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FLORIDA SALE OPENS JUVENILE SEASON



Fasig-Tipton Photo

by Jessica Martini

Fasig-Tipton will host the first juvenile auction of the season when the Florida 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale gets underway Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Gulfstream Park paddock. The 2015 edition of the Florida sale produced several standouts on the racetrack, led by undefeated champion Nyquist (Uncle Mo), as well as Grade I winner Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) and graded stakes winners Annual Report (Harlan's Holiday) and Flexibility (Bluegrass Cat).

"It was remarkable success," Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. said of the racetrack performance of last year's sales graduates. "It wasn't just Nyquist and nobody else. It was a really nice group of graduates."

Browning admitted the 154 horses catalogued for this year's renewal of the sale have a tough act to follow.

"It's a really high bar to meet in terms of performance over the next 12 months, but this is a really good group of 2-year-olds in the stable area this year," he said. "I am really optimistic--there are really good horses on the grounds."

Browning wasn't the only one feeling optimistic as activity was frenetic at the sales barns on a brilliantly sunny day in South Florida Tuesday.

"We've been swamped," smiled Dean De Renzo during a brief break in activity. "We haven't stopped since 7:30 this morning. It's a really good feeling when people put together their short lists and give me the list and it's my whole consignment. When the short list includes the whole consignment, that's a good feeling. I'm not sure I've ever had that." **Cont. p3**

PAYSON PARK UNDER QUARANTINE FOR EQUINE HERPES by T.D. Thornton

The Florida Department of Agriculture has imposed at least a 14-day quarantine on horses shipping in or out of Payson Park Thoroughbred Training Center after a recent shipper into the facility was confirmed Feb. 29 to have the EHV-1 strain of the equine herpes virus.

"It is my understanding that the affected horse has been isolated [within the Payson property]," Jennifer Meale, the communications director for the Florida Department of Agriculture, told TDN on Tuesday. "We believe that the original horse with the infection was shipped from Virginia. There were six other horses together at that time. Four of them were offloaded in South Carolina." **Cont. p5**

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This inquisitive February colt by Uncle Mo, out of Hit Squad (More Than Ready), is all dressed up and ready for his close-up. Photo provided by foalphotos.com.

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Bill Oppenheim examines the sires of horses who are in the midst of their first 4-year-old and 3-year-old seasons, including a look at the early indicators of success for Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie), sire of 2015 juvenile champion Nyquist.

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On the one-year anniversary of Nyquist (Uncle Mo)'s sale at Fasig-Tipton Florida, Jonathan Murrietta profiles the champion colt's breeder, Tim Hyde, Jr.

DICKINSON AIMING HIGHER THAN EVER

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By the only standards that matter to him, his own, Michael Dickinson is not satisfied with what he has accomplished as a trainer in the U.S. Some nine years after he started his last horse in 2007, he has turned over his duties of running Tapeta footings to his wife and has returned to training.

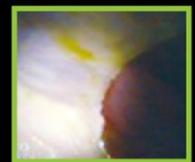
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Florida Sale Opens Juvenile Season cont. from p1

Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds consigns [hip 26](#), a Malibu Moon filly who was one of 10 juveniles to share the fastest furlong time of :10 flat during Monday's under-tack preview of the Florida sale.

Steve Venosa of SGV Thoroughbreds agreed the strong results from 2015 have made the 2016 renewal of the auction a must-attend.

"A lot of good runners came out of this sale last year and I like the fact that we're having it at Gulfstream--it's a great venue to have a sale," Venosa said. "It seems like it's being well-received. During the breeze show Monday, there seemed to be as many people there as at the races. So that is very encouraging. We have a solid group of horses and it seems like there are a lot of people here looking at them. Let's just hope Wednesday night they decide to raise their hands and buy them."

As the juvenile sales season commences, consignors like Eddie Woods anticipate the recent trend of selectivity in the marketplace will continue.

"The top end will probably be fantastic if you are fortunate enough to be part of it," Woods said Tuesday. "The top end will be very, very good, but as it drops off I'm not sure how it is going to be when we get into the bread and butter."

Last year's sale saw 89 horses sell for a total of \$20,095,500. The average was \$225,792 and the median was \$130,000. The

top price of \$1.4 million was paid for a son of the now-deceased Scat Daddy.

For the second year, Fasig-Tipton will team with Gulfstream Park to offer a \$1-million bonus to any sale graduate who can return to win the 2017 GI Florida Derby.

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[Hip 5](#), c, [Uncle Mo](#)--Five Star Dream, by Two Punch

Consigned by Cary Frommer, agent

This dark bay colt shared the bullet furlong work of [:10 flat](#) during Monday's under-tack show. "He is kind of the perfect horse in my mind," said Cary Frommer. "He's big and rangy. He looks like he wants to go a route of ground, but he's very quick



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and speedy. And most importantly, he has a super mind. He is all about doing the right thing." Of the colt's work, Frommer said, "It surprised me only because I've never had a :10 flat. I don't train on them to work that fast, but I said beforehand if I ever get a :10 flat it will be with him because everything he does is easy and better than I could hope for."

026, f, Malibu Moon--Jacey's Reward, by Johannesburg

Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent

A late April foal, this filly was one of 10 to share the bullet furlong work of :10 flat Monday. She is out of a half to multiple Grade I winner Magical Fantasy (Diesis {GB}). "I'd describe her as just blooming now," said Dean De Renzo. "She was a smaller filly when she was bought in July and she's just grown. We had scheduled her for a later sale, but she popped and bloomed and we brought her down here and she has just responded well to everything. We were tremendously happy with the work."

Hip 56, c, Curlin--On a Roll, by A.P. Indy

Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent V

This chestnut colt, a \$430,000 Keeneland September yearling, worked in :10 2/5. He is out of a full-sister to multiple graded stakes placed Ender's Sister and Ender's Shadow. "He is like very few that we've ever had before," said Ciaran Dunne. "He's got a

Classic pedigree and he's got Classic looks. He showed himself on the racetrack yesterday as good as one could show."

Hip 94, c, Pioneerof the Nile--Faith in Me, by Mr. Greeley

Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent

From the family of multiple Grade I winner Chaposa Springs, this dark bay colt worked a furlong Monday in :10 1/5. "He is a top-pedigreed horse and he worked lights out," said Dean DeRenzo.

Hip 106, c, Stay Thirsty--Tyne, by Awesome Again

Consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds (Steven Venosa), agent

This dark bay colt, a half to graded stakes winner Ducduc (Langfuhr), worked a furlong in :10 2/5. "He's trained amazing all year," said Steve Venosa. "He came down here and trained really solidly on the racetrack every day. He is thriving down here and doing well. At the end of the day, he is an amazing animal. Remember Stay Thirsty, my friends."

Hip 112, f, Speightstown--Well Monied, by Maria's Mon

Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm

This gray filly shared the bullet breeze of :10 flat Monday. She is the second foal out of graded stakes winner and multiple Grade I placed Well Monied.

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Hip 130, c, Tapit--Beloveda, by Ghostzapper

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XVIII

This gray colt, a \$420,000 Keeneland November weanling, worked a furlong Monday in :10 2/5. "He is a lovely horse," said Eddie Woods. "He is a beautiful mover. He's not terrifically fast, but he's stylish and he's been that way all the way through the fall and winter. He brought his game with him and he worked the way I thought he would. He's just a professional horse."

Hip 131, c, Tapit--Bethan, by Giant's Causeway

Consigned by Old South Farm, agent

This gray colt, bred by Sienna Farms, RNA'd for \$1.2 million at last year's Keeneland September sale. The April foal, who worked a furlong Monday at Gulfstream in :10 1/5, is out of a half to Grade I winner and sire Hard Spun (Danzig). "He is a big fluid horse who looks like he'll go two turns," said Old South's Al Davis. "He worked really well and he's got the pedigree. He should be one of the better horses here."

Payson Park Under Quarantine cont. from p1

Meale did not know the final destination of the sixth horse on that van ride. The national Equine Disease Communication Center website reported that both Virginia and South Carolina authorities have placed under quarantine the premises where

those horses had loaded and unloaded.

"At this time we are assessing the situation," Meale said. "We expect that it will last for at least 14 days. But until our scientists further assess the situation, we will not have specifics on the precise duration of the quarantine."

Mary Gallagher, the Payson general manager, and several trainers with horses stabled at Payson told TDN it was their



Payson Park Thoroughbred Training Center

belief that the quarantine had been imposed for 21 days.

"The only thing I can tell you is that we had a positive come in on one of the horses," Gallagher said. "I won't discuss which horse it is. We're under quarantine for 21 days. No horses in or out."

Separate from the state-mandated quarantine, Tampa Bay Downs posted a notice on Twitter that said "no horses from Payson Park will be admitted to Tampa Bay Downs until further notice." *Daily Racing Form* reported that a similar policy is in effect at Gulfstream Park.



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Payson is the laid-back winter home of several high-profile Thoroughbred outfits, including stables trained by Bill Mott, Christophe Clement, Shug McGaughey and Roger Attfield.

"It happens. We hope that it's limited to the one horse that came up with the issue," said Mott, who oversees 75 horses at Payson. "It puts any short-term plans on hold. We can continue training, and it's not going to affect anything there. We're just keeping our distance from the barn that's quarantined. [Our barn] is not under quarantine; we don't have a barn that's affected at this point. The majority of the horses here have probably been vaccinated for the herpes virus. We routinely vaccinate for that issue. I think it helps in the prevention of contracting the problem."

Clement, with 72 horses at Payson, said his Florida string is mostly geared down for a winter break, so the ban on shipping won't affect him as adversely as it might other trainers.

"Somebody like me, at this time of the year, I don't have that many runners [in active training]," Clement said. "If somebody



Christophe Clement addressed the EHV situation in a series of tweets Tuesday

has a horse pointing for a stakes in the next two or three weeks, it's very annoying. In my case, my stable is being pointed for the New York meet coming up a bit later in the spring. So if you have to be in quarantine, Payson Park is the right place to do it. You have access to great paddocks and turnouts. Obviously, April and May would be a lot more [problematic] for my stable

than February and March."

EHV viruses are found in horses worldwide. The American Association of Equine Practitioners reports on its website that "almost all horses have been infected with the virus and have no serious side effects. It is unknown what causes some of the horses to develop the serious neurological forms that may be fatal."

EHV has been in the news this winter in the Southwest part of the United States, where racing has been interrupted and facilities quarantined.



