

KEEJAN RESULTS REMAIN CONSISTENT



Tuesday's topper Roan Inish | Keeneland photo

By Jessica Martini & Christie DeBernardis

Figures remained relatively steady as Book 1 of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale concluded Tuesday in Lexington with a total of 375 horses selling for \$26,651,600. Last year's Book 1, which was bolstered by the \$2.2-million sales topper Up (Ire) (Galileo {Ire} and her \$800,000 War Front yearling, saw 452 horses sell for \$27,798,400. The 2016 Book 1 average was up 15.56% from \$61,501 last year to \$71,071 this year and the median increased 16.67% from \$30,000 to \$35,000. With 157 RNAs, the buy-back rate was 29.51%--largely unchanged from last year's rate of 29.15%.

The results were in line with expectations, according to Keeneland's Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell.

"When you talk about mixed sales, you never know where the sessions will fall," Russell remarked. "Last year, the second day was stronger than the first day and this year, the first day was stronger than the second day. Overall, it comes out pretty much comparable, so it's good."

Tuesday's session, which grossed \$13,020,400 from 193 horses sold, was topped by Canadian MSW **Roan Inish** (Elusive Quality) ([hip 578](#)), who was purchased by Evelyn Benoit's Star Guitar, Inc. for \$500,000. Consigned by Headley Bell's Mill Ridge Sales, the dark bay is out of Canadian champion Inish Glora (Regal Classic) and sold in foal to Arch.

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AT RUNNYMEDE, THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...

By Lucas Marquardt

Seven years ago, just after the market crash, Catesby W. Clay handed a cartoon he'd clipped from the *New Yorker* to his son, Brutus Clay III. The cartoon depicted a businessman and son standing in front of a chart. A jagged, downward arrow tracked a the market's plummeting performance. "Son," the father says, "I think it's about time I handed things over to you."

The elder Clay scribbled on it, "Apropos."

Catesby meant it as a joke, of course, but there was some truth there. Catesby was winding down a terrific six-decade run as the master of Runnymede Farm, and had just handed over control of the historic nursery to his children. And while Runnymede itself was on solid footing, the economic downturn forced many farms, Runnymede included, to reexamine how they conducted business. **Cont. p13**

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Brittlan Wall

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Tuesday's session two average was \$67,463, which was a 10.13% increase from last year's average of \$61,255, and the median rose 16.67% from \$30,000 to \$35,000. There were a total of 68 buy backs on day two for an RNA rate of 26.05%, which was a slight increase from last year's buyback rate of 25.53%.

"We sorely lacked the top two prices of last year, which we knew going in with the withdrawal of the mare in foal to War Front [Peace Burg] and the mare in foal to Tapit [Yearly Report]," Russell said. "You take out those two horses from last year and it was pretty much a consistent and comparable session. Average was up. Median was up. Some of the yearling buyers have been saying it's very difficult out there because when they think they have stumbled across something nobody else has, they find out they are one of many. You can't hide a good horse, never could, never will."

The legendary Virginia Kraft Payson caused some sparks during Monday's session when buying three horses from the Sarah Jane Leigh dispersal for a total of \$1.7 million, including session-topper Summer Solo (Arch). Another racing luminary stepped back into the spotlight during Tuesday's session when Preston Madden sold the second highest priced horse of the day in **Veracity** (Distorted Humor) ([hip 653](#)), who sold to Mike Ryan for \$460,000.

"It was great to see Mrs. Payson," Russell remarked. "It's good to see her back and to see that she wants to add some more mares to her broodmare band. Preston, he is a legend and proves that the man can still do it. He bought the yearling very well and obviously got top dollar today, so it was great to see Preston and great to see him here today in the flesh."

Buyers and consignors alike continued to call the market selective.

"As everyone has said, when you bring something up here that everybody wants, then you realize good money," commented Bell. "You just have to think in terms of, if you were a buyer would you want to buy it? So you have to be realistic about value."

Ryan called the market solid.

"If you have what they want, you get paid," Ryan said. "There is plenty of money for quality. People are very astute and very shrewd. They know what they want and they are prepared to step up and buy the good stuff."

Book 2 of the Keeneland January sale kicks off Wednesday at 10 a.m. and the sale continues through Friday.

Guitar Lessons for Roan Inish

Evelyn Benoit has been busy buying mares to support her young stallion, Louisiana stalwart Star Guitar (Quiet American), during the first two sessions of the Keeneland January sale and,

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through bloodstock agent James Keogh, she made her biggest splash Tuesday afternoon when going to \$500,000 to acquire the multiple stakes-winning mare **Roan Inish** (Elusive Quality) from the Mill Ridge Sales consignment.

"She is a tremendous supporter of racing in Louisiana," Keogh said of Benoit. "It's her passion. And she loves Star Guitar. His first crop is 2-year-olds this year and people are speaking very well of them. So she is very excited. She just wants to give him every opportunity."

Star Guitar was a four-time Louisiana Horse of the Year and retired as the state's all-time leading money earner. He captured 22 stakes wins during five years on the racetrack. The 11-year-old stallion stands for \$4,000 at Clear Creek Stud in Folsom, Louisiana.

Benoit's Star Guitar, Inc. was also the name on the ticket for Checkupfromzneckup (Dixie Union) ([hip 16](#), \$230,000) and Penelope Plum (Badge of Silver) ([hip 181](#), \$270,000).

"She is looking for mares that cross well physically and on paper with Star Guitar," Keogh explained. "Roan Inish was her pick of the sale--she just had to have her."

Of the mare's final price tag, Keogh added, "It was considerably more than we thought we'd have to spend on her, but when Mrs. Benoit sets her mind on something, it's very hard to stop her. The nice mares are proving harder to get. So it was a stretch, but she's a lovely, lovely mare and we're delighted to have her." **Cont. p4**

Roan Inish cont.

Bred by Robert Costigan and trained during her racing career by his daughter Carolyn, Roan Inish ([hip 578](#)) won the 2009 Princess Elizabeth S. and 2010 Woodbine Oaks. She was third in the 2010 Queen’s Plate.

The 9-year-old mare is a daughter of Inish Glora (Regal Classic), who was named Canada’s champion grass mare in 2004 and 2003 while racing for Costigan. Roan Inish’s half-brother In Equality (Quality Road) was recently third in the GIII Jerome S.

The sale was bittersweet for Mill Ridge’s Headley Bell, as the Costigans disperse their bloodstock.

“I was delighted by the price, but it’s sad,” Bell said. “This wasn’t an announced dispersal, but the Costigans are lovely people from Canada and they are selling their bloodstock. They are fine people--people you’d want to be in the business.”

In addition to Inish Glora and Roan Inish, Costigan also campaigned 2006 Canadian Horse of the Year Arravale.

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• RNAs	68	85
• % RNAs	26.1%	25.5%
• No. \$500K+	1	2
• High Price	\$500,000	\$2,200,000
• Gross	\$13,020,400	\$15,191,200
• Average (% change)	\$67,463 (+10.1%)	\$61,255
• Median (% change)	\$35,000 (+16.7%)	\$30,000
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	719	804
• No. Offered	532	638
• No. Sold	375	452
• RNAs	157	186
• % RNAs	29.5%	29.2%
• No. \$500K+	3	2
• High Price	\$700,000	\$2,200,000
• Gross	\$26,651,600	\$27,798,400
• Average (% change)	\$71,071 (+15.6%)	\$61,501
• Median (% change)	\$35,000 (+16.7%)	\$30,000

Roan Inish a Family Affair for Costigans

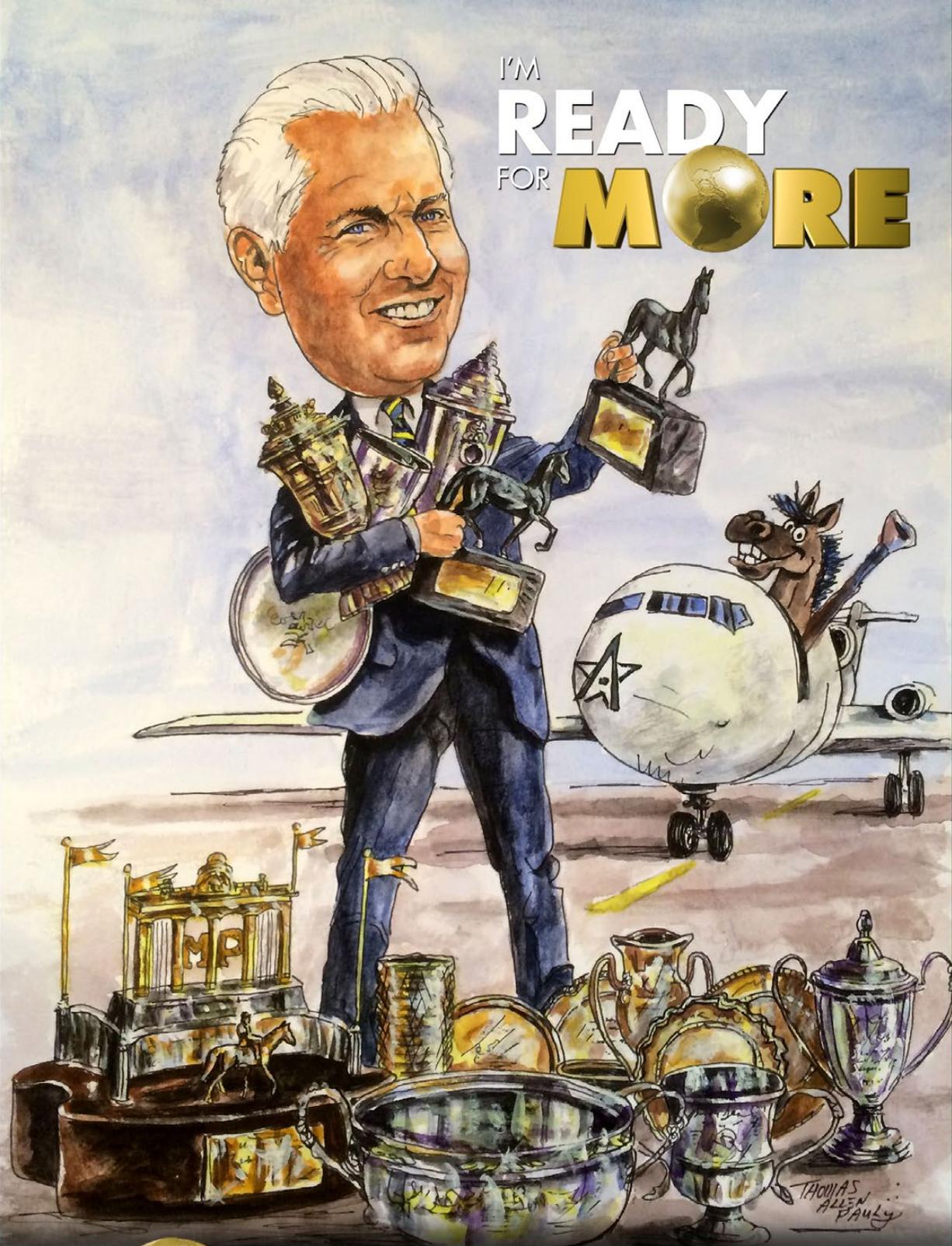
Robert Costigan and his daughter Carolyn, who have campaigned a pair of Sovereign Award winners in the last 15 years, have begun dispersing their bloodstock and were in the headlines at Keeneland Tuesday with the session-topping sale of their Woodbine Oaks-winning homebred Roan Inish (Elusive Quality).

