

STANLEY CUP AND AN OAKS, JOHNSON WANTS IT ALL



Erik Johnson | Colorado Avalanche

by Bill Finley

Erik Johnson could be the co-owner of the filly who will be the favorite in the 2017 GI Kentucky Oaks. But he's hoping he can't make the race. Business before pleasure.

Johnson's business is professional hockey. He's an All-Star defenseman for the Colorado Avalanche, a former member of the U.S. Olympic team and was the first pick in the 2006 NHL Entry Draft when selected by the St. Louis Blues. His pleasure is horse racing, and get him talking about the subject and it's hard to slow him down. The 28-year-old from Minnesota loves the sport, even more so now that he has a part of a horse that very well could be the best 2-year-old filly in the country. **Shane's Girlfriend** (Adios Charlie) was extremely impressive winning the GIII Delta Princess Nov. 19 at Delta Downs. Trained by Doug O'Neill and ridden by Flavien Prat, she won by 13 1/4 lengths and covered the mile in 1:37.98. Two races earlier, the \$250,000 Delta Mile, a race that consisted of seasoned, classy older males, was won in 1:38.64.

"I'm just excited for the journey going forward," Johnson said. "You never know what can happen going forward, but so far it has been beyond what I could have imagined after I bought into her. I feel very fortunate and very grateful that I had a chance to get involved with such a great horse."

Because the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies came up weak this year, it's not a stretch to say that at this early point Shane's Girlfriend looks like a leading candidate for the GI Kentucky Oaks. She's two-for-two and, obviously, very fast. But the only way Johnson can make the race is if the Avalanche make an early exit from the Stanley Cup playoffs. He doesn't want that to happen. **Cont. p3**

IT'S VALUE SIRE TIME by Bill Oppenheim

Here we begin the series where it becomes clear why, after meeting me for 10 minutes, the late John Finney asked: "what was your name again? Opinionheim?" Yes, here we talk about horses which for some reason or another strike me as 'good value', although--caution to commercial breeders--my definition of 'good value' is probably more about producing racehorses than it is about sales results. So let's begin.

AMERICAN SIRES AT \$25k+: Three Chimneys' Will Take Charge

(Unbridled's Song) remains at \$30,000. This seems a very reasonable price. After running unplaced in all three legs of the Triple Crown, after which he had a record of 3-1-0, including a win in the GI Rebel S., from his first 10 starts, the Wayne Lukas trainee suddenly got good, seemingly as soon as the Triple Crown was over, and in his subsequent eleven starts he was 4-5-1 with two Grade I wins (the Travers and the Clark H.), two Grade II wins, and four Grade I placings, including dropping a nose decision to Mucho Macho Man in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. **Cont. p6**

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Dazzling! *Eblouissante (Bernardini) (lot 1759), the half-sister to Horse of the Year Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) and multiple Grade I winner Balance (Thunder Gulch), became the first seven-figure transaction of the Tattersalls December Breeding Stock Sale when hammered down to Summer Wind Farm for 1.1-million guineas on Tuesday. The 7-year-old, who this year produced her first foal, a colt by Oasis Dream (GB), was sold by The National Stud in foal to Dansili (GB). See TDN Europe for story. | Tattersalls*

EFFINEX RETIRED, TO STAND IN NY

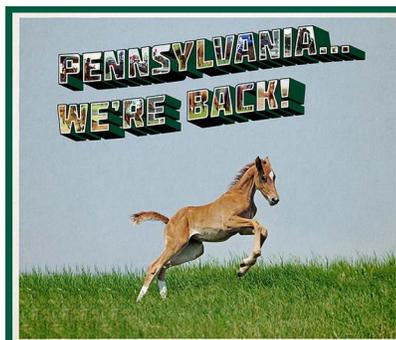
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MOORE NAMED WORLD'S TOP JOCKEY

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Johnson cont.

“Ever since I was a little kid I always dreamed of winning the Stanley Cup,” he said. “Every year, every summer, I work extremely hard to get my body into shape to be ready for the grind of the NHL season. The Stanley Cup is my ultimate goal. As much as I’d like to be there in person to see her run in the Oaks, I’d rather be playing in the playoffs. I’ll be cheering out of my mind watching on TV if she’s lucky enough to race there. I’d love the daily double of the Stanley Cup and the Oaks.”

Growing up in Minnesota, Johnson watched all the major racing events on TV and made an occasional trip to Canterbury Park. But he said it was a trip to Del Mar on opening day that turned him into a devoted fan.

“I went to opening day at Del Mar when I was 15,” he said. “I was in awe of the spectacle that it is. I went there with one of my buddies and just thought it was greatest thing ever. Filling up Del Mar with thousands of people is just like filling up a stadium for a hockey game. It was kind of cool for me to see horse racing

attract that kind of crowd. Last summer, I spent all of July at Del Mar and couldn’t get over how much fun it was.”

Johnson, whose NHL salary is \$6 million per year, knew he wanted to be an owner but didn’t decide to take the plunge until watching a feature on TVG about a horse named Bad Read Sanchez (Warrior’s Reward). For reasons he still doesn’t quite understand, the name of the horse intrigued him and he found out the gelding was trained by O’Neill. He emailed O’Neill and told him he was interested in becoming an owner and shortly thereafter he went in on a horse bought by O’Neill’s brother, Dennis, at the Ocala sales.

He currently co-owns nine horses in training, six of them with O’Neill. Prior to Shane’s Girlfriend, the best horse he has been involved with was

Crosscheck Carlos (Custom for Carlos), who won the D.S. Shine Young Futurity for Louisiana-breds at Evangeline Downs in July. Johnson knew enough about racing to understand coming up with a good horse is not easy, but still he was growing impatient.

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“To be honest, over the past three years, I started to wonder, ‘Am I ever going to have a good horse, is it ever going to happen?’” he said.

Had he made different choices in his NHL career he may at least have had a good horse named after him. With Paul Reddam being both a huge hockey fan and another client of O’Neill’s, Johnson became fast friends with the businessman. When Johnson was a free agent, Reddam implored him to sign with his beloved Detroit Red Wings.

“Dennis, Paul and I were golfing and Paul said to me, ‘You should really sign with the Wings.’ I said, ‘Paul, there’s zero chance I’m signing with your Wings.’ He said, ‘Ok, I’m going to name a couple of horses after Red Wings players just to bug you.’”

One of those horses became Nyquist (Uncle Mo), the 2015 Eclipse Award winning 2-year-old male and the 2016 GI Kentucky Derby winner. He was named after The Detroit Red Wings player Gustav Nyquist.

But it’s better to own a good horse than have one named after you and Johnson has every reason to believe he’s now the co-owner of something special, his first special horse. Dennis O’Neill picked out Shane’s Girlfriend at the OBS June 2-year-old sale and paid \$95,000 for the filly. He had owners Glenn and Landon Sorgenstein and Josh Kaplan of WC Racing already lined up to buy 75% of the filly and asked Johnson if he wanted the remaining 25%.

“I was at my limit for the year so far as how many horses I wanted,” Johnson said. “Dennis said he was going to buy one or two at OBS and thought he could buy an Adios Charlie filly he liked for \$75,000 or \$80,000. Things got a little stretched out price-wise so he was looking for another partner. He asked me to take 25% and I said, ‘If you like her so much, why don’t you split the 25% with me? I’ll take 12.5%.’ I think he’s probably the happiest guy on earth that I made that offer to split the quarter with him.”

Shane’s Girlfriend broke her maiden by 5 3/4 lengths Oct. 28 at Santa Anita and the connections then picked out the Princess. The field was not overwhelmingly tough, but Shane’s Girlfriend had never gone two turns or done anything other than win a maiden race. The expectations were fairly modest.

“We all thought she had a great chance, but I’d be lying if I told you any of us thought she would win by over dozen lengths and post the speed figure and sheet number that she did,” Johnson said.

He watched the race on his phone while on the team bus taking the Avalanche from their hotel to play the Minnesota Wild. By the eighth-pole, it was clear that not only was Shane’s Girlfriend going to win but she was going to win in a romp.

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“The thrill of seeing your horse in the lead down the stretch like that is kind of like scoring a goal in a hockey game or winning a game in overtime,” he said. “It’s an unbelievable rush and I think that’s kind of why I’m drawn to the game of horse racing in general...the competitiveness of it and how much fun it is. Fingers crossed that she stays sound and healthy because she’s pretty special.”



Shane's Girlfriend | Coady Photography

There’s a break in the Avalanche’s schedule around the time of the Jan. 8 GII Santa Ynez S. at Santa Anita, so Johnson is hoping the filly will go in that race so he can see her run in person. He has never so much as laid eyes on her. If not, he might have to wait until the summertime to see her run in the flesh. Not that he minds. Hockey first. Racing second, but a close second.

“Ever since I went to Del Mar I’ve been hooked.” he said. “It’s my passion away from hockey. It’s such a fun game and I am super grateful and super appreciative that I have one who will, hopefully, turn out to be a very nice horse.”

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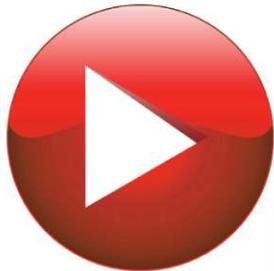


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weanlings at the sales, where 18 foals (of 24 offered) by Will Take Charge have averaged \$128,444, with a median of \$105,000-- itself a good return (3.5x) on his \$30,000 stud fee.



Will Take Charge
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Ashford's **Munnings** (Speightstown, first 4-year-olds 2016, \$25,000) has been dueling with Lane's End's Quality Road (\$35,000, and also a good sire) for supremacy among a group of nearly a dozen useful North American sires with their first 4-year-olds this year (F2012, first foals 2012). Quality Road is the leader by 2016 earnings (\$5.75 million, to \$5 million this year for Munnings in second), but in cumulative

progeny earnings, Munnings still leads by over \$500,000, with \$11.2 million, to Quality Road's \$10.6 million. Also Munnings is the leading North American F2012 sire by cumulative Black-Type winners (16), whereas Quality Road has eight. We'll come back to this group, but Munnings and Quality Road are clearly one-two in

most important categories. Munnings has very good APEX ratings also: 2.18 for A Runners (MidYear 2016), 1.98 for B Runners.



Munnings | Coolmore

Munnings hasn't been selling that well, and the knock against him is he only has one Grade I winner so far, but our experience is (including observing Scat Daddy and Curlin) that when they are siring A Runners as consistently as they have up until now, more often than not the Grade I winners will follow. In any case, we consider Munnings at \$25,000 a seriously good buy for 2017.

