

## CAL-BRED GETS CLASS TEST IN STARLET



Pacific Heat | Benoit Photo

'TDN Rising Star' Pacific Heat (Unusual Heat) climbs up the class ladder to contest a wide-open renewal of the GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos Saturday. The California-bred thrashed restricted company by 13 1/2 lengths on debut here Sept. 25, and added the Golden State Juvenile Fillies S. over seven panels at Del Mar Oct. 29. This will be her first two-turn attempt, and first try against open company, but she's done nothing wrong yet and was flattered when **Patriotic Diamond** (Hat Trick {Jpn})—third in her stakes win—came back to take an optional claimer by daylight Nov. 26.

Bob Baffert has two chances at a fourth Starlet score, including one with a full-sister to a previous Starlet winner. Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings and Edward McGehee's **Treasuring** (Smart Strike) is a full to Streaming, who won the Starlet two years ago when it was still contested at Hollywood Park. She is out of Teeming (Storm Cat), a daughter of blue hen Better Than Honour. Treasuring broke her maiden third out on the cut back here Sept. 19. She was most recently second in Del Mar's seven-panel Desi Arnaz S. Nov. 15, finishing a nose in front of **Street Fancy** (Street Sense) and further ahead of **Surfside Tiara** (Scat Daddy) and **Pretty N Cool** (Scat Daddy).

Pretty N Cool, fifth of five as the 3-5 chalk in that affair, is also trained by Baffert. A sharp debut victress in the Del Mar slop in July, she added that venue's GI Sorrento S. a month later before finishing a distant second to champion elect Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GI Del Mar Debutante in September. **Cont. p3**



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## MOHAYMEN POINTS TOWARDS HOLY BULL

Shadwell Stable's undefeated **Mohaymen** (Tapit) will make his next start in the GI Holy Bull S. Jan. 30, according to trainer Kiaran McLaughlin.

"I like having the uninterrupted training and racing with the weather in Florida, and it's 60 days [from the Remsen]. The timing is great," McLaughlin said. "He never gets tired. He doesn't blow out a match after works or races. That's something you can't see when you pay \$2.2 million for them. His mechanics, his mechanism of breathing and his movements are flawless so far." **Cont. p4**

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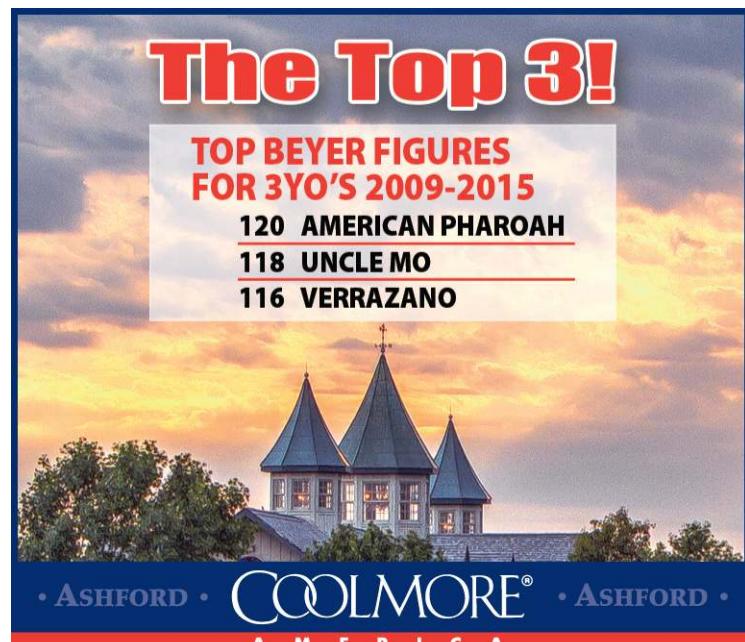
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## Cal-Bred Gets Class Test in Starlet cont. from p1

Pretty N Cool shipped across the country to defeat 'TDN Rising Star' and next-out stakes winner Constellation (Bellamy Road) in Belmont's GII Matron S. Oct. 18, but had no obvious excuse for her lackluster performance last time after looking like a winner turning for home.

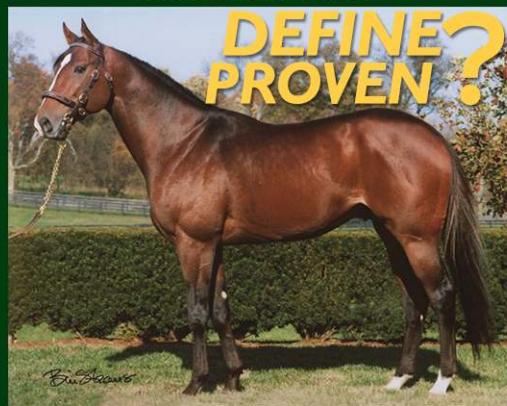
Fellow Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer also has a pair of entrants. **Stays in Vegas** (City Zip) returns to dirt and represents a similar ownership group to that of ill-fated champion Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}). An easy winner of her first two tries on the Northern California fair circuit, the chestnut was fifth behind stablemate Songbird in the Del Mar Debutante. She switched to the sod successfully for Santa Anita's Oct. 10 Surfer Girl S., besting a group that included Lucky Folie (Distorted Humor), who took the aforementioned Desi Arnaz over four Starlet entrants. Stays in Vegas was last seen adding Golden Gate's grassy Pike Place Dancer S. over Kiss N Scat (Scat Daddy), who gave Hollendorfer his 3000th victory with a 13-length romp on Thanksgiving back in the Bay Area. The other Hollendorfer trainee, Surfside Tiara, took Santa Anita's Anoakia S. sprinting two back Nov. 15.

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Pretty N Cool winning the GII Matron S. | Joe Labozzetta

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Treasuring	Smart Strike	Espinoza	Baffert	6-1
2	Street Fancy	Street Sense	Smith	D'Amato	5-1
3	Stays in Vegas	City Zip	Solis	Hollendorfer	7-2
4	Pacific Heat	Unusual Heat	Talamo	Eurton	3-1
5	Patriotic Diamond	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Van Dyke	Biancone	12-1
6	Surfside Tiara	Scat Daddy	Bejarano	Hollendorfer	6-1
7	Mama's Sugar	Lookin At Lucky	Lopez	Miller	15-1
8	Sutton's Smile	Paddy O'Prado	Gonzalez	D'Amato	10-1
9	Pretty N Cool	Scat Daddy	Garcia	Baffert	5-1
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## Mohaymen Pointing Towards Holy Bull cont. from p1

A debut winner at Belmont Sept. 19, the \$2.2 million KEESEP co-topper followed that graduation with a victory in Aqueduct's one-mile GII Nashua S. Nov. 4 and handled the stretch out to nine furlongs with aplomb in the GII Remsen S. Nov. 28.

"He always did everything right. He didn't get to us until June 23 because of immature knees," McLaughlin said of the half-brother to 2013 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}). "He needed some extra time and they did a great job with him. Since then he hasn't missed a day and he's improved every day."

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**Mohaymen | A. Coglianese**

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:05 p.m. EST

RAMPART S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Cali Star (K)	Street Cry (Ire)	Gaffalione	Wolfson	3-1
2	Stiffed	Stephen Got Even	Bocachica	Mazza	5-1
3	Pink Poppy	Tiznow	Castro	Werner	15-1
4	Curlin's Princess	Curlin	Saez	Wolfson	12-1
5	Legal Laura	Wildcat Heir	Lopez	O'Connell	8-1
6	Danessa Deluxe (K)	Summer Bird	Zayas	Navarro	4-1
7	Best Behavior (K)	Into Mischief	Velazquez	Wolfson	5-2
8	Moment of Delight	A. P. Warrior	Leyva	Kaplan	12-1

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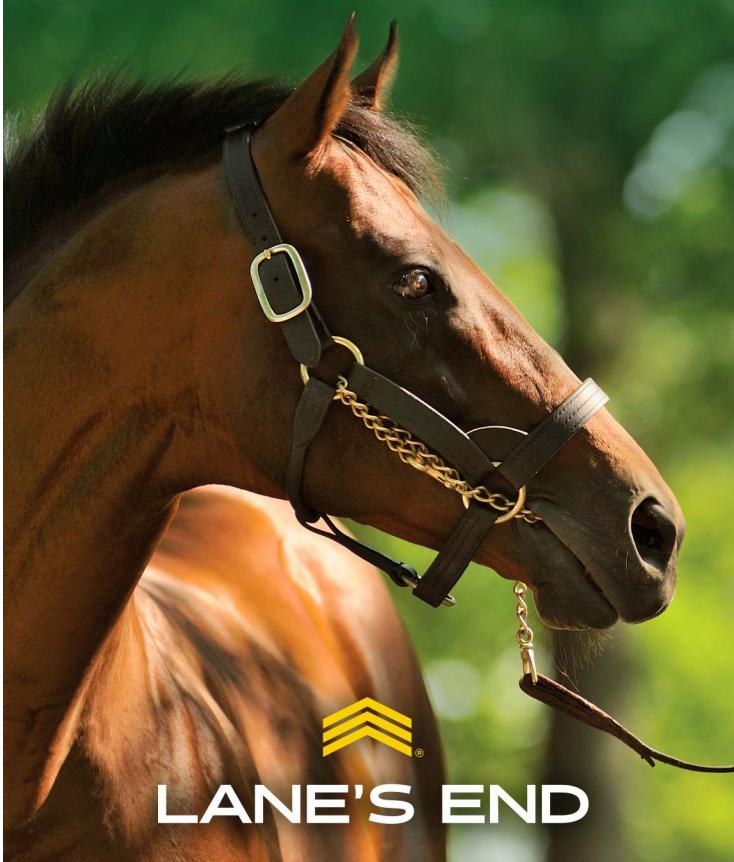
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## SANTA ANITA SEEKS NEW ANNOUNCER

Following the announcement of 44-year veteran announcer Trevor Denman's retirement last week, Santa Anita has begun the search for a new announcer. Submissions are welcome from around the world and the track will make arrangements for qualified candidates from outside of the United States to audition.

"Santa Anita is one of the most unique tracks in the world and the voice of Santa Anita should be just as unique," said Joe Morris, SVP West Coast Operations for the Stronach Group. "We owe it to our fans to find the right person to set the tone



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for our next generation of fans. We welcome submissions from around the country and around the world. Trevor Denman went from being a 30-year-old unknown track announcer from South Africa to the most recognized voice in the racing world. Santa Anita is the place to make a career."

Announcers interested in being considered should email a cover letter, resume and demo clip to [thevoice@santaanita.com](mailto:thevoice@santaanita.com). All entries will be considered and several candidates will be invited to audition at Santa Anita throughout the winter and spring.

Frank Mirahmadi and Michael Wrona will share the announcer duties at Santa Anita for the next few months and they too will be given strong consideration as the permanent race caller.

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## op/ed feedback

### Eric Hamelback:

I was very intrigued when I read the title of the Op/Ed written by Bill Finley about the effect of Lasix on the racing performance of Effinex in the Dec. 2 issue of the TDN ([click here](#)). Mr. Finley chronicles the story of a horse who broke his maiden in state-bred company after a relatively lackluster debut. Effinex then won his next race, at long odds, in an entry level restricted allowance race, only to then be badly beaten in his very next start, the GI Wood Memorial. Effinex did beat his odds, running third to last, despite being the longest shot on the board. The relatively inexperienced Effinex found himself pitted against some of the best horses in the country in his fourth start and still outran his odds. **Cont. p6**



## Why sell at OBS March?

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2015	OBS March	FT FL non Adena	Bar Feb
<b>Horses Sold</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Gross (millions)</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>RNA %</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>\$300,000 +</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Buyers</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>

## OBS MARCH

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**The  
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## Op/Ed Feedback cont.