“She’s always been very dear to our hearts--she’s the best racehorse I ever had,” Carolyn Costigan said after watching Roan Inish bring \$500,000 during the second session of the January sale. “She was a pleasure to work with. She is an example of my dad’s breeding program. My dad has been very successful breeding from a small number of horses from [2009 Prince of Wales S. winner] Gallant to Roan Inish. It is nice to see someone else--more than one bidder--recognize that. So you know you are getting some vindication for the program that you’ve had.”

The Costigans involvement with racing began innocently enough.

“It was a father/daughter infatuation with racehorses,” Costigan recalled. “Dad said he was going grocery shopping, but he and I went off to the races instead. We may or may not have remembered to pick up some groceries on the way home.”

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Costigans cont.

“We got involved in horses in a big way,” she continued. “I was studying economics at school and my dad saw the Darley Flying Start and asked if I would be interested in doing that and I said, ‘Hell, yeah.’ I did Flying Start from 2005-2007 and before that I did the Irish National Stud course.”

Carolyn Costigan became the first female trainer to win the Woodbine Oaks when Roan Inish, a daughter of the family’s two-time Sovereign Award champion turf mare Inish Glora (Regal Classic), won the race in 2010.

Costigan relocated the family’s stable to Ireland a few years ago.

“I know people generally come in this direction, from Europe to North America, but I wanted to see what it was like to train in Europe,” she explained. “I knew it was a big gamble, but we are not afraid to roll the dice. We tried it and it didn’t pan out. And that’s fine. Sometimes gambles work and sometimes they don’t. That’s the nature of a gamble. I was there for a year. I had a stable of four horses and I trained on The Curragh. It was risky, but I don’t think there is a better place in the world to train a racehorse. So now I can say that I did that.”

At 34, Costigan decided it was time for a change of direction and the chance to try something new.

“I am going to get out of the business completely,” she confirmed. “When I told my dad I wanted to go do something else, he said, ‘If that’s the case, sell the horses.’ So all of the horses are going to be sold at different junctures.”

Expected to be offered at upcoming sales are the 16-year-old Inish Glora, who is scheduled to be bred to Bernardini this spring, as well as Costigan’s 2006 Canadian Horse of the Year Arravale (Arch). Roan Inish’s Candy Ride (Arg) colt is in training in Ocala and will be offered at a 2-year-olds in training sale this spring.

Costigan is keeping her options open for the next phase of her life.

“Maybe I’ll come back later on in life as an annoying owner,” she laughed. “I am looking forward to this thing they call the weekend and there is this other thing they call a Bank Holiday--I haven’t had one of those in a while. I am going to move back to Vancouver where I grew up. My dad has recently acquired CFA designation--he is a Chartered Financial Analyst. He will be providing independent investment research and I am going to help him with that.”

Costigan continued, “I have loved the business and I wouldn’t change a day of it. It’s been a great experience. I really enjoyed the time I had in the racing industry and Roan Inish was central to that. But I’m looking forward to trying something new with my life.” [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

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TUESDAY'S TOP BROODMARES

578 **Roan Inish** **i/f Arch** **500,000**
(m, 9, Elusive Quality--Inish Glora, by Regal Classic)

B-Robert J. Costigan (ON)

Consigned by Mill Ridge Sales, agent

Purchased by Star Guitar, Inc.

653 **Veracity** **B'mare Prospect** **460,000**
(m, 5, Distorted Humor--Yell, by A.P. Indy)

B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY)

Consigned by Buck Pond Farm (Douglas S. Arnold), agent for Preston Madden

Purchased by Fifth Avenue Bloodstock/Mike Ryan, agent

387 **Conquest Harlanate** **B'mare Prospect** **450,000**
(f, 4, Harlan's Holiday--Allison's Pride, by Dixieland Band)

B-Windhaven Farm (ON)

Consigned by Lane's End, agent

Purchased by Shimokobe Farm/Polo Green Stable, agent

522 **Mother Ruth** **i/f Will Take Charge** **420,000**
(m, 10, Speightstown--Seven Four Seven, by Colonial Affair)

B-Pollock Farms, George Saufley II,

Frank Taylor Family & Marshall Taylor (KY)

Consigned by Lane's End, agent

Purchased by Dominic Brennan, agent for Highland Yard LLC

624 **Team** **i/f Malibu Moon** **300,000**
(m, 8, Empire Maker--Quick Dream, by Jeune Homme)

B-Lewis Schaffel, Jim Collins & Joel A. Schwartz (KY)

Consigned by James B. Keogh (Grovendale), Agent XV

Purchased by Three Chimneys, agent for Repole Stables LLC

KEENELAND JANUARY

TUESDAY'S TOP SHORT YEARLINGS

461 **colt** **Uncle Mo** **It's Spooky** **250,000**

B-World Thoroughbreds Racing (KY)

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Purchased by Steven W. Young, agent



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422 **colt** **Bernardini** **Flying Train** **225,000**
B-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables (KY)

Consigned by Ashview Farm LLC (Bryan & Gray Lyster), agent

Purchased by de Meric Stables, agent

505 **filly** **Bernardini** **Midnight Visit** **220,000**
B-Grousemont Farm, Summerhill Farm & Ellen Chapman (KY)

Consigned by Eaton Sales, Agent for Grousemont Farm

Purchased by Steven W. Young, agent

Ryan Gets to Truth of the Matter

Bloodstock agent Mike Ryan, bidding on behalf of an unnamed client, struck late in Tuesday's second session of the Keeneland January sale to acquire Veracity (Distorted Humor) for \$460,000. It was the second-highest price during the session.

The 5-year-old broodmare prospect ([hip 653](#)) was consigned by Doug Arnold's Buck Pond Farm on behalf of Preston Madden. She is out of multiple graded stakes winner Yell (A.P. Indy) and is a full-sister to stakes winner Cheery and a half to Grade I-placed Chide (Blame). It is also the family of Wild Applause, Sea Hero, Eastern Echo and Blare of Trumpets.

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“The pedigree is exceptional,” Ryan said after signing the ticket. “She was a really, really good-looking Distorted Humor



Mike Ryan
Keeneland photo

with as good a page as you could get. These kind of families don't come on the market very often. It's a Claiborne family all the way through--Glowing Tribute, Wild Applause. It's one of the top four or five families in the country, I would say.”

Of his client, who is just getting into the game, Ryan added, “He bought some yearling fillies this year. He wants to develop a quality program and he's in it for the long haul. She could be a

foundation mare and that's what he is looking for. We knew we would have to reach for her. These kind don't fall through the cracks--everybody sees them. But she was pretty special.”

Veracity was bred by Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider and was purchased by Madden for \$150,000 at the 2012 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. A maiden winner, she made

five trips to the post.

Madden was among the first to congratulate Ryan on the purchase.

“There is nothing better bred in this sale than the one you bought, thanks a lot,” Madden told Ryan.

Madden admitted Veracity's final price tag was unexpected.

“I'm not only happy [with the price], I was extremely pleasantly surprised,” he said. “I paid \$150,000 for her as a yearling and I raced her and she won. So I thought she would bring \$150,000. Occasionally you have to be lucky in this game and I've been lucky all my life, including today.”

While Madden still maintains a small racing stable, his family's legendary Hamburg Place, which produced six GI Kentucky Derby winners, is no longer home to any horses.

“I don't have stallions anymore,” Madden said in explaining the decision to sell Veracity. “I don't keep horses at Hamburg Place anymore--I have 1,000 acres with no horses on it. Why don't I have horses there anymore? Because I've already done that--I've done it forever. I am intersted in racing horses, but I don't breed horses anymore.”

Of his racing stable, Madden said, “I've got half a dozen in training. What are we doing? We are having a good time. And Mike Ryan was very nice to enhance my day.” [@JessMartiniTDN](#)



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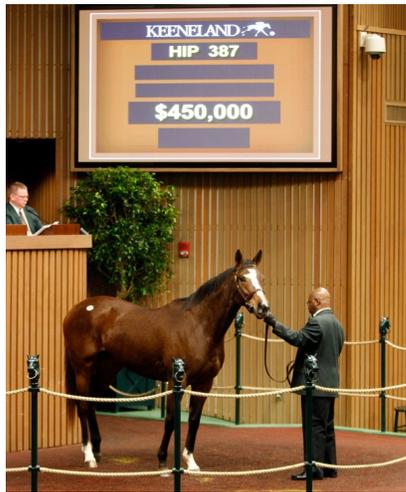
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“Mr. Shimokobe purchased about four mares in November,” commented Nobu Araki of Polo Green Stable, who signed the ticket on behalf of Shimokobe. “This mare is going to stay here in the United States and go on to be bred to American Pharoah. We are all set up. I just got off the phone with him and he was very excited. He really wanted this filly and I’m glad we got it done.”



Conquest Harlanate | Keeneland photo

Araki said it was possible the mare could be sent to Japan after being bred.

“He has a lot of mares in the States already going to

American Pharoah, so he might take her home,” he explained.

Shimokobe’s November purchases included Innate Grace (Pulpit), Genisa (Storm Cat), Jealous Cat (Tapit) and Secret Asset (Awesome Again).

Conquest Harlanate ([hip 387](#)), who sold for \$75,000 as a yearling at the 2013 Keeneland January sale, brought \$120,000 at that year’s Keeneland September sale.

