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## OPPENHEIM: A TALE OF THREE BOOKS



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Even as I write this, the sale continues with Book 4 Day 1, Tuesday. But last year, for example, over 80% of the complete sale's gross had been realized in the first three books. This year, 2,227 yearlings--almost exactly half the total number catalogued--were catalogued in the first three books, consisting of seven sessions over eight days, same as last year.

In most years, once Book 1 is finished, the succeeding books tend to follow a similar pattern to each other, usually featuring a big jump--10 percentage points or so--in the clearance rate from the catalogue. However, this year Book 2 displayed certain characteristics, including a big fall in that clearance rate, which made it seem less like Book 3 and more like Book 1. Over three days in Book 1 last week, 346 yearlings sold, a 22% drop from the 443 sold in Book 1 last year. The gross was down \$14 million, a 10% drop from last year, but the average rose by 15%, from \$303,072 last year to \$347,471.

In Book 2, last Friday and Saturday, 800 yearlings were catalogued, down 1% from the 806 catalogued last year. This year 466 were sold, 11% fewer than in the 2015 Book 2. The gross declined by \$1.7 million, or about 2.5% less than last year; in both Book 1 and Book 2, though, the decline in gross was less than we had projected, as a result of which the Book 2 average increased, by 10%, to \$147,701. *Cont. p3*

## BOOK 4 STARTS ON A POSITIVE NOTE

The Keeneland September Yearling Sale continued to boast positive numbers as the first session of Book 4, which is the eighth of 13 sessions of this sale, concluded Tuesday evening.

A total of 275 yearlings sold Tuesday for a gross of \$15,036,900, which was an increase from last year's corresponding session when 292 youngsters brought \$14,192,700. The session average was up 12.5% from \$48,605 last term to \$54,680 and median also increased 5.71% from \$35,000 to \$37,000.

A pair of colts, one by Midnight Lute and the other by Violence, shared top billing for the day at \$300,000. Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent V consigned the son of Midnight Lute ([Hip 2580](#)) on behalf of his breeder Randal Family Trust and he was purchased here by Ruis Racing, who won the GI Del Mar Debutante S. with one of their recent 2-year-old purchases Union Strike (Union Rags). *Cont. p5*

## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### EPAULETTE FILLY TOPS TATTS IRELAND OPENER

A filly by first-season sire Epaulette (Aus) topped the first of four sessions of the Tattersall Ireland September Yearling Sale on Tuesday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)

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**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**



"TDN Rising Star" and GI Kentucky Oaks winner Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss) jogging at Parx Tuesday morning in preparation for Saturday's GI Cotillion S. *EQUI-PHOTO*

**JUV. CHAMPIONS HEADLINE PARX FEATURES 8**

Champions Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) and Nyquist (Uncle Mo) each headline a major 3-year-old race at Parx Saturday, with one seeking to keep her record clean and the other looking for redemption.

**DARRS INC ON THE RISE 10**

Michael Adolphson profiles David Ross, who's DARRS Inc. has found increased success throughout 2016.

**TODAY'S GRADED STAKES**

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From the desk of...

# BILL OPPENHEIM



To that point, the number sold in Book 1 declined by 22% and the number sold in Book 2 declined by 11%, while the average increased by 15% in Book 1, and by 10% in Book 2. But the clearance rate from the catalogue in Book 2 declined from 65% last year to 58% this year, much closer to the 57% clearance rate in Book 1.

It wasn't until Book 3, Sunday and Monday, that the metrics really started to match or improve compared to last year. In last year's Book 3, 536 yearlings, which was 66.7% of those catalogued, sold for \$40,625,000, an average of \$75,844. At the close of play Monday 555 yearlings had sold in this year's Book 3, for a gross of \$44,178,500, an average of \$79,600. The number sold was 3% higher than last year's Book 3; the gross was 8% higher; and the average was 5% higher. The 67.6% clearance rate from the catalogue was also higher than last year's Book 3.

With such declines in the number sold in Book 1 and Book 2, the overall number of 1,367 sold in Books 1-3 was 11% lower than the 1,504 sold in the corresponding books last year. The gross declined 5%, or about \$12 million, from \$245.5 million last

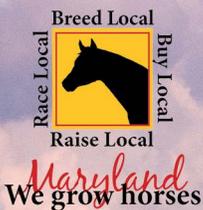
year to \$233.6 million this year, while the average is up nearly 5%, from \$163,278 in 2015 to \$170,947 in Books 1-3 this year. The clearance rate from the catalogue dropped 3% overall in the first three books, from 64.4% last year to 61.4% this year.

Among the sires, Gainesway's **Tapit** (31 sold/53 cat) and Claiborne's **War Front** (19 sold/33 cat) are way out in front with averages of \$639,839 and \$633,947, respectively, each selling 58% of those catalogued, just about the average for Book 1, considering sires with 4+ sold. Three sires averaged in the 300's: Coolmore's **Galileo** (4/8, \$393,750), who will of course have many more catalogued in the upcoming European sales; and fellow (like Tapit) F2006 sires, WinStar's **Speightstown** (26/51, \$329,115) and Darley's **Medaglia d'Oro** (33/56, \$305,424). Three more averaged \$250k+ in Books 1-3: WinStar's Pioneerof the Nile (33/56, \$275,606); Hill 'n' Dale's **Curlin** (30/44, \$262,333); and Coolmore Ashford's late **Scat Daddy**, who led all sires with 51 sold (80 cat), for an average of \$260,922. **Cont. p4**



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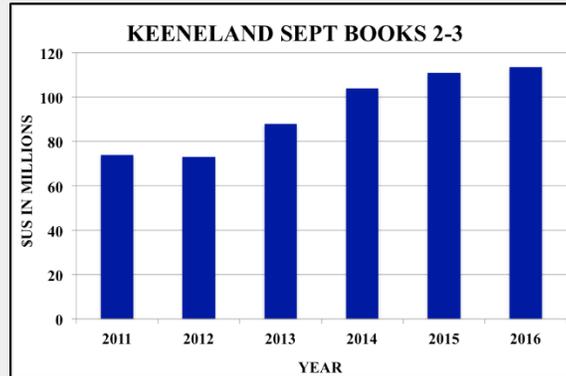


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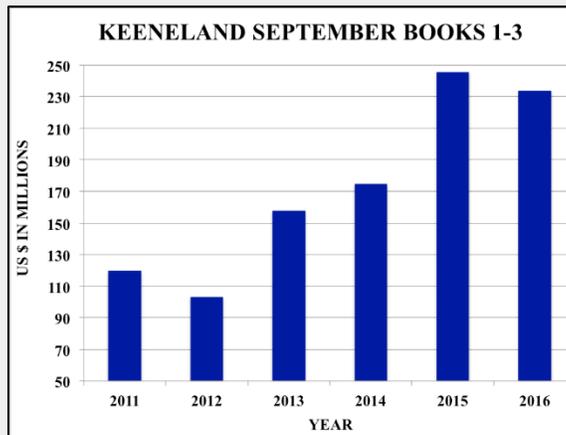
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“Books 1-3: as discussed in the column, 11% fewer yearlings were sold in Book 2 this year compared to 2015 as the Book 2 clearance rate from the catalogue declined from 65% to 58%; Book 3 was the first in which the number sold and gross, as well as average, were up from last year. For the first three books overall, also 11% fewer yearlings sold for a gross decline around \$12-million, or 5%. Considering the shift in numbers from Book 1 to the back books, that decline is not as much as expected. The clearance rate from the catalogue, though, was down another 3%, from 64% to 61%.”



### KEENELAND SEPTEMBER BOOKS 2-3 COMBINED

<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	1,620	1,422	1,021	12.2%	71.8%	63.0%	\$ 113,459,500	\$ 111,126
2015	1,610	1,461	1,061	9.3%	72.6%	65.9%	\$ 111,309,500	\$ 104,910
2014	1,617	1,453	1,115	10.1%	76.7%	69.0%	\$ 103,798,500	\$ 93,093
2013	1,644	1,466	1,165	10.8%	79.5%	70.9%	\$ 88,026,000	\$ 75,559
2012	1,632	1,456	1,188	10.8%	81.6%	72.8%	\$ 72,886,000	\$ 61,352
2011	1,666	1,504	1,170	9.7%	77.8%	70.2%	\$ 73,996,700	\$ 63,245



### KEENELAND SEPTEMBER BOOKS 1-3

<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	2,227	1,921	1,367	13.7%	71.2%	61.4%	\$ 233,684,500	\$ 170,947
2015	2,334	2,102	1,504	9.9%	71.6%	64.4%	\$ 245,570,500	\$ 163,278
2014	1,997	1,785	1,356	10.6%	76.0%	67.9%	\$ 174,751,500	\$ 128,873
2013	2,082	1,840	1,434	11.6%	77.9%	68.9%	\$ 157,647,000	\$ 109,935
2012	1,764	1,571	1,263	10.9%	80.4%	71.6%	\$ 103,176,000	\$ 81,691
2011	1,877	1,695	1,299	9.7%	76.6%	69.2%	\$ 119,596,700	\$ 92,068
2010	1,694	1,510	1,121	10.9%	74.2%	66.2%	\$ 122,603,700	\$ 109,370

**Oppenheim cont.**

Among first-year F2015 sires with their first yearlings selling, Claiborne's **Orb** (Malibu Moon), as expected, led the way, with 36/54 sold for an average of \$159,556, followed by: Ashford's **Declaration of War** (War Front) (11/19, \$147,727); Ashford's **Shanghai Bobby**

(Harlan's Holiday) (24/31, 77% of cat, \$136,958); WinStar's

**Paynter** (Awesome Again) (11/26, \$129,273); Darley's

**Animal Kingdom** (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) (31/48, \$118,661); Hill 'n'

Dale's **Violence**

(Medaglia d'Oro) (23/35, \$116,130); Spendthrift's **Jimmy Creed**

(Distorted Humor) (6/9, \$110,833); Calumet's **Oxbow** (Awesome

Again) (6/8, \$99,167); and Adena Springs' **Point of Entry**

(Dynaformer) (14/22, \$98,571). [Click here](#) to see an

**alphabetical list of all sires which sold in Books 1-3.**



Orb | Claiborne photo

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# BUY OF THE DAY



Conor Foley

*Each sales day, we ask one buyer to look at the day's results, and choose the horse he or she thinks was the buy of the day.*

[Hip 2503](#), c  
(Eskenderya--Honimiere {Ire}, by Fasliyev)  
Buyer: David Meah  
Price: \$105,000

*"I would have to say that today's buy of the day was hip 2503, the Eskenderya colt from Eaton that went for \$105,000. I thought this colt was one of the standout physicals for the day. He had tremendous balance for a two-turn body to go along with his very athletic walk and classy presence each time I saw him at the barns. I thought with what the other top physicals went for on the day he would have gone for closer to the \$200,000 mark. He was well bought by a sire that can get a runner on either surface. I'm very happy to see the market still going so strong as this sale is bellwether to the health of our industry."*

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## Outstanding filly selling Wednesday with **TAYLOR MADE**

### HIP 2759, F

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**KEESEP cont. from p1**

Consigned by Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, Agent, [Hip 2418](#), son of the young sire Violence, went to bloodstock agent Steve Young, who was the day's leading buyer having purchased three horses for \$485,000. Bloodstock agents Hanzley Albina and Nick Sallusto, who purchased the yearling's Grade I-winning sire for \$600,000 at this sale in 2011, bought this colt for \$85,000 as a weanling at the Fasig-Tipton November sale after he was lead out of the ring unsold at \$90,000.

