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Uptown Twirl topped Monday's session at \$1,075,000 | Keeneland

by Jessica Martini

It was an atypical seventh session of the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale Monday, featuring both the auction's first second-week seven-figure offering, as well as the power-packed dispersal of Ernie Semersky's Conquest Stable. Lane's End Farm was responsible for both, selling the session-topping **Uptown Twirl** (Twirling Candy) for \$1.075 million to Three Chimneys Farm, as well as the next six highest offerings, all from the dispersal.

"We're very pleased to have the Conquest dispersal, which was obviously a great draw today, but also selling a million-dollar race filly for the first-time ever in the November sale is very exciting," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "It shows what we've always said. If you bring the quality product, it sells. Whether it is the first week or the second week. I think this sets the stage for the continuation of the Conquest dispersal Tuesday with the colts."

Uptown Twirl was merely a multiple stakes winner when she was catalogued in the racing section of the November sale, but her half-brother and likely juvenile champion Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile), winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, increased her value Monday. **Cont. p3**

FROM BC TO BOTTOM CLAIMER, LAWN RANGER COULD SOON JUMP FOR JOY

by T.D. Thornton

How often do you see a horse that once competed in the Breeders' Cup entered in a flat race restricted to apprentice jump jockeys at a steeplechase meet?

It happened Nov. 6, in a 1 3/8-miles non-betting training race on the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup undercard at the Unionville course, when **Lawn Ranger** (U S Ranger), drew off to a commanding 6 1/2-length victory over 10 rivals.

The win came a little more than two years after Lawn Ranger ran a game sixth, beaten only 2 1/2 lengths at 33-1 odds, in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Santa Anita Park.

But it also came one year after the 4-year-old's original owners, a seven-partner Louisville-based syndicate called Turf Stable LLC, re-claimed the injured Lawn Ranger for \$5,000 after having lost him for \$50,000 in the summer of 2015. **Cont. p10**

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'Twirl' and Conquest Dispersal Pace Lively

Keeneland Session (cont. from p1)

"When she was entered [in the sale], her racing ability was probably the more important aspect," Russell said. "Things have changed since then. She was a very expensive 2-year-old with great quality and black-type and she has a lot of racing left in her. So the idea was to put her in the racing age section because they felt that is where she would have her most value. Now, thanks to Classic Empire winning two Grade I races, it changed the ballpark a little bit."

Conquest Serenade (Unbridled's Song) ([hip 2242](#)) was the leading seller from Monday's session of the Conquest dispersal, bringing a final bid of \$800,000 from Stonestreet Stable's John Moynihan. In all, 35 Conquest runners sold Monday for a total of \$4,321,500 and an average of \$123,471.

"They've exceeded our expectations today," commented bloodstock agent Jared Hughes, who is assisting Lane's End with the massive dispersal. "Overall, we're very pleased. They brought nice horses and they brought good



Geoffrey Russell | Keeneland

money. It's feast or famine in this market and luckily today has been a little more on the feast side."

The dispersal continues Tuesday with an offering of racing or stallion prospects. Asked how he thought those horses would fare, Hughes said, "We'll see. It's a different market. These fillies have broodmare potential, so we'll see what happens Tuesday. It will be even more feast or famine, but there are some really nice colts in there and we're excited to see what they bring."

In all during Monday's session, Keeneland sold 254 horses for a total of \$13,221,100. The average was \$52,052 and the median was \$27,000. Two weanlings topped the six-figure mark on the day, with a colt by Fed Biz ([hip 2366](#)) bringing the highest price of \$170,000 when selling to Machmer Hall.

"Obviously, during the second week, there is more emphasis on foals," Russell said. "And the foal market is still very strong, I think. The quality foals are bringing top dollar still."

The Keeneland November sale continues through Sunday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.

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Three Chimneys Steps Out for Uptown Twirl

Three Chimneys Farm, which has been active on both sides of the ledger at the Keeneland November sale, made its biggest purchase of the auction when acquiring **Uptown Twirl** (Twirling Candy) ([hip 2305](#)) for \$1.075 million Monday in Lexington. A multiple stakes winner herself, the 3-year-old filly is a half-sister to recent GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and likely 2-year-old champion Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile).



Jacob West | Keeneland

“It’s pretty simple why we made a big run at the mare, being a half to Classic Empire,” Three Chimneys’ Jacob West said after signing the ticket. “But she was a great physical herself. She won two stakes this year and showed she had

ability. Her pedigree is only going to get better, she’s going to be a half to a champion 2-year-old, so we’re pretty excited to own her.”

Uptown Twirl, a \$110,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase in 2014, was purchased for \$630,000 at the 2015 OBS March sale. Racing for Hronis Racing and trainer John Sadler, the bay filly won this year’s Surfside S. at Los Alamitos in April and added the Pleasanton Oaks in June. She has raced nine times to date with four wins and earnings of \$170,714.

She is out of Sambuca Classica (Cat Thief), a daughter of MGISP In Her Glory (Miswaki). She is also a half to multiple stakes winner Anytime Magic (Fusaichi Pegasus).

West left open the possibility the filly, who sold through the Lane’s End consignment as a racing or broodmare prospect, would return to the track.

“That’s up to [Three Chimneys owner] Mr. [Goncalo] Torrealba, whether we put her back into training, maybe for the rest of the year,” West said. “The long-term plan is that she will be added back into the broodmare band. We’ll sit down and talk about it after the sale and figure out what we’re going to do.”

Three Chimneys sold four seven-figure mares at the Keeneland November sale. West admitted the market remained polarized.

“We’ve had some mares that have shocked us with what they brought, both good and bad,” he said. “We’ve had some mares that exceeded expectations and we’ve had some disappointments, too. It’s a tricky market. You’ve got to have the goods and if you don’t, there is no one there for your horse. But if you walk one in here that has everything that everyone wants, you’re going to get rewarded for it.”

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Serenade to Return to Casse Barn

Conquest Serenade (Unbridled's Song), a two-time winner in Kentucky last spring, will be returning to the barn of trainer Mark Casse after Stonestreet Stable's John Moynihan purchased the 3-year-old filly for \$800,000 from the Conquest Stables dispersal Monday at Keeneland.

"She is by Unbridled's Song, a great broodmare sire, and we're praying that she is going to win a stakes for us," Moynihan commented.



Conquest Serenade | Keeneland

Second on debut at Gulfstream last March, **Conquest Serenade** ([hip 2242](#)) broke her maiden at Keeneland Apr. 8 and added a Churchill allowance victory May 6. After setting the pace in the

June 4 Penn Oaks, the gray filly clipped heels along the rail and fell at midstretch.

Conquest Serenade, a \$350,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase in 2014, is out of Sararegal (Regal Classic) and is a half-sister to Canadian champion Fatal Bullet (Red Bullet).

"She's really pretty and a half to a champion," Moynihan continued. "She can run some and we thought we'd take a shot."



