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Hip 5 | Fasig-Tipton photo

by Jessica Martini

Fasig-Tipton, which sold 2015 juvenile champion Nyquist (Uncle Mo) during its inaugural 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Gulfstream Park a year ago, returned to South Florida Monday with an under-tack show conducted under a sun-dappled sky and temperatures in the low 70s. Ten juveniles consigned to Wednesday's renewal of the Florida Sale shared the day's fastest furlong time of :10 flat during a breeze show that produced consistent times throughout the day.

"I thought it was a very good group of horses that we saw perform today," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. "There was a great crowd here and great weather. The racetrack seemed to be very fair throughout. It was a very, very positive day."

The auction, previously conducted at Calder, had a three-year sojourn at Palm Meadows and was held two years ago at Adena Springs South in Williston. Browning thinks its new home at Gulfstream Park provides buyers and sellers an ideal environment.

"It is a legitimate racetrack, it's a fair representation for virtually every horse that works there," Browning said. "It gives buyers the opportunity to evaluate every horse. It has to be an advantage for buyers to evaluate horses working on a racetrack of this quality."

Browning continued, "This is a great place to have a 2-year-olds in training sale to breeze in late February, early March. People like coming here. When you get off the plane from Kentucky or from up east, there is just a little extra bounce in your step. This has got to be the greatest environment to come watch an under-tack show." **Cont. p3**

TAPETA AT WOODBINE A LONG-TERM BET ON SAFETY, ECONOMICS *By T.D. Thornton*

Mother Nature was kind to Woodbine Entertainment Group at the start of the laying-in process for the new Tapeta course on the one-mile main track earlier this winter. But a recent onslaught of freezing rain, ice pellets, and snow has provided a taste of what Lake Ontario's volatile weather patterns are capable of dishing out on an annual basis. If there's a major racetrack in North America up to the task of providing a stern challenge to determine if an "all-weather" surface can truly handle "all" types of elements, the Toronto-area Woodbine is it.

The late-winter storms haven't knocked Woodbine off schedule to open for training prior to the start of the Thoroughbred race meet Apr. 9, though. That's because the new waxed sand, rubber, and fiber surface is currently going through a scheduled settling-in phase before horses will be allowed on it in about three or four weeks. **Cont. p5**

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The first foal from the first crop of 2013 GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner *Magician (Ire)* arrived on January 13. Bred by Gunpowder Farms, he is out of *Proximity (GB)* (Nayef). Photo provided by foalphotos.com. Submit your foal photos directly to the site. Mathea Kelley.

MANHATTAN DAN EYES ROYAL ASCOT

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Ben Massam chats with trainer Gary Contessa about his recent Texas Glitter S. winner *Manhattan Dan* (Big Brown). His long term goal for the sophomore is Royal Ascot's G1 Commonwealth Cup.

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10 Share Bullet at Fasig cont. from p1

First-crop sire Bodemeister was represented by a pair of colts to share the bullet furlong time Monday.

[Hip 133](#), a son of the WinStar stallion who finished second in the 2012 GI Kentucky Derby, is out of Blossomed (Deputy Minister). The dark bay colt is consigned by McKathan Brothers.

“When I brought him down here, I thought they wouldn’t outrun him and they didn’t,” said Kevin McKathan after the colt’s [:10 flat](#) breeze. “I think he is fancy. He’s special. He’s the kind you want to end up with at the end of the day.”

The McKathans also sent out one of three juveniles by last year’s leading freshman sire Uncle Mo to work in [:10 flat](#) Monday. [Hip 121](#) is out of Aguilera (Unbridled’s Song) and is a half to multiple stakes winner and graded stakes placed Bluegrass Singer (Bluegrass Cat).

“The Uncle Mo is a beautiful filly and does everything like you want,” McKathan said.

The McKathan Brothers sent out three horses to work at Gulfstream Monday. In addition to the two co-fastest workers, the consignment also included a first-crop daughter of The Factor, [hip 96](#), who worked in [:10 2/5](#).

“I was here last year and the track was a little deeper and heavier,” McKathan commented. “The surface was kinder to us today. We put more water on it--we doubled up the water

tanks. They are used to watering every 30 minutes and now they have to hold for an hour and a half. It’s hot and it dries out fast. But the track was great today. They put on a great show, I think. Everything went well. I’m really happy with it.”

Also featuring a pair of bullet breezers Monday was Crupi’s New Castle Farm. [Hip 154](#), another son of Bodemeister, turned in a [:10 flat](#) breeze despite jumping a shadow nearing the wire.

“I think he is a freak,” Jim Crupi said of the gray out of Exceptionally (El Prado {Ire}). “He is a runner. He galloped out in [:33 and change](#).”

Crupi also sent out [hip 112](#), one of two juveniles by



Hip 112 | Fasig-Tipton photo

Speightstown to share the [:10 flat](#) bullet time. The gray filly is the second foal out of graded stakes winner Well Monied (Maria’s Mon).

“I think the track was fair to everyone,” Crupi said. “It’s not like OBS

where they go [:9 4/5](#) or [3/5](#). But I think it was fair for everybody and I was happy with my breeze show. Being at Gulfstream works really well for me. I love it.” **Cont. p4**

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The under-tack show's fourth session of workers got off to an adventurous start when a horse got loose just as [hip 67](#), a daughter of Divine Park from Crupi's consignment, was completing her breeze in [:10 2/5](#). The loose horse, [hip 19](#), a full-brother to this year's GIII Sham S. winner Collected (City Zip) and consigned by Hidden Brook, returned later in the set.

With Fasig announcer Terence Collier explaining to the crowd, "The consignor wants you to know the two-mile gallop is this colt's normal warm-up routine and now he'll breeze a nice eighth for you," the chestnut turned in a [:10 2/5](#) work of his own.

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:10	077	filly	Mission Impazible	Rodeo'sbeenspotted <i>Consigned by Crane Thoroughbreds, agent</i>
:10	112	filly	Speightstown	Well Monied <i>Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm</i>
:10	114	colt	Speightstown	Wild Hoots <i>Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent V</i>
:10	121	filly	Uncle Mo	Aguilera <i>Consigned by McKathan Bros., agent</i>
:10	133	colt	Bodemeister	Blossomed <i>Consigned by McKathan Bros., agent</i>
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Tapeta at Woodbine cont. from p1

"It's not quite complete yet, but the hard stuff is done," Steve Lym, the director of Woodbine's Thoroughbred racing department, told TDN. "We had great weather this winter. We removed the old Polytrack surface the day after the races were finished [Nov. 29]. We were basically done with the install by the third week of December. The only thing we're waiting for right now is for the weather to break so we can go out and measure it, make sure it's level and that there's a uniform amount all the way around; work it in a little bit. We're shooting for Mar. 25 to start training over it. If the weather cooperates, we could possibly get it open by about Mar. 18."

