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A full field of unexposed sophomores take their respective first steps on the 2016 Triple Crown trail in Saturday's GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds. **Mo Tom** (Uncle Mo) is as good a place to start as any, as he checked in a late-closing third last time behind Eclipse finalist Airoforce (Colonel John) in Churchill's



Mo Tom | Reed Palmer

GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 28. Mo Tom was beaten just a head that day by Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), who returned to annex the GI Los Alamitos Futurity Dec. 19. Mo Tom, a debut winner at Ellis Park Sept, 5, was transferred to Chris Richard to finish third in an

Oct. 8 allowance at Keeneland before besting **Tom's Ready** (More Than Ready) by a length in Churchill's Nov. 1 Street Sense S. He was back in the Amoss barn for the Kentucky Jockey Club. "He's doing well," the conditioner said. "He had his last breeze on Monday (five furlongs at Fair Grounds in 1:01 flat {3/33}) and it went well and he came out of it in good shape. I think it's important to note that although the Lecomte is a nice race, it's not our goal. We fully recognize that we're trying to run beyond a mile 70 yards after this week. We know [being a late-running horse], that he will likely have to pass every one of those horses to win, which may or may not happen." Several runners figure to employ opposite early tactics to Mo Tom. New York-bred **Fish Trappe Road** (Trappe Shot) makes just his second start outside of restricted company for the always-dangerous Bret Calhoun stable. The grey aired by 9 3/4 lengths in the Belmont mud Sept. 11, and found only the well-regarded Get Jets (Scat Daddy) better in that venue's one-mile Sleepy Hollow S. Oct. 24. Both the third and fourth-place finishers from that heat returned to score. **Pinnacle Peak** (Yes It's True) should also show speed. A winner of the Prairie Meadows Juvenile Mile in August, he most recently annexed a track-and-trip optional claimer Dec. 18 by a neck over the aforementioned Tom's Ready and **Dolphus** (Lookin At Lucky), a half-brother to Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) who took his sprint debut here Nov. 22. Tom's Ready, who is listed as an also-eligible, is expected to draw in with the scratch of sidelined **Noble Thought** (Harlan's Holiday). Battle Tap (Smart Strike) will likely skip the Lecomte for a Monday allowance. **Lecomte field p3**

KEENELAND JANUARY SALE CONCLUDES

by Jessica Martini

The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale concluded its five-day run Friday in Lexington with numbers mostly in line with the auction's 2015 results, but with a prevailing selectivity in bidding which saw the median decline 31.25%.

"The January sale continued on exactly as the November sale was," commented Keeneland's Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "It's a very selective market where quality is rewarded. We saw in September and November and now here, this market is a good market, but it's not a wonderful market. It's highly selective."

Craig Bendoroff, whose Denali Stud consigned the auction's two highest priced lots, agreed. **Cont. p6**

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Fresh off the plane from Down Under, Australian Group 1 winner Hampton Court (Aus) looked all settled into his new surroundings at Spendthrift Farm. By champion sire Redoute's Choice, the reverse shuttler will stand the 2016 season for \$7,500 as part of Spendthrift's Share The Upside program.

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STRETCHOUT SPRINTERS COLLIDE

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Birdatthewire (Summer Bird), upset winner of the GI La Brea S., and 'TDN Rising Star' Taris (Flatter), exiting a third in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint, meet up in Saturday's GI La Canada S. at Santa Anita.

FALLON: "I'M HERE TO STAY"

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Jockey Kieren Fallon has experienced more downs than ups in what could be considered the twilight of his career, but he intends to press on in California. Bill Finley has our story.

ZULU A NEW RISING STAR AT GULFSTREAM

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Zulu (Bernardini), a \$900,000 graduate of the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, sat a stalking trip three wide and pulled away with commanding ease to become the newest TDN Rising Star.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:21 p.m. EST

LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1m 70y

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Riding in the Wind	Tiz Wonderful	Vargas	Lopez	30-1
2	Fish Trappe Road	Trappe Shot	Albarado	Calhoun	6-1
3	Uncle Walter ☉	Uncle Mo	Mena	Maker	6-1
4	Z Royal	Eskendereya	Espinoza	Lukas	15-1
5	Dolphus	Lookin At Lucky	Hernandez, Jr.	Sharp	10-1
6	Noble Thought	Harlan's Holiday	Hernandez	Stidham	Scr
7	Mo Tom ☉	Uncle Mo	Lanerie	Amoss	7-2
8	Battle Tap	Smart Strike	Valenzuela	Asmussen	10-1
9	Indygo Breeze ☉	Indygo Shiner	Murrill	Haran	50-1
10	Pinnacle Peak	Yes It's True	Geroux	Stidham	8-1
11	Tiznoble ☉	Tiznow	Valdivia, Jr.	Sharp	10-1
12	Mending Fences ☉	Colonel John	Eramia	Pish	20-1
13	Destin ☉	Giant's Causeway	Leparoux	Pletcher	6-1
14	Tarpon Bay Road	Tapit	Graham	Baker	20-1
<i>Also Eligible:</i>					
15	Tom's Ready ☉	More Than Ready	Bridgmohan	Stewart	15-1

'BIRD' BACK TO TWO TURNS

Birdatthewire (Summer Bird), fresh off a route-to-sprint upset of the GI La Brea S. Dec. 26 while in the care of Dale Romans, will look to stretch back out in Saturday's GII La Canada S. back



Birdatthewire | Benoit Photo

at Santa Anita. The Forum Racing IV colorbearer burst onto the scene with a visually impressive victory in last January's GII Forward Gal S. over seven panels at Gulfstream, and just missed in the one-mile GII Davona

Dale S. in February before annexing the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks Mar. 28. She went missing after a fifth-place run in the GI Kentucky Oaks May 1, and finished fifth and fourth, respectively, as the favorite in Churchill's GII Chilukki S. Nov. 7 and GII Falls City H. Nov. 26. **La Canada Preview cont. p4**

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La Canada S. cont.

Birdatthewire was transferred from Romans to trainer Tom Proctor since her last start. **'TDN Rising Star' Taris** (Flatter) has also done some of her best work sprinting. The 2014 La Brea runner-up missed some time before annexing Del Mar's GIII Rancho Bernardo H. in August, and checked in third after an



Taris | Benoit photo

impossible trip in the GIII L.A. Woman S. here Oct. 4. Third in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint behind Eclipse finalists Wavell Avenue (Harlington) and La Verdad (Yes It's True) at Keeneland Oct. 31, she had no problem with a

one-turn mile when taking Aqueduct's GIII Go For Wand H. Nov. 27. **Yahilwa** (Medaglia d'Oro) enjoyed a solid 5-year-old campaign last year. She annexed the GIII Sixty Sails H. at Hawthorne in April, and checked in second behind Beholder (Henny Hughes) in the GI Clement L. Hirsch S. at Del Mar. Aug. 1. The Jim Cassidy trainee nearly blew up the tote when third, beaten a neck at 20-1 in the GI Juddmonte Spinster S. in Lexington Oct. 4, but faded to sixth in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff Oct. 30. Fellow **'Rising Star' Tara's Tango** (Unbridled's Song) was beaten just a nose by Stellar Wind (Curlin) in the track-and-trip GII Summertime Oaks in June, and added a Del Mar optional claimer in August. Tenth in the GI Cotillion S. at Parx Sept. 19, she was fourth sprinting in the Kalookan Queen S. Dec. 30.

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Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST

LA CANADA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Tara's Tango	Unbridled's Song	Garcia	Hollendorfer	4-1
2	Illuminant	Quality Road	Prat	McCarthy	8-1
3	Oscar Party	Dixie Union	Gonzalez	Cassidy	20-1
4	Honey Ride	Candy Ride (Arg)	Baze	Sadler	12-1
5	Yahilwa	Medaglia d'Oro	Smith	Cassidy	5-2
6	Birdatthewire	Summer Bird	Van Dyke	Proctor	3-1
7	Taris	Flatter	Stevens	Callaghan	2-1

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:52 p.m. EST

COLONEL E. R. BRADLEY H.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Blarp	War Front	Hernandez	Sharp	15-1
2	Chocolate Ride ☼	Candy Ride (Arg)	Geroux	Cox	2-1
3	Flashlight (Ire)	Shamardal	Mena	Maker	8-1
4	String King	Crowned King	Eramia	Smith	8-1
5	Sky Flight ☼	Sky Mesa	Leparoux	Casse	9-2
6	Majestic Harbor ☼	Rockport Harbor	Lanerie	McGee	15-1
7	Roman Approval ☼	Roman Ruler	Bridgmohan	Maker	5-1
8	Pumpkin Rumble	English Channel	Graham	Scherer	15-1
9	Hot Zapper	Ghostzapper	Riquelme	Leggio, Jr.	20-1
10	Freestyler	Street Cry (Ire)	Hernandez, Jr.	Sharp	12-1
11	Potomac River	English Channel	Vargas	Engler	20-1
12	Ibaka	Uncle Abbie	Valdivia, Jr.	Calhoun	12-1

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Monday, Aqueduct, post time: 1:20 p.m. EST

TOBOGGAN S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Alex the Terror ☼	Mineshaft	Ortiz, Jr.	Toscano, Jr.	114
2	Green Gratto	Here's Zealous	Carmouche	Grant	123
3	Sir Rockport	Rockport Harbor	Cancel	Ice	114
4	Heaven's Runway	Run Away & Hide	Velasquez	Jacobson	118
5	Sam Sparkle	Too Much Bling	Franco	Cannizzo	114
6	Dads Caps	Discreet Cat	Ortiz	Rodriguez	123

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Monday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

MEGAHERTZ S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Circling (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Pereira	Drysdale	118
2	Glory ☼	Tapit	Smith	Hollendorfer	118
3	Bt of The Drm (Ire)	Dke of Mrmlde (Ire)	Prat	Powell	118
4	Theatre Star ☼	War Front	Van Dyke	Proctor	118
5	Sweet as a Rose	War Pass	Lattanzio	Gallagher	118
6	Tiz a Kiss	Cee's Tizzy	Gonzalez	Baltas	118
7	Keri Belle	Empire Maker	Solis	Shirreffs	118
8	Gender Agenda (GB)	Holy Rmn Empr (Ire)	Baze	Gaines	123
9	Stormy Lucy	Stormy Atlantic	Desrmx	Moger, Jr.	123
10	Chaulk O Lattey	Silic (Fr)	Bejarano	Baltas	118
11	Journey On Good	Journey	Gutierrez	Baltas	118
12	Alexis Tangier	Tiznow	Stevens	Mandella	118

Also Eligible:

13	Oscar Party	Dixie Union	Perez	Cassidy	118
14	My Yr Is a Dy (Fr)	King's Best	Blanc	D'Amato	118

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"It's all the ones they want," Bandoroff said. "If you've got a good one and he passes the tests, there is a market for them."