Racing for the Conquest Stables of Ernie Semersky and Dory Newell, the bay filly won the 2014 GII Natalma S. and GIII Mazarine S. and earned the Sovereign Award as Canada’s leading juvenile filly that season. On the board in four of six starts, she retires with three wins and earnings of \$269,853. She was consigned Tuesday by Lane’s End.

“Physically, she has a great head and a beautiful face and she has a great shoulder,” Araki said of Conquest Harlanate. “She looks more like a turf horse to me, but that’s what we like. She just has the class and she is a beautiful filly.”

Out of Allison’s Pride (Dixieland Band), the 4-year-old is a half

to stakes-placed Penobscot Bay (Is It True) and from the family of Grade I winner Clear Choice.

Of the final price tag, which topped early returns at Keeneland Tuesday, Araki added, “It was a little over what we expected to pay, but he really wanted her. We were thinking about \$350,000 up to \$400,000, but if you have to have them, you have to pay a little more.” [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Mother Ruth Hits a ‘High’ Note

After losing out on Monday’s \$700,000 session-topper Summer Solo (Arch) to a determined Virginia Kraft Payson, Highland Yard LLC’s Lindsay LaRoche got his turn in the limelight Tuesday when securing **Mother Ruth** (Speightstown) for \$420,000. Consigned by Lane’s End, agent, as [hip 522](#), the dark bay is carrying a foal by champion Will Take Charge (Unbridled’s Song).

“She was all class, perfect conformation, perfect walk,” commented LaRoche, who did his bidding out back alongside his bloodstock agent Dominic Brennan, who also breaks all of the Highland Yard babies at his Ocala farm.

“Hopefully it traces through to her babies. She’s got the 2-year-old at the farm and they love her. Hopefully she will run well and we will have a good broodmare here.”

As for getting outbid on Summer Solo Monday, LaRoche said, “I don’t think I want to bid against people named Morgan, Ford or Kraft anymore. It was too much for us and this one we love, so we will see how we do.”

Racing in California for Zayat Stables and Bob Baffert, Mother Ruth, who Zayat purchased for \$425,000 as a FTNAUG yearling in 2007, won three stakes and earned \$289,943 in her three-year racing career.

A \$190,000 RNA at the 2011 Fasig-Tipton November sale, the dark bay RNA’d for \$320,000 while carrying a foal by Bodemeister two years later at the Keeneland November sale. The resulting foal, now a 2-year-old named Yuvetsi, brought \$420,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale. She is also responsible for a yearling colt by Violence. **Cont. p9**



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Mother Ruth cont.

“She will go to McCauley Farm to have the baby,” LaRoche offered. “We sell some, we race some. We tend to keep the fillies and sell the colts. We are just building up a bit of a broodmare band. We want to get seven or eight quality broodmares. We think we did that here.”

Highland Yard has about five broodmares, who reside at McCauley Farm in Kentucky, and a few yearlings in Ireland. LaRoche also has six, soon to be seven, horses in training with either East Coast-based conditioner Christophe Clement or Golden Gate-based O.J. Jauregui.

“We have a few other good broodmares,” La Roche remarked. “One is All Due Respect and we sold her Speightstown filly for \$225,000 [at FTKOCT]. She’s got a stunning Awesome Again [filly] we think will sell well.”

The Northern California resident added, “We won our first graded stake [the GIII Modesty H.] this year with [Clement-trained] Walk Close, a Tapit filly. She’s good looking. We think she is going to go to Medaglia d’Oro this year. We might still race her in one more graded stake, but we will see.”

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First Foal for GISW Cross Traffic (Unbridled’s Song)

• SP Dazzling Deelite (Afternoon Deelites) produced a colt Sunday, Jan. 10 at Red River Farm, Coushatta, LA.

West Helps Repole Build His ‘Empire’

Jacob West, who became Three Chimneys’s Director of Bloodstock earlier this month, signed the tickets on three Empire Maker mares on behalf of New York-based owner and breeder Mike Repole. Picking up **Flying Train** ([hip 423](#)) for



Jacob West | Three Chimneys Farm

\$230,000 earlier in Tuesday’s session of Keeneland January, West stood in the doorway of the pavilion as he put in the winning bid of \$300,000 for **Team** ([hip 624](#)) and was back at it just three hips later to take home **Thisonesforricky** ([hip 627](#)) for \$180,000.

“These horses were purchased on behalf of Mike Repole and they will all be bred to Uncle Mo,” West said. “Mike’s team is Jim Martin and Eddie Rosen. Eddie’s the pedigree guru and Jim Martin’s the racing guru. He’s the one that tracks all the race records and I’m the one who does all the physicals. At the end of the day, Mike’s got the call, but we are the ones that kind of work together. Jim and Eddie do all the heavy lifting.” **Cont. p10**



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West and Repole cont.

The Repole team was specifically seeking Empire Maker mares because leading 2015 freshman sire Uncle Mo's first starter and winner was Repole homebred Outwork, who is out of an Empire Maker mare.

"Uncle Mo's first winner is out of an Empire Maker mare, a horse by the name of Outwork, who broke his maiden here at Keeneland [Apr 23]," West remarked. "They thought really highly of him. He had some juvenile issues, but he's coming back. He's back with Todd [Pletcher], so he's back up and going and they are really high on him."

Consigned by Ashview Farm LLC (Bryan & Gray Lyster), agent, the multiple stakes-winning Flying Train is actually a buy back of sorts for Repole. He purchased the bay for \$100,000 as a yearling at the 2009 Keeneland September sale and later lost her to the claimbox. Out of MGSW Flying Glitter (Glitterman), the 8-year-old is carrying a foal by champion and 2007 GI Kentucky Derby hero Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}).

"She's an Empire Maker mare with a Street Sense in the belly, so you would think there will be a two-turn dirt horse to try and go win a Classic race," West commented. "That's what Eddie Rosen loves. Her half-sister [2013 GIII Schuylerville S. dead heat winner] Bahnah (Elusive Quality) sold for \$285,000 [Monday], so it's a live family. That's what kind of drew Eddie to her. Mike

actually used to own Flying Train.."

The family and foal she is carrying are not the only things that attracted West to Flying Train, however.

"She's got a great physical," he said. "She's a big, strong Empire Maker mare. She's really atheltic. She had a foal sell the hip before for \$225,000 and there was a lot of the mare and the sire in the foal, so it looks like the best of both worlds. That is what we are hoping for with Empire Maker and Street Sense on the foal she is carrying."

The most expensive of the trio at \$300,000, Team, who was consigned by James B. Keogh (Grovendale), Agent XV, was sold in foal to Malibu Moon. Her first foal is a yearling filly by that sire's 2013 GI Kentucky Derby-winning son Orb.

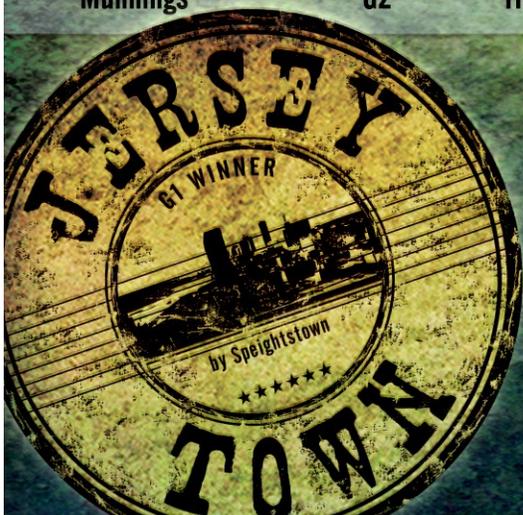
"She's a young Empire Maker mare in foal to Malibu Moon," West remarked. "We are looking for two-turn horses that can go win Classic races and we kind of figure with Empire Maker and Malibu Moon we can get that. It's an extended cross of Orb because Orb is a Malibu Moon out of an Unbridled mare and Empire Maker is by Unbridled."

West added, "She's a good size mare, had all the right pieces. She's an athletic mare. She checked the pedigree box for Eddie, had the family, and Malibu Moon was obviously a factor."

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Thisonesforricky was consigned by Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC as part of the dispersal of Steven Marshall's Black Rock Thoroughbreds LLC (click [here](#) for more on that dispersal). The 7-year-old is half-sister to GISW Leave Me Alone (Bold Badgett), who is the dam of "TDN Rising Star" and GI Spinaway S. runner-up Tap To It (Tapit).

"She's an Empire Maker mare again and has a live family," West commented. "Tap To It is under the first dam. She's got a lot of talent. I know she didn't get to display it here in the Breeders' Cup, but we know what she was up at Saratoga. These young Empire Maker mares are hard to come by."

Thisonesforricky is carrying her first foal by Marshall's GISW Violence (Medaglia d'Oro). That foal, as well as the Street Sense and Malibu Moon, will become part of the Repole racing stable.

"Violence was a really good 2-year-old," West said. "Mike has a lot of horses with Todd [Pletcher] and I know Todd was very high on Violence when he was there. They have been selling good too. They look like him, big, athletic horses. So, you have to be excited about that."

West's new position at Three Chimneys Bloodstock came after seven years as Buyer Account Manager for Taylor Made Sales.

"It happened at the first of the year, just kind of heading up the director of bloodstock [at Three Chimneys]," West said of the transition. "Mr. [Goncalo] Torrealba and the board of Three

Chimneys have a lot of forward divisions and they wanted to bring me in under their wing to help grow what they have."

- [CDeBernardisTDN](#)

Uncle Mo Colt to Young

Bloodstock agent Steve Young, bidding on behalf of an undisclosed client, signed the ticket at \$250,000 to secure [hip 461](#), a colt by Uncle Mo during Tuesday's session of the Keeneland January sale. The yearling, bred by World Thoroughbreds Racing, is out of It's Spooky (Silver Ghost) and is a half-brother to graded stakes winner Rerun (Grand Reward). He was consigned by Warrendale Sales.

Last year's leading freshman sire, Uncle Mo's 28 first-crop winners include expected 2-year-old champion Nyquist and Young admitted the yearling's sire was a major selling point. **Cont. p12**



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Young added, "He's been bought by a man who races and I'd imagine that's what we'll do."

Young acknowledged the market for yearlings at the January sale remained competitive.

"When you find one that you think you've found under the radar screen, usually there is someone there to bid against you."