Lym said many factors went into Woodbine's decision to replace its 9-year-old Polytrack with a different synthetic surface, and a return to dirt was also considered. But one key desire that management is hoping Tapeta will be able to fulfill is the track's ability to open earlier for training in 2017.

"All things considered-safety, money, horsemen, handle, business-we thought this was the surface for us," Lym said of Tapeta. "It's a good move and a consistent move. Hopefully, once we get everything straightened out [in future seasons], we can start training over it earlier in the year. As opposed to March, maybe we can start training on it in February."

This particular iteration of the trademarked all-weather surface invented by trainer Michael W. Dickinson is known as "Tapeta 10" because it represents the 10th official version of the material's makeup,



Michael Dickinson on the former Tapeta surface at Meydan | Horsephotos

although the composition has undergone continual behind-the-scenes tweaking over the past decade.

Tapeta 10 is advertised to be able to withstand Fahrenheit temperature ranges from -17 degrees to 110 degrees, and although moisture will crystallize, the Tapeta website underscores that "it will not freeze and become stiff or solid."

In recent years Dickinson has turned over the bulk of the Tapeta Footings operations to his wife and business partner, Joan Wakefield, and he credits her with growing the Tapeta business internationally.

"I made the original Tapeta surface. Joan and Miguel [Piedra, Tapeta's quality control and maintenance supervisor] have improved it in increments," Dickinson said last week while Joan was in England supervising a Tapeta installation at Newcastle Racecourse.

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Earlier versions of Tapeta (Latin for "carpet") are still in use at Golden Gate Fields and Presque Isle Downs. Aside from Woodbine, Tapeta 10 exists in North America only on two training tracks at Dickinson's own Tapeta Farm in Maryland.

Arlington Park and Turfway Park, both Polytrack, are the continent's only other two racetracks with synthetic surfaces.

When Woodbine began the process of deciding what to do about its aging Polytrack oval in mid-2014, it did so against the backdrop of having been among the vanguard of North American tracks to adopt so-called all-weather surfaces. But after an initial early 21st Century embrace by the industry (most notably in California, where synthetics were for a time mandated), there has been a gradual phasing-out of artificial surfaces.

This retreat from synthetics seems contrary to data that support the theory that man-made tracks are superior safety-wise to traditional dirt surfaces. The Jockey Club's Equine Injury Database, which tracks fatalities based on the type of racing surface, shows that between 2009 and 2014, equine deaths per thousand starters are lower for synthetics (1.22) compared to dirt (2.07) and turf (1.65). **Cont. p6**

Tapeta at Woodbine cont.

Not as well known or studied though, are theories that synthetic surfaces put horses at greater risk for "shear strength" injuries (based on how much resistance the hoof encounters when it pushes off).



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Excessive hardness of a dirt track can cause bone fractures and instant, graphic injuries. But too much shear strength, like that believed to be produced by some synthetic surfaces, can result in soft-tissue damage that takes its toll over time, silently causing wear and tear on tendons and ligaments.

"We all know that the synthetic tracks are safer in terms of catastrophic breakdowns," Lym said. "But there are always concerns that there are other types of injuries [caused by synthetics]. Our track wasn't worn out in the sense that it had no life left in it, but it wasn't performing the way we and the horsemen thought it should be, so we were looking to change."

Lym said that when Woodbine solicited input from horsemen, "there was no real direction. The HBPA took no stance. It was a fifty-fifty type of request from them [dirt or synthetic]. So that being the case, we wanted a synthetic track done, just for the weather up here."

One factor that moved up Tapeta is its cost compared to Polytrack. While Lym did not want to disclose what Woodbine is paying for it, he characterized the price as "well south" of the \$10 million the track paid for the Polytrack installation in 2006.

Lym also acknowledged that Woodbine suffered through "growing pains" with Polytrack. Some of them, he said, were attributable to that surface not being able to withstand up to 1,500 Thoroughbreds training over it on a daily basis, which he said was greater than the number of horses Polytrack had been deemed capable of handling at previous installs at Turfway and in Europe.



The new Tapeta surface at Woodbine

"We had problems right away with Poly," Lym said. "We put it in, and as soon as the weather changed, it fell apart on us. It separated, and the fiber came to the top. It was just a challenge from that point on. This track that we have in now, Michael says that Tapeta [has evolved beyond] those issues, and that the material that we use now is superior than what [Polytrack] used back then." **Cont. p7**



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"We're trying to be turf-centric," Lym said. "We've hopefully got plans in the future to maybe put another turf course in. That's down the road. And if we're going to be more of a turf venue, synthetic [on the main track] is the way to go. You get less horses scratching when it comes off. The field sizes are bigger for us. The betting is bigger. The finishes are closer."

Irwin Driedger, Woodbine's director of Thoroughbred surfaces, has been overseeing the Tapeta installation and said he has been pleased with how the settling-in period has gone so far.

"It seems to be handling the cold weather really well," Driedger said. "We learned from the installation that our base was in really great shape. It drains well. Our track has always drained well, so no difference there. The Tapeta feels softer. It's light-colored compared to the Poly. The Poly was completely black. It looks brand new. Just the visual from the grandstand, it looks the part."

When you grab a handful of Tapeta, Driedger said, "you can make a 'snowball,' but when you throw it, it will come apart, which is what it's supposed to do."

Underfoot, Lym said, "if you walk over it, it feels different than the old track did. It feels not as tight, the compression. It doesn't ball up like the old stuff did."



Horses at Woodbine will race on a new Tapeta surface this spring *Horsephotos*

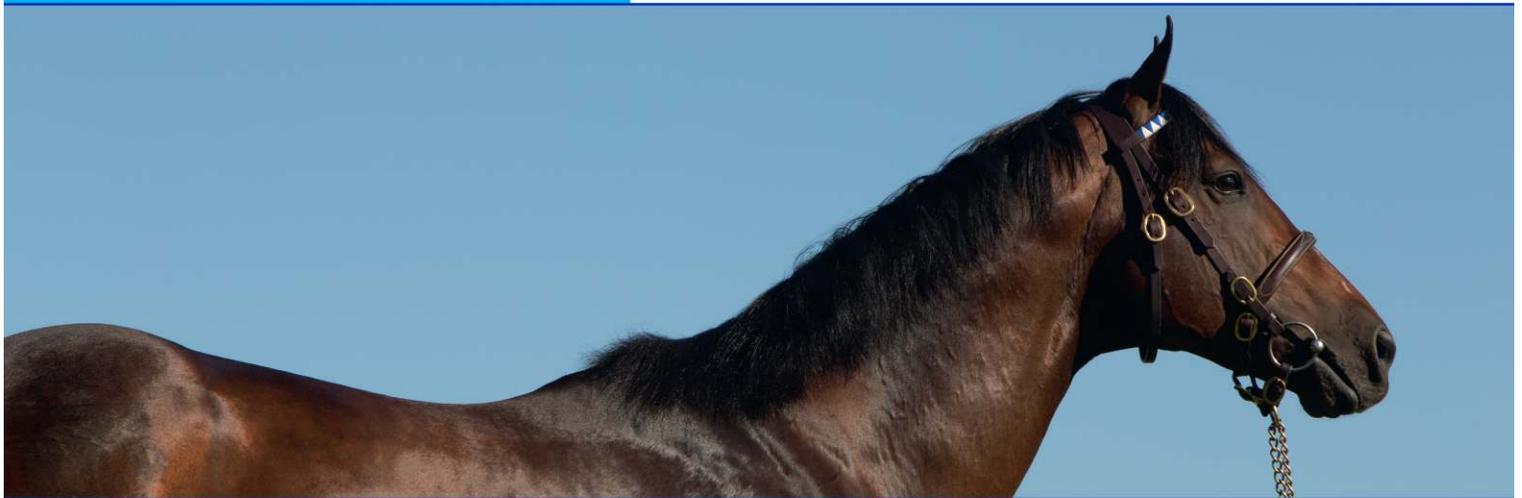
Driedger, who is unique in the world of track superintendents in that he was a formerly a jockey, said that even though