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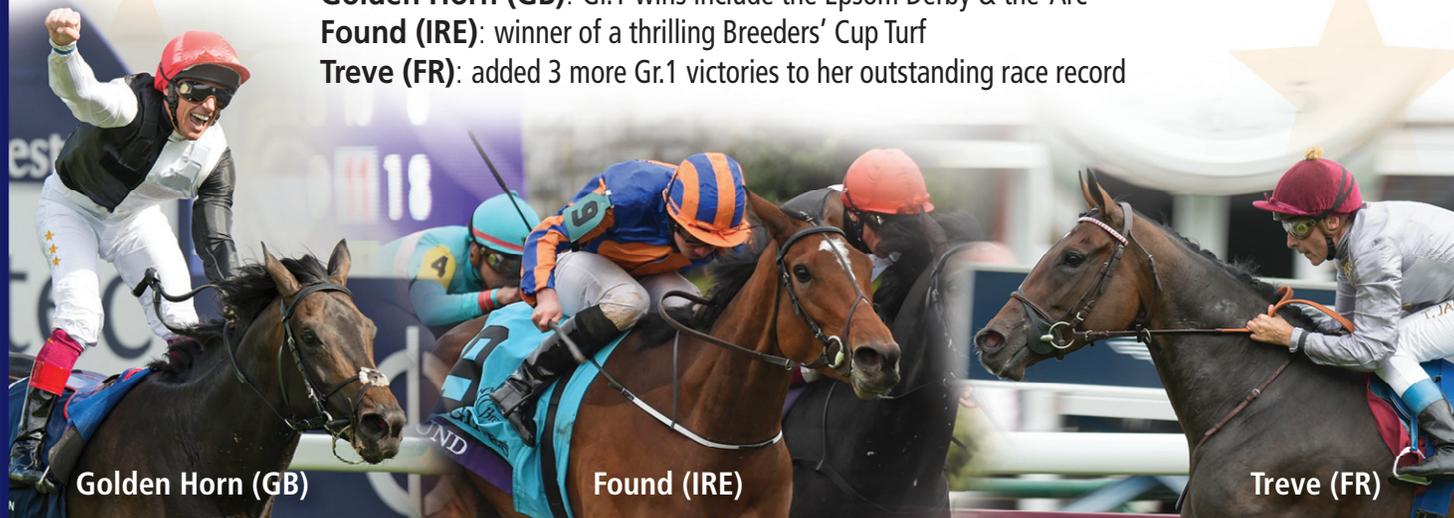
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At least 72 horses in New Mexico tested positive for the virus earlier this year. The outbreak brought live racing to a halt at Sunland Park between Jan. 23. and Feb. 25. Turf Paradise Park in Arizona was also under quarantine for three weeks, but racing there was allowed to continue among horses already stabled on the grounds.

In EHV outbreaks, agriculture officials typically recommend biosecurity precautions such as taking horses' temperatures twice a day, increased hand washing by horse handlers, and disinfecting anything that a horse has touched or could touch "It's the regular thing that we do anyway in the barn," Clement said. "It's business as usual. [The temperature-taking] is nothing new for us."

Gallagher would not comment on any potential risk the affected horse at Payson might have posed to other Thoroughbreds before it was quarantined.

"That's out of my wheelhouse. I can't classify that for you. I'm not a vet," Gallagher said. "Every precaution that the state has provided for us to do, we've taken every single one."

Gallagher seemed flustered by the attention the quarantine has generated.

"In all fairness, everybody finds this to be a field day. I'm surprised at the industry, to be honest with you," Gallagher said. "Why am I surprised? Because my phone hasn't stopped ringing.

I guess news is news, right? Even bad news. Word goes out--the state puts it out." ---@thorntontd

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F2012 Sires (1st 4-Year-Olds)

It has been my contention for a long time that until a horse has 4-year-olds, notwithstanding market considerations, we don't necessarily always have a really clear picture of whether he is going to succeed at all, and if so, how far up the ladder he is likely to climb. This seems to particularly be the case with the group of North American and European sires with their first foals in 2012, who now have their oldest 4-year-olds. There are at least 15 sires which we could say are still in contention to become success stories at one level or another, but at the same time, it's hard to point any out which could be considered unqualified successes just yet. The picture could, and should, become clearer as the year progresses, but breeding season is now, so breeders either have decided, or have to decide, on which if any of these sires they are prepared to gamble

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However, though he is out on his own in terms of Grade I winners and is the leading North American F2012 sire with six Graded/Group Stakes Winners (GSW), he has not yet 'filled in' the next categories below: his year-end 2015 APEX A Runner Index was 1.69 (*note: these F2012 A Runner indexes include any GSW which did not qualify as A Runners by earnings. [Click here](#) for the 2015 final Apex ratings). With eight Black-Type Winners (BTW) to date, he ranks second in that department to Ashford's **Munnings**, who has 14 BTW, and Super Saver is also



Super Saver has three Grade I winners from his first crop | Lee Thomas

second to Munnings by cumulative progeny earnings ([click here](#)), with \$6,444,684 in progeny earnings (all figures through Monday) compared to Munnings's total of \$6,807,786. Munnings has one Grade I winner, 2015 Eclipse finalist I'm A Chatterbox,

and four GSW, second in North America to Super Saver's six. Munnings's \$25,000 stud fee for 2016 must therefore qualify as a very reasonable bet.

Sixteen F2012 NA/EU sires have cumulative progeny earnings over \$3 million, of which four are, at this writing, European sires--considering European sires are at a distinct disadvantage in that American sires have had progeny running for two months of 2016 already, whereas the European turf season isn't yet underway. But thus far it's the European sire **Lope De Vega**, who stands at Ballylinch Stud in Ireland, who leads all NA/EU F2012 sires by number of GSW (7) and number of Black-Type Horses (BTH), with 22 (Munnings has 20), though he is only seventh by progeny earnings, which stand at \$4,103,758. He is also second to Munnings among NA/EU F2012 sires, with 12 BTW (Munnings has 14). The next two European sires by progeny earnings are

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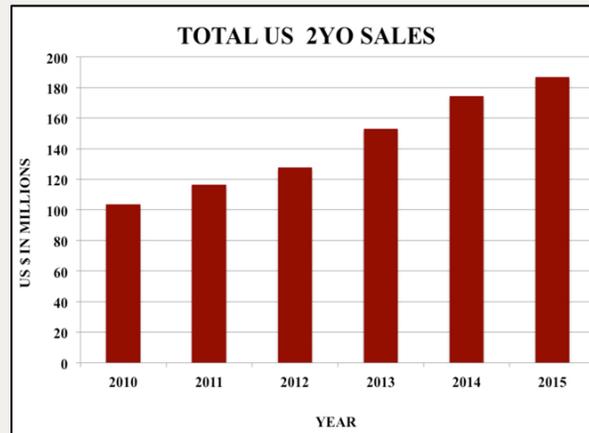
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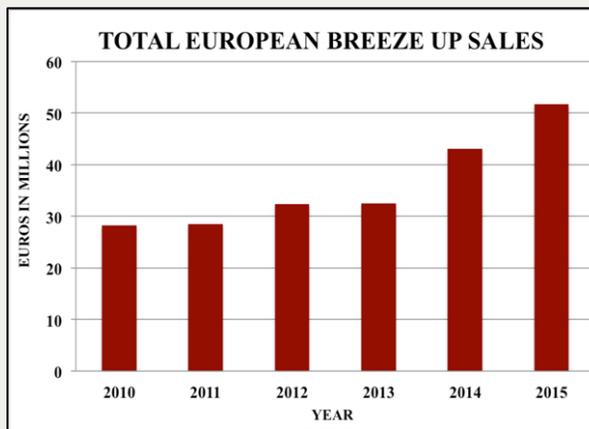
by Bill Oppenheim

“Last year, the US 2-year-old sales gained 7% in gross (about \$12.4-million) over 2014, while the European sales, which constitute about a quarter of the combined market, were up 20% in gross (about €8.5-million). Both markets gained about 15% in average, the US sales to \$87,171, the European sales averaged €71,191. Against the backdrop of a struggling economy, the season’s mixed sales have been perceptibly ‘selective’. Fasig’s top-of-the-market sale at Gulfstream today kicks off the 2-year-old action, and figures to see a significant gain in average though the number catalogued is down by 21 horses, or 12%.”



TOTAL US 2YO SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2015	4,030	2,825	2,145	29.9%	75.9%	53.2%	\$ 186,980,800	\$ 87,171
2014	4,080	2,971	2,311	27.2%	77.8%	56.6%	\$ 174,557,200	\$ 75,533
2013	3,413	2,506	1,987	26.6%	79.3%	58.2%	\$ 153,248,050	\$ 77,125
2012	3,529	2,613	2,028	26.0%	77.6%	57.5%	\$ 127,566,100	\$ 62,902
2011	3,855	2,837	2,135	26.4%	75.3%	55.4%	\$ 116,571,000	\$ 54,600
2010	3,294	2,530	1,864	23.2%	73.7%	56.6%	\$ 103,477,900	\$ 55,514



TOTAL EUROPEAN 2YO BREEZE UP SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2015	1,075	904	726	15.9%	80.3%	67.5%	€51,684,579	€71,191
2014	1,023	852	685	16.7%	80.4%	67.0%	€43,109,010	€62,933
2013	927	777	615	16.2%	79.2%	66.3%	€32,477,035	€52,808
2012	1,020	868	667	14.9%	76.8%	65.4%	€32,395,587	€48,569
2011	932	796	594	14.6%	74.6%	63.7%	€28,461,317	€47,915
2010	947	833	630	12.0%	75.6%	66.5%	€28,185,501	€44,739

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

the Haras de Bonneval's **Siyouni** (\$3,821,172) and England's Whitsbury Manor Stud's **Showcasing** (\$3,320,542). Each has seven BTW (tied for fourth among this group) and four GSW (tied for third, with Munnings, behind Lope De Vega and Super Saver). The fourth European sire with over \$3-million is **Makfi** (\$3,035,158), who started at Tweenhills Stud in England and now stands alongside Siyouni at Haras de Bonneval.

Munnings and Super Saver are two of only four NA/EU F2012 sires with over \$5-million in progeny earnings to date, the others being Ashford's #3-ranked **Lookin At Lucky** (\$5,804,308) and Lane's End's #4-ranked **Quality Road** (\$5,695,133). Lookin At Lucky has sired six BTW (two GSW, though not a Grade I winner as yet) and 15 BTH, and his 3.24 year-end 2015 A Runner Index (3.24) ranks second in that category among F2012 sires with significant representation only to Florida sensation **Kantharos** (3.47), who ranks only 11th on the North American cumulative progeny earnings list but has six BTW, two of them graded, including last weekend's GIII Gulfstream Park Sprint S. winner X Y Jet, who now goes for the \$2-million G1 Golden Shaheen on Dubai World Cup night Mar. 26. Quality Road, meanwhile, was Leading North American freshman sire of 2014, and after a lackluster 2015 has roared back as the leading [NA/EU third-crop sire of 2016](#) with 17 winners so far this year and progeny earnings of \$791,601, over \$160,000 ahead of Munnings, Kantharos, Warrior's Reward, and Lookin At Lucky, in that order.

