

SONGBIRD FACES STIFFEST TEST IN DISTAFF



Songbird | Sherackatthetrack

by Alan Carasso

For all he has accomplished in his Hall of Fame career, trainer Jerry Hollendorfer has but two Breeders' Cup wins to his credit. The first came courtesy of Dakota Phone (Zavata), the 37-1 winner of the 2010 GI Dirt Mile at Churchill Downs, and the other in the form of Fox Hill Farm's **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro), who capped a brilliant and undefeated 2-year-old campaign with a 5 3/4-length success in last year's GI Juvenile Fillies at Keeneland. The 'TDN Rising Star,' now perfect in 11 career starts, will look to join champion **Beholder** (Henny Hughes) as the only other filly to follow up with a victory in the following year's GI Breeders' Cup Distaff when she starts a relatively short-priced favorite Friday at Santa Anita.

Drawn the fence, the 6-5 morning-line chalk tries older females for the first time, and a cracking group it is, including the aforementioned Beholder--having the final run of what should be a Hall of Fame career--as well as **Stellar Wind** (Curlin), who went so close to taking down last year's Distaff before settling for an Eclipse Award as the nation's top sophomore filly.

By all accounts, connections will not deviate from the take-it-to-'em strategy that has seen her punish the competition by an average winning margin of nearly six lengths.

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A group including owner Juddmonte Farms, the China Horse Club, SF Bloodstock and John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Farm have formed to stand **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}--Dance Routine {GB}, by Sadler's Wells) upon his retirement from the races, expected to come following Saturday's GI Breeders' Cup Turf. He is the 5-2 morning-line favorite for the race in which he was second in 2014. "This is an exciting group that has come together to support and stand behind an incredible international star who brought his best race to every corner of the globe and distinguished himself truly as a horse of the world," said Sikura. "The fact that Juddmonte is staying in and have committed mares to him says a lot about their belief in the horse to become a great sire." **Cont. p12**

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Melatonin (Kodiak Kowboy) doesn't seem too worried about the competition he will be facing in the Breeders' Cup Classic come Saturday. | Photo: HorsePhotos

LORD NELSON RETIRED TO SPENDTHRIFT

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Lord Nelson (Pulpit), one of the favorites for Saturday's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, has been retired to stud at Spendthrift Farm.

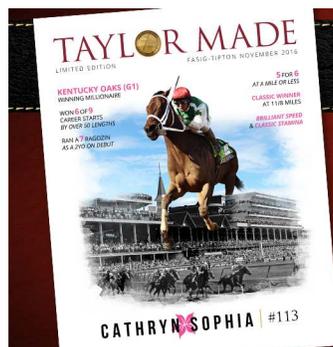
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5:25p	Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-GI, SA	TJCIS PPs	NBC Sports
6:06p	Las Vegas Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-GI, SA	TJCIS PPs	NBC Sports
6:50p	Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-GI, SA	TJCIS PPs	NBC Sports
7:35p	Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff-GI, SA	TJCIS PPs	NBC Sports
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"She just jumps away from the gate so quickly that drawing the rail really should have no effect on her," jockey Mike Smith said. "I think she's the natural speed in the race to start with. It's pretty straight forward."

Having equaled or surpassed Songbird's career-best 101 Beyer Speed Figure no fewer than nine times in 25 starts, Beholder-- who crept past the \$5-million mark in career earnings when just

defeated by Stellar Wind in defense of her GI Zenyatta S. title Oct. 1-- bookends the Distaff field from gate eight, to the delight of trainer Richard Mandella.

"It's nice to get off the rail," trainer Mandella said about the 5-2 co-second choice, "but I am a

LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP

DISTAFF-GI, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

- 1 Songbird Medaglia d'Oro
- 2 Land Over Sea 🌿 Bellamy Road
- 3 Curalina 🌿 Curlin
- 4 Corona Del Inca (Arg) Luhuk
- 5 Stellar Wind Curlin
- 6 Forever Unbridled Unbridled's Song
- 7 I'm a Chatterbox 🌿 Munnings
- 8 Beholder 🌿 Henny Hughes

(see Graded Stakes Entries)

bigger believer in good luck, so we are hoping for good luck."

Stellar Wind leads the season series against Beholder by a count of 2-1, employing never-quit tactics to win the GI Clement L. Hirsch S. at Del Mar in July ahead of the Zenyatta.

"Stellar Wind is doing great and the post position is great," said jockey Victor Espinoza, who also has live Breeders' Cup chances in California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the GI Classic and atop Gormley (Malibu Moon) in the GI Juvenile. "I really like my chances."

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THURSDAY'S BREEDERS' CUP REPORT

by Steve Sherack

ARCADIA, Ca - A large group of fans at an absolutely packed Clockers' Corner let out a nice roar as **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) galloped by at sunrise just a tick before 7 a.m. two days out from the main event.

Steve Coburn, a former minority owner in the 2014 Horse of the Year, was among the large crowd (and quite easy to spot with his trademark cowboy hat), while trainer Christophe Clement chatted with Claiborne Farm's Walker Hancock. Clement will be represented by a trio of Breeders' Cup runners: **Lull** (War Front) (JFT); **Pure Sensation** (Zensational) (TS) and **Yellow Agate** (Gemologist) (JF).

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The loose-horse siren provided a brief scare as California Chrome was jogging off, but thankfully the runaway horse was quickly apprehended by an outrider on the far turn.

The two-time Breeders' Cup winner and Distaff bound **Beholder** (Henny Hughes) hit the track accompanied by a stable pony about 15 minutes later, and a group of eight Euros,



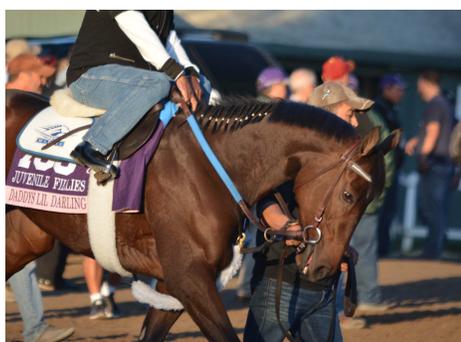
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including the Sir Michael Stoute-trained duo of **Ulysses (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (Turf) and **Queen's Trust (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) (F/M Turf), took to the turf course as the action on the main track began to wrap up approaching the renovation break.

Suedois (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) (Turf Sprint), unfortunately, was taken off via horse ambulance after some light exercise and will miss Saturday's Turf Sprint with a stress fracture.

Hanging out by the gap as the main track is about to be re-opened is always a fun place to stop by to get a closer look at the Breeders' Cup runners. **Daddys Lil Darling** (Scat Daddy) (Juvenile Fillies), sporting a braided mane, the handsome blaze-faced chestnut **Texas Ryano** (Curlin) (Turf), equipped with a matching nose and browband, and the blinkered **Klimt** (Quality Road) (Juvenile) were among those who caught the eye.

Trainer Craig Dollase waited on the track as the striking GI Del Mar Debutante S. heroine **Union Strike** (Union Rags) jogged back to the gap. Trainer Todd Pletcher and WinStar's Elliott Walden, meanwhile, stood by the gate as the unbeaten **Theory**



Daddys Lil Darling | Sherackatthetrack

(Gemologist) made his way to the chute for a quick schooling session.

With temperatures finally starting to heat up--it hit the high 80s by post time at Santa Anita Thursday afternoon--defending F/M Sprint heroine **Wavell Avenue** (Harlington), the globe-trotting **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) and very promising Juvenile Fillies Turf second-choice **La Coronel** (Colonel John) were among several high-profile runners out strutting their stuff on a sun-splashed morning. **Cont. p5**

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Trainer Aidan O'Brien walked by with his binoculars in hand at 8:05 a.m. as his troops were on their way to get their first look at the track after clearing quarantine. All 12 of the Ballydoyle runners, headed by defending GI Breeders' Cup Turf heroine and G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner **Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and Arc runner-up **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) had an easy canter on the main track.

The Spendthrift Team of B. Wayne Hughes and Ned Toffey, dealt a crushing blow forcing to scratch and retire **Lord Nelson** (Pulpit) from the Sprint due to an infection in his right front foreleg, were spotted taking in the action during training hours. Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert still had plenty to look forward to, however, as he chatted with Stone Farm's Arthur Hancock as **Drefong** (Gio Ponti) (Sprint) and **Dortmund** (Big Brown) (Dirt Mile) continue to impress in the a.m.

Bloodstock agent Pete Bradley had a big smile on his face as the sensational **Lady Eli** (Divine Park) jogged back after her



Practical Joke | Sherackatthetrack

second straight extremely impressive gallop since arriving from New York. Fellow Chad Brown trainee **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief) has had a great week here as well.

Trainer Rudy Rodriguez, represented by the one-two punch of

Jamyson 'n Ginger (Bernardini) and **Colorful Charades** (Discreet Cat) in the Juvenile Fillies, took photos with fans as training hours began to wind down.

Parting Thoughts...

While the Classic and Distaff are clearly the weekend's co-headliners, they may not exactly offer much value from a wagering standpoint. For that matter, here are some longshots to consider for some of the other Breeders' Cup races:

- **By the Moon** (Indian Charlie) (8-1 ML; F/M Sprint): Michelle Nevin really looks to have this filly peaking at the right time and she ran too good to lose last time in the GI Ballerina. Tactical speed should have her sitting in a perfect spot and she seems to thrive with time off between her races.



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- **Coasted** (Tizway) (20-1 ML; JFT): Really looked like she could be any kind in her first two attempts on grass, then failed to land a blow as the chalk over yielding going in the GIII Miss Grillo S. last time. Deserves another shot on firm going to show exactly how good she is.
- **Celestine** (Scat Daddy) (8-1 ML; TS): Hall of Famer Bill Mott is great with turnbackers and this filly's win in the GI Just a Game S. two back was nothing short of spectacular. Has run some very big races in turf sprints earlier in her career as well.
- **Wellabled** (Shackleford) (15-1 ML; JT): Certainly has distance questions to answer, but let's see if he gets brave if he can shake clear early over a course that maybe can carry him home at a big price.
- **Vyjack** (Into Mischief) (10-1 ML; DM): Have a hard time seeing Dortmund (Big Brown) getting beat in here, but Vyjack is coming out of two very quickly run races and has never been better since joining the Phil D'Amato barn. Not impossible if Dortmund and Runhappy go at it early.

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RYAN'S FOR REAL (g. by Sword Dance (IRE)). 7 wins, 2 to 5, \$333,805, Bill Hartack Memorial H. [G3] (HAW, \$120,000), 3rd General George Breeders' Cup H. [G2] (LRL, \$33,000), Ack Ack H. [G3] (CD, \$21,495), William Donald Schaefer H. [G3] (PIM, \$11,000).

ONEPOINTTHREEKARATS (f. by Medaglia d'Oro). 6 wins at 4 and 5, \$260,299, Thirty Eight Go Go S. [L] (LRL, \$60,000), Unbridled Belle S. (DEL, \$30,000), Winter Melody S. (DEL, \$30,000), 2nd John W. Rooney Memorial S. (DEL, \$15,000), Justakiss S. (DEL, \$10,310).

LITTLE THUNDER (c. by Sword Dance (IRE)). 6 wins to 4, \$208,842, Artax H. [L] (GP, \$60,000), 3rd Donald LeVine Memorial H. [L] (PHA, \$11,000).

RACE RECORD: At 2, two wins (Cassidy S. (GP, \$43,245)), twice 2nd (Sorority S. [L] (MTH, \$15,000), Sandpiper S. (TAM, \$20,000)), twice 3rd (Gasparilla S. (TAM, \$10,000), Selima S. (LRL, \$10,000)); at 3, one win, twice 2nd (Miss Woodford S. (MTH, \$14,000), Stonehedge Farm South Sophomore Fillies S.-R (TAM, \$15,000)), 3 times 3rd (Adena Springs Miss Preakness S. [G3] (PIM, \$15,000), Fort Springs S. (KEE, \$10,000), Any Limit S. (GP, \$7,350)). Totals: 3 wins, 4 times 2nd, 5 times 3rd. Earned \$230,495.

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LORD NELSON OUT OF SPRINT, TO RETIRE

by Ben Massam

ARCADIA, Ca - **Lord Nelson** (Pulpit--African Jade, by Seeking the Gold), the 5-2 morning line second choice for Saturday's GI TwinSpires Breeders Cup Sprint, will be scratched from the race due to an infection in his right front foreleg, Spendthrift



Lord Nelson | Sherackatthetrack

Farm General Manager Ned Toffey confirmed at Santa Anita Thursday morning. Toffey, walking back to the barn area with farm owner B. Wayne Hughes, said that trainer Bob Baffert discovered the cut earlier in the week and

the 4-year-old received treatment Wednesday in hopes of a recovery. When the issue did not improve, a decision was made to withdraw.

"Obviously, it's hugely disappointing," Toffey said. "We thought we were in great shape to win. The good news is that it looks like it's just an infection, and the horse has already established what he is, which is immensely talented."

So we're looking forward to bringing him back to Lexington and getting started on a stud career."

Lord Nelson has won four straight races in Southern California, including the GI Triple Bend S., GI Bing Crosby S. and GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship S, contributing to an overall record of 7-1-1 from 13 starts and earnings of \$958,271. Toffey said that Spendthrift will stick to the original plan that called for Lord Nelson to retire following the race and enter stud for a fee of \$25,000 in 2017.

"That's the plan right now," Toffey added. "None of this changes the pedigree or what he is genetically. We're just really excited to bring this horse to stud."

Spendthrift will be represented by three-time champion **Beholder** (Henny Hughes) in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff Friday. The celebrated mare is also expected to retire following the race.

"I'm not assuming anything until they're in the starting gate," Toffey concluded with a laugh.

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SUEDOIS SCRATCHED FROM TURF SPRINT

Suedois (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), placed in a trio of Europe's top Group 1 sprints this year, will be forced to miss Saturday's GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint after being diagnosed with a stress fracture of his off fore.



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The 5-year-old was in the middle of his morning exercise when something went amiss and rider Colin Bolger reduced the colt to a walk for the final two furlongs. Suedois was taken off the track in a horse ambulance, and O'Meara confirmed the

horse was scratched from Saturday's race. "Unfortunately, he has a stress fracture, but he will be OK in the long run, and will race again next year," he said. O'Meara will send out GI Arlington Million winner Mondialiste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in Saturday's \$4-million GI Breeders' Cup Turf.