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2305	Uptown Twirl <i>(3, Twirling Candy--Sambuca Classica, by Cat Thief)</i>	racing/b'mare prospect	1,075,000
Consigned by Lane's End, agent Purchased by Three Chimneys Farm			
2242	Conquest Serenade <i>(3, Unbridled's Song--Sararegal, by Regal Classic)</i>	racing/b'mare prospect	800,000
Consigned by Lane's End, Agent for the Complete Dispersal of Conquest Stables, LLC Purchased by Stonestreet Stables, LLC			
2531	Conquest Vivi <i>(2, Court Vision--Keen Victory, by Victory Gallop)</i>	racing/b'mare prospect	480,000
Consigned by Lane's End, Agent for the Complete Dispersal of Conquest Stables, LLC Purchased by Adena Springs Farm			

2178	Conquest Curlgirl <i>(4, Curlin--Montera, by Easy Goer)</i>	broodmare prospect	400,000
Consigned by Lane's End, Agent for the Complete Dispersal of Conquest Stables LLC Purchased by Sea Horse Breeders, LLC			
2497	Conquest Eclipse <i>(4, Malibu Moon--Grand Traverse Bay, by Repriced)</i>	racing/b'mare prospect	375,000
Consigned by Lane's End, Agent for the Complete Dispersal of Conquest Stables LLC Purchased by Summerfield Sales, agent			
2345	Conquest City Girl <i>(3, City Zip--Woodsmoke, by Langfuhr)</i>	racing/b'mare prospect	240,000
Consigned by Lane's End, Agent for the Complete Dispersal of Conquest Stables LLC Purchased by Tommy Town			
2461	Conquest Hathor <i>(2, Smart Strike--Egyptian Queen, by Storm Cat)</i>	racing/b'mare prospect	240,000
Consigned by Lane's End, Agent for the Complete Dispersal of Conquest Stables LLC Purchased by McKenzie Bloodstock			
2346	Accomplish First <i>(6, First Defence--Accomplished, by Awesome Again)</i>	i/f Verrazano	230,000
Consigned by Select Sales, Agent XLI Purchased by Castleton Lyons			

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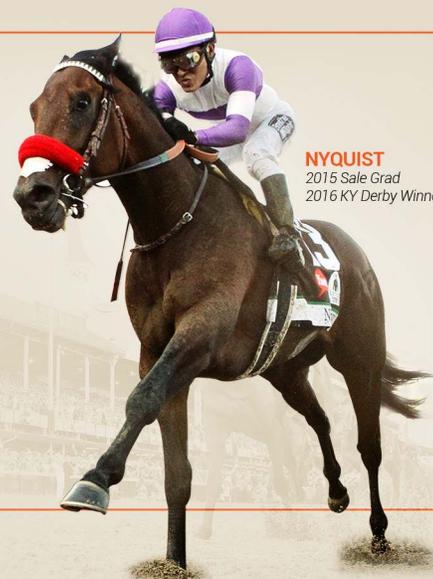
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117	Tapizar f.	Crupi's New Castle Farm	\$800K	\$120K - weanling
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Monday's Top Weanlings

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
2366	colt	Fed Biz	Ascot Momma	170,000
<i>B-T F Van Meter (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by VanMeter-Gentry Sales, Agent II				
Purchased by Machmer Hall				
2411	colt	Cairo Prince	Central Moves	165,000
<i>B-Jayne Doi Johnson (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent				
Purchased by Machmer Hall				
2483	colt	Gemologist	Frangible	140,000
<i>B-WinStar Farm, Burden Creek Farm & Clifton Farm (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Clifton Farm LLC, Agent I				
Purchased by Lots to Look At Stables				
2303	colt	Into Mischief	Two Step Song	90,000
<i>B-Machmer Hall (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Select Sales, Agent I				
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• Catalogued	415	415
• No. Offered	341	340
• No. Sold	254	256
• RNAs	87	84
• % RNAs	25.51%	24.71%
• No. \$200K+	11	0
• High Price	\$1,075,000	\$155,000
• Gross	\$13,221,100	\$7,406,700
• Average	\$52,052	\$28,932
• Median	\$27,000	\$21,000

CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• Catalogued	2565	2555
• No. Offered	2008	2007
• No. Sold	1408	1462
• RNAs	600	545
• % RNAs	29.88%	27.15%
• Gross	\$193,177,300	\$197,934,700
• Average	\$137,200	\$135,386
• Median	\$65,000	\$65,000

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Conquest Vivi to Adena Springs

Unbeaten **Conquest Vivi** (Court Vision) ([hip 2531](#)) will be joining the Woodbine-based stable of Frank Stronach's Adena Springs after selling for \$480,000 from the Conquest Stable dispersal at Keeneland Monday.

"She is just a very nice, quality filly," said Adena Springs' Eoin



Conquest Vivi | Keeneland

Ryan after signing the ticket on the 2-year-old filly. "She's got a great race record, she's three-for-three and a dual stakes winner. She's Ontario-sired and Ontario-bred, so she fits the program up there at Woodbine. We think she can go on. We'll

give her a break most likely and have her ready for next spring and we think she can go on and be a very good 3-year-old."

Purchased by Conquest Stable for \$112,710 at last year's Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society's Yearling Sale, Conquest Vivi graduated at first asking in June before adding victories in the June 25 Nandi S. and Oct. 30 Victorian Queen S. She is a half-

sister to multiple graded stakes placed Conquest Enforcer (Into Mischief), who sells Tuesday at Keeneland as [hip 2973](#), as well as to stakes placed Keen Gizmo (Giant Gizmo).

Ryan added that no trainer had been decided on for the filly's sophomore season.

"There are plenty of options," he said. "We have quite a few horses in training at Woodbine with several different trainers. That decision will be up to Frank."



Eoin Ryan
Keeneland

Curlgirl Provides First Conquest Fireworks

Graded stakes placed **Conquest Curlgirl** (Curlin) ([hip 2178](#)) provided the first big result of the Conquest Stables dispersal Monday in Lexington when selling for \$400,000. Tim McMurry of Fleetwood Bloodstock made the winning bid on behalf of an undisclosed client. McMurry signed the ticket in the name of Sea Horse Breeders, LLC.

"She'll stay here and get bred," McMurry said of the 4-year-old, who sold as a broodmare prospect only. "She's for a breeder here. She'll go to Bruce Gibbs's Greenfield Farm."

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Conquest Curlgirl, a \$160,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase in 2013, was third in the GII Summer Oaks at Santa Anita last summer. She most recently finished third in the Mari Hulman George S. at Indiana Downs in July. On the board in eight of 11 starts, she retired with three wins and earnings of \$171,575.



Tim McMurry | Keeneland

The chestnut filly is out of the unraced Montera (Easy Goer), a half-sister to graded stakes winner Sue's Good News (Woodman), the dam of Grade I winner Tiz Miz Sue (Tiznow), and also a half to multiple graded stakes placed Easyfromthegitgo (Dehere).

"She is graded stakes placed, from a big family and a pretty individual," McMurry said of the filly's appeal. "We've been trying to buy mares and this gentleman has lots of shares, so he can pay little more for mares because he has a big portfolio of shares."

Fed Biz Colt to Machmer Hall

Carrie Brogden of Machmer Hall signed the ticket at \$170,000 for a colt from the first crop of multiple graded stakes winner Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway). [Hip 2366](#) is the first foal out of Ascot Momma (Purge), a half-sister to multiple graded stakes placed Five Star Momma (Five Star Day). Five Star Momma sold through Brogden's Select Sales for \$550,000 during Saturday's session of the Keeneland November sale.

The dark bay colt was bred by Tom VanMeter and consigned through the VanMeter-Gentry Sales consignment.

"I didn't want to bring him [to the sale], I loved him so much," VanMeter admitted. "He is the nicest horse I raised this year."

VanMeter's association with the foal's family goes back to the purchase of Momma In Law (Nureyev) for \$135,000 at the 1998 Barretts March sale.