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Claiborne's **Orb** (Malibu Moon, \$25,000) broke his maiden in his fourth start, but made up for lost time by running the table in



Orb | *Brittlan Wall*

his first four starts as a 3-year-old, culminating in wins in the GI Florida Derby and GI Kentucky Derby. He was then fourth in the GI Preakness, third in the GI Belmont (to Palace Malice) and GI Travers (to Will Take Charge) before

running off the board against 'olders' in his final career start, in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup. But he had proved his mettle, and he's getting a big shot at Claiborne. He was Leading Freshman Sire at the yearling sales, where he had 55 yearlings from his first crop sell (from 71 offered) for an average of \$148,318, and a median of \$125,000--5x his stud fee. You'd have to be happy with that. He's been very well received by the commercial market, and is standing at a top farm, which has made many champion sires.

There's no disputing Coolmore's propaganda machine is among the world's best (probably in any business--that's a compliment, by the way, Richard Henry), but sometimes peoples' cynicism can cause them to miss something important which is right in front of them. Case in

point: **Air Force Blue** (War Front), who will be standing his first season at Ashford for \$25,000. Sure, everybody was disappointed--none more so than Aidan O'Brien and the



Air Force Blue | *Racing Post Photo*

Coolmore partners--when Air Force Blue was a complete flop this year as a 3-year-old, but that doesn't wash away his 2-year-old form last year, when he won three Group 1's--the Phoenix S., the National S. and the Dewhurst--and ended the 2015 the highest-rated 2-year-old ever trained by Aidan O'Brien. Sorry, but once you read that, the debate is over. That kind of 2-year-old class is very dangerous; very good sires have had similar records to Air Force Blue's--only they weren't as good as him as 2-year-olds. **Cont. p8**

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NEXT WEEK: sires at £/€/ \$12,500-20,000.

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1	Uncle Mo <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (75,000)</i>	22	32	12	20	3	6	158	92	\$5,189,200 <i>Nyquist</i>	\$15,752,462
2	Twirling Candy <i>(2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (15,000)</i>	8	17	1	5	--	--	84	54	\$378,650 <i>Danzing Candy</i>	\$4,441,071
3	First Dude <i>(2007) by Stephen Got Even FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Double Diamond Farm FL (7,500)</i>	3	9	1	2	--	1	116	62	\$567,402 <i>Flora Dora</i>	\$4,023,507
4	Gio Ponti <i>(2005) by Tale of the Cat FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Castleton Lyons KY (12,500)</i>	3	7	1	1	1	1	118	44	\$1,203,040 <i>Drefong</i>	\$3,956,798
5	Archarcharch <i>(2008) by Arch FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (5,000)</i>	4	9	1	2	--	1	143	73	\$338,960 <i>Toews On Ice</i>	\$3,634,120
6	Trappe Shot <i>(2007) by Tapit FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (10,000)</i>	2	7	1	4	--	2	106	56	\$572,185 <i>Fish Trappe Road</i>	\$3,491,624
7	Paddy O'Prado <i>(2007) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (5,000)</i>	2	9	--	3	--	2	147	68	\$563,832 <i>Cherry Wine</i>	\$3,372,209
8	Girolamo <i>(2006) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Darley KY (15,000)</i>	4	10	--	1	--	1	90	43	\$313,430 <i>She's All Ready</i>	\$3,130,330
9	Gone Astray <i>(2006) by Dixie Union FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Northwest Stud FL (4,500)</i>	4	9	--	2	--	1	98	49	\$700,640 <i>Three Rules</i>	\$2,869,114
10	Tizway <i>(2005) by Tiznow FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (10,000)</i>	7	11	--	4	--	1	108	44	\$302,050 <i>Coasted</i>	\$2,856,503
11	Lonhro (Aus) <i>(1998) by Octagonal (Nz) FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	4	10	2	2	--	--	103	49	\$267,284 <i>Isotherm</i>	\$2,566,557
12	Wilburn <i>(2008) by Bernardini FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (3,500)</i>	3	8	--	--	--	--	123	70	\$208,105 <i>Ohio Gold</i>	\$2,505,506
13	Big Drama <i>(2006) by Montbrook FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Bridlewood Farm FL (15,000)</i>	2	8	--	--	--	--	70	42	\$255,585 <i>R Kinsley Doll</i>	\$2,391,183
14	Haynesfield <i>(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY (10,000)</i>	4	8	1	3	--	1	90	46	\$186,455 <i>Realm</i>	\$2,279,272
15	Court Vision <i>(2005) by Gulch FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (6,500)</i>	3	8	--	2	--	--	88	39	\$228,337 <i>Crumlin Spirit</i>	\$2,262,128

EFFINEX RETIRES TO QUESTROYAL NORTH

Tri-Bone Stables' GISW New York-bred **Effinex** (Mineshaft--What a Pear, by E Dubai) has been retired from racing and will stand the 2017 season at Questroyal Stud in Stillwater, New York for \$10,000, it was announced Tuesday. The dark bay, who captured the GI Clark H. in 2015, retires with a record of 9-3-4 from 28 starts and total earnings of \$3,312,950.

Effinex steadily ascended the class ladder in 2015 and finished a gritty second behind Triple Crown hero American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland prior to his Clark score last November. He made eight starts in 2016, including a pair of victories in the Apr. 16 GII Oaklawn H. and July 9 GII Suburban H. The 5-year-old was second, beaten a half-length, behind Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday) in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont Oct. 8. Effinex retires as the third all-time leading Empire-bred money earner, just behind Funny Cide (Distorted Humor) and A Shin Forward (Forest Wildcat).



Effinex | A. Coglianese

"I am very excited to stand our Grade I winner and [2015] New York Horse of the Year in New York," said Dr. Russell Cohen of Tri-Bone Stables. "Effinex has given us such joy the last few seasons, and we have compiled a great team to promote Effinex for the 2017 season in my long time friend Gus Schoenborn,

Chris Bernhard of Hidden Lake Farm and Barry Ostrager of Questroyal North. This team has been responsible for the two biggest success stories to come out of New York in City Zip and Belong to Me."

Effinex is the first foal out of MSW What a Pear (E Dubai) from the female family of Irish champion Malinowski (Sir Ivor).

Ostrager added, "Effinex is the most accomplished Freshman sire in the history of the New York breeding program and represents extraordinary value to breeders from any state at

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Effinex will be available for inspection at Questroyal North Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3.

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Firing Line | Horsephotos

Arnold Zetcher colorbearer. A game and narrow second to accomplished 'TDN Rising Star' Dortmund (Big Brown) in the 2014 GI Los Alamitos Futurity, the Simon Callaghan pupil was just beaten by that same rival in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. the following February before a 14 1/4-

length romp in the GIII Sunland Derby. He was second behind Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) and ahead of Dortmund in the 2015 GI Kentucky Derby, and earned \$976,000 from a race record of 8-2-4-0. "Firing Line was by far the best horse I've ever owned," said Arnold Zetcher. "He gave us the thrill of a lifetime." Out of GISP Sister Girl Blues, Firing Line was a \$65,000 Keeneland November weanling, \$150,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling and \$240,000 Keeneland April Juvenile. His second dam produced Grade II winner Mint Lane (Maria's Mon), as well as the dams of this year's GIII Pat Day

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8th-AQU, \$69K, Alw/OC, NW2X, (\$62.5K), 3yo/up, 1m, 3:43 p.m. EDT
MATT KING COAL (Cool Coal Man), who was sidelined by a hairline fracture to his pelvis after finishing fourth in the GI Wood Memorial S. Apr. 9, returns to the races for Lady Sheila Stable and trainer Linda Rice in the penultimate race of Aqueduct's Wednesday card. The 3-year-old ran subsequent GSP, GI Travers S. fourth-place finisher and 'TDN Rising Star' Gift Box (Twirling Candy) to a nose when second in the slop at Belmont in October of 2015, before romping in another maiden test there later that month. He won an optional claimer--good for a 98 Beyer Speed Figure-- over the inner track Mar. 6 before the Wood Memorial and has been working since mid-October for this return. [TJCS PPs](#)

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1st-WO, \$55.9K, Msw, 2yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 6:45 p.m. EDT

Charles Fipke homebred **MORE PERFECT** ([More Than Ready](#)) makes his racetrack debut for trainer Roger Attfield. He is a son of GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf heroine Perfect Shirl (Perfect Soul {Ire}), herself a daughter of GI Flower Bowl H. victress Lady Shirl (That's a Nice). Perfect Shirl is a half-sister to MGISW Shakespeare (Theatrical {Ire}), as well as SW & MGSP Fantastic Shirl (Fantastic Light). Second timer **Clutch Catch** ([Tiznow](#)), who ran fourth in a green debut going seven furlongs over this strip from the Malcolm Pierce barn Oct. 29, is out of Canadian champion sophomore filly Catch the Ring (Seeking the Gold). The Sam-Son representative, who is a half-sister to fellow Canadian champion 2-year-old filly Catch the Thrill (A.P. Indy) and the extended family of GSW Southern Ring (Speightstown), will break from the widest stall in gate nine. Josie Carroll charge **Divine Ami (Divine Park)** could also have a say in the outcome for Ivan Dalos. The half-brother to GSW Ami's Holiday (Harlan's Holiday) and SW and **'TDN Rising Star'** Ami's Mesa (Sky Mesa) is from the same family as GSWs Amis Gizmo (Giant Gizmo) and Ami's Flatter (Flatter). The latter also ran third in the GI Florida Derby. [TJCIS PPs](#) --Heather Anderson

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EASTERN U.S.

Tuesday's Result:

6th-PRX, \$50,500, Msw, 11-29, 2yo, 1m, 1:40.58, sy.

FILLET OF SOLE (c, 2, [Union Rags](#)--[Detect](#), by [Devil's Bag](#)), a debut third in a Belmont Spring affair behind Bobby On Fleek (Frost Giant), who was tabbed a **'TDN Rising Star'** that day and was later stakes-placed this July, filled the same spot behind two-for-two Fact Finding (The Factor) moved upstate to Saratoga Aug. 6. St Elias and Teresa Viola Racing Stables bought into the colt and he was transferred from one-time part-owner Dominick Schettino to the Pletcher barn, where he once again completed the trifecta in the mud downstate at Belmont Oct. 1. Pounded down to 20 cents on the dollar, the \$350,000 KEESOP yearling was bumped leaving the stalls and raced in fifth behind a :24.16 opening quarter. Asked for his run by Jose Ortiz after a half in :48 even, he produced a steady rally that carried him past the frontrunning Curtis (First Defence) in the final jump to win by a nose. Fillet of Sole, the 17th winner for his freshman sire (by Dixie Union), is a half-brother to Senor Rojo, GSW, \$485,621; and GI Mother Goose S. runner-up Connie and Michael (Roman Ruler), \$136,860.

