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## OP/ED: CONOR MCGREGOR & THE PEGASUS WORLD CUP



Jon Lovitz & Conor McGregor | Pegasus World Cup photo

by Kevin Blake

Ever since the G1 Pegasus World Cup Invitational was announced last May, it has got people talking. Everything about it defies convention and the organisers look set to be rewarded for their boldness with an incredible inaugural running of the race on Jan. 28 featuring Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) and California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in a much-anticipated rematch from the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

The concept, which was developed by the Stronach Group, took the GI Donn H. at Gulfstream Park run over nine furlongs on dirt in late-January/early-February and replaced it with the Pegasus World Cup Invitational, a race worth \$12 million run over the same course and distance at the same time of year.

Such a purse would make the Pegasus the most valuable horse race in the world, but what made it unique was how that purse was put together. Each of the 12 available places in the race could be bought for \$1 million. Once bought, these places could be used by the buyer for one of their own horses or alternatively could be leased or sold to other owners.

As well as ensuring a spot in the race, entry holders would also benefit from an equal share in 100% of the net income from the betting handle, media rights, and sponsorships from the Pegasus World Cup. Each runner would also be guaranteed a minimum of \$250,000 in prize money, as the purse was structured so that the winner would get \$7 million, \$1.75 million for second, \$1 million for third and \$250,000 for each of the remaining nine runners. [Cont. p2](#)

## 'BERNARDIN' DOUBLES UP AT MEYDAN

**Le Bernardin** (Bernardini) became the first horse to win two editions of the \$250,000 G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 at Meydan Thursday, scampering home two lengths to the good of the pacesetter **Long River** (A.P. Indy), with **Lindo Amor** (Arg) (Dynamix) taking third, another length behind.

"He is a great horse for a jockey as he is just so versatile," said pilot Tadhg O'Shea. "He has so much early speed and he just naturally took me to the front, but he does not have to lead and I was happy to take the lead."

Away in good order, Le Bernardin secured a rail trip in fifth behind the first flight as Long River showed the way. Asked to improve on the far turn by O'Shea, Le Bernardin was switched off the fence heading into the home straight and was in need of racing room, as a wall of horses blocked his path with 500 metres remaining. [Cont. p5](#)

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### CHROME, ARROGATE TOP ECLIPSE FINALISTS

**California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), 'TDN Rising Star' **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) and fellow 'Rising Star' **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro) are the three finalists for the 2016 Eclipse Award for Horse of the Year. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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**Conor McGregor & the Pegasus World Cup Cont. from p1**

It was a bold concept, but one that clearly resonated with some of the biggest thoroughbred players in the game, with all 12 places being snapped up within a week of the race being

announced.

The unique buy-in entry system has served a dual purpose. As well as guaranteeing a world-leading prize money fund, the wheeling and dealing surrounding the entries has provided huge amounts of newsworthy content that has served to keep the Pegasus in the headlines ever since it was first announced. From the stories generated by an entry being bought by Dan Schafer, a mystery man who has never even owned a racehorse, up to the more recent speculation and negotiations that led to Juddmonte Farms eventually buying the entry owned by



Conor McGregor | PWC photo

Coolmore so that their star performer Arrogate can take his place in the field, it has been an endless source of PR gold for the race.

Given that the race has already attracted the two highest-rated horses in the world, it may have been expected that the race organisers would take a laid-back approach to the marketing of it, letting the inevitable attention that such a clash will generate within the sport do their promotional job for them. Not a chance.

The whole Pegasus World Cup project has been just dripping with innovation and outside-the-box thinking from the very outset and this was again showcased on Wednesday when we got our first look at the marketing campaign for the race.

