Anodin (Fr)** for €8,000. Those stallions stand for €35,000 and €7,500, respectively. An option to Juddmonte Farm's **Kingman** was bought by Andreas Putsch for €20,000.

Puerari noted that the waste dump fight looks to fall the way of the breeding industry, with the government set to support their case.

"The government is part of the decision and they are giving their opinion that this place should be closed definitely," he said.

Also sold were: Camelot, €25,000; Dalakhani, €15,000; Evasive, €5,000; Galiway, €10,000; Iffraaj, €32,000; Makfi, €22,000; Martaline, €15,000; Maxios, €11,000; Mutathir, €7,000; Myboycharlie, €2,000; Olympic Glory, €16,000; Planteur, €4,500; Saint des Saints, €14,000.

BEYOND THE TRACK: THE FRENCH INDUSTRY DISCUSSES POST-RACE OPTIONS AND FUNDING

By Sue Finley

The need to address post-retirement options for Thoroughbred racehorses at the end of their career in France in a more centralized way was the topic of an exploratory meeting held by Godolphin and the Aga Khan Studs yesterday at the Arqana Sales Complex in Deauville.

The event was attended by industry executives, farm owners and managers and sales attendees who listed to a presentation



From l to r: Graffard, Routh and Cooper making the presentation at Arqana Friday

from Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard and the Aga Khan Stud's Nemone Routh, who outlined the successful initiatives in Great Britain, Australia and the U.S., including the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and the Retired Racehorse Makover Project.

The presentation was called Au-Dela Des Pistes (Beyond the Track), which outlined several key ideas for an initiative in France, including: stimulating a demand for a secondary market for horses, a systematic industry funding method of small donations, an improvement of the image of racing, and to attract a new and different fan base to the racetrack.

The presentation asked everyone to write the name of a horse of whom the audience has lost touch. and on the other side of the card to write suggestions as to how horses' well-being could be improved in France.

"It is important to promote the horses who have successfully gone on to a second career," said Routh. "It shows the public that the industry cares about them, and that we simply don't use them."

"The next step," said Diana Cooper, also speaking on behalf of Godolphin, "is to put together a working group, an association with a structure, made up of people in the industry to explore funding and to promote the horse as an athlete," she said. Cooper mentioned Ecurie des Monceaux's Henri Bozo, Arqana's Olivier Delloye and Bertrand Le Matayer as supporters who had said they would step up and participate.

Georges Rimaud, manager of the Aga Khan Studs, attended the meeting and participated in a Q and A afterwards. "I think that this is a very good initiative," said Rimaud.

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Post-Race Options, Funding in France cont.

Rimaud continued, "I think it is time for us to focus on horse welfare. I think we may be a bit late, but I think there are plenty of people today who are concerned and hopefully this will lead further into improving not only the horse welfare, but the rehabilitation of horses in the future. I think it's a very good idea."

For more information or to participate in the initiative, contact Lisa-Jane Graffard at lgraffard@darley.co.uk.

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BILL OPPENHEIM

MARKET REPORT

In last Monday's Weekly Sales Ticker (click [here](#))--and with Arqana December, starting today, still to come, we found that 2,492 foals sold at the major mixed sales (Fasig November, Keeneland November, Goffs, Tattersalls) so far this year registered a \$6.65-million (5%) gain over last year, and a \$22.6-million (18%) increase over corresponding 2013 figures. On the other hand, a look at the bottom graph in today's Sales Ticker tells us that, with 17% more horses catalogued than in 2013, the overall mixed sale gross has fallen by \$58 million, or 12%, since 2013, while the average price has dropped by 18%. The 2013 figures do include the Paul Makin dispersal at Goffs November, which grossed €12,734,000. Even converted at the prevailing exchange rate then (the Euro has dropped by over 20% since), the Makin dispersal comes out around \$17.2 million. If we subtract that figure entirely from the 2013 mixed sale gross (Deauville not included), the 2013 gross would still have been around \$478.7 million, so the drop in gross in the corresponding sales this year would be about 8%.

When we subtract the foals and the Makin dispersal, the non-Makin dispersal gross works out around \$351.2 million in 2013, compared to about \$287.8 million this year. The non-foal, non-Makin Dispersal mixed sale market has fallen by \$63.3 million, or 18%, in two years.