"[Nick Sallusto and I] looked at a bunch of Violence babies because we bought Violence as a yearling and we had bred a few Violence babies, so we wanted to see what other people had done," Albina said. "We thought this was a particularly nice one, especially for the price, so we bought him after he RNA'd

for a client. He progressed nicely during his time with us and Ron Blake did a good job of prepping him. He even hand walked

him himself. Our client was happy to have him. Nick and I bought Violence as a yearling and we thought he was the best representative we saw of the sire. The Violence yearlings are also selling quite well for a \$15,000 stud fee."

At the close of Tuesday's session, Keeneland had sold a total of 1,642 horses for a cumulative gross of \$248,721,400 compared to 2015 when 1,796 horses brought \$259,763,200. Average increased 4.73% from \$144,634 to \$151,475, while median was down 5.26% from \$95,000 to \$90,000.



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• Catalogued	410	400
• No. Offered	362	366
• No. Sold	275	292
• RNAs	87	74
• % RNAs	24.03%	20.21%
• No. \$250K+	5	2
• High Price	\$300,000	\$425,000
• Gross	\$15,036,900	\$14,192,700
• Average (% change)	\$54,680 (+12.50%)	\$48,605
• Median (% change)	\$37,000 (+5.71%)	\$35,000

CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• Catalogued	2637	2734
• No. Offered	2283	2468
• No. Sold	1642	1796
• RNAs	641	672
• % RNAs	28.07%	27.23%
• No. \$500K+	93	68
• No. \$1m+	9	11
• High Price	\$3,000,000	\$2,100,000
• Gross	\$248,721,400	\$259,763,200
• Average (% change)	\$151,475 (+4.73%)	\$144,634
• Median (% change)	\$90,000 (-5.26%)	\$95,000



**KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE  
TUESDAY'S TOP COLTS**

**Hip**    **Sire**    **Dam**    **Price (\$)**  
2418    Violence    Conway Two Step    300,000  
 (\$85,000 Wlg '15 FTKNOV)  
*B-Loren Nichols (Fl)*

Consigned by Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, agent  
 Purchased by Steven W. Young, agent

**Hip**    **Sire**    **Dam**    **Price (\$)**  
2580    Midnight Lute    My Crown Jewell    300,000  
*B-Randal Family Trust (Ky)*

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent V  
 Purchased by Ruis Racing

**Hip**    **Sire**    **Dam**    **Price (\$)**  
2362    Oxbow    Bai and Bai    280,000  
*B-Calumet Farm (Ky)*

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## **\*\$500,000 CLAIBORNE BREEDERS' FUTURITY (G1)**

2-Year-Olds, 8.5 Furlongs

Nomination Fee: \$150

*To Be Run Saturday, Oct. 8*

## **\*\$500,000 JUDDMONTE SPINSTER (G1)**

3-Year-Olds and up, F&M, 9 Furlongs

Nomination Fee: \$150

*To Be Run Sunday, Oct. 9*

## **\*\$400,000 DARLEY ALCIBIADES (G1)**

2-Year-Old Fillies, 8.5 Furlongs

Nomination Fee: \$150

*To Be Run Friday, Oct. 7*

## **\$400,000 FIRST LADY (G1)**

3-Year-Olds and up, F&M, 8 Furlongs (turf)

Nomination Fee: \$150

*To Be Run Saturday, Oct. 8*

## **\*\$250,000 STOLL KEENON OGDEN PHOENIX (G2)**

3-Year-Olds and up, 6 Furlongs

Nomination Fee: \$100

*To Be Run Friday, Oct. 7*

## **\*\$250,000 THOROUGHBRED CLUB OF AMERICA (G2)**

3-Year-Olds and up, F&M, 6 Furlongs

Nomination Fee: \$100

*To Be Run Saturday, Oct. 8*

## **\*\$250,000 DIXIANA BOURBON (G3)**

2-Year-Olds, 8.5 Furlongs (turf)

Nomination Fee: \$100

*To Be Run Sunday, Oct. 9*

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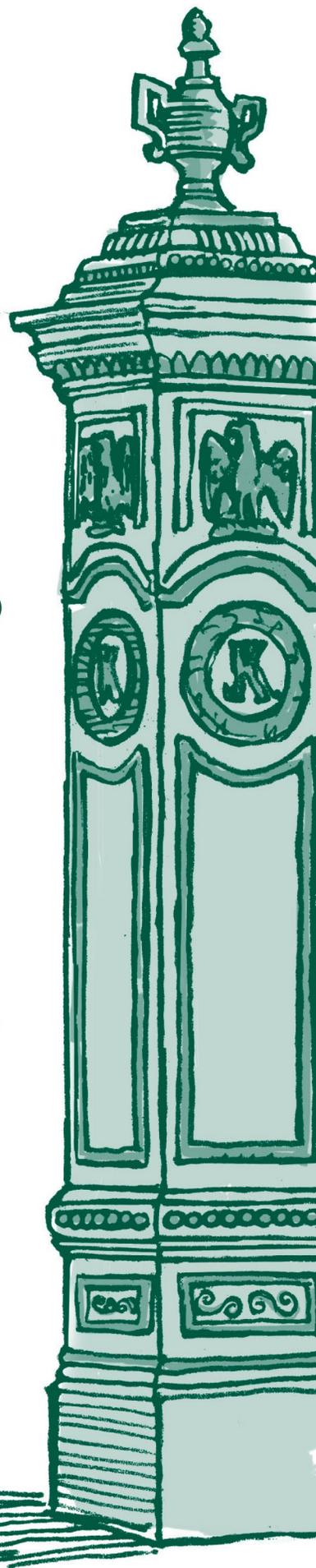
Nomination Fee: \$100

*To Be Run Saturday, Oct. 8*



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**2582** [Curlin](#) **Mystery Trip** **280,000**  
*B-W. S. Farish & Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (Ky)*

Consigned by Lane's End, agent  
 Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent

**2256** [City Zip](#) **She's Sensational** **250,000**  
**(\$90,000 wlg '15 KEENOV)**

*B-Farm III Enterprises LLC (Fl)*

Consigned by Lane's End, agent

Purchased by Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.

**2437** [Uncle Mo](#) **Democratic Sweep** **230,000**

*B-Dr. Dorothee Kieckhefer & Ashford Stud (Ca)*

Consigned by Columbiana Farm LLC, Agent IV

Purchased by Holly & David Wilson

**TUESDAY'S TOP FILLIES**

**Hip** **Sire** **Dam** **Price (\$)**  
**2310** [Midnight Lute](#) **Venetian Sonata** **200,000**

*B-Stonehaven Steadings (Ky)*

Consigned by Stonehaven Steadings

Purchased by Frank M. Wooten, agent

**2320** [City Zip](#) **Winning Scoop** **200,000**  
**(\$140,000 i/u '14 KEENOV)**

*B-Keene Ridge Racing, LLC (Ky)*

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**Keeneland September -- Tuesday**

Hip	Sex	Sire	'14 Fee	Dam	Price (\$)
<a href="#">2418</a>	colt	<a href="#">Violence</a>	\$15k	Conway Two Step	300,000

*B-Loren Nichols (Fl)*

Consigned by Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, Agent

Purchased by Steve Young, Agent

Bloodstock agents Nick Sallusto and Hanzley Albina, who purchased Violence as a yearling at this sale in 2011, picked up this son of that Grade I winner for just \$85,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton November sale after it went through the ring unsold on a \$90,000 bid.

**2256** colt [City Zip](#) **\$25k** **She's Sensational** **250,000**

*B-Farm III Enterprises (Fl)*

Consigned by Lane's End, Agent

Purchased by Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.

Tim Deschler acquired this son of City Zip for \$90,000 in Lexington just 10 months ago at the Keeneland November sale.



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**COMMON GOAL, DIFFERENT OUTLOOK FOR PARX HEADLINERS** *by Ben Massam*

Fox Hill Farm's **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro) and Reddam Racing's **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) will both be at Parx Racing Saturday, respectively chasing lucrative pots in the GI Cotillion S. and GI Pennsylvania Derby, but the juvenile champions' connections approach an important crossroads on the racing calendar with decidedly different perspectives. As two of the final races of the year restricted to 3-year-olds, the Parx co-features offer Songbird a chance to add to her flawless resume and GI Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist a shot at redemption following two sub-par efforts.

For Songbird's trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, the Cotillion is yet another chance to reaffirm her status as a superior 3-year-old filly--arguably one of the greatest of all time. The dark bay recently ran her record to a perfect 10-for-10 with a pair of Grade I scores in Saratoga's July 24 Coaching Club American Oaks and Aug. 20 Alabama S., but the Hall of Fame trainer is not taking her 1-2 morning



**Songbird schools in the Parx paddock**  
Tuesday | *Equi-Photo*

line favoritism in the Cotillion for granted.

"All I ever think about is that you constantly have to prove yourself, no matter how many races you've won," Hollendorfer said on an NTRA

teleconference Tuesday. "Going to Saratoga and winning two races proved that she can do that in a very tough environment to win races. As far as we're concerned, we have to be at Parx and prove ourselves again against some nice fillies."

In the Cotillion, Songbird will face her two most accomplished contemporaries and fellow 'TDN Rising Stars', GI Kentucky Oaks winner **Cathryn Sophia** (Street Boss) and GI Acorn S. heroine and CCA Oaks runner-up **Carina Mia** (Malibu Moon). Songbird capped off her preparations for the race with a four-furlong breeze in :47.60 (5/61) Sunday at Santa Anita prior to shipping to Pennsylvania Monday. **Cont. p9**

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**Feature Pres cont.**

“She did her very best,” Hollendorfer said of the Sunday workout. “She did it easily. She was given a breezing [designation], which they don't give too much in California. We're very pleased with the work--she came out of it very well and shipped very well to Parx.”

Like Songbird, Nyquist enters the Pennsylvania Derby as the morning-line favorite, but with two consecutive defeats to chief rival **Exaggerator** (Curlin) lingering on his past performances, the bay's connections are hopeful that their charge can rebound with a change in tactics. Following a tiring fourth-place finish in the GI Betfair.com Haskell Invitational July 31, O'Neill opted to send Nyquist to San Luis Rey Training Center in search of a more serene environment apart from the hustle and bustle of Del Mar.

