

TRADE STRONG AT MAGIC MILLIONS OPENER



Agent George Moore (left), the buyer of the session-topping lot, with his father, Hong Kong trainer John Moore | Katrina Partridge

By Kelsey Riley

Magic Millions kicked off its six-day Gold Coast Yearling Sale Wednesday in encouraging style, with figures jumping across the board. A total of 160 yearlings sold for A\$29,224,500, compared to 140 sold during the corresponding session last year for A\$23,335,000. The buyback rate was down slightly at 18.8%. The average was up 9.6% to A\$182,653, and the median climbed 15.4% to A\$150,000. Eight youngsters sold for a half-million or more, headed by an A\$800,000 Exceed and Excel (Aus) colt purchased by Hong Kong-based agent George Moore. That transaction was one of many by international buyers, with representatives from Asia, New Zealand, the U.S., Britain, Ireland and South Africa locking horns with local Australian bidders Wednesday.

"The highlight has to be the big jump in average price," Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox said. "That's just fantastic. As we know when sales go on they can get stronger, so let's hope it is the case with this sale."

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seriously." This is the charge being aired in numerous places in response to this week's news that, from 2017, ITV is to take over mainstream television coverage of the sport from Channel 4. Falling viewing figures have been cited as one of the driving forces in the change of production company, leading to tiresome,

all-too-familiar theories about where the incumbent broadcaster has gone wrong. **Cont. p10**

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The finalists in 17 equine and human categories for the 2015 Eclipse Awards were revealed Wednesday morning in South Florida. American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Beholder (Henny Hughes) and Runhappy (Super Saver) will vie for Horse of the Year honors.

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'Excel-lent' Buy For Moore...

Hong Kong-based bloodstock agent George Moore and his father, renowned trainer John Moore, were admittedly out

shopping for precocious-looking yearlings yesterday, and therefore it was no surprise that lot 123 would be high on their list. The younger Moore had to see off plenty of competition to secure the Exceed and Excel (Aus) colt for A\$800,000.

"I think he's going to be a very nice 1200-meter, very quick and forward 2year-old, which is exactly what we need," George Moore said after signing the ticket.

The September-foaled bay is a fullbrother to Exceedingly Good (Aus), the winner of the G3 Maribyrnong Plate as a juvenile, as well as multiple Singapore stakes winner Better Be The One (Aus) (More Than Ready). Ampulla Lodge swung for the fences when shelling out A\$300,000 for the colt at last year's Inglis Great Southern Sale, and was rewarded when re-offering the colt Wednesday.



Lot 123 | Magic Millions

John Moore explained that the colt would be broken in in Australia, with a decision to come later as to whether he will start his career Down Under or be exported to Hong Kong.

> "We'll educate him down in Sydney and just wait to see where we go from there; we have no fixed plan at the moment," Moore said.

John Moore added that Exceed and Excel is a sire that his team always seeks the progeny of, and he noted he has a promising son of that Darley resident currently in his stable called People's Knight (Aus). A A\$1 million Inglis Easter purchase, the 3-year-old has won three of five starts, including the 1400 meter Griffin Trophy Dec. 27. Moore noted an owner hadn't vet been decided for his new colt, but he would pitch the colt to People's Knight's owner James Tien.

"This fellow might just go that way," Moore said. "I'm going to make a telephone call and say, 'we've got a very nice Exceed And Excel.' This fellow's a bit smaller than People's

Knight but he still has a lot presence about him."





MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLINGS WEDNESDAY'S TOP EIGHT LOTS

Lot	<u>Sex</u>	Sire	<u>Dam</u>	Price (A\$)		
123	colt	Exceed And Excel	(Aus) Common Smytzer (Aus)	800,000		
		B-Makybe Racing & Breeding				
		Consigned by Ampulla Lodge				
		Purchased	by George Moore Bloodstock			
<u>168</u>	filly	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Dream Play	750,000		
		(<u>Sirecam.com video</u>)			
			B-Kia-Ora Stud			
		Con	signed by Kia-Ora Stud			
		Purcha	ased by Paul Perry Racing			
<u>139</u>	colt	Street Cry (Ire)	Dances On Waves (Aus)	725,000		
		B-Mill Park, Mills	s Thoroughbred Breeding Partnership			
		Consign	ned by Mill Park (as agent)			
		Purchased by	China Horse Club/WinStar Farm			
<u>15</u>	colt	Street Cry (Ire)	Aloha (Aus)	625,000		
			B-Mr G Harvey			
		Cons	signed by Baramul Stud			
		Purchas	sed by Spendthrift Australia			
<u>179</u>	filly	Fastnet Rock (Aus)		550,000		
		(<u>Sirecam.com video</u>)			
		B-Raft	fles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd			
			by Newgate Farm (as agent)			
			rchased by Thomas Li			
<u>115</u>	colt	Snitzel (Aus)	City Of Song (Aus)	525,000		
				343,000		
		(<u>Sirecam.com video</u>)	323,000		
		B-Laurel	Sirecam.com video) Oak City Of Song Syndicate	323,000		
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MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLINGS

SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
Catalogued	216	200
No. Offered	197	181
No. Sold	160	140
• RNAs	37	41
• % RNAs	18.8%	22.7%
• No. A\$500K+	8	4
High Price	800,000	850,000
• Gross	29,224,500	23,355,500
Average (% change)	182,653 (9.6%)	166,679
Median (% change)	150,000 (15.4%)	130,000

Another Fast Filly For Gillard...

It wouldn't be a typical Australian yearling sale without champion sire Fastnet Rock (Aus) getting his name among the top lots, and his daughter of GII Comely S. winner Dream Play (Hennessy) (lot 168) made waves late in the afternoon Wednesday when selling to owner Steve Gillard for A\$750,000. Gillard has spent plenty at Magic Millions in recent years snapping up well-bred fillies, including group winners Oakleigh Girl (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) and Longport (Aus) (Casino Prince {Aus}), and he noted his new acquisition would later join those in his broodmare band. First, though, she will be trained by Paul Perry, who conditioned Fastnet Rock.

"I thought she was a lovely filly, one of the better ones here,"

Perry said.

"I'm very excited about that purchase," Gillard added. "The type and the page--we do a bit of breeding and Paul's probably the best judge in the world. He thought she was a great type and we're very excited to be able to get her."

Gillard also owns in partnership another potentially smart filly in Conchita (Aus) (Uncle Mo), who goes to post in Saturday's Magic Millions 2YO Classic. Conchita is one of two



Paul Perry will train
lot 168 | Magic Millions

first-crop winners from three starters for her sire, having won on debut at Randwick Oct. 10.

Dream Play was a A\$460,000 purchase by agent James Bester on behalf of Kia-Ora Stud at Fasig-Tipton November in 2009. Three of Dream Play's four foals are by Fastnet Rock and that mating has thus far worked well, having produced the A\$1.5 million colt and eventual Group 2 winner Zululand (Aus), as well as the winning Strindberg (Aus), a A\$500,000 yearling. Dream Play, herself a half-sister to GI Hollywood Starlet S. winner Diplomat Lady (Forestry), produced an Exceed and Excel filly during the recently concluded Australian breeding season.

Other six-figure prices for Fastnet Rock's offspring Wednesday included <u>lot 179</u>, a filly purchased by Hong Kong's Thomas Li for A\$550,000; and <u>lot 176</u>, a colt bought by trainer Chris Waller for A\$420,000.

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New Adventures Ahead For China Horse Club...

In its four years of existence, the China Horse Club has become one of busiest forces in the global bloodstock market, and that isn't about to change any time soon, according to the Club's Teo Ah Khing. In fact, the Club's presence could even grow, with the addition of a new branch, a separate club for Chinese youths.

"We have launched a new membership, with smaller fees, for youths," Teo explained at Magic Millions Wednesday. "The numbers will be big, we'll look to get 10,000 to 20,000 members, but that's not difficult to do in China."

The China Horse Club's core membership has been closed at



Teo Ah Khing | Magic Millions

about 300 members.

"I think the Club has matured and the members have confidence," Teo reflected. "We're moving into the next wave now and the Chinese are interested in the international markets."

The China Horse Club made its first big purchase of the Gold Coast sale midway through the session Wednesday when securing a Street Cry (Ire) colt (lot 139) in partnership with WinStar Farm for A\$725,000. Agent Michael Wallace signed the ticket while seated alongside Teo as well as trainer Michael Freedman, who returns to Sydney this year after an eight-year stint in Singapore. Freedman is the trainer of China Horse Club and WinStar's Golden Horseshoe S. winner Super One (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), and the Club and WinStar also own in partnership the 2-year-old Taj Mahal (Aus) (More Than Ready), who was placed on debut Nov. 28 for trainers Peter and Paul

Snowden. The China Horse Club is also a partner in WinStar stallion Daredevil (More Than Ready), who is preparing to stand his first season at stud in Kentucky.

Lot 139, consigned by South Australia's Mill Park, is the third



Lot 139 | Magic Millions

foal out of Dances On Waves (Aus) (Anabaa), a half-sister to the dam of G1 Victoria Derby winner Preferment (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}).

"He's a lovely horse and regally bred and would have the potential to go to the Northern Hemisphere," said Teo, who noted the Club likely had a busy week of buying ahead. "We have partners, WinStar, and he was very carefully selected. We had to stretch the budget a bit but we got him."

WinStar's Elliott Walden noted WinStar and the China Horse Club also bought a handful of yearlings together in the U.S. last

"He's a nice colt and we've done some things with China Horse Club in the States, so it made a lot of sense," Walden said.

The China Horse Club and WinStar also partnered on the final colt through the ring of the day, lot 216, a strapping bay colt from Widden Stud by Sebring (Aus), a son of WinStar's highly successful shuttler More Than Ready. He cost the team A\$460,000.