Thoroughbreds have been on the grounds since Feb. 17, he has been adamant in not letting even a single horse take a test spin over the new surface.

"I wouldn't allow a horse on it until I'm 100% confident that it's even everywhere," Driedger said. "We put three bridges across it so the Standardbreds that are racing on the inner track can cross it every day that they race." **Cont. p8**

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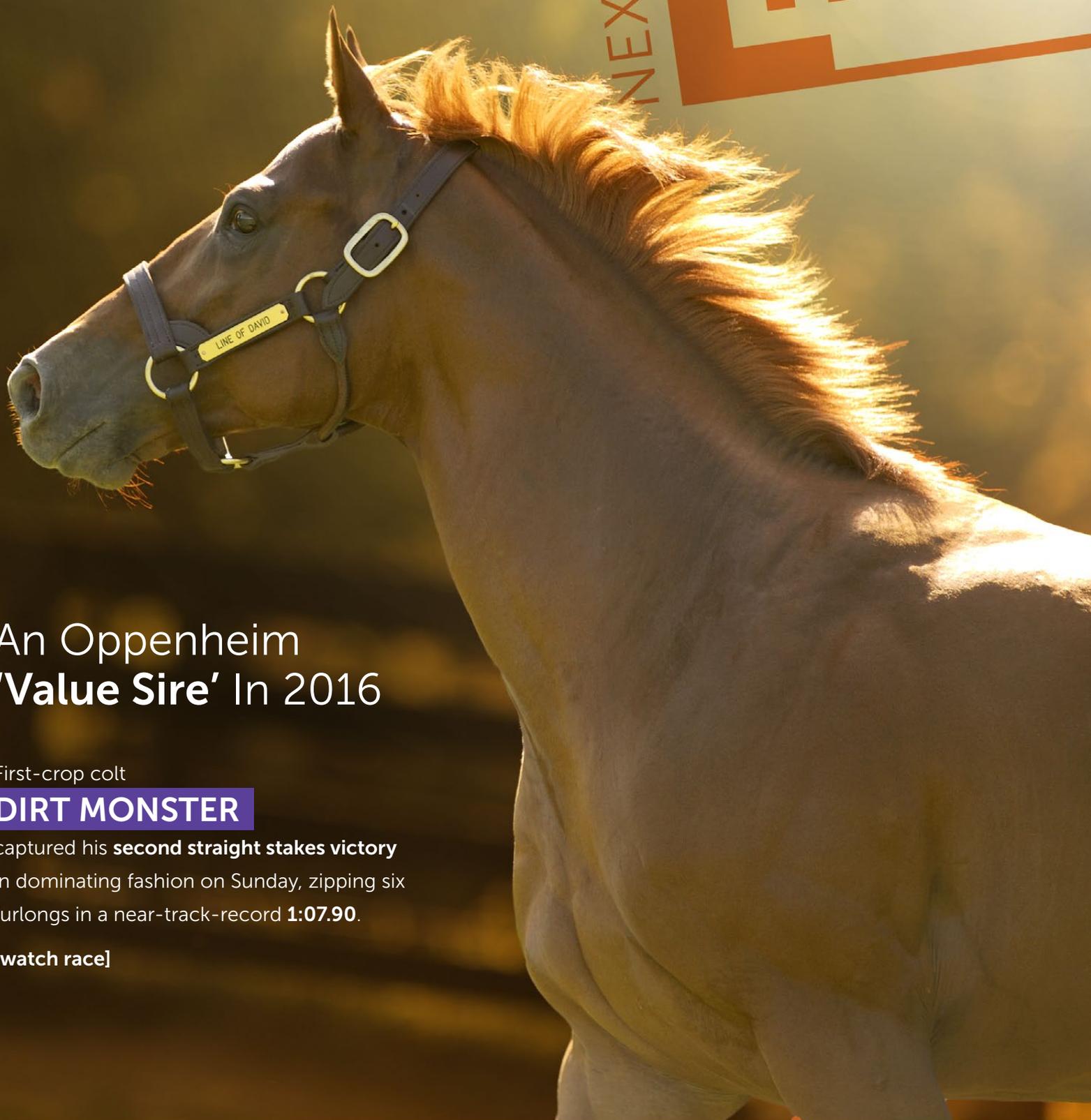
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Driegder's tenure as Woodbine's trackman extends back to the 2006 Polytrack installation, and he said the evolution of how synthetics are maintained is as important as the improvements to their composition.

"When they came out with synthetic tracks, they said there'd be very little maintenance, which has proven not to be true at all," Driedger said. "It's less than on a dirt track, but there's definitely maintenance. We've incorporated a piece of equipment called the cultivator, which has really helped us. It basically de-compacts the track in a much quicker fashion than the time-consuming equipment called power harrows that we were originally given to maintain the Polytrack. With the cultivator, I can de-compact the track, open it up in a couple hours, then I can pack it back down again with a Gallop Master (a combination of smooth and flat bar crumbler rollers) down where it needs to be. We can do a lot more with the track in a shorter period of time."

Lym said he is cognizant that some tracks that have removed synthetic surfaces because of a "stigma" that exists about not running important graded races, like Triple Crown preps, on any non-dirt main track surface. He also acknowledged that Woodbine's desire to use a Tapeta main track might imperil a future shot at hosting the Breeders' Cup, like Woodbine did when it had a dirt main track in 1996.

"I think that the Breeders' Cup was always interested in coming back here. But I don't think that we were ready to take them back," Lym said. "We now have a slots room that takes up a lot of our first floor. We've changed the way that our facility is laid out, so we've lost seating. We're at about 15,000 seats. The Breeders' Cup would like about 50,000. We'd have to have temporary grandstands and so forth, and I'm not sure we have the room any more."

Yet Lym would not close the door on another Breeders' Cup bid entirely.

