

## RAMSEY PLOTS AN INTERNATIONAL COURSE



By T.D. Thornton

As the breeding season began earlier this week in chilly Kentucky for Kitten's Joy, the Ramsey Farm's foundation sire, Ken Ramsey was in Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, where he could be heard via mobile phone flipping through the thick dossier of paperwork that keeps track of his worldwide bloodstock and racing prospects. But Ramsey might as well have been in Europe, Australia, South America, or even on an island in the West Indies as he spoke with enthusiasm and ambition about his plans for 2016, because all of those locations represent pushpins on his multi-national map of conquest.

Ramsey will tell you straight off that a number of his equine management decisions aren't grounded so much in turning a profit as wanting to cross accomplishments off a personal "bucket list" that always seems to be brimming with new challenges.

"We've got a big ego," Ramsey offered with a laugh moments into an interview--the "we" including his wife, Sarah, who partners with him on the Thoroughbred operation's myriad international endeavors.

"We enjoy the game, and we just have fun just doing our thing."

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## BOLO LOOKS TO KEEP MOMENTUM GOING

By Christie DeBernardis

Making his first start since the July 4 GI Belmont Derby, **Bolo** (Temple City) looks to keep trainer Carla Gaines's early season momentum going in his return Saturday in the GII Arcadia S. at Santa Anita. Gaines saddled impressive debut winner **Fourth Watch** (Tapit) in Arcadia Saturday and her new trainee **Smokey Image** (Southern Image) also dominated in his first start for this barn in the California Cup Derby Jan. 30. **Cont. p7**



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**Ramsey cont.**

It's been no secret for the past several years that Ramsey covets a win at Royal Ascot, where the closest he's come to victory was a neck loss by Cannonball (Catenus) in the 2009 G1 Golden Jubilee S. This year he's upped the ante, publicly declaring that he's aiming 6-year-old marathoner Charming Kitten (Kitten's Joy) for not just a score at Ascot in June, but a globetrotting double that would also include capturing Australia's G1 Melbourne Cup in November.

"We sent **Charming Kitten** over to Dermot Weld," Ramsey said. "He's in quarantine now. His goal is to win the Melbourne Cup. That's a 2-mile race, and he's the only active horse in North America that's won two 2-mile stakes races [the 2014 Belmont Gold Cup Invitational and the Jan. 23 H. Allen Jerkens S. at Gulfstream Park]. He'll be running at Royal Ascot. I left it up to Dermot as to which race to run him in; of course it'll be one of the long-distance races."

Ramsey will be represented at Ascot with a homebred turf sprint specialist as well.



**Ramsey and Bobby's Kitten**  
Horsephotos

"**Bobby's Kitten** is already over there with Dermot. His goal is to win at Royal Ascot," he explained. "From there we're going to bring him back and run him in the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint going down the hill at Santa Anita. He's already won that race once [in 2014], and as a matter of fact, this will make the fourth Breeders' Cup race this horse has been in. This will be his final hurrah. We plan on standing him at stud at the farm next year if all goes well."

Going the strength-in-numbers route, Ramsey is aiming a slew of other contenders toward Ascot, many of them 2-year-olds who are just going through the naming process with The Jockey Club.

"I've got six Kitten's Joys that we kept [in Europe] after putting them in the Arqana sale last year," Ramsey said. "We put a hefty reserve on each one of them, figured that all of them wouldn't sell. So two of them sold out of the six, we got a good price out of those, and the other four we kept. We turned them over to David Lanigan, so he's training those four, and the goal will be that one of them is also good enough [for Ascot]."

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**Ramsey cont.**

Add to that eight other Kitten's Joy juveniles currently under the care of Gianluca Bietolini in France and five more that Wesley Ward will condition stateside before shipping overseas. As Ramsey wisecracked--only partly in jest--"I don't know, we just might be in danger of winning a race over there this year."

Ramsey's international plan of attack also includes objectives that might fly beneath the radar of other owners who operate on a similar global scale. He has the Mar. 5 Barbados Gold Cup at Garrison Savannah circled on his calendar, for example, chiefly because Major Marvel (Bernstein) and **Sayler's Creek** (Bernstein) have won the past two renewals carrying the red-and-white Ramsey colors.

"Nobody's ever won it three times in a row," Ramsey said of the Gold Cup, which is locally considered a Grade 1 race. "We're not going down there for the purses. Unfortunately, Sayler's Creek did not get his prep race, and he has not run since winning the Gold Cup last March. It's probably a little risky taking him down without a prep race, but he's training really well. **Watchyourownbobber** (Hard Spun) is going down also. Patrick Husbands will ride whichever one he chooses, and Ricky Walcott will be riding the other one."

Ramsey said he is leaning against a trip to Dubai for the \$30- million World Cup program March 26, but he's not closing the door entirely. Ramsey said Charming Kitten was invited to compete in the two-mile G2 Dubai Gold Cup, but will opt out because the timing doesn't mesh well with the horse's Ascot plans.

**International Star** (Fusaichi Pegasus) could be a sleeper possibility; you can hear it in Ramsey's voice that he'd like to ship the 4-year-old to Meydan Racecourse, but only if the colt wins



**International Star** Hodges Photography

commandingly in the GIII Mineshaft H. at the Fair Grounds Feb. 20. International Star was not among the original entries to World Cup night at the first entry stage.

"It's not totally out of the question, but if I think I could possibly win over there, I'd take him," Ramsey said. "It's a long shot, wishful thinking, that we might send International Star over there. Next year might be his year [for Dubai]. I really think he could be a star, and that we're going to have a lot of fun with this horse this year."

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Before allowing the topic to turn to stateside ambitions for 2016, Ramsey wanted to make particular mention of his intent to establish Kitten's Joy as a dual-hemisphere stallion even though the sire will remain standing in Kentucky.

"We've got 14 foals on the ground already in the Southern Hemisphere," Ramsey said. "And we've got eight more mares that we bred in September in foal to Kitten's Joy, and they'll be bred on Southern Hemisphere time. So instead of shuttling the stallion down there, we're breeding some of our own and we're going to take them down there and sell them as yearlings at the Magic Millions sale. We've got to get a little Kitten's Joy blood flowing down in Australia. We've got some people down in Chile, Peru, Argentina, Australia and Brazil that are interested in them."

In America, Ramsey estimates that he has about 150 horses in training, with the number fluctuating depending on claiming activity. He outlined the rotation as follows:

- 77 horses with Mike Maker: "He's kind of the all-around trainer of claiming horses, allowance, stakes horses--he does it all."
- 25 with Joe Sharp: "He's come a long way. He's a protégé of Mike Maker, who's a protégé of D. Wayne Lukas. So I'm keeping in line with pedigrees of trainers."

- 17 with Ward, including the five above-mentioned 2-year-olds aiming for Ascot.
- 8 with Chad Brown: "The top turf trainer out there right now."
- 2 with Todd Pletcher: "It's not politically correct to say I took Charming Kitten away from him. If we have horses that need to race somewhere else, that's okay, we're all team players."
- "And then we've got several on the farm training up in Kentucky, and a bunch of 2-year-olds at Webb Carroll's training center in South Carolina."

With the exception of Fair Grounds-based **Uncle Walter** (Uncle Mo), who's coming off a third-place try in the GIII Lecomte S. and is aiming for the Feb. 20 GII Risen Star S., taking a big swing at this year's Triple Crown doesn't appear to be in the cards for Team Ramsey.

"Instead of having prospects, I've almost got what you'd call 'suspects,'" Ramsey deadpanned.

But the GII Louisiana Derby, and the Fair Grounds prep races that precede it, have been good to the Ramsey-Maker tandem in the past two years, as International Star and Vicar's in Trouble (Into Mischief) have dominated most of the Fair Grounds series of races for 3-year-olds in each of the past two seasons.

Ramsey prefers to focus on the success he's enjoying in the Florida owner's standings this year. **Cont. p6**



# FRENCH 2000 GUINEAS

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**Ramsey cont.**

“We’ve got 20 wins at Gulfstream Park, and my nearest competitor’s only got six, so it looks like the fat lady might have already sung as far as the leading owner title goes down at Gulfstream this winter,” Ramsey said. “I don’t have any competition.”

Considering he is a stickler for long-range planning, Ramsey was asked if he has any plans to diversity the breeding aspect of his operation beyond Kitten’s Joy (two other Ramsey stallions, Catienus and Real Solution, stand at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds and Calumet Farm, respectively).

“I need a couple more stallions on the farm,” Ramsey said. “I’m just too tight to go out and buy one. I was trying to raise one of my own. I’ve got one in the pipeline called **Hint of Roses** (Tapit). He’s out of Kitten’s Joy’s half-sister (Last Kitten, by Catienus).

“This was the best young horse we had on the farm last year. He was what you would call a wild foal when he was born--big, strong. They called me at one o’clock in the morning [when the colt was foaled] and said, ‘My gosh, this Tapit is something to see, he’s going to be a really, really nice one.’ He has never had a pimple on him all the way through, but he’s been a little bit of a disappointment so far.”

Ramsey recounted the colt’s first four races: seventh- and sixth-place tries at Churchill Downs last autumn as a juvenile, then a fifth at Gulfstream Jan. 9 in his 3-year-old debut.

