

THE UNCLE MO SHOW



Uncle Mo | Coolmore America

by Bill Oppenheim

The big question about Uncle Mo isn't how he compares with his contemporaries--other North American and European sires with first foals 2013--but rather how he compares to the top sires of yesteryear. Comparing him to other F2013 sires, he has been devastating: he was not only Leading Freshman Sire of 2015, with earnings three times that of his nearest pursuer, Twirling Candy, he was actually North America and Europe's overall Leading Sire of 2 Year Olds, with 2015 2-year-old progeny earnings over \$3.7-million. These included seven Black-Type Winners (BTW) and 11 Black-Type Horses (BTH). He even foiled the same farm's (Ashford) Scat Daddy, who had nine 2-year-old BTW in 2015 (six GSW) and otherwise would have been Leading North American Sire of 2 Year Olds for sure.

Now, still less than three months into 2016, Uncle Mo has just been steaming ahead. After Thrilled's win Sunday in the \$200,000 Plum Pretty S. at Sunland Park, he already has six BTW and 15 BTH this year, and his progeny earnings of over \$1.6-million in the first 12 weeks of the year are nearly double those of Twirling Candy, who is again second. So that answers the question of whether they're just 2 Year Olds. Cumulatively, Uncle Mo is now the sire of 11 BTW and 20 BTH--at good tracks, too--from 152 named foals. **Cont. p7**

WINCHELL LOOKS TO REBOUND IN NOLA

Following a narrow loss by their homebred champion **Untapable** (Tapit) in last Saturday's GII Azeri S. at Oaklawn, Winchell Thoroughbreds looks to rebound at the Fair Grounds this weekend with **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the GII Louisiana Derby and **Adore** (Big Brown) in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks.

Hammered down to 2-5 favoritism against what appeared to be an overmatched field, Untapable was headstrong early, stalking from a two-wide third, and looked full of run when taking command at the quarter-pole. However, the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine was run down late by Call Pat (Lawyer Ron) and finished second by a neck.

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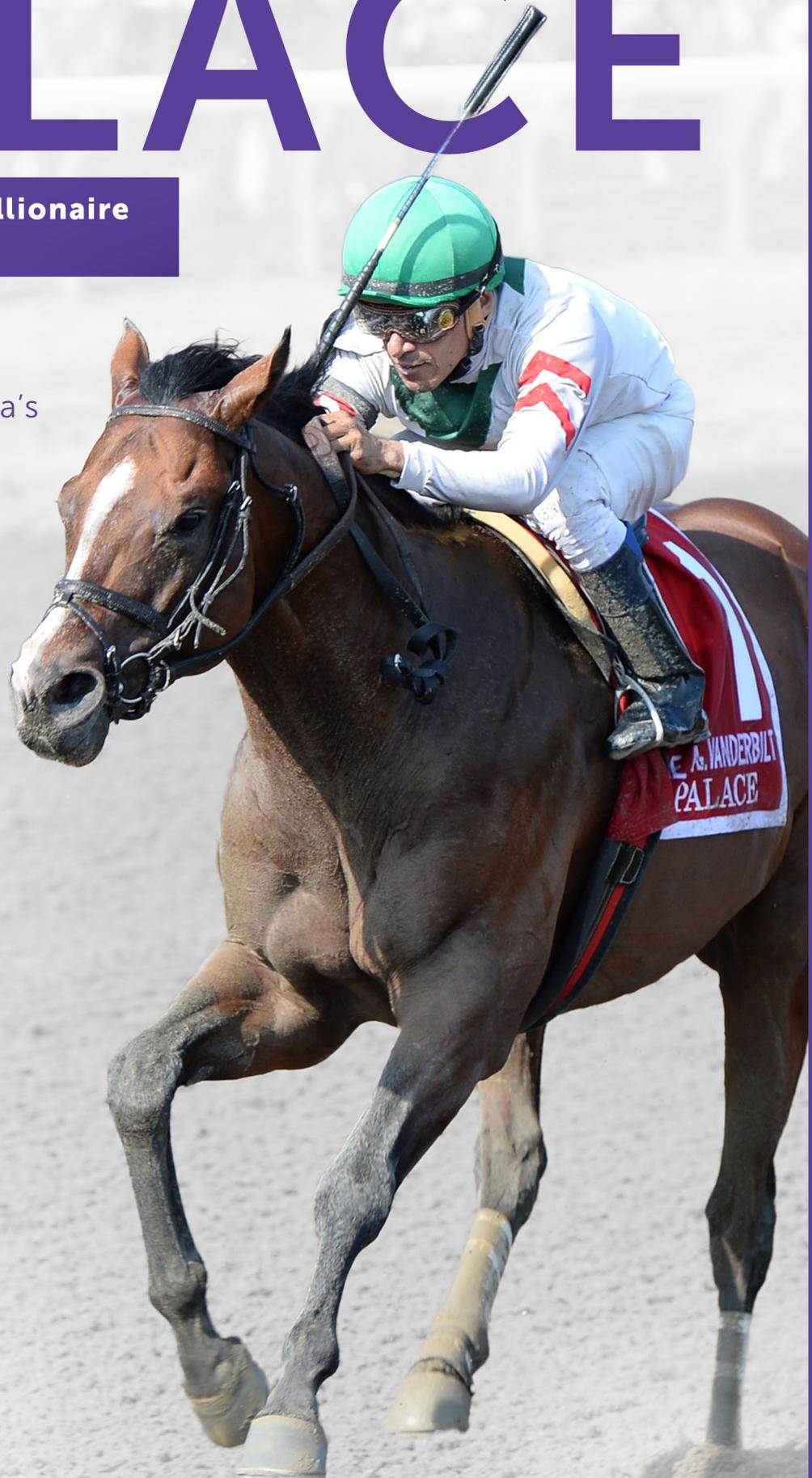
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Michael's Rose (Rahy) and her March 7 filly by Stay Thirsty pose for a perfect pastoral portrait. The filly was bred in Kentucky by Spruce Lane Farm and Stephen Wigmore. Photo provided by foalphotos.com. Submit your foal photos directly to the site.

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Mohaymen still maintains the top spot on the TDN Derby Top 12 after his win in the GII Fountain of Youth S.

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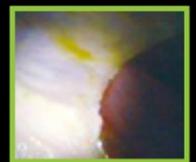
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"It was something I always wanted to do throughout my career as a trainer, I wanted to venture off and have a consignment--to buy and sell horses," Valenzuela said while fighting California traffic on the way back to Los Angeles after training at Del Mar Tuesday. "And this looked like a good time because I think the market on horses is going back up. There was a period where everything went down and I just think it's on the upswing again."

"I have a business partner, Mr. Bob Grayson, and we're on the same page as to what we want to do," Valenzuela added.

Valenzuela and Grayson, also a trainer, operate out of a farm in Bakersfield, California.

"We both hold trainer's licenses, but we run a lot of horses under his name," Valenzuela explained of the partnership. "We went to Keeneland for the first time a few years ago and we did really well at the races. Then we bought to pinhook two years ago and we basically sold everything we bought last May. So last

year, we bought about 18-20 yearlings to pinhook."

The consignment's Barretts juveniles were bought for prices from \$10,000 to \$60,000 and Valenzuela thinks there is plenty of quality to find in that moderate price range.

"I think when you get into the six-figure price range, if anything goes wrong, it's tough to recoup your money in that range," Valenzuela said. "I think there are very good horses that come in the mid-level range and that's what we are trying to do. We are trying to buy athletes with some pedigree and that's what we like to sell."

Among the consignment's highlights is [hip 77](#), a daughter of Colonel John out of Peggarty (Speightstown).

"I am really excited about the Colonel John filly," Valenzuela said of the \$20,000 OBS August yearling. "She is a really precocious filly and very athletic. She is very keen--she has a notion of what she wants to do and what she is supposed to do."

Also catalogued is [hip 22](#), a son of Malibu Moon, who cost \$50,000 at Keeneland September, and [hip 41](#), a filly by Kitten's Joy who sold for \$60,000 last fall at Keeneland.

While Valenzuela's name might be a new addition to the catalogue, the horseman brings a lifetime of experience to the role. Coming from a family chock full of riders and trainers, the Californian started his racing career at an early age.