Many a good horse has been intimidated to the point of no return under similar circumstances, however then trainer David Smith and owner Tri-Bone Stables had many reasons to be proud of their horse.

After his next start, another New York-bred allowance race, Effinex ran third, again surpassing his odds, beaten 6 1/4 lengths. It is at this point that Dr. Cohen, out of frustration, put his talented colt on Lasix, despite his deep-seated conviction, not shared by most horsemen, that Lasix is not good for horses. In the horse's next start, on Lasix, he finishes 7th, beaten 12 3/4 lengths in the Easy Goer, again, running now with Lasix. The next race was a New York restricted allowance race, where Effinex finished sixth by 12 lengths, still on Lasix. As I now closely examine the past performances of Effinex, I begin to wonder "how many races on Lasix are required?" before one sees the proclaimed performance enhancing effect that Lasix is said to have in this article.

As I see it, former trainer David Smith did a nice job with the horse. Effinex outran his odds in most of his starts under Smith's care. However, the true change of course for Effinex came with a shift to conditioner Jimmy Jerkens after a two month layup.

The question then becomes whether the improvement in performance was related to the freshening or the factors that attended the trainer change. Dr. Cohen himself stated that horsemanship, along with the later maturing pedigree we find in Effinex as well as the infrastructure that accompanied the move, certainly helped take Effinex to the next level.

I found this Op-Ed seemed to reflect only a portion of the story revolving around Effinex and Dr. Cohen's claims against Lasix. Certainly we know there are those with an anti-Lasix agenda who want to show support for their position. However, those of us who see Lasix as a therapeutic medication could be misled if only reading the surface of this article as it relates to the past performances of Effinex. My hope would be to have articles written that support either side of the Lasix issue, not be written in such a way that cause either supportive group to be intentionally or non-intentionally misled. I believe there is ample scientific research readily available that shows unequivocally that the majority of horses bleed from the lungs during exercise, and that Lasix is the only scientifically proven treatment for this condition. On the other hand, there is a paucity of evidence to support an opinion that Lasix is performance enhancing beyond this anti-bleeding effect.

As I have found in others, I find this Op-Ed is missing the key ingredient we all must demand for medication debates within horse racing: proven facts, not anecdotal evidence. Every article, including Letters To the Editor and Op-Eds, should be accurately researched and thus conveyed fairly before being released to main stream media. **Cont. p7**



## Do the math

### Highest of all 2YO sales 2015

Sire	OBS March	2012 Stud Fee
<b>Broken Vow</b>	<b>950,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>Midnight Lute</b>	<b>900,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Bellamy Road</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Adios Charlie</b>	<b>675,000</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>Twirling Candy</b>	<b>630,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Sidney's Candy</b>	<b>560,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Flatter</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Discreetly Mine</b>	<b>460,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Haynesfield</b>	<b>310,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Majestic Warrior</b>	<b>310,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Ice Box</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>7,500</b>
<b>Noonmark</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>High Cotton</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Put it Back</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>You Luckie Mann</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>1,500</b>

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## Op/Ed Feedback cont.

We all have opinions which are important and have merit in any discussion. However, when one makes statements and has convictions unsupported by facts, one can expect to get a response. As an industry we are obligated now more than ever to carefully consider facts and data before disseminating claims, insinuations or even opinions such as we find in this Op-Ed.

I believe it is incumbent upon all of us in our industry to challenge a version of any article, regardless of content, that we feel only points to one side, or the other. We are inundated with sound bites, and information of 140 characters or less. However, in order to be fully educated on any topic, one must be willing to go beyond one side of a story in hopes of educating yourself, regardless of one's own opinion. We hope, and I ask that our turf writers aid in that education, while still offering plenty of room for opinions.

In this piece we have an owner and veterinarian Dr. Cohen, throwing out quotes such as "I don't care what anyone else says, 99% of horses run on Lasix and 99% of horses do not bleed. Period. End of Story." I represent and stand for horsemen and women throughout the country, and I am here to tell you, that I do care. I care that we get it right, for the health and welfare of our equine athletes.

The scientific evidence, not just the opinions of the majority of my constituency, disputes many of the comments in this piece. I for one would applaud Dr. Cohen for wanting to take a stand, and measure the ability of his horse Effinex without Lasix. It is my belief that running on Lasix is, and should remain, a choice for owners, but I also offer my congratulations to Dr. Cohen's management and care of one of the great stars of Thoroughbred racing. By allowing for the proper usage of a proven therapeutic medication, he has ensured that the racing fan will continue to see Effinex in the winner's circle for some time to come.

Warm Regards,  
Eric J. Hamelback  
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# TDN Book Review

## A BRUSH WITH GREATNESS

by Robert Clark (Artist) and Edward L. Bowen (Author)

Review by Ben Massam

Perhaps not surprisingly, the majority of books celebrating Thoroughbred legends invariably invite the reader to "rank" equine athletes gracing the pages across the timeline of racing history. It is only natural to dream up scenarios in which the all-time greats meet each other in a hypothetical race, as we have seen in the past six months with speculation as to how American Pharoah stacks up against Triple Crown heroes of the past.

Yet there is something to be said for cultivating an appreciation of each Thoroughbred within its own context, resisting the urge to make comparisons and instead focusing on what made each racehorse exceptional. This is precisely what A Brush with Greatness achieves: it is an ode to the greatest equines to grace the racetrack since 2000, brought to life through the paintings of noted artist Robert Clark, the essays of Eclipse Award-winning writer/historian Edward L. Bowen and,

perhaps most extraordinarily, reminiscences from owners, trainers, and jockeys that Clark has connected with over the years. Clark and Bowen mean to recognize not only Thoroughbreds who left a long-lasting legacy after a successful or "great" career, but also those who achieved "a brush with greatness" on a single day, simultaneously reminding devotees why they love the game and capturing the imagination of prospective new fans.

"Each of these horses achieved a pinnacle in the sport; some for a brief moment, while others carved out their own timeless legend," Clark and Bowen propose. "Instead of dwelling on what could have been, we prefer to remember these horses with a proper sense of deserved reverence."

At its heart, A Brush with Greatness is a book of memories, meticulously gathered and shared in an appealing format. The double-page spreads would look very different--and would be far less compelling--if each horse was represented by a photo and a mere recitation of facts and statistics. Meshing the artistic renderings of Clark with free-form histories by Bowen and anecdotal reflections by the connections of the horse, the alphabetically arranged essays place less emphasis on quantitative comparison and invite readers to appreciate each Thoroughbred individually. *Cont. p9*

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2yo filly **BROADWAY GAL** impressed first out for trainer Todd Pletcher at Gulfstream Park Dec. 9.



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## Book Review cont.

Not long after opening this 176-page hardcover, readers encounter the most recent and likely most-celebrated addition to the pantheon of Thoroughbred greats: 2015 Triple Crown victor American Pharoah. But three page-turns later, readers can recall or familiarize themselves with the career of the gritty gelding Awesome Gem--particularly his pinnacle victory as a 7-year-old in the 2010

GI Hollywood Gold Cup. While Awesome Gem began his career months after others from his crop already completed the Triple Crown events, the venerable competitor went on to make 52 starts, racing until the age of nine. Undoubtedly, his brush with greatness was just one moment in the long-lasting artistry of his career and life story.

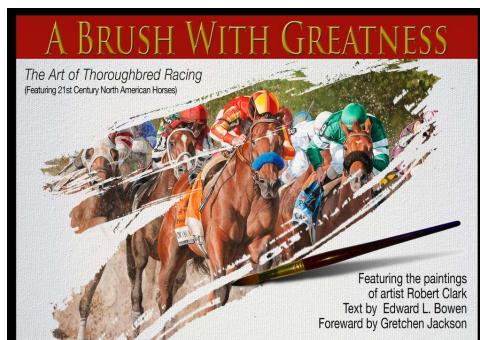
"Longevity surrounded Awesome Gem's career," writes Bowen. "At the racetrack, he authored his own form of longevity, competing from the age of three through nine, winning six graded races and earning \$2,881,370. As impressive as this escutcheon is, however, it pales in comparison to the longevity which produced him. Awesome Gem was a product of Runnymede Farm, a Paris, KY, nursery which the Daughters of the American Revolution recognized as the oldest continuously active Thoroughbred farm in the state."

In a similar fashion, Clark depicts Awesome Gem in full flight to the wire in the Gold Cup, motoring to the greatest triumph of his

career with David Flores in the irons, donning the familiar silks of West Point Thoroughbreds. Indeed, all of Clark's paintings are meticulously rendered; a glancing eye may believe that they are in fact

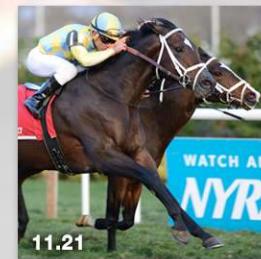
photographs. But upon a closer look, it becomes apparent that Clark is well-acquainted, not only with the physical conformation of the equine in motion, but also with the colorful nuances of the racetrack environment--from exacta pools on the toteboard to shadows cast by a shrubbery row in the infield. The physical articulation of each horse is augmented by Bowen's finely tuned colloquial recollections, remarkably repeated with the same attention to detail for each of the book's 79 entries.

Text-box reminiscences from owners, trainers, and jockeys further distinguish A Brush with Greatness from other offerings in its genre.





# SKY MESA



Sky Flight, one of four Stakes Winners in seven days for Sky Mesa, wins his second stake in the \$100,000 Artie Schiller Stakes at Belmont going a mile on the turf.

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Alternately factual, amusing, and deeply moving, these anecdotes contribute to a better understanding of what made each horse's career--or a particular moment in that career--special. The reflections of Gretchen Jackson--who also penned a foreword for the book--on the career and tragic ending of her colt Barbaro are particularly poignant, allowing readers to view the beloved Derby winner from the perspective of an adoring owner.

In his introduction, Clark aptly asserts that "the timing of this book could not be more perfect," in a year when racegoers and industry stalwarts alike witnessed a remarkable piece of history created by American Pharoah. At a moment in time when the urge to create a hierarchy of the greatest Thoroughbreds is running high, A Brush with Greatness proffers a refreshing, utterly beguiling alternative history, one that conveys deep admiration and respect for both the breed and the individual horses who create memories that will not soon be forgotten.

**A BRUSH WITH GREATNESS**  
**The Art of Thoroughbred Racing**  
**by Robert Clark (Artist) and Edward L. Bowen (Author)**  
**176p, Dementi Milestone Publishing Inc., \$50.00**

## HOW AMERICAN PHAROAH CHANGED RACING: FROM AN INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE

As 2015 comes to a close, the importance of American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile)'s incredible year has had time to sink in. From his stellar spring campaign, to his historic Triple Crown run, his breathtaking GI Haskell Inv., gutsy GI Travers S. and absolutely unbelievable GI Breeders' Cup Classic, American Pharoah certainly made an impact on sports and the news worldwide.



American Pharoah winning the Belmont | Sarah K. Andrew

We've asked a number of industry insiders how he or she believe American Pharoah changed the racing landscape on both a historic and personal level.

### Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning:

American Pharoah provided great pride and enthusiasm to the Thoroughbred industry. It was so refreshing to have friends and neighbors emotionally engaged in horse racing---recognizing and cheering his greatness. His brilliance on the most important stages in the Belmont and Breeders' Cup solidified his legacy. The Zayat and Baffert connections were wonderful ambassadors to a national audience. It is a honor to call American Pharoah a Saratoga sales graduate.

### Trainer Dale Romans, who conditions Keen Ice, the only horse to beat American Pharoah during his 3-year-old season:

I don't think anybody outside of the Baffert camp knows that horse better than I do. I chased him around quite a bit. We were fortunate enough to beat him once out of five tries. I am a huge fan and a big fan of what he did for the game. It came at a time when this industry is poised to go one way or another. With the internet and all of the things taking over, I think we are primed to go forward and he sure helped a whole lot. He got a lot of people aware of the sport, that may not have been aware of the sport before and hopefully a lot of them will stay fans. It's a good combination. Zayat is a colorful man and Bob [Baffert]'s one of the most colorful trainers and one of the few that could

have done with that horse what he did. I am really appreciative of the efforts from all of them.



Dale Romans | Horsephotos



Coming off an eight-length romp that earned her TDN Rising Star status, Ami's Mesa, the 100th winner this year for Sky Mesa, kept her record immaculate with a decisive win in the Glorious Song Stakes at Woodbine.

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## FOUR STAKES WINNERS IN ONE WEEK! UNDEFEATED 2YO SW ON SYNTHETIC AND TDN RISING STAR

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#### [Judge Upholds Order Barring Daily Fantasy Sites in New York](#)

"A New York judge upheld Friday the state attorney general's injunction barring daily fantasy sites from operating in the state." **Joe Drape, New York Times**

[Bill to restore Pennsylvania's slumping horse racing revenue moves forward](#) "A proposal that aims to save Pennsylvania's horse racing industry from declining revenue is close to making its way through the Pa. General Assembly and to the governor's desk." **Christian Alexandersen, www.pennlive.com**

[Sweeney Endorses Idea of 2016 Referendum on North Jersey Casinos](#) "Senate President Stephen Sweeney announced Friday he is introducing a bill to place a question on the statewide Nov. 2016 ballot on whether to authorize construction of up to two casinos in North Jersey." **John Brennan, NorthJersey.com**

## AIELLO NAMED OAKLAWN'S NEW ANNOUNCER

Pete Aiello has been named as Oaklawn's newest announcer and will be in the booth at the start of the meet Jan. 15. He replaces Frank Mirahmadi, who announced earlier this week that he would be leaving the Arkansas oval to call a portion of the races at Santa Anita following the retirement of Trevor Denman.

"The number of talented race callers expressing an interest in this job was astounding," Oaklawn Director of Racing David Longinotti said. "We've had our eye on Pete for quite some time. We are always tuned in to young talent in our industry and



**Peter Aiello**

Pete was at the top of our list. We believe he has the brightest future of any track announcer in the nation and couldn't be happier to welcome him into the Oaklawn family. We're confident Arkansas racing fans will greet him with open arms."

A native of South Florida, Aiello, 30, is a graduate of the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program. He is the announcer for the Gulfstream summer meet and

Gulfstream Park West meet and

on-air handicapper at both. Aiello also works at Hialeah as Director of Simulcasting and Mutual Settlements, Racebook Manager, Assistant Mutual Manager, and Director of Admissions and Patron Services. He has also held positions as Director of Marketing, Assistant Racing Secretary, and published track tip sheets.

"To say that I'm excited about joining the Oaklawn team would be a vast understatement," Aiello said. "To be able to be part of such a special race meet at such a storied facility with some of the most passionate people the industry has to offer is – well, pardon the cliché--but it's like a dream. I owe a special thanks to the management and ownership of Hialeah Park for understanding and allowing me to pursue this great opportunity. I've always heard Hot Springs has some of the best racing fans in the world and now I get to experience it for myself. I'm truly honored to be joining the team and appreciate the entire Oaklawn family for giving me this opportunity."

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## SKY MESA



Three year old Super Saks wins her second straight and first stakes race in the Dream Supreme at Churchill, stopping the clock for 6 panels in 1:09 1/5.

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## FOUR STAKES WINNERS IN ONE WEEK! 3YO DIRT STAKES WINNER AT CHURCHILL

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## Florida

### Friday's Results:

**3rd-GP, \$35,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-11, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:09.69, gd.**

**ISLAND SAINT (f, 2, [Speightstown](#)--Prospective Saint {GSW & GISP, \$485,725}, by Saint Ballado)** wired a 5 1/2-furlong maiden event rained off the turf as the 3-2 favorite at Saratoga July 30 and could do no better than third as the 2-5 favorite in Monmouth's six-furlong Sorority S. Sept. 6. A never-involved fifth at long odds in the GII Matron S. at Belmont Oct. 18, the chestnut joined her trainer's South Florida string following that effort and was given a 2-1 chance in this spot. The homebred broke sharply and dictated terms through fractions of :22.25 and :45.33. Maintaining her advantage turning for home, Island Saint widened to post a 5 1/4-length victory. Longshot Dad's Kiddo (Proud Citizen) rallied up the rail to complete the exacta. Prospective Saint, who captured the GIII Gardenia H. in 2006, produced a filly by Lonhro (Aus) last year and was most recently bred to Scat Daddy. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-0-1, \$94,260. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Siena Farms LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:35 p.m. EST**

**HARLAN'S HOLIDAY S., \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Mr. Jordan	Kantharos	Bravo	Plesa Jr	6-1
2	Valid	Medaglia d'Oro	Rispoli	Vitali	5-2
3	Just Call Kenny	Jump Start	Lanerie	McBurney	12-1
4	Madefromlucky	Lookin At Lucky	Velazquez	Pletcher	3-1
5	Ami's Holiday	Harlan's Holiday	Gaffalione	Carroll	20-1
6	Mexikoma	Birdstone	Saez	Dilger	8-1
7	Encryption	Exchange Rate	Lopez	Breen	6-1
8	Juan and Bina	Indian Charlie	Jaramillo	Delgado	30-1
9	Lynx	Curlin	Leparoux	Wolfson	20-1
10	Sr. Quisqueyano	Exclusive Quality	Zayas	Walder	5-1

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:05 p.m. EST**

**EL PRADO S., \$100,000, 3yo/up, 7 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Aztec Brave (Fr)	Pyrus	Lanerie	Sharp	6-1
2	Slim Shadey (GB)	Val Royal (Fr)	Saez	Jacobson	15-1
3	Plainview	Street Cry (Ire)	Bravo	Jacobson	8-1
4	Victory Exchange	Exchange Rate	Castellano	Carroll	12-1
5	Tower of Texas	Street Sense	Leparoux	Attfield	4-1
6	Res Judicata	Smarty Jones	Lopez	Servis	8-1
7	Siete C	Unbridled's Song	Zayas	Delgado	20-1
8	Starship Zorro	Giant's Causeway	Panici	Kassen	20-1
9	Macagone	Artie Schiller	Caraballo	Nihei	15-1
10	Reporting Star	Circular Quay	Vasquez	Parente	5-1
11	War Correspondent	War Front	Velazquez	Clement	3-1
<i>Main Track Only:</i>					
12	Weekend Hideaway	Speightstown	Gaffalione	Serpe	3-1

## New York

### Friday's Results:

**8th-AQU, \$65,000, (S), Alw, 12-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.03, ft.**  
**WILLET (m, 7, Jump Start--Katina K, by Distinctive Pro)**, a five-time stakes victress on this circuit, returned to the winner's circle in the Friday feature. Winner of the trip-and-track Interborough S. in January, she returned from a layoff to finish second in Saratoga's restricted Union Avenue S. Aug. 20. The mare was no match for La Verdad (Yes It's True) when sixth in Belmont's GII Gallant Bloom H. Sept. 26 and third in the New York-bred Iroquois S. Oct. 24. She recently ran sixth again in the GIII Go For Wand H. over a mile on the main track here Nov. 27 and was let go at odds of 7-1 for this return to state-bred company. Willet was bumped at the start and raced well off the pace behind a quarter-mile in :23.17. Rallying wide into the lane, she continued on determinedly down the center of the strip and got up to score by a half-length over Court Dancer (War Chant). Heavily favored Tricky Zippy (City Zip) lacked a punch and completed the trifecta. The winner's dam produced a filly by Majestic Warrior last year and a filly by Warrior's Reward this



Coming off a maiden win, Family Meeting graduated to the ranks of Graded Stakes Winner with a game effort in the Grade 3 Jimmy Durante at Del Mar. The talented 2YO filly complemented a huge weekend for Glen Hill Farm homebreds.

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year. Lifetime Record: MSW & GISP, 28-10-8-5, \$826,900. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-James H. Iselin, Charlotte Assoulin & Eli Gindi; B-Michael T. Martin (NY); T-James H. Iselin.

**3rd-AQU, \$59,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.67, ft.**

**BUILDING PERMIT (f, 3, Bellamy Road--Unbridled Blessing, by Unbridled's Song)** has never missed the superfecta in two years at the races and recently broke a streak of three consecutive runner-up finishes with a state-bred allowance score going one mile over the main track here Nov. 5. Sent postward as the second choice at odds of 3-1, the chestnut went straight to the front and set a measured pace through a half-mile in :49.51. Put to the test when heavily favored Jules N Rome (Dunkirk) reached even terms into the stretch, Building Permit shook loose in the final stages and reported home 1 1/4 lengths clear of that rival. Sales History: \$80,000 Ylg '13 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-4-1, \$174,210. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Klaravich Stables Inc. & William H. Lawrence; B-William L. Jones, Frank Antonacci, Geoff Stein & David Reid, Et al (NY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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**7th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-11, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:47.23, ft.**

**TAOISEACH (c, 2, [Dublin](#)–Sister Marette, by Cuvee)** showed steady progression in each of his first three starts, improving off an eighth-place debut run over the Belmont lawn to finish second in a six-panel \$40,000 tagger for Empire-breds Oct. 28 and ultimately breaking through with a narrow victory going 6 1/2 furlongs at that same level here Nov. 15. Nevertheless dismissed as the longest shot on the board at odds of 49-1, the chestnut raced off the pace behind a half-mile in :48.96 and rallied to reach contention on the final bend. Taoiseach's progress was momentarily hindered when New York Song shifted out into his path, but the colt rediscovered his best stride along the rail and edged away to score by 3/4 of a length over Charming Indy (Girolamo). Sales History: \$4,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$67,240. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Blue Sapphire Farm; B-Niall Brennan (NY); T-James T. Ryerson.



### NBS GRADUATE



**4th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 12-11, 2yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:47.14, ft.**

**ARCH OR NOTHING (f, 2, [Archarcharch](#)–Sing Our Song, by Miner's Mark)** trailed the field and never factored in her grassy one-mile unveiling here Nov. 18. The dark bay subsequently signaled her readiness with a bullet four-panel work in :47.67

over the local main track Dec. 5 and added Lasix for this try. A bit overlooked at odds of 6-1, the dark bay showed improved alertness leaving the gate and secured position tracking the pace in midpack as Tizcara (Tiznow) showed the way through a half-mile in :51.02. Splitting horses on the far turn, the filly still had significant work to do turning for home, but found her best stride and got up to score by a neck over Smile Big (Big Drama). She became the 15th winner for her freshman sire (by Arch). Arch or Nothing has an unnamed yearling half-brother by Majesticperfection. Her second dam is MGSW Sweetest Chant (Mr. Leader), from the extended family of MGSW & GISP and leading sire Distorted Humor. Sales History: \$40,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$36,240. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Deryck Lynch; B-Dreamfields Inc. & Kevin Purcell (KY); T-Edmund Pringle.