"I think we would consider bidding for it," Lym said. "We have some future construction plans up here. Somewhat similar to Gulfstream, but it's not a mall. We're looking to put in entertainment areas, licensed bar areas. So I think if that ever came about where we had a full-fledged casino [located elsewhere on the property] and entertainment areas, a hotel; if we could offer them something where they could do everything on the property and never have to leave, at that point we might be interested in bidding for it."

Having said that, Lym emphasized that Woodbine is satisfied with the niche it is currently trying to cultivate, which is that of a top-notch turf destination supported by a synthetic main track that plays fair and safe.

Driedger agreed: "We're a little bit of an island, so to speak. I think there will be a lot of eyes on this track, and time will tell. We're kind of on the cutting edge, I guess. The synthetic tracks have come a long way from nine years ago, and so have we."

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Manhattan Dan | Lauren King

leading his connections to prioritize the overseas trip as a future goal. "Our long-term goal, so to speak--something the owners would like to do and something that I've never done that piques my

curiosity--is the [Commonwealth Cup]," Contessa said. "Obviously it's got to be the perfect storm. Everything has to go right, and he has to stay healthy. If all goes well, that's what the owners would like to do, and I certainly don't disagree with that. It would be quite interesting to see him run against the best 3-year-old colts in the world going six furlongs on the grass and running straight. He's going to be very tough."

Contessa recalled that Manhattan Dan impressed in workouts ahead of his sophomore debut Saturday, but admitted that the sheer ease at which the bay dispatched his rivals came as a pleasant surprise.

"He was training that good, and I was certainly hopeful that he would give me that much of a dominating performance, but he blew me away," Contessa acknowledged. "He went :54 [and change] coming off the layoff, he did it pricking his ears galloping to the wire, and [Javier] Castellano never cocked his stick. So he certainly exceeded my expectations, but that's what I've always hoped for him. I wake up every morning thinking, 'Man, this horse could be really something special sprinting on the grass.'"

Given the specialized nature of turf sprints, Contessa said that it will be challenging to find spots for his colt before the potential trip to Royal Ascot. With no turf sprints scheduled in New York until May and questions about whether Gulfstream Park will include another turf dash for 3-year-olds in their next stakes book, Manhattan Dan may ultimately compete against older horses in a 'two other than' allowance, "if all else fails."

Manhattan Dan broke his maiden at third asking in a turf sprint at Saratoga last August and followed with a pair of third-place finishes in the GII Summer S. going one-mile at Woodbine and the GII Futurity S. on dirt at Belmont. He closed out his juvenile campaign with a seventh-place finish after setting the pace in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and a 12th-place run in Del Mar's GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. Nov. 29. Although the colt has a temperament that suggests he can excel as a miler, Contessa said he believes Manhattan Dan is better suited to sprinting due to his innate speed.

"I've trained a lot of sprinters over the years, and a lot of them are 'A' personalities," explained Contessa. "This horse is a cool, calm, collected dude. He helps himself. If you met him and you saw his demeanor, you'd never think he's as fast as he is. He just doesn't have a fast personality. He's a fast horse with a slow personality."

Recognizing that he has a fast horse, Contessa said he plans to allow Manhattan Dan to flash his speed in turf sprints for the foreseeable future.

"He's a sprinter, and he's a sprinter on the grass," the trainer concluded. "And this year is going to be his year to sprint. We have a lot of plans for him, and we think the sky is the limit."



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Former New York Racing Association Director of Communications and Public Affairs John Durso, Jr. has been named Vice President of Community and Communications for NBC 4 New York and Telemundo 47 New York, NBC Universal announced in a release Monday. Durso will begin his new role immediately and will oversee communications for COZI TV, the national multicast network launched by the lifestyle production arm of NBC.

“John is hard-working, smart and creative, with a reputation for honesty and integrity, as well as proven experience working with the media and non-profit organizations across the Tri-State area,” said Eric Lerner, President and General Manager, NBC 4 New York. “We’re so pleased to welcome him to NBC 4 New York and can’t wait for him to get started.”

Durso spent two years in his most recent role at NYRA and prior to that served as Senior Director and Chief Spokesperson at NJ Transit for three years.

“NBC 4 and Telemundo 47 represent the finest in broadcast journalism, with an impeccable reputation for civic responsibility and community service,” Durso said. “Growing up, NBC 4 was the news station ever present on my family’s living room television set, with giants such as Tom Brokaw, Tim Russert and Chuck Scarborough influencing my long-sustained interest in current events. Telemundo 47’s 50-year dedication to its viewers and to the communities it serves is remarkable. The opportunity to join the tireless and trusted professionals at NBC’s flagship station, NBC 4, Telemundo 47, COZI TV and LX.TV is an incredible honor, and I look forward to supporting their commitment to their audiences in the months and years to come.”

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Leading California sire Unusual Heat (Nureyev--Rossard {Den}, by Glacial {Den}) has passed the \$50 million mark in cumulative progeny earnings. He is the first sire in the history of California breeding to achieve this while standing his entire career in California. His son **Boozier** put the stallion over the edge with a victory in Santa Anita’s Sensational Star S. Saturday. Unusual Heat is the all-time leading sire in California by total progeny earnings, Cal-bred earnings and career progeny earnings. The 26-year-old is currently standing his 19th season at stud and sixth at Harris Farms in Coalinga, C.A.

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Monday’s Results:

1st-HOU, \$19,000, Msw, 2-29, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:44.25, ft. +DOUBLE ENTENDRE (f, 3, [American Lion](#)--Tante Mausie, by Fusaichi Pegasus) was dismissed at a shade over 12-1 as the lone first-time starter in this maiden affair, but proved to be big value, dominating her five overmatched rivals despite some early trouble. After breaking a step slowly and getting caught wide heading into the first turn, the bay filly soon thrust herself into the running, stalking a close second down the backstretch. She engaged leader and 3-5 favorite Chick Chaser (Elusive Quality) heading around the far turn, put that one away in early stretch and pulled away impressively in the final furlong to win by eight lengths. Sister Ceari (Student Council) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,340. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Cents of Humor Stable; B-Jeff Allen (KY); T-Larry Stroope.



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- Full brother to last year's General George H. (G3) winner **MISCONNECT**
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PM Advertising Recognized at AAF Awards:

PM Advertising took home three gold ADDYs and a Judge's Choice Award at this year's American Advertising Federation's Awards ceremony Feb. 26 at the Lyric Theatre in Lexington, Kentucky. Awarded annually by the AAF, the ADDY Awards recognize creative excellence in the art of advertising.

The three gold ADDYs were garnered by the AusHorse video in the category of Elements of Advertising, Visual Art Direction and Judge's Choice; a Spendthrift Farm stallion brochure for Sales and Marketing, Single Unit; and a WinStar Farm Pioneer of the Nile photo for Digitally Enhanced, Single.