The Street Cry colt was the most expensive of the session for his late sire, who has 19 last-crop yearlings catalogued this week. Street Cry ended the session as leading sire by average, with four sold from seven offered for an average of A\$413,750.

Spendthrift Spends Big...

B. Wayne Hughes's Spendthrift Farm, which made its first big wave in Australia at this sale last year when buying the saletopping Sepoy (Aus) colt for A\$1.2 million, didn't take long to jump into the action during Wednesday's opening session,

securing a pair of colts for A\$625,000 and A\$500,000 within the first half hour of trade under the Spendthrift Australia banner. The first through the ring was lot 7, a colt by leading sire Snitzel (Aus) from Eureka Stud. The September-foaled chestnut is a half-brother to G2 Queensland Guineas



Spendthrift's Ned Toffey (left) and B. Wayne Hughes | Magic Millions

winner Express Air (Aus) (Piccolo {GB}).

Just minutes later Spendthrift Australia went to A\$625,000 for lot 15, a colt from the final Southern Hemisphere crop of Street Cry (Ire) from Gerry Harvey's Baramul Stud. The dark bay is the second foal from the G1 Coolmore Classic winner Aloha (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}); her first, a More Than Ready colt, was a A\$250,000 buy at this sale last year.

Spendthrift's Ned Toffey, who signed the ticket while seated alongside Hughes, said the Street Cry colt had the right credentials to fit into the farm's business plan, which went global last year with the purchase of Spendthrift Australia in Victoria. Cont. p5



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"He has a stallion's pedigree," Toffey said. "He's a super individual and very athletic--he's the kind we're looking for. Being by Street Cry we feel that he'll have appeal in both hemispheres."

Spendthrift announced its purchase of the former Yallambee Stud, which it renamed Spendthrift Australia, last April, and the farm recently concluded its first breeding season with four sires: Can The Man (Into Mischief), Jimmy Creed (Distorted Humor) and Warrior's Reward (Medaglia d'Oro) shuttled from America to join Spendthrift's Australian purchase Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who is now preparing to stand his first-season in Kentucky.

"Hampton Court has been very well received by [Kentucky] breeders, so we're excited to continue to try and do more of the same," Toffey noted. Click here for a TDN feature on Spendthrift Australia.

Snitzel Demand Strong...

Snitzel has emerged as the heir apparent to his three-time champion sire and Arrowfield barn mate Redoute's Choice, and the progeny of the 13-year-old, who stood last season for A\$88,000, were in demand during the opening session on the

Gold Coast Wednesday.



James Harron and trainer Gai Waterhouse jamesharronbloodstock.com.au

Agent James Harron knows a good Snitzel when he sees one, having purchased that sire's G1 Australian Guineas winner Wandjina (Aus) for A\$1 million from Arrowfield, and Harron went to A\$525,000 Wednesday to secure lot 115, a Snitzel colt who is the first foal out of listed winner City Of Song (Aus) (Bel

Esprit {Aus}), on behalf of a group of existing clients. The colt will be trained by Peter and Paul Snowden.

"He's a lovely type, very like Snitzel with lovely balance, and he's beautifully bred," Harron said. "Snitzel has really elevated himself to one of the top stallions in the country now, and we've had a lot of luck with him before, and that's what you have to pay for those good, well-bred colts."

Harron also pointed to the fact that the colt is inbred to the Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Snippets (Aus), who went through the same ring 30 years ago.

"It's a beautiful mating and it's a nice running family," the agent remarked.

China Horse Club spent A\$420,000 on a Snitzel filly (lot 189) late in the session. Snitzel was one of the busiest sires on the day, with 12 sold from 18 offered for an average of A\$321,250.

A Snitzel For Speedway...

Peter Fluor and KC Weiner of Speedway Stable, which enjoyed Grade I success in its first year of Thoroughbred ownership with last year's GI Diana S. and GI Gamely S. winner Hard Not To Like (Hard Spun), will now get a chance to race a well-bred filly Down Under after agent Marette Farrell went to A\$320,000 to secure lot 134, a Snitzel filly, at Magic Millions yesterday. The half-sister to stakes winner Corsaire (Aus) (Anabaa) from Milburn Creek will be trained by Gai Waterhouse.

"John Adger and I advise Speedway Stable, and I bought her for Peter Fluor and KC Weiner of Speedway Stable," said Farrell, who added that she was visiting Magic Millions as a result of



Marette Farrell (left) and Gai Waterhouse at the sales | Magic Millions

urgings from Waterhouse.

"I worked for Gai years ago as her racing manager and she's always after me to come down," Farrell explained. "I came down and looked at some horses and I kept coming back to this filly. She's bred by a

very good breeder here who bred Starspangledbanner and Makybe Diva. She has a beautiful pedigree; she's out of a Singspiel mare, and he's a very good broodmare sire."

"She really knocked my socks off when she came out of the stall," Farrell added. "She's a great walker and very athletic; a real Gai Waterhouse-type."

Farrell said that while the filly will race Down Under, she could eventually go to the Northern Hemisphere as a breeding prospect. She said Fluor and Weiner will dabble in Australia without firm plans to set up an operation there.

"It's really just a fun thing for them to do right now," Farrell said. "They're not planning to have a satellite operation or anything down here. They'll learn a little about the racing, they'll love Gai, and it's an opportunity for them to come down and see what it's all about."

Fluor and Weiner spent \$2.5 million to buy the fillies Hard Not To Like and Leigh Court (Grand Slam) in November of 2014. They re-sold Hard Not To Like to Dattt Stable for \$2.2 million at Keeneland November last year. They will be represented in Saturday's GIII Sham S. by the Bob Baffert-trained Collected (City Zip).

"They have a voracious appetite for the business," Farrell said. "It'll be fun for them to get involved in Australian racing. We don't know where this will take us, but they're great people and they love the game."

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Sire	Total £	SWs	GP WNRS	G1 WNRs
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	7,892,478	19	12	3
Cape Cross	5,045,699	17	6	1
Invincible Spirit	4,952,992	17	7	1
Pivotal	6,914,560	17	11	1
Teofilo	5,603,473	17	10	5
Dansili	4,376,816	13	6	- 3
New Approach	4,427,772	12	7	3
Dutch Art	4,531,783	12	6	0
Exceed And Excel	3,867,536	12	5	0
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'Animal' Filly To New Zealand...

Two of the eight yearlings catalogued for the week by Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz})--both consigned by Arrowfield Stud--went under the hammer yesterday. The first through the ring failed to find a new home at A\$75,000, but the second, lot



Lot 81, Animal Kingdom filly | Kelsey Riley

81, is bound for New Zealand after selling to Roger Blunt for A\$310,000. The flashy chestnut filly out of GII San Gorgonio H. winner Cat by the Tale (Tale of the Cat) is a halfsister to the Group 2-placed Raphael's

Cat (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).

"She's going back to New Zealand, to Windsor Park Stud, and we'll make plans from there," Blunt explained. "Our intention is to hold on to her for long-term breeding. We'll just hope she'll be as good as the pedigree says she's going to be."

Hard To Beat...

Vinery Stud's All Too Hard (Aus) (Casino Prince {Aus}) emerged as the standout among first-season sires on the sale's opening day. The four-time Group 1-winning half-brother to Black Caviar



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(Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) was the most represented firstseason sire Wednesday with 19 going under the hammer, and 14 of those sold for an average of A\$250,000, heading all first-season sires with three or more sold. He stands for

A\$55,000. His top price was the A\$510,000 paid by James Harron for lot 208.

Newhaven Park Stud's A\$11,000 stallion Delago Deluxe (Aus) emerged as a somewhat surprise contender on the first-season sire table, with three sold for an average of A\$150,000. Coolmore's 2-year-old Triple Crown champ Pierro (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) was the only other first-season sire with a six-figure average Wednesday; he had 12 sell from 18 offered for an average of A\$136,250.

The second session of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale begins at 10 a.m. local time Thursday.









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MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLING SALE **DAY THREE--FRIDAY**

448, f, Pierro (Aus)--Monsoon Wedding (Aus), by Danehill Consigned by Coolmore Stud

Coolmore spent A\$2.3 million on Monsoon Wedding, carrying this filly, at the 2014 Magic Millions National Sale from the Teeley Dispersal. The stakes-placed Monsoon Wedding hails from one of the most successful families in the Australian stud book. She is a full-sister to three-time champion sire Redoute's Choice (Aus) and fellow Group 1 winner Platinum Scissors (Aus), and a half to Group 1 winner and sire Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) as well as Group 3 winner Sliding Cube (Aus) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), the dam of young Coolmore sire Rubick (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). The 14-year-old Monsoon Wedding has thus far lived up to her family's reputation as a producer. Six of her seven foals to race are winners and four are stakes horses, including the Group 3 winner Precious Lorraine (Aus) (Encosta de Lago (Aus)) and stakes winner Lucky Raquie (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). "The filly measures up to everything you'd want her to be when you see her in the flesh," said Coolmore's Michael Kirwan. "She's a quality filly with a beautiful head and fantastic hindquarters—everything you'd look for in a quintessential speed filly."

540, c, All Too Hard (Aus)--Rightly So, by Read The Footnotes Consigned by Vinery Stud

This early September colt from the first crop of Vinery resident All Too Hard is the first living foal out of GI Ballerina S. winner Rightly So, who was bought by Patinack Farm for \$600,000 at Fasig-Tipton November in 2006 and later sold to Vinery Stud for A\$500,000.

