

SOFTER SESSION AS BOOK 2 ENDS



by Jessica Martini & Brian DiDonato

LEXINGTON, Ky - The second and final session of Book 2 at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale saw continued competition for stand-outs, but a softer market overall compared to last year.

A total of 220 horses changed hands Friday for a combined \$21,280,500. The average was \$96,730 with a \$75,000 median. The RNA rate was 26.42%.

During Book 2 in 2015, 453 horses sold for \$55,801,000 for an average of \$123,181 and a median of \$100,000. Royal Obsession (Tapit), an offering from the Regis dispersal, topped the book when selling for \$1.15 million and was 21 horses to sell for \$300,000 or over.

For this year's Book 2 sessions, 442 sold for \$52,914,500. The average was \$119,716 (-2.8%) and the median was \$85,000 (-15%). Thirty-one horses broke the \$300,000 threshold.

Gross receipts for the first four days of the sale were \$155,833,500 for an average of \$224,221, nearly identical to last year's corresponding figure of \$224,971. The median through two books in 2016 is \$125,000, down 9.09% year-over-year. The cumulative RNA rate is 29.51% compared to 27.52% at this point 12 months ago.

Topping trade by a large margin Thursday was the 9-year-old mare **Moment of Majesty** (Saint Liam) ([hip 917](#)), who brought \$850,000 in foal to Curlin from the Hill 'n Dale Sales Agency consignment. **KEENOV cont. p3**

DISCOVERY TIME AT THE BIG A

by Alan Carasso

Saturday's GIII Discovery S. at Aqueduct represent a final chance for the sophomore set to square off against their peers one final time, and the nine-furlong test has attracted an unusually deep and contentious group of 11 runners.

It appears on paper that jockey Joel Rosario had his choice of mounts in the Discovery and it is interesting that he and his agent Ron Anderson have decided to stick with **Sticksstatelydude** (First Dude) over the more-accomplished **Governor Malibu** (Malibu Moon). An impressive front-running allowance winner over Belmont's one-turn mile July 15, the bay was a puzzling fourth as the favorite in the GIII Smarty Jones S. at Parx Sept. 5 and most recently lost a tooth-and-nail stretch battle to the tough Texas Chrome (Grasshopper) in the GIII Oklahoma Derby at Remington Park Sept. 25. The bay could be the chief speed here from gate four. **Cont. p12**

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Pony power. Fordleigh Sophia, ridden by Annabel Candy (left), passes Cormoron Cousin Jack, ridden by Tilly Hutchings, in the Bonnie Shetland Race at Cheltenham Racecourse in Gloucestershire, UK. | Edward Whitaker/Racing Post

CASSE STARTS THREE IN COMMONWEALTH

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Hot on the heels of success in last weekend's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, trainer Mark Casse sends out a trio of runners for Saturday's GIII Commonwealth Turf S. at Churchill Downs.

VALDIVIA JR. OUT AT LEAST TWO MONTHS

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Journeyman jockey Jose Valdivia Jr. will be sidelined at least through mid-January after suffering a broken leg in a Thursday spill at Churchill Downs. He underwent successful surgery Friday.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

<u>EDT</u>	<u>Race</u>
3:17p	Red Smith H.-GIII, AQU
3:47p	Discovery S.-GIII, AQU
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The granddaughter of champion Fiji (GB) (Rainbow Quest) was acquired by James Keogh on behalf of Evelyn Benoit, and will be bred back to Benoit’s Louisiana-bred record earner Star Guitar.

“We had an \$850,000 topper compared to \$675,000 last year--the quality horses brought top dollar,” said Keeneland’s Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell. “There is a polarization, a selectivity in the marketplace at the moment. Those who have perceived quality are being very well-rewarded, and the horses that don’t meet the market aren’t.”

The trend of strength, but similar selectivity in the weanling market continues. The day’s top foal was a Curlin filly ([hip 1286](#)), also offered by John Sikura’s Hill ‘n’ Dale, purchased for \$350,000 by David Ingordo on behalf of Mayberry Farm.

“The foal market is very good at the moment,” Russell noted. “But, again, you have to have some sire power, and obviously have to have the physical. They’re a little forgiving probably on pedigree, but you have to have the sire power.”

He added, “You’re starting to see that end users recognize that there are quality horses being sold here, so they should take advantage of it, and they are. The end users are there, and the pinhookers are too, so that drives the price up.”

Book 3 of Keeneland November commences Saturday at 10 a.m.

Benoit Buys One for Star Guitar

Evelyn Benoit of Brittlyn Stables provided a wake-up call early in Friday’s Keeneland November session when fending off all challengers to take home SW/MGSP **Moment of Majesty** (Saint Liam) for \$850,000. The 9-year-old was consigned to the sale by Hill ‘n’ Dale Sales Agency as [hip 917](#) while carrying a foal by Hill ‘n’ Dale resident Curlin.

Grovendale’s James Keogh, acting on the new owner’s behalf, said Moment of Majesty will next year visit Benoit’s \$1.75-million earner Star Guitar, who stands at Clear Creek Stud in Folsom, LA.



James Keogh
Keeneland photo

“She was our pick of the sale,” offered Keogh. “She just said, ‘Buy the mare.’ She’s a huge Curlin fan--Ms. Benoit loves to race, and she has horses in foal to Curlin, so that was a bonus.”

Trained by Roger Attfield for Nat Rea’s Regis Racing, Moment of Majesty hit the board in a number of salty spots up in Canada, including the Woodbine Oaks--in which she was

only beaten a head--GII Dance Smartly S. and GII Canadian S. She annexed the 2012 GII Belle Mahone S. on the Woodbine Polytrack and earned more than \$630,000. **Cont. p4**

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Moment of Majesty's second dam is champion turf mare Fiji (GB) (Rainbow Quest), who also produced French Classic-placed Marcus Andronicus (Danehill). This is the family of GI Toyota Blue Grass S. winner Java's War (War Pass).

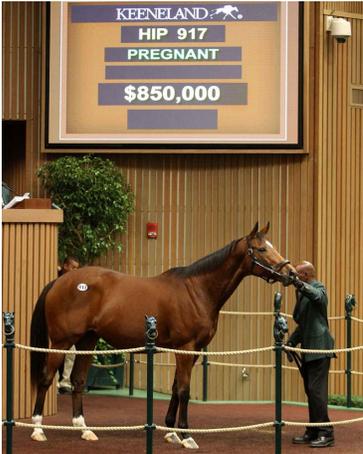
"I loved Fiji--she was a champion grass mare from a wonderful, old family," Keogh said. "It's just one of those classy

pedigrees that's been around forever and a lot of people have done well by it. I was a big fan of Saint Liam's--I thought he died way too young. This mare had a lot of race class."

Moment of Majesty's weanling colt by Tiznow ([hip 918](#)) followed her into the ring and brought \$90,000 from Jumping Jack Racing.

"I thought the mare was going to make \$600,000-plus.

You don't know where that finish is, but I thought that was the higher end of her valuation," noted Hill 'n' Dale's John Sikura.



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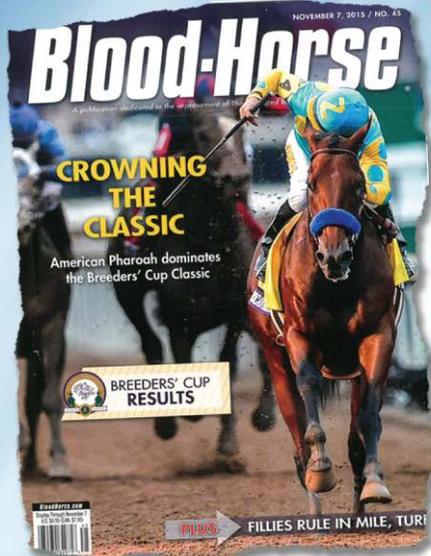
"In each book, there are fewer and fewer quality offerings. I thought she stood out on the page. She was a very good racemare, and I think the Curlin cover really helped the mare. It was a great sale, and I hope they have much success with the mare. It's been a week where we've had ups and downs, but this was a good, strong sale... It makes you consider that if you disperse your quality offerings through a couple books, maybe it's easier to focus upon them and have them really stand out in the crowd, rather than sort of overwhelm them all in one book."

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FRIDAY'S TOP FIVE MARES

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
917	Moment of Majesty (9, Saint Liam--Lady Indy, A.P. Indy) Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Star Guitar, Inc.	i/f Curlin	850,000
997	Runway Ready (6, Mr. Greeley--Fashion Cat, by Forest Wildcat) Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by Three Chimneys Bloodstock, agent for Repole Stables	i/f Malibu Moon	425,000
1071	Titanium Jo (4, Bernstein--Kings Lynn, by Mt. Livermore) Consigned by Blandford Stud (Padraig Champion), agent Purchased by Alpha Delta/Reynolds Bell, agent	i/f Orb	330,000
1242	First Romance (6, Dynaformer--Leh She Run, by Pulpit) Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent LVI Purchased by Susan Casner	i/f Into Mischief	330,000

[1067](#) **Thieves Guild** i/f [Speightstown](#) 310,000
(5, Medaglia d'Oro--Gilded Gold, by Gilded Time)
Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig & Holly Bandoroff), Agent XVIII
Purchased by Emerald Bloodstock

KEENELAND NOVEMBER BREEDING STOCK SALE

FRIDAY'S TOP THREE WEANLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
1286	filly	Curlin	Jungle Tale (\$90,000 i/u '15 KEENOV) B-SF Bloodstock (KY) Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Mayberry Farm	350,000
1094	colt	Malibu Moon	V V S Flawless B-Heather H. Ford, Dr. Patrick J. Ford VMD & James M. Herbener Jr. (KY) Consigned by James M. Herbener Jr., Agent II Purchased by Alex & JoAnn Lieblong	300,000
981	colt	Curlin	Real Clever Trick (\$80,000 i/u '15 KEENOV) B-David Meche (KY) Consigned by Four Star Sales, agent Purchased by Wheels Up Partnership	260,000



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SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	414	409
• No. Offered	299	310
• No. Sold	220	224
• RNAs	79	86
• % RNAs	26.42	27.74%
• No. \$500K+	1	1
• High Price	\$850,000	\$675,000
• Gross	\$21,280,500	\$25,013,000
• Average (% change)	\$96,730 (-13.37%)	\$111,665
• Median (% change)	\$75,000 (-16.67%)	\$90,000

CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• Catalogued	1308	1,310
• No. Offered	986	1,010
• No. Sold	695	732
• RNAs	291	278
• % RNAs	29.51%	27.52%
• No. \$1m+	18	22
• No. \$500K+	69	57
• High Price	\$3,800,000	\$6,000,000
• Gross	\$155,833,500	\$164,679,000
• Average (% change)	\$224,221 (-0.3%)	\$224,971
• Median (% change)	\$125,000 (-9.09%)	\$137,500

Runway Ready for Uncle Mo

Stakes-placed **Runway Ready** (Mr. Greeley) will be joining the Repole Stable broodmare band and will visit that stable's former star Uncle Mo after selling for \$425,000 Friday at Keeneland. The 6-year-old mare is a half-sister Corfu and sold in foal to that graded stakes winner's sire Malibu Moon.

"She is a stakes-placed Mr. Greeley mare. She is beautiful and



Hip 997 | Keeneland photo

there are lots of updates in the family," Three Chimneys' Jacob West, sitting alongside Repole bloodstock advisor Eddie Rosen, explained.

Runway Ready is out of Fashion Cat (Forest Wildcat), a half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Peace Rules (Jules) whose yearling

Tapit colt sold for \$750,000 at this past summer's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale.

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“The half-brother brought \$750,000 up at Saratoga this year from China Horse Club and WinStar, so we know she is going into a good program and the pedigree could obviously get stronger with that,” West continued. “Corfu is right there, he’s a half-brother and she’s in foal to Malibu Moon, so that cross makes sense.”

West acknowledged the broodmare market in Lexington this week has been strong and bidding has been competitive, so he wasn’t surprised by Runway Ready’s final price.

“Quality is bringing quality money, obviously, and she is a quality mare,” he said. “The whole market has been strong throughout for quality horses. We got outrun Thursday on some horses we really wanted and we’re glad to get this one.”

Runway Ready ([hip 997](#)) was purchased for \$75,000 by trainer Gary Contessa at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton Florida sale. Racing for Lee Pokoik, the chestnut was third in last year’s Giant’s Causeway S. at Keeneland. On the board in 11 of 27 starts, she won four times and earned \$162,200. She was consigned to the November sale by Eaton Sales. [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Curlin Filly Top Weanling Friday

A filly by Curlin ([hip 1286](#)) became the day’s top-priced weanling when selling for \$350,000 to bloodstock agent David Ingordo late in Friday’s session of the Keeneland November sale. The chestnut was consigned by Hill ‘n’ Dale Sales Agency on behalf of SF Bloodstock, which purchased her graded stakes placed dam Jungle Tale (Lion Heart), with this foal in utero, for \$90,000 at last year’s Keeneland November sale.