Three other North American F2012 sires are over the \$4-million mark in progeny earnings: Spendthrift's **Warrior's Reward**, who has sired 81 winners, one of four F2012 sires to have sired more than 80 so far; then Darley's **Midshipman**, who has done very well and looks a real bargain at \$7,500 this year. He has six BTW and though no GSWs, his very good now 4-year-old filly Lady Shipman, runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint against the boys and elders, was a good winner at Gulfstream Park last time out and is another headed for Dubai, in her case for the five-furlong G1 Al Quoz Sprint at five furlongs on the turf. Airdrie's **Majesticperfection** ranks seventh, with cumulative progeny earnings over \$4,060,000.

Other North American sires over \$3-million: Claiborne's **Blame**, with three GSW and 12 BTH, who is siring runners with



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Q: *What do these two horses have in common besides recent impressive wins and being Derby Contenders?*

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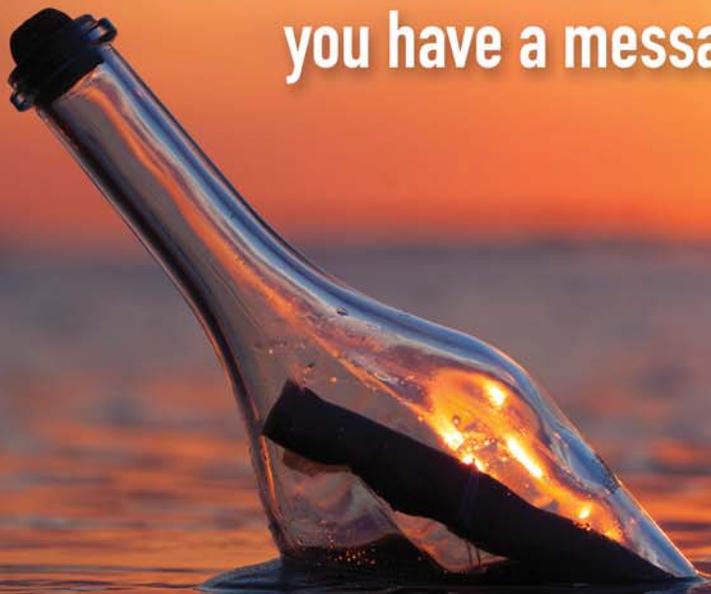
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quality and could emulate his sire Arch by siring good 4-year-olds; Spendthrift's **Temple City**, also with three GSW, including recent GI Arcadia S. winner Bolo and, like Blame, a Roberto-line sire; Lane's End's **Discreetly Mine**; the aforementioned Kantharos; and **Hold Me Back**, who was transferred this year from WinStar Farm to Irish Hill Century Farm in New York.

F2013 SIRES (1st 3-Year-Olds)

As we've pointed out above, sometimes we have to wait until a sire has his first 4-year-olds to determine where they stand on the totem pole; sometimes we don't. One where we don't is



Uncle Mo | Coolmore

Ashford's leading 2015 NA/EU Freshman Sire **Uncle Mo**, who has already had four BTW (two GSW), 11 BTH (seven GSH), and the earners of over \$1.1-million in the first eight weeks of the year ([click here](#)).

His cumulative total is now nine BTW (four GSW), 18 BTH (11 GSH), two Grade I winners including unbeaten champion

2-year-old Nyquist, and the earners of over \$4.9-million--three times the earnings of his nearest pursuer, Lane's End's **Twirling Candy** (\$1.6-million) ([click here](#)). He is one of three sons of Candy Ride among the North American second-crop top 10; the others are Hill 'n' Dale's **Misremembered**, winner of the GI Santa Anita H.; and WinStar's **Sidney's Candy**.

Misremembered has five winners this year, including two winners of two races each at Oaklawn and Nightly News, winner of the Turf Paradise Derby. Sidney's Candy also has five winners, including last weekend's GIII Palm Beach S. winner Converge. Misremembered (\$267k) and Sidney's Candy (\$239k) currently rank eight-nine among second-crop NA/EU sires by 2016 progeny earnings.

Third in 2016 (\$349k) and overall (\$1.4m) is Spendthrift's **Archarcharch**, like Blame a son of Arch, and also a Roberto-line sire, as is also Temple City. Fourth is Claiborne's **Trappe Shot** (\$300k), with Florida's Double Diamond Farm's **First Dude** (\$291k) in fifth. Airdrie's **Haynesfield** (\$283k) ranks sixth, ahead of Maryland's Country Life Farm's **Friesan Fire** (\$276k), a son of A.P. Indy who won the 2009 edition of the GI Louisiana Derby. Misremembered (\$267k) and Sidney's Candy (\$225k) are eight-nine, as mentioned, with Spendthrift's **Wilburn** (\$199k) rounding out the 2016 NA/EU second-crop sire table top 10.

The European sires haven't really got underway yet; at the end

Super Saver's Competitive Edge is speed

Competitive Edge is the "other" new sire for 2016 at Coolmore's Ashford Stud in Kentucky after the poster boy and racing icon **American Pharoah**, but when he comes out of the stallion barn to pose for visitors, he's got the swag of a rugged matinee idol instead of the look of a supporting actor.
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COMPETITIVE EDGE wins the G1 Hopeful Stakes by nearly 6 lengths

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"[Seeking Gabrielle] was a good-looking mare, out of a really nice race mare in Seeking Regina," Hyde Jr. said. "And if you go see Uncle Mo, you can see why you would want to breed to him; beautiful horse."

But providence had it that Seeking Gabrielle would go unsold. Hyde, Jr. subsequently sent his mare to foal at Ashford Stud. Soon, Nyquist (Uncle Mo) was born.

"He was a really good-looking foal so we changed the plan and we decided to sell the foal and the mare side-by-side at the following Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale," Hyde, Jr. said. "Right away we noticed the foal was an all-quality horse. He was a very good mover."

Nyquist sold for \$180,000 as a weanling at the 2013 Keeneland November Sale, while the mare Seeking Gabrielle went for \$100,000.

The next time Hyde, Jr. would see Nyquist was on the biggest stage in racing.

"I was kind of in shock [when Nyquist won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile]," Hyde, Jr. said. "I had kept track of him through the sales and on the track. It was fantastic to watch him win the Grade Is in California and it was great to be at the Breeders' Cup with a horse that you'd bred."

Hyde, Jr. has owned Summerhill Farm, the name given as Nyquist's breeder, for the last 12 years in association with Camas Park Stud, based in Cashel, County Tipperary in Southern Ireland.

Hyde, Jr. grew up with the household names of horses that father Tim Hyde pinhooked--the likes of European sensations Soviet Star and Indian Skimmer, to name a few. When Hyde, Jr. was very young, he would roam the stalls at his father's Camas Park Stud, where other greats like Alexandrova (Ire), Al Bahathri, and Dancing Rain originated.

Now on the Kentucky Derby trail, Nyquist could add another classic win to the Hyde family's global legacy.

Like his father and grandfather before him, Hyde, Jr. started



Nyquist | Horsephotos

out as an amateur steeplechase jockey, riding for the likes of John Magnier. Hyde, Jr. started coming to America with his father in the 1980s and 90s to buy Thoroughbreds to bring home and sell in Europe. For decades, the Hydys have had a dominant presence at sales

such as Tattersalls and Goffs. Among the memories for Hyde, Jr. in those early years at the sales include that time when his father sold the last yearling by Northern Dancer at a European sale. The colt was a sales topper at the 1988 Cartier Millon Sale

for Ir.1.3 million guineas.

Hyde, Jr. studied at the University of Dublin Veterinary School and brought his expertise to Camas Park Stud upon graduation. He practiced as a vet for a few years, but breeding and pinhooking were still the ultimate passions for Hyde, Jr. He is now second-in-command to his father at Camas Park Stud. One of the first pinhooks Hyde, Jr. was involved in out of school was losing money on then yearling Johannesburg, who would go on to win the Eclipse Award in 2001 as champion 2-year-old colt. Hyde, Jr. was part of the team that purchased Johannesburg as a weanling from the 1999 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale for \$240,000, only to sell him as a yearling in the following year's Keeneland September Sale for \$200,000. Years later, the Hydys pinhooked and retained part ownership in Johannesburg's multiple

graded stakes-winning grandson No Nay Never (Scat Daddy), now standing at Coolmore and whose first foals are on the ground this year. An additional standout was Irish Oaks-winning Alexandrova, consigned by Camas Park Stud in the 2004 Tattersalls Yearling Sale, where she sold for \$753,270.



Camas Park Stud | Caroline Norris

"Alexandrova was a fantastic racehorse and she sold big," Hyde Jr. said.

Another notable pinhook for the Hyde family included 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Classic runner-up Toast of New York (Thewayyouare), bought and pinhooked out of the 2012 Keeneland January Sale for a mere \$35,000. Hyde, Jr. also bred multiple graded stakes winner Lady Lara (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}).

Despite all the racing royalty Hyde, Jr. has been involved with throughout the years, the 44-year-old takes nothing for granted, and remains convinced that he's still a "small fish in a large pond" when it comes to his bloodstock operation in North America. But these days, he has a larger presence in America than ever before.

"When I first started coming to America, we were bringing a lot of horses home to Europe to sell them there; we don't seem to do that much anymore," Hyde, Jr. said. "So mostly what we breed and sell in America stays in America. You need a lot of luck in this game. At the end of the day, it's about trying to produce the best racehorses and you need to breed the right mares to the right stallions."

Such was the case in bringing a mare named Seeking Gabrielle to a sire like Uncle Mo. And as far as whether Nyquist can go the mile-and-a-quarter distance in the Kentucky Derby, Hyde, Jr. is optimistic.

"If he got the mile-and-a-sixteenth in the GI Breeders' Cup [Juvenile], then why not?" Hyde, Jr. said.

half. Those will be our two options if he stays healthy and if he's good enough."

Sparingly raced throughout his career, the Ontario-bred earned his first graded success in the GIII Durham Cup S. over the Woodbine Poly in 2014 and added that track's GII Autumn S. en route to a Sovereign Award as Canada's champion older horse. Off the radar for the next 10 months, the bay was back to something approaching his best when runner-up in defense of his titles in both those races, shipped to Florida and was a bang-up second to fellow Sovereign Award winner Heart to Heart (English Channel) in the GII Fort Lauderdale S. over the Gulfstream turf course

Jan. 9. Lukes Alley's effort in the Gulfstream Park Turf was full of merit, as Shining Copper (Aragorn {Ire}) was allowed a soft time of things on the engine, but Lukes Alley knuckled down and grabbed the front-runner on the line.