In all, 1,040 horses sold for \$35,463,000. The average of \$34,099 declined 8.44% from 2015, while the median dropped 31.25% to \$11,000. A year ago, 948 horses grossed \$35,305,500 for an average of \$37,242 and a median of \$16,000.

A total of 1,796 horses were catalogued for the five-day January sale, compared to 1,610 in last year's four-day auction. With 409 outs, 1,387 horses ultimately went through the sales ring in 2016, with 347 failing to meet their reserves. The buy-back rate was 25.02%, on par with last year's figure of 25.18%.

"There are a lot of different reasons for the outs; mares who foal, yearlings that didn't do well, or people who did better than anticipated in November and decided they could wait until September," Russell said. "Maybe they realized it is a selective market and they should stay home."

The dispersal of the estate of Sarah J. Leigh provided the top two lots at the January sale, as well as the co-topping short yearling, and Virginia Kraft Payson was the winning bidder for all three. Payson paid \$700,000 for the Grade I-placed mare **Summer Solo** (Arch) ([hip 259](#)), in foal to Ghostzapper, and came right back to secure that 5-year-old's juvenile half-sister **Summer Sweet** (More Than Ready) ([hip 260](#)) for \$550,000.



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• No. Sold	197	
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• % RNAs	28.4%	
• High Price	\$80,000	
• Gross	\$1,790,100	
• Average (% change)	\$9,087 (%)	
• Median (% change)	\$5,000 (%)	
CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• Catalogued	1796	1610
• No. Offered	1387	1267
• No. Sold	1040	948
• RNAs	347	319
• % RNAs	25%	25.2%
• High Price	\$700,000	\$2,200,000
• Gross	\$35,463,000	\$35,305,500
• Average (% change)	\$34,099 (-8.44%)	\$37,242
• Median (% change)	\$11,000 (-31.25%)	\$16,000

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Also from the Leigh dispersal, Payson paid \$450,000 for a yearling filly by Arch ([hip 230](#)). Gatewood Bell's Cromwell Bloodstock matched that price to secure the sale's only War Front yearling ([hip 48](#)). That colt was one of the final offerings from the dispersal of Jerre Paxton's Northwest Farms.

Results at the January sale, which was topped a year ago by the \$2.2-million Up (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and her \$800,000 War



Hip 230 | Keeneland photo

Front yearling, were likely somewhat tempered by the withdrawals of two mares who figured to attract plenty of interest. Peace Burg (Fr) (Sageburg), who foaled a War Front filly just days before the sale, and Yearly Report (General Meeting), who was the only catalogued mare in foal to leading sire Tapit, were both no-shows in the January sales ring.

But there was still plenty of strength at top of the market in 2016. While 24 horses made \$200,000 or more last year, that figured increased to 37 in 2016. Ten sold for \$300,000 or more in 2015, four horses brought for \$400,000 or more and two eclipsed the \$500,000 mark a year ago. In 2016, 12 horses brought \$300,000 or more, six sold for \$400,000 or more and three were over \$500,000.

"The upper middle market was very strong--obviously we didn't have a breakout mare, the mare in foal to Tapit and the mare in foal to War Front were out--but the next level down was very, very strong and very competitive," Russell said. "It's a level of the market that people feel more comfortable that they could get a good return on their investment."

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During five days of selling, 403 yearlings grossed \$13,077,400. The yearling average of \$32,450 was up 1.9% from 2015 when 324 yearlings sold for an average of \$31,847. The 2016 yearling median of \$11,000 was down 26.7% from last year's figure of \$15,000.

At the top of the yearling market in 2015, 21 yearlings sold for \$100,000 or more. That group averaged \$189,762 and had a median price of \$150,000. That segment of the market remained vibrant in 2016, with 35 yearlings bringing six figures, but without a breakout horse of the likes of last year's \$800,000 War Front filly, the average dipped 10.3% to \$170,143, while the median remained constant at \$150,000.

"The yearling market was very strong, continuing on from November," said Russell. "It might be the start of a new trend of end-users buying foals and short yearlings. That adds a little more competition for the pinhookers. Some of the pinhookers made the comment that they had to stretch for some of the nicer yearlings."



Keeneland Director of Sales
Geoffrey Russell | Keeneland

Uncle Mo Colt Tops Day Five

A 2-year-old colt by Uncle Mo, who entered the ring as the final horse in the January sale, was the top-priced lot during Friday's session of the five-day auction, bringing a final bid of \$80,000 from bloodstock agent Donato Lanni, who signed the ticket in the name of Eico Ventures.

"He's by [leading freshman sire] Uncle Mo," Lanni, who bought the colt on one bid, said of the colt's appeal. "He looks like a strong horse. We usually don't buy 2-year-olds in January, but he was just a nice horse." **Cont. p8**

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[Hip 1795](#) was consigned by Jim and Pam Robinson’s Brandywine Farm as agent for the dispersal of the Estate of Eric Delvalle. He is out of Panamanian champion Amor de Palacio (Cashel Castle).

Plans are to race the colt, according to Lanni, but no trainer has been picked out yet.

During Friday’s final session of the January sale, 197 horses sold for \$1,790,100. The average was \$9,087 and the median \$5,000. With 78 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 28.36%. There was no comparable session from last year’s four-day sale.

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
1795	colt	Uncle Mo	Amor de Palacio	80,000

B-Eric A Delvalle (KY)

Consigned by Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson),
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Purchased by Eico Ventures

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
1791	Strapping Groom	Stallion Prospect	75,000

(9, Johannesburg--Something Silver, by Silver Deputy)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXXIII

Purchased by Haras Cerro Punta

FRIDAY’S TOP SHORT YEARLINGS

1455	colt	English Channel	Catty Barry	65,000
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B-Copper Cap Farm (KY)

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FALLON DECLARES HE’S IN U.S. TO STAY

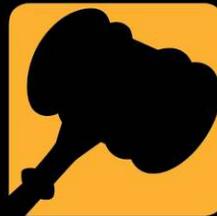
By Bill Finley

Kieren Fallon has had a bit of a hard time staying in one place over the last year, going back and forth from Europe and the U.S., where he was liable to show up on any given day at just about any racetrack on the map. But Fallon told *Thoroughbred Daily News* this week that his days of wandering around the globe are over and that he is committed to becoming a success in the U.S., particularly on the Southern California circuit.

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Kieren Fallon cont.

“I am going to stay here,” he said of California. “This is where racing is, where it’s all about. There’s great racing here and good people. I love it here.”

Particularly for a rider of Fallon’s stature, 2015 was a lost year. He began the season riding in the U.S. with almost no success to speak of and then returned to Europe. He last rode there May 18 before coming back to the U.S. Once again, he struggled in the U.S. and again returned to Great Britain in the fall. In early



Kieren Fallon | *Racing Post*

November, he had disappeared from the European tracks and his European agent Gloria Charnock told *The Guardian* newspaper she literally didn’t know where he was. The puzzle wasn’t solved until he showed up at Keeneland to ride GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint contender Judy the Beauty (Ghostzapper) in a morning work. Fallon did not ride her in the Breeders’ Cup, Frankie Dettori did.

His peripatetic nature led to nothing but disappointment on the racetrack.

Fallon won just 10 races in the UK last year from 97 mounts. His numbers in the U.S. were much worse as he went 1-for-82. His lone U.S. winner in 2015 came Jan. 8 at Santa Anita aboard the Neil Drysdale-trained Power Foot.

Fallon wouldn’t profess any disappointment about his poor showing in 2015 and instead said he looks at this year as a new beginning for him and his career.

“I think I’ll start to get better opportunities,” he said. “Doug O’Neill is starting to put me on some nice horses and I am thankful for that. For me, things haven’t really started for me here yet. It’s only really beginning. Hopefully, I’ll ride a winner in the next few days and things will take off.”

O’Neill is, in fact, a Fallon fan.

“Kieren has been very helpful in the mornings and is obviously a world-class, Hall of Fame rider from Europe,” the trainer said. “He’s been over here in the States for a little bit and has been helping us out in the mornings. He’s an amazing horseman and has such a great critique on horses. He comes back and gives you so much help, little tweaks you can make, things to add or subtract.”

Entering Friday’s card at Santa Anita, Fallon was 0 for 4 on the year, another indication his path back to stardom will not be an easy one. He will turn 51 in February, his accomplishments in Europe likely mean little to Southern California trainers and he’s going up against some of the best riders in the world, like Mike Smith, Gary Stevens, Rafael Bejarano and Victor Espinoza. He admits the competition is brutal and said the American stars are simply better than the top riders in Europe.

“They [the top U.S. jockeys] are the better riders, you’d have to say,” he remarked. “These top riders in California, they’ve been able to hold their own here for so many years. It’s tough to come here and try to compete with them. I enjoy riding against them and it keeps me sane.”

Despite his struggles, Fallon said retirement is the not something he is considering.

“I’m not thinking of retiring at all,” he said. “I feel better than I did 20 years ago and my weight is great. I don’t have much sweating to do. If I have to do 118, I’ll put a sweat suit on. But other than that, it’s not hard for me.”

Nor is he considering going home anytime soon.

“I’ve always wanted to come to America; I’ve always wanted to ride here regularly,” he said. “We race seven days a week at home, and sometimes we race day and night, and after 25 years, it got to be a bit much. And they have the same prize money for most of the races during the week that they did 50 years ago. There are great people here and it’s not hard work like it is at home. You get ponied to the start, the guys at the gate are great, they help you. It’s just a joy to be here and be a part of it.”

Fallon is a native of Ireland and has been Britain’s champion jockey six times. He has been the top stable rider over his career for such luminaries as Henry Cecil, Sir Michael Stoute and Aidan O’Brien. He’s won the G1 2000 Guineas five times, the G1 1000 Guineas four times and the G1 Epsom Derby three times. In Ireland, his accomplishments include three wins in the G1 Irish Champion S. and two wins in the G1 Irish Derby. He is a two-time winner of the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf, with Islington in 2003 and with Ouija Board in 2004.