592, f, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Set For Fame (Aus), by Reset (Aus)

Consigned by Segenhoe Stud

This August-foaled bay is the second foal out of Set For Fame, the winner of three Group 2s and placed in the G1 Australian Guineas. The filly's half-sister, Kylie's Fame (Aus) (More Than Ready), is a winner since the catalogue was printed.



Magic Millions Friday Lots to Watch cont.

611, c, Street Cry (Ire)--Sistine Angel (Aus), by Testa Rossa (Aus)

Consigned by Newhaven Park

This colt from the last Southern Hemisphere crop of the late Street Cry is the second foal out of Sistine Angel, the winner of the G2 Edward Manifold S. and G3 HDF McNeil S. and second in the G1 Robert Sangster S. She is a half-sister to Group 3 winner Sistine Demon (Aus) (Excites {Aus}).

612, c, Pierro (Aus)--Skates (Aus), by Danehill

Consigned by Segenhoe Stud

This bay colt is a half-brother not only to last year's G1 Golden Slipper Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro)--an A\$185,000 graduate of this sale--but also Group 1 winner Juste Moment (Aus) (Giant's Causeway) and stakes winner Captain Coltish



Pegasus). The late Skates has truly been a standout broodmare, having produced 10 winners from 10 to race from a total 12 foals. Skates was herself out of the dual Group 1 winner

(Aus) (Fusaichi

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Skating (Aus) (At Talaq) and a half-sister to three stakes winners. "He's as good looking a horse as you'd ever see," said Segenhoe Stud's Peter O'Brien of lot 612. "He's very mature, all quality, great limbs and a particularly good hip. If you're looking for attributes in a yearling you'd think would be a 2-year-old, it's him."

639, Street Cry (Ire)--Succeeding (Aus), by Flying Spur (Aus) Consigned by Baramul Stud

Another well-bred representative of Street Cry from Gerry Harvey's Baramul Stud, this bay is a half-brother to dual South African Group 1 winner Delago Deluxe (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), who is himself represented by his first-crop yearlings at this sale. His dam, Succeeding, is bred in the purple, being a half-sister to Group 1 winners Duporth (Aus) (Red Ransom) and Excites (Aus) (Danewin {Aus}) and dual Group 2 winner Tickets (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).

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'GO RACING STUDENT SOCIETY' LAUNCHED BY HRI

Officials at Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) announced Wednesday the launch of the 'Go Racing Student Society' at Gordon Elliott's Cullentra House Stables, in Longwood, Co. Meath. Jockey Brian Cooper was on hand to support the initiative and to encourage students to join for 2016.

The Society endeavors to foster interest in horse racing among students and to create opportunities to experience the sport first hand, including trips to trainers' yards, visits to studs, Irish bloodstock sales and race meetings at the country's tracks. Members of the 'Go Racing Student Society' will also have the chance to be part of an ownership group, as the Society has been made a member of the Gordon Elliott Racing Club, currently represented by four horses in training.

The first event will be held Feb. 6 at the Irish Gold Cup meeting at Leopardstown, where student members will have a chance to win a trip to the third day of the Cheltenham Festival. It is expected that there will be one event each quarter.

"The 'Go Racing Student Society' is an excellent opportunity for students to meet like-minded people and enjoy exclusive events," commented Kate O'Sullivan, marketing and events executive for HRI. "I would encourage anyone with any level of interest to join the society. It is fantastic to have Gordon's support and it will be great to follow the careers of the four club horses."

Joining the society is free and trips will be discounted. Students who are interested in joining can do so on www.goracing.ie.





Wednesday's Results:

5th-CHD, £10,000, Mdn, 1-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT), 1:38.01, ft. +NEZWAAH (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Ferdoos {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Dansili (GB)), broke on terms from the inside post and settled in third after the initial exchanges of this unveiling. Stoked up with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 8-11 chalk took control just inside the eighth pole and asserted under whipless cajoling in the closing stages to comfortably best Rahyah (GB) (Acclamation (GB)) by 1 1/2 lengths. Nezwaah's dam Ferdoos, winner of the Listed Pinnacle S., has also produced a 2-year-old colt by Pivotal



(GB) and a yearling filly by Shamardal. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,494. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley (GB); T-Roger Varian.

4th-KEM, £3,500, Mdn, 1-6, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:39.26, ft. +SAM MISSILE (IRE) (c, 3, Smart Strike--Kitty Matcham {Ire} **(GSW-Eng, \$106,564), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire))**, a \$100,000 KEESEP yearling and 72,000gns TATBRE breezer, raced off the pace towards the rear through the early fractions of this first go. Making headway into contention from halfway, the 3-1 second favorite guickened smartly to lead passing the furlong marker and drew off late to easily account for Bartok (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) by an impressive six lengths. The bay is a grandson of the G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Imagine (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), and his G2 Rockfel S.-winning dam is a halfsister to the ill-fated G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere victor Horatio Nelson (Ire) (Danehill). His family also includes, among others, the G1 Epsom Derby, G1 Irish Derby, G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. and G1 Dewhurst S. winner Generous (Ire) (Caerleon). The winner's siblings include a 2-year-old filly and a yearling colt, both by Sea the Stars (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,259.

O-Apple Tree Stud; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-James Fanshawe.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bank of Gibraltar (GB), g, 4, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)--Banksia (GB) (SW-Fr), by Marju (Ire). WOL, 1-6, 7f 32y (AWT), 1:28.23. B-Haras d'Haspel (GB). *€27,000 Ylg '13 AR13; 34,000gns 3yo '15 TAJUL.



Wednesday's Results:

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-PAF, €24,000, Alw, 1-6, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:34, ft. ATLANTIDE (IRE) (c, 3, Halling--Miss Spinamix (Ire), by Verglas {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, €26,250. O-Boetie Racing II & Ecurie la Boetie; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€85,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gregoraci (Fr), f, 3, Poet's Voice (GB)--Gaudera (Ger), by Big Shuffle. MRV, 1-6, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:32.42. B-Uwe Stallmann (FR). *€115,000 Wlg '13 ARQDEC; €40,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG; €10,000 2yo '15 OSAPOR. **1/2 to Grandcamp (Fr) (Platini {Ger}), GSW-Fr, \$137,592.



FAMILIAR FACES RETURN FOR MEYDAN'S **AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE**

Over the next nine Thursdays at Meydan, the Dubai World Cup Carnival will lay the foundation for Super Saturday (Mar. 5) and the Dubai World Cup itself, with the world's richest race day taking place on Mar. 26 and featuring five Group 1 contests alongside three Group 2 races.

The first major test of this year's Carnival comes in Thursday's \$250,000 G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 Presented by Longines Dolce Vita Collection. Some familiar names are to the fore once again with the first four home in 2015--Surfer (Distorted Humor), Frankyfourfingers (Fr) (Sunday Break {Jpn}), Haatheq (Seeking The Gold) and Gold City (Ire) (Pivotal {GB})-all reopposing.

The Satish Seemar-trained 7-year-old Surfer, who also won the listed Dubai Creek Mile in December 2014, is back with his



Surfer | *Andrew Watkins photo*

regular partner Richard Mullen having been absent from the track since Dubai World Cup night, when he finished down the field in the G2 Godolphin Mile.

Frankyfourfingers has also not been seen since finishing fifth,

2 1/4 lengths behind

Tamarkuz (Speightstown) in the Godolphin Mile, and he built on last year's runner-up finish in this race by beating subsequent Dubai World Cup winner Prince Bishop (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) by a head in the second round of the Al Maktoum Challenge.

Le Bernardin (Bernardini) has three previous Meydan victories to his credit from nine appearances in Dubai and he comes into the race off the back of a 5 1/2-length trouncing of Gold City in the most recent renewal of the listed Dubai Creek Mile on Dec. 17. Layl (Street Cry {Ire}) was another three lengths back in third.

Another posting his first outing since last year's Godolphin Mile is Zayat Stables' multiple graded stakes winner Prayer For Relief (Jump Start), who bids to enhance Mike de Kock's good recent run in the Gulf following Tannaaf (Ire)'s (High Chaparral {Ire}) dead-heat with Rogue Runner (Ger) (King's Best) in the \$500,000 Qatar Derby on Jan. 30. Cont. p9



Worldwide Report cont.

Michael Appleby provides the sole British challenger for the opening Group contest--his seven-time winner **Pearl Nation** (Speightstown) being one of three runners for the Nottinghamshire-based trainer on today's card along with Demora (GB) (Deportivo {GB}) and Banchuanaheireann (Ire) (Chevalier {Ire}). The 7-year-old bounced back from a sevenmonth lay-off when a close-up fifth on Southwell's fibresand on Dec. 12.



Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:45 p.m. AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R1 PRESENTED BY LONGINES DOLCE VITA **COLLECTION-G2**, \$250,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	IOCKEN	TRAINER
PP			JOCKEY	IKAINEK
1	Faulkner (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Hitchcott	Watson
2	Surfer	Distorted Humor	R Mullen	Seemar
3	Long River	A.P. Indy	Ffrench	Bin Ghadaye
4	Pearl Nation ®	Speightstown	A Mullen	M Appleby
5	Top Clearance	Majestic Warrior	Hayes	Selvaratnam
6	Gold City (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Crouch	Seemar
7	Special Fighter (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Jara	Al Muhairi
8	Layl	Street Cry (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson
9	Frankyfourfingers (Fr)	Sunday Break (Jpn)	Barzalona	Bin Ghadaye
10	Prayer For Relief ®	Jump Start	Soumillon	De Kock
11	Le Bernadin	Bernardini	O'Shea	Al Raihe
12	Free Wheeling (Aus)	Ad Valorem	Doyle	Bin Suroor
13	Haatheq	Seeking The Gold	Hanagan	Al Raihe
All c	arry 126 pounds.			

