



## BY WAY OF GOLDEN GATE FIELDS, NYQUIST HEADED TO FLORIDA DERBY



Nyquist | Benoit

By Bill Finley

Concerned about the havoc El Niño may play on the racing and training conditions this winter at Santa Anita, trainer Doug O'Neill has decided to take some unusual steps in order to best prepare his soon-to-be named Eclipse Award winner **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) for the GI Kentucky Derby.

O'Neill told the *TDN* that shortly after Nyquist's next work at his home base of Santa Anita he will ship him and a "handful" of other horses to Golden Gate Fields. While there's no guarantee the weather will be any better in Northern California than Southern California, O'Neill knows that he can stay on a steady training schedule at Golden Gate because its synthetic surface is impervious to water.

"With the weather situation we're facing here I just don't feel I can take any chances with [Nyquist]," O'Neill said. "By shipping him up North to train over that really good synthetic surface at Golden Gate I know I can train him on a consistent basis. Golden Gate has been very nice about this and cooperative. They don't have a lot empty stalls, but it looks like they found 12 for me."

As long as the Santa Anita track remains in decent shape, Nyquist will return south to make his 3-year-old debut in the GII San Vicente Stakes on Feb. 15. The San Vicente is run at seven furlongs. From there, his next race will be in the GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream on Apr. 2. **Cont. p3**

## LEIGH DISPERSAL SMALL, BUT MIGHTY

By Christie DeBernardis

The late Gerald Leigh made a name for himself in Europe as a top breeder by developing strong families with a small, but select broodmare band at his Eydon Hall Farm in England. Buyers will have a chance to tap in to these bloodlines during the first session of the Keeneland January Sale Monday.

Through his foundation mare Brocade (GB) (Habitat), winner of the 1985 G1 Prix de la Foret, Leigh's operation produced the likes of G1 2000 Guineas and GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Barathea (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and G1 Fillies' Mile and G1 1000 Guineas winner Gossamer (GB) (Sadler's Wells). **Cont. p3**

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*Media, including TDN's Kelsey Riley, cluster around the buyers of Thursday's sale-topper, Gerald Ryan & Damion Flower. Bronwen Healy photo*

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O'Neill has a number of reasons for pointing for the Florida Derby, among them that he doesn't have to worry about El Niño issues in Florida.

"I love the fact that the Florida Derby is five weeks out from the Kentucky Derby," he said. "I think that extra week, versus some of the other big preps, is a huge advantage. Then, of course, there's the bonus."

The bonus is the \$1 million that will be paid out to any horse sold last year at Fasig-Tipton's "The Florida Sale" that goes on to win the Florida Derby. The bonus was established only last year.

O'Neill continues to have plenty of confidence in his horse and scoffs at anyone who doesn't believe the colt can go the mile-and-a-quarter in the Kentucky Derby.

"They say he can't go a mile-and-a-quarter, well, basically, he went a mile-and-a-quarter in the Breeders' Cup with how wide he ran and the ground he lost on the turns," he said. "That's a very important factor and that's why all the really good handicappers use either the Ragozin or Thoro-Graph sheets."

Nyquist was the best of a sensational first crop from sire Uncle Mo last year. He won all five of his starts, including the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the GI FrontRunner and the GI Del Mar Futurity. His earnings to date are \$1,613,600.

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## LEIGH DISPERSAL SMALL, BUT MIGHTY

*(cont. from p1)*

"I think all these horses are going to be well received, as they should be," said Craig Bandoroff, whose Denali Stud is consigning the Leigh horses at Keeneland January. "I think what Gerald did with the family, with Brocade and Barathea and those kinds of horses, speaks for itself. When he passed away he sold the farm and the horses and everything to Sheikh Mohammed in one fell swoop, so that tells you what kind of operation it was."



Gerald Leigh | *Racing Post*

After Leigh's death in 2002, his daughter Sarah Jane Leigh made it her mission to carry on her father's legacy as a breeder in both Europe and America. In fact, she bred 2014 GI Belmont Oaks third-place finisher **Summer Solo** (Arch) out of one of her father's top mares Summer Solstice (Ire) (Caerleon), who was recently retired from breeding and turned out in Kentucky.

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"Summer Solo is from one of her father's great families and one that she loves very, very much," said Dan Rosenberg, who was the U.S. advisor for the Leigh family for 30 years. "She so badly wanted to follow in her father's footsteps. Her father is one of the great breeders of the 20th century. He had phenomenal results with a relatively small number of broodmares and consistently so. She loved doing that with him and wanted very much to continue it. The fact she bred a Grade I stakes placed filly that raced under the same silks as her father, I think was hugely satisfying to her."



Summer Solo | *A. Coglianese*

Sadly, Sarah Jane Leigh passed away Aug. 30 at the young age of 53 after a battle with cancer. Her European stock was recently dispersed at the Tattersalls December Sale, with MSW Seta (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) earning top billing when hammered down for 1.1 million guineas, and Denali Stud will consign her remaining American horses in a six-head dispersal at Keeneland January.

"I went to Tattersalls to deal with the dispersal of the horses in Europe," said Sarah Whitney, executive administrator at Eydon Hall Farm for over 30 years. "The horses sold for some fantastic prices to some fantastic homes. The legacy of Mr. Leigh and Sarah's bloodlines will live on and that will give us something to look forward to."

As for the American dispersal, Bandoroff remarked, "I think all the horses are going to be well received, as they should be. Sarah Jane was the quintessential breeder in that she had the long term approach. When she bought something, she wasn't buying it to turn it over and resell it, she was buying it because she wanted to get into the family and try to develop it."

Leading that group is the now 5-year-old Summer Solo, who sells as [Hip 259](#) in foal to Ghostzapper. Winner of her first three starts in New York, the bay was retired with a minor injury after her effort in the Belmont Oaks.

"Summer Solo was her best U.S. runner," Rosenberg said. "She had a minor injury [after the Belmont Oaks], but the feeling was she had done enough that it was not worth the risk.

There was too much to lose and not enough to gain by continuing to run her."

Bandoroff also felt that Summer Solo was the standout of the group based on talent, physique and bloodlines.

"I think Summer Solo is one of the better mares in the catalog," Bandoroff said. "She is Grade I-placed, she's young and

was a good filly in New York. She has a strong female family. Sarah Jane wasn't doing this as long as Gerald, obviously, but the whole family was well respected. I personally would love to have anything they had their hands on and this mare is probably the best thing she had here in America. She owned Summer Solstice and bred the family, so this is really a continuation of her program."

Summer Solo's 2-year-old half-sister **Summer Sweet** (More Than Ready) is also part of the dispersal as [Hip 260](#) and is currently in training with Randy Bradshaw.

Besides Summer Solo, the chestnut is also a half-sister to SW Summer Breezing (Langfuhr); SW and GSP Adirondack Summer (Thunder Gulch); and recent Belmont maiden winner Summer Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}).



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Summer Solo | Sara Fagan



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The 10-year-old **Seeking Atlantis** (Seeking the Gold) is offered as [Hip 229](#) in foal to Ghostzapper and is responsible for the other three horses in the dispersal. Out of MGSW Atlantic Ocean (Stormy Atlantic), the unraced \$700,000 KEESEP yearling purchase was in foal to Quality Road when picked up by Leigh for \$375,000 out of the 2011 Keeneland November sale as part of the extremely popular Ned Evans dispersal.



Seeking Atlantis | Sara Fagan

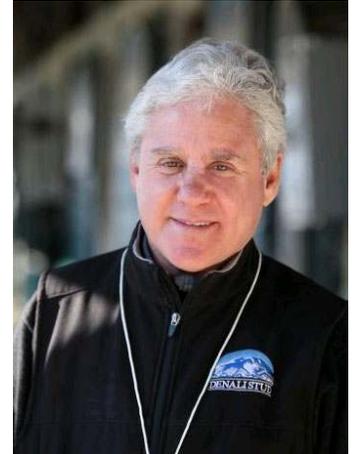
“Seeking Atlantis was an attempt to branch out into other families,” Rosenberg commented. “She was very excited, hopeful and optimistic about being able to do something with that mare as well.”

The resulting Quality Road foal is the now 4-year-old filly Castellani, who is catalogued as [Hip 9](#). A half-sister to GSP Seeking Her Glory (Giant’s Causeway), the Christophe Clement pupil graduated two starts back at Suffolk Downs Sept. 5 and was most recently third to the well-related Promotional (Artie Schiller) in an Aqueduct turf allowance Nov. 4.

“Castellani is a really good looking filly,” Bendoroff remarked. “Her race record is good. She was going to run again before the sale, but the race didn’t go. She is in training and ready to go back. She is only four and Christophe always liked her. I think to somebody looking for a filly that has good form, can go back in training and whose vet work is good, she should be attractive.”

Two other progeny of Seeking Atlantis are also being offered Monday in 2-year-old **Pinchbeck** (Mineshaft), who sells as [Hip 191](#), and a yearling filly by Arch, who follows her dam into the ring as [Hip 230](#). Pinchbeck has also been in training with the Florida-based Randy Bradshaw.

“The Mineshaft filly is a 2-year-old, but again is a half-sister to a graded stakes placed horse,” Bendoroff said. “We don’t know a lot about her because she was just broke and just getting going. The Arch filly is also a nice filly. I think certainly pinhookers and end users will both like her. She is correct.”