"I raced his grandmother," VanMeter recalled. "I pinhooked Yes It's True when he was a 2-year-old and he brought \$800,000 and I had all this money in my pocket. My partner Olin Gentry told me there was a Nureyev mare that I needed to look at. So I went and looked. I bought the Nureyev mare out of Infringe, who turned out to be the grandmother of this horse."

The weanling attracted plenty of attention in the lead-up to the sale, according to VanMeter.

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“This was a spectacular guy,” VanMeter said. “He had 100 shows in two days and 15 scopes. We were walking him up here and people were stopping and leafing through their catalogues to find out who he was.”

Fed Biz, who won the 2013 GII Pat O’Brien S. and 2014 GII San Diego H., has had 14 weanlings sell at Keeneland November for an average of \$78,857. [Hip 1180](#) is his top seller at the auction, bringing a final bid of \$230,000 from K.D. Bloodstock. Fed Biz stands at WinStar Farm for \$10,000.

Brogden also signed for the second-highest priced weanling Monday, paying \$165,000 for a colt from the first crop of GII Holy Bull S. winner Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile). The stallion, who stands at Airdrie Stud for \$15,000, has had 14 weanlings sell for an average of \$102,429. [Hip 1091](#) is his highest-priced weanling at the auction, bringing \$200,000 from Blue Sky Stable.

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From BC to Bottom Claimer, Lawn Ranger Could Soon Jump for Joy *(cont. from p1)*

“They kind of rescued the horse,” said Hall-of-Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard, who agreed to take over Lawn Ranger’s conditioning about three months ago after ascertaining the gelding was healthy enough to resume running. “He was a very good 2-year-old. As you see, he ran in the Breeders’ Cup. And then he got a little bit of a tendon issue...”

Rusty Jones, the owner and managing partner of Turf Stable, filled in the back story.

Jones bought Lawn Ranger for \$50,000 at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July yearling sale. He turned him over to trainer Ken

McPeck, who had conditioned other Turf Stable horses and had been Jones’s fraternity brother at the University of Kentucky. Lawn Ranger broke his maiden over the undulating grass course at Kentucky Downs as a 2-year-old, then upset the GIII Dixiana



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“We then had some success and a lot of fun at the Breeders’ Cup, but he did get injured there,” Jones explained.

Ten months later, after Turf Stable believed the original tendon problem had healed, Jones said they tried to find “as easy a spot as possible” for Lawn Ranger at Saratoga Race Course for his comeback try. He finished eighth after leading most of the way Aug. 9, 2015, but was claimed for \$50,000 by owner/trainer David Jacobson.

Over the next two months, Lawn Ranger plummeted through the class structure. After failing to beat a horse against both \$50,000 and then \$25,000 claimers, Jacobson entered the former Breeders’ Cup runner in a \$5,000 NW3L at Penn National Oct. 23, 2015. Lawn Ranger ran fourth that night, and Turf Stable dropped a claim slip to get him back.

“We were tracking him, of course, and saw him in for a nickel at Penn National,” Jones said. “We didn’t have a lot intentions [about ever racing] him again. We just said, ‘Let’s go back, get him, and take care of him.’ He was good to us, and we wanted to do the same for him.”

So it was off to a farm in Kentucky for Lawn Ranger, where a Turf Stable partner had a family member who willingly took in the gelding.

“We just decided to put him out there and let him be a horse, not too many other designs for him,” Jones said. “And after about six months or so, we took a look at his injury and it looked like it was getting better. We gave him a little bit more time and scanned him, and everything looked pretty good.”

This summer at Saratoga, Jones was introduced to Sheppard. The two got to talking, and they agreed on a plan to ease Lawn Ranger back into training, again with no specific or overly demanding racing goal on the radar.

“That’s the premise of giving him to Jonathan--take care of the horse first,” Jones said. “He certainly has a unique operation, something you wouldn’t see at a racetrack.”

Jones made it a point to fly in from Louisville to see Lawn Ranger’s Nov. 6 return to racing. He couldn’t have imagined that a no-purse training race in Unionville, Pennsylvania, would be so gratifying. But under the circumstances, it was almost as good as Lawn Ranger’s trip to the Breeders’ Cup two years ago.



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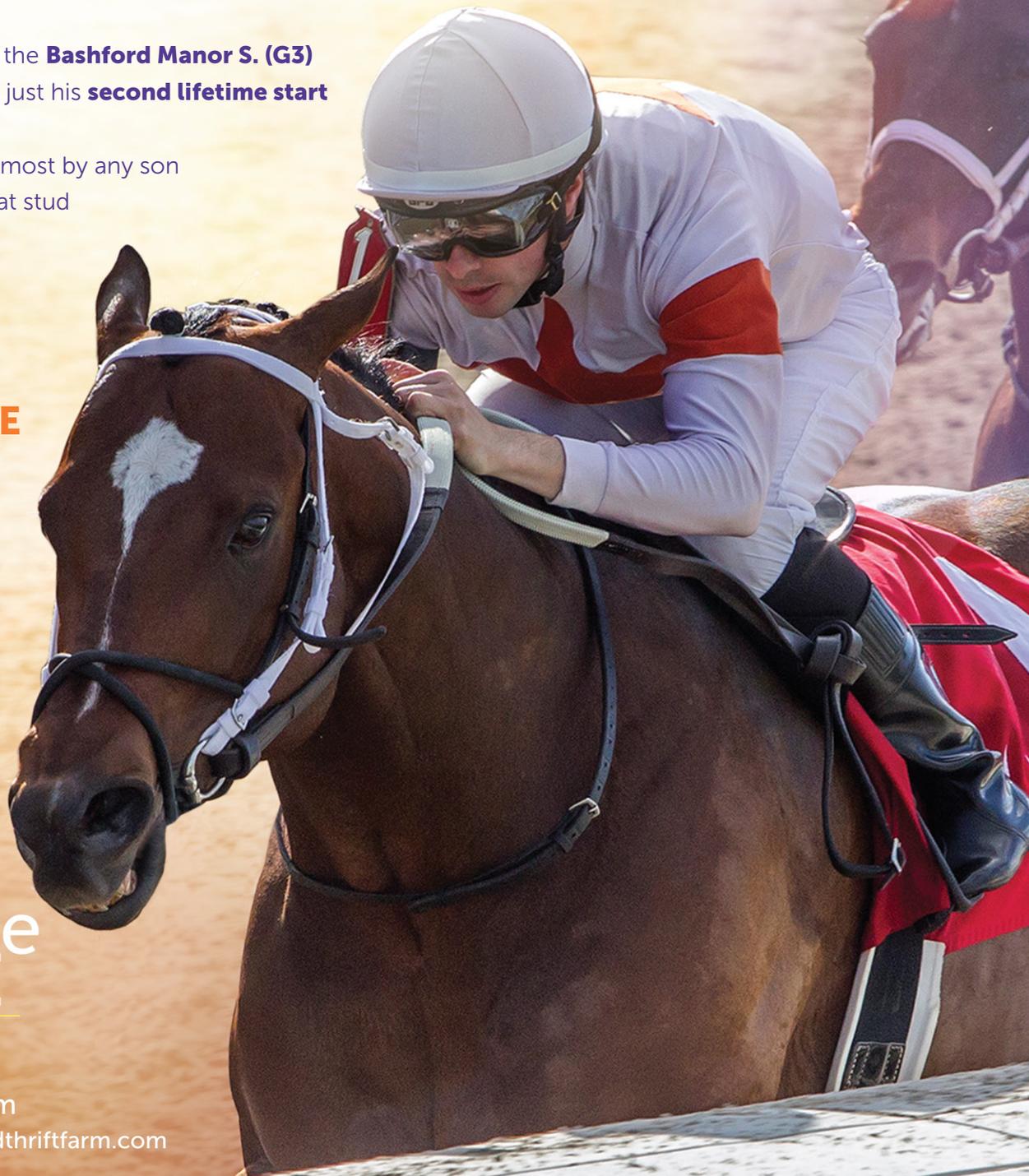
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“He laid second or third, moved up to the lead about half a mile from home, and drew off and won probably with something left,” Sheppard said.