[@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Hottie Dancer, a granddaughter of GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Pike Place Dancer (Seattle Dancer), brought just \$47,000 in foal to To Honor and Serve at the 2013 Keeneland November sale after her first two foals to be offered at auction brought only \$1,500 and \$8,000, respectively. That resulting colt, however,-- now named Honor Thy Father--went for \$250,000 to trainer Ken McPeck at last year's Keeneland September Sale. Bred back to Paynter on a \$25,000 cover during his initial season at stud, Hottie Dancer's next colt also proved popular in Lexington Tuesday. Hottie Dancer was bred back to another WinStar freshman--Fed Biz--last season.

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Brutus Clay III & Bizzy Caroline | LM

“When my father ran the program, financial implications weren’t really a major consideration,” admits Brutus. “But today, we don’t have the luxury of saying, ‘Well, if we lose money, no big deal.’”

For Brutus, it was paramount to keep Runnymede going strong for future generations. The Clay family had operated the farm for four generations, and the family name itself was interwoven with Thoroughbred history. Since its inception in 1867, Runnymede had produced four Hall of Fame inductees, three Kentucky Derby winners, and three Kentucky Oaks winners. Its runners had won the Alabama S. and Clark H. six times each.

Yet Brutus acknowledges he wasn’t the obvious choice to operate Runnymede. He grew up around horses, but began his professional career away from the farm. For almost two decades, he worked in finance and real estate, and later as the lead partner responsible for the development of Texas Roadhouse restaurants. In fact, everyone assumed his brother Chris Clay would be handed the reins at Runnymede. But when Chris chose a different (read: elevated) career path and was ordained as a Catholic priest in 2007, it was Brutus who was

called upon.

“People ask if I always dreamed of taking over the farm,” said Brutus. “The truthful answer is no. The plan was that Chris would one day do it, but he had a higher calling. So when people ask how I came to run the farm, I say, ‘Divine intervention and nepotism.’”

Today, Runnymede is emerging from a restructuring that began when Brutus took the proverbial keys to the castle. And if recent results are anything to go by, Runnymede’s best days might still lie ahead. Last weekend, the 3-year-old colt Collected (City Zip) put himself on Kentucky Derby trail with a successful switch to the main track in the GIII Sham S. ([video](#)) at Santa Anita for trainer Bob Baffert. It was Collected’s second win in three starts.

That result followed on the heels of a big 2015 for the farm. The Runnymede-bred Lady Eli, a daughter of the GI Met Mile winner Divine Park, whom Runnymede also bred, confirmed her status as one of the most exciting horses of the last few years with a brief undefeated season that was derailed only by a scary bout of laminitis. Another Runnymede-bred horse, Undrafted (Purim), registered a historic win in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot. At Keeneland September, meanwhile, Runnymede sold seven horses for six figures, including a homebred half-brother to Lady Eli by Ghostzapper to Juddmonte for \$400,000.

These results become more impressive considering Runnymede’s size. With about 35 mares in the broodmare band, this isn’t a farm that gets things done with huge numbers. Nor were they achieved with marquee stallions. Divine Park stands this year for \$7,500. Purim was set to stand for the same fee when he died of colic in 2012.



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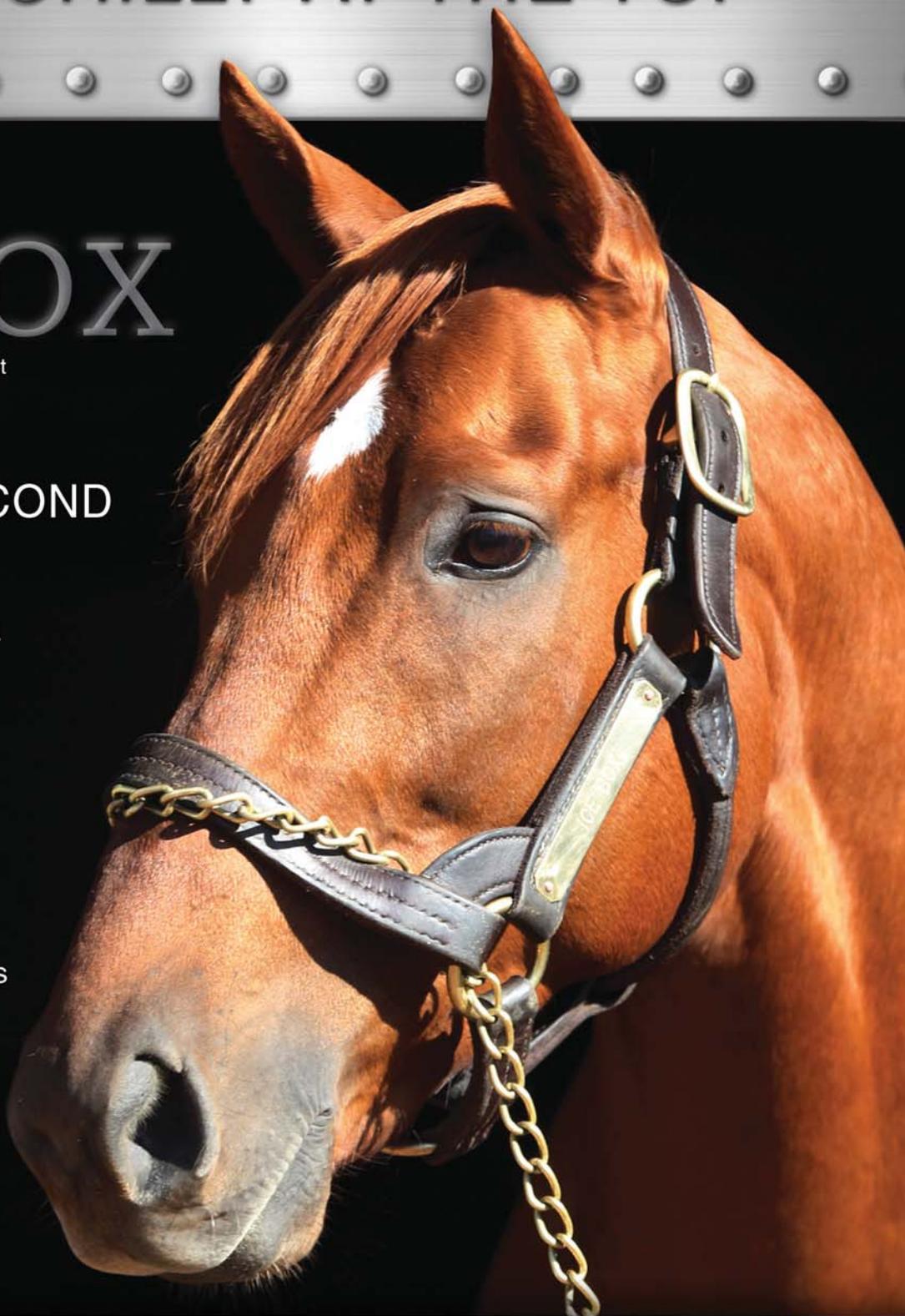
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Instead, Runnymede achieved these results by sticking to what has historically worked for the farm—a focus on strong female pedigrees, good horsemanship, and quality Bourbon County land. But Brutus, along with Runnymede’s new Vice President and General Manager Romain Malhouitre, has embraced new ideas and methods, too, all while keeping a watchful eye on the bottom line.

“You don’t want to ruin what got us to this point, but you also want to make it a sustainable program,” said Brutus.

Malhouitre agrees. “As soon as you stop evolving, you become obsolete,” said the Frenchman. “But we want to carry on the traditions of the farm, too. We’ve freshened things up a bit, but the goal remains the same—let’s be excellent at what we do. The day that Brutus passes the farm to his children, or his siblings’ children, we want the farm in as good as shape as it was given to us. It’s a privilege to be part of, and we’re here to keep it alive. If we do that, mission accomplished.”

A Historical Perspective...

For a long time, the folks at Runnymede enjoyed posing a trick question to guests. There is a large stone church on the property that was originally built in Virginia. How, then, did it wind up



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Kentucky? The answer is that the church was built before Kentucky, formerly Virginia’s western frontier, was incorporated as a state in 1792, and so the state line moved, not the church. (Brutus now believes the church was built after 1792, which is a bummer if you like trick

questions.)

Still, the anecdote speaks to the history of the 365 acres that Runnymede sits on. A hundred years before Runnymede was founded, a relative of the Clay family, Kentucky’s second governor, James Garrard, had help settle the land. The manor house that Brutus, his wife Sarah and their children live in was built in the 1830s. By the 1860s, just after the Civil War, Col. Ezekiel “Zeke” Clay had been gifted the property by his father, and had named his new estate Runnymede after the site in England where the Magna Carta was signed. A decade later, Zeke began breeding Thoroughbreds with neighboring Raceland Farm, owned by Col. Catesby Woodford, and the partnership became a rousing success. Their runners included the great Hanover, who registered 32 wins on the track, including the Belmont, and later became a breed-shaping sire. Clay and



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Woodford bred the first two horses to earn over \$100,000-- Hanover, who was preceded by Miss Woodford--and followed by breeding and/or raising the further Classic winners Agile, Ben Brush, Buddhist, and Sir Dixon.

Ben Brush, Hanover, and Miss Woodford were all enshrined in the Racing Hall of Fame, as was the 1914 Horse of the Year Roamer. “He’s an example that, sometimes, it’s better to be lucky than good,” said Brutus. “Roamer was the get of a teaser and a blind mare. It’s not clear who jumped the fence.” In any case, Roamer ran 98 times and was first or second in 65 of those.

The 1950s ushered in a new era at Runnymede. Catesby W. Clay, Zeke’s grandson, was tabbed to run the farm, and for the next six decades made his own mark on Thoroughbred racing and breeding. In 1973, the Runnymede-bred Angle Light (Quadrangle) defeated Secretariat in the GI Wood Memorial S. Runnymede bred the Grade II winner and GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Tejano Run (Tejano), as well as the Japanese champion, G1 Hong Kong Cup winner and \$8 million earner Agnes Digital (Crafty Prospector). In Europe, the farm has been represented by the G1 Racing Post hero Palace Episode (Machiavellian) and the Group 2 winner Laughing Lashes (Mr. Greeley), while in the U.S. Runnymede bred the Grade I winners Awesome Gem (Awesome Again), Jaycito (Victory Gallop), Marylebone (Unbridled’s Song) and Divine Park (Chester House). Runnymede also campaigned Rogue Romance (Smarty Jones), third in the 2010 GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile.

