

URLACHER SEEKS DIPLOMA & GRADE I



Urlacher (inside) | Benoit Photo

By Christie DeBernardis

Godolphin homebred **Urlacher** (Discreet Cat) has been knocking at the door of graduation in his previous four starts and looks to earn both his diploma and a win at the highest level Saturday in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity.

Urlacher crossed the wire first last time out in a one-mile test at Del Mar Nov. 15, but was disqualified and placed second behind the reopposing **Sorryaboutnothing** (Repent) after drifting out in deep stretch.

"In that last race, Bob [Baffert] had three in the race, and one of them, I think Victor Espinoza's horse [Uninvited (Misremembered)], gunned away from there and if we didn't commit to go with the horse, we were going to let the horse get away with an easy lead," trainer Eoin Harty said when reached by phone Wednesday afternoon. "We basically did the grunt work for everyone else. He got a little tired, he got a little green in the stretch. It was a whole new race track to him. He hadn't run down there during that winter meet, so he was a little green and a little tired and I think that explained the wandering around in the latter part of the race."

Harty continued, "I think if he had retained the win, nobody would have given it a second thought. It would have been a natural progression to go into this race. He has run some very good races against some very good company up to this point. I think he is worthy of a shot at it." **Cont. p3**

From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM



KENTUCKY: 42 VALUE SIRES AT \$25K & UNDER

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We're dividing the sires into three groups: those standing for \$20,000-\$25,000; those standing for >\$10,000 but <\$20,000; and those standing for \$10,000 and under. **Cont. p4**

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Second on debut sprinting at Del Mar Aug. 29, Urlacher finished third behind subsequent Speakeasy S. runner-up Street Vision (Street Sense) and GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. runner-up **Mor Spirit** (Eskendereya), who also returns in this spot, in a 6 1/2-furlong event at Santa Anita Sept. 27. The bay finished behind Mor Spirit once again next out when extended to a mile in Arcadia Oct. 23, and Harty feels his charge will enjoy the added distance in the Los Alamitos Futurity.

“He absolutely [wants to go further],” Harty commented. “They all have distance limitations sooner or later, but I don't see a mile and a sixteenth being a problem for him. He acts like a horse that will stay and he is proven around two turns, so I think it's a matter of just whether he is good enough.”

The conditioner added, “I think he deserves a shot. He has been running with this caliber of horse through out his brief career and it's not like I'm really reaching for the stars here.”

Urlacher breezed five furlongs in 1:00.82 (8/82) at Santa Anita Sunday in preparation for Saturday's test.

“I was going to work him on Monday, but we had a lot of rain in the forecast and it did come, so I moved his work up a day,” Harty remarked. “He has always been a very good work horse. If he didn't work very, very well as he always does, I wouldn't have entered him. It was another good work from a horse that always produces good works.”



Eoin Harty | Benoit Photo

Jockey James Graham, who has been aboard Urlacher for all of his previous starts, will retain the mount Saturday.

“I'm going to stick with James Graham,” Harty said. “He has done nothing wrong. I've got a lot of faith in James. He rides

very, very well for me. I've got complete confidence in my jockey.”

Los Alamitos, which previously only held Quarter Horse racing, is known for being a tricky course and Harty is hoping his pupil draws an inside post.

“Los Al is a very different shaped track to just about anywhere in North America,” the trainer said. “When you are going two turns, it's very beneficial in my opinion to be drawn down inside when you are breaking very sharply into a sharp turn. If I draw inside, I will be very happy.”

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We've reviewed them by oldest first within each group, and they are listed alphabetically in the accompanying table. So here we go:

KENTUCKY SIRES \$20,000-\$25,000

English Channel doesn't get the ink or rate as high at Kitten's Joy, but he's a second example of a champion American turf horse who's making a sire; 15 black-type horses this year.

Midnight Lute had a huge bump up in number and class of mare in 2014, and has 128 foals of 2015 out of his best mares ever. He's a good bet to be back in the news. **Blame** (1st 3-year-olds) has been knocking on the door. He is reportedly full at \$25k; the market is treating him like his sire, Arch--giving them a chance.



Midnight Lute had a huge bump up in number and class of mare in 2014 | Hill 'N' Dale

Sure enough, trainer Chad Brown stepped the 3-year-old March, winner of the GII Woody Stephens at seven furlongs on the dirt on Belmont S. day, up to nine furlongs on the grass, and he got beat a head in the GI Hollywood Derby.

Just like Arch would have done; never ran on the grass himself, but they handle it, maybe even move up on it; Roberto.

Three North American F2012 sires (1st 3-year-olds) have cumulative progeny earnings above \$5-million. WinStar's **Super Saver**, who has three Grade I and two Grade II winners and whose stud fee has justifiably (yes, that's what I said) leapt to \$65,000, actually splits the other two in cumulative progeny earnings ([click here](#)), the Ashford duo of **Munnings** and **Lookin At Lucky**. Munnings leads all F2012 NA sires with 76 winners, and also leads the group with 13 black-type winners and 19 black-type horses including Grade I winner I'm A Chatterbox. Lookin At Lucky is third by number of winners (70, Spendthrift's Warrior's Reward second with 71), of which six are BTW and 14 BTH. Both the Ashford horses have two Grade I-placed horses as well.

The hoof prints of the Fappiano sire line are all over American breeding these days: Tapit, Bernardini, and War Front are all out of Fappiano-line mares; Empire Maker, Pioneerof the Nile, American Pharoah represent the sire line via Unbridled.

Shackleford, winner of the 2011 GI Preakness and 2012 GI Met Mile, is by Forestry out of an Unbridled mare.



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To our eye, he looks pretty Unbridled, throws pretty Unbridled; interesting. **The Factor** busted out with some big-figure sales at Saratoga and Keeneland, and finished up second on yearling average only to Bodemeister among North American first-crop sires of yearlings; 70 yearlings by The Factor averaged \$143,099, with a \$97,500 median--an impressive 6 1/2 times his original \$15,000 stud fee. Market Darling: he's up to \$25,000, and reportedly oversubscribed. The 2013 GI Kentucky Derby winner, **Orb**, is by Malibu Moon and is another out of an Unbridled mare, and again looks and throws that Unbridled/Fappiano scope. He had 16 weanlings sell from his first crop this year, for an average of \$120,312 and a median of \$120,000. He seems to be throwing good and uniform individuals; people like what they're seeing. **Verrazano** won the 2013 GI Wood Memorial and GI Haskell--the latter in an off-the-graph Beyer 116.



The Factor was second by first-crop yearling average this year | Mathea Kelley

His first mares in foal sold for an average of \$93,307. I'd say I'm not alone in thinking Verrazano could be a real top prospect. Among sires who will be covering their first mares, **Liam's Map** finished off with Beyers of 113-114-114 when just caught by Honor Code in this year's GI Whitney, then winning decisively in the GI Woodward and GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. **Palace Malice** got Curlin off to a good start by winning the GI Belmont S., then came back at four to run Beyers of 112-114-112, culminating in an impressive win over Goldencents in the 2014 GI Met Mile. He's getting a lot of support at his \$20,000 entering fee.

KENTUCKY SIRES >\$10,000 & <\$20,000

We've already mentioned why we think **Afleet Alex** is great value for 2016. If you don't remember what we said from the Gainesway ad, it was:

"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."

First Samurai has looked good value all along, and still is, at \$15,000. Having had 46 foals total in this year's 3-year-old and 2-year-old crops combined, he has 80 2-year-olds of 2016, 84 foals this year, covered 99 mares this year, and is going to have a lot more chances to get back in the news.