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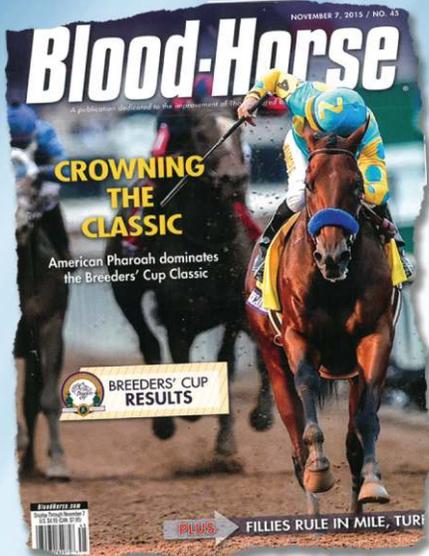
An increasing number of owners and trainers represented by runners in this weekend's Breeders' Cup are pledging a percentage of any winnings to support New Vocations' mission to rehabilitate, retrain and rehome retired racehorses. Over the course of the last seven years, the Pledge has raised over \$380,000, with all funds going to support the program's aftercare efforts.

"WinStar Farm is happy to participate in the pledge again this year," said Elliott Walden President and CEO of WinStar Farm. "We've worked with New Vocations for a while now because they believe in ensuring the top care and opportunities for a racehorse to have a second career. Aftercare is a very important topic, and I hope more owners and trainers will consider making a pledge."

A total of 42 contenders have their owners and/or trainers pledging their support, including Good Samaritan, owned by China Horse Club, SF Bloodstock and WinStar Farm; and the amazing comeback mare Lady Eli owned by Head of Plains.



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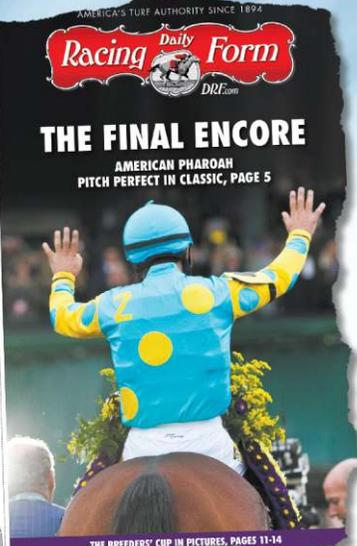
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'CHROME' CONNECTIONS SHINE AT TCA

EVENT *by Ben Massam*

ARCADIA, Ca - With Breeders' Cup week gearing up to full throttle, the Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) held a successful 'Evening With Team California Chrome' at Matt Denny's Ale House in Arcadia Wednesday night, featuring a panel discussion with the GI Breeders' Cup Classic favorite's connections. Hosted by TVG analyst and four-time Major League Baseball all-star Paul Lo Duca, trainer Art Sherman, breeder Perry Martin, jockey Victor Espinoza and Frank Taylor of Taylor Made chatted



Paul LoDuca and Team Chrome
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with attendees and helped raise money to benefit aftercare initiatives. National HBPA CEO Eric Hamelback, Dan Metzger of TOBA--a sponsor of the evening--trainer Brian Lynch and California Chrome's co-breeder Steve Coburn were among those in the audience.

Mike McMahon, president of the TCA, kicked the night off with a lively introduction, encouraging crowd participation and

stirring up some cheers from the 'Chromies' in attendance. McMahon joined in the celebration of California Chrome, but was also quick to remind everyone that the evening was designed to help horses in need.

"Not every Cal-bred is California Chrome," McMahon asserted. "I know about your commitment to California Chrome, but I want to know your commitment to every horse."

McMahon passed the microphone off to Lo Duca, who compared his own career in baseball to California Chrome's development into a top-notch older horse. The night continued on with a blend of humor, storytelling and reflections on California Chrome's career. Perry Martin offered a frank assessment of what racing at the highest level has meant to him, Victor Espinoza spoke about his connection with the horse, and Art Sherman commented on comparisons between 'Chrome' and the other Big Horse in his life, Hall of Famer Swaps.



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“Now I have California Chrome...he’s as good as Swaps,” Sherman remarked. “I say to myself, ‘Wow, I’ve been so lucky to have two horses that are so talented in my life.’”

Frank Taylor had plenty of stories to tell, including an anecdote about long-time Taylor Made stallion Unbridled’s Song, the sire of California Chrome’s chief rival in the Classic, Arrogate. Although Team Chrome pulled no punches with their opinion of which horse would emerge victorious, Taylor had praise for their sophomore rival and his connections.

“Arrogate is the most like Unbridled’s Song I’ve ever seen, and he’s in very good hands,” Taylor concluded.

The evening ended with Lo Duca passing the mic back to McMahon, who conducted an auction of a California Chrome halter worn Wednesday morning, as well as the silks to be worn by Espinoza aboard Chrome in Saturday’s Classic. Alan Sherman, assistant to his father, kept the bidding going for the halter, but was outbid at the last moment by Taylor’s \$3,100 offer, prompting McMahon to quip, “This is what Taylor Made does all the time.”

Owner/breeder Nathan McCauley, the co-founder of Tennessee’s Providence Auto Group, went to \$13,000 to secure California Chrome’s silks. The live auction was followed by a silent auction of additional ‘Chrome’ memorabilia, while members of Team Chrome posed for photos on the stage with fans.

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GOING TO ‘TOWN’ IN THE NASHUA

by Alan Carasso

A field of five freshman males heads to the post for Friday’s GII Nashua S., the opening-day feature of the fall meeting at Aqueduct.

Favored at 6-5 on the morning line is **Mo Town** (Uncle Mo), a \$200,000 Keeneland September yearling acquisition from trainer Tony Dutrow’s Team D, who built on a solid runner-up effort behind the promising Reckling (Dialed In) at

NASHUA S.-GII, 2yo, 1m

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| 1 Mo Town  | Uncle Mo |
| 2 Han Sense | Hansen |
| 3 Capitaine  | Tapit |
| 4 Hemsworth | Bernardini |
| 5 Boys From Boston | Pure Prize |

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Saratoga Aug. 27 and a seven-length romp in a one-mile maiden through the Belmont mud Sept. 24 that earned him the ‘TDN Rising Star’ distinction. **Cont. p11**



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Nashua S. cont.

Courtlandt Farms' Capitaine (Tapit) figures to be closest to Mo Town in the market and progressed from a fifth in that same Aug. 27 Spa maiden to graduate nicely by 1 1/2 lengths in the Belmont mud Oct. 1. From the family of Kitten's Joy and out of a full-sister to Justenuffhumor (Distorted Humor), the \$400,000 Keeneland September acquisition is a fair bet to appreciate Friday's added distance and beyond.

"With 2-year-olds, they progress at different rates, so we'll just have to see how they've both progressed since then," trainer Mark Hennig offered. "[Capitaine] has been doing super. He's had a few nice works in between and couldn't be going into it any better."

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'MONSTER' THE ONE TO 'BEA'-T

by Alan Carasso

Friday's Santa Anita program concludes with a baker's dozen set to face the starter in a competitive-looking renewal of the GII Twilight Derby.

Monster Bea (Hat Trick {Jpn}) looks a live chance on figures for owner Gary Barber and trainer Peter Miller. A two-time winner in nine starts on turf and synthetic for trainer Mark Casse, the bay belied odds of 12-1 to win the Oceanside S., the traditional opening-day feature at Del Mar July 15. Since then, the gelding has completed the superfecta on three straight occasions, namely as the favorite in the GIII La Jolla H. Aug. 6 ahead of a half-length defeat at the hands of upset-minded **Free Rose** (Munnings) in



Monster Bea | Benoit photo

the GII Del Mar Derby Sept. 4. In his most recent trip to the post, Monster Bea uncustomarily set the pace in Belmont's GIII Hill Prince S. and held on reasonably well finish 1 1/4 lengths adrift of the victorious Camelot Kitten (Kitten's Joy).

TWILIGHT DERBY-GII, 3yo, 1 1/8m

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| 1 Free Rose | Munnings |
| 2 Frank Conversation | Quality Road |
| 3 Path of David  | Istan |
| 4 Oscar Nominated | Kitten's Joy |
| 5 Monster Bea | Hat Trick (Jpn) |
| 6 Blackjackcat | Tale of the Cat |
| 7 Barhanpour (Fr) | Raven's Pass |
| 8 Dressed in Hermes | Hat Trick (Jpn) |
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Blackjackcat (Tale of the Cat) graduated down the hillside course June 5 and defeated a field including Free Rose in a first-level Del Mar allowance the following month. Void of an excuse when sixth, beaten two lengths in the Del Mar Derby, the dark bay was a creditable third when last seen in the GII Los Alamitos Derby in Orange County Sept. 24. He has worked well since and is a factor getting back onto his preferred surface.

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Flintshire cont. from p1

The leading turf horse in the world by earnings (\$8,909,910), Flintshire is a Group 1/Grade I winner in France, Hong Kong and the United States and is a leading candidate for Eclipse Award honors on the strength of victories this term in the GI Woodford Reserve Manhattan S. and a successful defense of his title in the GI Longines Sword Dancer S. Trainer earlier in his career by



Flintshire | Sarah K Andrew photo

Andre Fabre and now conditioned by Chad Brown, Flintshire was also runner-up in consecutive runnings of the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and was second in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic. He has a record of 23-8-11-1.

Sikura continued, "I believe Kentucky needs to become more global again in attracting international stallion prospects. He is the product and epitome of arguably the best breeding program in the world, Juddmonte. Hill 'n' Dale will support him with a great book of mares. We are managing a horse like this and crafting his career, not just selling seasons.

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Added SF Bloodstock's Tom Ryan, "Flintshire is the ultimate racehorse with a brilliant turn of foot and huge pedigree. The fact that he is the all time Leading money earner ever produced by the internationally acclaimed Juddmonte Farm is quite a testament to his exceptional talent and quality. We will buy specific mares for him and support him heavily. We believe in the horse."

Michael Wallace of the China Horse Club commented, "This is a truly international racehorse of the highest order and exactly the type of horse the China Horse Club is looking to become involved with, great looking, deep pedigree with immense talent. We will do our part to give Flintshire a great chance to succeed. He is a uniquely accomplished horse that has all the ingredients to become a top sire."

"Flintshire epitomizes what we try to produce at Juddmonte," said Garrett O'Rourke, general manager at Juddmonte. "He is by our most accomplished stallion, from one of our best families. He is our Leading earner ever and one of the soundest and most honest horses we have ever raced. He has a regal temperament and a will to win that shows in his scintillating turn of foot. We are very proud of him." **Cont. p13**

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HARRIGAN HOPING TO LIGHT UP BOARD AGAIN WITH BLUE COLLAR *by Brian DiDonato*

Bill Harrigan sent out 2-year-old **Blue Collar** (Majestic Warrior) to a 46-1 debut upset over the Keeneland turf Oct. 12 ([video](#)), and will hope to light up the board again in Lexington Monday evening when the filly goes through the ring at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Owned and bred with longtime partner Michael Pietrangelo, the bay miss will be offered as [hip 173](#) under Harrigan's Miacomet Farm banner.



Blue Collar | *Coady Photo*

A second generation homebred for Harrigan and Pietrangelo hailing from the female family of GI Oak Leaf S. heroine Typically Irish, Blue Collar was bought back as a Keeneland September yearling before being taken down to Payson Park in Florida, where Harrigan spends his winters breaking,

training and preparing horses for the 2-year-old sales.

"I had her at Payson Park all winter and always liked her," the Schenectady, NY native noted. "After she went through the [Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale, where she was bought back], I brought her back [to Kentucky] and turned her out for a month and a half. Then I said, 'Let's get going, and run her at Keeneland.' It all worked out. She wasn't that much of a surprise for us, because she had always worked with or outworked every horse that we put her with, and down at Payson Park I have 90 horses, mostly babies, and I was working her with the best fillies I had down there."

The decision to supplement Blue Collar to the November sale was strictly a case of sticking to a business plan, says Harrigan. He and Pietrangelo own about 15 broodmares housed at Harrigan's Miacomet Farm in Georgetown, KY--which is in its 20th year of operation--as part of their breed-to-sell program.

Blue Collar's debut effort was further bolstered when runner-up Juenesse Doree (Dream Ahead) returned to air by 4 3/4 lengths back at Keeneland Oct. 28 for conditioner Mark Casse.

"After [Blue Collar] ran and won like that, we decided to put her in. We sell--the ones that we run are horses that didn't get sold," he noted. "She's got a lot of upside. She ran 4/5 of a second faster than the other division [of 2-year-old turf maiden fillies] that day, and Mark Casse told me the next morning, 'You know, Bill, I really like that filly [who ran second].' Then, of course, [Juenesse Doree] came back and won quite nicely."

As for Blue Collar's physical attributes, Harrigan said, "She's very correct with a beautiful shoulder, and a very nice size. I think she's very attractive."



Harrigan (right) poses with Blue Collar in the Keeneland winner's circle | *Coady Photo*

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Bill Harrigan cont.

Dam Ushuaia (Cape Canaveral) has a weanling colt by Uncle Mo who Harrigan emphatically called “very nice.”

Harrigan has already enjoyed a big score at a Fasig sale this year. He pinhooked a Candy Ride (Arg) sibling to GII San Felipe S. winner and ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy) who he acquired as a yearling for \$50,000 and sold to Godolphin for \$620,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Florida sale.

“I bought 11 horses for two different partnerships and just sent them down to Payson [Wednesday], and we’ll target that Fasig-Tipton sale again [in 2017],” Harrigan revealed. “Because I’m down there at Payson, it’s not far away, and I can do my day job and be at the sales.”

But before his focus shifts to the sales, Harrigan will be rooting home another filly who he helped prepare for a winning debut at Keeneland. He consigned Carolyn and Fletcher Gray’s I’m a **Chatterbox** (Munnings) as a yearling in 2013, and later got her ready for the races in Kentucky before she upended a Lexington maiden of her own at 13-1 for the Grays and Ken McPeck. The three-time Grade I winner, now under the care of Larry Jones, will take on a star-studded field in Friday’s GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff.

“She was a very nice filly who did everything easily and very nicely,” recalled Harrigan, who also had GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile longshot **Term of Art** (Tiznow) down at Payson over the winter. “It’s really a thrill, because Carolyn and Fletcher are good friends. It’s more about rooting for your friends through their horse.”

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CONQUEST DISPERSAL A UNIQUE CHALLENGE & OPPORTUNITY FOR LANE’S END

By *Christie DeBernardis*

A dispersal of 111 horses would be challenging for any consignor based on size alone, but when the dispersal consists of 96 racehorses of varying ages, it takes that challenge to a whole new level. Lane’s End takes on this tall, but enviable task at the upcoming Keeneland November sale where they will be consigning the complete dispersal of Ernie Semersky and Dory Newell’s Conquest Stables.

“When we have done dispersals in years past with breeding stock, the statuses of the horses really don’t change,” Lane’s End’s Allaire Ryan said. “They are pregnant mares of they’re weanlings. You might have a couple of race prospects in there.

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Medaglia d’Oro:
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HIP # 142 HAVEYOUgoneaway
SELLS AS A RACING/BROODMARE PROSPECT AT FASIG-TIPTON

Breeders' Cup-bound Haveyougoneaway, the 3-1 morning line favorite for the Filly & Mare Sprint (G1), has distinguished herself as one of the best of her generation, with a record of 11 firsts, 4 seconds, and 6 thirds from 26 starts, with current career earnings of \$897,425.