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His third dam is a half-sister to champion 3-year-old colt Wajima (Bold Ruler) and his dam Detect has a weanling filly by Bodeimeister and was covered by Malibu Moon later this spring. Sales history: \$350,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-3, \$54,300. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-St Elias, Teresa Viola Racing Stables, Brooklyn Boys, MEB Stables; B-Betz/Kidder/Blackburn/Lamantia/J. Betz/Graves/Davidson (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



WESTERN U.S.

Tuesday's Result:

6th-ZIA, \$23,000, Msw, 11-29, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06.21, ft. +KELL PASO (f, 2, Divine Park--Listen to Libby, by Indian Charlie), sent off at 22-1 in this maiden voyage, battled in second through the early going along the inside, but was outfooted and settled in third on the far turn. Fanned six deep for the stretch drive and a bit erratic upon straightening, Kell Paso kicked away by midstretch, to win going away by 2 3/4-lengths ahead of 6-5 favorite Shoe Game (Distorted Reality).

The latter beat out Warm Sunshine (Unbridled's Song) by a nose for bridesmaid honors. Kell Paso is a half-sister to Chanteline (Majesticperfection), SP, \$163,316 and her dam foaled a filly and a colt by Creative Cause in 2015 and 2016. Sales history: \$12,500 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-William K. Goode; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Greg Green.

INDUSTRY INFO

Bennett Liebman to Address ROAP Conference:

Bennett Liebman, government lawyer in residence and an adjunct professor of law at the Albany Law School, will be the keynote luncheon speaker at the Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP) Conference on Officiating Horse Racing Monday, Dec. 5, in conjunction with the University of Arizona Global Symposium on Racing and Gaming at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, it was announced Tuesday. Liebman will be speaking on "Assessing and Updating the Rules of the Race." His discussion will include looking at the appeal process in horse racing and other major league sports.

During his 40 years of service in government and academia, Liebman served as a member of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board for more than a decade and also served in the governor's office as the deputy secretary for gaming and racing.

"We are excited to have been able to secure Bennett Liebman as our keynote speaker," said ROAP Chairman Hugh Gallagher. "He brings a tremendous background in the regulation of horse racing to a topic the stewards and judges of our sport have long been asking questions and seeking solutions."

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TAA Launches Second Annual Holiday Giving Campaign:

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) has begun its second annual holiday giving campaign, the organization announced Tuesday. Supporters can send a holiday e-card to family and friends with a donation to the TAA, which will be directed toward grants for the Alliance's 64 accredited organizations. The holiday card features artwork created specifically for the TAA by Kentucky-based artist Ellen Skidmore.

"Horses teach us about the unspoken ways of being and as a little girl who grew up stuttering, this influence was huge," Skidmore said. "It is important for me to give back to horses in some way for their continuing inspiration and supporting the TAA is the best way I can think of to do that."

The holiday giving campaign will run from now through the beginning of the New Year. Interested individuals can visit the TAA Holiday Giving [donation page](#) to participate in the giving campaign.

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APPOINTMENTS

Holly Short: Digital Marketing Manager, NTRA

- A Kentucky native, she previously served as Director of Operations for Lexington-based tech marketing firm Blue Million LLC, which designed and built the latest version of NTRA.com in 2015.
- Prior to Blue Million, Short was part of the startup team that created iHigh.com, a digital television platform and online network. She was named General Manager of iHigh.com in 2013.
- “Holly possesses a wide range of skills that will positively impact nearly everything the NTRA does,” said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop. “Her extensive online and database marketing experience will be especially valuable as we continue to grow the National Handicapping Championship.”

APPOINTMENTS

Greg Avioli: Horse PAC Board of Directors

- Avioli, currently CEO of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, is a past president of Horse PAC, the NTRA’s federal political action committee. He has served as an executive at the Stronach Group, Breeders’ Cup and NTRA.
- “Greg Avioli was instrumental in the creation of Horse PAC and we are pleased to have him join the Board,” said Horse PAC President Peggy Hendershot. “His extensive knowledge of the federal legislative system and network of industry contacts make him an ideal addition.”

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Penacova, c, 2, **Birdstone**--Flip Side (MSW, \$156,039), by Devil His Due. Seoul, 11-27, Hcp. (\$51k), 1300m. B-Dr Harold Fishman (OH). *1/2 to Flip Daddy (The Daddy), SW, \$114,764. **\$20,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

Heungryong, g, 2, **J P's Gusto**--Koni's Penty, by Pentelicus. Seoul, 11-27, Hcp. (\$64k), 1200m. B-Steve Tucker & Michelle Jackson (FL). *Took his record to two-for-two with a one-length victory as the 9-10 favorite. **\$17,000 2yo '16 FTMMAY.

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Liger Socks, f, 2, **Majestic Warrior**--Dream Date Diva, by Gulch. Seoul, 11-26, Hcp. (\$51k), 1000m. B-James & Janeane Everatt, Arika Everatt-Meeuse & Tim Meeuse (KY). *Defeated odds-on Gio Star (Gio Ponti) to make it two straight wins to begin her career. **\$27,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

Black Kaiser, g, 3, **Tiz Wonderful**--Lady's Kiss, by Kissin Kris. Seoul, 11-26, Hcp. (\$64k), 1400m. B-Summer Hill Farm (LA). *\$50,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKJUL; \$32,000 RNA Ylg '14 BSCSEP; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.



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ALCINDOR (Unbridled's Song), Byerpatch Farm, 9/2/0

6-MVR, Msw 6f, +Byers Beware, 6-1

4-MVR, Msw 6f, +OI' L B, 5-2

ASTROLOGY (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, \$7.5K, 84/14/2

1-AQU, Msw 1m, Horoscope, \$75K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

BULLET TRAIN (GB) (Sadler's Wells), Crestwood Farm, \$7.5K, 45/2/1

3-TP, Msw 1m, +South Upper, 12-1

GEMOLOGIST (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 117/13/2

3-TP, Msw 1m, Bluegrass Gem, \$9K RNA KEE NOV wnl, 10-1

HANSEN (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 102/15/1

3-TP, Msw 1m, Fast and Accurate, \$85K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, November 30

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

COURAGEOUS CAT (Storm Cat), Questroyal North, \$6K, 81/17/1

1-AQU, Msw 1m, +Big Cat, \$5K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1

COURT VISION (Gulch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 128/39/3

6-WO, \$150K Ontario Lassie S., 1 1/16m, Missy Crissy, 7-2

MUCH THE BEST (Forestry), M/M Stables, \$1K, 7/1/0

4-MVR, Msw 6f, +Evasive Maneuver, 12-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-PRX, \$58,820, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 11-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.27, sy.

SHAYJOLIE (m, 5, Indian Charlie--School for Scandal, by Is It True) Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP, 19-4-4-1, \$415,843.

O-Speedway Stable LLC; B-Peachtree Stable (KY); T-Christophe Clement. *\$150,000 2yo '13 EASMAY; \$400,000 4yo '15 KEENOV. **1/2 to Mythical Power (Congaree), MGSW & GISP, \$821,529.

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8th-ZIA, \$29,500, (S), 11-29, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.40, ft.

STORM WARRIOR (g, 3, Weather Warning--Flying Humor, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: SW, 9-4-0-0, \$134,547.

O/B-Pierre Jean & Leslie A. Amestoy, Jr. (NM); T-Ross A. Amestoy. *1/2 to Our Flying Angel (Abajo), MSW, \$249,641.

9th-ZIA, \$28,500, (S), 11-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.22, ft.

PECOS BREEZE (g, 3, Embrace the Storm--Liahona, by Diligence)

Lifetime Record: 18-5-4-3, \$59,965. O-Gaylon McGee & Chris Aulds; B-Atkinson Thoroughbreds LLC (NM); T-Bart G. Hone.

4th-ZIA, \$25,000, 11-29, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.50, ft.

CONQUEST NITRO (g, 3, High Cotton--Dream Storm, by Storm Bird)

Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-2, \$95,290. O-Go-To-Toga Racing, LLC, Bill Tomasic & Paul Miller; B-Janet Erwin (FL); T-Justin R. Evans. *\$21,000 Wlg '13 OBSOCT; \$45,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$26,000 3yo '16 FTKHRA. **1/2 to Stormin' Julia (Master Command), GSP-Brz.

1st-ZIA, \$24,500, (S), Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 11-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.22, ft.

DESERT STEPPER (f, 4, Desert God--Thanks for Smokin, by Smoke Glacken)

Lifetime Record: 16-4-6-0, \$126,680. O-L Squared Racing LLC & Joe Allen; B-Joe Allen (NM); T-Joel H. Marr. *\$11,000 Ylg '13 RUI MIX. **Full to Zasha, SW, \$355,307.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ursula's Fury, g, 2, Bustin Stones--Divine Miss Ursula, by Roanoke. FL, 11-29, 1m 40y, 1:45.14. B-William Niarakis (NY).

Greenway Stroll, g, 2, Stroll--Sophisticated Lady, by Touch Gold. FL, 11-29, 5 1/2f, 1:07.23. B-Eric J. Myer (NY).

Mizz Quoted, f, 2, Mizzen Mast--Texas Aggie, by Purge. MVR, 11-29, (S), 6f, 1:15.23. B-R Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH). *SP.

Baylee's Bomber, f, 3, Ready's Image--Good Forbes, by Air Forbes Won. MVR, 11-29, (S), 6f, 1:16.29. B-Lowell F. Allen (OH). *1/2 to Bold Passage (Stormy Atlantic), MSW, \$185,008. *Won by 6 1/2 lengths.

Billy No Sabay, f, 4, Closing Argument--Monette, by Not For Love. PRX, 11-29, (C), 1m 70y, 1:48.41. B-Richard Simoff (PA). *Won by 14 1/4 lengths.



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HAZARIYA A CLASSIC GEM FOR COOLMORE



Hazariya tops the Tattersalls December Sale | Tattersalls photo

By Emma Berry and Chris McGrath

NEWMARKET, UK--It is a rare occasion indeed when the dam of the current year's Derby winner is offered at public auction and, ever since the announcement that **Hazariya (Ire)** (Xaar {GB}) would lead the Newsells Park Stud draft at the Tattersalls December Mares' Sale, it was widely--and correctly--assumed that she would be the star of the show. Producing Derby winners has become stock-in-trade for Coolmore, and it was thus no surprise to find MV Magnier involved in the chase for the 14-year-old. Seamus Burns provided early opposition and Sheikh Fahad jumped in with an offer of 1.7-million gns, but he ultimately played the role of underbidder as Magnier settled the argument with a promise of 2-million gns.

"She's a lovely mare who has already produced a Derby winner. We'll take her home and send her to Galileo," he said, confirming that Hazariya ([lot 1826](#)) was bought in partnership with Mayfair Speculators.