Given the entire's apparent affinity for the Gulfstream turf, the decision to make another appearance at the championship meet was a fairly straight-forward one, even if there are some question marks.

"This gives us a chance to see if he'll go that far, because we really don't know, but he is by Flower Alley and he's out of an A.P. Indy and it's one of those things where you never know until you try," Hronec reasoned. "You may as well try him at Gulfstream where you know he likes the course. If he can get a mile and a half, then the [GI Breeders' Cup Turf] will be our objective. If not, we may decide to go for the [GI Breeders' Cup Mile], or we may elect to skip it altogether."

Given the 6-year-old's current form, Hronec and Melnyk are inclined to strike while the iron's hot and are looking at the GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic on the GI Kentucky Derby undercard May 7 beyond the Pan Am.

"He's always been a nice horse--he's had some injuries through his career, but now he's gotten older and most of his injuries seem to be behind him now," Hronec commented. "He's stronger and more mature and he's a horse that's always enjoyed running. We gave a horse called Speightstown a lot of time and that paid off really well."

He added, "When the horses are doing well, they really need to run. You don't have to train them as hard between races if you do run them, and the timing wouldn't be bad to come back at Churchill, that's plenty of time between races."

Remarkably, Lukes Alley was the first Grade I winner for Melnyk's operation since Pool Land (Silver Deputy) won the Ruffian H. a decade ago.

"Someone told me that and I said, 'You have to be kidding,' because I thought we'd had another one or two in between," Hronec remarked. "It was very gratifying, it was a really great feeling. [Trainer] Josie [Carroll] has worked very, very hard and

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LUKES ALLEY TO STRETCH OUT IN PAN AM

by Alan Carasso

Melnyk Racing Stable's **Lukes Alley** (Flower Alley), impressive winner of his most recent start in the GI Gulfstream Park Turf H. over nine furlongs Feb. 6, will stretch out in distance for the



Lukes Alley | Lauren King

GIII Pan American S. Apr. 2, according to Phil Hronec, the owner's longtime farm manager.

"We are going to try to make the Breeders' Cup with him," Hronec said, adding that some consideration was given to a start in the G1 Dubai Turf. "His best distance is really a mile

and an eighth to a mile and a quarter, but they don't have that at Santa Anita this year, so you either go a mile or a mile and a

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CROWN QUEEN (f. by Smart Strike). 4 wins in 6 starts at 3, \$593,000, Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. [G1] (KEE, \$300,000), Knob Creek Lake Placid S. [G2] (SAR, \$180,000).

Carnival Court (f. by Street Sense). 2 wins at 3, \$161,662, 3rd Alabama S. [G1] (SAR, \$60,000).

Empire Way (c. by Empire Maker). Winner at 2, \$119,170, 2nd Robert B. Lewis S. [G2] (SA, \$40,000).

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she's always loved this horse. To see him get up and win that race was super. Mr. Melnyk was just ecstatic."

And are there possibly more Grade I photos in the future?

"I think he will, he just needs to stay healthy," Hronec enthused.

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SONGBIRD TOPS OAKS NOMINATIONS

Fox Hill Farm's undefeated **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro), champion 2-year-old filly of 2015 and 'TDN Rising Star', topped 112 nominations Tuesday for the 142nd \$1 million GI Longines Kentucky Oaks.



Songbird | Benoit

The 3-year-old filly classic, to be run May 6, also drew nominations from several other top contenders, including 'TDN Rising Stars' **Cathryn Sophia** (Street Boss), **Rachel's Valentina** (Bernardini) and **Carina Mia** (Malibu Moon).

Songbird dazzled in the GII Las Virgenes S. in her 3-year-old debut Feb. 6, while the undefeated Cathryn Sophia was very impressive when dominating the GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream Saturday.

Seven-time Eclipse Award winner and two-time Kentucky Oaks winner Todd Pletcher led all trainers by nominating 23 fillies to the race. Two-time Oaks winner Steve Asmussen nominated eight fillies and two-time Oaks winner and reigning Eclipse Award-winner Bob Baffert made five fillies eligible.

Stonestreet Stable LLC and Mathis Stable LLC tied as top owner with four Oaks nominees, owned either alone or in partnership, while Godolphin Racing LLC and LNJ Foxwoods each nominated a trio of runners.

Other notable names nominated to the Oaks include: Magdalena Racing's GII Pocahontas S. winner and GI Alcibiades S. runner-up **Dothraki Queen** (Pure Prize); Agave Racing Stable's GI Starlet S. winner **Street Fancy** (Street Sense); Mike Rutherford's **Stageplay** (Curlin), runner-up to Carina Mia in the GII Golden Rod S. and winner of the GIII Silverbulletday S. at Fair Grounds; Carl M. Moore Management's GIII Delta Princess S. heroine **Jet Black Magic** (Hold Me Back); L N J Foxwoods' GI Frizette S. victor **Nickname** (Scat Daddy); Winchell Thoroughbreds' recent allowance winner **Adore** (Big Brown); and Phipps Stable's unbeaten 'TDN Rising Star' **Browse** (Medaglia d'Oro).

Final entries for the Kentucky Oaks will be taken May 3. The Oaks field is limited to 14 starters with four also-eligibles.

Eligibility to compete in the Oaks is determined by points amassed during the "Road to the Kentucky Oaks" prep race series. Should one of more fillies scratch from the Oaks before 9 a.m. ET on the day of the race, fillies from the also-eligible list would draw in based on highest point totals.

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LADY OF FIFTY, 7, After Market--K. D.'s Shady Lady, by Maria's Mon

Foal born Feb. 4, a filly by Tapit.

Will be bred back to Tapit.

Owned by Rockingham Ranch.

Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.

Accomplishments: GISW, \$593,000.

WIZARDRY, 7, Teufflesberg--City Hylton (Arg), by Jack Hylton (Ire)

Foal born Feb. 5, a filly by Graydar.

Will be bred back to Mission Impazible.

Owned by Twin Creeks Farm.

Boarded at Sequel New York.

Accomplishments: MSW, \$139,882.

DAME MARIE, 7, Smart Strike--Crystal Crossing (Ire), by Royal Academy

Foal born Feb. 7, a filly by Invincible Spirit (Ire).

Will be bred back to American Pharoah.

Owned and boarded at Mt. Brilliant Farm.

Accomplishments: GSP, \$241,291.

WINNING POINT, 12, Point Given--Bibical Sense, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

Foal born Feb. 7, a filly by Medaglia d'Oro.

Will be bred back to Malibu Moon.

Owned by Diamond A Racing Corp.

Boarded at Diamond A Farm.

Accomplishments: SW & MGSP, \$370,170.



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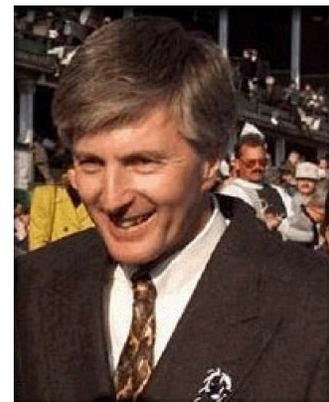


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WITH NEW INNOVATIONS AND A NEW BEGINNING, DICKINSON AIMING HIGHER THAN EVER *By Bill Finley*

By the only standards that matter to him, his own, Michael Dickinson is not satisfied with what he has accomplished as a trainer in the U.S. His list includes two wins in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile, six other Grade I wins and more than 600 victories overall, but those numbers pale in comparison to what he expected from himself when he arrived here from England to begin a new chapter in his career in 1987.



Michael Dickinson
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“I didn't do that well before,” Dickinson said. “When I came here people wrote that I would no doubt do quite well, and I didn't. I just did OK. I felt I could do much better. A lot of people did better than me. I can think of 30 trainers that performed better than me. It

doesn't sit well to me to be 31st. I want to go out and prove to myself that I am a much better trainer than my record shows.”

So, some nine years after he started his last horse in 2007, Dickinson, 66, has turned over the duties of running Tapeta Footings to his wife, Joan Wakefield, and has returned to training. With 10 horses under his care and more about to arrive, he has re-opened his Tapeta Farm in Maryland and has set out to make it the optimal environment to get the very most out of every horse under his care.

“We have lots of new ideas,” he said. “It's going to be a case of an aggregate of many marginal gains.”

Dickinson was among the most successful steeplechase trainers in the history of English racing and his legendary feats in that sport included training the first five horses across the wire in the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup. After a brief and unsuccessful stint as the private trainer for Robert Sangster's flat horses, he pulled up stakes and came to the U.S. looking to reinvent himself as one of this country's most successful and innovative trainers.

He was far from a failure. He had a 23% win rate, pulled off a minor miracle when winning the 1988 GI Breeders' Cup Mile with Da Hoss (Gone West) after what was essentially a two-year layoff and developed Tapit (Pulpit), who has gone on to great fame and fortune as sire.

But, considering Dickinson's success in English steeplechase racing, the bar was set very high. And he doesn't feel like he lived up to expectations, whether his own or those of the experts who felt he would be the next great thing in American racing.

It was not, however, a lack of success that led him to leave training. Always a tinkerer, Dickinson was at the forefront of the synthetic surface movement and began to sell his invention, a synthetic surface he named Tapeta, Latin for carpet, around the globe. While many believe that Tapeta is the best of the new surfaces that hit the market, synthetic surfaces never took over racing like many expected they would.

With Wakefield able to handle the duties of running the track surface company and with Dickinson yearning to prove he was up to the second part of his nickname, the “Mad Genius,” a return to training began to make sense.

In its first go-round, Dickinson's farm was known for its tools, gizmos and for its proprietor's belief that nothing is too good for his horses and no idea is too weird to give a try. Dickinson didn't just have a turf course. He had three, one for normal conditions, one for drought conditions and one that duplicated a soft race course. It wasn't good enough to train horses on a flat surface, so he built another gallop that goes straight up hill on a steep incline.

Yet, all the bells and whistles didn't produce as many winners as Dickinson had hoped for, so the new Tapeta Farms has even more bells and whistles. Dickinson has built an area he calls the “Performance Center.” It includes a “salt room,” where air with salt added in is pumped into the room for the horses to breathe. The belief is that the salt air will help clear up respiratory problems. The room also includes a vibrating platform, which produces an effect much like those beds you used to find in motel rooms that would vibrate after you stuck a couple of quarters in them. There's also a whirlpool and he will soon be adding a hyperbaric chamber.