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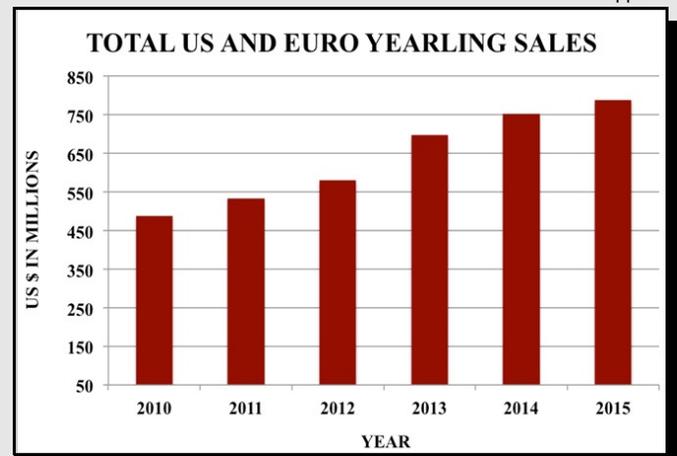
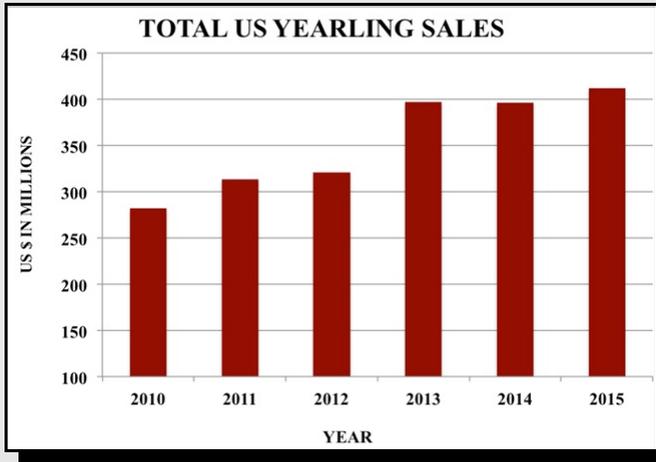
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"Since 2012, the North American yearling sales gross has increased by \$91-million (28%), from \$321-million to \$412-million this year. However, \$76-million of that growth came in 2013, just \$15-million in the two years since. In Europe, the yearling sale gross has increased by 45%, from the equivalent of \$258-million in 2012 to \$374-million in 2015, though that growth has been more evenly spaced. The combined yearling market has gone from 55%-45% North America in 2012 to 52%-48% this year."
 - Bill Oppenheim

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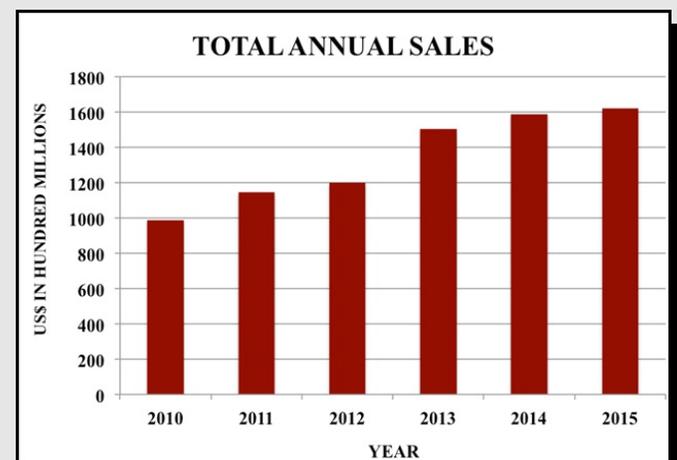
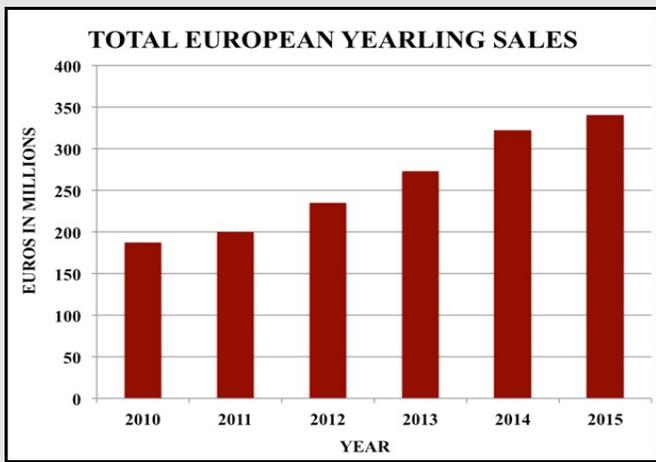
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"From a low point of under \$1-billion in 2010, the North American and European auction markets which we measure had recovered to a little under \$1.2-billion in 2012. Since then the combined auction market has grown to \$1.621-billion this year. However, as with the yearling market (which is about half the total NA/EU auction market anyway), of the 35% growth in gross revenues since 2012, most of it (25%) was in 2013; there has only been an 8% increase in gross since then. The market has been essentially static since hitting a plateau in 2013."
 - Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	7,907	6,593	5,094	19.9%	77.3%	64.4%	\$412,337,600	\$80,946
2014	7,910	6,856	5,198	15.4%	75.8%	65.7%	\$396,611,300	\$76,301
2013	7,351	6,447	5,209	14.0%	80.8%	70.9%	\$397,065,800	\$76,227
2012	7,176	6,264	4,917	14.6%	78.5%	68.5%	\$320,991,800	\$65,282
2011	8,107	6,839	5,285	18.5%	77.3%	65.2%	\$313,523,400	\$59,323
2010	8,957	7,660	5,580	16.9%	72.8%	62.3%	\$282,234,650	\$50,580

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2014	13,458	11,617	9,186	13.7%	79.1%	68.3%	\$786,761,733	\$85,648
2013	13,544	11,986	9,464	11.5%	79.0%	69.9%	\$751,213,395	\$79,376
2012	12,525	11,149	9,091	11.0%	81.5%	72.6%	\$697,384,650	\$76,712
2011	12,345	10,958	8,633	11.2%	78.8%	69.9%	\$579,739,918	\$67,154
2010	13,188	11,455	8,909	13.1%	77.8%	67.6%	\$533,087,989	\$59,837
2009	14,849	12,976	9,469	12.6%	73.0%	63.8%	\$488,228,897	\$51,561



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	5,551	5,024	4,092	9.5%	81.4%	73.7%	€340,187,930	€83,135
2014	5,634	5,130	4,266	8.9%	83.2%	75.7%	€322,358,130	€75,564
2013	5,174	4,702	3,882	9.1%	82.6%	75.0%	€273,010,860	€70,327
2012	5,169	4,694	3,716	9.2%	79.2%	71.9%	€235,220,207	€63,299
2011	5,081	4,616	3,624	9.2%	78.5%	71.3%	€199,599,628	€55,077
2010	5,892	5,316	3,889	9.8%	73.2%	66.0%	€187,250,074	€48,149

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2014	36,260	29,474	22,921	18.7%	77.8%	63.2%	\$1,621,229,882	\$70,731
2013	35,798	29,622	23,468	17.3%	79.2%	65.6%	\$1,587,948,435	\$67,664
2012	32,647	27,129	21,914	16.9%	80.8%	67.1%	\$1,502,245,904	\$68,552
2011	32,594	27,055	21,143	17.0%	78.1%	64.9%	\$1,197,817,046	\$56,653
2010	33,653	27,630	21,103	17.9%	76.4%	62.7%	\$1,145,986,157	\$54,304
2009	36,078	29,848	21,741	17.3%	72.8%	60.3%	\$988,003,307	\$45,444

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VALUE SIRE CANDIDATES			KY <=\$25K	
SIRE	1ST FLS FARM	2016 FEE	A	INDEX
AFLEET ALEX	2007 GAINESWAY	12500		1.72
ARCHARCHARCH	2013 SPENDTHRIFT	5000		
BAYERN	2017 HILL'N'DALE	15000		
BLAME	2012 CLAIBORNE	25000	1.88	
CAIRO PRINCE	2016 AIRDRIE	15000		
CALEB'S POSSE	2014 3 CHIMNEYS	5000		
CREATIVE CAUSE	2014 AIRDRIE	15000		
DISCREET CAT	2009 DARLEY	7500	2.32	
ENGLISH CHANNEL	2009 CALUMET	25000	2.08	
FIRST SAMURAI	2008 CLAIBORNE	15000	2.20	
GIROLAMO	2013 DARLEY	15000		
GOLDNCENTS	2016 SPENDTHRIFT	15000		
GRAYDAR	2015 TAYLOR MADE	15000		
HAT TRICK	2009 GAINESWAY	7500	1.65	
HAYNESFIELD	2013 AIRDRIE	10000		
ISTAN	2009 AIRDRIE	6000	1.59	
JACK MILTON	2017 CRESTWOOD	6500		
JERSEY TOWN	2014 DARBY DAN	10000		
KARAKONTIE	2017 GAINESWAY	15000		
LEA	2017 CLAIBORNE	12500		
LIAM'S MAP	2017 LANE'S END	25000		
LINE OF DAVID	2012 SPENDTHRIFT	3500	3.23	

VALUE SIRE CANDIDATES			KY <=\$25K	
SIRE	1ST FLS FARM	2016 FEE	A	INDEX
LOOKIN AT LUCKY	2012 ASHFORD	20000	3.61	
MAGICIAN	2016 ASHFORD	10000		
MIDNIGHT LUTE	2010 HILL'N'DALE	25000	2.41	
MIDSHIPMAN	2012 DARLEY	8500	2.53	
MR. SPEAKER	2017 LANE'S END	10000		
MUNNINGS	2012 ASHFORD	25000	2.02	
ORB	2015 CLAIBORNE	25000		
PADDY O' PRADO	2013 SPENDTHRIFT	5000		
PALACE MALICE	2017 3 CHIMNEYS	20000		
RUN AWAY AND HIDE	2010 DARBY DAN	7500	2.02	
SHACKLEFORD	2014 DARBY DAN	20000		
STREET BOSS	2010 DARLEY	12500	1.34	
SUMMER FRONT	2017 AIRDRIE	10000		
TAPIZAR	2014 GAINESWAY	15000		
TEMPLE CITY	2012 SPENDTHRIFT	15000	3.41	
THE FACTOR	2014 LANE'S END	25000		
TIZWAY	2013 SPENDTHRIFT	10000		
TWIRLING CANDY	2013 LANE'S END	15000		
VERRAZANO	2016 ASHFORD	20000		
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Among sires with their first 3-year-olds in this price range,

Temple City has had three Grade I-placed 3-year-olds from his first crop this year, including the very good filly **Miss Temple City**, who ran second to **Lady Eli** in the GIII Appalachian at Keeneland this spring and shipped over to Royal Ascot, where she ran a bang-up fourth at 50-1 to **Ervedya**, **Found**, and **Lucida** in the G1 Coronation S. That's tip-top form. **Temple City** is by **Dynaformer** out of a **Danzig** half-sister to **Malibu Moon**, so the pedigree is there too.