PM also took home Silver ADDYs for WinStar Farm Constellation Magazine for Magazine Design; Siena Farm Website in Online/Interactive, Consumer; Thoroughbred Daily News Bobby Flay Longform in Online/Interactive, Consumer; WinStar Farm Carpe Diem Video for Film, Video and Sound, Television Advertising, Regional/National Single Spot; WinStar Farm Print Advertising for Magazine Advertising Campaign; and AusHorse Website for Elements of Advertising, Responsive Design.

"It's always gratifying when our creative team's quality work is recognized across multiple platforms," said Jon Siegel, managing partner of PM Advertising. "We take great pride in the collaborative relationships we develop with our clients that entrust us with sharing their vision, and it is their ongoing support and belief in our passionate pursuit of delivering high-quality creative that allows us to continue to aim higher."

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, March 1

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

CAPE BLANCO (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$18K, 259/17/1

9-HOU, Msw 5fT, Rose Cape, \$30K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2

CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 88/10/1

9-HOU, Msw 5fT, Custom for Chloe, \$80K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

MOTOVATO (Proud Citizen), Bridlewood Farm, \$5K, 7/2/0
8-HOU, Alw 7f, Motogrind, 10-1

PADDY O'PRADO (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 229/20/1
8-HOU, Alw 7f, Luna de Plata, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

SHAME ON CHARLIE (Indian Charlie), Ernest Riggs Farm, 6/2/2
1-SUN, \$85K Enchantress Overnight S., 1m, Indian Tiva, 2-1

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Isharah, c, 3, [Kitten's Joy](#). See "Britain."

IN JAPAN:

Scat Eddie, c, 3, [Scat Daddy](#)--Hopeoverexperience, by Songandaprayer. Nakayama, 2-28, Alw, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, \$156,140. O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Makoto Saito. *\$160,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR.

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Elisheva, f, 3, [Smart Strike](#)--Believe (GSP-Jpn \$305,132), by Sunday Silence. Kokura, 2-27, Alw, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$82,017. O-Yoko Maeda; B-North Hills Co. Ltd (KY); T-Koichi Tsunoda. *1/2 to Faridat (Kingmambo) SW & GSP-Jpn, \$2,775,990; and Fiducia (Medaglia d'Oro) SP-Jpn \$383,204.

Anna Perenna, f, 3, [Tale of Ekati](#)--Maria's Storm, by Maria's Mon. Kokura, 2-28, Alw, 8.5fT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$61,404 O-Akira Nakatsuji; B-Extern Developments (KY); T-Masato Nishizono. *\$27,000 Wlg '14 KEEJAN.

Wide Excellent, h, 6, [Midnight Lute](#)--Clay's Rocket, by American Chance. Nakayama, 2-28, Bloodstone S., 6f. Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-2, \$417,895. O-Shinichi Koga; B-Gulf Coast Farms LLC (KY); T-Kazuyuki Ogata. *\$170,000 Wlg '10 KEENOV; \$250,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP. **1/2 to Greeley's Rocket (Mr Greeley) SW-US \$210,181; 1/2 to Laurie's Rocket (Bluegrass Cat) SW & GSP-US \$515,858.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Wow Cat, f, 3, **Cowtown Cat**--Dixie Says Goodbye, by Dixie Brass. Seoul, 2-27, Hcp. (\$60k), 1200m. B-Courtney & Chad Meagher (FL). *1/2 to No More Goodbyes (More Than Ready), SW, \$107,701; and Out of Goodbyes (Out of Place), MSW, \$113,100. **\$15,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

Jeonseung Daese, c, 3, **Midshipman**--Sister Desiree (SP, \$153,615), by Vision and Verse. Seoul, 2-27, Hcp. (\$48k), 1400m. B-Jo Ann & Lawrence Ernst (IN). *Won by six lengths. **\$30,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

IN PERU:

Broken Game, m, 5, **Broken Vow**--Game (Fr), by Montjeu (Ire). Monterrico, 2-28, Clasico Felipe Pardo Y Barreda-Listed, 2000m. B-Sean Fitzhenry (ON). *GSP-Per. **Won by 4 3/4 lengths to make it eight victories from 14 starts. ***\$15,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. [VIDEO](#)

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STAKES RESULTS:

CURRIBOT H., \$78,600, SUN, 2-28, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42.41, ft.

1--OL WINEDRINKER WHO, 120, g, 7, [Sligo Bay \(IRE\)](#)--Silverup, by Prenup. O/B-Sam E. & Sammy L Stevens (TX); T-Joel H. Marr; J-Ken S. Tohill. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 37-13-6-5, \$719,003.

2--Streaks Bro, 116, g, 4, **Elijah's Song**--Macann's Promise, by Tale of the Cat. O/B-Maurcenia Cross (NM); T-Gary W. Cross. \$20,100.

3--Pain and Misery, 122, g, 4, **Bob and John**--Singing Doe, by Running Stag. (\$7,000 Ylg '13 FTKFEB; \$27,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG; \$210,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Black Gold Racing; B-Castlepark Farm, LLC (KY); T-Henry Dominguez. \$7,500. Margins: 2 3/4, 3/4, 3HF. Odds: 2.60, 18.20, 1.50.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$55,000, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-29, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.81, ft.

BEARS PERSONALITY (c, 4, [Awesome Again](#)--Yearly Attitude {SP, \$230,660}, by Event of the Year) Lifetime Record: 16-5-1-1, \$149,097. O-Team Central, Inc.; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Ramon Preciado. *\$35,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

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7th-PRX, \$52,500, 2-29, (NW1X), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18.94, ft.

ABIDING STAR (c, 3, [Uncle Mo](#)--Abiding, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$64,985. O/B-Gilbert G. Campbell (FL); T-Edward T. Allard.

9th-HOU, \$21,000, 2-29, (NW1X), 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:43.71, ft.

WALK OUT (c, 3, [Curlin](#)--Cheryl's Sister, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$38,874. O-Calumet Farm; B-Cardinal Farm LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$50,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dream Dream, f, 4, **Too Much Bling**--Rochelle, by Sir Cat. HOU, 2-29, (S), 5fT, :57.47. B-K. Sheena (TX).

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STARS SET TO EMERGE ON SUPER SATURDAY



Donegal Racing's Keen Ice is the highest-rated horse entered for Meydan's Super Saturday program | Sarah K. Andrew

by Alan Carasso

This weekend's 'Super Saturday' program at Meydan Racecourse looks set to feature top horses from the United States, Britain, France, Ireland, Hong Kong and even Saudi Arabia following the release of declarations Monday.

Super Saturday features seven course-and-distance preps for Dubai World Cup night Mar. 26, six group events and the Listed Al Bastakiya S. for sophomores headed towards the G2 UAE Derby. The lone World Cup event without an official lead-up race at the weekend is the G2 Dubai Gold Cup (3200mT).