Not content with confining themselves to horse racing's existing followers, the Pegasus World Cup is clearly looking to broaden its appeal, as the promotional video for the race stars none other than

the flamboyant Mixed Martial Arts superstar Conor McGregor. For those that haven't seen it, here is the link:

[www.pegasusworldcup.com/](http://www.pegasusworldcup.com/). **Cont. p3**



Noble Mission (3x Group 1 winner & full-brother to Frankel) enjoying life at Lane's End. | Alys Emson

### Conor McGregor & the Pegasus World Cup Cont.

Crucially, the video wasn't a case of a generic celebrity appearance for the sake of it. It was very well scripted, using the right mix of humour and information to attract in the casual



Conor McGregor | PWC photo

observer without bamboozling them. It was the first of a four-part series of videos, with the remaining three videos set to be released on Jan. 11 and 18 with the final episode airing live on the NBC race day broadcast on Jan. 28.

While the choice of McGregor will have prompted many double-takes across the world of horse racing, McGregor and the Pegasus World Cup actually have quite a bit in common. Neither of them has the pedigree or background to suggest they should be a worldwide force in their respective fields, but their unique and innovative marketing methods in combination with their underlying talent has put them on a convention-defying fast-track to worldwide attention and success. Indeed, it is what McGregor brings to the table in marketing terms that makes this partnership likely to prove to be a PR coup for both the Pegasus World Cup and indeed for the sport of horse racing.

As well as rising to the very top of the MMA world, McGregor has become a highly-influential force on social media, with over 3 million followers on Twitter and almost 10 million followers on Instagram. At the time of writing less than 24 hours after the video was released, the Pegasus World Cup video has already been viewed over 2 million times on his



Conor McGregor | PWC photo

Instagram page alone and the total views across the internet are likely to run into many multiples of that number in the days and weeks ahead. Given that the vast majority of McGregor's followers are unlikely to have had the Pegasus World Cup or indeed horse racing in general on their radar, such promotion can only serve to raise the profile of both the race and the sport amongst a mainstream sporting audience.

When the Pegasus World Cup was first announced, Belinda Stronach, chairman and president of The Stronach Group, called the new race a "game-changer" and stated that it was part of the company's goal to "modernize the sport and generate a new group of fans." Well, the inaugural renewal of the race has not even been run and they have already achieved much of those

goals.

With other big players in the world of racing surely being likely to be inspired by this wonderful concept to create buy-in races in their own jurisdictions, the Pegasus World Cup Invitational could be an even bigger game changer than even the Stronachs imagined.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

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### OPEN HOUSE AT DARLEY

Darley will offer breeders the opportunity to view their full roster of Irish and British based stallions over the next week. They begin with an open day in Kildangan Stud Friday and Saturday where the Irish line up of stallions will be available for viewing between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day. Next week, Dalham Hall in Newmarket will welcome breeders on Wednesday and Thursday Jan. 11-12 when there will be three stallion shows each day, at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. with refreshments also being served.



The Last Lion | Darley

At Kildangan, Darley's newest recruits, including multiple G1 winner **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), G1 Middle Park S. winner **The Last Lion (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}) and G2 Coventry S. winner **Buratino (Ire)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), will be on show. Also available for inspection will be **Fast Company (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire})--new to the roster for 2017.

Next week in Newmarket new stallions for 2017 on show will include the trio of G1 Middle Park S. winner **Charming Thought (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), the former Andre Fabre trained **Territories (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and 2013 champion 2-year-old **Toormore (Ire)** (Arakan). They will be joined, among others, by Dalham Hall kingpin **Dubawi (Ire)** (Dubai Millennium), **New Approach (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Golden Horn (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), whose first foals are expected in the coming weeks.

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## VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR WICKLOW BRAVE

Its not often a 2016 Classic winner would have the 2017 Cheltenham Festival as his aim but that is what could be in store for **Wicklow Brave (GB)** (Beat Hollow {GB}). The Willie Mullins trained gelding famously turned over the long odds-on shot **Order Of St George (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Palmerstown



**Wicklow Brave and Frankie Dettori en route to Classic glory at The Curragh | Racing Post**

Estate Irish St Leger at The Curragh last year and owner Nick Peacock is hoping he can revert to hurdles successfully at Cheltenham in March, where he also proved victorious back in 2015.