“After the Haskell, he was definitely going through a little growth spurt where he had gotten taller and a little light on us,” O'Neill acknowledged. “We decided he needed a tranquil setting where he could get some cardio and exercise in, but not be overwhelmed with the stress of what racetracks sometimes do... He's really flourished. He's

put on a lot of weight, and he's doing really well. We're very happy with the decision, and hopefully we'll see some positive results come Saturday.”

Nyquist has posted four consecutive one-mile workouts at San Luis Rey, culminating with a sharp move in 1:38.20 last Saturday. O'Neill said he is hopeful that the revitalized colt will be able to

relax in the early stages of the Pennsylvania Derby--something he was unable to do when defeated by Exaggerator in both the GI Preakness S. and Haskell.

“I'd definitely love to see him off the pace,” the 48-year-old trainer remarked. “I think whether we drew the one or the nine in the Pennsylvania Derby, all of Team Nyquist has been thinking that the only way we find ourselves on the lead is if they just hand it to us. And obviously, looking at this field, it's a really competitive field with some fast horses in there. I envision seeing more of a race like you saw in the [GI] Breeders' Cup Juvenile, even though that was full of some unlucky breaks and unlucky loss of ground. We're going to let the race unfold and have a target--so that's the thinking going into it.”

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O'Neill said he is well aware of the Pennsylvania Derby's implications for 3-year-old championship honors. Although Nyquist has defeated Exaggerator in four of their six total meetings, the latter has claimed two of the season's top prizes in the Preakness and Haskell.

"Exaggerator is a really, really top horse," O'Neill added. "So I would think that right now those two are battling for the top 3-year-old. I think [GI Travers S. winner] Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) was just a little bit too late on the scene, unless he were to win the Classic or something. We're definitely thinking, hey, we need to run a big race on Saturday to reclaim the [title of] leading 3-year-old. And I think we will."

If all goes according to plan, Nyquist will compete in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Nov. 5 before eyeing a potential 2017 campaign.

As for the possibility that Nyquist and Songbird could square off in the same race in the future? Hollendorfer said that a start in the Breeders' Cup Classic was unlikely, but did not rule out the idea that Songbird's 4-year-old season could include a start in Gulfstream Park's newly created GI Pegasus World Cup in late January. Not coincidentally, Paul Reddam was one of the first owners to purchase a reserved spot in the starting gate for the world's richest race.

"The Pegasus is quite another consideration," Hollendorfer responded when asked about the possibility of Songbird facing male rivals. "That's a long way away. Something like that would be in the back of our minds, maybe, but we're not pointing to that particular race. We didn't buy a slot, although perhaps some slots would be available [eventually]... We want to get past the Cotillion first, and then think about other things later."

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**DARRS INC. ON THE RISE**

*by Michael Adolphson*

The proverbial 'they' often label racing as more of an expensive hobby for the affluent than a profitable business venture. Understandable is this perception, as so often the costs are high and the rewards--though sometimes astronomically rich--are scarce by definition. To win is to reap the 60% spoils and only one of the contestants can do so, barring the rare dead-heat, yet the costs flow aplenty. It is difficult to imagine too many other business ventures--or sports for that matter--where winning one of every four attempts is considered exceptional. In this, racehorse ownership seems to mirror swimming against the current in the dichotomous sea between hobby and profit, with those who glide their way to the latter sticking out from the crowd as if they have fins.

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One owner who has been floating under the radar and into the deep end with aplomb over the last few years is David Ross, whose DARRS Inc. is having another solid year in 2016. Incorporated just over two years ago, the brainchild of the Northern Virginia-based real estate agent has 20 wins from 65 starts this year (30.7%) and has hit the board 60% of the time. With horses trained by Tony Dutrow, Mike Stidham and Brendan Walsh, the one-man outfit has picked up two graded stakes in the last 11 months, the GI Nearctic S. at Woodbine with **Bye Bye Bernie** (Bernstein)--historically one of the top turf sprints on the continent--and the GI Greenwood Cup at Parx with **Scuba** (Tapit) on the other side of the spectrum as a 12-furlong dirt marathon. Both horses were conditioned to victory by Walsh.

"I've actually been involved going back to 1989," the Pittsburgh native reflected. "It has been something that's been of interest going back to college. I then made my way into the real estate profession, but I took an interest to racing and what I liked about it is I could apply some technical expertise. Right now I am floating with a little over two dozen



**Scuba wins the Greenwood Cup**  
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horses between Tony Dutrow, Brendan Walsh and Mike Stidham and I have a barn at Fair Hill [Trainer Center in Maryland]."

"My second job is this business and I spend a lot of my spare time really looking at things and communicating with trainers," Ross continued. "There are some great tools out there that produce reports and I use those a lot. The Ragozin sheets and Thoro-Graph reports both are very useful. You can also get great info from EquineLine and Brisnet, who have developed some excellent statistical analyses. I also surround myself with people who are great at their jobs like James Breeden in Kentucky, who is a key part of what I do and picks out a lot of my horses. I then like to apply the technical data I've been doing for a few years when positioning horses and giving them a shot at winning. My trainers are all excellent at what they do and they put the horse first--and that's definitely key. I communicate with them a lot."

**DARRS Inc. On the Rise cont.**

Arguably even more impressive than his strike and top-three percentages, Ross's equine athletes are averaging nearly \$11,000 in earnings per start and just eclipsed the \$700,000 mark in earnings this far in 2016 last week.

"In today's racing business, you have to be very keen on where you place your horses," Ross explained. "It's not an inexpensive business and a horse can cost you about \$3,000 a month to manage it well and some are more than that. We really want to try to be as efficient as we can, especially when they can be injured and anything can happen. That's why we always try to really do the right things with the right horses."

"I think it's more about where the horses fit and Mike has done a great job at Fair Grounds, in Kentucky and at Arlington with that, while Brendan operates in Florida and does well at



**Tony Dutrow** | *Equi-Photo*

Keeneland for us. Tony is on the East Coast and all three are just very flexible trainers and that's one of the things I really like about all three. They're only going to do what's right and they understand owners."

Even with his success, Ross has no plans on increasing numbers. His operation appears

acutely focused on the quality-over-quantity mantra, allowing him the time and understanding of his recruits to make decisions on an intimate level. Still, he is sharply aware that the racing business is indeed a business and requires appropriate pragmatism.

"I've had as many as 50 horses and it gets tough to manage them and I like to be able to manage what happens with every horse," he explained. "Twenty to 30 is optimal for that. We also have a couple horses we bred, bought as 2-year-olds and some from dispersal sales, so we're spreading out a little, but our numbers will stay in that range."

"What's interesting is that when I first got into racing, I was attached to a few horses--and that's great--but you have to understand that it's a business and you must do what's best for the business, as well as the horse," he continued. "Scuba has done a great job and been a big success for us. Bye Bye Bernie, on the other hand, has a tendon injury and I made the decision to give him an early retirement so that he can have a productive life. We don't want them to just become a claimer because they can't perform like they used to. We try to do what's best."

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Some exciting young blood will be carrying the Washington & Jefferson College and University of Pennsylvania alum's black and red silks over the next few months, including **R Naja** (Exchange Rate), who has already earned black type when third this month in the Arlington-Washington Lassie S. at Arlington Park, yet is still a maiden from two starts. The good-looking dark bay has long been highly regarded by the Stidham barn and finished behind a stablemate when third that day, suffering through a wide trip. Another to watch is hard-closing female turf sprinter **Rapid Rhythm** (Successful Appeal), who defied her 10-1 odds when running a bang-up second last out in the \$350,000 Kentucky Downs Ladies Sprint S. the same day.

"R Naja definitely a favorite of ours," said the resident of Great Falls, Virginia. "Mike and I think she is very talented and we believe she'll do well moving forward. We may run her at Keeneland."

"We have a lot of horses we are excited about and I think we'll do well," he concluded. "We really take the time to do what's best and look at everything from jockeys to race shapes to picking our spots and I am fortunate to have a great team working with me."

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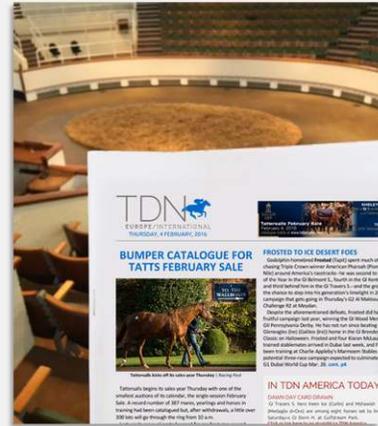
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
1	<b>Sea the Stars (Ire)</b> <i>(2006) by Cape Cross (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Gilltown Stud, IRE(€125,000)</i>	<b>10</b>	22	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	121	66	96	\$5,479,863
2	<b>Colonel John</b> <i>(2005) by Tiznow FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar, KY(\$7,500)</i>	4	13	1	6	--	--	<b>196</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>161</b>	\$4,015,145
3	<b>Pioneerof the Nile</b> <i>(2006) by Empire Maker FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar, KY(\$125,000)</i>	8	13	5	6	1	2	116	62	95	\$3,716,383
4	<b>Kodiak Kowboy</b> <i>(2005) by Posse FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	3	5	3	4	1	1	95	51	85	\$2,904,894
5	<b>Fastnet Rock (Aus)</b> <i>(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2006 Crops: 4 Stands: Coolmore, IRE(private)</i>	9	<b>26</b>	6	13	<b>2</b>	3	173	71	110	\$2,762,172
6	<b>Le Havre (Ire)</b> <i>(2006) by Noverre FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: La Cauviniere, FR(€35,000)</i>	5	12	2	7	1	2	121	46	64	\$2,733,939
7	<b>Mastercraftsman (Ire)</b> <i>(2006) by Danehill Dancer (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Coolmore, IRE(€35,000)</i>	4	18	2	12	--	--	182	65	93	\$2,153,883
8	<b>Cowboy Cal</b> <i>(2005) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Pin Oak Stud, KY(\$5,000)</i>	6	10	--	1	--	--	109	47	89	\$1,980,884
9	<b>Square Eddie</b> <i>(2006) by Smart Strike FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Ocean Breeze Ranch, CA(\$25,000)</i>	3	7	--	2	--	--	66	38	53	\$1,917,037
10	<b>Giant Gizmo</b> <i>(2004) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Adena Springs North, CAN(\$5,000)</i>	3	6	2	2	--	--	59	30	49	\$1,900,886
11	<b>Champs Elysees (GB)</b> <i>(2003) by Danehill FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Banstead Manor, ENG(£8,000)</i>	5	14	1	5	--	1	119	56	85	\$1,869,521
12	<b>In Summation</b> <i>(2003) by Put It Back FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Ocala Stud, FL(\$2,500)</i>	3	6	1	2	--	1	98	49	81	\$1,853,796
13	<b>Zensational</b> <i>(2006) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	3	5	1	2	--	--	94	47	70	\$1,806,422
14	<b>U S Ranger</b> <i>(2004) by Danzig FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Rancho San Miguel, CA(\$3,000)</i>	--	4	--	--	--	--	144	60	84	\$1,616,365
15	<b>Parading</b> <i>(2003) by Pulpit FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: KY(pensioned)</i>	2	5	--	1	--	--	96	53	70	\$1,316,214

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## STRONACH BAN IS NEWS TO SUSPENDED

**TRAINER VITALI** *By T.D. Thornton*

A Sept. 20 news report in the *Paulick Report* that The Stronach Group (TSG) has barred under-suspension trainer Marcus Vitali from competing in the future at TSG-owned tracks has allegedly come as a surprise to Vitali himself.