Of Saturday's seven races, two are Group 1s, headed by the \$400,000 Maktoum Challenge R3. With American gallopers Frosted (Tapit) and 2014 Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) already having raced and won at the Carnival, Donegal Racing's **Keen Ice** (Curlin) is the evening's highest-rated entrant, largely based on his defeat of Triple Crown hero and 2015 American HOTY American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) in last year's GI Travers S. He is winless in three starts since and exits an even sixth in the GI Donn H. Feb. 6. **Mubtaahij (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) needs to improve off a fourth behind Confrontation (War Pass) in the G3 Firebreak S. Feb. 4, while an interesting new shooter is Hong Kong dirt demon **Gun Pit (Aus)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who will have the services of leading rider Joao Moreira. And as reported by Steve Sherack, '**TDN Rising Star Watershed** (Bernardini) is also on trial for the World Cup in the Maktoum Challenge. **Super Saturday Declarations cont. p2**

COLTS SHARE TOP BILLING ON DAY TWO

Trade remained robust following a second day of selling at the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale, with an overall 87% clearance rate highlighting the strength of the market. Increases in all key parameters saw, after two days of trade, a total of 291 lots change hands for an aggregate of A\$33,647,000, at an average of A\$115,625 (+17%). The median has also improved, rising 13% from 2015 to A\$90,000. While fillies stole the limelight on the opening day it was the boy's turn on day two with a pair of colts sharing top billing, selling for A\$340,000 each. Inglis Victorian Director Simon Vivian was quite satisfied with business and said, "All sectors of the buying bench have been active across the board, which has driven forward all key metrics and delivered excellent results for vendors. We are delighted to see buyers new to Premier have been active throughout the sale, along with buyers who have had success with graduates of the sale returning to invest in the quality product on offer." **Cont. p5**

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Meydan’s Super Saturday cont.

The night’s second top-level heat is the Jebel Hatta, the prep for the G1 Dubai Turf, and is led by Godolphin’s **Tryster (Ire)** (Shamardal), who turned in one of the Carnivals most impressive efforts when taking out the G3 Dubai Millennium S. over 2000 grassy meters Feb. 18. **Harry’s Son (Aus)** (Haradasun {Aus}) could make his third Carnival appearance, while G1 Cape Derby hero **Ertijaal (Aus)** (Hard Spun) is set for a return to grass after flopping on the dirt in a Feb. 18 handicap.

Postponed (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), last year’s G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. upsetter, looks set to make his first start since annexing the G2 Prix Foy last September and first for trainer Roger Varian in the G2 Dubai City of Gold (2410mT). The race is also likely to attract its 2015 runner-up **Sheikhzayedroad (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), while the Alain de Royer-Dupre-trained/Aga Khan-owned **Dariyan (Fr)** (Shamardal)--the son of Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk)--could make his 4-year-old bow.

One of the more intriguing Super Saturday declarations comes from Saudi Arabia in the form of Prince Faisal bin Khaled bin Abdulaziz’s **Teletext** (Empire Maker). Group 1-placed in France at three for his breeder Khalid Abdullah and trainer Pascal Bary, the 5-year-old could scarcely have been more impressive in his latest, a 5 1/2-length romp in the King’s Cup in Riyadh Feb. 13 ([VIDEO](#)). Teletext was given entries in both the Maktoum Challenge and the City of Gold.

Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) gears up for a remarkable sixth straight crack at the G1 Al Quoz Sprint--a race he won at age eight in 2015--in the G3 Meydan Sprint. In the 1000-metre test, he could hook up with Godolphin’s **Goldream (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), last seen annexing the G1 Prix de l’Abbaye de Longchamp Oct. 4.

Thursday’s Carnival activity features ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **Polar River** (Congrats) against a maximum of three rivals in the G3 UAE Oaks (1900m), while in France, **Solow (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}) gears up in the 1600-metre Prix Montjeu over the Chantilly all-weather track. He parlayed a 1/2-length success in that race 12 months ago into a brilliant victory in the G1 Dubai Turf.

A LOOK AHEAD

WITH AIDAN O’BRIEN, BALLYDOYLE RACING

1) Horse you are most looking forward to seeing this season?

AOB: It’s impossible not to be excited about Air Force Blue (War Front). I’d say there’s no doubt that he’s the best 2-year-old



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we’ve had and we’re very happy with the way he has come through the winter. He’s got size, he’s got scope – he’s just a very special horse. I’m also greatly looking forward to another son of War Front in Hit It a Bomb. He’s another very talented racehorse.

2) A stallion who could feature prominently (doesn’t have to be first season)?

AOB: Excelebration (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) was a very good horse for us a few years ago and I really like what I’ve seen of the 2-year-olds we have from his first crop. They’re doing everything right so far. I see Power (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) was quoted at 16-1 to be champion first-season sire last week. Judged on the ones we have here that looks to be a huge price.

3) Positive change you would like to see for the industry in 2016?

AOB: Irish Champions Weekend was a great initiative and has been very well supported in its first two years, both by trainers from at home and abroad and by the racing public. It would be great to see a similar promotional drive behind the Irish Classics. We’re seeing sizable prize-money increases for the best races all around the world so good prize-money is key to attracting the best horses.

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AUSSIE RULES EUTHANISED

Lanwades Stud have announced the death of their Classic-winning stallion **Aussie Rules** (Danehill--Last Second {Ire}, by Alzao). Following a short illness due to a tumour, the decision was made, on veterinary advice, to euthanise the 13-year-old.

Originally trained by Aidan O'Brien for the Coolmore partners and his breeder, H.H. Prince Faisal Salman, Aussie Rules won his 2-year-old maiden at The Curragh in 2005 and went on to land the G3 Somerville Tattersall S. at Newmarket later that season.



The late Aussie Rules
Lanwades Stud

He added victories the following year in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp under Kieren Fallon and defeated his elders the GI Shadwell Turf Mile at Keeneland. He was retired to stud initially at Coolmore's Castlehyde Stud in Ireland in 2007 before being bought to stand at Lanwades in 2012.

Himself out of a top-class racemare, the then G2 Sun Chariot S. winner Last Second, Aussie Rules has so far sired the winners of over 790 races and over £10.7 million in prize-money worldwide. He has sired 104 individual 2-year-old winners and 18 group/stakes winners including the Willie McCreery trained G1 Coolmore Matron S. winner Fiesolana (Ire), German champion Djumama (Ire) and Italian highweight [Willie] Cazals (Ire), runner-up to Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in the 2014 G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase.

"We are greatly saddened at the tragic loss of Aussie Rules," said Lanwades Stud owner Kirsten Rausing. "He was a lovely, cooperative horse to work with, his enthusiasm and zest for life makes his loss all the harder to bear for all of us who knew him. His name will live on through his many successful racing progeny."