“She is one of the better-looking fillies that was going to walk up here in the whole catalogue,” Ingordo, who signed the ticket under the name of Mayberry Farm, commented. **Cont. p8**



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Ingordo continued, “We tried on some earlier ones and didn’t get them and she was kind of the last one that fit the parameters that we were looking for.”

Jungle Tale, second in the 2009 GIII Natalma S., is a daughter of graded stakes placed Mary Kies (Opening Verse). She was bred to GI Breeders’ Cup Classic winner Bayern this year.

Of future plans for the weanling, Ingordo said, “We’ll leave it open. We paid plenty for her, so if she went the right way, we could maybe resell her, but we’ll probably race her.”

Ingordo admitted a contentious yearling market has likely trickled down into the weanling market.

“They were getting outbid on a lot of those kind at the yearling sale, so we came here and, even if there is maybe a little more risk, we’re trying to buy them here and get them that way because that filly might cost \$700,000 next year.”

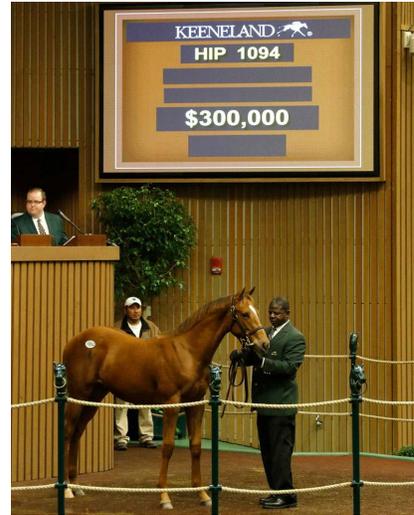
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Lieblongs Get the Next ‘Beast’

Alex and JoAnn Lieblong have already campaigned two runners and own one more out of the 17-year-old mare V V S Flawless (Malibu Moon), and went to the well once again to pick up [hip 1094](#) for \$300,000.

The hulking Malibu Moon colt takes after his half-brother, the Lieblongs’ aptly named ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ and 2014 GI King’s Bishop S. winner The Big Beast (Yes It’s True). He was offered by James M. Herbener, Jr., Agent II.

The Lieblongs purchased The Big Beast for \$150,000 at the 2013 OBS April sale, having already acquired that one’s year-old half-brother Big Lute (Midnight Lute) for \$275,000 at KEESEP ‘11. They acquired his half-sister by The Factor for \$350,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton November sale, and bought her back for \$685,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga this August.



Hip 1094 | Keeneland photo

The prominent Arkansas-based owners sold last year’s GI Alabama S. winner Embellish the Lace

(Super Saver) in foal to Uncle Mo to China Horse Club for \$2.4 million at Monday’s Fasig-Tipton November Sale. **Cont. p9**

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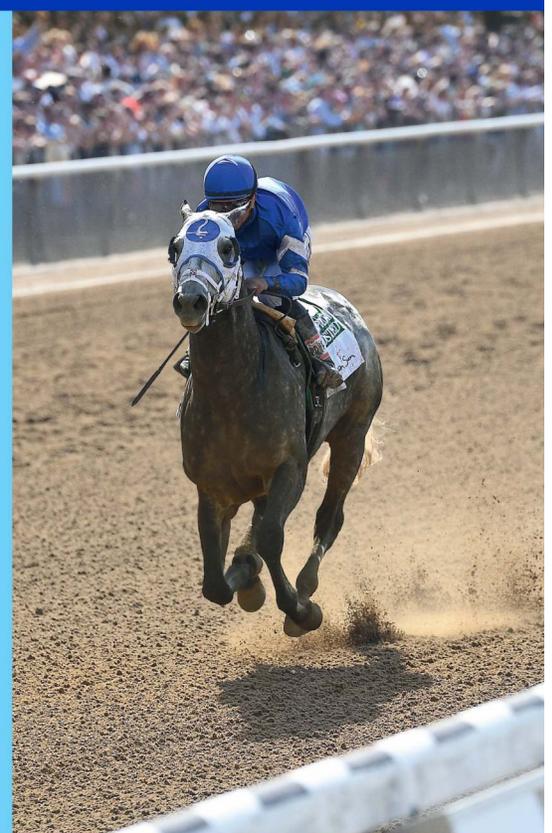
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“I kind of thought I’d have pay what I paid for his half-sister last time, but I think probably somebody realized I’d overpay and maybe that scared them off a little bit,” said Alex Lieblong, founder of the financial services firm Lieblong & Associates. “I sold a mare the other night that I really hated to part with, but I did it with this in mind. We have enough yearlings and everything else, and I’m getting to the age where I don’t even buy green bananas anymore. I figured I better just get rid of the mare and get something more ready... We hate to sell horses. We’re not very good at selling horses, but we’re real good at buying horses. It doesn’t mean they run well, but we’re buying them.”

Hip 1094 was bred in Kentucky by Heather Herbener-Ford, Dr. Patrick J. Ford, VMD and James Herbener, Jr.

“They’re great people who raised the horse,” Lieblong said. “[James Herbener] had told me he had a Malibu Moon when I talked to him at Saratoga. Then when I came up here for the Fasig-Tipton [November] Sale, they weren’t showing him yet... I had a board meeting that afternoon and said I couldn’t stay. So he brought him out. They’re very good horse people and take good care of them. When you buy from them, you know what you’re buying... We’re tickled to death to buy him, and happy for the Herbeners. If anybody deserves to sell a good horse, they do.” [@BDiDonatoTDN](#)

Curlin Colt Pays Dividends for Schumer

Bloodstock agent Chad Schumer, bidding on behalf of Louisiana-based David Meche and another partner, was able to acquire the 13-year-old mare Real Clever Trick (Yes It’s True), in foal to Curlin, for \$80,000 at last year’s Keeneland November sale. The mare and her weanling returned to the Keeneland

sales ring Friday, with the colt ([hip 981](#)) bringing a final bid of \$260,000 from Wheels Up Partnership.

“We thought she was great value last November, being a graded stakes producer and back in foal to Curlin,” Schumer explained of the mare’s appeal. “We knew his stud fee was going to



Hip 981 | Keeneland photo

\$100,000, so we thought \$80,000 was tremendous.”

Schumer continued, “I was a little surprised we were able to get her for that. She had some age on her, so typically mares like that are vulnerable to falling through the cracks.”

The mare obliged the partners by producing a high-quality foal.

“She had an outstanding foal,” Schumer confirmed. “He was a perfectly correct, very well-made colt with a great walk. There was tons of interest from everyone. And he was well, well above the reserve.”

Real Clever Trick is the dam of GII Nashua S. winner Vexor (Wildcat Heir). In foal to Palace Malice, she RNA’d at \$45,000 after following her weanling into the ring.

Schumer said Meche’s plan is to reinvest in another set of mares this year.

“It was always the plan to sell this year,” he explained. “We bought two mares—one in foal More Than Ready and then this mare. We’re going to flip the whole package and reload. We haven’t found anything today that we were all that keen on, but hopefully in the next book we’ll find something.”

For Schumer, it’s the latest in a string of astute purchases. The bloodstock agent paid \$45,000 on behalf of David Smart for Gem Sleuth (Officer), in foal to Paynter, at last year’s Keeneland November sale. The mare’s 2-year-old Theory (Gemologist) became a ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ and a graded stakes winner this year and her Paynter weanling sold for \$130,000 during Monday’s Fasig-Tipton November sale.

“I hate to say it, but it’s hard work and paying attention and going for it,” Schumer said of his success. “We really don’t leave any stone unturned.” [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

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GI Test S. winner **Paola Queen** (Flatter), purchased by SF Bloodstock for \$1.7 million during Wednesday's second session at Keeneland November, will remain in training and, after a freshening, will be sent to trainer Chad Brown.



Paola Queen | Sarah K Andrew

"I can safely say we've never bought a more physically imposing 3-year-old filly," commented SF Bloodstock's Tom Ryan. "We're excited to give her a chance to further enhance her race record."

The 3-year-old filly scored a 55-1 upset victory in the Test at Saratoga last August for Grupo 7C Stable and trainer Gustavo Delgado. She was also second in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks. To date, she has made 10 starts with two wins and earnings of \$431,835. She most recently ran 12th in the Nov. 5 GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint.

Paola Queen will spend 45 days at Bridlewood Farm before joining the Brown barn. [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

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KEENELAND NOVEMBER BREEDING STOCK-FRIDAY

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
<u>981</u>	Wlg, c, <u>Curlin</u> --Real Clever Trick		260,000

B-David Meche (KY)

Consigned by Four Stars Sales, agent
Purchased by Wheels Up Partnership

Bloodstock agent Chad Schumer signed the ticket on the unraced Real Clever Trick, in foal to Curlin, for \$80,000 at last year's KEENOV sale. The resulting produce, bred by David Meche, brought \$260,000 from Wheels Up Partnership in the ring Friday.

<u>1003</u>	Seattle's Best	i/f <u>Candy Ride (Arg)</u>	190,000
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(4, Munnings--Seattle Way, by Seattle Slew)

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Seattle's Best, a maiden of two career starts, was halted by owner/trainer Bennie L. Woolley Jr. of Mine That Bird fame out of her career finale for \$6,500 in a second-place finish at Sunland in January. The half-sister to Pretty Prolific (Lion Heart), GSW & MGISP, \$332,551, was offered in foal to Candy Ride (Arg) off a \$60,000 stud fee during the final session of Book 2.

1071 Titanium Jo **i/f Orb** **330,000**

(4, Bernstein--Kings Lynn, by Mt. Livermore)

Consigned by Blandford Stud (Padraig Campion), agent

Purchased by Alpha Delta/Reynolds Bell, agent

Three-time winning Titanium Jo, a half-sister to MGSW Sara Louise (Malibu Moon), brought \$95,000 from Bla Bla Bloodstock at this year's FTKFEB sale. She realized a final bid of \$330,000 Friday afternoon after visiting GI Kentucky Derby Orb (\$25,000 stud fee in 2016) in the interim.

1284 Journey On **i/f Candy Ride (Arg)** **240,000**

(6, Good Journey--Miss Del Mar, by American Chance)

Consigned by James B Keogh (Grovendale), Agent V

Purchased by California Chrome/KatieRich Farms

This Cal-bred mare, Grade III-placed at three, was claimed by trained Leonard Powell for \$62,500 for Brian Kahn and Mathilde Powell out of a runner-up effort at Santa Anita this past February, made one additional start and was bred to this sire (\$60,000 fee) Apr. 7.

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Price: \$120,000

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New York-bred Governor Malibu faces the starter for the ninth time this year, but is still in search of his first victory outside of restricted state-bred competition. Disqualified from an apparent win in the Federico Tesio S. in April, the chestnut was runner-up in the Gil Peter Pan S. and again in the Gil Jim Dandy S. He snapped a five-race skid with a romp through the Belmont slop against New York-breds Sept. 30 and exits a good second against his elders in the Oct. 22 Empire Classic S. at Belmont.

A pair of 'TDN Rising Stars' could also have a say in the outcome. **Gift Box** (Twirling Candy) returned from a seven-month hiatus to record a visually impressive 4 1/2-length allowance victory in Elmont May 26, then just failed to outrun stablemate and future Gil Pennsylvania Derby winner Connect

(Curlin) when a length second in the July 29 Curlin S. at Saratoga. He was one of many run of his feet by subsequent GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) in the GI Travers S., finishing nearly 19 lengths back in fourth.

Gary and Mary West's **Hot Seat** (Unbridled's Song) gets tested for class, as he has yet to face a challenge in two previous starts. A 13 1/2-length maiden winner going six panels at Parx Sept. 6, the \$260,000 Keeneland September yearling earned his Rising Star with a seven-

DISCOVERY S.-GIII, 3yo, 1 1/8m

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|----|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Adulator | Flatter |
| 2 | Hunter O'Riley | Tiz Wonderful |
| 3 | Gift Box | Twirling Candy |
| 4 | Sticksstatelydude | First Dude |
| 5 | Governor Malibu | Malibu Moon |
| 6 | Hot Seat | Unbridled's Song |
| 7 | My Man Sam | Trappe Shot |
| 8 | Neolithic | Harlan's Holiday |
| 9 | Wild About Deb | Eskendereya |
| 10 | Vulcan's Forge | Giant's Causeway |
| 11 | Sunny Ridge | Holy Bull |

(see Graded Stakes Entries)

length allowance tally at the suburban Philadelphia venue Oct. 11.

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History reveals that only Danzig sired more G1 winning two-year-olds from his first six crops than Bernardini. **This year, he's sired four TDN Rising Star juveniles – again, no stallion has more.** Then, last week, Hemsworth broke his maiden winning the G2 Nashua by a stunning nine-and-a-half lengths. Talk about a star turn!

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CASSE STARTS THREE IN COMMONWEALTH

by Alan Carasso

While Saturday's GIII Discovery S. gives sophomore dirt horses a final chance at an age-restricted graded stakes, Churchill Downs' GIII Commonwealth Turf affords 3-year-old turf runners a similar opportunity.