In two separate phone conversations with the *TDN* Tuesday--the first was interrupted because the embattled veteran trainer had to take an incoming call from his attorney--Vitali said no one from TSG has contacted him or his lawyer about not being allowed to stable or enter horses at TSG tracks. Those venues include Gulfstream Park and Laurel Park, where earlier this year Vitali said he had a combined 25 horses in training.

"I haven't been denied because I haven't applied [for stalls]," Vitali said. "There's no communication because I'm suspended. I'm right now on suspension until Oct. 29. I don't know what's going to transpire between now and the 29th. I didn't hear anything. Maybe they talked to the trainer [Allan Hunter Jr., who has been listed as the trainer of record for the Florida-based horses previously trained by Vitali]."

An investigative piece by the *Paulick Report* Monday detailed Vitali's voluntary relinquishing of his Florida training license earlier this year to avoid sanctions for multiple medication violations, an aborted attempt to relocate his racing operation to Maryland, and a complaint about alleged animal cruelty involving a claimed Thoroughbred that was closed by Florida authorities because of "insufficient proof."

According to that article, dating to 2011, Vitali has had 23 equine medication violations in Florida alone. The piece also reported that under the terms of a July 1 "settlement agreement," Vitali is currently sitting out a 120-day license suspension from the Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering and has been assessed a \$7,000 fine.

The *Paulick Report* further disclosed that Vitali was a frequent summer visitor to the Gulfstream backstretch while under suspension after having obtained a visitor's pass from track management. According to the article, "he was making daily trips to the backstretch, where horses trained by Allan Hunter worked out in saddle towels bearing Vitali's initials. Vitali was spotted instructing staff, often when Hunter did not appear to be present."

Tim Ritvo, president of chief operating officer of TSG, did not

return a Tuesday voicemail from the *TDN* requesting comment. But earlier in the day, Ritvo explained to the *Paulick Report* the reasoning behind TSG's request for Hunter to remove all the former Vitali-trained horses from Gulfstream within 10 days:

"We called in Vitali and Hunter and said to Hunter, 'Are these your horses or are they Marcus's horses?'" Ritvo said. "Allan Hunter was cooperative. He did not deny it [being a program trainer for Vitali], said he was doing the guy a favor and didn't want any trouble. We made it clear we could have done an audit to find out who was paying worker's compensation and who is paying the bills."

Vitali emphasized several times in his interviews with the *TDN* that the banishment outlined in the *Paulick Report* was news to him.

"I don't think they asked [Hunter] to take the horses off the grounds. I think they asked him to disperse them among other trainers," Vitali said.

With regard to his appearances on the Gulfstream backstretch

while under suspension, Vitali said this: "I was going in on a visitor's pass because all the cases [involving his infractions] were closed at that time, and it was permissible. I went for a vacation, and when I came back, Allan told me that they weren't giving any visitors passes, so I didn't ask for one. I don't know how [his loss of visiting privileges] actually came about."

Vitali said he has not determined how or if he will re-enter training once his suspension ends Oct. 29.

"I haven't crossed that bridge. Maybe I'll take the winter off, I don't know," Vitali said. "I haven't decided. I'm going to wait it out. I've got avenues to pursue. I've got other businesses. I have an 88-year-old mother. Maybe I'll take a vacation. I haven't had a vacation in 10 years. Who knows? Maybe I'll be back at Gulfstream. I don't know. Nobody's said anything to me. I've got to respect TSG if they make decisions come Oct. 29."

Vitali continued, "Unfortunately, I think this was all a big misunderstanding with the [Florida pari-mutuel] division, and I'm relieved that it's finally resolved, and I feel very comfortable. I feel like a big weight's been lifted off my shoulders.

"If I decide to move forward, I might take a different approach," Vitali said. "Like I said, I have options. I'm going to do something in the sport. Maybe manage some of my clients' horses as a stable manager. I might regroup and set up shop again. I don't think I'll have any problem picking up clients. I haven't in the past. My record's pretty strong. It speaks for itself."



Marcus Vitali | Lauren King

## NEW YORK

### NYRA & Winthrop-University Hospital Team Up to Support Breast Cancer Awareness:

The New York Racing Association and Winthrop-University Hospital's Breast Health Center today will continue their partnership to promote breast cancer awareness and encourage early detection. On Saturday, October 8, NYRA will be offering a special, all-inclusive ticket featuring clubhouse admission, a post parade program, track-view preferred seating and a complimentary gift bag with a fleece blanket for \$50 per person. A portion of this special ticket's proceeds will be donated to the Breast Health Center at Winthrop-University Hospital.

"The New York Racing Association is once again proud to partner with Winthrop University Hospital, and their renowned Breast Health Center, to highlight breast cancer awareness throughout 'Super Saturday' on Oct. 8," said Lynn LaRocca, NYRA Senior VP and Chief Experience Officer. "Our loyal fans who purchase this enhanced ticket package will be contributing crucial dollars directly to the fight against breast cancer."

"Winthrop's Breast Health Center has long been committed to providing patients with high quality, comprehensive breast health care," said Virginia Maurer, MD, Chief of the Division of Breast Surgery, and Director of the Breast Health Program at Winthrop. "It is an honor to partner with the New York Racing Association once again to bring life-saving education directly to the ones who need it most - our community members - and we appreciate all of the continued efforts in support of our quality breast health program."

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## EASTERN U.S.

### Tuesday's Results:

5th-PRX, \$58,700, Msw, 9-20, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10.86, wf.

**PERFECT PREDICTION** (f, 2, [Majesticperfection](#)--[Predictress](#), by [Vicar](#)) rallied to take third after a wide trip sprinting 5 1/2 furlongs in Oceanport when unveiled Aug. 26 and was sent off as the 3-1 third choice in this Besalem bow. With a three-panel bullet in her holster in :36 flat (1/5) at the Delaware base of

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trainer Larry Jones Sept. 16, the bay zipped out to an early lead while mildly pressed by Afleet Tizzy (Tizway) through splits of :22 1/5 and :46 even. Under steady handling throughout the stretch drive by Gabriel Saez, Perfect Prediction fended off the determined effort of her pace-pressing rival to score by a long neck. It was 5 1/4 lengths back to the remainder of the field. This same trainer/owner combo have enjoyed a fruitful association, including horses the caliber of GI Kentucky Oaks heroines Lovely Maria ([Majesticperfection](#)) (2015), and homebreds Believe You Can ([Proud Citizen](#)) (2012) and champion sophomore filly Proud Spell ([Proud Citizen](#)) (2008). All three are by stallions that stand or stood, in the case of the late Proud Citizen, at Jones's Airdrie Stud. Predictress, already the dam of Three Day Rush ([Harlan's Holiday](#)), SW, \$266,898 and a half-sister to MGSW Prophet's Warning ([Storm Bird](#)), foaled a filly by Haynesfield in 2015 and a full-sister to the winner this year. She was bred back to Airdrie resident and freshman sire Creative Cause ([Giant's Causeway](#)). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$33,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.



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**East Report Cont.****9th-PRX, \$53,000, Msw, 9-20, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.60, ft.**

**+CHILL FACTOR (c, 2, Cowboy Cal--Chiloe, by Awesome Again),** tabbed a 7-1 shot despite motoring a half-mile bullet in :48 4/5 (1/11) over this strip Sept. 11, was hustled up to sit third after a slow beginning. Asked for her run by Anthony Salgado on the far bend, she surged up the two path in between horses in late stretch, relegating stretch leader Curtis (First Defence) to second and fended off a desperate rail rally from Bellows (Hansen) to win by a neck. Bellows was a half-length to the good of Curtis at the wire. Covered by Tapiture this spring, Chiloe is a half-sister to GISW Cuvee (Carson City), GSW Will He Shine (Silver Deputy), and GSP Harpoon (Tapit). Sales history: \$70,000 2yo '16 EASMA. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Smart Angle; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Michael V. Pino.

## CENTRAL U.S.

**Tuesday's Results:****1st-IND, \$34,000, (S), Msw, 9-20, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.00, ft.**

**AIRTIME ANNIE (f, 2, Skylord--Sids Eagle, by Woodman)** finished a distant runner-up versus state-breds in her first racetrack appearance to next-out stakes winner Defining Hope (Strong Hope) over track and trip Aug. 30. Winning the break, the even-money chalk bounded to the head of affairs and was not for catching, turning a 1 1/2-length advantage after a :45.98 half-mile into an 8 1/2-length romp at the wire. Jills Passion (Pass Rush) was 3 1/2 lengths clear of the rest of the field. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$27,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-David L. Stolle; B-Roger Eugene Burton & Anthony Mathias (IN); T-Wayne D. Mogge.

## INDUSTRY INFO

**Nominations Open for New Owner of the Year:**

OwnerView is now accepting nominations for its second New Owner of the Year Award. The award, honoring a new Thoroughbred owner who has been successful in the sport and has had a positive impact on the industry, will be presented at the Thoroughbred Owner Conference at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, Calif., which runs from Monday, Oct. 31, through Thursday, Nov. 3.

The first new owner award was presented to Sol Kumin at the Thoroughbred Owner Conference at Gulfstream Park in January. Nominees for the New Owner of the Year Award must have

owned Thoroughbreds for less than three years, have had an interest in a horse at the time it won a stakes race in 2016, and have had a verifiable owner's license in 2016.

Anyone, including current owners, can nominate an individual who meets the criteria for the award. Thoroughbred performance, nominee's promotion of the sport, and humanitarian activities will be considered. A selection committee that includes industry personnel and established owners will choose the winner. The deadline to nominate an owner for New Owner of the Year is Saturday, Oct. 1. To submit a nomination, please contact Gary Falter for a nomination form at [gfallter@jockeyclub.com](mailto:gfallter@jockeyclub.com) or (859) 224-2803.