Let go by her breeder the Aga Khan when her son Harzand (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) was just a yearling and, sold in 2014 to Newsells Park Stud for €480,000, her value increased significantly when the Derby and Irish Derby were added to the list of races won by her offspring.

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DUBAI AIM FOR AWESOME ROCK

G1 Emirates S. winner **Awesome Rock (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) is set for a first overseas assignment in next March's G1 Dubai Turf, co-trainer Troy Corstens told *Racing.com*. The 5-year-old entire, who gained redemption in the Nov. 5 Emirates after being disqualified from the win in the G1 Australian Cup at the same track in April, will take in the G1 C.F. Orr S. first-up before another shot at the Australian Cup two weeks out from his Meydan test.

Awesome Rock recently returned to the yard of Troy and Leon Corstens after a three-week spell.

"He's come back terrific, he hasn't put on a stack of weight--he's got a little bit of cover over his ribs," Corstens told *Racing.com*. "He looked quite tight when he went out, and he's done exceptionally."

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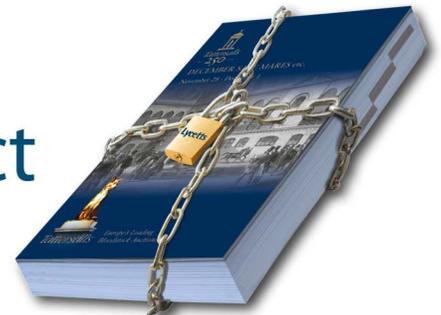
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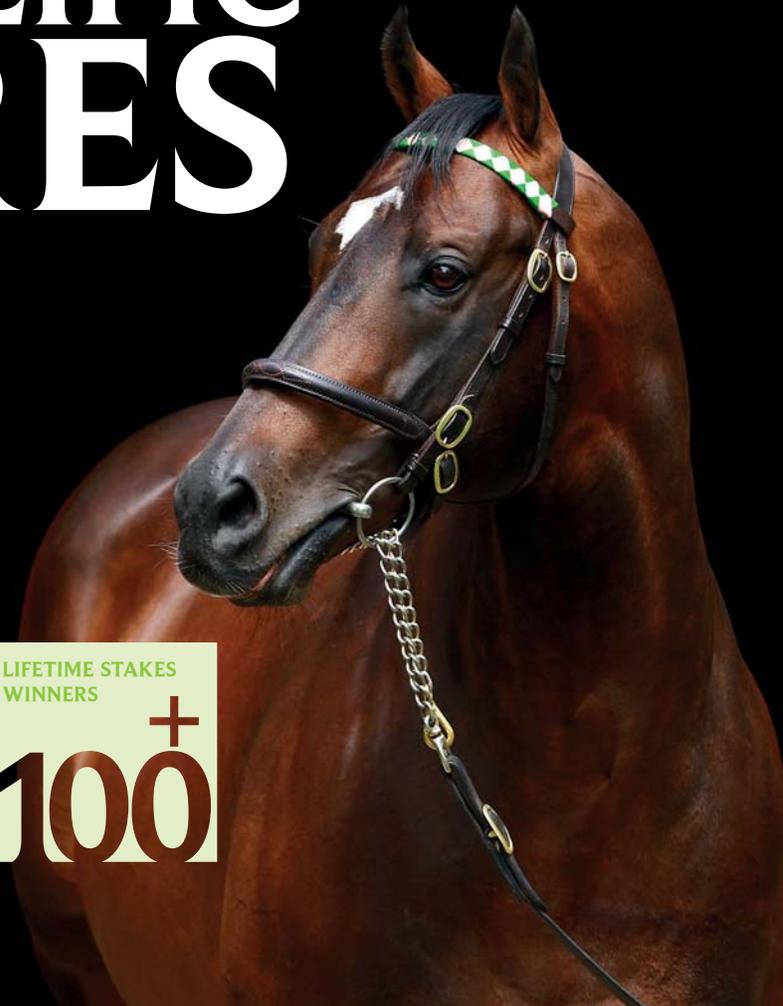
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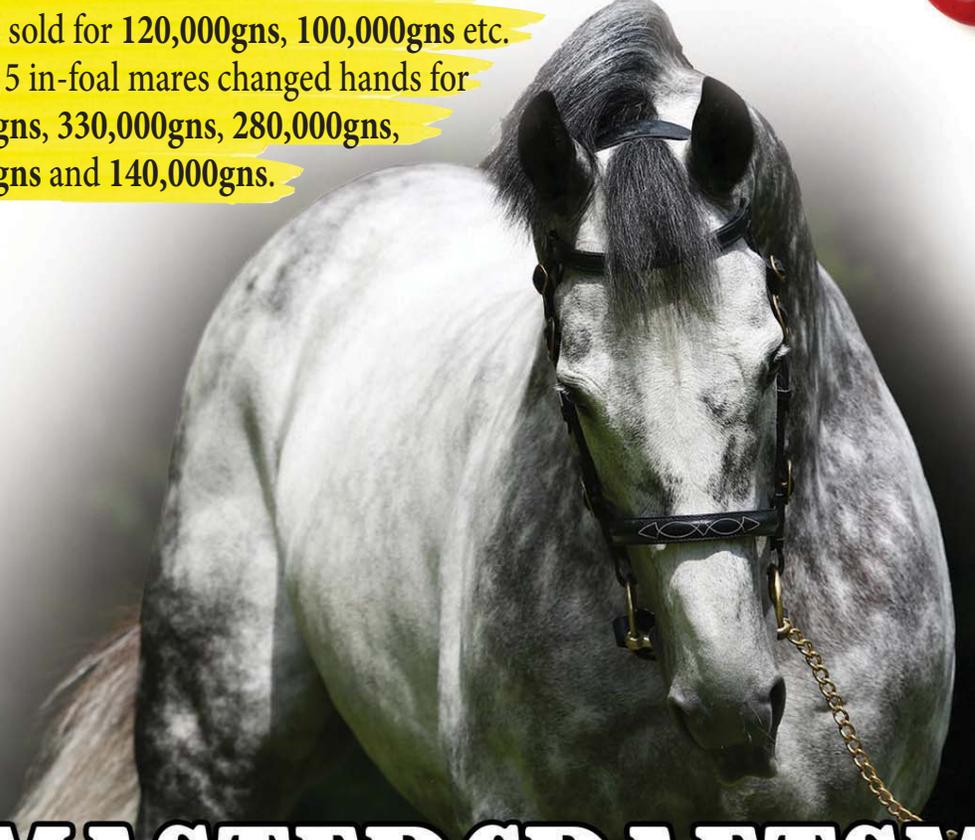
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Hazariya A Classic Gem For Coolmore cont. from p1

Harzand is by no means her only good runner--Hazarafa (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}) won at listed level while Harasiya (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) went one better in the G3 Silver Flash S.--but he is certainly her best so far.

"It made good commercial sense for us to sell her," said Julian Dollar, having enjoyed the company of Hazariya at Newsells Park for two years and with yearling and foal daughters by Fastnet Rock (Aus) and Dansili (GB) retained by the stud.



MV Magnier signed for the sale-topping Hazariya in partnership with Mayfair Speculators | *Tattersalls*

"I wish the team at Coolmore the very best of luck with her. She's 14 so we felt that we either had to sell her now or keep her. We're a self-sufficient farm and we don't get any injections of cash so sadly we had to sell."

Just two mares achieved sales prices into seven figures during what is traditionally the liveliest session of the week and, despite 24 more horses sold on the day compared to last year, the aggregate of 25,512,500gns was down by 8%. A total of 186--or 78%--of the 237 lots offered were marked as sold, but the median fell by 24% to 60,000gns and the average also dropped, by 20%, to 137,164gns.

SESSION TOPPERS

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARES

TUESDAY'S TOP 11 LOTS

Hip	Name	Status	Price (gns)
<u>1826</u>	Hazariya (Ire) <i>(14, Xaar {GB}--Hazaradja {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB})</i>	i/f Invincible Spirit (Ire)	2,000,000 Consigned by Newsells Park Stud Ltd Purchased by M V Magnier
<u>1759</u>	Eblouissante <i>(7, Bernardini--Vertigineux, by Kris S.)</i>	i/f Dansili (GB)	1,100,000 Consigned by The National Stud Ltd Purchased by Summer Wind Farm
<u>1840</u>	Irish Rookie (Ire) <i>(4, Azamour {Ire}--Bold Assumption {GB}, by Observatory)</i>	Horse in training	935,000 Consigned by Sefton Lodge Stables (M Meade) Purchased by Crispin de Moubray SARL
<u>1866</u>	Chartreuse (Ire) <i>(3, Lawman {Fr}--Bufera {Ire}, by King's Best)</i>	Horse in training	825,000 Consigned by Highclere Stud, property of Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd Purchased by Ballylinch Stud
<u>1823</u>	Jack Naylor (GB) <i>(4, Champs Elysees {GB}--Fashionable {GB}, by Nashwan)</i>	Broodmare prospect	800,000 Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment, Property of Mr Gerry Byrne Purchased by London Thoroughbred Services

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- 1848 Euro Charline (GB) Broodmare prospect 750,000**
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 Consigned by Prestige Place (M Botti)
 Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida
- 1837 Screen Star (Ire) i/f Golden Horn (GB) 675,000**
(11, Tobougg {Ire}--Actoris, by Diesis {GB})
 Consigned by Kingsley Park
 Purchased by Ballylinch Stud
- 1799 Follow a Star (Ire) i/f Zoffany (Ire) 575,000**
(3, Galileo {Ire}--Shouk {GB}, by Shirley Heights {GB})
 Consigned by John Troy, agent
 Purchased by Hillen & Highbank Stud
- 1853 Cascading (GB) i/f Siyouni (Fr) 525,000**
(5, Teofilo {Ire}--Angel Falls {GB}, by Kingmambo)
 Consigned by Jockey Hall Stud, property of Tullpark Ltd
 Purchased by Meredian International
- 1813 Whatdowantthatfor (Ire) i/f Muhaarar (GB) 500,000**
(3, Kodiak {GB}--Penicuik {GB}, by Hernando {Fr})
 Consigned by Baroda & Colbinstown Studs
 Purchased by Akita Katayama
- 1877 Queen Catrine (Ire) Horse in training 500,000**
(5, Acclamation {GB}--Kahira {Ire}, by King's Best)
 Consigned by Tweenhills Farm & Stud
 Purchased by Haruya Yoshida

Summer Wind Blows Strong In Newmarket...

It says everything about the new home of **Eblouissante** (Bernardini) that, even as a half-sister to the great Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}), she can by no means be considered unique in terms of the genes she brings to Summer Wind Farm. For her companions in the Kentucky paddocks will include Littleprincessemma (Yankee Gentleman), the dam of the Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), and she will arrive only as the latest in a long line of precious mares purchased at auction by the late James 'Frank' Lyon.