COMMONWEALTH TURF S.-GIII, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 Zapperini | Ghostzapper |
| 2 Sir Dudley Digges 🌿 | Gio Ponti |
| 3 Blackout (Fr) | Dream Ahead |
| 4 Hay Dakota 🌿 | Haynesfield |
| 5 Surgical Strike | Red Giant |
| 6 Scholar Athlete | Einstein (Brz) |
| 7 One Mean Man | Mizzen Mast |
| 8 Bondurant | War Front |
| 9 Ikerrin Road (Ire) | Iffraaj (GB) |
| 10 Tizzarunner | Tizway |
| 11 Discreetness 🌿 | Discreet Cat |
- (see Graded Stakes Entries)

Fresh off his success in last Saturday's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile with Classic Empire (Pioneer of the Nile), trainer Mark Casse will send out three of the 11 starters in here, led by **Blackout (Fr)** (Dream Ahead). A three-time winner in Europe while under the care of the

talented Richard Hannon, including a handicap victory under 139 pounds over Newmarket's straight one-mile course in June, Blackout found plenty of trouble when eighth on his U.S. debut at Saratoga Sept. 3.

The bay most recently came with a stinging rally from last to best older horses by 3/4 of a length going a mile over 'good' Belmont turf Oct. 14 and drops back into his own age group for this initial graded-stakes voyage with a smart four-furlong breeze in tow.

Classic Empire's owner John Oxley is represented here by **Tizzarunner** (Tizway). In the trifecta in all four of his turf appearances between eight and nine furlongs, the Maryland-bred is exiting a 1 1/2-length success in a first level allowance at Keeneland Oct. 27.

Bondurant (War Front) has yet to taste defeat at a route of ground on the turf and closed out his freshman campaign with a two-lifetime allowance success last Nov. 20. A comebacking sixth in a 6 1/2-furlong tilt at Kentucky Downs Sept. 3, the Whitham homebred improved for that effort to annex a one-mile Keeneland allowance by two solid lengths Oct. 13.

One Mean Man (Mizzen Mast), winner of the GIII American Derby at Arlington this past July, added a nose success in Canterbury's Mystic Lake Derby Aug. 27 and comes into this off a 1 1/2-length defeat of Zapperini (Ghostzapper) in an off-turf renewal of the Jefferson Cup Oct. 1.

Ken and Sarah Ramsey's **Sir Dudley Digges** (Gio Ponti) has but two victories to his credit, but one of those came three starts back when posting a 15-1 upset of the July 3 Queen's Plate over the Woodbine Tapeta. Cont. p14



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Commonwealth Turf S. cont.

The dark bay led into the late stages of the 12-furlong Breeders' S. at Woodbine Aug. 21, but will likely need to post the fastest figure of his career to be a factor here.

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OFF THE HOOK'S APPLEBAUM TAKES BCBC

Joe Applebaum, a successful horseman and reseller through the Off the Hook Partnerships, cashed a cold \$13,000 exacta on last Saturday's GI Breeders' Cup Classic and emerged the winner of the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge at Santa Anita.

This year's BCBC, Thoroughbred racing's biggest live-money tournament, featured 396 players on site at Santa Anita, at satellite locations at Aqueduct, Churchill Downs and Gulfstream Park and online at TwinSpires.com. The contest required the player to fund \$10,000--a \$2,500 buy-in and a live bankroll of \$7,500. Participants were allowed to make win, place, show, exacta and trifecta wagers on a total of 22 races for first-prize money of \$300,000, second prize of \$200,000 and \$110,000 for third.



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Applebaum was in 47th place heading into the Classic and originally planned on making a win bet only on

Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), but opted for the exacta and a return of \$65,000 (less a \$1,000 penalty). That catapulted him past the field and ahead of Charlie Davis, who finished with \$61,505.

"I was thrilled to win it," said Appelbaum, who took home \$364,000 from the tournament. "It's the largest live-money tournament and to prevail here I feel incredibly fortunate."

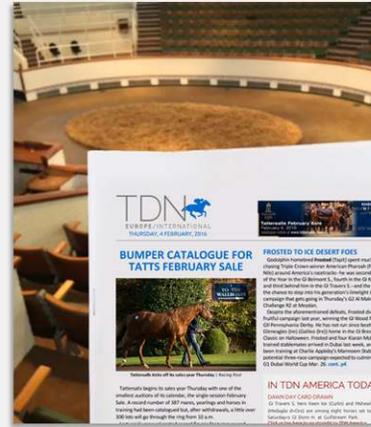
Appelbaum has enjoyed success in racing partnerships and pinhooking through Off the Hook, including Informed Decision (Monarchos) who later went on to win the GI 2009 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. Off the Hook has won 14 graded stakes, including grade one wins by Turbo Compressor (Halo's Image) and GII Suburban H. winner Zivo (True Direction).

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1	War Front <i>(2002) by Danzig FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (200,000)</i>	6	12	4	11	1	6	43	24	\$331,490	\$2,296,807
										Lull	
2	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (45,000)</i>	4	9	1	2	1	1	79	27	\$739,800	\$2,254,035
										Practical Joke	
3	Pioneerof the Nile <i>(2006) by Empire Maker FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (125,000)</i>	2	3	2	3	1	2	33	8	\$1,485,920	\$2,189,516
										Classic Empire	
4	Broken Vow <i>(1997) by Unbridled FYR: 2003 Crops: 12 Stands: KY (25,000)</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	7	\$1,286,600	\$1,642,198
										Champagne Room	
5	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Crops: 6 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	4	7	3	4	2	3	42	10	\$369,668	\$1,629,708
										Lady Aurelia	
6	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Banstead Gainesway Farm KY (300,000)</i>	4	7	3	6	2	2	38	16	\$250,865	\$1,559,439
										Sweet Loretta	
7	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (100,000)</i>	3	7	1	4	--	1	43	18	\$416,882	\$1,465,987
										Rieno Tesoro	
8	Harlan's Holiday <i>(1999) by Harlan FYR: 2005 Crops: 10 Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	1	6	1	4	--	2	78	22	\$230,616	\$1,406,842
										Good Samaritan	
9	Kantharos <i>(2008) by Lion Heart FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Ocala Stud Farm FL (5,000)</i>	1	5	--	--	--	--	36	17	\$411,105	\$1,213,169
										Cajun Delta Dawn	
10	Gone Astray <i>(2006) by Dixie Union FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Northwest Stud FL (4,500)</i>	1	3	--	1	--	1	43	13	\$700,640	\$1,203,236
										Three Rules	
11	Bernardini <i>(2003) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Darley KY (100,000)</i>	1	5	1	3	--	1	45	16	\$127,900	\$1,187,020
										Hemsworth	
12	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 8 Stands: Ramsey Farm KY (100,000)</i>	2	3	1	3	1	1	49	10	\$720,132	\$1,183,659
										Kitten's Joy	
13	Union Rags <i>(2009) by Dixie Union FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (35,000)</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	42	13	\$295,360	\$1,166,834
										Dancing Rags	
14	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Darley KY (150,000)</i>	1	2	1	2	1	1	29	10	\$686,600	\$1,100,330
										New Money Honey	
15	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo FYR: 2002 Crops: 13 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (50,000)</i>	4	7	2	4	--	--	39	12	\$190,000	\$1,006,147
										Made You Look	

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Friday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$76,440, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 11-11, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.38, ft.

UNBRIDLED JUAN (r, 4, Unbridled's Song--Sugar Swirl {MGSW & GISP, \$795,458}, by Touch Gold), a dominant winner in the Belmont slop May 4, failed to find the mark when third in three consecutive starts at odds-on, most recently filling the trifecta Oct. 13 at Big Sandy. Once again made the public's choice at 7-5 here, the gray settled second-last in the early stages behind a tepid pace of :24.41 and :48.39. Drawing within a length of the lead after six panels in 1:13.48, the favorite surged to the front passing the sixteenth pole and wore down Fabulous Kid (Congrats) to triumph by three-quarters of a length. Unbridled Juan is a half to Charming Delilah (Stephen Got Even), SW, \$250,952. His three-time graded stakes winning dam is responsible for a yearling colt by Silent Name (Jpn) and was covered by Fort Larned this spring. Lifetime Record: 14-4-5-5, \$250,354. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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8th-AQU, \$69,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 11-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.94, ft.

LIBERTY HOLIDAY (ARG) (c, 4, Harlan's Holiday--La Quinita, by Lycius) ran second in a pair of Group 1 events in his native Argentina last May, but failed to find the mark in four stateside starts for the Bill Mott barn before striking in a Gulfstream optional claimer Sept. 23, his first start for this outfit. Sent off at 9-1 here, the bay stalked in fourth on the outside, three to four lengths adrift of a strong :22.70 quarter. Appearing to be retreating midway around the turn, he was guided into the four path at the top of the lane and responded to right-handed urging in the final furlong to overhaul the leaders and triumph by 1 1/2 lengths. West Hills Giant (Frost Giant) completed the exacta. La Quinita has a 3-year-old Jump Start filly named La Quijotada (Arg), a juvenile filly by the same sire named La Layla (Arg) and a yearling colt by Sixties Icon (GB) named Liberty Icon (Arg). Lifetime Record: MG1SP-Arg, 10-3-2-0, \$107,347. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Team Valor International; B-La Esperanza (ARG); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

7th-AQU, \$67,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 11-11, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.90, fm.

ISLAND REWARD (f, 3, Street Boss--Cat Fight, by Storm Cat) graduated at fourth asking May 13 on the Churchill lawn and ran third in an allowance there June 17 in his final start for the Dale Romans barn and owners Bill and Vicki Poston Racing Inc. and James Brad Smith. Made the 9-10 chalk as part of an entry in this spot, the \$120,000 KEESEP graduate dictated terms through a :23.77 quarter and :48.14 half while being pressed along by second choice Vagabond (Arch). Those two split off from the rest of the pack around the far bend and Island Reward started to edge away from her pace rival past the eighth pole, coming home two lengths ahead. The victress's second dam Mandesta (GB) (Nashwan) was 1996's Champion grass mare and captured three Grade I events. Cat Fight produced a Candy Ride (Arg) filly this term before visiting Pioneer of the Nile. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$80,418. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-M. Dubb, Great Point Stables LLC, Madaket Stables LLC & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

 Purchased privately by **B-SW** bloodstock 

9th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 11-11, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.64, fm.

FIFTY FIVE (f, 2, Get Stormy--Soave {SP, \$142,734}, by Brahms) overcame a slow start and some traffic issues to be a solid third in her Oct. 13 career bow over the Belmont lawn and was given a 9-2 chance to go two better here. Away more alertly, the homebred nevertheless dropped out to run second-last, began to pick up steam approaching the half-mile pole, went three wide on the far bend and finished strong in the last eighth to just get up by a neck in a blanket finish. Silly Numbers (Courageous Cat) and Super Mama (Elusive Quality) dead-heated for place. Soave's most recent produce is a yearling filly by Point of Entry and she visited Noble Mission (GB) this term. Sales History: \$24,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$39,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Empire Equines, LLC (NY); T-Thomas M. Bush.

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5th-LRL, \$43,840, Msw, 11-11, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.62, ft.

+IRISH WAR CRY c, 2, Curlin

1st Dam: Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers

2nd Dam: Irish Genius, by Beau Genius

3rd Dam: Irish Trip (GB), by Saint Crespin III (GB)

Irish War Cry came in toting an above-average series of works, capped off by a half-mile from the gate in :49 flat (2/12) at Fair Hill Nov. 3, and was let go at 8-1 after drawing in off the also-eligible list. Traveling eighth behind a :22.83 quarter, the



Irish War Cry | Jim McCue/MJC

homebred advanced strongly four deep on the turn, was carried out several more paths at the top of the lane, swept to the lead while drifting in greenly at the furlong pole and kicked away strongly once straightening to score by 4 1/2 lengths and become the latest

'TDN Rising Star'. The come-

home time for Irish War Cry was well under 24 seconds. Irish Sovereign foaled a Lookin At Lucky filly this term before being bred to Graydar. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Isabelle de Tomaso (NJ); T-H. Graham Motion.

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1st-PEN, \$28,500, Msw, 11-11, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06.34, ft.

+SPRING AWAY (f, 2, Jump Start--One More Lillian, by Mutakddim) showed some zip in a local :48 3/5 half-mile breeze Oct. 15, but was dismissed at 27-1 in this debut. Breaking outwardly a bit, the homebred was the middle marker of a three way pace scrum through a :23.02 quarter, poked a head in front in the four path turning for home and kept on gamely to deny the late bid of Pretend (Graeme Hall) by a neck. The victress's dam is half to MGSW Prayer for Relief (Jump Start). She has a yearling colt by Mineshaft named Own the Day and foaled a To Honor and Serve colt this spring. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,100. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Paul F. Spears (PA); T-T. Bernard Houghton.

KENTUCKY

Friday's Results:

8th-CD, \$57,965, Msw, 11-11, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:37.67, ft.