"Wicklow Brave is absolutely fine and I'm not sure what we're going to do with him yet, said Peacock.

"It's a possibility he may turn up at Cheltenham. If he doesn't go there I suppose we could look at the Yorkshire Cup or something like that. I think he's been entered for the Dubai Gold Cup, but I'm not sure about that. The ground is very fast at Meydan and I think Wicklow prefers a bit of cut."

Wicklow Brave was last seen in Flemington in November when he finished towards the rear in the G1 Melbourne Cup, his chance not helped by racing too aggressively too early from a wide draw.

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## APPOINTMENTS

### Rachael Gowland: Marketing & Communications Manager British European Breeders' Fund

- "We are delighted to announce that Rachael Gowland will be joining us," said Philip Mitchell, who takes over from Philip Freedman as British EBF Chairman. "Rachael is exceptionally well qualified for this new role within the British EBF with a deep interest in racing and bloodstock and is well regarded within our industry. Rachael's role will be committed to ensuring that our sponsorship through GB will be communicated and promoted well and I am certain she will prove to have a very positive influence on this."
- Gowland will be joining the BEBF team in March and is currently the marketing and sponsorship manager for Shadwell in Europe. She previously spent six years at the National Stud.
- "I am excited to be taking on the challenge and responsibility of marketing the British European Breeders' Fund," said Gowland. "The BEBF is a vital source of support and investment for British racing and I am delighted to have the opportunity to develop the programme of race sponsorship and work with stallion masters to promote the aims of the BEBF fully within the industry."

## BRITAIN



### Wednesday's Result:

**3rd-NC, £4,500, Cond, 1-4, 4yo/up, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:11.83, stn. L'INGANNO FELICE (FR) (g, 7, Librettist--Final Overture {Fr}, by Rossini) Lifetime Record: 24-3-4-5, \$27,245. O-A Dawson & Mrs K Campbell; B-Elevage des Loges (FR); T-Iain Jardine. \*€11,000 RNA Ylg '11 AR11; £6,000 4yo '14 DONSPR.**

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Moonshine Dancer (GB), f, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Raggle Taggle (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Tagula (Ire). WOL, 1-5, 5f 216y (AWT), 1:14.33. B-Lady S K Marchwood (GB). \*£41,000 Ylg '15 DNPRM; 40,000gns 2yo '16 TATHIT.**

**Dubai Art (GB), c, 3, Dutch Art (GB)--Enact (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Kyllachy (GB). LIN, 1-4, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.36. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB). \*34,000gns Ylg '15 TATYEA.**

**Ascot Day (Ire), c, 3, Kheyleyf--My Lucky Liz (Ire), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). SOU, 1-5, 6f (AWT), 1:16.41. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE).**

**Auberge du Lac (Ire), c, 3, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Red Kyte (GB), by Hawk Wing. WOL, 1-4, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:51.98. B-Malih L Al Basti (IRE). \*25,000gns Ylg '15 TATYEA.**

**British Report Cont.**

**+Garam (Ire)**, f, 3, **Pivotal (GB)**--Coy (Ire) (SW-Eng), by Danehill. WOL, 1-5, 5f 216y (AWT), 1:14.26. B-C Farrell (IRE).

\*23,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; €30,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB; £95,000 2yo '16 TATABR.

**Dubaitwentytwenty (GB)**, f, 3, **Poet's Voice (GB)**--Cairncross (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). NC, 1-4, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:40.61.

B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB). \*7,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT.

**Speedo Boy (Fr)**, c, 3, **Vision d'Etat (Fr)**--Shamardanse (Ire), by Shamardal. CHD, 1-5, 10f (AWT), 2:06.26. B-Haras de Grandcamp & Gael Lhermite (FR). \*€19,000 Ylg '15 AROCT; €33,000 2yo '16 GBMBR.

**Rebel State (Ire)**, g, 4, **Zoffany (Ire)**--Stately Princess (GB), by Robellino. LIN, 1-4, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.24. B-B Kennedy (IRE). \*36,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 32,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. \*\*1/2 to Roger Sez (Ire) (Red Clubs {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$125,831.