“He’s just trying to put it together,” said Ramsey. “He’s out of a mare called Last Kitten, who’s already produced two stakes winners. If we’d have sold him, he’d have probably brought about a million and a half, two million, the way those Tapits are selling. There weren’t any of them out there who looked any better than he did. That’s probably our best stallion prospect.”

It will be difficult for any other stallion to ever reward the Ramseys the way Kitten’s Joy has done, and in that respect there will never be a “replacement.” But that seems fine for the time being, as Ramsey, ever the optimist, continues to plot an international course based on the horse that has been chiefly responsible for his travels around the racing world.

“The breeding season just started Tuesday,” Ramsey enthused. “Kitten’s Joy covered his first mare. He had another one Wednesday and two more were scheduled Thursday. So we’re on track for keeping him in the pipeline.”

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*“It would only be fair to take her over (to the U.S.)... The UAE Oaks is the next step, and if she wins that I’m sure we’d take an invitation to the UAE Derby.”*  
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**Carla Gaines cont. from p1**

Owned by Golden Pegasus Racing and Earle Mack, Bolo started his career on the turf during his juvenile season with two wins from three starts, including the 2014 Eddie Logan S. Put on the GI Kentucky Derby trail as a sophomore, he finished



Carla Gaines | Horsephotos

third to **“TDN Rising Star”** Dortmund (Big Brown) in both the GI San Felipe S. Mar. 7 and GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 4, earning impressive Beyer Speed Figures of 101 and 95.

Finishing 12th behind Horse of the Year American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) after some early trouble in the Kentucky Derby, Bolo was returned to the grass and scored a good-looking allowance victory going nine furlongs over the lawn at Santa Anita next out May 29. The dark

bay was pulled up early on by Rafael Bejarano when last seen in the GI Belmont Derby, but did cross the wire ninth before being vanned off.

“It was an undulating racetrack and the horse just kind of bobbled a couple of times early in the race and [Bejarano] was trying to protect the horse, but he came out of it fine,” Gaines told the *TDN* Thursday afternoon. “He actually went to Del Mar and worked two or three times [after the Belmont Derby] and then we just decided to give him a little break. He had a little bit of a sore shin, but that was really the most of his issues and we just decided to give him a break anyway. He was sound out of that race. I’m sure no one believes that, but it’s true!”

Bolo displays a steady string of works at Santa Anita dating back to September, including a pair of bullets last month. The 4-year-old most recently breezed five furlongs in 1:01 1/5 in Arcadia Feb. 7.

“He’s been working well,” remarked the 63-year-old conditioner, who also trained Bolo’s sire Temple City. “He has really grown up a lot mentally and physically. When he was three, if you put a target in front of him in his workouts, he was pretty much hell bent for leather to catch them. Now, he is just a lot more relaxed in his training. He waits on you to call on him, but all of his works have been very good.”

The dark bay will face some stiff competition in the Arcadia with MGSW Obviously (Ire) (Choirir {Aus}), MGSW Om (Munnings) and GIII La Jolla H. hero Prospect Park (Tapit) signed on. **Cont. p8**

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**Carla Gaines cont.**

“I’m a little intimidated, considering that Obviously is such a proven older horse with a lot more experience,” Gaines commented. “Om, even though he is a young horse, has just come around beautifully for Dan Hendricks. He has shown that he is the real deal, too. I think it’s a really tough spot to start out in, but unfortunately we don’t have a lot of lesser races for horses that have won that many.”

The Alabama native added, “The mile, I think, is a good distance for him to start after the long layoff. Really and truly, he is going to be better going longer distances.”

**Sophomores Stars on the Rise...**

With Bolo returning to the grass, at least for now, it looks like new stablemate **Smokey Image** (Southern Image) will step up as Gaines’s top dirt prospect and could possibly take his conditioner back to Louisville on the first Saturday in May. The Cal-bred will take his first step down the Derby trail in the Mar. 12 Gill San Felipe S.

Previously trained by Greg James, the Irving Racing Stable colorbearer was a perfect five-for-five against fellow California-

breds during his juvenile campaign, which included four stakes victories. He was making his first start around two turns when debuting for this outfit in the California Cup Derby, where he romped by 8 1/2 lengths [\(video\)](#).

“It was my first race with the horse and he had

done nothing but one-turn races as a 2-year-old against Cal-bred company and had won very easily in all of those races,” Gaines offered. “When he came down here, he just needed some time off if we were going to pursue this new Classic route for him. I really hadn’t planned on running him in [the California Cup Derby]. I was planning on running him in the [Gill Robert B.] Lewis [Feb. 6], but the horse just came back so quickly in terms of his physical fitness. He put on a good amount of weight and he was surprising me with his works. As it was, he had only had a few works and it was a pretty astounding performance no matter what the company was.”



Smokey Image | Benoit Photo

Being a Cal-bred chestnut with a white blaze ridden by Victor Espinoza, some racing fans are already starting to compare Smokey Image to 2014 Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), who scored his first victory in open company in that year’s San Felipe.

“Let’s hope they’re right! I don’t have a problem with that,” Gaines said with a laugh. “It’s always unfair to compare, but it seems like we always do, don’t we?”

Spendthrift Farm’s Fourth Watch stamped herself as another one to watch from the Gaines barn with a decisive first out victory sprinting over the Arcadia lawn Feb. 6. Sitting just off the leaders through swift early splits, the bay split horses in the lane and charged home a 1 1/2 length winner at odds of 13-1 [\(video\)](#).

“You know what, to be honest, we were hoping for that performance,” the conditioner commented. “I can’t honestly say I was expecting it, but she is just a horse that we sort of had a feeling, or were hoping anyway, that the grass would be her best suit. I think we are on the right path there.”

As for future plans for the half-sister to MGISW millionaire Jeranimo (Congaree), Gaines said, “The way she handled the down-the-hill course, as we say in Alabama, she took to it like a duck to water. We would probably attempt that again. It just depends. She is a light filly. We will probably give her good timing to the next race, so I haven’t been serious about looking at this stage. I think for her first race against winners, I would prefer to keep her in allowance company and then go to a stake, but we will have to see what is available.”

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## AIROFORCE LOOMING LARGE FOR RISEN STAR

John Oxley's **Airoforce** (Colonel John) is set to arrive in New Orleans Feb. 18 in advance of his seasonal return in the GII Veterans Ford Risen Star S. two days later, and given the gray colt's recent morning trials, trainer Mark Casse is on the bullish side.

"He's doing tremendously," Casse said. "I think he's progressed [from 2- to 3-years-old] and done well. He got a lot of racing in his 2-year-old year and his last race has turned out to be a pretty good race on form. He's a neck away from being undefeated and we're happy with him."



**Airoforce** | Coady photography

Casse indicated that he's gotten increasingly serious about getting

Airoforce ready to board this year's Triple Crown trail.

"We cranked him up in his last work, that's for sure," Casse continued. "In his first five-eighths work [1:00.20 Jan. 31], he got a little tired and came out of it a little under the weather. He bounced back quickly and his second work [five furlongs in 59.60 on Feb. 6] was really good. More importantly, he came out of that work on top of his game. We had turned the lights off for a while on him [to freshen him], but now they're back on."

Given the minor health setback, connections were forced to abandon the plan of bringing Airoforce back this weekend at Tampa, but Casse suggested it could be a blessing in disguise.

"The timing of the Risen Star was good for him," Casse offered. "It was too quick to run him in the [GIII \$250,000] Sam Davis (S. at Tampa Feb. 13), so we had options to either go to the Risen Star or run in the [GII \$400,000] Fountain of Youth [S.] at Gulfstream Park [Feb. 27] and I would rather deal with (**Mohaymen** {Tapit}) on the first Saturday in May."



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## CHERRY WINE ON COURSE FOR FOY

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Cherry Wine** (Paddy O'Prado) is progressing nicely and remains on track for an appearance against **Mohaymen** (Tapit) in the GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park Feb. 27. Dale Romans, who trains the gray colt for William Pacella and Frank Jones Jr., said that the homebred would work this weekend over the main track in Hallandale.

"I'm looking at Saturday right now, depending on the weather



**Cherry Wine** | Lauren King

and if I have to go to Kentucky for a day. If I do, then I'll make it Sunday," said Romans, who conditions Cherry Wine for William Pacella and Frank Jones Jr. "He's training great. He's a horse that never really seems to have a

bad day. He's just getting mentally more into the game all along. It took him a while to figure it out. His last two races have been spectacular and he's just been very simple to train."

Runner-up to the promising Tiznoble (Tiznow) in a Nov. 1 maiden over yielding Churchill turf, Cherry Winer romped in by 9 1/4 lengths to graduate in the Louisville slop Nov. 28 and charged home the six-length winner of a first-level allowance at Gulfstream Jan. 9. The form of that victory was franked when the runner-up Battery (Bernardini) came home a two-length allowance winner Feb. 10. **Cont. p10**

**Cherry Wine cont.**

The Fountain of Youth is also expected to attract GII Swale S. hero **Awesome Banner** (Awesome of Course), **Awesome Speed** (Awesome Again), winner of the Mucho Macho Man S. and fellow **'TDN Rising Star'** Zulu (Bernardini).