SUMMER LUCK (f, 2, Lookin At Lucky--Seasonal, by Deputy Minister) took a bit of play to be 67-10 in her Oct. 16 unveiling at Keeneland for owners Marc Detampel and John Wade and trainer Brad Cox and ran a bang-up second, dueling throughout with a heavy favorite before finishing a neck back on the line. Crushed down to 3-10 in this first start for new connections, the dark bay broke hesitantly from her rail draw and traveled seventh as frontrunning firster True Boots (Yes It's True) clicked off a :22.91 opening quarter. Gradually angled off the inside on the turn, the favorite came four deep at the top of the lane and closed well to reel in the pacesetter in the final 100 yards for a 1 3/4-length success. The winner's dam dropped a Tizway colt this spring before being bred back to Street Boss. Sales History: \$17,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$40,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$46,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Gary Barber; B-Imperious Stable & Lookin at Lucky Syndicate (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

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6th-AQU, \$60K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1m, 2:47 p.m. EDT

DELTA PRINCE (Street Cry {Ire}), a half-brother to the brilliant two-time Breeders' Cup heroine Royal Delta (Empire Maker), makes his second career start. The 3-year-old reported home a well-beaten third in his unveiling going 6 1/2 furlongs at Belmont Park Oct. 2. The Stronach Stables homebred has been firing bullets for trainer Jimmy Jerkens since. [TJCS PPs](#)

3rd-DMR, \$52K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 4:29 p.m. EDT

PRINCESS JULIA (Distorted Humor), a daughter of champion 2-year-old filly and 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine Folklore (Tiznow), makes her first start here. The \$400,000 KEESEP yearling purchase is owned by Stonestreet Stables and trained by Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer. She is the 5-2 morning-line favorite. [TJCS PPs](#)

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Thursday's Late Results:

8th-HAW, \$20,700, (S), Alw, 11-10, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.39, ft.

GONEGHOST (g, 3, Cherokee Rap--Ghost White, by Silver Ghost) graduated by a narrow margin in his debut July 2 at Fairmount and cruised by 7 1/2 lengths when dangled for a \$12,500 tag here Oct. 22. Off as the 7-10 choice to stay unblemished, the gray broke sharply, sped clear through sharp fractions of :21.47 and :44.19 and never faced a threat in the lane, hitting the wire 5 1/2 lengths to the good in a quick final clocking. The winner's dam has a yearling colt by Well Positioned named Ghost Position and was bred to Ghaaleb this term. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$28,932. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-William P. Stiritz (IL); T-Scott Becker.

6th-RP, \$33,000, Msw, 11-10, 2yo, 1m, 1:38.06, ft.

EQUATOR (c, 2, Bodemeister--Surging Storm, by Storm Creek) finished seventh in a salty maiden group on debut Oct. 9 at Keeneland and was backed down to even-money stretching out in this softer spot. Breaking a bit awkwardly, the \$400,000 Fasig-Tipton August buy found a cozy spot just in behind the speed while running a joint third through splits of :23.97 and :48.14. Tipping three deep passing the five-sixteenths pole, the dark bay took over at the top of the lane and drew clear to score by three lengths. Sponsor (Include) was up late for the place. The winner, the ninth for his freshman sire (by Empire Maker), is a half to Neversaidiwassweet (Eurosilver), GSW; and Ainsley (Officer), MSP, \$169,895. Surging Storm produced a Tiznow filly this spring before visiting Pioneer of the Nile. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,819. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-China Horse Club & WinStar Farm LLC; B-Alan S. Kline (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



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Indiana Grand Raises More Than \$19,000 for I.W.I.N.:

Officials at Indiana Grand Race Course in Shelbyville, Indiana, presented the Indiana Women In Need Foundation (I.W.I.N.) with a check in the amount of \$19,625, funds which will benefit at least 35 women in Shelby and surrounding counties currently undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer and will aid in transportation to appointments, meal preparation, gas, housekeeping, childcare and more.

The track hosted a Pink Out during the entire month of October. Guests of the track were encouraged to make a minimum \$10 donation to I.W.I.N. in exchange for a complimentary \$10 slot play as a token of thanks.

"Community fundraisers, like Indiana Grand Racing & Casino's Pink Out event, are an integral part of I.W.I.N.'s success," said I.W.I.N. Founder and Executive Director Nancy Shepard. "Because of the generosity of communities like this, I.W.I.N. is able to help over 500 women each year throughout the state. At a time when their future is uncertain and they are in the fight for their life, assisting with everyday responsibilities allows women to focus on their health and spend more quality time with their families. We are grateful for Indiana Grand and the commitment they have to helping Indiana women in need."

Just 'Moving' On to Kentucky Jockey Club:

Chuck and Maribeth Sandford's **Just Move On** (Street Boss), an impressive 2 1/2-length allowance winner beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 10, is slated to back up on short rest for the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 26, trainer Pat Byrne confirmed Friday.



Pat Byrne

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A distant sixth to GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) in the GIII Iroquois S. Sept. 17, the bay colt came running late but just missed to Thirstforlife (Stay Thirsty) in a Keeneland allowance Oct. 20 ahead of Thursday's score.

"My plan is to run him back in the Jockey Club," Byrne said. "I only got 16 days until the race but that colt is a big and strong colt. He should've won for fun at Keeneland. He's been an unlucky horse and I thought that I had the best horse in that race. It's nothing that the jocks have done wrong. It was a tough race [Thursday]. He ran a good race."

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Valdivia Jr. Sidelined With Broken Leg:

Jockey Jose Valdivia Jr. suffered a broken left tibia and fibula



Jose Valdivia Jr. | Coady

during an incident in Thursday's fourth race at Churchill Downs and is expected to be out of action through at least mid-January. Valdivia Jr., 41, underwent successful surgery Friday morning at the University of Louisville Hospital.

Valdivia was thrown from his mount Millennial (Speightstown) nearing the far turn of the 1 1/16-mile grass race. Millennial broke down in his left front and was euthanized.

American Sea (Americain), ridden by Ricardo Santana Jr., and Exit Laughing (Distorted Humor), with Shaun Bridgmohan up, were unable to avoid the fallen horse and rider, and fell, as well. Corey Lanerie also was unseated from his mount, Irish Proud (Proud Citizen), but the colt did not fall. Bridgmohan took off his remaining two rides Thursday with body soreness, while Lanerie and Santana Jr. continued in the saddle and each recorded wins.

"I felt like I had won that race just to be able to walk away from it okay," said Lanerie. "For a moment I didn't know what to expect. I just held on for the ride. It always feels good to get right back up from it and go win. It kind of makes you forget about that bad moment and just think about the good ones."

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CALIFORNIA

Friday's Results:

KATHRYN CROSBY S., \$78,450, DMR, 11-11, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.75, fm.

1--**#DO THE DANCE, 118, f, 3, [Discreet Cat](#)--Loure, by A.P. Indy.** (\$20,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Tom Mansor, Purple Shamrock Racing & Gary Sherlock; B-Lester Kwok & Dr. Naoya Yoshida (KY); T-Gary Sherlock; J-Tyler Baze. \$46,260. Lifetime Record: 19-4-3-1, \$185,015.

EATON SALES 

2--**Keri Belle**, 123, m, 6, Empire Maker--Belleski, by Polish Numbers. O-Mr. & Mrs. Jerome S. Moss; B-Jerome S. Moss (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs. \$15,420.

3--**Amboseli**, 121, f, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Adja (Ire), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). (€70,000 3yo '15 ARQDEC). O-D P Racing; B-Dayton Investments Ltd. (KY); T-James M. Cassidy. \$9,252. Margins: 3/4, HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 13.00, 1.20, 3.50.

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Also Ran: Dressed to a T, Sobradora Inc (Arg). Scratched: Glory.

Do the Dance, who had failed to hit the board in four previous stakes tries, got away with an easy lead and kept on going in the lane to upset as the longest price in this five-horse opening day feature.

A last-out victor from off the pace on the Santa Anita lawn Oct. 21, the bay broke sharply and was allowed to go clear through soft splits of :24.24 and :48.74. Put to more pressure midway around the far turn, she shrugged off a three wide challenger at the top of the lane and finished full of run to hold off the late bid of favored Keri Belle. Do the Dance is the first foal out of a dam whose subsequent produce is a 2-year-old Kitten's Joy colt named Kettenstoet, a yearling filly by Blame and a weanling filly by Tale of the Cat. She was bred to Into Mischief earlier this year. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

4th-DMR, \$54,070, Msw, 11-11, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.78, fm. MO'VETTE (f, 2, [Uncle Mo](#)--Apple Strudel, by More Than Ready) made no impact when eighth in her Aug. 28 debut sprinting on the local dirt before improving slightly when showing late interest to be a close seventh Oct. 10 on the downhill turf at Santa Anita. Let go at over 11-1 in this spot, the dark bay got squeezed out a bit after the start and ran in a clear eighth as a sharp pace of :22.14 and :45.80 developed up front. Rallying swiftly three deep heading into the far bend, Mo'vette split horses nearing the quarter pole and easily took charge by the furlong grounds, drawing off to score by 2 1/4 lengths over Ciao Bella Rosa (Kitten's Joy). The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly by Drosselmeyer and dropped a Maclean's Music filly this spring before visiting Fed Biz. Sales History: \$60,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$31,890. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Paymaster Racing LLC; B-Avalon Farms, Inc. (KY); T-Richard Baltas.

7th-DMR, \$53,380, (S), Msw, 11-11, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.59, ft. KENNY BENNY (g, 3, Red Giant--Stefani, by Wavering Monarch), who ran evenly to be fourth in his debut Oct. 9 at Santa Anita, broke sharply as a 43-5 proposition head and showed the way through a :22.01 quarter. Dueling with longshot Sir Studleigh (Old Topper) past a :45.22 half, the chestnut tenaciously held that one at bay throughout the stretch drive to prevail by a neck. Stefani has a 2-year-old Informed filly named Performed, a yearling colt by the same sire and was bred to Chitu this term. Sales History: \$1,000 Ylg '14 BARJAN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,320. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Boone Family Trust; B-Andy Wilhite (CA); T-Sally Rivera.

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ACTS LIKE A KING (Part the Waters), 1/0/0

8-CD, Msw 6f, Shine On, 50-1

AIKENITE (Yes It's True), Calumet Farm, \$7.5K, 14/1/0

1-PRX, \$75K Christopher Elser Memorial S., 6 1/2f, Hotfoot, 5-1



Louis Zoeller Bickett:
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A native Kentuckian, Louis Zoeller Bickett began his artistic career in 1962, when he graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in sculpture. He spent the next several years working in sculpture, and eventually moved to New York City to study at the Art Students League of New York. He has since returned to Lexington, Kentucky, where he continues to create and exhibit his work. His art is a blend of traditional and contemporary techniques, and he is known for his intricate and detailed sculptures. His work is often inspired by the natural world, and he has created a wide variety of pieces, including large-scale sculptures, wall-mounted reliefs, and smaller-scale objects. His art is a testament to his skill and creativity, and it is a true reflection of his love for his home state of Kentucky.



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BIONDETTI (Bernardini), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$4K, 69/6/0
7-GPW, Msw 7 1/2ft, Pachamanca, \$19K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1
7-GPW, Msw 7 1/2ft, Bella Biondetti, 12-1
9-GPW, \$100K Juvenile Filly Turf S., 1mT, Bella Vincenza, \$66K OBS
APR 2yo, 6-1
9-GPW, \$100K Juvenile Filly Turf S., 1mT, Pop's Irish Rose, 15-1
6-GPW, \$100K Juvenile Filly Sprint S., 6 1/2f, La Zoraya, \$15K RNA
OBS APR 2yo, 30-1
BODEMEISTER (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 131/9/1
1-PRX, \$75K Christopher Elser Memorial S., 6 1/2f, O Dionysus,
\$190K EAS OCT yrl, 4-1
BRILLIANT SPEED (Dynaformer), Three Chimneys Farm, dead, 27/8/1
7-GPW, Msw 7 1/2ft, Golden Treasury, 3-1
11-GPW, Msw 7 1/2ft, Speedy Slew, 4-1
CALEB'S POSSE (Posse), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10K, 37/8/0
8-CD, Msw 6f, Dupree, \$110K OBS MAR 2yo, 2-1
DIALED IN (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 102/15/2
5-PRX, Msw 1m, +Little Alana, \$8K EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1
DOMINUS (Smart Strike), Spendthrift Farm, \$6.5K, 50/8/2
9-GPW, \$100K Juvenile Filly Turf S., 1mT, Bitacora, \$42K OBS AUG
yrl, 9-2
EYE OF THE LEOPARD (A.P. Indy), Calumet Farm, 23/2/0
6-WO, Msw 1 1/16m, Stormbeam, \$14K OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1
HANSEN (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 102/11/1
8-WO, \$250K Princess Elizabeth S., 1 1/16m, Erin Commodity, 20-1
1-PRX, \$75K Christopher Elser Memorial S., 6 1/2f, The Walk, \$200K
FTS AUG yrl, 5-2
MACLEAN'S MUSIC (Distorted Humor), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$6.5K,
79/16/2
4-GG, \$50K Golden Nugget S., 6f, Silver Assault, \$52K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
3-DMR, Msw 6f, +Classy Tune, \$135K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
MAD FLATTER (Flatter), Diamond B Stables, 18/2/0
1-PRX, \$75K Christopher Elser Memorial S., 6 1/2f, Windcries, 10-1
OVERDRIVEN (Tale of the Cat), Ocala Stud Farm, \$3K, 59/8/0
4-GPW, \$100K Juvenile Sprint S., 6 1/2f, Red Crescent, 4-1
8-GPW, Msw 6f, Last Prize, \$30K OBS AUG yrl, 8-5
SHACKLEFORD (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 119/11/1
8-CD, Msw 6f, Lenstar, \$130K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
8-GPW, Msw 6f, +Pour House, \$280K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
STAR GUITAR (Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud, \$4K, 41/2/0
3-DED, Msw 6 1/2f, +Imgonnabastar, 20-1
STAY THIRSTY (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 91/15/1
5-PRX, Msw 1m, Thirstforthecup, \$170K OBS APR 2yo, 9-2
TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 100/11/1
8-CD, Msw 6f, +Wicked Zar, 5-1
THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 105/7/1
7-CD, Msw 1mT, Youngest Daughter, 12-1
THUNDER MOCCASIN (A. P. Warrior), Pegasus T.C. Inc., \$2.5K, 2/0/0
11-GPW, Msw 7 1/2ft, Wild Poison, 8-1
TO HONOR AND SERVE (Bernardini), Gainesway Farm, \$30K, 97/9/1
3-GPW, \$100K Juvenile Turf S., 1mT, Salute With Honor, 6-1
3-DMR, Msw 6f, Honor Maker, \$65K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, November 12

