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KINGMAMBO EUTHANIZED



Kingmambo (1990-2016) | Lane's End photo

by Alan Carasso

Kingmambo (Mr. Prospector), the first produce of the irrepressible two-time GI Breeders' Cup Mile heroine Miesque (Nureyev), the sire of champions in nine different countries/continents and of 85 black-type winners to date, was euthanized Tuesday at William S. Farish's Lane's End Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, due to the infirmities of old age. The announcement comes five years to the day of his dam's death at Lane's End. Kingmambo, who will be buried at the farm, had just turned 26 years of age, having been pensioned from stud duties in 2010.

"It is a tough, emotional loss for all of us here at the farm," Will Farish commented. "He's been with us for a long time, was so very successful and will be greatly missed. We're very grateful to Stavros [Niarchos], Maria [Niarchos-Gouaze] and the whole Niarchos Family for entrusting his care to us."

Bred and raced by Stavros Niarchos and trained by Francois Boutin, Kingmambo was a top 3-year-old of his generation in 1993, winning the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, the G1 St James's Palace S. before besting older rivals in the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. He retired with five wins from 13 starts and earnings of \$733,139.

"It is every owner/breeder's dream to have a filly like Miesque," Mrs. Niarchos-Gouaze said.

Kingmambo cont. p3

TIME TO SHOW FRANK STRONACH SOME LOVE

By Bill Finley

I may not have written it, but I certainly thought it: I was no Frank Stronach fan. I shed a tear when he tore down the old Gulfstream Park, a wonderful facility that was home to some of my fondest memories as a racing fan and journalist. I didn't understand his revolving-door philosophy when it came to the hiring and firing of executives and, like a lot of others, I had a good laugh at his expense at some of his follies. Anyone remember those Horse Wizard machines at Laurel? I imagine Stronach hopes that you don't.

Maybe I was wrong about Stronach all along. Maybe he's changed, learned from his mistakes. Maybe it is a little of both. Whatever it is, I have come to appreciate him and consider him to be a great asset to the sport, a sport that is very lucky to have him. **Cont. p6**

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Niarchos-Gouaze continued, “Then for her to give them two Classic winners from her first two foals in Kingmambo and East of the Moon is unique. Kingmambo was one of a kind who has stamped the breed forever and who has given us so much pleasure over the past 26 years.”

Kingmambo made a near-immediate impact once retired to stud at Lane's End, as he sired 1998 G1 Japan Cup hero and 1999 Japanese Horse of the Year El Condor Pasa from his very first crop to race. His second crop included Lemon Drop Kid, who annexed the G1 Belmont S. in 1999, received an Eclipse Award as champion older horse in the U.S. in 2000 and ultimately retired to stand alongside his sire at Lane's End. Kingmambo was the sire of six champions or highweights in the U.S., Europe, England, France, Ireland, Germany, Italy, Japan and Saudi Arabia. He was the sire of fully 24 horses to win at the highest grade from an average crop size of less than 64 foals.

Kingmambo cont. p4

GROUP 1/GRADE I WINNERS BY KINGMAMBO

HORSE	DAM/BROODMARE SIRE
Alkaased	Chesa Plana, by Niniski
Archipenko	Bound, by Nijinsky II
Bluemamba	Black Penny, by Private Account
Boboman	Slewvera, by Seattle Slew
Campanologist	Ring of Music, by Sadler's Wells
Divine Proportions	Myth to Reality, by Sadler's Wells
Dubai Destination	Mysterial, by Alleged
El Condor Pasa	Saddlers Gal, by Sadler's Wells
Encke	Shawanda, by Sinndar
Henrythenavigator	Sequoyah, by Sadler's Wells
King's Best	Allegretta, by Lombard
Lemon Drop Kid	Charming Lassie, by Seattle Slew
Light Shift	Lingeria, by Shirley Heights
Malhub	Arjuzah, by Ahonoora
Master of Hounds	Silk and Scarlet, by Sadler's Wells
Kingdom of Fife	Fairy Godmother, by Fairy King
Okawango	Krissante, by Kris
Rule of Law	Crystal Crossing, by Royal Academy
Russian Rhythm	Balistroika, by Nijinsky II
Student Council	Class Kris, by Kris S.
Tawqeet	Caerless, by Caerleon
Thewayyouare	Maryinsky, by Sadler's Wells
Virginia Waters	Legend Maker, by Sadler's Wells
Voodoo Dancer	Zuri, by Danzig

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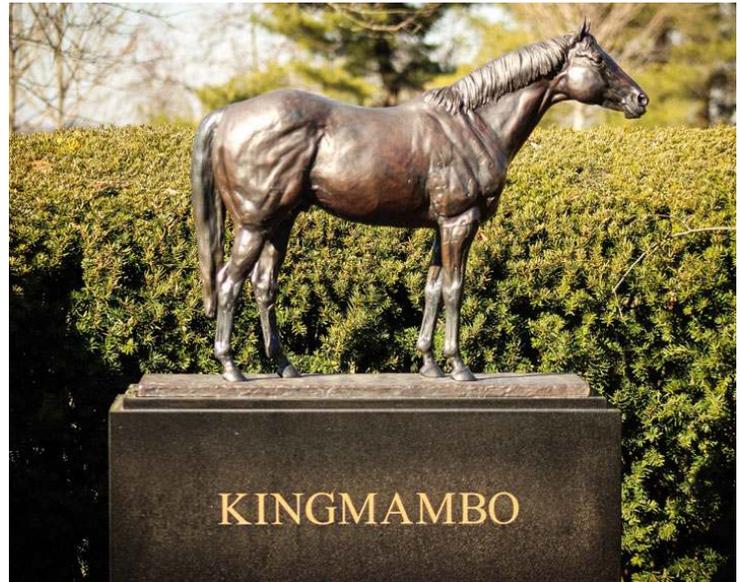
Kingmambo Euthanized cont.

Kingmambo proved remarkably versatile, siring top-level juvenile winners and horses that improved with age. He had the propensity to throw Group 1 winners over sprint distances--such as Malhub, victorious in the G1 Golden Jubilee S. over six furlongs--or marathon trips, as he accounted for two runnings of the G1 Doncaster St Leger S. with Rule of Law (2004) and Encke (2012), both campaigned by Godolphin. The bay stallion also became a prolific sire of G1 Guineas winners across Europe, including Flaxman Holdings's Divine Proportions, Russian Rhythm, Henrythenavigator, Virginia Waters and King's Best. His daughter Light Shift became a Classic winner in her own right in the 2007 G1 Vodafone Oaks.

Kingmambo's success was not limited to overseas racecourses. In addition to his Classic-winning son Lemon Drop Kid, he was the sire of additional American Grade I winners Student Council, Voodoo Dancer and Boboman. His other U.S. graded winners included King Cugat, the full-brothers Parade Leader and Parade Ground, Rey de Café, Monarch's Maze and Mambo Slew. Kingmambo is currently the sire of 50 group/graded winners worldwide, with progeny earnings in excess of \$104 million to date. Kingmambo has also become a leading broodmare sire worldwide, his daughters having produced 108 black-type winners, including Middy, Duke of Marmalade, Camelot, Gozzip Girl, Maids Causeway and Ruler of the World.