Lyon's widow Jane was making her first visit to Tattersalls on Tuesday and made the occasion a memorable one in giving 1.1-million gns for Eblouissante ([lot 1759](#)), a 7-year-old built on lines strongly reminiscent of her champion half-sister: very big, powerful and dark.

That was hardly an outrageous price for a young mare of such antecedents, carrying a foal by Dansili (GB). Only three years ago, having won her first couple of starts, she was sold to St George Farm for \$2.1-million at Keeneland. Lyon was suitably thrilled.



Eblouissante | Tattersalls

"She's an imposing, breathtaking individual and could be bred to any stallion," she said. "We watched Zenyatta, as did the rest of the world. It is a phenomenal family, one of the strongest in America, and we don't have anything of the pedigree at home. Ultimately, she's a mare to take back there but for her sake we'll leave her here until she foals. Then we'll put our heads together and see whether to breed her in Europe, which would be a distinct possibility."

Lyon spent \$5.625-million for four mares at the Keeneland November Sale. "All year long the plan was to buy four mares to replace stock," she smiled. "And now I have six. I've sold a couple of yearlings here, in years past, but this was my first time buying. But I trust my son-in-law [farm manager Mark Moloney] to see everything positive in a horse and he recommended that we be here. So I am very excited, and hope my husband is looking down and approving of what I am doing."

During her sojourn this side of the water, Eblouissante has already produced a colt by Oasis Dream (GB). "We saw a photo of her first foal and he looks just fine, which gives us some confidence in her as a broodmare," Lyon added. [Cont. p4](#)



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As a daughter of Vertigineux (Kris S.), aside from Zenyatta, this mare is also a half-sister to the triple Grade I winner Balance (Thunder Gulch) and to the dam of Long Island Sound (War Front), a Group 1 runner-up and four-time winner for Ballydoyle this year.

Lyon had news of Littleprincesemma, astutely acquired for \$2.1-million at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky the November before her son's historic 3-year-old campaign. "I have a Tapit filly out of her and she's carrying a brother to American Pharoah. I can hardly wait to see what he can do. She's the sweetest mare in the world, she really is. I believe American Pharoah has the most wonderful disposition and, while people have given a lot of credit to Pioneerof the Nile, knowing the mare I believe it comes from her."



Jane Lyon of Summer Wind Farm | Tattersalls

Irish Rookie For Saint Pair...

Irish Rookie (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) was a valuable flagbearer for Newmarket trainer Martyn Meade in the early days of his Sefton Lodge Stables, and she continued to reward him well for his initial €16,000 investment at Goffs when selling for 935,000gns to Haras de Saint Pair principal Andreas Putsch. Offered as [lot 1840](#), the 4-year-old was unbeaten as a juvenile, winning on debut at two, and following that Newmarket maiden win with victory in the Listed Montrose Fillies' S. at the same course. The descendant of the Juddmonte matriarch Zaizafon went down by just three-quarters of a length to Ervedya (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and was also third in the G1 Kingdom Of Bahrain Sun Chariot S. [Cont. p5](#)



Andreas Putsch (right) and Crispin de Moubray | Tattersalls



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"I have no mating plan for her yet," said Putsch. "She was a lovely racehorse and has real quality. Maybe my heart ruled my head, but we want to build a quality broodmare band at Haras de Saint Pair and I hope she will become a foundation mare."

While Irish Rookie is not a candidate for the first book of the Haras de Saint Pair homebred Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), who has retired to Tally-Ho Stud for the 2017 season, Putsch confirmed that his other purchases at the sale will visit the G1 Prix du Moulin winner. These include **Arabian Beauty (Ire)**, a Shamardal half-sister to Rio De La Plata (Rahy), who was sold by Godolphin for 100,000gns.

Japanese Influence Strong...

G1 Beverly D. S. winner **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) ([lot 1848](#)) will join the paddocks of Northern Farm in Japan after selling for 750,000gns to Shunsuke Yoshida, son of the farm's owner Katsumi.

The Marco Botti protege, bought initially as a short yearling for 800gns and later that year for 13,000gns, was sold privately in training to Team Valor and it was when she finished runner-up to Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Dubai Turf that she first came to her new owner's attention.

"She was a very good racehorse. We raced against her in Dubai and we followed her since then," said Yoshida. "We like her bloodline very much--she will be a good outcross for Deep Impact. Hopefully she will go to Deep Impact, but he is very busy."

Another prospective mate for Deep Impact is [lot 1877](#), **Queen Catrine (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), a Group 3 winner for Ger Lyons this summer who made the frame in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac during her days with Charlie Hills. Out of a half-sister to champion sprinter Tamarisk (Ire) (Green Desert) and from the family of Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}), she was bought for Oiwake Stud--on whose behalf Taro Iseki explained: "We like the speed in her pedigree, and of course Treve is very famous in Japan, and this filly has good form and good size so we hope we can get her to Deep Impact."

Also heading eventually to Japan is [lot 1813](#), the 3-year-old **Whatdowantthatfor (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) who has already been covered by Muhaarar (GB). The Listed St Hugh's S. winner is a debut broodmare purchase for Tokyo-based fund manager Akita Katayama, who made a decent splash at 500,000gns. He said, "I want to do this at a top level from the start. I like her pedigree very much and she was a very good racehorse. She will stay in England to have her first foal here and will then be covered in Europe before being shipped to Japan." **Cont. p6**

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ANNOCONNOR (f *Nureyev*) 12 wins from 6f to 9f, \$1,002,420, Del Mar Ramona Park Vanity H., Gr.1, Santa Anita Santa Ana H., Gr.1, Las Palmas H., Gr.2, Golden Cup H., Gr.3, Santa Anita Buena Vista H., L., Turf Paradise Molly Butler H., L., Ruffalo Cup H., L., 2d Hollywood Park Matriarch S., Gr.1, Del Mar Chula Vista H., G. Gorgonio H., Gr.2, 3d Santa Anita Santa Barbara H., Gr.1, Santa Maria H., G. Bay Meadows San Jose H., L. Dam of 5 winners-
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Profitable Returns For Champs Elysees Fillies...

Juddmonte's Champs Elysees (GB) may recently have been reassigned to the jump stallion ranks, but he supplied the top lot at the recent Horses-in-Training Sale when Harlem (GB) sold for 520,000gns, and two of his best daughters on the track made a splash at Tattersalls on Wednesday.

Both **Jack Naylor (GB)** ([lot 1823](#)) and **Avenue Gabriel (GB)** ([lot 1792](#)) were inexpensive yearlings at Tattersalls Ireland's September Sale, the former being bought by her trainer Jessica Harrington for €10,500, while Avenue Gabriel was knocked down at just €5,000. Jack Naylor's two Group 3 victories and runner-up finish in the G1 Darley Irish Oaks saw her price increase significantly to 800,000gns when James Wigan saw off Sheikh Fahad to claim the 4-year-old for an unnamed client.

"She's a very classy-looking filly from a nice Juddmonte family and was a very tough racemare," he said.

The dual listed winner and Group 2-placed Avenue Gabriel will join the broodmare band at Pierre Talvard's Haras du Cadran after being bought by the Frenchman for 375,000gns.

Talvard has enjoyed a memorable year as the breeder of Al Shaqab Racing's G1 Coronation S. winner Qemah (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), and the Normandy farmer reinvested in some new blood courtesy of the grand-daughter of the Oaks winner Lady Carla (GB) (Caerleon) who was sold in foal to Muhaarar (GB) by Ballyhimikin Stud. He commented, "She was a very good racemare and is in foal to a very good horse on an early cover. I will take her back to the farm before deciding on a stallion for next year."



James Wigan | Tattersalls

Lumiere's Dam A New Light For Ballylinch...

Mark Johnston added a lucrative string to his bow in consigning a real show-stopper in [lot 1837](#), **Screen Star (Ire)** (Tobougg {Ire}), through Kingsley Park. The 11-year-old is the dam of Lumiere (GB) (Shamardal), who has shown elite quality on her day for Johnston, notably in winning the G1 Cheveley Park S., and is out of a grand-daughter of Outstandingly (Exclusive Native), winner of the inaugural GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Sold in foal to Golden Horn (GB), she is on her way to Ballylinch Stud for 675,000gns--quite possibly for a tryst with Lope De Vega (Ire) (Shamardal).

"We've a few sires who would suit her now," reasoned John O'Connor, managing director of the Co Kilkenny farm. "She's already bred a really top-class filly by Shamardal, and we've got a top-class son of Shamardal. But we'll get to know her before we decide, we'll foal her and then see where we are: we've a bunch of real nice Classic stallions coming through. She has a great physique, with lots of strength, and great movement."

Johnston bought Screen Star for 52,000gns here three years ago, when discarded by Darley, having trained her to win her sole start at Redcar by 11 lengths. Neither he nor his patrons could have known that the grey had that spring foaled a filly that would serve them both so well. Moreover her 2-year-old X Rated (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) got off the mark for Johnston only last week at Wolverhampton.

O'Connor had to dig deeper still to add [lot 1866](#) to the Ballylinch roster, signing for **Chartreuse (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr}) at 825,000gns--representing quite a coup for her owners at Highclere Thoroughbred Racing, for whom the 3-year-old was purchased for €100,000 as a Goffs yearling. Sent into training with Freddy Head, she has since won a listed race and twice finished second at Group 3 level.

"I saw her running at Deauville in the summer when she was just caught at the post and I was impressed with her then," O'Connor recalled. "She's a beautiful filly from a family we've been watching, a good old line of Gerry Oldham's with a lot of nice young mares producing and plenty going on."

Those working for the page include her Invincible Spirit (Ire) half-brother, who raised 420,000gns at the October Yearling Sale here, while the dam of Chartreuse is a half-sister to Tonnara (Ire) (Linamix {Fr})--mother of recent GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic winner Ectot (GB) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) and young sire Most Improved (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}). As such it was no surprise to see that the underbidder was Henri Bozo of Ecurie des Monceaux, home to Tonnara.

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Bozo's brother Ghislain was conversely working in partnership with Ballylinch in paying 525,000gns for [lot 1853](#), **Cascading (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}), a half-sister to one of the top juveniles in France this year: the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner National Defense (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The listed-placed 5-year-old is in foal to Siyouni (Fr).



Ballylinch Stud's John O'Connor | *Tattersalls*

Highbank Catches A Star...

The father-and-son team of Martin and Tom Wainwright are looking to sow quality seed into their Highbank Stud, just by Wetherby racecourse, having already produced respectively the top filly and top lot at the 2014 and 2016 Craven Breeze-ups from the same mare, Loch Jipp (Belong To Me). And they raised the stakes here by going to 575,000gns with Stephen Hillen for [lot 1799](#), **Follow A Star (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), an unraced 3-year-old from an outstanding family, carrying a foal by Zoffany (Ire).