**FRANCE****Thursday's Results:**

**2nd-DVL**, €21,000, Cond, 1-5, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.74, stn. **GAMGOOM (GB)** (g, 6, **Exceed and Excel {Aus}**--Danidh Dubai {Ire} {GSP-Eng}, by Noverre) Lifetime Record: SW-Itly & SP-Eng, 31-11-5-1, €110,763. O-Guido Werner Hermann Schmitt; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Mario Hofer. \*€3,000 3yo '14 BBAGM.

**1st-DVL**, €21,000, Cond, 1-5, 4yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.01, stn. **TEMPETE NOCTURNE (FR)** (g, 6, **Stormy River {Fr}**--Princess Liu {Ire}, by Desert Style {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 29-10-4-2, €183,800. O-Mme Patrick Ades-Hazan & Philippe Ezri; B-Mme Patrick Ades-Hazan (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin. \*€22,000 RNA Ylg '12 AROCT.

**4th-DVL**, €19,000, Cond, 1-5, 4yo, f, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:28.19, stn. **SISENE (IRE)** (f, 4, **Pivotal {GB}**--Atasari {Ire} {GSP-Eng & Ire, \$104,961}, by Whipper) Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-1, €35,650. O-Michel Monfort; B-Yeguada de Milagro SA (IRE); T-P & F Monfort. \*€30,000 3yo '16 ARNOV. \*\*1/2 to Azari (GB) (Azamour {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Itly, \$155,554.

**Wednesday's Result:**

**7th-MRV**, €17,000, Cond, 1-4, 4yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.90, stn. **ZALAMEA (IRE)** (c, 4, **Lope de Vega {Ire}**--Tanzania {Ire}, by Alzao) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, €48,800. O-Michel Delaunay; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (IRE); T-Keven Borgel. \*€23,000 3yo '16 ARNOV. \*\*1/2 to Amorama (Fr) (Sri Pekan), MGISW-US, \$794,353; Uncoiled (Fr) (Giant's Causeway), SW & MGSP-Jpn,

\$1,834,367; Table Ronde (Ire) (Astronomer Royal), SW & MGSP-Fr, \$114,020; and Milwaukee (Fr) (Desert King {Ire}), SP-Fr & US, \$152,887.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Beslon (Fr)**, g, 3, **Rajsaman (Fr)**--Influence (Fr), by Dansili (GB). MRV, 1-4, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.91. B-Franklin Finance SA & Mme Elisabeth Vidal (FR).

**Postman (Fr)**, g, 4, **American Post (GB)**--Pepperjuice (Ger) (MSP-Ger), by Big Shuffle. DVL, 1-5, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:37.78. B-Haras de Saint Pair (FR). \*€4,500 Wlg '13 ARQDEC; €10,000 Ylg '14 ARNOV.

**Formentor (Fr)**, c, 4, **Lawman (Fr)**--Four Green (Fr), by Green Tune. MRV, 1-4, 10f (AWT), 2:12.06. B-Pontchartrain Stud & Riviera Equine SARL (FR). \*€90,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Capitaine Courage (Ire) (Bering {GB}), SW & GSP-Fr, \$269,286.

**WORLDWIDE NEWS****'Bernardin' Doubles Up at Meydan Cont. from p1**

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

**AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R1 (PRESENTED BY ELEGANCE IN EQUESTRIAN)-G2**, \$250,000, MEY, 1-5, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m, 1:36.67, ft.

1--**LE BERNARDIN**, 126, h, 8, by **Bernardini**



1st Dam: **La Rosa (GSW, \$267,194)**, by Wild Again

2nd Dam: **Twilight Ridge**, by Cox's Ridge

3rd Dam: **Waving Sky**, by Quibu

(\$325,000 Ylg '10 FTNAUG). O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Mike G Rutherford (KY); T-Ali Rashid Al Rayhi; J-Tadhg O'Shea. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-US, 20-8-0-3, \$662,944. \*1/2 to Taittinger Rose (Menifee), GSW, \$382,503.