A 'King' Even Further Afield...

El Condor Pasa, whose wins in the 1999 G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and G1 Prix d'Ispahan and runner-up effort in that year's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe laid the groundwork for increased overseas participation for Japanese runners, helped stimulate interest in the country for his sire's offspring.



The Kingmambo statue at Lane's End | Brittlan Wall photo



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Kingmambo's top career money spinner is King Kamehameha (Jpn), whose dam Manfath (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}) was offered by Barry Irwin's Team Valor at the 2000 Keeneland November sale in foal to Kingmambo. The mare was purchased by Katsumi Yoshida for \$650,000. Winner of the 2004 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby)--at that point an ungraded event--King Kamehameha added three additional black-type scores and was named Japanese Horse of the Year that season. He retired with seven wins from eight trips to the post with earnings of \$3,904,136 and has since topped the Japanese sires' table on two occasions (2010, 2011). Other Japanese stakes winners for Kingmambo include American Boss and Star King Man, while Alkaased provided his sire with a second Japan Cup winner in 2005. The stallion's reach extends to places like Hong Kong and Australia, as well. Kingmambo's son Archipenko took out the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin, while Tawqeet was a Group 1 winner in Melbourne and Sydney.

From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM

REMEMBERING KINGMAMBO

Probably the biggest compliment that can be paid to Kingmambo was that he really stamped his class onto his progeny. They didn't always look like him--Kingmambo always struck me as a real Mr. Prospector to look at, yet Lemon Drop Kid looks more like his damsire, Seattle Slew. But Kingmambo did transmit his class, and he was all about class, since besides being by Mr. Prospector he was out of two-time GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Miesque, who had tons of class, and she was by Nureyev, who was the epitome of class.



In terms of numbers, Kingmambo is listed on the TDN Cumulative General Sire List as having sired 894 named foals in 16 crops, of which 85, or 9.5%, were Black-Type Winners, including 48 group/graded SW, and 24 Group1/Grade I winners. Possibly his best sire son is King Kamehameha, the number two sire in Japan after Deep Impact; but Kingmambo's record as a broodmare sire is even more impressive. So far he is the damsire of 95 A Runners, using the APEX data, including Camelot, the half-brothers Duke of Marmalade and Ruler of the World, and Juddmonte's champion filly Midday.

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Bill Oppenheim cont.

There's a little example I like to use when trying to talk about 'class', which in my opinion trumps all other attributes in describing the best horses. Class is actually hard to describe or define: we recognize it when we see it, but it's hard to pin down. The full-brothers Sadler's Wells and Fairy King, and their three-quarter brother Nureyev, didn't look like each other, nor throw like each other; yet they all had class, and threw class. That was Kingmambo: he exuded class.

One interesting note about him was that both as a sire (73 A Runners in the APEX world) and broodmare sire (95 A Runners and counting) he didn't like another 'direct' cross of Mr. Prospector: in other words, as a sire he had no A Runners at all out of mares who were themselves by Mr. Prospector-line sires; as a broodmare sire he has one A Runner by a Mr. Prospector-line sire (excluding Fappiano, which I regard as a separate line, and from which line he has two A Runners as a broodmare sire). I always thought it was because he was such a strong Mr. Prospector type himself, he didn't want to hear of any more of it.

We throw the phrase around a lot, don't we?--"he was a horse of the highest class". Kingmambo really was, a horse of the highest class, a privilege to have witnessed, and to have had anything to do with. Godspeed to him, and thanks.

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by bill finley

TIME TO SHOW FRANK STRONACH SOME LOVE

cont. from p1

Here's what separates Stronach from virtually every other person or company currently running a racetrack: he loves the sport and he's trying really hard to make it better.

As for everyone else, they're either sitting back and counting the millions coming in from the slot machines or sitting back and complaining that they don't have casino money. Too many either don't care about racing and/or have given up on the sport.

Yes, Stronach has a casino at Gulfstream, but it's not an overwhelmingly successful one and you can tell that racing is his No. 1 priority and not the slots room. Yes, Laurel and Pimlico have been helped greatly by a cut that goes from casinos elsewhere in Maryland to Maryland racing. But that hasn't caused Stronach to sit on his butt. Rather, he's been working with his team there to make his tracks, particularly Laurel, much better.

In just the last two weeks alone Stronach has unveiled two new ideas. He and his son, Andy, are behind the National Racing Club Sweepstakes at Portland Meadows and the elder Stronach last week announced his vision for a \$12-million race in which 12 owners put up \$1 million each in order to participate.



Frank Stronach | Horsephotos

Are they good ideas or bad ideas? That's not the point. They are ideas and they have been generated by someone who is anything but complacent. Instead, Stronach is willing to experiment, oftentimes risking his own money, to come up with something that will give the sport of horse racing some energy and more promise for the future. You might think the Rainbow 6 at Portland Meadows with its two-furlong races and dreadfully inept horses is the dumbest idea to come out of Team Stronach yet. But how can you not respect Andy Stronach for putting up his own money to purchase the 100-some horses that were needed to make the experiment possible? Yes, they are all cheap horses, but the expense and effort to acquire them should not be underestimated and he'll never recoup all the money he must have spent.

Frank Stronach has even stopped firing general managers like he was bent on becoming racing's version of George Steinbrenner.

Stronach may have been the only person on the planet who would have turned over the reins of Gulfstream Park to Tim Ritvo. Ritvo had been a jockey and then a trainer and didn't have one second of experience when it came to racetrack management. **Cont. p7**

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When Ritvo was hired in 2010, it looked like another inexplicably weird move by Stronach that was doomed to fail. In hindsight, it was nothing short of sheer brilliance. Ritvo has been there for almost six years, isn't going anywhere and has done a masterful job running Gulfstream. Ritvo is good at his job because he, too, loves the sport and because he understands that the customer must come first.

In Keith Brackpool and his team, he has also put very capable, very knowledgeable people who have the key ingredient--they care about horse racing--in charge in California. Santa Anita's current management is stable and more than competent.

In Maryland, Stronach brought Sal Sinatra over from Parx, and every indication so far is that he is the right man for the job.

I still hate it that he tore down the old Gulfstream, a racetrack I loved. You could hop on a plane on the coldest, snowiest morning in the Northeast in February and make the third race, sit out by the paddock amongst glorious sunshine and then wander over to the box section where you could hang out and kibitz with old friends. Stronach replaced it with something I didn't like and still have some problems with, but have grown to understand. The old Gulfstream, as great as it was, was part of racing's past and the sport had to change. The new Gulfstream is all about the future and Stronach's vision. I think he did what he did because he hated to see everyone else in the sport sit around and do nothing.