*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.*
ADIOS CHARLIE (Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud Farm, \$3K, 85/26/1
9-GPW, \$100K Juvenile Filly Turf S., 1mT, Hello Juliet, \$26K OBS APR
2yo, 15-1
BIG DRAMA (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 109/40/2
8-GPW, Msw 6f, +Danny's Way, 12-1
2-GPW, \$100K Millions Distaff Preview S., 7f, R Kinsley Doll, \$75K
RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 5-1
6-GPW, \$100K Juvenile Filly Sprint S., 6 1/2f, Prove Me, \$28K OBS
OPN 2yo, 20-1
BROOKS 'N DOWN (Montbrook), Ocala Stud Farm, 15/4/0
2-GPW, \$100K Millions Distaff Preview S., 7f, Silent Prayer, 10-1
COURT VISION (Gulch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 128/37/2
8-WO, \$250K Princess Elizabeth S., 1 1/16m, Missy Crissy, 10-1
8-WO, \$250K Princess Elizabeth S., 1 1/16m, Evil Woman, \$56K CAN
SEP yrl, 20-1
DREAM AHEAD (Diktat {GB}), Ballylinch Stud, \$17.5K, 200/50/4
10-CD, \$100K GIII Commonwealth Turf S., 1 1/16mT, Blackout (FR),
\$122K I '16 TAJ UL, 6-1
FIRST DUDE (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$7.5K, 195/58/2
8-AQU, \$150K GIII Discovery S., 1 1/8m, Sticksstatelydude, \$30K
RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
GIO PONTI (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 197/42/3
10-CD, \$100K GIII Commonwealth Turf S., 1 1/16mT, Sir Dudley
Digges, \$130K OBS OPN 2yo, 9-2
HAYNESFIELD (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 138/45/3
8-CD, Msw 6f, +Hay Net, \$37K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1
10-CD, \$100K GIII Commonwealth Turf S., 1 1/16mT, Hay Dakota,
\$47K KEE NOV wnl, 20-1
MALTESE DOG (War Chant), 11/3/0
9-GPW, \$100K Juvenile Filly Turf S., 1mT, Magalie, \$10K OBS OPN
2yo, 10-1
PADDY O'PRADO (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 231/67/2
4-DMR, \$75K Let It Ride S., 1mT, Little Scotty, 4-1
PROUDINSKY (GER) (Silvano {Ger}), All Star Thoroughbreds, \$2K, 24/3/0
3-DED, Msw 6 1/2f, +Tenaciously, 20-1
REGAL RANSOM (Distorted Humor), Darley, dead, 142/37/0
3-GPW, \$100K Juvenile Turf S., 1mT, Mr. Papillon, \$5K OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1
TIZ THE ONE (Tiznow), Red River Farms, 64/20/0
3-DED, Msw 6 1/2f, +Tiz One Fee, \$5K EQL 2YO 2yo, 15-1
TIZWAY (Tiznow), Spendthrift Farm, \$25K, 184/43/7
10-CD, \$100K GIII Commonwealth Turf S., 1 1/16mT, Tizzarunner,
\$325K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1
TRAPPE SHOT (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/53/2
8-AQU, \$150K GIII Discovery S., 1 1/8m, My Man Sam, 8-1
TWIRLING CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$12.5K, 148/53/6
4-GPW, \$100K Juvenile Sprint S., 6 1/2f, Sweetontheladies, \$25K
OBS APR 2yo, 3-1
8-AQU, \$150K GIII Discovery S., 1 1/8m, Gift Box, \$135K FTK NOV wnl, 3-1
UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/85/20
5-GPW, \$100K Millions Turf Preview S., 1 1/16mT, Uncle Vinny,
\$175K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
4-GG, \$50K Golden Nugget S., 6f, Aqua Frio, \$180K OBS MAR 2yo, 9-2

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

+Drop the Beat, c, 2, **Mad Flatter**--Kylie's Dream, by Valid Expectations. Busan, 11-11, Hcp. (\$47k), 1200m. B-Glen E Brok LLC (PA). *Annexed his career debut by 2 1/2 lengths as the 7-5 favorite. **\$40,000 2yo '16 FTMMAY. ***Third winner (from six starters) for freshman sire (by Flatter).

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Gabogapjjang, c, 3, **Kitten's Joy**--Separate Forest (GSW, \$206,525), by Forestry. Busan, 11-11, Hcp. (\$62k), 1400m. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). *\$200,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSJUN.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

+Galilee Ho (Kor), c, 2, **Colonel John**--Heard It Before, by Pulpit. Busan, 11-11, Hcp. (\$17k), 1300m. B-Kim Kyung Min. *\$25,000 i/u '13 KEENOV.

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-WO, C\$95,951, 11-11, 3yo/up, 1 5/8m (AWT), 2:45.41, ft.

ALDOUS SNOW (g, 7, Theatrical {Ire}--Brave Destiny, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: MGSW, 35-8-5-4, \$681,818.

O/B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-Malcolm Pierce. *C\$47,000 RNA Ylg '10 CANSEP.

8th-WO, C\$80,252, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$44,544-\$46,400), 11-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT), 1:23.25, ft.

BLURRICANE (f, 4, Rebellion {GB}--Otra Vez, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 19-7-4-2, \$239,084. O-K Lee, D Mitchell, D & G Bell; B-Bernard & Karen McCormack (ON); T-Martin Drexler.

*C\$15,000 Ylg '13 CANSEP. **1/2 to Sugar Bay (Syncline), MSW, \$715,193; and Locally Made (Weather Warning), SP, \$177,033.

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4th-CD, \$62,798, (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 11-11, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.70, fm.

COCO MON (g, 6, Monarchos--Coco Vive, by Peteski) Lifetime Record: 24-7-5-2, \$231,587. O/B-Gary & Beth Leverton (IL); T-Eddie Kenneally.

2nd-DMR, \$59,290, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 11-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.40, ft.

ENDURING ERIN (m, 6, Kela--Enduring Charm, by Batonnier) Lifetime Record: 32-7-3-7, \$244,433. O-Paymaster Racing & Richard Baltas; B-Margaux Farm LLC & Kent Ochs (KY); T-Richard Baltas. *\$20,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '12 EASMAV. **Full to Ricspretentiousgal, SP, \$272,827; 1/2 to My List (Banker's Gold), MGSW, \$568,804.

10th-CD, \$58,018, 11-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.57, fm.

TOUCH OF BLING (f, 3, Tale of the Cat--Got Bling {MSP}, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 12-2-6-0, \$150,006. O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Langsem Farm, Inc (OH); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$100,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

8th-LRL, \$42,000, 11-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.58, fm.

MAXIMUS MERIDIUS (g, 5, Congressionalhonor--Merry Princess {MSW, \$319,164}, by Polish Numbers) Lifetime Record: 16-2-6-3, \$114,768. O-Top Notch Racing Stable; B-Pewter Stable (PA); T-Michael M. Moore. *Full to Merry's Honor, SW, \$265,046.

9th-DED, \$40,000, (S), 11-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.72, ft.

WHO DATAWAKI (g, 4, Tenpins--Catawaki, by Sir Cat) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-2, \$64,755. O-Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-Michele Rodriguez (LA); T-Lee Thomas.

1st-RP, \$36,805, 11-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :56.75, ft.

MEDIA KID (g, 6, Lemon Drop Kid--Mediation {Ire} {SW & GSP-Ire & GSP-US, \$194,843}, by Caerleon) Lifetime Record: 34-7-6-8, \$242,498. O-Danny R. Caldwell; B-Vegso Racing Stable (FL); T-Federico Villafranco. *1/2 to Go Between (Point Given), GISW, \$2,908,880; and Go Around (Medaglia d'Oro), SW & GSP, \$257,890.

8th-RP, \$36,805, 11-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:40.62, ft.

SOLVE (g, 3, Flatter--Acronym {SP, \$159,920}, by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: GSP, 13-2-2-1, \$79,223. O-Clayton & Rick Wiest, Rollingson Racing Stable & Ted Graling; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. *\$13,000 3yo '16 KEEJAN.

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5th-FL, \$35,000, (S), 11-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:49.27, ft. CHASING BLUE (m, 5, Lycius--Tally My Love, by Princely Pleasure) Lifetime Record: 18-3-2-6, \$100,832. O-Whitestone Farm LLC (Estabrooks); B-Linda Muri (MA); T-Jonathan B. Buckley. *1/2 to Tallys Sundance (Sundance Ridge), MSW, \$206,894.

1st-PEN, \$29,500, 11-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:40.92, ft. WINTER RIDE (g, 5, Candy Ride {Arg}--Winter House, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 22-7-1-3, \$169,955. O-Gavin-Ty Racing LLC; B-Martin J. Wygod & John Spohler (KY); T-Harold Wyner. *1/2 to Pirates Deputy (Bertrando), MSW & GSP, \$424,845.

6th-CT, \$24,500, 11-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.79, ft. THATTA BOY GIRL (f, 3, Parading--It'sthemoneyhoney, by Lion Heart) Lifetime Record: 17-5-2-1, \$77,332. O-Danny A. Limongelli; B-Albert Baldassari (KY); T-Hugh I. McMahon.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Playinwiththeboys, f, 2, Boys At Tosconova--Double Edge, by Double Negative. FL, 11-11, 6f, 1:14.18. B-Saul & Max Kupferberg (NY). *Second winner for freshman sire (by Officer).

Lady Marchfield, f, 2, Marchfield--Dancing Leaves, by Kiridashi. WO, 11-11, (S), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.41. B-Susan Rasmussen (ON). *1/2 to Hobnobsnob (Mobil), SW, \$205,339.

Archer City, f, 2, Silver City--Pete's Five, by Arch. RP, 11-10, 6f, 1:10.71. B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX).

+Rwanda, f, 2, Songandaprayer--Wanda, by Langfuhr. DED, 11-10, 5f, 1:00.55. B-Ronald Alleman (LA). *\$2,700 Ylg '15 BSCYRL.

El Vedado, f, 3, Big Brown--Franscat, by Stormin Fever. GPW, 11-11, 1mT, 1:39.63. B-Miller Racing LLC (FL). *1/2 to Swinger's Party (Medaglia d'Oro), SW, \$167,065; Bubba Shake (Street Sense), SW; and Powhatan County (Fusaichi Pegasus), GSP, \$223,845.

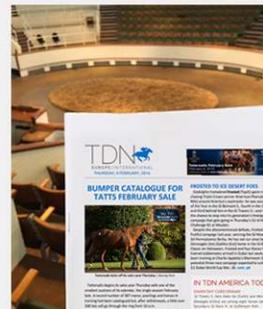
Hard Study, c, 3, Big Brown--Hard Call, by Rock Hard Ten. AQU, 11-11, (C), 1m, 1:40.58. B-Paul Pompa (KY).

Heavenly Daze, f, 3, Five Star Day--Hosannah, by Capote. CD, 11-11, (C), 6f, 1:12.06. B-University of Kentucky (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

Roger Brown, g, 3, Roger That--Helen Brown, by Taylor's Special. DED, 11-10, (S), 5f, :58.18. B-Michele R. Rodriguez (LA).