Craig Bendoroff | Keeneland

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(G2 Winner-Sheepshead Bay)

**Mr Maybe** - purchased  
(G3 Winner-Red Smith Handicap)

**Cay Dancer** - purchased  
(G3 Winner-Bewitch Stakes)

**Quality Rocks** - purchased  
(G3 Winner-Tampa Oaks)

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(G3 Winner- Turnback The Alarm  
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The dispersal of Leigh’s American horses is the end of a long and storied journey through Thoroughbred racing that leaves those involved with mixed emotions.

“It’s not a big dispersal in numbers,” Bandoroff said. “I think a couple of these horses are going to sell well and that will be nice, but it means more to me on a personal level. I had so much respect for Mr. Leigh. He truly was one of the finest breeders that I have ever met. I didn’t know him exceedingly well, but anytime I was around him, he was just a consummate gentleman. Sarah Jane was just a sweet, sweet lady. I have very mixed emotions. It’s a sad thing for me. He died young, she died young. It’s not something that you are glad was dropped in your lap, but I have a very strong fondness and affinity for the family. We always take our business seriously, but this one has a little bit more meaning to me.”

Sarah Whitney, who worked for both Sarah Jane Leigh and her father, expressed similar sentiments.

“It’s been a wonderful journey and sadly this is the final chapter,” she remarked.

“Newmarket went extremely well. I was very proud of what we achieved there. I hope we can achieve some good homes and good results in Kentucky too. It is the end of a great journey, but one has to look to the future and maybe this will give other people the opportunity to get involved with these horses and families we have spent the last 30 years developing.”

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**Jay Caspian, New York Times Magazine**

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*Guest Blog by Graham Motion*

A few hours away from the sale gave me a chance to think about the media, marketing and event mix that is so much a part of its success.

Like the Breeders' Cup, the week leading into Saturday's \$A10 million race-meeting is organised around a series of events starting off with Tuesday's Barrier Draw. The format is familiar, but the setting is very different because it's held with horses and riders on the beach at Surfer's Paradise. Even though the weather wasn't good, it worked very well and the coverage on social and traditional media was extensive.

On Tuesday evening there was a big cocktail party hosted by Magic Millions owners Gerry Harvey and Katie Page-Harvey--it was good fun, very exciting, and launched the week in champagne style.

Apart from that, I've been struck by how much media attention the whole event attracts. Because it's tied in with the races and racing is such a big deal over here, there's a lot of interest in what's going on.

Johnny Velazquez and I have done umpteen interviews with radio personalities, local newspapers, Sky Racing, and media not related to horse-racing. It all adds up to a lot more media interest than a similar sale would attract in the States.

It's also an event that's built around the trainers--trainers are so involved in the buying process here, which is not necessarily the case in the States where agents tend to do a lot more of the purchasing.

The syndication market is bigger in Australia too. In the US there are a few syndicates that are very well-known, such as Team Valor and West Point, but trainers here may have several syndicates among their clients.

What's really clever about the Magic Millions week is that it's extremely well-managed and promoted like a top-end event such as the Breeders' Cup, yet it's readily accessible to everyone. That's where the flair and experience of the company's owners in retailing, marketing and communications is most obvious.

I returned to the sale in time to see the colt by Snitzel from Mirror Mirror (by Dehere) knocked down to Sydney trainer Gerald Ryan and Jadeskye Racing for \$A1.6 million--the highest price of the first two days.

And it was great to discover that Animal Kingdom has averaged \$250,000 for his first three yearlings. Their buyers --a private owner, a syndicator and a trainer--reflect this diverse and dynamic marketplace.



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**TELA (f, 4, Smart Strike--Tejida {MGSP, \$278,284}, by Rahy)**, fourth in a Saratoga allowance going a grassy mile Aug. 9, rallied to go one better at Parx Sept. 29 and finished off her season with another fourth at Laurel Oct. 30. The homebred was 17-1 in this return and was away in good order. She tracked the leading pair from a ground-saving third and inched into second after a half in :48.77. Responding readily when asked for her rally with three furlongs to travel when the leader cornered poorly, Tela slipped through a gap at the fence and got first run, denying the onrushing Bishop's Pond (Curlin) by a neck in a four-horse blanket finish. Out of the MGSP Tejida (Rahy), Tela is a half to a 2-year-old colt by City Zip and a yearling filly by Kitten's Joy. His dam was bred to Super Saver in 2015. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$97,321. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Helen K. Groves; B-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust (KY); T-Michael R. Matz.

**6th-GP, \$36,400, Msw, 1-7, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.15, ft.**  
**DEEP SEA (c, 4, Mineshaft--Bonita Donita, by Fusaichi Pegasus)** couldn't quite finish the job when a pressing second at first asking beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 19, but worked sharply in the interim including a pair of bullets at Palm Meadows in December and was coming off a :48 2/5 half (7/76) Dec. 31. Perched well off the fence as Grey Glory (Flashy Bull) knocked heads with Difference Maker (Wildcat Heir) to his outside through a half in :45.86, Jose Lezcano gave the 1-5 chalk his cue and he stormed up to make it three abreast as they entered the straight. Deep Sea forged clear to win by 4 3/4 lengths over Grey Glory, with Difference Maker holding on for third. Sales history: \$220,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
 O-Richard C. Pell; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

**LANE'S END Sales Graduate**

**10th-GP, \$36,000, Msw, 1-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT, 1:55.65, fm.**  
**VILLA SAVOYE (f, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Tout Charmant {MGISW, \$1,781,879}, by Slewvescent)** never lifted a hoof when eighth last January and ran 11th switched to the Hallandale turf when last seen Feb. 22. Benched for just over a year, the 38-1 longshot was slowly away and brought up the rear of the field through splits of :23.83, :48.68 and 1:12.95. **cont. p2**

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**GP 10 cont.**

Fanned to the extreme outside at the head of the lane, Villa Savoye employed a sharp turn of foot to rocket past rivals up the center of the course and nip Hudson River Gal (Dynaformer) by a head at the wire. Dakota Queen (War Front) was a neck back in third. The winner is a half to Dancing House (Tapit), GISP, \$249,825. Tout Charmant, who landed top-level scores in the GI Matriarch S. and GI Del Mar Oaks, foaled a filly by Bernardini in 2015 and was covered by Animal Kingdom last term. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$22,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-Thomas Albertrani.

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**Wednesday Night's Results:**

**1st-PEN, \$33,300, (S), Msw, 1-6, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.19, ft. +HUMILITY (c, 3, Indygo Shiner--Brilliant Sunshine {MSP, \$185,550}, by Smarty Jones) showed good early dash and settled in a tracking third in this career bow. Steered three deep, the 12-1 shot rallied into contention after a half in :45.60, split horses in upper stretch and collared longtime leader Fear Or Be Feared (Old Fashioned) to win by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,980. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Greg Newell; B-Newell Thoroughbreds, LTD (PA); T-J. C. Servis.

**3rd-PEN, \$33,300, (S), Msw, 1-6, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.83, ft. +SARATOGA JACK (c, 3, Emperor Tiberius--Thinkoutsidethebox, by Williamstown) parlayed a five-panel Parx bullet in 1:01 4/5 (1/10) Dec. 27 into a wire-to-wire score first time out Wednesday. Rushed up the inside from the bell, the 9-2 chance seized command, but began to tire after five panels in :58.22. He gamely held on to win by three-quarters of a length over Blue Marauder (Stephen Got Even). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,980. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Jean Mahoney; B-K. Goldenberg & H. Boynton (PA); T-M. Vera.

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**Thursday's Results:**

**6th-FG, \$37,000, Msw, 1-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:06.93, my.**

**JOKASA (f, 4, City Zip--Debbie Sue {MSW, \$400,265}, by Citidancer)** never worse than third in four previous starts, including a trio of thirds sprinting at Churchill Downs Sept. 17, Nov. 5 and when one-paced Nov. 29, was 2-1 to graduate in this off-turf affair Thursday. Breaking towards the grandstand, the blaze-faced chestnut stayed well out of harm's way for the backstretch run in fifth and motored up into contention five wide through a half in :46.50. She hit the front inside the final 100 yards and kicked home a 3 1/4-length winner. Lady Relaunch (Bright Launch) took second. Sales history: \$20,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$55,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-3, \$45,212. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Tamaroak Stable; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley.



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- "Jacob is not only a very good judge of a horse, but he is also a great people person with very strong communication skills," commented Doug Cauthen, Vice Chairman of Three Chimneys' board. "He is one of the prominent faces of the next generation of horsemen on the horizon, and will be a complementary addition to the team."

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### Woodford Thoroughbreds Announces Changes:

Woodford Thoroughbreds has announced new staff assignments at the Woodford Farm Operations in Kentucky and Florida. "These announcements are consistent with our long-term Strategic Plans for Woodford to assure its continued growth in the thoroughbred industry," said President and General Manager Matt Lyons. The changes are as follows: Kirt Cahill was named General Manager of Breeding Operations, Scott Kintz was named General Manager of the Racing and Training Center in Florida, Shannon Castagnola was named Director of Sales and Sales Consignment, and Teri Tucker as been assigned as Office Manager.

## TODAY'S INSIGHTS

### 4th-SA, \$56K, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 5:30 p.m. ET

Hall of Famer Richard Mandella unveils Ramona Bass LLC's **TRYST (Candy Ride {Arg})** at Santa Anita. A \$400,000 KEESEP purchase in 2013, Tryst is a half-sister to four 'TDN Rising Stars': GISW A Z Warrior (Bernardini); MGSW & GISP Jojo Warrior (Pioneerof the Nile); GSW & GISP E Z Warrior (Exploit); and MSW & GSP J Z Warrior (Harlan's Holiday). The first three also won at first asking and Tryst worked an encouraging best-of-58 five panels in :58 2/5 over the strip in preparation Dec. 31. [Click for TJCIS.com PPs.](#)



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Normandy Kitten, c, 3, [Kitten's Joy](#). See "France."