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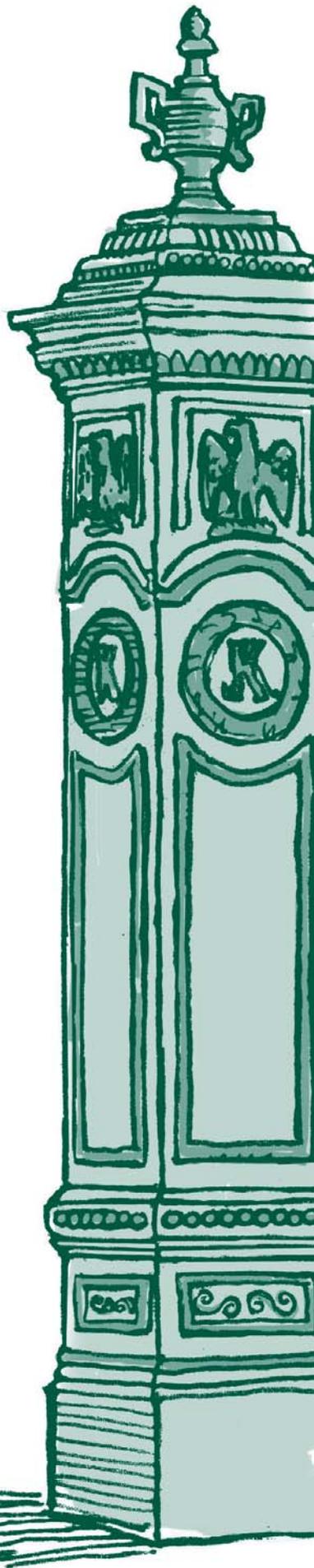
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“I started actually at Agua Caliente Racetrack in Tijuana,” Valenzuela recalled. “You grew up being a horseman down there because it was lower-tier horses that we had—you had to be a good leg man.”

“I galloped for 30 years,” he continued. “And I started working with my father as an assistant trainer from the time I was 16. I took out my trainer’s license when I was 18. I’ve had a small stable and I’ve worked for countless trainers here in Southern California.”

His early experiences working for his father, Martin Valenzuela, Sr., would seem to make Valenzuela a natural for the pinhooking game.

“I was born and raised here in the States, but we lived close to the international border and we went to Mexico every day,” Valenzuela said. “Through all my father’s career, he made it a business of picking out reasonably priced horses and we would break them and train them. And we’d either race them or resell them. My dad would get them ready, work them a half-mile and he would sell. They were an easy sell in those days and a lot of them turned out to be really nice horses in Southern California. I think that experience, getting an eye for those type of horses, the athlete maybe with a little less pedigree, works to my advantage.”

Valenzuela has already passed on his racing savvy to the next generation.

“My son Adrian is galloping my horses here at the sale,” Valenzuela revealed. “He’s not going to preview them because he has other engagements, but he works almost everything I have in L.A. at our racing stable. He is planning on riding races this summer. I have another son, his name is Martin Valenzuela, III and he has a couple of horses in training himself and he also works with us and assists with our barn.”

Valenzuela will again offer horses at the May sale this year.

Of future consignments, he said, “Right now, I would say I would like to keep our numbers concentrated, so it’s still manageable because we’re really hands-on. I’d like to keep my numbers between 15-20, maybe 25 max, in the future. We are concentrating on California right now.”

The training preview for the Barretts March sale will be held Monday, beginning at 10 a.m. The auction will be held Wednesday, starting at 2 p.m.

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Winchell Looks to Rebound in NOLA cont. from p1

"She came out of the Azeri perfect, not a hair out of place," Winchell's racing manager David Fiske said, during an NTRA teleconference Tuesday afternoon. "I wish we could have won that race. On paper, it looked like she probably should have. However, it had been a long time since she had run. Good horses like her are kind of tough to get fit. They are so biomechanically efficient that to give them enough work in the morning can be difficult, so you have to give them a race or two to be really fit."

Untapable is still on track to defend her title in the GI Apple Blossom H. in Hot Springs Apr. 15 with a return to the Breeders' Cup as her long range goal.

Gun Runner, who Ron Winchell's operation owns in

partnership with Three Chimneys Farm, was coming off a three-month layoff when winning the local GII Risen Star S. Feb. 20.

"He had been touting himself a little bit in his training and Steve [Asmussen] was excited about running him," Fiske said. "As everybody knows, coming off a long layoff like he was coming off, of anything could happen. We were just looking for a good effort he could build on and move forward."

A debut winner going a mile at Churchill Sept. 11, the chestnut followed suit with a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer victory at Keeneland Oct. 17. He was fourth behind the likes of Airoforce (Colonel John), Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) and the reposing **Mo Tom** (Uncle Mo) in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 28, which has proven to be a key race. Let go at 5-1 in his sophomore debut in the Risen Star, Gun Runner stalked the pace, took command in the lane and held off late runs from **Forevamo** (Uncle Mo) and Mo Tom to score.



Untapable with owner Ron Winchell

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Gun Runner worked a best-of-34 five panels in 1:00 3/5 in New Orleans Mar. 14 and breezed a half-mile Monday in :50 4/5 (41/56) over that strip.



Gun Runner | Lou Hodges

“The way he has trained between the Risen Star and [Louisiana] Derby Saturday, he is doing about as well as he can do,” Fiske offered. “He

fired off a bullet last week and had a little maintenance yesterday. He came out of that in great shape. I think he is slightly disadvantaged by his post position draw [Saturday].”

Fiske added, “He is going to have to move forward if he is going to continue down the Triple Crown trail and get faster. I think we are in as good a spot as we can be on Saturday. We just hope it all works out.”

Winchell will also be represented in the GI Kentucky Oaks prep at the Fair Grounds Saturday when Adore lines up for her black-type bow in the Fair Grounds Oaks.

Fourth behind the highly regarded Smart Shopping (Smart Strike) in her seven-panel debut in the slop at Churchill Nov. 28, Adore came back to earn her diploma going a mile at Oaklawn Jan. 16. The chestnut was a decisive four-length winner of a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer last time in Hot Springs Feb. 21.

“She’s maturing at the right time,” Fiske remarked. “She seems to be good. She goes around two turns. As I recall, she’s not going to be three until the middle of the May. We thought she earned a chance to go earn herself some black-type.”

FATAL INJURIES DECLINE BY 14%

An analysis of data from the Equine Injury Database, comparing 2015 statistics with figures from 2014, has shown a 14% decrease in the frequency of fatal injuries, The Jockey Club announced Tuesday. Across all surfaces, ages and distances, the fatality rate dropped from 1.89 per 1,000 starts in 2014 to 1.62 per 1,000 in 2015--the lowest since the database started publishing annual statistics in 2009.

“We’ve seen a significant decrease in the number of fatalities and that is certainly very encouraging,” said Dr. Tim Parkin, a veterinarian and epidemiologist from the University of Glasgow serving as consultant on the Equine Injury Database. “We will continue to examine data and look for trends, but the wide-ranging safety initiatives embraced by tracks, horsemen, and regulators in recent years have very likely played a role in the reduction of injuries and fatalities.”



Rick Violette
A. Coglianesse

The encouraging news drew praise from members of a number of racing jurisdictions, including Rick Violette Jr., president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NYTHA).

“We applaud the work of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance, which was formed in 2008 and, with the cooperation of the accredited racetracks, has made great strides in protecting our horses and riders,” Violette said. “Our work is just

beginning. We must collectively do all we can to get every jurisdiction in the country, large and small, fully compliant with the National Uniform Medication Program, and we will continue to find and fund initiatives that will strengthen our efforts to promote equine welfare.”

Divided by surfaces, there were 1.22 fatalities per 1,000 starts in 2015 turf races, compared to 1.75 in 2014; 1.78 fatalities per 1,000 starts in 2015 dirt races, compared to 2.02 in 2014; and 1.18 fatalities per 1,000 start in synthetic races, compared to 1.20 in 2014. More statistical information and historical data pertaining to surface, distance and age is available at the Jockey Club [website](#).

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"This is an integrity issue. We all agree this amendment is a necessary change to strengthen buyer confidence and to safeguard the credibility of the entire Thoroughbred auction process. We are adapting our policy to reflect the developing testing science currently available to us," said Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey G. Russell, Fasig-Tipton President Boyd T. Browning, Jr. and OBS President Tom Ventura in a joint statement.