I was guilty for way too long of not appreciating him, and I believe many in the sport are still doing just that. Maybe it's because he did get off to a rocky start, but he hasn't gotten nearly the credit he deserves for how hard he is trying or for his obvious passion for this sport.

So, if you happen to bump into him at Santa Anita, Gulfstream or anywhere else you might want to go up to him and just say "thank you." I know I will.

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Finalists for the 2015 Sovereign Awards were announced by The Jockey Club of Canada Wednesday. Winners--along with the four finalists for Horse of the Year--will be revealed at the 41st annual Sovereign Awards Ceremony, held at Woodbine Racetrack on Friday, Apr. 8 on the eve of the track's 2016 opening day. A panel of 41 expert voters from Canada and the U.S. voted on the awards. Eligible horses must have started in Canada three times for horses three and up and twice for 2-year-olds. Human categories require 10 Canadian starts, while the Outstanding Broodmare Award is considered a lifetime achievement award for mares who have had a Canadian-bred stakes horse during the year and have produced at least one other Canadian-bred stakes horse previously. The complete list of nominees is below.

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2015 SOVEREIGN AWARD FINALISTS

2yo Filly: **Ami's Mesa** (Sky Mesa), **Caren** (Society's Chairman), **Catch a Glimpse** (City Zip), **Gamble's Ghost** (Ghostzapper).

2yo Male: **Amis Gizmo** (Giant Gizmo), **Conquest Daddy** (Scat Daddy), **Riker** (Include), **Shakhimat** (Lonhro {Aus}).

3yo Female: **Academic** (Henny Hughes), **Brooklynsway** (Giant Gizmo), **Don't Leave Me** (Lemon Drop Kid), **London Tower** (Head Chopper).

3yo Male: **Breaking Lucky** (Lookin At Lucky), **Danish Dynaformer** (Dynaformer), **Lucky Lindy** (Harlan's Holiday), **Shaman Ghost** (Ghostzapper).

Older Female: **Cactus Kris** (Cactus Ridge), **Miss Mischief** (Into Mischief), **Touching Promise** (Touch Gold), **Uchenna (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Older Male: **Are You Kidding Me** (Run Away and Hide), **Golden Sabre** (Medaglia d'Oro), **Melmich** (Wilko), **Stacked Deck** (First Samurai).

Female Turf Horse: **Button Down (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), **Catch a Glimpse** (City Zip), **Habibi (NZ)** (Ekraar), **Strut the Course** (Strut the Stage).

Male Turf Horse: **Are You Kidding Me** (Run Away and Hide), **Danish Dynaformer** (Dynaformer), **Interpol** (English Channel), **Reporting Star** (Circular Quay).

Female Sprinter: **Cactus Kris** (Cactus Ridge), **Caren** (Society's Chairman), **Miss Mischief** (Into Mischief), **Skylander Girl** (Stroll).

Male Sprinter: **Bye Bye Bernie** (Bernstein), **Calgary Cat** (Cowtown Cat), **Stacked Deck** (First Samurai), **Tower of Texas** (Street Sense).

Outstanding Broodmare: **Awesome Lass** (Awesome Again), **Rare Opportunity** (Danzig Connection), **Star Guest** (Assert {Ire}), **Uproar** (Hail the Ruckus).



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Outstanding Trainer: **Kevin Attard, Roger Attfield, Josie Carroll, Mark Casse.**

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Outstanding Jockey: **Luis Contreras, Eurico Da Silva, Patrick Husbands, Rico Walcott.**

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By Justin Casse

(Editor's note: Bloodstock agent Justin Casse is attending the Premier Cape Thoroughbred sale and weekend of racing in South Africa and has agreed to share his journey with the TDN).

If I'm being honest with myself, this did not sound appealing: a 24 hour and five minute trip to South Africa for the Cape Premier Yearling Sale. But somewhere between Iceland and Orlando when flying back from the European mixed sales in December, I decided it must be done. **Cont. p9**

Justin Casse Blog cont.

Several influential counterparts in Europe recommended on more than one occasion that I make the trip and thus far, I can say that I am glad I listened.

Upon arriving in Cape Town at 9:30 p.m. Monday night, I was greeted in the hotel lobby by Mick Flanagan (one of the few



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agents I know who travels more than me). We chatted for a bit and were later joined by Amanda Skiffington, Peter Doyle, Nicolas Clement and a group of others. It's a nice feeling after you've travelled half way around the world to see some

familiar faces. The nice part about arriving at night after a trip of that magnitude is that you can go to bed sooner to avoid the jet lag and that is exactly what I did.

The following morning I woke up very early, eager to start my day, and what better way to kick off the morning than with some coffee, fresh fruits and sushi? Yes, sushi for breakfast was laid out in the hotel restaurant (and it's not as bad as it sounds). Professional golfer Hermione FitzGerald (daughter of the late Lord John FitzGerald) was considerate enough to play tour guide as myself and a few others were off to see Drakenstein Stud, which was roughly a 40-minute car ride from the center of Cape Town.

Besides admiring the Franschloek Motor Museum (220 vintage cars) which was on the property, I was very much looking forward to catching up with Trippi, who was purchased by Gaynor Rupert roughly eight years ago from Ocala Stud, for several reasons. I am very good friends with the O'Farrell family; the Casses and O'Farrells have a mutual respect and admiration for one another and to this day I feel privileged be able to call them my friends. Also, my brother Mark had acquired the sire of Trippi (End Sweep), planned the mating of Trippi, and eventually sold Trippi to Dogwood for \$65k in Keeneland April 1999.

Needless to say, the 19-year-old stallion looked phenomenal, and why wouldn't he? If I was living on that beautiful piece of land snuggled against the Drakenstein (dragon stone) mountain range, I'm sure I would as well.



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Winter. The latter of that group boasts quite an impressive race record: South African champion sprinter of 2012 and 2013 and champion older horse in 2013. He won 4 Grade 1



Trippi at Drakenstein Stud

races, a total of 15 races from 26 starts. But after further investigation, the staggering part was for all those efforts, he accumulated \$200,000 based on the current conversion rates. *(Editor's note--What a Winter's official earnings stand at \$406,434).*

That last bit makes this next sentence all the more interesting. On Saturday, at Kenilworth Racecourse, Bernard Kantor's Investec is sponsoring a sales stakes race for US\$1 million. This is obviously unheard of in South Africa and is hoped to be a driving force behind the sales preceding the race on Thursday and Friday afternoon.

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This promotion has created quite the buzz in and around the sales grounds, which is nothing like any sales grounds I have ever visited, as it is inside the Cape Town Convention Centre, horses, sales ring and all. And although this seems unorthodox, it really works quite well. It is easy to maneuver around the consignments and the horses don't mind it one bit.