Who'sgotthegoose, f, 3, Street Boss--Queen's Song, by Unbridled's Song. DED, 11-10, 7f, 1:28.02. B-Gregory W. Roberts, Stelly Stables, LLC, Rimer Reason Farm & Kathryn Poole (KY). *\$19,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

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Tara Stud's Derek Icton with Diana Hutch | *Racing Post*

By Daithí Harvey

As autumn gave way to winter, the farmer within Tara Stud's Derek Icton was appreciative of the unseasonably balmy weather that allowed him to coordinate the multitude of tasks that are part and parcel of running a 1000-acre beef, tillage and stud farm. However, it wasn't the price of beef or grain yields that were the topic of conversation when the *TDN* caught up with Icton recently; rather, it was the resurgence of a stallion and Thoroughbred breeding farm that has been a focal part of County Meath for over half a century.

The Ictons—who will sell 10 horses the Goffs November Sales Nov. 13 to 19—are in fact blow-ins, although they did blow in quite a while back, around 70 years ago when Icton's father Billy arrived to Tara Stud from Lincolnshire to manage the farm and stud on behalf of Clifford Nicholson. Although Icton senior passed away in 2010, his son had been part of the business since the mid-eighties, although his focus during that period had been on the agricultural side of things. As time passed Derek became more involved in the Thoroughbred side and he recalls a time back in the nineties when Tara Stud housed a thriving stallion business.

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FRANKEL FEE UNCHANGED FOR 2017

Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Europe's leading first-crop sire, will remain at a fee of £125,000 next year at his breeder Juddmonte Farms' Banstead Manor Stud in Newmarket.

"Few horses have made such a global impact as Frankel," said Stud Director Simon Mockridge. "His sublime racing career, physique and pedigree provided the catalyst for the outstanding worldwide support he received since retirement. To date he has yielded five group winners and 18 individual winners—a truly explosive start and one that augurs well for the future. This success has been further cemented in the commercial markets with a global average of £560,000." Frankel heads a roster that also includes Cartier Horse of the Year **Kingman (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), whose first foals hit the sales rings this year and whose fee also remains unchanged at £55,000. Stalwarts **Dansili (GB)** (Danehill) and **Oasis Dream (GB)** (Green Desert) both see reductions at £65,000 and £50,000, respectively.

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Exciting Times Ahead For Tara Stud cont. from p1

"We had five or six stallions in those days and then in the early nineties we were lucky to have had the likes of Key Of Luck who was very good to us," Iceton said. "After that it became so difficult to get a stallion that you could actually justify standing. I actually stood a few stallions that I probably shouldn't have. I stood them for other people and I probably learned some of the biggest lessons I will ever learn. The market was on the slide and the stallions weren't really commercially popular so I was determined that when I eventually got back into the market I would make sure that I found the right stallion and that I would own the majority of him myself."

Iceton would have to be patient and it wasn't until 2014 that he felt confident he had the right horse to re-establish Tara Stud as a stallion farm. The former Richard Hannon-trained Alhebayeb (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) was the horse that Iceton felt



Derek Iceton | *Racing Post*

had the credentials to succeed in an ultra-competitive environment and the first foals for the G2 July S. winner have hit the market this winter. So far the vibes are good and Iceton is pleased with how the stallion has been received, having

covered 142 mares in 2016. Last year Tara Stud acquired a second stallion in Aljamaaheer (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), who unfortunately turned out to be infertile, and Iceton said, "Alhebayeb has been fantastic for me, but we were unlucky with Aljamaaheer last year who had a big book of well-bred mares to cover, so that was unfortunate. I haven't been able to buy a stallion this year even though I have been offered plenty of horses. The market has become very polarised to what it requires so I'm not going to jump back in until the right horse comes along again. It's a pity, though, to just have the one horse facing into next year as we have all the facilities to cater for more stallions; the boxes, the staff and the ability to manage them."

Iceton is confident the patience he showed in waiting for a stallion that ticked all the right boxes will bear fruit in the coming seasons. "I'm delighted with Alhebayeb, and I'm not just saying that. Having been out of the stallion game for a while I didn't know how many of my old customers would return so I built a fantastic syndicate around him. Even though he's only a €5,000 horse he's owned by some very powerful breeders who have supported him with a lot of nice mares and I hope that will be the key."

Alhebayeb won't lack for in-house support either. Tara's commitment to the breeding business is evident in their policy of upgrading their resident broodmare band both in quality and quantity in recent years, while also maintaining some select boarding clients. "Between my own mares and Tara Stud mares we have a band of about 50. We do keep mares for other clients but pretty much for only two valued overseas clients, one from Bahrain and the other from Singapore."

Despite the large herd Iceton is conscious of maintaining the highest quality of animal as possible and is philosophical if a mare is not commercially viable to cover, especially in these selective times. "We continue to do a lot of culling, but we still try to buy nice fillies out of training every year. It's always a tricky process moving mares along that you feel aren't going to produce what the market wants. Undoubtedly you get it wrong from time to time but that's the game we are in."

As a former chairman of the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Iceton naturally has his views on the current state of the industry and he has definite concerns for the future.



Alhebayeb | *Racing Post*

"The biggest worry I would have is the plight of the small to medium sized breeder," he said. "The fact is around 90% of Irish breeders own five mares or fewer and a lot of them can't compete anymore. Historically the stallion industry has been dependant on the smaller breeder to patronize a horse until it is proven."

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"Then once that stallion is proven successful it is usually priced outside that breeder's budget so they might only get one or two hits out of it. I'd worry about the health of the industry for that reason."

He continued, "The production of Thoroughbreds is not like, say, Toyota producing cars. Thoroughbreds are a boutique product and it's important to have a broadly based industry. For example if you look at the ITBA awards, a lot of those awards are won by smaller breeders; they're the ones producing a lot of the good horses. It's a similar situation to the stallion farms; I think it's a pity to see it becoming too polarized. The number of actual farms standing stallions is dropping and I think it's important for the fabric and the diversity of the industry that it doesn't continue down that route."

A familiar trend has emerged in recent years of horses being snapped up for stud duties before the end of their 2-year-old career, and while Iceton isn't a fan of such a policy he said he can see that the commercial realities facing a lot of farms require them to adapt to changing times.

"It's probably regrettable that it happens but I can understand that it happens," he said. "I bid for a 2-year-old stallion recently and I didn't get him and I'm sorry I didn't get him. If you had asked me 10 years ago if I would do it I'd probably have gone on a rant and said it was a disgraceful thing to do, but when you're trying to keep a business alive it's perfectly understandable why

it's done."

While Iceton is well aware of the challenges the industry faces he is also conscious of ways to improve the health of the sport, even if the obvious solution is one of the most bandied about topics within racing. "We need a reason for middle-market people to get more involved in the game and the level of prizemoney, particularly in the UK, is certainly a factor that is hampering that development," he said. "Ultimately the selling of racehorses, be it foals, yearlings or 2-year-olds, fuels the breeding industry so if there isn't demand from the end user, i.e. racehorse owners, then breeders will ultimately suffer."

Iceton is also keen to focus on the positives and believes the second-hand market for horses is a great reflection on the Irish and British industry even though he said he thinks it has even more scope for development. "Looking on the bright side there is a very vibrant industry particularly as we have seen in the resale market in Ireland and Britain. 2-year-olds that show a good level of form here can command huge money to go to America or Hong Kong and that is all direct investment into the industry. I also think that Irish trainers are particularly adept at tapping into those markets and many have built thriving businesses on those principles. I think that is something that is lacking a bit more among British trainers and I have witnessed that personally from having horses in training in Britain."

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4	129	A Shin Hikari (JPN)	JPN
6	126	Frosted (USA)	USA
7	124	Maurice (JPN)	JPN
7	124	Postponed (IRE)	GB
7	124	Werther (NZ)	HK



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Tara Stud cont.

With 47 foals catalogued in Goffs this week, Alhebayeb is one of the most prolific sires of the sale. Between monitoring the progress of these and overseeing the sale of Tara Stud's own 10 foals and mares Ice-ton will have to postpone being concerned about the well-being of the industry, for one week at least.

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THE A TO X OF FIRST-CROP SIRES: PART 1

By Emma Berry

Perhaps more than ever before, there's great interest surrounding first-season sires, and a sizeable batch of freshmen will be heavily scrutinised as the major European foal sales get underway tomorrow. With almost a third of the foal catalogues in Ireland and Britain (28% at Goffs and 32% at Tattersalls) being filled by the offspring of those young stallions, we run the rule over the newcomers, from Alhebayeb to Xtension, over the next two days. The stud fee listed was the price on retirement in 2015.

ALHEBAYEB (IRE) (Dark Angel {Ire})

Tara Stud - €5,000

Winner of the G2 July S. in his juvenile season and also a runner-up in the Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot, Alhebayeb, hailing from an increasingly popular commercial sireline, raced on in Dubai until he was four and covered 175 mares in his first book.

Number catalogued: Goffs 45, Tattersalls 9, Arqana 1

ANODIN (IRE) (Anabaa)

Haras du Quesnay - €7,500

Anodin came close to emulating (in part, at least) his sister Goldikova (Ire) when finishing runner-up to Karakontie (Jpn) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Winner of the G3 Prix Paul de Moussac, he was also second to Kingman (GB) and Cirrus Des Aigles (Fr) in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Prix d'Isphahan and will have been given plenty of support by both his breeder, Wertheimer et Frere, and the Head family, as well as a decent number of outside breeders with a first book which numbered just over 100.

Number catalogued: Tattersalls 3, Arqana 10

AUSTRALIA (GB) (Galileo {Ire})

Coolmore Stud - €50,000

The benefit of breeding the best to the best has rarely been bettered illustrated than by this Derby winner, the son of Galileo and seven-time Group 1 winner Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). He followed his Epsom triumph by winning both the G1 Irish Derby and the G1 Juddmonte International and covered 157 mares in 2015.



Australia | Coolmore

Number catalogued: Tattersalls 10, Arqana 3

BATTLE OF MARENGO (IRE) (Galileo {Ire})

Ballyhane Stud - €6,000

Having won five races in a row, including a pair of Group 2s at two and three, Battle Of Marengo finished fourth in the Derby to stablemate Ruler Of The World (Ire) before chasing home Hillstar (GB) for second in the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot. His credentials and his competitive fee were not overlooked by breeders when he retired to Ballyhane, where he covered 110 mares in his first year.

Number catalogued: Goffs 31, Tattersalls 5,

BUNGLE INTHEJUNGLE (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus})

Rathasker Stud - €5,000

With a brace of five-furlong group victories as a juvenile in the G3 Molecomb S. at Glorious Goodwood and the G3 Cornwallis S. at Ascot, Chris Wright's homebred was very much his father's son, and should have a decent chance of being represented by some speedy 2-year-olds once his first runners hit the track as he was kept busy at Rathasker Stud during his first season, serving 117 mares.

Number catalogued: Goffs 34, Tattersalls 3, Arqana 1

CHARM SPIRIT (IRE) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})

Tweenhills Farm & Stud -
£25,000

A miler of the highest order with a trio of Group 1 victories to his name at three, Charm Spirit was unsurprisingly very well supported with 130 mares in his debut season, giving him a decent chance of enhancing the reputation of his excellent sire.



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Number catalogued: Goffs 5, Tattersalls 28, Arqana 1

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COACH HOUSE (IRE) (Oasis Dream {GB})

Bucklands Farm & Stud - £3,000

With speed on both sides of his pedigree, Coach House was himself a fast horse, winning the Listed Marble Hill S. over the minimum trip before finishing best of the rest when beaten just a length by No Nay Never in the G2 Norfolk S. He didn't race beyond his juvenile season but the team behind his retirement to Bucklands Farm ensured he has been given a good chance to flourish in his new career by enticing the owners of 102 mares to use him in his first season.

Number catalogued: Goffs 2, Tattersalls 22

DUNADEN (FR) (Nicobar {GB})

Overbury Stud - £3,000

With his 10 victories from 46 starts including the G1 Melbourne Cup, G1 Caulfield Cup and G1 Hong Kong Vase, world traveller Dunaden provided Sheikh Fahad Al Thani with plenty of thrills during his racing career. In a bid to help him to a decent start at stud, his owner devised the Dunaden Owners' & Breeders' Premiums, with 64% added to winning prize-money in Britain and Ireland for 2- and 3-year-olds from the stallion's first crop, as well as a £25,000 bonus to the breeders of any stakes winner at two or three in Britain, Ireland and France. Dunaden covered 99 mares in his first season.

Number catalogued: Goffs 2, Tattersalls 7

ES QUE LOVE (IRE) (Clodovil {Ire})

Rathasker Stud - €5,000

The hardy and likeable campaigner Es Que Love raced 51 times in his four-season career, the highlight of his five wins being his victory over Toormore (Ire) in the G2 Lennox S. at Glorious Goodwood. Retired to stand alongside his popular sire at the Burns family's Rathasker Stud, the half-brother to G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Dominant (Ire) covered 63 mares in 2015.

Number catalogued: Goffs 11, Tattersalls 2

GALE FORCE TEN (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})

Irish National Stud - €5,000

With the looks to match his pedigree, Gale Force Ten was the most expensive horse at the DBS (now Goffs UK) Premier Yearling Sale of 2011, when sold to Coolmore for £280,000. Runner-up to Reckless Abandon in the G2 Norfolk S. and later third behind the same horse in the G1 Middle Park S., he also played a bridesmaid role in the G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas but claimed his own pattern success when winning the G3 Jersey S. on his second visit to Royal Ascot. Competitively priced by the Irish National Stud, he covered 152 mares in his first season.