In 2016, Haveyougoneaway followed up her win in the Grade 2 Honorable Miss with a tour de force performance in the Grade 1 Ballerina Stakes against a packed field at Saratoga. The attractive and talented daughter of Congrats defeated the Grade 1 winners listed below in a signature victory. Hip #142 represents a rare opportunity to own a very special racing/broodmare prospect.

Defeated:

BY THE MOON
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\$1,054,120

BIRDATTHEWIRE
\$702,980

WAVELL AVENUE
\$1,028,125

SHEER DRAMA
\$1,691,040



Sequel
Bloodstock

Conquest cont.

These horses have been in constant flux since we were introduced to the whole string, so tracking them has been a big project and it is constantly changing. It has really been a lot more networking than past dispersals have been and a lot more collection of background information. It has taken a lot more cooperation from not only the [Mark] Casse team, but the other teams that we have started to rely on.”



Ernie Semersky & Dory Newell
Jockey Club Canada

The fact that all of Conquest’s racehorses were in the hands of trainer Mark Casse did make things a bit easier for Ryan and the rest of the Lane’s End team.

“[Mark] has a great assistant in his office and she’s been my lifeline,” Ryan remarked. “It’s handy when you have one person that is your go to for that sort of thing. It definitely helps that they were all in the hands of one person. They were all in a similar program too which I think helps. I would have lost my mind earlier than I did if they would have been with seven or eight different trainers!”

While the horses in training portion of the dispersal--which will sell during the two-day Book 4 Nov. 14-15--does include several



Conquest Enforcer | A. Coglianese

talented older horses, such as Sovereign Award winner **Conquest Typhoon** (Stormy Atlantic) ([hip 2884](#)) and MGISP **Conquest Eclipse** (Malibu Moon) ([hip 2497](#)), it is made up primarily of two and 3-year-olds. The sophomores with the

strongest resumes are last term’s GII Summer S. winner **Conquest Daddyo** (Scat Daddy) ([hip 2962](#)) and four-time stakes winner **Conquest Enforcer** (Into Mischief) ([hip 2973](#)), most recently third in the GII Nearctic S. Oct. 16.

The juvenile colts are headlined by “**TDN Rising Star**” **Conquest Fahrenheit** (Scat Daddy) ([hip 2965](#)), an ultra-impressive debut winner ([video](#)) who finished second behind GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf-bound Good Samaritan (Harlan’s Holiday) next out in Woodbine’s GII Summer S. Sept. 18. The standout of the fairer sex is undefeated multiple stakes winner **Conquest Vivi** (Court Vision) ([hip 2531](#)), who most recently captured Woodbine’s Victoria Queen S. Oct. 30 ([video](#)). **Cont. p16**

Late addition to **The November Sale**



Selling as a racing/broodmare prospect

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COVER SONG

Winner of Santa Anita's Autumn Miss S. (G3) on October 29th and a half-sister to Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) contender **ROLY POLY**.



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Cover Song	Fastnet Rock	{	Danehill	{ Danzig
			Piccadilly Circus (AUS)	{ Razyana
Bay filly; foaled 2013	Misty For Me (IRE) (2008)	{	Gatana	{ Royal Academy
			Galileo	{ Sadler's Wells
			Butterfly Cove	{ Urban Sea
				{ Storm Cat
				{ Mr. P's Princess

By FASTNET ROCK (2001), [G1] \$1,312,623 in Australia, champion twice. Leading sire. Sire of 9 crops, 97 black type wnrns, \$73,577,514, including Atlantic Jewel [G1] (10 wins/11 starts, \$1,559,748, champion twice), Rock 'n' Pop [G1] (\$377,066, champion), Mosheen [G1] (\$2,889,624), Driefontein [G1] (\$2,331,172), Sea Siren [G1] (\$1,743,772), Super Cool.

1st dam
MISTY FOR ME (IRE), by Galileo. 4 wins in 7 starts to 3, 492,975 euro in Ireland, hwt at 2, hwt at 9 1/2-11 fur, One Thousand Guineas [G1], Moyglare Stud S. [G1], Pretty Polly S. [G1], 2nd Debutante S. [G2], 3rd Matron S. [G1]; winner in 1 start at 2, 171,420 euro in France, hwt, Total Prix Marcel Boussac-Criterium des Pouliches [G1]; placed in 1 start at 3, \$198,000 in N.A./U.S., 3rd Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf [G1] (CD, \$198,000). Total: \$1,124,364. Sister to **BALLYDOYLE (IRE)**, **TWIRL**. Dam of 2 foals of racing age, both winners--

ROLY POLY (f. by War Front). Winner at 2, 2016, 127,068 pounds in England, Imagine Cruising Duchess Of Cambridge S. [G2], 2nd Connolly's Red Mills Cheveley Park S. [G1], Sky Bet Lowther S. [G2]; 2 wins in 3 starts at 2, 50,283 euro in Ireland, Grangecon Stud Balanchine S. [G3]. Total: \$220,855.

COVER SONG (f. by Fastnet Rock). Black type winner.

2nd dam
BUTTERFLY COVE, by Storm Cat. Unraced. Sister to **KAMARINSKAYA**. Dam of 7 foals to race, 5 winners, including--
MISTY FOR ME (IRE) (f. by Galileo). Black type winner, see above.
BALLYDOYLE (IRE) (f. by Galileo). Winner at 2, 126,660 euro in Ireland, Breast Cancer Research Debutante S. [G2], 2nd Moyglare Stud S. [G1]; winner at 2, placed at 3, 2016, 131,975 pounds in England, 2nd QIPCO One Thousand Guineas S. [G1], Chesham S.; winner in 2 starts at 2, 171,420 euro in France, hwt on French Free H., Total Prix Marcel Boussac-Criterium des Pouliches [G1]. Total: \$538,223.
TWIRL (IRE) (f. by Galileo). Winner at 2 and 3, 60,620 euro in Ireland, Hurry Harriet S., 2nd Park Express S. [G3]; placed at 3, 17,632 pounds in England, 2nd Tattersalls Musidora S. [G3]; placed at 4, \$26,503 in N.A./U.S., 3rd Blushing K. D. H. (FG, \$7,500). Total: \$132,754.

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“I would say 2-year-old Conquest Fahrenheit and 3-year-old Conquest Enforcer are probably going to highlight the colts,” Ryan commented. “Among the fillies, there is undefeated Conquest Vivi, who is a multiple stakes winner. She is an Ontario-bred, so that might put a limitation on how much her form will extend outside of there. There is also a nice Unbridled’s Song filly named **Conquest Serenade** ([hip 2242](#)), who I think will probably be a standout. When people see her, they will really like her.”



My Conquestadory | Coady

The dispersal also includes five weanlings, which are the first bred by Conquest; seven mares in foal to stallions such as Tapit, Tiznow and Union Rags; and three broodmare prospects. The biggest name in the broodmare category is Grade I-winning “**TDN Rising Star My Conquestadory**

(Artie Schiller) ([hip 21](#)), who sells in foal to Tapit and is preceded into the ring by her Tapit colt ([hip 20](#)). The now 5-year-old mare showed her promise immediately, beating the boys in her career bow in the 2013 GII Summer S. and following suit with a victory in the GI Darley Alcibiades S.

“My Conquestadory is the highlight of the mare group because of the fact she is a Grade I winner and is back in foal to Tapit,” Ryan said. “Her Tapit colt is a nice colt and overall the weanlings are a good group of physicals. With weanlings, vet work plays a pretty important role with them and we have been pretty lucky with what we have gotten back so far with the X-rays. So far they have been well received.”

Lane’s End and Keeneland have taken unique measures to properly market and showcase this high-profile dispersal, including a [microsite](#) complete with past performances, workout information, video footage and full pedigrees.

“It’s tough with those racehorses because they ship in one day, they show one day and they sell the next day,” Ryan stated. “We are getting booklets printed with up-to-date lifetime PPs, which we will distribute on the sale grounds during Books 2 and 3. Cont. p17



Allaire Ryan | Lucas Marquardt



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Keeneland has been great. They developed a microsite of everything, keeping PPs up-to-date and providing race replays.”

Ryan continued, “One of our plans to try to showcase them to people is we are going to hold a twilight show on the evenings that they ship to the sale grounds. It will give people the ability to preview them all at once in an informal setting and then they can come see them again the next day when we are showing them at the barn and see anyone they want to get another look at it.”

The Conquest dispersal is already generating a lot of interest among buyers and a racehorse consignment of this magnitude and quality is sure to make a major impact on not only Book 4, but the sale as whole.

“I really think it is going to invigorate that second week of the sale,” Ryan remarked. “Trainers that are busy with Breeders’ Cup are going to have time to study the catalogue and attend the sale because it is not right on top of the Breeders’ Cup. I think that is going to be great for trainers that have clients who are interested in these kind of turn key opportunities. I know from getting phone calls that people are going to attend Book 4 specifically for this that don’t usually come up for the sale. I hope for everyone else’s sake that it brings some good momentum that will carry through.”

Semersky and Newell started Conquest Stables four years ago and have been extremely active both on the racetrack and at the sales. When the dispersal was announced in mid-August, Semersky, a 66-year-old venture capitalist, futures trader, and car dealership owner, released the following statement: “With mares like My Conquestadory in the breeding shed, and with 44 exciting 2-year-olds in our barn, we feel like the best is yet to come. Unfortunately, because of personal reasons, we have decided to step back from racing at this time. But we feel these up-and-coming horses would be at home in any international racing stable.”

Semersky has had a longstanding relationship with Lane’s End, which housed most of his broodmare band, and Ryan is honored to handle his exit from racing.

“Obviously, it’s really bittersweet to see anybody in the industry disperse their stock no matter what the circumstances may be,” she commented. “Mr. Semersky is somebody who has had a good relationship with Lane’s End for a number of years. When the decision was made to do the dispersal, we were obviously really honored to handle it for him, but it doesn’t take away from that bittersweet feeling. We are proud to do it. We are proud to stand behind him. He’s done a lot of really good things for the sport. He is a really enthusiastic player and we are sad to see him go. Hopefully we can use the dispersal as a platform for his enthusiasm and spread some good luck and fortune to the people that are there to buy.”

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DACITA SCRATCHED FROM F-T NOVEMBER

Two-time Chilean champion **Dacita (Chi)** (Scat Daddy), winner of this year’s GI Diana S., has been scratched from Monday’s Fasig-Tipton November Sale, Bradley Thoroughbreds and Sheep Pond Partners announced Thursday. Most recently beaten a



Dacita (left) races over the top of her rivals to win the Diana | Horsephotos

nose by Rainha da Bateria (Broken Vow) in the GII Canadian S. at Woodbine Sept. 17, the 5-year-old mare is set to train on in 2017. “Dacita came out of the Canadian S. with a bruised foot and as a

precautionary measure we entered her in the Fasig Tipton November Sale,” Peter Bradley said. “Fortunately, Dr. Larry Bramlage gave her a clean bill of health this past week and she has been scratched from the sale. The co-owners are excited to continue racing this special filly and we look forward to her 2017 campaign.”

The champion 2- and 3-year-old filly and a treble Group 1 winner in Chile, Dacita outfinished Tepin (Bernstein) to win the 2015 GII Ballston Spa S. in her U.S. debut and won this year’s GII New York S. ahead of her Diana conquest. The chestnut mare has compiled a record to date of 16-9-3-1 and has earnings of \$1,012,769.

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Aidan O’Brien achieved an historic feat when his charges ran 1-2-3 in the Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe at Chantilly October 2. But that was only one of the many remarkable successes he has achieved in 2016. We caught up with him at Ballydoyle to talk about his record-breaking year, and that remarkable stallion, Galileo. Listen to the TDN Podcast on the TDN website by clicking on this link: <http://www.thoroughbreddailynews.com/podcast/> or download it from the iTunes app on your iPhone or iPad.

Leading Seventh-Crop Sires by Year-to-Date Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Nov. 2

Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide figures

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Bernardini <i>(2003) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Darley KY (100,000)</i>	12	26	9	17	1	7	246	113	\$1,125,000	\$9,814,345
										<i>Cavorting</i>	
2	Lucky Pulpit <i>(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Harris Farm CA (7,500)</i>	2	3	1	1	1	1	155	72	\$7,110,000	\$9,360,832
										<i>California Chrome</i>	
3	Congrats <i>(2000) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (20,000)</i>	7	16	4	7	1	1	290	149	\$745,000	\$7,970,203
										<i>Polar River</i>	
4	War Front <i>(2002) by Danzig FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (200,000)</i>	19	36	10	24	2	9	177	87	\$482,200	\$6,834,461
										<i>On Leave</i>	
5	Bluegrass Cat <i>(2003) by Storm Cat FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: WinStar Farm CA (6,500)</i>	6	14	1	2	--	--	228	125	\$152,500	\$4,891,592
										<i>Flexibility</i>	
6	Bellamy Road <i>(2002) by Concerto FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Dutchess Views Farm NY (7,500)</i>	6	8	1	3	--	1	201	102	\$578,500	\$4,136,295
										<i>Land Over Sea</i>	
7	Flower Alley <i>(2002) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Three Chimneys Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	2	10	2	5	1	2	160	88	\$248,890	\$3,700,873
										<i>Lukes Alley</i>	
8	Rockport Harbor <i>(2002) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	3	10	1	2	--	1	150	83	\$391,060	\$3,413,890
										<i>Majestic Harbor</i>	
9	Artie Schiller <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: KY (10,000)</i>	5	10	--	2	--	--	178	87	\$148,500	\$3,277,783
										<i>Sonny Inspired</i>	
10	Old Forester <i>(2001) by Forestry FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Westmeath Stud Farm CAN (4,000)</i>	3	13	--	2	--	--	136	63	\$149,783	\$3,004,694
										<i>Thor's Rocket</i>	
11	Philanthropist <i>(2001) by Kris S. FYR: 2008 Crops: 6 Stands: Gardiner Farms CAN (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	3	5	--	--	--	--	124	69	\$194,287	\$2,943,544
										<i>Hot Kiss</i>	
12	With Distinction 1 <i>(2001) by Storm Cat FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds- LLC FL (7,500)</i>	2	--	--	--	--	--	136	66	\$145,280	\$2,261,117
										<i>We're All Set</i>	
13	First Samurai <i>(2003) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (15,000)</i>	1	4	--	2	--	--	103	52	\$120,678	\$2,174,179
										<i>Stacked Deck</i>	
14	Silver Train <i>(2002) by Old Trieste FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Northview PA USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	107	57	\$120,308	\$2,132,142
										<i>Lucabunny</i>	
15	A. P. Warrior <i>(2003) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Stonewall Farm Stallions FL (n/a)</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	88	48	\$114,225	\$1,561,539
										<i>Annie Rocks</i>	



Before the Hammer

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Before the Hammer is a series presented by Keeneland that will spotlight consignors, their stories of success and their featured offerings at the upcoming Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale.