Two Kentucky Freshman Sires (first 2-year-olds) who land in this price range are number two and four on the North American Freshman Sire List ([click here](#)): **Twirling Candy** and **Girolamo**. **Twirling Candy**, who ranks second only to **Uncle Mo**, has 23 winners and no fewer than seven

black-type horses; if they progress as 3-year-olds he could be a big name this time next year. **Girolamo**, a beautifully-bred son of **A.P. Indy**--his dam is a full-sister to the dams of **Super Saver** and **Bluegrass Cat**--won the GI Vosburgh, and ranks fourth on the NA Freshman Sire List with 19 winners for his first, New York-sired crop, including the black-type winner and GI **Frizette** third, **She's**



Girolamo ranks fourth on the NA freshman sire list with 19 winners | Darley

All Ready. He's staying in Kentucky for 2016.

Among sires in this price range with their first 2-year-olds in 2016, **Creative Cause** has great form lines: beat **I'll Have Another** in the GII Best Pal, won the GI Norfolk, and ran third to **Hansen** and **Union Rags** in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile as a 2-year-old; beat **Bodemeister** in the GII San Felipe, got beat a nose by **I'll Have Another** in the GI Santa Anita Derby, finished three lengths fifth in the GI Kentucky Derby and third

in the GI Preakness, in both races to **I'll Have Another** and **Bodemeister** running one-two. He had 37 yearlings from his first crop average \$67,405 at this year's sales, one place behind **Shackleford** (\$68,614).

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Tapizar ranked fourth among North American first-year sires of yearlings, with 55 yearlings averaging \$95,727, with a median of \$90,000, six times his entering fee. Tapit and his sons Trappe Shot and Tapizar all have in common that their first crops significantly outperformed expectations commercially, signaling well above average individuals.

Among North American sires with their first foals in 2015, **Graydar** has always punched above his weight commercially. We commented last November that his owners had found a lot of commercially viable mares to breed to him. His covering sire average was \$83,227 last year, for 22 mares sold in foal, and 16 weanlings from his first crop have averaged \$93,812, with a median 5.5 times his stud fee, at \$77,500. Of the sires in this price range which have covered their first mares in 2015, **Cairo Prince** was the overall leader by covering sire average, with eight mares in foal averaging \$231,437. But the dam of Runhappy sold for \$1.6-million in foal to him, which means the other seven mares grossed \$241,500 total. Notwithstanding that small statistical oddity, Cairo Prince proved so popular that his fee for 2016 has been raised, from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Dual GI Breeders Cup Dirt Mile winner **Goldencents**, from the first crop by Into Mischief, also goes up to \$15,000, in his case from \$12,500. According to The Jockey Club's Report of Mares Bred, Cairo Prince covered 148 mares this year; Goldencents covered 179.

Of the sires retiring to Kentucky in this price range, there are three I'd particularly like to mention: **Bayern**, **Karakontie**, and **Lea**. Bayern won the Gil Woody Stephens on Belmont S. day last June (2014) but then went on to win the GI Haskell and the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. He's reported to be a seriously good-looking horse from some of those who have seen him. Karakontie, who is by Bernstein out of a Sunday Silence mare, and whose second dam was a three-quarter sister to Kingmambo, won the G1 Lagardere as a 2-year-old, and the G1 Poule D'Essai Des Poulains--French 2000 Guineas--and the GI Breeders' Cup Mile as a 3-year-old in 2014. I couldn't claim to be unbiased in his case, but I am certain he was a very high-class miler. For his part, Lea won the GI Donn H. at Gulfstream Park last year and was second in no fewer than four Grade I races in 2015. He joins his sire, First Samurai, at Claiborne Farm. His toughness and consistency at the highest class levels of racing definitely enhance his appeal.

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Discreet Cat battles away, and the \$7,500 stud fee at which he's stood the last couple of years still looks very good value. He's now in the top 20 on the North American 2-year-old sire list, with three juvenile black-type winners this year, and is listed in The Jockey Club Online Fact Book as having 79 foals of 2015 and covering 128 mares this year.

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Keep the faith. **Hat Trick** had just 20 foals each in his 2011 and 2012 crops; his first Gainesway crop (80 foals) are 2-year-olds this year. He ranks in the NA 2-year-old top 30 himself, with 17 juvenile winners, two black-type winners, including Dressed in



Hat Trick has 17 juvenile winners this year | Gainesway

Hermes, winner of a competitive-looking GIII Cecil DeMille (1m, turf) at Del Mar late last month. He looks a very good bet at \$7,500. **Istan** has been almost a private stallion--not by choice--for Brereton Jones and Airdrie, though he did cover a near-

record (for him) 55 mares this year. His early returns are quite impressive. Same for **Run Away And Hide**, a son of City Zip who showed all his sire's precocity by winning all three of his starts at two, including the GII Saratoga Special, after which he was injured and retired, covering his first crop at Darby Dan at three. That crop includes Are You Kidding Me, winner of three Grade II races in Canada this year at 8 1/2f on the all-weather and nine furlongs on turf. Like his own sire, Run Away And Hide is proving

a big over-achiever.

Among sires with their first 3-year-olds this year, Spendthrift's **Line of David** remains at a bargain-basement \$3,500 fee for 2016, though he has six black-type horses from his first crop of 54 foals, including Grade III winner and GI Kentucky Derby second Firing Line.

He ended up covering 166 mares last year and surely breeders will flock to him again at that price. **Midshipman** has six BTW, including the Grade I-placed rocket sprinting filly Lady Shipman, and 14



Archarcharch is fifth on the NA freshman sire list | Spendthrift

black-type horses overall. He ranks sixth on the North American cumulative second-crop sire list by progeny earnings, and looks seriously good value to us.

Among sires with their first 2-year-olds this year, Spendthrift has no fewer than five 2016 Kentucky stallions among the top 20 North American Freshman Sires of 2015, including fifth-ranked **Archarcharch**, sire of Toews On Ice, winner of three



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black-type races in California, including the GIII Bob Hope S.; eighth-ranked **Paddy O'Prado**, sire of 12 winners, his three black-type horses including last weekend's GI Startlet S. third Sutton's Smile; and **Tizway**, who has two black-type horses at Woodbine (one BTW, one twice black-type placed), plus another black-type winner at Laurel. Archarcharch and Paddy O'Prado are standing for \$5,000; Tizway is \$10,000 for 2016. Another to keep an eye on is Airdrie's **Haynesfield**, who has a three-time black-type winner at Hastings Park in Vancouver, but also a couple of pretty promising maiden winners who look like they'll be better as 3-year-olds.

The GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile has been won by Tapizar, Goldencents (twice), and Liam's Map in the last four years; the 2011 edition was won by **Caleb's Posse**, defeating Shackleford. Caleb's Posse had previously won the GI King's Bishop at Saratoga, and as a 4-year-old dropped a nose decision to Shackleford in the 2012 GI Met Mile in what proved to be his final career start. Considering we give Shackleford a real shot at \$20,000, we have to give Caleb's Posse a shot at \$5,000. Besides Shackleford, another Darby Dan sire with his first 2-year-olds next year is **Jersey Town**, whose 17 yearlings sold for an average of \$90,382, including a \$500,000 half-sister to Tonalist at Saratoga and a colt and a filly who each brought \$250,000-plus at Keeneland September.

Upon reading that the Nominations From the Floor were open, we immediately received one for **I Want Revenge**, who will be standing for \$5,000

next year at Millennium Farms, and had his first foals this year. It isn't really there in the numbers, conceded our subscriber, but he detected some good judges in the neighborhood. Keep an eye out. Among



Magician has big credentials for a \$10,000 sire | Coolmore

sires which covered their first seasons in 2015, Ashford's **Magician** might be a little bit of a forgotten man commercially. He was a dual Group 1 winner at three in the Irish 2000 Guineas and the Breeders' Cup Turf, and is by the world's best sire, Galileo. Those are some big credentials for a sire who'll be standing for \$10,000 next year.