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American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile's) victory in the GI Belmont S. that clinched racing's first Triple Crown in 37 years, was named the 2015 NTRA Moment of the Year at the fourth annual ThoroFan Awards Breakfast Friday morning at Frankey's Sports Bar in The Village at Gulfstream Park.

Trainer Bob Baffert accepted the Moment of the Year award—a glass timepiece set to 6:55 p.m., the moment American Pharoah crossed the wire—from NTRA Director of Media and Industry Relations Jim Mulvihill. The Moment of the Year will be the subject of a video and presentation at Saturday night's Eclipse Award ceremony at Gulfstream Park.

"American Pharoah's win in the Belmont was more than the NTRA Moment of the Year; for many of us racing fans it was the moment of a lifetime," said Keith Chamblin, NTRA chief operating officer.

The Belmont victory was named the moment of the year over American Pharoah's wire-to-wire success in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Some 1000 racing fans cast their vote for the honor via Twitter.

Prior events to be named the Moment of the Year included Chris Antley's heroic actions to help save the life of Charismatic following the 1999 Belmont S.; the passing of Seattle Slew in 2002; Afleet Alex's dramatic victory in the 2005 Preakness S.;

Barbaro's gallant fight against laminitis; Zenyatta's historic defeat of the boys in the 2009 Breeders' Cup Classic; and California Chrome's dominating tally in the 2015 Kentucky Derby.

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Trainer Bob Baffert (center) accepts the award for NTRA Moment of the Year from the association's Jim Mulvihill and Acacia Courtney | twitter.com/@NTRA

“ PIONEEROF THE NILE had a big, long stride. And he had that same springing motion as AMERICAN PHAROAH, whose acceleration is pretty remarkable...I think it comes from PIONEEROF THE NILE, and it comes from his mother, STAR OF GOSHEN. She was a freaky filly, really, really fast. ”

-Bob Baffert

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10th-GP, \$38,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-15, 3yo, 7f, 1:23.33, sy.

ZULU, c, 3, by Bernardini

1st Dam: Temporada, by Summer Squall

2nd Dam: Lemhi Go, by Lemhi Gold

3rd Dam: Midnight Rapture, by Giboulee

Zulu--a \$400,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$900,000 FTFMAR juvenile--stayed perfect in impressive fashion in the Gulfstream slop and may be heading next to the GII Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 27. The bay, a professional front-running two-length debut winner as the 3-5 chalk going six furlongs in Hallandale Dec. 5, posted a trio of four-furlong breezes at Palm Beach Downs in the interim--capped by a bullet :48.95 (1/9) move Jan. 8. The 1-5 favorite chased on the outside in second through an opening quarter in :22.76 Friday. With John Velazquez in the saddle, Zulu made his move off the turn for home and responded nicely to a few cracks of the whip in the stretch to win going away by a dazzling 7 1/4 lengths. Fellow Todd Pletcher trainee Prospectus (Uncle Mo) got the nod for second.



Zulu | Leslie Martin

Zulu cont.

"I thought it was a good effort," Pletcher said. "It was nice to see him step up after only one start and stretch out a little bit, and he seemed to do it pretty professionally. Everything about his pedigree suggests he's going to want to stretch out."

Pletcher continued, "I was just telling [co-owner Michael Tabor] that he's two-for-two at Gulfstream and at some point we have to test the waters; whether it would be in [the Fountain of Youth] or not is still up in the air. We've got some options in front of us and that is one of them."

Zulu, whose second dam is MGSW Lemhi Go (Lemhi Gold), is a half-brother to Third Chance (Kafwain), MSW & GSP, \$481,464; and Banner Bill (Rockport Harbor), MSW, \$349,217. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$46,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC, Susan Magnier, Michael B. Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Ron Magers & Robert Marcocchio (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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8th-GP, \$38,000, Alw, 1-15, (NW1X), 4/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.75, sy. SCORCH (c, 4, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--Nashinda {MGSW, \$438,843}, by Silver Deputy), a respectable fourth as a maiden in the Prince of Wales S. at Fort Erie last July, broke through to graduate by a nose at eighth asking at Woodbine most recently Nov. 29. Perched in a tracking second here, the 11-1 chance made his move on the far turn, began to kick clear at the top of the stretch and had 2 3/4 lengths over 2-1 choice Securitized (Tiznow) on the wire. Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-0, \$107,382. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O-Augustin Stable; B-George Strawbridge (ON); T-Mark R. Frostad.

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9th-GP, \$40,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo, 1m (off turf), 1:37.16, sy. ITS ALL RELEVANT (c, 3, [Hard Spun](#)--Ender's Sister {MSW & MGSP, \$525,048}, by A.P. Indy), second routing on the grass at Saratoga in his second career start Aug. 30, was third at Big Sandy a month later. Fourth when switched to the Elmont dirt Oct. 29, he improved to a distant second at the Big A Nov. 22. Supported at 3-2 as the "main track only" entrant, the chestnut doled out splits of :23.49, :46.06 and 1:11.25 and poured it on in the stretch, splashing home 8 1/2 lengths to the good of firster Prove (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}). The winner is a half to A. P. Indian (Indian Charlie), MSW, \$202,434; and Tiz Shea D (Tiznow), GSW, \$460,056. **Cont. p2**

Its All Relevant cont.

He has a 2-year-old half-sister named Dragon Army (Giant's Causeway), and a weanling half-sister by Distorted Humor. His dam was bred back to Noble Mission (GB). Sales history: \$100,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$360,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$64,265. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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Awesome Banner to Remain Sprinting in Swale:

Awesome Banner (Awesome of Course), undefeated in two career starts including a 4 3/4-length romp in the GIII Hutcheson S. at Gulfstream Park Jan. 2, will remain around one turn when he contests the seven-furlong GIII Swale S. Jan. 30. Trainer



Awesome Banner | *Lauren King*

Stanley Gold and owner Fred Brei of Jacks or Better Farm had also considered stretching out the homebred colt for the GII Holy Bull S. the same afternoon.

"He's sprinted; he's fresh; he's been trained to sprint.

Why would I want to stretch him out now?," Gold said. "To go into the Holy Bull wouldn't make any sense, so he'll go in the Swale. He'll run the seven-eighths, and he'd probably be fit to run two turns. It seems like the right thing to do."

Awesome Banner turned in a spectacular debut performance in Hallandale last June, wiring the field by 9 3/4 lengths while establishing a new track record of :51.07 for the 4 1/2 panels over the main track. The Florida-bred underwent surgery to remove a chip from a knee and was sidelined thereafter.

Gold remains confident that his charge will eventually handle a distance of ground.

"Will he go two-turns? Yes, he'll go a mile-and-a-sixteenth. Will he go a mile-and-a-quarter? Is he a Derby horse? Who knows?" Gold opined. "That'd be nice, but I'm not even going to think about it. I'm going to think about the Swale. The Swale isn't going to be easy. He'll run in the Swale and we'll go from there."

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Mongolian Prince Fourth Chinese-Raced Horse in U.S.:

Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry's **Mongolian Prince (NZ)** (St Reims {NZ}) became the fourth horse to race in mainland China to be domiciled in the United States when he joined the barn of trainer Todd Pletcher in South Florida Jan. 5.

A Southern Hemisphere 3-year-old--he is categorized as a 4-year-old in the Northern Hemisphere--Mongolian Prince won three of his five races after his export to China at three, including a 21-length victory at Wuhan last October.

In years past, horses imported into China were restricted from ever leaving the country due to quarantine restrictions, but this has since changed. The China Horse Club maintains a three-horse stable under the care of trainer Leonard Duncan in California.

Mongolian Prince is owned by Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry Co. Ltd., whose CEO Lin Lang acquired the colt in 2013. The company's most prominent runner is Mongolian Khan (Aus) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), the 2015 Horse of the Year in New Zealand and winner of the G1 New Zealand and G1 Australian Derbies.

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SUNSHINE MILLIONS CLASSIC S., \$250,000, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Abounding Legacy	Flashstorm	Rosario	Nicks	12-1
2	Runs With Bulls	Flashy Bull	Castellano	Walder	6-1
3	Yourdreamsormine	Mr. Sekiguchi	Leyva	Kaplan	20-1
4	Saraguaro	Express Tour	Castro	Joseph	5-1
5	Mexikoma	Birdstone	Velazquez	Dilger	9-2
6	Roll On the Navajo	Shakespeare	Gaffalione	Rakoff	15-1
7	Morgans Harbour	Graeme Hall	Lezcano	Pinchin	30-1
8	Sr. Quisqueyno	Exclusive Quality	Zayas	Walder	4-1
9	Mr. Jordan	Kantharos	Bravo	Plesa	7-2
10	Catholic Cowboy	Heatseeker (Ire)	L Saez	Zito	12-1

New York

Friday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$54,150, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-15, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.06, ft.

AWESOME GENT (g, 3, [Awesome Again](#)--Pawnee Patti {SP, \$107,901}, by Sir Richard Lewis) disappointed with a debut eighth as the 2-1 favorite behind Championofthenile (Pioneerof the Nile) at the Spa Sept. 4, but has been unbeatable since. The bay graduated by 8 1/2 lengths over the inner Dec. 19 and was backed as the 2-5 chalk to clear his first New York-bred condition. Placed on the outside in a tracking second, Awesome Gent reached even terms on the far turn and powered clear in the stretch to leave Gehrige (Ghostzapper) in the dust by 6 1/4 lengths. Awesome Gent is a half-brother to Comedero (Posse), GSW, \$675,814. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$67,492. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Burning Sands Stable LLC (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

5th-SA, \$56K, Msw, 3yo, f, \$56,000, 5:30 p.m. ET

POWER CAT ([Speightstown](#)), who hails from the family of multiple Grade I winners Starrer (Dynaformer) and Stellar Jayne (Wild Rush), debuts here for Bob Baffert and Tanma Corp. The dark bay was a \$600,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling. Fox Hill Farms' Lily ([Uncle Mo](#)) was a \$310,000 purchase at the same sale. The Jerry Hollendorfer pupil is out of a half-sister to Grade I-winning juvenile Proud Accolade (Yes It's True). [TJCIS PPs](#)

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6th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 1-15, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.14, ft. **CRAFTED (r, 4, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Win Crafty Lady {GSW, \$303,844}, by Crafty Prospector)**, a game second at 28-1--beaten only a nose--going a one-turn mile over the Aqueduct main track Nov. 26, was training smartly in the interim at H. James Bond's Palm Meadows base. Given the nod at 3-5 to go one better here, the well-bred 4-year-old vied for the lead around the clubhouse turn. Crafted poked his head in front off the turn for home, kicked clear in the stretch, and held off the rallying duo of Chomsky (Distorted Humor) and Say Cin Cin (Mineshaft) to graduate by 3/4 of a length. Crafted is a half-brother to Graeme Hall (Dehere), MGSW & GISP, \$1,147,441; Harmony Lodge (Hennessy), GISW, \$851,120; Win's Fair Lady (Dehere), MSW, \$150,485; and a full to Win McCool, GSW, \$218,982. Sales history: \$190,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$48,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-William L. Clifton Jr.; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (KY); T-H. James Bond.