Her dam Shouk (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}) has produced two Group 1 winners in Magical Romance (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}) and--obviously very closely related--Alexandrova (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Since her triple Oaks campaign, taking in Epsom, the Curragh and York, the latter has produced two group winners.

"That was our last bid," admitted Hillen. "It was a real stretch to get her, but it's obviously a really good family and the Wainwrights are keen to move forwards--we were underbidders yesterday on the dam of South Seas--and a Galileo mare was a real attraction. The foal will be sold, but they know it's a long-term project and won't expect it back in one go."



Martin and Tom Wainwright | *Emma Berry*

Big-Bottomed Girl...

There was a purposeful start to bidding for [lot 1725](#), an opening tally of 200,000gns cognisant of the fact that **Shermeen (Ire)** (Desert Style {Ire}) was not only stakes-placed herself but has already produced a top-notch juvenile in Sudirman (Henrythenavigator), winner of the G1 Phoenix S. and runner-up in the G1 National S. for David Wachman. Now 13, she has been covered by Dark Angel (Ire) and that doubtless helped to drive competition until Diane Nagle of Barronstown Stud had the final say at 450,000gns.

Nagle had acquired a grand-daughter of Barronstown's bedrock mare Doff The Derby (Master Derby) from the Godolphin draft the previous day, on candid grounds of sentiment. But her husband had rather more bluntly objective grounds for picking out this mare. "David just loved her, she's very strong with a great big bottom on her," Nagle explained. "A Group 1 producer is a rare commodity and she's carrying a colt, I believe, so maybe he'll be back here in a couple of years."

Newsells Restocks With Anipa...

As one door closes, another one opens--and just six lots before cashing in the Derby winner's dam, Newsells Park Stud acquired a mare who could fill her shoes in **Anipa (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}). [Lot 1820](#) changed hands for 400,000gns at this sale two years ago, having won the Cheshire Oaks for Roger Varian, but was back here after an unproductive spell in the U.S. and is now carrying a foal by Zoffany (Ire). **Cont. p8**

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Still only five, she was signed for by John Warren at 450,000gns. "She's very correct and from a lovely family," explained Warren. "We've been lucky buying mares for Newsells Park before, for instance with the dam of Secret Gesture (GB) (Galileo {Ire})."

That was Shastye (Ire) (Danehill), bought for 625,000gns here in 2005 and since responsible for yearling siblings to Secret Gesture sold for 3.6-million gns and 1.35-million gns.

This filly is a half-sister to GI Flower Bowl Invitational S winner Ave (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and her grand-dam is a half-sister to the dam of the upwardly mobile Australian pair Helmet (Aus) and Epaulette (Aus).



John Warren | *Racing Post*

Goff Keeps Faith In Bible Belt...

Tom Goff of Blandford Bloodstock was delighted to renew his acquaintance with Bible Belt (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) ([lot 1836](#)), having bought her here three years ago after she won a Group 3 race for Jessica Harrington. She cost 530,000gns that day but Goff retains the faith, paying 425,000gns on behalf of Andrew Black--with an Invincible Spirit (Ire) cover thrown into the bargain by Kiltinan Castle Stud.

"She's a lovely mare, and I think she'll be a really good addition to the broodmare band they're putting together at Chasemore Farm," Goff said. "With that page you could mate her with anything, though I'd say we'll look at a miler. Obviously I know her progeny, and her Street Cry (Ire) yearling looks very nice."

Goff's affection for the mare is compounded by the fact that her grandam is a half-sister to Assessor (Ire) (Niniski). "He was bought a long time ago by my late mentor Joss Collins," he said. "He was a very good horse, won the Cadran and the Royal Oak. Despite everything they say, Richard Hannon could train stayers," he quipped.

High Five For China Horse Club...

Agent Mick Flanagan was kept on his toes throughout the session, signing for three mares for China Horse Club to add to their two purchases on Monday.

The 5-year-old **One Chance (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit), sold carrying her first foal by Classic winner Gleneagles (Ire), was the priciest of the quintet at 380,000gns. Sold through the Castlebridge Consignment as [lot 1819](#), the dual winner owns a pedigree which commands such a lofty price-tag, being out of a Fusaichi Pegasus half-sister to Spinning World from the high-achieving Niarchos family of Grade I winners Denon (Pleasant Colony) and Aldebaran (Mr Prospector).

Earlier in the session [lot 1790](#), **Dusky Queen (Ire)**--a listed-winning daughter of Shamardal, also joined the club's broodmare band. Bought for 370,000gns in foal to Muhaarar (GB), she will visit new Ballylinch Stud stallion New Bay (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), in whom China Horse Club has purchased a share. Flanagan explained, "It was a smidgen more than I wanted to pay but she's a young Shamardal mare who won five races including a listed race. Hopefully she can produce a nice foal to Muhaarar. I tried to get into him last year on behalf of other clients but he was full. This is the first mare the China Horse Club has bought in foal to him. We're trying to buy some more commercial mares who we can later trade out of."



Mick Flanagan and the China Horse Club's Teo Ah Khing | *Tattersalls*

Update Proves Valuable For La Dorotea...

The exploits of her full sister Jemayel (Ire) this season gave the owners of **La Dorotea (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) an irresistible opportunity to cash her in as [lot 1753](#), and they were duly rewarded by Dick O'Gorman with a bid of 310,000gns. Purchased at the Araqana Breeze-up Sale for €100,000, the 4-year-old achieved a respectable level for Richard Fahey but has meanwhile gained a great deal of additional lustre from her

sibling, winner of the Prix Saint-Alary and subsequently on the Group 1 podium behind two outstanding contemporaries in La Cressonniere (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) and Minding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). She was sold in foal to Golden Horn (GB).

Nick Bradley, who had originally picked her out for Fahey's racing club, admitted he was sorry to see La Dorotea go. "But unfortunately horses need to be paid for," he said. "I'd love to keep her--and she's believed to be carrying a colt--but it's a financial decision, not a strategic one, and I wish Dick all the best with her. She'd had a huge update since we bought her, her sister's the second-best filly in France. But you have to move them on sometimes. I didn't sell one earlier, having been offered a lot more three months ago. That was Loaves And Fishes (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) ([lot 1671](#)). I suppose she can now take over the share I bought in Golden Horn."

Jemayel has embellished a page that already credited their dam with one Grade I winner in Mast Track (Mizzen Mast), who made all in the 2008 Hollywood Gold Cup for the late Bobby Frankel.

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1790 Dusky Queen (Ire) i/f Muhaarar (GB) 370,000

Consigned by Ballyhimikin Stud
 Purchased by China Horse Club International
 Stroud Coleman Bloodstock went to 180,000gns to secure the stakes-winning Dusky Queen (Ire) (Shamardal) at this sale last year. She was put in foal to first-season covering sire and champion sprinter Muhaarar (GB) and, like a number of that sire's other in-foal mares, she rewarded her connections with a sizeable profit.

BUY OF THE DAY



Ghislain Bozo

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

[Lot 1801](#), f, 3, Haggie (GB)
 (Pivotal {GB}-Barter {GB}, by Daylami {Ire})
 Buyer: Stephen Hillen
 Price: \$125,000

"Haggie is a quality, black-type filly and is typical from her family. She comes from one of the nicest female pages in the stud book."

NOTHING BUT NET

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARE SALE DAY TWO

Lot	Name	Status	Price (gns)
1680	Singing Sky (GB)	i/f Make Believe (GB)	160,000

Consigned by Baroda & Colbinstown Studs

Purchased by Peter and Ross Doyle Bloodstock

Baroda and Colbinstown had to spend just 27,000gns to secure Singing Sky (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) off the track at this sale a year ago, and her half-sister Journey (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) provided the ultimate update when capping three straight wins with a four-length victory in the G1 Qipco British Champions Fillies and Mares S. Oct. 15. Singing Sky was put in foal to first-season covering sire Make Believe (GB), a son of Journey's sire Dubawi, this year and awarded her connections for their foresight on Tuesday.

1681	Bronte Sister (Ire)	i/f Showcasing (GB)	110,000
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Consigned by Skara Stud

Purchased by BBA Ireland

Bronte Sister (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), an unraced 3-year-old half-sister to stakes winner Bronterre (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), was scooped up for €25,000 out of this year's Goffs February Sale. She was put in foal to Showcasing 10 days later, and another successful season for that rising young sire, including two Group 1 wins for Quiet Reflection (GB) and a Grade II win for Prize Exhibit (GB), likely helped boost her value on Tuesday.

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From the desk of...
BILL OPPENHEIM



IT'S VALUE SIRE TIME

Here we begin the series where we talk about sires which, for some reason or another, strike me as 'good value', although--caution to commercial breeders--my definition of 'good value' is probably more about producing racehorses than it is about sales results. So let's begin (*see American section for value sires in the U.S.*). [Cont. p10](#)

Bill Oppenheim cont.

EUROPEAN SIRES AT £25k+ / €25k+: It's not often we tout a stallion standing for €40,000 as good value, but Darley Kildangan's **Teofilo** (Galileo) has earned the designation. His first foals were born in 2009, which means his sixth crop are 2-year-olds this year. Though an unbeaten 2-year-old champion himself, Teofilo is even better as a sire of older horses. He's the sire of 52 Black-Type winners worldwide (includes some from Australian crops), and 25 GSW, and has a 2.45 APEX A Runner

**Teofilo** | Darley

Index through Midyear 2016. He's the sire of six European Group 1 winners, plus another in the UAE, from five crops of 3-year-olds plus. Since he'll be covering his 10th book of mares in

2017 we've had plenty of time to absorb his overall record, and that makes him a very respectable buy.

In the last of his three starts at two, Coolmore's **Australia** (€35,000), by Galileo out of the great racemare Oujia Board, by Cape Cross, went off the 5-2 second-favorite behind 2-5 Free Eagle (High Chaparral) in a compact four-horse field for the one-mile G3 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Trial S. at Leopardstown, but ran away from him and won the race by six lengths. He was a close third to upset winner Night of Thunder (Dubawi) and Kingman (Invincible Spirit) in the G1 English 2000 Guineas in his first start at three, then won, in succession, the G1 Epsom Derby; the G1 Irish Derby (at 8-1 on, in a five-horse field); and the G1 Juddmonte International against 'olders'; then Joseph O'Brien turned in one of the most over-confident rides ever seen in the G1 Irish Champion S. in what turned out to be his final career start, and he was beaten by The Grey Gatsby (Mastercraftsman). His credentials are as good or better than any other sire prospect with comparable form, which I would say makes him a great buy for €35,000 in his third season.