### NY Judge Bars Daily Fantasy Sites from Operating in the State:

A New York judge ruled in favor of a preliminary injunction that orders Daily Fantasy Sites DraftKings and FanDuel to cease operations in the state, accord to published reports. New York Supreme Court Justice Manuel Mendez supported the arguments made by at a Nov. 25 hearing by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who also sent both companies cease-and-desist letters in November. *Cont. p4*

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## BILL OPPENHEIM'S VALUE PICK

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"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."

Bill Oppenheim  
TDN - 12/5/15

**Fantasy Sites cont.**

FanDuel had already stopped taking paid entries in the state when they received Schneiderman's letter. In his decision, Justice Mendez said that protecting the public "outweighs any potential loss of business." Both companies will appeal his ruling, with DraftKings counsel David Boies already filing a notice of entry, Friday.

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**Tom Durkin As Drunken Santa.** In Friday's TDN, in Mike Kane's story [Durkin Finds The Play's the Thing](#), we inadvertently credited photos of Tom Durkin in Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street to Mike Kane. The photos should have been credited to Saratoga Photographer.com. We regret the error.

**► Eastern U.S.****Friday's Results:**

**7th-LRL, \$41,320, Msw, 12-11, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:49.29, ft.**

**HELL OF AFIRE (f, 2, Friesian Fire--Helen Louise, by Louis Quatorze)** finished a dull eighth in her six-panel unveiling over a muddy track here Oct. 4 and checked in fifth after a wide run in a grassy 1 1/16-mile maiden test Oct. 18. The West Virginia-bred posted three five-panel works in the interim at Fair Hill and was let go at odds of 33-1 for this return to the main track. The filly raced just off the pace behind a half-mile in :48.39, rallied

between horses on the far turn and dug in to prevail by a length over Tiz Majesty (Tiz Wonderful). She becomes the ninth winner for her freshman sire (by A.P. Indy). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$24,000. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Kenneth Lowe (WV); T-Tim Woolley.

**TODAY'S INSIGHTS**

**7th-AQU, \$69K, Alw/OC (\$62K), 3yo/up, f, 1m70yds, 3:20 p.m. ET**

**LEAVE THE LIGHT ON (Horse Greeley)** hasn't been seen in the last 50 weeks or so, but was plenty flattered throughout 2015. The chestnut annexed this venue's GII Remsen S. in his third career start at the end of last November, defeating eventual GI Wood Memorial S. and GII Pennsylvania Derby winner and GI Belmont S. runner-up Frosted (Tapit) in the process. Third that day was none other than GI Travers S. upsetter Keen Ice (Curlin). [TJCIS PPs](#)

**7th-GP, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, 7 1/2fT, 3:05 p.m. ET**

**KISMET'S HEELS (Tapit)** is one of two well-bred newcomers signed on here for trainer Todd Pletcher. The bay is out of SW and GSP West Coast Swing (West Coast Swing), who is herself a half to this year's brilliant '**TDN Rising Star**' Speightster (Speightstown) out of an unraced half sister to Hall of Famer Dance Smartly from an extremely deep female family. The \$370,000 KEESEP RNA blossomed into a \$900,000 Fasig-Tipton Florida juvenile after a :10 2/5 breeze. **Gimlet (Lemon Drop Kid)**, meanwhile, was a \$115,000 KEESEP buy turned \$160,000 OBSMAR juvenile after covering a furlong in :10 1/5. The full-brother to MGSW Aurelia's Belle hails from a highly coveted Alexander-Groves-Matz family that traces back to Courtly Dee. John Oxley and Mark Casse team up with fellow firster **Conqueror (Malibu Moon)**, a \$350,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling out of Grade II winner Street Sounds (Street Cry {Ire}). [TJCIS PPs](#)

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**APPOINTMENTS**

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- "Ian brings an undeniable passion for the business and broad knowledge of racing, breeding, and pedigrees," president Antony Beck said. "I'm thrilled to bring Ian's talent and energy to Gainesway."
- Previously worked at *The Blood-Horse* & graduated from Darley Flying Start

# Central U.S.

**Friday's Results:**

**5th-HAW, \$26,000, Msw, 12-11, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.63, ft.**  
**+INFINITE MISCHIEF (c, 2, [Into Mischief](#)--Top Royelle {GB}, by Royal Applause {GB})**, acquired by these connections for \$100,000 at OBS April earlier this year, was bet down to 9-5 favoritism for this career unveiling. Away to a sharp beginning, he dueled with Incensed (Pollard's Vision) through a half-mile in :46.09 and dropped back as that rival shook clear at the head of the stretch. Asked for more, the bay continued to grind and rallied to catch that rival and score by a length. The winner's dam is a half to Japanese GSW Toshi Candy (Jpn) (Bubble Gum Fellow (Jpn). Sales History: \$27,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$24,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$100,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,800. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-William Stiritz; B-Clearsky Farms (IL); T-Scott Becker.



## NBS GRADUATE


**Thursday Night's Results:**

**7th-TP, \$18,542, Msw, 12-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.92, ft.**

**RELEVANT (f, 3, [War Front](#)--Apt, by A.P. Indy)** checked in fifth behind recent GII Falls City H. heroine Ahh Chocolate (Candy Ride {Arg}) on debut at Fair Grounds in February before being transferred to this barn from Al Stall, Jr. She was a distant fourth at Churchill Nov. 5 behind 'TDN Rising Star' Wrath of Ruthie (Distorted Humor), who returned to win with equally devastating ease Nov. 29. Backed down to 90-100 while receiving first-time Lasix, the homebred stalked along the inside, snuck up a wide-open rail turning for home and kicked away to best Liberty Bond (War Front) by 3 3/4 lengths. The winner is a half to Apropos (First Samurai), SW & GISP, \$253,630; Carve (First Samurai), GSW & GISP, \$959,240; and Sloane Avenue (Candy Ride {Arg}), GSP-UAE, SW-Eng, \$256,512. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$15,020. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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**7th-LRC, \$49,260, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.90, ft.**

**SEATTLE SERENADE, c, 3, by Smart Strike**

**1st Dam: Serenading (Ch. older mare-Can. & GSW), by A.P. Indy**

**2nd Dam: Daijun, by Deputy Minister**

**3rd Dam: Passing Mood, by Buckpasser**

Seattle Serenade remained unbeaten with a comfortable score Friday afternoon at Los Alamitos, becoming the newest 'TDN Rising Star'. The bay, who sold for \$1,000,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, pressed the pace and earned a hard-fought victory going 6 1/2 furlongs on debut at Del Mar Nov. 12.

Hammered down to 4-5 favoritism to remain unbeaten here, he broke alertly and tracked the pace set by Feisty's Cause (Cause Ur Mine) through fractions of :22.34 and :45.46. Asked for more turning for home, the bay leveled off nicely and drew off to a 6 1/4-length score over Tough Sunday (Grazen) in a quick time for six furlongs. The winner is a son of Canadian champion Serenading, who is also responsible for Silhouette, a yearling full-sister to the winner. She was most recently bred to Distorted Humor. His second dam is MSW & GISP Daijin (Deputy Minister), a full-sister to GI Belmont S. winner Touch Gold and a half-sister to Canadian champion and GSW With Approval (Caro {Ire}). This is also the female family of GISW Brilliant Speed (Dynaformer).

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$58,800. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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# ROOKIES

## First-crop starters to watch: Saturday, December 12

**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  
1-MVR, Msw, 6f, Alphonse, 20-1

**ARCHARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 123/15/2  
6-PRX, Msw, 6 1/2f, Atizapan, \$40K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

**BIG DRAMA** (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 68/11/1  
1-DED, Msw, 5f, +Vickies Drama, \$22K FTK JUL yrl, 5-1

**CAPE BLANCO (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$18K, 165/11/0  
6-LRL, Msw, 6f, +D. K.'s Valentine, \$25K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1

**COURT VISION** (Gulch), Spendthrift, \$10K, 53/10/0  
8-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Song and a Vision, 15-1

**CUSTOM FOR CARLOS** (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 50/5/1  
13-FG, Msw, 6f, Biblical Strength, \$14K BSC YRL yrl, 6-1

**FIRST DUDE** (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$8K, 98/16/1  
8-GP, Aoc, 6f, Behzad's Pride, \$10K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

**FLASHY WISE CAT** (Catastrophe), 8/1/0  
7-FG, Msw, 6f, Flashy Lynn, \$14K EVA MAR 2yo, 15-1

**FLYING FIRST CLASS** (Perfect Mandate), 4/0/0  
1-MVR, Msw, 6f, +Lukeyontheloose, 7-2

**GIANT OAK** (Giant's Causeway), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 40/1/1  
7-FG, Msw, 6f, Sunny Oak, \$42K TEX APR 2yo, 8-1

**GIO PONTI** (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 110/6/0  
7-GP, Msw, 7 1/2fT, Sir Dudley Digges, \$130K OBS OPN 2yo, 8-1

**GIROLAMO** (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$15K, 87/17/1  
6-PRX, Msw, 6 1/2f, Coach Got Soul, \$50K EAS MAY 2yo, 10-1

**HERE COMES BEN** (Street Cry {Ire}), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$8K, 44/5/0  
8-GP, Aoc, 6f, Benny and Alex, \$5K EAS SEP yrl, 12-1

**HUNT CROSSING** (Corinthian), 15/1/0  
8-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Holey Molar, 10-1

**ICE BOX** (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 71/5/0  
6-RP, Msw, 1m, +Chime Box, 20-1  
6-RP, Msw, 1m, Ice Box Tango, 30-1

**INTERACTIF** (Broken Vow), Red River Farms, 33/2/0  
13-FG, Msw, 6f, So Nilsson, \$2K ESL YRL yrl, 20-1

**MIXMASTER** (Medaglia d'Oro), 4/0/0  
1-MVR, Msw, 6f, Mixed Colors, 10-1

**MOTOVATO** (Proud Citizen), 6/0/0  
1-DED, Msw, 5f, +Motogrind, 20-1

**NOW'S MY CHANCE** (Make Luck), 4/0/0  
6-PRX, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Sparky's Chance, 15-1

**PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 106/12/0  
8-LRC, Stk, 1 1/16m, Sutton's Smile, \$40K KEE NOV wnl, 10-1

**SIDNEY'S CANDY** (Candy Ride (ARG)), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 87/9/0  
13-FG, Msw, 6f, Landing Eagle, \$100K OBS MAR 2yo, 20-1

**6-LRL, Msw, 6f, +Cantate Domino, \$42K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1**

**SIENTE EL TRUENO** (City Zip), 4/1/0  
7-CT, Stk, 7f, Miss Simon, 10-1  
8-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Siente El Viento, 12-1