HILL 'N' DALE BRINGS QUALITY TO KEENOV

by Amanda Duckworth

Hill 'n' Dale has a reputation for both consigning and purchasing some of the most desirable bloodstock in the world, and that was never clearer than during last year's Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale.

As a consignor, Hill 'n' Dale led the way in gross, and by the same measure, it was also the third leading purchaser. Those statistics are not surprising when you consider it both consigned and ultimately bought the sale topper in champion Take Charge Brandi. The Giant's Causeway filly was being offered on behalf of owner Willis Horton, and when she was hammered down for \$6 million, it was the co-sixth highest price ever paid for a broodmare or broodmare prospect at the Keeneland November Sale.

"When we decide to buy something, we go through the same rigorous process as when we define something to sell," said John G. Sikura, Hill 'n' Dale's owner and president. "When something suits the marketplace, we offer those for sale, and when we are buying, we are trying to find something unique in a broodmare that we think can reproduce themselves or the best attributes of the family so we can offer those foals commercially over time.

"It's an inexact science, but I've done this for a longtime and balancing between doing both is a pretty similar process, really. There are a lot of good mares for sale, and sometimes they are heavily competed for and you don't always win, but you try to define the ones you like and bid in earnest."

The original Hill 'n' Dale was founded in Canada in 1960 by Sikura's father, John Sikura Jr., and Hill 'n' Dale Farms was



John Sikura | Keeneland photo



Lady Eli | Benoit photo

incorporated in Kentucky in 1987. Today the property in the Bluegrass encompasses about 1,300 acres, and its stallion ranks include leading sire Curlin.

Whether or not Hill 'n' Dale is a major buyer at this year's Keeneland November Sale remains to be seen, but there is no doubt its consignment is once again full of highly desirable lots. Leading the way in terms of popularity might be multiple Grade I winner Lady Eli ([Hip 466](#)), who is known for both her successful battles on the track and against the deadly disease laminitis.

"The partners in Lady Eli are racing people, and they are not breeding people," said Sikura. "It's difficult to do both. When the horses are retired, they are offered at auction. That is the sole reason the mare will be sold. Their program has a very defined exit strategy."

On the weanling side of the equation, Hill 'n' Dale should draw plenty of interest with a draft that includes, among many others, a War Front filly ([Hip 282](#)) who is a half-sister to leading sire Uncle Mo, and a Tapizar filly ([Hip 450](#)) who is a half-sister to undefeated champion Songbird.



Songbird | Benoit photo

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"It is with mixed emotions we offer these types of fillies," said Sikura. "My business is the horse business, so we don't cherry pick and sell the bad ones and keep the good ones. The foals in the sale are our own foals, and then added to our own group are privately purchased foals that enhance the quality of the overall offering. A prime example of that is Hip 282, the War Front--Playa Maya filly.

"We try to offer everything for sale. We will set a fair reserve, and I think that there are several of these fillies that are can't miss/must have types, and we will see if people are in agreement with that."



Honor Code | Adam Mooshian

One of the weanling colts on offer comes from a special family to Hill 'n' Dale. [Hip 303](#) is a son of Tapit out of Serena's Cat, making him a half-brother to champion Honor Code. Sikura sold Serena's Cat herself as a weanling for

\$1.4 million at the 2003 Keeneland November Sale, but the story turned out to be bittersweet.

"It was a tragedy that her mother, Serena's Tune, got laminitis post foaling in 2006 and died," Sikura said. "We lost her, and I didn't have a filly. Now we are able to get back in the family, and Serena's Cat just needs to cooperate and have a filly for us. We sold the one she's had, and it was a record at the time, so it felt good for an evening, but now we don't have a filly out of the mare. Hopefully we will get lucky, and we will have one."

That filly, also by Tapit, sold for \$3 million at the 2014 Keeneland November Sale. She was co-bred by the Justice family's Dell Ridge Farm and Hill 'n' Dale, and Sikura was actually an under bidder on her.

For the exceptionally international-minded buyer, this year Sikura will also be offering two horses that hail from one of Australia's best known families. The Medaglia d'Oro filly ([Hip 321](#)) and the War Front colt ([Hip 408](#)) are related to three-time champion sire Redoute's Choice.

"Experiment is probably too strong a word," said Sikura. "It's really not an experiment, but I hope and think we will be rewarded for flying halfway around the world, buying two great fillies from super female families, breeding to elite sires here, and having two really good representations of those sires brought to auction. We are excited and quietly confident that the marketplace will like those two horses."

"They are very nice horses, and I think it is another sort of layering onto what we do. When you open up a segment of the market no one else has, it's good for your business. If you look around these grounds, you will find people from all over the world."

Sikura has every right to be quietly confident in his entire draft. For more than two decades Hill 'n' Dale has aimed to offer some of the most desirable pedigrees in the world, and year after year, it has returned to the Keeneland November Sale with horses that are of interest to buyers. The first big name came in 1997 when Touch Gold won the GI Belmont S. Sikura had consigned him as a weanling at the 1994 sale, where he sold for \$180,000, and it has just continued on from there.

"We've bought from the Keeneland sale, and we have had success, and we are also really proud of selling successful horses at the Keeneland sale," Sikura said. "Any time you are selling there are really two goals. Obviously you want to sell your horse as well as you can. That's how you stay in business. But equally rewarding is the fact that people who buy your horses have the chance to buy something significant."

"We are committed to these offerings. We own the mother, we own the half-sister, one is in foal to War Front, one is in foal to Tapit, etc. It's not just selling the horse and see you later. We are involved intimately with the customer because we are still in the family, too."

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JOHN SIKURA
Hill 'n' Dale Farm President

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FLORIDA

Thursday's Results:

7th-GPW, \$31,200, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 11-3, 2yo, f, 5ft, :57.43, fm.

QUEEN DEL VALLE (f, 2, Baryshnikov--Ladyecho {MSW & MGSP, \$381,186}, by Alphabet Soup) was claimed out of a debut third for \$25,000 June 24 on the Gulfstream main and was transferred to the turf there July 22, where she reeled off four straight wins. Made a 17-5 proposition to keep the streak rolling here, the chestnut was hustled away to stalk from fourth, about four lengths adrift of a :21.24 quarter. Splitting horses at the top of the stretch, she closed gamely to reel in the pacesetter passing the sixteenth pole and kicked clear late to a two-length tally. Celtic Moonlight (City Place) completed the exacta. The winner's dam foaled her full-sister last term. Sales History: \$7,500 Wlg '14 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 6-5-0-1, \$78,890. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

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4th-GPW, \$30,400, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 11-3, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.36, ft.

SONIC MULE (c, 2, Distorted Humor--Globe Trot, by A.P. Indy) graduated at first asking July 15 at Monmouth and was placed third via disqualification in the GII Saratoga Special S. Aug. 14 before filling the same slot in the Sapling S. back at Monmouth Sept. 4. Trying turf for the first time Oct. 1 at Gulfstream, the \$175,000 KEESEP buy ran a close second in the Armed Forces S. after losing ground on the far bend. Made the 7-10 public choice in this return to the main track, Sonic Mule stalked from second through splits of :22.45 and :45.54, sidled up alongside the leader at the top of the straightaway and edged clear passing the eighth pole, coming home two lengths to the good of

Arrecife (Majestic Warrior). The victor is the first foal out of a dam who produced a Medaglia d'Oro colt in 2015 and a Curlin colt this term. Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-2-1-2, \$83,070. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O-Calumet Farm; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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KENTUCKY

Thursday's Results:

9th-CD, \$62,114, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 11-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.39, ft.

ALOTTA SKIRT (f, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Ellesmere {SP}, by Tabasco Cat) scored back-to-back victories Apr. 15 at Keeneland and here May 13, but found the waters of the GIII Iowa Oaks June 30 a little too deep, finishing seventh. Coming in off a dull last-place run Oct. 12 at Keeneland, the chestnut was given a 34-5 chance to get back on track in this feature. Settling in second behind freewheeling favorite Emmzy (Eskendereya) through a :49.03 half and three-quarters in 1:13.36, Alotta Skirt swept by the pacesetter in midstretch and dug in late to hold off hard-charging Walkabout (Stroll) by a head. The victress is a half to Bridgetown (Speightstown), MGSW, \$993,700; Carnacks Choice (Carson City), MSW & GSP, \$286,957; and Clement Rock (Strong Hope), MSW, \$300,351. Her dam has a 2-year-old Speightstown colt named Super Jak and foaled a Union Rags colt named Rags for Britches this spring before visiting the latter sire once more. Sales History: \$200,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$118,889. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

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4th-CD, \$59,326, Alw, 11-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.90, ft. BIG SQUEEZE (c, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Taittinger Rose {GSW, \$382,503}, by Meniffee) started his career with a pair of runner-up finishes at Turfway and Oaklawn before graduating by open lengths stretching out to a mile in Hot Springs Mar. 26. Overmatched when 10th in the GIII Lexington S. Apr. 16 at Keeneland, the \$100,000 OBS April grad ran second sprinting on the Ellis lawn July 24 and was last of 12 in a Kentucky Downs allowance Sept. 3. Off at 7-2 in this return to dirt, the bay tracked the pace from third through a :21.86 quarter, was pushed along at the three-eighths pole, swung into the five path turning for home and kicked away despite failing to switch leads, earning a two-length success. Double Dare (Harlan's Holiday) was second-best. The winner's second dam La Rosa (Wild Again) was also a GSW and third dam Twilight Ridge (Cox's Ridge) won the 1985 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Taittinger Rose's most recent produce is a yearling Candy Ride (Arg) filly named Quatre Rose and she was bred to Cross Traffic this spring. Sales History: \$110,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$35,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$107,814. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-B. Travis, J. & P. Morgeson, S. Weston & Shelburne, Et al., R.; B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY); T-Garry W. Simms.

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7th-CD, \$58,533, Msw, 11-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.30, fm. LEAD ALONG (f, 4, Smart Strike--Promising Lead {GB} {Hwt. older mare at 9 1/2-10 1/2f-Eng & Ire, G1SW-Ire, GSW-Eng & G1SP-Fr, \$444,880} by Danehill) passed nine horses to finish fifth in her Jan. 18 unveiling on the Gulfstream lawn and was fourth there Feb. 10 before running fifth again Apr. 20 at Aqueduct, after which the homebred was shelved for over six months. Back as the 11-10 chalk in this spot, Lead Along broke a bit hesitantly and dropped out to run eighth while three wide on the clubhouse turn. Rallying while three deep again on the far bend, the bay closed in tandem with Glory to Kitten (Kitten's Joy) and outkicked that foe for a half-length triumph. The winner's dam, a high-quality European turfer, is a half to Visit (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a MGSW/G1SP runner in England and MGISP in the U.S. Second dam Arrive (GB) is a full-sister to Hasili (Ire), the blue hen dam of MGISWs Banks Hill (GB) (Danehill), Champs Elysees (GB) (Danehill), Intercontinental (GB) (Danehill), Cacique (Ire) (Danehill) and Heat Haze (GB) (Green Desert) and MGSW/MG1SP Dansili (GB) (Danehill). Promising Lead is responsible for a 2-year-old English filly by Medaglia d'Oro named Lupin, a yearling colt by First Defence and a weanling colt by Kingman (GB). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$38,700. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-William I. Mott.

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BIG BEAR S., \$89,835, SA, 11-3, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.98, ft.

1--**IMPERATIVE, 120, g, 6, Bernardini--Call Her (SW), by Caller I. D.** (\$325,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP). O-J K Racing Stable; B-Glencrest Farm LLC & Darley (KY); T-Richard Baltas; J-Kent J. Desormeaux. \$50,400. Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 34-4-8-3, \$2,002,365. *1/2 to Battle Won (Honour and Glory), GSW & MGISP, \$820,956; Nadeshiko (Honour and Glory), SW, \$255,968; and Matched (Smart Strike), SP, \$211,898.

2--**Conquest Cobra, 120, g, 4, Pioneerof the Nile--Stateliness,** by Silver Deputy. (\$57,000 3yo '15 KEENOV). O-Holly & David Wilson; B-McKathan Bros. (FL); T-Vladimir Cerin. \$16,800.

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3--**Magic Mark, 124, g, 6, Benchmark--Jewel Magic (Nz),** by Deputy Governor. O/B-Dorine & John R. Lanza (CA); T-Ronald W. Ellis. \$12,960.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.40, 3.70, 3.30.

Also Ran: El Huerfano, Solid Wager, Soi Phet, Dream Team, Plain Wrap.

Imperative, a 26-1 upset winner of the April 2014 GII Charles Town Classic, had yet to find the winner's circle in 18 starts since that effort. Fed a diet of nothing but graded stakes, the gelding ran creditably in numerous top-level spots, but couldn't break through. Narrowly missing in the GII San Antonio S. here when second by a nose to subsequent GI Jockey Club Gold Cup hero Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), Imperative had been off the board in his last four outings, most recently checking in sixth in the Aug. 20 GI Pacific Classic at Del Mar.

Made the clear public choice to break his drought, the bay dropped back to run last of eight on the clubhouse turn as a sensible pace of :23.15 and :46.75 developed up top. Still able to see them all at the three-furlong pole, Imperative began to pick it up while winding five deep on the bottom of the turn and flew home in the final furlong to nail pacesetter Conquest Cobra with 100 yards to go.