## ROOKIES

### First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, January 8

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

[ARCHARCHARCH](#) (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 248/16/2

8-DED, Stk, 7f, Go No Go, 4-1

**COURAGEOUS CAT** (Storm Cat), Questroyal North, \$10K, 80/3/1 6-FG, Aoc, 1mT, Kara's Angel, 8-1

**CROWN OF THORNS** (Repent), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$4K, 32/4/1 5-SUN, Msw, 1m, Crown of Ambition, \$15K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1

**D' FUNNYBONE** (D'wildcat), Rockridge Stud, \$4K, 48/6/0

8-AQU, Aoc, 1m, D'bunnyphone, \$40K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

**FIRST DUDE** (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$7.5K, 194/16/1 3-FG, Msw, 1m, First Reunion, \$20K EQL 2YO 2yo, 9-2

**GIANT SURPRISE** (Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud, \$4K, 39/5/2 8-AQU, Aoc, 1m, Taken by Surprise, 7-2

8-AQU, Aoc, 1m, Surprise Cameo, \$80K OBS APR 2yo, 7-2

**GIROLAMO** (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$15K, 150/19/1

8-AQU, Aoc, 1m, Backwood Bay, 7-5

**ICE BOX** (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 140/5/0

5-SUN, Msw, 1m, Storm Box, 12-1

**PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 229/15/1 8-TP, Msw, 1m, +Paddy Not Patty, \$10K KEE JAN yrl, 5-1

**TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 144/25/0 6-FG, Aoc, 1mT, Twirl Girl, \$15K FTK OCT yrl, 3-1

**UNCLE MO** (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/29/7

7-SA, Aoc, 1m, Mokkat, \$52K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 9-5

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-AQU, \$67,000**, 1-7, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.51, ft.

**JULES N ROME (f, 4, Dunkirk--Pretty Honoree, by Double Honor)** Lifetime Record: 13-5-4-0, \$242,382. O-Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Harry L. Landry, Constancia Farm & Dunkirk Syndicate (NY); T-Danny Gargan. \*\$19,000 Wlg '12 FTNMIX; \$24,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTKJUL; \$77,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

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**3rd-AQU, \$57,820**, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.17, ft.

**SHOTGUN LOVE (m, 5, Posse--Lemon Drop's Love, by Lemon Drop Kid)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-5, \$147,068. O/B-Joemar Racing Stables LLC (NY); T-Dominick Schettino. \*1/2 to Lovely Syn (Freud), MSW, \$202,200.

**8th-FG, \$40,000**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-7, 4yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:39.47, my.

**ONE KING'S MAN (g, 6, K One King--Mist of Honour, by Honour and Glory)** Lifetime Record: SW, 38-10-7-6, \$472,804. O-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey; B-Steve Crowe (LA); T-Joe Sharp. \*\$19,500 2yo '12 JF2YO. \*\*Full to Misty Michelle, SW, \$115,889.



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**8th-DED, \$38,890**, 1-6, (NW3LX), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.23, ft. **AARON'S BLUFF (g, 6, Eugene's Third Son--Total Tease, by Pine Bluff)** Lifetime Record: 18-3-7-4, \$128,195. O/B-Richard Tate (LA); T-Thomas W. Sam.

**6th-DED, \$38,800**, (S), 1-6, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.57, ft. **WESLEY'S DREAM (f, 4, My Friend Max--Rich Rezultz, by Harborage)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-0, \$72,815. O-Ralph Dore & Keith Gautreau; B-Wayne M. Schexnayder (LA); T-Ralph J. Dore. \*\$1,000 2yo '14 EQL2YO.

**6th-PEN, \$29,500**, 1-6, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.64, ft. **STEVIE'S WONDER (g, 4, Scat Daddy--Eagle Sound, by Fusaichi Pegasus)** Lifetime Record: 9-5-2-1, \$127,400. O-Allison Bramlett & Bill Benson; B-Gabriel Duignan, Crosshaven Bloodstock & Vision Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Tim Burton. \*\$100,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$180,000 2yo '14 FTFMAR. \*\*1/2 to Pick of the Litter (Kitten's Joy), GSW, \$419,110.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Classy Bird**, c, 3, **Birdstone**--Classy Aly, by Sky Classic. FG, 1-7, (S), 1m, 1:40.86. B-Allen Guillotte (LA). \*\$16,000 Ylg '14 TEXOCT. \*\*1/2 to Classy Deelites (Afternoon Deelites), MSW, \$374,240. \*\*\*Won by 7 3/4 lengths.

**Ice Couture**, f, 3, **Ice Box**--Haute Couture, by Medaglia d'Oro. AQU, 1-7, (C), 6f, 1:13.32. B-Chester Prince (FL).

**Cowgirl Tough**, f, 3, **Silver Tree**--Entertaining (SP, \$149,886), by Songandaprayer. GP, 1-7, (C), 1mT, 1:38.50. B-Andy & Susy Cant (FL). \*\$21,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG. \*\*Full to Rizwan, SW, \$175,895.

**Touched by Autism**, c, 3, **Sierra Sunset**--Beau's Gem, by Beau Genius. SA, 1-7, (S), 1m, 1:38.95. B-George & Mary Clare Schmitt (CA). \*\$2,700 Ylg '14 NCAAUG.

**Hell On Heels**, f, 3, **Speightstown**--Dipole Moment, by Roman Ruler. SA, 1-7, (C), 6f, 1:10.87. B-Farfellow Farms Ltd. & Speightstown Syndicate (KY). \*\$45,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '15 BARMAY.



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## 'SNITZEL DAY' ON THE GOLD COAST



Trainer Gerald Ryan (left) and owner Damion Flower after buying the sale-topping Snitzel colt Thursday | *Magic Millions*

By Kelsey Riley

Trainer Gerald Ryan said he was given one-word instructions by owner Damion Flower when he asked when to stop bidding on [lot 430](#) during the second session of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale yesterday.

"Don't," said Flower.

Ryan struck true to the boss's orders and came away with the new sale topper Thursday evening after spending A\$1.6 million for Strawberry Hill Stud's Snitzel (Aus) colt out of stakes winner and producer Mirror Mirror (Aus) (Dehere).

The colt was the icing on the cake of a strong session at the Bundall sales complex Thursday. The voracious trade saw the clearance rate rise to 88.7% for the first two sessions combined. It was 81.2% after the opening session and 82% at this point last year. The cumulative average is up 11.3% from this stage last year at A\$191,031, while the median has climbed 7.1% to A\$150,000. A total of 344 yearlings have sold for A\$65,714,500 over the first two days, compared to 295 sold for A\$50,645,000 up to this point 12 months ago. [Cont. p2](#)

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By Chris McGrath

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## **SNITZEL DAY**

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### **Lot 430**

Snitzel x Mirror Mirror  
sold for **\$1.6 million**

### **Lot 233**

Snitzel x Flidais  
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**Magic Millions cont.**

Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox paid tribute to sale graduate Snitzel, the dominant sire on the day.

“He’s sitting there with the two top-priced horses at A\$1.6 million and A\$1.1 million--it was Snitzel Day,” Cox said. “It was just sensational. The top-priced horse at A\$1.6 million--we knew he would sell well but even [vendor] John Singleton, who is ever the optimist, had no expectation that he would make anything near that.”

“The figures are special,” Cox added. “The turnover is sitting on A\$65 million, which is 30% up on last year; a clearance rate of 89% and an average of A\$191,031--they are good numbers.”

**Team Snitzel Strikes For Magic Colt...**

Gerald Ryan and Damion Flower know a good Snitzel when they see one, having campaigned the now 13-year-old stallion and many of his talented progeny, so it was hardly a surprise to see them stay strong for the colt Ryan described as “the best colt I’ve seen in three years.”

“He’s a cracking colt,” said the trainer who bought Snitzel for A\$260,000 from this sale in 2004 and also conditioned Snitzel’s Group 1-winning daughter Snitzerland (Aus). “Damion saw him on video about five weeks ago and said, ‘This is a horse we have



**Lot 430, sale-topping Snitzel colt | Magic Millions**

to have.’ I came out and saw him first thing Sunday morning, and I reckon he’s the best colt I’ve seen in three years. We did a bit of homework on him and I couldn’t find a nicer horse on the grounds--and there’s a lot of nice horses here. As far as Snitzels go

and as far as pedigrees go and his attitude, he really fit the bill.”

“I said to Damion about 20 minutes ago, ‘Where do I stop?’ He said, ‘Don’t,’” Ryan added. “Those are words he has never said to me.”

“I have supported [Snitzel] all the way through; I have bred to him myself,” Ryan continued. “I have a criteria with Snitzels that I will stick to and I will not tell anyone because I reckon it works.”

Flower, who operates as Jadeskye Racing, said he was intrigued by the colt after seeing the video of him on the Magic Millions website.

“I said to Gerald, ‘This is the best Snitzel we’ve seen,’” Flower said. “I got here, Gerald was in Sydney, and I had a look myself and I texted him and said, ‘We can’t go home without him.’ The horse is expensive but he’s out of a running family and he’s probably the best Snitzel I’ve seen.” **Cont. p3**

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**Magic Millions cont.**

Lot 430 is the third living foal out of the Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Mirror Mirror (Dehere). Her first foal is the stakes-winning No Looking Back (Aus), by Snitzel's sire Redoute's Choice (Aus), and it is the further family of G1 Coolmore Classic winner Aloha (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and Snitzerland herself. No Looking Back was a A\$500,000 purchase by Gai Waterhouse at this sale in 2011, and an Exceed and Excel (Aus) colt out of the mare was bought by the Hong Kong Jockey Club for A\$350,000 here in 2012. Mirror Mirror did not produce a foal last year after coming up barren to Redoute's Choice.