**SIERRA SUNSET** (Bertrando), Paradise Road Ranch, \$3K, 30/4/0

7-LRC, Stk, 1m, Phantom Heat, \$5K NCA AUG yrl, 30-1

**TIZ THE ONE** (Tiznow), 33/10/0

8-FG, Stk, 6f, Hand Me the Cash, \$2K OBS WIN yrl, 12-1

8-FG, Stk, 6f, Conquest Tiz One, \$100K E '15 KEE NOV, 5-1

11-FG, Stk, 6f, Este Es, \$25K OBS AUG yrl, 10-1

**TIZWAY** (Tiznow), Spendthrift Farm, \$25K, 73/5/2

1-GP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Acknowledge, \$17K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

1-GP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Our Way, \$140K OBS MAR 2yo, 12-1

**TRAPPE SHOT** (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 96/8/0

6-PRX, Msw, 6 1/2f, Aimed, \$47K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

**UNCLE MO** (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 165/26/7

8-GP, Aoc, 6f, Prospectus, \$72K OBS OPN 2yo, 4-1

## First/second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, December 12

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

**CHARITABLE MAN** (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 81/22/2

7-CT, Stk, 7f, Got Any Money, 15-1

7-CT, Stk, 7f, Charitableprincess, 7-2

**DISCREETLY MINE** (Mineshaft), Lane's End, \$10K, 182/64/2

4-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Discreetly Grand, \$60K OBS OPN 2yo, 8-1

**HOLD ME BACK** (Giant's Causeway), WinStar, \$6K, 154/53/3

6-LRL, Msw, 6f, +Hold On Momma, \$18K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

**KANTHAROS** (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/36/4

10-GP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Mr. Jordan, \$155K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

**LOOKIN AT LUCKY** (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 176/69/6

10-GP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Madefromlucky, \$150K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

8-LRC, Stk, 1 1/16m, Mama's Sugar, \$25K BAR MAR 2yo, 15-1

6-FG, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Four Leaf Chief, \$65K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

**MIDSHIPMAN** (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/52/6

6-HAW, Stk, 1 1/16m, Navy Seabee, 6-1

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

6-FG, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Gallery, \$30K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

**MUSKET MAN** (Yonaguska), Elite Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 38/20/1

11-FG, Stk, 6f, Mageez, 8-1

8-FG, Stk, 6f, Flying Tinkerbell, 15-1

8-FG, Stk, 6f, Aunt Nellie, 12-1

**SUMMER BIRD** (Birdstone), Japan, \$15K, 192/45/2

3-GP, Stk, 1m, Danessa Deluxe, \$35K RNA FTK JUL yrl, 4-1

8-GG, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Dynamic Summer, \$140K OBS OPN 2yo, 5-1

**SUPER SAVER** (Maria's Mon), WinStar, \$20K, 204/62/8

11-FG, Stk, 6f, Bayou Banker, \$275K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1

11-FG, Stk, 6f, Masterly, 20-1

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### STAKES RESULTS:

**MAGIC CITY CLASSIC S.**, (NB) \$57,000, FG, 12-11, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.22, ft.  
**1--BUGGIN OUT, 121, g, 4, Indy--Let's Zoom, by Schembechler.**  
 O/B-Dennis Murphy (AL); T-Kenneth L. Hargrave; J-Richard E. Eramia. \$33,630. Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-4, \$138,130.  
**2--Ira, 112, g, 3, J Be K--Autumn Creek, by Montbrook.**  
 O-Jerry B. Hackett & Tracy Nunley; B-Hackett Brothers Thoroughbreds Inc (AL); T-Randy Nunley. \$11,400.  
**3--Alabama Brass, 118, f, 3, Polished Brass--Cosmic Rain, by D'Hallevant.** O-Reesa Morris; B-Darrel Jackson (AL); T-David A. Lowry Jr. \$6,270.  
 Margins: 3/4, 22 3/4, 6 3/4. Odds: 0.05, 4.60, 82.20.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**5th-LRC, \$55,056, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.40, ft.**

**NATIVE TREASURE (g, 5, Tribal Rule--Visual Treat, by Bertrando)** Lifetime Record: SW, 27-7-7-2, \$304,442. O-Steve Moger; B-Pam & Martin Wygod (CA); T-Ed Moger, Jr. \*\$2,200 Wlg '10 BAROCT.

**8th-LRL, \$42,000, 12-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:50.24, gd.**

**SECRET OR NOT (f, 3, Orientate--Leed Me Home, by Secret Hello)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-2-4-3, \$92,300. O/B-Charles M Wilson (VA); T-Ollie L. Figgins, III.

**3rd-FG, \$41,000, (S), 12-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.10, ft.**  
**REINA DE APRISA (f, 3, Half Ours--Montanis, by More Than Ready)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$54,651. O-Valene Farms; B-Stanley Seelig (LA); T-Eric L. Heitzmann. \*\$23,000 RNA Ylg '13 BSCYRL; \$27,000 2yo '14 EVAMAR. \*\*1/2 to Louisiana Glory (Honour and Glory), SW, \$254,197; and Louisiana Flyboy (Fusaichi Pegasus), MSW, \$232, 570.

**5th-FG, \$38,000, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 12-11, 2yo, 1mT, 1:41.02, fm.**

**ROCK N SAKE (g, 2, Half Ours--Passion for Words, by Benchmark)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$60,280. O-Larry J. Romero; B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA); T-Ron Faucheu. \*\$27,000 Ylg '14 ESLYRL.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Wicked One, f, 2, In Summation--Queen of Oz (MSW & GSP, \$229,699), by Silver Buck. GP, 12-11, (C), 5f (off turf), :58.75. B-Cheryl Janine & James Patrick McGuire & Luke Poulos (FL).**

\*\$1,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

**+Noble Edition, f, 2, Noble Court--Chloe's Edition, by Skip Away.** LRC, 12-11, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04.67. B-Willow Tree Farm, Inc. (CA). \*\$2,500 Ylg '14 BAROCT; \$19,000 RNA 2yo '15 BARMAY. \*\*First winner from first starter for freshman sire (by Doneraile Court).

**He's a Ranger, g, 2, U S Ranger--Winsome (GB) (MSP), by Kris (GB).** DED, 12-11, 5f, 1:00.00. B-Royal Oak Farm, LLC (KY). \*\$19,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$1,500 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

**Indigo Sky, f, 3, Cherokee's Boy--Shesanothergrump (MSW, \$231,629), by Weshaam.** CT, 12-10, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:24.39. B-Tina Malgarini Mawing & Garvis Williamson (WV).

**Seferlis, g, 3, Here's Zealous--Nolana, by El Corredor.** PEN, 12-10, (S), 6f, 1:12.44. B-Paulina Sinnefia (PA).

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## MONDIALISTE CONTINUES WORLD TRAVELS



Mondialiste | HKJC photo

by Alan Carasso, quotes extracted from HKJC tracknotes

Geoff and Sandra Turnbull's **Mondialiste (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) has done his part to make the 2015 season a most memorable one for North Yorkshire-based trained David O'Meara and will look to complete a fairy tale season of his own against a classy group in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile.

O'Meara, 38, was a jumps rider for 13 years before taking out his trainer's license in 2010. He registered an impressive 138 winners in just his third full year of training in 2013, and earned his maiden Group 1 as a trainer courtesy of G Force (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) in the Sprint Cup at Haydock and orchestrated a 25-1 upset of the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye with one-time handicapper Move In Time (GB) (Monsieur Bond {Ire}).

But O'Meara has seen his fortunes really take flight in 2015. In addition to winning the GI Woodbine Mile with Mondialiste, Amazing Maria (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) added Group 1 tallies in the G1 Falmouth S. at Newmarket in July and in the G1 Prix Rothschild, defeating G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Ervedya (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). Mondialiste is exiting a runner-up effort to Tepin (Bernstein) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile Oct. 31, in which he was blocked in upper stretch, but closed the final eighth of a mile in :11.48 per Trakus data, nearly a half-second faster than any of his rivals. Mondialiste was not asked to do much Friday morning and covered the final 400 meters of his gallop in :33.1. **Cont. p5**

## RECORD ANNUAL TURNOVER FOR ARQANA

Arqana wrapped up its sale season with its December Breeding Stock Sale last week, and the company posted new records for turnover, average and top price for its combined sales in 2015. Total turnover for the company was up 3.2% to €123.7 million, while the overall average was up 6% to €47,417. The top lot of the company's flagship sale, the August Yearling Sale--the €2.6 million son of Dubawi--also marked a new record for Arqana.

"2015 was an exceptional year for Arqana and it is very rewarding to end the year with a record annual turnover of €123.7 million, a figure which is up by 3.2% compared to 2014," said Arqana Chairman Eric Hoyeau. "These results are the result of the tireless work put in by our team and by the FRBC and above all show the growing confidence our vendors and buyers have in us in each segment of the market." **Cont. p2**

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**'TDN Rising Star' Pacific Heat (Unusual Heat)** climbs up the class ladder to contest a wide-open renewal of the GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos Saturday.

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## Record Annual Turnover For Arqana cont. from p1

Hoyeau continued, "These results also show the strength of the Arqana model, which relies on two essential factors: the international influence of the Deauville sales, in particular the

August, December and Arc sales, and the strength in depth of our domestic market."

Arqana's four yearling sales posted turnover of €65,011,500 (including private sales), with the August sale posting the greatest increase of those four at 8%, and also posting a record average (€163,292) and median (€95,000). The flat-bred breeze-up market also showed strength, with the Arqana Breeze-Up sale

saw a record €8,203,000 turnover (up 21%). The horses-in-training market returned results that showed demand for high-potential lots but more uneven demand for lesser offerings.

Arqana also enjoyed success this year with its new online



Arqana's Eric Hoyeau | Arqana

platform, which was launched in the second half of the year.

"Though there were signs of a more selective demand this year, which should incite us to take even better care of our selection work, we approach 2016 with confidence," Hoyeau continued. "The forthcoming season will see more innovations, including organizing the Breeze-Up sale in Deauville for the first time during the prestigious French Guineas weekend, and organizing the Arc Sale in Chantilly. 2016 will also see the 10th anniversary of the creation of Arqana. Since 2006 an incredible journey has been accomplished; nonetheless, this anniversary will only be a stepping stone, as we are more than ever driven by the desire to continue to develop our sales for the next 10 years."

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## Arqana Six-Year Statistics

Year	Off	Sold	%Sold	Turnover	Average	Median	Top Price
2015	3384	2549	75.3	123,657,200	47,717	20,000	2,600,000
2014	3266	2587	79.2	119,727,750	44,987	18,000	1,200,000
2013	3142	2416	76.9	105,470,200	42,483	17,000	1,500,000
2012	3000	2152	71.7	86,155,900	37,480	16,000	1,200,000
2011	2964	2050	69.2	86,780,250	40,014	18,000	1,700,000
2010	2841	1917	67.5	75,577,100	36,797	18,000	800,000

Turnover includes private sales. All figures in €.

## BEST OF LUCK TO AUSTRALIAN-BRED CONTENDERS



### Group 1 Longines Hong Kong Mile

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### Group 1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint

#### NOT LISTENIN'TOME

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Breeder: Cressfield

## DETTORI AWARDED 'BEST JOCKEY' HONOR

Frankie Dettori was awarded the 2015 Longines World's Best Jockey award in a ceremony at the gala dinner of the Longines Hong Kong International Races at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Friday.

