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FIRST-SEASON SIRE ANALYSIS: BRITAIN AND IRELAND



Kevin Blake rates Sepoy highly among first-season sires | Darley

Op/Ed by Kevin Blake

Things change quickly in the world of first-season sires. It is a fickle and unforgiving land in which a sire can go from being the cock of the walk thanks to the appeal of his progeny at the yearling sales to quickly turning into a feather duster just a few months after his first representatives hit the track.

With no fewer than 19 sires based in Great Britain and Ireland having had 50 or more live foals in their first crops in 2014, this year has been a busy one for first-season sires. As always, what the first runners for those sires have achieved thus far have been interpreted in different ways by different observers. Such is the nature of the game, most of those observers--be they breeders or stallion masters--will have a self-interest in how the market perceives the progeny of the new sires to have performed, thus there has been no shortage of bold claims made, some justified, others not so much. With this in mind, now is the perfect time to take a cold, hard look at what they have all achieved.

With Frankel's progeny having been dealt with in this space a month ago, this edition will analyse the progeny of the other 18 British/Irish-based first-season sires that had 50 or more live foals in 2014.

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WORRISOME DRAW FOR ABLE FRIEND

by Alan Carasso

HONG KONG--For the third time in three years, former Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal) has been dealt a double-digit draw for the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. In order to win the HK\$23-million event for the second time, the burly chestnut will have to overcome the widest alley after being assigned gate 14 during Thursday's barrier draw, held in the Sha Tin parade ring.

Widest of 10 when favored at 30 cents on the dollar to win in 2014, he turned on the afterburners late for an imperious 4 1/4-length victory, but he could not repeat the feat last year from the 10 hole, falling to third behind his chief adversary Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}). Joao Moreira has the call for trainer John Moore.

"I was hoping for a middle gate and that he could get some nice cover," the conditioner said immediately after the draw.

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First-Season Sire Analysis: Britain and Ireland cont. from p1

The live foal figures have been sourced directly from Weatherbys, but will not always be fully accurate due to occasional late registrations or other issues. As was the case with the analysis of

Frankel's performance, they have been assessed using the measure of *Racing Post Ratings*. All of the statistics relate to runners in Europe and are accurate up to Dec. 3. Frankel's statistics (now updated to Dec. 3) are listed at the rear of the table for information only and have not been included in calculating the averages.

The sire that arguably comes out best across all the most relevant criteria is **Sepoy (Aus)** (Darley). His yearlings were particularly well received by the markets in both Australia and Europe last year, but his first runners were disappointing in the main in Australia, which seemed to instil a negativity in how the performance of his runners in Europe were perceived before they even made the track there. However, his end-of-season statistics show that he had an excellent first campaign with his European runners. To sire such high percentages of RPR85+ (22.4%) and RPR100+ (8.2%) performers is very eye-catching

indeed and with many of his more highly-rated runners having been lightly raced, hopes will be high that they can progress as 3-year-olds. All things considered, that Darley left Sepoy's nomination fee unchanged at £15,000 is fair and he represents value at that for those that wish to take what is always a somewhat risky option of using a sire in their fifth season.

Another one that comes out well on this analysis is **Power (GB)** (Coolmore). While he would perhaps have been expected to have a high percentage of 2-year-old runners, it will come as a surprise to many that just 42.3% of his foals made the track as juveniles, suggesting that they aren't quite as precocious as might have been anticipated. Of those that ran, they achieved excellent RPR85+ and RPR100+ percentages that put him forward as one of the best-performing first-season sires of 2016. Power's overall profile and the evidence of his first crop thus far suggest that his progeny should train on well from two to three. With Coolmore having left his nomination fee unchanged at €8,000, he represents value.

On the subject of fifth-season gambles, two of the first-season sires that were considered some of the more likely ones for their progeny to improve from two to three were **Casamento (Ire)** (Darley) and **Bated Breath (GB)** (Juddmonte). With this in mind, what their first 2-year-old runners achieved considering just 47% or so of their foals made it to the track as 2-year-olds will be enough to encourage those that have supported them in the last

British and Irish First-Season Sire Analysis - Based on *Racing Post Ratings*

Sire	2013 Fee	Live Foals	Rnrs (% of Foals)	Wnrs (% of Runners)	RPR 85+	RPR 85+ %	RPR 100+	RPR 100+ %
Bated Breath	£8,000	104	49 (47.1%)	16 (32.6%)	8	16.3%	2	4.1%
Born To Sea	€10,000	88	43 (48.9%)	13 (30.2%)	4	9.3%	1	2.3%
Casamento	€5,000	119	57 (47.9%)	13 (22.8%)	9	15.8%	1	1.8%
Delegator	£5,000	74	29 (39.2%)	7 (24.1%)	3	10.3%	1	3.4%
Dragon Pulse	€6,000	85	46 (54.1%)	22 (47.8%)	8	17.4%	3	6.5%
Elzaam	€4,000	73	35 (45.2%)	16 (47.9%)	6	17.1%	1	2.9%
Excelebration	€22,500	105	60 (57.1%)	19 (31.7%)	6	10.0%	0	0.0%
Famous Name	€4,000	52	22 (42.3%)	4 (18.2%)	2	9.1%	1	4.5%
Foxwedge	£7,500	88	47 (53.4%)	17 (36.2%)	3	6.4%	1	2.1%
Harbour Watch	£7,500	131	74 (56.5%)	15 (20.3%)	4	5.4%	1	1.4%
Helmet	€10,000	83	52 (62.7%)	16 (30.8%)	9	17.3%	1	1.9%
Mayson	£8,000	73	48 (65.6%)	17 (35.4%)	11	22.9%	2	4.2%
Nathaniel	£20,000	119	41 (34.5%)	10 (24.4%)	3	7.3%	0	0.0%
Power	€12,500	97	41 (42.3%)	17 (41.5%)	8	19.5%	5	12.2%
Requinto	€5,000	53	32 (61.5%)	18 (56.3%)	3	9.4%	1	3.1%
Sepoy	£15,000	84	49 (58.3%)	19 (38.8%)	11	22.4%	4	8.2%
Sir Prancealot	€6,000	106	75 (70.8%)	32 (42.7%)	8	10.7%	2	2.7%
So You Think	€17,500	62	20 (32.3%)	2 (10%)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
		Avg 88.7	Avg 51.1%	Avg 32.9%		Avg 12.6%		Avg 3.4%
Frankel	£125,000	111	35 (31.5%)	16 (45.7%)	15	42.9%	6	17.1%

couple of seasons that they have good futures ahead of them as sires. Casamento will again stand at Dalham Hall Stud for an unchanged fee of £5,000, while Bated Breath has had his fee reduced from £10,000 to £8,000. Their first 3-year-old runners will be eagerly anticipated in 2017.

The fastest starter of 2016 was unquestionably **Helmet (Aus)** (Darley) and, having finished the season with the third-highest percentage of runners-to-foals, he registered solid returns in all of the main criteria. Most notably, he was the only first-season sire to produce a Group 1 winner in 2016, with Thunder Snow (Ire) running out the impressive winner of the Criterium International at Saint-Cloud. His fee has been raised from £8,000 to £10,000 for 2017.

The leading first-season sire of 2016 in terms of number of individual winners was **Sir Prancealot (Ire)** (Tally-Ho) and the performance of his progeny warrants comment. The son of Tamayuz (GB) was widely expected to produce precocious 2-year-olds and the fact that he had the highest percentage of runners-to-foals at 70.8% shows that this very much proved to be the case. His winners-to-runners percentage of 42.7% is well above average and represents a very solid start for him.



Mayson | *Racing Post*

However, that he sired below-average percentages of RPR85+ and RPR100+ performers is a slight concern and with his runners having proven so precocious as a group, many will be focusing on how well his progeny progress from two to three next season before making a fuller assessment of his merits. His nomination fee has been raised from €5,000 to €8,000 for 2017.

Another sire that had a high percentage of runners-to-foals, but backed it up with high percentages of RPR85+ and RPR100+, was **Mayson (GB)** (Cheveley Park). 65.6% of his foals made it to the track and 17 of them won, but more importantly his 22.9% rate of RPR85+ performers was the best of the bunch and his 4.2% rate of RPR100+ performers reads well too. Cheveley Park have understandably increased his nomination fee from £5,000 to £6,000 for 2017 and while there are obvious risks in using him before seeing how his progeny progress as 3-year-olds, his runners performed well enough as juveniles to tempt breeders to take that chance at the price.

Last but not least, a first-season sire that performed well in all regards was **Dragon Pulse (Ire)** (Irish National Stud). Just over half his first foals made it to the track during the season and they registered winners-to-runners, RPR85+ and RPR100+ percentages that were well above average. His nomination fee has been raised from €5,000 to €8,000 for 2017.

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BHA RELEASES THREE-YEAR BUSINESS PLAN

The British Horseracing Authority has published its three-year business plan, including a budget guide outlining fee raises and where fees will be directed.

The BHA will impose a 7.5% increase in fees spread over the next three years. Recognising the short-term financial uncertainty of the industry for next year before racing gets access to funds from the Levy replacement, the smallest fee increase will take effect in 2017 (2%), and the increases will rise



Nick Rust | *Racing Post*

to 2.75% in 2018 and 2019.

The budget has been designed to break even over the three-year period, with the BHA cash reserves remaining between £3-million and £4-million and annual savings of

£1.1-million expected to be made in 2019.

Nick Rust, chief executive of the BHA, said, “We’ve set a budget that will enable the BHA to deliver more for our sport while phasing in fee changes over a three-year period and keeping increases to an absolute minimum. I appreciate that any increase is unwelcome and that our sport’s participants are yet to see the benefit of increased funding from the Levy. That’s why we’re committed to delivering total annual savings of £1.1-million in the BHA’s budget by 2019 and are limiting the increase in fees in 2017 to 2%.”