Shadwell's **Muhaarar** (Oasis Dream, £30,000) had been a good 2-year-old, winning the G2 Gimcrack and running third in the G1 Middle Park on soft ground. At three, he won the G3 Greenham at seven furlongs as an unconsidered 16-1 shot, after which trainer Charlie Hills ran him in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) but he was mid-pack in that. He then reverted to sprinting, and won, in order: the inaugural running of the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot against 3-year-olds, and three races against older horses as well:

the G1 July Cup; the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest; and the G1 British Champions Sprint. In other words, he was unbeaten sprinting from Royal Ascot on. His sire, Oasis Dream, was an absolutely top-class sprinter, and this guy was the same. I

would say he is very reasonably priced--if not cheap--for as good a racehorse as he really was.

**Muhaarar** | Shadwell

Speaking of top-class sprinters, another horse we're

very keen on is the Haras de Bouquetot's **Shalaa** (Invincible Spirit, €27,500), though on the basis of his 2-year-old form, as he was sidelined by injury at the start of his 3-year-old year, this year, and only made it back for a couple of races late in the year. He was the best sprinting 2-year-old of 2015, though, for trainer John Gosden, reeling off five straight wins, all at six furlongs, after running last in his debut. These wins included two Group 2 wins in the July S. at Newmarket and the Richmond S. at Goodwood, followed by two Group 1 wins, in the Prix Morny and the Middle Park. He is inbred 3x3 to Danzig, being out of a mare by War Chant. We like this kind of intense inbreeding for production even more than for performance, so if he's an even better sire than he was a racehorse, look out.

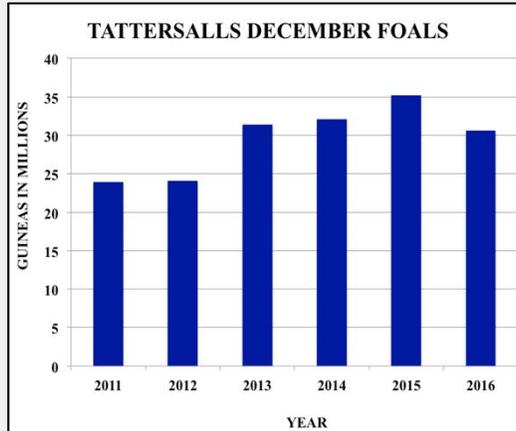
After three years when he has stood for £35,000; £40,000; and £40,000, Cheveley Park's **Dutch Art** (Medicean) has dropped to £25,000 for 2017, when he'll be standing his 10th season. He's a thoroughly proven sire, and he will have got much better mares the last three years than previously, so it's a fair bet that there will be a few household names by him out there by the time the products of 2017 matings appear at the sales and on the racecourse. It could be the right time to follow on; maybe he is a little quiet now, precipitating the price drop, but to some extent (certainly commercially) breeders want to be able to predict favourable conditions in the future. Dutch Art at £25,000 is a reasonable gamble to still be popular, or be more popular in two or three years' time, because as a sire, he does have the form in the book.

BEST (BUYS) OF THE BEST: A tie between Australia (€35,000) and Muhaarar (£30,000). **NEXT WEEK:** sires at £/€12,500-20,000.

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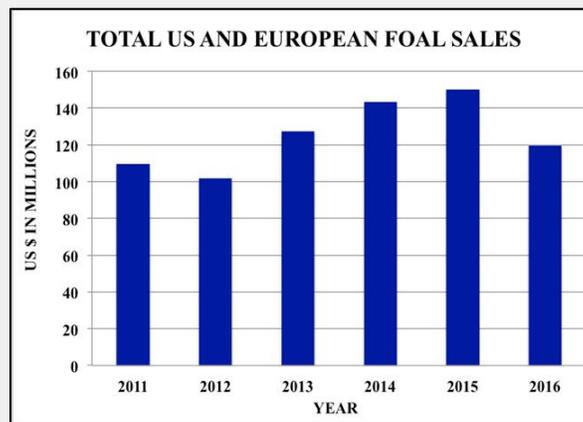
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“Tattersalls’ Foal Sale last week was down 9% in gross but only pennies in average, as the number catalogued was down 11% from last year. Interesting that the average has barely moved in the last four years. The overall foal market thus far is down \$30-million, or 25% in dollars, but the 20% fall in £ sterling accounts for \$10-million of that, so really the foal market is probably down \$20-million, or about 13%, from last year.”



TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOAL SALE (IN GUINEAS)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>RING</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>% W/D</u>	<u>% S/R</u>	<u>% S/C</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
2016	1,136	957	743	15.8%	77.6%	65.4%	30,568,350	41,142
2015	1,277	1,089	803	14.7%	73.7%	62.9%	33,565,600	41,800
2014	1,116	966	779	13.4%	80.6%	69.8%	32,110,900	41,221
2013	1,072	943	740	12.0%	78.5%	69.0%	31,420,400	42,460
2012	1,015	854	708	15.9%	82.9%	69.8%	24,132,700	34,086
2011	1,003	878	665	12.5%	75.7%	66.3%	23,860,100	35,880



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN FOAL SALES AS OF NOV 30, 2016

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>RING</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>% W/D</u>	<u>% S/R</u>	<u>% S/C</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
2016	4,267	3,374	2,322	20.9%	68.8%	54.4%	\$119,371,741	\$51,409
2015	4,258	3,422	2,492	19.6%	72.8%	58.5%	\$150,030,072	\$60,205
2014	3,775	3,101	2,424	17.9%	78.2%	64.2%	\$143,361,819	\$59,143
2013	3,444	2,861	2,323	16.9%	81.2%	67.5%	\$127,451,007	\$54,865
2012	3,645	2,944	2,232	19.2%	75.8%	61.2%	\$101,818,908	\$45,618
2011	3,323	2,767	2,144	16.7%	77.5%	64.5%	\$119,705,808	\$55,833

GODOLPHIN TO RACE PROFITABLE

Group 1-winning sprinter **Profitable (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) will race for Godolphin next year, remaining in the care of trainer Clive Cox. Darley had secured the breeding rights to the 4-year-old in June just days before his career-best win in the G1 King's Stand S., with owner Alan Spence continuing to campaign the colt throughout 2016, but he will race on in 2017 in the Godolphin blue.

"Profitable is a very talented horse, who will again be able to challenge for all the top sprints in Europe next year, and being well-bred, he is one of the best stallion prospects around," said Godolphin Chief Executive and Racing Manager John Ferguson.

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Profitable and Clive Cox after the King's Stand | [racingfotos.com](#)

MOORE TO RECEIVE LONGINES AWARD

Ryan Moore has been named the recipient of the Longines World's Best Jockey Award, an honour he has won twice in the last three years.

Moore won eight of the world's top 100 Group or Grade I races in 2016, those wins coming in five countries on six different horses. They include the Longines Hong Kong Mile (Maurice {Jpn}), Longines Hong Kong Vase (Highland Reel {Ire}), Dubai Turf Sponsored by DP World (Real Steel {Jpn}), King



Ryan Moore and Minding | [racingfotos.com](#)

George VI & Queen Elizabeth Sponsored by QIPCO (Highland Reel), Qatar Sussex S. (The Gurkha {Ire}), Qatar Prix de l'Arc de

Triomphe (Found {Ire}), Queen Elizabeth II Sponsored by QIPCO (Minding {Ire}), and Tenno Sho Autumn (Maurice).

The award is decided by points earned for finishing in the top three in the world's top 100 races, and Moore earned 166 points, the most ever since the award was created.

Christophe Soumillon was a distant second with 98 points, while Australian jockey Hugh Bowman, the regular rider of Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), was third with 94 points.

Moore will be recognized at a ceremony held during the gala dinner of the Longines International Races on Dec. 9 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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MONTAIGU, HETRAIE SIRES ON DISPLAY

Haras de Montaigu and Haras de la Hetraie will show their stallions **Night Wish (Ger)** (Sholokhov {Ire}), **Prince Gibraltar (Fr)** (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), **Walzertakt (Ger)** (Montjeu {Ire}) and



Prince Gibraltar | *Montaigu*

Bathyrhon (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) on Dec. 5 at Pole International du Cheval five minutes from the Arqana sales complex.

Prince Gibraltar this year covered 80 mares in his first season at Montaigu, where he will be joined next year by

Group 3 winner Night Wish. Bathyrhon covered 60 mares this year at Hetraie after only arriving at the stud in April, and he will be this year joined by Group 2 winner Walzertakt, who is bred on the same cross as triple Classic winner Camelot (GB).

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Au Dela Des Pistes Charity Auction Nominations - Dec. 2, 5:30 pm Arqana Sales Complex

Sire	2017 Fee
Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB})	€45,000
Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire})	€30,000
Maxios (Ger) (Monsun {Ger})	€10,000
Intello (Ger) (Galileo {Ire})	€25,000
Martaline (GB) (Linamix {Fr})	€15,000
Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger})	€10,000
Olympic Glory (Ire) (Choisir {Aus})	€15,000
Mukhadram (GB) (Shamardal)	£15,000
Charm Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})	£20,000
New Bay (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})	€20,000
Scissor Kick (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus})	€10,000
Rajsaman (Fr) (Linamix {Fr})	€8,000
Dragon Pulse (Ire) (Kyllachy {GB})	€8,000
Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Danahill Dancer {Ire})	€25,000

BRITAIN

**Tuesday's Results:**

2nd-NC, £7,000, Mdn, 11-29, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:12.53, st.
SIX STRINGS (GB) (c, 2, [Requinto {Ire}](#)--[Island Music {Ire}](#), by [Mujahid](#)), last seen finishing ninth in the Weatherbys Super Sprint at Newbury July 16, was sent off the 13-8 favourite and raced in rear early. Swooping on the lead approaching the furlong pole, the 43,000gns TATFOA foal and €50,000 GOFORB yearling was not fully extended to win by a short head from Glorious Politics (GB) (Delegator {GB}). Six Strings, who becomes the 17th winner for his first-season sire (by Dansili {GB}), has a foal half-sister by Power (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$10,836. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Merchants and Missionaries; B-Andrew W. Robson (GB); T-Richard A. Fahey.