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**BAYAKOA S.-GIII**, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Meshell	Elusive Quality	Emigh	Lynn	115
2	Streamline	Straight Line	Landeros	Williamson	117
3	Cabana ☺	Flatter	Quinonez	Von Hemel	119
4	Sarah Sis ☺	Sharp Humor	Felix	Mason	119
5	Pearl Turn ☺	Bernardini	Ocampo	Van Meter	119
6	Tosha Talifero	Cactus Ridge	Birzer	Van Berg	115
7	Call Pat ☺	Lawyer Ron	Rocco Jr	Cox	119
8	Cowgirl in Love	Cowboy Cal	Loveberry	Milligan	115
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This colt by Pioneerof the Nile--She's a Winner looks to be on his way to a win of his own. Born Jan. 30 at WinStar, he's getting an early start to his racing career. Good thing, as he has big shoes to fill: he is a half-brother to MGSW Lord of the Game (Saint Ballado), GI Haskell winner Bluegrass Cat (Storm Cat), and GII winner Dramey (Distorted Humor). For more photos of new foals (or to submit your own) visit

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## INTERNATIONAL COMMENTATORS TO COMPETE FOR SANTA ANITA JOB

Craig Evans, the senior race broadcaster for the Singapore Turf Club since 2010, and David Fitzgerald, a presenter and



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commentator for Racing UK since 2010, have been invited to audition to become the permanent replacement for Trevor Denman at Santa Anita Park. Since the legendary South African announced his retirement last

December, Frank Mirahmadi and Michael Wrona have alternated in the booth, with the other calling the races at Golden Gate Fields.

“Michael and Frank have both done an excellent job,” said Joe Morris, Senior Vice President of West Coast Operations for The Stronach Group. “Even though the feedback for both has been very positive, we owe it to our fans to make sure we have explored every option. The quality of announcer submissions was overwhelming and included many well-known and well-respected announcers currently working at other tracks. We also have heard a few young stars in the making.”

Evans, 48, landed the highly sought-after position with the Singapore Turf Club in 2007 and ascended to the role of senior race caller three years later. The native of Carnarvon, Western Australia, has covered racing in an official capacity in Hong Kong, Dubai, Japan, South Africa and Australia. Evans will call the races at the Arcadia oval Feb. 20 and 21. Fitzgerald, 31, has had a presence at the Royal Ascot meetings in 2014 and 2015 and will be at the mic the weekend of Feb. 27 and 28.

“It was very difficult to select these two to audition from the many contenders,” Morris continued, “but both Craig and David bring something unique to their craft, in addition to being well regarded and highly recommended. We are looking forward to welcoming them to the Santa Anita announcer booth as we finalize this process.”

Some three dozen applications have been received from around the world for the Santa Anita position. It is unclear whether additional auditions will take place in the coming months.

## TX COMMISSION OK'S RACING THROUGH FEB. 29

By T.D. Thornton

The executive director of the Texas Racing Commission issued a memo to all state racing associations Thursday clarifying that horse and greyhound tracks will be able to race and simulcast through the end of February despite the threat that the commission faces closure over a non-funding stalemate.

“The Commission will continue other actions to prepare for closure that do not affect ongoing racetrack activities,” Chuck Trout wrote. “The industry should take into consideration that, if the agency closes, it will not thereafter be able release any purses until and unless it reopens. This is likely to affect any races for which the drug test results have not been reported, which may include any or all live races that take place after Feb. 16.” [@thorntontd](https://twitter.com/thorntontd)

## JEFF GURAL'S TRAINER AMONG PAIR HIT WITH POSITIVES

By Bill Finley

According to a report on the website [harnesslink.com](http://harnesslink.com), Standardbred trainers Ron Burke and Julie Miller have had horses test positive in New York for the Class 2 drug Glaucine.

The report says that New York regulators have long sought to develop a test for Glaucine, but have only recently done so. According to Wikipedia.com, Glaucine increases “airway conductance” in humans and also has anti-inflammatory effects.

Burke and Miller are among the biggest names in harness racing. Burke is the top trainer in the sport in terms of wins and earnings and has been for several years. In 2015, his stable won 984 races and earned \$24,944,164. Throughout his career, he has been known for improving horses that are turned over to him after racing for other trainers.

Miller is also a top trainer, but may be best known for her association with Meadowlands owner Jeff Gural. Her husband is prominent driver Andy Miller.

The news concerning the positives is likely to be embarrassing for Gural, who has waged a one-man fight to clean up harness racing, has thrown dozens of trainers out of the Meadowlands and has often said he deplores cheating and cheaters. Miller is his primary trainer and he is also the co-owner of a horse named Gural Hanover that is trained by Burke. Gural has yet to comment on the situation.

Gural also owns Vernon Downs and Tioga Downs and owns the New York-bred Thoroughbred Blue Beryl (Bernstein), who broke his maiden in July at Belmont Park.

## FOALING NEWS



**Simon Boyd Kruger**  
**Born January 30, 2016**  
**Dam: Hutchi Hancock (Arthur Hancock)**  
**Sire: Ben Kruger**  
**8 lb 2 oz - 22 inches long**

## BRITTANY FARM SELLS PORTION OF LAND

Brittany Farms owner George Segal has sold a large piece of his land to Thoroughbred owner Maurice Regan, according to a report in the *Harness Racing Update* Thursday.

Regan, who owns Newtown Anner Stud in his native Ireland but now resides in New York, bought 565 acres of the Versailles, Kentucky based Standardbred operation. He will take possession of his new purchase in mid-June and Segal will keep the remaining 271 acres.

“Our broodmare band will be somewhere in the range of 45-55 mares by the end of the year,” said Brittany Farm manager Art Zubrod, who added that at least 20 mares will be dispersed this fall from the 70-mare band the farm currently houses. “We have gotten to the point that we simply don’t need that many

acres to support our herd.”

Out of the 271 acres Brittany Farms will retain, 121 acres were purchased just recently a few miles from the farm.

“The new farm we purchased will be used primarily for raising yearlings and turnouts,” Zubrod told *HRU*. “It has some nice improvements on it, but it will need some additional structures. We shed-raise all of our horses, so we’ll need to build four yearling sheds immediately. We’ll also need to build a good number of support structures, such as hay storage building, maintenance shop and shed.”

Segal stressed that Brittany Farms is still very much in business and will continue to breed, raise and sell top Standardbreds.

“I have been in this business as an owner since 1974, but as an enthusiast for a lot longer,” Segal remarked. “I am still an enthusiast. However, I am also 77 years old and some prudent planning is in order.”

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## DUTROW PLEASED WITH ‘MO’

Alex and JoAnn Lieblong’s **Mo For the Money** (Uncle Mo), an impressive 5 1/2-length winner of an allowance event at Oaklawn Sunday, has thrived since arriving to Oaklawn, trainer Tony Dutrow said Thursday.

“He’s a horse that we really like,” commented Dutrow. “[We took] him to Belmont Park the first time, and he ran the right way--beat some nice colts. But, his next two races, he was so speed crazy.”

Mo For the Money--the first Oaklawn winner sired by champion Uncle Mo--captured his Oct. 28 debut at Belmont by a half-length over subsequent graduate Seymourini (Bernardini) and closed out his 2-year-old campaign with a third-place finish in the Nov. 27 Kings Swan S. at Aqueduct. Dutrow noted that the horse has successfully slowed down in his training since arriving to Oaklawn, resulting in a better ability to rate off the pace in sprints and possibly stretch out to route distances.

“Joe Rocco had been on him a couple of times and the horse relaxed, let the speed go and finished up,” Dutrow added. “I think the only problem we had was a young horse that was aggressive. Now, I think he’s grown up a little bit and matured some. His last race proved it. I do believe the horse will go long.”

Dutrow said that he does not have any concrete plans for Mo for the Money’s next start.



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# New York

**Thursday's Results:**

**8th-AQU, \$75,000, Alw (C), Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 2-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.59, ft.**

**PAULASSILVERLINING (f, 4, [Ghostzapper](#)--Seeking the Silver, by Grindstone)**, heroine of Belmont's GII Matron S. at two, had gone winless in four attempts since narrowly capturing this track's Ruthless S. last January. A well-beaten third in the Safely Kept S. at Laurel Nov. 14, the bay was last seen finishing third after enjoying a clear lead in the stretch in the Thirty Eight Go Go S. going a mile there Dec. 26. Finally getting some class relief after seven straight stakes attempts, the 3-1 chance chased early on the outside from second and turned up the heat on the far turn. She took over while in hand at the top of the stretch and dropped the hammer to defeat even-money favorite Eloquent Tribute (Tapit) by 9 1/4 lengths.

After claiming the mare Seeking the Silver for \$20,000 out of her career finale at Aqueduct in 2004, the dark bay has been very kind to Vincent Scuderi as a broodmare. The four-time winner has produced Dads Caps (Discreet Cat), two-time GI Carter H. winner and earner of \$1,009,400; the stakes-placed earner of \$116,448 Liza Too (Olmodavor); and promising 3-year-old and recent Gander S. fourth Vincenzo (Include). She also has a 2-year-old colt by Macho Uno named Dwizard and was bred to Ghostzapper last year. Lifetime Record: GSW, 10-4-2-2, \$373,950. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Vincent S. Scuderi (KY); T-Michelle Nevin.