As far as the quality of horses go, it is a very diverse group, the reason being that the local sires are drawing from sire lines around the world, both dirt and turf pedigrees. You have a son of Forest Wildcat (Var) who has been hugely successful, grandsons of Sadler's Wells (Horse Chestnut and Dynasty), the German-bred Arlington Million winner Silvano, just to name a



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couple of the many stallions that have been imported from around the world. And for that very reason you have a selection of horses that look similar to horses I could see in Ocala, Lexington or even Europe. It makes it a very unique experience inspecting the stock here. The conversion rate is extremely favorable than any of encountered with the 1 million rand equating to US\$59,000 or £42,000 (US\$1=R16.76; £1=R23.76). This should

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“DECOUPLING” GETS LOST IN SHUFFLE AT FLA. GAMING HEARING *by T.D. Thornton*

The Florida Senate Regulated Industries Committee on Wednesday took up the issue of a recently negotiated Seminole Gaming Compact that could legislatively lock the state into a 20-year agreement that trades a complex tangle of casino exclusivity rights for a \$3-billion revenue-sharing agreement. But racing industry stakeholders concerned about a “decoupling” clause in the plan that would allow pari-mutuel licensees to drop live racing while still remaining open as gaming facilities largely got shut out of the fact-finding discussion, as the topic of



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potential impacts to the racing industry came up only peripherally in the two-hour hearing.

“We have no opinion on decoupling,” Seminole Gaming chief executive officer James F. Allen

testified, tacking on the issue only at the very end of his presentation. “And I know that’s obviously a very emotional topic, depending on who is presenting. This does not take into the fact that if decoupling does occur, the value of the real estate, that obviously those individual pari-mutuels would be able to maximize if they were no longer required to offer some type of...racing; the tribe has zero position on this. We recognize 100 percent it is up to the State of Florida.”

Beyond asking a few questions or making points about how the state’s existing eight pari-mutuel licensees that operate limited forms of gaming might be affected by the long-term Seminole compact, the legislators and lobbyists who spoke at the hearing were also disinclined to discuss the Thoroughbred, Standardbred or greyhound industries in any depth.

Instead, the hearing followed a trickle-down format, with the largest fiscal and political issues percolating to the top of the discussion. The overall economic impact of the compact, issues with exclusivity and existing lawsuits, how any potential violations of the new compact might affect the flow of Seminole revenue to Florida, and whether certain family-oriented parts of the state (such as Orlando) should be considered off-limits to gambling expansion dominated the talks.

Only in the final moments before adjournment did the committee’s chairman, Senator Rob Bradley, emphasize that speakers from other affected industries would be allowed to voice their opinions at a future hearing, which may be scheduled for next week.

“I sympathize with the pari-mutuel industry,” Senator Joseph Abruzzo said near the end of the hearing. “Every year you come up here for these hearings and these bills, and you’re back again. We need to one day, and hopefully it is this year, get something done to stop putting your businesses, your employees, and everything through this ‘What if?’ attitude and making sure they’re secure in their jobs.”

The Seminole Gaming Compact currently exists as a negotiated agreement between Florida Governor Rick Scott and the Seminole Tribe. It is intended to replace an expiring 2010 compact, and still must be ratified by the Florida Legislature to take effect. In its simplest format, the compact sets forth an agreement that the Seminoles will not operate their Florida casinos as permitted under the largely restriction-free sovereign-nation law in exchange for the state setting parameters on other casino competitors that operate under Florida law. To sweeten the deal--and to allow the Seminoles to expand their gaming footprint with the addition of certain table games--the Seminoles will make revenue-sharing payments totaling \$3 billion to the state over the next eight fiscal years.

The decoupling issue only comes into play as a provision in the compact that the Seminoles will concede to existing licensees. Gulfstream Park, Tampa Bay Downs, Hialeah Park, and the gaming facilities formerly known as Calder Race Course and Pompano Park could, in theory, exercise their options to operate slot machines and card games without horse racing if the proposed decoupling legislation passes. But published reports have indicated that only Calder might attempt a full exit from racing by finding a way to break its lease with Gulfstream, which operates the legislatively required annual race meet on the Calder property.

Jeffrey Woodburn, the policy director for the governor, testified that under the proposed compact, the pari-mutuel licensees authorized to conduct slots play would only be minimally affected by any new nuances in the agreement.

“The only exception would be that there would be a cap of 2,000 slot machines that doesn’t exist in the current one, and that’s based on what current state law is,” Woodburn said. “[And] those eight pari-mutuels would not be able to relocate, which is consistent with the current compact as well.”

But Senator Jack Latvala pressed Woodburn on a separate plank of the compact that would allow for an additional pari-mutuel licensee to be granted slots privileges in the Miami area. If decoupling were to be written into the law, Latvala wondered if the potential new “Miami super permit” slots facility had to be a racetrack.

“Is there anything in the compact that requires that permit, if the Legislature does it, to support live racing of any kind?” Latvala asked. “I mean, is there any requirement that it has to be greyhound, horse, harness, or jai-alai?” **Cont. p2**

Decoupling cont.

"No sir," Woodburn answered.

"So that new permit, even though it's called a 'pari-mutuel permit,' could just be a casino?" Latvala asked.

Woodburn's answer was inaudible on the video simulcast. But Latvala appeared satisfied that it was an affirmation to his question before the hearing moved on to another, non-racing-related, topic.

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Wednesday's Results:

10th-TAM, \$21,600, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.40, fm.

EXAGGERATED (f, 4, [Blame--Miz United States {MSW, \\$298,904}](#), by [Valid Appeal](#)) kicked off her career with a pair of comfortable wins in turf sprints at Laurel, including a wire-to-wire score in the Oakley S. for Virginia-breds Sept. 26. The dark bay flashed speed and leveled off to finish third going a mile over that course Oct. 24, and closed out her time in Maryland with another win in a 5 1/2-furlong dash rained off the grass Nov. 11. Sent south to join her trainer's Florida string following that effort, she was recently sixth in the course-and-distance Lightning City S. Dec. 19. Tabbed as the 1-2 choice while adding Lasix for this return to allowance company, the filly was shuffled back a bit after the start and mounted an early bid up the rail after the leaders completed a quarter-mile in :21.06. Steadied in search of a seam as the field cornered for home, Exaggerated shot through an opening in midstretch and edged clear to score by a length over Spanish Concert (Concerto). The winner, who sold twice as a yearling for \$170,000 at Keeneland January and \$250,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga August, is a half to Scampering (Afleet Alex), GSP, \$297,995; and Ameribelle (Medaglia d'Oro), GSP, \$126,618. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$99,660. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Lael Stables; B-Hart Farm (VA); T-Arnaud Delacour.

8th-TAM, \$20,000, Alw, 1-20, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.38, fm.

RED GUARD (c, 4, [Bernardini--Rose of Summer, by El Prado {Ire}](#)) began his career in 2014 with three late-running efforts, including a second-place finish behind subsequent MGSW Takeover Target (Harlan's Holiday) in the autumn of that term.