MAURICE NAMED JAPAN'S HOY

by Alan Carasso

Kazumi Yoshida's Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}), undefeated in six starts in 2015 and a three-time Group 1 winner at home and abroad, received 215 out of a possible 291 first-place votes to be named Japanese Horse of the Year



Maurice winning in Hong Kong HKJC photo

Purchased for ¥10.5 million (about US\$88,600 at the current exchange) at the 2013 Hokkaido 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, Maurice earned his first group victory in the G3 Lord Derby

Challenge Trophy at Nakayama last April, then powered home to register a narrow success in the G1 Yasuda Kinen in June (video).

He belied 5 1/2 months of inactivity to record a 1 1/4-length tally in the G1 Mile Championship at Kyoto Nov. 22 (video) and closed his wildly successful campaign with a 3/4-length score in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile Dec. 13 (video). Maurice was also named the country's champion sprinter/miler.

Though he missed out on the top award, Kaneko Makoto Holdings' Lovely Day (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) was crowned Japan's top older male on the strength of six wins from 10 starts, highlighted by the G1 Takarazuka Kinen and the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (video). He was also third in the G1 Japan Cup to **Shonan Pandora (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who was named champion older female (video).

Duramente (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) provided his successful sire with a second champion, landing the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) (video) and a powerful tally in the G1 Tokyo Yushun (video) en route to 3-year-old male honors. He is unraced since, but is expected to train on in 2016. His female counterpart was Mikki Queen (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), a ¥105 million (about US\$886,000) JRHA Select Yearling Sale acquisition who annexed this year's G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) (video) and G1 Shuka Sho (video).

Leontes (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) secured champion 2-year-old male honors courtesy of a late-closing score in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity (video), while Major Emblem (Jpn) (Daiwa Major (Jpn) validated favoritism in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies' S. (video) to lock up that division. Copano Rickey (Jpn) (Gold Allure {Jpn}) successfully defended his title in the G1 February S. (video) and was named the country's champion dirt horse.



Wednesday's Results:

JANUARY CUP H., HK\$3,000,000 (*US\$387,012*), Happy Valley, 1-6, 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:48.52 (NSR), gd.

- 1-#FLAME HERO (NZ), 117, g, 6, Savabeel (Aus)--Rhysess (NZ) (GSW-NZ), by Pins (Aus). (NZ\$28,000 Ylg '11 NZBSEL; NZ\$240,000 2yo '11 NZBRTR). O-Amy Li & April & Ben Tsui; B-C B Turner & Waikato Stud 2001 Ltd; T-Peter Ho; J-Derek Leung; HK\$1,710,000. Lifetime Record: 28-7-4-3, HK\$7,697,500.
- 2--Romantic Touch (Aus), 120, g, 5, Northern Meteor (Aus)--Dearness (Aus), by Snippets (Aus). O-Ming Shui Sum & Alice Ming. HK\$660,000.
- 3--Kabayan (Aus), 115, g, 6, Haradasun (Aus)--Tarlaguena (NZ), by Don Eduardo (NZ). O-Julian Hui & Michele Monique Reis. HK\$345,000.

Margins: HF, NO, NO. Odds: 18-1, 49-10, 12-1. Also Ran: Got Fly (Fr), Mr Gnocchi (Aus), Top Act (NZ), Helene Super Star, Khaya (NZ), Harbour Master, Ensuring (GB), Rainbow Chic (Ire), Pleasure Gains (GB). Cont. p10



Worldwide Report cont.

Winless in five tries around the city oval, but three times second, Flame Hero got over the hump to record a first big-race victory in new stakes-record time in the lone pattern race of the season at Happy Valley.

A respectable fifth behind future Horses of the Year Designs on Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)) and Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal) in the 2014 Hong Kong Derby, Flame Hero had won



Flame Hero knifes through to win the January Cup | HKJC photo

but once in 16 appearances since and was exiting an eighthplace effort in a Class 1 over 1400 meters Dec. 13. On the plus side, he was beaten just 3 1/2 lengths by top 4-year-old Sun Jewellery (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) and the form of that race was

further franked when runner-up Multivictory (NZ) (Bachelor Duke) returned to annex the Chinese Club Challenge Cup H. Jan 1.

Flame Hero was settled in about midfield as Romantic Touch set the pace from Khaya (NZ) (Librettist), a demanding one at first before backing it down a bit through the middle furlongs. Got Fly, second in last year's Derby, raced prominently and went up to tackle underneath the pacesetter as they raced inside the final 300 meters, but Derek Leung had saved all the ground and scraped the paint to make it a line of three from the rail nearing the furlong marker. Romantic Touch proved stubborn on the engine and was able to subdue the bid of Got Fly, but Flame Hero managed to find a bit extra and drove home a narrow winner. Kabayan followed the move of the eventual winner down the backstretch and closed off well from the latter half of the pack to be third.

"The instruction was to let the horse run comfortably after the start," said Leung, who was chosen to represent Hong Kong for the first time in December's Longines International Jockeys' Championship and was earning his second win at the domestic group level. "He did not show fast early speed as before, but traveled very smoothly on the rail. When I pushed the button, he responded very well." Click for the HKJC.com chart and VIDEO.



AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

with James Willoughby

Cont. from p1

Betting on horses, riding and training them are all very serious pursuits indeed, and any attempt to trivialise them in the name of entertainment is a mistake. A serious mistake. This isn't the X-Factor.

No other sport seeks to cheapen its brand by taking its subject more lightly. As the father of a 13-year-old girl who strangely but delightfully - craves every morsel of information about Stoke City Football Club, it isn't someone having a laugh she wants to watch. Instead, it is serious, informed content which drives her nascent interest, delivered by individuals who have enthusiasm for the sport and packaged in a highly informative fashion via graphics, charts and video packages.

This kind of fan is a sentinel for interest in a sport, not those of superficial leanings. And they deserve to be catered for first on television.

Consider this early paragraph of a press release for BBC's Match of the Day programme in July of this year: "The MOTD team will continue to set the Saturday night agenda with insightful punditry, new enhanced graphics and analysis tools. Audiences can also enjoy...additional stats and analysis."

Is the BBC guilty of taking football too seriously?

Channel 4's viewing figures have to be a concern for the sport, and it remains to be seen how the trend develops from 2017 onwards when ITV take over so-called terrestrial or mainstream coverage of the sport, but their true cause remains outside the grasp of anyone, including those who have addressed the issue as if they understand it with perfect clarity.

It is a good point that a difference exists between popular and populist. I don't pretend to understand the key to either, but one is a state and the other an ambition. What is clear from the commercial sector is that a lack of the former is not easy to put right by a brazen ambition to be the latter.

Of all sports, racing should be wary of believing that the road to entertainment is to stop taking itself too seriously. The foundation of interest in the sport for the majority is betting, and there isn't any activity more serious than parting with your money.

Racing simply cannot afford to fall into the trap of cheapening its brand in the name of entertainment. That's not the way the world works. Instead, racing broadcasters need to think about how coverage could be restructured and repackaged technically. The format is still basically the same on every platform: too many talking heads, too much chat and not enough visual and technical innovation. Cont. p11



James Willoughby cont.

Too many races are run in the abstract. It might seem to those involved that others need to feel the excitement they do, but this is an example of what psychologists call the "spotlight effect" - the subjective belief that the world seems the same way to everyone as it does to you. For most people who aren't directly involved in a race, it doesn't matter enough who wins and who loses.

Particularly who loses. To make a sport enthralling, somebody has to fail. Someone has to be eliminated, fired, relegated or embarrassed. Racing media is wary of this theme because there is a strangling close-knit culture of deference. This is the obvious contrast a viewer of both football and racing gets when listening to ex-pros, for instance.

Deference is boring. The man or woman on the street doesn't care that Louis van Gaal has won over 500 games as a manager; he or she is intrigued as to whether Manchester United can break out of their losing spell and alleviate the pressure on their boss. A climate of baseless criticism is to nobody's advantage, but intelligent appraisal hasn't much in common with genuflection. Nowadays, sport needs to tell it like it is via fact, data and expert, unfettered opinion.

Sporting events cannot become abstracted from consequences, as too many races shown on television have become. That's when viewers stop caring. The job of the broadcaster is to load an event with anticipation using both art and artifice. It's hard to do that when there are races every five minutes, but switching to a less loaded schedule requires the broadcaster to do more preparation, more packages, more graphics, more interviews, all of which requires more money.

The truth may be gloomy as far as viewing figures are concerned. Racing is a highly nuanced sport which drives interest in it mainly because of its technicalities - not in spite of them. Visit any betting shop and knowledge of the sport's technicalities is probably higher over the null than for any other sport. I know this because I used to work there.

Some sports cannot be repackaged in ways consistent with mass-market tastes. They learn to get better while staying true to themselves. Golf, for instance, is a great example of a highly nuanced sport which would greatly diminish in entertainment if tournaments were not over multiple days. There is no chance that pitch-and-putt could become popular, whereas Twenty20 cricket is (in relative terms). This doesn't mean that golf is failing to exploit an opportunity, even though a shortened form of the game has been discussed.

Racing just isn't crash-bang-wallop. Its themes are involved; the pleasure from it comes because of the feeling of expertise in the aggregate. It isn't guilty of taking itself too seriously, and neither are those responsible for Channel 4 Racing. Just as the world has changed since dinosaurs roamed the Earth, it is better to think space age than stone age.











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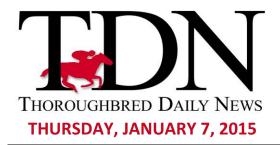






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ECLIPSE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED



American Pharoah completes the Triple Crown | NYRA/S Raisher

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Beholder (Henny Hughes) and Runhappy (Super Saver) are the three finalists for 2015 Eclipse Award for Horse of the Year, it was announced Wednesday.