The business plan outlined the following future initiatives:

- Setting up the new Racing Authority to take control of future Levy income.
- Developing and implementing a new equine welfare strategy.
- Increasing the volume of horse testing to keep the sport fair and clean.
- Addressing industry staffing challenges including recruitment, training and welfare initiatives.
- Making important changes to disciplinary panels and processes following the BHA's Integrity Review and Christopher Quinlan QC's review of the structure and composition of its Disciplinary Panel, Appeal Board and Licensing Committee.
- Expanding Government relations to focus on racing's significant economic footprint, including jobs and rural businesses, education and welfare.
- Establishing a leadership role in UK sport and international racing in areas of anti-doping and sports governance.

"Balancing increased activity with continued efficiency will enable us to deliver more for our sport while continuing to manage our budget prudently," Rust added. "Despite having a three-year plan, the BHA's performance will remain subject to an annual review, enabling our members and stakeholders to hold us to account for both our delivery and financial management."

[Click here](#) for the BHA's Business Plan and Budget Guide.

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ARQANA POSTS RECORD TURNOVER

Arqana posted a record turnover and average for its 2016 sales, the aggregate of €129,608,000 up almost 5% from last year, and the average up 5.43% at €50,311. The median held steady at €20,000, while the percent sold was also slightly up at 78.15%.

The company's four yearling sales saw a record-breaking number of horses sold for the third year in a row, with a total turnover of €67,054,600 up 3% on last year's figure. The company's flagship sale, the Arqana August Yearling Sale, posted its best figures since being trimmed from four days to three four years ago, and the v.2 yearling sale saw growth as well, with 30 horses selling in excess of €50,000 compared to 15 in 2015. The October yearling sale saw its turnover increase 25% to €19.6-million after remaining relatively static over the past three years.

The December Breeding Stock Sale, like other sales of its kind around the world, saw buoyant trade at the top of the market, but tougher trade in the lower tiers. With signs of overproduction being shown this time last year, Arqana's overall numbers catalogued were trimmed for its 2016 sales, including the Breeding Stock Sale, and as such the aggregate was down 10%, while the median dipped 15.7% (€16,000). The average, however, remained steady, falling fractionally at 1.51% (€37,822).

There were strong markets for both 2-year-olds and horses-in-training at Arqana sales in 2016. The Breeze-Up sale, held in May in Deauville, posted a six-figure average for the first time (€110,174, up 22%). All other indicators were also up, highlighted by a clearance rate of 83.5%.

Arqana's horses in training sales offered 11.7% fewer horses than last year, but quality proved to be more effective than quantity, with the cumulative average up 15.5% and turnover up 7.9% (€16,639,000). The Autumn Sale alone recorded a clearance rate of 87%.

The first full year of Arqana Online also proved effective, with seven auctions held this year on the one horse, one sale principle. Shares in French-based sires Siyouni (Fr), Wootton Bassett (GB) and Le Havre (Ire) all changed hands, and 3-year-old Aga Khan homebred Vedevani (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}) was sold for €800,000.

Eric Hoyer, chairman of Arqana, said, "As another year ends with growth in all our key indicators, we gear up to start the second decade of Arqana on the right foot. In a demanding market, the work of our entire team, of our international representatives, of our partner the



Arqana graduate Almanzor | *Racing Post*

FRBC combined with that of our vendors and, most importantly, the support of all our buyers, big and small, have enabled us to consolidate our major sales. A further step up was even taken on some intermediary auctions such as the October Yearling Sale owing to a closely adjusted catalogue and the efforts of French breeders to upgrade their stock. Two boutique sales held on the eve of major race meetings, the Breeze Up sale and the Arc Sale, were successfully relocated: the former elected base in Deauville for the first time alongside the French Guineas while the latter took place in Chantilly as we all wait for the Arc weekend to be held in the new Longchamp."

“The 2016 season was also marked by technological innovations,” Hoyer continued. “Online sales truly broke through and now form an integral part of our offer to vendors and the repository was launched to general acclaim by professionals. Finally, the great number of group winners bought at the Arqana sales, in all age groups, will contribute to enhance the trust placed in all buyers in our sales, which we see as the best possible blessing for the next sales season.”

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Arqana Cumulative 2016 Statistics

Year	Off	Sold	Turnover	Avg	Med	%Sold
2016	3324	2598	€128,091,400	€50,311	€20,000	78.15
2015	3385	2592	€121,347,300	€47,643	€20,000	76.57
2014	3266	2649	€116,288,050	€44,968	€18,000	81.10
2013	3142	2500	€102,638,500	€42,483	€17,000	79.56
2012	3000	2345	€80,657,250	€42,483	€16,000	78.16

NEW SYNDICATES FOR HIGHCLERE

Highclere Thoroughbred Racing has added three new yearlings under two new Olympic racing syndicates, all set to be trained in the North of England. Mark Johnston will train a son of Motivator (GB) and Kevin Ryan will train a colt by Sir Prancealot (Ire) for the Nick Skelton Syndicate, named for the individual show jumping gold medallist.

Ryan will also train a son of Dream Ahead for the Rio Olympics syndicate. They complete a new crop of 16 yearlings for

Highclere’s 2017 syndicates, each of which is associated with a celebrated Olympic gold medallist.



Harry Herbert | *Racing Post*

Harry Herbert, chairman of Highclere Thoroughbred Racing, said, “There are many exceptional trainers based in the North of England and I’m delighted we were able to

purchase these three standout colts specifically to be trained in Yorkshire. Both Mark Johnston and Kevin Ryan’s records speak for themselves. Highclere had recent success this summer with Mark and the now Australian-based Regal Monarch, while I am also very much looking forward to working again with Kevin and his team at Hambleton Lodge. I’d also like to thank Nick for lending his name to the syndicate. I hope his gold medal performances over the years will set the standard for these fantastic horses.”

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BRITAIN



Thursday’s Result:

2nd-CHD, £4,000, Mdn, 12-8, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:25.60, st. ROYAL OPERA HOUSE (IRE) (c, 2, Royal Applause {GB}--Jackie’s Opera {Fr}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}), seventh on debut over seven furlongs at Southwell Nov. 10, showed more professionalism this time by tanking his way to the front from the break. Traveling strongly in early straight, the 5-1 shot stayed on with purpose to win by seven lengths from Shadow Beauty (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). The dam, who is also responsible for the listed-placed Glisten (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), has a yearling filly by Canford Cliffs (Ire) and a filly foal by Gregorian (Ire). She is out of the G1 Prix de Diane heroine Escaline (Fr) (Arctic Tern), whose progeny include the sires Arabian King (Fr) and East of Heaven (Ire). Sales history: 22,000gns RNA Wlg ‘14 TATFOA; 13,500gns Ylg ‘15 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$3,268. [Video](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Melbourne 10 Racing; B-Shortgrove Manor Stud (IRE); T-Jamie Osborne.

IRELAND



OL’ MAN RIVER RETIRED TO STUD

G2 Beresford S. winner **Ol’ Man River (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}–Finsceal Beo {Ire}, by Mr. Greeley), best known as the €2.85-million son of dual Guineas winner Finsceal Beo, has been retired from racing and will stand at Arctic Tack Stud in Co.



Ol’ Man River | *Racing Post*

Wexford, Ireland, according to *Racing Post*.

A graduate of the Goffs Orby Sale, Ol’ Man River broke his maiden at first asking at two and followed up in the Beresford, making him one of the early favourites for the 2015 G1 Investec Derby. The

bay failed to build on that promise on the racecourse, however, finishing off the board in five starts over the ensuing two seasons. His best effort came when fourth in Royal Ascot’s G2 King Edward VII S. last year.

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RECORD PRICE AT GOFFS

Petite Parisienne (Fr) (Montmartre {Fr}), a 5-year-old mare in foal to Shantou, set a record price for a National Hunt mare at Goffs when fetching €130,000 from Kieran Mariga at the December National Hunt Sale on Thursday. The two-day sale ended with increases in average, median and turnover. Figures including mares and foals saw a total of 311 sold for €3,638,150 (+12%), while the average was up 17% at €11,698 and the median up 9% at €8,200.

“It is gratifying to have finished Goffs’s 150th Anniversary year with a successful sale and equally pleasing to see one of our National Hunt sales take further strides forward,” said Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby. “This is a sale that has enjoyed serious growth in recent times as part of our ‘Serious about National Hunt,’ drive resulting in three sales vying for market leader status. The last two days has seen a trade as good as any for the category with strong competition for so many of the best foals and mares leading to more growth in the key statistics and an impressive top price of €130,000, which is a Goffs record for a NH mare although, of course, it was harder work for those less busy at their stables. However, the appetite for the best remains undimmed and it is just so rewarding for the passionate Goffs NH team that their efforts are consistently converting to sales ring success. As ever we extend our heartfelt thanks to every vendor and each purchaser as we are nothing without their backing and support.”

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FRANCE



Thursday's Result:

2nd-DVL, €27,000, Mdn, 12-8, 2yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:57.43, st. **RYTHMIQUE (IRE) (f, 2, [Casamento {Ire}](#)--[Reclamation {Ire}](#), by [Red Ransom](#))**, runner-up to stablemate Dream Awhile (War Front) over this course and distance on debut Oct. 17, was sent off the 8-5 market leader and despite a slow start was quickly able to gain a prominent position in third on the outer. Cruising to the front with two furlongs to race, the €52,000 GOFORB yearling readily asserted under hands and heels to win eased down, accompanied only by a loose horse, by 2 1/2 lengths from Rose Vita (Fr) (Sageburg {Ire}). Rythmique, who becomes the 13th winner for her first-season sire (by Shamardal), is out of a half to four black-type performers headed by the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Vintage Tipple (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}). Other members of the clan include the GII American Derby-winning sire Overbury (Ire) and Vintage Crop (GB) (Rousillon), who made

history by becoming the first European-trained winner of the G1 Melbourne Cup and was also successful on two occasions in the G1 Irish St Leger. The dam also has a yearling filly by Excelebration (Ire) and a filly foal by Helmet (Aus). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €18,900. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Ecurie des Monceaux & Ecurie Skymarc Farm; B-E J Loder (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-LYS, €35,000, 12-8, 2yo, 9f (AWT), 1:53.34, st.