**Hidden Brook Foaled & Raised**  
Broken and Trained by Tristan & Valery de Meric

**7th-AQU, \$67,000, Alw, 2-11, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.41, ft.**

**SEND IT IN (g, 4, [Big Brown](#)--Sharp Instinct, by Awesome Again)** was backed as the 6-5 chalk off a pair of consecutive wins versus state-breds, a first-level allowance Dec. 5 and an optional claimer Dec. 30. Settled in sixth beneath Manny Franco, Send It In began to rally while four wide on the far turn, and after exchanging multiple bumps with Pax in Terra (Mizzen Mast) down the lane, outgamed that one home to score by a hard-fought neck. Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-2, \$221,414. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Paul P. Pompa Jr (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

**Hidden Brook Raised**  
**NY-BRED OWNER AWARD: \$4,020** nybreds.com

**6th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 2-11, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40.56, ft.**

**CLAIR DE LUNE (f, 3, [Malibu Moon](#)--Chicalee, by Cherokee Run)** showed some early speed and tired to finish seventh at odds of 4-1 going six furlongs in her Big A debut Dec. 27. Well-supported as the 3-2 second choice here, she went straight to the front, set fractions of :24.56 and :48.44, and wasn't for catching. It was 2 1/2 lengths back to Wembley (Bernardini) in second. Sales history: \$230,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$36,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Tracy Farmer; B-Julie Berta, Bob & Rae Horton & Charles Middleton (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

**Kip Elser's KIRKWOOD STABLES**

# Florida

**Thursday's Results:**

**SAVANNAH JANE S., (NB) \$65,000, GP, 2-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:26.02, fm.**

**1--CAY DANCER (GB), 116, m, 5, [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)--White Cay (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire).** (40,000gns Ylg '12 TAOCT). O-Highclere America & Robert Barnett; B-W & R Barnett Ltd. (GB); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Javier Castellano. \$39,897. Lifetime Record: GSP, 16-4-2-3, \$117,423.

*Purchased privately by BSWbloodstock*

**2--Walk Close, 118, m, 5, Tapit--Spring Awakening, by In Excess (Ire).** (\$180,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Highland Yard LLC; B-Brookdale Farm, Jack Swain & Jon & Sarah Kelly (KY); T-Christophe Clement. \$12,870.

*Brookdale bred, raised and sold*

**3--Achnaha (Ire), 113, m, 5, Haatef--Sanna Bay (Ire), by Refuse To Bend (Ire).** (120,000gns 2yo '14 TA14). O-Sanford Bacon; B-Paul Hyland (IRE); T-George Weaver. \$6,435.

Margins: HF, 1, NK. Odds: 1.30, 3.40, 7.30.

Also Ran: Maximova, Robe, Villa Savoye. Scratched: Indian Starlight.

Cay Dancer, a three-time winner while campaigned by Richard Hannon in Britain, had failed to find the winning thread in four previous attempts on these shores. A close second at 11-1 after leading in the stretch in the GIII Bewitch S. at Keeneland last April, she closed out the season with a sixth-place finish in Gulfstream's GIII La Prevoyante H. Dec. 26. Favored to kick off the year on the right foot here, Cay Dancer led through easy fractions of :25.48 and :49.78, and stayed on gamely in the stretch to get the money. **Cont. p4**

**Savannah Jane S. cont.**

“The plan was to go the front if they gave it us, but try a little bit early,” trainer Chad Brown said. “If somebody wanted the lead, sit off them, and if he could make the lead, go for it. Javier [Castellano] executed it perfectly.” Brown continued, “Maybe the first half mile for a race of this distance was a little quick, but Javier slowed it down from there and made up for it the rest of the race. He really just rode a masterful race and the filly responded. I’m proud of her.” [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

**5th-GP, \$36,000, Msw, 2-11, 4yo/up, 5fT, :55.99, fm.**

**TWIZZLE (g, 4, Speightstown--Say It With Feelin, by Deputy Minister)** finished second in his debut for owner Bortolazzo Stable LLC and trainer Todd Pletcher in a turf sprint here last February, then disappeared. Subsequently gelded and acquired by this outfit, the 9-5 favorite dueled clear to graduate by 3/4 of a length. Sicarius (Hard Spun) was second. Sales history: \$235,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Monster Racing Stables; B-Blue Heaven Farm LLC (KY); T-Jorge Navarro.



**2nd-GP, \$32,000, (S), Msw, 2-11, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.60, ft.**

**+COLOMBIAN QUEEN (f, 3, Big Drama--On the Dole, by Speightstown)** had some nice moves on the worktab, including a five-furlong bullet in 1:00 2/5 (1/20) in Hallandale Jan. 11, and was off at odds of 3-1. She chased early in second through an opening quarter in :22.90. With Luis Saez aboard, she shot through an opening along the rail in the stretch and outkicked Charming Fantasy (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) home to score by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Harold L. Queen (FL); T-David Fawkes.

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Cced (Curlin) stamps herself as one to watch with a blowout maiden win at Fair Grounds.

# ▶ Central U.S.

**Thursday's Results:**

**7th-FG, \$40,000, Msw, 2-11, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:43.23, ft.**  
**Cced (f, 3, Curlin--Chantel D, by Holy Bull)** rallied to come up a neck short of winning first out over track and trip Jan. 18, and stamped herself as one to watch with a runaway maiden win here. Off at odds of 1-5 while facing only six rivals for this try at an extended distance, she took advantage of her inside draw and went straight to the lead. Cced covered the half-mile in :47.46, cornered for home with a significant lead and was geared down late by Florent Geroux to win by five lengths. Yankee Lass (Yankee Gentleman) closed well to complete the exacta in the strung-out field. The winner is a half to NJ Esq (Mr. Nugget), SP, \$136,687. Chantel D is also responsible for a juvenile filly by Colonel John and a yearling colt by Uncle Mo. She was most recently bred to Giant's Causeway. Cced hails from the extended family of MG1SW Crimplene (Ire) (Lion Cavern). Sales History: \$190,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-LNJ Foxwoods; B-Pauline Drazin (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



**5th-FG, \$40,000, (S), Msw, 2-11, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.80, ft.**

**+MISS ZIPPY (f, 3, City Zip--Truly Lucky {SW, \$214,954}, by Truluck)** delivered to win for fun as the even-money favorite, but gave her backers some very tense moments in deep stretch. Hustled to the front from post six, Miss Zippy turned for home with an imposing advantage. Well clear into the stretch, she didn't seem to appreciate the right-handed reminders from jockey Shaun Bridgmohan and subsequently bolted to the extreme outside. She had already had the race won, however, and was 6 1/4 lengths to the good of Grand Farewell (Grand Appointment) at the wire. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Richard L. Davis; B-Rick Davis (LA); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

**Central Report cont.**

**Leigh Court Aiming High in 2016:**

**Leigh Court** (Grand Slam), winner of the Mardi Gras S. sprinting over the Fair Grounds turf course Feb. 9, has emerged from that effort none the worse for wear and connections are



**Leigh Court**

*Hodges photography*

planning an ambitious campaign into the spring and summer months.

“She came out of it in good shape and looks good,” said trainer Mike Stidham, who trains Leigh Court for Speedway Stable LLC. “Our goal is to have her fresh and healthy going into the spring and summer because once we get out of here and up to Keeneland there are races for her there. This summer, we’ll take her with our string to Arlington. She seems to prefer the synthetic and turf, so we’ll look at races on those

surfaces. Woodbine and Arlington have a few races and as a long-range goal we’re looking at races like the [GI \$700,000] Just a Game [S.] at Belmont. It’s a one-turn mile on the grass and that--though a tough spot--might suit her as far as distance and surface.”

Last year’s Just a Game was won by future champion Tepin (Bernstein).

Canada’s Sovereign Award-winning 3-year-old filly of 2013, Leigh Court won the GII Thoroughbred Club of America S. at Keeneland in 2014, then was sold to Speedway for \$1 million from the Melnyk Dispersal at that year’s Fasig-Tipton November sale. The Mardi Gras win was the mare’s first in four runs for her new owners, having finished eighth in defense of her TCA title Oct. 3.

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# ▶ California

**Thursday’s Results:**

**6th-SA, \$60,690, Alw** (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:15.18, ft.

**ENCHANTING LADY** (f, 4, [Tale of the Cat](#)--A. P. Baby, by A.P. Indy), heroine of the 2014 Landaluce S. and 2015 Santa Paula S. in April, concluded her sophomore campaign with a pair of second-place finishes in Belmont’s Jersey Girl S. June 5 and Gill Victory Ride S. July 4. Favored at even-money in her 4-year-old bow here, the ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ sat just off the leader on the outside through an opening quarter in :21.80, took over on the far turn and powered home in style to win by 4 1/4 lengths. Pica

(Consolidator) completed the exacta. Sales history: \$90,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$650,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 8-3-3-0, \$232,280. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Kaleem Shah Inc.; B-Randal Family Trust, R David & Marylyn A Randal Trustees (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

**Purchased by Donato Lanni/Hill 'n' Dale Bloodstock**

**Barretts Sets 2016 Dates for Yearling Sales:**

Barretts will again conduct an August selected yearling sale at Del Mar and an October Fall yearling sale in 2016, the sales company announced Thursday. Although last year’s select sale was held after the races at Del Mar’s Surfside RacePlace, this year’s sale will be conducted during daylight hours during a dark day on the racing calendar, Tuesday, Aug. 30.

“Despite the fact that we had an all-time California yearling record median sales price in our inaugural August sale last year, it made for too long of a day for both buyers and consignors,” commented Barretts general manager Kim Lloyd. “The move to a dark day of racing will benefit everyone involved in this sale.”