Number catalogued: Goffs 37, Tattersalls 8

GARSWOOD (GB) (Dutch Art {GB})

Cheveley Park Stud - £7,000

Garswood was the one that got away and later returned for his breeder Cheveley Park Stud, who sold him as a foal for 19,000gns to Richard Knight and bought back into him to race in partnership with David and Emma Armstrong at the start of his 3-year-old campaign. It proved to be a wise move as he added to his listed success at two by winning the G2 Lennox S. the following year and then the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest as a 4-year-old in his final season of racing. He stands alongside his sire Dutch Art (GB) and damsire Kyllachy (GB) at the farm where he was born and covered 99 mares in 2015.

Number catalogued: Goffs 7, Tattersalls 24



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GREGORIAN (IRE) (Clodovil {Ire})

National Stud - £4,500

Along with athletic ability, it takes a good temperament for a colt to keep racing consistently for five seasons and alongside his admirably consistent racing record, Gregorian proved he was equally as sound of mind as limb by being a co-operative live model at a conformation lecture at Tattersalls during the Newmarket Open Day while he was still in training. Proving most effective at seven furlongs to a mile, he won six of his 25 races across five seasons, including the G2 Hungerford S. and the G3 Diomed S. on Derby day at Epsom. He also has four Group 1 placings to his credit, in the St James's Palace S., Queen Anne S., Prix Jean Prat and was just a length-and-a-half behind Slade Power (Ire) when third in the Darley July Cup. Good backing on both sides of the Irish Sea saw him rewarded with 111 mares for his first book.

Number catalogued: Goffs 5, Tattersalls 23

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Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire})	£125,000
Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})	£55,000
Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert)	£50,000

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Paul Hanagan & Taghrooda | *Racing Post*

After a five-year run as retained rider to Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, jockey Paul Hanagan has not had his contract renewed for 2017. Hanagan took up the role upon the retirement of Richard Hills in February 2012, and he had his last two rides for the owner at Wolverhampton on Friday evening.

Among the highlights of Hanagan's stint for Sheikh Hamdan were wins in the G1 Investec Oaks and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. on Taghrooda (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and Mukhadram (GB) (Shamardal) in the G1 Coral-Eclipse in 2014. He also rode Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) to three of his four Group 1 wins—and a champion sprinter title—last year.

"I would like to thank Sheikh Hamdan for giving me the opportunity to ride some very special horses, both in Europe and Dubai over the past five years," said Hanagan. "Sheikh Hamdan is a true gentleman. It has been a privilege to ride for him, and I would like to wish him and the team at Shadwell every success in the future. I am disappointed that our partnership has come to an end, but I have to put these things into perspective particularly at this time when my close friend Freddy Tylicki has suffered life-changing injuries. I am sure that I speak for everyone when I say that we are all praying for him. Thankfully, I am still fit and healthy and am enjoying my riding as much as ever."

Sheikh Hamdan's Racing Manager Angus Gold added, "We have enjoyed some great days together, highlighted by Taghrooda, Muhaarar and Mukhadram, and he has contributed enormously to their successful racing careers. On a personal level I would like to pay tribute to Paul's tremendous attitude and fantastic worth ethic. He has been a wonderful team player and a pleasure to work with, and I wish him every success in the future."

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PRIX FILLE DE L'AIR-G3, €80,000, TLU, 11-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 10 1/2ft, 2:15.25, hy.

1--**@POWDER SNOW**, 121, f, 3, by [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: **Snow Ballerina (GB)**, by Sadler's Wells

2nd Dam: **Snow Bride**, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

3rd Dam: **Awaasif**, by Snow Knight (GB)

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (KY); T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Aurelien Lemaitre. €40,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Ger, 13-4-2-1, €81,711. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)



2--**Restiana (Fr)**, 121, f, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Restia (Fr), by Montjeu (Ire). O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb. €16,000.

3--**Rosental (GB)**, 125, f, 4, Pivotal (GB)--Rose Trail, by Kingmambo. (€77,000 3yo '15 ARQDEC). O-B W Neill; B-Darley (GB); T-Luca Cumani. €12,000.

Margins: 3, 2HF, HF. Odds: 9.20, 40.00, 4.80.

Also Ran: Rostova, Five Fifteen (Fr), Persona Grata (GB), Salve Venezia (Ger), Avenue Dargent (Fr), Gambissara (Fr), Classe Vendome (Fr), All About Time (GB), Poti (Spa), Cumbfree (Ire).

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Powder Snow, who finished off the board in three stakes starts after registering a pair of early-season scores at Royan and Saint-Malo, ran second in the Aug. 31 Listed Baden-Baden Cup before earning a first black-type success in the Listed Kolner Stutenpreis Sept. 25, and lined up here off a sixth in Rome's G1 Premio Lydia Tesio Oct. 23. Positioned within range of the leaders throughout, she was isolated in second at the top of the home run and opened up under urging once taking over from Restiana just inside the eighth pole to claim a career high with aplomb.



Powder Snow | *Scoop Dyga*

Pedigree Notes...

Powder Snow's dam Snow Ballerina (GB) (Sadler's Wells), a half-sister to the unbeaten G1 Epsom Derby, G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-winning

sire Lammtarra (Nijinsky II), has also produced the 2-year-old filly Sea of Snow (Distorted Humor), a dual winner and third in the Listed Woodcote S. this term, and a yearling filly by Street Cry (Ire). Snow Ballerina is herself a daughter of promoted G1 Epsom Oaks winner Snow Bride (Blushing Groom {Fr}) and is kin to a further five black-type performers, including the stakes-placed Abhisheka (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who in turn is the dam of G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Aesop's Fables (Distorted Humor), while the winner's third dam is MG1SW champion Awaasif (Snow Knight {GB}). [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

BRITAIN

**Friday's Results:**

3rd-LIN, £5,200, Mdn, 11-11, 2yo, 5f 6y (AWT), :58.93, stn.

+TEAM MEETING (c, 2, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)--[Sylvan Song, by Street Cry {Ire}](#)) recovered from an awkward departure to track the pace along the rail in fourth after the initial exchanges of this debut. Stoked up to seize an opening up the inner off the home turn, the 8-11 chalk quickened to the fore approaching the final eighth and was ridden out late to prevail by a length from Roundabout Magic (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}). Half to a yearling colt by Bernardini, the homebred bay is the first scorer produced by a dual-winning daughter of MGSW Forest Heiress (Forest Wildat), herself a full-sister to GI Frank J De Francis Memorial Dash-winning sire Wildcat Heir, from a family which also includes GI Preakness S.-winning sire Louis Quatorze (Sovereign Dancer). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,223. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (KY); T-Saeed bin Suroor.



1st-WOL, £5,000, Mdn, 11-11, 2yo, 7f 32y (AWT), 1:28.25, st.

CLIFFS OF CAPRI (GB) (g, 2, [Canford Cliffs {Ire}](#)--[Shannon Spree {GB}](#), by [Royal Applause {GB}](#)), an unlucky loser when second on debut over seven furlongs at Chelmsford Oct. 13, was sent off the 11-4 second favourite and worked his way up to second by the back straight from a wide position. Committed approaching the furlong pole, the 45,000gns TATOCT yearling asserted to record a 1 1/4-length success from Archer's Arrow (Lonhro {Aus}). Althib (GB) (Dansili {GB}), the son of the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Great Heavens (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), finished sixth after failing to threaten at any stage. The dam, who hails from the family of the G1 Middle Park S.-winning sire Primo Valentino (Ire) and the G2 Cherry Hinton S. winner Dora Carrington (Ire)

(Sri Pekan), also has a filly foal by Mayson (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$5,470. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Rathordan Partnership; B-Glebe Farm Stud (GB); T-Simon Crisford.

3rd-WOL, £5,000, Mdn, 11-11, 2yo, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:49.09, st.
AFRICAN BEAT (IRE) (f, 2, [Cape Cross {Ire}](#)--[Rythmic {GB}](#), by [Dubai Destination](#)), who was a staying-on fourth after a slow start over a mile at Newbury on debut Oct. 22, tracked the early leader before being unleashed passing the two-furlong pole. Soon gaining a decisive advantage, the 6-4 favourite was kept up to his work to score by 3/4 of a length from Flaming Marvel (Ire) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). The dam, who has a yearling colt by Shamardal and a filly foal by Daiwa Major (Jpn) to come, descends from the G3 Prix de Flore winner Allez les Trois (Riverman), a half-sister to the ground-breaking Urban Sea (Miswaki) and King's Best. Among her best progeny is the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Anabaa Blue (GB), while she is also the second dam of the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Tamayuz (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,531. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Godolphin; B-Darley (IRE); T-John Gosden.

2nd-WOL, £5,000, Mdn, 11-11, 2yo, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:49.11, st.
FIRST NATION (GB) (c, 2, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--[Moyesii](#), by [Diesis {GB}](#)), sixth over an extended mile at Leicester on debut Oct. 11, stalked the early leader before being sent to the front with a quarter-mile to race. Soon clear, the 4-1 second favourite was eased late to register an authoritative 2 3/4-length success from Wild Shot (GB) (So You Think {NZ}). Moyesii is the dam of the G1 Gran Criterium-winning Italian highweight and G2 York S. winner Kirklees (Ire) (Jade Robbery) and also the G1 St Leger hero Mastery (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}), who also captured the G1 Hong Kong Vase and G2 Derby Italiano. Her first foal was Magic Tree (UAE) (Timber Country), who later produced the G1 Eclipse S. hero Mukhadram (GB) (Shamardal) while another of her daughters, Artisti (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), is the dam of the G3 Bavarian Classic-winning German highweight Magic Artist (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}). The second dam is the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine Cherokee Rose (Ire) (Dancing Brave), responsible for the G1 Al Quoz Sprint runner-up Ahtoug (GB) (Byron {GB}) and Bowman (Irish River {Fr}), who was third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. This is also the family of the G2 Challenge S. winner and G1 Dewhurst S. runner-up Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,060. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

7th-LIN, £5,000, Mdn, 11-11, 3yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:31.08, st. BRODIE (GB) (f, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Dali's Grey {GB}, by Linamix {Fr}), fourth over 12 furlongs at Kempton last time Oct. 12, started as the 5-4 favourite and recovered from a slow break to race in second. Wound up at the end of the back straight, the 180,000gns TATFOA foal stayed on to gain the lead passing the furlong pole and score by 3/4 of a length from Adalene (GB) (Makfi {GB}). The winner looks all stamina, which is no surprise as she is a half-sister to one of the stable's flagships in that department Bauer (Ire) (Halling), GSW & G1SP-Aus, SW-Eng, \$861,878, who captured the G3 Geelong Cup and went so close to following up in the G1 Melbourne Cup. Her dam is a half-sister to the MG1SP sire Diamond Green (Fr) and a full-sibling of the G2 Prix de Malleret scorer and G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Diamilina (Fr) and G3 Prix Cleopatre winner Diamonixa (Fr). She has a colt foal by Pour Moi (Ire) to come. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$4,952. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Normandie Stud Ltd; B-Aston House Stud (GB); T-Luca M. Cumani.

FRANCE



Friday's Results:

CRITERIUM DU LANGUEDOC - PRIX BERNARD DE MARMIESE-Listed, €65,000, TLU, 11-11, 2yo, 8fT, 1:41.71, hy.

1--#**HEURISTIQUE (IRE), 122, f, 2, by Shamardal**

1st Dam: T'As d'Beaux Yeux (GB), by Red Ransom

2nd Dam: Torrealta (GB), by In the Wings (GB)

3rd Dam: Sea Ring (Fr), by Bering (GB)

(€100,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG). O-Ecurie de Montlahuc; B-Pontchartrain Stud (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €32,500. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €37,900.

2--**Fuenteesteis (Fr), 122, f, 2, Falco--Fantasy Lady, by Grand Slam. (€3,500 Ylg '15 ARNOV).** O-Roberto Avial Sanchez. €13,000.

3--**Ecrin des Bieffes (Fr), 126, c, 2, Shakespearean (Ire)--Nova Luz (GB), by Divine Light (Jpn).** (€15,000 Ylg '15 OSLATE). O-Jose Alberto Remolina Diaz. €9,750.

Margins: 3, HF, 2HF. Odds: 4.20, 18.40, 30.80.

Also Ran: Mitchouka (Fr), Blues Music (Fr), Voiscreville (Ire), Chabelita (GB), Danarosa (Ire), Fongani (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Heuristique was well supported as one of two supplementary entries for this black-type debut, returning off a first-up second in a newcomers' heat going one mile at Saint-Cloud Oct. 26, and justified that confidence by shedding maiden status in style. Handily placed just behind the leading duo after an alert break, she was angled off the rail into clear runway for her bid passing

the quarter-mile marker and kept on strongly under late urging to comfortably outclass her rivals.