LA FIBRE (FR) (c, 2, [Whipper--Eva Kant {GB}](#) {MSP-Ity, \$147,134}, by [Medicean {GB}](#)) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, €60,070. O-Fabrice Petit & Bruno Tissot; B-C Barel (FR); T-Marc Pimbonnet. *€25,000 RNA Ylg '15 ARQAUG; €25,000 Ylg '15 ARQNOV.

1st-DVL, €24,000, 12-8, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:26.87, st.

MILLFIELD (FR) (c, 3, [Whipper--Victoria College {Fr}](#) {MSP-Fr}, by [Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}](#)) Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 11-2-1-1, €61,050. O-Alain Michel Haddad & Tarek El Sharif; B-Suc. O El Sharif (FR); T-David Smaga. *1/2 to Lucky Look (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}), MGSP-Fr, \$117,799.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Somewhere in Time (Fr), f, 2, [Rio de la Plata](#)--Everlast (Fr), by Anabaa. LYS, 12-7, 9f (AWT), 1:55.31. B-SCA Elevage de Tourgeville & Mme H Erculiani (FR). *€38,000 Ylg '15 ARQOCT.

Royalicky (Fr), c, 2, [Slickly Royal \(Fr\)](#)--Belle Americaine (Fr), by American Post (GB). DVL, 12-8, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:55.35. B-C Paillusson & P Jaunasse (FR).

Saglawy (Fr), c, 2, [Youmzain \(Ire\)](#)--Spasha (GB), by Shamardal. LYS, 12-7, 9f (AWT), 1:54.19. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (FR).



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ITALY

Thursday's Result:

CRITERIUM DELL'IMMACOLATA-Listed, €41,800, SR, 12-8, 2yo, 7fT, sft, time: n/a.

1--**MY MAN (IRE)**, 122, c, 2, by **Bushranger (Ire)**

1st Dam: Dearest Daisy (GB), by Forzando (GB)

2nd Dam: Sylhall (GB), by Sharpo (GB)

3rd Dam: No Cards (GB), by No Mercy (GB)

(€9,000 Ylg '15 TATIRE). O-Mark Cuschieri; B-Tally Ho Stud (Ire); T-Stefano Postiglione; J-Antonino Cannella. €16,150.

Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-1, €36,737.

2--**Pure Funk (Ity)**, 119, f, 2, Desert Prince (Ire)--Agapeline (Ity), by Coral Reef (Ity). O-Topazio Guerrieri. €7,108.

3--**Irish Diamond (Ire)**, 122, c, 2, Intense Focus--Crua Mna (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). (€5,000 Ylg '15 TATIRE). O-Angelo Russo. €3,876.

Margins: 2HF, HF, 2HF. Odds: 4.16, 18.13, 9.06.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Worrisome Draw For Able Friend cont. from p1

"From gate 14, he's going to come back to the rear of the field and his task is going to be set--the task of getting home in a very slick sectional time. His fitness is suspect, so I'm worried."

Japan puts forth a three-pronged attack to try to retain the Mile trophy, with **Logotype (Jpn)** (Lohengrin {Jpn}) perhaps the pick of the lot. The nearly black horse will leave from gate two beneath Mirco Demuro, and he is likely to be part of what should be a modest early tempo with G2 Jockey Club Mile winner **Beauty Only (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}).

When **A Shin Hikari (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) ran off from the field to win the 2015 G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup, he, too, had a high draw in 11 to deal with, but cleared the field with little fuss and it was all over but the shouting. It should be much more straight-forward this time around for Yutaka Take from gate one, though his compatriot and likely favorite **Maurice (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}) should not be too far away in the run. The



The Year In Pictures: Ryan Moore (Found) and Frankie Dettori (Order Of St George) embrace after the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Scoop Dyga

reigning Japanese Horse of the Year, having his last career start, drew gate eight with Ryan Moore.

“Very good draw,” said A Shin Hikari’s trainer Masanori Sakaguchi. “Actually four to five was my ideal. I just wish he could set the pace and lead the field until the finish.”

With a short run into the first corner, post positions are certainly significant for the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint, but there were relatively few hard-luck stories to be told following the draw. Japan’s **Big Arthur (Jpn)** (Sakura Bakushin O {Jpn}), who found himself locked away in all sorts of bother with a low draw last time in the G1 Sprinters’ S., drew an outside gate in stall 13, one slot to the inside of the speedy Signs of Blessing (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The latter may have been done the fewest number of favors, as he will run the risk of



Owner Mrs. Cornel Li draws gate 14 for Able Friend | HKJC photo

being hung out to dry with other quality speed drawn elsewhere, including defending champ **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) from the inside box. He overcame gate 14 to win 12 months back.

“Well, I was hoping for a good draw and we got a good draw,” said the latter’s trainer Tony Cruz. “Gate one is a perfect draw. There is a big difference between one and 14 from the 1200m because they hit the turn pretty quick, so we don’t have to use the horse up as much early as we did last season.”

With a big run through the stretch for the first time, the draw for the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase is significantly less crucial. One year after winning the 2400-metre test from the nine hole, **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) will load gate 10 Sunday afternoon with Ryan Moore at the controls. The chief competition could come from the rail-drawn G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner **Silverwave (Fr)** (Silver Frost {Ire}); **Big Orange (GB)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) from gate seven; and last year’s Cup runner-up **Nuovo Record (Jpn)** (Heart’s Cry {Jpn}) in stall 12.

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THURSDAY HKIR TRACKWORK: POLISHING THINGS OFF

by Alan Carasso

HONG KONG--On Tuesday and Wednesday morning, daylight broke against overcast skies in the New Territories, but it was a much different scene Thursday morning, as glorious sunshine and cool temperatures greeted the Longines Hong Kong International Races runners.

To begin the day, we need to roll the clocks back another hour or so, as trainer John Moore sent out his HKIR team at around 6 a.m. **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal), readying for his second start off a couple injury-enforced absences, capped off 1200 metres of work with a final quarter-mile in :23.3 while drawing even late with the talented Class 1 runner Mr Bogart (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}). Looking for his second Hong Kong Cup in three years, **Designs On Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) was home in :22.7, while the Mile-bound **Helene Paragon (Fr)** (Polan {Fr}) threw in a final sectional of :23.6 to complete his morning work with big-race rider Hugh Bowman up. The Longines IJC winner was also aboard G2 Jockey Club Sprint winner **Not Listenin'tome (Aus)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), who was timed in :49.4 (:25.6, 23.8) down the backstretch, while **Helene Happy Star (Ire)** (Zamindar) capped off Vase preparations with a run through the stretch timed in :23 flat.



Able Friend working Thursday at Sha Tin HKJC photo

Japanese Jump Outs...

As is their custom, the Japanese runners were all given a chance to open up down the lane. **A Shin Hikari (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) can be cantankerous and unruly at times, but the gray was all business Thursday morning, as he galloped six furlongs in a strong 1:15.2, with a final two furlongs in :21.7. **Lovely Day (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) wasn't quite as strong, but was still home in :22.9 in his final work for the Cup. **Maurice (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}) and **Satono Crown (Jpn)**

(Marju {Ire}), worked comfortably and in tandem, neither asked to burn up the turf, while **Staphanos (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) clocked a fast final quarter-mile, but got a few turndowns of the whip, looking somewhat



Big Arthur | HKJC photo

unfocused, and appeared to even shut down about 15 metres from the line while being asked by his exercise rider. On the other hand, **Big Arthur (Jpn)** (Sakura Bakushin O {Jpn}) looked right at home over the all-weather track

Thursday and covered 800m in :49.4, with final 200m splits of :11 flat and :10.8. He could be the one they all have to beat in the Sprint Sunday. No one would fault **Nuovo Record (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) if she were over the top, given her recent trans-Pacific travels, but last year's Cup runner-up shows no sign of quit. The chestnut capped her morning work over five furlongs with an ultimate quarter-mile in a spectacular :21.1.

Among the Others...

Two horses bound for the Vase have continued to impress and neither did anything to dissuade me that they will each fire a



Silverwave | HKJC photo

strong shot this weekend. **Big Orange (GB)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) may need to step up his game by more than a few lengths if he is to cause **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) any bother, but he goes out there, does what he is asked to do in professional fashion and

looks fantastic to the eye. Perhaps the one horse that has my attention more than any other is **Silverwave (Fr)** (Silver Frost {Ire}). On turf or, as he was Thursday, on the dirt, his stride remains fluid and powerful and he covers plenty of ground. He wasn't asked for much, but galloped home very nicely and although he would also need a career-best to threaten the favorite, he's an absolute must use underneath.

Pure Sensation Gets A Day Off...

Patricia Generazio's **Pure Sensation** (Zensational) was scheduled to make a trip to the Sha Tin dirt surface Thursday morning, but he instead remained in the quarantine stables and was hand-walked after popping an abscess in his left hind. Despite the minor setback, Rudy Nerbonne, assistant to trainer Christophe Clement, is confident that the gray gelding will be in the starting gate come Sunday.

"He was much better [this morning], so [Friday] we'll go to the

track and put him back on his routine before the race," Nerbonne explained a short time before Pure Sensation drew gate 11 for Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint.

Most recently third in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint Nov. 5, Pure Sensation turned in a three-furlong drill in :37 Dec. 6, but developed the foot issue a short time after. As previously planned, he did not make a trip to the track Wednesday morning.

"We wanted to give him an easy day anyways," Nerbonne explained. "He had breezed on the grass two days earlier and breezed very well. But he took the travel very well, so I'm not worried about that. I am a little concerned about his feet, but I think we are going to make the race."