Zayat Stables's American Pharoah, 2014's champion juvenile, enjoyed an historic sophomore campaign that included the first Triple Crown win in 37 years and was capped by an effortless 6 1/2-length victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. With an 8-7-1-0 record for the season, the homebred accrued record earnings of \$8,288,800 and is a veritable shoe-in for both Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old male.

Beholder, meanwhile, champion 2-year-old filly and champion 3-year-old filly in 2012 and 2013, respectively, posted a perfect five-for-five campaign last season, that included a jaw-dropping 8 1/4-length romp against males in Del Mar's GI Pacific Classic S. in August. The 5-year-old Spendthrift Farm colorbearer earned \$1,068,300, and is also nominated in the older dirt female category.

Sophomore Runhappy, also a finalist for champion 3-year-old male and for champion male sprinter, annexed the GI King's Bishop, GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and GI Malibu S. en route to a \$1,466,900 2015 bankroll.

Nominees in 17 equine and human categories were announced Wednesday morning from Gulfstream Park. The Eclipse champions will be announced during a ceremony at Gulfstream Jan. 16. Glen Hill Farm's Leonard Lavin will receive the Eclipse Award of Merit for his lifetime achievements, while John O'Neill will receive an award for Horseplayer of the Year and six media Eclipse Awards will be presented. The ceremony will be broadcast on Xpressbet.com and via the Racetrack Television Network (RTN). See complete list of finalists p3

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KINDER REACHES HIS LIMIT

by Jessica Martini

My Limit (Wagon Limit--Piney Woods, by Valid Appeal), the

dam of recent GI La Brea S. winner Birdatthewire (Summer Bird) was taken out of the Keeneland November sale two months ago, but she is expected to keep her engagement at the first session of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale next Monday. Still, the decision to sell the mare



Birdatthewire | Leslie Martin

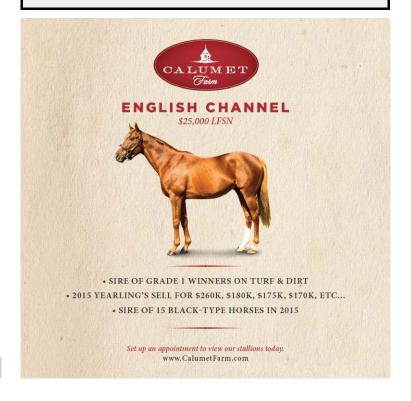
almost didn't happen, according to co-owner Ralph Kinder of Alliance Bloodstock. **Cont. p7**

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GOLD COAST SALE OFF TO POSITIVE START

Magic Millions kicked off its six-day Gold Coast Yearling Sale Wednesday in encouraging style, with figures jumping across the board. Eight youngsters sold for a half-million or more, headed by an A\$800,000 Exceed and Excel (Aus) colt purchased by Hong Kong-based agent George Moore.

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MOTION AT MAGIC MILLIONS

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Trainer Graham Motion checks in again from Australia as selling gets underway at Magic Millions.

KEENELAND ANNOUNCES SPRING STAKES SCHED.

Keeneland announced the stakes schedule for its 2016 meet, which features 16 added-money events worth \$4,255,000.

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2015 ECLIPSE AWARD FINALISTS

Winners to be announced Saturday, January 16, 2016 Gulfstream Park Racing and Casino, Hallandale Beach, Florida

Horse of the Year:

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) Rasig Tipton Beholder (Henny Hughes) Runhappy (Super Saver)

Older Dirt Male:

Honor Code (A.P. Indy)
Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song)
Tonalist (Tapit) Spasigrapton

Older Dirt Female:

Beholder (Henny Hughes)
Sheer Drama (Burning Roma)
Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat) Stasig Tipton

2yo Male:

Airoforce (Colonel John) AFASIGTIPTON
Mohaymen (Tapit)
Nyquist (Uncle Mo) AFASIGTIPTON

2yo Female:

Catch a Glimpse (City Zip)
Rachel's Valentina (Bernardini)
Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) Arasig Tipton

3yo Male:

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) SasigTipton
Dortmund (Big Brown) SasigTipton
Runhappy (Super Saver)

3yo Female:

Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})
I'm a Chatterbox (Munnings)
Stellar Wind (Curlin) Spacing Tipton

Male Sprinter:

Private Zone (Macho Uno)

Rock Fall (Speightstown) & Fasig-Tipton
Runhappy (Super Saver)

Female Sprinter:

La Verdad (Yes It's True)
Lady Shipman (Midshipman)
Wavell Avenue (Harlington) & Passig-Tipton

Turf Male:

Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy)
Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire})
The Pizza Man (English Channel)

Turf Female:

Found (Ire) (Galileo (Ire))
Stephanie's Kitten (Kitten's Joy) RasigTipton
Tepin (Bernstein) RasigTipton

Steeplechase Horse:

Bob Le Beau (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire})

Dawalan (Fr) (Azamour {Ire})

Demonstrative (Elusive Quality)

Owner:

Midwest Thoroughbreds, Ken & Sarah Ramsey, Zayat Stables

Breeder:

Darley, Ken & Sarah Ramsey, Zayat Stables

Trainer:

Bob Baffert, Chad Brown, Todd Pletcher

Jockev:

Javier Castellano, Victor Espinoza, Irad Ortiz, Jr.

Apprentice Jockey:

Eric Cancel, Angel Cruz, Tyler Gaffalione

F-T GRADS DOMINATE ECLIPSE AWARDS

After a bang-up year both in the sales ring and on the racetrack, it was no surprise that Fasig-Tipton graduates dominated the list of finalists for the 2015 Eclipse Awards. An impressive twelve graduates were nominated for divisional honors; many whom are expected to take home their respective divisional titles.

The Fasig-Tipton graduates are led by American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), who is a shoo-in winner for both Horse of the Year and Champion 3-Year-Old Male. He is a horse who set the racing world alight and etched his name forever in history with a masterful 2015 campaign. Already a champion



American Pharoah

2-year-old, he annexed seven graded stakes this year – six of them Grade I's -- and brilliantly broke the 37-year Triple Crown drought in the process. As if his season wasn't already one for the record books, the Zayat Stables LLC colorbearer capped off an extraordinary career by hitting the proverbial 'Grand Slam' of horse racing with a record-setting win in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic against elders. A graduate of the 2013 Saratoga Yearling Sale, the colt amassed \$8,288,800 in earnings by the end of 2015 and secured a new single-season record for earnings under the tutelage of Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert.

Continuing the theme of potential Eclipse Award champions for Fasig-Tipton is Reddam Racing LLC's undefeated colt Nyquist (Uncle

Mo), who is heavily favored to lock up championship honors in the 2-Year-Old Male category. A perfect 5-for-5 in the 2015 season, Nyquist was purchased out of the inaugural 2015 Florida 2-Year-Old Sale at Gulfstream Park in March and began his stakes streak with a smart score in the GII Best Pal S. His form remained



Nyquist

consistent at the highest level, rattling off back-to-back wins in the GI Del Mar Futurity and GI FrontRunner S. before migrating East to contest the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Although he was bumped at the start and found himself much farther back than usual, the Doug O'Neill trainee closed strongly from off the pace to lock up his third consecutive Grade I and likely the 2-Year-Old division title as well.

Undefeated, untested and undeniably talented, Fox Hill Farm's Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) is highly anticipated to bring home the Eclipse honors for Champion 2-Year-Old Female. Purchased as a yearling at the 2014 Saratoga Sale, the striking bay turned heads

when winning her debut by 6 1/2 lengths for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, and since then she has absolutely dominated her competition – all in Grade I contests. After impressive scores in the GI Del Mar Debutante and GI Chandelier S., the filly put on a truly sensational performance in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies,



Songbird

skipping across the wire 5 3/4 lengths clear under a motionless Mike

Another projected Eclipse Award winner for Fasig-Tipton is Robert Masterson's **Tepin** (Bernstein) in the Turf Female category.

The bay was an absolute model of consistency during 2015, winning four graded stakes - three of them Grade I's – for conditioner Mark Casse. Formidable on the turf and unstoppable at a mile, the mare rattled off victories at the highest level in the GI First Lady S., GI Just A Game S. and GI Breeders' Cup



Mile. A graduate of the 2012 Saratoga Yearling Sale, her scintillating defeat of males in her Breeders' Cup bow surely cinches up her shot at the Turf Female divisional honors.

In the Eclipse Award category of Female Sprinter, Wavell Avenue (Harlington) puts herself into serious contention for the champi-

onship spoils after a 1 3/4-length victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. The Ontario-bred mare defeated the likes of Judy The Beauty (Ghostzapper), the Champion Female Sprinter of 2014, as well as multiple Grade II winner La Verdad (Yes It's True). Trained by Chad Brown, the bay filly is an alum



of the 2014 Kentucky July Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale.

Though the Eclipse Award for Champion 3-Year-Old Female is more wide-open than some of the aforementioned divisions, 2013

Saratoga and Midlantic Yearling Sale graduate Stellar Wind (Curlin) certainly put herself into championship contention with four graded stakes wins in 2015, including a smart win in the GI Santa Anita Oaks before finishing runner-up against elders in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff.