Much of the credit for Runnymede’s recent success in recent decades should go not only to Catesby W. Clay, but also to Martin O’Dowd, Runnymede’s longtime farm manager.

“I have to acknowledge Martin and my father for building a great operation,” said Brutus. “I think we have a really good program here, and a lot of that has to do with them.”

Malhouitre agreed, adding, “Martin was here for 27 years, and it’s a privilege and a challenge to take on his role here.”

Asked about leaving his post as manager of William Shively’s Dixiana Farm to become Runnymede’s general manager in 2013, Malhouitre said it was a tough decision, “But if the Aga Khan or Phipps or the Humphries, those pure gentlemen breeders, call you up--and if you are a student of the sport--it’s very hard to say no.”

The Need to be Exceptional...

“If you wind up being an average commercial breeder, and your horses bring the sire’s average at the sales, you’re probably going to lose money in the long run. You have to be exceptional in order to be profitable in this business.”

Brutus Clay III says this as he trudges through a broad but sharply rolling paddock at Runnymede. It’s a raw winter morning in Kentucky, and Clay, leading a walking tour populated primarily by a cadre of dogs, is noting the farm’s production in recent years. By his count, since 2000, Runnymede is turning out graded stakes winners at a clip of 5.7%, and Grade I winners at a rate of 2.5%—both well above industry averages.

“The fact of the matter is that we have to be exceptional to carry on, and fortunately, I think we have been pretty exceptional on many fronts,” he continues. “We just need to be smart about it.”

Clay and Malhouitre have spent the last few years trying hard to be smart about things. They culled roughly 20% of



Newly refurbished barn at Runnymede | LM

Runnymede’s broodmare band, and scaled back on Runnymede’s overseas participation. Runnymede was one of the first American operations to send mares to Galileo (Ire)—in 2004, Runnymede

sold a colt by from Regina Maria colt at Keeneland September for \$1.9 million—but has kept things closer to home in recent years. The farm also maintained some horses in Japan and sold there, but their lone remaining mare in Japan, a half-sister to King Kamehameha (Jpn), was returned to the States this year, carrying a foal by another repatriated horse, Empire Maker.

“Hopefully the mare’s carrying a filly, and if she is, she may be one who’s hard to take from us,” says Malhouitre, referencing the fact that all of Runnymede’s yearlings, fillies included, are put before the buying public.

“As a commercial operation, people can’t think that we’re selling fillies, but not the good ones,” says Malhouitre. “But we’ll protect them at auction and buy them back if we have to.”

That was the case with the 3-year-old filly Koala Queen (Lonhro {Aus}), one of two horses Runnymede currently has in training in the U.S. “We defended her at \$60,000, and we were happy to do that,” says Malhouitre. “She’s now two-for-two with Arnaud Delacour without even trying, and hopefully she’ll start in a graded stakes in the near future.”

Malhouitre relates this information as he strides alongside Brutus toward some of the farm’s best mares. The mares lift their heads and begin to stroll toward the men. Among them is Lady Eli’s half-sister Bizzy Caroline (Afleet Alex), a Runnymede homebred who won a pair of graded stakes for the farm. In foal to Medaglia d’Oro, the 8-year-old mare is decidedly unimpressed with her visitors and throws her head at attempts for affection.

“It’s a family trait,” says Brutus. “They know what they want to do, and when, and they do it. Lady Eli has the reputation of having the dominant, alpha personality of, ‘I’m going to be there first.’ It’s fascinating to me to see that personality, that glimmer of the eye and desire and will, carry down through the generations.”

Both sisters are granddaughters of Runnymede’s foundation mare Kazadancoa (Fr) (Green Dancer), whom Catesby Clay bought in partnership in 1981. (He later acquired a full interest.)

“It’s interesting, when you look back at the great breeding operations in history, a lot of times you can link that success to one or two mares,” says Brutus. “For Runnymede, Kazadancoa is that mare. My dad bought her, really, from the culls of a European operation, and we went on to breed three graded stakes winners out of her. We currently have seven mares from that line.” They include Kazadancoa’s last produce, Sacre Couer (Saint Ballado), dam of Bizzy Caroline and Lady Eli. Palace Episode, Laughing Lashes, Tejano Run, the King Kamehameha (Jpn) half-sister all hail from the family, as well.

Before she died in 2011 at the age of 33, Kazadancoa had developed a reputation not only as a top mare, but as an opinionated sort.



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“Kazadancoa was retired and spent 14 years as a pensioner in a barn that now bears her name,” explains Brutus. “When they used to let out the mares, she would give the farm hands trouble. She’d pull and rear and act up. So Martin O’Dowd said, ‘You know what? Just open her stall door, and open the paddock



Runnymede's new show ring | LM

gate, and she’ll lead herself out. And that’s what she did. And she did that for over a decade.”

As Brutus and Malhouitre continue to walk from one paddock to the next, they point out improvements that have been made on the farm. There is plenty of new fencing at Runnymede, and several barns have been refurbished. A new show ring was put in so that prospective buyers can

come out, enjoy a beverage and look over the farm’s yearlings.

A walking tour, as it turns out, is the perfect way to see Runnymede, since it’s the land itself that helps make the farm unique. That, at least, is what Brutus and Malhouitre believe.

“My father and his ancestors were always proud of the way the horses moved off this land,” says Brutus. “Our horses tend to have big walks on them, with a big overstep, and know how to use themselves. And I think a lot of that comes from the horses are running these hills every day.”

But it isn’t just the topography, says Malhouitre. “The limestone is really just under the soil here--we are sitting right on it,” he says. “The minerals are coming right into the grass. And we have well water--it’s not city water--and it’s halfway red. There’s so much iron and other minerals.”

Whether it’s the land, the water or the horsemanship, something’s working at Runnymede, as evidenced by their latest graded winner, the aforementioned Collected. The Bob Baffert-trained colt was sold by Runnymede for \$150,000 at Keeneland September, though was purchased by current owner Speedway Stable LLC for \$170,000 at the OBS March Sale. Collected is another from Kazadancoa’s family, but, interestingly, hails from

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a line that diverged under his sixth dam and Kazadancoa’s second dam. It should be noted, too, that Collected was produced Helena Bay (GB), by a Johannesburg half-sister to Koala Queen.

Collected was a weanling on the farm when Malhouitre arrived at Runnymede, and made a favorable impression immediately. “He was always a straight-forward, athletic horse,” said Malhouitre. “The more work we gave him to do during the prep season, the better he got. And obviously he kept going after that.”

Given Collected’s female family--his third and fourth dams are by Lyphard and Alleged, respectively--there wasn’t too much worry that he’d handle the Sham’s one-mile distance. But the surface change was another matter.

“You always have a question with that kind of pedigree, but who are we to question Mr. Baffert [laughs]?” said Malhouitre. “But he was big for a City Zip, and very well made, and he’s always used himself very well.”

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The End Game...

So with a possible Triple Crown contender and the return of Lady Eli in the cards, what's next for Runnymede?

"In the last few years, we re-grouped, culled, and really focused on quality," said Malhouitre. "It's like a rosebush. You



Runnymede mascot Olive | LM

cut it back to the trunk, and you let it grow again. So we're in the phase now that we culled what we had to cull, we kept our best families, and now we are ready to grow again."

Runnymede hopes to take on a few select clients in the coming year--"People who share our philosophy of

raising horses the right way and being honest and straightforward," says Malhouitre--to go along with established clients like Peter Callahan, whose GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up Beautician (Dehere) is a farm resident. Callahan co-breeds many horses with Runnymede, including Collected, and Brutus said Callahan has become much more than a client.

"He's been a partner for over 27 years, and I feel blessed to have him as a friend and a mentor," he said.

Runnymede also plans to do some weanling-to-yearling pinhooking, and could grow its consigning arm, too. That, however, depends on farm clients.



Mares on the rolling hills of Runnymede | LM

"We don't mind selling horses for clients, but they have to be raised here on our land," said Malhouitre. "If we want to be boutique and keep our reputation, it would be difficult to say to our clients that they should buy a Runnymede consignee when we didn't raise the horse. We've done a little bit of pinhooking since I've been here, but those horses are raised here on the land."

Brutus and Malhouitre are also big proponents of Horse Country, Inc., the nascent organization that is hoping to make Kentucky's horse farms a tourist destination in the same way the state's bourbon distilleries are.

"People are fascinated by this lifestyle and of what Kentucky is," says Brutus. "I think we can help reinvigorate our sport by



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At this, Malhouitre smiles and says, "Obviously we are big dreamers--did you catch that?"

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AT PORTLAND MEADOWS, RE-INVENTING THE GAMBLING WHEEL

By Bill Finley



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Outside-of-the-box thinking is often a good thing, particularly when it comes to sports like horse racing, where a lack of creativity and innovation has often been seen as one of the reasons the game isn't growing. But what about way, way, way outside-of-the-box thinking? Might that work? The team at Portland Meadows, along with Andy Stronach, are about to find out.

Stronach is the son of Frank Stronach, whose Stronach Group, owns several racetracks, including Portland Meadows and Gulfstream Park. The younger Stronach is behind an idea called the National Racing Club Sweepstakes, which involves a Rainbow Six style bet. The National Racing Club Sweepstakes debuted Monday at Portland and will be held there every Monday between now and Feb. 8.

To say that this promotion is different doesn't begin to tell the story.

Stronach developed the idea, which largely revolves around a Rainbow Pick Six style bet. Like the wager at Gulfstream, the jackpot or total pool is paid out only if one winning ticket is sold on the bet. If not, there is a carry over portion and the hope is that the jackpot will build into the six or seven figures, something that always generates interest among gamblers.

But the comparisons to the Gulfstream Rainbow Six begin and end there. In the National Racing Club Sweepstakes, every race is run at two furlongs. The idea behind the odd distance is that the races are supposed to be very difficult to handicap. And every horse is owned by Stronach himself, who then leases them to what he calls "racing clubs."

"The idea in general was to make the bettor the focus by creating great betting races," said Karsten Hennze, Vice President, The Stronach Group. "Whether we did that perfectly or not, that was the goal. That's the trajectory with where we want to go with these ideas. We do not want to have five-horse fields with an odds-on favorite in there. We want full fields and interesting betting races. The idea will be to eventually try to figure out a way we can engineer races so we have closers, early speed, grinder types, so when you handicap the races you feel that it is both interesting and tough. We're not there yet but this was a step along the way."