Snitzel had eight lots sell for over A\$300,000 Thursday. His average after the first two days is A\$367,857 for 28 sold.

**MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLINGS  
THURSDAY'S TOP SEVEN LOTS**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<a href="#">430</a>	colt	Snitzel (Aus)	Mirror Mirror (Aus)	1,600,000
B-Strawberry Hill Stud Consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud Purchased by Jadeskye Racing/Gerals Ryan				
<a href="#">233</a>	colt	Snitzel (Aus)	Flidais (Aus)	1,100,000
B-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd, Jungle Pocket Group Pty Ltd Consigned by Arrowfield Stud (as agent) Purchased by Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock				
<a href="#">264</a>	colt	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Gold Anthem (Aus)	800,000
B-Makybe Racing & Breeding Consigned by Milburn Creek (as agent for Makybe) Purchased by Spendthrift Australia				
<a href="#">301</a>	colt	Star Witness (Aus)	Hilton Head (Aus)	750,000
B-Widden Stud Australia Pty Ltd Consigned by Widden Stud (as agent) Purchased by Magic Millions (as agent)				
<a href="#">370</a>	colt	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Lady's Light	540,000
B-Rosemont Stud Consigned by Rosemont Stud Purchased by Gai Waterhouse/Julian Blaxland				
<a href="#">304</a>	filly	Sebring (Aus)	Hooness (Aus)	500,000
B-Segehoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd Consigned by Segehoe Stud Australia (as agent) Purchased by Yu Long Investments/Sheamus Mills Bloodstock				
<a href="#">286</a>	filly	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Hanky Panky (Aus)	500,000
B-Asco International Pty Ltd Consigned by Element Hill Purchased by Gai Waterhouse/Julian Blaxland				

**A Sweet Treat For Hawthorne...**

The Gold Coast's second session proved to be all about Snitzel at the top end, with Arrowfield's full-brother to Sweet Idea (Aus) bringing A\$1.1 million to become the only other seven-figure price thus far at the sale. [Lot 233](#) certainly had the looks and the pedigree to be a standout, and he returned the price to match early in the session when selling to New Zealand-based agent Dean Hawthorne.

Shadwell Racing Manager Angus Gold opened the bidding on the strapping chestnut at A\$500,000, with Australian trainer



Dean Hawthorne | Magic Millions

David Hayes also involved in the bidding before it eventually fell to Hawthorne. The Kiwi signed the ticket standing alongside trainer John Hawkes, who will train the colt along with his sons and co-trainers

Wayne and Michael for a syndicate.

"He's a lovely colt, and we've got a big syndicate behind him," Hawthorne said. "Team Hawkes are going to train him, so we'll get him into John's system and hope for the best."

Hawthorne admitted the colt was one he kept coming back to. "He's a good type; he moves well," he said. "I saw him at the farm and two or three times here, and one day I just went over and watched from the shadows and his temperament was fantastic."



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• No. Offered	388	347
• No. Sold	344	295
• RNAs	44	52
• % RNAs	11	17.6
• No. A\$500K+	15	8
• High Price	1,600,000	850,000
• Gross	65,714,500	50,645,000
• Average (% change)	191,031 (+11.3%)	171,678
• Median (% change)	150,000 (+7.1%)	140,000



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Lot 233 is a full-brother to Sweet Idea, a graduate of this sale who went on to win the Magic Millions 3YO Guineas and the G1 Galaxy H. She sold for A\$1.6 million to agent Nick Vass at last year's Magic Millions National Sale. He is also a half to Singapore



Lot 233 as a foal | Arrowfield

stakes winner Rush (Aus) (Charge Forward {Aus}). His dam, Flidais (Aus) (Timber Country), is a Group 3-placed daughter of dual Group 1 winner Electronic (Aus) (First Norman). Flidais has been mated exclusively to Snitzel since 2012. She has an as-yet unraced 2-year-old filly by that sire who sold at Inglis Easter last year for A\$250,000, she

produced another colt by Snitzel last year and is back in foal to him.

Arrowfield's Paul Messara explained that Flidais is owned by Shadai Group, and the colt was bred in a joint venture between Shadai and Arrowfield. He noted the unflappable temperament the colt displayed in the ring was the same he has had since birth.

"He had pretty much a flawless preparation," Messara said. "He's always been like that since the day he was born. I think he's certainly the nicest since Sweet Idea out of the mare; he's a very similar package to what Sweet Idea was. I thought he was pretty much the colt of the sale and the buying bench seemed to think the same."



Lot 233, the A\$1.1 million son of Snitzel | Magic Millions

**Fast Start For Spendthrift...**

Spendthrift Australia got the sale off to a fast start Wednesday, spending A\$1.125 million on a pair of colts within the first 15 lots, and B. Wayne Hughes's operation added its third purchase of the sale late in the morning Thursday when going to A\$800,000 for a Fastnet Rock (Aus) half-brother to world champion sprinter Starspangledbanner (Aus) ([lot 264](#)). The 11th foal out of the stakes-placed Gold Anthem (Aus) (Made Of Gold {Aus}), the bay is also a half to the dam of G1 Thousand Guineas winner Amicus (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). His second dam is National Song (Aus) (Vain {Aus}), a half-sister to Circles Of Gold (Aus) (Marscaj {Aus}), the dam of Group 1 winners Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill) and Haradasun (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus). He was sold by John Muir's Milburn Creek for Makybe, who bred Starspangledbanner.

Spendthrift's Ned Toffey said that once the dust settles on the sale, the team would decide on trainers for all its purchases. Nine of Spendthrift's 10 horses in training in Australia--three 3-year-olds and seven 2-year-olds--are with Team Hawkes, and one with Gai Waterhouse.



Lot 264, Fastnet Rock colt | Magic Millions

"Once we get everything bought we'll sit down and sort out where everything is going," Toffey said. He noted that Spendthrift's two Fastnet Rock fillies currently in training encouraged them to go back to the sire.

"We have a couple Fastnet Rock fillies and like them quite a bit," he said. "One of the very first yearlings we bought in Australia was a Fastnet Rock filly and John's really high on her. She's two-for-two so far and he thinks she'll be a stakes filly for us. We have another that's a very solid filly as well, so we have a bit of experience with him."

"Fastnet Rock is an international sire that can work everywhere, and obviously with that female family its sort of a no-brainer," he added.

Toffey also provided an update on the Sepoy (Aus) colt Spendthrift bought for A\$1.2 million to top this sale last year. Now named Ready Fire Aim (Aus) and in training with Team Hawkes, the chestnut finished eighth of nine in his lone trial in September.

"He's trialled and was a little immature about things so needed some time; he's not going to be as early a horse as we hoped but he's certainly shown some ability and we think he can be a solid horse," Toffey said.

**Magic Millions cont.**

“He’s going to get a little time. That’s one of the great things about John Hawkes and his team. They recognize if a horse needs time and they’re more than willing to give it to him, and so are we.”

Toffey said the Spendthrift team aims to buy colts they could later shuttle between Australia and the U.S.

“If we’re buying them here first and foremost we want to be able to stand them here, but we’d really like to be able to shuttle them to America,” he said. “Some of them will require a little more educating of American breeders than others. Fastnet Rock is an internationally known stallion; he stacks up with anything in the world. I think the world’s getting to be a smaller place and we as an organization like the idea of trying to help some of these horses work in different markets.”

Spendthrift recently concluded its first season standing stallions Down Under. Its roster included American shuttlers Can The Man (Into Mischief), Jimmy Creed (Distorted Humor) and Warrior’s Reward (Medaglia d’Oro) in addition to local Group 1 winner Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}). Toffey admitted the American shuttlers were somewhat of a tough sell, but remained optimistic.

“They weren’t as well received as I would have liked, but it was our first year in the market,” he said. “People don’t know us--they’re just getting familiar with us--and I think it’s going to take us some time to earn people’s trust and respect. But we’re in it for the long haul and we’re going to keep bringing them out. We’re going through some growing pains with it, but I think we’ll get to where we want to be in a year or two.”



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

**Bell Catches A Star...**

Thursday proved a good day at the office for Team Hawkes, with the trio also set to train [lot 301](#), a Star Witness (Aus) colt from Widden Stud knocked down to owner Alan Bell for A\$750,000. John Hawkes conducted the bidding standing alongside Bell out back of the pavilion and while he had to see off some strong competition for the late August foal he was always resolute, knocking back each counter bid almost as quickly as it came in.

Bell has about a half-dozen horses in training with Team Hawkes, Peter and Paul Snowden and Kris Lees. His most recent



**Lot 301 | Magic Millions photo**

success story is Group 2 winner and young Newgate sire Deep Field (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), and his silks have also been carried by the likes of Schillaci (Aus) and Grand Armee (Aus). Bell also owns the 2-year-old Star Witness colt, Star Turn (Aus), out

of Lot 301's second dam, Group 3 winner Golden Delicious (Aus) (Made Of Gold {Aus}), and that one won at second asking for Team Hawkes at Randwick Oct. 24.

“We don’t usually go chasing family members, but the colt is a running type of horse, just like his brother was last year,” he explained. “I really liked the colt last year and this guy is very similar to him and closely related. It all made sense to me. He looks like a good 2-year-old so that probably helped a bit.”