ARQANA CONSOLIDATES TEAM

There have been a few adjustments in the Arqana team following their former managing director Olivier Delloye's departure to France Galop. Eric Hoyeau will continue to assume the role of President of Arqana, where he will be supported by four executive divisions - Bloodstock, Marketing & Development, Finance and Sales Organisation. The bloodstock team will now be

headed by Freddy Powell, who will return to Deauville having spent several years in Newmarket developing the Arqana brand throughout Britain and Ireland. Powell, whose brother Leonard trains at



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Santa Anita, will continue to make frequent trips back to Britain and Ireland, being the primary point of contact for all clients of Arqana from that region. Within this team, Ludovic Cornuel will be more specifically in charge of technological innovation, as well as developing Arqana's business with the Japanese and Australian markets. Long standing director of sales Bernard Salvat will remain on the bloodstock team, with a particular focus on the Italian, German, Scandinavia, South African and Indian markets until the end of 2017. In the meantime he will begin training in his successor.

Commenting on the new structure Eric Hoyeau said; "This revamp of Arqana's organisational structure comes at a time when the company has reached a maturity stage, as we celebrate our 10-year anniversary. I am very confident in this new format, which is characterised by a broader distribution of responsibilities, enhancement of the talents that Arqana has cultivated in-house since its inception, and the effective or imminent recruitment of fresh, high quality resources. This young and enthusiastic team holds all the necessary assets to maintain Arqana's bold vision and capacity for innovation - the qualities that have enabled us to consistently raise the international profile of French stock and the French market over the past 10 years."

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Monday's Results:

6th-WOL, £5,250, Mdn, 2-29, 3yo, 9f 103y (AWT), 1:58.70, st. ISHARAH (c, 3, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Menekineko, by Kingmambo), a \$100,000 KEESEP yearling, was a staying-on third over 10 furlongs at Kempton on debut Feb. 17 and quickly gained a narrow early lead. Pressed throughout, the 3-10 favorite finally saw off the persistent Proven Point (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the last 100 yards and the line came just in time for a short-head verdict over the late closer Clayton Hall (Ire) (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}). The winner, who is a half-brother to Ready's Echo (More Than Ready), MGISP-US, \$517,988; and to General Election (Harlan's Holiday), MGSW-US, \$293,933, from the extended family of the top-level performers Moonlight Dance, Claude Monet and Marignan, has a yearling full-brother to the former. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$5,365. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Meg Buckley, Mike Buckley & Kenneth L. Ramsey (KY); T-Mark S. Johnston.

3rd-WOL, £5,000, Mdn, 2-29, 3yo/up, 5f 216y (AWT), 1:13.97, st. RHYTHM AND BLUES (GB) (c, 3, [Poet's Voice {GB}](#)--Golden Nun {GB} {GSW-Ire, SW & MGSP-Eng, SP-Ity, \$305,136}, by Bishop of Cashel {GB}), fifth on his racecourse bow over this trip at Lingfield Jan. 27, started as the 13-2 second favorite and was pushed up to secure a prominent position behind the leading duo early. Needing rousting along at halfway, the 45,000gns TATFOA weanling and 75,000gns TAOCT yearling stayed on strongly to gain the lead in the last 50 yards and win by a neck from Spirit Glance (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The winner, who is a half-brother to Confessional (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSP-Eng, \$318,702, has a gelded 2-year-old half-brother by Kheylef named Rag Tatter (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,487. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mr A. D. Spence; B-Bearstone Stud Ltd (GB); T-Clive Cox.



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-MMN, €27,000, 2-29, 3yo, 10fT, 2:21.10, vs. BURGER AND FRIES (FR) (c, 3, [Sageburg {Ire}](#)--Figarie, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €28,850. O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard & Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois; B-Dream with Me Stable Inc (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. *€50,000 Ylg '14 AROCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Darling De Loire (Fr), f, 3, [Great Pretender \(Ire\)](#)--Jolie Grande (Fr), by Villez. MRS, 2-29, 9fT, 2:03.64. B-M & Mme A Mottais (FR).
Going Viral (Ire), c, 3, [Kodiak \(GB\)](#)--Dark Indian (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). MRS, 2-29, 9fT, 2:02.05. B-K Lynch (IRE). *€50,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 58,000gns RNA Ylg '14 TAOCT; 36,000 gns Ylg '14 TATFOA; 38,000gns RNA 2yo '15 TATAPR.



IN HONG KONG:

Marvel Hero (Ire), g, 4, [Lord Shanakill](#)--Roskeen (Ire), by Grand Lodge. Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (€138k/£108k), 1400mT, 1:22.03. B-David Harrison. *Formerly Dark Kingdom (Ire). **1/2 to Orvar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), SW-Tur, \$15,295. ***18,000gns Wlg '12 TATDEF; 58,000gns Ylg '13 TATOCT. [VIDEO](#)
Sergeant Titanium (Ire), g, 5, [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)--Southern House (Ire) (SW & GSP-Ity, GSP-US, SP-Fr, \$252,170), by Paris House (GB). Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (€195k/£152k), 1600mT, 1:35.23. B-Herbertstown House Stud. *1/2 to Cosmo Phantom (Stephen Got Even), MGSP-Jpn, \$2,732,249. *155,000gns Ylg '12 TATOCT. [VIDEO](#)

IN AUSTRALIA:

#Assign (Ire), g, 4, [Montjeu \(Ire\)](#)--Belesta (GB), by Xaar (GB). Caulfield, 2-27, Mornington BMW Cup Prelude-Listed (€79k/£62k), 2000mT, 2:02.13. B-Rockhart Training Ltd. *Formerly Adjusted (Ire).
Bow Creek (Ire), h, 5, [Shamardal](#)--Beneventa (GB) (GSW-Eng, \$195,742), by Most Welcome (GB). Caulfield, 2-27, Peter Young S.-G2 (€132k/£103k), 1800mT, 1:48.61. B-Round Hil Stud. *1/2 to Dare to Dance (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), MGSP-Aus, \$100,850. **GSW-Ire & Eng. ***130,000gns Ylg '12 TATOCT.

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The first to reach the A\$340,000 mark was [lot 205](#), a colt by Snitzel (Aus) out of Miss Iguacu (Aus) (Encosta De Lago {Aus}), offered by Glentree



Lot 205 | Inglis

Thoroughbreds and purchased by China Horse Club. Michael Wallace signed for the colt, one of three bought in total and commented, “The horses are purchased to stay in Australia and encourage Chinese interest in Australian racing, and most will be trained by Snowden

Racing.” Glentree Manager Luke Simpson was thrilled with the outcome and said, “We’re delighted to get a result like that, and with the purchaser China Horse Club, and we are confident he’ll get every chance with them. We’re proud Victorian breeders, and the colt was bred, foaled, raised at our farm in Modewarre and obviously sold through Glentree Thoroughbreds. The colt was the first foal of the mare and we have a lovely full-sister to come, and Miss Iguacu is definitely an important part of our broodmare band.”