Pure Sensation will be ridden in the Sprint by Christophe Soumillon.



Pure Sensation breezing Dec. 6

HKJC photo

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What They're Saying...

"He's spot on. His coat looks great and his blood profile is perfect. I expect him to win on Sunday and show everyone that our stable are serious players. If he does then it will be right up there as one of the great moments of my career." --Trainer Gary Moore on G1 Winterbottom S. winner Takedown (Aus)

"It is a catastrophe. And on top of that, all the Hong Kong horses are drawn on the inside." --trainer Francois Rohaut after the speedy Signs of Blessing (Ire) drew gate 14 in the Sprint

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Thursday's Result:

QUEEN SHO-Listed, ¥35,700,000, Funabashi, 12-7, 3yo/up, f, 1800m, 1:53.80, yg.

- 1--**TROIS BONHEUR (JPN)**, 123, m, 6, Bago (Fr)--Chunyi (Jpn) (SW-Jpn, \$1,040,310), by Sunday Silence. O-Koji Murano; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yoshihiro Hatakeyama; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥21,000,000. Lifetime Record: 27-8-7-1. *1/2 to Fujimasa Emperor (Jpn) (Symboli Kris S.), GSP-Jpn, \$1,175,900.
- 2--**Tiny Dancer (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, South Vigorous--Kihaku (Jpn), by Assatis. O/B-Grand Farm; ¥7,350,000.
- 3--**Time Beyond (Jpn)**, 115, f, 4, Time Paradox (Jpn)--Blue Dyna (Jpn), by Cacoethes. O-Tsuya Kiya; B-Funakoshi Farm; ¥4,200,000.

Margins: 3, HF, 5. Odds: 2.00, 12.60, 24.90.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:30 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG CUP-G1, HK\$25,000,000, 3yo/up, 2000mT ([HKJC PPs](#))

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	A Shin Hikari (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Eishindo Co Ltd	Sakaguchi	Take	126
2	Lovely Day (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co Ltd	Ikee	Bowman	126
3	Secret Weapon (GB)	Choisir (Aus)	Leung Lin Ping	Yip	Purton	126
4	Blazing Speed (GB)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Fentons Racing Syndicate	A Cruz	Callan	126
5	Gun Pit (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cheng Chung Wah	Fownes	Teetan	126
6	Designs On Rome (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Cheng Keung Fai	Moore	Moreira	126
7	Staphanos (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Carrot Farm Co Ltd	Fujiwara	Soumillon	126
8	Maurice (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Kazumi Yoshida	Hori	Moore	126
9	Elliptique (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Rothschild Family	Fabre	Boudot	126
10	Horse of Fortune (SAf)	Stronghold (GB)	Fantastic Five Syndicate	Millard	de Sousa	126
11	Helene Super Star	War Front	Wilson, Dawson & Jackson Woo	A Cruz	Mosse	126
12	Queen's Ring (Jpn)	Manhattan Café (Jpn)	Chizu Yoshida	Yoshimuro	Demuro	122

Breeders: 1-K K Eishindo; 2-Kaneko Makoto Holdings ; 3-Carmel Stud; 4-J Sankey; 5-A Smeaton (Vic); 6-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd; 7-Northern Racing; 8-Togawa Bokujo; 9-Societe Civile Famille Rothschild; 10-Northfields Stud Pty Ltd; 11-Joseph Allen (KY); 12-Shadai Farm

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:50 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG MILE-G1, HK\$23,000,000, 3yo/up, 1600mT ([HKJC PPs](#))

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Packing Pins (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Lee Wan Keung & Lee Wong Wai Kuen	Yiu	Guyon	126
2	Logotype (Jpn)	Lohengrin (Jpn)	Teruya Yoshida	Tanaka	Demuro	126
3	Sun Jewellery (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Tung Moon Fai	Size	de Sousa	126
4	Romantic Touch (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Ming Shui Sum & Alice Ming Bo Ting	A Cruz	Chadwick	126
5	Helene Paragon (Fr)	Polan (Fr)	Sir Po-Shing & Lady Woo, Wilson, Jackson & Dawson Woo	Moore	Bowman	126
6	Contentment (Aus)	Hussonet	Benson Lo Tak Wing	Size	Prebble	126
7	Cougar Mountain (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Tabor/Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Mrs A O'Brien	O'Brien	O'Brien	126
8	Satono Aladdin (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Hajime Satomi	Ikee	Kawada	126
9	Neorealism (Jpn)	Neo Universe (Jpn)	Carrot Farm Co Ltd	Hori	Moore	126
10	Giant Treasure	Mizzen Mast	Pan Sutong	Gibson	Soumillon	126
11	Joyful Trinity (Ire)	Zanzibari	Lai Wai Chi	Moore	Mosse	126
12	Beauty Flame (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Kwok Siu Ming	A Cruz	Leung	126
13	Beauty Only (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Eleanor & Patrick Kwok	A Cruz	Purton	126
14	Able Friend (Aus)	Shamardal	Dr & Mrs Cornel Li	Moore	Moreira	126

Breeders: 1-Waikato Stud 2001 Ltd; 2-Shadai Farm; 3-Tung Moon Fai (Vic); 4-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd; 5-Angel Jordan Torres; 4-PJ Favretto, T & J Hodgson AM, P Rowe, D & P Sinn; 7-Whisperview Trading Ltd; 8-Northern Farm; 9-Northern Racing; 10-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); 11-Ecurie Peregrine SAS; 12-Tommy Murphy; 13-Massimo Parri; 14-Ramsey Pastoral Co Pty Ltd (Qld)

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:40 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT-G1, HK\$18,500,000, 3yo/up, 1200mT ([HKJC PPs](#))

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Peniaphobia (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Huang Kai Wen	A Cruz	de Sousa	126
2	Aerovelocity (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Daniel Yeung Ngai	O'Sullivan	Purton	126
3	Strathmore (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Mr & Mrs Iain Bruce	Millard	Callan	126
4	Not Listenin'tome (Aus)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Matthew Wong Leung Pak	Moore	Bowman	126
5	Lucky Bubbles (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Lucky Syndicate	Lui	Prebble	126
6	Takedown (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Mr R M & Mrs D A Anderson & Widden Stud	G Moore	Clark	126
7	Amazing Kids (NZ)	Falkirk (NZ)	Ricky Tsoi Kee Kwong	Size	Moreira	126
8	Rebel Dane (Aus)	California Dane (Aus)	Laurel Oak Bloodstock Pty Ltd, J V Murphy et al	Portelli	Melham	126
9	Super Jockey (NZ)	Sandtrap	Tony Lau Yiu Tong & Thomas Lau Sum Fai	Millard	Teetan	126
10	Red Falx (Jpn)	Swept Overboard	Tokyo Horse Racing Co Ltd	Ozeki	Demuro	126
11	Pure Sensation	Zensational	Patricia A Generazio	Clement	Soumillon	126
12	Growl (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Dr Marwan Koukash	Fahey	Lee	126
13	Big Arthur (Jpn)	Sakura Bakushin O (Jpn)	Akira Nakatsuji & Masanobu Habata	Fujioka	Fukunaga	126
14	Signs of Blessing (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	I Corbani/Pandora Racing/A Mouknass	Rohaut	Pasquier	126

Breeders: 1-Aidan Fogarty; 2-N E Schick & S J Till; 3-Cressfield (NSW); 4-M A Pitt & M Read (NSW); 5-Gilgai Farm (Vic); 6-; 7-Colyton Road Holdings Ltd; 8-Laurel Oak Texarkana Syndicate (NSW); 9-C D Harvey, D C Maclean & T H Morri; 10-Shadai Farm; 11-Patricia Generazio (FL); 12-Kincorth Investments Inc; 13-Bamboo Stud; 14-S Boucheron

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:00 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG VASE-G1, HK\$16,500,000, 3yo/up, 2400mT ([HKJC PPs](#))

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Silverwave (Fr)	Silver Frost (Fr)	Hspirit	Bary	Guyon	126
2	Eastern Express (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Larry Yung Chi Kin	Size	de Sousa	126
3	Anticipation (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Mr & Mrs Hui Sai Fun	A Cruz	Callan	126
4	One Foot In Heaven (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Fair Salinia Ltd	de Royer-Dupre	Soumillon	126
5	Flame Hero (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Amy Li & April & Ben Tsui	Ho	Purton	126
6	Helene Happy Star (Ire)	Zamindar	Sir Po-shing & Lady Woo, Wilson & Jackson Woo	Moore	Bowman	126
7	Big Orange (GB)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	W J & T C O Gredley	Bell	Lane	126
8	Garlingari (Fr)	Lingari (Ire)	Corine Barande-Barbe	Barande-Barbe	Pasquier	126
9	Satono Crown (Jpn)	Marju (Ire)	Hajime Satomi	Hori	Moreira	126
10	Highland Reel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Derrick Smith, Mrs J Magnier & Michael Tabor	O'Brien	Moore	126
11	Benzini (Aus)	Tale of the Cat	A M Bull	Bull	Myers	126
12	Nuovo Record (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Reiko Hara	Saito	Iwata	122
13	Smart Layer (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Toru Okawa	Okubo	Take	122
14	Quechua (Arg)	Pure Prize	Avengers Stable	Shaw	Vorster	126

Breeders: 1-Mme Marie-Laure, Jean & Mme M Collet; 2-K Molloy; 3-Whisperview Trading Ltd; 4-Craigavon Agro Ltd; 5-C B Turner & Waikato Stud 2001 Ltd; 6-The Rt Hon Lord Rothschild; 7-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs; 8-Corine Barande-Barbe & Jeanine Massy; 9-Northern Racing; 10-Hveger Syndicate; 11-Emirates Park Pty Ltd (NSW); 12-Reiko Hara; 13-Okada Stud; 14-Haras Santa Maria de Araras

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GENERAZIOS LIVING VICARIOUSLY THROUGH PURE SENSATION



Pure Sensation | HKJC

By Alan Carasso

Patricia Generazio and her husband, the former Midlantic-based trainer Frank, may still be a little jet-lagged, having made the 15-hour trip to Hong Kong from the U.S. East Coast earlier this week. But the couple were plain old giddy Thursday, clearly relishing the opportunity that awaits them and their homebred **Pure Sensation** (Zensational) in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint.

