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## TAPIT BECOMES GALILEO



Tapit | Brittlan Wall

by Bill Oppenheim

When we did our APEX review of Leading North American and European Sires of 2014 ABC Runners, Coolmore's superstar sire Galileo was out on his own, having sired a total of 60 ABC Runners in the seven countries we cover in 2014. A group of six other sires had ABC Runner numbers in the 40's: Giant's Causeway 47, Invincible Spirit 46, Tapit 45, Medaglia d'Oro and Speightstown 44 each, Kitten's Joy 43. Last year, however, Gainesway's two-time Leading North American Sire, Tapit, gave Galileo a real scare. Galileo was the sire of 61 individual ABC Runners (top 8% earners, a/k/a 'break-even or better' racehorses) in 2015, but Tapit was only a nose adrift, with 60 ABC Runners in 2015 – exactly one-third more than in 2014. Moreover, Galileo is the sire of 28 individual A Runners; Tapit has 26. One is grass and Europe, the other is dirt and North America. As dominant as Galileo has been in the sheer number of high-quality racehorses he has sired, Tapit, on his side of the Atlantic, is for the first time producing high-quality runners in such numbers that he really can be mentioned in the same breath (and breadth) as Galileo. That qualifies as another huge step forward for America's Number One Sire, Tapit.

Just to recap, A Runners are the top 2% of earners in one of seven countries, divided into five jurisdictions (US and Canada; Britain & Ireland; France; Germany; and Japan) and summarized in three Regions (North America, Europe, Japan) each year. ABC Runners are the top 8% of earners, and if you refer to page 14 of our January 14 column ([click here](#)) you can see the various earnings thresholds in each of the five jurisdictions for each of

the last seven years. In North America in 2015, for example, A Runners earned \$134,280 or more; B Runners (next 2%) earned \$93,610 - \$134,279; C Runners (next 4%) earned \$63,420 - \$93,609; so any ABC Runner in North America earned at least \$63,420, for which reason we nickname them 'break-even-or-better' runners, meaning, if they are in your racing stable, they should at least not be losing you money.

After Galileo and Tapit, five other NA/EU stallions had 40 or more ABC Runners last year, three of which are Darley sires: Darley Jonabell's Medaglia d'Oro (47); Darley Kildangan's Shamardal (43); and Darley Dalham Hall's Dubawi (41). Lane's End's Candy Ride and Coolmore Ashford's Giant's Causeway are tied with 40 each, followed by Coolmore Ashford's Scat Daddy, who of course died just as his stud fee was about to nearly triple; and Ramsey Farm's Kitten's Joy, with 38 ABC Runners each in 2015. **Cont. p3**

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*Undefeated "TDN Rising Star" Speightster (Speightstown) returned to the worktab Tuesday for the first time since his GIII Dwyer S. win July 4. The chestnut breezed three furlongs at Payson Park in :39.60. A. Coglianese*

## TUESDAY TOTE OUTAGE

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*An afternoon-long outage at a wagering hub controlled by tote provider Sportech paralyzed much of the nation's pari-mutuel betting on Tuesday. The unspecified technical issue was deemed fixed by 4:30 p.m.*

## 'THE CYCLONE' BREWING WEST

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*It has been a little over a year now since jockey Santiago Gonzalez came to ride in the United States, and as of Tuesday, the Venezuelan currently sits atop the jockey leader board at Santa Anita Park.*

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**Tapit Becomes Galileo cont. from p1**

It just can't be a complete coincidence that, of the nine NA/EU sires which sired 38 or more ABC Runners last year, three are from the 2006 sire crop (Tapit, Medaglia d'Oro, Candy Ride), and three from the 2007 sire crop (Dubawi, Shamardal, Kitten's Joy).

Of the 58 NA-EU sires which sired 20 or more ABC Runners in 2015 ([click here for an alphabetical list](#)), 23 of them sired 10 or more individual A Runners last year.

Galileo (28) and Tapit (26) were out in front here, as mentioned, and when we start talking about ascending the class ladder and acquiring legitimate (Listed or

Graded/Group) black type, these are the sort of horses you want. Medaglia d'Oro (20) is third, followed by Shamardal,



Medaglia d'Oro | Brittlan Wall

Dubawi, and Scat Daddy, with 17 each. Kitten's Joy had 14 individual A Runners last year, followed by Darley Jonabell's Street Sense; The Irish National Stud's Invincible Spirit; and Ireland's Morrinstown Stud's Dark Angel (right now maybe the most upwardly mobile sire on the planet, maybe him and Hill 'n' Dale's Curlin), with 12 A Runners in 2015 each. Curlin was in the next group, with 11, by the way, and had 31 ABC Runners, far outdistancing all other F2010 sires.

Let's look for a minute at the emerging sire crops. Among NA/EU sires with first Northern Hemisphere foals 2011 and first 4-year-olds in 2015, Gilltown's Sea The Stars is the leader with 24 ABC Runners last year, ahead of Tiz Wonderful, who was sold to stand in Korea; and I've thrown WinStar's Congrats in here for comparison, because after four crops in Florida, his first Kentucky crop was foaled in 2011. His Kentucky crops included 20 ABC Runners last year, so I thought that would be interesting for comparative purposes. Coolmore's Mastercraftsman had 19, their Fastnet Rock and WinStar's Pioneerof The Nile, sire of American Pharoah, had 17 each, followed by France's leading young sire, Haras de la Cauviniere's Le Havre, with 14. Fastnet Rock was the leading F2011 NA-EU sire, with 10, followed by Sea The Stars, Tiz Wonderful, and Mastercraftsman, with eight each.

Four sires broke away from the pack among F2012 NA-EU sires with their first 3-year-olds last year. **Cont. p4**

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LEADING F2011 NA-EU SIREs by 2015 ABC RUNNERS

SIRE	1st Fls	ST	A	B	C	ABC
SEA THE STARS	2011	IRE	8	5	11	24
TIZ WONDERFUL	2011	Korea	8	1	11	20
*CONGRATS	2008	KY	6	2	12	20
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	2011	IRE	8	5	6	19
*FASTNET ROCK	2006	IRE	10	0	7	17
PIONEEROF THE NILE	2011	KY	3	6	8	17
LE HAVRE	2011	FR	6	4	4	14

\*Congrats' 1st crop was 2008 in FL. These figures are for his KY crops only (1st KY crop 2011)

\*Fastnet Rock's 1st crop was in 2006 in Australia. 1st NH crop 2011.

F2012 NA-EU SIREs with 10+ ABC RUNNERS in 2015

SIRE	1st Fls	ST	A	B	C	ABC
ESKENDEREYA	2012	JPN	5	2	10	17
LOPE DE VEGA	2012	IRE	4	6	7	17
QUALITY ROAD	2012	KY	1	4	12	17
MUNNINGS	2012	KY	5	7	4	16
SIYOUUNI	2012	FR	4	3	6	13
LOOKIN AT LUCKY	2012	KY	6	3	3	12
HOLD ME BACK	2011	NY	3	2	6	11
MAKFI	2012	FR	2	2	7	11
MIDSHIPMAN	2012	KY	5	1	4	10
MAJESTICPERFECTION	2012	KY	4	2	4	10
KANTHAROS	2012	FL	4	1	5	10
BLAME	2012	KY	4	0	6	10

F2013 NA-EU SIREs with 4+ ABC RUNNERS in 2015

UNCLE MO	2013	KY	5	1	3	9
TWIRLING CANDY	2013	KY	0	2	5	7
CANFORD CLIFFS	2013	IRE	2	1	3	6
ZOFFANY	2013	IRE	4	0	1	5
DREAM AHEAD	2013	IRE	2	2	1	5
*LONHRO	2005	Aus	2	0	2	4
GIROLAMO	2013	KY	1	0	3	4

\*Lonhro's 1st crop was in 2005 in Australia. 1st NH crop 2013.

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NA-EU SIRES with 10+ A RUNNERS in 2015

SIRE	1st Fls	ST	A	B	C	ABC
GALILEO	2003	IRE	28	14	19	61
TAPIT	2006	KY	26	11	23	60
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	2006	KY	20	9	18	47
SHAMARDAL	2007	IRE	17	11	15	43
SCAT DADDY	2009	Dead	17	10	11	38
DUBAWI	2007	ENG	17	6	18	41
KITTEN'S JOY	2007	KY	14	9	15	38
STREET SENSE	2009	KY	12	11	7	30
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	2004	IRE	12	8	17	37
DARK ANGEL	2009	IRE	12	7	9	28
CANDY RIDE	2006	KY	11	17	12	40
TEOFILO	2009	IRE	11	9	8	28
SPEIGHTSTOWN	2006	KY	11	7	15	33
CURLIN	2010	KY	11	7	13	31
CITY ZIP	2003	KY	11	7	9	27
HARD SPUN	2009	KY	11	6	11	28
GHOSTZAPPER	2007	KY	11	6	10	27
WAR FRONT	2008	KY	11	6	6	23
BERNARDINI	2008	KY	10	12	11	33
MALIBU MOON	2001	KY	10	8	18	36
OASIS DREAM	2005	ENG	10	7	13	30
DANEHILL DANCER	1999	Retired	10	6	12	28
HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	2005	Dead	10	3	17	30