Stellar Wind

Other Fasig-Tipton graduates are also nominated for Eclipse Awards. A graduate of the 2013 Kentucky Select Yearling Sale and 2014 Midlantic 2-Year-Old Sale, dual Grade I winner **Dortmund** (Big Brown) is nominated in the 3-Year-Old Male division. In the 2-Year-Old Male Eclipse division, Airoforce (Colonel John) boasts a nomination as a graduate of the 2014 Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale. GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat) holds a nomination in the Older Dirt Female category, while GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Stephanie's Kitten (Kitten's Joy) is nominated for Turf Female honors. Both mares are alumni of the November Sale in 2014 and 2015, respectively. Meanwhile, multiple Grade I winner and Classic victor **Tonalist** (Tapit) is nominated for an Eclipse Award in the Older Dirt Male category, and dual Grade I winner Rock Fall (Speightstown) is nominated for honors in the Male Sprinter division. Both nominees are representatives of the 2012 Saratoga Sale.



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

FT.	LAUDERDALE SGII,	\$200,000, 4yo/up,	1 1/16mT		
PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Lochte	Medaglia d'Oro	Castellano	Vitali	123
2	Money Talker 🕲	Silent Name (Jpn)	Gaffalione	Carroll	119
3	Key to Power	A.P. Indy	Lanerie	Walsh	121
4	Lukes Alley	Flower Alley	Lopez	Carroll	119
5	Slip By 🕲	Curlin	Hernandez	Matz	119
6	All Included	Include	Saez	Pletcher	119
7	War Correspondent	War Front	Lezcano	Clement	119
8	Takeover Target 🕲	Harlan's Holiday	Ortiz, Jr.	Brown	123
9	Sky Flight (S)	Sky Mesa	Rosario	Casse	121
10	Fredericksburg	Speightstown	Bravo	Matz	117
11	Heart to Heart	English Channel	Leparoux	Lynch	123
12	Madefromlucky 🕲	Lookin At Lucky	Castellano	Pletcher	119
TJC	IS PPs				

Owners: 1-Crossed Sabres Farm LLC, 2-Laconian Racing Stable, 3-Premier Stables Unlimited, 4-Melnyk Racing Stables, Inc., 5-Theiline P. Scheumann, 6-Wertheimer and Frere, 7-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, 8-Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William H. Lawrence, 9-John C. Oxley, 10-Ramona S. Bass, 11-Terry Hamilton, 12-Cheyenne Stables LLC & Mac Nichol. Breeders: 1-Maura Gittins, 2-Adena Springs, 3-Pam & Martin Wygod, 4-Eugene Melnyk, 5-Grousemont Farm, 6-Wertheimer Et Frere, 7-Joseph Allen, 8-Dorothy A. Matz, 9-Aaron Sones & Beverly Sommer, 10-Ramona S. Bass, 11-Red Hawk Ranch, 12-RMF Thoroughbreds.

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST **SAN PASQUAL S.-GII**, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Alfa Bird ®	Birdstone	Baze	Garcia	119
2	Blingo ®	Artie Schiller	Solis	Shirreffs	119
3	Point Piper	Giant's Causeway	Bejarano	Hollendorfer	119
4	California Chrome	Lucky Pulpit	Espinoza	Sherman	119
5	Hoppertunity ®	Any Given Saturday	Garcia	Baffert	121
6	Hard Aces	Hard Spun	Talamo	Sadler	121
7	Mystery Train (Arg)	Not For Sale (Arg)	Smith	Vienna	119
8	Imperative ®	Bernardini	Gutierrez	Baltas	119
TJC	IS PPs				

Owners: 1-Lucky Charm Stable, 2-Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Moss, 3-Gatto Racing, LLC, Russo or Schlaich, Et Al, 4-California Chrome, LLC, 5-Pegram, Watson or Weitman, 6-Hronis Racing, LLC, 7-Red Baron's Barn, LLC or Rancho Temescal, 8-KM Racing Enterprise, Inc. Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-B. P. Walden Ir. & B. Ray, 3-Barronstown Stud, 4-Perry Martin & Steve Coburn, 5-Betz/D.J. Stable/Kidder/J. Betz/Robenalt, 6-Dreamchaser Thorobreds, 7-Arroyo de Luna, 8-Glencrest Farm LLC & Darley

CALIFORNIA CHROME WEBSITE LAUNCHES

Taylor Made has launched a new website for Horse of the Year and dual Classic winner California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) before his return to the races in Saturday's GII San Pasqual S. The site, www.TheChampIsBack.com, features exclusive behind-the-scenes access to California Chrome. Cont. p5





Chrome Website cont.

"We could not be more excited about California Chrome's comeback, and this website is a way for us to share his 2016 season with the fans that have really embraced and supported him beyond our wildest imagination," said Duncan Taylor, President & CEO at Taylor Made. "California Chrome is such a special horse, and we are hopeful that he has a special season ahead of him for his tremendous fan base to follow every step of the way. We plan to do some cool things on the website as his racing goals unfold, and we look forward to the fan interaction and support."

Taylor Made will be giving away California Chrome calendars to the first 100 visitors that sign up on the contact form on www.TheChampIsBack.com.

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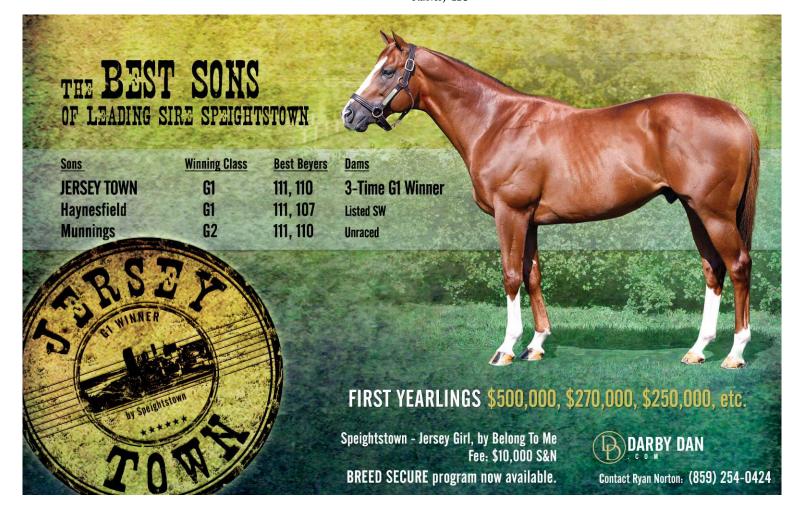
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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:35 p.m. EST MARSHIIA'S RIVER S - CIII \$150,000, 4vo/up, f/m, 1,1/16mT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Sandiva (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Castellano	Pletcher	119
2	Partisan Politics ®	More Than Ready	Ortiz, Jr.	Brown	121
3	Shanon Nicole	Majestic Warrior	Lanerie	Wilkes	119
4	Strike Charmer	Smart Strike	Leparoux	Hennig	119
5	Quiet Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Cruz	Vitali	121
6	Devine Aida ®	Unbridled's Song	Saez	Clement	119
7	Hope Cross (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Bravo	Brown	117
8	Tuttipaesi (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	DeCarlo	Mott	121
9	A Little Bit Sassy ®	More Than Ready	Rosario	Matz	117
10	Stiffed	Stephen Got Even	Lopez	Mazza	119
11	Can't Explain	Not For Love	Gaffalione	Nicks	119
12	Gamblers Rose ®	Pulpit	Lanerie	Romans	117
TIC	IS PPs				

Owners: 1-Al Shaqab Racing, 2-Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William H. Lawrence, 3-Connie M. Apostelos, 4-Courtlandt Farms, 5-Crossed Sabres Farm LLC, 6-Stronach Stables, 7-Magalen O. Bryant, 8-Valor Ladies, LLC, 9-Ramona S. Bass, 10-Holly Crest Farm, 11-Whisper Hill Farm LLC, 12-Calumet Farm. Breeders: 1-Denis McDonnell, 2-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 3-Connie Apostelos, 4-Courtlandt Farm, 5-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 7-P. A. Byrne, 8-Mrs Eithne Hamilton, 9-William D. Gould, 10-Holly Crest Farm, 11-Rock Talk Farm LLC, 12-Padua Stables, LLC





Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:05 p.m. EST HAL'S HOPE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Matrooh ®	Distorted Humor	Ortiz, Jr.	Brown	119
2	Mr. Jordan	Kantharos	Bravo	Plesa, Jr.	119
3	Mshawish ®	Medaglia d'Oro	Castellano	Pletcher	119
4	Valid ©	Medaglia d'Oro	Saez	Vitali	123
5	Grande Shores	Black Mambo	Zayas	Gold	119
6	Midnight Cello	Midnight Lute	Gaffalione	Tomlinson	123
TIC	CIS PPs				

Owners: 1-Shadwell Stable, 2-David Melin, Leon Ellman and Laurie Plesa, 3-Al Shaqab Racing, 4-Crossed Sabres Farm LLC, 5-Jacks or Better Farm, Inc., 6-Patricia's Hope LLC. **Breeders:** 1-WinStar Farm LLC, 2-Philip & Karen Matthews, 3-OTIF 2007, 4-Edward P. Evans, 5-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 6-Carolyn Vogel.



Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST **SHAM S.-GIII**, \$100,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Rare Candy ®	Twirling Candy	Talamo	Hofmans	118
2	Dressed in Hermes	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Smith	Armstrong	120
3	Let's Meet in Rio	Flatter	Desormeaux	Baffert	118
4	Found Money	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	O'Neill	118
5	Semper Fortis ®	Distorted Humor	Fallon	O'Neill	118
6	Laoban ®	Uncle Mo	Baze	Guillot	118
7	I'malreadythere	Crown of Thorns	Bejarano	Hollendorfer	118
8	Sorryaboutnothing	Repent	Prat	O'Neill	118
9	Collected ®	City Zip	Garcia	Baffert	118
TJC	CIS PPs				

Owners: 1-Tarabilla Farms, Inc., 2-Budget Stable, 3-Juddmonte Farms, 4-Reddam Racing, LLC, 5-Reddam Racing, LLC, 6-Southern Equine Stable, LLC or McCormick Racing LLC, 7-Melen or Robertson or Taub, Et Al, 8-Fog City Stable, ERJ Racing, LLC, RAP Racing or Kenney, 9-Speedway Stable, LLC Breeders: 1-Farm III Enterprises LLC, 2-Budget Stables, 3-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 4-Reddam Racing LLC, 5-Coffee Pot Stable, 6-Respite Farm, 7-Thomas J. Lane DVM, 8-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 9-Runnymede Farm Inc. & Peter J. Callahan.