The bay returned from an extended layoff to run third in a grassy 1 1/16-mile test in Elmont Oct. 22 and broke through in his second try off the bench with a convincing open-length win going nine panels over the yielding Aqueduct sod Nov. 13. Last seen checking in fourth in allowance company in Ozone Park Dec. 6, the bay was hammered down to 4-5 favoritism while adding blinkers in this spot. The colt was away without incident and secured position racing in midpack as Ruffolo (City Zip) set a pressured pace through a half-mile in :48.96. Sliding up the rail on the final bend, Red Guard momentarily waited for running room at the head of the lane, slipped through a narrow opening in midstretch and kicked clear to a decisive tally. Ruffolo held on to complete the exacta. The winner, who gave his trainer a second win on the card, is a half-brother to Summer Front, MGSW & MGISP, \$1,077,140; and Laragh (Tapit), GISW, \$581,877. Rose of Summer is also responsible for a newly turned 2-year-old colt by Frankel (GB) who sold for \$800,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$78,640. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Lane's End Racing; B-Graceville Breeding (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

6th-TAM, \$20,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-20, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.63, fm.

MY IMPRESSION (f, 3, [Sky Mesa--Impressionism, by Broad Brush](#)) was impeded at the start and failed to factor when eighth on debut behind winner Pricedtoperfection (Temple City) and two next-out graduates in an Oct. 17 maiden test over the Belmont lawn. The bay took a significant step forward in her second try and rallied to notch a decisive score over this same surface and distance at Aqueduct Nov. 27. Given a brief respite following that effort, the bay posted a steady string of works at her trainer's Payson Park base and added Lasix for this return to action as the 6-5 favorite. The filly was a bit headstrong around the opening bend and settled into stride from fourth as Wild Ridge (Tapit) showed the way through a half-mile in :49.31. Patiently handled by Jose Lezcano as longshot Slip of the Tongue (Colonel John) made a sweeping move to the front on the final bend, My Impression angled out in the stretch and rallied to post a comfortable 1 1/4-length victory. Princess Princess (Discreet Cat) reported home a clear second in her first start since an Oct. 8 maiden score at Keeneland. The homebred winner's second dam is GSW Sky Blue Pink (Strawberry Road {Aus}), a half-sister to the dam of sire and MGISW First Samurai (Giant's Causeway). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$47,815. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

Central U.S.

Southwest Next for Discreetness:

Discreetness (Discreet Cat), the good-looking winner of the Smarty Jones S. at Oaklawn Park Jan. 18, will be pointed for the next leg in the track's 3-year-old series, the \$500,000



Discreetness | Coady photography

GIII Southwest S. Feb. 15. Trained by William 'Jinks' Fires, who also conditioned 2011 GI Arkansas Derby hero Archrarch (Arch), Discreetness is owned by Texarkana resident Dwight Pruet's Xpress Thoroughbreds, making the colt the fourth

Arkansas-owned horse to win the Smarty Jones in the last five runnings.

"It's hard to say," Fires said, when asked to compare the colts. "But, I think Discreetness probably is close. They're a little bit different type horse. Discreetness is a longer-striding horse."

A \$67,000 Keeneland September yearling turned \$105,000 OBS March 2-Year-Old purchase, Discreetness won two of his first three trips to the post, including an 8 1/2-length allowance victory at Churchill Downs Sept. 12. Fourth as the favorite in the Nov. 1 Street Sense S. behind Mo Tom (Uncle Mo) and Tom's Ready (More Than Ready), Discreetness annexed the Springboard Mile in the Remington slop Dec. 13 before successfully landing his sophomore debut Monday.

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INDUSTRY INFO

Ocala Stud, FTBOA Join Ocala Initiative:

Ocala Stud and the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association (FTBOA) have joined forces to pledge \$10,000 to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's Ocala Initiative.

"The FTBOA and Ocala Stud are two cornerstone institutions of Florida Thoroughbred horse racing," said Garrett Gleeson, director of development and major gifts at the foundation. "Their support for the Ocala Initiative shows their commitment to putting equine health and welfare first. We're excited to have them as partners in this growing collective of equine organizations."

The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation is working with

locally based companies within the equine communities and others throughout the state in an attempt to raise \$100,000, then will go about soliciting matching funds from other individuals. The funds will be earmarked to support equine research at the University of Florida.

"The FTBOA is proud to partner with the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation to fund critical equine research at the University of Florida," FTBOA CEO Lonny Powell said. "Thoroughbred breeding and racing is what our members do, and we are all committed to research to improve equine health."

"When I think of the formative days of Ocala Stud and my father's investment during the 1950s, I know he would be proud of the Ocala area collectively supporting the horse in this way," said Michael O'Farrell, president of Ocala Stud. "He would also be proud of how the University of Florida has developed into, and remains, one of the leading institutions in furthering the soundness and health of the horse."

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First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, January 21

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

ARCHRARCH (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 248/19/2 7-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Mercer Slough, \$60K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1

BIG DRAMA (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 108/14/1 7-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Miss Knucklehead, \$240K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2 2-GP, Msw, 1mT, Determined Lady, 12-1

DROSSELMAYER (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$18K, 175/8/0 7-FG, Msw, 1m, Virtual Machine, \$65K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

FIRST DUDE (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$7.5K, 195/18/1 2-GP, Msw, 1mT, Diplomatic Affair, \$12K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1

HUNT CROSSING (Corinthian), O'Sullivan Farms, 53/1/0 5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Holey Molar, 8-1

ICE BOX (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 140/7/0 7-FG, Msw, 1m, Sleet, 20-1

INTERACTIF (Broken Vow), Red River Farms, 54/3/0 3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Promiscuous Force, \$3K OBS WIN yrl, 5-1

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—Dale Romans, trainer of
Paddy O'Prado & Cherry Wine



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J P'S GUSTO (Successful Appeal), Journeyman Stud, \$4K, 50/6/0
 2-GP, Msw, 1mT, Saratoga Angel, \$16K OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1
PROUDINSKY (GER) (Silvano {Ger}), All Star Thoroughbreds, \$2K, 22/0/0
 3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Randinsky, \$9K EVA MAR 2yo, 3-1
REGAL RANSOM (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$8K, 140/8/0
 8-OP, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Torn, 30-1
SIENTE EL TRUENO (City Zip), Stehr's Farm, 7/1/0
 8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Miss Simon, 12-1
 5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Siente El Viento, 6-1
TWIRLING CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 144/27/0
 7-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Pour Girl, \$32K KEE NOV wnl, 8-1
UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/29/7
 7-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Bayshore Drive, 20-1
WILBURN (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 210/23/1
 7-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Willburnhot, 15-1

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	GII Holy Bull S.	GP
	GII Swale S.	GP
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	GP
	GIII Withers S.	AQU
	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU
2/6	GIII Houston Ladies Classic	HOU
	GI Donn H.	GP
	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP
	GII Las Virgenes S.	SA
	GII San Marcos S.	SA
	GII San Antonio S.	SA
	GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	SA
	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP
	GIII Fred W. Hooper H.	GP
2/7	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA
2/13	GII Royal Delta S.	GP
	GII Santa Maria S.	SA
	GII Arcadia S.	SA
	GII Barbara Fritchie S.	LRL
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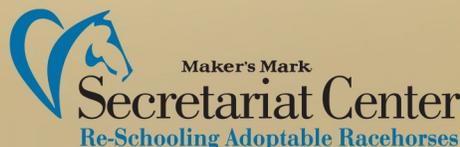


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TAKEAWAYS FROM THE LONGINES RANKINGS



Golden Horn, the world's highest-rated turf horse of 2015 | *Racing Post*

By James Willoughby

Not everyone has the appetite to plough through the mountain of data produced by this week's annual publication of the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings. After 12 hours in my bunker, here are five takeaways which summarise some of my views on the numbers:

The G1 Dubai World Cup ranks only 33-equal among the world's Grade/Group 1 races over the last three years, behind the same meeting's Dubai Sheema Classic (15) and Dubai Turf (28).