Finally, some interesting sires going to stud next year for \$10,000 or under, including two good turf milers by War Front: **Jack Milton** was a graded SW at three, four, and five, including the GI Maker's Mark Mile at Keeneland this year; he goes to



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Crestwood for \$6,500. **Summer Front**, who goes to Airdrie for \$10,000, mixed it with the best, was a Grade II winner and was five times Grade I-placed. Lane's End gets the 2014 GI Belmont Derby winner **Mr. Speaker**, who is by Pulpit out of an Unbridled mare--the same cross as Tapit.

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DERBYWARS GRANTED COURT EXTENSION; LAWSUIT NEGOTIATIONS FRUITLESS SO FAR

By T.D. Thornton

A California federal court Wednesday granted the parent company of DerbyWars an extension to Jan. 22 to answer a four-count racketeering lawsuit filed two weeks ago by a group of tracks owned by The Stronach Group.

The two sides have talked several times since the civil complaint was lodged in United States Central District Court of California Dec. 2, but are not close to resolving the issue out of court, according to Scott Daruty, president of simulcast signal broker Monarch Content Management, LLC, which is owned by The Stronach Group.

"We have had a couple of discussions. The Monarch team and the DerbyWars team did meet last week in Tucson during the [University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program] symposium," Daruty said. "We had a discussion about potential business models and potential settlement terms, and we have had a follow-up phone call since then, but there's nothing definitive that's been agreed to. I think we'd describe the talks as productive, but still a long way away from reaching an agreement."

The Stronach-owned tracks (Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course and Portland Meadows) are demanding a jury trial and seeking monetary, punitive, and exemplary damages, plus injunctive relief, from the Louisville-based DerbyWars, which is owned by Horse Racing Labs, LLC.

Since its inception in 2011, DerbyWars has blossomed into the racing industry's highest-profile online daily handicapping contest site, offering lucrative cash prizes in exchange for a cut of entry fees from players.

Much like the debate over the legality of daily professional team sports fantasy gaming that has gripped the nation over the past several months, the Stronach tracks' objection to DerbyWars essentially boils down to allegations over illegal bet-taking and the unsanctioned use of race results to determine contest winners.

In the lawsuit, the Stronach tracks allege that the daily online contests hosted by DerbyWars constitute "racketeering activity"

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that violates the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), and that DerbyWars is "indisputably a form of wagering" that operates in violation of the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978.

Two other complaints in the suit allege violations of the California Business & Professions Code, which regulates "unfair or fraudulent" business acts, and Intentional Interference With Prospective Economic Advantage, which is a law that covers third-party disruptions of profitable business relationships.

Of the four charges, the RICO allegations are the most serious, because as a law designed to combat organized crime, RICO victims--once liability and the extent of harm are established--are entitled to mandatory triple damages.

Mark Midland, the founder of Horse Racing Labs, has declined several opportunities over the past week to speak on the record to *TDN* about the litigation and any related negotiations.

In early November, when he was asked about the threat of a lawsuit that Daruty had put on the record at an Oct. 21 California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) committee meeting, Midland told *TDN* that critics were missing the point that daily handicapping contest sites like DerbyWars return benefits to the industry that are measured not so much in dollars, but in terms of fan education, product exposure and cross-promotional marketing.

“It’s a game of skill because you’re playing in a contest against other players,” Midland said at the time, defending his product as a game of skill, and not betting. “The picks that you make create the fantasy points that create a leaderboard that determines the outcome of the game. There’s also additional skill involved in managing your picks as to where you are on the leaderboard. ‘Gambling’ is defined as wagering on a direct outcome, like wagering on a horse in a race.”

Daruty said he’d “really rather not comment on anything specific” about the negotiations with DerbyWars. “But what I can tell you is we continue to stand by the essence of our lawsuit, which is that this activity is not permissible unless they have the consent of the host racetrack and the host horsemen as well as the necessary regulatory approvals.”

While the lawsuit seeks specific restitution from DerbyWars, Daruty said he is aware that the legal precedent that the outcome of the case might set is acting as a general deterrent against other firms involved in either fantasy racing or handicapping contests.

On Dec. 4, two days after the Stronach tracks filed the lawsuit, the online contest company HorseTournaments.com posted a notice on its website that read, in part: “Due to the recent lawsuit filed by The Stronach Group racetracks against another major tournament website, effectively immediately and until further notice, use of races in HorseTournaments tournaments originating from The Stronach Group racetracks will be restricted only to tournaments involving entries to sanctioned, on-track events.”

In addition, Daruty explained, “I’ve also heard of at least one other potential business that was about to get into daily handicapping contests in a very big way that has decided they’d better not do that and wait and see how this all settles out. Our goal was to try and set the right model on a long-term basis for these kinds of activities, and I think it’s really still in the process, but headed in the right direction, based on what I’ve seen in the marketplace.”

Daruty said he makes a “big distinction” between handicapping contests that are conducted as an “occasional promotional activity” at tracks or by account wagering companies versus “conducting handicapping contests every day on almost every track as a business” in and of itself.

“So while we are very supportive of the first category--the occasional promotional category--when it comes to the second category, which is operating a business conducting handicapping contests every day on almost every race, we view that as being akin to an account wagering company,” Daruty said. “We think both a sense of fairness as well as applicable law require that second category to have various consents and approvals.”

Some of these issues might come into play Thursday at the monthly CHRB meeting, where the final item on the agenda

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before the meeting goes into closed session pertains to “Discussion by the Board regarding fantasy sports, including persuading participants to become horse race players.”

Daruty said he will be at the CHRB meeting, but “I don’t know exactly how the horse racing board envisions that item playing out. I don’t know whether they’ll be calling on members of the audience for comments or not. If there’s a question that’s relevant and an opportunity for me to speak, I will do so. But obviously I’ll stay away from anything that’s related to the ongoing litigation.” [@thorntontd](#)

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U.S. BILL EXTENDS “NON-FUNDING” BLOCK ON EQUINE SLAUGHTER

By T.D. Thornton

Ten lines of text within a 2,009-page, \$1.1 trillion omnibus federal spending bill will effectively prohibit horse slaughter in the United States in the fiscal year of 2016 by blocking funding for Agriculture Department inspectors to preside over equine meat-processing facilities.

The text of the bill, which was released early Wednesday morning, is scheduled for final votes in the House and Senate later this week.

The non-funding language in the bill extends a de facto federal anti-slaughter policy that has been in effect since 2005, with the exception of a brief period in 2012-13.

According to the website of The Humane Society of the United States, the organization is “celebrating major victories” because the proposed bill also includes language to protect elephants from poaching by cracking down on the domestic trade of ivory and language to keep gray wolves from being delisted from the Endangered Species Act.

“Negotiators have done the right thing and included language to forbid anyone from setting up a horse slaughter plant on American soil,” said Wayne Pacelle, president and chief executive CEO of The Humane Society. “We don’t round up dogs and cats, butcher them, and ship them to foreign markets, and it should be unthinkable to do that with a species that helped us settle the nation.”

The specific language in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 that protects horses from domestic slaughter is listed under section 767:

“None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel--(1) to inspect horses under section 3 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 603); (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996; or (3) to implement or enforce section 352.19 of title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor 21 regulation). [@thorntontd](#)

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PLETCHER HOPING LATE BLOOMERS WILL GIVE HIM DERBY AMMO

By Bill Finley

About two weeks ago Todd Pletcher looked over his roster of 2-year-olds, what they had accomplished and whether any were serious Kentucky Derby candidates and came to the following conclusion: "I'm in serious trouble."

By Pletcher standards, 2015 had been a major disappointment when it came to how his 2-year-old colts had performed on the racetrack. Normally, he unveils a slew of talented, well-bred youngsters, collects a number of stakes wins with them and has every reason to look forward to their coming 3-year-old campaigns. But in 2015, Pletcher has won just one graded stakes race with a 2-year-old male, Uncle Vinny (Uncle Mo). He won the GIII Sanford at Saratoga. Uncle Vinny would subsequently be sidelined with an injury and Pletcher was empty-handed come Breeders' Cup time. He did not have an entrant in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

But Pletcher's fortunes have turned within the last two weeks and he now has at least a glimmer of hope when it comes to the 2016 Classics. On Dec. 5 at Gulfstream, he won a six-furlong maiden race with Zulu (Bernardini) and a mile-and-a-sixteenth maiden with Stradivari (Medaglia d'Oro). The latter was particularly impressive, winning by 11 3/4 lengths in what was his second lifetime start. A week later, he won another Gulfstream mile-and-a-sixteenth maiden with Neolithic (Harlan's Holiday).

"We've been impressed by the horses that we have run in the last couple of weeks," he said. "We were really impressed by Stradivari and I thought Neolithic and Zulu also ran very well. I don't know if any of them had Verrazano-type performances, where they showed they could go immediately from that start into a graded stakes. But they were encouraging efforts."