The award is decided by points earned in the 100 highest-rated Grade/Group 1 races in the world in the year, with 12 points given for a win, six for a second and four for a third. Dettori won with 100 points with Ryan Moore and Victor



**Frankie Dettori receives the Longines World's Best Jockey award from Louis Romanet (right) and Juan-Carlos Capelli | HKJC**

de Triomphe and G1 Investec Derby. The other was the G1 Diamond Jubilee at Royal Ascot aboard Undrafted (Purim). Other Group 1 wins by Dettori this year include the Prix de Diane Longines, the Darley Prix Morny and the Juddmonte Middle Park S.

"Frankie Dettori is one of the stars of the racing world," said IFHA Chairman Louis Romanet, who presented the award with Longines Vice President and Head of International Marketing Juan-Carlos Capelli. "His ride in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Golden Horn was an absolute masterpiece. Furthermore, his consistency during the course of the year was remarkable. He is a deserving winner."

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## LEADING EUROPEAN 2-YEAR-OLD SIRES IN 2015 By Worldwide Earnings

#	Stallion	Strtrs	Wnrs	GSWs	Highest Earner	Earnings (£)
1	Galileo	60	23	7	Minding	1,780,517
2	Kodiac	110	38	4	Gifted Master	1,178,495
3	Invincible Spirit	61	22	2	Shalaa	1,092,331
4	Dark Angel	72	31	2	Birchwood	1,051,050
5	Zoffany	82	30	3	Waterloo Bridge	806,566

Data provided by TDN Instatistics. [Click here](#) for more.

Data as of Dec. 11 and converted at exchange rate of \$1=66p

## DARLEY FLYING START ALUMNI CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

By Michael Smith

With the first day of the inaugural Darley Flying Start Alumni Conference coming to an end late Thursday, the alumni headed to The Glonville Hotel for a reception and the presentation of awards for Business Excellence and Leadership Excellence. These awards were voted on by all Darley Flying Start European Alumni with French training sensation Francis Graffard taking home a bronze for Business Excellence, and Darley Ireland General Manager Gerry Duffy winning the award for Leadership Excellence.

The conference pushed forward Friday, picking up on Thursday's panel discussion with a presentation focusing on navigating the information age by Page Group Regional Talent Director Beverley

Nicholas, titled '*Your Digital Brand and Business Network*'. With both personal and professional social media networks becoming a more integrated part of our lives, the



**Darley's Joe Osborne presents Francis Graffard with the award for Business Excellence | Mary Ellet**

alumni were interested in how to manage these channels, leading to an interactive presentation. One of the key ideas was that word of mouth can quickly become world of mouth, meaning that information travels and becomes viral like at no other time, making it imperative to be cognisant not only of what is posted on social media, but of what happens in public settings. An observation made by Nicholas based on her 20 years in talent acquisition is that a danger of the social media age we live in and a problem that the Page Group are seeing is that many candidates from the newest generation entering the job market are very skilled with online communication, but have a serious skill deficit when it comes to in-person relations and interpersonal relations. In addition to interpersonal relations she also highlighted personal authenticity and the ability to strategically network as two key traits that the most successful individuals have.

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Following a short coffee break the conference moved into its final phase by welcoming Ronny Helyve, the Marketing Director at Joules Clothing, to the stage for an intimate sit down chat show-style interview led by MC Jocelyn Targett. One of the ideas highlighted by Helyve was the importance of brand authenticity, and that reputation is won or lost on the ability to deliver your vision. The theme surrounding the importance of authenticity



**Darley's Joe Osborne presents Gerry Duffy with the award for Leadership Excellence | Mary Ellet**

was a common thread woven throughout the day, and seemed to strike a chord with the attending alumni. Many of them own their own businesses or are in positions to make hiring decisions at the companies they work for, so how to portray the

values of their brand and how to determine the real values and character of potential hires was of particular interest.

Day two wrapped up by revisiting the question posed on the previous day, *Global Horseracing; What's Our Brand?* The alumni again broke down into small groups to pick up where they left off the day before to try and get concrete ideas down which could then be discussed among the larger group. The ideas and potential answers discussed in this session will be collated and presented to the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities as a proactive impetus towards continuing to unite and lift the Thoroughbred industry to even greater heights.

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### Friday's Results:

**1st-DVL, €34,000, Alw, 12-11, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.82, st. DHEVANAFUSHI (GB) (c, 2, Kendargent {Fr}--Tejaara, by Kingmambo), last seen finishing runner-up to the subsequently listed-placed Fourioso (Fr) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) over seven furlongs on heavy turf at Maisons-Laffitte Oct. 28, was restrained early behind the leading pair. Cajoled to the front with a furlong remaining, the 15-2 shot asserted to register a straightforward score by 1 1/2 lengths from Kotama (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). The winner is a half-brother to Rangali (GB) (Namid {GB}), Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 5-7f, GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$432,367. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €38,800. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O/T-Henri-Alex Pantall; B-H-A Pantall & Mme Y Chabot (GB).

**2nd-DVL, €29,000, Alw, 12-11, 3yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:57.32, st. ONE FOOT IN HEAVEN (IRE) (c, 3, [Fastnet Rock {Ire}](#)--Pride {Fr} {Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 9.5-11f, 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 11-14f, 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Fr, Eng & HK, \$3,915,220}, by Peintre Celebre), off the mark over 11 furlongs at Lyon-Parilly last time Nov. 7, was lit up early after breaking smartly from his wide stall before being anchored behind the leading trio. Pushed along at the end of the back straight, the 11-2 shot, whose family also includes the 2006 G1 1000 Guineas heroine Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), rolled to the front with 150 meters to race and was not fully extended to score a shade snugly by 3/4 of a length from La Zamtoff (Fr) (Zambezi Sun {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €25,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Fair Salinia Ltd; B-Craigavon Agro Ltd (IRE); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

**3rd-DVL, €25,000, Mdn, 12-11, 2yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.44, st.**

**JORVICK (c, 2, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Deep Feeling, by Empire Maker), second over this track, trip and surface last time Oct. 21, was prominent initially before settling in fourth. Tanking to the front with 300 meters remaining, the 4-5 crowd's choice, whose dam is a half to the high-class Aptitude (A. P. Indy) and Sleep Easy (Seattle Slew), was joined and briefly headed by Kid Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}) but was back on top inside the last furlong en route to a comfortable length success. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 1 win, 4 places, €27,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Millsec Limited; T-David Smaga.

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### ALLOWANCE RESULT:

**1st-DUN, €15,000, 12-11, 2yo, 5f (AWT), 1:00.14, st.**

**GO KART (IRE) (f, 2, Intense Focus--Kartiste {Ire}, by Kalanisi {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$30,113. O/B-John O'Connor (IRE); T-Patrick Prendergast. \*€8,000 Ylg '14 TISEP.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Eagle Valley (Ire), f, 3, [Mastercraftsman \(Ire\)](#)--Zaafran (GB) (SP-UAE), by Singspiel (Ire)**. DUN, 12-11, 8f (AWT), 1:38.08. B-Micheal D. Ryan (IRE).

**French Report cont.**

**6th-DVL, €25,000, Mdn, 12-11, 2yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.51, st.**  
**TOKYOITE (GB) (f, 2, Dream Ahead--Tocopilla {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Medaaly {GB})**, third on debut behind Joseph Allen's promising Claire de Lune (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) over this trip at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat Nov. 12, was held up towards the rear throughout the early stages. Creeping closer out wide at the end of the back stretch, the 14-5 second choice responded to a flick with the whip to hit the front passing the furlong pole and stayed on to best Fancy Gem (Fr) (American Post {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Tokyoite, who is a half-sister to Duke Derby (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), SW-Swe & SP-Nor, \$213,683, and whose dam is a half to the leading German sire and champion Turfkönig (Ger), becomes the 18th winner for her first-season sire (by Diktat {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €14,900.

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O-Haras d'Etreham; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc (GB); T-Christophe Ferland.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**4th-DVL, €24,000, 12-11, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.02, st.**  
**MOCKLERSHILL (FR) (g, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Irish Vintage {Fr}, by Loup Solitaire)** Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 16 starts, 2 wins, 8 places, €63,600. O-Stall Australia; B-B Van Dalzen (FR); T-Sascha Smrczek. \*€85,000 Ylg '13 ARQAUG; €82,000 RNA 2yo '14 ARQMAY; €30,000 HRA '14 ARQNOV.

**8th-TLU, €10,000, 12-11, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:14.91, sf.**

**GRACIOUSLY (GB) (f, 4, Shamardal--Gracefully {Ire} {GSW-Eng}, by Orpen)** Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €37,900. O-Marquesa de Moratalla; B-Haras de la Perelle (GB); T-Alain de Royer-Dupré. \*€280,000 Ylg '12 ARQAUG. \*\*1 1/2 to Gradara (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$144,427; to Giofra (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 7-9 1/2f, G1SW-Eng, GSW & MG1SP-Fr, G1SP-HK & UAE, \$1,625,896; and to Big Baz (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), MSW-Eng, \$179,132.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Noella (Fr), f, 2, American Post (GB)--Noemie (Fr), by Beaudelaire.** DVL, 12-11, 9 1/2f (AWT), 2:02.89. B-G Sandor & Mme G Sandor (FR). \*€20,000 RNA Ylg '14 ARQOCT. \*\*1 1/2 to Nergal (Fr) (Simon du Desert {Fr}), SW & GSP-US, \$313,220.

**Mondialiste Continues World Travels**

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"He's just following the same pattern as Canada and Keeneland," O'Meara reported. "These races around the bend seem to suit him and we've gotten to know the horse a bit better. At the moment he's been running well over a mile but there is every chance we will step him up in trip in due course. He's bred to stay further. Depending on how this goes, he could go to the [G1] Dubai Turf [on World Cup Night]. He can run well fresh. We'll take it one step at a time."

**'IRON HORSE' CRITERION READY FOR CUP**

*by Alan Carasso*

Each of the 29 horses in town for the Longines Hong Kong International Races Sunday at Sha Tin Racecourse is outstanding in their own rights. They have earned their chance at this big stage, they are all a combination of attractive, athletic, elegant--take your pick. You would be able to excuse any of this weekend's competitors if they lacked pizzazz and energy. It is the end of a long season for most, after all, and everyone has a bad day now and again. Except, apparently, **Criterion (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus}). A beautifully conformed chestnut, the 5-year-old has been around the world and back again for trainer David Hayes and Sir Owen Glenn, but you'd never be able to tell.



**David Hayes | lindsaypark.com.au**

"Look, he's got an iron constitution," said the effervescent Hayes at trackwork Wednesday morning, as Criterion was returning from a spin around the Sha Tin dirt track. "He's been in work for 18 months and as you can see, he's really thriving and he's really good."

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**Iron Horse cont.**

Originally trained by David Payne, the homebred was a 2-year-old of some significance, winning the G2 Todman S.--a top course-and-distance prep for the G1 Golden Slipper S. at



**Criterion 'flying' ahead of Sunday's Cup | HKJC**

in the 2014 G1 Rosehill Guineas and, having his fourth run in the space of 43 days, added the G1 Australian Derby. Runner-up in the 2014 G1 Caulfield S. and a close seventh in that year's G1 Cox Plate, he was only fifth as the favorite in the G1 Mackinnon S. and reached a crossroads of sorts. Glenn wanted to press on to an overseas target like the Hong Kong Cup, but Payne apparently did not. Who better to transfer the horse to than Hayes, who won no fewer than 458 races in nine years training in the jurisdiction.