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Friday's Results:

DIXIE BELLE S., \$100,000, OP, 1-15, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.74, ft.

1--**MARQUEE MISS, 119, f, 3, by [Cowboy Cal](#)**
1st Dam: Marquee Delivery (MGSP, \$264,901), by Marquetry
2nd Dam: Fast Delivery, by Little Missouri
3rd Dam: Copelan's Girl, by Copelan
 (\$19,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$20,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN). O-Joe Ragsdale; B-David Jacobs (KY); T-Ingrid Mason; J-Channing Hill. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$104,925.

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2--**Durango, 119, f, 3, [First Samurai](#)--Superduper Miss, by Robyn Dancer.** (\$20,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$475,000 2yo '15 EASMAY). O-Tom R. Durant; B-Debby Oxley (KY); T-Randy L. Morse. \$20,000.

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3--**Katalust, 116, f, 3, [Munnings](#)--The Cat's Reach, by Bernstein.** (\$60,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT). O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-R R Equine Stables, LLC (OH); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel. \$10,000.

Margins: 2HF, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 17.10, 0.70, 5.80.

Dixie Belle S. cont.

Also Ran: Don't Boss Me, Go Lady Jay, Above Fashion, Alien Giant. Scratched: Eurodevilwoman.

A winner of the Arlington-Washington Lassie S. at Arlington Park at first asking last August, Marquee Miss faded to finish seventh in the 1 1/16-mile GI Darley Alcibiades S. at Keeneland Oct. 2. She took the overland route to finish ninth in a Keeneland off-the-turfer going that distance Oct. 24 and took



Marquee Miss | Coady Photography

sixth in a sloppy Churchill optional claimer cutting back to 6 1/2 furlongs Nov. 28. Disregarded at the windows Friday evening, the bay locked horns with a rival to her inside through a sizzling quarter in :21.98 and edged clear. Her lead

evaporated after a half in :46.32, but Marquee Miss dug in against the pine and fended off the onrushing favorite Durango to score the upset. "I was surprised to see her so up close because she's actually towing Channing [Hill] around there early," said winning trainer Ingrid Mason. "That's when I got real excited because I thought she's going that comfortably early. He had a lot of horse left." Connections are eyeing the Feb. 6 Martha Washington S. over this strip for Marquee Miss. The winner's dam has a yearling colt by Shackleford and was bred to Gemologist in 2015. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

7th-OP, \$72,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.85, ft.

SUBTLE INDIAN (g, 4, Indian Charlie--Subtle Aly {GSW}, by French Envoy) began his career with three straight wins, including the Gazebo S. here last March. He was eased in his most recent two attempts--the Bachelor S. at Oaklawn Apr. 10 and an allowance race at Canterbury most recently June 13. Overlooked at 17-1 in this loaded affair despite some decent moves on the worktab, he battled the front end through fractions of :22.12 and :45.94 and simply refused to lose, fending off W. B. Smudge (Grand Reward) by a game 3/4 of a length. It was another head back to Alsviid (Officer), who finished a troubled third. Favored Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie), making his first attempt since a narrow defeat in last June's GII Woody Stephens S. at Belmont, tired to finish sixth. Lifetime Record: SW, 6-4-0-0, \$157,100. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Mercedes Stables LLC (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro.

4th-OP, \$70,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-15, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.53, ft.

READY TO CONFESS (f, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--Confessional {GISW, \$827,638}, by Holy Bull) broke through in a big way while making her two-turn debut with first-time Lasix in the Remington slop most recently Nov. 28. Placed in a stalking second here, the 9-2 chance turned up the heat on the backstretch, and dug down deep down the lane to outbattle even-money chalk Dorodansa (Bellamy Road) by a half-length after a long drive. The victress is a half-sister to Timely Advice (A.P. Indy), GSP, \$158,680. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$63,889. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Pin Oak Stable; B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel.



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2nd-FG, \$40,000, Alw (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-15, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.38, gd.

WIRELESS FUTURE (c, 4, [Scat Daddy](#)--Princess Whinny, by Theatrical {Ire}), second, beaten a head, in the \$300,000 Dueling Grounds Derby at Kentucky Downs Sept. 14, closed out his sophomore campaign with a fifth-place finish in the GIII Hawthorne Derby Oct. 17 and a third in an optional claiming over the Fair Grounds lawn Nov. 27. Making his first start on dirt since annexing an allowance off-the-turf here last February, the even-money favorite made every pole a winning one after setting fractions of :23.95 and :48.36. It was 1 1/4 lengths back to Knights Nation (Indygo Shiner) in second. Sales history: \$85,000 Ylg '13 KEEJAN; \$250,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 11-4-1-2, \$172,325. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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4th-FG, \$38,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-15, 3yo, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.09, ft.

QUIJOTE (g, 3, Pomeroy--Soi Disant, by Holy Bull) just got up along the inside in a rained-off affair over track and trip Dec. 27, and was backed as the 4-5 chalk as a "main track only" entrant here. Sent straight to the rail from his outside post to stalk early, the dark bay took up in close quarters down the backside. Undeterred, he was tipped out four deep at the head of the lane and closed resolutely to reel in Cashel Rock (Cashel Castle) by a widening 3/4 of a length. Sales history: \$25,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$45,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Ramiro Rosas Medina (FL); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

Central Report cont.

6th-FG, \$37,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:41.74, ft. PRINCESS ERINDELLE (f, 3, Divine Park--Window Woman, by Skip Away) had been oh-so-close in each of her three previous outings, finishing one slot short at Arlington Sept. 18 and over the local grass Nov. 27 and Dec. 20--the most recent beat coming by only a head. Trying the main track for the first time here--combined with some help from the stewards--did the trick. The 2-1 shot pressed You're Welcome (Pulpit) and crossed the line 3/4 of a length behind that runner, but was put up for bumping. The winner is a half to Window Boy (Include), SW, \$116,624. Her dam produced a Creative Cause filly in 2014, an Oxbow filly in 2015 and was bred back to Paynter. Sales history: \$12,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$17,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$41,320. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O/T-Hugh H. Robertson; B-Shelby Lane Farm Inc. (KY).

9th-FG, \$40,000, (S), Msw, 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07.17, ft. +FLOWERSFORLADY (f, 4, Flower Alley--True Blonde Beauty, by Proudest Romeo), off at 8-1 in this unveiling, settled in a tracking sixth while saving ground at the fence through splits of :23.25 and :47.60. She angled off the inside with less than 100 yards to run and tagged longtime leader Two Bad Attitudes (Macho Uno) on the line by a head. The winner is a half to Beauty's Pioneer (Pioneering), MSP, \$299,087. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O/B-Steve Ingram & Bryant H. Prentice III (LA); T-Steve Ingram.

Thursday Night's Results:

3rd-DED, \$38,000, (S), Msw, 1-14, 3yo, f, 5f, :59.89, ft. +BABY CUSTOMS (f, 3, Custom for Carlos--Forty Babes {SP, \$113,982}, by Forty Won) fired a best-of-25 four-furlong bullet in :47 4/5 over the training track Dec. 19 and was well-supported as the even-money favorite here. She hopped at the start from her outside draw, but quickly outsprinted her rivals through an opening quarter in :22.47. The dark bay began to blow the race apart on the far turn and romped home by 7 1/4 lengths while racing on her left lead down the lane. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Samuel Breaux & David E. Citron III; B-Colden R. Jones & Brian P. Jones (LA); T-Samuel Breaux.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:23 p.m. EST

SILVERBULLETDAY S., \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1m70yds

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Jet Black Magic	Hold Me Back	C Hernandez	Calhoun	5-1
2	Banner Waving	Speightstown	Albarado	Howard	20-1
3	Annabelle	Uncle Mo	Bridgmohan	Cox	8-1
4	Lovable Lyss	Big Brown	Torres	Robertson	4-1
5	More Than Most	Indygo Mountain	Theriot	Calhoun	6-1
6	Midnight On Oconee	Midnight Lute	Graham	Jones	6-1
7	Northwest Tale	Tale of Ekati	B Hernandez	Stewart	8-1
8	Stageplay	Curlin	Geroux	Asmussen	8-5



Friday's Results:

7th-SA, \$59,250, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-15, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 1:14.70, gd.

SWIFT LADY (f, 3, Awesome of Course--The Church Lady, by Valid Wager), a debut second at 16-1 at Del Mar Sept. 7, returned following a freshening to capture a 5 1/2-furlong maiden special weight as the 5-2 favorite at Los Alamitos Dec. 3. Overlooked at 22-1 in this switch to the infield, she fought her way clear through fractions of :21.78 and :44.52, enjoyed a four-length advantage in the stretch and stayed on to take it by 2 1/2 lengths. Jeremy's Legacy (Ire) (Jeremy), favored at 2-1, rallied for second. Sales history: \$170,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$75,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Baoma Corporation; B-Ciaran & Amy Dunne (FL); T-Bob Baffert.