Now Turf Stable is facing another career-changing choice for Lawn Ranger: keep him on the flat, or allow America’s all-time winningest steeplechase trainer to try him over jumps?

“They said it was up to me,” Sheppard said. “He seems to have a lot of stamina. He’s got a nice, long, smooth stride. And he seems to be able to maintain a good cruising speed over a long distance. He’s quite athletic; not overly big. People tend to think that jumpers need to be big. But the big ones tend to be a bit awkward and clumsy at times.

“I mean, the jumping season’s practically over,” Sheppard continued. “I’m thinking we might give him a run or two over the turf if we can find a race at Laurel before they pack it in for the winter. And if he runs well, who knows? Maybe we’ll take him down to Florida and keep him as a flat horse. But I think he could have the potential to be a bit better than that as a jumper. We have jumped him a bit, but not quite enough to run him in a jumps race yet.”

Jones said neither he nor his syndicate partners have experience with steeplechase racing, but he’s willing to keep an open mind about pursuing that prospect for Lawn Ranger.

“I’m just going to leave it up to Jonathan. Make sure the horse is happy, take that path, and see what happens,” Jones said. “I guess, as much as anything, we’re just trying to give the horse the opportunity to be successful, to go back and see if he wants to compete.”

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FLINTSHIRE TO STAND FOR \$20,000 IN 2017

Juddmonte Farms’ **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) will stand for a fee of \$20,000 LFSN at Hill ‘n’ Dale Farm in 2017, it was announced late Monday night. The celebrated globetrotter, who banked more than \$9.5 million in earnings and won five Grade/Group 1 events throughout his career, retired after a runner-up finish behind Highland Reel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in the GI Longines Breeders’ Cup Turf at Santa Anita Nov. 5.

Flintshire’s North American exploits impressed many, with a runner-up finish in the 2014 Breeders’ Cup Turf and a powerhouse victory in the 2015 GI Sword Dancer S. at Saratoga for trainer Andre Fabre. Transferred permanently to the care of Chad Brown ahead of 2016, he won three straight races--including the GI Manhattan S. and Sword Dancer to kick off the year. He finished second over soft ground in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic S. Oct. 1 prior to his final run in the Breeders’ Cup.

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THIS WEEK’S TDN PODCAST WITH MIKE SMITH

Mike Smith has been one of the nation’s top jockeys for 20 years, but it has been in the Breeders’ Cup where he has truly made his mark. The all-time winningest Breeders’ Cup rider ever, he has also been responsible for some of its most dramatic moments, with thrilling wins, and heartbreakingly close losses. Those tales and more in this week’s TDN podcast with the man who is perhaps racing’s most likeable jockey. [Click here](#) to download or listen online, or visit the purple podcast app and search for The TDN on your iPhone or iPad to listen or subscribe.

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CHARLES TOWN SUES OVER ROCK-STREWN TRACK SURFACE *by T.D. Thornton*

Last spring, Charles Town Races was forced to cancel live racing for two weeks after 1,300 tons of sand laid down for a routine track resurfacing project was found to be contaminated with hazardous rocks, some as big as fists, according to the racetrack. Now, a lawsuit filed by the West Virginia track's corporate parent against a Pennsylvania-based materials



Charles Town Races
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provider appears headed for federal court in an attempt to collect unspecified damages over the lost business.

The suit was originally filed by PNGI Charles Town Gaming LLC in the Jefferson County, West Virginia circuit court. But the defendant, York Building Products Co., et al, petitioned Nov. 7 that the case be moved to the United States District Court of Northern West Virginia. York's reasoning, according to the civil cover sheet it filed, has to do with the two parties being from different states, and the fact that the plaintiff, in a pre-suit demand letter, asked for \$148,170 in damages even though the rock-tainted sand cost only \$46,930.

Charles Town argued in its breach-of-contract filing that because the track's closure coincided with the week of and directly after the GI Kentucky Derby simulcast, it lost significant business by not being able to offer live racing when public interest and attendance in the sport are at their annual high points.

Charles Town has purchased track materials from York on multiple occasions in the past, the suit noted, so the supplier was well aware of the intended use for the three different grades of sand that were delivered in bulk between Apr. 11-14, 2016.

"Unbeknownst to PNGI, one or more loads of sand delivered by York were contaminated with rocks that did not conform to the specification advertised by York," the filing alleged. "The rock contamination was not apparent from a reasonable inspection of the material by PNGI's employees until the contaminated sand and rocks had been spread on the track surface."

The rock-strewn sand, according to the plaintiff, created a "serious safety hazard to jockeys and horses." The surface had to be scraped up and removed while live racing was canceled, during which time "PNGI suffered a significant downturn in visitor attendance, and a corresponding loss in revenues and profits," the suit alleged.

"York employees admitted to PNGI that York was responsible

for the rock contamination in the sand delivered to PNGI," the suit continued. "Nonetheless, York has refused to honor its express and limited warranties...has refused to provide any monetary compensation to PNGI for any of its losses...and has, in fact, demanded full payment from PNGI despite admitting that the sand was contaminated and neither merchantable nor fit for PNGI's intended purposes."

York, according to its civil cover sheet, is demanding a jury trial to settle the matter, while also asking for the "removal of breach of contract action." The federal judge now in charge of the case has set a Dec. 23 deadline for the parties to submit a proposed discovery plan. --[@thorntontd](#)

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NEW YORK

2017 Stud Fees Set for Big Brown, Frost Giant:

Sunrise Stallions will stand its leading New York sires **Big Brown** (Boundary) and **Frost Giant** (Giant's Causeway) for \$7,500 and \$5,000, respectively, in 2017, it was announced Monday. GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. hero Big Brown is the sire of Grade I-placed Kiss to Remember, winner of the GII Chilukki S. Nov. 5 prior to her recent sale for \$500,000 at Fasig-Tipton November, as well as multiple Grade I winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Dortmund. His progeny have earned over \$3.28 million in 2016. Meanwhile, Frost Giant leads all Empire State sires with 13 juvenile winners in 2016.

"Both Big Brown and Frost Giant have proved they can sire top runners who can earn New York breeders substantial returns on their investment through New York's nationally leading breeding incentive program," said Sunrise Stallions business manager Eric Bishop. "We want to encourage breeders to take part in New York's extremely attractive program by offering our stallions at exceptionally competitive fees."

Sunrise will also offer Frost Giant's full-brother, **Heavy Breathing** (Giant's Causeway), for a fee of \$2,500, with his first crop of runners due to begin racing in the new year. Heavy Breathing stands alongside Big Brown at Dutchess Views Farm in Pine Plains, while Frost Giant stands at Keane Stud in Amenia. For more information, visit the Sunrise Stallions [website](#).