Under the previous language, consignors warranted that any weanling, yearling or 2-year-old entered in a sale had not been administered any anabolic androgenic steroids within 45 days of the date of sale.

At all three auction companies, buyers of young horses may request testing for steroids, which is performed at the time of purchase. Under new policy, sales companies will coordinate testing with a designated laboratory and report the results to both the consignor and buyer. If the sale horse tests positive, the buyers have the right, within 24 hours of notification, to rescind the sale.

OBS SPRING CATALOG NOW AVAILABLE

The catalog for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 2016 Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training is now available via obssales.com, the company announced Tuesday. A sortable master index provides searchable pedigree and consignor information, as well as access to pedigree updates occurring since the catalog was printed. A total of 1,216 juveniles have been cataloged for the four-day sale, set for Tuesday, Apr. 19 through Friday, Apr. 22 with all sessions beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Under Tack Show for the sale will begin Monday, Apr. 11 and continue through Saturday, Apr. 16. All six sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m.

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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM



The Uncle Mo Show cont. from p1

If he had those percentages at the end of the year he'd be a top young sire; to have them after just a fifth of the year: deeply impressive.

So how does Uncle Mo compare to the stars of yesteryear? Louisville native, University of Kentucky Ph.D. graduate, and now U. of Montana Business School Associate Professor Dr. Emily Plant compiled this list of 10 top North American sires with first foals 1998-2008 to see

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UNCLE MO'S 20 BLACK TYPE HORSES

Year	S	Name	Damsire	Pos	BT	Race	Track
2013	c	Nyquist	Forestry	1	G1	6-for-6, Champion 2yo	Dmr, SA, Kee
2013	f	Gomo	Elusive Quality	1	G1	Alcibiades	Keeneland
2013	c	Uncle Vinny	Untutttable	1	G3	Sanford	Saratoga
2013	c	Mo Tom	Rubiano	1	G3	Lecomte	Fair Grounds
2013	c	Forevamo	Slew Gin Fizz	1	L	Jean Lafitte, 3rd GII	Delta, Fair Grounds
2013	c	Uncle Brennie	Malibu Moon	1	L	Sunday Silence S. (T)	Louisiana Downs
2013	f	Mo D'Amour	Scat Daddy	1	L	Busher S	Aqueduct
2013	f	Thrilled	Giant's Causeway	1	BT	Plum Pretty S.	Sunland Park
2013	c	Abiding Star	Dynaformer	1	BT	Private Terms S.	Laurel
2013	f	Lost Raven	Elusive Quality	1	BT	Smart Halo S.	Laurel
2013	f	Cliphthecouponannie	Freud	1	BT	Franklin Square S.	Aqueduct
2013	c	Outwork	Empire Maker	2	G2	Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay
2013	c	Uncle Lino	Orientate	2	G3	Robert B. Lewis	Santa Anita
2013	c	Laoban	Speightstown	2	G3	Gotham, 3rd G3 Sham	Aqu, SA
2013	f	Mokat	Premiership	2	G3	(T), 3rd G3 (D)	Dmr, SA
2013	c	Uncle Walter	Unbridled's Song	3	G3	Lecomte	Fair Grounds
2013	f	Shaken	Seattle Slew	3	G2	Rachel Alexandra	Fair Grounds
2013	c	Little Mo	Lear Fan	3	L	Kitten's Joy S.	Santa Anita
2013	f	Conquest Babayaga	Lawyer Ron	3	L	Glorious Song S.	Woodbine
2013	c	Mo For The Money	Unbridled's Song	3	BT	King's Swan S.	Aqueduct

how Uncle Mo compared, at least at the end of 2015. Of the 11 sires we looked at, Uncle Mo does have the biggest initial foal crop, with 152 named foals of 2013; surprisingly, though, two other sires had initial foal crops of similar size. Giant's Causeway had 149 foals in his first crop, sired at Coolmore in Ireland before he was transferred to Kentucky; and Medaglia d'Oro's first crop, sired at Hill 'n' Dale before he went to Stonewall (and then Darley), contained 145 foals. Giant's Causeway's second crop, incidentally--his first at Ashford--had 157 foals, but Medaglia d'Oro's second crop numbered 96 foals, which is a



Nyquist | Benoit

more 'normal' drop from the first crop to the second. Uncle Mo has the same number of foals--96--in his second crop.

Uncle Mo's five individual A Runners from his first crop of 2-year-olds in 2015 equals the number tallied by two of our

other top 10 sires, Bernardini and Candy Ride, and his two GI/GII winners (in his case, both Grade I winners), tied him in that category with four others: Distorted Humor, Giant's Causeway, Tapit, and Bernardini. In neither category did any horse sire more A Runners nor GI/GII winners than Uncle Mo as a freshman sire. We don't have a way to measure sires' totals three months into the first year their 3 year olds were running, but by the end of that year five of the other 10 sires had notched up 10 or more A Runners: Speightstown (14), Medaglia d'Oro (13), Tapit (11), Giant's Causeway (10) and Bernardini (10). While we don't necessarily equate A Runners and

Black-Type Winners, the numbers are usually pretty close. As mentioned Uncle Mo is already up to 11 BTW, so the chances that he will break the 21st century record with 15 individual first-crop A Runners by the end of the year, which is, after all, more than nine months away.

One very significant aspect of Uncle Mo's dramatic success is that he traces his male line to Caro, which is the Grey Sovereign branch of the Nasrullah sire line, and he is out of a mare by Arch, which is Roberto via Kris S. Therefore, Uncle Mo in that respect is an outcross to both Northern Dancer (he does have three crosses of Northern Dancer, though in his fourth and fifth generations) and Raise a Native (Mr. Prospector), and is only very distantly related to the A.P. Indy line, which traces to Nasrullah through Bold Ruler and Seattle Slew. Uncle Mo is working with all of these. As Andrew Caulfield pointed out in a recent column ([click here](#)), 'Mo' is working very well with the Fappiano line, which has supplied the dams of five of his BTH, including Grade III winners Uncle Vinny (dam by Untuttable, by Unbridled) and Mo Tom (dam by Rubiano); GII Tampa Bay Derby second Outwork (dam by Empire Maker); and Black Type-Placed Uncle Walter (dam by Unbridled's Song, so inbred 5x4 to Caro) and Mo For The Money (also Unbridled's Song). He has four BTH out of Storm Cat-line mares, including the undefeated champion 2-Year-Old Nyquist (dam by Forestry) and three other BTW: the aforementioned Thrilled (dam by Giant's Causeway); Aqueduct's Busher S. winner Mo D'Amour (dam by Scat Daddy); and Aqueduct Restricted BTW Clipthecouponannie (dam by Giant's Causeway's brother, Freud).

Uncle Mo also has three BTH out of Mr. Prospector-line mares; all three in fact trace to Gone West including GI Darley Alcibiades S. winner Gomo and Laurel BTW Lost Raven, both out of mares by Elusive Quality; and Laoban (dam by Speightstown, by Gone West), who has been twice Grade III-placed. Indian

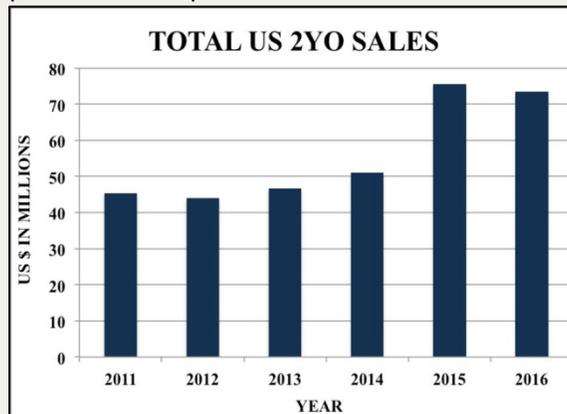
UNCLE MO Compared to Some Top Sires of the 21st Century

SIRE	FFLS	First Fee	# Foals, Crop 1	# Foals, Crop 2	#A's, yr 1	#G1G2, yr 1	#A's, yr 2	#G1G2, yr 2
Unbridled's Song	1998	30,000	62	70	1	0	8	2
Distorted Humor	2000	12,500	66	59	4	2	9	4
Giant's Causeway	2002	105,000	149	157	2	2	10	8
Tapit	2006	15,000	94	77	3	2	11	3
Medaglia d'Oro	2006	35,000	145	96	3	0	13	2
Speightstown	2006	40,000	99	89	3	0	14	0
Candy Ride	2006	10,000	118	91	5	0	8	2
Kitten's Joy	2007	25,000	99	100	2	0	4	1
War Front	2008	12,500	74	62	3	0	8	4
Bernardini	2008	100,000	103	107	5	2	10	4
Uncle Mo	2013	35,000	152	96	5	2	?	?