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Kinder Reaches His Limit cont. from p1

"We went ahead and entered her in November," Kinder confirmed. "I said, 'We have to enter her just in case Birdatthewire jumps up and wins a Grade I, it would be crazy not

to sell her.' We didn't sell her in November and we pushed her to January. We had actually already





MY LIMIT, dam of La Brea S G1 winner BIRDATTHEWIRE, if to @coolmorestud Giant's Causeway catalogued Hip 163 @keenelandsales 2016 Jan Sale

sent the e-mail in to scratch her and then [Keeneland Director of Sales] Geoffrey [Russell] came out after she won the La Brea saying that she was in the sale. So I told Billy Murphy, my agent, 'Let's go ahead and sell her.' She was already in the catalogue, but she was scratched."

Kinder, who co-owns My Limit with music manager Erv Woolsey, first became involved with the mare when she was offered at the 2011 Keeneland January sale. She sold in foal to Mineshaft to Rusty Roberts for \$10,000.

"Rusty Roberts and I were at the sale and we were looking for mares in foal to Mineshaft," Kinder said. "He bought two of them that day and we flipped and I got her. I bought her for a client I had at the time--Lynn Jones had her." The mare's Mineshaft colt sold for \$50,000 at the 2011 Keeneland November sale and for \$140,000 at the 2012 Keeneland September sale.

My Limit's second foal bred by Jones was Birdatthewire. The filly RNA'd at the 2013 Keeneland January sale and Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale before selling for \$23,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale.

"We bred her back to Summer Bird [in 2012], but she lost that filly and we bred her back to Into Mischief," Kinder said. "I bought her for Erv and I around that time--in January 2013."

In foal to Into Mischief, My Limit RNA'd for \$35,000 at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky February sale, but with the exploits of Birdatthewire, the mare was soon to garner plenty of attention.

A maiden winner at Churchill Downs in November 2014, Birdatthewire put herself in the running for the 2015 GI Kentucky Oaks with wins in the GII Forward Gal S. and GII Gulfstream Park Oaks. It was about that time that Kinder and Woolsey started thinking that their expected long-term investment might make a tidy profit in the sales ring.

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Kinder cont.

"I started getting a lot of calls after Birdatthewire won the Forward Gal," Kinder said. "Erv said he would give me half of her if I wouldn't sell her. So that's when I said, 'Ok, let's sell her.'"

Kinder and Woolsey, whose clients include country music star George Strait, own approximately 40 mares in partnership.

"We breed everything to race," Kinder said. "We will buy young mares every year and sell them back in November carrying their first foals off the racetrack. But we don't buy anything that we won't keep for a broodmare."

My Limit, catalogued as hip 163, sells in foal to Giant's Causeway through the consignment of Bill Murphy. Kinder thinks the 15-year-old mare will be well-received.

"I don't think we'll have a problem selling her," he said. "I think we'll probably see what we want to get out of her with a March cover to Giant's Causeway."

The Keeneland January sale gets underway Monday morning at 10 a.m. and continues through Friday.











MOTION AT MAGIC MILLIONS: PART TWO

Guest Blog by Graham Motion

It was down to the serious business of selling horses in the ring at Magic Millions Wednesday and I found the auction process

very comparable with American sales, apart from a few choice expressions by the auctioneers. For example, "this one's selling as cheap as old boots" might be a good addition to the patter at Keeneland!

The general atmosphere is also quite different--you tend to find in U.S. sales, except perhaps for



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Saratoga, that the auction ring is fairly quiet. Here there's a real buzz, there's a huge crowd of people and it's very exciting.

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Motion cont.

From what I saw on the first day, the market is similar to what we see in the States where the top horses sell very well, but the

middle market is less consistent, which opens up good opportunities for buyers. The final figures for the day confirmed that everyone is here to do business with an 80% clearance and the average up on last year's opening session.

I was very pleased, though not surprised, to see the lovely Animal Kingdom--Cat By The Tale filly make \$A310,000. She's been bought by New Zealander Roger Blunt, who is developing a Thoroughbred enterprise alongside his dairy farming interests.

I spent some time today walking around the sale complex, and visited with U.S. agent

Marette Farell, who bought Milburn Creek's Snitzel--Crystal Choir filly for \$A320,000 with Gai Waterhouse. Owned by John and Trish Muir, Milburn Creek also bred Hampton Court (Aus), who is shuttling to Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky this year.

It was interesting to inspect yearlings by Uncle Mo, who is doing so well in the States, and by champion Australian sire Redoute's Choice, who has his first European-bred crop of

2-year-olds run this year. I also saw the new sale stalls, which would work very well in racing for us because they're very open-aired.

I was asked how I manage young horses, which made me think about what I like to do with them. My philosophy is that you go on with all of them until they show they're not handling it. Even if they're very backward, they still need to go through that early process, because if you don't go on with them then, they'll have the same issues a year later. For me, the key with 2-year-olds is backing off when they're not handling it.

You get into trouble when you ignore the signals!

See TDN Europe/International for more Magic Millions coverage by Kelsey Riley.



Roger Blunt and his partner Susanne celebrate buying Lot 81, the Animal Kingdom--Cat By The Tale filly.

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KEENELAND ANNOUNCES SPRING STAKES SCHEDULE

The 2016 Keeneland Spring Meet stakes schedule was announced Wednesday. The 16-day meet, which will be held Apr. 9-29, features 16 stakes worth \$4,225,0000. The schedule will be highlighted by the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. and GI Central Bank Ashland S. as part of a card with five graded stakes Apr. 9; the GI Maker's 46 Mile Apr. 15; and the GI Jenny Wiley S .-sponsored for the first time by Coolmore--Apr. 16.

"This stakes schedule reflects the top quality of the Thoroughbreds who race here in April and the importance of Keeneland's races as early season targets of the sport's best horses and horsemen," Keeneland Vice President of Racing W. B. Rogers Beasley said. "The success of the recent Breeders' Cup World Championships at Keeneland heightened enthusiasm for racing here and introduced many horsemen to our world-class facilities and lucrative racing program."

Racing will be held Wednesday through Saturday with gates opening each day at 11 a.m. ET. Post time for the first race is 1:05 p.m.

Keeneland Stakes Schedule-Spring '16

Date Stakes

Apr. 8 GIII Transylvania Presented by Keeneland Select

GI Toyota Blue Grass Apr. 9

Apr. 9 GI Central Bank Ashland

Apr. 9 Gl Madison

Apr. 9 GII Shakertown

Apr. 9 GIII Commonwealth

Apr. 14 GIII Appalachian Presented by Japan Racing Association

Apr. 15 Gl Maker's 46 Mile

Apr. 16 Gl Coolmore Jenny Wiley

Apr. 16 GIII Ben Ali

Apr. 16 GIII Lexington

Apr. 16 Giant's Causeway S.

Apr. 17 GIII Adena Springs Beaumont

Apr. 22 GIII Hilliard Lyons Doubledogdare

Apr. 23 GII Dixiana Elkhorn

Apr. 29 GIII Bewitch

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HOW AMERICAN PHAROAH CHANGED **RACING: FROM AN FAN'S PERSPECTIVE**

As we look back on the year that was, 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., gutsty GI Travers S. and absolutely unbelievable GI Breeders' Cup Classic, American Phoaroah certainly made an impact on sports and the news worldwide. We've asked our readers to write in and explain what American Pharoah's historic run meant to them.

Annise Montplaisir:

It's unlikely that many horse racing fans will ever forget where they were standing the moment American Pharoah captured the Triple Crown, especially fans like me who come from a younger generation and had never previously witnessed a Triple Crown victory.

My mom and I were instructing at a 4-H horse camp in central Minnesota on Belmont S. Day. Because there was no television at the camp, the two of us drove to a Dairy Queen with a TV in a nearby town. The Dairy Queen manager knew little about horse racing, but had heard of American Pharoah and understood the importance of his attempt at history. She handed me the remote and allowed us to take up residence in a booth for half an hour leading up to the race.

Two women eating ice cream at a nearby table asked if we were watching the Belmont and came over to join us. Although they were unfamiliar with the sport of horse racing, they knew of American Pharoah and were excited to watch the race.

Moments before the starting gates sprung open, an entire bus filled with high school track students piled into Dairy Queen. The crowd of people gathered next to us to watch the Belmont grew until there were nearly 30, all huddled around one small TV.





Annise Montplaisir cont.

As American Pharoah drew away in the stretch and it became clear who be would be the 12th Triple Crown winner, the entire Dairy Queen erupted in a roar of cheering. Regardless of whether they had any previous knowledge or interest in horse racing, the people surrounding us were laughing and crying, giving high fives and jumping up and down. Complete strangers were hugging me and I hugged them back.

Even if it was only for a few minutes, American Pharoah gave people an opportunity to feel the sport and the raw emotion that racing fans are addicted to. And not just die-hard fans, but those who had never heard the name American Pharoah before they walked into Dairy Queen that day. I'll never forget that moment.