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Norumbega to Maryland's Bonita Farm:

Norumbega (Tiznow--Meghan's Joy, by A. P. Indy) will stand for \$3,000 at Bonita Farm in Darlington, Maryland for the 2017 season, it was announced Monday. The gray, a Stuart Janney homebred, won the Gil Brooklyn H. in 2014 and went on to bank \$521,645 with a record of 4-3-1 from 19 starts.

Norumbega's MSP dam, Meghan's Joy, is also responsible for MGSW and MGISP Ironicus (Distorted Humor), who was recently retired to stud at Claiborne Farm, as well as GSWs On Leave (War Front), Hunting (Coronado's Quest) and Quiet Harbor (Silver Deputy). For more information, visit the Bonita Farm [website](#).

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TRF OTTBs to Finish Coast-to-Coast Ride in Middleburg:

The Middleburg Training Center in Middleburg, Virginia will play host to a "Celebrate the Thoroughbred Journey" event Saturday, Nov. 19 to welcome Valerie Ashker and Peter Friedman after their mounted trip across the country on retired racehorses, the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF)



Peter Friedman and Valerie Ashker | Nikki Wheeler

announced Monday. The trek, which began in California May 9, was organized by the TRF and designed to raise awareness for the versatility, soundness and character of the American Thoroughbred.

Ashker has ridden her OTTB Primitivo throughout the

journey, while Friedman has been aboard Ashker's 17-year-old OTTB Solar Express.

For more information on the welcoming celebration, please contact Elizabeth Beer at the TRF at 610-656-2927.

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CENTRAL U.S.

Monday's Results:

4th-MVR, \$24,500, (S), Msw, 11-14, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:15.51, ft.

+INCENSE (f, 2, Wilburn--Athena Nike, by Strong Hope) was let go at a tick over 7-1 in this debut and broke a half-step slowly before being shoved through at the rail to lead through a :23.90 quarter. Getting away a bit past a :48.34 half, the dark bay steadily drew off in the lane to score by 6 3/4 lengths. Tiz a Charm (Colonel John) was clearly second-best. The victress's second dam Northern Hilite (Vice Regent) was a stakes-winning juvenile. Sales History: \$24,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,700. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#). O-Keys to Riches Stable; B-Wira Family Ltd. Partnership (OH); T-Shane Meyers.

INDUSTRY INFO

Stan Bergstein Writing Award To Be Presented Wednesday:

Team Valor International will reveal the winner of the \$25,000 Stan Bergstein Writing Award in a live video broadcast at noon EST Wednesday, it was announced Monday. The live webcast will be available [here](#) and archived at the same address.

Nine stories received nominations for the fifth annual award, named after the longtime harness racing executive, announcer and writer. A five-judge panel consisting of racetrack announcer Trevor Denman, Hall of Fame jockey Chris McCarron, and long-time Turf writers Neil Milbert, Michael Veitch and Maryjean Wall decided on a winner.

In addition to the award presentation, racehorse owner Andrew Cohen will headline a panel discussion on the state of investigative journalism related to horse racing. Cohen is the legal analyst for 60 Minutes and CBS Radio News and is commentary and analysis editor of The Marshall Project, a nonprofit news organization that won a Pulitzer Prize in 2016.

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

9-MVR, Msw 6f, Shine On, 12-1

ALCINDOR (Unbridled's Song), Byerpatch Farm, 9/1/0

9-MVR, Msw 6f, Show Sliding Home, 8-1

BEACON HILL ROAD (Forestry), 6/0/0

5-ZIA, Msw 6f, Ima Genecat Murphy, 20-1

INDIAN FIREWATER (Indian Charlie), Doubletree Farm, \$3K, 25/4/0

5-ZIA, Msw 6f, She Knows Who, 5-1

MCKENNA'S JUSTICE (Medaglia d'Oro), 6/0/0

5-ZIA, Msw 6f, McEve, 12-1

MONTEREY JAZZ (Thunderello), 8/1/0

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IN JAPAN:

Super Morior, c, 2, **Archarcharch**--Joyous Appeal, by Devil His Due. Fukushima, 11-13, Novice Race, 5.75f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$72,897. O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Mr. & Mrs. Al Mazzetti; T-Hidekazu Asami. *\$19,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$120,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. **"He was in a different class," said jockey Yuga Kawada. "I never pushed him at all."

Baskerville, c, 2, **Bernardini**--Divalarious (SP), by Distorted Humor. Tokyo, 11-13, Novice Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$72,897. O-H.H.Sheikh Mohammed; B-Tenth Street Stables LLC & Darley; T-Yoshitaka Ninomiya. *\$375,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **"He showed a lot of talent in the maiden last time, so I had a lot of confidence today," said winning pilot Keita Tosaki. "He responded well and showed a strong turn of foot today."

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Strong Titan, c, 3, **Regal Ransom**--Titan Queen, by Tiznow. Kyoto, 11-13, Shugakuin S., 10fT. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$509,907. O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Racing; T-Yasutoshi Ikee. *\$575,000 i/u '13 FTKFEB. **1/2 to Renee's Titan (Bernstein), GSW, \$168,171; and Fashion Alert (Old Fashioned), GSW, \$260,943. ***"He traveled strongly all the way through the line," commented winning pilot Yuga Kawada.

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IN JAPAN:

+Foggy Night (Jpn), c, 2, **Tapit**--Champagne d'Oro (MGISW, \$614,940), by Medaglia d'Oro. Tokyo, 11-12, Maiden Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$65,421. O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Shadai Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori. *\$2,700,000 i/u '13 FTKNOV; ¥230,000,000 Ylg '15 JRHAJUL.

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$63,990, 11-14, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.90, ft.

PONYTAIL (f, 3, Lonhro {Aus})--Sugar Again {MSW, \$269,386}, by Syncline Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1, \$197,727. O-Augustin Stable; B-George Strawbridge (PA); T-Michael R. Matz.

Another Webb Carroll Training Center Graduate

8th-ZIA, \$24,500, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 11-14, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.90, ft.

SHINING SOURCE (g, 5, Source--Shine Miss Comet, by Comet Shine) Lifetime Record: SP, 26-5-4-3, \$144,710. O-Barton Ranch Stables, LLC & Blake Rust; B-Susan Vescovo (NM); T-Blake Rust.

5th-ZIA, \$24,000, 11-14, (C), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.22, ft.

TOMMY WAYNE (g, 4, Western Gambler--Lady G, by Gentlemen {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 12-3-5-2, \$53,730. O-Ruth Summers; B-Danny Lee Thompson (TX); T-Nancy Summers.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

True Cinder, f, 2, **Alcindor**--Be True, by Shakespeare. MVR, 11-14, (S), 6f, 1:13.34. B-Larry Byer (OH). *First winner for freshman sire (by Unbridled's Song).

Cowboy Drive, g, 2, **Fusaichi Zenon (Jpn)**--My Southern Belle, by Southern Halo. ZIA, 11-14, (S), 6f, 1:11.55. B-Floyd James McArthur (NM).

Expediter, g, 2, **Henny Hughes**--Always Belong (MSP), by Belong to Me. FL, 11-14, 6f, 1:12.97. B-Dennis & Deborah Petrisak (NY). *1/2 to Alwaysinstiletto (Bandini), SW, \$203,990.