Sent off at 38-1 in last year's Cup in his first run for the new outfit, Criterion chased the pace from second and looked a real chance after hitting the lead 200 meters from home before settling for an outstanding third behind odds-on Designs on Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and Military Attack (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) ([video](#)). It was the second such result in the Cup for Hayes, who saddled the outstanding filly Elegant Fashion (Aus) (Danewin {Aus}) in 2003.

Having made seven starts in 113 days--four in Sydney, two in Melbourne and the one here in Hong Kong--Criterion took the next three months off, or, at a minimum, didn't race. Classy enough to run a place in the G1 Canterbury S. (1300m) and in the G1 George Ryder S. (1500m), Criterion relished the cut in the ground and rattled home to thrash Red Cadeaux (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) in the 2000-meter G1 Queen Elizabeth S. at The Championships back at Randwick this past April. But still there was no rest for the weary. Third to Blazing Speed (GB) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) and Staphanos (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in this venue's G1 QE II S. 15 days later, he was unplaced when gamely spotted against Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot and behind Arabian Queen (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Cartier Horse of the Year Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the G1 Juddmonte International S. at York. He returned home to annex this year's Caulfield S. in

Rosehill--before finishing sixth, beaten 4 1/2 lengths, by the Gai Waterhouse-trained Overreach (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in the big race. He snapped an eight-race losing streak

early October, returned on two weeks' rest to finish closest to the runaway Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in the Cox Plate ([video](#)) and exits a brave third in the G1 Melbourne Cup ([video](#)), his first attempt over two miles, and may even have gone closer but for a shortage of racing room at a critical stage.

An amazing streak--and he ain't done yet.

"He's got an incredible Group 1 profile," Hayes commented, as much a fan of Criterion as anyone. "He's been competitive at the shortest distance and the maximum. Since we've had him, he's averaged A\$460,000 a start, so that makes him a very amazing horse."

Having had the success he did in Hong Kong, Hayes relishes the opportunity to 'come home.'

"It's very exciting to when you have a horse in a HK\$25-million race in my old hometown," he said. "I'd love to come back and win this race, it's their premier international race. It would sure be nice. I've been placed in it a few times, but I'd sure love to win it."

Speaking of one of those placings, it is with obvious fondness that Hayes recollects the effort of Elegant Fashion a dozen years back. The chestnut mare led into the final furlong, but had the great misfortune of running into two of Europe's best that year and finished third behind Falbrav (Ire) and Rakti (GB) ([video](#)).

"She ran really well, she was the Derby winner," he commented, before matter-of-factly adding, "She was entered and wasn't good enough. Falbrav and Rakti were just a bit too big and a bit too strong on the day. But what a terrific mare she was."

Having earned nearly A\$6.5 million, Criterion is sure to be a sought-after prospect at stud, perhaps as early as next August. With that in mind, race selection this weekend became a fairly easy decision.

"We elected to go for the 2000 [-meter race] rather than the mile and a half, because it's probably a little more appealing to breeders in Australia," Hayes explained.

Horses like Dunaden (Fr) and Red Cadeaux have had success at this meeting cutting back to the 2400 meters of the Vase from the two miles of the Melbourne Cup. Is Hayes concerned about dropping back all the way to 10 panels?

"The one breeze that I gave him at the Valley [Moonee Valley] ([video](#)), he showed a really good turn of foot, so I think he's still got the spring in his legs," Hayes offered. "He's a Group 1 performer at 1200 meters, so I think he'll be fast enough at the 2000."

Given the competition he's facing Sunday, he'll need to be just that. But he has proved equal to the task so many times before that it could prove foolish to think Criterion and his world-class trainer can't pull the rabbit out of the hat one more time.

## NUOVO RECORD A LIVE CHANCE IN CUP

by Alan Carasso, quotes extracted from HKJC tracknotes

Members of the fairer sex have had their fair share of success in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup, with Alexander Goldrun (Ire), Pride (Fr) and Snow Fairy (Ire) striking within the space of seven years between 2004 and 2010. The latter was ridden by



Nuovo Record | HKJC.com

Ryan Moore to victory in that year's G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup in addition to the Hong Kong feature, and last year's 'World's Best Jockey' has picked up the call on **Nuovo Record (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}).

Winner of five of her

14 career outings, the chestnut filly annexed the 2014 G1 Yushun Himba before finishing second to recent G1 Japan Cup victrix Shonan Pandora (Jpn) (Deep Impact) in the G1 Shuka Sho and narrowly missing in last year's QE II Cup at Kyoto. Though she has but one win in five starts this term, she ran on nicely to fill the runner-up spot behind Shonan Pandora in the G2 Sankei Sho All Comers S. Sept. 27 and fell just short again in the QEII, going down by a neck in that 2200-meter affair Nov. 15. Nuovo Record schooled at the stalls Friday morning and will leave from the three hole Sunday afternoon.

"She is in fantastic form at this moment," confirmed trainer Makoto Saito. "She is a very smart filly and copes with new things, so when she schooled the gate, she did not focus on the stall handlers at all. She will start from an inside draw, so she can travel on the green strip on the rail. She will be suited by this turf, which is similar Bermuda-type turf in our country. The owner has been very positive to send her horse to international races overseas, so my horse will have more options than before."

## DELZANGLES SHOOTS FOR MORE 'VASE' TIME

No 3-year-old male has been able to defeat elder stayers in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase, but Qatar Racing & Wildenstein Stables Limited's progressive **Ming Dynasty (Fr)** (King's Best) will try to right that wrong in Sunday's 2400-meter opening race of the International quartet.

Just once-beaten in five career tries, the bay--who has raced exclusively at this 12-furlong distance--ascended through the ranks to post a first black-type score in the Listed Grand Prix de Clairefontaine Aug. 25, a success that earned him a trip to Arc trials day Sept. 13. Though he failed to handle the likes of subsequent G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe third New Bay (GB)

(Dubawi {Ire}) when sixth of seven in the G2 Prix Niel at Longchamp Sept. 13, he bounced back with a career-best effort in the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris at Chantilly Oct. 18, earning his spot in this field. The sometimes-cantankerous sophomore stretched his legs over the Sha Tin dirt track Friday morning before paying a visit to the parade ring. His trainer, who won the 2011 Vase with Dunaden (Fr) (Nicobar {GB}), is impressed by the colt's relatively tranquil behavior in Hong Kong.

"He is just so relaxed here which is amazing as he can be a bit crazy at times...and hopefully that's a good sign," commented Mikel Delzangles. "He's settled well in the stables and he's coped with the noise and all the people around at track work which I'm sure is good for his education.

He continued, "Today was just for entertainment. He's relaxed, he looks well, he's moving well. He did some more schooling in the parade ring. He was in the stall two days ago. Today we just lapped him around a couple times. Post three is very good for us. We can do anything from there. It would be perfect to race in a first four positions in a regular-pace race, I don't know if it will be, but it should be okay."

## JAPAN LOOKING FOR MILE 'HAT TRICK'

Eishin Preston (Green Dancer) provided Japan with its first victory in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile in 2001, one of a remarkable three winners at the meeting (Agnes Digital, Cup; Stay Gold, Vase). Four years later, Hat Trick (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) parlayed a victory in the G1 Mile Championship into success on International day, but no foreign horse has managed to succeed in the race since. Exiting success in the Mile

Championship, **Maurice (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}) is likely to be best-backed to snap the streak and give Japan its third trophy in the race this coming weekend.

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Ming Dynasty schooled in the paddock  
Friday at Sha Tin | HKJC photo



Maurice goes about his work beneath  
Ryan Moore | HKJC photo

Just a maiden winner in five starts at ages two and three, the Kazumi Yoshida colorbearer has been a different animal this term. Victorious in a pair of tries in the lower grades to kick off the season, he annexed the G3 Lord Derby Challenge Trophy at Nakayama Apr. 5, then stalked the pace in the G1 Yasuda Kinen June 7 before grinding out a neck victory. He was first-up in the Mile Championship and was forced to cover ground from his wide draw, but clawed his way to the front at the furlong marker and held on to best the re-opposing **Fiero (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) by 1 1/4 lengths ([video](#)).

After getting fairly warm on a cool morning Thursday, Maurice looked more comfortable Friday, as he galloped home eagerly beneath Moore before taking a turn of the paddock.

"We have only two days left until Sunday, so I did not ask him much, but he had a very good response and looks well indeed," Moore commented.

Maurice was assigned gate 11 at Thursday's post position draw and will break just to the outside of race favorite Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal).

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## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

by Alan Carasso

Greetings from the 26th floor of the Renaissance Harbour View, where my view of Victoria Harbour is limited to a

construction site with many, many cranes. It's technically a garden view, but, if I stand just right, I can see the ferris wheel. Anyways, I'm not complaining...

Having logged about five hours of sleep over the course of the first two nights, I decided to play this morning by ear.

I popped awake at 5 and said to myself that if for some reason I was awake by the time the final coach was set to venture out to Sha Tin at 7:30, I'd hop on. Well, I woke up nearly an hour after that time, which was OK. Instead of watching horses run around in circles, I instead took a phone call and listened to about two minutes of my stepdaughters' winter concert at school Thursday night. Fair trade, I thought.

The nature of the beast that is HKIR week is that between spending some time at the track in the morning and coming back to piece together some intelligible thoughts, most of the day is consumed. One knows this going in. Time to recreate just



**The Sichuan Suining Acrobatic Troupe needed to be seen to be believed | HKJC**

isn't real easy to come by. And so it was Friday, until 6:30 p.m., the appointed start time for the gala dinner a stone's throw from here at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center. Oops, Centre, apologies. What is kind of neat and fun about attending these events in person is that you actually get to put a real person together with their presence on social media. I met and exchanged some conversation with *thoroughbred.com.au*'s Rob Burnet, who has done some work for us here and there covering Australian sales and news, as well as my colleague *Racenews*'s Mark Popham, and have also had the chance to meet people like Singapore Turf Club commentator Craig Evans--who does a fantastic job--and his son William, *Racing.com*'s Shane Anderson

(thanks for the kind words, Shane), Moyglare Stud's Fiona Craig and shook the hand of legendary trainer Dermot Weld. Even Barry Weisbord shipped in from Seoul. I also met, for the first time in real life, HKJC's Pat Cummings, who is

basically the mayor this week. Pat's done an outstanding job helping to spread the word about racing in this jurisdiction not only during this week, but ever since he hooked up with the Club in late spring. Well done, Pat.



**The Sichuan Suining Acrobatic Troupe was truly a sight to behold | HKJC**

Following the cocktail hour at around 7:30, the doors opened to the great hall--as Pat told me, the only place in Hong Kong other than the airport that could accommodate the 800 or so guests. HKJC Chairman Dr. Simon Ip issued some warm welcoming comments, setting up the weekend, before introducing Walter von Kaenel, president of HKIR presenting sponsor and fan of racing world racing Longines.

As is always the case at the gala, there was excellent and eclectic entertainment. Those in attendance were treated to a tremendous display by renowned Chinese violinist Yao Jue, a local troupe called Ban's Gig Drums delivered a percussion performance with neon sticks and the Sichuan Suining Acrobatic Troupe did things that I really cannot sufficiently describe in words. If you scan Twitter, you'll find stills and probably some video. Let's just say that sometimes I have trouble navigating stairs up and down on my two feet. I'll leave that right there.

As reported elsewhere in the paper, a very dapper Frankie Dettori accepted the award for 2015 Longines 'World's Best Jockey' and did not perform a flying dismount, though he was encouraged to do so from the stage.