Saturday, Golden Gate Fields, post time: 6:45 p.m. EST

CALIFORNIA DERBY, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	He's a Tiger	Sky Mesa	JJ Hernandez	Bonde	12-1
2	Mana Strike	Papa Clem	Terrero	Lucarelli	4-1
3	Allaboutaction	Candy Ride (Arg)	Baze	Hollendorfer	5-2
4	Algenon	Aragorn (Ire)	Gonzalez	Kasmerski	8-1
5	Go Long	Congrats	Mawing	Desormeaux	20-1
6	Frank Conversation	Quality Road	Gutierrez	O'Neill	2-1
7	Canada	Giant's Causeway	Solis	Callaghan	6-1
8	Marqula	Coast Guard	Frey	Bonde	10-1

ESPN's Kenny Mayne to Deliver Sunday Racecall:

ESPN personality and horse racing fan Kenny Mayne will take the mic to play the role of racecaller for Sunday's fifth race at Santa Anita, a five-furlong dash over the main track.

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"As sports fans everywhere know, Kenny has a unique sense of humor and having grown up near the old Longacres (Racecourse) in Seattle, he's also a lifelong horse racing fan," said Nate Newby, Santa Anita's vice president, marketing. "We think this is going to be a lot of fun and with Santa Anita auditioning announcers for the full-time job, we expect an entertaining race call. His appearance here on Sunday will be a featured segment in the days to come on SportsCenter and there's no-telling how Kenny is going to approach this assignment. One thing's for sure, it'll be memorable and he'll likely have an easier time fitting into the announcer's booth than Conan O'Brien did!"

In addition to being a 21-year veteran of SportsCenter, Mayne has contributed to a variety of other ESPN broadcasts, including several horse racing programs.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, January 16

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

- ADIOS CHARLIE** (Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud Farm, \$4K, 84/3/0
5-SA, Msw, 6f, Adios Princess, \$80K OBS AUG yrl, 6-1
- ARCHARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 248/18/2
4-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Counton Claire, \$5K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
5-SA, Msw, 6f, +Always Believe, \$55K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
- BIG DRAMA** (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 108/13/1
5-SA, Msw, 6f, Instant Drama, \$40K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
- CAPE BLANCO (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$18K, 258/15/1
6-LRL, Stk, 7f, Wychmere, 12-1
4-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Galilea, \$22K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
- COAST GUARD** (Stormy Atlantic), El Dorado Farms, \$2, 23/4/0
7-GG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Marqula, \$15K WAS SEP yrl, 10-1
- CUSTOM FOR CARLOS** (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 88/7/1
4-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Monte Man, \$125K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1
- EUROEARS** (Langfuhr), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division, \$3K, 57/4/0
5-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Eurochord, 10-1
- FIRST DUDE** (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$8K, 194/17/1
12-GP, Msw, 7f, Eklipsado, \$16K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1
5-SA, Msw, 6f, +She'ssashocker, \$75K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
- GIANT OAK** (Giant's Causeway), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 67/3/1
2-FG, Msw, 1mT, +Blindsided Blues, \$60K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1

Rookies cont.

- GIO PONTI** (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 196/9/0
7-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Meow, 10-1
2-FG, Msw, 1mT, Parlay Ponti, \$140K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
- HAYNESFIELD** (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 137/14/1
2-FG, Msw, 1mT, He'll Pay, \$32K FTK OCT yrl, 7-2
5-OP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Say Hey Kid, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
- ICE BOX** (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 140/7/0
7-OP, Msw, 1m, Icy Dawn, 12-1
5-OP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Westbox, 15-1
- INDYGO MOUNTAIN** (A.P. Indy), Valor Farm, \$1K, 15/3/1
9-FG, Stk, 1m, More Than Most, 6-1
- SIDNEY'S CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 165/10/0
7-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Pop Rocks Lady, \$75K EAS MAY 2yo, 9-2
- TIZ THE ONE** (Tiznow), Red River Farms, 62/11/0
7-DED, Alw, 6 1/2f, Premium One, \$15K OBS OPN 2yo, 3-1
- TIZWAY** (Tiznow), Spendthrift Farm, \$25K, 182/7/2
2-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Tiz a Billy, \$200K BAR MAR 2yo, 6-5
4-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Bran Bran, \$9K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1
- TRAPPE SHOT** (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/12/0
11-FG, Stk, 1m, Fish Trappe Road, \$95K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1
1-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Shot Twice, \$55K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
- TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 144/25/0
9-OP, Aoc, 6f, Conquest Twister, \$92K CAN SEP yrl, 5-2
- UNCLE MO** (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/29/7
12-GP, Msw, 7f, +Uncle Guy, \$70K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
11-FG, Stk, 1m, Uncle Walter, \$85K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
11-FG, Stk, 1m, Mo Tom, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2
4-LRL, Stk, 6f, Lost Raven, 7-5
5-SA, Msw, 6f, +Lily, \$310K FTS AUG yrl, 5-2
4-LRL, Stk, 6f, Mo d'Amour, \$75K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-1
9-FG, Stk, 1m, Annabelle, \$130K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1
4-AQU, Msw, 6f, Biaviian, \$55K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1
- WILBURN** (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 210/23/1
7-OP, Msw, 1m, Roan Feathers, \$6K OBS OPN 2yo, 30-1
7-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Wilburn's Princess, \$34K OBS WIN yrl, 15-1

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Perdido Pomeroy, c, 3, **Pomeroy**--Boldest of All (SW, \$249,864), by Bold Executive. Busan, 1-15, Hcp. (\$57k), 1200m.

B-Soundview Farm (FL). *Carrying top weight of 126 pounds and forced to give 13 rivals between two and 13 pounds, Perdido Pomeroy remained unbeaten in three career tries to date, besting chief market rival Triple Five (Girolamo) by a convincing three lengths as the 4-5 chalk. **\$2,500 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$22,000 2yo '15 OBSJUN.

IN SINGAPORE:

Winning Cause, g, 4, **Giant's Causeway**--Salut d'Amour (Ire) (SW & MGSP-Eng, \$119,140), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Kranji, 1-15, Hcp. (\$56k), 1400mT, 1:22.80. B-Chelston (KY). *1/2 to Secret Admirer (Thewayyouare), MSP-Fr. **\$50,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-SA, \$68,090, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-14, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.66, gd.

HAY DUDE (GB) (g, 6, Dubawi {Ire}--Inaminute {Ire}, by Spectrum {Ire}) Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, SP-US & Fr, 19-4-4-4, \$158,039. O-Anthony Fanticola & Josph Scardino; B-Ray Bailey (GB); T-Philip D'Amato. *26,000gns RNA Wlg '10 TATFOA.

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2nd-SA, \$60,860, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2ft, 1:14.95, gd.

PEARL DE VERE (m, 6, Songandaprayer--The Dove, by Hawk Wing) Lifetime Record: 27-6-7-2, \$224,443. O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Marablu Farm LLC (FL); T-Peter Miller.

7th-FG, \$43,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.60, ft.

LADY GRANTHAM (m, 5, Yankee Gentleman--Yes It's Gold {MSP, \$168,222}, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: SW, 27-7-6-5, \$306,160. O-J. David Richardson & Sandra New; B-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable & W. L. New (LA); T-Brett A. Brinkman. *1/2 to Izzie's Gold (E Dubai), SW, \$145,454.

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8th-DED, \$42,000, (S), 1-14, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28.73, ft.
FLASHING AUTHORITY (m, 6, South of Broad--Duel Authority, by Conte Di Savoya) Lifetime Record: 18-3-0-2, \$99,670.
 O/T-John Donaghey; B-Belinda Donaghey (LA). *1/2 to Sweet Little Sleet (Seattle Sleet), SP, \$167,207.

7th-DED, \$36,710, 1-14, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.80, ft.
VENDEUSE (m, 5, My Pal Charlie--Salespitch, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-1, \$79,685. O-Red Rose Racing; B-Mary E. Stovall (LA); T-Eduardo Ramirez. *\$6,200 RNA Ylg '12 BSCYRL.

4th-PEN, \$30,400, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-14, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.69, ft.
BEARS PERSONALITY (c, 4, Awesome Again--Yearly Attitude {SP, \$230,660}, by Event of the Year) Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-1, \$116,697. O-Team Central, Inc.; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Marcos Zulueta. *\$35,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tom's Gift, c, 3, **Girolamo**--Travelator (MSW & GSP, \$647,672), by A. P Jet. AQU, 1-15, (C), 1m, 1:40.00. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (KY). *\$120,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$52,000 2yo '15 EASMAV.

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My Chennai Xpress, c, 3, **Hold Me Back**--Pagan Dance, by Valley Crossing. OP, 1-15, 1 1/16m, 1:46.50. B-C. Oliver Iselin (VA). *\$35,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

Clare's Dowery, f, 3, **Jump Start**--She Shines, by Polish Numbers. LRL, 1-15, 6f, 1:12.49. B-Frank P Wright (MD).

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Pinot Meunier, f, 3, **Successful Appeal**--Wires Crossed, by Caller I. D.. PEN, 1-15, 6f, 1:12.58. B-Kendall Springs Partnership & Crumbaugh Lane (KY). *\$8,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

Sweetwater, f, 3, **Twirling Candy**--Something Brewing, by Meadowlake. GP, 1-15, (C), 6f, 1:12.26. B-English Range Farm (FL). \$72,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG. *1/2 to Pedaltothemedal (Medallist), GSP, \$124,854.



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Extrasexyeurodude, g, 4, **Eurosilver**--Extra Sexy Psychic (SW, \$311,650), by Freud. PEN, 1-15, (S), 6f, 1:12.15. B-Toni M. Kirwan & Edward Hips (PA). *1/2 to Extrasexyhippzster (Stroll), MSW, \$247,555.

Lite, f, 4, **Lookin At Lucky**--Pure Grace, by Vindication. TAM, 1-15, 1m 40y (off turf), 1:43.57. B-Turner Breeders (KY). *\$90,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV.

Dylan Ward, g, 5, **Artie Schiller**--Dami, by Dynaformer. SA, 1-15, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.94. B-B. P. Walden Jr. & P. W. Madden (KY). *\$26,000 Wlg '11 KEENOV; \$52,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. **1/2 to Parent's Honor (Elusive Quality), SP, \$325,855.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES TO WATCH IN 2016



Kevin Blake bets on Casamento to have a good start at stud | Darley

By Kevin Blake

In a game as fashion-focused and fickle as the bloodstock business, there is always great emphasis on what is new and exciting. This is seen to no greater extent than in the phenomenon that is the markets for progeny of first-season sires. There is always a great amount of financial and non-financial speculation as to which sires will make it and which won't, so with the first runners of the latest bunch of new sires only a few months away from the racecourse, now is perhaps a good time to examine the pick of the new sires based in Great Britain and Ireland.