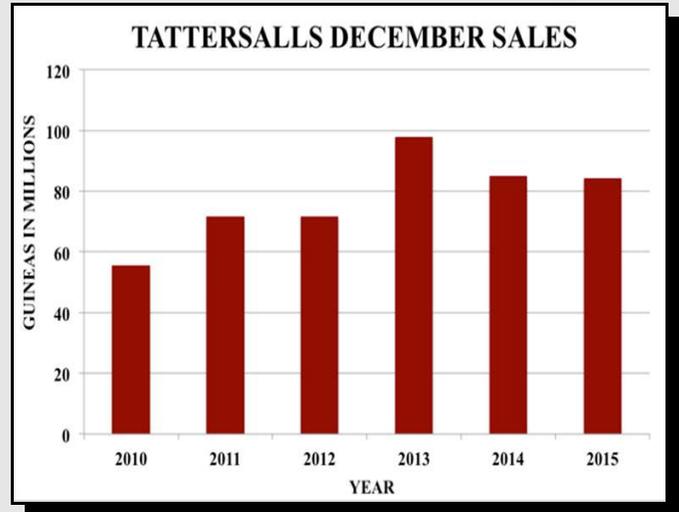
We constantly preach, as you know, that we have to be very careful when comparing non-foal Mixed Sale statistics, because the composition of the catalogues--what top fillies and mares are consigned to auction--can change significantly from year to year; for example, it probably wouldn't be as accurate to declare the non-foal section of the mixed sales down 22%, which would include the Makin dispersal. **Cont. p8**



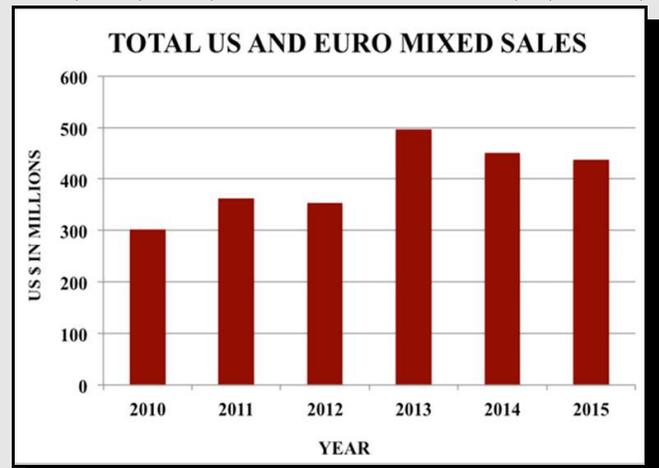
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"When we add up the entire 10-day Tattersalls December Sale, they catalogued 6% more than last year and sold exactly the same number, with a 4% drop in the clearance rate and 1% drops in the gross and average. With Arqana's season-ending sale starting today, the NA/EU Mixed sales to date saw 10% more catalogued for a 3% drop in gross and 5% drop in average. See the column where we track the totals minus foals and compared to a market peak two years ago".
 - Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	2,618	2,175	1,625	16.9%	74.7%	62.1%	84,170,500	51,797
2014	2,459	2,051	1,625	16.6%	79.2%	66.1%	84,975,295	52,292
2013	2,416	2,019	1,606	16.4%	79.5%	66.5%	97,989,000	61,014
2012	2,430	2,026	1,637	16.6%	80.8%	67.4%	71,660,200	43,775
2011	2,331	1,942	1,444	16.7%	74.4%	61.9%	71,747,900	49,687
2010	2,344	1,898	1,398	19.0%	73.7%	59.6%	55,610,800	39,779



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	9,432	7,588	5,673	19.6%	74.8%	60.1%	\$437,995,915	\$77,207
2014	8,593	7,041	5,537	18.1%	78.6%	64.4%	\$450,650,631	\$81,389
2013	8,061	6,630	5,517	17.8%	83.2%	68.4%	\$495,950,249	\$89,895
2012	8,381	6,833	5,292	18.5%	77.4%	63.1%	\$354,143,849	\$66,921
2011	8,103	6,649	5,117	17.9%	77.0%	63.1%	\$361,879,058	\$70,721
2010	9,191	7,388	5,473	19.6%	74.1%	59.5%	\$301,966,040	\$55,174

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

Bill Oppenheim cont.