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The most successful man in Kentucky likes to say that the ideas that propelled him to his success aren't that brilliant or complicated. It's just that nobody else had ever thought of them. This month, we sit down with B. Wayne Hughes, whose brilliant ideas (sorry, Mr. Hughes) seem to be coming even more fast and furious in his eighties. We also visit with another racing innovator, Michael Blowen, who has created a haven for not only racing's famous retirees, but its unknown ones as well. Old Friends is open to the public, and we highly recommend a visit while in Lexington this fall. Todd Pletcher opens up about the people who have influenced him as he heads to the Breeders' Cup in search of a few more trophies in The Last Word. And we will also offer up some travel advice if you're heading to the Japan Cup—as well as what to drink at Keeneland November. Bottoms up!

Sue Finley, Co-Publisher

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1	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	\$1,166,954
										<i>Dancing Rags</i>	
2	Tapizar <i>(2008) by Tapit FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY (15,000)</i>	1	2	--	2	--	--	50	12	\$173,060	\$846,503
										<i>Tip Tap Tapizar</i>	
3	Gemologist <i>(2009) by Tiznow FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (15,000)</i>	2	4	2	3	1	1	34	12	\$285,345	\$828,386
										<i>Yellow Agate</i>	
4	Dialed In <i>(2008) by Mineshaft FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY (7,500)</i>	2	2	1	1	--	--	32	16	\$171,000	\$768,099
										<i>Gunnevera</i>	
5	Bodemeister <i>(2009) by Empire Maker FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (30,000)</i>	1	2	--	1	--	1	41	9	\$138,725	\$737,851
										<i>Royal Copy</i>	
6	Creative Cause <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY (15,000)</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	44	13	\$118,680	\$724,034
										<i>Theonewewaitedfor</i>	
7	Maclean's Music <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY (6,500)</i>	2	5	--	1	--	--	38	16	\$90,960	\$687,550
										<i>Made Me Shiver</i>	
8	Stay Thirsty <i>(2008) by Bernardini FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (10,000)</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	44	16	\$103,265	\$685,419
										<i>Thirstforlife</i>	
9	The Factor <i>(2008) by War Front FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (25,000)</i>	1	2	1	1	1	1	43	7	\$259,580	\$605,362
										<i>Noted and Quoted</i>	
10	Dominus <i>(2008) by Smart Strike FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (3,500)</i>	2	3	--	1	--	1	18	8	\$221,621	\$585,794
										<i>All Right</i>	
11	Astrology <i>(2008) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Taylor Made Stallions KY (6,500)</i>	2	3	1	1	--	--	38	14	\$150,000	\$568,344
										<i>Arella Rockstar</i>	
12	Shackleford <i>(2008) by Forestry FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY (20,000)</i>	1	2	1	1	--	--	43	12	\$156,545	\$508,144
										<i>Wellabled</i>	
13	Mission Impazible <i>(2007) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Sequel Stallions New York NY (7,500)</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	21	5	\$179,102	\$505,013
										<i>Silver Mission</i>	
14	To Honor And Serve <i>(2008) by Bernardini FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY (15,000)</i>	1	4	--	--	--	--	37	9	\$83,748	\$497,436
										<i>State of Honor</i>	
15	Algorithms <i>(2009) by Bernardini FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (5,000)</i>	1	4	--	1	--	--	33	11	\$77,305	\$464,379
										<i>Vanish</i>	

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Lot 458, a son of Dandy Man, topped the second session of the Goffs Foal Sale with a final bid of €85,000 | Goffs photo

Dandy Man (Ire) had played a prominent role in the opening session of the November Foal Sale and he was to the fore again on Monday when two of the top three lots were by the Ballyhane Stud resident.

The most expensive weanling of the day was Glenspring Farm's Dandy Man colt ([lot 458](#)) out of Celtic Lynn (Ire) (Celtic Swing), a half-sister to the prolific winner and black type-placed Flying Clarets (Ire) (Titus Livius {Fr}), who was sold to Paul McCartan on behalf of CBS Bloodstock for €85,000.

That price was more than double the sum paid for any other foal so far from two days of trade in Kildare, with a second-day aggregate of €1,599,700 being achieved from the sale of 154 of the 251 lots offered during the session for a clearance rate of 61%. The average of €10,388 was down 28% while a €7,250 median represented a 27.5% dip.

Another Ballyhane boy, Elzaam (Aus), 15 of whose first-crop have galloped to victory at a decent strike-rate of 44% this season, was responsible for the second-most expensive youngster of the day with Tally-Ho Stud adding him to their list of pinhooks when going to €41,000 for the half-brother to dual winner Medicean Bliss (Ire) (Medicean {GB}) ([lot 377](#)).

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LESSONS LEARNED THIS WEEKEND

By John Berry

Many preconceptions about the Melbourne Cup have been changed in the international era since the great race has been contested by a different set of horses and a different set of horsemen. For many years the vast majority of the horses running in it had it as the final race of their spring campaign. It was the culmination of a grueling preparation, a two-mile test after which horses were generally considered ready for a spell. Since the Sandown Cup was re-branded as the Sandown Classic (now the G2 Zipping Classic over 2400 metres, named in honour of Zipping (Aus) (Danehill) who won it four years running, 2007 to '10) and run at weight-for-age, this race has benefitted from the changing times. In this year's race, five horses finished clear of the remainder, with four of the five having run, and run well, in the Melbourne Cup, including Godolphin's winner Beautiful Romance (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). [Cont. p5](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

UPTOWN TWIRL ON TOP AT KEENELAND NOVEMBER

Uptown Twirl (Twirling Candy), a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile), was knocked down to Three Chimneys Farm on a bid of \$1.075 million to top the seventh session of the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)



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Ballyhane Sires Star On Goffs Day Two cont. from p1

That was just a fraction more than the €40,000 bid made by Eddie O’Leary for another Dandy Man colt ([lot 397](#)), this one a half-brother to Akyra Magic (Ire), a winner this season from the first crop of Requinto (Ire). Their dam, Titian Queen (GB) (Tobougg {Ire}), counts 16-time winner and G1 Prix de la Foret hero Toysome (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) among her eight successful siblings, while further back the family has recently been responsible for G1 St Leger and G1 Ascot Gold Cup winner Leading Light (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}).

Another Dandy Man to find favour was Barretstown Farm House’s colt ([lot 423](#)) out of the dual winner Air Maze (GB)



Paul McCartan signed for Monday’s top-priced lot | Peter Mooney

(Dansili {GB}), who was bought for €34,000 by Jimmy Murphy of Redpender Stud, but peppered among the offspring of this established sire came a number of foals by some of the names new to the sales ring. Shadwell’s Mukhadram (GB) is the sire of [lot 460](#), a colt out of Chalet Girl (GB), an Oasis Dream (GB) daughter of listed winner Sauterne (GB) (Rainbow Quest), who sold for €38,000 to Brendan Boyle. The appetite for colts by first-season sires continued with the sale of [lot 304](#), by Tara Stud’s Alhebayer (Ire), who fetched a bid of €36,000 from Gerry and Maura O’Sullivan’s Cooneen Stud. Out of the Motivator (GB) mare Mokama (GB), the colt was consigned by

Moyfinn for breeder Kenneth Parkhill.

Another son of a freshman sire was [lot 219](#), an early leader of the session when hammered down for €34,000 to Jim McCartan. The son of Gale Force Ten (GB) is a half-brother to the five-time winner Red Pike (Ire) (Kheleyf) and is one of 37 foals by the Irish National Stud resident selling at Goffs this week.