NA-EU SIRES with 30+ ABC RUNNERS in 2015

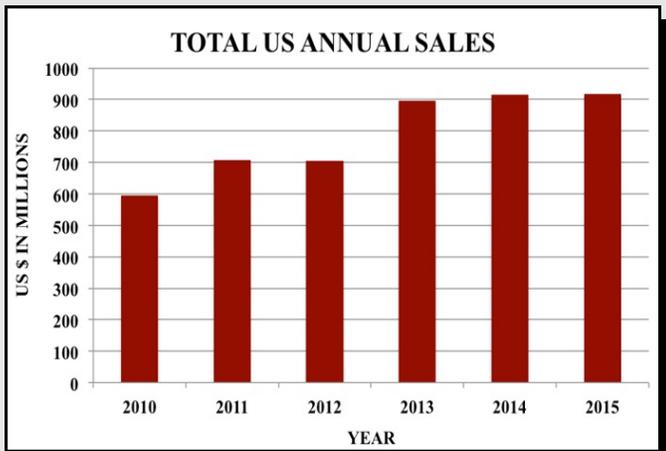
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CANDY RIDE	2006	KY	11	17	12	40
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2002	KY	9	13	18	40
SCAT DADDY	2009	Dead	17	10	11	38
KITTEN'S JOY	2007	KY	14	9	15	38
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	2004	IRE	12	8	17	37
SMART STRIKE	1998	Dead	5	5	27	37
MALIBU MOON	2001	KY	10	8	18	36
MORE THAN READY	2002	KY	9	6	20	35
SPEIGHTSTOWN	2006	KY	11	7	15	33
BERNARDINI	2008	KY	10	12	11	33
CURLIN	2010	KY	11	7	13	31
STREET SENSE	2009	KY	12	11	7	30
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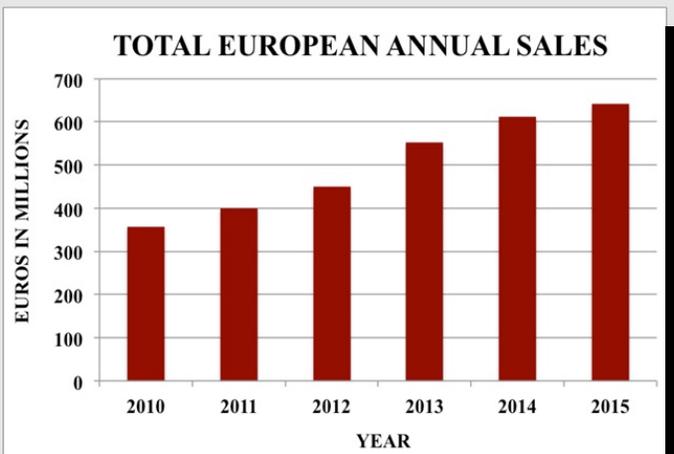
by Bill Oppenheim

"Here's the striking thing about the difference between the North American and European markets right now. Both made significant jumps from 2012 to 2013: the Recovery was 23% (over €100-million) in Europe, and 27% (over \$191-million) in North America. But since then the European market is up another 16% (almost €90-million), while the NA market from 2013 to 2015 is up only another 2% (\$21-million). The first two major Australasian yearling sales looked strong, with significant American participation"

- Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%WD	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2016	20,189	15,862	12,100	21.4%	76.3%	59.9%	\$917,054,700	\$75,790
2015	20,350	16,578	12,745	18.5%	76.9	62.6%	\$916,340,600	\$71,898
2014	18,279	14,960	12,044	18.2%	80.5%	65.9%	\$895,923,950	\$74,388
2013	18,359	15,025	11,654	18.2%	77.6%	63.5%	\$704,373,700	\$60,441
2012	19,905	16,040	12,251	19.4%	76.4%	61.5%	\$706,394,350	\$57,660
2011	21,230	17,360	12,716	18.2%	73.2%	59.9%	\$595,938,350	\$46,865



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%WD	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	16,071	13,612	10,821	15.3%	79.5%	67.3%	€641,339,675	€59,268
2014	15,448	13,044	10,723	15.6%	82.2%	69.4%	€612,070,742	€57,080
2013	14,368	12,169	9,870	15.3%	81.1%	68.7%	€552,572,363	€55,985
2012	14,235	12,030	9,489	15.5%	78.9%	66.7%	€449,644,640	€47,386
2011	13,748	11,590	8,852	15.7%	76.4%	64.4%	€400,573,037	€45,252
2010	14,848	12,488	9,025	15.9%	72.3%	60.8%	€357,292,701	€39,589

Data compiled by Brianna Stanley

## Tapit Becomes Galileo cont.

Eskendereya, who was sold to Japan; Ballylinch's Lope De Vega; and Lane's End's Quality Road had 17 ABC Runners each, followed closely by Coolmore Ashford's Munnings, with 16. The Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval's Siyouni (13) came next, followed by Coolmore Ashford's Lookin At Lucky (12). Lookin At Lucky was the leading NA-EU F2012 sire by 2015 A Runners, with six, followed by Eskendereya, Munnings, and Darley Jonabell's Midshipman, with five each.

Coolmore Ashford's Uncle Mo sired five A Runners and nine ABC Runners in his first crop last year to not surprisingly dominate NA-EU Freshman Sires of 2015 (these horses will not have APEX ratings until this summer). Lane's End's Twirling Candy ran second, as he did on the progeny earnings table, with seven, but no A Runners (nor Black-Type Winners) just yet; and Coolmore's Canford Cliffs had six ABC Runners. Coolmore's Zoffany, Europe's Leading Freshman Sire, had five, of which four were A Runners, placing him a strong second to Uncle Mo's five in that category. Ballylinch's Dream Ahead also had five first-crop ABC Runners in 2015.

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## TUESDAY TOTE OUTAGE PARALYZES

### NATION'S PARI-MUTUELS by T.D. Thornton

An afternoon-long outage at a wagering hub controlled by tote provider Sportech paralyzed much of the nation's pari-mutuel betting on Tuesday. The unspecified technical issue was deemed fixed by 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, but only after causing numerous delays and the eventual abandonment of live racing at two Thoroughbred tracks and a handful of harness and greyhound venues.

Even simulcast, advance-deposit wagering, and off-track-betting outlets served by another tote provider, like AmTote International, United Tote or Las Vegas Dissemination Company, had business affected by the crash simply because of the dearth of betting signals available nationwide.

Sportech clients Turf Paradise and Sam Houston Race Park both pulled the plug on live Thoroughbred racing, even though management at both tracks initially tried to buy time for the glitch to be fixed by moving back first post times before eventually having to cancel.

Mahoning Valley Race Course, which also utilizes the Sportech hub, ran its races as planned, but without betting and for purse money only. **Cont. p5**



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**Tote Outage cont.**

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Sportech PLC is a London-based company with United States corporate offices in Connecticut and Georgia. It bought the U.S. tote provider Scientific Games Racing in 2010. According to industry sources, the affected hub is believed to be in New Jersey. TDN attempted to email or phone four separate company officials asking for an explanation of the problem on Tuesday afternoon, but did not receive any replies prior to deadline for this story.

Officials at affected outlets nationwide indicated that they were also largely in the dark about the specific nature of the outage.

"We were notified by Sportech that the problem was related to the recent storm that hit the East Coast, and it knocked out some power that was essential to their operation. Outside of that, I don't know the specifics as to what took the system down," said Vincent Francia, the general manager at Turf Paradise.

Capital OTB in New York posted a Twitter message in the midst of the outage that read "Yep...not sure what's going on. Sportech, the tote company, seems to be having major issues. Hopefully resolved soon."

Sam Houston Race Park director of marketing Jamie Nielsen said in a phone interview that "I just know that from on our side, we were told it was 'technical difficulties' and that they weren't going to be able to bring it up in time for us to live race."

Francia said that to help compensate horsemen for racing expenses, both Turf Paradise and the local Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association split the cost of depositing \$250 into track accounts of horsemen who had entrants scheduled to race on Tuesday.

There was plenty of online chatter throughout the afternoon bemoaning the potential "What if?" scenarios about such a crash occurring on a big Saturday instead of on a slow winter Tuesday. But Francia noted that these are exactly the types of days when Turf Paradise stands to make money as one of the few tracks running at an otherwise quiet time in the schedule.

"Right now, we dominate the whole [late Tuesday afternoon] market, because Sunland is down because of the herpes virus," Francia said. "We lost money, the horsemen lost money, and the horseplayers were bewildered by the whole thing."

Ironically, the crash occurred at a time when Sportech, according to a company press release issued last week, "will once again showcase its latest technologies for pari-mutuel betting" at the 36th Asian Racing Conference in Mumbai, India.

"I sure as hell hope it's a fix and not a band-aid," Francia said when asked if he knew how confident Sportech was the



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**'THE CYCLONE' BREWING WEST**

*By Jonathan Murrietta*

It has been a little over a year now since jockey Santiago Gonzalez came to ride in the United States, and as of Tuesday, the Venezuelan currently sits atop the jockey leader board at Santa Anita Park. On an overcast Friday morning before the



**Santa Anita's leading rider,  
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day's races at Santa Anita, Gonzalez harkened back to a special moment riding in his home country of Venezuela.