Due to stabling concerns in Southern California resulting from the Breeders’ Cup, the October Yearling Sale will be held at the Los Angeles Fairgrounds in Pomona on Monday, Oct. 17. Yearlings will be stabled in the Barretts barns. The nominations for the Select Yearling Sale close Apr. 1. For more information, visit [www.barretts.com](http://www.barretts.com).

# ROOKIES

**First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, February 12**

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

**BIG DRAMA** (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 109/14/1 6-GP, Msw 1mT, Dangerous Bend, \$185K OBS AUG yrl, 30-1 10-GP, Msw 1 3/16mT, Determined Lady, 6-1

**DROSSELMAYER** (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$18K, 175/10/0

7-FG, Msw 1m, Virtual Machine, \$65K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

7-FG, Msw 1m, Whipsaw, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

**FIRST DUDE** (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$8K, 195/18/1

6-GP, Msw 1mT, Mr. Stipa, 30-1

**GIO PONTI** (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 196/10/0 3-FG, Msw 6f, Ganges, \$95K OBS OPN 2yo, 7-2

**HAYNESFIELD** (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 137/18/1 7-FG, Msw 1m, Mason County, \$145K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

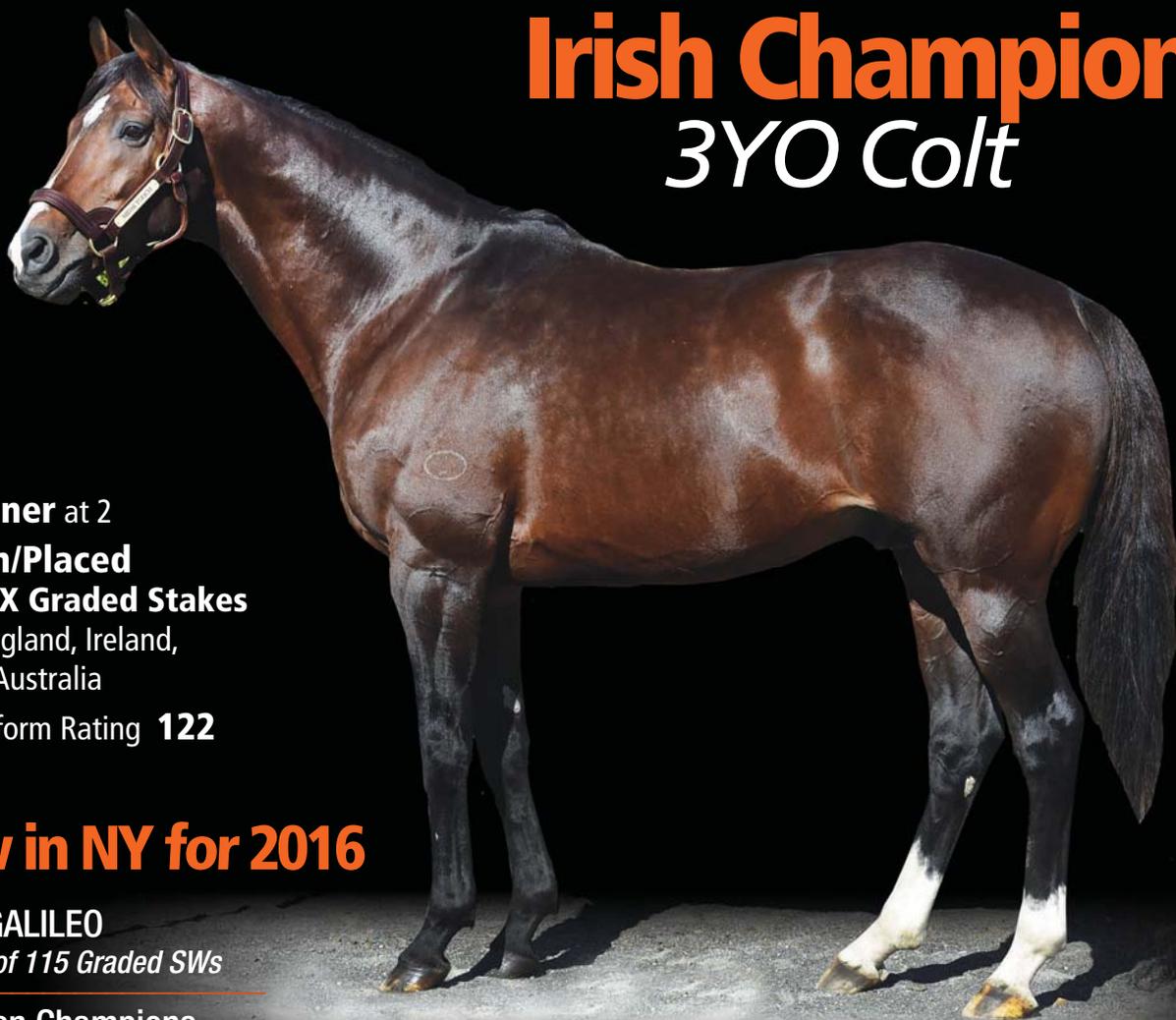
**KENNEDY** (A.P. Indy), Rockin’ Z Ranch, \$3K, 30/2/0

5-HOU, Msw 1mT, Samito, \$10K TEX APR 2yo, 6-1

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**Rookies cont.**

**PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 229/16/1

6-GP, Msw 1mT, Paddy O'Wagon, \$60K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

**TIZ WEST** (Gone West), Haras Urama, \$2K, 11/0/0

6-HOU, Msw 6f, Awesome Emmit, 6-1

**TIZWAY** (Tiznow), Spendthrift Farm, \$25K, 183/10/2

6-GP, Msw 1mT, Our Way, \$140K OBS MAR 2yo, 4-1

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**Polar River**, f, 3, [Congrats](#). See "TDN Europe/International."

**Comicas**, c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#). See "TDN Europe/International."

**Market Rally**, c, 3, **Unbridled's Song**. See "TDN Europe/International."

**BREEDERS' EDITION**  
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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-OP, \$71,000**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-11, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.79, ft.

**NASA (c, 4, Smarty Jones--Shootforthestars, by Seattle Slew)**

Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-2, \$247,404. O-Someday Farm; B-Patricia L. Chapman (PA); T-John C. Servis. \*Full to Centralintelligence, GISW, \$309,171; 1/2 to Golden Rainbow (Seeking the Gold), \$299,090; General Consensus (Giant's Causeway), MGSP, \$255,444; My Elusive Star (Elusive Quality), SP, \$153,764.

**5th-SA, \$69,475**, 2-11, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:13.65, fm.

**TALE OF PAPA NICK (m, 5, Papa Clem--Our Hualalai, by Tale of the Cat)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-0, \$135,962. O/B-Nick Cafarchia (CA); T-Richard Baltas.

**6th-DED, \$41,430**, 2-10, (NW2L), 3yo, 1m, 1:41.22, ft.

**CHATTANOOGAN (c, 3, Lone Star Special--Thistle Bear, by Gators N Bears)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$53,100. O/B-Tigertail Ranch (LA); T-Danny Pish.

**8th-FG, \$40,000**, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:40.46, fm.

**TREATY OAK (m, 5, War Chant--Rather Be Wild, by Wild Again)**

Lifetime Record: 18-4-3-3, \$146,706. O/B-Columbine Stable LLC (KY); T-Albert M. Stall Jr. \*1/2 to Man to Man (Manndar {Ire}), GSP, \$168,200.

**9th-GP, \$40,000**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.98, ft.

**ENGAGINGLEE (m, 5, Fusaichi Pegasus--Lee Gage, by Fit to Fight)**

Lifetime Record: 17-3-5-2, \$148,540. O/B-Paul Lichtefeld & Jack Stewart (KY); T-Dale L. Romans.

**6th-FG, \$38,800**, 2-11, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.72, fm.

**LATENT REVENGE (c, 4, Latent Heat--Cupids Revenge {MSW, \$215,694}, by Red Ransom)**

Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$75,460. O-Steve Vanovich, Steve Andriot, Brad Cain & P.J. Herald; B-Westwind Farms (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley. \*\$42,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to B G Suavecito (Suave), SW, \$103,424.

**3rd-PEN, \$33,300**, (S), 2-10, (NW1X), 4/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.26, gd.

**SANDY LANE SUNSET (m, 5, Great Notion--Splendid Sunrise, by Sky Classic)**

Lifetime Record: 16-4-4-1, \$89,403. O-Adam Staple; B-Norris E Gelman (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp.

**5th-PEN, \$30,680**, 2-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.74, gd.

**IMWITHTHEBLONDE (m, 6, Montbrook--Silent Serenade {MSW, \$296,892}, by Blare of Trumpets)**

Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-4, \$112,890. O-Three Blind Mice; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Scott A. Lake. \*\$190,000 2yo '12 OBSMAR.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Ready by You**, r, 3, [Ready's Image](#)--Palazzo Bardi, by King's Best.

OP, 2-11, (C), 6f, 1:13.26. B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). \*\$2,500 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

**The Bench Rules**, g, 4, [Benchmark](#)--Absolutely Unreal, by Unreal Zeal. SA, 2-11, (S), 1m, 1:38.37. B-Pay Me Stables (CA).