So it is open to debate whether the 18%-drop in gross cited is because of lesser mares and fillies being offered, or because of an actual decline in the market from the 2013 post-recession peak.

For anyone who has been at the sales this year, the answer is pretty clear, and it isn't a substantial drop in the quality available, in fact one Tattersalls official told me he thought this year's Mare catalogue was significantly stronger than last year's. The rise in not-solds and drop in the clearance rates is an indication; in fact, on Tuesday at Tatts, nine fillies or mares went through the ring at hammer prices of 950,000gns (about \$1.5-million) or more; four were sold, five were bought back.

Sure, a lot of consignors got their reserve prices way wrong, but that may not have been consignor greed; it may have been that they valued their animals at roughly the same level as in the last couple of years, but the market was not there for them. Just two months ago the yearling market crested the \$1 billion mark for the first time in seven years, but confidence is shaky among breeders. The consensus of market participants with whom we spoke is that the market for the 'ones they want', in the 200-500,000 range (whichever currency), is very strong; but, both below that and above that, demand is much weaker. That's to be expected at the bottom end, where returning producers outnumber new and returning buyers. Whether because continuing low oil prices and other global economic and political concerns are discouraging top-end mare buyers, we can't be sure; but what we can be sure of is that demand for breeding stock at the top end is down. Arqana could buck this trend; it's a sales company that has been very much on the up in recent years (annual sales increased from €102-million in 2013 to €116 million last year); their December sale has grossed €26 million and change the last two years. But even if they do buck the

trend, they're not going to reverse it. The mare market is shaky, above and below the 200k--500k range.

One of the real indicators of weak top-end demand was the fact that four of the five mares which went through the ring at Tattersalls last Tuesday in foal to Dubawi were



Hanky Panky | Tattersalls

bought back. John Ferguson bought Hanky Panky off John Sikura for 2.7 million guineas, but he didn't buy the other four, nor did anyone else in spite of the fact Dubawi is about the toughest horse on the planet to get to.

However, fortunately for the sires which stood their first North American or European seasons in 2015, and are first-year covering sires, the mares in foal to them were not priced out of the existing market.

Among the European sires which have their first mares in foal selling, Coolmore's 2014 G1 Epsom Derby winner Australia (Galileo) and Juddmonte's Kingman (Invincible Spirit), the top 3-year-old European miler of 2014 (we were all calling him 'Frankel Junior' at one stage, he was so dominant), are the two leaders on in-foal mare average going into today. Australia has had six mares in foal to sell, for an average of \$384,114 (click [here](#)--Instatistics Freshman Covering Sires, Europe only); Kingman had had seven, which have averaged \$348,832 so far. Charm Spirit (Invincible Spirit) was fifth to Night of Thunder (Dubawi) and Kingman in the 2014 G1 English 2000 Guineas but was subsequently unbeaten including three Group 1 wins, two against 'olders.' He currently ranks a distant, but respectable third on this list, having had 11 in-foal mares average \$126,673. He has only one in-foal mare catalogued at Deauville, but other first-year AI-Thani stallions Olympic Glory (Choisir) and Toronado (High Chaparral) are well represented, as is the Haras du Quesnay's Anodin (Anabaa), a full brother to Goldikova and runner-up to Karakontie (Bernstein)--who himself enter stud at Gainesway in Kentucky for 2016--in the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita. This was a pretty salty group of milers: Kingman, Charm Spirit, Olympic Glory, and Toronado all went to stud this year; Karakontie and Night of Thunder (Dubawi, goes to Darley Kildangan) are new for 2016.