Just one week after his mother passed away, Gonzalez showed the racing world why he goes by the nickname "El Ciclón," Spanish for "The Cyclone," when he came storming home on a horse

named Dreaming of Gold in the 2014... **Cont. p6**

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"It seemed hopeless for me [and Dreaming of Gold] at the sixteenth pole," Gonzalez said through his interpreter Ozzie Ayala. "But I kept riding. I always give 100% on the track and never give up no matter what. That's why I'm called 'The Cyclone.'"

A racetrack announcer in Venezuela took notice of Gonzalez's aggressive riding style and started calling him "El Ciclón." Like an unrelenting tropical wind storm, and with a heavy heart that day Oct. 26, 2014, Gonzalez, with left-handed urging, piloted Dreaming of Gold to win the Simon Bolivar by a nostril.

"To this day, I believe my mom had something to do with that," Gonzalez said. "That win was for her. She always believed that I could accomplish great things and encouraged me to chase after my dreams."

Now 32, Gonzalez had always dreamed of coming to California to ride. After each race he wins at Santa Anita, Gonzalez looks up to the skies, thanks God, and remembers his mom is watching from heaven.

Gonzalez grew up in a tight-knit family in Maracaibo, Venezuela, the same birthplace as three-time Eclipse Award-winning jockey Javier Castellano.



**Gonzalez wins the Monrovia aboard Prize Exhibit (GB) | Benoit Photo**

Venezuela, took him to the races. Previously a soccer player in his youth, Gonzalez traded his cleats for a riding career at age 14.

"My dad didn't think I could handle a horse at first because I was so small," Gonzalez said. "But I proved him wrong."

Gonzalez established himself as a top rider in Venezuela, winning around 2,600 races in his home country. Still, he always dreamed of more.

Opportunities were scarce when Gonzalez first came to the States. He rode at Gulfstream Park and Delaware Park with little success, but a jockey agent named Alex Procel took notice of Gonzalez's tenacity in the saddle and referred him to an agent out West named Craig Stephen. When Gonzalez came to Santa

"We're hometown friends," Gonzalez said. "He's a pretty good jockey now," Gonzalez said with a wry smile.

Gonzalez himself first knew he wanted to be a jockey when his father and two brothers, who work at a racetrack in

Anita for the first time it was raining. Thick clouds covered the track and Gonzalez wondered if the poor weather was an omen that he shouldn't be there. Stephen took Gonzalez to the wet backside to start introducing him to trainers, most notably, Stephen's good friend James Cassidy.

"He started working horses for me and I was really impressed the way he was riding in the morning, so I thought I'd give him a chance [in the afternoon]," Cassidy said.

Eventually, the rain cleared that first morning at Santa Anita, and Gonzalez looked up to behold the purple-hued San Gabriel Mountains, which reminded him of being back at the La Rinconada, nestled into the mountains near Caracas.

"I immediately felt home and decided I would stay in California," Gonzalez said.

In 2015, Gonzalez was ranked 85th nationally in wins and 47th in earnings with nearly \$5 million over 774 starts and 117 wins. He captured the 2015 Los Alamitos Winter Thoroughbred Meet riding title and carried that success over to opening day at Santa Anita for its 2015-16 winter/spring meet by winning the first three races. He has ridden top horses like MGSW Prize Exhibit (GB) (Showcasing) for Cassidy, who won the GII Monrovia S. Jan. 3 at Santa Anita.



**Cassidy and Gonzalez celebrate Prize Exhibit's Monrovia win  
Benoit Photo**

Through Tuesday, Gonzalez leads Rafael Bejarano in the jockey standings at Santa Anita by a margin of six. He has 21 wins from 101 starts so far at the meet with earnings of \$758,658.

Bejarano and Gonzalez are, in fact, good friends.

"When you get out there you have to try as much as you can to beat that same person you were joking with 10 minutes ago in the jocks room," Gonzalez said.

Bejarano has won the riding title at Santa Anita six out of the last eight years. It has historically been a difficult task for an outsider to crack the top of the competitive West Coast jockey colony, which has produced the likes of Gary Stevens, Mike Smith, Kent Desormeaux and other Hall-of-Famers. But Santiago is making a name for himself amongst the stiff competition, continuing to separate from the pack in the standings along the way.

"All the trainers are starting to use him now; he's starting to be just as hard to get as Mike Smith," Cassidy said. **Cont. p7**

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**"The Cyclone" cont.**

A week ago, Gonzalez rode a horse named Dreaming of Gold (Unbridled's Song), this time in an allowance race at Santa Anita for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. Before the race, thoughts from that emotional victory riding a horse in Venezuela with the same name no doubt resurfaced for "The Cyclone."

"I think if my mom were alive today, she'd be really proud of my success," Gonzalez said.

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The 340 short yearlings in the sale represent sires such as Medaglia d'Oro, Curlin, Scat Daddy, Uncle Mo and Into Mischief. Promising young sires such as Bodemeister, Point of Entry, Take Charge Indy, Paynter, The Factor and Shanghai Bobby also have yearlings in the catalogue.

broodmares in the sale are in foal to the likes of Uncle Mo, Oxbow, Graydar, Twirling Candy, Itsmyluckday, Fort Larned, Overanalyze, Munnings, Lookin at Lucky and Sidney's Candy.

The 115-horse racing age section has 28 older horses, 54 3-year-olds and 33 2-year-olds. This section includes an unraced 3-year-old filly by Pioneerof the Nile ([hip 556](#)), who turned in the fastest breeze at Monday's optional under tack show, covering three furlongs in [:32 4/5](#). Also offered in this section is impressive 3-year-old maiden winner **One More Shot** (Trappe Shot), who sells as [hip 593](#).

A yearling filly from the first crop of The Factor topped last year's consignor preferred session of the Winter Sale when selling to George Bolton and Peter Leidel for \$190,000. That 2015 session saw a total of 124 horses sell for \$2,462,200 with an average of \$19,856 and a median of \$10,600.

Both sessions of the Winter Sale begin at 10:30 a.m. Click [here](#) to view the catalogue and results.

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**CATALOGUE AVAILABLE FOR FLORIDA SALE**

Fasig-Tipton has released a catalogue of 154 entries for The Florida Sale to be held in the paddock at Gulfstream Park Mar. 2, the company announced Tuesday. The under-tack show is scheduled for Feb. 29 at 10:00 a.m. EST, while the sale will begin at 4:00 p.m. Mar. 2.

"Our inaugural sale at Gulfstream Park last year was hugely successful, with a great feel and energy that we look forward to building on in 2016," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "This year's catalogue again features outstanding quality, and we are also excited to have attracted several new consignors to Gulfstream this year, as well."

Among the notable graduates from last year's sale are 2015 champion juvenile Nyquist (Uncle Mo) and GI Los Alamitos Futurity victor Mor Spirit (Eskendereya).

"No other 2-year-old sale of 2015 sold an Eclipse Champion or Grade I winning colt," continued Browning. "Clearly,

performance in the under tack show over Gulfstream's dirt surface is translating to success at the highest levels of the sport."

The catalogue can be found [online](#), and is also available through the Equineline sales catalogue app. Print catalogues can be obtained by visiting any Fasig-Tipton office after Feb. 3.

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**Florida**

**Tuesday's Results:**

**OBS CHAMPIONSHIP S.**, \$100,000, OTC, 1-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.00, ft.

1--**#VIEJA LUNA, 120, f, 3, by Street Hero**

**1st Dam: Amaday, by Dayjur**

**2nd Dam: Indy Ama, by A.P. Indy**

**3rd Dam: Am Capable, by Icecapade**

(\$19,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$23,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR).

O-Juan Francisco Landaeta; B-Fernandez-Robles Family Trust & Flying H Stables (KY); T-Marcos Fernandez; J-Emisael Jaramillo. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$122,098. \*1/2 to Noble Prince (Chapel Royal), MSP, \$187,540.

2--**Silver Magnolia, 120, f, 3, Kitten's Joy**--Prime Silver, by Silver Hawk. (\$70,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR).

O-Evergreen Stables, LLC; B-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey (KY); T-Jordan Blair. \$20,000.

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3--**Will Be Magical, 122, f, 3, Wilburn**--Magical Baby, by Forestry. (\$9,500 RNA Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$14,000 RNA Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$32,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-Roger L. Justice; B-Derek Evans (KY); T-William A. Kaplan. \$10,000.

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Margins: 2HF, 4, 6HF. Odds: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00.

Also Ran: Cinder, Awesome Dame, Dean's Ticket, Toother Belle, R Kinsley Doll, Bonita, Vroomvroomvroom, Sweet Angel Roan. Scratched: Moms Choice, Try Your Luck.

Scoring a dominant graduation in the slop at Gulfstream Aug. 30, Vieja Luna shipped west and made a big jump up in class in the GI Chandelier S. Sept. 26, where she finished a well-beaten fourth behind champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro). Fifth in the Rags to Riches S. at Churchill next out Nov. 1, she was a non-factor 14th when switched to the turf for Gulfstream Park West's Wait a While S. Nov. 28. Transferred from Gustavo Amaya to Marcos Fernandez, the bay added blinkers for this seasonal bow. Away well from her rail draw, Vieja Luna set a moderate early pace while under pressure and shook free in the stretch for a decisive victory. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

**OBS CHAMPIONSHIP S.**, \$100,000, OTC, 1-26, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.00, ft.

1--**WHATAWONDERFLWORLD**, 122, g, 3, by Tiz Wonderful

**1st Dam: Celtic Sunshine**, by Victory Gallop

**2nd Dam: Believe It Beloved**, by Clever Trick

**3rd Dam: Hillybob**, by Personality

(\$30,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN).