"This is our first time here and we're very happy. It's a lovely, lovely place," Mrs. Generazio commented a handful of minutes before the gray drew gate 11 in a field of 14 for the 1200-meter test. "We're really proud to have the only horse running to represent the U.S. so we've got our fingers crossed."

It isn't the first time the Generazios have been invited to the International Races meeting. In 2009, they toyed with the idea of sending over their wildly popular front-runner Presious Passion (Royal Anthem) for the G1 Hong Kong Vase. But the lure of a big payday in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic won out, a decision they sort of wish they had to make again, as it turns out.

"That was a bad idea," Pat Generazio related. "They put an inch of water on the track the day of the race and Presious Passion wanted it like this," she said, pointing to the concrete underfoot. "But that was yesterday and today is a new day."

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TEXAS RED RETIRED

Breeders' Cup winner **Texas Red** (Afleet Alex--Ramatuella {Chi}, by Jeune Homme), unraced since the 2015 GI Travers S., has been officially retired from racing and a stud deal is still pending.

"Stud plans for Texas Red are undecided at this time but we intend to make a decision soon and move on with his career," Tweeted part owner Erich Brehm, Jr.

"We look forward to seeing those Texas Red babies hit the ground running! Thanks again to all his fans for their continued support!" **Cont. p3**



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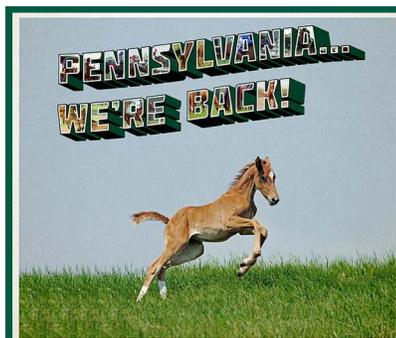
*"TDN Rising Star" Dortmund (Big Brown) (outside) scored his first Grade I victory in the 2014 GI Los Alamitos Futurity in a thrilling photo finish with **Firing Line** (Line of David) (middle) and **Mr. Z** (Malibu Moon). The 2016 renewal of that event, now known as the GI Los Alamitos CashCall Futurity, will be held Saturday. | Benoit*

GARY ISN'T THE ONLY STEVENS STILL GOING STRONG 4

Scott Stevens, the older brother of Hall of Fame rider Gary Stevens, is not only still riding at age 56, but may be having the best year of his career.

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Generazios Living Vicariously Through Pure Sensation cont. from p1

With that in mind and despite a minor injury cloud owing to a left hind foot abscess (see related story in TDN Euro/International), they are looking forward to the weekend.

“He won’t let us down, he’ll be in the top three or four—at least we hope he will,” said Frank Generazio. “There are a lot of variables. He’s going the ‘wrong’ way for the first time, but he seems to be handling it alright and seems to be doing well.”

The couple is also fiercely proud in being represented by a homebred product.

“It’s very special to be here with a horse we bred,” Mrs. Generazio acknowledged.

Added Mr. Generazio, “There is a difference in breeding a horse and running in a race like this and buying one at auction. You just have a special feeling and we’re just hoping he can prove us right.”

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Texas Red Retired cont. from p1

A \$17,000 KEESEP purchase for a partnership that included Brehm, Wayne Detmar, Lee Michaels and trainer Keith Desormeaux, Texas Red graduated at third and followed up with a third to eventual Triple Crown winner American Pharoah



Texas Red | Horsephotos

(Pioneer of the Nile) in the 2014 GI FrontRunner S. With that soon-to-be champion benched on championship weekend, Texas Red came charging late at odds of 13-1 to best MGISW Carpe Diem (Giant’s Causeway) by 6 1/2 lengths in the

GI Sentient Jet Breeders’ Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita.

Kicking off his sophomore season with a second to now MGISW sprinter Lord Nelson (Pulpit) in the GII San Vicente S. in February 2015, Texas Red was subsequently sidelined and returned at Belmont that July, completing the exacta behind “TDN Rising Star” Speightster (Speightstown) in the GIII Dwyer S. Capturing the GII Jim Dandy S. a month later, the bay was fifth to Keen Ice (Curlin) and American Pharoah in the Travers.

Returning to the worktab this past February, the 4-year-old posted a steady series of drills at Santa Anita through early April, but disappeared again for several months. Texas Red recently attempted another comeback, reappearing on the Arcadia worktab early last month with the first of four breezes and last worked Nov. 26. The Stonestreet Stables-bred colt retires with a record of 9-3-3-1 and earnings of \$1,767,300.

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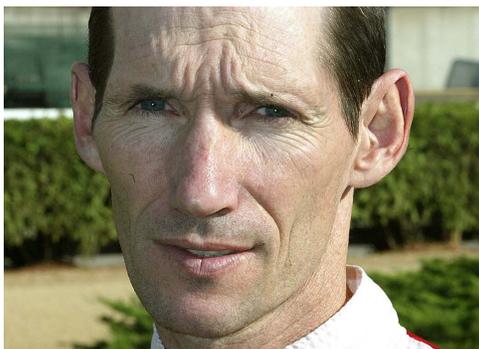
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GARY ISN'T THE ONLY STEVENS STILL GOING STRONG *By Bill Finley*

The story of Gary Stevens, still going strong and winning major races at age 53 and after numerous injuries forced him into retirement, is rather remarkable. But maybe not quite as remarkable as the story that is playing out every day at Turf Paradise by his older brother Scott, who is not only still hanging in there at age 56, but is quite possibly having the best year of his career.

As December neared, Stevens was battling it out with Andrew Ramgeet for still another Turf Paradise riding title and was



Scott Stevens | Canterbury Park

winning at a rate of 24% on the year. He's all but certain to finish the year with the highest winning percentage of his career. Among jockeys who have had 400 mounts or more on the year, he is tied for ninth-place

in the winning percentage category. Little brother Gary, by comparison, has a 13% winning rate on the year.

Stevens said his focus changed after he nearly died in a spill in 2010 at Canterbury Park, which caused him to realize that maybe trying to ride nine races a day, 52 weeks a year at his age was not the way to go. With the exception of a few stakes mounts here and there, he only rides at Turf Paradise, which does not run for some four months in the summer. And when he does ride it won't be in any of the cheaper races and he's not looking to ride a 30-1 shot in any race.

"Thanks to my agent, Chad Anderson, we've got great people we ride for," Stevens said. "The better you do, the better chances you get, the more opportunities you get to ride live horses. You can see on my record, one year I rode 1,500 horses on the year. What am I at, around 500 this year?"

The Canterbury spill cost him 4 1/2 months of his career, but it could have been a lot worse. His girlfriend was attending the races and is a respiratory therapist. When Stevens' mount went down, she rushed out to the track and made a decision that well could have saved his life.

"I went down and ended up with two collapsed lungs, 13 broken ribs and broke both collarbones," he said. "I had the wind knocked out of me and thought that was all that had happened. She runs over from the grandstand and when she got there I told her I can't get my air. She knew immediately what was wrong with me. The EMTs are trained to have you on your

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back and strap you down in case your neck is broken. When they tried to get me on my back I was actually drowning in my own blood. I was bleeding out the mouth so bad, like a hose was coming out of me. Had I not been conscious I couldn't have told Pam what was wrong and if not for her they would have put me on my back and I would have died for sure."

Ironically, Gary Stevens, the man of many comebacks, all but begged his big brother to retire.

"When I got hurt so bad Gary was retired at the time," Scott said. "And he told me I was absolutely nuts to try to come back. He kept saying, What are you doing, this is stupid?"

The Stevens boys were born in Caldwell, Idaho and their father, Ron, was a local trainer. Both began their careers at Les Bois Park in Boise. Scott was so eager to get going that he got a fake ID so that he could begin his career at age 15.

He bounced around, riding in Idaho, at Longacres, Oaklawn and at Fairplex. After a particularly good meet at Fairplex, he decided to stick around and ride at the major tracks in California in 1986. He stuck it out for a while, but never enjoyed anything close to the success that his brother would have.

"I rode in California for a year and a half," he said. "My family was the most important thing to me and when you are sitting around and worrying whether or not you're going to win any races to pay the bills, it's tough."

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Scott Stevens cont.

He packed his bags and settled in at the B level tracks, primarily Canterbury and Turf Paradise, where he has won eight riding titles. He's only won two graded stakes races in his career, but along the way he did get involved with at least two top horses.

He rode Real Quiet (Quiet American) three times as a 2-year-old, including in two races at Santa Fe Downs. He went zero for three on the future winner of the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S.

"I can tell you I rode a horse that came within a nose of winning the Triple Crown and I got beat on him twice in Santa Fe, New Mexico," he joked.

He was also the regular rider of Great Communicator (Key to the Kingdom), but never regained the mount after injured in a spill. With Ray Sibille aboard, Great Communicator would go on to win the 1988 GI Breeders' Cup Turf.

"I made enough money that I pay my bills and I don't owe anybody anything," he said. "I'm alright. I wouldn't change my career for anything. I'm not going to tell you I wouldn't have loved to win a Kentucky Derby race or a Breeders' Cup race, but I'm happy. I have a very good relationship with my kids and that's something I am proud of."



Gary Stevens | Horsephotos

The Stevens brothers remain close.

"I'm so proud of him," Gary Stevens said. "He's the master. He taught me everything I know. When I say that I'm not bs-ing. In our sport, we're like golfers because

everyone is trying to beat us, but we don't have coaches. There are only two guys who will come to me or I will go to for criticism or constructive criticism. One is my big brother. He's not afraid to tell me I screwed up or you might try this instead. The other is Mike Smith.