Our next column will run next Thursday, Dec. 10, so we will have final mixed sale figures including Arqana. Then we will go back to Wednesdays. I know that's late for me to start making my 'Value Picks', which I like doing even though it means straying from the objective to the subjective, so I hope it won't be all be too late to be of some use. Honor Code (A.P. Indy, Lane's End, \$40,000) was mine and everyone else's value pick of this year's retiring stallions, which is why they've reportedly had more than 300 applications; so I wasn't much use on him. But the value pick among proven sires under \$15,000 might still be available: that's Afleet Alex, still a bargain \$12,500 at Gainesway. His 2015 crop of 3-year-olds includes three Grade I winners: Texas Red, Materiality, and Sharla Rae. I'd say that's a mighty strong performance for a \$12,500 stallion.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fallen For A Star (GB), g, 3, **Sea the Stars (Ire)**--Fallen Star (GB) (SW-Eng & GSP-Ire & Ity, \$118,748), by Brief Truce. WOL, 12-4, 9f 103y (AWT), 1:59.34. B-Normandie Stud Ltd (GB). *1/2 to Fallen For You (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Eng, \$286,833; and Fallen Idol (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), SW-Eng, \$191,114.

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Friday's Results:

3rd-DUN, €13,500, Mdn, 12-4, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:40.37, +LOVE POTION (IRE) (f, 2, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--Potion {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}) raced in midfield for most of this unveiling. Stoked up to close soon after turning for home, the 11-10 chalk moved into fourth entering the final eighth and kept on gamely under late urging to prevail by a half length from Double Espresso (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) in the dying strides. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,192. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-John P McManus; B-Miss S A Mcmanus (IRE); T-David Wachman.



TOAST OF NEW YORK RETIRED

Toast of New York (Thewayouare--Claire Soleil, by Syncline), the 2014 \$2-million G2 UAE Derby winner who went within a nose of upsetting last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic, has been retired from racing and will enter stud in Qatar in 2016.

Bred in Kentucky by Frank and Jackie Ramos's Ashleigh Stud, Toast of New York was purchased for \$35,000 as a Keeneland January yearling in early 2012 and won back-to-back starts over the Wolverhampton all-weather by a combined 28 lengths before surprising his rivals in the 1900-meter UAE Derby in his first start of 2014. After being considered for the GI Kentucky Derby and G1 Investec Derby, Toast of New York was unplaced behind Mr Speaker (Pulpit) and Adelaide (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the inaugural GI Belmont Derby, but was runner-up to Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the GI TVG Pacific Classic in its final Polytrack renewal last August prior to his narrow defeat at the hands of Bayern in the Classic.

With an eye on a return to Meydan, this time for the G1 Dubai World Cup, Sheikh Joann al Thani's Al Shaqab Racing purchased Toast of New York from his previous owner Michael Buckley, but the colt suffered a soft tissue injury preparing for a clash in that



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race with California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) and never fully recovered.

Nasser Al Kaabi, General Manager of the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club, commented "Toast of New York was a fantastic racehorse and it is sad that his career was cut short but we are obviously delighted that

he will be standing as a stallion in Qatar. He will be managed by the QREC. Toast of New York will further enhance our evolving breeding industry."

Trainer Jamie Osborne commented: "Toast's retirement from racing has brought down the curtain on a wonderfully exciting and rewarding adventure for me and my team. He was a talented and charismatic race horse who has given life long memories to so many."

A paternal grandson of Kingmambo, Toast of New York's second dam is Claire Marine (Ire) (What a Guest {Ire}), multiple Group 3 placed in France before taking the GI Matriarch S., GI Beverly Hills H. and the Beverly D. S.--ungraded at the time--in the United States. He retires with a record of 8-3-3-0 and earnings of \$2,343,115.

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The task at hand is no easy one, however. **Nonkono Yume (Jpn)** (Twining) has proved the best Japanese dirt 3-year-old this year. Since suffering one of his three career defeats in the



Nonkono Yume | *Japan Racing Association*

Fukuryu S. in April, the chestnut has teamed with Christophe Lemaire to win four on the bounce, including the Japan Dirt Derby over a sloppy strip at Ohi July 8 ahead of a narrow defeat of his elders in the G3

Musashino S. at Tokyo Nov. 14, in which he came from well back to be up on the wire. [Cont. p10](#)

Champions Cup cont.

“He’s doing well and has recovered from his last start,” trainer Yukihiko Kato opined. “He’s always been full of pep. I feel he’s maturing gradually. The experience of a fast pace last race was good for him.”