O-Gary Barber; B-T/C Stable, LLC (NY); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Jose Lezcano. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$136,200. \*1/2 to Warriorsmoutoplay (Warrior's Reward), SW, \$140,950.

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2--**Two Step Time**, 122, c, 3, Two Step Salsa--Money Peg, by Fusaichi Pegasus. (\$27,000 Wlg '13 OBSOCT; \$34,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSAPR; \$22,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSOPN). O-Get Away Farm; B-Chessmate Thoroughbreds International LLC & Peter Halsall (FL); T-Michael J. Maker. \$20,000.

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3--**Golden Ray**, 122, g, 3, **American Lion**--Nault, by Woodman. (\$12,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$12,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$105,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN). O-Golden Legacy Stable LLC; B-Crowning Point Farm (KY); T-Juan Andres Rodriguez. \$10,000.

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Margins: 1, 2HF, 1. Odds: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00.

Also Ran: Swagger Jagger, Isfass, Extinct Charm, Bullet Gone Astray, Ganges, Chief Admiral, Volt, Unbridled Trick, Gone Local.

Whatawonderflworld finished third in his career bow on the turf at Belmont Sept. 18 and earned his diploma next out over that course Oct. 11. Following suit with an optional claimer win going a mile over the Aqueduct lawn Nov. 19, the dark bay raced in a four-wide fifth through a :23.40 opening quarter and advanced into a wide third after a half in :47.40. Rallying on the outside turning for home, the sophomore dueled for command in the lane and kicked clear late to score. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**



Whatawonderflworld | Leslie Martin

**OBS SPRINT S.**, \$50,000, OTC, 1-26, 3yo, c/g, 6f (AWT), 1:10.40, ft.

1--**DANBURY**, 122, c, 3, **Kantharos**--Rosiesuptown, by

**Werblin**. (\$15,000 Ylg '14 OBSWIN; \$5,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$25,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-Michael G. Bernard; B-Robert C. Roffey (FL); T-William A. Kaplan; J-Eddie Castro. \$30,000.

Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, \$86,203.

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2--**Lazarus Project**, 122, c, 3, **Discreetly Mine**--Oil Empress, by Empire Maker. (\$60,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-Leonard Green & Robert McLynn; B-Greenwood Lodge Farm Inc. (KY); T-Joseph F. Orseno. \$10,000.

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3--**Drama Club**, 122, c, 3, Big Drama--Charity Event, by Grand Slam. (\$30,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR).

O-Sandra New; B-Carl Bowling (FL); T-David Fawkes. \$5,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1HF, 2HF. Odds: 22.00, 6.70, 40.70.

Also Ran: Our Nation, I'm No Secret, Pinstripe, Oscar Mike, Dioscuri, G. A. Betting, Silver Starship, Royal Almighty, American Luxury, Brassy Ben.

Danbury finished fourth in the state-bred Juvenile Sprint S. at



Danbury | Leslie Martin

Gulfstream Park West Nov. 7 and closed out his 2-year-old season with a seventh in the Buffalo Man S. there Nov. 28. Kicking off this term with a fifth after adding blinkers in the GIII Hutcheson S. here Jan. 2, the chestnut vied for early command through opening splits of :22.60 and :45.20. Taking control in the stretch, the

longshot drew away to win convincingly. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

## APPOINTMENTS

**Jesse Ullery: Associate, Keeneland Sales**

- Ullery served as a Pedigree Announcer at the Keeneland sales since January 2014, and was the director of racing at Fair Meadows and Will Rogers Downs in Oklahoma. With long-standing family ties to racing and sales, Ullery will assume his new position Feb. 22, while continuing to serve as an announcer during the Keeneland sales.
- "We are pleased to have Jesse join the Keeneland Sales team," Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason said. "His longtime involvement in equine auctions combined with his racing experience make him uniquely qualified for this position."

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2--**Kandoo, 120, f, 3, [Kantharos](#)--Sandra's Day, by Mr. Greeley.** (\$40,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$85,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-Bell Racing LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks. \$10,000.

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3--**Hi Holiday, 120, f, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Boleyn, by Proud Citizen.** (\$110,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-Leonard C. Green; B-Eico Stable (KY); T-Joseph F. Orseno. \$5,000.

 **Hidden Brook South Graduate** 

Margins: HF, 2, 4 3/4. Odds: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00.

Also Ran: Fabulous Dream, Moms Choice, Sunrise Ruby, Wicked One, Pyrite Tonight, Emma Missouri, Scrammy. Scratched: Fast Justice.

Third on debut at Canterbury Sept. 11, Social Butterfly wired the field at Delaware next out Sept. 30. Racing five wide in mid-pack early, the chestnut launched a three-wide bid turning for home and kicked clear late to score. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

## Kentucky

### Guilfoil Appointed to Head KHRC:

Governor Matt Bevin appointed Marc A. Guilfoil as the executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC), Secretary David Dickerson announced Tuesday. Guilfoil has worked with the KHRC as deputy executive director as well as liaison between the commission and the Kentucky General Assembly since 1988, and most recently served as director of racing.

"Marc brings a unique perspective to this position and I am very excited he will have oversight of this very important organization," said Governor Bevin. "Kentucky's horse industry is one of the keys to the Commonwealth's growing economy and Marc's ability to relate to all facets of the industry is critical in its continued success."

Guilfoil, who graduated from the University of Kentucky with a B.S. in Agriculture with an emphasis in Communications, is also a certified Thoroughbred, Standardbred and Quarter Horse steward. His appointment comes on the heels of Robert "Bob"

Beck's decision to step down from his position of Chair after serving the Commission since 2008.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for me personally and I look forward to working with all of our constituent groups to find solutions to the issues that face horse racing in Kentucky today," commented Guilfoil.

## ROOKIES

### First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, January 27

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

**TURN HIM BACK** (Mineshaft), 8/1/0

9-DED, Msw, 7f, Graphene Miracle, 8-1

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

9-DED, Msw, 7f, Lady Mocruella, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

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**Gakbyeolhan, c, 3, [Big Brown](#)--Awful Smart** (MGISP, \$191,380), by Black Tie Affair (Ire). Busan, 1-24, Hcp. (\$71k), 1600m. B-WUG & Company LLC & Partners (KY). \*Making his first appearance in Class 2, the gray colt scampered home to score by seven lengths as the 13-10 favorite for his fourth consecutive victory. \*\*1/2 to Awfully Smart (Anees), GSW, \$494,305. \*\*\*\$30,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

**Hwanggeum Bisang, c, 3, [Curlin](#)--Moon Berry** (Brz) (GSW & G1SP-Arg, GSP-US), by Burooj (GB). Seoul, 1-24, Hcp. (\$46k), 1400m. B-Magdalena, Carl Gessler Jr & Danny Wiginton (KY). \*\$12,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

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**Winning Humor, c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Cascading** (SW, \$126,997), by A.P. Indy. Busan, 1-24, Hcp. (\$46k), 1200m. B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc & Stretch Run Ventures LLC (KY). \*\$95,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$46,000 2yo '15 OBSJUN.

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**Wonderful Today, c, 4, [Munnings](#)--Gray Sapphire, by Forestry.** Busan, 1-22, Hcp. (\$59k), 1400m. B-Mike Pietrangelo (KY). \*\$14,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$15,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$29,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

**Clean Up Cheonha, h, 5, [El Corredor](#)--Loh Collado, by More Than Ready.** Seoul, 1-24, Hcp. (\$92k), 2000m. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). \*Won for the eighth time in 18 starts and has amassed earnings in excess of \$511,000. \*\*1/2 to La Rambla (City Zip), SP. \*\*\*\$77,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '13 OBSJUN.

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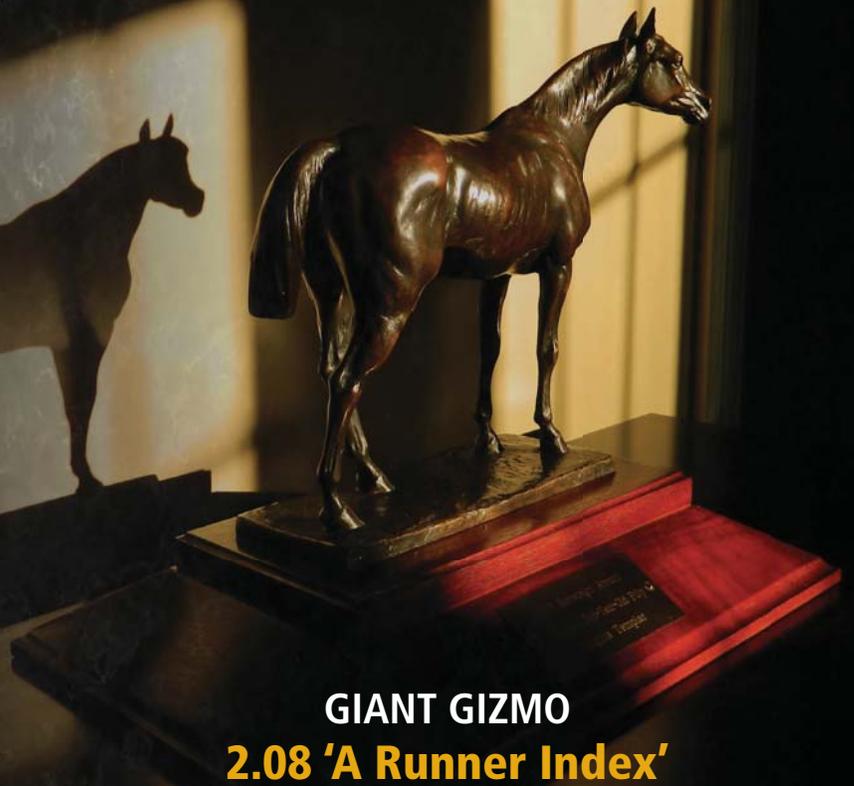
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**IN PERU:**

+**Fenyang**, c, 3, **Forestry**--Gold Chant, by Banker's Gold.  
 Monterrico, 1-23, Maiden, 1000m. B-La Bahia Stud Inc (KY).  
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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**3rd-MVR, \$25,300, (S), 1-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:15.84,**  
 ft.