The new Tapeta 10 on the main all-weather track is lighter in color than its predecessors.

Tapeta Photos

Some of his new ideas and innovations came after he spent months talking to people outside the racing industry, including trainers and health professionals in human sports. He wanted to pick their brains and see if they had insights that were foreign to horse racing but that would be beneficial to his horses.

But he is most proud of two new employees that will be joining his staff. He has hired two equine physiotherapists who will work solely for him and says each one is among the very best in their field.

Dickinson has a list that includes 26 different things that he has at his disposal that no trainer stabled at a racetrack could possibly have. **Cont. p2**

Dickinson Aiming Higher cont.

“I am competing against trainers that are stabled at the racetracks and I believe I have a lot of advantages over them,” he said. “The \$64,000 question is will my horses win more races because they are trained here versus being trained at the racetrack? If an owner has 10 horses here with me and 10 with someone else stabled at the racetrack, which group is likely to win more races?”

Dickinson said that his day rate is no higher than those of the top trainers based in New York and that it will be exceeded by his costs. Because of that, he says the only way his venture can be profitable is to win a lot of races and a lot of big purses.

“I know I can fill the barn full of 40 horses, but that’s not going to cut it,” he said. “I have to fill the barn with 40 good horses. We’ve tried very hard. You see all the innovations we’ve done here.”

Perhaps the biggest knock on Dickinson during his first act as a trainer is that his horses ran too infrequently. While it might be a neat trick to win a race off a three-year layoff, would that same horse have run 15 times over those three years with any other trainer? Dickinson is well aware of that criticism and understands that he has to do much better in that department this time around. With that in mind, many of his new techniques, including the hiring of physiotherapists, involve getting a horse back to the races more quickly than he did in the past. He also realizes he can’t afford to be such a perfectionist.

“The more we run them, hopefully, the more we will win and the more prize money we will collect,” he said. “It’s not the end of the world to finish second, especially if you have a big check. It’s just that I always have hated to lose.”

He admits that he often refused to run unless he was 100% certain the horse was 100%. Ninety-nine never seemed to be good enough.

“That’s a fair criticism, and I recognize that,” he said.

He has yet to have a starter this year and says that’s because every one of his horses are turf runners and won’t be in the entries until grass racing starts up in the Northeast in the spring. He also hinted that there may not be any potential stars among his current group, which means they may represent little more than something to get started with.

For Dickinson, though, it’s not about today or even the near future. He is starting over and trying to build something. He knows he was good but good wasn’t good enough. He’s given himself a second chance to be great at the job of training a race horse. Now, all he has to do is deliver.



The farm features 10 paddocks covering 20 acres. | Tapeta Photos

N.Y. INCREASES STEWARDS’ TRANSPARENCY

The New York State Gaming Commission has implemented new steps to increase transparency and accountability among stewards, it was announced Tuesday. The Commission aims to provide both participants and the wagering public with a heightened understanding of interference rules through publicly announcing which riders are required to review race replays with stewards.

The Empire State practices “Category 2” rules with regard to interference, meaning that a rider found guilty of the penalty will be placed behind the horse he or she has offended. Stewards consider a number of factors when making their decisions, including determinations of whether the guilty rider acted in a careless manner and whether the offended jockey continued riding through the finish line.

The Commission will post weekly reports every Tuesday which can be found [here](#), while more information about riding penalties can be found [here](#).

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CARL POLLARD CHALLENGE KICKS OFF TRF ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN *by Bill Finley*

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) has announced a \$1 million challenge pledge by Carl Pollard to launch its \$20 million four-year endowment campaign. Pollard, who breeds and races horses and formerly owned Hermitage Farm has supported the TRF for a number of years.

“Carl Pollard’s challenge gift gives us confidence and credibility,” said TRF Director of External Affairs Diana Pikulski. “We are proud that someone of his stature believes in what we do and how we do it.”

By making his pledge, Pollard has challenged the TRF to raise \$19 million over a four-year period. If it does, he will contribute \$1 million. The pledge is designed with interim milestones and incentives. Proceeds from the endowment will be used primarily for horse care expenses. Owner-breeder Robert Evans has also joined with a four-year commitment of \$250,000.

“Basically, we all know the problem of retired thoroughbreds, and their aftercare is the responsibility of everyone involved in our sport,” Pollard said. “It seems to me the TRF and its program is a wonderful win-win solution for horse racing. The problem is always money and I wanted to come up with a new plan of attack to help raise the type of funds the TRF truly needs to improve upon its mission. My goal is fairly simple. It’s an attempt to ‘jump start’ an endowment campaign of at least \$20 million. My giving is tiered to place an incentive on the TRF board, staff and donors to raise an endowment which will ease some pressure on the annual giving.” **Cont. p3**

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Carl Pollard Challenge Kicks Off TRF Endowment Campaign cont.

He continued, "I hope others will be inspired by this campaign, realize how important the work the TRF does and make significant donations of their own."

Pikulski realizes just how important it is for the TRF to achieve the goal of raising \$20 million.

"This is about the financial security that retired racehorses deserve. Success in this campaign will cement our ability to steadily develop new retraining, vocational training and therapy programs putting more horses to work in second careers as riding horses and therapy horses." Pikulski said. "Success in this campaign will greatly increase our capacity to service the racing industry by allowing us to accept more horses in need of homes when their racing careers have ended. Expansion of our work is critical for the business as the pressure to find homes for all Thoroughbred increases."

Pikulski believes that a \$20 million endowment could not only ease current financial pressures on the TRF but allow it to expand its mission and its goodwill efforts on behalf of the sport.

More than 32 years ago, the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation created a place in racing for the many thousands of horses that need homes and/or second careers when their racing or breeding days are over. Currently, the TRF has 24 farms in 14 states and its programs continue to grow and develop. For 32 years, the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation has been a model, an inspiration and a pioneer discovering new ways that the Thoroughbred racehorse can thrive and be a part of American society when its racing career is over.

"The 32-year legacy of the TRF has been the antidote to the often negative news about equine abuse in racing," Pikulski said. "The TRF has exposed fans, horse lovers and the general public to the special and unique qualities of the Thoroughbred racehorse as companion, competitor and teacher."

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Tuesday's Results:

5th-PRX, \$51,500, Msw, 3-1, 3yo, f, 5f, :58.96, ft.
+DAYLIGHT AHEAD (f, 3, Mineshaft--Seeking Options, by Seeking Daylight) showed good courage to score in her debut effort Tuesday, overcoming a slow start to conjure a strong rally and break her maiden from well off the pace in this short sprint. The chestnut filly broke flat-footed, then was checked back further with the pack in front of her converging. She was hustled into a midpack spot from there and started to uncork a big advance at the 3/8 pole.

After blowing past her closest rivals while four-to-five wide on the far turn, Daylight Ahead set her sights on loose leader Blue Bahia (Wildcat Heir) turning for home. The homebred still appeared to have too much to do in midstretch, but continued grinding away to get up in the last 70 yards at 7-1, three-quarters of a length ahead of odds-on favorite Touch of Bling (Tale of the Cat), who nailed the frontrunner on the wire to complete the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O/B-Winners Circle Partners VIII (MD); T-Hugh I. McMahon.



Central U.S.

LTBA Announces Unified Horse Sale Agreement:

The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association and Equine Sales of Louisiana announced a mutual unification agreement to simplify and encourage the sale and racing of Thoroughbreds in Louisiana.

The LTBA has agreed to suspend the operation of the Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana's Annual Yearling Sale for five years. During this period, the LTBA will assist in the advertising and information gathering and provide a full endorsement of the Equine Sales of Louisiana.

"The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association and its members are the number one priority here. Moving forward as a unified group will only solidify the future of the industry in Louisiana," said Tom Early, President of the LTBA. Gary Johnson, President of Equine Sales of Louisiana, added: "Horsemen working together for a common goal is always what's best for business in Louisiana. The agreement to work together to provide a Yearling sale that everyone can be proud of is what's best for the horsemen."

California

Haimish Hy to Stand at E.A. Ranches:

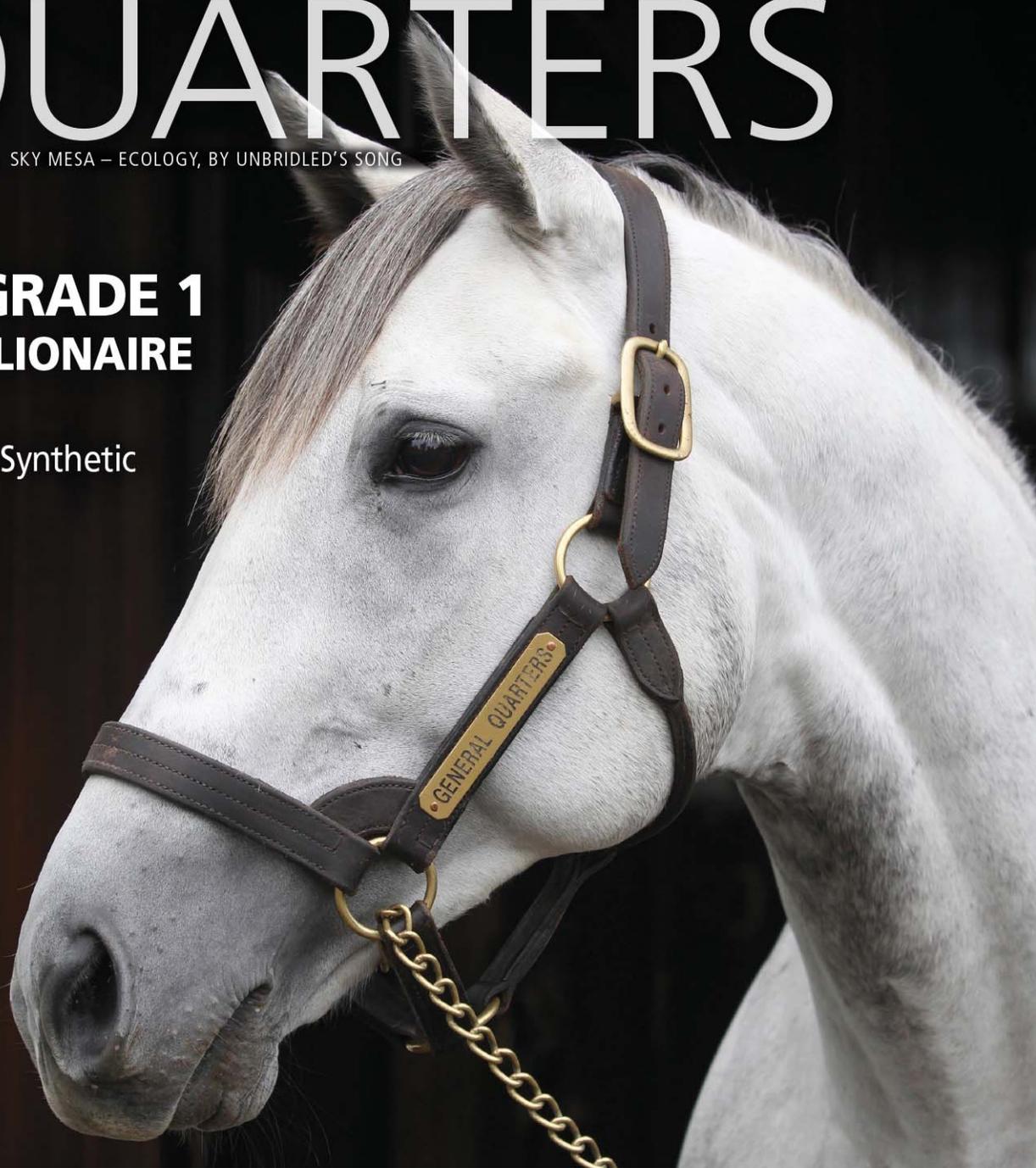
Grade I winner **Haimish Hy** (Ecton Park--Tifonica, by Equalize) will stand his first season at stud at E.A. Ranches in Ramona, California. Owned by George Krikorian and trained by Art Sherman, the 2010 GI Hollywood Derby victor raced exclusively in the Golden State during his 19-race career, during which he tallied five wins, two seconds and three thirds, earning \$360,988. His stud fee has been set at \$1,500.