**Always Sarah**, f, 4, [Curlin](#)--Treasure Always, by Summer Squall.

AQU, 2-11, (S), 6f, 1:14.30. B-Wellspring Stables, LLC (NY). \*1/2 Organizer (Raffie's Majesty), SW & GSP, \$437,481; Dr. V's Magic (Raffie's Majesty), SW & GSP, \$327,892; Raffie's Treasure (Raffie's Majesty), SW, \$179,409; Pin Number (Langfuhr), MSP, \$227,529; Haldane (Raffie's Majesty), SP, \$206,399.

**Tiz a Dixie Dancer**, c, 4, [Tiz Wonderful](#)--Dancing Band (GSP, \$174,615), by Dixieland Band. TP, 2-11, 1m (AWT), 1:40.99.

B-Marianne Stribling (KY).

**Fair Prospect**, g, 5, [Exclusive Quality](#)--Andria's Forest, by Forestry. GP, 2-11, (C), 1mT, 1:36.84. B-BryLynn Farm, Inc. (FL).

\*\$50,000 Ylg '12 OBSAUG.



## STARS ALIGNED FOR GOFFS FEBRUARY TOPPER



Umnyiah tops the February sale at €165,000 | Amy Lynam

By Emma Berry

The smartly bred **Umnyiah (Ire)** (Shamardal) will be covered for the first time this season by Sea The Stars (Ire) after heading the Goffs February Sale at €165,000.

The Tsui family have supported their homebred champion since his retirement to Gilltown Stud by purchasing some well-credentialed mares, and the latest addition to their broodmare band ([lot 319](#)) doesn't lack for talented relatives. Her full-brother Dubai Prince (Ire) won twice at Group 3 level, while their dam Desert Frolic (Ire)'s half-siblings include three-time Group/Grade 1 winner Storming Home (GB) (Machiavellian) and the dam of G1 McGrath Metropolitan H. winner Glencadam Gold (Ire) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}).

John Clarke, who represents the Tsuis' Sunderland Holdings, conducted the bidding on the Godolphin-consigned 4-year-old and commented, "She's a very nicely related filly and is another catch for Sea The Stars."

The sale lost a potential six-figure lot with the withdrawal of Group 1 producer Mauresmo (Ire) (Marju {Ire}) and only two lots passed the €100,000 barrier, compared to four the previous year. A clearance rate of 66% for the whole sale--down from 81% in 2015--led to a reduction of figures all around, with turnover down by 18% to €4,361,750 for 330 horses sold. The average fell 7.5% to €14,989 and the median by 20% to €8,000.

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## RIVER RISES AT MEYDAN

"TDN Rising Star" **Polar River** (Congrats) extended her unbeaten record to three while making a mockery of her overmatched rivals in Thursday's Listed UAE 1000 Guineas at Meydan. The bay sat third under Pat Dobbs down the backstretch, about two lengths off the lead, with Godolphin's G2 Rockfel S. winner **Promising Run** (Hard Spun) one spot ahead. While the rest of his weigh room colleagues began to scrub their mounts passing the quarter pole, Dobbs was locked and loaded aboard Polar River, who drew clear under her motionless rider in the stretch to win by 13 untroubled lengths. Promising Run stuck on to be second, with **Kabaw (Ire)** (Elusive Pimpernel) checking in third.

Trainer Doug Watson, an American expatriate and former assistant to Kiaran McLaughlin in the UAE, entertained the idea of sending his stable star to America later in the year. [Cont. p5](#)

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**Stars Aligned for Goffs February Topper cont. from p1**

For the second session alone, the aggregate was €2,384,600, average €16,112 and median €8,000 for 69% of the 216 lots offered. Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby commented, “Our February Sale has grown dramatically in recent years so it was inevitable that a slowdown of some proportion would occur sooner or later. However, we are far from despondent as we have enjoyed vibrant trade for those that appealed most and a set of figures that are in line with 2014, although we have to point out a falling clearance rate as a cause for comment.”

Agents Geoffrey Howson and Matthew Houldsworth were absent from the sale but instructed Richard Fitzsimons of BBA Ireland to act on their behalf in the purchase of [lot 444](#), **Xaloc (Ire)** (Shirocco {Ger}), a half-sister to G2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge S. winner and Derby prospect Foundation (Ire) who is carrying to the Highclere Thoroughbred Racing star’s sire Zoffany (Ire). Bought for an undisclosed client for €120,000, the 6-year-old Xaloc raced just once for her breeder Sir Edmund Loder and was consigned to the 2013 Tattersalls December Sale, where she was bought by Derek Veitch of Ringfort Stud for 5,500gns. Young breeder William Pilkington subsequently bought Xaloc privately for his Oak Leaf Stud and, after watching Foundation sell for €190,000 at the 2014 Goffs Orby Sale, decided to send his sister to Zoffany.

“This is a really big result for me. I sold her Kodiak (Ire) filly for €42,000 here last November and we’ve had a few good foal results but this is the best so far,” said Pilkington, who has four other broodmares at his farm in Daingean, Co Offaly. Xaloc also has a first-crop daughter of Born To Sea (Ire) to race for her this year.

A different member of the BBA Ireland team, Michael Donohoe, stepped in the buy [lot 335](#), **On Location**, a winning daughter of the late Street Cry (Ire) out of the Grade I winner Film Maker (Dynaformer). Consigned by Baroda & Colbinstown Studs, she brought €85,000 for an unnamed BBA Ireland client. Donohoe said, “She’s a young Street Cry mare out of a Grade I winner so is a lovely broodmare prospect and she’ll remain in Ireland to be covered by either Acclamation (GB) or Kodiak (GB).”

**Across The Galaxy (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), whose dam Galaxy Highflyer (GB) is a Galileo (Ire) half-sister to the Group 1 winners Kayf Tara (GB), Opera House (GB) and Zee Zee Top (GB), attracted the attention of agent Jill Lamb, who was on the hunt for a mare for Cable Bay’s former part-owner Julie Martin. Consigned by Pat O’Kelly’s Kilcarn Stud as [lot 339](#), the 7-year-old was sold with an Apr. 15 cover to Kodiak for €85,000. Lamb said, “Julie is planning to send her to Cable Bay. She’s a really good-looking mare with lots of quality and is a really good walker.”

Breaking the stranglehold of broodmares at the top of the table was [lot 303](#), 3-year-old **Ebadan (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who was bought for €85,000 from the Aga Khan Studs draft to continue his racing career in California under the tutelage of Neil Drysdale. Marc-Antoine Berghgracht signed for the colt, who won over a mile at Dundalk for Michael Halford in January and hails from the great staying family of Enzeli (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) and Estimate (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). His dam Ebareva (Ire) (Machiavellian) is a half-sister to the pair of Ascot Gold Cup winners and, though unraced herself, has produced four winners with her first four runners, including the French listed runner-up Ederan (Ire) (Peintre Celebre).

Anna Drion brought just one mare with her from France under her Coulonces Consignment banner, the daughter of Montjeu (Ire), **Ginx Johnson (Fr)** ([lot 349](#)), who is carrying a foal by last year’s champion freshman sire Zoffany. The half-sister to Gil Breeders’ Cup Honeymoon H. winner Attima (GB) (Zafonic) brought the hammer down at 58,000gns and was bought by Hugo Merry, co-breeder of the Darley Irish Oaks and Prix de l’Opera winner Covert Love (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}).

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**GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE**

SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	286	262
• No. Offered	216	220
• No. Sold	148	180
• RNAs	68	40
• % RNAs	31.5%	18%
• High Price	€165,000	€220,000
• Gross	€2,384,600	€2,873,600
• Average (% change)	€16,112 (+0.9%)	€15,964
• Median (% change)	€8,000 (-11%)	€9,000

CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• Catalogued	540	487
• No. Offered	440	409
• No. Sold	291	330
• RNAs	149	79
• % RNAs	33.9%	19.3%
• High Price	€165,000	€220,000
• Gross	€4,361,750	€5,350,500
• Average (% change)	€14,989 (-7.6%)	€16,214
• Median (% change)	€8,000 (-20%)	€10,000

# SESSION TOPPERS

## GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE

Lot	Name	Price (€)
<u>319</u>	<b>Umniah (Ire)</b> <i>Maiden</i> (f, 4, <u>Shamardal</u> –Desert Frolic {Ire}), by Persian Bold {GB}) Consigned by Godolphin Purchased by Sunderland Holding	165,000
<u>444</u>	<b>Xaloc (Ire)</b> <i>i/f Zoffany</i> (m, 6, <u>Shirocco</u> {Ger}–Roystonea {GB}), by Polish Precedent) Consigned by Oak Leaf Stud Purchase by Howson/Houldsworth/BBA Ireland	120,000
<u>519</u>	<b>Hoe Hoe (Ire)</b> <i>Maiden</i> (m, 6, <u>Dylan Thomas</u> {Ire}–Bella Vitessa {Ire}), by Thatching {GB}) Consigned by The Old Mew Stable Purchased by BBA Ireland	90,000



This filly by Helmet, born Feb. 1, was sold alongside her dam at Goffs Thursday | Amy Lynam

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**Thursday's Results:**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Cultured Knight (GB)**, c, 3, **Compton Place (GB)**–Cultured Pride (Ire), by King's Best. CHD, 2-11, 5f (AWT), :59.56. B-Lookout Partnership (GB).