Phil Pappalardo, Edison, NJ:

I started following horse racing in the late sixties, and during the seventies wondered "What was the big deal? Winning a Triple Crown happened every few years, right?" Well, we know that's not the case. Every year, you have a horse you think can do it, but none did until the Pharoah. Along the way, you get to love these animals and marvel at their athleticism, you are

crushed when they are injured or worse, and they become a part of your life. American Pharoah showed those who don't follow the sport regularly what they are missing, and made those of us who do smile and love them even more.

Mark Connolly, Schuylerville, NY:

American Pharoah put racing back in the national sports conversation. I was at the Belmont and it was ear-splitting how loud the crowd roared as he rumbled down stretch. I spent the summer in Saratoga and when American Pharoah showed up it made a special place even more spectacular. The real test was how the public would react when he lost to Keen Ice in the Travers. It was amazing, the fans and the public stood by Pharoah and his connections as though he had won, there was no drop off in popularity. If Man o' War and Secretariat could lose at Saratoga, it was ok--maybe even expected--for Pharoah to lose at Saratoga!

American Pharoah put Thoroughbreds front and center in the sports world, both here and abroad. We needed a lift and he gave it to us.



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WOOD REPLACES TEDESCO AS DMR SUPER

Rich Tedesco has stepped down from his day-to-day role as Del Mar's track superintendent and will now serve as a consultant for the shore oval, it was announced Wednesday.

Steven Wood, Tedesco's track foreman during his Del Mar tour, will assume the role of track superintendent.

Tedesco, 78, has been Del Mar's head maintenance man for the past six years. Over the course of his professional career, the California native has headed up the track crews at all of Southern California's major racetracks--Santa Anita, Hollywood Park, Los Alamitos and Del Mar.

"Rich has been solid for us since he came on board in 2010." said Del Mar Thoroughbred Club's president Joe Harper. "He helped oversee our Polytrack years, then was instrumental in guiding us through our return to dirt. We are delighted he's agreed to stay on in an advisory role and we know he'll help us maintain our high standards for safe and competitive racing."

As required by the California Horse Racing Board, Del Mar installed the synthetic material Polytrack on its main racing surface in 2007, then raced on it for eight years through 2014. Between its 2014 fall season and its 2015 summer meet, it removed the Polytrack and installed 31,000 tons of dirt--called "El Segundo sand"--with Tedesco helping to oversee the transition.

Tedesco, who resides in Manhattan Beach, has also maintained and/or installed racetracks and training centers in Canada, Europe, Saudi Arabia and Cyprus.

Wood, 42, is the son of Steve Wood, another veteran track superintendent who has overseen several California racetracks, including Del Mar from 1989 to 2009. Wood has been a part of maintenance crews on just about every racing surface in California, as well as tracks in Idaho and New Mexico. Additionally, he has worked on or helped build racetracks and training centers around the world, including Canada, Saudi Arabia, India, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

Wood has also worked under some of the world's top trackmen and surface experts, including Dennis Moore, Michael Young, Jim Pendergast and Mick Peterson. This will be his initial assignment as a track superintendent.

A native Californian born in Corona, Wood currently lives in La Costa with his wife, Anna, and his two children, Stevie and Chantal.

Del Mar's summer race meeting is scheduled for 39 days between Friday, July 15 and Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 5.















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Wednesday's Results:

2nd-TAM, \$20,600, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-6, 3yo, 1m 40y, 1:41.02, ft.

YO CARM (c, 3, Flatter--lolanda, by Tale of the Cat) made his first start on dirt a winning one, with an authoritative upset score in Oldsmar. Runner-up in his first two starts, the bay led wire-to-wire to capture a grassy one-mile test at Arlington Sept. 12. He ran fifth in a Keeneland allowance Oct. 23 and was last seen in a dull sixth-place run adding blinkers over the Churchill lawn Nov. 20. Sent postward as the clear 3-1 second choice as Uncle Jerry (Uncle Mo) took the bulk of the money, Yo Carm secured an ideal position tracking the pace as the favorite led through fractions of :23.67 and :48.08. He pounced on Uncle Jerry on the final bend, seized full command once straightened out for the drive and pulled clear to notch a decisive 6 1/4length victory. West Shore Drive (Two Step Salsa) rallied to secure place honors. The homebred winner hails from the same female family that produced Sweet Luca (Candy Ride {Arg}), who carried the Fortino colors to victory in the Kentucky Downs Turf Dash S. in September. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$44,502. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Fortino Inc. (IL); T-Chris M. Block.



Florida Report cont.

9th-TAM, \$20,300, Msw, 1-6, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19.12, ft. CLOVER NIGHT (f, 3, Henrythenavigator--Meadow Flyer, by Meadowlake) rallied belatedly to finish third on debut in a 5 1/2-panel dash at Gulfstream Sept. 19 and subsequently failed to factor when sixth in a Gulfstream West turf sprint Oct. 12. Third in a seven-furlong affair over the main track there Nov. 19, the bay was given a 4-1 chance for a barn that has enjoyed considerable success in the first month of this meet. Clover Night and heavily favored Conquering (War Front)--a daughter of MGISW Take Charge Lady--were both bumped at the start, and the latter rushed up to vie for command in the two path through a quarter-mile in :23.06. Meanwhile, Clover Night tracked the pace in the pocket, split horses turning for home as the favorite faltered and rallied to post a 4 1/4-length victory. Longshot pacesetter Going Howfast (Jafmil) held on to complete the exacta, while Conquering faded to finish fourth. The winner is a half to Henny Hughes (Hennessy), MGISW, \$1,124,820. Sales History: \$25,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$20,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Yoshiki & Yumi Kyoyama; B-Trackside Farm & New Dawn Stable (KY); T-Kathleen O'Connell.

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OPEN HOUSE

WHERE: Lane's End, Versailles, KY

WHEN: Sunday, Jan. 10, to Thursday, Jan. 14,

between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

 Lunch will be served. The four new stallions will be available for viewing, and The Factor is back from Australia. Stallions are also available by appointment outside the specified times.

www.lanesend.com

OPEN HOUSE

WHERE: Crestwood Farm, Lexington, KY

WHEN: Sunday, Jan. 10, between 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

 Crestwood is welcoming Jack Milton (War Front) to its stallion roster. Food and drinks will be served in a heated tent, and breeders are encouraged to register in person for a free 2016 season raffle for each of the farm's stallions.

www.crestwoodfarm.com



A panel discussion featuring:

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INDUSTRY INFO

Kinchen Wins 2015 NHC Tour:

Jonathon Kinchen of Austin, Texas, won four National Handicapping Championship (NHC) qualifying contests in his first full year of play and earned 19,026 points overall to win the 2015 Daily Racing Form NHC Tour, which ended Sunday following a three-day tournament at Del Mar's Surfside Race Place. As 2015 NHC Tour champion, Kinchen earned \$75,000 and an automatic berth to NHC 18 in 2017.

Defending NHC Tour champion Eric Moomey of Michigan finished second with 16,626 points, followed by Joe Jarvie of Renton, Wash., with 16,418.

NHC Tour standings are determined by totaling a player's top six scores from eligible qualifying events (including at least one live, on-site event).

Kinchen, a 33-year-old realtor, is now eligible for a \$2-million bonus should he go on to win the 17th DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championship (NHC) Presented by Racetrack Television Network and Treasure Island Las Vegas, set for Jan. 28-30 at Treasure Island.

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FRIESAN FIRE (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 100/10/0

8-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Fire Control, 4-1

8-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Awsome Faith, 5-1

HUNT CROSSING (Corinthian), O'Sullivan Farms, \$2, 53/1/0

8-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Templar's Cross, 15-1

8-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Holey Molar, 12-1

SIERRA SUNSET (Bertrando), Paradise Road Ranch, \$3K, 55/4/0

4-SA, Msw, 1m, Touched by Autism, \$3K NCA AUG yrl, 5-2

4-SA, Msw, 1m, Phantom Heat, \$5K NCA AUG yrl, 30-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-MVR, \$26,700, (S), 1-6, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.50, ft. TEAM HALO (m, 5, Shaniko--Winterello, by Thunderello) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-3, \$55,472. O/T-Andrew Davidovich; B-Team Ramgeet Racing LLC (OH).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cave Johnson, c, 3, Broken Vow--Bemused, by Maria's Mon. GP, 1-6, (C), 1mT, 1:37.07. B-AJ Suited LLC (KY).

Tune Up, f, 3, **Giant Oak**--Pop Up, by Concorde's Tune. MVR, 1-6, (S), 6f, 1:13.31. B-Donald Bookman & Linda Friess (OH).

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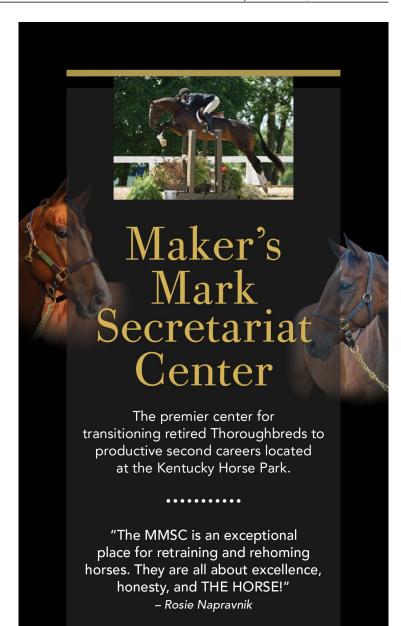
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Yo Carm (Flatter) wins an allowance race at Tampa Bay Downs.

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<u>Date</u>	Race	<u>Track</u>
1/9	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GII San Pasqual S.	SA
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
	GIII Sham S.	SA
1/16	GII La Canada S.	SA
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG



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