The winner's dam is responsible for an unraced 3-year-old Colonel John filly named Lili Von Shtupp and a juvenile colt by Shackleford named Conquest Gladiator who went for \$260,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. She has yet to produce a foal since then and was bred to both Paynter and Munnings this term. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)



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2nd-SA, \$53,035, Msw, 11-3, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.39, ft. SANDY'S SURPRISE (f, 2, Drosselmeyer--Sandi's Ready {SP, \$122,783}, by More Than Ready) finished third at 18-1 in her July 31 debut behind 'TDN Rising Star' American Cleopatra (Pioneerof the Nile) and subsequent GI Del Mar Debutante victress Union Strike (Union Rags) before going one better here Oct. 15. Let go at 3-1 in this initial two-turn try, the chestnut tracked the pace from third while three wide through solid fractions of :23.18 and :47.34. Inching up to challenge Goseecal (Cowboy Cal) nearing the top of the lane, Sandy's Surprise surged past that one approaching the eighth pole and drew clear to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Sandi's Ready is responsible for a yearling colt by Super Saver and visited Hangover Kid this term. Sales History: \$12,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '16 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$49,160. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:10 p.m. EDT

DAMASCUS S., \$100,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Hunt (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Prat	D'Amato	12-1
2	Kafister	Kafwain	Castellano	Bernstein	15-1
3	Jazzy Times	Discreetly Mine	Bejarano	Baffert	6-5
4	Mach One Rules	Harbor the Gold	Pereira	Lucarelli	15-1
5	Silent Bird	Summer Bird	Perez	Glatt	8-1
6	Cautious Giant	Giant's Causeway	Baze	Mulhall	12-1
7	Iron Rob	Twirling Candy	Pedroza	Papaprodromou	20-1
8	Prospect Park	Tapit	Desormeaux	Sise	5-2
9	Navy Hymn	Songandaprayer	Dettori	Baltas	6-1

Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT

GOLDEN STATE JUVENILE FILLIES S., \$200,000, (S), 2yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Rocketann	Sierra Sunset	Pereira	Stortz	15-1
2	Cash Prize	Pure Prize	Sutherland	Koriner	8-1
3	Only You Babe	Thorn Song	Alvarado	Specht	4-1
4	Isa Firecracker	Heatseeker (Ire)	Gomez	Thomas	12-1
5	R Sunday Surprise	Lucky Pulpit	Baze	O'Neill	12-1
6	You're Late	Lucky Pulpit	Elliott	Bonde	5-1
7	Start to Finish	Good Journey	Gonzalez	Periban	15-1
8	Vai	Tapizar	Arroyo	Glatt	7-2
9	My Pi Romancer	Unusual Heat	Prat	Desormeaux	10-1
10	How About Zero	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	O'Neill	8-1
11	Ms Wakaya	Flower Alley	Desormeaux	Miyadi	8-1

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4th-AQU, Msw, \$60k, 2yo, f, 1m, post time: 2:02 p.m. EDT

Hall of Famer Bill Mott unveils Juddmonte homebred **LOCKDOWN (First Defence)** off an upbeat-looking worktab, mostly at Saratoga. While Mott rarely wins with newcomers, Lockdown's full-sister Close Hatches annexed her Gulfstream debut by seven lengths as a young 3-year-old in early in 2013, earning the 'TDN Rising Star' distinction. That runner went on to capture the GI Mother Goose S. and GI Cotillion S. that season, and was champion older mare in 2014 off a campaign that included three victories at the highest level. [TJIS PPs](#)

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ACTS LIKE A KING (Part the Waters), 1/0/0
7-CD, Msw 6f, Shine On, 20-1
[CALEB'S POSSE](#) (Posse), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10K, 37/7/0
4-AQU, Msw 1m, Honor Way, \$77K OBS OPN 2yo, 5-1
7-RP, \$100K Clever Trevor S., 7f, Divine Kaleb, \$60K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
5-HAW, Msw 6f, A J's Posse, \$35K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1
CALIBRACHOA (Southern Image), Red River Farms, \$2K, 15/1/0
6-GG, Msw 1m, Uncle Hal, \$22K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1
[CREATIVE CAUSE](#) (Giant's Causeway), Airdrie Stud, \$15K, 86/13/1
6-AQU, Msw 1mT, Divine Cause, \$55K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1
[DOMINUS](#) (Smart Strike), Spendthrift Farm, \$6.5K, 50/8/2
7-LRL, Msw 1 1/16mT, Pure Air Lise, \$6K OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1
[GEMOLOGIST](#) (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 117/11/2
5-HAW, Msw 6f, Distracted, \$29K RNA KEE JAN yrl, 6-1
7-CD, Msw 6f, Bluegrass Gem, \$9K RNA KEE NOV wnl, 15-1
HANSEN (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 102/10/1
3-AQU, \$200K GII Nashua S., 1m, Han Sense, \$125K FTK JUL yrl, 5-1
6-GG, Msw 1m, Awhitesportscoat, \$170K OBS APR 2yo, 7-5

HARBOUR WATCH (IRE) (Acclamation {GB}), Tweenhills Farm & Stud, \$7.5K, 124/15/1

6-SA, \$1M GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, 1mT, Harbour Master (GB), \$80K TAO CT yrl, 20-1

MESSNER (Bernardini), PA, 15/0/0

3-PEN, Msw 5 1/2f, +Whatabeautifulmess, 12-1

MISSION IMPAZIBLE (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York, \$7.5K, 50/5/1

6-AQU, Msw 1mT, Paz the Wine, \$45K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-1

OVERDRIVEN (Tale of the Cat), Ocala Stud Farm, \$3K, 59/6/0

5-DED, Msw 5f, +Overknight, 12-1

POWER (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Coolmore Stud, \$12.5K, 93/15/4

8-SA, \$1M GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, 1mT, La Force (GER), \$24K RNA BBA GS yrl, 30-1

SHACKLEFORD (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 119/11/1

6-SA, \$1M GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, 1mT, Wellabled, \$340K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

6-AQU, Msw 1mT, Tequila Sunday, \$45K RNA SAR AUG yrl, 12-1

SIR PRANCEALOT (IRE) (Tamayuz {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud, \$6K, 105/30/2

8-SA, \$1M GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, 1mT, Madam Dancealot (IRE), \$292K GOF FCH 2yo, 30-1

STAY THIRSTY (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 91/15/1

7-LRL, Msw 1 1/16mT, She's Thirsty, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 100/11/1

7-CD, Msw 6f, +Stapleton, \$70K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 20-1

5-SA, \$200K Golden State Juvenile Fillies S., 7f, Vai, \$47K BAR OCT yrl, 7-2

THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 105/7/1

7-CD, Msw 6f, +Knight Errant, \$150K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1

UNION RAGS (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 106/12/2

4-AQU, Msw 1m, Devine Union, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, November 4

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: only offspring that are first-time starters or starting in a stakes race will be listed.*

PADDY O'PRADO (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 231/66/2

6-RP, Msw 1mT, +Slick as Ice, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2

6-AQU, Msw 1mT, +Questeq, \$70K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

8-SA, \$1M GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, 1mT, Sweeping Paddy, 30-1

SIERRA SUNSET (Bertrando), Paradise Road Ranch, \$2.5K, 55/8/0

5-SA, \$200K Golden State Juvenile Fillies S., 7f, Rocketann, \$3K NCA AUG yrl, 15-1

TIZWAY (Tiznow), Spendthrift Farm, \$25K, 184/42/7

8-SA, \$1M GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, 1mT, Coasted, \$210K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

TRAPPE SHOT (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/51/2

7-CD, Msw 6f, +Trading Cash, \$24K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

TWIRLING CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 147/52/6

4-SA, \$100K Damascus S., 7f, Iron Rob, \$90K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/85/20

3-AQU, \$200K GII Nashua S., 1m, Mo Town, \$200K KEE SEP yrl, 6-5

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-WO, C\$49,500, (S), 11-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:23.42, ft.

LOW IN THE FOREST (g, 4, Old Forester--Lady Low, by Lyphard) Lifetime Record: 14-2-4-2, \$83,805. O/B-Cold River Farm (ON); T-Elizabeth R. Elder. *C\$15,000 RNA Ylg '13 CANSEP. **1/2 TO Whiskey and Low (Whiskey Wisdom), SW, \$146,768.

9th-DED, \$37,400, 11-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59.19, ft.

TOUCH OF RUN (f, 4, Run Production--Touch of Lime, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-2, \$53,645. O-Eleven Bravo Racing Stable Inc; B-Carol & Adam A. Jannik (LA); T-Eduardo Ramirez.

6th-GG, \$35,069, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 11-3, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.95, ft.

UNUSUALLY GREEN (g, 5, Unusual Heat--Lady Evergreen, by Lord Carson) Lifetime Record: 28-4-7-2, \$251,869. O-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams; B-Larry D. Williams (CA); T-Steven Specht. *1/2 to Lady Railrider (Ride the Rails), MSW, \$603,041.

4th-HAW, \$28,014, (NW1YX)/Opt. Clm (\$18,000), 11-3, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:41.30, ft.

URBAN COOL (g, 5, City Zip--Modjadji {MSW, \$330,058}, by Pioneering) Lifetime Record: 27-5-3-6, \$138,139. O/B-Carson Springs Farm (IL); T-Michele Boyce.

7th-CT, \$24,000, (S), 11-2, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.54, ft.

MISS SIMON (f, 3, Siente El Trueno--Simon Slew {MSW, \$155,651}, by Native Slew) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-1, \$39,305. O/B-Betty J. Stehr (WV); T-Joseph P. Stehr. *1/2 to Little Big Sime (Admiralty Arch), MSP, \$261,773.

6th-HAW, \$20,786, (S), 11-2, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.33, ft.

PINCHME I'MDREAMIN (f, 3, Henrythenavigator--Jabber {MSP, \$103,793}, by Minneapple) Lifetime Record: 13-1-3-1, \$23,200. O-Mike Piazza Racing Stable LLC; B-Dana Waier Thoroughbreds, LLC (IL); T-Save Manley. *1/2 to River Bear (Unreal Zeal), MSW, \$937,793; Lady Riss (Unreal Zeal), MSW, \$325,390; Devient Behavior (Ecton Park), SW, \$138,572; and Guccione (He's a Tough Cat), SP, \$193,727.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Reverse, f, 2, Colonel John--Patsy Ann, by Yankee Gentleman. WO, 11-2, (C), 5f (AWT), :58.62. B-Gabe Grossberg (ON).

+Touch 'Em Up, g, 2, Euroears--Oklahoma Wind, by Parade Ground. RP, 11-2, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19.33. B-Gary Stork & David Heald (OK).

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Lucky Andy, g, 2, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Sweet Britches, by Strong Hope. DED, 11-2, (S), 7 1/2f, 1:33.86. B-George Gary Guidry MD & Walter Dwayne Brown MD (LA).

Prairie Chief, g, 2, **Majestic Warrior**--Vitae, by Awesome Again. HAW, 11-3, (S), 6f, 1:11.31. B-Asiel Stable (IL).

+Indominus Rex, c, 2, **Petionville**--Cape Town Lass (MGSP, \$215,142), by Horse Chestnut (Saf). PEN, 11-3, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.37. B-Arrowwood Farm (PA).

Burntwood, c, 3, **Arch**--Toast, by Seeking the Gold. CD, 11-3, ©, 1 1/16m, 1:44.23. B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (KY).

A K's Candy, f, 3, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Seeking Simplicity, by Seeking the Gold. PEN, 11-2, 6f, 1:12.49. B-Earl H Shultz (KY). *\$60,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$97,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

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Tricky Posse, g, 3, **Posse**--Healthy Debate, by Freud. FL, 11-3, 5 1/2f, 1:05.62. B-Charlton Baker (NY).

Spectacular Road, g, 3, **Road Ruler**--Aladosious, by Spectacular Bid. HAW, 11-3, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:02.90. B-James E. & Lois Tripp (IL).

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+Don't Lie Kitten, f, 2, **Kitten's Joy**--Southern Alibi, by Elusive Quality. Meydan, 11-3, Maiden, 1400m, 1:27.29. B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY). *Full to Sneaky Kitten, SP, \$258,263. **\$95,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$9,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. [VIDEO](#)

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Long Water, g, 5, **Elusive Quality**--Round Pond (MGISW, \$1,998,700), by Awesome Again. Meydan, 11-3, Hcp., 1400m, 1:26.18. B-Darley (KY). [VIDEO](#)

Ajraam, g, 6, **Daaher**--Abby Road (Ire) (SW-Eng), by Danehill. Meydan, 11-3, Hcp., 1200m, 1:13.24. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). [VIDEO](#)

Etijaah, g, 6, **Daaher**--Hasheema (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). Meydan, 11-3, Hcp., 2000m, 2:06.86. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). *1/2 to Najjaar (Jazil), SW & GSP, \$237,972. [VIDEO](#)



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CANDY SAVOURING BREEDERS' CUP EXPERIENCE



Limato and Harry Bentley on track on Thursday | Sherackatthetrack

By Chris McGrath

Even as Henry Candy followed **Limato (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}) through the backstretch on Thursday morning, the rising sun suddenly flooded both the lane to the racetrack and the beckoning stretch itself with a dazzling stream of light. It really did seem as though his champion's path to the GI Breeders' Cup Mile might be paved with gold.

Admittedly Candy himself presented a faintly incongruous spectacle, this septuagenarian traditionalist entering the spirit of things so gamely that he was even sporting a baseball cap. But while his own bearing remained as understated and self-deprecating as ever, this master of the old school is unmistakably embracing his debut on an American racetrack with real excitement. And, even more importantly, his horse seems no less enthused. This is unusually significant in an animal whose quirks can verge on the homicidal. "I was doing interviews when he won at Chantilly and felt something trickling down my hand," Candy said. "It turned out that he had caught me while we were trying to saddle him. It didn't heal for three weeks. I hadn't even realised at the time. But that's this horse. He's lightning fast, front and back end. Fortunately he puts his athleticism to good use."

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RARE OPPORTUNITIES AT GOFFS NOVEMBER

By Kelsey Riley

The breeding stock sales at the end of each year present an opportunity for buyers to restock and revitalise their broodmare bands for the upcoming breeding season, and this year's Goffs November Breeding Stock and Foals Sales Nov. 13 to 19 will offer some rare opportunities, with the Wildenstein Stables Ltd. dispersal headlining a catalogue that includes quality drafts from some of Europe's leading breeders, as well as foals by some of the best sires in the world.

The Wildenstein dispersal, through The Castlebridge Consignment, will offer 49 foals, mares and fillies out of training at Goffs. These offerings are in addition to the 17 yearlings and 40 horses-in-training that were sold at the Goffs Orby Sale in September. Those 57 lots sold for a total of €5,859,000, at an average of €102,789 and a median of €40,000. [Cont. p4](#)

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Candy Savouring Breeders' Cup Experience cont. from p1

As usual, it was a two-man job to saddle Limato for a light breeze over the turf circuit and a gate trial. "He's a nightmare, very touchy," Candy said. "He doesn't like having his legs touched, and absolutely hates anything round his girth."

By a happy paradox, the difficulties Limato sets Candy and his staff about the stable are in direct contrast with his professionalism when the gates open. And that is precisely why the 4-year-old gelding has every prospect of proving equally effective over an eighth furlong, having made his last three starts over six, five and seven, respectively. Whatever the trip, Limato reliably switches off and on at his rider's request. He settled just as obligingly when dropped in trip in the G1 Nunthorpe S.,



Henry Candy | *Racing Post*

picking up smartly for second, as he did when winning the G1 July Cup and G1 Prix de la Foret either side.

"He's an incredibly intelligent horse," Candy explained. "He will listen. If Harry [Bentley, jockey] says: 'Come here old lad, not quite yet,' then he'll be quite okay with that."

Candy has long been adamant that Limato will see out a mile, his horses having been notoriously off colour the only time he tried--when fourth in the G1 Lockinge S on his reappearance.

"I'd have loved to run him in the Queen Anne or the Sussex, but unfortunately the ground went against him both times," he said. "He certainly looked as though he would get another furlong in the Foret and, while it's a long way to come for an experiment, I think it will probably work."