Conditions were far from ideal for Monday's debut. The track was sloppy and Portland Meadows had meant to begin the wager a week earlier, but had to cancel racing that day. Many bettors may have been confused because the track put much of its marketing effort into promoting the bet for the Jan. 4 card that never happened.

The bet handled \$24,539.

"We obviously would have liked to have gone crazy with a really high handle," Hennze said. "But from people I talked to beforehand and from the people at our other racetracks who have been involved in other Rainbow 6 bets it probably was right in line with what people expected. Conventional wisdom was that we would do between \$20,000 and \$30,000, so I was happy with what we handled. Obviously, when you put up a \$100,000 guarantee there are some nervous moments, so we were watching everything very closely with interest. We're hoping it builds from here."

Before scratches there were 12 horses entered in each of the six National Racing Club Sweepstakes races and there were horses of every variety--ones coming from route races, ones coming off long layoffs, ones who showed some early speed but were almost always heading up the rear at the finish, ones shipping in from a variety of racetracks. To make matters even more confusing for the bettors, the trainers were not allowed to chose their own jockeys. Instead, they were assigned mounts on a random basis. So the worst rider at the track might wind up on the best horse in the race and the best rider on the worst horse.

Ironically, the races were mostly easy to figure out...in fact, maybe too easy. Three of six were won by heavy favorites and the only winner who was anything close to a long shot paid \$31.20. Six tickets had all six winners and they paid \$717.74 each for a 20-cent bet.

"It was an interesting first day," Hennze said. "The way we grouped the horses and having the races at two furlongs, the intent was to make the races difficult. We wanted a balance between making it impossible to hit and difficult to hit. We are sensitive to comments about what do we need to do to cultivate new fans."

Hennze continued, “If a race is impossible to handicap is that really doing us any good? A lot of short-priced favorites won, so it seemed like these were races that you could handicap. Having multiple winning tickets at the end spoke to that.”

Andy Stronach apparently understood that he couldn’t get these races to go through conventional means, by offering small purses, running them at odd distances and hoping that the horsemen would fill the entry box. So he went out and got all the horses himself. Each one that ran Monday is officially owned by Stronach’s Pan Am Racing Stable.

But Stronach hoped to add another creative twist to his experiment. Instead of every horse racing under his stable name, they were assigned to “racing clubs,” all of them based on states or Canadian provinces. Seventeen different states and provinces were represented in the clubs, some of which had multiple divisions (e.g. Ohio Racing Club 3). The horses were assigned to clubs based largely on where they were racing prior to arriving at Portland Meadows.

“These horses were bought from around the country with an eye toward developing a club or team approach, so people would have cheering interests,” Hennze said. “Andy is very interested in developing fans and fan participation at brick-and-mortar facilities, both at the racetracks and OTBs. We are trying to drive the fan experience by creating something different.”

Hennze wasn’t sure what was next for The National Racing Club Sweepstakes after it ends its stint at Portland Meadows, but he said the Stronach Group is committed to the concept and that this was a trial run.

“A lot of areas of this are fluid and we’ll see how they develop from here,” he said. “We got the first races under our belts and now we have something to work with and build on.”

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CLEVENGER WINS ECLIPSE FOR BELMONT PHOTO

Michael Clevenger, veteran photographer of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, has earned a 2015 Media Eclipse Award for Photography for his image of American Pharoah completing the Triple Crown in the GI Belmont S., the NTRA, *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters (NTWAB) announced Tuesday. It is Clevenger’s third overall Eclipse Award, having secured the honor previously in 2002 and 2010.

The photograph, snapped from the inside rail along the Belmont Park homestretch, depicts jockey Victor Espinoza glancing over this left shoulder to see American Pharoah’s margin of victory as a full grandstand cheers him to the wire in the background. The picture first appeared June 7 in the *Courier-Journal*, which also published Clevenger’s previous two winning

photos.

Clevenger joins Scott Serio as the second recipient of Eclipse Award for Photography to be recognized at Saturday’s ceremony at Gulfstream Park. Serio captured a photograph of American Pharoah working out on the Keeneland training track ahead of his final career start in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic.

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American Pharoah crosses the wire first in the Belmont | Michael Clevenger

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	GIII Megahertz S.	SA
1/23	GII Santa Monica S.	SA
1/30	GII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GII Holy Bull S.	GP
	GII Swale S.	GP
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NEW YEAR'S DAY (c, by Street Cry (IRE)). **Breeders' Cup Juvenile [G1] Champion, Eclipse Champion 2YO Finalist and Highweight at 126lbs on the 2013 Experimental Free Handicap.**
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2nd Dam

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JUSTWHISTLEDIXIE (f, by Dixie Union). Black type winner, see above.
CHACE CITY (c, by Carson City). 2 wins at 2, \$152,965 in US. Winner at 2, in Can, 75,000 CAD. Won Saratoga Special Breeders' Cup S. [G2], Victoria S. [L] (WO, \$66,818). (Total: \$219,783).
Bakken (c, by Distorted Humor). 3 wins at 3 and 4, placed at 5, 2015, \$223,900 in US. 2nd True North S. [G2]. Fashion's Flight (f, by Dixie Union). Winner at 3, \$76,558 in US. At 2 Sent to USA. Unplaced at 2, in Eng. (Total: \$77,107).

TEAM WEST GUARANTEE (TWG)

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Stud fees can be paid out of weanling or yearling proceeds with the first \$7,500 going to breeders for weanling sales and the first \$15,000 going to breeders for yearling sales. Alternatively, if foal is retained and not sold as a weanling or yearling, the full stud fee is due and payable December 31st of 2018.

WEANLING EXAMPLE

STALLION	AUCTION PRICE	STUD FEE DUE
Flashback	\$7,500	\$0
Flashback	\$10,000	\$2,500
Flashback	\$15,000+	\$7,500 (full fee)
Power Broker / New Year's Day	\$7,500	\$0
Power Broker / New Year's Day	\$10,000	\$2,500
Power Broker / New Year's Day	\$12,500+	\$5,000 (full fee)

YEARLING EXAMPLE

STALLION	AUCTION PRICE	STUD FEE DUE
Flashback	\$15,000	\$0
Flashback	\$20,000	\$5,000
Flashback	\$22,500+	\$7,500 (full fee)
Power Broker / New Year's Day	\$15,000	\$0
Power Broker / New Year's Day	\$17,500	\$2,500
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To win: You must be the owner of the mare at the time of purchase of the season resulting in the mating that produced: the first U.S. 2017 foal crop Grade 1 Winner sired by Flashback, New Year's Day or Power Broker (no time restriction). Grade 1 Winners by all three sires are eligible for the bonus and the same person/entity can win all three (\$1,500,000 total).³

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To win: You must be the agent of record for the season purchase of the first U.S. 2017 foal crop Grade 1 Winner sired by Flashback, New Year's Day or Power Broker (no time restriction). Grade 1 Winners by all three sires are eligible for the bonus and the same agent can win all three (\$150,000 total).⁴

¹ In the event of a dead-heat in any of the above described races by horses sired by any of the 3 West Stallions, any such bonus will be divided pro-rata among the successful owners of the mares at the time of purchase of the season resulting in the mating that produced such horses.

² For purposes of this bonus, the owner of the mare at the time of purchase of the season resulting in the successful mating that produced such winner(s) will be entitled to the bonus payment notwithstanding the fact that the mare(s) carrying the successful foal(s) may have been sold while such successful foal(s) were in utero and another entity may actually be listed as the breeder on such foal(s)' Jockey Club Certificate for Foal Registration.

³ The provisions listed in Footnotes 1 and 2 also apply to this bonus payment.

⁴ In the event of a dead-heat in any such race by horses sired by any of the 3 West Stallions, the agent's bonus will be divided pro-rata among the successful agents.

All restricted to the 2016 breeding season / foals of 2017 and can be any three of the West Stallions. Your stud fee must be paid in full when due to be eligible. Neither Gary nor Mary West are eligible to win any of these bonuses.

TEAM WEST TRIFECTA (IF YOU BREED TO ALL THREE)

In 2016, if you breed one mare to all three West Stallions, the fee is \$13,000 (based on \$5,000 for Flashback, \$4,000 for New Year's Day and \$4,000 for Power Broker). Team West Guarantee applies.



INDUSTRY INFO

JockeyTalk360 and The Jockeys' Guild Announce Two Awards:

The Jockeys' Guild and JockeyTalk360.com, a website devoted completely to the jockey profession, will partner to honor athletes with two new awards to be presented at the yearly Guild Assembly in February, the organizations announced Tuesday.

The Most Improved Rider will assess gains in wins and earnings over the past two seasons and The Comeback Rider of the Year for 2015 will recognize a jockey who overcame injury, hardship or any other personal setback. Each winner will be presented with these first-time honors at the Jockeys' Guild Award Banquet at Gulfstream Park Feb. 16.

The awards will be voted on by representatives from the *Thoroughbred Daily News*, America's Best Racing, the *Daily Racing Form*, Equibase, the Jockeys' Guild, the Paulick Report, National Thoroughbred Racing Association, National Turf Writers and Broadcasters, Thoroughbred Racing Associations, and Turf Publicists of America.

Fewer Than 50 Eclipse Awards Tickets Remain:

As of Tuesday morning, fewer than 50 tickets remained unsold for Saturday's 45th Annual Eclipse Awards. The event, which will be held in Gulfstream Park's Sport of Kings Theater, honors the 2015 champions of Thoroughbred racing. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. E.T., dinner at 7:00 p.m., and the ceremony commences at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$400 each and also cover admission to a cocktail reception at Adena Grill and Wine Bar Thursday evening, a "Moulin Rouge" party in the Gulfstream walking ring Friday night, and a V.I.P. Welcome Breakfast Saturday morning. The tickets also include admission for the official Eclipse Awards After Party Presented by the Keeneland Association at Frankey's Sports Bar.

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IN JAPAN:

+**Savannah Road**, c, 3, [Street Boss](#)--Trisha, by Forest Camp. Nakayama, 1-10, Maiden Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0,

\$50,847 O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Michael Sucher; T-Tetsuya Kimura. *\$40,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$190,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **Settled slightly better than midfield early on, he accelerated nicely into the stretch and was up late to score by a neck as the 9-2 second betting choice on debut. "He jumped quickly and was close to the lead," commented winning jockey Fran Berry. "I think the mile distance should suit him."