This is nothing short of a debacle and a pitiful return for the \$10 million purse. In 2013, Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) did something for the profile of the race, but since 2009 the winners apart have been nonentities as far as international celebrity is concerned. The return to a U.S.-style dirt surface in 2015 attracted GI Kentucky Derby winner **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit)--who returns this year--but the winner, Prince Bishop (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) is far below the standard which Sheikh Mohammed conceived for the race back in 1996. **cont. p2**



California Chrome | *Horsephotos*

AUS TRAINERS BANNED FOR COBALT

Australian trainers Danny O'Brien and Mark Kavanagh have been banned four and three years, respectively, by the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board for charges related to cobalt positives returned by horses under their care last year. Veterinarian Tom Brennan has been disqualified five years for his involvement in multiple cobalt cases.

Both trainers have appealed their bans and were on Tuesday granted a stay of proceedings by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, which allowed their horses to run at Wednesday's Geelong meeting.

"We are really pleased to get this part of the process behind us," The Flemington trainer told assembled media after the penalties were announced. "Obviously, it has been a long 12 months and certainly some of the process has been less than satisfactory." **cont. p5**

in **TDN America** today...

LANE'S END'S KINGMAMBO EUTHANIZED

*Pensioned Lane's End stalwart **Kingmambo** (Mr. Prospector--Miesque, by Nureyev), a MG1SW overseas and sire of 85 stakes winners, was euthanized Tuesday from the infirmities of old age.*

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AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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Takeaways From the Longines Rankings cont.

Australia staged more races (23) among the World's Top 100 G1 races than any other country.

No surprise to see one of the world's most progressive racing nations consolidate its position in this

regard, though it is slightly flattering because the concentration of its events is in the second half of this bracket. Still, Australia remains the home of the world's best sprint races, with the Darley T J Smith over 1200 meters at Randwick coming out top over the last three years. The Melbourne Cup doesn't make the list, owing to the fact that it is a handicap.



Chautauqua, the winner of Australia's G1 TJ Smith S. in 2015 |
Racing and Sports

The Breeders' Cup Classic ranks second in the world's Top 100 Grade/Group 1s behind the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, but the next all-aged dirt race in the rankings is the Whitney H. at Saratoga at 31. Turf remains the premier surface for global Thoroughbred racing, which is one of the problems for the Dubai World Cup and its ill-conceived switch from Tapeta. In my view, dirt racing holds considerable appeal because it is the antithesis of turf for many reasons. Dirt racing promotes an attritional style which isn't to everyone's taste, particularly when kickback is bad, but there is no doubt it distills the element of courage in the Thoroughbred more noticeably than grass or the so-called all-weather surfaces of the Polytrack family.

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) and Golden Horn (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) were the World Champions on dirt and turf, respectively, with the former earning the World's Best Racehorse mantle by 134 to 131.

No surprise here then, and the predictability of this and many of the other ratings lessens the impact of the rankings, formerly known as the International Classifications. In a previous, benighted era, these numbers had more impact. Perhaps the world had more time to ponder these things, but in the computer age anyone with an interest in figures is well served on a daily basis. And it is highly doubtful whether the way the rankings are packaged makes them capable of penetrating racing fans indifferent to handicapping, particularly months after the event. [cont. p3](#)



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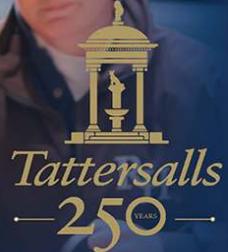
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Takeaway From the Longines Rankings cont.

Here's the problem: given that official handicapping still emphasises human subjectivity over pure computation, what can the figures tell us that we haven't really decided for ourselves? Ancient civilisations devised numerical methods to understand things which defied empiricism, not to merely put numbers to existing opinions. We reached the point where computers can easily do the millions of computations involved in handicapping far better than humans, using recursion and error-minimisation techniques. Computation has the capacity to tell us things about horse racing around the world we don't already know.

The 11-length G1 Irish St Leger winner Order of St George (Ire)(Galileo {Ire}) was rated 124, while G1 Champion Sprint, G1 Maurice de Gheest, G1 July Cup and G1 Commonwealth Cup winner Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) was rated 123.



Muhaarar, with four Group 1 wins sprinting in 2015, was rated 123 | *Racing Post*

Along with many others, I stopped thinking that there was any point picking out differences of opinion with the figures while Admiral

Rous was still around, but some comparison between horses highlights recurrent problems.

In many cases, summarising the racing merit of a horse by means of one figure is about as meaningful as assessing a great composer by one piece of music. Order of St George is almost certainly a top horse--that's not the point--but a sole wide-margin defeat of a talent-challenged subculture of horses wouldn't really compare with Muhaarar's four wins gained on the edge of Thoroughbred physical capabilities in competitive sprints.

Again, ratings and handicappers are not to blame--unless they allow themselves to become mired in subjective argument in which figures are used as some sort of imprimatur of greater sophistication.

One of the other big problems of the pseudoscience of handicapping is that no confidence intervals (as in 123 +/-2lb) are stated in general, discussed or even officially estimated, one suspects, so that handicappers can occasionally be heard saying things like "we thought long and hard before rating him a pound above his chief rival", as if a difference of even two pounds isn't readily consumed by the combination of measurement error (the vagaries of the racecourse) and estimation error (the mechanics of handicapping, with a presupposed exchange between pounds and distance beaten).

ROYAL TARGET FOR REFLECTION

Trainer Karl Burke will test last year's G3 Cornwallis S. winner **Quiet Reflection (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) over six furlongs in April in hopes of advancing to Royal Ascot's G1 Commonwealth Cup over that trip. The 3-year-old filly won three of four starts



Trainer Karl Burke | *Racing Post*

last year all at five furlongs, her lone loss coming when fifth in the G2 Lowther S. over six in her second outing. Burke does not seem discouraged, however, by that mark on his charge's record.