Having made his name with such middle distance stars as Time Charter (GB) (Saritamer) and Master Willie (GB) (High Line {GB}), Candy has impressively reinvented himself as a specialist with fast horses in the second half of his career. Necessity has admittedly been the mother of invention.

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Breeders' Cup cont.

Without either the patronage of superpower breeders or the resources to compete for Classic pedigrees at the sales, Candy has had to box clever with commercial yearlings. Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), another Group 1 scorer this season in the Golden Jubilee S., was admittedly homebred. But his sire, himself a top-class sprinter for the yard, was bought for £36,000--while Candy once found a G1 Cheveley Park S. winner in Airwave (GB) (Air Express {Ire}) for just £12,000. Both were Doncaster yearlings and Limato himself is another graduate of the same ring, bought by Peter and Ross Doyle for £41,000. "Obviously I can't take credit for that," he said. "But it is nice that a horse like this doesn't have to cost millions. It gives everyone hope, doesn't it?"

Evidently he was not the most imposing of youngsters. Despite an unbeaten four-race streak at two, Candy says that Limato was far from physically precocious. "He was still a runt of a horse even as a 3-year-old," he said. "How he achieved what he did I don't know. He's a very late developer, and I think he's still improving and growing. It sounds a stupid thing to say but even seeing him in the barn this morning, after only a week away, I thought he was bigger again. He's now a proper looking individual, who looks like he belongs here."

And that is evidently how Limato himself also views his adventure, having responded positively to every novelty. Candy is well versed in the perils of transporting horses by plane. When he was learning the ropes in Chantilly, he once had custody of a particularly unruly customer on a flight that was initially aborted until he could be calmed down. It is just as well they were able to take off again, because the other passengers included a colt named Sea-Bird on his way to the Derby.

"But Limato absolutely loved everything about his trip," Candy said. "He's been having the most wonderful time throughout. He'll love the big day as well: he'll be showing off to the crowd, sticking out his tongue and all that. They tell me he's been bucking every morning. It's good to see. He's in the right frame of mind. When he heard that bell ring in the gate, Harry said it was the quickest he'd ever jumped and that he'd nearly fallen out the back door. And I was happy with the way he handled the track, too, sprinting round that bend on the correct lead. The fact that he changed legs as soon as he got into the straight doesn't matter."



Henry Candy and Limato | Racing Post

The only thing that dismayed Candy all morning, in fact, was the sight of Alice Springs (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) as she joined the Ballydoyle horses in their first venture out of the barn. "She looks absolutely magnificent," he said. "And obviously there's Tepin (Bernstein) as well. It is a very competitive race, and I'd say they'll probably be fairly well strung out by the time they get to the first bend. The track's very tight, but we knew that before we came here, and it looks in wonderful shape. I think he should be suited by the way the race is likely to be run. I just hope we don't end up outside anything that won't turn, but that's in the lap of the gods."

Candy, accustomed to the solitude and grandeur of his home gallops, appeared to be stimulated by the whole environment--the bustle of the barns, the communal training, the peerless setting. "I've seen it so often on television but now here I am and it's absolutely beautiful," he said, gesturing towards the mountain backdrop. "It's great fun, all the activity around. To win this race would probably rank as high as anything I've done in my career. Obviously I was very lucky to get Time Charter so early, but this is something different. I've never had anything suitable to bring here. The owners were quite keen to bring Time Charter, but I thought she'd had enough by the time she ran in the Arc and vetoed that. But this horse is probably the best I've ever trained. And he's loving it all. And, because of that, so am I."

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Rare Opportunities At Goffs November cont. from p1

“The general consensus for both the yearlings and horses in training [of the Wildenstein dispersal] was they exceeded expectations,” said Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby. “I know David Wildenstein was kind enough to tell me he was delighted with the first part at the Orby sale, and we had a lot of international interest in that. The mares and foals are every bit as, if not more, appealing than what we’ve already offered.”

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historic 133-1 shock win in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic. Other stars to don the Wildenstein blue silks include triple Group 1 and Classic winner Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill); five-time Group 1-winning marathoner Westerner (GB) (Danehill); and G1 Hong Kong Vase victress Vallee Enchantee (Ire) (Peintre Celebre). Many of these names continue to pop up in the pedigrees of



Classic winner Beauty Parlour heads the Goffs November sale | Racing Post

elite performers, and they appear on many of the pages in the Wildenstein dispersal.

The most recent example of the astuteness of the Wildenstein programme is the 2012 G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches winner **Beauty Parlour (GB)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who is set to be offered at the breeding stock sale as [lot 1431](#) in foal to Horse of the Year Kingman (GB). Beauty Parlour is a daughter of the stakes-winning Bastet (Ire) (Giant’s Causeway) from the family of

international Group 1 winners like Might and Power (NZ), Lucky Owners (NZ) and Mosheen (Aus). Her first foal, a yearling colt by Dubawi (Ire), fetched €1.4-million from John Ferguson at the Orby Sale, and her yearling filly by Dansili (GB) will be offered as [lot 1201](#) at the foal sale. **Cont. p5**



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1200m		Dubawi Stakes (Listed) \$175,000	95 - 108 \$125,000	100 & Up \$175,000	Al Shindagha Sprint (Group 3) \$200,000	95 - 105 \$125,000	100 & Up \$175,000			Mahab Al Shimaal (Group 3) \$200,000	Dubai Golden Shaheen (Group 1) \$2,000,000
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Other Wildenstein standouts include Beauty Parlour's half-sister **Blue Kimono (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in foal to Australia (GB) ([lot 1432](#)); Peintre Celebre's half-sister **Peinture Rare (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) in foal to Dansili (GB) ([lot 1415](#)) as well as her Invincible Spirit filly foal ([lot 1189](#)); stakes winner **Andromeda Galaxy (Fr)** (Peintre Celebre) in foal to Charm Spirit (Ire) ([lot 1429](#)) and her Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) filly foal ([lot 1200](#)); **Galateia (Ire)** (Dansili {GB}), a stakes-placed mare from the immediate family of Pour Moi (Ire) in foal to Mizzen Mast ([lot 1406](#)) and her Mizzen Mast filly foal ([lot 1183](#)); the stakes-placed **Amerique (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), a daughter of Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill) in foal to Pivotal (GB) ([lot 1428](#)) and her Siyouni filly foal ([lot 1199](#)); stakes winner **Adventure Seeker (Fr)** (Bering {GB}) in foal to Siyouni (Fr) ([lot 1426](#)) and her Pivotal colt foal ([lot 1197](#)); G2 Prix du Malleret winner **Pacific Rim (Ire)** (Singspiel {Ire}) in foal to Zoffany (Ire) ([lot 1412](#)) and her Dansili colt foal ([lot 1187](#)). Also on offer will be maiden filly **Lady of Kyushu** (Smart Strike), a stakes winner and Group 2-placed filly from the family of Classic winner Roderic O'Connor (Ire) ([lot 1407](#)). Other foals of interest include a colt by Le Havre (Ire) out of the stakes-placed Altamira (GB) (Peintre Celebre) from a productive family of black-type winners ([lot 1198](#)); a Pivotal filly out of a stakes-placed daughter of champion Rolly Polly (Ire) (Mukaddamah) ([lot 1192](#)); and a Shamardal colt out of a daughter of G1 1000

Guineas winner Virginia Waters (Kingmambo) ([lot 1195](#)).

"This is the strongest breeding stock catalogue we've put together for as long as any of us can remember," said Beeby. "I won't say ever, because Goffs is 150 years old, but it's certainly as strong as any of us can remember. The whole week, but particularly the breeding stock sale, is headed by the Wildenstein Stables Ltd dispersal. I can't stress enough the magnitude of what that means to us in terms of the endorsement of our service. The general consensus was the horses in the Orby sale, both yearlings and horses-in-training, sold beyond expectations, and we have some absolutely mouth-watering, beautifully bred mares and foals to sell in November."

Beeby was quick to point out, however, that the November sales don't "start and stop" with the Wildenstein dispersal.

"[The sale] may peak there, but we have some very strong drafts in and around it," he said. "In the breeding stock sale we have some very strong drafts, not least 77 catalogued from Godolphin, which is another great endorsement of the sales we've had in recent years. We have a good selection from the Aga Khan, Ballylinch, Derrinstown, Moyglare; I think this is the year we can promote this catalogue on an international basis. It's not as big as other breeding stock sales, but in terms of quality I think it stands up to scrutiny on a global basis, and we've been working hard to secure international interest in the sale." **Cont. p6**



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Beeby pointed out that Hazariya (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), the dam of this year's dual Derby winner Harzand (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), was sold through the Aga Khan draft at this sale two years ago for €480,000.

"There's an enormous opportunity here to buy into some really beautiful pedigrees with that selection of breeders," he noted. "It mustn't be forgotten that the Aga Khan draft just two years ago included Hazariya, the dam of Harzand, who sold for €480,000. That wasn't a flash in the pan; that's the kind of quality you're going to get here. Having mares like Beauty



Harzand's dam, Hazariya, sold at Goffs November in 2014 | *Racing Post*

Parlour; a Deep Impact mare in foal to Kingman, a Classic winner, her first foal sells for €1.4-million—that's a huge opportunity for somebody and that's a pedigree that should have enormous international appeal.

But she's just one of many in several drafts that could appeal."

An increased foal crop and rising demand for spaces saw last year's Goffs Foal Sale bumped up to five days from four, and that format remains this year. The increased numbers understandably made it difficult for figures to keep pace last year, and while the average was down 14% (€31,950) and the median was down 18% (€18,000), those figures in addition to the gross of €25,847,500 remain the second-best figures in the sale's history, second only to the previous year's trade. The Goffs foal sale has set a record price the past two years; in 2014 a Frankel (GB) daughter of Finsceal Beo (Ire) (Mr. Greeley) became the most expensive foal ever sold at auction in Ireland at €1.8-million, while last year's sale-topping Dubawi (Ire) colt became the most expensive colt foal ever sold in the country at €1.1-million.

Beeby expressed optimism about this year's catalogue, saying, "The foals would represent again the cream of the Irish foal crop that is being offered this year. We've been extremely well supported by Irish breeders once again, and so there is a wide diversification, a very strong sire profile—Galileo, Invincible Spirit, Dark Angel, those sorts of sires—and we're very pleased with what we have and we look forward to welcoming a very strong contingent of pinhookers but also some very significant end-users that come to the sale every year."

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In addition to the aforementioned Wildenstein foals, some of the standouts on paper of the foal catalogue include a full-sister to Group 3 winner Stellar Mass (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and six other winners ([lot 1050](#)); a Teofilo (Ire) filly out of multiple Grade II winner and Grade I-placed Katdogawn (GB) (Bahhare), and a half-sister to stakes-placed Oor Jock (Ire) (Shamardal) ([lot 1051](#)); a full-sister to dual Group 2 winner Aday (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and five other winners ([lot 1056](#)); an Oasis Dream (GB) half-sister to two stakes winners, including Group 3 winner Lily's Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) ([lot 1086](#)); a Sea the Stars son of G3 Prix d'Aumale winner Quad's Melody (Ire) (Spinning World) and half-brother to dual Group 2 winner Here Comes When (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) ([lot 1102](#)); a Zoffany (Ire) half-sister to G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner Gilt Edge Girl (GB) (Monsieur Bond {Ire}) ([lot 1139](#)); a Kingman (GB) half-brother to multiple group winner Breton Rock (Ire) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}) ([lot 1155](#)); and a Galileo (Ire) colt out of triple Group 3 winner Bewitched (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) ([lot 1163](#)).

Henry Beeby | *Racing Post*

A point of concern of last year's sale was the clearance rate, which dropped to 77% from 85% the previous year, and Beeby said that will be something to be aware of once again this year.

"The foal sale is catalogued on a rising tide basis," he explained. "I think there will be quality and value every day, relatively speaking, but we expect the sale to get stronger as the week goes on not just in terms of the horses but in terms of the general trade. What we've seen throughout the autumn in Europe is a strong top of the market, a fairly robust middle but some falling clearance rates down at the lower end of the market. I think we have to be cognizant of the fact the foal crop is bigger and that is a slight concern, particularly at the more commercial end of the market."

With the depth of quality throughout the catalogues, however, there are bound to be plenty of success stories for both buyers and sellers emerging from the Goffs November breeding stock and foal sales.

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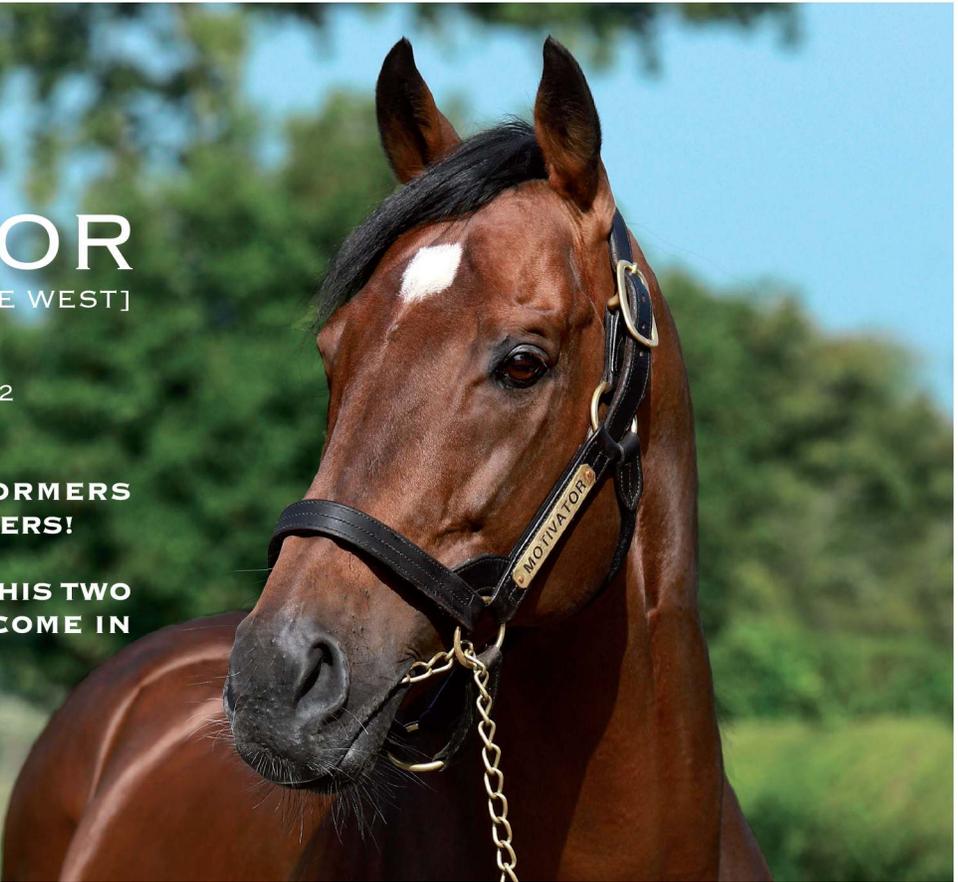
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Arnold Schwarzenegger, Frankie Dettori and Frank Stronach after Raven's Pass (Elusive Quality) wins the 2008 Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita. | Horsephotos

HESMONDS STUD BUYS LE HAVRE SHARE

Nurlan Bizakov's Hesmonds Stud has purchased a share in Classic sire **Le Havre (Ire)** for €400,000 on Arqana Online. Le Havre, the sire of dual Classic winners Avenir Certain (Fr) and La Cressonniere (Fr) in his first three crops bred off a €5,000 stud fee, will stand for €60,000 at Haras de la Cauviniere next year. Le Havre is also the sire of group winners Auvray (Fr), Queen Bee (Fr), Suedois (Fr) and Zghorta Dance (Fr).