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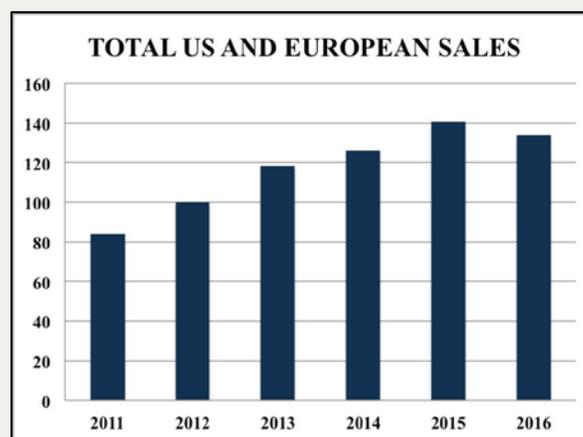
by Bill Oppenheim

“The top table tells us that in 2015, when Fasig went back to Miami and OBS expanded the numbers for its March sale, those first two barometer sales increased by nearly \$25-million. In the overall ‘first quarter’ market, the number sold in first quarter sales increased by 13% in 2014, when the clearance rate from the catalogues increased by nearly 3%. Keeping in mind that the two big 2-year-old sales constitute over half of the first quarter market, that gross is down 5% from corresponding 2015 sales, with the average down a marginal 2%. The North American market is at least remaining relatively steady in the face of uncertain international economic and political landscapes”



TOTAL US 2YO SALES AS OF MARCH 22, 2016

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>RING</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>% W/D</u>	<u>% S/R</u>	<u>% S/C</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
2016	767	530	391	30.9%	73.8%	51.0%	\$ 73,240,000	\$ 187,315
2015	785	554	415	29.4%	74.9%	52.9%	\$ 75,527,500	\$ 181,994
2014	568	346	248	39.1%	71.7%	43.7%	\$ 50,997,500	\$ 205,635
2013	481	314	228	34.7%	72.6%	47.4%	\$ 46,596,000	\$ 204,368
2012	529	328	239	38.0%	72.9%	45.2%	\$ 44,034,000	\$ 184,243
2011	730	464	325	36.4%	70.0%	44.5%	\$ 45,395,000	\$ 139,677



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN SALES AS MARCH 22, 2016

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>RING</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>% W/D</u>	<u>% S/R</u>	<u>% S/C</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
2016	5,199	4,075	3,052	21.6%	74.9%	58.7%	\$ 133,523,388	\$ 43,749
2015	5,078	4,044	3,150	20.4%	77.9%	62.0%	\$ 140,535,515	\$ 44,614
2014	4,945	3,893	3,036	21.3%	78.0%	61.4%	\$ 126,128,383	\$ 41,544
2013	4,591	3,639	2,692	20.7%	74.0%	58.6%	\$ 118,374,159	\$ 43,973
2012	4,357	3,449	2,569	20.8%	74.5%	59.0%	\$ 99,857,537	\$ 38,870
2011	4,759	3,696	2,637	22.3%	71.3%	55.4%	\$ 83,830,898	\$ 31,790

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

Charlie himself loved Mr. Prospector, having produced 16 of his 55 A Runners--nearly 30%--out of Mr. Prospector-line mares. Indian Charlie also got on well with the Fappiano line (who was by Mr. Prospector but branched off to his own line), which as noted above has already produced five BTH by Uncle Mo. The Roberto line is responsible for two of Uncle Mo's A Runners (one by Dynaformer, one by Lear Fan); and the Seattle Slew line also has two A Runners by Uncle Mo. So he is working with all the major American lines. Interestingly, Giant's Causeway, who in some ways got to be a freshman sire two years running because of changing countries, had a whopping eight GI/GII winners at the end of the year his first 3-year-olds ran; Distorted Humor, War Front, and Bernardini had four GI/GII winners each. Uncle Mo has the two Grade I winners from last year, Nyquist and Gomo, so far, but for example, has three runners in the GII Louisiana Derby this coming weekend, including co-favorite Mo Tom, winner of the GIII Lecomte S. and an arguably unlucky third in the GII Risen Star. In terms of the North American sire ranks, there is no doubt that a new star sire has arrived.

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Janet Patton, Lexington Herald-Leader

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Tuesday's Results:

2nd-PRX, \$50,500, Msw, 3-22, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.91, ft.

BATTLE TUX (f, 3, [Into Mischief](#)--Slewcy's Gale, by Slew City Slew) missed by just a neck after setting the pace in her career bow over the Aqueduct inner Feb. 28 and was hammered down to 2-5 favoritism to go one better this time around. Hustled away from the gate, the bay pressed from the leader's outside hip in second through a sharp first quarter in :21.91. Sticking her head in front just before the quarter-pole, Battle Tux cruised clear in the lane under a hand ride to win by 6 1/4 lengths over Bawlmer Hon (Silver Train). Sales history: \$7,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$125,000 2yo '15 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$42,000. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Tic Stables; B-George Roy VanHoose & Colleen C. Jonsson (KY); T-Linda Rice.

Virginia Equine Alliance Announces Future Plans:

The Virginia Equine Alliance will seek to move forward with Thoroughbred racing on a limited basis in 2016 and 2017, while also launching a new website that will cater to all aspects of horse racing in the state, it was announced Tuesday.

In the immediate future, pari-mutuel flat races will be held in-state as part of both the annual May 7 Virginia Gold Cup and Oct. 24 International Gold Cup race programs at Great Meadow in The Plains. At least three flat races will be carded in addition to five traditional steeplechase races.

"Mid Atlantic Day," a new event slated for June 25 at Pimlico, will feature a trio of \$60,000 Virginia-bred stakes as well as an identical slate for Maryland-bred horses. A "Virginia-Bred Day" at Laurel will be held for the third straight year Sept. 24, with five stakes events scheduled to be contested.

In 2017, pari-mutuel Thoroughbred racing in Virginia will move to a new home at Morven Park in Leesburg, where plans are currently moving forward to renovate an existing, undulating steeplechase track and transform it into a first-class, one-mile turf course for Thoroughbreds.

More information about racing in Virginia can be found at www.virginiahorseracing.com, a new site recently launched by the VEA covering flat racing, harness racing and steeplechase racing in the state.

Monmouth Park Announces 2016 Stakes Schedule:

The July 31 \$1-million GI Haskell Invitational once again headlines a \$4.65-million stakes schedule for the 2016 racing season at Monmouth Park. The stakes schedule includes a total of 16 graded stakes worth \$2.9 million.

In addition to the Haskell, which was captured by Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) last year, the stakes schedule also includes the GI United Nations S. July 3 and a quartet of additional graded events on Haskell day. Opening Day for the 2016 season is scheduled for May 14. The entire stakes schedule can be found [here](#).

INDUSTRY INFO

Foreign Entries, Results Added to Equibase.com:

Equibase.com has expanded to include the addition of entries and results from several international racing jurisdictions, including Great Britain and the United Arab Emirates, it was announced Tuesday.

"Racing is a global sport and today's technology has made it easy to follow the action from far beyond North America," said Jason Wilson, president and chief operating officer of Equibase. "This expansion, for example, will enable racing fans to monitor 2014 Horse of the Year California Chrome's planned appearance in the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 26."