One thing that must be said is that it is a competitive year for sires with their first runners in 2016. There are no fewer than 13 stallions based in Great Britain and Ireland that have 75 or more 2-year-olds to represent them compared to just eight such stallions in 2015. What is also interesting is that all but one of these stallions fall within the commercial zone of £20,000 or less. Frankel is the outlier among them and given that his fortunes will only be relevant to the highest of high-end breeders, he won't be discussed in any detail on this occasion.

The method used to assess the prospects of the first runners of various stallions is an interesting subject.

As always in the bloodstock world, there will be no shortage of subjective opinion based on what observers have seen with their own eyes on the gallops and at the sales, but this piece will seek to make a statistics-based assessment. While statistics based on yearling sales results are far from cast iron given the potential for them to be manipulated by stallion owners supporting progeny of their own sires, there is always plenty of interesting information to be extracted from the results. [cont.p2](#)

MICHEL HENOCHSBERG DIES AT 69

Michel Henochsberg, a modern pillar of French racing and breeding and the breeder of champion racehorse and broodmare Urban Sea, died Friday after a battle with cancer. He was 69.

Henochsberg was an economics professor at the University of Paris and known affectionately to many in racing simply as "The Professor." He was a pivotal figure in many industry organizations including GRECO--French racing's first governing body--and the UPG, the predecessor to France Galop. He was the first president of the Syndicat des éleveurs de chevaux de sang, a post he held from 1989 to 1996, and he also served as president of the Association des éleveurs européens de chevaux from 1992 to 1996. In 1995, Jean-Luc Lagardere appointed Henochsberg the vice-president of France Galop. [cont. p5](#)

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First-Season Sires To Watch in 2016 cont. from p1

One method that is a useful starting point is to assess the average, and more significantly, the median price, achieved by a sire's progeny at the yearling sales as a multiple of their nomination fee. This can give an idea of how they performed in the context of the expectation implied by their nomination fee. However, that methodology undoubtedly favors sires with lower nomination fees, so it is arguably fairer to all to include a set figure to account for costs up to the point of sale as a yearling.

What this figure should be is a subject that could be debated all night, as there is obviously a great variety in costs based on individual circumstances ranging from the breeder that keeps the horse on their own land at minimum expense, right up to the owner that boards his horses from birth at high-profile farms at much greater expense. The figure I have decided to use to best reflect an industry-wide average is 6,000gns. Adding this amount into the equation on top of the nomination fee certainly levels up the playing field and indeed swings the statistical balance back in favour of sires that stood at higher fees.

Mind, it is worth considering that while this methodology may be fairer in strict terms, it should be noted that the progeny of the higher-price stallions can be presumed to have an in-built advantage that is very hard to account for here in that the quality and value of the mares they cover will have been higher than those than were covered by the stallions that stood for lower fees, yet the fixed costs that

they incur remain the same. It is also worth noting that when I converted the 2013 nomination fees of Irish-based stallions from Euro to Guineas for ease of comparison to the sales results which have all been converted to Guineas, I used the average exchange rate from 2013 (€1.18 to £1) to best reflect the cost to the breeder at the time of transaction. With the Euro having weakened significantly against Sterling since then (2015 average €1.38 to £1), Irish-based stallions on this list are disadvantaged by their stud fee being approximately 17% or so higher than it would be at current exchange rates. All told, statistical analysis

of this nature will never be fully reflective of the situation, but it can certainly help to cut through the bluster and give a good indication of how the market really received the first yearlings of these new sires.

So, what do the numbers say?

At the lower end of the nomination fee scale, the one that stands out is **Casamento**. Prior to adding in the 6,000gns fixed costs, his average yearling price was 6.84 times his covering fee and his yearling median price was 4.28 times his covering fee, both of which clearly led the way amongst the 19 sires listed.

This is a quite remarkable performance considering the in-built disadvantage he faced in this analysis given the aforementioned weakening of the Euro against Sterling since he covered his first mares in Ireland. Once the fixed costs are added into the equation, as can be seen in the table, he still holds his own very well against his more expensive rivals. [cont.p3](#)



Casamento | *Racing Post*

Sire	2013 Fee	Fee (Gns) + 6,000 gns	Live Fls	Yrlings Sold	Avg (Gns)	Mdn (Gns)	Avg as Multiple of Fee + Costs	Mdn as Multiple of Fee +
Costs								
Sepoy	£15,000	21750	82	55	82,314	50,000	3.78	2.30
Frankel	£125,000	137250	98	23	423,483	305,250	3.09	2.22
Bated Breath	£8,000	14400	103	66	41,667	28,285	2.89	1.96
Nathaniel	£20,000	27000	113	66	98,821	50,000	3.66	1.85
Casamento	€5,000	10449	115	100	30,439	19,047	2.91	1.82
Helmet	€10,000	14898	79	64	38,159	24,681	2.56	1.66
Dragon Pulse	€6,000	11339	75	68	24,694	18,751	2.18	1.65
Power	€12,500	17123	82	59	34,738	27,316	2.03	1.60
Born To Sea	€10,000	14898	85	65	43,259	23,624	2.90	1.59
Harbour Watch	£7,500	13875	122	102	27,745	20,000	2.00	1.44
Requinto	€5,000	10449	49	44	26,392	14,764	2.53	1.41
So You Think	€17,500	21572	52	33	37,510	30,000	1.74	1.39
Excelebration	€22,500	26021	87	62	54,026	35,068	2.08	1.35
Foxwedge	£7,500	13875	82	46	23,291	18,500	1.68	1.33
Sir Prancealot	€6,000	11339	102	87	22,090	14,765	1.95	1.30
Mayson	£8,000	14400	70	45	30,370	17,142	2.11	1.19
Famous Name	€4,000	9559	48	41	19,729	10,335	2.06	1.08
Elzaam	€4,000	9559	67	57	17,891	8,859	1.87	0.93
Delegator	£5,000	11250	69	46	9,882	6,666	0.88	0.59

Conversion rate of €1.18 to £1.00 used

First-Season Sires to Watch in 2016 cont.

Casamento's numbers are particularly impressive as he has the second-highest quantity of progeny on the above list of sires, with this comparatively large sample making the conclusions more reliable. As well as that, while some might presume that his numbers might have been boosted by his progeny being supported at the sales by his owner, Darley, it is a telling fact that he achieved what he did with only two yearlings being bought by John Ferguson, one for 200,000gns and one for €40,000. Given that he has the sheer weight of numbers of representatives on his side as well as his progeny having been very well received at the yearling sales, Casamento certainly looks to have the best claims of those at the lower end of the nomination fee scale in the race for the title of champion first-season sire.

In the middle section of the commercial market, the one that catches the eye is **Bated Breath**. From a solid sample of yearlings that went through the sales ring, his numbers read very well. Just as significantly given that he represents the powerful owner/breeders Juddmonte, it is worth noting that they have retained 19 of his 2-year-olds. These include a half-sister to Kingman that will be trained by John Gosden, a half-brother to Twice Over, a half-sister to Quiff, a



Juddmonte has retained 19 2-year-olds by Bated Breath | Juddmonte

daughter of Quiff, a half-brother to Main Aim and a half-sister to Reefscape. He has the profile, the weight of numbers and the quality of mare behind him to give him every chance to make a serious impact with his first runners.

In terms of those at the higher end of the nomination scale on this list, two sires with contrasting profiles performed particularly well. The first of them is at the speed-orientated end of the scale and is another Darley representative, **Sepoy**. He has a really interesting profile being an Australian import, which is an angle that Darley have really backed following the success of Exceed And Excel, and the market has really responded well to his progeny. His progeny come out on top in terms of both their average and median yearling sale price relative to his nomination fee plus costs, which signifies strong support for his progeny at all levels of the market. In terms of the in-house support he got at the sales, John Ferguson only signed for four of Sepoy's progeny, paying 200,000gns, 160,000gns, 110,000gns and 55,000gns. Interestingly, a daughter of his that is a half-sister to Sole Power was bought back for no less than 550,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1, thus isn't included in his already impressive statistics. **cont. p4**

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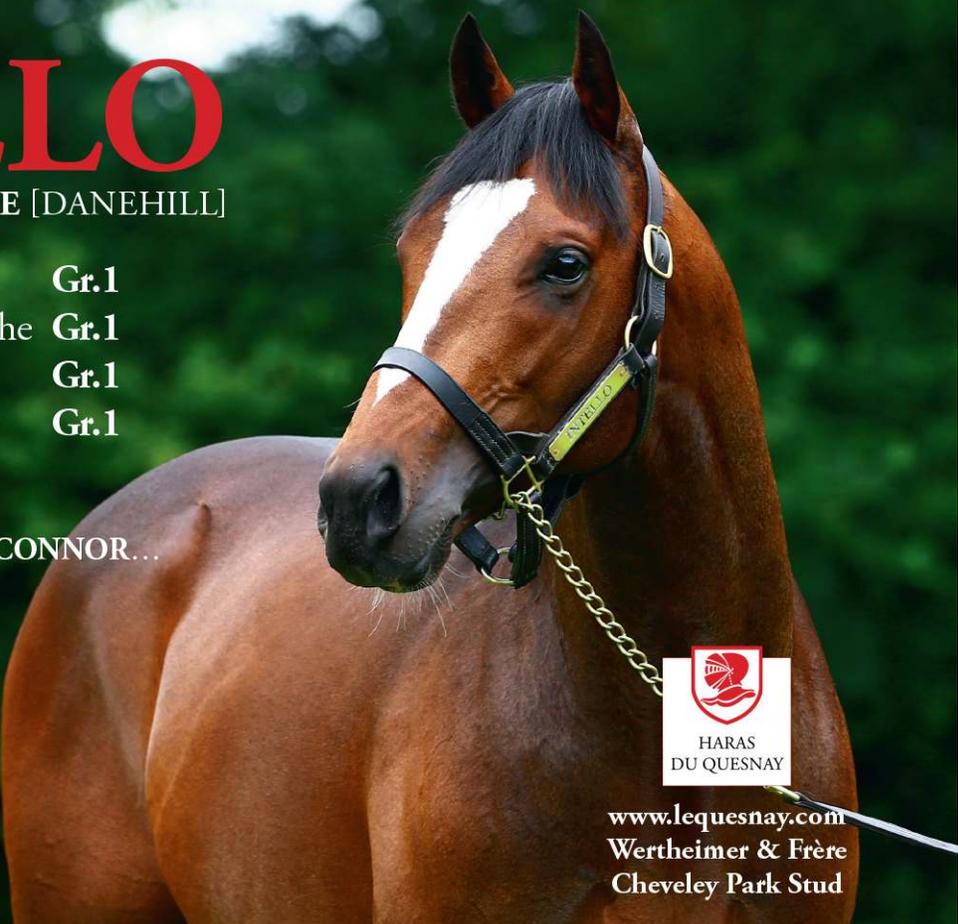
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First-Season Sires to Watch in 2016 cont.