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2--**Long River**, 126, h, 7, A.P. Indy--Round Pond, by Awesome Again. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (KY); T-Salem bin Ghadayer. \$50,000.

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3--**Lindo Amor (Arg)**, 126, c, 4, Dynamix--Linda Love (Arg), by Salt Lake. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum & Daniel Mautone; B-Haras Vacacion (ARG); T-Mike de Kock. \$25,000.

**G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 Cont.**

Margins: 2, NK, 1.

Also Ran: Gold City (Ire), Cool Cowboy, Emotionless (Ire), Munaaser (GB), Polar River, Fitzgerald, Frankyfoufingers (Fr).

Click for the [Racing Post chart](#), the [ERA PPs](#). [ERA Video](#).

Steered out to the center of the track, the dark bay seized command inside the final 100 metres and strode home to win by two lengths. Pacesetter Long River held on for second, a neck in front of Lindo Amor. International 5-2 crowd's pick and 'TDN Rising Star' Polar River (Flatter) broke slowly and never factored, finishing third-last.

"The 1600m is his optimum trip and I knew he would find plenty when I asked him as he is so brave," continued O'Shea.



Le Bernardin | Andrew Watkins/ERA photo

"The [G1] Godolphin Mile [Mar. 25] is his main target and perhaps he will have just one more run before then in the [G3] Burj Nahaar on Super Saturday [Mar. 4]."

A winner of the GIII Pegasus S. at

Monmouth Park back in 2012, Le Bernardin really hit his straps during the 2015/2016 Meydan season, saluting in both the Dubai Creek Mile in December of 2015 and taking out the 2016 edition of this race by a head Jan. 7. The 1600-metre specialist lacked the needed punch when fourth in the G3 Firebreak S. resuming last February, and he went one better in the G3 Burj Nahaar going a mile Mar. 5 to end his season. Returning against several of these rivals when defending his title in the Dubai Creek Mile Dec. 15, the rising 8-year-old was one-paced en route to a fourth-place finish, this time to Fitzgerald (Elusive Quality).

**Pedigree Notes...**

Le Bernardin is a son of champion and Classic hero Bernardini, and of GII Demoiselle S. heroine La Rosa, who also finished third in the GII Bonnie Miss S. and the GIII Davona Dale S. during her racing days. He is also a half-brother to GIII Sabin H. victress Taittinger Rose (Menifee), while second dam is GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillees winner Twilight Ridge (Cox's Ridge). This is the extended family of GI Futurity S. scorer Crested Wave (Crozier). The last reported foal from La Rosa is newly minted juvenile filly Onion Creek (Midnight Lute). [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

MIDDLE EAST

**Thursday, Meydan, Dubai**

**SINGSPIEL S. (PRESENTED BY LONGINES PERFORMANCE IN EQUESTRIAN)-Listed, \$175,000, MEY, 1-5, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:48.12, gd.**

1--**LIGHT THE LIGHTS (SAF), 126, g, 5, Western Winter--First Arrival (SAf) (Ch. 3yo Filly-SAf, MGSW-SAf), by Northern Guest.** (R450,000 Ylg '13 EMPNAT). O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Hallmark Thoroughbreds (SAF); T-Mike de Kock; J-Christophe Soumillon. \$105,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-SAf, 20-4-4-2, \$154,570. \*1/2 to Let's Rock'n Roll (Zim) (Muhtafal), Ch. 3yo-SAf, G1SW-SAf; Beat Patrol (SAf) (Muhtafal), GSP-SAf.

2--**Championship (Ire), 126, g, 6, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Aljafliyah (GB), by Halling.** (€90,000 Wlg '11 GONNOV; 180,000gns HRA '14 TAAOCT). O-Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed al Maktoum. \$35,000.

3--**Earnshaw, 126, h, 6, Medaglia d'Oro--Emily Bronte (GB), by Machiavellian.** O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. \$17,500.