"Whatever Scott did, I wanted to do and from a very young age. I always wanted to follow his footsteps. If not for him I'm pretty damn sure I wouldn't have been a jockey. He can take full credit because he deserves full credit for it."

It's anyone's guess who will last longer, Scott or Gary. Injuries could decide that, but Scott Stevens says, for him, age is not a factor.

"People ask me that, about when I'm going to retire," he said. "I never dreamed I'd still be riding at this age. When I look at it, I don't feel like I am 56. I don't know how you're supposed to feel when you are 56, but I don't feel any different than I did when I was 35. I don't get up in the morning and hurt, and I've broken early every bone you could possibly break. As long as I feel like I'm still helping the horse and I'm having fun I'm going to keep riding."

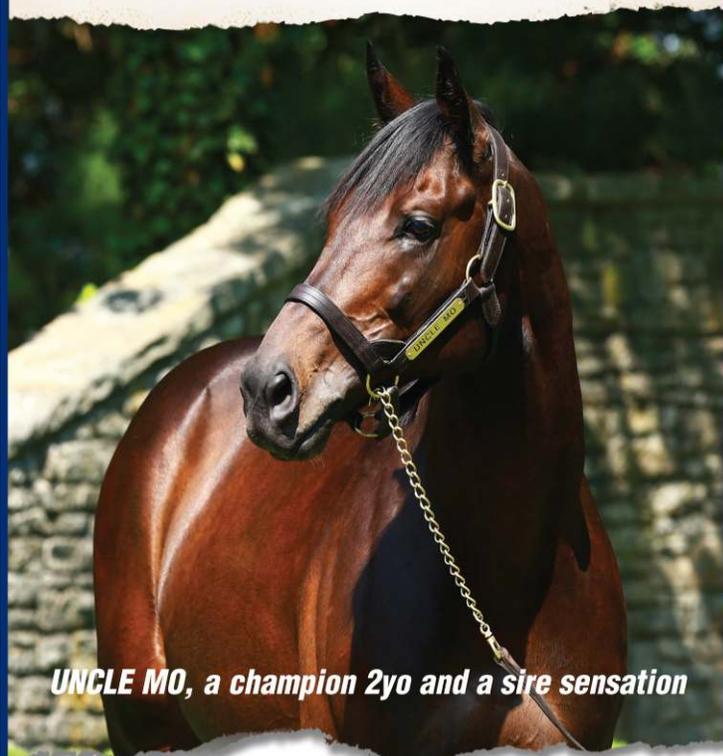
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SOON-TO-BE 3YOS POINT FOR GP STAKES



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Soon-to-be sophomore colts **Gunnevera** (Dialed In) and **Three Rules** (Gone Astray) will both make their next starts in graded stakes at Gulfstream this winter.

Winner of the GII Saratoga Special S. and a decisive victor of the GIII Delta Downs Jackpot S. last time Nov. 19, Gunnevera will make his next start in the GII Holy Bull S. Feb. 4.

“I want to run him in the Holy Bull, and if he runs good, I’ll go in the [GI] Florida Derby [Apr. 1],” trainer Antonio Sano said. “There’s no room for the [GII] Fountain of Youth [S. Mar. 4]. I’ll run in the Florida Derby, and then I hope [GI] Kentucky Derby [May 6].”

Four-time stakes winner Three Rules, who lost his perfect record when sixth last time in the GI Sentient Jet Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Nov. 5, will make his return in the GII Swale S. Feb. 4.

“He’s doing good, very good. He’s been galloping about [five] days now,” conditioner Jose Pinchin said. “He’s had a good year and he deserved some rest. He’ll probably run back in the Swale or something like that.”

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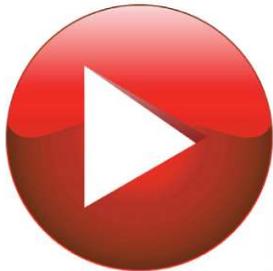
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7 dirt G1 horses in 2016

Undeniably, the nation's greatest races are run on dirt. Which makes them also the most keenly competitive. Bernardini has sired seven G1 horses on the surface in 2016. No stallion has done better. Whatever their fee.

It's a fine achievement and one that asserts Bernardini's status as a go-to stallion for breeders who are seriously intent on producing horses for the biggest occasions.

Led by **Cavorting**, who added 2016 G1 wins in the Ogden Phipps and Personal Ensign to her triumph last year in the G1 Test, Bernardini's dirt G1 performers in the latest season also include juvenile filly Cherry Lodge, Kentucky Oaks placegetter Lewis Bay and Rachel's Valentina – again in G1 form having won the G1 Spinaway as a two-year-old.

Only Tapit – who stands at three times Bernardini's fee – and Curlin (whose fee is 50% higher than Bernardini's) matched his tally of G1 dirt horses. Bernardini has every right to be at a higher fee; that he isn't is every prudent breeder's opportunity.

10 Graded Stakes winners in 2016

You breed to a top-dollar stallion with the ambition – the intention! – of raising a top-dollar performer. In this, Bernardini delivers. Ten Graded Stakes winners in 2016. **Want more?**

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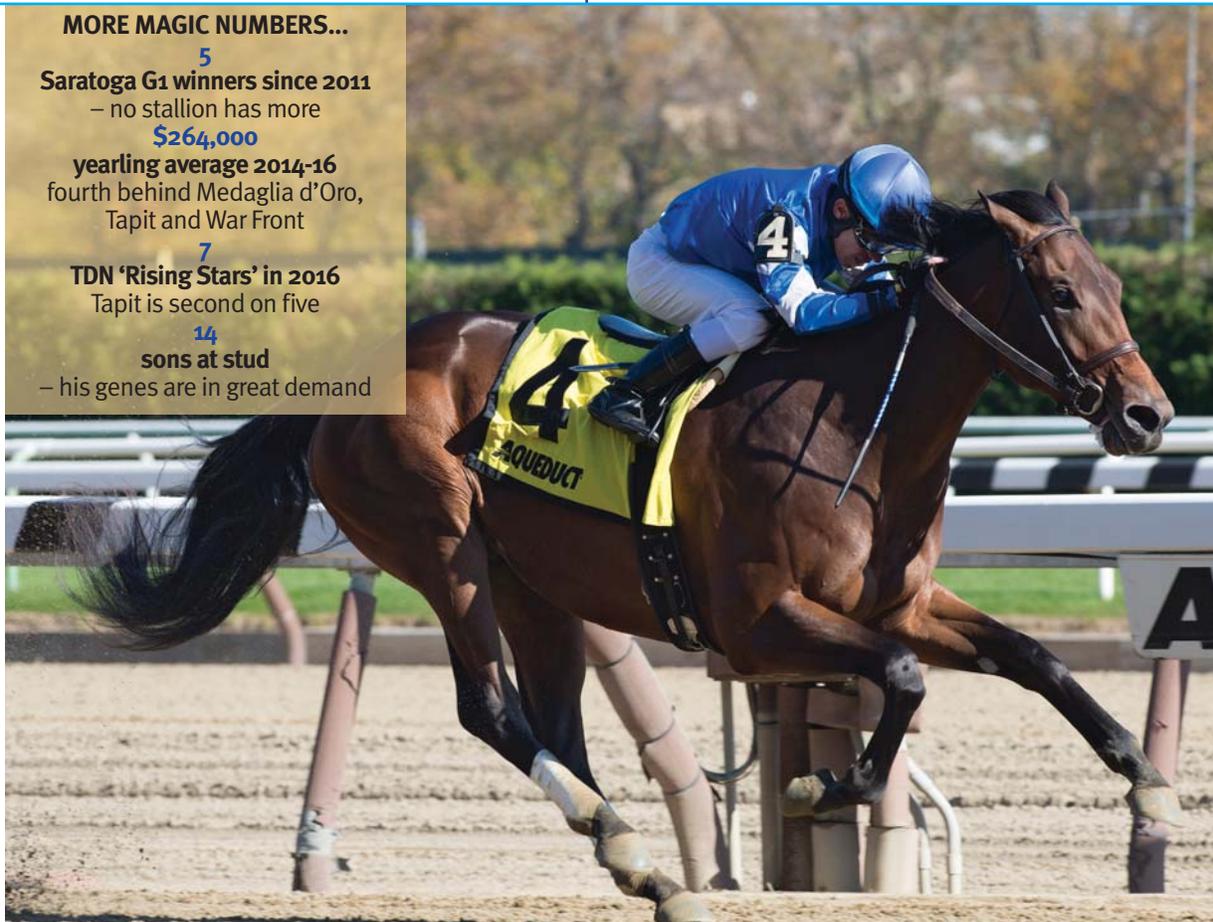
Justifiably famed for the precocity of juveniles who ripen rapidly for the sophomore events of springtime and summer (proved by two Travers winners in his first two crops), his stock are also hard-wearing. Le Bernardin, a G3 winner at

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5
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– no stallion has more
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yearling average 2014-16
fourth behind Medaglia d'Oro,
Tapit and War Front

7
TDN 'Rising Stars' in 2016
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14
sons at stud
– his genes are in great demand



Bernardini's juvenile son Hemsworth wins the G2 Nashua Stakes, breaking his maiden by nine-and-a-half lengths.

Monmouth at three back in 2012, won a valuable G2 mile at Meydan four seasons later. Five-year-old Penwith climbed the ranks with a G2 win and two G1 places in 2016. Sassicaia, also five, celebrated his first-ever shot at a Graded Stakes by winning the G3 Toboggan at Aqueduct.