While Sepoy doesn't quite have the weight of numbers of 2-year-olds on the ground to match his rivals for the title of champion first-season sire, his sales results certainly suggest that he makes up for it with the quality of his progeny and he is one to watch very closely.

While much of the mainstream focus will be on Frankel in 2016, the upper-end sire of a more middle-distance profile that comes out very well in the above analysis is another son of the great Galileo and indeed a former racecourse rival of Frankel's in



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the shape of **Nathaniel.**

Nathaniel was very well supported in his first season, as is reflected in his live foal numbers, and his progeny that were sent to the sales did very well by any measure. Four of his

progeny realised 500,000gns or more at auction, with the buyers being MV Magnier, Juddmonte Farms, Al Shaqab Racing and Dermot Farrington. Given his profile, it is no surprise that he was well supported by owner/breeders in his first season and the 50 or so of his 2-year-olds that have been retained by his breeders will represent the likes of Juddmonte, Godolphin, Cheveley Park Stud, Normandie Stud and George Strawbridge. One can be certain that there will be plenty of quality among that group.

Of course, unlike some of his rivals with speedier profiles, there won't be quite as much pressure on Nathaniel's progeny to deliver in 2016. They will be expected to be better as 3-year-olds and while no sire can get away with a very quiet first season of runners, full judgement won't be passed on him until the conclusion of the 2017 campaign.

On a more general point, when dealing with sires that are about to have their first runners, it would be remiss not to address the question of whether a breeder should consider sending a mare to such a sire this season and if so, which ones make the most appeal.

The question itself is a contentious one, as using a sire in its fourth season is arguably one of the riskiest moves a breeder can make. The reality of the stallion game is that the vast majority of sires prove to be commercial failures and an awful lot of them are written off if their first batch of 2-year-olds do not impress, so using such a sire as their first runners are about to hit the track really is a sink-or-swim proposition, with many

such investments meeting with a watery end.

On the flip side of the argument, in most cases stallion owners are very open to negotiating the nomination fees of stallions at such a tenuous stage of their careers in an effort to stimulate business by reducing their client's exposure. That said, there have been recent cases of stallion owners taking a bullish stance with their fourth-season stallions in light of the reception their progeny received at the yearling sales. A recent example was Coolmore's decision to raise Zoffany's nomination fee from €7,500 to €12,500 last year. That decision raised many eyebrows at the time, but proved to be justified in no uncertain terms by the outstanding performance of his first runners and subsequent rise to a fee of €45,000 for 2016.

The one fourth-season sire in the table that has had his fee raised for 2016 is the aforementioned Casamento, whose switch from Kildangan Stud to Dalham Hall has seen his fee go from €5,000 to £5,000. Given the high-risk nature of using a fourth-season sire, siding with one at the lower end of the nomination ladder is perhaps a sensible course of action and Casamento's numerical strength and excellent sales results make him an appealing prospect.

Another factor that makes an appealing fourth-season sire gamble is that, given anyone that uses such a sire in 2016 will be selling the resulting progeny in 2017 at the earliest, it is best to avoid a sire that has thrown mostly fast-and-early types that are going to be very quickly made or broken based on the exploits of their first runners as 2-year-olds which wouldn't be guaranteed to train on as 3-year-olds. With Casamento being an imposing physical specimen himself and seeming to have passed that on to many of his progeny, they will be widely expected to train on and even improve as 3-year-olds.

If you're feeling lucky, Casamento might be the right one to gamble on.

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Riding out on Warren Hill in Newmarket Friday morning | Emma Berry

Michel Henochsberg Obituary cont. from p1

“We have lost a great friend, and someone who was very intelligent about racing,” said Eric Puerari of Haras des Capucines, who did business for many years with Henochsberg. “He was one of the key people to change the system about 20 years ago. When France Galop was created, he was at the origin of that. He was very passionate and intelligent about racing and breeding and I think he’ll be remembered for that.”

In the midst of serving the above posts, Henochsberg was breeding Group 1 winners. He is perhaps best known as the breeder of Urban Sea, the winner of the 1993 G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe, who has gone on to be one of the most influential producers in the history of the studbook worldwide. Eight of Urban Sea’s 11 foal were stakes winners and four were Group 1 winners: Galileo, Sea the Stars, My Typhoon and Black Sam Bellamy. Of those that weren’t stakes winners, the Group 2-placed Cherry Hinton has produced the G1 Irish Oaks winner Bracelet. Urban Sea’s, and Henochsberg’s, legacy will live on for many generations to come through her producing sons and daughters, which also include her Classic-placed son Born To Sea, whose first 2-year-olds run this year.

Henochsberg bought Urban Sea’s dam, Allegretta, for \$55,000 at Keeneland November in 1984 through Horse France with partners Maurice Legasse and Marc de Chambure under their Marystead Farm banner. Allegretta had failed to win a stakes race and had been barren a handful of years before going through the ring at Keeneland, but Henochsberg had told *Paris-Turf*, “She was a useful race filly who gave the impression of not having much heart...but she descended from an exceptional family. She is not elegant, but she has an exceptional body. I was seduced.”

Urban Sea was the fifth foal produced by Allegretta after Marystead’s purchase, and she wasn’t Allegretta’s only success. Henochsberg and his partners also bred from the mare Allez Le Trois, the dam of G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner Anabaa Blue and second dam of G1 Prix Jacques le Marois winner Tamayuz; and G1 2000 Guineas winner and sire King’s Best. Henochsberg and his friend Rene Romanet also bred Al Nasr, the first Group 1 winner for trainer Andre Fabre, from Caretta, a mare they had claimed.

“He was a very smart man and very devoted to the whole racing industry,” said Marc de Chambure. “It’s extremely sad, he passed away fighting cancer and everyone is very sad about it.”



Michel Henochsberg
in 2005 | Scoop Dyga

Puerari added, “He knew the great difficulties of breeding after so many years, so he was always a vivid player and always hoping for the best with each new generation.”

IFHA Chairman Louis Romanet also shared his admiration of Henochsberg, telling *Jour de Galop*, “I knew Michel for a long time and I had seen [him] after the holidays. This is a difficult time. We were in the same high school, we played football together in the courtyard. He was a childhood friend, a brilliant student and a real breeding enthusiast. I will remember all my life Galiani’s victory in the Grand Prix de Paris, which was co-bred by Michel and my brother Rene. There is also the victory of Al Nasr in the Prix d’Ispahan, the first Group 1 victory for Andre Fabre. Michel and Rene were two great enthusiasts. We also need to [mention] Urban Sea, a founding mare of exceptional lineage.”

Henochsberg was also passionate about media and was a key player in the creation of the *Jour de Galop* along with his friend and TDN president and co-publisher Barry Weisbord in 2007. He also served as the managing director of *lesinrockuptibles.com* and was managing editor of the electronic journal AZYMUT.

Henochsberg’s other passions included contemporary painting as well as writing—he wrote two books: *Nous nous sentions comme une sale espèce* and *la Place du marché*--as well as tennis and football.

Edouard de Rothschild also paid tribute to Henochsberg, telling *Jour de Galop*, “Michel was above all a friend. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of [racing]. Tonight, with him in mind, I want to recall the memory of the many winners to whom he was associated, [including] Al Nasr, Urban Sea, Sandman [and] King’s Best.”

Henochsberg is survived by his wife, Geraldine, and three children, Rachel, Simon and Milena. Funeral arrangements will be published when available.

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IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Non-Industry Media

[With ‘World’s Best Race’ to be awarded, what makes the best horse races great?](#) Next week, the curtain will come down on the racing world for 2015 once and for all with the world’s best horses and the world’s best races of the last year to be celebrated at a ceremony in London on Tuesday. **Andrew Hawkins, South China Morning Post**

Letter from the PUBLISHER



With the passing of Michel Henochsberg, the world of Thoroughbred racing has lost a great citizen. I have lost a most special friend.

We shared a friendship for over 35 years, which centered on our love of Thoroughbred activities, but was deepened by our mutual enjoyment of sports, current events, art, theatre, fine dining, and his Ph.D. discipline--economics--from which his nickname "the professor" emanated.

His insatiable intellectual curiosity made it impossible to share a meal with Michel and not come away having discussed and learned something new.

Roland de Chambure, whom I knew through my Lexington mentor Johnny Jones Jr., introduced me to Michel. It wasn't long after that introduction, despite the fact that he was only a



Henochsberg family lunch in Deauville August 2015 with Michel, Simon, Geraldine, Milena and Rachel | Barry Weisbord

few years my senior, that Michel became my "professor" on all things regarding the French and European Thoroughbred business. I was neophyte, but under his kind tutelage, I was introduced to the leading owners, breeders and trainers through our visits to

Longchamp, Chantilly, Deauville, and Tattersalls.

Michel's infectious enthusiasm in two particular areas--pedigree study and his tireless efforts to improve the industry--laid the foundation for me to travel similar paths.

Knowing Michel meant knowing his family, of whom he was immensely proud. When Friday night came and I found myself in Paris, I looked forward to a Henochsberg family dinner, where I felt honored to be included. As the non-French speaking member of the family, my dinner contribution was giving the children an opportunity to practice their English conversation skills and an update on U.S. pop culture.

Michel's favorite way of getting to Longchamp, and around much of Paris, was on his souped-up moped. My ultimate expression of trust in Michel was this: I traveled by taxi to join Michel at a meeting in Paris. With another meeting to follow, he encouraged me to hop on the back of his moped for what he promised would be a short ride. I opened my eyes to find that we were not only on the Peripherique, but he was one of those people I curse--a motorcycle driver on a highway weaving in and

out between the traffic at high speed. I closed my eyes again and kept them tightly shut until the engine turned off and I vowed never again to experience that particular thrill. But Michel got me there safely.