Le Havre | Cauviniere

Bizakov bought Hesmonds Stud in East Sussex in 2010, and has plans to develop a high-end operation. Hesmonds bought the first-ever stallion share offered on Arqana Online, a €355,000 share in Siyouni (Fr) last November, and it was also the buyer of a share in Wootton Bassett (GB) for €120,000 last month. [Cont. p9](#)



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Sue Finley, Co-Publisher

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Hesmonds Stud Buys Le Havre Share cont.

Hesmonds Stud Manager Tony Fry said, “Le Havre is a stallion we have believed in for a long time and this purchase is an investment for the long term. We sent him two mares in 2015, one this year, and for 2017 we already had him down for Elik, a daughter of Dalakhani out of Elopa, and Zimira, an Invincible Spirit from the family of Barathea. We will see whether we change our plans further to this purchase. I don’t need to say much about Le Havre: he does the talking and his results are here for everyone to see. What he has achieved so far is very impressive and he is set to continue in the same direction. We are also looking forward to partnering with Mathieu Alex and all the team at Haras de la Cauviniere, who have done a fantastic job with Le Havre and have been a pleasure to deal with.”

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ARQANA DECEMBER CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for Arqana’s December Sale Dec. 3 to 6 is online. This year’s lineup of 933 broodmares, fillies in and out of training, foals, stallions and stallion shares includes group-winning or placed maiden fillies **Parvaneh (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) ([lot 178](#)), **Camprock (Fr)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) ([lot 158](#)) and **Steip Amach (Ire)** (Vocalised) ([lot 168](#)).

The sale also includes drafts from leading breeders like the Aga Khan, Wertheimer et Frere, Haras de Saint-Pair and Godolphin. The Wertheimer et Frere draft includes **Reponds Moi** ([lot 153](#)), a daughter of More Than Ready out of Group 1 winner Pas de



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Reponse (Danzig) in foal to Intello (Ger), while the Aga Khan’s 26-strong consignment includes **Daldiyna (Fr)** (Dansili {GB}) ([lot 161](#)), a half-sister to G1 Dubai Sheema Classic winner Dolniya (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}) from

the family of Dalakhani (Ire) and Daylami (Ire).

The sale will also offer broodmares in foal to many proven leading sires, such as **Elayouna (Fr)** (Dr. Fong) ([lot 111](#)), a winning half-sister to triple Group 1 winner Ervedya (Fr) in foal to Ervedya’s sire Siyouni (Fr); **Ana Luna (GB)** (Dream Well) [lot 166](#), the dam of Group 1 winner Alterite (Fr) (Literato {Fr}); and **Annoville (Fr)** ([lot 151](#)), a full-sister to La Cressonniere (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}).

The 286 foals for sale include offerings by leading sires like

Frankel (GB), his sire Galileo (Ire) and Galileo’s brother Sea The Stars (Ire). [lot 147](#) is a daughter of Frankel out of the Group 1-placed Fauvelia (Fr) (Polish Precedent); [lot 143](#) is a Sea The Stars half-sister to two black-type performers; [lot 159](#) is a Galileo (Ire) full-sister to group winner and producer Galatee (Ire); [lot 165](#) is an Oasis Dream (GB) half-brother to Grade I winner Alterite; and [lot 80](#) is a Dansili (GB) filly out of a half-sister to Classic winner Flute. She is part of a five-strong draft from Kentucky-based Brookdale Farm, which sells at this sale for the first time.

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PROTECTIONIST TO GESTUT ROTTGEN

Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}–Patineuse {Ire}), by Peintre Celebre), winner of the 2014 G1 Melbourne Cup and this year’s G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin, will take up stud duties next year at Gestut Rottgen, according to *Racing Post*. The 6-year-old will stand for €6,500. Trained initially by Andreas Wohler in Germany and through his Melbourne Cup win, Protectionist was transferred to Australian trainer Kris Lees thereafter, but failed to thrive when based Down Under. Returned to Wohler this year, Protectionist won three straight races in his native country before finishing last of nine in the G1 Canadian International.

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PRINCE OF LIR RETIRED TO BALLYHANE

Prince Of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}–Esvia {Ire}), by Whipper), the winner of this year’s G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot, has been retired from racing and will stand at Joe Foley’s Ballyhane Stud next year for €5,000, according to *Racing Post*. The £170,000



Prince Of Lir | Racing Post

joint topper at this year’s Goffs UK Breeze-Up sale, Prince Of Lir bested eventual G1 Middle Park S. winner The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus})—who also retires for 2017—on debut at Beverley May 28 and in the Norfolk.

He finished fifth thereafter in the G2 Prix Robert Papin and was well down the field against elders in the G1 Nunthorpe S. Aug. 19 before wrapping up his career in the G2 Flying Childers S. when seventh.

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GOFFS YEARLING, HIT SALE CLOSES

The two-day Goffs Open Yearling and Horses-in-Training sale came to a close on Thursday with the yearling session. The top three lots—a €38,000 Raven’s Pass filly ([lot 198](#)), a €36,000 Pivotal (GB) filly ([lot 242](#)) and a €34,000 Iffraaj (GB) colt ([lot 322](#))—were all consigned by Lumville Farm, and the top two were purchased by Friarstown Stables.

A total of 145 yearlings were sold for €1,037,900, compared to 51 sold for €1,074,000 12 months ago. The buyback rate was down three points to 24%, while the average and median both declined, the average down 9% at €7,158 and the median down



Lot 242, Pivotal filly | Peter Mooney

10% at €4,500. Cumulatively, the average was up 17% at €11,058 with 61 more horses sold, and the median was down 28% at €5,000. The buyback rate was down to 18.9%.

Goffs Chief

Executive Henry Beeby said at the close of trade, “For the second time this week Goffs has returned a strong two-day trade for horses-in-training and commercial yearlings. Following a superb trade for horses-in-training at Doncaster on Tuesday, we enjoyed an equally strong horses-in-training market on Wednesday with a larger catalogue, a big rise in the average price and a stunning 90% clearance rate, all headed by a top price of €200,000. As ever we are especially indebted to The Aga Khan Studs for their superb support of this sale and we are just delighted that their faith is consistently rewarded in the sales ring as this was the highest price at this sale for many a year.

“Whilst today’s yearlings will not provoke any headlines, there has been plenty of interest throughout the day with no shortage of bidders for those lots that held the most appeal with competition from home and abroad. Indeed, this is a sale that has made significant progress in recent years and regularly exceeds expectations.”

“We are grateful to every vendor and purchaser for their business and now look forward to the market-leading November Foal and Breeding Stock Sale which, of course, is headed by the much anticipated second part of the Wildenstein Stables Ltd Dispersal.”

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YEARLING TOTALS	2016	2015
• No. Offered	191	188
• No. Sold	145	137
• RNAs	46	51
• % RNAs	24%	27%
• High Price	€38,000	€80,000
• Gross	€1,037,900	€1,074,000
• Average (% change)	€7,158 (-9%)	€7,839
• Median (% change)	€4,500 (-10%)	€5,000

CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• No. Offered	306	253
• No. Sold	248	187
• RNAs	58	66
• % RNAs	18.9%	26%
• High Price	€200,000	€80,000
• Gross	€2,742,300	€1,771,300
• Average (% change)	€11,058 (+17%)	€9,472
• Median (% change)	€5,000 (-28%)	€7,000

IRISH DERBY, OAKS ENTRIES REVEALED

The first entry stages for the G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby and G1 Darley Irish Oaks closed Nov. 2. Entries for the Irish Derby include dual Group 1 winner **Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), whose Aidan O’Brien-trained stablemates entered include **Capri**



Churchill | Racing Post

(Ire) (Galileo {Ire}); **Cliffs Of Moher (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), **War Decree** (War Front) and **Yucatan (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). Last weekend’s G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner **Waldgeist (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) is the sole French entry, while G1 Racing Post Trophy winner

Rivet (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) heads the British legion and top local trainers such as Dermot Weld, Jim Bolger, Ger Lyons and Michael Halford are also well represented.

G1 Dubai Fillies’ Mile winner **Rhododendron (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}); G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner **Intricately (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}); and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner **Wuheida (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) are among the 65 fillies engaged in the Irish Oaks.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Odelouca (Ire), f, 2, **Elusive City**--Church Road (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). CHD, 11-3, 6f (AWT), 1:12.48. B-Piercetown Stud (IRE). *€6,000 Ylg '15 GOFFEB; €9,000 Ylg '15 TATIRE.

Cape Banjo, c, 3, **Cape Blanco (Ire)**--Magic of Love (GB) (GSP-Eng, \$126,159), by Magic Ring (Ire). CHD, 11-3, 8f (AWT), 1:38.45. B-Reiley McDonald (KY). *\$140,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; 52,000gns 2yo '15 TATBRE. **1/2 to Exclusive Love (Bernstein), MGSP-US, \$262,927.

Out of the Ashes (GB), g, 3, **Phoenix Reach (Ire)**--Shrewd Decision (GB), by Motivator (GB). CHD, 11-3, 7f (AWT), 1:25.95. B-Mr D. Fremel (GB).

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Thursday's Results:

3rd-CHY, €27,000, Mdn, 11-3, unraced 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:20.85, stn.

+LE BRIVIDO (FR) (c, 2, **Siyouni {Fr}**--**La Bugatty {Ire}**), by **Dr Fong**) soon led and set a comfortable tempo through halfway in this first go. In command throughout, the crowd's 6-5 choice was nudged along passing the two pole and kept on powerfully under whipless cajoling to easily best Uni (GB) (More Than Ready) by two lengths. The winner, half to the yearling filly La Blizzia (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}), is out of a half-sister to Dansant (GB)

(Dansili {GB}), who registered a sextet of stakes victories. His third dam is MGSP Listed Prix Phil Drake victress Belle Tempete (Fr) (Lovely Dancer {Ire}), who produced five-time stakes placegetter Folle Tempete (Fr) (Fabulous Dancer) and Listed Prix Panacee runner-up Tempete d'Honneur (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}). Sales history: €42,000 Ylg '15 AROCT; €105,000 2yo '16 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Prince Faisal bin Khaled; B-Jean Bugada & Mme Btigitte Bugada (FR); T-Andre Fabre.

4th-CHY, €29,000, Cond, 11-3, 3yo, 6fT, 1:12.48, sf.

POST VAR (FR) (c, 3, **American Post {GB}**--**Life of Risks {Fr}**), by **Take Risks {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 10-3-2-1, €84,100.

O-Mme Isabelle Corbani; B-Jedburgh Stud & Mme Isabelle Corbani (FR); T-Stephane Wattel. *€15,000 Ylg '14 AROCT.

Wednesday's Result:

7th-MRV, €17,000, Cond, 11-2, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:07.27, stn.

HYGROVE KATIE (GB) (f, 3, **Monsieur Bond {Ire}**--**Hygrove Gal {GB}**), by **Auction House**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, €18,250.

O/B-David Huw Francis (GB); T-Jerome Reynier.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN DUBAI:

Criminalistic (GB), c, 3, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Forensics (Aus) (G1SW-Aus, \$2,927,744), by Flying Spur (Aus). Meydan, 11-3, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1400m. B-Darley.

Mister Parma (Ire), g, 3, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Annee Lumiere (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Giant's Causeway. Meydan, 11-3, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1600m. B-Christopher Glynn. *52,000gns wnl '13 DADNOV; €20,000 2yo '15 GORMAY.

Stormardal (Ire), g, 5, **Shamardal**--Dievotchkina (Ire), by Bluebird. Meydan, 11-3, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1600m. B-Kevin & Meta Cullen. *10,000gns yrl '12 TAOOCT; 55,000gns 2yo '13 TATMAY.



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WORLDWIDE NEWS

LASQUETI SPIRIT WINS OAKS SHOCKER

Thursday's G1 VRC Crown Oaks was billed to be a virtual walkover for dual Group 1 winner and Cox Plate third **Yankee Rose (Aus)** (All American {Aus}), but **Lasqueti Spirit (Aus)** (Beneteau {Aus}) reminded the Flemington faithful that in racing anything is possible, breaking her maiden in the A\$1-million feature on the front end at 100-1. Sitting third and wide the first



Lasqueti Spirit | Bronwen Healy

time past the stands, Lasqueti Spirit and Brenton Avdulla took matters into their own hands on the backstretch, taking over the running and opening up an eight-length advantage while setting a stiff pace by the time they hit the final bend. Lasqueti Spirit looked briefly in danger at the top of the stretch, with her lead shortened to three lengths as she came under a ride, but her rivals never got any closer, and she ultimately ran out a 3 3/4-length winner under wraps, with Avdulla given plenty of time to celebrate before the wire. **Harlow Gold (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}) was a fast-finishing second, while Yankee Rose, traveling near the rear throughout, never rallied and beat one home.

Thursday, Flemington, Australia

VRC OAKS-G1, A\$1,005,000, VRC, 11-03, 3yo, f, Open Set Weight, 2500mT, 2:37.73, Good.

1--&@#**LASQUETI SPIRIT**, 55.5, f, 3, by Beneteau

1st Dam: Supriym Story, by General Nediym

2nd Dam: Grand Story, by Grand Lodge (USA)

3rd Dam: Explanation, by County (AUS)

(A\$150,000 Ylg 2015 MM Gold Coast Yearling Sale) O-Mystery Downs (Mgr: F W Cook), Mrs C M Cook, A R Davison, Ms C E Curtis, R Croad, B Djura & M J Fenech; B-S J E Family Trust QLD; T-L W Curtis; J-B Avdulla; A\$605,000. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-3, A\$635,620. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Harlow Gold (NZ)**, 55.5, f, 3, Tavistock (NZ)--Belongs in Lights, by Belong to Me (USA). (NZ\$200,000 Ylg 2015 NZB National Yearling Sale) O-Wylie Dalziel Roy Higgins Racing (W Dalziel) P Sambor, Ms J Aldous, T Urwin, Wagu Racing (A Aarons), Ms M

Smith-Beale, D Todd, Oaksbound (A Winwood), J Blacker, Snow Road Thoroughbreds; B-T G Heptinstall & T M Pivac, Central, NZ; T-D & B Hayes & T Dabernig; J-Regan Bayliss; A\$180,000.