Pletcher said he has at least two more soon-to-be 3-year-olds that could make it onto the road to the Kentucky Derby.

"We have a maiden in Saturday named Mo Power (Uncle Mo) and he is training well," he said. "This will be his first start and we expect him to run well. Again, I can't tell you it's going to be a Verazzano-type performance, but we do expect him to run well. We have another colt running on the 26th named Rally Cry (Uncle Mo). He was highly touted first out and was a little disappointing, running third at Aqueduct in a sprint. He acts like a horse that wants to stretch out and I have been pleased with way he's trained since he's gotten to Palm Beach Downs. So, hopefully, he'll do like Neolithic and Stradivari and show some improvement now that he's down here."

Uncle Vinny was sidelined with a chip in an ankle and won't be back in time for the Derby. Pletcher's Saratoga Mischief (Into Mischief) finished second in the GII Saratoga Special and has not

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started since. Pletcher said the colt is back in training and should be ready to start some time in February.

"In the past couple of weeks since Gulfstream opened we've had three colts win and will hopefully have another maiden winner or two to follow," he said. "We might not find ourselves in any of the first round of the Derby preps, but I think I can be optimistic about being represented in the second round. It's been what I would describe as a down year with our 2-year-old colts, but I'm starting to feel more optimistic."

What went wrong? There's no one answer, but it clear that somehow Pletcher wound up with a group of 2-year-olds that isn't nearly as talented as what he's used to having.

"As a group, our 2-year-old colts have been a little slow to come around, and we knew back in June and July that that was going to be the case," he said. "We simply didn't have the horses that were ready to run in the big 2-year-old races at that time. In June I told people that I was not seeing any real superstar colts at that moment. We had a couple of New York-breds that were pretty good and won some stakes with them, but didn't have the type of colts we normally see.

"When that happens you have to look back and examine what kind of horses we were getting in. We get them from the sales and we get homebreds. Maybe they just weren't precocious sorts.

“We were unsuccessful bidding on a lot of horses at the 2-year-old sales, particularly OBS March. Mike Repole went in with the intention of buying quite a few horses and we just kept getting outbid. When you miss out on a lot of opportunities like that you might be missing out on one really good horse and one really good horse can make a big difference.”

At least now he has something to look forward to as the racing season at the Gulfstream championship meet moves along. But what if his recent maiden winners don't pan out?

“We'll keep fighting,” he said. “That's all you can do.”

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A perfect "Spa City" retirement, courtesy of breeder Adam Madkour

There are few things New York racing fans like better than honest hard-trying geldings "of a certain age." Witness the jubilation in early November when 9-year-old multiple stakes winner and turf specialist Compliance Officer wired a 10-horse field of \$32,000 claimers to capture his first victory since June 14, 2014 at odds of 18-1. **Sarah Mace, *NYTBreeders.org***



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By T.D. Thornton

A Florida administrative law judge has recommended that the state's Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering enter a final order finding the trainer Kirk M. Ziadie guilty of 18 counts of violating state laws pertaining to prohibited drugs in racehorses.

The violations, which are related to a series of clenbuterol overages between 2012 and 2014, also warrant a fine of \$18,000 and the suspension of Ziadie's training license for six years, according to the Dec. 15 ruling signed by judge F. Scott Boyd.

A copy of the 58-page recommended order, which can be read in its [entirety here](#), was first published by the *Paulick Report* on Wednesday.

Ziadie, a multiple-graded stakes winner with 762 lifetime wins, has been a polarizing backstretch figure while primarily plying his trade in Florida since 2002.

Kirk Ziadie, 47, is the son of former longtime Florida trainer Ralph Ziadie. The younger Ziadie has won multiple training titles at Calder Race Course, Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs, but he also has 51 separate infractions listed on his record at the site www.thoroughbredrulings.com maintained by The Jockey Club. At least 14 of those rulings were for medication violations, but none of the penalties that were imposed kept Ziadie out of action for long.

In 2009, while Ziadie was in the midst of a 29-month appeal for one of his horses testing positive for the tranquilizer Acepromazine, Calder ejected him from the grounds without stipulating a reason.

Currently, Ziadie is battling a licensure issue with the state of Florida that has kept him from starting a horse in the state since June.

After being served with the backlog of multiple equine drug-related complaints from the Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering in 2014 and 2015, Ziadie disputed the material facts alleged in the complaints and requested an administrative hearing. In September of 2015, the multiple charges were consolidated into a single administrative hearing.

An administrative law judge like Boyd is a professional hearing officer who presides over hearings and appeals involving governmental agencies.

One issue raised in the administrative hearing process was the question of the admissibility of blood tests of Ziadie's horses. But Boyd's recommended order stated that "although Petitioner is unable to rely on the blood serum test results derived from procedures that were not adopted by rule, Petitioner had independent evidence that the horses had clenbuterol in their bodies on their respective race days, in the form of the test



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results from these urine samples."

In handing down his recommended penalties, Boyd cited Ziadie's past regulatory transgressions as playing a role in the ruling.

"The number of repetitions of offenses was significant and indicates a pattern or practice rather than an occasional oversight," Boyd wrote. "Repeated drug offenses have a direct impact on the integrity of the pari-mutuel industry. Clenbuterol, while a drug with therapeutic value, also has adverse effects, and excessive use presents a danger to racing Thoroughbreds...Evidence of 14 prior complaints resulting in discipline was also introduced, another aggravating factor."

Yet, Boyd also noted: "On the other hand, Respondent has been involved with racing his entire life and has been a trainer for a substantial number of years. It was uncontroverted that his horses were in excellent condition and that he provided them with clean surroundings, quality feed, and excellent care."

With regard to a possible appeal, the judge's ruling states that "all parties have the right to submit written exceptions within 15 days from the date of this Recommended Order."

TDN attempted to locate a working phone number for Ziadie to contact him for comment, but could not obtain one prior to deadline for this story. [@thorntontd](#)

New York

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$75,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.78, ft.

MAJESTIC AFFAIR (g, 3, [Majesticperfection](#)--Blumin Beauty {MSP, \$230,477}, by Blumin Affair) kicked off his season with a romp in the local Frank "Cappy" Caposella S. here in January, and was equally dominant in Laurel's Frank Whiteley Jr. S. later that month. Second back in Ozone Park for the Jimmy Winkfield S. Mar. 8, he was fifth behind stablemate March (Blame) in the Apr. 4 Gill Bay Shore S. The chestnut had last been seen finishing fifth in Keeneland's Perryville S. on the Breeders' Cup Saturday card Oct. 31. Trying a route of ground for the first time in his career, the 2-1 shot pressed Lucky Lotto (Pure Prize) while out in the clear. He chipped away at the leader's advantage in midstretch, but appeared intimidated as that rival drifted out, hitting the line a neck back. The decision was reversed by the stewards. Sales history: \$42,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$12,000 RNA Ylg '13 ARZNOV. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-0, \$257,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Thomas Coleman & Doheny Racing Stable; B-Doug Oliver (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

6th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 12-16, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47.78, ft.

+KATNISS THE VICTOR (f, 2, [Midnight Lute](#)--Midst {SW, \$154,795}, by Closing Argument), backed at 9-2 off a steady local wortab, was away a bit awkwardly, but advanced to travel in midpack while widest of all into the first turn. She rallied gamely in between horses after a half in :49.22, asserted three deep into the stretch and, shifting in a bit when she hit the front, kicked home to don cap and gown by 2 1/4 lengths from Riot Worthy (Patriot Act). Katniss the Victor is the first foal out of the precocious Midst, who produced a Mission Impazible colt in 2014 and a Bellamy Road filly earlier this year. Sales history: \$35,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG; \$130,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC & Michael Imperio; B-Twin Creeks Farm & Harvey Diamond (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez.

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Several tax incentives important to those invested in the horse racing and breeding industry, including one that retroactively extends three-year depreciation for all racehorses, are poised for a multi-year extension by Congress. Late Tuesday, Republican and Democratic negotiators in the House finalized related comprehensive budget and tax legislation which Congress will likely pass by the year's end.

The legislation also includes 50 percent bonus depreciation for qualified new depreciable property, such as yearlings and new farm equipment, and the Section 179 expense allowance at \$500,000 with a \$2 million threshold for qualified new or used depreciable property such as broodmares.

"A multi-year extension of three-year tax depreciation for racehorses is welcome news for Thoroughbred owners and breeders," said Alex Waldrop, NTRA President and CEO. "Accelerated cost recovery encourages investment and creates jobs in Thoroughbred racing while the multi-year extension of this incentive helps owners plan for the future."

Three-year racehorse depreciation more accurately reflects the length of a racehorse's career than the previous seven-year schedule and is more equitable for owners.

The NTRA will update the industry on the progress of this legislation as it makes its way to the President's desk for signature.



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▶ Florida

Wednesday's Results:

9th-GP, \$35,000, Alw, 12-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.32, fm.