The first crop of Widden sire Star Witness are midway through their 3-year-old year, and Bell had high praise for the young stallion.

“I think Star Witness was very much overlooked last year; he was in that sort of lull phase young stallions get into and this year I think he’s gotten a lot more respect,” he said. “If you’ve got a nice type by him they’re selling very well.”

**Alboran Brother A Star For Rosemont...**

Rosemont Stud’s resident stallion Starspangledbanner (Aus) has put the Victorian operation firmly on the global map over the last two years, and on Thursday the 9-year-old sire added another notch to the stud’s belt by providing its best-ever yearling sale result. That transaction came when [lot 370](#) sold to trainer Gai Waterhouse and Julian Blaxland for A\$540,000. The chestnut colt is a half-brother to Alboran Sea (Aus) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), a champion and Group 1 winner in South Africa last year, and his dam, Lady’s Light (Toolighttoquit) is a half-sister to a pair of American stakes winners. **Cont. p6**



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Rosemont's Anthony Mithen noted the colt has always had a winning personality, something common among Starspangledbanner's progeny.

"He's been an unbelievable horse in terms of his attitude," Mithen said. "Starspangledbanner is thankfully throwing temperament into all of his stock. What stock we've been lucky enough to have at the farm have all been true professionals and he's just done an amazing job through the first 12 months of his life. He's never had



**Lot 370, Starspangledbanner colt | Magic Millions**

a sick day."

Starspangledbanner won Australia's G1 Caulfield Guineas and G1 Oakleigh Plate before being purchased by Coolmore interests and expatriated to Europe, where he won the G1 Golden Jubilee S. and G1 July Cup before retiring to stud. Starspangledbanner started his stud career with Coolmore, and Rosemont was given a chance to work with the horse when his fertility issues became apparent.

The success of Starspangledbanner's small first European crop--which included Group 1 winner The Wow Signal (Ire) and G2 Queen Mary S. winner Anthem Alexander (Ire)--promoted a plane ticket to Ireland for the 2015 Northern Hemisphere season, but that trip was aborted after the horse developed colic shortly before his intended travel. As a compromise, Rosemont covered 30 mares Northern Hemisphere-time, 15 of which got in foal. A handful of those sold at Arqana's December Breeding Stock sale, and Mithen noted that Starspangledbanner has arrived at Coolmore's Castlehyde Stud in Ireland for the 2016 breeding season without a hitch.

"He's terrific," Mithen said. "He's gone up to Ireland now--he left in mid-December to resume his stallion career in the Northern Hemisphere. He had a great [Southern Hemisphere breeding] season last year, his best season yet. He got 46 mares in foal out of about 80, so he's ticked up over 50% for the first time in his career. There's been a steady improvement and really close management seems to have done the trick. The team have done an amazing job to get him to that level and hopefully we'll reap the rewards like half-million dollar colts for years to come."

Mithen, who has been at the helm of Rosemont since the death of his father-in-law 13 years ago, has helped the operation expand on a more global scale in the last few years. He noted Rosemont has a few horses in training in France, as well as some mares there to send to Starspangledbanner.

"We've built some good relationships just by getting up there and buying some European pedigrees and we've been buying at that Arqana sale for five or six years now," Mithen explained. "We recognize that the gene pool can be pretty condensed and small if you don't look outside your own fish bowl. We've been to America to buy mares and France and England collecting a really nice portfolio."

**Value Deluxe...**

The Gold Coast sale offers buyers annually the first glance at the progeny of first-season sires in a sales ring, and one can always count on some sure things as well as some pleasant surprises. Emerging as something of a wildcard through the first two days of selling was Delago Deluxe (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), who stands at the Kelly family's Newhaven Park for A\$11,000. Delago Deluxe's average after the first two days is A\$162,857 for seven sold from eight offered. He has a total of 17 catalogued over the week.

Delago Deluxe was himself a A\$550,000 purchase from the Gold Coast yearling sale in 2010 by South African trainer Charles



**Lot 324, Delago Deluxe colt bought by Shadwell | Magic Millions**

Laird on behalf of owner Markus Jooste. He was crowned South Africa's champion 2-year-old after an undefeated juvenile campaign that was capped in the G1 Gold Medallion S.-- South Africa's version of the Golden

Slipper--and he went on to win the G1 Casino Sprint as a 3-year-old.

Newhaven Park's John Kelly explained Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox planted the seed for Newhaven to stand Delago Deluxe.

"It occurred through Vin Cox," he said. "Markus [Jooste] was looking for somewhere to stand him, and he ended up at Newhaven Park. I met Marcus on one of his trips to Sydney and we did a deal and now he's here."

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**Magic Millions cont.**

Delago Deluxe has marked a return to the stallion business for Newhaven, which has been owned by the Kelly family since the 1920s. Newhaven stood leading sires like Luskin Star, Marauding and Zeditave in the 70s and 80s, but later exited that side of the industry to focus on its broodmare band.

“We stood two or three champion Australian stallions, but then 15 years ago we made a conscious decision to get out of standing stallions and keep a broodmare band, but we thought [Delago Deluxe] was a special opportunity,” Kelly explained. “We thought he had a few things that gave him a great opportunity to make a great stallion.”

Kelly said Newhaven has supported its lone stallion heavily with its own mares, and noted Delago Deluxe has covered more than 100 mares each year.

“There’s hardly been a person who has used him once who hasn’t used him again,” he noted.

“They have been so far, but let’s hope by the end of the sale all the breeders get well rewarded.”

Shadwell racing manager Angus Gold signed for [lot 324](#), a colt by Delago Deluxe from Newhaven Park, for A\$250,000



Angus Gold | Tattersalls

yesterday, and he admitted the sire was going better than he expected. “He’s surprised me. I thought people would say, ‘we don’t know much about him,’ and I thought I’d get this horse for a maximum

A\$200,000,” Gold said, noting the colt would go into training with David Hayes in Australia. “It’s great for the Kelly family and Newhaven Park; good for them for taking a punt on the horse. To be fair I’ve seen four or five and he seems to be really stamping them.”

Gold spent A\$500,000 at Inglis Easter last year on a Snitzel colt out of Lot 324’s second dam, Appear (Aus) (Danzero {Aus}), and he said the ability displayed by that colt also encouraged him to keep bidding on the Delago Deluxe.

“We have what I hope is a good 2-year-old out of the granddam that we bought last year who goes very nicely at home, so it’s a running family and he just looked a hard-knocking little runner, the sort of horse I think does well here,” Gold said.

**Good Results For Young Guns...**

The Delago Deluxe colt was one of four purchases of the sale so far for Shadwell. That haul also includes a A\$300,000 colt by All Too Hard ([lot 136](#)) on day one, and Gold said the Vinery resident has also made a good impression with his first crop.

“I spent a long time debating about All Too Hard as a yearling himself and in the end I went for no and was proven well wrong,” he said. “It’s nice to see them. The colt yesterday I thought was really classy, and I’ve seen three or four others I like quite a lot.”

All Too Hard averages A\$225,238 through the first two sessions, with 21 sold from 25 offered.

Other young sires to post notable results yesterday were



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Coolmore freshman Pierro (Aus), whose four six-figure lots were headed by a A\$480,000 filly ([lot 331](#)) knocked down to New Zealand’s David Ellis; and his barnmate Zoffany (Ire), the European champion first-

season sire. Zoffany has his first 2-year-olds running Down Under this year, and his colt out of Green Mirage (Aus) (Green Desert) ([lot 275](#)) was picked up by Jadeskye Racing and trainer Gerald Ryan for A\$300,000.

Animal Kingdom, whose high for the week thus far was a A\$310,000 filly Wednesday, had a pair sell Thursday for A\$200,000 and A\$240,000.

Bullet Train (GB) (Sadler’s Wells), the half-brother to Frankel who is based at Crestwood Farm in Kentucky, had two of his three first-crop yearlings catalogued go under the hammer yesterday. They were headed by [lot 355](#), a filly bought by Kent Fleming Racing for A\$150,000.

In racetrack news, Newgate resident Foxwedge (Aus) enjoyed a well-timed first winner at Warwick Farm in Sydney Thursday when his Kentucky Miss (Aus) capitalized on a recent barrier trial win to score by three lengths. Foxwedge is the sixth freshman sire in Australia to notch a winner. The others include Uncle Mo, Dream Ahead and Poet’s Voice (GB).



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### Hancock To Race Denman Filly...

Arthur Hancock's Stone Farm became the latest American name to join the Magic Millions results sheet Wednesday when it partnered on a Denman (Aus) filly bought by Craig Rounsefell's Boomer Bloodstock and trainer Matt Cumani for A\$110,000. Stone Farm now owns a quarter of the half-sister to Group 3 winner Generalife (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}).

Rounsefell, an Australian-based agent who is perhaps best known on American shores for his purchase of Grade I winner Obviously (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), said he came to know Hancock when living in Kentucky in 2008.

"Mr. Hancock has been a bit of a mentor to me; he's a legend throughout the world," he explained.

Rounsefell added the idea of Hancock racing a horse in Australia is an idea that has grown over a few years. Hancock's daughter, Lynn, is currently working for Magic Millions at the Gold Coast sale.

"We'd spoken at times over the last few years, and he liked the idea of putting his toe in the water down here and racing a filly and seeing if he enjoys it," he said. "American investment is coming to Australia now and to get Mr. Hancock investing in Australia is a huge thing."

Spendthrift Farm, WinStar Farm and Speedway Stable have also been active at the sale this week, and Rounsefell predicted more Americans could be in attendance at Australia's breeding stock sales later in the year.