Half to a yearling colt by Declaration of War and a colt foal by Showcasing (GB), Heuristique is the first scorer out of a winning half to Listed Prix Finlande and Listed Prix de la Seine runner-up Seal Bay (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}), herself the dam of stakes-winning G3 Prix de Royallieu third Scalambra (GB) (Nayef). Her granddam is three-time stakes placegetter Torrealta (GB) (In the Wings {GB}), who is a half to G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Torrestrella (Ire) (Orpen), who in turn produced last term's G3 Rose of Lancaster S. winner Intilaaq (Dynaformer) and G3 Premio Carlo & Francesco Aloisi victress Farmah (Speightstown).

3rd-TLU, €27,000, Cond, 11-11, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:17.49, hy. BELGIAN GENTLEMAN (FR) (c, 3, Turtle Bowl {Ire}--Ealore {Fr}, by Kendor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 15-6-4-1, €110,150. O-Ecurie Gribomont & Ecurie du Sud; B-Jean-Francois Gribomont (FR); T-Cedric Rossi. *€14,000 RNA Ylg '14 AROCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+**Montagne Rose (Ire), f, 2, Dark Angel (Ire)--Mountain Rose (Ger), by Tiger Hill (Ire).** NMS, 11-11, 9 1/2fT, 2:00.80. B-Jean-Claude Seroul (IRE).

Hann Yoyo Avenue (Fr), c, 2, Hannouma (Ire)--Rain Esteem (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). SBC, 11-11, 8 1/2fT, 1:49.42. B-Jean-Paul Chaze, Lionel Orillard & Mme Monique Chaze (FR).

Gris d'Aspe (Fr), c, 3, Literato (Fr)--Great Lady (Fr), by Great Pretender (Ire). TLU, 11-11, 8fT, 1:40.37. B-Jean-Louis Fabre & Mme Nadine Fabre (FR).

NOMS AUCTION FOR AU-DELA DES PISTES

A charity stallion nomination auction for Thoroughbred aftercare organisation Au-Del des Pistes will be held on Dec. 2 at the Arqana sales complex in Deauville. Stallions with

seasons to be auctioned include **Siyouni (Fr), New Approach (Ire), Intello (Ger), Martaline (GB), Olympic Glory (Ire), Scissor Kick (Aus), Rajsaman (Fr)** and **Dragon Pulse (Ire).** The

funds will support Au-Dela des Pistes's 2017 objectives, including a series of retrained racehorse days; accreditation of re-training and re-homing facilities; and crisis funding for the most vulnerable horses.



A nomination to Siyouni will be auctioned to benefit Au-Dela des Pistes
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“The start made by Au-Dela des Pistes has been exciting and encouraging and I must say how thrilled we’ve been with the hugely enthusiastic response to what we’ve achieved so far,” said Au-Dela des Pistes President Alette Forien. “The success of the first Retrained Racehorse Day exceeded even our expectations and we would like to host this type of event all over France next year. Our mission is also to identify and accredit the re-trainers who can take in retired racehorses and safely transition them into second careers in equestrian sports. We also hope to put in place competitions for ex-racehorses across the equestrian disciplines, including dressage, show-jumping and eventing, as well as designating a fund for the most vulnerable horses in crisis situations. All this requires financing and we would like to offer our sincerest and warmest thanks to the stallion farms who have donated a nomination to the auction. The funds will be used to promote a cause which concerns every single actor in the business, from the breeders to jockeys, trainers, sales companies, agents to the owners. Aftercare is our shared responsibility.”

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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

1.05 Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €27,000, 2yo, 7 1/2ft

DEVAMANI (FR) (Dubawi {Ire}) represents His Highness The Aga Khan and Alain de Royer-Dupre and is, like this year’s G1 Prix Ganay-winning stablemate Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), a son of the G1 Hong Kong Vase heroine Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk). Godolphin’s **Glen Shiel (GB) (Pivotal {GB})** is in opposition and that Andre Fabre trainee is a son of the operation’s smart GSW Gonfilia (Ger) (Big Shuffle) from the immediate family of Farhh (GB).

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IRELAND



TATTS IRE NOVEMBER SALE CLOSES

A session of broodmares marked the close of the six-day Tattersalls Ireland November National Hunt Sale on Friday, with **Valyssa Monterg (Fr) (Network {Ger}) (lot 1394)**, a Grade 2-winner in foal to Shantou, claiming top honours when knocked down to Colm Murphy of Tomgar Bloodstock for €160,000.

Consigned by trainer Willie Mullins’s Closutton Stables, Valyssa Monterg commanded the highest price for a mare at this sale since 2007. It was a large gap down the next highest price of €56,000, paid by Peter Nolan Bloodstock for the mare **Prettyasapicture (GB) (King’s Theatre {Ire})**.

While the clearance rate was a dismal 42%, the average for the session rose 15% to €16,729, while the median was up 25% to €10,000.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Drake Passage (Ire), g, 2, Dandy Man (Ire)--Piece Unique (GB), by Baratheia (Ire). DUN, 11-11, 8f (AWT), 1:38.22. B-Mr Albert Conneally (IRE). *€13,500 Wlg ‘14 GOFNOV; €75,000 Ylg ‘15 GOFSEP.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

ABLE FRIEND GEARS UP FOR RETURN

by Alan Carasso

The ‘beast from the East’ is officially back at the track.

Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal), sidelined since the beginning of the year with a strained flexor tendon and unraced since a third-place effort as the favorite in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile 11 months ago, trialled Friday morning over the Sha Tin all-weather track, finishing a quiet fifth and thoroughly pleasing his connections.

“We’ll see later how he trots up and everything but so far we’re right on track to bring the champ back into the Hong Kong racing scene,” trainer John Moore enthused post-trial.

Imperious in winning the 2014 Mile at long odds-on, Able Friend, the 2014-2015 Horse of the Year, was under an injury

cloud on the eve of his title defence last

December and could not match strides late with future Japanese Horse of the Year Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}). Less than

a month later, he found himself on a



Able Friend (black cap) made a favourable impression in Friday’s trial | HKJC photo

plane bound for Australia to recuperate and had been brought along slowly by Moore since his re-introduction to training in September.

Partnered in Friday's star-studded trial by Joao Moreira, Able Friend was off in the air and trailed the field, then was quietly ridden through the middle stages. Still near the tail of the field as they left the 400-metre marker behind, he was niggled along by Moreira to pick up and looked comfortable in his action in finishing about a length off the local top-rated sprinter **Lucky Bubbles (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}), who grabbed the talented **Sun Jewellery (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) on the wire ([video](#)). The first and second home will prep for the Longines Hong Kong International Races in the G2 BOCHK Jockey Club Sprint and G2 BOCHK Jockey Club Mile at Sha Tin on Sunday week. Able Friend is set to face Lucky Bubbles in the Jockey Club Sprint and is likely to progress from there to the Hong Kong Mile, though he has the Sprint as a fallback option.

"I thought he trialled really well," said Moreira of Able Friend, who was timed in 1:11.20. "I think that for a horse that hasn't raced for such a long time, to go out there and perform how he did this morning, you'd think he's on his way back to his best. I think he's not going to disappoint us--I think he will turn out to be what he used to be."

Added Moore: "Joao said, 'Keep the horse going in the same way as you have.' He said the horse felt very sound underneath him--he finished off pretty well. It was a little tight early on, he had someone to his outside where he couldn't really make the ground he wanted, but in the straight Joao had plenty of horse. It's a nice starting point for him. I need to get that 1200m underneath his belt on Sunday week and then we'll decide whether it's the sprint or the mile in December."

In the morning's second heat, **Amazing Kids (NZ)** (Falkirk {NZ}), an unlucky second to Lucky Bubbles in the G2 Premier Bowl H. Oct. 23, found the wire narrowly ahead of **Contentment (Aus)** (Hussonet), who covered extra ground and finished willingly ([video](#)). That duo is also headed to the Jockey Club Sprint and Mile, respectively, en route to the corresponding international races Dec. 11.

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QUEENS FACE OFF IN QEII CUP

Sunday's G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Kyoto has drawn a competitive lineup of fillies and mares, and **Marialite (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) looks to become the fourth to take back-to-back renewals of the 2200-metre contest, and the first since the British raider Snow Fairy (Ire) (Intikhab) in 2010 and 2011. The now 5-year-old mare was earning her first Group 1 win when she won this last year, and she proved to still be in top form in June when winning the G1 Takarazuka Kinen over dual Classic winner Duramente (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}). She finished fifth after a summer holiday in the G2 Sankei Sho All Comers S.

Sept. 25, and will have her usual hood removed on Sunday.

Last year's champion 3-year-old filly **Mikki Queen (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), winner of the G1 Yushun Himba and G1 Shuka



Marialite bests Nuovo Record in last year's Queen Elizabeth II Cup | JRA

Sho, finished a respectable eighth against elders in the G1 Japan Cup thereafter and has this year notched a pair of seconds, in the G2 Himba S. Apr. 9 and the G1 Victoria Mile May 15. She enters this contest off a six-month

layoff, however, having sprained an ankle prior to her intended prep in the G2 Kyoto Daishoten. Trainer Yasutoshi Ikee said the 4-year-old is in good form despite that hiccup.

"The sprain she suffered delayed her work," Ikee said. "But I switched my focus to this race alone and things have gone according to plan. She has gotten better gradually. Compared to the Tokyo mile, the conditions of the Kyoto 2200 metres are better for her. She's the type that does well with a sharpener, so we'll just have to see how she'll fare this time without."

Queens Ring (Jpn) (Manhattan Cafe {Jpn}) finished second to Mikki Queen in last year's Shuka Sho and was a troubled eighth in this. She won the G2 Kyoto Himba S. first-up Feb. 20 before finishing eighth in the G1 Victoria Mile and second in the G2 Yonago S., also over a mile, and she was last seen winning a key prep for this race, the 2200-metre G2 Fuchu Himba S. Oct. 15 at Tokyo.

"I think she came back well refreshed from her summer off," trainer Keiji Yoshimura said. "She's had all the work she needed since coming back to the training centre and winning the way she did last out was the most important. I expect her to show improvement this time out."

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Sunday, Kyoto, Japan, post time: 3:40 p.m. (1:40 p.m. ET)

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP-G1, ¥180,860,000 (\$1,700,932/£1,345,721/€1,563,456), 3yo/up, f/m, 2200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Mikki Queen (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Hamanaka	Ikee
2	Marialite (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Ebina	Kubota
3	Queens Ring (Jpn)	Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)	M Demuro	Yoshimura
4	Hiruno Matera (Jpn)	Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)	Shii	Kon
5	Meisho Mambo (Jpn)	Suzuka Mambo (Jpn)	Ikezoe	Iida
6	Proletariat (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Sugihara	Kojima
7	Maximum de Paris (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Take	Matsumoto
8	Touching Speed (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Moore	Ishizaka

9 Sing With Joy (Jpn)	Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)	Lemaire	Tomomichi
10 Sundarbans (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Yoshida	Yano
11 Denko Ange (Jpn)	Meisho Samson (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Arakawa
12 Asuka Biren (Jpn)	Black Tide (Jpn)	Matsuda	Nakao
13 Primera Azul (Jpn)	Special Week (Jpn)	Miyuki	Suzuki
14 Chaleur (Jpn)	Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Matsunaga
15 Pearl Code (Jpn)	Victoire Pisa (Jpn)	Kawada	Nakauchida

All carry 123 pounds bar Denko Ange and Pearl Code, 119 pounds.

ICE POSITIVE FOR WALLER STABLE

An unidentified maiden in the stable of champion trainer Chris Waller has allegedly tested positive for methamphetamine, known recreationally as ice, which is an illegal stimulant, according to *Racing.com*. While Racing NSW stewards declined to comment before a second sample is returned, Waller told



Chris Waller | *Racing and Sports*

Fairfax media, "We are working through the possibility of a positive sample to ice from one of our horses. It is an issue we want to get on the front foot with and we

have tested our staff to try and find how this happened. We want to work out where the contamination has come from and whether it was from one of our staff or an outside influence. We are still waiting on a lot of information and we are helping stewards with their investigation. As much as I'm concerned with this issue, I'm equally concerned for any person who has an issue with this drug and would want to help them as well."

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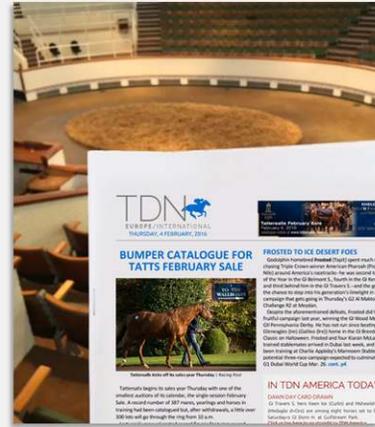
AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Lord Balmoral (Aus), c, 3, Star Witness (Aus)--Balmoral Belle (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Kenilworth, 11-10, Hcp., 1200mT, 1:11.90. B-Kingston Bloodstock Pty Ltd. *A\$53,000 Ylg '15 INGSYD; R650,000 2yo '15 CTSRTR.

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