TAPITATION (g, 4, Tapit--Derriane {GSW-US, SW-Fr, \$192,101}, by Cozzene) went 6-1-4-0 to begin his career for Eddie Kenneally, but went missing from last July until Sept. 26, when he resurfaced to take a state-bred allowance at Belmont in his first start for Ralph Nicks. He added a clear-cut second-level optional claimer Nov. 1, and was supported as the 6-5 chalk in his first try outside of restricted company. Pinched back to last at the off, the grey advanced a few spots into the first turn and settled in along the rail down the backside. Responding with aplomb when given his cue to quicken along the home turn, he split horses like a man on a mission, but was quickly joined by Arghad (Distorted Humor) to his outside. Fighting back gamely, Tapitation refused to relinquish his advantage and got his head down in front. Sales history: \$330,000 Ylg '12 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 9-4-4-0, \$187,130. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Whisper Hill Farm LLC; B-Waterville Lake Stables Ltd LLC (NY); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

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5th-GP, \$40,000, Msw, 12-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.73, ft. DOUBLEBOLT (f, 3, Quality Road--Double Scoop {SW & GSP, \$257,494}, by Seeking the Gold) showed brief interest before checking in a well-beaten last in her local unveiling July 9, and was dismissed at 11-1 while adding Lasix for this second attempt. Pressing the pace three deep early, she moved up a spot approaching the bend, and hit the front midway on the turn. The \$170,000 KEENOV weanling and \$260,000 KEESOP yearling quickly settled the issue from there, taking a comfortable lead into the lane and building it to 8 1/4 lengths at the line. Favored Treasure (Medaglia d'Oro), a distant second behind 'TDN Rising Star' and subsequent allowance winner Wrath of Ruthie (Distorted Humor) last out at Churchill Nov. 5, completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Ice Cream Silence (Street Sense), GSW, \$228,046 and a granddaughter of GI Santa Anita Oaks winner Golden Treat (Theatrical {Ire}). She hails from the same female family as four-time Grade I winner Bet Twice. Her dam produced a Bernardini filly earlier this year and was bred back to Pioneerof the Nile. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,470. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-GoldMark Farm, LLC and Whisper Hill Farm; B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & Louise Ireland Humphrey Revocable Trust - 2008 (KY); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

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8th-TAM, \$22,100, Msw, 12-16, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.47, ft. ONE LUCKY STEP (c, 3, Two Step Salsa--One Buck Coyote, by Regal Humor), beaten a nose at Indiana Downs first up last October, resurfaced to fill the same slot at Monmouth July 5. Crushed all the way down to 1-2 odds returning off another lay-off here, he went straight to the front and built up a clear advantage, but grew leg weary, finding the line a head to the good of Euro Exchange (Exchange Rate). The winner is a half to Bucky's Prayer (Meadow Prayer), MSW, \$280,692. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$27,700. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Winning Stables, Inc.; B-Gerald & Mary Bennett (FL); T-Gerald S. Bennett.

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First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Dec. 17

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

- [AMERICAN LION](#) (Tiznow), Darby Dan Farm, \$5K, 70/7/0
- 2-FG, Msw, 1mT, Surfside Beach, \$10K OBS AUG yrl, 20-1
- 7-FG, Aoc, 1m, American Holiday, \$95K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1



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9-FG, Msw, 6f, +Victory Arch, \$47K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1
- BANK HEIST** (Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm, \$3K, 10/1/1
1-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Bank Scholarship, 5-1
- BIG DRAMA** (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 68/11/1
7-GP, Msw, 1m, Rontos Lily, \$25K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
- GIANT OAK** (Giant's Causeway), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 40/2/1
7-FG, Aoc, 1m, Giant Cruiser, 6-1
- [HAYNESFIELD](#) (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 78/10/1
9-FG, Msw, 6f, +Jensen, 7-2
- LAUGHING CHARLIE** (Indian Charlie), Eaton Veterinary Clinic, 2/0/0
5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Charlies Happy Cat, 15-1
- [MISREMEMBERED](#) (Candy Ride {Arg}), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$8K, 36/5/0
6-TP, Aoc, 6f, Whiskey Tree, 12-1
- [PADDY O'PRADO](#) (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 106/12/0
2-FG, Msw, 1mT, Mimosa Morning, \$40K BSC YRL yrl, 6-1
2-FG, Msw, 1mT, +Thank U Jared Usmc, 12-1
- [TWIRLING CANDY](#) (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 92/23/0
7-FG, Aoc, 1m, Twirl Girl, \$15K FTK OCT yrl, 2-1
- [UNCLE MO](#) (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 165/26/7
6-TP, Aoc, 6f, Uncle Jimmy, \$10K EAS MAY 2yo, 4-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Dec. 17

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

- SUMMER BIRD** (Birdstone), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 192/45/2
4-LRC, Msw, 6f, +Silent Bird, \$40K FTK OCT yrl, 4-1

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

- Baekdu**, g, 2, [Colonel John](#)--Valid Warning (MSW, \$131,369), by Valid Appeal. Busan, 12-11, Hcp. (\$60k), 1600m. B-Glenna R Salyer DVM (KY). *1/2 to Elusive Warning (Elusive Quality), GSW-UAE, SW-US, \$487,332. **\$20,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

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- B. K. Phil**, g, 2, [Haynesfield](#)--Kings Lynn (GSP, \$140,714), by Mt. Livermore. Busan, 12-13, Hcp. (\$47k), 1000m. B-Paul F Gardner (KY). *1/2 to Sara Louise (Malibu Moon), MGSW, \$400,435; and Just Louise (Five Star Day), GSW. **\$25,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT. ***10th winner for freshman sire (by Speightstown).

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- Buhwarui Banseok**, c, 2, [Tizway](#)--Aim for the Moon, by Deputy Minister. Busan, 12-13, Hcp. (\$47k), 1400m. B-White Fox Farm (KY). *1/2 to Bear's Rocket (Lion Heart), GSP, \$275,091. **\$22,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. ***Sixth winner for freshman sire (by Tiznow).

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- Shining Guy**, c, 2, [Tiz Wonderful](#)--Raramuri Princess, by Northern Afleet. Seoul, 12-13, Hcp. (\$47k), 1400m. B-Eduardo Terrazas, Lynn Jones & Christopher Creech (KY). *\$10,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$10,00 RNA Ylg '14 FTKJUL; \$30,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

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- #Bold Kings**, c, 3, [Afleet Express](#)--Bold Arrival, by Gilded Time. Seoul, 12-13, Grand Prix (N) (\$596k), 2300m. B-M. Lyn Burleson & Scott Ahlschwede (KY). *\$14,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT. **Making his stakes debut, Bold Kings took this richest and most prestigious event on the Korean racing calendar. Drawn gate six, the blaze-faced bay tracked intently from third and remained in the thick of things into and around the turn. He got a left-handed reminder nearing the stretch and re-engaged to lead narrowly with less than 400 meters to race, then dug in grimly to score by a neck ([video](#)). Bold Kings is now a perfect seven for seven with earnings in excess of \$565,000.

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- Commander Ko**, g, 3, [Arch](#)--Athena's Gift, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Seoul, 12-12, Hcp. (\$60k), 1800m. B-Richard L Lister (ON). *1/2 to We Miss Artie (Artie Schiller), GISW, \$738,843. **\$55,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$75,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$22,000 2yo '14 OBSJAN.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-AQU, \$59,000, (S),(NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.59, ft.

AWESOME NEWS (f, 3, [Congrats](#)--Awesome Bull, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-2, \$161,900. O-Black Swan Stable; B-Edition Farm (NY); T-Richard E. Schosberg. *\$40,000 Ylg '13 SARAUG.

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7th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), 12-16, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.37, ft.

RICO CAPOTE (g, 6, Disco Rico--Dr. Capote, by Capote) Lifetime Record: 32-11-3-4, \$158,386. O-Sheila J. Englehart; B-Alfred DiRico (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart.

4th-GP, \$40,400, 12-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.67, ft.

MOM'Z LAUGH (f, 3, [Leroidesanimaux {Brz}](#)--Cajun Dawn, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: 16-5-1-4, \$158,610. O-A. Bianco Holding; B-Curtis Mikkelsen & Patricia Horth (FL); T-Marcus J. Vitali. *\$50,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Peace At Dawn (Peace Rules), GSP, \$227,698; and Cajun Breeze (Congrats), MSP, \$246,860.

4th-MVR, \$27,700, (S), (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:15.58, ft.

SUNSHINE'S SON BOB (g, 3, After Market--Li'lbito'sunshine {MSP, \$100,930}, by Dixieland Heat) Lifetime Record: 18-4-6-4, \$149,570. O-Keys to Riches Stable; B-Sparks View Farm (OH); T-Shane Meyers. *\$24,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTKJUL; \$20,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

7th-TAM, \$21,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.90, fm.