Equibase's new initiative will also include data from Australia, Uruguay and Chile. All international data will become available on the company's Today's Racing app in the near future.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, March 23

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

- DESERT KEY** (E Dubai), Steve Williams, 17/2/0
6-WRD, Msw 5 1/2f, Gospel Key Purrr, 12-1
[FIRST DUDE](#) (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$7.5K, 195/22/1
5-GP, Msw 7f, Eklipsado, \$16K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1
- INDY EXPRESS** (A.P. Indy), Merrick Ranches, 24/1/0
6-WRD, Msw 5 1/2f, +O Four Express, 12-1
- KENNEDY** (A.P. Indy), Rockin' Z Ranch, \$3K, 30/2/0
6-WRD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Win in the Willow, 5-2
- SIENTE EL TRUENO** (City Zip), Stehr's Farm, 7/2/0
5-CT, Alw 7f, Miss Simon, 12-1
8-CT, Alw 7f, Siente El Viento, 8-1
- [TRAPPE SHOT](#) (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/21/0
5-GP, Msw 7f, Gyrfalcon, \$150K FTF MAR 2yo, 20-1
10-GP, Aoc 1mT, Optimistic Outcome, \$120K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
- [UNCLE MO](#) (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/41/11
10-GP, Aoc 1mT, Auntie Joy, 8-1
- [VICTOR'S CRY](#) (Street Cry {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 62/2/0
4-GP, Msw 5FT, +Trouble in Phoenix, \$18K CAN SEP yrl, 4-1

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IN JAPAN:

American Storm, c, 4, **Giant's Causeway**--Lady Canna, by Unbridled. Nakayama, 3-20, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-1, \$99,464. O-Katsumi Yoshizawa; B-Reiko & Michael Baum; T-Ikuo Aizawa. *\$150,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

Awardee, h, 6, **Jungle Pocket (Jpn)**--Heavenly Romance (Jpn) (MSW-Jpn, \$3,527,120), by Sunday Silence. Nagoya, 3-17, Nagoya Daishoten-Listed, 9.5f. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 29-7-4-6, \$1,551,868. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Management; T-Mikio Matsunaga. *1/2 to Amour Briller (Smart Strike), SW-Jpn, \$1,758,863.

Danon Legend, h, 6, **Macho Uno**--My Goodness, by Storm Cat. Kochi, 3-15, Kurofune Sho, 7f. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 25-11-4-2, \$2,239,833. O-Danox Inc.; B-Colts Neck Stables, LLC; T-Akira Murayama. *\$385,000 2yo '12 BARMAR; \$90,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-PRX, \$51,500, 3-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.04, ft.

PINKOUT (f, 4, Outflanker--Pink Tights, by Let Goodtimes Roll) Lifetime Record: 15-3-4-5, \$150,970. O-Kathleen Willier; B-Wes Carter (NJ); T-Kevin G. Sleeter. *\$9,000 2yo '14 EASMAV.

6th-PRX, \$42,500, (S), 3-22, (NW1X), 3yo, 1m, 1:39.68, ft.

D T GOODIE (c, 3, Jump Start--Free Strike, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$65,050. O-Robert Atkinson; B-Donald Clifford Wilson (PA); T-Carl Doran. *1/2 to Escrow Kid (City Place), MSP, \$514,609.

8th-WRD, \$25,080, (S), 3-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.64, ft.

FLYING TOM (g, 5, Rush Bay--Sealth, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-0, \$54,508. O-R. Odell Edwards; B-Frank E. Gladd (OK); T-Austin Gustafson.

7th-WRD, \$20,900, 3-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.17, ft.

NYM (MEX) (c, 4, Drover--Marthas Gift {Mex}, by Discover) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$38,702. O-Pozo de Luna Inc.; B-Rancho Pozo de Luna (MEX); T-Kari Craddock. *1/2 to Diamante Negro (Mex) (Election Day {Ire}), Ch. 2yo colt & SW-Mex, \$427,329.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Cawboybandido, c, 2, **Next Bandit**--Catchtherain, by Super Special. SUN, 3-22, (S), 2f, :21.32. B-Hubaldo Solis (NM).

Angelafar, f, 3, **Firejack**--Scared Money, by Carson City. SUN, 3-22, (S), 1m, 1:41.56. B-Weldon & Derrick Jenkins (NM).

Shooter Pete, g, 3, **Trappe Shot**--Why Lucy Why, by Whywhywhy. WRD, 3-22, 5 1/2f, 1:06.19. B-Nancy C. Shuford (KY). *\$75,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP; \$120,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSMAR; \$29,000 RNA 2yo '15 EASMAV.

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Valentine Party, g, 4, **Pollard's Vision**--Artic Party (SP, \$323,397), by Eskimo. WRD, 3-22, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.98. B-John James Revocable Trust (OK).

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
3/26	GII New Orleans H.	FG
	GII Mervin Muniz Memorial H.	FG
	GII Fair Grounds Oaks	FG
	GII Louisiana Derby	FG
	GII Santa Ana S.	SA
4/2	GI Florida Derby	GP
	GII Gulfstream Park Oaks	GP
	GII Honey Fox S.	GP
	GII Pan American S.	GP
	GIII Skip Away S.	GP
	GIII Orchid S.	GP
	GIII Appleton S.	GP
	GIII San Simeon S.	SA
4/3	GIII Bourbonette Oaks	TP
	GIII Spiral S.	TP
	GIII Top Flight H.	AQU
4/8	GIII Tokyo City Cup	SA
	GIII Transylvania S.	KEE
4/9	GIII Thunder Road S.	SA
	GI Carter H.	AQU
	GI Wood Memorial S.	AQU
	GI Madison S.	KEE
	GI Central Bank Ashland S.	KEE
	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	KEE
	GI Santa Anita Derby	SA
	GI Santa Anita Oaks	SA
	GII Gazelle S.	AQU
	GII Shakertown S.	KEE
GIII Commonwealth S.	GIII Commonwealth S.	KEE
	GIII Bay Shore S.	AQU
	GIII Excelsior S.	AQU
	GIII Fantasy S.	OP
	GIII Providencia S.	SA

FIRST-SEASON SIRES SERIES: SADLER'S WELLS LINE



The highly anticipated first crop of Frankel hits the tracks this year | Juddmonte Farm

With almost 30 stallions likely to have first-crop runners in Europe this season, the TDN has compiled a four-part feature to assess the merits of each. We've split this feature into four parts and will deal initially with those sires from the Sadler's Wells line. As he's never known what it's like not to come first, we'll start with a horse for whom expectations are impossibly high, and deservedly so.

FRANKEL (GB) (Galileo {Ire}--Kind {Ire}, by Danehill)
 2013 fee: £125,000 (Banstead Manor Stud)
 First crop: 111 to race
 Yearling sales average: 423,483gns/€573,608 for 23 sold

Emma Berry: Frankel's first crop were in the spotlight before they were even conceived. Never before has the fringe world of bloodstock benefited from a 90-minute stallion documentary on the major sports channel BBC Radio 5 Live, but the cult of Frankel led to just such a scenario on the eve of him covering his first mare and the furore has been stoked with every sale which has included one of his offspring ever since then.

His racing record is unimpeachable, his sire, dam, and two grandsires are similarly desirable attributes, and then there are his first dates. [cont. p2](#)

EARLY SEASON BRITISH RAID FOR WARD

American trainer Wesley Ward is no stranger to British racecourses, having enjoyed success in recent years with the likes of No Nay Never (Scat Daddy), Hootenanny (Quality Road), Acapulco (Scat Daddy) and Undrafted (Purim) at Royal Ascot and beyond, and Ward will make an early raid on the country this year after confirming the unraced 2-year-old filly **Create A Dream** (Oasis Dream {GB}) for next Saturday's Betway Brocklesby Conditions Stakes at Doncaster.

Ward is expected to send five juveniles across the Atlantic on the weekend.

"The problem we have here is we don't have a lot of opportunities to run the 2-year-olds with grass pedigrees in the early part of the year, because they've taken the Polytrack surface away at Keeneland," Ward explained. "The Polytrack used to be a good leveler for the turf horses running against the dirt horses, but now we don't have that, it's pretty tough."

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Bill Oppenheim compares the success of red-hot Uncle Mo to other recent top stallions.

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Midday (GB), Dancing Rain (Ire), Danedream (Ger), Dar Re Mi (GB), Finsceal Beo (Ire), Zomaradah (GB)--the list goes on. The one caveat, to steal an old trainer's cliché, would be 'anything he does this year is a bonus.' Don't expect him to have lots of early runners, but we will all hope and pray for some classy types at the back-end of the season when 2-year-old racing matters most.

Yes, for those of us who spend a lot of time at the sales, Frankel fever may have turned to Frankel fatigue, but that's not his fault. He is justifiably the most exciting stallion prospect in living memory.

Bill Oppenheim: His record as a sire will be the greatest demonstration ever of the correlation between racing class and the breeding shed. Those of us in, as Emma describes it, "the fringe world of bloodstock" will be hanging on every result. It could go either way.