**Crop Year Report For Foals Born in 2012**

Ranked by winners in Europe/North America

#	Stallion	Standing	Highest Earner	Starters	Winners
1	Galileo	Coolmore Stud	Found	119	83
2	Invincible Spirit	Irish National Stud	Territories	94	67
3	Shamardal	Kildangan Stud	Secret Brief	107	64
4	Kodiac	Tally Ho Stud	Tiggy Wiggy	93	62
5	Acclamation	Rathbarry Stud	Mubtaghaa	112	59

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**Thursday, Meydan, UAE**

**UAE 2000 GUINEAS SPONSORED BY GULF NEWS-G3**, \$250,000, MEY, 2-4, NH3yo & SH3yo, 1600m, 1:38.08, ft.

1--**MARKET RALLY**, 126, c, 3, by **Unbridled's Song**

**1st Dam: Boodles, by Mr. Greeley**

**2nd Dam: Tricky Laura, by Phone Trick**

**3rd Dam: My Dream Come True, by Vice Regent**

(\$210,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Ashview Farm LLC, Colts Neck Stables LLC & Unbridled's Song Syndicate (KY); T-Dhruba Selvaratnam; J-Chris Hayes. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$174,270. \*1/2 to Watchyourownbobber (Hard Spun), SW & GSP-US, \$175,990. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

**Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

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2--**Lazzam (GB)**, 126, c, 3, Archipenko--Empire Rose (Arg), by Sunray Spirit. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Essafinaat (GB); T-Marco Botti. \$50,000.

3--**Hombre Rojo (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, Intikhab--Sidney Girl (GB), by Azamour (Ire). (€43,000 wnl '13 GOFNOV; 45,000gns yrl '14 TATOCT) O-Robert Moss; B-Helen Lyons (IRE); T-Simon Dow. \$25,000.

Margins: 6, 7, 3/4. Also Ran: Steady Pace (GB), Qurbaan, Rouleau (GB), Busy Earning (Fr).

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Market Rally may have put on a show playing up behind the gates before the UAE 2000 Guineas, but once the latch sprang, the chestnut was all business, wiring the field to win as he pleased. A 4 1/2-length maiden winner going a mile at Monmouth Park in August for Gary and Mary West and trainer Wayne Catalano in his lone juvenile outing, Market Rally was fourth for his new connections when resurfacing



Market Rally | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Jan. 14 in the UAE 2000

Guineas trial. Jumping smartly Thursday, Market Rally was about a length the better of Rouleau down the backstretch, with Lazzam hugging the rail and Rouleau's fellow Godolphin colorbearer, the trial winner Steady Pace, a length off him.

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**Market Rally cont.**

While it became apparent rounding the turn that the Godolphin pair were already in trouble, Market Rally was still traveling sweetly and, with a few encouraging slaps from rider Chris Hayes, he drew clear to win wrapped up in the final furlong. "Making the running was not actually the plan," Hayes revealed. "He was fractious in the stalls though and I was worried we might miss the break and did not want that to happen. I was always going well out in front and he ran on strongly all the way to the line. The 1900 metre trip of the [Listed] Al Bastakiya [Mar. 5] and the [G2] UAE Derby [Mar. 26] will really suit him."

Market Rally's dam has a yearling colt by Sky Mesa and was bred to Verrazano for 2016.

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**Thursday, Meydan, UAE**

**AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT SPONSORED BY GULFNEWS.COM-G3,** \$200,000, MEY, 2-11, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.88, ft.

1--**RICH TAPESTRY (IRE), 126, g, 8,** by [Holy Roman Emperor \(Ire\)](#)

**1st Dam: Genuine Charm (Ire), by Sadler's Wells**

**2nd Dam: Market Slide, by Gulch**

**3rd Dam: Grenzen, by Grenfall**

O-Silas Yang Siu Shun, Wong Tak Wai, et al; B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd (IRE); T-Michael Chang; J-Gerald Mosse. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: GISW-US, MG1SP-UAE & SW-HK, 33-8-4-2, \$1,783,163. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

**Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Muarrab (GB), 126, g, 7,** [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)--Licence to Thrill (GB), by Wolfhound. (280,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Stratford Place Stud (GB); T-Musabah Al Muhairi. \$40,000.

3--**Reynaldothewizard, 126, g, 10,** [Speightstown](#)--Holiday Runner, by Meadowlake.

**'TDN Rising Star'** (\$400,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$775,000 2yo '08 FTFEB) O-Zabeel Racing International Corp; B-Gibraltar Group LP (KY); T-Satish Seemar. \$20,000.

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Margins: 1HF, 2, 1HF. Also Ran: My Catch (Ire), Krypton Factor (GB), Kifaah (GB), Let'sgoforit (Ire), Anfitrion Sale (Arg), Scotland Forever (Ire). DNF: Marking.

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Rich Tapestry returned to the dirt—the surface over which he is a Grade I winner—to win Thursday's Al Shindagha Sprint and advertise his claims to another top-level dirt contest, the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, over this track and trip Mar. 26. The

winner of the course and distance G3 Mahab Al Shimaal over the Tapeta here in 2014, Rich Tapestry finished second to Sterling City (Aus) (Nadeem {Aus}) in that year's renewal of the Golden Shaheen three weeks later. Given the summer off after finishing eighth in Sha Tin's Listed Sprint Cup on the grass a month later, Rich Tapestry shipped stateside to nose out Goldencents (Into Mischief) in the GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship, but trailed in last of 14 in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint three weeks later after bleeding in the race. Rich Tapestry



**Rich Tapestry | DRC/Andrew Watkins**

bounced back to put in another admirable Golden Shaheen performance when third behind Secret Circle (Eddington) off a near four-month layoff last year, but was off the board in his other three tries of the year, all in Group 1 turf events:

Singapore's KrisFlyer Sprint, Japan's Sprinters S. and the Longines Hong Kong Sprint. While Rich Tapestry broke sharply from gate nine yesterday, that was not the case for race favorite Marking (Bernardini), who went to his knees at the start, throwing jockey James Doyle. Meanwhile, Rich Tapestry and jockey Gerald Mosse were able to clear the field and cross over to set the pace on the fence down the backstretch. Rich Tapestry turned into the straight a length in front with Muarrab and defending winner Reynaldothewizard coming to tackle him out wide, but the winner had enough in the tank to hold that formidable pair comfortably at bay. Mosse, who was winning in Dubai for the first time, attributed the gelding's strong performance to his return to the dirt. "He loved the surface, he loved the dirt," the Frenchman said. "He has natural gate speed and he played with everybody all the way around. I didn't use everything; I thought I'd keep something for the big day."

That big day will be a return date to the Golden Shaheen, but trainer Michael Chang said the bay could reappear in the Mahab Al Shimaal on Super Saturday first. "He loves Dubai, he loves the dirt," Chang said. "The last two years he missed the chance for the big one. I hope we can do it this season. It's better for him to stay in Dubai longer, rather than sending him down for just the one race, the Golden Shaheen. I may run him on Super Saturday as well."

Rich Tapestry's dam is a full-sister to Refuse to Bend (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), whose four Group 1 wins included the 2000 Guineas, and a half to G1 Melbourne Cup winner Media Puzzle (Theatrical {Ire}). Rich Tapestry's third dam produced the GI Meadowlands Cup winner Twilight Agenda (Devil's Bag).

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**River Rises At Meydan cont. from p1**

**UAE 1000 GUINEAS SPONSORED BY FRIDAY-Listed**, \$250,000, MEY, 2-11, NH3yo & SH3yo, f, 1600m, 1:37.09, ft.

1--**POLAR RIVER**, 126, f, 3, by [Congrats](#)

**1st Dam: Bayou Tortuga**, by Empire Maker

**2nd Dam: Tortuga Band**, by Dixieland Band

**3rd Dam: Super Fan**, by Lear Fan

(\$25,000 yrl '14 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR) O-Valentin Bukhtoyarov & Evgeny Kappushev; B-Bob McCann, Mark Kelder & Doug Richards (KY); T-Doug Watson; J-Pat Dobbs. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$215,423.

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2--**Promising Run**, 126, f, 3, [Hard Spun](#)--Aviacion (Brz), by Know Heights (Ire). O-Godolphin. \$50,000.

3--**Kabaw (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Elusive Pimpernel--Holly Hawk (Ire), by Dubai Destination. (€32,000 2yo '15 GORMAY) O-A Aboushiwat Family. \$25,000.

Margins: 13, 2HF, 1. Also Ran: Dubai Fashion (Ire), Dolly Dagger (Swe). [Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)

“The owners have been very good to me and I think to be good to the filly, if she keeps progressing, it would only be fair to take her over there and give her a chance to further her career,” Watson said. “She was very impressive,” he added. “[Dobbs] said she was a little green and he said he gave her a bit of a

squeeze and she just picked it up. She has some turn of foot and is a really nice filly. The [G3 UAE] Oaks [Mar. 3] is the next step, and if she wins that I’m sure we’d take an invitation to the [G2 UAE] Derby [Mar. 26].”

Watson unveiled

Polar River in a 1200 metre Meydan maiden race Dec. 3, which she won by 13 1/2 lengths and earned ‘TDN Rising Star’ status. She returned Jan. 14 to best Promising Run by 4 3/4 lengths in the 1400 metre UAE 1000 Guineas trial over the same track, and was making her stakes debut Thursday.