BUREAU DE CHANGE (f, 4, [Exchange Rate](#)--Fencelineneighbor {GSW, \$612,588}, by Wild Rush) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-2, \$92,177. O-Amerman Racing LLC; B-Mrs. Jerry Amerman (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch. *1/2 to Nextdoorneighbor (Lido Palace {Chi}), GSP, \$308,889; and Barbie Wire (Tapit), SW, \$108,400.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kentucky Road, f, 2, [Midshipman](#)--Prairie Pie, by Belong to Me. AQU, 12-16, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.82. B-C. Kidder, N. Cole, J. K. Griggs & Linda Griggs (KY). *\$30,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$75,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Bear's Future (Rockport Harbor), SP, \$266,862.

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Summertime Sadness, f, 3, Hostile Takeover--Blues Cruz, by King Tutta. MVR, 12-16, (S), 6f, 1:18.52. B-Double D Farm Corp. (OH).

Mantua Red, g, 3, Slide to the Left--La Torah de Tara, by Metfield. MVR, 12-16, (S), 6f, 1:18.98. B-Gayle Berthold (OH).



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James Willoughby breaks down Ryan Moore's rides in Hong Kong last weekend | *Racing Post*

By James Willoughby

Hong Kong International Race Day is thriving and so is Ryan Moore. That is the message from Sha Tin on Sunday, a meeting that did not disappoint on its considerable promise.

Moore has the most important thing a jockey can own: the confidence of the world's most powerful connections. From Tipperary to Timbuktu, everyone wants him on their horse and nobody can deny his presence is an advantage.

Sectional timing data for the four Group 1 Hong Kong races are shown in the table. The raw figures have been converted to a percentage expressing a horse's speed as a percentage of its average speed for the race. So, for example, in the last two furlongs of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint, Peniaphobia traveled at 100.5%--virtually the same as his speed for the race as a whole.

Split times in excess of 100% represent higher speeds than race average and are coded in green; splits less than 100% are slower than race average and are coded in red; those roughly 100% are coded in blue.

The data helps to disentangle Moore's actions on Highland Reel in the G1 Vase from the mess of visuals gained from watching the race. Moore initially made the running on Aidan O'Brien's improving colt, who was headed down the back straight, looked as if he would be beaten to the punch by Flintshire in the straight, but rallied to win emphatically.

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MOODY DEFENSE QUESTIONS TESTING

Australian trainer Peter Moody's hearing for three charges related to cobalt positives faces delays into Christmas and possibly the New Year after the champion conditioner's defense accused Racing Victoria of breach of procedure Wednesday, according to *Racing.com*. That site reported that Moody's defense argued the case was prejudiced because the B urine sample of Lidari (Fr) (Acclamation {GB})--the horse in Moody's care that tested positive for cobalt--was split before being tested by two laboratories, straying from normal procedure. The Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board has ordered Racing Victoria to provide documents explaining how and why the sample was split, which will cause delays in the hearing as some of the witnesses scheduled to be heard in the coming days were involved with the testing. [Cont. p5](#)

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Less is Moore in Hong Kong cont. from p1

Here, the numbers are interesting. Highland Reel has seemed to lack a turn of foot at the top level, gaining his biggest previous win when allowed to dictate in the GI Secretariat S. on the

Arlington Million card. He has been beaten four times this season, most recently when third to Winx in the G1 Cox Plate. However, he was flying at the end of the 12-furlong Vase, running faster in real terms for each of the last four two-furlongs splits and finishing at 108.6% of his average race speed.

This was some function of Moore's actions in the plate. He did not chase the leaders when taken on down the back straight, allowing Highland Reel to build his momentum. But the colt really answered the bell, and he ran down a horse in Flintshire who was not stopping.

In fact, take a look at Table 2, the 2014 Hong Kong International races expressed using the same sectionals grid. Flintshire won last year's Vase in workmanlike style, but this isn't a horse who cannot accelerate. On that occasion, slow early fractions saw him finish the last 2f in 22.42sec (111.4% of race speed) and, though not at his best judged by old-fashioned weights-and-measures handicapping, it was clearly a superb effort in the real, physical world.

The best phrase for Moore on Sunday was "highly efficient." The accumulation of his top-level wins across the planet shows that he is able to engage with the task of optimizing a horse's performance in widely different circumstances. His 2015 season was nearly derailed by a neck injury, but you can bet he did not switch off mentally when recuperating.

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Sports performance is now a highly studied academic discipline and certainly qualifies as a science. But its appraisal in racing remains rooted in the arts. We want to invest in Moore the idea that he is brilliant and better than everyone else--the "world's best rider"--but it really isn't about lifting horses over the line or making them win. More likely is the notion that top riders minimize errors, convince top connections that they can be trusted on the sport's biggest days, then make the most of a top-quality bag of rides.

We shouldn't relegate O'Brien's role in Highland Reel's development just because we can't see it as readily as Moore's contribution to victory. It's not a cliché to say that racing is a

team sport, and victory only comes if everyone in the chain from stud to stable to winner's enclosure does their job. It is hard to think of a better package than Moore brings--save for the PR department! Ironically, however, his stoic, no-nonsense personality has been a significant driver in his path to the top of the sport. It is a tendency of racing analysts to give too much praise to jockeys when they win, and too much blame

when they lose. No rider proves his worth in the moment but in the long-run, when it becomes clear that his or her error-rate really is a lot lower than others with similar opportunities.

It is highly interesting to see Moore interface with Joao Moreira, Peniaphobia's rider, in Hong Kong. The latter is quite possibly even the superior of Moore in sheer talent, but he simply does not have the same global reach. Studies on U.S. racing have shown there exists a real home-court advantage for a rider, in terms of gaining familiarity with his or her racing circuit, and it is impressive that Moore can tune his approach to so many racetracks in so many countries.

Racing in the Far East has a distinct rhythm of which Moreira has proved his mastery, plus we have seen the Brazilian-born rider at his best in Australia and Dubai too. **Cont. p3**

SECTIONAL DATA FOR 2015 HKIR WINNERS

Year	Winner	Race	Furlongs	12f-10f	10f-8f	8f-6f	6f-4f	4f-2f	2f-Finish
2015	Peniaphobia	Sprint	6				95.8%	104.0%	100.5%
2015	Maurice	Mile	8			93.4%	100.8%	101.2%	105.4%
2015	A Shin Hikari	Cup	10		92.2%	102.8%	101.6%	102.2%	102.1%
2015	Highland Reel	Vase	12	95.7%	96.6%	93.5%	102.3%	105.0%	108.6%

SECTIONAL DATA FOR 2014 HKIR WINNERS

Year	Winner	Race	Furlongs	12f-10f	10f-8f	8f-6f	6f-4f	4f-2f	2f-Finish
2014	Aerovelocit	Sprint	6				97.8%	102.5%	99.8%
2014	Able Friend	Mile	8			91.9%	99.1%	102.7%	107.7%
2014	Designs On Rome	Cup	10		89.1%	96.5%	99.3%	108.1%	109.9%
2014	Flintshire	Vase	12	92.2%	93.8%	94.1%	101.9%	110.2%	111.4%

Less is Moore in Hong Kong cont.

But, racing in these territories is roughly homogeneous in terms of pace, while Europe and the U.S. offer different challenges to which Moore has adapted with ease.

Moore's ride on nascent star Maurice in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile will only add to his reputation in Japan, where the 4-year-old is trained by Noriyuki Hori. Moore was also on board when Maurice won the G1 Mile Championship in Kyoto last month, and it is a sure bet that he will be visiting Japan on a frequent basis in the years to come.

Racing around the world is domestically oriented, but Moore's focus is on elite races wherever they are run. He has stated his apathy for riding championships in Britain based solely on wins and he is a sentinel for racing to be enjoyed and appraised at the global level. It is said that the racing fan in Britain would rather watch and bet on a glut of ordinary racing in locations he knows, than the best races wherever they are run. Maybe so, but to fully appreciate the sport nowadays demands a more selective menu of top races around the world. In this regard, it's never been more true that less is Moore.

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CIRRUS RETIREMENT DECISION ON HOLD

Trainer Corine Barande-Barbe said she will wait until she sees **Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}) upon his return from Hong Kong before making a retirement decision on the 9-year-old gelding. Cirrus des Aigles checked in 10th of 13 in Sha Tin's G1 Hong Kong Vase Dec. 13, wrapping up a year that has been largely disappointing after a season-opening score in the G1 Prix Ganay.



Barande-Barbe & Cirrus des Aigles
Racing Post

"Everybody has an opinion, but I can't say anything until I have seen the horse," said the Chantilly-based Barande-Barbe. "I will see how he is when he is home. I will discuss it with the owner and then we will decide. The horse will tell us what he wants to do."

Barande-Barbe noted that Cirrus des Aigles exited the race in good shape.

"He was very well after the race," she said. "The girl who is looking after him said by 4 p.m. on Sunday he was screaming for his dinner."