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Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

**ASTROLOGY** (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, \$7.5K, 84/9/1  
7-TDN, Alw 6f, A New Angel, 4-1

**BOLD WARRIOR** (Bernardini), Roseglade Farm, \$2.5K, 18/3/0  
7-TDN, Alw 6f, High Believing, 8-1

**NOBLE'S PROMISE** (Cuvee), Breakway Farm, 8/0/0  
4-IND, Msw 6f, Noble Sowle, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

**SANGAREE** (Awesome Again), R Star Stallions, \$1.5K, 17/1/0  
4-IND, Msw 6f, +I B Starke County, 10-1  
4-IND, Msw 6f, Heza Sangaree, 30-1

### Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, September 21

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) Please note: from Jan. 1-Apr. 30 all starters will be listed here. From June 1-Dec. 31, only offspring that are first-time starters or starting in a stakes race will be listed here.

**LUNARPEAL** (Successful Appeal), 5/0/0  
4-IND, Msw 6f, +Calandave, 15-1

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-PRX, \$42,800**, (S), 9-20, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.66, wf.

**PURCELL (g, 3, Jump Start--Buff 'n Polish, by Polish Numbers)**  
Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-1-0, \$100,340. O/B-Thomas G. McClay (PA); T-Ramon Preciado.

**7th-IND, \$36,000**, (S), 9-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.14, ft.

**PICANTE CALIENTE (f, 3, El Corredor--Amanda's Crown {MSW, \$161,152}, by Crown Ambassador)** Lifetime Record: 14-2-7-0, \$85,070. O-Richard B. Schrag; B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN); T-Kim Hammond. \*\$2,000 Ylg '14 FTKFEB; \$7,000 RNA Ylg '14 ESLYRL; \$1,400 2yo '15 ESLMIX. \*\*1/2 to Hoosier Honey (Southern Image), MSP, \$212,538.

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**8th-ZIA, \$31,500**, Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 9-20, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.11, ft.

**J SERINO (g, 5, Malibu Moon--My Way, by Unbridled's Song)**  
Lifetime Record: 30-3-3-3, \$153,460. O-Emiliano Duran; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-J. Jaime Fuentes. \*\$230,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; \$485,000 2yo '13 OBSMAR.

**6th-PID, \$27,720**, Alw, 9-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.88, ft.

**DESERT TUNE (f, 3, Street Cry {Ire}--Sahara Gold {GSW, \$248,742}, by Seeking the Gold)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$74,897. O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty. \*1/2 to Better Lucky (Ghostzapper), MGSW, \$1,278,950; and Sahara Heat (A.P. Indy), GSW, \$170,858.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Sleeper**, f, 3, **U S Ranger**--Ermelinda, by Sea Hero. ZIA, 9-20, 5 1/2f, 1:04.81. B-O. M. Patrick (KY). \*\$15,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$6,500 3yo '16 KEEJAN. \*\*1/2 to Game for More (More Than Ready), MSP, \$153,330; and Terrys Tom Cat (Bluegrass Cat), MSP, \$194,505.

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## EPAULETTE FILLY TOPS TATTS IRELAND OPENER



Action at Tattersalls Ireland | Photo by Amy Lynam

By Aisling Crowe

The four-day Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale kicked off on Tuesday with figures largely on par with the 2015 opening session. The first of two Part 1 sessions saw 210 yearlings--of 251 offered--change hands for €5,510,500. On this day a year ago, 206 yearlings were sold for €410,000 less, €5,100,500. Tuesday's average was up 5.9% to €26,240, while the median remained unchanged at €20,000. The buyback rate was a respectable 16.3%--it was a remarkable 5.5% for this session last year. Tuesday's top price of €150,000 for a filly by first-season sire Epaulette (Aus) (Commands {Aus}) eclipsed last year's top price of €130,000, while five lots reached six figures compared to four last year.

Amanda Skiffington and Hugo Palmer have two Classic winners sourced at this sale adorning the covers of the catalogue so it was no surprise that the team behind Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}) and Hawksmoor (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) were looking to unearth more talent at Fairyhouse.

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## ADVISOR FOUND TO HAVE WORKED WITH COAL MINE PROPONENT

An independent advisor chosen as the peer reviewer for the latest coal mine application in Australia's Hunter Valley, which was recommended to be approved by the New South Wales Department of Planning and Environment on Monday and which threatens nearby Thoroughbred nurseries, including Coolmore Stud, had previously worked with mine proponent Robert Gillespie of Anglo American, according to *The Daily Telegraph*. Jeffrey Bennett, a longtime professor at the Australian National University who was chosen to impartially evaluate the advice of both Anglo American and the Thoroughbred industry with regards to the Drayton South coal mine, had disclosed his connection with Gillespie prior to being chosen to provide an independent review, but this information was not disclosed to the public.

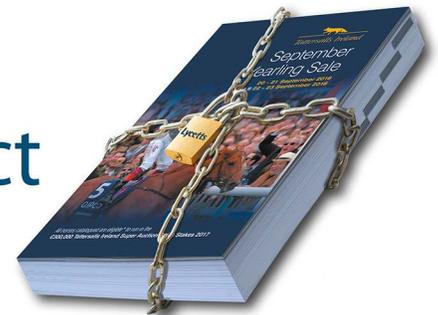
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## Epaulette Filly Tops Tatts Ireland Opener cont. from p1

They had to go considerably higher than either of their 2016 Classic winners cost them with the hammer finally dropping at €150,000 on [lot 222](#), a daughter of first-crop sire Epaulette (Aus) (Commands {Aus}), a half-brother to this year's successful first-season sire Helmet (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

The Rathasker Stud-bred filly became the new sale-topper when selling to Skiffington on behalf of Chris Humber, the original owner of Hawksmoor.

A February-born filly, she is the second foal of her dam Onomatomania (Ire) (Mr. Greeley), who has already had a winner with her first foal, Miss Cogent (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}).



Amanda Skiffington | Amy Lynam

“We had to wait a while but we eventually found one,” remarked Skiffington. “She is a lovely, lovely mover and with fabulous depth to her. I liked the Epaulettes as foals and this filly comes from a very good farm. She will come back to my farm for some Nottingham shire grass before going to Hugo to be trained.”

For Humber, who sold Hawksmoor before her victory in the G2 German 1000 Guineas, he is hoping that lightning can strike twice but that this time the filly on the back cover of the sales catalogue will be carrying his colours.

“We have enjoyed success with horses bought at this sale before so we thought we would come back to the well one more time. Amanda and Hugo are a great combination and it has worked before so I thought it would be a good idea to carry on.”

The filly became the fifth lot to surpass €100,000 on the opening day of the sale, one more than in the entire Part

One of 2015. [Cont. p3](#)

WILD CARD  
LOT 25

## Selling at ARQANA ARC SALE

### Saturday 1 October, Chantilly

TOULIFAUT

Unbeaten two-year-old filly, winner of Gr.3 Prix d'Aumale last time out.

By Frankel and half-sister to multiple Group winner Ernest Hemingway.

Selling with her entry in the Gr.1 Prix Marcel Bousac the next day.

**Tattersalls Ireland Yearlings cont.**

She was the third yearling from the first-crop of the Darley stallion to go through the ring at Tattersalls Ireland and she made many multiples of the €7,500 covering fee Epaulette stood for when his first crop was conceived in 2014.

Madeline Burns of vendors Rathasker Stud said she was delighted with the filly’s sale.

“She is a lovely filly and I hope she is very lucky for her new connections.”

**Prendergast Secures Dream Colt...**

Legendary trainer Kevin Prendergast has shaped the careers of some of the greatest stars to grace the racetrack, and the octogenarian’s view of a horse is renowned, so when he saw [lot 77](#), he said he thought the colt had prospects. So convinced was he by the son of Oasis Dream (GB) that he went to €140,000 to secure the only yearling by his sire catalogued in this sale. The first foal of the listed-placed Nayef mare Harmonic Note (GB) became the first yearling to break the six-figure barrier on the day.



Lot 77, Oasis Dream colt | Amy Lynam

became the first yearling to break the six-figure barrier on the day. “I bought him on spec but I’ll find an owner for him,” smiled Prendergast, who conditions this year’s G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas victor Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}). “He is a very nice horse and he looked like a proper racehorse. We will bring him home to Friarstown and break him in ourselves.”

The colt shares his page with Mensa (GB) (Rudimentary), a champion in Hong Kong during the 1999-2000 season whose victories include the G1 Audemars Piquet Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin.

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Kevin Prendergast (second from left) | Amy Lynam

**Dark Angel In Demand...**

Dark Angel’s progeny have been selling like hotcakes as his crops on the track continue to soar, and [lot 170](#) did not disappoint when he hit €140,000 when selling to SackvilleDonald. Bidding began briskly in the packed ring on the colt, the third foal of Manuelita Rose, whose first foal, a gelding by Arcano, has won as a 3-year-old this year. The pace of selling slowed as the price crept into six figures, and Joseph O’Brien briefly looked as if he was going to prevail in the battle for the bay colt, but Ed Sackville was cajoled into going one more time and his final bid secured him.

The final price of €140,000 matched that fetched by the sole Oasis Dream yearling catalogued in the sale, Lot 77, earlier in the day. The bay was the second Dark Angel yearling to make six-figures on the first day of the sale, following Lot 137, a filly out of Lady Duxyana (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}) who was sold for €120,000.

Sackville said, “He is by a great stallion, who continues to excel. Dark Angel had the first two home in the G2 Dubai Duty Free Mill Reef S. last Saturday [Harry Angel and Perfect Angel]. I thought he was the nicest colt in the sale today; he’s a lovely mover and very good-looking. He is a really imposing sort and hopefully he can translate that onto the track. He will probably go to Tom Dascombe.”

Consigned by Ballyhimikin Stud, the final figure represented a tidy profit on the €56,000 Stroud Coleman Bloodstock paid for him at last year’s Goffs November Foal Sale.

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## Murphy 'Sea'ing Stars...

Early afternoon brought the second six-figure lot of the day with a son of Sea The Stars (Ire) creating a bidding frenzy in the auction ring. Aiden Murphy eventually secured [lot 118](#), the full-brother to Shraaoh (Ire), a winner for Al Shaqab Racing and Sir Michael Stoute at Newbury this season, for €135,000. His 2-year-old brother Raheen House (Ire) holds an entry in the G1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster.



Aiden Murphy | Amy Lynam

“He has been bought for a syndicate,” said Murphy, “He will come back to me first and we will decide on a trainer for him. He looks like a 2-year-old for the back end of the season or a 3-year-old type. The stallion speaks for himself.”

The March colt is out of a Monsun (Ger) mare, which makes him bred on a similar cross to G1 Deutsches Derby winner Sea The Moon (Ger), a fact that made him popular with buyers.

A delighted Luke Lillingston of Mount Coote Stud, who consigned the colt on behalf of his breeder and that of his sire, Mrs Ling Tsui, was effusive about the colt.

“He is the most improved yearling I have seen in a long time and I have been able to tell people that,” he smiled. “He didn’t end up in this sale by accident. Sometimes things go really well and he has improved so much from earlier this year. The team at Mount Coote did a fabulous job with him and it is lovely when something goes right.”