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Warrior's Soul, g, 4, [Warrior's Reward](#)--I Luv U Nani, by Vindication. Nakayama, 1-10, Alw, 6f. Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$186,441 O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-Dixiana Farms LLC; T-Eiichi Yano. * \$19,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$37,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

Northern Barows, c, 4, [Pulpit](#)--Word o' Wisdom, by Hennessy. Kyoto, 1-9, Alw, 7f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$176,271 O-Hirotsugu Inokuma; B-Craig D. Upham; T-N Katsuhiko Sumii. *\$155,000 ylg '13 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '14 FTFMAR. **1/2 to Advice (Chapel Royal) GSW, \$305,879. ***Came with a rally from mid-division that carried him to a 1 1/4-length success as the 6-5 chalk. "He didn't answer right away when I called on him, but when he straightened, he responded sharply."

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IN ITALY:

Belmont Black, c, 3, [High Cotton](#)--Rhythm Gal, by Vindication. Rome, 1-12, Mdn, 1400m. B-Michael Sucher (FL). *\$ 4,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Choegang Beodeul, g, 3, [Girolamo](#)--Emerald Coast, by Forestry. Seoul, 1-10, Hcp. (\$46k), 1300m. B-Bill Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo (NY). *\$49,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$18,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTNAUG; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

Miracle Iji, g, 3, [Parading](#)--Miss Kikare, by Dehere. Busan, 1-10, Hcp. (\$46k), 1400m. B-Michael T Barnett (KY). *\$7,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$17,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

Jeonmuhumu, g, 3, [Wicked Rich](#)--Sensationista, by Purge. Seoul, 1-10, Hcp. (\$58k), 1200m. B-Wes Carter (NJ). *\$50,000 2yo '15 FTMMAY.

Leave It to Me, g, 4, [Exclusive Quality](#)--Afillyate, by Blushing John. Busan, 1-10, Hcp. (\$70k), 1600m. B-Danzel J Brendemuehl & Michael Reilly Jr (NY). *\$33,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTNAUG; \$30,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

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Bichui Jeongsang, m, 5, [Wildcat Heir](#)--Persimmon Honey (SP), by Colonial Affair. Seoul, 1-10, Hcp. (\$91k), 1800m. B-AbraCadabra Farms Ltd (FL). *\$30,000 2yo '13 FTMMAY.

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GONE ASTRAY (Dixie Union), Northwest Stud, \$5K, 145/11/2

3-GP, Mcl, 1m, Gone Local, \$20K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

ICE BOX (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 140/7/0

3-GP, Mcl, 1m, +After Cheyenne, 12-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-SUN, \$33,100, (S), 1-12, (NW2X), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.50, ft.

BACK SEAT THRILLS (g, 4, Diabolical--Back Seat Charm, by Silver Charm) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-2, \$68,580. O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Henry Dominguez. *1/2 to Back Seat Roll (Roll Hennessy Roll), MSW, \$301,837; full to Back Seat Hero, SW, \$122,660.

3rd-MVR, \$22,000, 1-12, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.27, ft.

CHAIRMAN GAREY (g, 6, Unbridled's Song--Possibility, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 34-6-6-6, \$166,385. O/T-Jamen Davidovich; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY). *\$75,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP; \$72,000 RNA 2yo '12 OBSMAR; \$60,000 2yo '12 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Unbound (Distorted Humor), SP, \$359,826.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Faithful Justice, f, 3, Lantana Mob--Radiant Justice, by Glitterman. MVR, 1-12, (S), 6f, 1:12.04. B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (OH). *\$3,200 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$3,000 RNA 2yo '15 PEDIND.

Southwest Moonlite, g, 3, Southwestern Heat--Prairie Moonlight (MSP, \$106,758), by Premeditation. SUN, 1-12, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03.97. B-William R. Hatchett (NM).

Weather Wizard, g, 4, Weather Warning--Chimes Lass, by Chimes Band. SUN, 1-12, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.46. B-Pierre & Leslie Amestoy (NM). *\$2,400 Ylg '13 RUIMIX.

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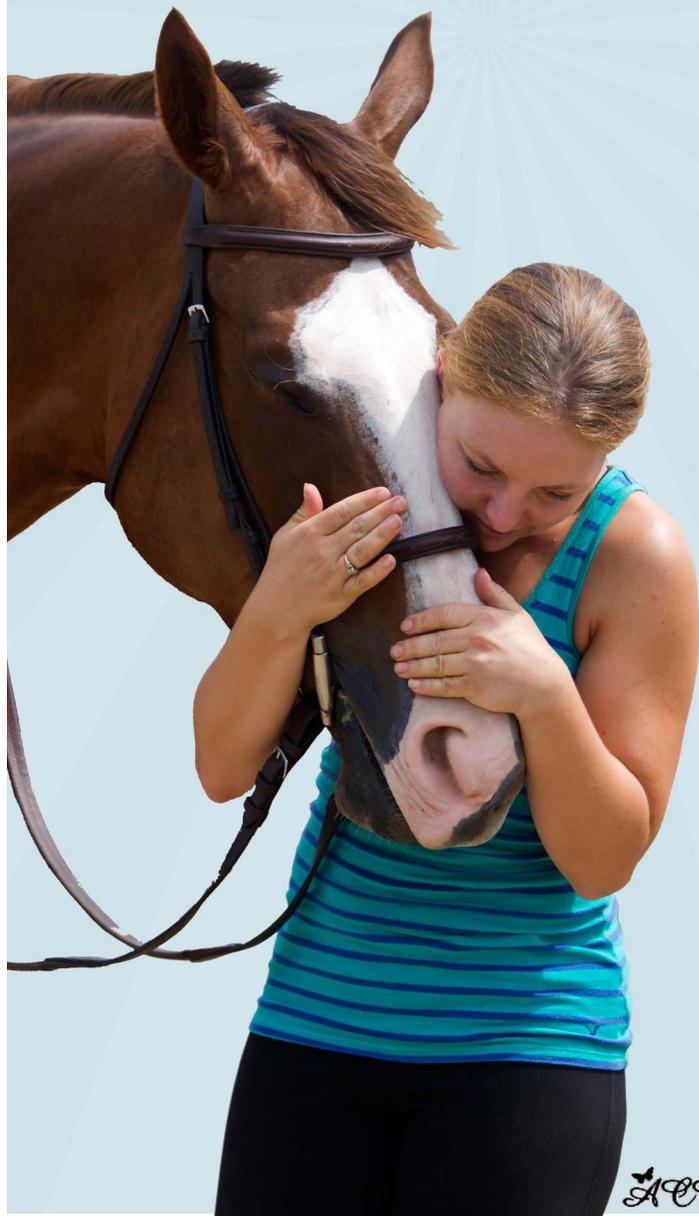
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ARC ULTIMATE AIM FOR IMPROVED LOVE



Covert Love (far side) winning the Prix de l'Opera | *Racing Post*

Hugo Palmer has big plans in mind this year for his stable star **Covert Love (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire}) as he begins to map out a plan of attack for the dual Group 1 winning filly. She was one of the surprise packages of 2015, in that she only broke her maiden at Chelmsford in May before running up a four-race winning sequence that included the G1 Darley Irish Oaks. Narrowly beaten by Pleascach (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the G1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks, the 4-year-old added her second Group 1 win with a tenacious victory in the G1 Prix de l'Opera Longines at Longchamp on Arc day. Her regular pilot Pat Smullen has described her as a "big rangy filly," one that should continue to improve as she fills her frame, and her trainer also feels definite improvement is on the cards.

"I don't want to tempt fate with her, but she looks like a totally different filly from last year. She has done better than any other horse I've seen over the winter," said Palmer.

Having proved herself over the course already, Palmer is keen to point Covert Love back towards Longchamp in October, this time for the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

"The race I want to win is the Arc and that's the dream. When you have a filly like this you have to think big," said the Newmarket trainer.

Palmer thinks her current rating puts her bang in the mix and if her physical development translates into improvement on the racecourse then Palmer feels anything is possible with the FOMO syndicate owned star.

"The big thing is she is rated 116 and with the allowances she would get, she would only have to find around a length with Jack Hobbs and the way she looks, you certainly wouldn't bet against her finding it," he offered. "It's exciting when you get a filly like this. They can either just be a filly competitive at taking on the fillies or one capable of taking on the colts, like Ouija Board. We are hoping she is a Ouija Board type."

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CHINA HORSE CLUB BUYS SIYOUNI SHARE

The sale of a share of the Aga Khan Stud's stallion **Siyouni (Fr)** (Pivotal {GB}—Sichilla {Ire}, by Danehill) was completed online on Tuesday through Arqana's on-line bidding portal arqanaonline.com. It was the third such share in the stallion that has gone for auction recently and it yielded the highest price so far when agent Mick Flanagan sealed the deal with a bid of €360,000. **Cont. p2**

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KEENELAND JANUARY SALE ROLLS ON

The Keeneland January Sale continued under wintry conditions Tuesday in Lexington. Jessica Martini and Christie DeBernardis have all the stories.

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Siyouni Share to China Horse Club cont.

Flanagan was buying on behalf of the China Horse Club and was delighted to have secured the share.

“Siyouni is proving to be a highly successful young stallion, he is by good stallion himself in Pivotal, out of a Danehill mare and we have great faith in him for the future,” commented Flanagan.



Mick Flanagan | *Arqana*

China Horse Club are an emerging force in global racing and breeding and are assembling a quality band of broodmares to compliment their racing stock.

“China Horse Club have been acquiring some nice mares and we think Siyouni will be a good match for one of them. His stock have been really well received at the sales and he is being supported by some top-class mares so he has a great chance of being a highly successful stallion,” added Flanagan.

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FEBRUARY SALE CATALOGUE RELEASED

A long selling day is in store at Tattersalls Feb. 4 as the Newmarket sales company has packed 387 lots into its first sale of 2016. The catalogue can be viewed online at

www.tattersalls.com and comprises broodmares, fillies/horses in training, weanlings and 2-year-olds. One of the reasons for a record number catalogued is the presence of a strong draft--numbering 60--from Godolphin. As one would expect there are some attractive pedigrees among the draft including lot [155](#), the



Edmond Mahony | *Racing Post*

winning 3-year-old filly **Soofiah (GB)** (Kings Best), a full-sister to dual Group 1 winner Sajjhaa (GB). Godolphin also offer some choice broodmares including lot [137](#) **Desert Sunrise (GB)** (Green Desert). The 6-year-old is a half-sister to Group 1 winner Primo

Valentino (Ire) (Primo Dominie {GB}) and Group 2 winner Dora Carrington (Ire) (Sri Pekan). She foaled a filly by Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) in 2015 and will be offered in foal to Iffraaj (GB) (Zafonic). Fashionable (GB) (Nashwan), the dam of Classic placed Jack Naylor (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) was bought from the Juddmonte draft at the February Sale in 2012 for 10,000gns and an 18-strong draft this time around from Juddmonte features 11 fillies and mares. Among the standouts on pedigree is lot [269](#) **Almeda (GB)** (Champs Elysees {GB}). The unraced 3-year old is a half-sister to MG1SP and GSW Phoenix Tower (Chester House).