In time, I was able to help him with his breeding stock in America, which made me a footnote to history. I am most proud that the 1988 mating on my Miswaki share led to his mare Allegretta producing Urban Sea. Her son, Galileo, means a lot of things to a lot of people. For me, every time I read or hear the name Galileo will be a moment to remember my special friend.

My heart breaks for Geraldine and for his children Rachel, Simon and Mimi.

Their Michel--our Michel--was one in a million.

--Barry Weisbord

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ST. JOVITE EUTHANIZED AT 27

Virginia Kraft Payson's homebred 1992 European Horse of the Year **St. Jovite** (Pleasant Colony--Northern Sunset {Ire}, by Northfields) was euthanized Jan. 9 at Michael Keogh's Ballysax Manor Stud in Ireland due to the infirmities of old age, announced Payson Stud Friday. He was 27.

A champion 2-year-old in Ireland for Payson and trainer Jim Bolger after wins in the G3 Anglesey S. and G1 Futurity S. both at The Curragh in 1991, St. Jovite finished fourth in the G1 Grand Criterium to Arazi (Blushing Groom {Fr}) to end his season at Longchamp that October. Even better at three, the bay filled the same spot in The Curragh's G3 Gladness S. in April, but bounced back with a win in the G3 Derby Trial S. at Leopardstown in May of 1992. Second to Dr Devious (Ire) (Ahoonora {GB}) in the G1 Epsom Derby that June, St. Jovite thrashed that rival by 12 lengths in the Irish equivalent, setting a course record--that still stands--in the process and added the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. against his elders at Ascot in July, although it would be his final victory. Runner-up to arch-rival Dr Devious in the G1 Champion S. at Leopardstown in September, St. Jovite ended his career with a fourth-place effort in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp that October. In addition to his European Horse of the Year title, St. Jovite was highweight on the European Free Handicap at 11-13 1/2 furlongs and French highweight at 11-14 furlongs. He retired to Payson Stud in Kentucky having earned \$1,604,439 with a record of 11-6-2-0. [cont. p7](#)



St. Jovite | Racing Post

St. Jovite Euthanized at 27 cont.

Transferred to Greentree Stud in Ireland in 2006, St. Jovite was represented by eight black-type winners from 458 foals, with his top runner GI San Juan Capistrano Invitational H. winner Amerique. He was retired from stud duty to Ballysax Manor Stud in Ireland in 2014.

Born in 1989, St. Jovite was a son of 1995 Broodmare of the Year Northern Sunset. He was a full-brother to MGSW Lac Ouimet and a half-brother to GI Breeders' Cup Classic bridesmaid, GSW and MGISP L'Carriere (Carr de Naskra), as well as MGSW Salem Drive (Darby Creek Road) and G1SP Norberto (Roberto). His half-sister, the winning Dry North (Temperance Hill) produced SW Fly North (Pleasant Colony), in turn, the dam of U.S. champion sophomore filly Farda Amiga (Broad Brush).

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Friday's Result:

6th-WOL, £4,000, Mdn, 1-15, 3-4yo, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:49.67, st. DWIGHT D (GB) (c, 3, Duke of Marmalade {Ire}--Almatinka {Ire}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}), who was runner-up over a mile at Chelmsford last time Dec. 21, quickly gained control at the head of affairs. Under no pressure at any stage, the 1-5 chalk sauntered to a nine-length success from Dream Revival (GB) (Captain Gerrard {Ire}). The dam, who is out of The Aga Khan's 1000 Guineas and E.P. Taylor S. placegetter Alasha (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), has a yearling colt by Harbour Watch (Ire) and a filly foal by Havana Gold (Ire). Sales history: 20,000gns RNA Wlg '13 TATFOA; 75,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$9,179. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-W. J. and T. C. O. Gredley; B-Whitley Stud (GB); T-William Haggas.

ALLOWANCE RESULT:

5th-LIN, £11,500, 1-15, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:29.37, st. ARCH VILLAIN (IRE) (g, 7, Arch--Barzah {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Darshaan {GB}) Lifetime Record: 22-8-2-3, \$157,863. O-Mr & Mrs F Cotton, Mr & Mrs P Conway; B-Summerhill Bloodstock (IRE); T-Amanda Perrett. 60,000gns Ylg '10 TATOCT. *1/2 to Thubiaan (Dynaformer), SP-Aus, \$529,722; and to Speculative Bid (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}), SP-Eng, \$174,018.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Gorokai (Ire), g, 3, Kodiak (GB)--Damask (Ire), by Red Clubs (Ire). LIN, 1-15, 5f 6y (AWT), :59.31. B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE). *65,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT.

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Friday's Result:

3rd-DUN, €11,000, Mdn, 1-15, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.58, st. EBADAN (IRE) (c, 3, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Ebareva {Ire}, by Machiavellian), runner-up when last seen over this track and trip Nov. 27, stalked the early leader before being sent to the front with over a quarter mile to race. Taken on by A Shin Impala (Ire) (Evasive {GB}) soon after, the 4-6 favorite whose immediate family includes the G1 Ascot Gold Cup winners Estimate (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) and Enzeli (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) stayed on to register a 1 1/2-length score. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$11,562. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-H. H. Aga Khan; B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C. (IRE); T-Mick Halford.

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Arqana February Mixed Sale Catalogue Available:

The catalogue for the single-session Arqana February Mixed Sale is now available. Held in Deauville Feb. 8, a total of 335 lots have been catalogued, with 137 broodmares, 57 maiden mares, 59 horses in training, 57 yearlings, 24 2-year-olds and one stallion prospect. The Haras du Thenney-consigned **Nouvelle Chance (Ger)** (Dr Fong) lot 220 is a highlight, as she is in foal to smart young sire Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}). The sale will start at 11 a.m. local time. For more information and the catalogue, go to www.arqana.com.



THE 'WIZ' TRIALS AHEAD OF CLASSIC MILE

by Alan Carasso

Thewizardofoz (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), the likely favorite for next Sunday's Hong Kong Classic Mile at Sha Tin, was the easy winner of a 1200-meter barrier trial over the all-weather track labeled as wet-slow on a rainy Friday morning in the New Territories. [cont. p8](#)

The 'Wiz' Trials Ahead of Classic Mile cont.

Drawn gate two, Thewizardofoz was snagged back to a midfield third by Joao Moreira and traveled strongly before being asked a bit exiting the final quarter. He eased alongside the pacesetter with about 300 meters, hit the front under a minimum of effort and galloped home to take it by a handy 1



Thewizardofoz | HKJC photo

1/2 lengths. Final time in the day's lone trial was 1:12.32 ([video](#)).

[Trainer] John [Size] asked me to give him an easy time, to try to not let him go too hard," Moreira told South China *Morning Post* in a post-trial interview. "He gave me such a good feel. He was behind horses,

even with the track a bit messy [Friday]. He was very kind and finished off the trial very well. We are where we wanted to be, spot on to perform well next week."

Last year's champion griffin and unbeaten in three starts, the bay gelding was beaten at long odds-on prices in his first starts this season, but turned it around in no uncertain terms last time, drawing off to a smashing 2 3/4-length victory in a Class 2 going 1400 meters Dec. 27 ([video](#)).

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AL QUOZ ON 'KIWI' AGENDA?

by Alan Carasso

Kiwi Karma (NZ) (Fast 'N' Famous {Aus}), one of the top sprinters of either sex in Singapore, could be on track for a start in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint on the Dubai World Cup undercard after posting a visually impressive two-length victory in a 1200-meter Class 1 over the Kranji turf course Friday evening ([video](#)).

Away neatly from the three hole, the 4-year-old filly chased from second behind a loose leader and was ridden quietly on the turn by Manoel Nunes. She steadily reeled in that front-runner with about 300 meters left to travel and scampered clear to win comfortably in the finish to take her record to six wins



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from 16 career outings.

"There is still quite a way to go to race in Dubai, but she is a step closer to that goal now," winning trainer Michael Clements reported. "We've actually already booked her ticket and have already organised stables for her in Dubai."

A three-time pattern winner while forced to face males in Singapore, Kiwi Karma looked a winning chance at the 200-meter mark in the G1 KrisFlyer International Sprint last May, but was outfinished and finished under four lengths behind the victorious Hong Kong raider Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) in fourth.

"We actually toyed with the Dubai idea after the KrisFlyer," Clements said. "She will obviously need to run again a couple of times before it all comes off. I will probably look at another 1200-meter race in three of four weeks' time and then the Merlion Trophy on Polytrack [1200 meters, Mar. 6]."

Singapore is not without success on World Cup night, as Rocket Man (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}) made history when winning the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen in 2011. El Padrino (NZ) (Mr Nancho {Arg}) won last year's Merlion Trophy ahead of a good fourth in the Golden Shaheen.

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PURSE BOOSTS FOR QATAR FEATURES

The two feature races of the Emir's Sword Festival in Doha, Qatar Feb. 26 to 28 will each be worth \$1 million. The races are the 12-furlong G1 HH The Emir's Trophy and the G1 HH The Emir's Sword, and both will be run Feb. 28.

The festival will also introduce a new Thoroughbred turf program. The \$200,000 Qatar International Thoroughbred Cup for 3-year-olds and up over a mile will be run Feb. 27, and the \$250,000 Katara Sprint Cup over six furlongs for 3-year-olds and up and the \$250,000 Laffan Mile Shalfa Cup over a mile will be contested Feb. 28.

"HH The EMIR'S Sword is the most prestigious race of the season and we are very much looking forward to a great three days of international racing as we are hoping to attract some more international runners and distinguished guests, said Nasser Al Kaabi, General Manager of the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club. "We saw at the Qatar Derby International Festival in Perkasas, Rogue Runner and Tannaaf that European horses can have success on Qatar soil."

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN UAE:

Lanadam (Itly), g, 6, **Elnadim**--Villa Via (Ire), by Night Shift. Al Ain, 1-15, Hcp., 1600m, 1:38.58. B-Ipposervice SRL (Itly). *114,286gns 2yo '12 TATAPR. **1/2 to Champion Place (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), GSW-Itly, \$272,951.

First Foal for 2014 G1 Deutsches Derby hero Sea The Moon (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire})

● Patronella (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) produced a brown filly at Kingwood Stud in England Jan. 15.