The colt descends from Height Of Fashion (Fr), so with Nayef (Gulch) and Nashwan (Blushing Groom {Fr}) in his pedigree--along with dual Group 1 winner Ghaanati (Giant’s Causeway) on the page--added to the successful Sea The Stars/Monsun cross, Lillingston does not believe it is fanciful to see Classics in this yearling’s future.

“Both of his full-brothers are proven horses and he comes from a fabulous Classic pedigree. He is a little unusual for this sale but the way he has progressed this year, he could be a possible Derby horse in 2018. I’m delighted to be able to sell him for Mrs Tsui and it has been a real pleasure to see him progress. Horses can disappoint you, frustrate you and break your heart so it is lovely to have one who makes you smile.”

## An Angel To Breeze...

The day’s second-most expensive filly will be back for next year’s breeze-ups after her purchase by Willie Browne. A famed consigner, he was forced to pay €120,000 to see off a number of bidders for [lot 137](#), who is by Dark Angel and out of a full-sister to the dam of Sovereign Debt (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and Puff (Ire) (Ire) (Camacho {GB}).

“She’s a lovely filly and looks exactly what you’re looking for,” said Browne. “She’s nice and racy looking but a bit expensive, although I thought I might have to stretch to that to get her. Dark Angel is flying and outside of Galileo and Dubawi, they are winning everything.”

Earlier in proceedings, Browne bought [lot 80](#), a Kodiak (GB) filly out of Heart’s Desire (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}), for €54,000. The dam has produced stakes winners Heart Of Fire (Ire) (Mujadil) and Unsinkable (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) amongst her five winning offspring, and Browne said he thinks her Kodiak daughter can add to the family’s success.

“I’ve bought two dear fillies today and the Kodiak filly looks a quick one too,” he said. “That’s what we are trying to do, find horses that look like they will be fast racehorse.”



Lot 137, Dark Angel filly | Amy Lynam

## Shrewd Pinhook For Downey...

The first lot through the ring ([lot 1](#)) made sure buyers were wide awake from the start of the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale, as the son of Excelebration (Ire) brought the hammer down at €50,000.

The half-brother to I Will Excel (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) and Moral High Ground (Ire) (Elnadim) was a shrewd purchase on the part of vendor Michael Downey. He bought the colt for £15,500 from Whitsbury Manor Stud at last year’s Tattersalls December Foal Sale and the good-looking colt forced Ed Sackville to go to £50,000 to secure him for trainer Ed Walker. The bay was the only yearling Downey had in the sale and he admitted having to go first made him a little nervous.

“I was a bit frightened of being first lot but he was a smashing quality colt. A very good judge bought him in Ed Walker and Ed Sackville but I was worried about being first in the ring,” confided Downey. “I think the bottom line is he was a quality yearling and quality will sell but having to go first really was a concern; there was no way to gauge the market.”

Excelebration had a winner on Monday, Tara Celeb (GB) at Leicester, and Walker is responsible for one of the first-season sire’s best juveniles in Ultimate Avenue (Ire), who holds an entry in Saturday’s G2 Royal Lodge S.

Downey has between 12 and 15 yearlings to sell each year split between homebreds and pinhooks, so he is well placed to comment on the market.

“I think the market is very selective, if you don’t have quality then you won’t sell well,” he said. “You also need a fashionable sire; they are both vital right now.”

The second of two sessions of Part One of the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale takes place Wednesday.

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# TDN WEEKEND

## EMMA BERRY takes us RACING IN **SPAIN**

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# SESSION TOPPERS

## TATTERSALLS IRELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE DAY ONE

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (€)
<a href="#">222</a>	f	<a href="#">Epaulette (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Onomatomania</a>	150,000
<i>B-Rathasker Stud</i>				
Consigned by Rathasker Stud				
Purchased by Amanda Skiffington				
<a href="#">77</a>	c	<a href="#">Oasis Dream (GB)</a>	<a href="#">Harmonic Note (GB)</a>	140,000
<i>(€210,000 wnl '15 GOFNOV)</i>				
<i>B-Harmonic Note Syndicate</i>				
Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment				
Purchased by Kevin Prendergast				
<a href="#">170</a>	c	<a href="#">Dark Angel (Ire)</a>	<a href="#">Manuelita Rose (Ity)</a>	140,000
<i>(€56,000 wnl '15 GOFNOV)</i>				
<i>B-Fontstown Stud</i>				
Consigned by Ballyhimikin Stud				
Purchased by SackvilleDonald				
<a href="#">118</a>	c	<a href="#">Sea The Stars (Ire)</a>	<a href="#">Jumoooh (GB)</a>	135,000
<i>B-Sunderland Holdings Inc</i>				
Consigned by Mount Coote Stud				
Purchased by Aiden Murphy				
<a href="#">137</a>	f	<a href="#">Dark Angel (Ire)</a>	<a href="#">Lady Duxyana (GB)</a>	120,000
<i>B-Yeomanstown Stud</i>				
Consigned by Yeomanstown Stud				
Purchased by Willie Browne				

## AL JOHRAH TO SHADE ECLIPSE RIVALS?

Al Shaqab Racing's **Al Johrah (GB)** (Bated Breath {GB}) bids to provide her freshman sire (by Dansili {GB}) with a first black-type success in Wednesday's G3 Prix Eclipse at Maisons-Laffitte. She found '**TDN Rising Star**' Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy) seven lengths too good in Royal Ascot's June 15 G2 Queen Mary S.



Al Johrah | Scoop Dyga

and, having finished second once more in the July 24 G2 Prix Robert Papin at this track, was closer to that foe in the Aug. 21 G1 Prix Morny at Deauville last time.

Her six rivals include **Cosachope (Fr)** (Soave {Ger}), last of six in the Robert Papin after annexing Deauville's July 2 G3 Prix du Bois, who lines up off a fifth in the Sept. 1 G3 Prix d'Arenberg at Chantilly. **Sans Equivoque (Ger)** (Stormy River {Fr}) bounced back off a third to Cosachope in the Prix du Bois to garner the Aug. 15 Listed Prix de la Vallee d'Auge at Deauville, while in-form trainer Pia Brandt supplements **Fas (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who makes a swift return off a third in the Sept. 12 Listed Prix Saraca here.

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### Wednesday, Maisons-Laffitte, France, post time: 5.35 p.m.

#### PRIX ECLIPSE-G3, €80,000, 2yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Cosachope (Fr)	Soave (Ger)	Pasquier	Sogorb	125
2	6	Fas (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Guyon	Brandt	123
3	4	King of Spades (Fr)	Foxwedge (Aus)	Soumillon	Vermeulen	123
4	3	Facilitate (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Chminaud	Smaga	120
5	5	Al Johrah (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Benoist	Devin	120
6	2	Sans Equivoque (Ger)	Stormy River (Fr)	Jarnet	Guillemin	120
7	7	Spanish Fly (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Mosse	Delcher-Sanchez	120

### Wednesday, Maisons-Laffitte, France, post time: 4.35 p.m.

#### PRIX BERTRAND DE TARRAGON-G3, €80,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Sayana (Fr)	Galileo (Ire)	Soumillon	Royer-Dupre	128
2	1	Caointiorn (Fr)	Stormy River (Fr)	Bachelot	Wattel	128
3	10	Irish Rookie (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Spencer	Meade	128
4	9	Thank You Bye Bye (Fr)	Zanzibari	Boudot	Gauvin	128
5	2	Persona Grata (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Peslier	Walker	128
6	8	Game Theory (Ire)	Aussie Rules	Pasquier	Clement	128
7	12	Incahoots (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Guyon	Head	128
8	6	Double Dream (Fr)	Lawman (Fr)	Pedroza	Wohler	123
9	3	Magnanime (GB)	Elusive City	Piccone	Chappet	123
10	11	Besotted (Ire)	Dutch Art (GB)	Barzalona	Sogorb	123
11	4	Chartreuse (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Jarnet	Head	123
12	5	Aim to Please (Fr)	Excellent Art (GB)	Mosse	Doumen	123



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#### TATTERSALLS IRELAND YEARLINGS

SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	267	235
• No. Offered	251	218
• No. Sold	210	206
• RNAs	41	12
• % RNAs	16.3%	5.5%
• High Price	€150,000	€130,000
• Gross	€5,510,500	€5,100,500
• Average (% change)	€26,240 (6%)	€24,759
• Median (% change)	€20,000 (n/c)	€20,000

## ARC THE GOAL FOR ORDER OF ST GEORGE

The Oct. 2 G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe is the next target for **Order Of St George (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who was eclipsed in a shock result when second as the heavy favourite in the G1 Irish St Leger 10 days ago. Having won that contest last year, the 4-year-old had also taken this year's G1 Gold Cup at



Order Of St George | *Racing Post*

Royal Ascot, as well as the G3 Irish St Leger Trial and Listed Saval Beg S. Order Of St George has entered quarantine at Ballydoyle for a potential trip to the G1 Melbourne Cup Nov. 2, but Australian Lloyd

Williams, who co-owns the colt with Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith, told *Racing.com*, "He's a 95% chance of not coming [to Australia], but he has gone into quarantine. He's more than likely to run in the Arc, but he's in [quarantine] as an insurance, as the Arc is being run in Chantilly this year and so we'll keep an eye on the weather and the track."

If he were to appear in the Melbourne Cup, Order Of St George would be forced to shoulder top weight of 58 kilos (128 pounds). Order Of St George also still holds an entry in the G1 Caulfield Cup Oct. 15, along with Aidan O'Brien-trained stablemates Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Sir Isaac Newton (GB) (Galileo {Ire}).

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## GERMAN OPTION FOR HAWKBILL

G1 Coral-Eclipse S. victor **Hawkbill** (Kitten's Joy), well beaten on his last two outings for Godolphin and trainer Charlie Appleby, could seek another shot at Group 1 glory in Sunday's



Hawkbill | *Racing Post*

Preis von Europa in Germany. Hawkbill won Royal Ascot's G3 Tercentenary S. followed by the Coral-Eclipse, and has since been eighth in the G1 Juddmonte International and ninth in the G1 Qipco Irish Champion S.

Appleby has said the 4-year-old will have one more start this season, which could come in that 1 1/2-mile test or possibly the G1 Qipco Champion S. Oct. 15.

"He has come out of Ireland well and he will definitely have one more run this year," the conditioner said. "He traveled into the race better at Leopardstown than he did at York. It was good ground there, maybe just on the easy side of it, but it was not the testing conditions we know he thrives on. There is the option of possibly going to Germany for a Group 1 with him on Sunday. We might take that in, but we will decide later in the week and obviously we will also look at the Champion S."

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## DOYLE NO LONGER BIN SUROOR NUMBER ONE

Jockey James Doyle, who signed as a contract rider to Godolphin last January, will no longer be the first-call rider for trainer Saeed bin Suroor, according to *Racing Post*. Bin Suroor indicated Doyle would continue to ride for him, telling that



James Doyle | *Racing Post*

publication, "James has ridden some nice winners for Godolphin and I hope he will ride many more. He's a friend and a big part of the Godolphin team. But our policy will be to choose the jockey who best suits

individual horses."