3--**Eleonora (NZ)**, 55.5, f, 3, Makfi (GB)--Sopra Tutto (NZ), by Van Nistelrooy (USA). (NZ\$60,000 Ylg 2015 NZB National Yearling Sale) O-Dame Lowell Goddard & Jml Bloodstock Ltd (Mgr: L Petagna); B-Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd, Waikato, NZ; T-M Baker & A Forsman; J-D Oliver; A\$90,000.

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Margins: 3 3/4, 1Hf, 3. Odds: 100.00, 6.00, 8.00.

Also Ran: Peeking Duck, Missrock, Smart as You Think, Bella Sorellastra, Nina Peak, Moqueen, My Girl Chilly, Penthouse Kitten (NZ), Sebring Dream, Red Velvet Swing, Yankee Rose, Lamma Hilton.

[Click for the Racing Post result.](#)

Rosehill-based trainer Lee Curtis, who purchased Lasqueti Spirit for A\$150,000 at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, admitted he bought the filly with the G1 Golden Slipper in mind, she being by the late sprinter Beneteau (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) out of a daughter of another smart sprinter in General Nediym (Aus). Lasqueti Spirit went winless in three tries at two; however, Curtis said he discovered she lacked the turn of foot to be a sprinter after her third in the Listed Fernhill H.



Part-owner Francis Cook and jockey Brenton Avdulla | Bronwen Healy

over a mile in April, and he turned his sights to the Oaks. Curtis gradually built the filly up in distance over a busy 3-year-old campaign that saw her make six starts in 11 weeks prior to Thursday. She came closest to victory when second by a nose in a 2000-metre Hawkesbury maiden Oct. 9, and was a last-out fourth, beaten a half-length, in a 2400-metre Kembla Grange plate race Oct. 22.

"We had a lot of confidence in her," Curtis said. "She lacks a turn of foot but she's got class and every other aspect at home."

"This is the race we set her for," he added. "We built her up in distance. We went 1200 [metres], 1400, 1600, 1800 and then she had the run over 2400 and that's hardened her to be right for today." Of the tactics, Curtis said, "We had nothing to lose. We were 150 or 200-1 and one bloke got 500-1 about her. We could afford to take a gamble and ride her a bit silly and if it came off we were geniuses."

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Victoria Oaks cont.

Curtis also credited part-owners Francis and Christine Cook of Mystery Downs, who bought the filly and leased half to various stable clients of Lee’s.

“Big credit to Frank and Christine,” Curtis said. “They’ve been so good to me. I can’t describe it. It’s just thrilling. It’s what we strive for. It’s what we get out of bed for. I’m really humbled.”

Francis Cook added, “It was our plan to go forward. It was Brenton’s plan, it was Lee’s plan and it was my plan. We thought she would run the 2500 [metres] so let’s make it a true staying test. It’s an unbelievable thrill.”

Pedigree Notes...

Lasqueti Spirit is from the second and last crop of Beneteau, who won the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude and finished third in the G1 Blue Diamond but died in January 2013 due to a neurological condition. Beneteau has produced six stakes winners from 85 starters, including the stakes-winning ‘TDN Rising Star’ Weatherly (Aus), and Lasqueti Spirit is his first Group 1 winner. She is the third living foal out of Supriym Story, and is a half-sister to two other winners as well as a yearling colt by Albrecht (Aus). Supriym Story is a half-sister to stakes winner My Destiny (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}) and to the dam of G1 Doomben Cup winner Mr Bureaucrat (Aus). [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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World champion sprinter Usain Bolt was at Flemington on Thursday, and is pictured with connections of Lasqueti Spirit | Bronwen Healy

CUP CONNECTIONS EYE EMIRATES WIN

With a field of 13 set to line up for the G1 Emirates S. (2000m), formerly run as the Mackinnon S., five runners will be backing up after contesting the G1 WS Cox Plate behind Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), but the race could go the way of **The United States (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who is backing up for the third consecutive Saturday.

A length winner over 1600 metres in the G2 Feehan S. on Cox Plate day, the Robert Hickmott-trained The United States, who races in similar connections to Tuesday’s Melbourne Cup winner



The United States | Racing and Sports

Almandin (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), then finished fourth in the G1 Cantala S. (1600m) last Saturday, beaten just over a length by Hard Spun’s son Le Romain (Aus).

The current race favourite, The United

States will have the services of Melbourne Cup-winning jockey Kerrin McEvoy, who also partnered last start Caulfield Cup runner up **Scottish (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) and looks one of the hardest to beat here.

With three wins from four attempts at the distance, Scottish’s jockey William Buick will be doing the best he can to see Godolphin take home their first Group 1 of the Flemington carnival. Cox Plate fourth-placed **Vadamos (Fr)** (Monsun {Ger}), a Group 1 winner two starts back over 1600 metres, will have leading jockey Damien Oliver aboard, and if he has come through his last-start performance where he over-raced quite strongly, the stud-bound 5-year-old looks a genuine contender in the weight-for-age contest.

The Chris Waller stable will have two runners in the A\$2-million race with **Endless Drama (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) having his first Australian start off the back of an excellent eight length trial win recently, while **Vanbrugh (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) will make his first trip to the races after his tough win in the G3 Coongy Hcp (2000m) three weeks back.

Three-year-old colt **Good Standing (Aus)** (Artie Schiller) could give not only his sire his second Group 1 winner of the carnival, but also his trainer-jockey combination of James Cummings and Glyn Schofield, who combined to win last Saturday’s G1 Victoria Derby with More Than Ready colt Prized Icon (Aus). [Field p14](#)

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Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 4:15 pm (1:15 am EST)

EMIRATES S.-G1, A\$2,000,000 (US\$1,531,130/€1,380,479/£1,245,622), 3yo/up, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Happy Trails (Aus)	Good Journey	Dunn	Beshara	130
2	Hauraki (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	McDonald	O'Shea	130
3	The United States (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	McEvoy	Hickmott	130
4	Happy Clapper (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Avdulla	Webster	130
5	Vadamos (Fr)	Monsun (Ger)	Oliver	Fabre	130
6	Awesome Rock (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Baster	Corstenses	130
7	Scottish (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	130
8	Endless Drama (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Williams	Waller	130
9	Palentino (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Zahra	Weir	129
10	Vanbrugh (Aus)	Encsta de Lago (Aus)	Melham	Waller	129
11	Tivaci (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Moloney	Moroney	129
12	Good Standing (Aus)	Artie Schiller	C Schofield	J Cummings	112
13	Seaburge (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Yendall	Hyes/Dbernig	112

FINAL CARNIVAL GROUP 1 WIDE OPEN

Narrowly defeated last time out in the G1 Manikato S. (1200m) behind Rebel Dane (Aus) (California Dane {Aus}), the Matthew Dale-trained **Fell Swoop (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) currently holds top billing in the betting markets for the final Group 1 of the Flemington carnival, the A\$1-million Darley Classic (1200m).

Third and fourth, respectively, in the Manikato S. **Japonisme (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}) and **The Quarterback (Aus)** (Street Boss), both Group 1 winners over the track and distance, look more

than capable of factoring in the finish.

Returning with a third at Group 2 level after more than a year away from the track, the Mick Price-trained **Lankan Rupee (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), once ranked



Former champion sprinter Lankan Rupee | Racing and Sports

the world's champion sprinter, aims to resurrect his racing career and from the middle of the line gets every opportunity.

The winner of last season's G1 BTC Cup (1200m), 5-year-old **Malaguerra (Aus)** (Magnus {Aus}) resumed from a spell last start, and after a wide passage, worked home well for second at Group 2 level. Third that day was Fell Swoop, who went on to almost secure his maiden Group 1 victory at his very next start.

Last-start G2 Caulfield Sprint winner **Our Boy Malachi (Aus)** (Top Echelon {Aus}) is a winner of 19 of his 26 starts, but is yet to taste victory at the elite level. Unknown at the track, the

8-year-old has five wins from eight attempts at the trip and the Team Hawkes-trained galloper is a serious contender.

The up-and-coming runner of the field who could surprise is the impressive last start listed winner **Spieth (NZ)** (Thorn Park {Aus}), trained by Bryce Heys. A winner of five of his eight starts, including down the Flemington straight, has two wins at the trip and will be charging late if conditions suit.

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Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 5:00 pm (2:00 am EST)

DARLEY CLASSIC-G1, A\$1,000,000 (US\$765,565/€690,623/£623,147), 3yo/up, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Lankan Rupee (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Newitt	Price
2	Turn Me Loose (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	Oliver	Bker/Forsman
3	The Quarterback (Aus)	Street Boss	Allen	Griffiths
4	Japonisme (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	G Schofld	Waller
5	Fell Swoop (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Bowman	Dale
6	Our Boy Malachi (Aus)	Top Echelon (Aus)	Dunn	Hawkeses
7	Malaguerra (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	Melham	Gelagotis
8	Holler (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	McDonald	O'Shea
9	Keen Array (Aus)	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Baster	Hyes/Dbernig
10	Spieth (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Rawiller	Heys
11	English (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Zahra	Waterhse/Bott
12	Sheidel (Aus)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Shinn	Hyes/Dbernig

WILL 'VALOUR' BE ENOUGH?

Te Akau Racing's colours were carried to victory in the 2015 G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas by future New Zealand champion 3-year-old Xtravagant (NZ) (Pentire {GB}), and this year Te Akau has two chances in the NZ\$400,000 1600-metre G1 Sothys 44th New Zealand 2000 Guineas in the form of **Heroic Valour (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and **Hall of Fame (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}).

A winner of his first four starts at the beginning of this year, including the G1 Sistema Diamond S. beating runner-up **Wyndspelle (NZ)** (Iffraaj {GB}) at third asking in March, Heroic Valour, the lone Group 1 winner in the field of 11, picked up right where he left off in the fall in the Listed New Zealand Breeders' S. at Ruakaka Sept. 10. The half-brother to G1 Emirates Doncaster H. hero Triple Honour (NZ) (Honours List {Ire}) suffered his first loss when third behind **Mongolian Falcon (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and **Jon Snow (NZ)** (Iffraaj {GB}) in the G2 Sacred Falls Hawkes Bay Guineas stepping up to seven furlongs for the first time Oct. 1. He was a length behind G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas hopeful La Diosa (NZ) (So You Think {NZ}) with **Savile Row (NZ)** (Makfi {GB}) third in the Listed Barneswood Farm S.--also at that distance--most recently Oct. 15. [Cont. p15](#)

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Heroic Valour | *Racing and Sports*

Heroic Valour's stablemate **Hall of Fame (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}), who is looking for his third win in a row, will be ridden by Matthew Cameron, who picked the course and distance Oct. 22 Listed Zacinto Canterbury S. victor over the son of Fastnet Rock.

Citing Hall of Fame's ability to race on the speed, Cameron, who won for Te Akau in last year's edition aboard Xtravagant, told www.nzracing.co.nz, "They both worked really well and it probably came down to ringcraft. Hall of Fame can race on the pace and take bad luck out of the equation. It's not a big field and the race might become quite tactical. It could be leader-dominated and Mongolian Falcon, Ugo Foscolo and my horse are all likely to run on the pace and kick really well."

Stephen Marsh trainee **Ugo Foscolo (NZ)** (Zacinto {GB}) suffered his lone loss when reporting home sixth two back in the aforementioned Sacred Falls Hawkes Bay Guineas Oct. 1, but he turned the tables on Mongolian Falcon and Wyndspelle to return to winning ways when claiming the seven-furlong G2 James & Annie Sarten Memorial S. at Te Rapa Oct.24.

An intriguing addition to the Riccarton Classic is **Cha Siu Bao (Aus)** (Smart Missile {Aus}), who tests the waters at stakes-level for the first time after taking out a Rating 65 Benchmark handicap going 1400 metres at Ashburton Oct. 15.

"Both of his wins have been encouraging and he is a bit of the unknown horse in the race, but he warrants his position in the field and one thing we do know is that he will stay the 1600 metres," said co-trainer Andrew Scott of Cha Siu Bao, who trains the bay with Lance O'Sullivan. "Certainly on his dam's side it suggests that the trip will be no problem. Since his Ashburton run he has improved, which he obviously needed to do to be competitive in what looks to be an even field. Lance [O'Sullivan] went down to the South Island to watch him gallop on Tuesday and he was very happy with him." [@HLAndersonTDN](https://twitter.com/HLAndersonTDN)

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Saturday, Riccarton Park, New Zealand, post time: 2:41 a.m. EST

SOTHYS 44TH NEW ZEALAND 2000 GUINEAS-G1, NZ\$400,000

(US\$291,977/€262,651/£237,073), 3yo, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Heroic Valour (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	McNab	S/J Autridge/Richards
2	Ugo Foscolo (NZ)	Zacinto (GB)	Coleman	Marsh
3	Mongolian Falcon (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	No Rider	D/C Logan & Gibbs
4	Hall of Fame (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Cameron	S/J Autridge/Richards
5	Wyndspelle (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	No Rider	D/C Logan & Gibbs
6	Cha Siu Bao (Aus)	Smart Missile (Aus)	Grylls	L/A O'Sullivan & Scott
7	Savasava (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Myers	G/D Rogerson
8	Jon Snow (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	Bosson	M/A Baker & Forsman
9	O'Reilly's Choice (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Riddell	Bary
10	Savile Row (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	Du Plessis	M/P Moroney & Gerard
11	Cobblertohestars (NZ)	Jimmy Choux (NZ)	Johnson	Didham

All carry 124 pounds.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:05 p.m.

SA SA LADIES' PURSE H.-G3, HK\$3,000,000 (£310,347/€348,210/

A\$503,613/US\$386,838), 3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Romantic Touch (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Chadwick	Cruz	115
2	Renaissance Art	More Than Ready	Lai	Fownes	113
3	Eastern Express (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Moreira	Size	115
4	Helene Happy Star (Ire)	Zamindar	Callan	Moore	127
5	Gun Pit (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Ho	Fownes	127
6	Flame Hero (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Schofield	Ho	116
7	Helene Super Star	War Front	Wong	Cruz	114
8	Horse of Fortune (Saf)	Stronghold (GB)	Teetan	Millard	120
9	Secret Weapon (GB)	Choisir (Aus)	Whyte	Yip	125
10	Harbour Master	Mizzen Mast	Clipperton	Moore	117
11	Basic Trilogy (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Chiong	Moore	113
12	The Alfonso (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	Corrales	Lau	116
13	Anticipation (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Williams	Cruz	115
14	Helene Paragon (Fr)	Polan (Fr)	Purton	Moore	133

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