Stallions by 2016 Graded Stakes winners, with 2017 fee

1 Tapit	15	\$300,000
2 War Front	11	\$250,000
3 Bernardini	10	\$100,000
Uncle Mo	10	\$150,000
Kitten's Joy	10	\$100,000
6 Candy Ride	8	\$60,000

5 G1-winning juveniles from his first six crops

To put him into an historical context, no stallion has done better than Bernardini since Danzig. This year, War Front equalled his achievement – though with only one two-year-old G1 winner on dirt, so far. **American juvenile racing demands something different and specific** – and Bernardini demonstrably provides it best.

Little wonder that the market has caught on: Bernardini's combined 2014-16 average price at the two-year-

old sales is \$313,000, third only to Tapit and War Front.

Those looking for encouraging signs for 2017 and beyond will find solace in the early success of Bernardini's latest juvenile crop. His 17 individual two-year-old winners in 2016 are led by the exciting colt **Hemsworth**, who broke his maiden by many lengths in the G2 Nashua, plus Jamyson 'n Ginger, who broke her maiden running a 103 Beyer, before filling the runner-up spot in the G2 Demoiselle. There's a total of five Graded Stakes performers and seven Stakes juveniles among this 2014 crop – which has also produced four TDN 'Rising Stars', a number only Tapit can equal. Great promise of what is soon to come...

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CLASSIC EMPIRE GI WINS TO BENEFIT EQUINE RESEARCH

John C. Oxley, owner of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile), has pledged 1% of the owner's share of any Grade I victories by the colt now through the GI Kentucky Derby to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation.

"We appreciate Mr. Oxley making this generous pledge," said Edward L. Bowen, president of Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. "The precedent of his having won the Derby with Monarchos is a great memory, and we wish him well again. Owners who recognize the benefits of scientific research are very important to the entire world of the horse, and Mr. Oxley exemplifies that echelon of horseman."

Oxley, who is a Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation board member, made a similar pledge in 2001 with Monarchos, who generated a donation of \$8,120 after winning that year's Derby.



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NEW YORK

Thursday's Results:

7th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), Alw, 12-8, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.51, ft.

RIFF RAFF (g, 3, [Giant Surprise](#)--[Morning Sun](#) {MSW & GSP, \$138,786}, by [Dehere](#)) finished a strong runner-up at 33-1 in a Belmont off-the-turfer May 30, and graduated at fourth asking by 7 3/4 lengths going a Big Sandy mile July 1 before running a dull seventh on turf there two weeks later. Dismissed at over 70-1 here, the chestnut got squeezed back to last in the early stages and settled about nine lengths off of a :22.95 quarter. Advancing between horses on the turn, he dove to the inside at the top of the lane and rallied up the rail to nip [Saratoga Giro](#) ([Girolamo](#)) late for a 1 1/4-length shocker. The victor is a half to [Lauren's Tizzy](#) ([Tiznow](#)), SW, \$198,992. His dam has a yearling filly by [Congrats](#) named [Sunshine Gal](#) and visited both [Mineshaft](#) and [Tiznow](#) this season. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$69,386. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

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2nd-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 12-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48.71, ft.

POP SINGER (f, 3, [Scat Daddy](#)--Mahalia, by Songandaprayer) finished a distant third debuting in a seven-panel Belmont off-the-turf affair Oct. 10 and was made a 12-5 proposition stretching out as part of an entry here. Ridden aggressively to make the point heading into the clubhouse turn, the homebred led narrowly under a tight hold through a sharp :23.41 quarter and started to find some separation past a :47.86 half. Confronted by longshot Zeppole (Believeinmenow) on the latter part of the far bend, Pop Singer saw off that one's sustained bid throughout the stretch to score by three-quarters of a length. The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling colt by Boys At Tosconova and visited Frost Giant this term. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$42,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O/B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Linda Rice.

FLORIDA

Thursday's Results:

3rd-GP, \$36,000, Msw, 12-8, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.55, ft.

FAST FRIAR (c, 3, [Girolamo](#)--This Girl Rocks, by Tactical Cat) dueled on a fast pace first out Sept. 27 at Parx before fading to finish third behind a victor who came back to win his next two outings. Hammered down to 6-5 late here, the homebred stalked the pace from second through splits of :23.14 and :46.02, inherited the lead at the top of the lane and dug in to hold off Cumberland River (Distorted Humor) by a neck while drifting out several paths. This Girl Rocks has a yearling filly by Discreetly Mine named Always Discreet and was bred to Lookin At Lucky this spring. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$27,100. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** O/B-Holly Crest Farm (NJ); T-John F. Mazza.

EASTERN U.S.

Thursday's Results:

1st-PEN, \$33,300, (S), Alw, 12-8, (NW2L), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.62, ft.

IANTHE (f, 2, [Sky Mesa](#)--Bellflower, by Cherokee Run) showed speed before fading to third against males in her debut here Sept. 2 and graduated by 10 3/4 lengths next out 20 days later when in with state-bred fillies. Second in the Pennsylvania-bred

TDN PODCAST



Sol Kumin has had an extraordinary run in his very short 2+ years in racing. This week, he stops in at Bobby Flay's Manhattan studio to talk successful-owner-to-successful owner about his business, his family's involvement in the sport, the highs and lows of Lady Eli's career, and what he loves about the game of racing. [Click here](#) to listen to the podcast, or subscribe on your iOS podcast app.

Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S. Nov. 23, the dark bay was backed to be a 3-2 second choice here and controlled the tempo through a :22.43 quarter and :46.20 half. Turning back the inside challenge of favored True Sweetheart (Uptowncharlybrown) by the eighth pole, Ianthe held sway late to score by one length over Wildcat Cartridge (Messner). The victress's dam has a yearling filly by Jump Start named Jumpmaster and produced a filly from the final crop of Scat Daddy this spring. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-1, \$63,623. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA); T-Rodrigo Madrigal, Sr.

Wednesday's Late Results:

5th-PEN, \$30,303, (S), Alw, 12-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.10, gd.

BUTTON MY BUTTON (f, 3, [Colonel John](#)--Encore Saritta {SP, \$131,379}, by Consolidator) showed late interest to be a debut third sprinting on the Delaware lawn July 21 and graduated by open lengths against state-breds over the synthetic at Presque Isle Sept. 27 before just failing to hold when second stretching out over track and trip Nov. 16. Bet down to 1-2 in this short field, the dark bay ran last of a compact quartet through fractions of :25.03 and :49.32, went on the attack three deep on the far bend, took charge with ears pricked at the top of the

lane and beat back game runner-up Celesse (Line of David) for a one-length triumph. The winner has a yearling full-brother named Colonel Moorhead and a half-sister by Munnings named Lady Munnings foaled this spring. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$46,580. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Buttonwood Farm; B-Rodman Moorhead (PA); T-Jonathan E. Sheppard.

Peace and Justice to Stand in PA:

Justice Family Racing's **Peace and Justice** (War Front--Strike the Sky, by Smart Strike) will stand at Diamond B Farm in Pennsylvania in 2017 for a fee of \$3,500, according to agent Steve Young. The \$425,000 KEESEP yearling buy won three of his eight starts and earned \$137,448 on the racetrack.

"We have a lot of confidence in this horse," said Young. "At 16.2 hands, he's a great physical and a brilliant son of one of the best sires in the whole world."

Peace and Justice will be available for inspection at the Diamond B Stallion Showcase Jan. 22.

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7th-FG, \$38,000, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.74, fm.
+STALLION HEIRESS (f, 2, [Exchange Rate](#)--Mendocino Beano {GSP}, by Smart Strike) made every pole a winning one in an impressive unveiling sprinting over the Fair Grounds lawn. Breaking sharply at 61-10, the \$100,000 KEESEP buy went clear through a :22.10 quarter and got a bit of a breather by a half in :46.17. Odds-on favorite Cash In (Tapit), who was in tight at the rail on the turn, tipped out into the clear in early stretch, but was no match for the frontrunner, who sped away by the eighth pole en route to a four-length success. Aiken to Be (Aikenite) was second-best. The winner's third dam was MGSW/MGISP Trishyde (Nureyev). Her graded stakes-placed dam foaled a Broken Vow colt this spring before returning to the same sire. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-Stallionaire Enterprises; B-Sean Fitzhenry (ON); T-Michael Stidham.



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CENTRAL U.S.

Thursday's Results:

5th-FG, \$38,000, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.37, fm.
+ART IMITATES LIFE (c, 2, [Artie Schiller](#)--Dixie Time Thief, by Dixie Union) came with a late rush to get up at 14-1 sprinting on turf in his debut at Fair Grounds. Off decently from the rail draw, the dark bay dropped out to run third-last down the backside, began to advance bending into the turn, gradually angled four wide by the top of the lane and finished full of run in the final furlong to nail Helluva Choice (Wildcat Heir) by a nose in the final jump. Coolmore firster Finest (Scat Daddy) set the pace before fading to finish sixth as the favorite. The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly by Tiz Wonderful and foaled a Fort Larned filly this term before being covered by The Big Beast. Sales History: \$15,000 Wlg '14 OBSOCT; \$47,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Crown Thoroughbred Partnerships (FL); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

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KENTUCKY

Trainer John Ortiz Scores First Win as Trainer:

Trainer John Ortiz scored his first win Wednesday in Turfway Park's fifth race with Red Charm (Gio Ponti), who he also owns. Ortiz began his career walking hots for Hall of Famer Bill Mott at age 16 and also galloped for that conditioner. Later joining the Graham Motion barn, he worked for Barclay Tagg's brother for a year before becoming head assistant to Kellyn Gorder and worked there until going out on his own this November.