Godolphin's other British-based retained jockey, William Buick—who has ridden as first-call rider to Godolphin's other British-based trainer, Charlie Appleby—has the mount on three Saeed bin Suroor-trained runners at Goodwood and Newmarket later this week, including G1 Melbourne Cup hopeful Sky Hunter (GB) (Motivator {GB}) in the Listed Foundation S.

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## FRANKEL FILLY ADDED TO ARC SALE

**Toulifaut (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}), the first winner and black-type winner for her sire in France, has been added as a wildcard entry to the Arqana Arc Sale at Chantilly Oct. 1 as [lot 25](#). A 285,000gns buyback as a Tattersalls October yearling, Toulifaut is campaigned by owner Andrew-James Smith with trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. She is unbeaten in three starts, having followed a debut score at Clairefontaine July 9 with a Deauville conditions win Aug. 14 and the G3 Prix d'Aumale at Chantilly Sept. 8. She will be offered for sale with an entry in the following day's G1 Prix Marcel Bousac.

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## BRITAIN

**Tuesday's Results:**

**1st-BEV, £6,000, Mdn, 9-20, 2yo, 7f 100yT, 1:35.95, gd.**

**AREEN HEART (FR) (c, 2, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)--Reine Zao {Fr} {GSP-Fr}, by Alzao),** a debut second at Thirsk last time Sept. 3, was a shade keen behind all three rivals through the early strides here. Taking closer order in the straight, the 10-11 favourite was shaken up to challenge with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and ridden out in the closing stages to assert by a half-length from Warm Love (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}). She is out of G3 Prix de Psyche third Reine Zao (Fr) (Alzao), herself a daughter of G1 Prix de Diane third Raintree Renegade (Green Forest), and is a half-brother to GI E.P. Taylor S. victress and G1 Coronation S. runner-up Reggane (GB) (Red Ransom) and a filly foal by Le Havre (Ire), from the family of GI Breeders' Cup Mile and GI Oaklawn H.-winning sire Opening Verse (The Minstrel). Sales history: €58,000 Ylg '15 AR15; €240,000 2yo '16 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,617. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabab; B-Haras de la Perelle (FR); T-Richard Fahey.

**2nd-BEV, £6,000, Mdn, 9-20, 2yo, 5fT, 1:03.39, gd.**

**+REEDANJAS (IRE) (f, 2, [Sir Prancealot {Ire}](#)--[Blue Holly {Ire}](#), by [Blues Traveller {Ire}](#))** broke well from the inside stall and raced on the front end from flagfall in this unveiling. Gaining an outright advantage passing the quarter-mile marker, the 10-1 chance was soon in command and ridden clear inside the final furlong to account for Flashing Light (GB) (Compton Place {GB}) by five lengths, becoming the 25th winner for her freshman sire (by Tamayuz {GB}). She is half to G3 Molecomb S.-winning G1 Golden Jubilee S. runner-up Monsieur Chevalier (Ire) (Chevalier {Ire}) and is the seventh scorer out of a winning half to the stakes-winning G3 Gladness S. third Rockets 'n Rollers (Ire) (Victory Note), from a family which includes G1SP G3 Dee S. victor Two of Diamonds (GB) (Blakeney {GB}). The £10,000 GOFBRE breezer is also kin to a yearling filly by Society Rock (Ire) and a filly foal by Zebedee (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,927. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Graham Kerr; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-Gay Kelleway.

**1st-FLS, £5,000, Mdn, 9-20, 2yo, f, 7f 80yT, 1:32.92, g/s.**

**+ISABEL DE URBINA (IRE) (f, 2, [Lope de Vega {Ire}](#)--[Roscoff {Ire}](#) {MSP-Fr}, by [Daylami {Ire}](#)),** who RNA'd at 145,000gns as a TATOCT yearling, raced just off the pace in sixth for the first half of this unveiling. Coming under pressure passing the three-

furlong marker, the 10-11 favourite quickened into third at the eighth pole and kept on relentlessly to deny Brogan (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) by a neck in the final stride. The homebred bay is out of dual stakes-placed Roscoff (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}) and is thus a full-sister to G2 Gran Criterium and G3 Premio Parioli-Italian 2000 Guineas winner and dual Italian highweight Hero Look (Ire). She is also kin to a yearling colt by Iffraaj (GB) and a filly foal by Lope de Vega (Ire). Her third dam is GSW G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches runner-up Pont-Aven (Ire) (Try My Best), who produced four black-type performers including G2 Gimcrack S.-winning sire Josr Algarhoud (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), dual G2 Prix du Gros-Chene victress and MG1SP European highweight Sainte Marine (Ire) (Kenmare {Fr}) and MGSP Listed Prix Roland de Chambure winner Cap Coz (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), herself the dam of three black-type performers including G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and G1 Middle Park S. third Reply (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,214. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Merriebelle Irish Farm Ltd (IRE); T-Ralph Beckett.

**3rd-BEV, £14,000, Cond, 9-20, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:01.48, gd.**

**CASPIAN PRINCE (IRE) (g, 7, [Dylan Thomas {Ire}](#)--[Crystal Gaze {Ire}](#), by [Rainbow Quest](#))** Lifetime Record: 60-13-5-4, \$615,091. O-Stephen Louch; B-Ballygallon Stud Ltd (IRE); T-David Loughnane. \*11,000gns Ylg '10 TATFOA; €20,000 4yo '13 DEANOV. \*\*1/2 to Spirit Quartz (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 5-7f, GSW-Fr & Ity, MSW-Ire & G1SP-Eng, \$573,089.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Wahash (Ire), c, 2, [Dark Angel \(Ire\)](#)--Delira (Ire), by Namid (GB).**

LIN, 9-20, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:36.84. B-Miss S von Schilcher (IRE). \*80,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; 150,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT.

**Entsar (Ire), f, 3, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--Starfish (Ire), by Galileo (Ire).** LIN, 9-20, 10f (AWT), 2:04.46. B-Manister House Stud (IRE). \*260,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to La Collina (Ire) (Strategic Prince {GB}), MG1SW-Ire, \$471,724.

**Amaany (GB), f, 3, [Teofilo \(Ire\)](#)--Almass (Ire) (MSW-Ire, \$353,046), by Elnadim.** FLS, 9-20, 8fT, 1:40.38. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB).

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# OBSERVATIONS

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## 5.50 Naas, Mdn, €11,000, unraced 2yo, 7fT

**GALILEAN (IRE) (Galileo {Ire})**, one of two nominees for Aidan O'Brien, is kin to four black-type performers including 2009 G1 Phoenix S. runner-up Air Chief Marshall (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}), and opens up in the Michael Tabor silks. His fellow newcomers include Juddmonte homebred **Kryptos (GB) (Cacique {Ire})**, a Dermot Weld-trained full-brother to 2011 G1 Prix Jean Prat hero Mutual Trust (GB); Godolphin's **Saltonstall (GB) (Pivotal {GB})**, who is out of 2007 G1 Prix Royal-Oak runner-up Macleya (Ger) (Winged Love {Ire}), from the Michael Halford stable; and Ger Lyons representative **Insayshable (Ire) (Rajj {Ire})**, who is a half-brother to last term's G1 Matron S. third Ainippe (Ire) (Captain Rio {GB}).

## 6.10 Kempton, Mdn, £4,500, 2yo, 7f (AWT)

**SULTAN BAYBARS (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, a half-brother to G1 Moyglare Stud S. victress and 'TDN Rising Star' Termagant (Ire) (Powerscourt {GB}), debuts for the Roger Varian stable back firing on all cylinders. Nurlan Bizakov's bay newcomer faces nine rivals in this first go.

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## TATTS EXHIBITION SET FOR HERITAGE CENTRE

The first temporary exhibition at Newmarket's National Heritage Centre will be 'Selling Champions, Tattersalls at 250.' Set to run from Oct. 4 to Jan. 8, the display will feature paintings, photographs and film exploring the sales company's development from the 18th century through to the modern day.

Newmarket's new National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art at Palace House is now open in a soft launch phase and will be fully open to the public from Oct. 24.

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# IRELAND



## CURRAGH TO STAGE EXHIBIT

With its redevelopment set to begin in January, The Curragh will stage an exhibit over the final days of its 2016 race meeting to celebrate the end of the current era at the racecourse, as well as looking to the future. The exhibit, sponsored by the Rogers Family and Friarstown Stud, will include memorabilia and

artefacts never before seen in public, as well as showcasing plans for the new Curragh.

The exhibit will be open at the races Oct. 9 and 10, and will also be open to the general public through Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Derek McGrath, chief executive officer of Curragh Racecourse Ltd, said, "The development of The Curragh will be a major milestone in the illustrious history of the racecourse, and our final race days of 2016 will give us the opportunity to celebrate the end of an era and the start of a very exciting new chapter. The exhibition will aim to capture a nostalgic look back of all the special events and memories of the past, while also looking forward to the future. It will definitely be something not to be missed and by opening it for the full week will give as many people as possible the opportunity to visit it."

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# FRANCE



## Tuesday's Results:

**1st-FTB, €44,000, Cond, 9-20, 2yo, 6fT, 1:07.90, vsf.**

**BOOS (FR) (f, 2, Dream Ahead--La Belliere {Ire}, by Kheleyf)**, runner-up in Vichy's July 26 Listed Prix des Reves d'Or and a last-out fourth in the Listed Criterium du Bequet at La Teste de Buch Aug. 3, settled behind the front rank after breaking to the fore in this one. Nudged along 300 metres from home, the 21-5 chance challenged inside the final furlong and was pushed out to prevail by a neck from Mister Art (Ire) (Art Connoisseur {Ire}). The bay, who is a half-sister to yearling colt Boisroger (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) and filly foal Banvou (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), is out of a winning half-sister to MGSP Listed Prix La Sorellina victress Thai Haku (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and stakes-winning G3 Prix de Flore runner-up Albaraah (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), herself the dam of this term's G3 Prix de Cabourg winner and G1 Prix Morny second Alrahma (GB) (Shamardal), and hails from the family of G1SW sires Hernando (Fr) and Johann Quatz (Fr). Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 7-2-3-0, €61,880. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Gerard Augustin-Normand & Mme Elisabeth Vidal; B-Franklin Finance SA & Mme Elisabeth Vidal (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Methag (Fr), f, 3, Pour Moi (Ire)--Kyria (GB), by Grand Lodge.**

VFZ, 9-19, 12f 55yT, 2:43.02. B-Jose Ignacio Olve Beacochea (FR). \*€45,000 Ylg '14 AROCT; €90,000 2yo '15 ARMAY.