**TUNE UP (f, 3, Giant Oak--Pop Up, by Concorde's Tune)** Lifetime  
 Record: 9-2-1-1, \$41,150. O-Linda Friess, Donald Bookman &  
 Joann Hayes; B-Donald Bookman & Linda Friess (OH); T-Donald  
 C. Bookman.



Tuesday Cancellations

Sam Houston (tote issues)

**THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...**

**January 26, 1950...**Citation's 16-race win streak came to an end in the La Sorpresa Handicap at Santa Anita. Despite giving 16 pounds to the winner, Miche, Citation, carrying 130 pounds, lost only by a neck.

**January 27, 1973...**Penny Chenery accepted the Eclipse Award for Horse of the Year on behalf of Secretariat, who was also voted champion two-year-old of 1972.

**January 28, 1928...**Kentucky Derby winner Black Gold broke down during the running of the Salome Purse at Fair Grounds and is buried in the track's infield.

**January 29, 1960...**Future Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Carry Back finished 10th in his first start ever, a three-furlong race for two-year-old maiden runners at Hialeah. Sired by Saggy, the only horse to defeat Citation during his three-year-old season, out of an undistinguished mare named Joppy, Carry Back became a popular runner and was dubbed, "the people's horse."

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## A RISING STAR OF THE TRAINING RANKS



David O'Meara and Amazing Maria | *Racing Post*

by Daithi Harvey

Back in January 2010, David O'Meara was in still in the process of applying for his trainer's license. He had retired from a respectable 10-year career as a jumps jockey two years before and had spent the interim buying and selling a few horses and even turned his hand to some property development. However, he needed something a bit more solid and the answer came when he successfully applied for a position as a trainer at Yorkshire businessman Roger Fell's stable in the remote village of Helmsley.

It wasn't until June of 2010 that O'Meara was granted his license and he didn't waste any time getting off the mark with Simple Jim (Fr) (Jimble {Fr}) providing the ambitious rookie with his first winner when scoring at Redcar later that month under similarly ambitious jockey Silvestre De Sousa. He ended his first season with 25 winners and subsequent seasonal tallies of 48, 69, 136, 112 and 122 suggest his ascent since beginning has been nothing short of meteoric.

In 2015, O'Meara showcased his training talents on the international stage and over one weekend in September, he won group races in three different countries with **Mondialiste (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), **Custom Cut (Ire)** (Notnowcato {GB}) and **Move In Time (GB)** (Monsieur Bond {GB}) winning in Canada, Ireland and France, respectively. [Cont. p2](#)

## FRANKEL YEARLING STEALS THE SHOW

The first yearling to be auctioned in the Southern Hemisphere by Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) lit up the sale ring on the final day of a robust edition of the Karaka 2016 Premier Sale when knocked down for NZ\$1.3m to Adrian Nicoll of BBA Ireland. On a day that saw significant gains in all key figures, the colt out of Our Echezeaux (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), catalogued as lot [445](#), stole the show with Nicoll landing the final blow after a bidding duel with Peter Moody. A syndicate of high-profile international identities combined to purchase the colt from Pencarrow Stud, including Nicoll, Tom Magnier of Coolmore Stud, Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum from Dubai, the Niarchos family from France and Apollo Ng from Hong Kong. "The two best Frankels I have seen have been this horse here and the filly [out of Alexander Goldrun {Ire}] at Goffs that sold for €1.7 million," commented Nicoll. "He's a lovely horse, he's got immense presence and we started trying to make this happen about three days ago." [Cont. p7](#)

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**David O'Meara cont.**

Mondialiste's victory in the GI Ricoh Woodbine Mile S. was followed by a fast-finishing second to Tepin (Bernstein) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Keeneland. It copper-fastened O'Meara's already well-established reputation as a trainer who can seemingly improve already high-class horses that have previously been under the care of some renowned trainers.

David O'Meara was born in Fermoy in Cork 38 years ago and both his parents had a keen interest in racing and breeding;



**Mondialiste** | Horsephotos

so too did the young O'Meara, but his mother obviously got her way initially, as he was dispatched to the University Of Limerick to pursue a degree in Equine Science upon finishing school.

A gap year spent working for jumps trainer Philip Hobbs turned into a one-way

ticket to Britain and, suddenly, academia's loss was racing's gain. Riding as an amateur initially, one of O'Meara's highlights in the saddle was guiding Bells Life (Ire) (The Parson {GB}) to victory over the Grand National fences in the Foxhunter's Chase at Aintree in 2000. He later moved north to Yorkshire, riding mainly for trainers Tim Easterby and Sue Smith, and it is Yorkshire he now resides along with his wife Sarah and daughter Roisin.

So what has been the trainer's key to such rapid success? Sometimes observers are prone to cynicism when a contender appears from relative obscurity and gate-crashes the inner sanctum of Britain's top 10 flat trainers within a couple of years of launching their career. Martin Pipe was an innocent victim of it when he changed the landscape for jumps trainers back in the early '90s, with rivals questioning the morality of his training methods, especially when they heard of his on-site laboratory. O'Meara on the other hand relies on not much more than common sense and mother nature.

"I just try to keep things as simple as possible," said the trainer without any hint of smugness. "I'm a big believer in routine and we also like to turn them out in paddocks as much as possible; basically we just aim to keep the horses fit and mentally happy."

As mentioned earlier, O'Meara has displayed an uncanny knack of rejuvenating horses that he has either bought at horses-in-training sales or has inherited from other trainers.

**G-Force (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}) was bought by Nick Bradley at Tattersalls for 25,000gns as a once-raced maiden out of the Richard Hannon yard and sent to O'Meara, for whom he became a Group 1 winning sprinter. Custom Cut was a bought by O'Meara himself--also at Tattersalls--for 95,000gns as a 108 rated Group 3 winning 4-year-old that looked as good as he was going to be. Two years under his new trainer's tutelage and he has soared to a rating of 117, with wins in five group races and almost £400,000 in prize-money.

"He's back again and I don't think he's finished winning either," said the trainer about the half brother to Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}).

Another high-profile example of O'Meara's magic touch is **Amazing Maria (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). A smart 2-year-old for Ed Dunlop when she won the G3 Prestige S. at Goodwood, her 3-year-old season was a write off and O'Meara inherited an almost blank canvas for her 4-year-old campaign. What a campaign it was. A Royal Ascot win in the G2 Duke Of Cambridge S. preceded Group 1 wins in the Falmouth S. at Newmarket and in the Prix Rothschild at Deauville.



**Amazing Maria** | Racing Post

"Maria is due back in early February and she'll follow a similar path to last year, she's one to look forward to and I'm very grateful to have her," he enthused.

Mondialiste was formerly trained in France by Freddy Head, and O'Meara bought him at Arqana as a 4-year-old for €190,000 for Geoff Turnbull. He was given a rating of 105 in Britain for his first run and with a current rating of 118, this Grade I-winning (over a mile) son of Galileo (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) should be an exciting stallion prospect for Turnbull, who has already begun stocking up mares to send to the 6-year-old. He'll have to wait another year though, as his trainer is already looking forward to a spring campaign.

"Mondialiste could start off in the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury. He had a busy and long year, as he obviously went to America and Hong Kong, so it wouldn't be fair to bring him back too soon," O'Meara reasoned. "He has an excellent turn of foot as he showed in the Breeders' Cup Mile, even though he was beaten and it would be great if he could win a Group 1 in Europe."

With such a powerful squad of older horses to represent him at the top level the trainer is also busy assembling the talent of the future. [Cont. p3](#)

# David O'Meara Meteoric Rise to Excellence



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G Force



Amazing Maria



Mondialiste



“We have more 2-year-olds than ever this year, about 30 in total, so it would be nice to think that there could be a few good ones among them,” he commented. “Rabbah Bloodstock and Salem Rashid are getting more involved with us and have sent us five nice juveniles that came from Tattersalls Book 1. Steve Parkin of Clipper Logistics has also sent us a few nice horses and Reg and Charlie Bond have increased their numbers with us. They own Move In Time, who has been a brilliant servant, having won a Group 1 in France, and we might bring him to Dubai for the G1 Al Quoz Sprint on World Cup night [Mar. 26]. Between these and the established older horses, we have a nice mix of horses for the season. The main thing is there is plenty of them, there’ll upwards of 140 in total by the time the season kicks off.”