"I think there's quite a few that are talking about the broodmare sales coming up later in the year," he said. "I think the likes of Spendthrift, Stonestreet, and SF [Bloodstock] already investing in Australia is going to pave the way for more Americans to come down. In years gone by they went overseas to restock their fillies, so I think Australia's an interesting place for them to do that too and with the advantage with the dollar."



(From left) Craig Rounsefell, Lynn Hancock, Matt Cumani and Cathy Hains of Burnewang North with lot 9 | Sharon Chapman

The Denman filly will be among the first trainees for Matt Cumani.

"Matt Cumani is setting up his stable as of next week," Rounsefell said. "His father, Luca, and his mother, Sara, have been working the sales as well and they loved this filly. Matt's really excited to kick it off and get some quality stock that will hopefully run early to get him going early."

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**660, c, All Too Hard (Aus)--Tabasco Kitten (Aus),  
by Redoute's Choice (Aus)  
Consigned by Kitchwin Hills**

The first-crop progeny of All Too Hard have given a good account of themselves thus far on the Gold Coast this week, and this colt is the second foal out of a winning mare who counts Group 1 winners as his second and third dams. His second dam is the G1 Galaxy H. winner La Baraka (Aus) (Euclase {Aus}) and his third dam is Triscay (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}), the winner of five Group 1s including the Australian Oaks and Australian Guineas.

**669, c, More Than Ready--Tartufi, by Mr. Greeley  
Consigned by Vinery Stud**

Tartufi is the dam of two stakes horses in the U.S., including the GIII Debutante S. winner Blueeyesintherein (Magna Graduate), and this is her first foal since being expatriated Down Under. She produced a colt by All Too Hard during the recently concluded Australian breeding season.

**672, f, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Ten Carat Rock (Aus),  
by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)  
Consigned by Newgate Farm**

This mid-August foal boasts one of the most enviable pages in the Australian stud book, and certainly this catalogue, being by champion sire Fastnet Rock out of a half-sister to three-time champion sire Redoute's Choice (Aus) and G1 Spring Champion S. winner Platinum Scissors (Aus). **Cont. p9**

Ten Carat Rock is also a half to Group 1 winner and sire Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and is a sibling to two stakes producers: she is a full to the dam of Group 2 winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Rubick (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and a half to A\$2.3 million broodmare Monsoon Wedding (Aus) (Danehill).

**700, c, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Velocitea (NZ), by Volksraad (GB)**

*Consigned by Rheinwood Pastoral Co.*

Being by three-time champion sire Redoute's Choice out of a Group 1 winner would seem to provide endless potential, and this son of G1 Goodwood H. winner, the fourth foal of the mare, is already a full-brother to a stakes horse, the listed-placed Limehills (Aus), an A\$320,000 buy at this sale three years ago. Velocitea produced another full-brother that cost agent James Harron A\$300,000 here last year.

**745, c, All Too Hard (Aus)--Zouzou (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus)**

*Consigned by Coolmore Stud*

Coolmore spent A\$775,000 on Zouzou carrying this colt at the Magic Millions National Sale in 2014, and the late-August foal carries the distinction of being a half-brother to a Group 1 winner, the G1 Coolmore Stud S. and G1 Golden Rose S. winner and exciting young sire Zoustar (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}). Zouzou's most recent progeny to see a sales ring was Zoustar's full-sister Ciarlet (Aus), who was picked up by David Redvers for A\$375,000 at Inglis Easter in 2014.

**SNOWDENS TO CAPITALIZE ON RACEDAY**

This year's Magic Millions raceday will be a historic event for Australian racing as the country's richest-ever. There are nine races worth a total of A\$10 million--with seven worth A\$1 million or more--headed by the A\$2-million Jeep Magic Millions 2YO Classic and the A\$2-million Gold Coast Magic Millions 3YO Guineas.

Co-trainers Peter and Paul Snowden are no strangers to handling a good 2-year-old, having conditioned the likes of juvenile champion Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality) and last year's G1 Blue Diamond S. and G1 Sires' Produce S. winner Pride Of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), and that father-son training team will be a formidable force in the 2YO Classic Saturday with race favorite **Capitalist (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) and co-third choice **Niccolance (Aus)** (Nicconi {Aus}) in their arsenal. Capitalist earned 'TDN Rising Star' status on debut when winning the Listed Breeders' Plate Oct. 3, and was also the impressive winner of the Magic Millions Wyong 2YO Classic Dec. 17.

He missed a recent barrier trial due to a slightly elevated temperature, but connections have pronounced him on song for



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Saturday's test. Niccolance was second in the latter event and goes into this a maiden, having also finished second on debut at Randwick Dec. 5. Both colts fared well at Tuesday's barrier draw, with Capitalist landing in gate two and Niccolance in nine.

The unbeaten **Zelady's Night Out (Aus)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) remains the second choice despite not faring favorably at the draw, landing in barrier 19. The Tony Gollan-trained filly won her first two starts at Doomben Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 before beating the Gai Waterhouse-trained **Slumber Party (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}), who will break directly to her outside Saturday, in the G3 BJ McLachlan Plate Dec. 26. Third in that event was **Nikitas (Aus)** Snitzel {Aus}, who broke her maiden at Doomben Dec. 5 and is drawn well in gate three.

Champion U.S. freshman sire Uncle Mo, who thus far has two winners from three starters with his first Australian juveniles, is represented here by **Conchita (Aus)**. The Paul Perry charge won on debut at Randwick Oct. 10 but was eased out of the Wyong 2YO Classic after bucking in the early stages. She regrouped to win a Scone trial Dec. 27.

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**Saturday, Gold Coast, Australia**

**JEEP MAGIC MILLIONS 2YO CLASSIC-Restricted Listed, A\$2,000,000 (US\$1,436,850), 2yo, 1200mT**

PP	SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Candika (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Hammersly	O'dea	121
2	1	Capitalist (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Shinn	Snowdens	125
3	5	Nikitas (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Cahill	Wood	125
5	13	Conchita (Aus)	Uncle Mo	Huet	Perry	121
8	7	Just Orm (Aus)	Falvelon (Aus)	Berry	Gollan	125
9	6	Niccolance (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	McDonald	Snowdens	125
11	4	Sundance (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Lloyd	Edmonds	125
12	9	Highland Beat (Aus)	Excd and Excel (Aus)	Lane	Hys/Dberng	125
13	16	Rare Occrrnce (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	Stewart	Kendrick	121
14	3	Dieters (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Griffin	McLachlan	125
15	12	Faraway Town (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	Collett	Smith	121
16	8	Punishing (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	Browne	Birchley	125
17	2	Claro El Banco (Aus)	Statue of Liberty	G Schofld	Petch	125
18	15	Mooshakissa (Aus)	Duporth (Aus)	Zahra	Snowdens	121
19	10	Zldy's Nght Out (Aus)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Byrne	Gollan	121
20	14	Slumber Party (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	McEvoy	Wterhouse	121
Also Eligibles:						
4	19	Party Pardee (Aus)	Red Dazzler (Aus)	No rider	Suli	125
7	17	Rny Dy Womn (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Payne	Ross	121
10	20	Par Oneri (Aus)	Lve Cnqurs All (Aus)	No rider	McCall	125
21	18	Zafina (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	No rider	Portelli	121

Magic Millions Raceday cont.

WIDE-OPEN GUINEAS UP FOR GRABS

Saturday's Gold Coast Magic Millions 3YO Guineas appears an open betting affair, with the top three choices currently sitting between 4-1 and 7-1. Early favorite **Mahuta (Aus)** (Flying Spur {Aus}) has maintained favoritism despite drawing poorly in barrier 20, so the Darren Weir charge will have his work cut out for him to maintain the win streak he extended to four in the Nov. 14 G2 Sandown Guineas. **Egyptian Symbol (Aus)** (Stratum {Aus}), on the board in all five starts, tightened in the betting after drawing well in gate six. The filly, who gets seven pounds from Mahuta, went three straight earlier this year but must rebound from turnovers when second at Wyong Dec. 17 and when third in the G3 Vo Rogue Plate over this surface Dec. 26.

Besting Egyptian Symbol at Wyong was **Flippant (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}), who prepared for this with a Randwick trial win Dec. 29. The filly had won back-to-back starts over the winter before finishing last of nine off a layoff at Randwick Oct. 17 and so rebounded well at Wyong, but she will not be helped by barrier 19 Saturday. Drawn even worse but still prominent in the betting at 10-1 is **Sir Bacchus (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}). That gelding broke his maiden at Canterbury Dec. 11 and made it two straight in a Randwick benchmark 70 handicap for champion trainer Chris Waller Dec. 26.