**+L'Etoile Noire (Fr), f, 3, Soldier of Fortune (Ire)--Black Dalhia (Fr), by Sanglamoire. FTB, 9-20, 15fT, 3:16.60. B-Mlle Françoise Perree (FR). \*1/2 to Kappelmann (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}), SP-Fr, \$156,615.**

## GERMANY

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Artistica (Ger)**, f, 2, **Areion (Ger)**--Artica (Ger) (SW-Ger), by Pentire (GB). HNO, 9-18, 6fT, 1:16.56. B-Gestut Brummerhof (GER). \*€1,500 Wlg '14 BBAGO.

**+Frangipani (Ger)**, f, 2, **Jukebox Jury (Ire)**--Firedance (Ger), by Lomitas (GB). HNO, 9-18, 8fT, 1:44.92. B-Graf & Graf von Stauffenberg (GER). \*1/2 to Fearless Hunter (Ger) (Alhaarth {Ire}), GSW-Nor, \$218,135. \*\*3rd winner for freshman sire (by Montjeu {Ire}).

**Weltmeister (Ger)**, c, 3, **Areion (Ger)**--Wonderful World (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB). HNO, 9-18, 10fT, 2:12.75. B-Gestut Gorldorf (GER). \*€40,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS. \*\*1/2 to Wunder (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 9.5-11f, GSW-Fr, MSW & G1SP-Ger, \$138,478; and Advanced (GB) (Night Shift), MGSP-Fr & MSP-Eng, \$575,976.

**Miss England (Ger)**, f, 3, **Lord of England (Ger)**--Manipura (Ger) (SW-Ger), by Dansili (GB). HNO, 9-18, 8fT, 1:44.09. B-Stall Dagobert (GER).

**Laurette (Ire)**, f, 3, **Rip Van Winkle (Ire)**--La Dane (Ire) (SW-Ger), by Danehill. DOR, 9-18, 10fT, 2:08.21. B-Gestut Bona (IRE). \*€130,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS. \*\*1/2 to Lagalp (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}), SW & GSP-Ger.

**The Dancing Fairy (Ire)**, f, 3, **Wiener Walzer (Ger)**--The Fairy (Ger), by Night Shift. HNO, 9-18, 11fT, 2:26.24. B-Gestut Schlenderhan (IRE).

## ITALY

**Tuesday's Result:**

**4th-CAP, €15,400, Mdn, 9-20, 2yo, f, 9fT, 1:53.30, gd/sft LUNASTORTA (f, 2, Brilliant Speed--Limerick, by Black Minnaloushe)**, who ran second on debut Aug. 20 at Naples, beaten by the subsequent stakes-placed Miss Key (Ire) (Lord Shanakill), relished the step up in trip and outstayed Isole Eolie (Ire) (Intense Focus {Ire}) in this second go. Lunastorta is the first runner and winner in Europe for the ill-fated Brilliant Speed (Dynaformer), who was hit by a lightning July 14 at Three Chimneys Farm in Kentucky, where he had just completed his fourth and last season. Lunastorta is the fourth winner out of the unraced Limerick (Black Minnaloushe), a half-sister to the MGSW Headache (Tapit). Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL; \$14,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €8,007.

O-Silvio Screpanti. B-JK & Linda Griggs (KY). T-Agostino Affe.



## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### Advisor Found To Have Worked With Coal Mine Proponent cont. from p1

A planning department spokeswoman told *The Daily Telegraph*, "Jeffrey Bennett has been a longstanding professor at the Australian National University. This role has required him to



A Hunter Valley farm | HTBA photo

oversee a considerable number of students and PhD candidates. Prior to commencing his peer review, Professor Bennett disclosed to the department that he had previously taught Robert Gillespie, the author of the original economic

assessment that accompanied the EIS. Professor Bennett disclosed that he had previously worked with Robert Gillespie in a professional capacity."



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"The scope of Professor Bennett's peer review did not include any comprehensive assessment of the Economic Assessment undertaken by Gillespie Economics," she continued. "The peer review related to the economic impacts of the project on the structure and longevity of the Thoroughbred industry, and focused on matters raised by two separate economic consultancy firms as per previous response. The Department was therefore satisfied that Professor Bennett could undertake a thoroughly professional and impartial peer review. Professor Bennett has also previously been appointed as a member of the independent Planning Assessment Commission."

A source close to Coolmore told *The Daily Telegraph*, "We are deeply concerned. We will be asking advice review implications of this and options."

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## CAPITALIST TO ROMAN CONSUL

Co-trainer Paul Snowden nominated Saturday's G2 Roman Consul S. as the next port-of-call for G1 Golden Slipper winner and 'TDN Rising Star' **Capitalist (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) after the colt won a Randwick barrier trial on Tuesday.

Capitalist entered the spring as a highly anticipated sophomore off a 2-year-old campaign that also included a win in the A\$2-million Magic Millions 2YO Classic, but he could manage only fourth of six first-up in Rosehill's G3 San Domenico S. in his first try on soft ground Aug. 13. Snowden told *Racing.com* after the chestnut's 1 1/2-length win in the 800-metre trial that the colt needs good ground.

"It's vital he gets dry ground, so let's hope for a nice, dry spring," he said. Assessing the trial performance, he added, "He dipped a little coming to the corner. We had trials on the same course proper yesterday, and he got a wet patch coming around the corner. If you see the replay he had a little dip, but once he gathered himself up again, he was all sweet."

Snowden when non-committal as to whether Capitalist could return to the glory he enjoyed last season, but he said the G1 Coolmore Stud S. during the Melbourne Cup Carnival remains the colt's primary target.

"It's a bit up in the air after his first-up run," Snowden said. "He hasn't lost a leg. Everyone can see how good he's trialing, so hopefully we can stamp that this time in, and culminate in a Coolmore victory; that'd be awesome."

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## ASTERN OUT OF CAULFIELD GUINEAS

Godolphin's exciting 3-year-old **Astern (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro), who was on Monday ruled out of the G3 Caulfield Guineas Prelude after spiking a temperature, has now been removed from consideration for the main event, the G1 Caulfield Guineas, Oct. 8, according to *Racing.com*.

"He's made a good recovery but because he will miss the lead-up run on Saturday, we had to reconsider running him in the Guineas," trainer John O'Shea told that site. "Nothing has been decided yet, but there are some good options for him, which we will assess over the coming days."

A top-class juvenile, having won the G2 Silver Slipper S. and dead-headed for the



Astern | Bronwen Healy

victory in the G3 Kindergarten S., Astern was a dominating winner of the G1 Golden Rose S. Sept. 10.

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This son of Stratum (lot 311) clocked the fastest time the 14 juveniles catalogued for the Magic Millions Gold Coast 2YOs In Training Sale to breeze at Warwick Farm on Tuesday. He covered 200 metres in 10.06 seconds | *Magic Millions photo*

## AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN HONG KONG:

**Green Card (Aus)**, g, 4, **All American (Aus)**--Cristallo (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Testa Rossa. Sha Tin, 9-18, Hcp. (C3) (A\$211k), 1200mT, 1:09.81. B-B L Mathieson (Vic). [VIDEO](#)

**Racing Supernova (Aus)**, g, 5, **Duporth (Aus)**--Calibre Cut (Aus), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Sha Tin, 9-18, Hcp. (C2) (A\$298k), 1000mT, :55.80. B-T Donnini (NSW). \*Formerly Axanite (Aus). [VIDEO](#)

**IN SINGAPORE:**

**Mystic Master (Aus)**, c, 3, **Snippetson (Aus)**--Distant Symphony (Aus), by Distant Music. Kranji, 9-18, Hcp (A\$58k), 1000m (AWT), :59.30. B-B M Nolan (Qld). \*SW-Sin. \*\*A\$70,000 2yo '15 MMGC2YO. [VIDEO](#)

**Lim's Cruiser (Aus)**, g, 4, **Casino Prince (Aus)**--Hope Downs (Aus), by Good Journey. Kranji, 9-18, Hcp. (A\$78k), 1400mT, 1:21.89. B-Patinack Farm (NSW). \*Formerly Cool Gambler (Aus). \*A\$17,000 Ylg '14 MMGCYS; A\$100,000 HIT HRA '15 MMNRHS. [VIDEO](#)

**Wonderful (Aus)**, g, 5, **Hidden Dragon (Aus)**--Covet Gold (Aus), by Sequalo (Aus). Kranji, 9-18, Hcp. (A\$97k), 1200m (AWT), 1:11.60. B-Pallara Park Stud (Qld). \*Formerly Expectation (Aus). \*\*A\$110,000 Ylg '13 MMGC2YO. [VIDEO](#)

**Monday, Oi, Japan**

**LADIES PRELUDE**-Listed, ¥52,700,000, Oi, 9-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 1800m, 1:54.70, sy.

1--**#TAMANO BRUNETTE (JPN)**, 121, f, 4, **Deep Sky (Jpn)**--**Cafe Pinoko (Jpn)**, by **Jade Robbery**. O-Yukichi Tamakoshi; B-Mishima Bokujo; T-Mizuki Takayanagi; J-Hironobu Tanabe; ¥31,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Jpn, 16-5-1-4, ¥95,082,000.

(DH)-2--**Toko Venus (Jpn)**, 121, f, 4, Kurofune--Hornet Pierce (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. (¥31,500,000 Ylg '13 JRHAJUL). O-Toji Morita; B-Bando Farm; ¥8,525,000.

(DH)-2--**White Fugue (Jpn)**, 126, f, 4, Kurofune--Marine Winner (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn). O-Tsuru Nishimori; B-Umeda Farm; ¥8,525,000.

Margins: 1HF, (DH), 3/4. Odds: 11.40, 159.90, 0.30.

**TOP SPRINTERS TRIAL AT SHA TIN**

by Alan Carasso

**Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) and **Not Listenin'tome (Aus)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), two of the top sprinters in Hong



Peniaphobia (near) | HKJC photo

Kong, participated in a Tuesday morning barrier trial up the Sha Tin straight in advance of an expected clash in the National Day Cup H. Oct. 1.

Victorious in last year's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint, the Tony Cruz-trained Peniaphobia left

running from gate 11 and was held on to by Matthew Chadwick to sit a close second off the speedy pace set by **Rad (Aus)**

(Foreplay {Aus}). Allowed to inch closer once hooking up with the course proper, Peniaphobia put away the lead runner and 'won' the trial ([video](#)) in :58.15 over turf rated officially good to yielding on a showery morning in the New Territories. Not Listenin'tome, who defeated recent Keeneland Korea Sprint winner Super Jockey (NZ) (Sandtrap) when first-up in last year's National Day Cup, raced in close attendance to the pace along the stands' rail and stayed on very well for second. Third in last year's Hong Kong Sprint, Not Listenin'tome is trained by John Moore.

"Peniaphobia went well," Chadwick said. "He went fresh today, he jumped nicely and I'm happy with the way he finished. He should be better for that trial and the way he went today I think he'll be okay for his first run. If the opposition is what I think it will be, then I'd expect it to be between Peniaphobia and Not Listenin'tome. They'll be carrying similar weights and I'd be happy to be on Peniaphobia."

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