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INDUSTRY INFO

Jockey Club of Canada Announces Sovereign Finalists:

The Jockey Club of Canada has announced the finalists for its 2015 Media Sovereign Award categories. In the writing category, Joe Nevills ("Smart Strike Remembered"), Curtis Stock ("A Love of Horses") and Paul Wiecek ("Turbulence at the Track") received nods. Horse Racing Alberta, Darryl Kaplan/Brittany Moyotte and Talkin' Horses were nominated in the Digital Audio/Visual and Broadcasting category, while Michael Burns, Jr., Hayley Morrison and Chris Young are up for the photography award.

The 41st Sovereign Awards will take place Apr. 8 at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Ontario. Tickets are available to the public at \$250 each.

New Blog by Owners Debuts Today on OwnerView:

OwnerView has created a new first-person blog feature on their website, entitled "The Owner's View," the Jockey Club announced Tuesday.

Featuring a variety of individual Thoroughbred owners, the blog, which makes its debut today, enables guest owners to offer their viewpoints about a multitude of ownership topics and at the same time provides new, current and prospective Thoroughbred owners with firsthand insights into the sport.

"Owner education is an ongoing pursuit of OwnerView," said Gary Falter, vice president of operations for OwnerView. "This new blog furthers the exchange of ideas with guest owners offering their unique perspectives and provides other owners and the general public the opportunity to share comments."

New blogs by owners will be posted on the first and 15th of each month. The blogs series kicks off with commentary from Cot Campbell, a pioneer of Thoroughbred partnerships since he started Dogwood Stable in 1969.

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Daylight Ahead (Mineshaft) wins on debut at Parx.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

RED HEDEMAN OVERNIGHT S., \$85,000, SUN, 3-1, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:37.76, ft.

1--**#GOLD BOUNDRY, 122, g, 3, by Quinton's Gold**

1st Dam: A. J. Bakes (MSW, \$140,598), by Boundary

2nd Dam: Linens N Lace, by Olympio

3rd Dam: Sally's Delight, by Air Forbes Won

O-Bessie & Steve Prather & Dwayne Taylor; B-Steve Prather (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Alfredo J. Juarez Jr. \$51,000.

Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$173,741.

2--**Jonesey Who, 122, g, 3, Quinton's Gold--Rama Lassie, by Hadif. O-Sam & Latane Stevens; B-Sam E Stevens (NM); T-Joel H. Marr. \$18,700.**

3--**King of Art, 122, g, 3, Tailfromthecrypt--Precious Bay Queen, by Bay Head King. O/B/T-Gerald E. Marr (NM). \$8,500.**

Margins: HD, 9, 2 3/4. Odds: 2.40, 0.70, 42.80.

Also Ran: Get Er Done, Ten Penny Cents, Oh Parrdonn Mee, Dyno Dom, Annie's Ono.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$52,500, 3-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.81, ft.

NON FINISCE MAI (f, 4, Roman Ruler--Riverman's Tea, by Riverman) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$123,724. O-Anthony Melfi; B-Team Penney Racing (NY); T-Gary P. Gullo. *\$50,000 Ylg '13 SARAUG.

7th-HOU, \$20,000, (S), 3-1, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.48, ft.

PRADA'S BLING (f, 4, Too Much Bling--Kimbell's Prada, by Authenticate) Lifetime Record: SP, 22-4-4-4, \$74,583. O/T-Joe S. Offolter; B-Hall's Family Trust (TX). *Full to Too Much Prada, MSW.

8th-HOU, \$21,000, 3-1, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.00, ft.

THERON (f, 3, Tale of Ekati--Tender And True {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$28,620. O-Bronce LLC; B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY); T-Eleuterio Martinez Jr. *\$25,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$6,500 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

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Breeders' Edition America cont.

3rd-SUN, \$30,555, 3-1, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.16, ft.

WATCH IT BUSTER (g, 5, Decarchy--Feel the Rush, by Wild Rush) Lifetime Record: 21-6-1-4, \$101,752. O-Wayne Baize; B-Milt A. Policzer (CA); T-Justin R. Evans.

7th-PRX, \$54,500, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-1, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.06, ft.

WOODLAND WALK (g, 5, Orientate--Arboreta, by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$90,680. O-Dawghouse Stable; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Douglas E. Shanyfelt. *\$12,000 3yo '14 FTKHRA.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mine to Mine, c, 3, Artie Schiller--Cherokee Caucus, by Cherokee Run. HOU, 2-29, 1mT, 1:39.12. B-Diane Connell (KY). *\$40,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

Hidden Brook Foaled, Raised & Sold

Ima Dingdong Daddy, c, 3, Scat Daddy--Northeast Harbor, by Northern Afleet. HOU, 3-1, 5fT, :57.85. B-Hugh Moore (KY).

True Heat, g, 3, Southwestern Heat--Bugs Day, by Holy Bull. SUN, 3-1, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.30. B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM).

Double Surprise, f, 4, Double Honor--Tequila Bound, by Boundary. SUN, 3-1, (S), 1m, 1:40.46. B-Atkinson Thoroughbreds LLC (NM).

Princeoffivesides, g, 4, Five Demon Bag--Sidewalking, by Touch Tone. HOU, 3-1, (S), 5fT, :58.14. B-Johnny Esner & Margaret Esner (TX).

Cat Ten, m, 5, Greatness--Storm Royale, by Storm Cat. PRX, 3-1, 5f, :58.12. B-Edward Seltzer & Edward Lipton (PA). *\$27,000 RNA Ylg '12 OBSAUG.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

March 2, 1940...Beaten by a nose in both the 1937 and 1938 Santa Anita H., Seabiscuit finally won the Big 'Cap in his final race. He retired the then-leading-money-winning horse in the world.

March 2, 1966...Kelso, Horse of the Year 1960-64, ran his last race, finishing fourth at Hialeah Park.

March 3, 1966...Ogden Phipps' Buckpasser won the Flamingo S. by a nose, under the guidance of Bill Shoemaker. The colt was such a prohibitive favorite among the field of nine that the race was declared a non-wagering contest and was dubbed "The Chicken Flamingo."

March 3, 1985...Bill Shoemaker became the first jockey in history to win \$100 million in purses after he won the Santa Anita H. aboard Lord at War (Arg).

March 3, 1985...85,527 are on-track on Santa Anita H. Day, the all-time Santa Anita single-day attendance record.

March 3, 1993...Russell Baze had his 4,000th career win, with Frank Musso, at Golden Gate Fields.

March 5, 1988...Carl Gambardella had his 5,000th career winner, aboard John's Goldenapple, at Suffolk Downs.

March 6, 1988...Julie Krone became the winningest female jockey in racing history when she won the 1,205th race of her career riding a filly named Squawter in the ninth race at Aqueduct.



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Jack Hobbs after winning last year's Irish Derby | *Racing Post*

The G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby will this year be worth a record €1.5 million, an increase of €250,000 from last year. The purse boost is one of a variety of initiatives announced Tuesday by The Curragh to attract the best possible field for its showpiece race, which is this year set for June 25.

The prize money distributed for the Irish Derby will be as follows: €870,000 to the winner, €300,000 to the second, €150,000 to third, €75,000 to fourth, €45,000 to fifth, €30,000 to sixth and €15,000 to seventh and eighth.

The Irish Derby's qualifying race initiative, launched last year, will be expanded to include additional races, with entry and forfeit fees being refunded to the winners, and in some cases the placed horses, in predetermined races.

The winners and horses placed second through fourth in the following races will have their entry, including supplementary, fees refunded should they start in the Irish Derby: G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas, G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Epsom Derby.

The winners of the following races will have their entry or supplementary fee refunded if they start in the Irish Derby: G2 Derby Italiano, G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas, G3 Airlie Stud Gallinule S., Nijinsky S., TRM Silver S., G1 Epsom Oaks, G1 Prix de Diane, G2 King Edward VII S. and G3 Tercentenary S.

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MAKIN BUYS CLASSIC CONTENDER MARCEL

Paul Makin, who famously dispersed all of his breeding stock at the Paulyn Dispersal at Goffs November in 2013, has purchased last year's G1 Racing Post Trophy winner **Marcel (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr}) privately, according to *Racing Post*. Marcel, a 26,000gns Tattersalls October yearling, was formerly campaigned by owner Paul Hancock and he will remain in the care of trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam.

"Marcel has been purchased by Paul Makin and stays with Peter," agent Dermot Farrington, who brokered the deal, told *Racing Post*. "I think the plan is to aim him at the [G1 2000] Guineas."

Despite selling off his breeding stock a little over three years ago, the Australian-born entrepreneur Makin has kept a few horses in training in Britain with the likes of Jeremy Noseda and William Haggas.

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The winners of the following races will have entry fees, but not supplementary fees, refunded if they run in the Irish Derby: G2 UAE Derby, G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial, G2 Dante S. and G2 Prix Hocquart.

Paul Hensey, Curragh Racecourse General Manager, said, “We have identified the key races which should generate runners for this year’s Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby and we hope that this exciting initiative, in addition to the increase in prize money for the 2016 renewal, will maximise the potential for us to encourage owners and trainers to be part of Ireland’s greatest and most valuable horse race.”