Lot [275](#) **Winterton (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) also appeals on paper as a half-sister to international stakes winner Excess Knowledge (GB) (Monsun {Ger}), out of the stakes winner Quenched (GB) (Dansili {GB}). The February Sale also provides an opportunity for pinhookers to get involved and a selection of weanlings by proven commercial sires should see traders getting in on the action. A few horses in training that could appeal to both overseas and domestic trainers are lot [210](#) **Zebstar (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}), rated 95 and placed fourth in the G1 Darley Prix Morny and lot [231](#) **The Steward** (Street Cry {Ire}) a 93 rated dual winner from the yard of Sir Mark Prescott.

Commenting on the catalogue Tattersalls chairman Edmond Mahony said, "The Tattersalls February Sale has been a great source of quality breeding stock in its short history. This year's renewal looks a typically commercial catalogue with plenty to attract both domestic and international buyers to Park Paddocks. As usual the sale will be preceded by the ever popular TBA Stallion Parade which starts at 9.30am followed immediately by the sale."

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Tuesday's Results:

4th-LIN, £11,500, Alw, 1-12, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.37, st. HOMBRE ROJO (IRE) (c, 3, Intikhab--Sidney Girl {GB}, by Azamour {Ire}), who was looking for a three-timer after a latest six-length score in a course-and-distance handicap Jan. 9, started as the 3-1 second choice and soon held the lead. Turning the screw before the home stretch, the €43,000 GOFNOV weanling and 45,000gns TAOCT yearling, who is possible for the Feb. 11 G3 UAE 2000 Guineas, stayed on to hold off Lazzam (GB) (Archipenko) by a length. The dam has a yearling filly by Elnadim and a colt foal by Arcano (Ire). Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$25,097. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Mr Robert Moss; B-Helen Lyons (IRE); T-Simon Dow.

3rd-LIN, £4,500, Mdn, 1-12, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:06.03, st. KING OF DREAMS (GB) (c, 3, Dream Ahead--Complexion {GB}, by Hurricane Run {Ire}), a 240,000gns TAOCT yearling who descends from Reams of Verse (Nureyev), came into this on the back of a second in an extended mile maiden at Wolverhampton Dec. 30 and was allowed to stride into the lead from the outset. Surrendering the lead to Cachao (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) at the top of the straight, the 5-4 favorite found a surge down the center to regain the advantage in the last 50 yards and ultimately score snugly by 3/4 of a length. [Cont. p3](#)

3rd-LIN, cont.

The dam, who is a half-sister to the G2 Celebration Mile winner and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. runner-up Zacinto (GB) (Dansili {GB}), has a yearling colt by Lawman (Fr) and a filly foal by Mastercraftsman (Ire). Muaitheer (Ire) (Poet's Voice {GB}), Al Shaqab Racing's 475,000 guineas relative of Emperor Jones (Danzig), was slowly away and green throughout as he finished six lengths further back in third. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$8,909. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Mr Khalifa Dasmal; B-Brightwalton Stud (GB); T-D Simcock.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

White Crystal (Fr), c, 3, **Kendargent (Fr)**--Crystal Fire (Fr), by Green Tune. MPV, 1-12, 10f (AWT), 2:09.88. B-Mat. Daguzan-Garros, M & Mme H Bunel (FR). *€18,000 Ylg '13 ARQOCT.

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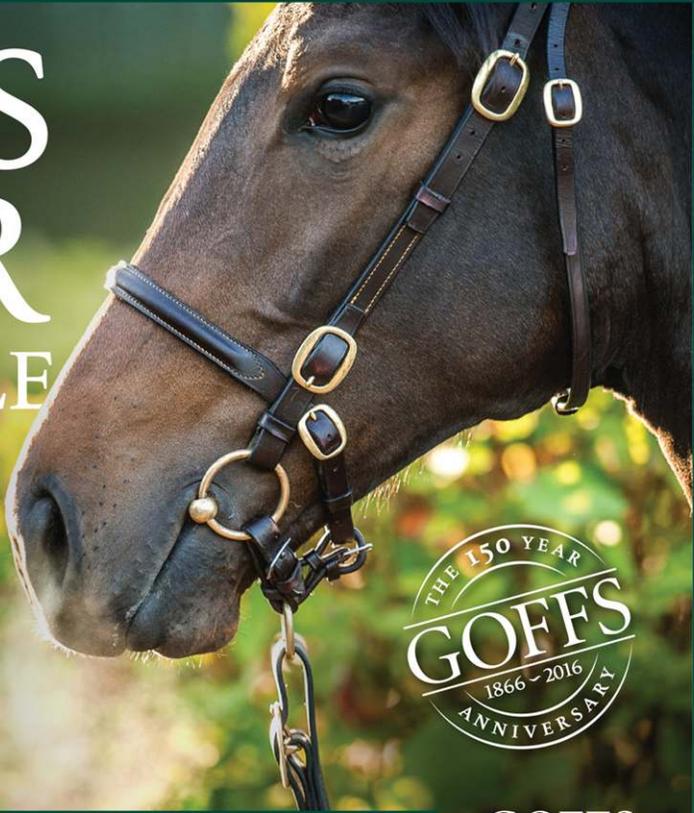


LOW KEY DAY CONCLUDES MAGIC MILLIONS

Following a dark day on Monday, the final day of selling at Magic Millions January on Tuesday saw the session split into two parts; Book 3 Yearlings followed by the Gold Coast Summer Racehorse Sale. The yearling section was brief with only 52 lots catalogued. Eight withdrawals and six RNA's meant 38 lots found new homes with a top price of A\$40,000 achieved. This was for lot [1020](#), a son of Pierro (Aus) with Magic Millions as agent signing the docket for the Widden Stud-consigned colt.

Part two was even more abbreviated with just 14 lots catalogued in the Summer Racehorse Sale. With three outs and one lot failing to meet its reserve, 10 horses changed hands for an aggregate of A\$95,500. The sale topper was **Murder Of Crows (Aus)** (Flying Spur {Aus}) lot [1114](#), the last lot into the ring, who fetched A\$18,000 from Magic Millions acting as agent.

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EUROPE'S PREMIER MID-WINTER SALE

The strongest catalogue in Europe at this time of year. 583 lots featuring Group 1 dams, older horses and a full day of top quality weanlings. *Peniaphobia* and *Make Believe* are two of the latest Group 1 winners whose dams were purchased at Goffs February Sale.

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The 6-year-old gelding is a three-time winner and he brought the curtain down on a highly successful week of trading on the Gold Coast. The combined three books of yearlings ended up grossing over A\$26 million more than last year, albeit with a larger catalogue. Nevertheless, the clearance rate remained healthy at 12% and further proof of the strength of the Australian bloodstock market is the fact that nine more horses than last year made over A\$500,000.

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AZERI COLT SCORES FOR 2ND TIME AT KYOTO

by Alan Carasso

Leukerbad (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), a son of 2002 U.S. Horse of the Year and three-time champion older mare Azeri (Jade Hunter), won for the second time in three career outings, taking a 2000-meter test at Kyoto Monday afternoon.

The prohibitive 2-5 favorite was guided back to the latter third of the field by Yutaka Take and pulled hard before settling in the two path, about eight from the lead, as they banked into the first turn. Still racing keenly on the backstretch, he began his move three wide at the 600-meter marker and was pulled out about six abreast at the head of the lane. Shaken up a bit by Take, Leukerbad took command at the furlong grounds and was pushed out hands and heels to score more easily than the winning half-length margin might indicate ([video](#)).

Bred by Northern Farm, Leukerbad first made headlines in 2013 when topping the JRHA Select Foal Sale on a bid of ¥240 million (about US\$2,352,942) from Desk Valet Co. Ltd. Trained by Mikio Mitsunaga for Japanese screenwriter Toshio Terada, Leukerbad turned in a promising career debut, finishing runner-up in a



Azeri's son Leukerbad as a foal
jrha.or.jp

2000-meter newcomers' event over soft Kyoto turf Nov. 8 before breaking his maiden by a length over nine furlongs here Nov. 29. In that event, Leukerbad defeated Tanino Urban Sea (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), a now 3-year-old daughter of 2009 G1 Japan Cup winner Vodka (Jpn) (Tanino Gimlet {Jpn}).

While still domiciled in the U.S., Azeri, an 11-time Grade I winner, was represented at stud by MGSW & GISP Wine Princess, the result of a mating to fellow Horse of the Year Ghostzapper; as well as GSP Arienza (Giant's Causeway). The chestnut mare was purchased by Katsumi Yoshida in foal to Distorted Humor of \$2.25 million at the 2009 Keeneland November sale, 11 months after being bought back on a bid of \$4.4 million at Keeneland January when carrying the foal that would become Wine Princess.

Azeri's Deep Impact colt of 2014 followed in Leukerbad's hoofprints by topping that year's Select Foal Sale at ¥250 million (about US\$2,450,981) on a bid from Riichi Kondo. The mare produced another full-brother to Leukerbad in 2015 and is once again due to Deep Impact for the current breeding season.

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BERRY ENJOYING JAPANESE STINT

Irish jockey Fran Berry is certainly making the most of a short-term permit to ride in Japan registering four winners already in the new year. He was recently successful on **Savannah Road** (Street Boss) in a maiden at Nakayama on Sunday. The colt



Fran Berry | *Racing Post*

traveled in mid-division and produced an impressive turn of foot turning for home to win by a neck under a stylish ride from Berry. The former Irish champion commented afterwards, "He jumped quickly from the gate and closed to the lead. The pace was set slow

which helped me to chase the leads smoothly. I think the mile distance should suit him in the future." Berry's permit runs until Mar. 2 and he will be riding mainly for host trainer, Noriyuki Hori, from the JRA Miho Training Center, and owner, Kazuko Yoshida.

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