1st-NC, £5,000, Mdn, 11-29, 2yo, f, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:27.76, st.
SHENANIGANS (IRE) (f, 2, [Arcano {Ire}](#)--[Ladylishandra {Ire}](#), by [Mujadil](#)), runner-up over a mile at Kempton Nov. 16, started as the 15-8 second favourite and stalked the leaders initially. Sent to the lead with two furlongs remaining, the €30,000 GOFNOV foal and 40,000gns TATOCT yearling asserted to win comfortably by 3 3/4 lengths from La Guapita (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}). The winner is a half-sister to the G3 Oak Tree S. and G3 Supreme S. winner Tropical Paradise (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}), MGSW-Eng, \$195,204, and to the G3 Premio Omenoni scorer Harlem Shake (Ire) (Moss Vale {Ire}), GSW-Ity & Sp-Fr, \$225,163, with a yearling half-sister by Big Bad Bob (Ire) and a foal half-sister by Zebedee (GB) to follow. The dam hails from the family of the sire Jim French and the G3 Royal Whip S. scorer Dancing Sunset (Ire) (Red Sunset {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$5,119. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Ann Black, M Al Qatami & K M Al Mudhaf; B-Ringfort Stud (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

IRELAND

**HALF-MILLION RAISED FOR CANCER RESEARCH**

Jim Bolger and Davy Russell's Celebrity Hurling Match in aid of the Irish Cancer Society has surpassed the half-million euro mark over five years, with total funds raised reaching €542,000. The money has helped fund cancer research including the recent development of a drug that could treat a difficult form of breast cancer. Jim Bolger said, "It is truly exciting to see the developments being made through cancer research here in

Ireland. The number of people with cancer in Ireland is rising annually and more research is vital to tackle this growing epidemic. Davy and I, and all those involved in Hurling for Cancer Research, are proud to play a part in funding the Irish Cancer Society's work in this field."

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FRANCE

**Tuesday's Results:**

PRIX PETITE ETOILE-Listed, €55,000, DVL, 11-29, 3yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:54.42, stn.

1--**#DAWN OF HOPE (IRE), 128, f, 3, by [Mastercraftsman \(Ire\)](#)**

1st Dam: Sweet Firebird (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

2nd Dam: Fire the Groom, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

3rd Dam: Prospector's Fire, by Mr. Prospector

(€220,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB). O-Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar; B-Gerrardstown House Stud (IRE); T-Roger Varian; J-Maxime Guyon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, €65,153.

2--**Endless Summer (Ity), 128, f, 3, Pounced--Arafura (Ire), by Baratheia (Ire).** O-Giulio Lachi. €11,000.

3--**Magnolea (Ire), 128, f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Carcassonne (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire).** (€150,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Faisal Salman. €8,250.

Margins: 1, HD, NK. Odds: 4.60, 6.70, 2.90.

Also Ran: Battlement (GB), I Am Charlie (Fr), Divine Bere (Fr), Boreale Makfi (GB), Blink (Fr), Kalinda (Spa), Ibazz (GB), Aktoria (Fr), Newrock (Ire). Scratched: Mint Julep (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Dawn of Hope, who finished sixth in last term's G1 Fillies' Mile, garnered an Apr. 27 Ascot conditions heat on seasonal return before running fifth in Newmarket's Oct. 7 Listed Pride S. and was a last-out fourth in the Nov. 5 Listed Gillies' Fillies S. at Doncaster. Positioned sixth within range of the leaders after the initial strides of this synthetic bow, she was urged closer off the home turn and kept on resolutely under a drive once taking over with 300 metres remaining to claim a career high.

Dawn of Hope is out of G3 Blue Wind S. third Sweet Firebird (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and is thus a half-sister to MGSP Listed Tapster S. and Listed Gala S. victor Ayrad (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and three other winners. Sweet Firebird is a daughter of G1 Beverly D. S.-winning European highweight Fire the Groom (Blushing Groom {Fr}) and kin to MG1SW sire Stravinsky (Nureyev) and stakes-winning G1 Secretariat third Moscow Ballet (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). The winner is also a half to the unraced 2-year-old filly Myakka Park (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), who is in training with Dermot Weld, and a yearling colt by Iffraaj (GB).

1st-DVL, €29,000, Cond, 11-29, 3yo, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:34.54, stn.

TRANCOSO (FR) (g, 3, [Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}](#)--Trope de Elite {GSW-Brz}, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €27,000. O/B-Arthur Mendes (FR); T-Etienne & Gregoire Leenders.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Cry Baby (Ire), f, 2, [Power \(GB\)](#)--Monteleone (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). PTB, 11-28, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:44.45. B-Ecurie Patrick Klein & Ecurie Haras du Cadran (IRE). *€35,000 RNA Ylg '15 ARQAUG. **17th winner for first-season sire (by Oasis Dream {GB}).



Awesome Rock winning the G1 Emirates S. | Bronwen Healy

GERMANY



CONDITIONS RESULT:

7th-DOR, €6,000, 11-29, 3yo, 9f (AWT), 1:52.35, st.
VANISH SOLDIER (GB) (c, 3, [Zamindar--Valoria {GB}](#), by [Hernando {Fr}](#)) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-3, €8,650. O-N Schneider; B-S Stuckey (GB); T-T Potters. *14,000gns Ylg '14 TATFOA.

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Dubai Aim For Awesome Rock cont. from p1

Corstens continued, "He's a stallion and we were very mindful of him doing too well in the paddock, so we were very careful--we went out and monitored him twice when he was out in the three-week period."

Corstens indicated Awesome Rock would be well primed for the C.F. Orr.

"The C.F. Orr S. is an extremely important race for him--it would be really good to get the Group 1 weight-for-age over 1400 metres against his name," Corstens added. "I think that could add a bit of value to his stud career going forward, and I think it's a really good race for him to kick off in again."

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PAYNE APPROVED TO RIDE IN QUEENSLAND

Melbourne Cup-winning jockey turned trainer Michelle Payne, who has failed in her battles with Racing NSW to hold a dual riding and training license, was on Tuesday approved for such a license in Queensland, according to *Racing.com*. Payne holds a dual license in her home state of Victoria, but such licenses are



Michelle Payne | *Racing and Sports*

not permitted in New South Wales. Those rules will bar Payne from riding **Husson Eagle (Aus)** (Husson {Arg}), a 5-year-old gelding trained by her brother Patrick, at Rosehill this weekend, but Payne is now expected to be in

the saddle when the bay lines up on the Magic Millions Raceday on the Gold Coast in January.

"They [the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission] have been most supportive and helpful in finding a pathway through and I am really grateful for that," Payne told *Racing.com*. "I can't wait to ride Husson Eagle on Magic Millions Day. Magic Millions Day is one of the great days on the Australian racing calendar, and it will be fantastic to be a part of it."

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TRAINER COX HANDED LENGTHY BAN

Wodonga trainer Brian Cox has been banned for 3 1/2 years after being found guilty of eight charges including administration and possession of banned substances and improper conduct, according to *Racing.com*. [Cont. p14](#)

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Cox Suspension cont.

Cox was charged with four counts of administration of the anabolic steroid Nitrotain to two horses in his care last August, and he was also charged with improper or dishonourable conduct towards stewards after becoming violent when learning he was to be charged.

Dr. Robert Fielding, the vet who provided Cox with the Nitrotain, avoided a ban after large number of witnesses provided strong character references. He was instead fined A\$20,000.

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Saturday, Ascot (Perth), Australia

PETERS INVESTMENTS--KINGSTON TOWN CLASSIC-G1, A\$1,000,000

(£598,363/€702,752/US\$747,955), 3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Stratum Star (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Lane	Weir	130
2	Perfect Reflection (Aus)	More Than Ready	Pike	Williamsses	125
3	Neverland (Aus)	Big Brown	Noske	Williamsses	126
4	Kawi (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Walker	Sharrock	130
5	Good Project (Aus)	Nt a Sgl Dbt (Aus)	Bowman	Waller	130
6	Dubai Escapade (Aus)	Dubai Destination	Kennedy	Warwick	130
7	Vanbrugh (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	Melham	Waller	129
8	Disposition (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	Smith	Williamsses	130
9	Tradesman (Aus)	Trade Fair (GB)	Dunn	Harveys	130
10	Mackintosh (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Oliver	Waller	129
11	Bass Strait (NZ)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Parnham	Parnham	130
12	Heart Starter (Aus)	Domesday (Aus)	Hall	Williamsses	129
13	Ihtsahymn (Aus)	Ihtiram (Ire)	S Parnham	Kersley	130
14	He or She (Aus)	Kendel Star (Aus)	C Parnham	Hys/Dbrng	130
15	Tick Tick Bloom (Aus)	Viscount (Aus)	Carbery	Drnt/Mllr	126
16	Scales of Justice (Aus)	Nt a Sgl Dbt (Aus)	Whyte	Smith	129

SINGAPORE-BASED QUECHUA ADDED TO HK

VASE by Alan Carasso

Officials at the Hong Kong Jockey Club have extended an invitation to top Singaporean middle-distance galloper **Quechua (Arg)** (Pure Prize) to compete in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase (2400m) at Sha Tin Racecourse Dec. 11. The 6-year-old replaces GI Canadian International S. hero Erupt (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), who was withdrawn from the race following a subpar performance in the G1 Japan Cup Nov. 27.

“I’d like to thank the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the invitation. It’s always fantastic to get the opportunity to measure up against the world’s best,” said trainer Patrick Shaw, who saddled the legendary Rocket Man (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}) to a narrow runner-up effort behind J J the Jet Plane (SAf) (Jet Master {SAf}) in the 2010 G1 Hong Kong Sprint.

“I hope to be there for the race, but I’m going back to South Africa as planned on the sixth of December. If my doctors give me the all-clear, I should be able to make it.”

Shaw is taking a 6 1/2-month sabbatical from training in Singapore beginning Dec. 15 to address health issues, and Quechua could be his last runner as a licensed trainer. The racing season at Kranji concludes Dec. 4.

A Group 2 winner and Group 1-placed in his native Argentina, Quechua is a five-time black-type winner and a two-time

champion stayer in Singapore. Shaw, who has had a fair deal of success in the jurisdiction with horses from South America, trained Quechua to marquee victories in the 2014 Longines Singapore Gold Cup (2200m) [\(video\)](#) and in the



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2015 Emirates Singapore Derby (2000m) [\(video\)](#).

Winner of eight of his 26 starts in Singapore and 10 of 34 overall, Quechua has banked S\$2.8 million since his import and his overall bankroll stands at US\$2,148,362. Barend Vorster, who has ridden Quechua at his last three runs, including a close fifth in this year’s Gold Cup Nov. 20, will have the mount in the Vase.

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Date	Race	Distance
Dec. 11	Longines Hong Kong Cup	2000m
	Longines Hong Kong Mile	1600m
	Longines Hong Kong Sprint	1200m
	Longines Hong Kong Vase	2400m
Jan. 30	Stewards’ Cup	1600m
Feb. 26	Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup	2000m
	Queen’s Silver Jubilee Cup	1400m
Apr. 30	Audemars Piguet QE II Cup	2000m
May 7	Champions Mile	1600m
	Chairman’s Sprint Prize	1200m
May 28	Champions and Chater Cup	2400m