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A LOOK AHEAD

WITH SARA CUMANI

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

SC: **Air Force Blue** (War Front). I have followed him since seeing him win at The Curragh in September. He is a beautiful, big horse who confirmed his superiority impressively in the Dewhurst.

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

SC: I have a very soft spot for **Showcasing (GB)** (Oasis Dream



Sara & Luca Cumani | Racing Post

{GB}). He is proving himself the hard way having started at £4,500 and is now standing for £25,000. He is doing well Down Under and in the UK. His stock are talented, speedy and super looking. I think he has an exciting future.

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

SC: For all bookmakers to become Authorised Betting Partners (ABPs). It is only right that every betting operator should contribute to the financial health of racing.



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Tuesday's Result:

5th-LIN, £27,000, Alw, 3-1, 4yo/up, f, 8f (AWT), 1:37.44, st. VOLUNTEER POINT (IRE) (f, 4, [Footstepsinthesand {GB}](#)--Piffing {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}), who had won over seven furlongs at Chelmsford Jan. 16 on the back of a fourth in the Listed Prix Miss Satamixa over 7 1/2 furlongs on Deauville's Polytrack Dec. 27, was restrained behind the leader Bint Dandy (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) in second early. Sent past that rival with a furlong remaining, the 1-3 favourite asserted to record a 3/4-of-a-length success. The dam, herself a daughter of the 1000 Guineas fourth Ghariba (Ire) (Final Straw {GB}), has a 2-year-old colt by Teofilo (Ire) named Gift From God (GB). Sales history: 14,000gns RNA Wlg '12 TATFOA; 32,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 20-6-4-1, \$129,702. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Box 41; B-G. Strawbridge & London Thoroughbred Services Ltd (IRE); T-Mick Channon.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Easter Mate (Ire), g, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Greek Easter (Ire), by Namid (GB). LIN, 3-1, 7f (AWT), 1:23.71. B-J. Hanly (IRE). *70,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.



FIRST MARES IN FOAL TO MAKE BELIEVE

Last year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix de la Foret winner **Make Believe (GB)** (Makfi {GB}), who is standing his first season at Ballylinch Stud, has had his first three mares tested in foal. One of those mares is Ballylinch's Uncharted Haven (GB) (Turtle Island {Ire}), a Group 2 winner who has produced Group 3 winner High Heeled (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and is the second dam of Classic winner Just The Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}). Ballylinch also confirmed last week that its Group 2 winner L'Amour De Ma Vie (Dansili {GB}) will visit Make Believe this year.



SCANDINAVIAN CHALLENGE LAUNCHED

To celebrate the centenary of the Swedish Derby in July 2017, the Swedish Jockey Club has injected more than £630,000 of prize money into a new nine-race series for 3-year-olds.

The series, which will be known as the 'Scandinavian Challenge,' will be staged at Malmö's Jägersro Racecourse and run from mid-June to mid-August. In addition to the Derby, which has doubled in value and is now worth in excess of £250,000, the series also includes the Oaks, with those 2400-metre contests being joined by The Voter, run over 1730 metres in June, and a 2650 metre race named The Hurricane, which will be run on the same day as the Oaks in August.

Svensk Galopp's Development Manager Bo Gill Borg hopes that the new initiative will attract more runners to Sweden from the UK. The most recent British runner in the Swedish Derby was the Elaine Burke-trained London Citizen (Proud Citizen), who finished second to Hurricane Red (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) in 2013.



Jägersro Racecourse in Malmö | [svenskgalopp.se](#)

Gill Borg commented, "The revised conditions for the Swedish Derby should make it appealing to decent handicappers with a rating of 90-100. We hope that owners and trainers will recognise the value that an entry in any of the feature races could add. There is no supplementary entry stage for any of the races in the series so horses with an entry may be of significant interest, particularly to Scandinavian-based owners at the sales in autumn."

Entry to the Swedish Derby, which closes on Mar. 14, is 1,000 Swedish Krona, the equivalent of approximately £84.





This colt, born recently, is by Zoffany out of How's She Cuttin, and therefore a full-brother to last year's Listed Windsor Castle S. winner and G1 Phoenix S. second Washington DC. He was bred, like Washington DC, by Paul Hyland and Chris & James McHale

Arrowfield's leading sire Snitzel was the headline horse of Australia's first yearling sale of the year, the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in January, when siring three of the six millionaires and the A\$1.6 million sale-topping colt, and the son of Redoute's Choice



Lot 474, the sale-topping Snitzel colt | Inglis

(Aus) proved as popular as ever Tuesday. Agent Justin Bahen described the sale-topping colt ([lot 474](#)), the second most expensive yearling ever sold at this sale, as his pick of the sale.

"When Mr. Hung and I first came onto the complex we knew he was the colt we wanted, he was at the top of our list," said Bahen. "We viewed him half a dozen times. He was full of energy throughout the sale and had a consistent attitude. We spent enough time to make sure he was the right horse for us."

"He will spell for about a month at Booralite Park to get over the sale," Bahen added. "The aim is to get him going for a couple of races around this time next year."

The bay is the eighth foal out of Beauty World (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who has produced the G3 Frank Packer Plate and G3 Carbine Club S. winner Hi World (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}); G3 Steere Classic winner Lite'N In My Veins (Aus) (Henrythenavigator); listed winner Loveyamadly (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}); and Group 1-placed American Crew (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}).

Philip Campbell's Blue Gum Farm also sold a son of Sebring (Aus) ([lot 411](#)) to trainer Tony McEvoy for A\$340,000 yesterday. McEvoy, who spent A\$1,480,000 on eight yearlings during session one said, "the quality has increased at this sale. There were some lovely horses at the Classic sale and more quality horses here."

McEvoy also bought a Snitzel colt from Arrowfield Stud ([lot 443](#)) Tuesday for A\$310,000.

Blue Gum Farm was named Best Presented Draft for the sale and also became the first vendor ever at this sale to gross over A\$4 million.

"We are delighted to achieve such great results for the clients and the farm," said Campbell. "Our two top colts today were both outstanding animals with great presence, and we're confident they'll get the best chance with their buyers."



SNITZEL COLT ON TOP AT INGLIS PREMIER

The three days of the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale's session one drew to a close in Melbourne Tuesday, with a Blue Gum Farm-consigned son of Snitzel (Aus) providing a late highlight to the sale when fetching a sale-topping A\$700,000 from Hong Kong-based agent Justin Bahen on behalf of Mr. Little Hung.

Cumulative figures for session one were up across the board. The gross rose 15% to A\$51,393,000 with five more horses (463) sold than last year. The buyback rate dropped more than 5% to 12.9%, while the average climbed 14.4% to A\$111,000. The median was up 6.3% to A\$85,000.

"The overwhelming results from Session I are representative of the confidence in the Victorian industry, and in the Premier Sale," said Inglis Victorian Manager Simon Vivian. "The jump in average of 14% proves that the results are there for breeders and vendors who support the sale with high-quality horses."

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Inglis Premier Sale cont. p5

The second-top price of the day was the A\$380,000 shelled out by the China Horse Club for [lot 470](#), a colt by G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Reward For Effort (Aus) who is a half-brother to stakes winner Mihalic (Aus) (Hard Spun).

The one-day session two component of the sale takes place Wednesday, kicking off at 10:30 a.m. local time.

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SESSION TOPPERS

INGLIS MELBOURNE PREMIER YEARLING SALE

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
474	c	Snitzel (Aus)	Beauty World (Aus)	700,000
<i>B-Oakland Park Stud</i>				
Consigned by Blue Gum Farm				
Purchased by L Hung/Bahen Bloodstock				
470	c	Reward For Effort (Aus)	Batik (Aus)	380,000
<i>B-Mr. E McNulty</i>				
Consigned by Supreme Thoroughbreds				
Purchased by China Horse Club				
411	c	Sebring (Aus)	Viking Turf Belle (Aus)	340,000
<i>B-Pepac Atf Ept</i>				
Consigned by Blue Gum Farm				
Purchased by McEvoy Mitchell Racing				
443	c	Snitzel (Aus)	Allariza (Ire)	310,000
<i>B-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd</i>				
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud				
Purchased by McEvoy Mitchell Racing				

From The Lady Trainer

with Gai Waterhouse



THE BIG BUSINESS OF SYNDICATION

Something that is particularly unique Down Under is the vast number of syndicated horses. In the U.S. there are syndicators such as Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, West Point Thoroughbreds and Team Valor. In England there is Highclere Racing, Middleham Park Racing and Elite Racing Club amongst a few others, but in Australia syndicates are big

business.

Unlike in England, horse racing in Australia has never been labeled 'The Sport of Kings'; quite the opposite, actually. I wouldn't be so bold, or presumptuous of my ancestors, to suggest why Australians love a bet, but they just do. Why horse racing? I believe it stems from a huge country racing circuit. Much like America, Australia has a massive land mass and some towns could be many hours from the next. So what did many of these towns build to entertain their residents? Racecourses.

Most Australians will have some sort of childhood memory of them and their parents, or even grandparents, attending the local races whether it's at Bong Bong, Randwick or one of the other 360 registered racecourses. Horse racing is the second-most popular

spectator sport in the country and it injects \$7.7 billion into the Australian economy every year.

This is because horse racing is accessible to everyone, and that includes ownership.

I train over 100 horses of all ages, and having 10-20 owners in each is quite the norm. The average full-time wage in Australia, before tax, is about \$75,000, so buying a whole horse is not an option for everyone but a 10% share might not be out of reach. Syndicators are therefore a major part of my business.

Having both syndicated horses and those owned outright makes it more of a juggling act. [Cont. p6](#)



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INGLIS PREMIER YEARLING SALE

CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• Catalogued	573	623
• No. Offered	532	561
• No. Sold	463	458
• RNAs	69	103
• % RNAs	12.9%	18.4%
• No. \$500K+	2	1
• High Price	A\$700,000	A\$560,000
• Gross	A\$51,393,000	A\$44,507,500
• Average (% change)	A\$111,000 (+14.4%)	A\$97,003
• Median (% change)	A\$85,000 (+6.3%)	A\$80,000

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The bigger owner might be the breeder of the horse, they might have bought it to breed from in the future or they might simply have just fallen in love with the horse at first sight. Whatever their motive, the stakes are high as they have invested considerable dollars and even more than that, they are emotionally invested. That is not to say that members of syndicates are not emotionally invested, of course they are, but the major owner has a greater focus on racetrack success.