Yet another member of the Ballyhane stallion roster made it to the top 10 on Tuesday when a colt by Battle Of Marengo (Ire) became the bestseller by his young sire so far. Michael Fitzpatrick, a noted judge of a foal who buys as JC Bloodstock, staked €30,000 for the February-born first foal of 3-year-old winner Autumn Tide (Ire) (Jeremy), a half-sister to the speedy Group 3-placed Gallery Girl (Ire) (Namid {GB}).

The third session of the five-day foal sale at Goffs gets underway today at 10 a.m.

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SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	283	270
• No. Offered	251	238
• No. Sold	154	176
• RNAs	97	62
• % RNAs	38.6%	26%
• High Price	€85,000	€62,000
• Gross	€1,599,700	€2,540,200
• Average (% change)	€10,388 (-28%)	€14,433
• Median (% change)	€7,250 (-27.5%)	€10,000

Goffs November Foal Sale Day Three Outs

497, 516, 519, 525, 535, 538, 541, 543, 546, 551, 555,
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ARQANA FIGURES ON PAR AT OPENER

The opening session of Arqana's three-day Autumn Sale, which featured horses-in-training, was staged in Deauville on Monday. A total of 181 lots were sold for €5,327,500, which was up 7.7% from the same session last year, with 15 more horses sold this year. The buyback rate dropped three points to 16.2%, while the average and median were nearly identical to 12 months ago: the average of €29,434 was down 1.2%, while the median was up 3.7% to €14,000.

Hubert Barbe of Horse Racing Advisory signed for the session's two highest-priced lots, both on behalf of prominent jumps owner JP McManus. [Lot 185](#), the winning 3-year-old gelding **Dostal Phil (Fr)** (Coastal Path), brought the top price of €295,000, while [lot 230](#), another winning 3-year-old gelding named **Charli Parcs (Fr)** (Anabaa Blue {GB}), is also set to race in the McManus colours after being bought for €250,000 off a debut hurdling win Nov. 2.

"We were very impressed with him, the way he did it," said McManus advisor Charlie Swan. "We thought we would have to pay that sort of money for him as these horses don't come along so often."

While trade at the top end of the market was dominated by National Hunt action, one six-figure offering set for a future on the flat is the stakes-placed 3-year-old **Carzoff (Fr)** (Zoffany {Ire})

([lot 143](#)). He is headed to Australia after being purchased for €225,000 by Guy Mulcaster, the man who has picked up so many high-class European imports and who was also responsible for selecting Winx (Aus)



Guy Mulcaster | Tattersalls photo

(Street Cry {Ire}) as a yearling. Racing for Ecurie Cerdeval and trainer Alain Couetil, Carzoff finished third in a 10-furlong listed race in July.

The first of two yearling sessions take place in Deauville on Tuesday, with a focus on National Hunt-bred stock. A flat-bred yearling session wraps up the sale on Wednesday.

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• Catalogued	258	274
• No. Offered	216	206
• No. Sold	181	166
• RNAs	35	40
• % RNAs	16.2%	19.4%
• High Price	€295,000	€355,000
• Gross	€5,327,500	€4,945,000
• Average (% change)	€29,434 (-1.2%)	€29,789
• Median (% change)	€14,000 (+3.7%)	€13,500



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Tuesday, Chantilly, post time: 1.25 p.m.

PRIX YACOWLEF-Listed, €65,000, 2yo, 5 1/2ft

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	11	Becquamis (Fr)	Vertigieux (Fr)	Werle	Lemer
2	9	Visionary (Ire)	Dream Ahead	Pasquier	Cowell
3	1	Cheries Amours (Fr)	Air Chief Marshal (Ire)	Guyon	Castanheira
4	7	Highland Clearance (Fr)	Kyllachy (GB)	Cheminaud	Bravery
5	3	Whip My Love (Fr)	Whipper	Hamelin	Vermeulen
6	8	Precieuse (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Soumillon	Chappet
7	2	Reedanjas (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Boudot	Kelleway
8	6	Megan Lily (Ire)	Dragon Pulse (Ire)	Jarnet	Fahey
9	13	Tahoo (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Mendizabal	Burke
10	5	Rajar (GB)	Archipenko	Piccone	Fahey
11	4	Kocollada (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Blondel	Fahey
12	10	Antonella (GB)	Dream Ahead	Ferreira	Novais
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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

11.55 Chantilly, Mdn, €27,000, 2yo, c/g, 7f (AWT)
CUBISM (Speightstown) is the third colt produced by MGSW Treat Gently (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), who was harshly disqualified for excessive testosterone levels after running third in the 2009 G1



Treat Gently | Scoop Dyga

Prix Vermeille, and opens up for the Khalid Abdullah-Andre Fabre partnership in this 12-runner affair. Rivals include Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani's €400,000 BBAGS sales-topping yearling **Woodkid (Ger) (New Approach {Ire})**, who is a once-raced son of the stakes-winning 2012 G1 Preis der Diana third Waldtraut (Ger) (Oasis Dream {GB}), representing the Alain de Royer-Dupre stable.

12.25 Lingfield, Mdn, £5,200, 2yo, 8f (AWT)
MANANGATANG (IRE) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) debuts in the OTI Racing silks for the Luca Cumani stable and is a son of the G1 Prix de l'Opera runner-up Mona Lisa (GB) (Giant's Causeway) from an esteemed Meon Valley family. Of the 10 opponents, Khalid Abdullah's **Intermodal (GB) (Rail Link {GB})** takes the eye as an Amanda Perrett-trained relative of the G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Etoile Montante (Miswaki).

12.55 Lingfield, Mdn, £5,200, 2yo, 8f (AWT)
HIGH MARK (IRE) (Pivotal {GB}) represents Godolphin and Saeed bin Suroor and is a half-brother to the operation's classy Alexandros (GB) (Kingmambo), who was placed four times at Group 1 level including when nosed out of the 2009 G1 Lockinge S. Also making his debut is Fitri Hay's **Aware (Ire) (Lawman {Fr})**, a Charles Hills-trained half-brother to the MGSW Viztoria (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Noble Star (Ire), g, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Wrong Answer (GB) (SW-Ire), by Verglas (Ire). NC, 11-14, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:27.16. B-J. Hanly, A. Stroud & Castlemartin Sky (IRE). *130,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Lessons Learned This Weekend cont. from p1

The exception was fourth-placed So Si Bon (Aus) (So You Think {NZ}), who topped off a good day for his sire by acquitting himself well on his first start at weight-for-age. So Si Bon too had previously run well in another race which traditionally brings the curtain down on a horse's current preparation, the G1 Victoria Derby over 2500 metres. He had finished fourth in that, following a fifth placing in the G1 Caulfield Guineas over 1600 metres. To emphasise So Si Bon's toughness, those outings were merely two of the three good runs which he posted during October: in between them he was third in the G2 Moonee Valley Vase over 2040 metres. **Cont. p6**

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Lessons Learned This Week Cont.

The merit which So Si Bon is showing is another illustration that So You Think is likely to prove a valuable asset to the sires' ranks in Australasia. Australia's reputation as a country able to produce good stayers is at an all-time low, but So Si Bon provides another suggestion that So You Think could help to cure this problem. The fact that So You Think has been able to produce a horse who displays the high-class stamina which So Si



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Bon is exhibiting is very promising, considering that the colt comes from a family of sprinters and sprinter/milers, such as his very fast dam Black Minx (Aus) (Lonhro {NZ}), his Group 2-winning granddam Faith Hill (Aus) (Danehill) and his Group 3-winning third dam

Simply Believe (Aus) (Kenmare {Fr}).