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GOLD COAST MAGIC MILLIONS 3YO GUINEAS-Restricted Listed, A\$2,000,000 (US\$1,436,850), 3yo, 1400mT

PP	SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	14	Atalanta Miss (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	Payne	Payne	121
2	6	In His Stride (Aus)	Rothesay (Aus)	Browne	Lipp	125
5	12	Single Gaze (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	O'Hara	Olive	121
6	16	Egyptin Symb (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	G Schofid	Baker	121
7	4	Dram Of Red (Aus)	Red Element (Aus)	Lloyd	Dunn	125
8	11	Typing (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Byrne	Kendrick	122
9	5	I'm Belucci (Aus)	Cptain Sondor (Aus)	Boss	Forster	125
10	3	Most Important (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Harrison	Gollan	125
11	2	Real Good (Aus)	Real Saga (Aus)	Cahill	Miller	127
14	13	Flmbyant Lass (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	McDonald	Wterhouse	121
15	10	Sagaronne (Aus)	Real Saga (Aus)	Avdulla	Edmonds	122
16	8	Madotti (Aus)	Falvelon (Aus)	Angland	Dunn	123
17	15	Star Of Night (Aus)	Wicked Style (Aus)	Griffin	Kelly	121
19	9	Flippant (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	McEvoy	Snowdens	122
20	1	Mahuta (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Rawiller	Weir	128
21	7	Sir Bacchus (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Oliver	Waller	125

Also Eligibles:

3	20	Sga of the Strm (Aus)	Real Saga (Aus)	No rider	Birchley	121
4	17	We're Sure (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	No rider	Snowdens	125
12	18	Hesitation (Aus)	Nt A Single Dbt (Aus)	Cahill	Wood	121
13	19	Shtacrss the Bw (Aus)	Rothesay (Aus)	No rider	Murphy	125
18	21	Perfect Dare (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Byrne	Dunn	125

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Thursday's Results:

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Pink Martini (Ire)**, f, 3, **Tagula (Ire)**--Ohwhatalady (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). LIN, 1-7, 5f 6y (AWT), :58.69. B-E Ryan (IRE). \*€4,000 Ylg '14 GO14; €28,000 2yo '15 GBMBR.

**Invade (Ire)**, f, 4, **Intense Focus**--Spinning Well (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). CHD, 1-7, 6f (AWT), 1:11.55. B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE). \*70,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT.

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Tuesday's Late Result:

**7th-PTB, €16,000, Mdn**, 1-5, 3yo, c/g, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:41.44, ft. **NORMANDY KITTEN (c, 3, Kitten's Joy--Keeping Watch {Ire}, by Danehill)**, who ran sixth going an additional furlong at Deauville last time Dec. 11, was scrubbed along from the outside box to settle in a stalking second for most of this sophomore bow. Cruising to the front on the home turn, the 13-5 second choice easily extended his advantage under mild urging in the straight to register a comfortable 4 1/2-length success over Machistador (Fr) (Soave {Ger}). The homebred chestnut hails from the family of GI Juddmonte Spinster S. victress Asi Siempre (El Prado {Ire}) and the winner's dam has also produced a yearling filly by Kitten's Joy. Sales history: \$120,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP.

Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, €8,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Kenneth L Ramsey; B-Kenneth L Ramsey & Sarah K Ramsey (KY); T-Gianluca Bietolini.

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**AL MAKTUUM CHALLENGE R1 (PRESENTED BY LONGINES DOLCE VITA COLLECTION)-G2, \$250,000, MEY, 1-7, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m, 1:37.12, ft.**

1--LE BERNARDIN, 126, h, 7, by [Bernardini](#)

1st Dam: La Rosa (GSW, \$267,194), by Wild Again

2nd Dam: Twilight Ridge, by Cox's Ridge

3rd Dam: Waving Sky, by \*Quibu

(\$325,000 Ylg '10 FTSAUG). O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Mike G Rutherford (KY); T-Ali Rashid Al Raihe; J-Tadhg O'Shea. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-US, 16-7-0-2, \$479,540. \*1/2 to Taittinger Rose (Menifee), GSW, \$382,503.

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Rating: A+.

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2--Layl, 126, h, 6, Street Cry (Ire)--Cymbal (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire).

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (KY); T-Doug Watson. \$50,000.

3--Prayer For Relief, 126, h, 8, Jump Start--Sparklin Lil, by Mr Sparkles. (\$39,000 RNA Wlg '08 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '09 KEESEP). O-Zayat Stables LLC; B-G R Aschinger (KY); T-Mike de Kock. \$25,000.

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Margins: HD, HD, HD.

Also Ran: Faulkner (GB), Surfer, Special Fighter (Ire), Haatheq, Top Clearance, Gold City (Ire), Pearl Nation, Frankyfourfingers (Fr), Free Wheeling (Aus), Long River.

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Making just the 16th start of his career, Le Bernardin was gasping for air and looking for the wire late, but had just enough in the tank to land the DWCC opening-night feature for the in-form Ali Rashid al Raihe.

Campaigned in Darley maroon-and-white and trained by Kieran McLaughlin through a six-race United States campaign in 2012, the \$325,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga graduate posted three victories, the marquee effort among those being a neck success in the GIII Pegasus S. in 2012. He had raced sparingly--but not unsuccessfully--since his arrival in the desert in 2013, winning a 10-furlong handicap at the Carnival by nearly five lengths last Jan. 15 before finishing a well-beaten sixth in the final round of the Al Maktoum Challenge over 2000 meters last March.

He was exiting a 5 1/2-length success in the Listed Dubai Creek Mile S. over this course and distance when first-up for nine months Dec. 17.

Drawn gate 11 in this modified one-turn event, Le Bernardin broke well and prompted the early pace outside of Pearl Nation



Le Bernardin | DRC/Andrew Watkins

(Speightstown) and was asked to go on with it passing the three-furlong marker. He began to get away from his rivals in upper stretch, but the slow-starting Layl came out and around the rail-skimming Faulkner

(GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and was able to claw back most of the final-deficit, but Le Bernardin was saved by the wire. Prayer For Relief, posted wide throughout, stayed on well down the center of the track and just lost second while covering eight meters (about three lengths) more than the winner, according to Trakus information, easily the widest trip of the race.

"It was getting a bit close late on, because my horse was tiring, but fair play to him because he kept on gamely," said winning jockey Tadhg O'Shea, winning his second Group 2. "From a bad draw I probably had to use up more petrol than ideal early on so he has had to dig very deep in the final stages. I think we will just keep him fresh and wait for Super Saturday [Mar. 5] and then, hopefully, the [G2] Godolphin Mile [Mar. 26]."

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**Thursday's Results:**

**3rd-MEY, \$120,000, Hcp, 1-7, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1000mT, :56.38, gd.**

**ERTIJAAL (IRE) (g, 5, Oasis Dream {GB}--Shabiba {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Seeking the Gold)** returned from a 313-day lay-off to post a facile victory and was one of four winners on the opening night of the Dubai World Cup Carnival for his trainer Ali Rashid



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Al Raihe. Last seen notching back-to-back wins in Abu Dhabi's listed HH The President Cup and a Meydan handicap in February 2015, Ertijaal was previously a smart performer in the UK under the care of William Haggas, for

whom he won the listed seven-furlong Spring Cup before running in the G1 2000 Guineas. The extra furlong of the Classic proved to be too far for the speedily bred Shadwell representative but, returned to sprinting, Ertijaal has demonstrated he retains a potent turn of foot. Jumping keenly from the gate, the 5-year-old was soon in command down Meydan's straight turf track, with jockey Paul Hanagan making the most of his mount's extravagant stride to grant him an easy lead. Kicking further clear of his rivals with two furlongs to run, Ertijaal looked highly effective on his first attempt at five furlongs, leaving the Mick Channon-trained Divine (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) trailing by four lengths at the line, with Robert Cowell's Speed Hawk (Henny Hughes) another three-quarters of a length back in third. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng & UAE, 14-6-1-1, \$460,805. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#).**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-Ali Rashid Al Raihe.

**6th-MEY, \$110,000, Hcp, 1-7, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1900m, 1:57.85, ft.**

**ONE MAN BAND (IRE) (h, 5, Pivotal {GB}--Musicanna {GB} {SW & MG1SP-Eng, \$191,737}, by Cape Cross {Ire})** won for the seventh time in 11 appearances over this course, scoring in gate-to-wire fashion. The bay, well below par when ninth here Nov. 5, has since been untouchable, with three wins in succession by a total of 17 lengths, including a seven-length tally Dec. 3. While those three scores came over the metric mile, One Man Band was testing out his credentials over this extended distance and passed with flying colors. Soon in front beneath Pat Dobbs, the 5-year-old took a good hold, but was well rated on an easy pace while receiving some pressure to his outside.

Narrowly in front, but looking more comfortable entering the turn, One Man Band kicked clear in upper stretch and was never in any danger thereafter, reporting home a 1 1/2-length winner under hands-and-heels encouragement. Lifetime Record: 12-6-0-1, \$196,483. **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#). [VIDEO](#).** O-Sheikh Saeed bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Richard A Pegum (IRE); T-Doug Watson.

**ADDITIONAL HANDICAP RESULTS:**

**5th-MEY, \$150,000, Hcp, 1-7, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:01.59, gd.**

**STAR EMPIRE (SAF) (g, 9, Second Empire {Ire}--Lady Maroof {NZ} {SP-SAF}, by Maroof)** Lifetime Record: SW-SAF, MGSP-UAE, 29-7-3-11, \$836,041. O-Mohammed Khaleel Ahmed; B-Sydney A Muller, F M Ratner & L M Salzman (SAF); T-Mike de Kock. \*1/2 to Fabiani (SAF) (Model Man {SAF}), GSW & G1SP-SAF, \$106,076.

**7th-MEY, \$120,000, Hcp, 1-7, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:23.61, gd.**

**GHAAMER (g, 6, Hard Spun--Teeba {MSP-Eng}, by Seeking the Gold)** Lifetime Record: SP-UAE, 21-6-3-2, \$174,328. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY); T-Ali Rashid Al Raihe.

**2nd-MEY, \$110,000, Hcp, 1-7, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200m, 1:11.61, ft.**

**NAWWAAR (h, 7, Distorted Humor--Mostaqeleh {GSP-Fr}, by Rahy)** Lifetime Record: MSW-UAE, 36-7-5-3, \$329,061. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY); T-Ali Rashid Al Raihe. \*€95,000 Wlg '11 GOFNOV.