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Now, following in the considerable hoofprints of my friend Lucas Marquardt and as I did in Singapore, I must digress into a much-too-lengthy description of what was on the menu. You can fast forward here if you like. Especially if you keep a strict vegetarian diet.

The first plate was already on the table when we sat down. So was a menu. I didn't look at this menu. I probably SHOULD have looked at this menu, because, in broad terms, if I don't know what I'm about to eat, I generally won't eat it. The food on the dish was triangular in shape, made for a nice presentation, really. It was also clear to me that it was a paté of sorts. I'm Jewish, grew up on chopped liver, I'm down with that. Just didn't know exactly what was in there. Well, come to find out it was venison terrine with a strange fungus I'd never heard off with a linseed crisp and something sweet and dark and fruity to contrast with the terrine. OK, first time for everything. And it really wasn't unpalatable.

Next course--blue lobster meat, one in the obvious shape of a claw and the other a more unrecognizable ball. One scared me, the other didn't, but it was definitely all lobster. It was served in an uni sauce. It was tasty and I've heard of uni before and just don't feel like Googling it right this second. It did complement the lobster very nicely.

Next, a soup. A consomme. A pheasant consomme with mierpoix (fancy way of saying chopped veggies, though I just found that out) and what I would call small dumplings. After consuming this, I was in a fowl mood. Hold your applause. Please.

Chapter 4. Entree. A few weeks ago, the very capable Meon Yu, the HKJC media liaison, emailed us the selections and they were interesting, to put it mildly. The fish option was salmon with vintage caviar (whatever that is), I went for the beef option. Wagyu beef. Beef cheek to be specific. Everyone together....ewwww. Actually, it was very good, fork-tender served on potato mash with organic vegetables and a delicious mango brunoise, apparently a culinary knife cut. Where's Bobby Flay when I need him?

The grand finale was--I had to take a picture of the menu for this: "pistachio and jivara lactee chocolate bar, granny smith sorbet, candied lemon puree, Nori popcorn." Pretty doggone amazing.

As has been the case on each of my three visits to this amazing city, the Hong Kong Jockey Club puts on a

tremendous show, really first-class. Tonight did not disappoint, and the main event now lies about 36 hours away.

G'nite all.

## CLASSIC WINNER TO HIT A 'HI'

Argentine dual Classic winner **Hi Happy (Arg)** (Pure Prize) puts his undefeated record on the line against 20 rivals in the G1 Gran Premio Carlos Pellegrini, South America's most prestigious race, Saturday in Buenos Aires. The unbeaten--in five starts--

Haras La Providencia homebred--conditioned by renowned Brazilian trainer Pedro Nickel Filho--comes off impressive victories in the

Argentine Classics, the

G1 Gran Premio Jockey Club and G1 Gran Premio Nacional (Argentine Derby). Under regular pilot Altair Domingos, Hi Happy will break from post 14.

The top challenger to the La Providencia colorbearer is Derby runner-up **Old Bunch (Arg)** (Not For Sale {Arg}), a tenacious frontrunner who will mark his first start on the turf and outside of Hipodromo Palermo. The Antonio Marsiglia pupil captured the G2 Clasico Coronel Miguel F. Martinez and G2 Clasico Eduardo Casey before giving way in the final sixteenth to Hi Happy in the 2500-meter Nacional.

Hi Happy's other main opposition may come from Brazil. The always dangerous Brazilian contingent is led by Group 1-winning sophomore **Braco Forte (Brz)** (Manduro {Ger}), recent runner-up in the G1 Grande Premio Derby Paulista (Sao Paulo Derby), and 4-year old **Champion Star (Brz)** (Hard Buck {Brz}), awarded first in the G2 Grande Premio Ministro da Agricultura over the Pellegrini distance. Brazilian representatives have captured five renewals of South America's marquee race dating back to 1980.

Argentine Group 1 winner **Ordak Dan (Arg)** (Hidden Truth), last seen finishing ninth behind Europeans Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the \$3 million Longines Breeders' Cup Turf at Keeneland, holds an upset chance. Ordak Dan will break from post four under South America's winningest jockey, Jorge Ricardo.



Unbeaten dual Classic winner  
**Hi Happy** | *Marcelo Sarachi*

**Saturday, San Isidro, Argentina, post time: 4:15 p.m. EST**

**GRAN PREMIO CARLOS PELLEGRINI-G1**, P3,400,000 (US\$348,102), 3yo/up, 2400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Soul Of Steel (Arg)	Versallesco (Arg)	Falero	Perez	134
2	Braco Forte (Brz)	Manduro (Ger)	de Barros	Fornasaro	119
2A	Champion Star (Brz)	Hard Buck (Brz)	Vagner	Aranha	132
3	Don Inc (Arg)	Include	Giannetti	C Etchechoury	119
4	Enzo Stripes (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Aguirre	Martucci	134
4A	Maremoto Inc (Arg)	Include	Rodriguez	Cisnero	132
5	Es Despues (Arg)	Espaciado (Arg)	Ortega	Palacios	132
6	Extra Quiz (Arg)	Lizard Island	Villagra	Candelario	132
7	Giacom (Arg)	Giacomo	Talaverano	Gutierrez	134
8	Giant Killing (Arg)	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Blanco	C Etchechoury	134
9	Hi Happy (Arg)	Pure Prize	Domingos	Nickel	119
10	Interbanking (Arg)	Pure Prize	Cabrera	Palacios	119
10A	Pit Bull (Arg)	Majestic Warrior	Carrizo	Palacios	132
11	Keane (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Goncalves	Alfredo	119
11A	Spiritus (Arg)	Dushyantor (Arg)	Mendez	Abrales	132
12	Must Go On (Arg)	Freud	Calvente	Ferro	132
13	Old Bunch (Arg)	Not For Sale (Arg)	Da Silva	Marsiglia	119
14	Ordak Dan (Arg)	Hidden Truth	Ricardo	J Etchechoury	134
15	Oregon (Arg)	Giant's Causeway	Ruiz	Martin	134
16	Quiz Kid (Arg)	Forestry	Noriega	Maldotti	132

## CHAMPIONSHIP ON THE LINE IN HANSHIN

Sunday's Hanshin Juvenile Fillies sees a fully subscribed field of 18 line up for the country's premier race of its division. The top three finishers of the Oct. 31 G3 Artemis S. will do battle again here, and the connections of the second-place **Major Emblem (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) have expressed confidence that their charge can turn the tables on the victorious **Denko Ange (Jpn)** (Meisho Samson {Jpn}). Both fillies were making their third start in the Artemis and while Denko Ange made it two straight after



Major Emblem | JRA

a debut loss, Major Emblem lost for the first time after winning her first two. Trainer Yasuhito Tamura revealed Major Emblem's running style will be altered for the Hanshin. "In her second race, she was

able to overcome the slow pace and win," he noted. "It was a shame that she got robbed of a win in the Artemis S. Since then, we have changed her training pattern by giving her a horse to follow, and keeping her back and being patient with her. This makes her more controllable, and it's clear she's able to run like this with patience. Jockey Christophe Lemaire also believes this has helped in her training.

She's used to going between the farm and the training center, so hopefully there'll be no problems while she's in transit [to Hanshin]."

Also re-opposing here are the first- and third-place finishers of the G3 Fantasy S. Nov. 7. **Candy Barows (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) made it two wins from three starts when taking that event by a head, with **Blanc Bonheur (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) just a further neck back in third while suffering her first loss. Blanc Bonheur had previously won the G3 Nisai S. July 26.



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**HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES-G1**, ¥125,180,000 (US\$1,031,421), 2yo, f, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Admire Lead (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Hishida	Matsuda
2	Major Emblem (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Lemaire	Tamura
3	Ma Cherie Girl (Jpn)	Tosen Phantom (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Sugawara
4	Queue du Lapin (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Tanabe	Kubota
5	Personnalite (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Shibata	Aizawa
6	Meisho Suizuki (Jpn)	Pyro	Ikezoe	Honda
7	Crocsmia (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Katsuura	Nishiura
8	Major Typhoon (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Kawashima	Takayanagi
9	At The Seaside (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Miura	Asami
10	Peptide Supple (Jpn)	Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)	Furukawa	Kihara
11	Blanc Bonheur (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Iwata	Nakatake
12	Win Mireille (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Umeda
13	Win Fabulous (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Matsuoka	Hatakeyama
14	Gentle Heart (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Fujioka	Sasaki
15	Candy Barows (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Atzeni	Yahagi
16	Kirishima Ojo (Jpn)	Squirtle Squirt	Komaki	Hashiguchi
17	Denko Ange (Jpn)	Meisho Samson (Jpn)	Kawada	Arakawa
18	Medjerda (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Shii	Kon

All carry 119 pounds.

## FINAL SUBMISSIONS IN COBALT HEARING

Damian Sheales, the attorney for trainers Danny O'Brien and Mark Kavanagh--who face charges for cobalt positives of horses under their care--claimed at the conclusion of the trainers' hearing Friday that they were "victims" of Dr. Tom Brennan, who provided vitamin drips that reportedly contained cobalt, according to *Racing.com*. Final submissions were heard from both sides Friday, with a decision set to come next week.



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Sheales argued the trainers were not aware the vitamin drips provided by Brennan contained cobalt. Sheales pointed out that Kavanagh had taken Magicool (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) off the drip prior to his win in the G1 Victoria Derby--a sign he was not trying to enhance the horse's performance--and he also attacked the stewards' processes, saying their pre-screening tests in November 2014 of two of O'Brien's horses would have shown the cobalt spikes.

"You'd think a trainer would be replicating exactly what had caused Magicool to perform so well just a few weeks earlier," Sheales said, according to *Racing.com*. "Can anyone offer any sensible explanation as to why he pulled the drips?"

Jeff Gleeson, representing the stewards, accused O'Brien and Kavanagh of lying. Gleeson said O'Brien lied at least seven times during his evidence and he accused Kavanagh of lying about a drip trial he had undertaken with Dr. Brennan, according to *Racing.com*.

"The motivation is as obvious as it is old," Gleeson said. "They wanted to win, they thought the substance could help and they thought they could get away with it."

The board will announce their decisions in the cases next week.

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### INGLIS SALE SEASON CLOSES

Inglis conducted its final sale of 2015 Friday when it held its December Thoroughbred Sale in Melbourne. A strong clearance rate of 90% highlighted statistics of the mixed sale. The average dropped 6.7% to A\$9,829, with a A\$75,000 top lot compared to last year's A\$260,000; the median, however, rose 37.5% to A\$5,500. In total, 159 horses sold for A\$1,562,750. One fewer sold last year when the gross was A\$1,663,800.

The top lot came from the Darley draft, which sold all 17 of its offerings for a gross of A\$307,500. The topper was [lot 80](#), the Group 3-placed 3-year-old gelding **Chamarel (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). He was picked up by Yu Long Investments for A\$75,000 and will eventually race in China along with two of Yu Long's other purchases from the sale.

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CUMULATIVE	2015	2014
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• No. Offered	176	166
• No. Sold	159	158
• RNAs	17	8
• % RNAs	10%	4.8%
• High Price	A\$75,000	A\$260,000
• Gross	A\$1,562,750	A\$1,663,800
• Average (% change)	A\$9,829 (-6.7%)	A\$10,530
• Median (% change)	A\$5,500 (+37.5%)	A\$4,000