[Lot 339](#) was the other topper and it was New Zealand trainer Lance O’Sullivan who signed for the son of Teofilo (Ire) out of an unraced daughter of Fastnet Rock (Aus) and consigned by Three Bridges



Lot 339 | Inglis

Thoroughbreds. O’Sullivan will take on the colt until he can be transferred to the stables of O’Sullivan’s brother Paul in Hong Kong. “He is an incredibly athletic and good-looking colt, and there

is no doubt he is the perfect type of horse to race in Hong Kong, which is the long-term goal for him,” said O’Sullivan. International investment helped fuel the day’s trade with 12 lots secured by Chinese investors for a total of A\$2,455,000. Yu Long Investment and RIFA Mustang Pty Ltd continued their involvement with the majority of purchases staying in Australia to race. [Lot 247](#), a Fastnet Rock (Aus) colt was the most expensive acquired by YuLong Investments when knocked down for A\$260,000.

Day three of the auction again commences at 10:30am local time on Tuesday where lots 363 to 573 will come under the hammer.

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**INGLIS PREMIER YEARLINGS
DAY TWO TOP LOTS**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
205	colt	Snitzel (Aus)	Miss Iguacu (Aus) B-Glentree Pastoral Pty Ltd Consigned by Glentree Thoroughbreds Purchased by China Horse Club	340,000
339	colt	Teofilo (Ire)	Serious Rock (Aus) B-Hillside Parade Racing & Breeding Pty Ltd Consigned by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds Purchased by Lance O’Sullivan	340,000
288	colt	Smart Missile (Aus)	Rain Shadow (Aus) B-Mr DG Canny & Mr K Blackmore Consigned by Ampulla Lodge Purchased by Tan Sri Vincent Tan & Dato Seri Robin Tan	320,000
154	filly	Smart Missile (Aus)	Limoncino (NZ) B-Burnewang North Pastoral Consigned by Burnewang North Pastoral Purchased by Aquanita Racing	300,000
198	filly	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Miss Concorde (Ire) B-Tower Bloodstock Consigned by Hillside Thoroughbreds Purchased by Heritage Bloodstock	300,000
222	filly	Stratum (Aus)	My Emotion (NZ) B-Gilgai Farm Consigned by Gilgai Farm, agent Purchased by Inglis as agent	300,000
247	colt	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Only Words (Aus) B-Canning Downs Pty Ltd Consigned by Canning Downs Stud Purchased by Yu Long Investments (Australia) Pty Ltd	260,000
262	colt	Snitzel (Aus)	Pegasus Queen (Aus) (A\$45,000 in utero ‘14 INGJUN) B-J Allis Consigned by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds Purchased by John Foote Bloodstock	260,000
290	colt	Foxwedge (Aus)	Ready as Elle (Aus) (A\$115,000 Wlg ‘15 INGWBM) B-Jacob Park Thoroughbreds (NZ) Consigned by Kulani Parks Purchased by Lance O’Sullivan	260,000
358	colt	Casino Prince (Aus)	Sophie’s Spirit (Aus) B-Gilgai Farm Consigned by Gilgai Farm Purchased by Ciaron Maher Racing	260,000



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DAY TWO TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	212	232
• No. Offered	199	205
• No. Sold	169	173
• RNAs	30	32
• % RNAs	15%	16%
• No. \$500K+	0	0
• High Price	A\$340,000	A\$420,000
• Gross	A\$17,584,000	A\$17,988,500
• Average (% change)	A\$104,047	A\$103,979
• Median (% change)	A\$80,000	A\$80,000
CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• Catalogued	362	392
• No. Offered	322	356
• No. Sold	291	287
• RNAs	45	69
• % RNAs	13%	19%
• No. \$500K+	1	1
• High Price	A\$675,000	A\$560,000
• Gross	A\$33,647,000	A\$28,376,500
• Average (% change)	A\$115,625	A\$98,873
• Median (% change)	A\$90,000	A\$80,000

ABLE FRIEND ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

Hong Kong superstar **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal) is taking the next stage of his recuperation from a leg injury in his country of birth Australia. The 6-year-old was last seen finishing third to Japanese Horse Of The Year **Maurice (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile in December during which he sustained a tendon injury. Trainer John Moore is hoping the four time Group 1 winner can recover to supply him with an elusive first top level success in Australia and has set a tentative target of Melbourne’s Spring Carnival to work back from. Moore’s son and assistant, George told *racings.com*, "He arrived [in Australia] a couple of days ago. Our vet Ben Mason, who used to work for us in Hong Kong, is going to look after him over here. We're going to do an MRI on his leg so we can do a comparison in three months. We're just going to give him a break, hopefully he'll heal himself." Reflecting on how the injury occurred Moore said, "The horse did it in the big race on international day, he was hanging on the last 200m when he was asked to pick up. He didn't pick up like he usually does. But he's a quiet horse, so if we don't put too much pressure on that area, I think he'll heal up. John Moore has been Hong Kong’s leading trainer on six occasions and has won numerous Group 1 races in different countries, with one omission; his native country.

“Dad’s Australian, he wants to fill that dream of getting one over here so hopefully he can do it with Able Friend,” added Moore. John Moore however was a bit more cautious about future plans for Able Friend as he told *South China Morning Post*, "It's going to be a day-by-day thing, Mother Nature has to do her part first before we can think about racing the horse again. But I would hope that by June, he might be ready to put into some light work. We'd see how he handles that and, if he came through that stage ok, the next step would be to see if he can handle a racing preparation.”

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Washington Heights (Aus), g, 4, Commands (Aus)--Demanding (Aus), by Octagonal (NZ). Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (A\$209k), 1000mT, :56.85. B-D Henderson. *MGSP-Aus. **1/2 to Phenomenons (Aus) (Giant’s Causeway), MSW & G1SP-Aus, A\$272,600; Spacecraft (Aus) (Galileo {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Aus, A\$642,573. ***A\$300,000 Ylg ‘13 MMGCYS. ****Won in Hong Kong debut. [VIDEO](#)

IN JAPAN:

#@Campbell Junior (Aus), c, 4, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Melito (Aus) (MG1SW-Aus A\$1,934,050), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Kokura, 2-28, Kammonkyo S.-Listed (A\$410k), 1800mT, 1:45.50. B-Katom Chelsaus Wynauss & China Horse Club Investment Holdings Ltd. *Won by 3 1/2 lengths as the 7-10 favorite. **A\$400,000 Ylg ‘14 MMGCYS. [VIDEO](#)

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Dragon Vilage (Aus), f, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Bella Balcanny (Aus), by Benicio (Aus). Seoul, 2-28, Hcp. (A\$85k), 1200m. B-Patinack Farm. *A\$16,000 Ylg ‘14 MMGCYS.

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Aussie Austin (Aus), c, 2, Pluck--Nufoos (Aus), by Elusive Quality. Turffontein, 2-27, Maiden, 1000mT, :57.50. B-BRSMAD Investments Pty Ltd. *Won by three lengths as the 1-2 chalk. **1/2 to Estidraaj (Aus) (Hard Spun), GSP-Saf. ***A\$30,000 Ylg ‘15 INGCLS.

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