NATHANIEL (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}--Magnificent Style, by Silver Hawk)

2013 fee: £20,000 (Newsells Park Stud)

First crop: 118 to race

Yearling sales: 95,179gns/€128,921 for 70 sold

EB: Nathaniel appeared on and departed from the racing scene at the very same time as Frankel, finishing second to him on their mutual debut at Newmarket on a rain-sodden August day and then third in the G1 QIPCO Champion S. on their swansong. In between, their careers took divergent paths, with Nathaniel breaking his maiden as an April 3-year-old before claiming the 'Ascot Derby'--the G2 King Edward VII S.--for his first stakes victory en route to greater glory at the Berkshire track in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. the following month. He failed by only a nose to retain his title in the following year's King George, but added vital versatility to his record for a future stallion career when coming back to 10 furlongs to win the G1 Coral Eclipse S. at four.

His positioning at Newsells Park Stud gives him as much chance of success as do his illustrious bloodlines. His dam, the celebrated Magnificent Style, was 15 when she produced Nathaniel but had already provided the Sangster family's Swettenham Stud with the Sadler's Wells black-type trio of Percussionist (Ire), Playful Act (Ire) and Changing Skies (Ire), as well as Echoes In Eternity (Ire) (Spinning World) and Petara Bay (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) before she switched to the broodmare band of Lady Rothschild, for whom she has also produced Nathaniel's Irish Oaks-winning full-sister Great Heavens (GB).

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Nathaniel has been given a great vote of confidence by a range of owner-breeders and we can expect to see some nicely bred individuals racing during the second half of this season, though he is likely to feature more prominently once his first crop turn three.



Nathaniel | *Racing Post*

BO: His form behind Frankel gives him a big shot, and his yearlings were well-liked by the Judges. Nobody expects him to sire early 2-year-olds, but he's getting a real shot.

SO YOU THINK (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}--Triassic {NZ}, by Tights)

2013 fee: €17,500 (Coolmore)

First crop: 68 to race

Yearling sales: 35,674gns/€48,321 for 33 sold

EB: The death of High Chaparral in December 2014 cut short the career of a stallion whose worth was never fully appreciated in his lifetime, but the likes of Free Eagle (Ire) in the Northern Hemisphere and Contributor (Ire) in Australia have continued to illustrate how big a loss he was. Ironically, given the relative lack of popularity of the Sadler's Wells line in Australia at the time, it was in the Southern Hemisphere where High Chaparral first properly made a name for himself, and the very best of some

decent progeny from his shuttling days is So You Think. The dark brown stallion with the wildly long mane was the toast of Bart Cummings's stable during the first half of his racing career, which saw him win five Group 1



So You Think | *Coolmore*

races, including the Cox Plate twice. His switch north to Aidan O'Brien at Ballydoyle may have been the cause of some angst for his Australian fans at the time, but he proved more than equal to the challenge, adding another five Group 1s to his name and beating the likes of Derby winner Workforce (GB) and dual Oaks heroine Snow Fairy (Ire) in doing so.

So You Think's first covering season at Coolmore's Irish base had a delayed start after he injured a hock, so he will be at a disadvantage numerically this season, but his 2-year-olds have found their way into some powerful stables.

His first Southern Hemisphere crop has already produced the G2 Matamata Breeders S. winner Gold Rush (NZ) in New Zealand as well as Flemington listed race runner-up Conscious (Aus) from just a handful of runners.

BO: Has the best credentials of any Australasian-bred to stand 'up north' in many years, winning 10 Group 1's and running RPR's between 127-129 in 10 of his last 11 turf starts. Not especially commercial but if he passes along his toughness, durability, and class he'll make a sire.

JUKEBOX JURY (IRE) (Montjeu {Ire}--Mare Aux Fees {GB}, by Kenmare {Fr})

2013 fee: €5,500 (Gestut Etzean)

First crop: 54 reported foals

Yearling sales: 18,708gns/€25,341 for 33 sold

EB: Winning over seven furlongs on his August debut at two, Jukebox Jury, a €270,000 yearling at Arqana's August Sale of 2007, jumped to the fore just eight weeks later when overhauling Cityscape (GB) to land the G2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge S. before finishing runner-up to Crowded House (GB) in



Jukebox Jury | *Racing Post*

the G1 Racing Post Trophy. The likeable grey remained in training throughout four seasons for Mark Johnston, adding three more Group 2 victories to his name before finally earning top-level honours when dead-heating with Duncan (GB) in the G1 Irish St Leger. His first-crop

yearlings to make their way into sales in Britain, France and Germany were largely well received and though he won't be able to match the numbers of some of his speedier contemporaries, he is a young stallion to follow with interest.

BO: He was a Group 2 winner at two, three, four, and five, and won two Group 1 races, running peak RPRs of 119-120 on five different occasions. He was a €270,000 yearling so must have always looked the part, and with a proper French bottom line, he could be suited by German mares.

FAME AND GLORY (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}--Gryada {GB}, by Shirley Heights {GB})

2013 fee: €5,000 (Grange Stud)

First crop: 144 to race

Yearling sales: 14,489gns/€19,626 for 18 sold

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EB: The writer's stubbornness has led to the inclusion in this list of Fame And Glory, who, despite standing at Grange Stud effectively as a National Hunt sire, really does deserve consideration by flat breeders.

A sole yearling, a colt out of a half-sister to the G2 Yorkshire Cup winner Franklins Gardens (GB), went through Book 1 of Tattersalls' October Sale, fetching a bid of 65,000gns from Peter and Ross Doyle and is now listed as in training with Richard Hannon.



Fame and Glory | *Racing Post*

Unbeaten at two himself in only two starts, including the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud, Fame And Glory notched 14 victories from his 26 starts across five seasons. His Group 1 successes included the 2009 Irish Derby and came over the 10 1/2 furlongs of the Tattersalls Gold Cup to the 2 1/2 miles of the Ascot Gold Cup.

His pedigree, too, resonates with flat class, with his sister Yummy Mummy (Ire) having produced the high-class G1 QIPCO 1,000 Guineas winner Legatissimo (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}).

BO: A seriously good racehorse who won the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at 10 1/2 furlongs, the Irish Derby and Coronation Cup at 12 furlongs, and the Ascot Gold Cup over 2 1/2 miles. That stubborn Emma is right that he could make a flat stallion, and if he gets a few flat runners who show something, he will be.

BULLET TRAIN (GB) (Sadler's Wells--Kind {Ire}, by Daneshill)

2013 fee: \$7,500 (Crestwood Farm, USA)

First crop: 46 reported foals

Yearling sales: 11,378gns/€15,355 for 23 sold in the US and Europe

EB: Sadler's Wells retired from stud duties the year after Bullet Train was born, making the latter almost certainly the last of his sons to retire to stud. Winner of the G3 Lingfield Derby Trial S., Bullet Train's destiny was to play the role of the most celebrated pacemaker ever seen, to his extraordinary year-younger three-parts brother Frankel. Though clearly not as talented, the fact that he nursed his sibling through every training session and major racecourse appearance bears testament to his mental and physical soundness which, along with his breeding, makes him worthy of his place at stud. We'll see few of his offspring race in Europe, though three of his yearlings were sold here for an average of 22,818gns.

BO: A Group 3-winning three-quarter brother to Frankel whose race record is muddied by the fact he was Frankel's pacemaker for the best part of three years. He's in really good hands in the States and at least has enough foals on the ground that he's getting a chance.

Foal crop and sales statistics provided by Weatherbys Bloodstock Reports.

Next installment: Daneshill-line sires.

How They Bet...

Only one bookmaker, RaceBets, actively promotes the first-season sire market, thanks to the in-depth bloodstock knowledge of its representative Joseph Burke. This season, Burke has seen greater interest than ever in a whole range of sires. He says, "In an amazing market, RaceBets has now laid 17 of the 20 stallions, which is unprecedented in my 14 years of betting on this market. In my view this is probably an indication that this year's freshmen might just prove to be a vintage crop of sires in time, so it will be very exciting to see how it all pans out. RaceBets will, as always, be betting on this competition throughout the season."