Polar River’s dam, Bayou Tortuga, has a 2-year-old Flatter filly named Oh Flatter Me who was a \$100,000 Keeneland September yearling last year. She has a yearling colt by The Factor that was bought for \$200,000 as a weanling last year at Keeneland November and she is due to foal to Twirling Candy this year.



**Polar River much the best at Meydan**  
DRC/Andrew Watkins

**Thursday’s Results:**

**5th-MEY, \$175,000, Hcp**, 2-11, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2435mT, 2:34.42, gd.

**LIQUID MERCURY (SAF)** (g, 4, [Trippi](#)--Skip Poker (SP-US, \$109,938), by Skip Away), the winner of the G3 Winter Derby in his native South Africa before shipping to Dubai, was a respectable fifth in his local debut going a mile on the turf Jan. 28 and was making a marked jump up to his preferred distance here. Racing in third while front runner Sugar Boy (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}) stretched out his lead down the backstretch, Liquid Mercury pounced in the lane as that rival began to tire and was a comfortable 1 1/2-length winner from Code Of Honor (GB) (Zafeen {Fr}). Sugar Boy finished third. “He is a nice horse and one we think is group class,” said trainer Mike de Kock. “We will have to have a long hard think about where he goes next as we are probably out of handicap options with him now.” Liquid Mercury’s dam, Skip Poker, is a half-sister to the GIII Tempted S. winner and GI Prioress S. second Chimichurri (Elusive Quality). G1 Irish St Leger winner Mashaallah (Nijinsky II), GI Oak Leaf S. winner Folk Art (Nijinsky II) and G1 2000 Guinea winner Mark Of Esteem (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) appear under the third dam. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-SAF, 13-6-0-2, \$148,023. [Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert) (SAF); T-Mike de Kock.

**3rd-MEY, \$75,000, Alw**, 2-11, NH3yo & SH3yo, 1400mT, 1:24.26, gd.

**COMICAS** (c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Abby’s Angel (GSP-US, \$152,671), by Touch Gold) defied a near seven-month layoff to take this Meydan Classic Trial. A debut fifth going seven furlongs at Newmarket June 20, the chestnut returned just seven days later to fill second over the same track and trip, and got off the mark a month later going seven furlongs at Doncaster July 23. Sticking to that distance once again for this step up to conditions company, Comicas was bottled up on the rail and about two lengths off the pace as the field swung into the straight. Moving into a seam on his outside in midstretch, Comicas burst to the lead under William Buick and had enough left in the tank to hold off the fast-finishing Pure Diamond (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}) by three-quarters of a length. “We thought a lot of him as a 2-year-old,” said Buick. “He got three runs then we gave him a break after he won at Doncaster so he’s come back here in good shape. He’ll come on for the race and he’s a lovely horse to look forward to for the future. I think he’s got a future in Europe this year so I don’t see any reason to give him a hard campaign here.” Comicas’s dam, Abby’s Angel, has a 2-year-old colt by Elusive Quality named Peace Speaker and, after being barren last year, was bred to Speightstown for 2016. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$53,283. [Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#) O-Godolphin; B-Darley (KY); T-Charlie Appleby.

**7th-MEY, \$110,000, Hcp, 2-11, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:50.03, gd.**

**MUSADDAS (GB) (g, 6, Exceed and Excel {Aus})--Zuleika Dobson {GB} {GSW-Fr}, by Cadeaux Genereux {GB})** Lifetime Record: 20-5-8-2, \$373,397. O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Highbury Stud Ltd (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \*80,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT.

**2nd-MEY, \$60,000, Hcp, 2-11, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m, 1:37.41, ft.**

**GRAND ARGENTIER (FR) (c, 4, Palace Episode--Ashkadima {Ire}, by Ashkalani {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 19-3-3-4, \$112,865. O-EERC (Mgr: Mrs Rebecca Byrne); B-Claude Lambert (FR); T-Doug Watson. \*SP-Fr. \*\*€6,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT; €22,000 2yo 14 ARQJUL; 80,000gns HRA '15 TATJUL.

### ORR KICKSTARTS NEW AUSSIE SEASON

The Australian autumn racing season officially kicks into high gear Saturday with the running of the country's first Group 1 race of the year, Caulfield's C. F. Orr S. The 6-year-old gelding **Lucky Hussler (Aus)** (Husson {Arg}) won the G1 Toorak H. over a mile of this track in October, and he looks to go two-for-two on the year, having won the Restricted Listed Magic Millions Cup over this trip on the Gold Coast Jan. 9. The horse Lucky Hussler could have to fear most is trainer Murray Baker's latest New



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Zealand raider **Turn Me Loose (NZ)** (Iffraaj {GB}). Baker, who also made many successful trips across the Tasman with the likes of Mongolian Khan (Aus) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and It's A Dundee (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}), produced Turn Me Loose to win three straight in Australia last season. He won the Listed

Seymour Cup by 3 1/4 lengths Oct. 18 before besting Lucky Hussler in Moonee Valley's G2 Crystal Mile a week later and in the G1 Emirates S. when last seen Nov. 7.

The seemingly ageless **Boban (Aus)** (Bernardini)—he is actually six—recorded his fifth Group 1 win over this track and trip first up in the G1 Memsie S. last August, but has to rebound after finishing last of nine in the G1 Darley Classic dropped down to 1200 meters in November. He has had two trials coming into this. Godolphin import **Bow Creek (Ire)** (Shamardal), a dual Group 2-winning miler in Europe in 2014, made a favorable impression in his local debut in October, giving Turn Me Loose a scare when finishing a half-length second to that rival in the Crystal Mile. He exited a 12th-place performance in the Emirates lame, but should be fit for this off two recent trials.

**Saturday, Caulfield, Australia, post time: 12:30 a.m. EST**  
**LADBROKES C.F. ORR S.-G1, A\$500,000 (€315,227/£244,700),**  
3yo/up, 1400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Suavito (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Currie	Blackiston	125
2	Bow Creek (Ire)	Shamardal	Melham	O'Shea	130
3	Fenway (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Oliver	L&S Hope	125
4	Rebel Dane (Aus)	California Dane (Aus)	Shinn	Portelli	130
5	Messene (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Winks	Hawkeses	130
6	Red Bomber (Aus)	Red Ransom	Newitt	Price	130
7	Mourinho (Aus)	Oratorio (Ire)	Duric	Gelagotis	130
8	Lucky Hussler (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	Boss	Weir	130
9	Entirely Platinum (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Dunn	Hawkeses	130
10	Turn Me Loose (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	Bosson	Baker	130
11	Happy Trails (Aus)	Good Journey	Kah	Beshara	130
12	Fawkner (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	Hall	Hickmott	130
13	Boban (Aus)	Bernardini	Whyte	Waller	130
14	Stratum Star (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Zahra	Weir	130
15	Trust In A Gust (Aus)	Keep The Faith (Aus)	Rawiller	Weir	130
16	Rising Romance (NZ)	Ekraar	Lane	Hayes/Dabernig	125
17	Awesome Rock (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Baster	L&T Corstens	130
18	Hucklebuck (Aus)	Elvstroem (Aus)	Tourneur	Stokes	130

### WINX RESUMES SATURDAY

Last year's G1 Cox Plate winner **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) makes her first public appearance since that dominating score Saturday when she resumes in Randwick's G2 Apollo S. over 1400 metres. The 4-year-old filly has not lost in five outings since May. She collected her first Group 1 win in the Queensland



Cox Plate winner Winx | Magic Millions

Oaks May 30 and, after scoring first-up in Rosehill's G2 Theo Marks S. Sept. 12, was much the best in both the G1 Epsom H. and the Cox Plate.

Winx's Apollo opposition includes another Street Cry mare in the form of trainer Gerald Ryan's

**Solicit (Aus)**, who won the G3 Summoned S. over 1500 metres in November and will appreciate the added distance from her comeback second in the 1200 metre G2 Expressway S. Jan. 30. Also resuming here is Godolphin's Oct. 3 G1 Metropolitan H. winner **Magic Hurricane (Ire)** (Hurricane Run {Ire}), who has the benefit of three trials coming into this. While his optimum distance appears to be longer, he does have a win over this track and trip.

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### Thursday's Result:

**SAGA KINEN-Listed**, ¥34,500,000, Saga, 2-11, 4yo/up, 2000m, 2:08.10, gd.

**1--STRONG SOUTHER (JPN), 123, h, 5, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Eventail (SW & GSP-US, \$300,895), by Lear Fan.** O-Atsushi Muraki; B-Shadai Farm; T-Takashi Kubota; J-Hironobu Tanabe. ¥23,000,000. Lifetime Record: 19-7-1-1. \*Full to Mobile (Jpn), SP-Jpn, \$774,378; and 1/2 to Straight Story (Giant's Causeway), GSW & GISP-US, \$736,393.

**2--Meiner Crop (Jpn), 126, h, 6, Kurofune--Great Harvest (Jpn), by Sunday Silence.** O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Grand Farm. ¥6,900,000.

**3--Kurino Star-Oh (Jpn), 126, h, 6, Admire Boss(Jpn)--Mayano Starlight (Jpn), by Jade Robbery.** O-Mamoru Kurimoto; B-Nissei Farm. ¥2,300,000.

Margins: 2HF, NK, 3/4. Odds: 8.00, 5.80, 2.00.



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