"He never appreciates the ground in Hong Kong," she added. "It is very special ground and he confirmed that on Sunday."

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Wednesday's Results:

3rd-LIN, £5,200, Mdn, 12-16, 2yo, f, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:24.40, ft.

AUNTINET (GB) (f, 2, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Cozy Maria {MSP-Eng}, by Cozzene), a debut sixth at Chelmsford last time Nov. 26, was well away to stalk the leaders in a handy fourth after the initial exchanges of this return. Easing into second on the home turn, the 5-1 chance was stoked up for her bid in early



Auntinet | *Racing Post*

stretch and asserted under urging in the closing stages to score by two lengths from Peaceful Journey (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). Dufay (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), a daughter of G1SW White

Moonstone (Dynaformer), made a promising late impression from off the pace to finish a further one length adrift in third. The winner is a homebred full-brother to G2 Flying Childers S. victor and sire Zebedee (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), MGSW-Eng, \$251,272, from the family of G1 Breeders' Cup Turf-winning Champion Miss Alleged (Alleged). Since producing Auntinet, dam Cozy Maria has been barren to both Makfi (GB) and Lawman (Fr). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,047. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-A E Oppenheimer; B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs (GB); T-John Gosden.

Leading First Season Covering Sires in 2015

Ranked by Average Price

#	Stallion	Standing	Ring	Sold	Median	Average
1	Kingman	Banstead Manor	9	9	\$379,411	\$428,541
2	Australia	Coolmore	15	10	\$168,717	\$291,424
3	Cairo Prince	Airdrie Stud	11	8	\$37,500	\$231,437
4	Will Take Charge	Three Chimneys	17	9	\$150,000	\$143,888
5	Charm Spirit	Haras de Bonneval	14	12	\$116,300	\$131,991
6	Noble Mission	Lane's End	21	17	\$60,000	\$93,470

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Data as of Dec. 16. \$1 = €0.91 = £0.66

1st-KEM, £3,500, Mdn, 12-16, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.17, ft.
SOOFIAH (GB) (f, 2, King's Best--Anaamil {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB}), a first-up fourth going seven panels here Nov. 18, broke best from the inside gate to seize an immediate lead in this second go. Maintaining control throughout, the 11-10 chalk was pushed along passing the quarter-mile marker and kept on well for mild coaxing in the latter stages to comfortably best Langham (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) by two lengths. Soofiah, who hails from the family of G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and G1 Japan Cup victor Alkaased (Kingmambo), is a full-sister to Sajjhaa (GB), Hwt. Older Horse-UAE at 7-9.5f, Hwt. Older Mare-UAE at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-UAE, GSW-Ity, MSW & GSP-Eng, \$3,784,720. The winner's dam Anaamil, herself a daughter of G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up Noushkey (GB) (Polish Precedent), has since produced a yearling colt by New Approach (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$3,873. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ballard Down (Ire), g, 2, [Canford Cliffs \(Ire\)](#)--Mackenzie's Friend (GB), by Selkirk. KEM, 12-16, 8f (AWT), 1:39.39. B-D Harron, Ederidge Ltd & Glenvale Stud (IRE). *€30,000 Ylg '14 GOFSP. **34th winner for freshman sire (by Tagula {Ire}).
Hombre Rojo (Ire), c, 2, [Intikhab](#)--Sidney Girl (GB), by Azamour (Ire). LIN, 12-16, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.49. B-Helen Lyons (IRE). *€43,000 wlg '13 GOFNOV; 45,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.
Severini (Ire), c, 2, [Shamardal](#)--Ballerina Blue (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). KEM, 12-16, 7f (AWT), 1:27. B-Ecurie des Monceaux (IRE). *€60,000 Ylg '14 AROCT; £58,000 2yo '15 DONBRE.
Desirable (GB), f, 2, [Stimulation \(Ire\)](#)--Hot Pursuits (GB), by Pastoral Pursuits (GB). KEM, 12-16, 6f (AWT), 1:13.62. B-Mrs Isabel Eavis (GB). *£600 RNA Ylg '14 BRIDEC.

DIKTAT PENSIONED IN SPAIN

Diktat (GB) (Warning {GB}--Arvola {GB}, by Sadler's Wells), best known as the sire of Dream Ahead, joint-champion 2-year-old with Frankel in 2010, has been pensioned in Spain at age 20 due to declining fertility, according to *Racing Post*. Campaigned as a homebred by Sheikh Mohammed and trained by Saeed bin Suroor, Diktat won Royal Ascot's G3 Jersey S. in 1998 and went on to add the following year's G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Sprint Cup. Dream Ahead, his best son, inherited his sire's propensity for sprinting, winning the G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S. as a juvenile and adding the G1 Darley July Cup, G1 Sprint Cup and G1 Prix de la Foret the following year. Dream Ahead made a promising start with his first 2-year-olds this year, that crop including group winners Donjuan Triumphant (Ire) and Final Frontier (Ire).

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GATEWOOD RETIRED TO STUD IN IRELAND

OTI Racing and George Strawbridge's **Gatewood (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}--Felicity {Ire}, by Selkirk), a Group 3 winner in Australia and France, has been retired to John Lynch's Windmill View Stud in Galway, Ireland, where he will stand in 2016 for €1,500, according to *Racing Post*. Gatewood won the G3 Prix de Reux at Deauville last year for trainer John Gosden after having won the G3 Geelong Cup during a stint in Australia in 2012 while trained by Chris Waller.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Virginie (Fr), f, 2, [Silver Frost \(Ire\)](#)--Hallen (Fr), by Midyan. DVL, 12-16, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.88. B-Thierry & Mme Danielle de la Heronniere (FR). *1/2 to Zayade (Fr) (Country Reel, MSP-Fr, \$194,973).
Bat Aloufat (Fr), f, 2, [Way of Light](#)--Schicky Micky (Fr), by Testa Rossa (Aus). DVL, 12-16, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.76. B-Mme Antoinette Tamagni-Bodmer (FR). *€20,000 Ylg '14 OSSPT. **Full to Final Destination (Fr), MSP-Fr.

WHIPPER TO SOUTH OF FRANCE

Group 1-winning sprinter and sire **Whipper** (Miesque's Son--Myth To Reality {Fr}, by Sadler's Wells) will relocate to Haras de Sorelis in the South of France in 2016, according to *Racing Post*. The 14-year-old previously stood at Ballylinch Stud in Ireland and Haras du Mezeray. Whipper is the sire of nine group winners, headed by G1 Prix de l'Abbaye scorer Wizz Kid (Ire).

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Moody Defense Questions Testing cont. from p1

Moody's defense had argued Monday that Lidari's positive came about through the use of a hoof treatment, Availa, which was possibly overfed due to a misunderstanding with a stable staff member. Jeff Gleeson, representing the stewards, continued to attack that notion Wednesday, saying Lidari's reading of almost double the legal level of cobalt could not have been achieved through a "benign supplement and feeding regime," according to *Racing.com*. The hearing will continue late into the night Wednesday with stewards scheduled to call an expert in London to testify about the effects of Availa.

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FREEDMAN TO RETURN TO AUSTRALIA

Trainer Michael Freedman will return to his native Australia after eight years training in Singapore and will train out of Rosehill in Sydney. Freedman trained the winners of 12 Group 1 races in Singapore, his most prolific campaigners being the two-time Singapore Horse of the Year Super Easy (NZ) (Darci Brahma



Michael Freedman (right) | *Racing and Sports*

{NZ}); 2-year-old champions Super One (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) and Mr Big (Aus) (Elusive Quality) and champion miler Superninetyseven (Aus) (Show A Heart {Aus}).

"After eight successful years training in Singapore, my family and I have decided it is now time to return home to Australia to continue my training career," Freedman said. "I am looking to start operating out of my new complex at Rosehill in early March 2016. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in Singapore and would like to thank the Singapore Turf Club for giving me the opportunity. I am very excited about the new challenge that lies ahead and am looking forward to developing my business with both old and new clients."

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CAPITALIST SET FOR SECOND START

Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}), who earned 'TDN Rising Star' status with a first-out victory in Randwick's all-important Listed Breeders' Plate Oct. 3, makes his second start Thursday in Wyong's Magic Millions 2YO Classic, where he is heavily favored in the betting at \$1.30. A A\$165,000 Magic



Capitalist | *Racing and Sports*

Millions purchase trained by Peter and Paul Snowden, Capitalist was also the cozy winner of a Rosehill trial Dec. 8 in preparation for this. The chestnut is campaigned by a group that includes James Harron Bloodstock, Newgate Farm and Belinda Bateman.

The Breeders' Plate is often a reliable pointer to future racetrack success, and has been won in recent years by the likes of Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro)--this year's G1 Golden Slipper winner--Pierro (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}), Smart Missile (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Sebring (Aus) (More Than Ready) and Snitzel (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).

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