Hokko Tarumae (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) will look to become the third to post multiple victories in this event. A mid-field fifth in the G1 Dubai World Cup in March, the bay won the Teio Sho in June and exits a third to **Copano Rickey (Jpn)** (Gold Allure {Jpn}) off the four-month absence in the JBC Classic Nov. 3. The latter, a pacesetter second to Hokko Tarumae in last year’s G1 Tokyo Daishoten, went one better in the G1 February S. and led every step of the way of the 2000 meters in the JBC Classic. He could face some pressure on the front end in the form of the speedy filly **Coin Berry (Jpn)** (South Vigorous {Jpn}), but will make his presence felt. **Field p10**

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Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

CHAMPIONS CUP (EX JAPAN CUP DIRT)-G1, ¥184,320,000

(US\$1,496,150), 3yo/up, 1800m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Nonkono Yume (Jpn)	Twining	Lemaire	Kato	121
2	Sound True (Jpn)	French Deputy	Ono	Takagi	126
3	Wonder Acute (Jpn)	Charismatic	Wada	Soto	126
4	Sambista (Jpn)	Suzuka Mambo (Jpn)	Demuro	Sumii	121
5	Nihonpiro Ours (Jpn)	White Muzzle (GB)	Sakai	Ohashi	126
6	Namura Victor (Jpn)	Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)	Akiyama	Fkushima	126
7	Copano Rickey (Jpn)	Gold Allure (Jpn)	Take	Murayma	126
8	Danon Liberty (Jpn)	King Kmhamha (Jpn)	Atzeni	Otonashi	123
9	Roman Legend (Jpn)	Special Week (Jpn)	Iwata	Fujiwara	126
10	Grape Brandy (Jpn)	Mnhattan Café (Jpn)	Moore	Yasuda	126
11	Corin Berry (Jpn)	South Vigorous (Jpn)	Mtsuyama	Ono	121
12	Kurino Star O (Jpn)	Admire Boss (Jpn)	Bowman	Takahshi	126
13	Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)	King Kmhamha (Jpn)	Miyuki	Nishiura	126
14	Gun Pit (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Purton	Fownes	126
15	Grand City (Jpn)	King Kmhamha (Jpn)	Tsumura	Aizawa	126
16	Roi Jardin (Jpn)	King Kmhamha (Jpn)	Hmnaka	Toda	126

Inglis Summer Thoroughbred Sale Posts High Clearance:

The single-session Inglis Summer Thoroughbred Sale saw 57 (95%) of its 63-strong catalogue find new homes in Sydney Friday, grossing A\$545,450. The average was down 9.13% at A\$9,569 and the median was off 25% to A\$3,000. Topping the sale on a bid of A\$120,000 (US\$88,058) from Aquis Farm, was the G1SP gelding **Best Case (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}) (lot 54) out of the G1 New Zealand



Best Case (near) | Inglis photo

1000 Guineas runner-up **Ambitious (NZ)** (Last Tycoon {Ire}) and a full to Australian GSW and G1SP **Strike the Stars (NZ)**, consigned by his owners. The second dearest lot on the day was the filly

Moodhilla (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) (lot 21), consigned by the Moodhilla Syndicate. Although only third from four tries at the track, the filly is a half to listed winner and G1 T J Smith Classic bridesmaid **Ringa Ringa Rosie (Aus)** (Bradbury’s Luck {Aus}). Purchased by Yu Long Investments for A\$82,000, Moodhilla will head to the barn of Darren Weir.

“Today’s sale has been a great end to what has been a stellar year in the Newmarket Sale ring,” commented Inglis National Bloodstock Director Jonathan D’Arcy. “The outstanding clearance rate was helped by over 80 individuals registered for online bidding today and obviously this has become a big part of Inglis mixed sales throughout the year.”



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SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	63	205
• No. Offered	60	166
• No. Sold	57	158
• RNAs	3	8
• % RNAs	5%	4.82%
• High Price	A\$120,000	A\$260,000
• Gross	A\$545,450	A\$1,663,800
• Average (% change)	A\$9,569 (-9.13%)	A\$10,530
• Median (% change)	A\$3,000 (-25%)	A\$4,000

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