**ABLE FRIEND TO MISS BALANCE OF SEASON**

Reigning Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal), the world's top-rated turf miler according to the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings, will miss the rest of the racing season, South China *Morning Post* reports. The hulking chestnut reportedly pulled up lame following trackwork Monday and subsequent MRI scans revealed a strained deep digital flexor tendon in the same foot in which he suffered mild lameness ahead of a third-place effort in last month's G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile.

"We got the scans back, got the bad news and now we have to put him aside," trainer John Moore, attending the Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale in Australia, told *SCMP*. "It's very disappointing to have one of the top five horses in the world and to have him sidelined."

The conditioner was non-committal on the future. "I've never seen this injury before, so I can't tell you," Moore told the *Post*, while acknowledging that Able Friend's size may be at least somewhat to blame. **Cont. p13**

"He is a 1,300-pound animal, so that may be a factor," Moore told the publication. "We just have to get him in a paddock and give him some rehab. Most of all, we need to let the injury cure itself in a nice paddock."

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**Meon Valley Stud cont. from p1**

The Reprocolor (GB) (Jimmy Reppin {GB}) and One In A Million (GB) (Rarity {GB}) families, in particular, testify to the potential dividends--both at the yearling sales and on the track--from expert husbandry and astute selection of mates. Yet Weinfeld's son Mark, who has presided over the stud in recent years, also acknowledges the role of sheer luck. As the latest contributor to a TDN series, outlining plans for some of the top mares in Europe, Weinfeld reflects that many of those now extending Meon Valley's precious family trees are only doing so through fate.

"We do try to sell most of the fillies as well, not just the colts," he explained. "We'll generally keep two or three back, to maintain the bloodlines, but there are any number of reasons why some of the nice fillies we send to the sales can end up coming back. Perhaps a sire is no longer fashionable, for instance, or it might simply be that people have simply filled their orders. Sometimes they don't sell even when you think you haven't set a very high reserve."

A case in point was Shirocco Star (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}), who was bought back for 48,000 guineas at Tattersalls in 2010 but went on to finish runner-up in Classics at both Epsom and the Curragh. "She has a very nice chestnut colt by Dansili (GB) (Danehill) at foot, now a yearling," Weinfeld said. "She's in foal to New Approach (Ire) (Galileo {GB}) and then she'll be going to Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB}). We feel very lucky to have the opportunity to use such a stallion and, while he's obviously rather expensive, we feel that she deserves a shot."

Hughie Morrison, who trained Shirocco Star, will be hoping for similar fortune with Last Tango in Paris (GB) (Aqqaam {GB}), likewise unsold at 38,000 guineas before entering training with him last year. After a promising debut at Goodwood, she was a striking winner of a Newbury maiden towards the end of the season. "I suppose it went against her at the sales that she was by a stallion who had since died, without the chance to establish himself," Weinfeld said. "Obviously she has only had two starts in soft ground and it remains to be seen whether she can build on that, but we'll probably look to start her in an Oaks trial and take it from there."

Her dam, Strictly Lambada (GB) (Red Ransom), will be visiting Showcasing (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})--a son of the same stallion as the ill-fated Aqqaam--once delivering her Dutch Art (GB) (Medicean {GB}) foal. This reflects Weinfeld's conviction, over the years, that the Green Desert line makes an ideal complement to mares of the Reprocolor family.

Sure enough, Reprocolor's G1 winning grand-daughter Zee Zee

Top (GB) (Zafonic) is in foal to Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert). She will be rested this season, not being due to deliver until late May, but her daughter Izzi Top (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), herself a dual Group 1 winner, visits a rookie stallion of the Green Desert line in Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Her first progeny, an Oasis Dream colt, was bought by John Ferguson at Tattersalls in October for 1.1 million guineas, while she is now carrying a foal by Dubawi. As such,



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she represents quite a catch for Muhaarar.

"I was very impressed when I saw him," Weinfeld said. "He oozes quality and, again, it's a cross that has worked in the past. He'll obviously be very closely related to the colt that sold so well in October."

Just like Izzi Top, her half-sister Jazzi Top (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) last season failed only narrowly to emulate their mother's success in the Prix de l'Opera. Having established her calibre, and still relatively lightly raced, she remains in training in the hope of adding to the family's Group 1 roll of honour.

"You never like finishing second but they looked like two very, very good fillies in finishing so far ahead of the rest," Weinfeld reflected. "Who knows? If we had the running rail instead, we might even have won. She'd been a bit unlucky in the Nassau Stakes at Goodwood, earlier in the season. I don't know that she could have beaten the winner, had she not been baulked, but John [Gosden] felt she might possibly have been second. She's ticking over through the winter so might be out fairly early, perhaps in something like the Middleton at York."

Others in the family exploring the Green Desert cross, meanwhile, include Reprocolor's superbly bred but unraced grand-daughter, Galaxy Sunrise (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), who visits Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) after delivering her Oasis Dream foal.

Turning to mares descended from the stud's other top matriarch, One In A Million, Weinfeld disclosed that Dash To The Front (GB) (Diktat {GB}) will feature among the first book entertained by Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). "I thought him a very good Derby winner and a very good racehorse



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ground didn't suit him."

Dash To The Front, who is meanwhile carrying a foal by Dansili, is also the dam of Godolphin's Next Stage (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), an impressive winner on his recent debut at Lingfield. Weinfeld suggests that a couple of this mare's daughters, one way or another, have not managed to show their full potential on the track - including Speedy Boarding (GB) (Shamardal) who stays in training on the basis that she did not stay a mile and a half when tried a couple of times last season. He notes that the filly who beat her by half a length (with a 4lbs advantage) over ten furlongs in a listed race at Yarmouth, in between, went on to finish second in a Group 1.

The mare's half-sister Dash To The Top (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) is scheduled to return to Dansili after delivering her foal by Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in March. "She has a filly we like, with Luca Cumani," Weinfeld explained. "Her name is Very Dashing (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and she ran very well when second in a maiden at Doncaster at the backend. So it's a repeat mating with that promise in mind."

Both the other foundation mares, Odeon (Ire) (Royal And Regal) and Home And Away (GB) (Home Guard), still retain a vestigial presence at Meon Valley - the former as great-grandmother of Celestial Girl (GB) (Dubai Destination). "She is in foal to Intello (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}) and next goes to Pivotal," Weinfeld reported. "She was a really tough little racemare, and her Shamardal (Giant's Causeway) colt sold well at Tattersalls in October, for 450,000 guineas to John Ferguson." Deuce Again (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), meanwhile, has returned to the stud where she was foaled to extend the line of her great-grandmother, Home And Away. A listed winner for John Gosden last spring, she starts off her new career with a visit to Oasis Dream. Her half-sister Return Ace (GB) (Zamindar), incidentally, remains in training with James Fanshawe, looking eligible for black type of her own after winning two of her four starts to date.

The roots of these four families have now spread so deep and wide that they can collectively accommodate stallions from across the spectrum, Meon Valley being spared the genetic claustrophobia affecting many other studs. "A few years ago we did make an effort to breed to outcross, in order to be able to cross back in," Weinfeld explained. "Sometimes you can surprise yourself with the things that work. But it's more important to discover what doesn't work than to find what does. Of course, you can try the same thing three or four times and you'll rarely get the same result. But if it looks right you've got to try it at least once. In the end, of course, you need a whole lot of luck. The choices we're making now, for instance, it's almost three years until you come to sell the result. And anything could happen in the meantime."

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Power King (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Behr	Kennemeyer
2	Futura (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Fayd'Herbe	Snaith
3	Night Trip (SAf)	Trippi	Van Niekerk	Bass
4	Master Sabina (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Lerena	Woodruff
5	King Of Pain (SAf)	Greys Inn	Randolph	Ramsden
6	Legislate (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Strydom	Snaith
7	Heartland (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Domeyer	Snaith
8	Legal Eagle (SAf)	Greys Inn	Marcus	Tarry
9	Noah From Goa (SAf)	Tiger Ridge	Delpech	De Kock
10	Captain America (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Offer	Crawford
11	Act Of War (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Fortune	Ramsden
12	Gold Onyx (NZ)	Black Minnaloushe	Dillon	Tarry
13	Bouclette Top (Arg)	Giant's Causeway	Marwing	Laird
14	Ashton Park (SAf)	Battersea Park (SAf)	Byleveld	Bass

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MAINE CHANCE FARMS PADDOCK S.-G1, R1,000,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Bela Bela (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Delpech	Snaith	118
2	Acrostar (Aus)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Fayd'Herbe	Snaith	132
3	Star Express (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Strydom	Snaith	118
4	Sublime Lady (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	RESERVE	Bass	118
5	Smart Call (SAf)	Ideal World	Marwing	Laird	131
6	Cat And The Moon (SAf)	Black Minnaloushe	Du Plooy	Snaith	131
7	Deputy Ryder (SAf)	Go Deputy	Fortune	Bruss	131
8	Moonsong Magic (SAf)	Windrush	Byleveld	Ennion	131
9	Ma Choix (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Domeyer	Nel	132
10	Come Fly With Me (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Offer	Bass	131
11	Crystal Cavern (SAf)	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	Lerena	Marcus	131
12	Gallica Rose (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Dillon	Ramsden	132
13	Pine Princess (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Lerena	De Kock	131
14	Inara (SAf)	Trippi	Van Niekerk	Bass	131
15	Zante (SAf)	Ideal World	De Melo	Bruss	131
16	Same Jurisdiction (SAf)	Mambo In Seattle	Marcus	Howells	131
17	Harlem Shake (SAf)	Warm White Night (SAf)	V'D Hoven	Puller	118

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