"Quiet Reflection will go to France, probably," he said. "There's a race at Chantilly in the middle of April. We'll start her off over six there and if she gets that trip, which I think she will, we'll take it from there. The Commonwealth Cup is high on the list of early season targets."

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Wednesday's Results:

3rd-CGN, €24,000, Mdn, 1-20, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.96, st. MARMOGAH (FR) (f, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Causa Proxima {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Kendor {Fr}), a €200,000 ARQ AUG yearling, was only eighth on debut over six furlongs on testing turf at Deauville in October but started as the 29-10 joint-favorite with punters keeping the faith on this first try at this Polytrack surface. Slotted into a stalking position in fourth against the rail early, the grey was eased out in early stretch and, after cruising to the front with a furlong remaining, coasted to a facile 1 3/4-length verdict over Sir Ottoman (Fr) (Excellent Art {GB}). The dam is a half-sister to several classy performers, including the MGSW Valentino (Fr) (Valanour {Ire}), Whortleberry (Fr) (Starborough {GB}) and Appel Au Maitre (Fr) (Starborough {GB}) and the 2008 G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Belle et Celebre (Fr) (Peintre Celebre) and the 2005 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Ysoldina (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 0 places, €12,000. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-M & Mme G Forien (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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French Report cont.

4th-CGN, €24,000, Debutantes, 1-20, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:40.50, st. +FENJAL (FR) (c, 3, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Gypsy Hollow, by Dixieland Band), a €90,000 ARQOCT yearling, was sent to the lead by Gregory Benoist after the initial meters and remained there uncontested. Quickening decisively on the home turn, the 37-10 second choice was cajoled to a comfortable length success from Saint Nom (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}). The winner, who has a 2-year-old half-sister by Motivator (GB), is a half-brother to Gipson Dessert (Orientate), SW & GSP-Fr, \$154,127; and to Dixie Emperor (Purge), MSW-Ven, SW-Pan, \$332,201. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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5th-CGN, €24,000, Debutantes, 1-20, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:37.55, st. +CHARLIE ROSE (IRE) (f, 3, Makfi {GB}--Careless Charlie, by Johannesburg), sent off at 27-5, was placed in mid-division early against the fence and was angled out for her effort at the top of the straight. Rolling to the front with a furlong to race, the homebred stayed on to record a neck success from the strong-finishing Parawell (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}). The dam, who is a half-sister to the GI Hollywood Derby and GI Eddie Read H. hero Subordination (Mt. Livermore), has a 2-year-old filly by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Ecurie des Charmes & Y Durepaire; B-Ecurie des Monceaux (IRE); T-Yan Durepaire.

ALLOWANCE RESULT:

6th-CGN, €29,000, 1-20, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:06.63, st. APILOBAR (FR) (c, 3, Slickly {Fr}--Popee {Fr} {SP-Fr, \$133,357}, by Take Risks {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 5 start, 2 wins, 2 places, €28,600. O-Kevin Morize, F Vermeulen & J M Capitte; B-SCEA des Prairies & J-P Daniel (FR); T-F Vermeulen. *€18,000 Ylg '14 OSSEP.

Leading European Third-Crop Sires
by Cumulative European/North American Earnings

#	Stallion	Standing	Strtrs	Wnrs	GSW	Earnings (£)
1	Siyouni	Haras de Bonneval	95	52	4	2,576,572
2	Lope de Vega	Ballylinch Stud	115	71	6	2,556,435
3	Showcasing	Whitsbury Manor	120	65	4	2,082,380
4	Makfi	Haras de Bonneval	141	72	2	1,921,446
5	Zebedee	Tally Ho Stud	180	81	1	1,782,243

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National Stud Welcomes Students:

The Irish National Stud has welcomed 26 students from seven countries that will make up the intake of its Thoroughbred Breeding Course in 2016. The Breeding Course has been held since 1971 and is designed to provide students with a hands-on approach to every aspect of horse breeding. Students work in the yards, attend lectures and visit other farms, racing stable and companies and attend industry events in addition to



2016 Breeding Course students | Irish National Stud

completing assignments, projects and final exams.

“We are delighted to welcome the class of 2016,” said student liaison officer Sally Carroll. “The Thoroughbred Breeding Course is a fantastic opportunity

for each student to gain valuable experience in the bloodstock industry. We hope all 26 students will enjoy their time at the Irish National Stud.”

The students are Emma Beazley (UK), Basil Brindley (Ireland), Joseph Callan (Ireland), Daniel Collins (Ireland), Michael Connaghton (Ireland), Kate Curran (Australia), Charlie Dee (UK), Alice Edgar (UK), Tom Evetts (UK), Cathal Gorman (Ireland), Stephen Green (Ireland), David Hannigan (Ireland), Jerry Horan (Ireland), Joann Lyons (Ireland), Claire Manning (Ireland), Amy Marnane (Ireland), Alex McCarthy (Ireland), Sarah McCrory (USA), Hannah Mee (New Zealand), Chloe Pitts (UK), Shane Power (Ireland), Livia Prém (Hungary), Shelley Rapoport (Ireland), Courtney Schneider (USA), Jacob Vitek (Czech Republic) and Nicholas Wheelers (USA).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Belle Mare Plage (GB), f, 3, [Canford Cliffs \(Ire\)](#)--Flora Trevelyan (GB) (SP-Eng), by Cape Cross (Ire). LIN, 1-20, 5f 6y (AWT), 1:00.50. B-BBA 2010 Ltd (GB). *60,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.



Aus Trainers Banned For Cobalt cont. from p1

“You’ll all be aware that we’ve raised some real issues with how this scenario has played out over the last 12 months before Christmas,” O’Brien said.

He continued, “We still haven’t had any answers from [Racing Victoria]. The chief integrity officer has gone missing for I believe it will be seven weeks when he supposedly comes back on the first of February. I guess that’s probably the first time where we’ll get some idea of where they stand on all this but at the end of the day, they’re really only holding back the tide for when we get to VCAT and everything is examined properly in a



Danny O’Brien | *Racing Post*

real adult court.”

The minimum penalty for breaching the Australian Racing Rule for administration of a prohibited substance is three years, which was the banned copped by Kavanagh for a cobalt positive

returned by Group 1 winner Magicool. O’Brien had four horses test positive, and received four months to be served concurrently after the initial offence.

Brennan received five years for his involvement in all five cases, and his sentence has been backdated to Aug. 1 of last year, when he ceased practicing pending the cobalt hearing. The cobalt positives were allegedly returned from a vitamin supplement supplied by Brennan.

The cases of O’Brien and Kavanagh are two of a handful for Victorian trainers in an ongoing cobalt saga. The father-son training partnership of Lee and Shannon Hope were banned for three and five years, respectively, for cobalt charges late last year, and still in the pipeline is the case of champion Victorian trainer Peter Moody.

Kavanagh’s Sydney-based son, Sam Kavanagh, was banned nine years and three months last year for 23 cobalt offences, in which Brennan was also allegedly involved. Another New South Wales trainer, Darren Smith, was banned 15 years for cobalt-related charges in 2014.