CALIFORNIA

Thursday's Results:

6th-LRC, \$46,725, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.04, ft.
+RESILIENT HUMOR (f, 2, [Distorted Humor](#)--Sassy Image {MGISW, \$828,216}, by Broken Vow) produced a strong stretch rally to get up late and score a 32-1 upset in her debut at Los Alamitos. Showing a pair of local three-furlong bullets, including going the distance in :34 4/5 (1/16) from the gate here Nov. 12, the chestnut was nevertheless dismissed in the wagering and found a comfortable midpack spot along the rail in fifth. Splitting rivals on the turn, she rallied stoutly in the three path in the final furlong to surge to the front at the sixteenth pole and outkick

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fellow firster Dominating Woman (Dominus) for a 1 3/4-length success. The winner is the first foal out of a dam who captured the GI Humana Distaff S. and GI Princess Rooney H. in her racing career and sold for \$660,000 at the Fasig-Tipton fall mixed sale in 2012. She is responsible for a yearling colt by War Front that hammered down for \$250,000 at KEESEP and was bred to Speightstown this term. Sales History: \$105,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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Wall & McKay Named to Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor:

Media members Dr. Maryjean Wall and the late Jim McKay have been elected to the National Museum of Racing's Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor.

Wall, a three-time Eclipse winner and the first woman to be accepted to the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters Association, worked for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* full time for 40 years and continues to freelance for them today. She is a two-time nominee for the Pulitzer Prize and has written two books.

"There had been a few other ladies break into covering racing before Maryjean, but she was exceptional in the length of her career and breadth of knowledge she developed," said Edward L. Bowen, chairman of the Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor Committee. "She embodied that exemplary combination of never falling into treating the subject as routine and never losing the urge to keep learning. That she persevered to earn her doctorate is illustrative of her pride in the professions of writing and history."

McKay, who passed away in 2008, was a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun* and worked for WMAR-TV. He later joined CBS in New York before moving on to ABC, where he served as a host for the "Wide World of Sports." McKay is also the founder of Maryland Million Day, which has now been named in his honor.

"Jim McKay was such a friendly individual that it would have been easy to forget that he was a celebrity were it not for how frequently he was starring in coverage of one sport or the other," Bowen said. "He truly loved thoroughbred racing and was proud to be involved. I think the evolution of quality in televised sports coverage was hastened by Jim's involvement."

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

ALGORITHM (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 89/12/1
 3-TP, Msw 6f, Queen of Corona, \$11K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

BODEMEISTER (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 131/13/1
 8-TAM, Msw 1mT, Casitas, \$60K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

CREATIVE CAUSE (Giant's Causeway), Airdrie Stud, \$15K, 86/15/1
 8-TAM, Msw 1mT, My Bright Idea, \$97K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

HANSEN (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 102/17/1
 3-DED, Msw 5f, Ruby Red Slippers, 15-1

REDDING COLLIERY (Mineshaft), Red River Farms, \$2K, 34/4/0
 6-RP, Msw 6 1/2f, Hot and Ready, \$2K ESL YRL yrl, 30-1
 3-DED, Msw 5f, +Color Me Ready, \$4K ESL YRL yrl, 20-1

SHACKLEFORD (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 119/13/1
 6-RP, Msw 6 1/2f, Ease It On Over, 7-2

STAY THIRSTY (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 91/16/1
 5-LRC, Msw 5 1/2f, +Upper Mesa Falls, \$8K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 100/14/1
 5-LRC, Msw 5 1/2f, Blabimir, \$145K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1

UNION RAGS (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 106/17/3
 3-TP, Msw 6f, Kathy's Chance, \$140K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, December 9

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

DESERT KEY (E Dubai), 17/2/0
 6-RP, Msw 6 1/2f, +Gospel Dreamy, 30-1

DROSSELMEYER (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$17.5K, 176/52/3
 2-FG, \$51K Magic City Classic S., 1m, Uncle Drossel, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

FRIESAN FIRE (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 103/40/1
 5-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, +Fired Up Chic, 12-1

HAYNESFIELD (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 138/46/4
 5-LRC, Msw 5 1/2f, +Ferguson, \$60K BAR MAY 2yo, 12-1

WILBURN (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$6.5K, 214/71/3
 3-DED, Msw 5f, +Sidney's Sonata, \$15K EQL 2YO 2yo, 4-1
 3-TP, Msw 6f, +Will Ling, \$7K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 10-1

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NOTABLE US-SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

5th-HSN, 12-10, Newcomers (\$118k), 2yo, 1400mT

SATONO STERN (JPN) ([Distorted Humor](#)) is the first Japanese-bred produced by dual Grade I winner Diamondrella (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), who was purchased by Katsumi Yoshida for \$1.5 million carrying this foal in utero at the 2013 Keeneland November sale. A half-sister to French MGSP Spectroscope (Medaglia d'Oro), the February foal was subsequently offered at the JRHA Sale a few months later and was knocked down to owner Hajime Satomi for ¥43.2 million (*about US\$394k*). Satono Stern's second dam, the SW Tap Your Feet (Dixieland Band), is also responsible for Diamondrella's SW & MGISP half-sister Bonnie Blue Flag (Mineshaft). [@EquinealTDN](#)

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-DED, \$44,000, (S), 12-7, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.07, ft.

RUSTON VOW (g, 3, [Broken Vow](#)--Last Approach {GSW, \$281,729}, by Far Out East) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-4-1-1, \$89,016. O-Patricia A. Chennault; B-Neal McFadden (LA); T-Joseph M. Foster. *\$45,000 Ylg '14 ESLYRL. **1/2 to Long Approach (Broad Brush), MGSP, \$183,451.

2nd-PEN, \$29,500, 12-7, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.92, gd.

VALENTINE'S PEARL (f, 3, [Speightstown](#)--Pearly Beach, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$53,165. O-Ace Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Scott H. Fairlie. *\$80,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

7th-HAW, \$28,980, 12-8, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.17, ft.

CAITLINS ROAD (g, 5, Road Ruler--Caitlins Dancer, by Subordination) Lifetime Record: 27-5-6-3, \$130,567. O/B/T-Steve Manley (IL).

7th-CT, \$24,500, 12-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.01, my.

GUNS AND ROSIES (g, 3, [Discreet Cat](#)--Awesome Rose, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$44,810. O-Walter Wieser, II; B-Why Worry Farm (KY); T-Donald H. Barr. *\$10,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. **1/2 to Ecletto Red (Master Command), SW & GSP, \$249,223.

5th-CT, \$24,000, (S), 12-7, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.69, my.
ONTHESTRAITANARROW (g, 3, Smarty Jones--On the Rail, by Montbrook) Lifetime Record: 15-2-4-2, \$53,312. O/B/T-Leslie Ann Condon (WV).

8th-HAW, \$20,786, 12-8, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:40.59, ft.

MAJESTIC MEGAN (f, 3, Majestic Warrior--American Megan, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, \$54,734. O-Earl J. Trostrud, Jr. & Cipriano Contreras; B-Joe Mulholland Jr. & Karen Mulholland (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras. *\$49,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

8th-TP, \$19,165, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-7, 2yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:40.06, ft.

SPANISH ARCH (f, 2, [Dialed In](#)--Lifting the Veil {SP}, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$26,234. O-Oak Lodge Farm, LLC; B-Janeen Oliver (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$15,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$45,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Poseidon's Prize, g, 2, Pure Prize--Athena Grand, by Civilisation. CT, 12-7, (S), 7f, 1:29.08. B-E. C. Lowry (WV).

Freakonthelead, g, 2, Run Production--Always On Top, by Always a Classic. DED, 12-7, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22.56. B-Carrol J. Castille (LA).

+Maria and Beto, f, 2, [Scat Daddy](#)--Skipper's Mate (SP), by Skip Away. GP, 12-8, (C), 1mT, 1:37.93. B-Nancy M. Leonard Living Trust (KY). *\$110,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **Full to Frac Daddy, MGSW & GISP, \$701,236.

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Stallion Heiress (Exchange Rate) leads from start to finish in powerful debut win at Fair Grounds.

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Leading Second-Crop Sires by Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Dec. 7

Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide figures

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
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	159	93	\$5,189,200 <i>Nyquist</i>	\$15,868,418
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	55	\$378,650 <i>Danzing Candy</i>	\$4,526,994
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	64	\$567,402 <i>Flora Dora</i>	\$4,103,017
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	45	\$1,203,040 <i>Drefong</i>	\$3,972,426
5	Archarcharch <i>(2008) by Arch FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (5,000)</i>	4	9	1	2	--	1	144	73	\$338,960 <i>Toews On Ice</i>	\$3,704,771
6	Trappe Shot <i>(2007) by Tapit FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (10,000)</i>	2	7	1	4	--	2	108	56	\$572,185 <i>Fish Trappe Road</i>	\$3,510,930
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>	\$3,444,655
8	Girolamo <i>(2006) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Darley KY (15,000)</i>	4	10	1	2	--	1	91	44	\$369,000 <i>Highway Star</i>	\$3,318,006
9	Gone Astray <i>(2006) by Dixie Union FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Northwest Stud FL (4,500)</i>	4	9	--	2	--	1	101	49	\$700,640 <i>Three Rules</i>	\$2,881,740
10	Tizway <i>(2005) by Tiznow FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (10,000)</i>	7	11	--	4	--	1	108	45	\$302,050 <i>Coasted</i>	\$2,875,572
11	Lonhro (Aus) <i>(1998) by Octagonal (Nz) FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	4	10	2	2	--	--	104	49	\$267,629 <i>Isotherm</i>	\$2,582,842
12	Wilburn <i>(2008) by Bernardini FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (3,500)</i>	3	8	--	--	--	--	124	71	\$208,105 <i>Ohio Gold</i>	\$2,560,375
13	Big Drama <i>(2006) by Montbrook FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Bridlewood Farm FL (15,000)</i>	2	8	--	--	--	--	72	42	\$255,585 <i>R Kinsley Doll</i>	\$2,395,830
14	Court Vision <i>(2005) by Gulch FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (6,500)</i>	3	9	--	2	--	--	90	40	\$242,981 <i>King and His Court</i>	\$2,381,719
15	Haynesfield <i>(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY (10,000)</i>	4	8	1	3	--	1	91	46	\$186,455 <i>Realm</i>	\$2,320,220

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