Yet More From Parfore...

Good sprinting families, such as the one from which So Si Bon hails, are as common in Australia as good staying families are rare. One of the most notable Australasian sprinting broodmares of the modern era has been Parfore (NZ) (Gold Brose {Aus}), who is notable for having produced three sons who have won Group 1 sprints in Australia: Tiger Tees (NZ) (Dubawi {Ire}), Terravista (Aus) (Captain Rio {GB}) and Ball Of Muscle (Aus) (Dubawi {Ire}). Her fourth Australian stakes-winning son Our Lukas (NZ) thrived over farther, but that is understandable as he was a son of a sire noted as a strong influence for stamina, the 1991 Derby winner Generous (Ire) (Caerleon).

Now the latest chapter in Parfore's story has been written. Her influence as a broodmare extended to Asia courtesy of her son Super Easy (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}), who was one of the top sprinter/milers in Singapore for several years, most notably in



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2013 when he took the G1 Lion City Cup over 1200 metres and the G1 Patrons' Bowl over 1600 metres.

Super Easy returned to his homeland at the end of his racing career, taking up stud duties at Hallmark Stud in the Waikato in

2013. His first crop are currently 2-year-olds, and he got off to a flying start when his daughter Prom Queen (NZ) became his first

stakes winner by winning the Barneswood Farm Welcome Stakes at Riccarton in Christchurch on NZ 1000 Guineas Day. She had previously scored over 800 metres at the same track last month.

So You're Well Bred...

Few stallions have retired to stud in recent years with better credentials than So You Think (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}). The magnificent black stallion is, (a) a 10-time Group 1 winner, (b) probably one of the most handsome horses any of us has ever seen, and (c) a son of a Group 2-winning mare, Triassic (NZ) (Tights). He is clearly very likely to be a successful stallion, so it is no surprise that he has just come up with a Classic winner in his first crop, the G1 NZ 1000 Guineas being taken by his daughter La Diosa (NZ).

La Diosa's triumph, though, does not merely highlight the merit of So You Think. It also reminds us that good families keep coming up with good horses. So You Think's dam, Triassic, was twice NZ Broodmare of the Year (in 2011 and 2012) courtesy of her famous son's exploits. Her twin titles, though, pale in comparison beside the impact which La Diosa's family has made on this prestigious award.

La Diosa's granddam, The Grin (NZ) (Grosvenor {NZ}), was NZ Broodmare of Year in 2003, largely thanks to the exploits of NZ 1000 Guineas heroine The Jewel (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}). Twenty-three years previously, The Grin's granddam, The Pixie (NZ) (Mellay {GB}), had landed the same title, sharing the honour with Taiona (NZ) (Sovereign Edition {Ire}), dam of G1 VRC Derby winner Sovereign Red (NZ) (Sir Tristram).

The Pixie's share of the title was prompted by the exploits of her daughters The Fantasy (NZ) (Gate Keeper {GB}) and The Twinkle (NZ) (Gate Keeper {GB}), winners between them of 34 races including numerous black-type events. The Fantasy herself became NZ Broodmare of the Year in 1994 after her sons The Phantom (NZ) (Noble Bijou) and The Phantom Chance (NZ) (Noble Bijou) had taken starring roles on consecutive Saturdays during the 1993 Melbourne Spring Carnival. The former (aged eight) won the G1 Mackinnon S. at Flemington seven days after his 4-year-old full-brother had taken the G1 Cox Plate at Moonee Valley, a mighty performance which eclipsed even his G1 NZ Derby triumph of the previous season.

Aside from The Fantasy, The Pixie's offspring included La Diosa's third dam The Dimple (NZ) (Noble Bijou), winner of 16 races including two editions of the G2 Timaru Cup. The Dimple's nine winners included G1 Auckland Cup winner Irish Chance (NZ) (Sir Tristram) as well as La Diosa's aforementioned stakes-winning granddam The Grin, whose five winners included not only The Jewel but also La Diosa's Group 2-winning dam (A) Star Affair (NZ) (Star Way {GB}).



So You Think | Coolmore

Godolphin's Coolmore Connections...

During Sheikh Mohammed's first 30 years as an owner and breeder, he raced many very good horses by Coolmore stallions, which he had mostly either bred himself or bought as yearlings. His top-class winners by Sadler's Wells included In The Wings (GB), Scenic (Ire), Old Vic (GB), Opera House (GB), Carnegie (Ire),



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Kayf Tara (GB) and Doyen (Ire), as well as King's Theatre (Ire) and Baratheia (Ire), whom he bought from their respective owner/breeders once their racing ability had been demonstrated. However, over the past decade his dealings with the great Irish stud have been conspicuous by their absence. However, the final two Saturdays of the Melbourne Spring Carnival have seen big winners for Godolphin stemming from its nowadays-infrequent contact with Coolmore. On the final Saturday of the VRC Carnival at Flemington, the Charlie Appleby-trained Francis Of Assisi (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) followed up his G3 Bendigo Cup victory by taking the G3 Queen Elizabeth S. Francis Of Assisi is a nowadays-rare example of a former Coolmore horse recruited by Godolphin. He made his final start for Aidan O'Brien when he carried Mrs John Magnier's colours into second place in the Knockaire S. at Leopardstown in October 2014; his next appearance, racing for Godolphin, came when Appleby saddled him for a handicap at Meydan four months later.

A week later Godolphin took the G2 Sandown Guineas with the homebred colt Morton's Fork (Aus) (Ad Valorem). When Sheikh Mohammed bought Woodlands Stud from the Ingham family in 2008, the Woodlands roster included the former Aidan O'Brien-trained Royal Ascot winner Ad Valorem (Danzig), who was standing in a partnership deal with Coolmore. It seems unlikely that Darley would have gone into a stallion partnership with Coolmore under different circumstances, but this arrangement was a fait accompli, and it has now yielded an excellent dividend for Sheikh Mohammed as Morton's Fork, winner now of four of his nine starts for John O'Shea's stable, is clearly a very promising young colt.

Sandown In The Spotlight...

It is hard to watch the excellent sport on Sandown's big day of the year without reflecting on the trend in recent years which has seen the Melbourne Racing Club downgrading the racing at the track. Opened in the outer south-eastern suburbs in 1965 after the closure of Williamstown racecourse much closer to the city, Sandown for many years shared the limelight with its fellow Victorian Amateur Turf Club (whose name was changed to the Melbourne Racing Club in 2001) racecourse at Caulfield. More recently, though, its best races such as the G1 C. F. Orr S. and G2 P. B. Lawrence (formerly J. J. Liston) S. have been moved to Caulfield, while Sandown's programme has been downgraded to the extent that it now only stages group races on one day a year. When one compares how often luck in running is a major factor at Caulfield and how rarely that is the case at Sandown, the MRC's policy is not easy to understand.

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Date	Race	Track
Nov. 19	Railway S.	Ascot
Nov. 26	Winterbottom S.	Ascot
Dec. 3	Kingston Town Classic	Ascot
Feb. 11	C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 18	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 25	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
Mar. 4	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	Canterbury S.	Randwick
	Australian Guineas	Flemington
Mar. 11	Coolmore Classic	Rosehill
	Australian Cup	Flemington
	Lexus Newmarket H.	Flemington