SAFETY FIRST AT MEYDAN

A contentious renewal of the G2 Al Fahidi Fort on Thursday will see reigning winner **Safety Check (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire})--and last year’s second **Eastern Rules (Ire)** (Golden Snake)--face off against the 2014 victor, the ever-competitive **Anaerobio (Arg)** (Catcher in the Rye {Ire}), over 1400 meters of the Meydan turf. Godolphin colorbearer Safety Check goes first-up here and went a perfect three-for-three at last year’s carnival, including a win in the G2 Zabeel Mile. He made two starts in Britain over the



Safety Check wins last year’s Al Fahidi Fort | *DRC/Andrew Watkins*

summer, check in a respectable third in the G2 Lennox S. at Glorious Goodwood before faltering in 10th in Doncaster’s G2 Park S. Sept. 12. Trainer Charlie Appleby indicated he is looking forward to returning the 5-year-old to Meydan, saying, “We know he goes really well at Meydan, where the style of racing really suits him. He ran really well in the Lennox at Goodwood but the ground went against him at Doncaster. Looking back at his record it really does appear he is at his best when he races around a turn, which was not the case at Doncaster. He is a typical son of Dubawi and getting stronger as he gets older. We would like to think he is the one to beat in a race he obviously won last year.”

Anaerobio seeks his first win since taking this two years ago, but the 8-year-old can often be counted upon to be there at the finish, and goes into this with a race under his girth this term--a close fourth in a course-and-distance handicap Jan. 7 where Eastern Rules filled second.

“We were very pleased with that return run,” said de Kock. “With a clear run he would probably have been second and he has been a great Carnival campaigner over a few years now, winning this race in 2014 being his obvious highlight. He is eight now but clearly in good heart and should run well.”

Anaerobio is one of four to be saddled by de Kock, whose haul also includes past Meydan winner **Mastermind (Saf)** (Var) and talented South African stakes winner **Tellina (Saf)** (Silvano {Ger}), who is making his local debut. **Field p6**



Eastern Rules | *Racing Post*

Safety First at Meydan cont.

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 11:45 a.m. EST

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2	Ghaamer	Hard Spun	O'Neill	Al Raihe
3	Royal Ridge (SAf)	Tiger Ridge	Mullen	de Kock
4	Mastermind (SAf)	Var	Smith	de Kock
5	Zarwaan (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Hanagan	Watson
6	Tellina (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Hitchcott	de Kock
7	Safety Check (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby
8	Anaerobio (Arg)	Catcher in the Rye (Ire)	Soumillon	de Kock
9	Eastern Rules (Ire)	Golden Snake	Doyle	Halford

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ESPINOZA EAGER FOR CHROME CHALLENGE

Jockey Victor Espinoza won the Triple Crown in his third attempt aboard American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) last year, and in March, if all goes to plan, he will get a second chance at the world's richest race, the G1 Dubai World Cup, with **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit). The pair finished second in the \$10 million race last year.

Espinoza rode California Chrome to victories in the 2014 GI Kentucky, Santa Anita and Hollywood Derbies and GI



California Chrome in Dubai last year | Mathea Kelley

Preakness S., and was the man in the saddle of the 2014 Horse of the Year when he won the GI San Pasqual S. off a 10-month layoff Jan. 10.

"When it came down to the race, I thought it would be an easy race for him," Espinoza said. "He ran as I expected, a big race, and then he got a

little bit tired, which is normal after a big lay off."

Espinoza is now looking ahead to Dubai, where California Chrome is expected to have at least one prep race for trainer Art Sherman.

"I'm curious like everybody else how he will run his next race in Dubai as he has to ship and it's a long way to get there," the jockey said. "He has done it before, but you never know. If he runs the way he ran his last race, I think he will be in good shape for the Dubai World Cup."

Espinoza suggested the chestnut should have just one more start before the big day.

"I think it will be too much for him to run twice before the World Cup," he said. "One race before will be enough and he will be in good shape. It's very important they travel right and are happy. The most important thing for me is the horse is happy in the race. If he's happy in the race, he will run his best."

CAPE PREMIER SALE KICKS OFF THURSDAY

By Liesl King

The two-day Cape Premier Yearling Sale kicks off Thursday night at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in South Africa. Thirty-seven stallions are represented, with the first offspring of newcomers Oratorio (Ire) (Danehill), Twice Over (GB) (Observatory), Byword (GB) (Peintre Celebre) and What A Winter (SAf) (Western Winter) making their debut.

With three champion sire titles and with his offspring collecting three Horse of the Year titles, **Dynasty (SAf)**'s 15 yearlings on offer will be in high demand. One of the standouts is [lot 220](#), a colt out of the Capture Him mare Garland (SAf). The colt, consigned by Maine Chance Farms, is a half-brother to G1 Gold Cup winner Waving Flag (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}).



Lot 220, colt by Dynasty | Liesl King

A yearling import by the late Graham Beck, the Fusaichi Pegasus mare Our Table Mountain excelled on the racetrack and with her daughter Silver Mountain (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}) recently winning the G1 Cape Fillies Guineas, she is fast becoming a star broodmare as well. Her Dynasty colt, [lot 42](#), will be offered Thursday.

Leading sire **Silvano (Ger)** has 25 yearlings on offer. Klawervlei consigns [lot 205](#), a colt out of Es La Vida (SAf) (Al Mufti), a full-sister to 2015 Champion sire Captain Al (SAf). G1 Durban July third Tellina (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}) has a full-sister on offer as [lot 105](#), while Drakenstein Stud consigns [lot 37](#), a Silvano colt out of Grade 3 winner National Banker.

Champion sire **Captain Al (SAf)** is represented by 23 yearlings, with Klawervlei Stud consigning two well-related individuals in lots 191 and 81. [Lot 191](#), a bay colt out of the Galileo (Ire) mare Della Scala (SAf), is a half-brother to multiple graded winner Blake (SAf) (Dynasty {SAf}), while G2 Sceptre S. winner Secret Of Victoria (SAf) (Goldkeeper) is the dam of [lot 81](#), a full-sister to multiple Grade 1 winner All Is Secret (SAf) (Captain Al {SAf}).

Drakenstein Stud's ever-consistent **Trippi** has 10 yearlings on offer including lots 197 and 243, both consigned by Drakenstein. [Lot 197](#) is the eagerly awaited first foal of multiple Group 1 winner Ebony Flyer (SAf) (Jet Master {SAf}). [Lot 243](#) is a colt out of Irish Torrent (Giant's Causeway) from the female family of Indian Choice (With Approval).

International additions to the sale include three yearlings by Big Brown, while Lope de Vega (Ire), Pluck, Poet's Voice (GB), Bernardini, Uncle Mo and Wanted (Aus) each have a yearling on offer. The first session commences at 5:30 p.m. local time Thursday. [Click here](#) for the catalogue.