This growth both in numbers and quality has seen O’Meara recently complete the purchase of a new yard and farm located near York. Formerly the base of the late Mel Brittain, O’Meara is halfway through moving his string from Helmsley and expects to be fully bedded down in another week or so.

“It’s a beautiful facility and while there is plenty of work to do to get it to the stage that I want it, it has all the facilities in place to enable us to kick on and train the horses,” the conditioner reported. “For this year, while it is very important to get a similar number of winners on board as recent seasons and also



The view from the bottom of David O’Meara’s new gallop

hopefully get another Group 1 somewhere, it’s vital that we can make as seamless a transition as possible and get the horses settled into their new routine in good time.”

David O’Meara’s training talents have obviously been well documented and his stellar results have led to him being the subject of some high-profile job offers from major players of the industry. He was not however approached by the one organization that led to people

thinking that Aidan O’Brien’s tenure at Ballydoyle was about to expire.

“No, there was no truth to any rumour about the Coolmore team offering me Aidan’s job,” he assured. “Hopefully the fact that I have made a substantial investment to this new training facility will put a stop to that hearsay and I can continue developing my career here.”

Furthering an already burgeoning career is a scary thought for competing trainers given the progress O’Meara has made in just five years. But it’s probably a very safe bet.

## BLOODSTOCK REVIEW OUT NOW

Weatherbys have published their 2015 Bloodstock Sales Review Part 2. The review provides valuable information from the 2015 bloodstock sales, opening with a detailed overview of the major European sales. It also features a definitive list of foals, yearlings, mares and horses in and out of training sold in Europe, together with foals and yearlings sold in North America or Japan and sired by European-based stallions. All sales details are grouped together by sire for easy reference, with sale prices shown in Guineas and Euros. The review costs £42 and can be purchased on [www.bettrendsshop.co.uk](http://www.bettrendsshop.co.uk). Alternatively it will be available in the Weatherbys office at the upcoming sales in Doncaster, Tattersalls and Goffs.



### Tuesday’s Results:

**5th-CGN, €36,000, Alw, 1-26, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:37.48, st.**

**VISERANO (FR) (c, 3, [Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}](#)--[Visinada {Ire}](#), by [Sinndar {Ire}](#)),** a €130,000 ARQAUG yearling, had finished last of five when ambitiously tilted at the G1 Prix Morny on his last start over six furlongs at a rain-soaked Deauville in August and demonstrated the kind of speed that led connections to take up that challenge by surging straight into the lead. Always comfortable there, the 4-1 shot stayed on strongly up the home stretch to secure a 1 1/2-length verdict over Julia Bech (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}). The dam, who is half to the one-time Classic prospect and G3 Prix la Rochette scorer Visionario (Ire) (Spinning World) from the immediate family of another of the “Rock’s” classy progeny in the 2009 G1 Prix de la Foret hero Varenar (Fr), also has a 2-year-old colt by Canford Cliffs (Ire) named Viserani (Fr). Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €48,760. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Bernard Giraudon; B-Haras de Beauvoir (FR); T-Didier Prod’Homme.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**1st-CGN, €19,000, 1-26, 4yo, 12f (AWT), 2:32.48, st.**

**HAILSTORM (GB) (f, 4, [Verglas {Ire}](#)--[Hideaway {Fr}](#) {SW-Fr}, by [Cape Cross {Ire}](#))** Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 3 wins, 7 places, €52,700. O/B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (GB); T-Francois Rohaut.

**2nd-CGN, €19,000, 1-26, 4yo, 8f (AWT), 1:37.06, st.**

**SHARPALO (FR) (c, 4, [Shamardal](#)--[Pony Girl {Ire}](#) {SP-Fr}, by [Darshaan {GB}](#))** Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €27,800. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR); T-Yan Durepaire.

# Italy

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

+**Valuta Pregiata (GB)**, f, 3, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Veronica Franco (Ity), by Lomitas (GB). CAP, 1-26, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:33.60. B-Razza Del Sole (GB). \*1/2 to Vola E Va (GB) (Oratorio (Ire)) GSP-Ity, €180,340.



## EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

**IN HONG KONG:**

**General of Patch (Ire)**, g, 4, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Sassari (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). Sha Tin, 1-24, Hcp. (£104k/€138k), 1600mT, 1:36.30. B-Roundhill Stud & Gleadhills House Stud Ltd. \*115,000gns Ylg '13 TATOCT.



## ILLEGAL GAMBLING: A \$500 BILLION PROBLEM

*Text and photos by Lucas Marquardt*

Opportunities and obstacles in the wagering landscape were the focus of the first panel at the Asian Racing Conference, which kicked off three days of presentations and discussions



**HKJC CEO Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges**

Tuesday in Mumbai. The Hong Kong Jockey Club's CEO Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges set a pragmatic tone in his opening address.

"The global economy is facing very strong headwinds, and the general prevailing conditions will make it very challenging for the wagering business in the future," said Engelbrecht-Bresges.

Among those challenges, he said, are general stagnation among the Top 6 betting markets, the gains made by sports betting in recent years, a

shift to fixed-odds gambling in some places, and, for Asian racing in particular, the spectacular size of the illegal betting markets in the region.

"Illegal gambling has always existed, but what we are facing now is a fundamentally new threat," he said. "The illegal markets have gone from local markets to international markets. The major change is now the global consolidation of illegal betting on internet platforms. The illegal operators are exploiting technology to grow their business. The astronomic scale and multi-jurisdictional character of illegal gambling is now such that it is one of the greatest challenges facing racing and other sports."

How big a chunk does illegal gambling take?

Engelbrecht-Bresges gave some sobering figures from a Hong Kong Jockey Club analysis. The HKJC estimates the global share of the illegal betting market, including racing and other sports, at \$500 billion annually, with \$350 billion of that coming from Asia. The problem in Hong Kong is acute, with an estimated \$12.8 billion bet illegally on Hong Kong racing in the region. That's approaches the \$13.8 billion bet on Hong Kong racing legally.

"That shows the massive dimension" of the problem, said Engelbrecht-Bresges. "And there's another trend, where they're not just bookmakers. They're starting exchanges, which is less risky. They don't take any risk positions, or very limited. There's one illegal exchange called Citybet, which is the major illegal exchange, and we have pretty reliable information that they handle \$7.8 billion [on Hong Kong racing]. We then worked with our Australian colleagues to estimate the effect there, which was nearly \$1 billion, which is practically 8% of Australian turnover. On one exchange. And there are many others. These exchanges are a threat not only on the wagering side, but also to the integrity of the sport."

Engelbrecht-Bresges also pointed to the growth of fixed-odds betting in markets like Australia as negative to those providing the product.

"The bookmaking bet returns about 2.5% to 2.7% [to the track], while the pari-mutuel bet is around 5%," he said. "You have to look at your pari-mutuel turnover and how you can increase it, how you can make it more attractive, because pari-mutuel turnover is definitely a much higher revenue for the racing industry."

Engelbrecht-Bresges put forth a five-point plan to confront these problems and others.

"As an industry, we must do the following things," he said. "1) embrace technology to connect directly with customers and create relevant offerings; 2) develop new tote technology which supports a better customer experience; 3) advance the development of a new tote protocol for commingling, leveraging our strength in exotic bet types; 4) make concerted efforts to create and protect our intellectual property rights nationally and internationally; and 5) do the same within the Asian Racing Federation and International Federation of Horseracing Authorities to fight illegal and unregulated betting." **Cont. p5**

**Asian Racing Conference cont.**

**Some Ideas On Wagering Technologies...**

Build pools with substantial liquidity, don't make new customers learn a new language, and give handicappers a huge amount of data--including odds on exotic bets. Those were some of the takeaways from Thomas Ascher, speaking about wagering technologies, at yesterday's first forum at the Asian Racing



**Longitude's Tom Ascher**

Conference. Ascher is the CEO of Longitude LLC, which invented and distributes an Enhanced Pari-Mutuel System that facilitates wagering into merged pools (rather than a single betting pool for each wager). This, according to its site, offers both, "a wider range of bet

types [and] a richer display of odds data." Longitude works with, among others, the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Ascher spoke both about the concept of merged pools. "People talk about the win pool, the place pool...it defines the industry. But you can't have a successful pool if no one else is interested in your bet," said Ascher. "You could be prepared to bet \$1 million on a particularly interesting superfecta, but if there's no one else in the pool, you're swimming alone. You're betting against yourself. Allowing that equation to be broken opens things up. Deconstructing an event into all its possible outcomes and then reconstructing back into recognized bet types, and doing it seamlessly, that's fundamental."

Longitude has worked with the HKJC to relaunch the "quartet" wager (a straight superfecta in U.S. parlance), which, when it combined with the "first four" (a superfecta box) pool, created the world's first merged pool. "You had this bet type [the quartet] that was basically shelved for 25 years, and another bet type that, in Hong Kong terms, just wasn't that important, now constituting meaningful liquidity," said Ascher.

Ascher pointed out five lessons he's learned.