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- 12 Power (from 16)
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- 20 Born To Sea (from 14)
- 20 Nathaniel (from 14)
- 20 Sepoy
- 25 Foxwedge
- 25 Mayson
- 33 Dragon Pulse (from 20)
- 33 Elzaam (from 25)
- 40 Helmet (from 25)
- 40 Requito
- 66 Delegator
- 100 Famous Name
- 100 Sayif
- 100 So You Think

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Early Season British Raid For Ward (cont. from p1)

Create A Dream is a daughter of French stakes winner and U.S. Grade I-placed Anabaa's Creation (Ire) (Anabaa), and Ward said, "With a filly of this quality, we didn't want to run her against the speed-orientated horses on the dirt. She came to the top on the grass at Palm Meadows in Florida, so we decided we'd bring her over to England along with a few others. They'll head out Sunday and will be based at Manton with my assistant, Blake Heap. Sam Sangster was good enough to let us stay and we're grateful to Paul Shanahan for organising it for us. The plan is for the horses to stay at Manton and we'll see if they are worthy of making it to Royal Ascot. We're really excited about it and we're expecting big things from Create A Dream, bigger things than the Brocklesby, even though it is a historical race."

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MCGRATH NEW CURRAGH CHIEF

Derek McGrath has been named Chief Executive of Curragh Racecourse Ltd, the company that will own, operate and develop The Curragh Racecourse and Training Grounds. A qualified veterinary surgeon, McGrath was chief executive of European Rugby Cup Ltd from 2000 to 2014, and he has also represented Ireland at senior international level in rugby. McGrath's role will commence Apr. 11.

Padraig McManus, Chairman of Curragh Racecourse Ltd, said, "We are delighted to announce Derek's appointment and are very pleased that he has agreed to accept the position. We have



Curragh Racecourse | *Racing Post*

exciting plans for the redevelopment of the Curragh and Derek is the ideal figure to lead The Curragh forward into the future."

McGrath added, "I am delighted to be taking up the challenge of

managing such a prestigious sporting facility as The Curragh Racecourse and Training Grounds. As the Home of the Classics, The Curragh holds iconic status in Irish sport and I am looking forward to being part of the team to lead The Curragh through its ambitious redevelopment programme and into the future."

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'DAWN' ON COURSE FOR GUINEAS

Trainer Jim Bolger started the Classic campaign of Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) on a winning note in the G1 2000 Guineas in 2013, and the Coolcullen conditioner will soon to decide whether to take the same approach with that one's Group 2-winning first-crop son, **Herald The Dawn (Ire)**, or to give the Godolphin colourbearer a prep prior to that Apr. 30 Newmarket contest.

"He's got a lot stronger and he's much thicker than he was last



Herald The Dawn | *Racing Post*

year, but I wouldn't think any higher," Bolger told *At The Races*. "He's a very strong-looking animal."

Herald The Dawn won The Curragh's G2 Futurity S. in August before finishing second to

juvenile champion Air Force Blue (War Front) in the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S., and Bolger admitted the bay had some lengths to make up on that Ballydoyle incumbent.

"They need to thrive throughout the winter and also into the spring," he said. "His form was very good, but he still has to improve a bit to get near the ante-post favourite [Air Force Blue]. We'll be upping the pace with him in the next couple of weeks and if he's working lazily we'll have to consider a run beforehand, but otherwise he'll go straight there."

"I haven't thought about where we might go for a possible prep run as the ground would be a big factor with him," Bolger added. "I'd be hoping to grab a Group 1 with him some place during the year."

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CURRAGH RETURN FOR CHAMPION WINNER

Last year's G1 Qipco Champion S. scorer **Fascinating Rock (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) will likely resume in The Curragh's G3 Mooresbridge S. May 2, with the May 22 G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup his main early season target.

"He's in great form, we're happy, it's early days yet," trainer Dermot Weld told *At The Races*. "He had a great season last year winning from a mile to a mile and a half and obviously the Champion S. at Ascot was the highlight." **Cont. p6**



Fascinating Rock | *Racing Post*

"He tends to take a race so the first race will tell us a lot but his main first target is the big Group 1," Weld added. "I think he can even improve a little more than what he did last year. He doesn't have to improve very much, but I think there is even more to come."

Fascinating Rock won last year's Mooresbridge before finishing second to Al Kazeem (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the Tattersalls Gold Cup. He enjoyed a summer break before returning to win the G3 Enterprise S. and the Champion., and Weld suggested the 5-year-old entire could follow a similar path this year.

"He enjoys a nice ease in the ground, so he might have a summer's break like he had last year and concentrate in the autumn," he said.

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'PARIS' TO RETURN TO DUNLOP

Last year's G1 Gold Cup hero **Trip To Paris (Ire)** (Champs Elysees {GB}) has spent the winter in Australia recuperating from a tendon injury sustained when finishing 14th in the G1 Japan Cup Nov. 29, and trainer Ed Dunlop said the 5-year-old gelding will return to his British stable in May.



Trip To Paris after the Gold Cup | *Racing Post*

"As has been documented, he got a tendon injury in the Japan Cup and he's actually in Australia now," Dunlop explained. "We sent him to a tendon expert in Australia and the reports are very good. He will return to me, I believe, at the beginning of May ready to start again."

Dunlop did not rule out a title defense of the Gold Cup at Ascot in late June, but the conditioner was cautionary.

"He's had a serious injury, unfortunately," he said. "If we can get him back on track there's the Gold Cup, but we'll see what condition he comes back in."

Trip To Paris made a big impression in Australia late last year, finishing second in the G1 Caulfield Cup in his local debut and fourth, beaten two lengths, in the G1 Melbourne Cup.

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NEW WILDCARD SALE FOR ARQANA

Arqana will harness the success of its wildcard system, already in place at many of its major sales, and launch a 100% wildcard sale of flat and National Hunt horses-in-training to coincide with its breeze-up sale in Deauville May 14. The wildcard sale will be offered as a separate catalogue. Entries for the wildcard sale will be taken until May 4, and horses declared in a group races the weekend after the sale—which includes the two French Guineas'—will be permitted to run in their new owners' colours.

"We are very excited at the prospect of this new sale, based on a scheme that has been fervently endorsed by vendors for its capacity to enhance the value of smart performers, whether on the flat or over jumps," said Arqana Chairman Eric Hoyeau. "The 100% Wild Card Sale will act as an outstanding showcase for horses in training with the potential to compete at a high level, in Europe or further afield. And the combination of a top-class weekend of racing in Deauville with two quality sales will undoubtedly attract a large cross-section of international buyers."

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GENERATION GALOP HOLDS MEETING

Generation Galop held its general meeting Sunday in Saint-Cloud before an audience of 80. The organisation renewed its board of directors and presented its projects for the coming years.

The new board is comprised of Georges Rimaud (president), Herve Morin (vice-president), Christian de Villeneuve (secretary) and Chryss O'Reilly (treasurer). Rimaud said, "I strongly believe the general public needs to approach horses closer. The breeding industry offers great opportunities that will help build the relationship with horses."

Generation Galop's goals include forming working groups on subjects including engaging the general public and racegoers, improving the owner experience and optimizing collaboration with other racing organizations. The groups will also consider how to work on the attractiveness and competitiveness of French racing and breeding, in particular ways to maintain prize money levels.

Generation Galop will also offer its members a wider range of services, including the subscription to a public liability insurance for owners, regular communication and the organisation of special events.

"We plan to gather our members around dinners or conferences on various themes related to breeding, training, legal aspects and sanitary questions," said Rimaud.

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Tuesday's Result:

2nd-SOU, £5,000, Mdn, 3-22, 3-5yo, 8f (AWT), 1:42.53, st. DUBAI IN BLOOM (IRE) (f, 3, [Kheleyf--Weood {Ire}](#), by [Dubawi {Ire}](#)), who suffered an ignominious start to her career when last of five and never a factor in a Brighton maiden in August, was sent into a close-up second from the outset. Taking control before halfway, the 15-2 chance maintained the gallop to account for Melendez (Point Given) by 1 1/2 lengths. The dam, who is from the family of the sprinting highweight Balthazaar's Gift (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), has a 2-year-old colt by Helmet (Aus) and a yearling filly by Casamento (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,647. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Mr Mohammed Al Shafar; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Simon Crisford.