Golden Slipper winner Vancouver was bought for \$185,000 as a yearling and sold for a record-breaking figure | *Racing and Sports*

Members of syndicates tend to purely want some entertainment. Days at the races and the stables with friends and family give such enjoyment and if they get a good colt like Sebring (syndicated for \$130,000, standing at Widden Stud for

\$66,000 per serve) or Vancouver (bought for \$185,000 as a yearling and sold for a record-breaking figure), or a class filly like Sweet Idea (bought for \$240,000, earned over \$2.4 million and sold for \$1.6 million), it is a bonus.

I endeavour to give each and every owner in my stable a pleasurable experience and to keep the information flowing, which tends to be a mixture of phone calls, emails and text messages. Having the right team around me is paramount. It's quite funny on race day because suddenly everyone is going through the same emotions whether you are the owner of many horses, or a small share in one horse. Whichever category my owners fall into, I will always celebrate and make future plans with the winners, and analyse and discuss the result with the losers. I don't want the 10% shareholder to feel unimportant because as I previously mentioned, these people are the building blocks of the racing industry in Australia. In the same breath, I want those who own horses outright to feel fully engaged and in the know with what's happening with their horses because let's face it, the horses are family.

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Gai

Gai Waterhouse is arguably Australia's most recognized trainer internationally. Gai has trained over 130 Group 1 winners since earning her trainer's license in 1992, including six Golden Slipper winners. Gai was inducted into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame in 2007. She pens a monthly column for the TDN.

Dubai World Cup Carnival Fields

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:45 p.m (11:45 a.m. ET)

BALANCHINE S. SPONSORED BY SKYWARDS-G2, \$200,000,

NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, f/m, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Malka (Fr)	Green Tune	Mosse	Brandt
2	Si Luna (Ger)	Kallisto (Ger)	Soumillon	Mongil
3	Euro Charline (GB)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Moore	Botti
4	Very Special (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Doyle	bin Suroor
5	Iccapada (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Buick	Petersen
6	Excilly (GB)	Excellent Art (GB)	Kingscote	Dascombe
7	More Aspen	More Than Ready	Mullen	Seemar

All carry 126 pounds, bar Very Special, 129.

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:10 p.m (11:10 a.m. ET)

UAE OAKS SPONSORED BY EMIRATES-G3, \$250,000,

NH/SH3yo, f, 1900m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Vale Dori (Arg)	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Soumillon	de Kock
2	Dolly Dagger (Swe)	Eishin Dunkirk	Jara	Reuterskiold
3	Polar River	Congrats	Dobbs	Watson

Dolly Dagger & Polar River carry 121 pounds, Vale Dori, 131.

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 9:55 p.m (12:55 p.m. ET)

NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY SPONSORED BY SKYCARGO-G3,

\$200,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2810mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Quarterback (Ger)	American Post (GB)	O'Neill	Haugen
2	Wasir (Ger)	Rail Link (GB)	Pedroza	Wohler
3	Sheikhzayedroad (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Harley	Simcock
4	Famous Kid	Street Cry (Ire)	Doyle	bin Suroor
5	Meadow Creek (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Dobbs	Watson
6	Paene Magnus (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Tylicki	bin Harmash
7	Battersea (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Atzeni	Varian
8	Antinori (Ire)	Fasliyev	Mullen	Seemar
9	Tellina (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Moore	de Kock
10	Zambucca (SAf)	Lundy's Liability (Brz)	Bentley	Seemar
11	Rio Tigre (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer
12	Star Empire (SAf)	Second Empire (Ire)	Soumillon	de Kock
13	Certerach (Ire)	Halling	O'Shea	Halford
14	Eye in the Sky (Ire)	Sinndar (Ire)	Buick	Petersen

Also Eligible

15 Respect Me (GB) Street Cry (Ire) No Rider Mohammed
All carry 126 pounds, bar Eye in the Sky, 128; and Quarterback & Wasir, 121.

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Thursday, Meydan, post time 7:35 p.m. (10:35 a.m. ET)

MEYDAN CLASSIC SPONSORED BY SKYWARDS-Listed,

\$125,000, NH/SH3yo, 1400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Pure Diamond (GB)	Street Cry (Ire)	Bentley	bin Suroor	117
2	First Selection (Spa)	Diktat (GB)	Moore	Crisford	121
3	Almashooqa (Aus)	Bernardini	Hanagan	de Kock	126
4	Ajwad (GB)	Rock of Gbrltr (Ire)	Tylicki	Bouresly	121
5	Dubai Fashion (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Probert	bin Suroor	117
6	Comicas	Distorted Humor	Buick	Appleby	121
7	Taexali (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Mullen	Seemar	121
8	Ruler of Course (Ire)	Rodric O'Connor (Ire)	O'Shea	Petersen	121
9	Calder Prince (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Kingscote	Dascombe	121

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 6:55 p.m (9:55 a.m. ET)

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE-R3 SPONSORED BY EMIRATES-G1,

\$400,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2000m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Gun Pit (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Moreira	Fownes
2	Munaaser (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Hanagan	al Raihe
3	Watershed	Bernardini	Doyle	McLaughlin
4	Mubtaahij (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Soumillon	de Kock
5	Haatheq	Seeking the Gold	O'Neill	al Raihe
6	Special Fighter (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Jara	al Muhairi
7	Gold City (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Mullen	Seemar
8	Faulkner (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Dobbs	Watson
9	Golden Soul	Perfect Soul (Ire)	Smith	de Kock
10	Storm Belt	More Than Ready	Hitchcott	Watson
11	Keen Ice ☺	Curlin	Moore	Romans
12	Pylon (SAf)	Fort Wood	Ffrench	de Kock

All carry 126 pounds.

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 7:30 p.m (10:30 a.m. ET)

JEBEL HATTA SPONSORED BY EMIRATES-G1, \$300,000,

NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Zahee (NZ)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Smith	de Kock
2	Johann Strauss (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Soumillon	de Kock
3	Ertijaal (Aus)	Hard Spun	Hanagan	de Kock
4	Harry's Son (Aus)	Haradasun (Aus)	Bentley	Lafferty
5	Earnshaw	Medaglia d'Oro	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer
6	Farrier ☺	Tapit	Mullen	Seemar
7	Sefri	Jazil	O'Neill	Charpy
8	Tryster (Ire)	Street Cry (Ire)	Buick	Appleby
9	Prayer For Relief ☺	Jump Start	Moore	de Kock
10	Elleval (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Smullen	Marnane

All carry 126 pounds.

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 6:20 p.m (9:20 a.m. ET)

DUBAI CITY OF GOLD S. SPONSORED BY SKYCARGO-G2,

\$250,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2410mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Haafaguinea (GB)	Haafhd (GB)	Doyle	bin Suroor	126
2	Sanshaawes (SAf)	Ashaawes	Moore	de Kock	126
3	Rembrandt van Rijn (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Barzalona	bin Ghdyr	126
4	Dariyan (Fr)	Shamardal	Soumillon	de Ryr-Dpre	123
5	Balios (Ire)	Shamardal	Spencer	Simcock	123
6	Postponed (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Atzeni	Varian	126
7	Makzon ☺	Henrythenavigator	Tylicki	bin Hrmsh	123
8	Captain Morley (GB)	Hernando (Fr)	Harley	Simcock	126

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 4:35 p.m (7:35 a.m. ET)

MAHAB AL SHIMAAL S. SPONSORED BY EMIRATES SKYWARDS-

G3, \$200,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Muarrab (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Hanagan	al Muhairi
2	Sweet Swap ☺	Candy Ride (Arg)	Dettori	al Subaie
3	Rich Tapestry (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Mosse	Chang
4	Shaishee ☺	Indian Charlie	O'Shea	al Muhairi
5	Kifaah (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	O'Neill	al Raihe
6	Anfitrion Sale (Arg)	Not For Sale (Arg)	Hitchcott	al Blooshi

All carry 126 pounds.

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 5:45 p.m (8:45 a.m. ET)

BURJ NAHAAR S. SPONSORED BY EMIRATES HOLIDAYS-G3,

\$200,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Ross (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	de Vries	Schiergen
2	Layl	Street Cry (Ire)	Hitchcott	Watson
3	Cool Cowboy ☺	Kodiak Kowboy	Dobbs	Watson
4	Over the Ocean ☺	Rockport Harbor	O'Neill	Petersen
5	God's Speed (Ire)	Oratorio	Scr	Scr
6	Mind That Boy (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer
7	Long River	A. P. Indy	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer
8	Le Bernardin	Bernardini	O'Shea	al Raihe
9	Top Clearance	Majestic Warrior	Smullen	D Selvaratnam

All carry 126 pounds.

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 5:10 p.m (8:10 a.m. ET)

MEYDAN SPRINT SPONSORED BY ARABIAN ADVENTURES-G3,

\$175,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Mirza (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Probert	Guest
2	Medicean Man (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Bentley	Gask
3	Sole Power (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Moore	Lynam
4	Taayel (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	O'Neill	al Muhairi
5	Stepper Point (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Dwyer	Muir
6	Krypton Factor (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Dettori	Nass
7	Toscanini (Ire)	Shamardal	Doyle	Halford

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8	Jungle Cat (Ire)	Ifraaj (GB)	Buick	Appleby
9	Goldream (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Harley	Cowell
10	Sir Maximilian (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Dobbs	Williams
11	Fityaan (GB)	Haafhd (GB)	Hanagan	al Muhairi

All carry 126 pounds.

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 4:00 p.m (7:00 a.m. ET)
AL BASTAKIYA S. SPONSORED BY EMIRATES SKYWARDS-Listed,
 \$250,000, NH/SH3yo, 1900m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Hombre Rojo (Ire)	Intikhab	Bentley	Dow
2	Blue Creek (GB)	Street Cry (Ire)	Buick	Appleby
3	Lazzam (GB)	Archipenko	Soumillon	Botti
4	Market Rally 	Unbridled's Song	Smullen	D Selvaratnam

All carry 126 pounds.

DA SILVA TO RIDE IN HONG KONG

Canada's two-time champion jockey Eurico Rosa da Silva begins a one-month riding contract in Hong Kong Wednesday with four mounts on the Happy Valley card.

Da Silva, a Brazilian who has also ridden in Macau and Singapore, described his upcoming stint in Hong Kong as a "privilege."

"I'm ready for this new challenge in my life here in Hong Kong," he said. "It's a great privilege to be here and every day I will give my best."



Eurico Rosa da Silva in Hong Kong | HKJC

"I ride a certain way and I will see how I go," da Silva added. "I try to be very connected to the horses I ride and see what they want

to do; I will do the same here and they will give their best."

Da Silva said his desire to someday ride in Hong Kong arose during his time in nearby Macau.

"Hong Kong racing is first class, very professional, and for you to be here you need to be the top in every department," he continued. "If you're second best then you don't belong in Hong Kong. For me, it's a privilege to be invited in to be part of this team."

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