1) Information is King - "Show punters the odds. Don't make them guess. It becomes actuality, and they will bet on it. Information is tantalizing. They want it, they will use it. You can give someone too much information if you just put up a wall of meaningless numbers, but there are elegant ways to display things and let people find what they're looking for. There was a quartet bet at the close of last season at Hong Kong that--with odds shown--paid out HK\$2.99 million for a HK\$10 bet. Odds of 299,000-1 tend to get people's attention. To be able to show someone that's possible IS possible today, but the protocol that allows all of you to communicate does not support bet-by-bet wagering or exotics. That's attainable.

2) Aggregating bet types build liquidity.

3) Innovation is local - "I would argue that [Longitude's] greatest contribution to the Hong Kong Jockey Club is to serve as a foundation for innovation, a vehicle to realize a vision."

4) Customization is crucial - "You can't wake up in the morning and just hope that if there's a triple dead heat for fourth, and you're calculating all the first four bets, that everything works. It has to be coded with crucial attention to detail to local rules."

5) Agility - "A recognition that circumstances vary from location to location. What works in Hong Kong will, in all probability, need to be adjusted somewhere else. Local circumstances have to be reflected."

Ascher said, at the heart of the matter, it's all about, "allowing customers to bet on their own terms," he said. "Don't make people learn a new, esoteric language. Free new customers from doing that. Give them the chance to express their opinion like they do in all other walks of life. Make the experience comparable to, and competitive with, other sports and leisure entertainment. This is a growing market, whether you're talking fantasy sports or fixed-odds betting. We all have to operate in that larger context and compete aggressively."

**Goss: Open World to South African Horses...**

Mick Goss, owner of Summerhill Stud, one of the top stallion operations in South Africa, made a earnest plea for travel restrictions on South African horses to be eased. Goss, imploring the international community at large, spoke at the second panel yesterday at the Arc, "Breeding."



**Summerhill Stud's Mick Goss**

At the heart of the matter are the stiff restrictions in most major racing jurisdictions that guard against African Horse Sickness (AHS), a highly infectious and deadly viral disease.

A trip to Dubai to race at the prestigious Carnival there can include a 6-month quarantine for horses coming from South Africa, Goss noted. And yet, he said, South African horses have excelled there,

particularly on World Cup night.

"[Our wins] include six UAE Derbys, four Group 1 sprints, three Duty Frees or Dubai Turfs, and three Godolphin Miles," he said. "By any standard, that compares with the best anywhere, and you'd have to say our horses have earned their stripes. **Cont. p6**

Asian Racing Conference cont.

Goss continued, "Our fellows have also won Group 1's in the United States, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia. And just last year, Variety Club (SAf) was ranked as one of the Top 3 horses in the world."

Goss said these results were remarkable not only because of export difficulties, but also in light of South Africa's shrinking Thoroughbred industry.

"When I first came here in 1995 to speak at the ARC, South Africa had 145 breeders, 158 stallions, a foal crop north of 5,000, and I had a mop of blond hair," he said. "In 2014, there were 148 breeders, 103 stallions, the foal crop was at 3,400. And I have very little hair to speak of. It seems that while there's been a reduction in our numbers, there has been a concentration in the quality of our horses. It is true the attrition in South Africa has partly been due to the global financial meltdown, but much of it has to do with our frustration with our exports."

Despite this, said Goss, South African horsemen have been "loyal and conspicuous supporters" of international sales venues in the U.S., Ireland, Britain, France and Australia.

"For 40 years, South Africans were the biggest buyers of yearlings in the Argentine, and we've been staunch supporters of New Zealand," he added.

The message was clear: we support you, now we need your support. For Goss, the severity of travel restrictions because of AHS isn't in line with the risks of South African horses transmitting the disease.

"It's worth mentioning that during the first and second World Wars, and the British Empire wars that preceded those, we exported more than 450,000 horses to those without ever affecting the recipient countries," he said. "Since then, we've continued to export a couple of hundred horses a year to all our disciplines, and we have never, ever exported the virus anywhere. It's puzzling to me, a Zulu farmer, that despite the technological age and the vast investment we've committed to our export facilities, that it's no more problematic than it's every been to get a horse out of South Africa."

The issue will be addressed again during Wednesday's second session of the ARC when Dr. Evan Sergeant presents, "African Horse Sickness & South African Exports."

**An 80% Decline in UK Levy Contribution? It's Possible, Says Jay...**

Purse funding in the UK is at serious risk in the coming years. That isn't breaking news, but Patrick Jay, an expert on sports betting, highlighted some particularly disturbing trends as regards levy contributions during the "Wagering Landscape" panel yesterday at the ARC.

Jay's in a good position to identify those trends. As a global sports consultant, he has worked with the World Lotteries Association, the European Sports Security Association, Interpol, and FIFA. (Quipped moderator David Eades, "I'm assuming you didn't work for Interpol and FIFA at the same time?")



Patrick Jay

In light of racing's ever-shrinking marketshare in the UK, Jay asked, "How bad can the problem really get?"

In a worst-case scenario, pretty bad. Jay pointed to a shift in the way the British wager, moving from brick-and-mortar betting shops to online betting, including off-shore betting sites not subject to British law.

"This will be the first year that online betting will surpass retail betting shops," said Jay.

"And this is a problem because it represents a structural decline in the retail betting market."

The issue stems from the fact that retail shops pay a 10.75% levy on gross win bets. That levy, however, isn't collected from offshore sites.

"So as the bookmakers move their businesses to Gibraltar and other places offshore, not one of these bets is captured for the purpose of prize money for UK horse racing," said Jay. "Consequently, funding for the industry is at serious risk."

In 2014, the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB)—which collects levies from on- and off-track sources, including British-based wagering sites—took in about £57 million.

"Now, if all that remote business—William Hill, Coral, etc.—that was transacted offshore was captured and taxed at the current rate, that would bring £22 million back into the fund up to £79 million," said Jay. "But of course, we're not getting that."

Jay says that things get tricky when you start removing, for hypothetical reasons, the voluntary contributions paid by some firms. Betfair and Bet365—"Acting as good citizens," said Jay—give approximately £12 million to the Fund each year. Other firms contribute another £5 million per year. If you removed those, said Jay, that original £57 million figured drops to £40 million.

"Now if you apply the 5% decline we've seen in retail [betting shops] year-on-year, you get down to £24 million by 2020," said Jay. "If it's as significant as a 10% decline in retail year-on-year, you fall to £12 million by 2020. That's a roughly 80% reduction in prize money since 2014. Want to know how bad it can get? An 80% reduction—that's how bad." [Cont. p7](#)

Jay said there were several things in the works to combat the problem, including legislation that would introduce a "Racing Right" to ensure tracks are paid for their product. But it could be years before any legislation is adopted, "And the government would really rather that racing and the bookmakers come to an agreement themselves," said Jay. "This is not something the secretary of state is particularly keen on having to deal with."

Jay said racing's best opportunity lies with coming together to operate the UK Tote, currently run by Betfred in an exclusivity deal that expires in 2018. He said the Tote, which offers pari-mutuel betting, needs to embrace new technologies and, rather than competing with the betting shops for win and place money, offer "low stake, high reward" exotic bets.

"But it has to be one Tote--representative of all the racecourses," said Jay. "You can't have different tracks offering their own Tote. Liquidity drives liquidity. This is where the opportunity lies. This is a market [pari-mutuel betting through the Tote] that is about 3%, but it could be 6%, it could be 9% of the entire betting market if we can get this right. We don't want to compete with betting shops on their core produce because we want to use their distribution channels to leverage the business going forward. And we've discovered that when we take the products around the bookmakers, they've been very keen. But we have a very, very long way to go. We have to establish a racecourse collective, we have to get bookmakers signed up, we have to agree on products. But the point in all of this is that if racing doesn't do this, someone else will: private equity, venture capital, another bookmaker. Racing can capture this value and use the money for prizes."

**NEWS AND NOTES:** Nasser Sherida Al Kaabi, representing Qatar during a panel profiling select members of the Asian Racing



Nasser Sherida al Kaabi

Federation, said the country aims to develop a strong domestic industry--both racing and breeding--while still maintaining strong ties with its international partners. "I think both are important," he said, noting the success of different Qatari racing operations in Great Britain, France, and beyond, as well as the sponsorship partnerships with Goodwood and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe program. "But we would like to elevate Qatar racing," he

said. Al Kaabi added that ownership interest in Qatar is high. "I want people to feel how important racing is in Qatar, and I think we have a good strategy." ...

European bloodstock agent and consultant Jocelyn de Moubray cautioned that the European market could be headed for a correction. In the past 15 years, the European yearling market has overtaken the U.S. market in aggregate and average in inflation-adjusted dollars, and is close to an all-time high, said de Moubray.

**CORRECTION:** An article in yesterday's TDN said there 19 stallions standing in India. The correct number is closer to 90.

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## FRANKEL YEARLING STEALS THE SHOW

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The NZ\$1.3m colt helped drive significant increases to the aggregate, average, median and clearance rate from last year's sale. With 316 horses sold, 18 more than last year, the aggregate for the two-day sale finished at NZ\$55,687,500, a significant increase of 24% from last year and the highest figure for the Premier Sale since 2011. The average price for the sale finished up at NZ\$176,226 representing another big increase of 17% and the highest average since 2010. Also increasing by 17% was the median price as it reached NZ\$140,000, up from last year's figure of NZ\$120,000. All of these milestones were achieved at a clearance rate of 78%, again higher than the 2015



The Sale Topper Lot 445 | NZB Photo

figure of 75%. Another sign of strength was the number of horses sold for over NZ\$500,000 with 10 horses reaching or surpassing that mark, compared with just three last year. Further to that, there were 45 horses sold for NZ\$300,000 or more, up from 29 last year.