Tuesday's Results:

1st-CHY, €29,000, Cond, 3-22, 3yo, f, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:11.47, st. AL WATHNA (GB) (f, 3, [Nayef--Lemon Twist {Ire}](#), by [Marju {Ire}](#)), off the mark at Cagnes-sur-Mer at the start of last month, traded at almost 6-1 and raced enthusiastically tracking the leading duo throughout the early stages. At work at the top of the straight, the €72,000 AROCT yearling stayed on to gain the lead approaching the furlong pole and held the challenge of Kalimera (Kitten's Joy) to win by a half-length. The dam, who is a half to another smart product by Nayef in the SW Lake Palace (GB), has a 2-year-old full-sister to the winner and a yearling colt by Motivator (GB). Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €31,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

2nd-CHY, €29,000, Cond, 3-22, 3, c/g, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:10.95, st. KHIEN SHAN (FR) (c, 3, [Medecis {GB}](#)--[Lucky Game {Fr}](#), by [Montjeu {Ire}](#)), who has become something of a course specialist with mile wins in claimers Feb. 26 and Mar. 10 and a handicap five days later, was respected as the 5-2 second favourite and stalked the leading quartet initially. Asked to take over with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the €8,000 AROCT yearling who has a yearling half-sister by Palace Episode was pushed out to record a half-length verdict over Jorvick (Mizzen Mast). Lifetime Record: 15 starts, 5 wins, 5 places, €74,950. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Joel Phelippon; B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain (FR); T-J Phelippon.

4th-CHY, €25,000, Debutantes, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:40.44, st. +CHAMPAGNE CHARLEY (FR) (g, 3, [Myboycharlie {Ire}](#)--[Age of Refinement {Ire}](#), by [Pivotal {GB}](#)), sent off at 10-1, raced freely in fifth early before being delivered with a telling turn of acceleration to take command approaching the furlong pole. Quickly out of reach, the bay--who hails from the extended family of Grand Lodge--stayed on strongly to win by 3/4 of a length from Spectroscope (Medaglia d'Oro), the son of the 2009 GI Just a Game S. and GI First Lady S. winner Diamondrella (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). Sales history: €6,000 RNA Wlg '13 ARDEC. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Sam Sangster; B-S Sangster (FR); T-Nicolas Clement.

6th-CHY, €25,000, Debutantes, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:43.37, st. +VIA FIRENZE (IRE) (f, 3, [Dansili {GB}](#)--[Via Medici {Ire}](#) {[GSW-Fr](#), \$111,524}, by [Medicean {GB}](#)), a €260,000 BBASEP yearling, raced a touch keenly on the outer in sixth throughout the early stages. Produced to lead with 100 metres remaining, the 11-2 shot was pushed out to secure a short-neck success from Syrita (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) with a little in hand. The winner, who is a half-sister to Via Pisa (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), SW-Fr & G1SP-Ity, \$104,884, has a 2-year-old half-sister by Lawman (Fr) named Via Lazio (GB). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Ecurie des Charmes, Haras d'Etream & Riviera Equine SARL; B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair (IRE); T-Pia Brandt.

FIRST MARES IN FOAL FOR GIBRALTAR

Dual Group 1 winner **Prince Gibraltar (Fr)** (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), who is standing his first season at Haras de Montaigu in France, has had his first mares scanned in foal. The 5-year-old is expected to cover around 80 mares this season, including five for Montaigu and eight for Jean-Francois Gribomont, who bred and raced the chestnut.



IN JAPAN:

Matenro Ghost (Ire), c, 3, [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)--Latin Love (Ire) (MSW & MGSP-Ire, GSP-Can, \$211,528), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Chukyo, 3-21, Novice Race, 10ft. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$74,107. O-Chiyono Terada; B-Nobutaka Tada; T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida. *\$340,000 wnl '13 KEENOV; \$350,000 yrl '14 KEESep.





CHROME 'DIFFERENT' THIS YEAR: SHERMAN

Trainer Art Sherman arrived in Dubai Monday night to oversee **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit)'s final preparations for Saturday's G1 Dubai World Cup, and the trainer was not mincing words Tuesday when speaking to the press about the improvement the 5-year-old has made since he finished second in the world's richest race last year.

"He's a lot stronger horse now," said Sherman. "I think he's five lengths better. You're just going to see a different Chrome this time."



California Chrome winning a Feb. 25 handicap at Meydan | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Unlike last year, when he shipped in for the main event, California Chrome has been stationed in Dubai since late January. He won a Dubai World Cup track-and-trip

handicap in eye-catching style Feb. 25. Alan Sherman, Art's son and assistant, has been by the chestnut's side during his stay in Dubai, and he said, "He loves what he does. He comes out here, does his job, and he loves it. He's always been that way."

Another World Cup contender with a prep over the Meydan surface is Godolphin's 4-year-old **Frosted** (Tapit), who won the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 Feb. 4 and was twice placed behind Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) last year. Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin's brother and assistant Neal McLaughlin told the press Tuesday, "He's really come into his own. It helps that American Pharoah isn't here. We always say we had the right horse in the wrong year. We came over early and gave him time to acclimate."

"The prep couldn't have gone any better," McLaughlin added. "With seven weeks since his last start, he's fresh, happy and ready to run. We are full of confidence."



Last year's King George winner Postponed preparing for the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic after winning the G2 Dubai City Of Gold Mar. 5. "He should come on for his first run for me and I am very happy with him going into the weekend," said trainer Roger Varian

DRC/Andrew Watkins

MOSSMAN FILLY TOPS MARCH SALE

A daughter of Mossman (Aus) posted the highest price of the two-day Magic Millions March Gold Coast Yearling Sale during the sale's second session Tuesday when fetching A\$180,000 from trainer Mick Mair.

Figures largely held steady over the two days. With three fewer horses sold—294—the gross dropped 3.7% to A\$8,355,500. The buyback rate was up a hair to 19.5% from 19.2% 12 months ago, with 71 buybacks at both sales. The average dipped 2.8% to



Sale-topping Mossman filly | Magic Millions

A\$28,420.

"This sale, until two years ago, had grossed between A\$5 million and A\$6 million and that has grown to over A\$8 million last year and again this year," Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox said. "It would seem that there is certainty in the Queensland product;

however, it is now time for breeders to evaluate their stock and look to upgrade for the future, just as Jan Clark did a few years ago, and the fruits of that investment have produced Capitalist. To that end we congratulate Jan and the Daandine team on winning the Magic Millions-Golden Slipper double."

The Mossman filly, a half-sister to two winners, was offered as [lot 363](#) from Oakwood Farm.

"She's a lovely filly," Mair said. "I've had a lot of luck with the family and I'm hoping she can continue that. Mossman is a leading sire and she has the looks and conformation to make it on the track." **Cont. p9**

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Second-top billing on the day went to a daughter of Hussonet (lot 213), the sire who died over the weekend at Cornerstone Stud. The first foal out of the winning Maratino (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) was offered by Jorson Farm and bought by David Vandyke for A\$120,000.

There was one other six-figure transaction on the day: lot 201, a Real Saga (Aus) colt bought by Norm Stephens from the Lyndhurst Farm draft for A\$100,000. The dark bay is out of an unraced half-sister to Written Tycoon (Aus), the sire of last weekend's G1 Golden Slipper winner Capitalist (Aus).

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SESSION TOPPERS

MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST MARCH SALE

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
363	f	Mossman (Aus)	The Spear (Aus)	180,000
		<i>B-Oakwood Farm</i>		
		Consigned by Oakwood Farm		
		Purchased by Mick Mair		
213	f	Hussonet	Maratino (Aus)	120,000
		<i>B-Mrs. J Brown</i>		
		Consigned by Jorson Farm		
		Purchased by Vandyke Racing		
201	c	Real Saga (Aus)	Loves Attention (Aus)	100,000
		<i>B-P & L Maguire Pty Ltd</i>		
		Consigned by Lyndhurst Farm		
		Purchased by Norm Stephens		

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• No. Sold	294	297
• RNAs	71	71
• % RNAs	19.5%	19.2%
• High Price	A\$180,000	A\$170,000
• Gross	A\$8,355,500	A\$8,680,500
• Average (% change)	A\$28,420 (-2.8%)	A\$29,227



Bronwen Healy captures a very fitting moment between Capitalist and Blake Shinn after the Magic Millions 2YO Classic. The Golden Slipper hero and 'TDN Rising Star' will stand at Newgate Farm upon retirement.

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