"We are delighted with the results that have been achieved over the past two days," commented NZB's Managing Director Andrew Seabrook. "An extremely diverse buying bench was active leading to some great bidding spectacles in the ring. We achieved the best average since 2010 and the best aggregate and median since 2011 which shows the depth of the catalogue. Credit must go to our vendors for putting together a catalogue of great strength and for presenting their horses in immaculate condition."

Also creating headlines was David Ellis of Te Akau Racing, as he became the leading buyer for a record 11th consecutive year at the Karaka Premier Sale. Ellis purchased 17 horses for a total of NZ\$4,775,000. [Cont.p8](#)

The diverse buying bench was evidenced by representatives of 12 countries purchasing horses at the sale including Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Ireland, Japan, Macau, Netherlands, United Kingdom, U.S., South Africa and Malaysia.

Featuring in the top 10 individual buyers were China Horse Club and the Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Group (both China), Chris Waller and Ultra Thoroughbreds (Australia), the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the international syndicate that purchased the top lot, along with Kiwis David Ellis, Team Rogerson, Go Racing and Bruce Perry. Australia was the leading country by spend, purchasing 135 horses for NZ\$22,870,000, an increase of 12% from last year's NZ\$20,412,500.

Just before missing out on the top lot of the day, trainer Peter Moody struck by purchasing the second highest-priced lot of the sale. In partnership with First Light Racing and Paul Willets, Moody went to NZ\$825,000 for a Savabeel (Aus) colt out of O'Reilly Rose (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}) catalogued as lot [442](#). Offered



Lot 301 | NZB Photo

by Beltana, the colt is the highest-priced Savabeel to ever be sold at auction. In total Savabeel grossed NZ\$11,545,000, over 20% of the sale aggregate. He provided the second and third-equal highest prices of the sale with lot [301](#)

purchased for NZ\$775,000 by Ultra Thoroughbreds the same price outlaid by David Ellis for lot [200](#) on Monday. The home of Savabeel, Waikato Stud, was the leading vendor by aggregate for the third consecutive year, selling 45 horses for NZ\$8,257,500.

"We came here with a lovely draft and there was a great buying bench present, they really accepted the Savabeels along with the first crops of Ocean Park (NZ) (Thorn Park {Aus}) and the Rock 'N' Pops (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus})," commented Waikato Stud's Mark Chittick. "We had 50 horses in the Premier Sale and to get through with the result that we did, we're extremely happy."

The leading vendor by average was Curraghmore with 18 horses sold at an average NZ\$268,333, with their highest-priced horse also purchased by Ellis, who paid NZ\$510,000 for the Fastnet Rock (Aus) (Danehill) colt out of Myrrh (NZ) (Nassipour) catalogued as lot [432](#).

Selling continues at Karaka on Wednesday with the first session of the three-day Select Sale, the source of five individual Group 1 winners last season. Selling commences at Lot 448 from 11 a.m., with the sale streamed live online at [www.nzb.co.nz](http://www.nzb.co.nz).

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### KARAKA PREMIER SALE DAY 2 TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
<a href="#">445</a>	colt	<a href="#">Frankel (GB)</a>	Our Echezeaux (NZ)	1,300,000
<i>B-Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd</i>				
Consigned by Pencarrow Stud				
Purchased by BBA Ireland				
<a href="#">442</a>	colt	Savabeel (Aus)	O'Reilly Rose (NZ)	825,000
<i>B-R H &amp; Est Late E M Rutherford</i>				
Consigned by Beltana				
Purchased by First Light Racing/Moody/Willets				
<a href="#">301</a>	colt	Savabeel (Aus)	Generous Nature (Aus)	775,000
<i>B-Little Avondale Stud</i>				
Consigned by Little Avondale Stud				
Purchased by Ultra Thoroughbred Racing				
<a href="#">438</a>	filly	<a href="#">Power (GB)</a>	Octapussy (NZ)	600,000
<i>B-Sir Patrick &amp; Lady Hogan &amp; P J Walker</i>				
Consigned by Cambridge Stud				
Purchased by China Horse Club				
<a href="#">338</a>	colt	All Too Hard (Aus)	Kalamata (Aus)	525,000
<i>B-Echo Beach Bloodstock</i>				
Consigned by Lyndhurst Farm				
Purchased by Little Kwok Hing Hung/Bahen Bldsk				
<a href="#">432</a>	colt	<a href="#">Fastnet Rock (Aus)</a>	Myrrh (NZ)	510,000
<i>B-Katom</i>				
Consigned by Curraghmore				
Purchased by DC Ellis (Te Akau)				
<a href="#">387</a>	colt	Snitzel (Aus)	Malibu Road	500,000
<i>B-Austramore Pty Ltd</i>				
Consigned by Curraghmore				
Purchased by DC Ellis (Te Akau)				



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### KARAKA PREMIER YEARLING SALE

TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	447	443
• No. Offered	408	400
• No. Sold	316	298
• RNAs	92	102
• % RNAs	22%	25%
• No. \$500K+	10	3
• High Price	NZ\$1,300,000	NZ\$800,000
• Gross	NZ\$55,687,500	NZ\$44,962,500
• Average (% change)	NZ\$176,226 (+17%)	NZ\$150,881
• Median (% change)	NZ\$140,000 (+17%)	NZ\$120,000

**424** filly **Fastnet Rock (Aus)** **Most Striking** **500,000**

B-GSA Bloodstock Pty Ltd

Consigned by Haunui Farm

Purchased by Astute Bloodstock//Hawkes Racing

**297** colt **Savabeel (Aus)** **Forty Two Below (NZ)** **475,000**

B-G R Turner & G D Wallace

Consigned by Mapperley Stud Ltd

Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club

NZ\$1 = £0.453 NZ\$1 = €0.599

## MAURICE, DURAMENTE AIMING FOR DUBAI

Japanese Horse Of The Year **Maurice (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}) looks likely to make a trip to Dubai this year with connections aiming for the G1 Dubai Turf on World Cup night Mar. 26. The 5-year-old was last seen when winning the G1 Hong Kong Mile at Sha Tin in December under Ryan Moore, having previously won



Maurice | JRA Photo

two Group 1's in his home country. Speaking to *The Racing Post* at the JRA awards ceremony, his trainer Noriyuki Hori said, "He is at the Northern Farm in Shigaraki and recovering nicely from his Hong Kong Mile win. I can't say for sure

when he will return to my yard and which race is his first one, though it will become clearer next month. The Dubai Turf is definitely in our plans though." Maurice could be accompanied to Dubai by stablemate **Duramente (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}). The colt won the G1 Japanese Derby last year among two Group 1 wins and outlining plans for him Hori said, "His first race of the year will be the Grade 2 Nakayama Kinen [Feb. 28]. I am sure he is a horse capable of challenging the best in the world. The Dubai Sheema Classic and the Arc are both possibilities at this stage."

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## AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN HONG KONG:

**Friends of Ka Ying (Aus)**, g, 4, **Al Maher (Aus)**--Ilhaam (Aus), by Secret Savings. Sha Tin, 1-24, Hcp. (A\$302k), 1400mT, 1:23.14. B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd. \*Ch. 2yo Colt & G1SW-Aus. \*\*Friends of Ka Ying, the former Almalad, returned a handsome 10-1 in winning for the first time in three local appearances. Sixth on



Friends of Ka Ying | HKJC photo

Hong Kong debut over 1200 meters Dec. 13, he was a troubled 10th trying a mile Jan. 9 and was back to seven furlongs for this. Able to slide across from his wide draw, Friends of Ka Ying stalked a modest pace from the outside, headed that front-runner exiting the final corner and held sway to score by 3/4 of a length

as G1 Prix Jean Prat third Helene Paragon (Fr) (Polan {Fr}) found the line nicely in his first local run ([video](#)). Originally purchased by the Gai Waterhouse/James Harron team for A\$50,000 at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in 2013, Friends of Ka Ying missed the 2014 G1 Golden Slipper S., but won each of his three starts and was named champion of his generation with a defeat of Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) in the G1 J J Atkins S. at Eagle Farm in June 2014. He added the G2 Stutt S. in five starts at three. A yearling half-sister to Friends of Ka Ying by Dream Ahead is consigned by Emirates Park as [hip 348](#) to the upcoming Inglis Easter Yearling Sale.

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### IN SINGAPORE:

**Certainly (Aus)**, g, 3, **Nadeem (Aus)**--Sylph Lady (Aus), by Mossman (Aus). Kranji, 1-24, Rest. Maiden (A\$75k), 1200mT, 1:10.63. B-Bowness Stud. \*A\$31,000 Ylg '14 INGMEL; A\$80,000 2yo '14 INGRTR.

**Anonymous (Aus)**, g, 4, **I Am Invincible (Aus)**--Maltese (Aus), by Tale of the Cat. Kranji, 1-24, Hcp (A\$60k), 1100m (AWT), 1:05.93. B-A D Mitchell. \*A\$14,000 Ylg '13 INGCLS.



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