Margins: NK, 3, 2.

Also Ran: Sanshaawes (SAf), Ertijaal (Aus), Silent Attack (GB), Need To Know (SAf), Dormello (Ire), Gabriel (Ire), Long Water, Quel Avantage (Ire), Maftool.

Having his first run for the Mike de Kock stable, South African import Light the Lights opened his Dubai account with a strong-finishing victory in the co-featured Singspiel S. Thursday at Meydan.

Previously conditioned by Glen Kotzen, Light the Lights was



Light the Lights | Andrew Watkins/ERA photo

Grade 2-placed in 2015 and achieved his high-water mark with a 10-1 upset of the G2 Peninsula S. (1800m) on the Queen's Plate undercard at Kenilworth last January. When last seen, he gave a good account of himself in the G1 J & B Met H. (2000m), outrunning his starting price of 40-1 to finish fourth, just over four lengths adrift of the victorious Smart Call (SAf) (Ideal Call).

**Listed Singspiel S. Cont.**

Drawn low for this first-up appearance, Light the Lights jumped well and landed in a prominent position from fifth, with cover behind Sanshaawes (SAf) (Ashaawes), as Championship bowled along up front. Pulled out into the clear by Christophe Soumillon with 2 1/2 furlongs to race, he set his sights on Championship, who was still going strongly on the engine, but managed to get to that one in the final three jumps. Earnshaw came on late to be third.

“He has been off a fair while this horse, so he was entitled to need the run,” said Soumillon. “Mike told me to settle him early on as he can be quite keen, and to try and challenge in the straight. We left it late, but he ran on very well once he hit his stride and I always thought we were getting there.”

A R450,000 purchase out of the 2013 Emperor’s Palace National Yearling Sale, Light the Lights is kin to a yearling filly by Philanthropist and a weanling colt by that sire. **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or [ERA Video](#).**

**Thursday’s Results:**

**4th-MEY, \$160,000, Hcp, 1-5, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1000mT, :57.79, gd.**

**ERTIJAAL (IRE) (g, 6, [Oasis Dream {GB}](#)--Shabiba {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Seeking the Gold),** who scored in the Listed 32Red Spring Cup at Lingfield in England, rattled off four in a row over this strip, including a handicap victory last January, followed up with another going this trip Feb. 4. Second to Aussie veteran Buffering (Aus) (Mossman {Aus}) in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint on Dubai World Cup night last March, the gelding was sent off at 3-5 to regain the winning thread Thursday. Rolling straight to the head of affairs, Ertijaal looked in danger of being swamped halfway from home, but kicked it into a nother gear to win solidly by 1 3/4 lengths. The Happy Prince (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) ran second. “That was a very good performance under a big weight,” said pilot Jim Crowley. “He will improve as well fitness wise and is a good sprinter. We broke very well and basically I was always happy as he soon found a nice rhythm and then quickened again. It has been a good evening already.”

Ertijaal is a half-brother to an unnamed juvenile filly by Dansili (GB). Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, G1SP-UAE, 17-8-2-1, \$828,954. **Click for the [Racing Post Chart](#) or the [ERA Video](#).**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-Ali Rashid Al Rayhi.

**7th-MEY, \$135,000, Hcp, 1-5, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:23.01, gd.**

**FLASH FIRE (IRE) (g, 5, [Shamardal](#)--Flamelet {GSP-Ire}, by Theatrical {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 21-5-4-1, \$262,993. **[ERA Video](#)** O-Godolphin; B-Darley (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

**3rd-MEY, \$135,000, Hcp, 1-5, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1900m, 1:56.51, ft.**

**MIZBAH (GB) (g, 8, Dubai Destination--Candice {Ire} {GSP-Eng}, by Caerleon)** Lifetime Record: 41-6-5-9, \$190,699. **[ERA Video](#)** O-EERC (Mngr: Mrs Rebecca Byrne); B-Darley (GB); T-Doug Watson.

**2nd-MEY, \$125,000, Hcp, 1-5, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2410mT, 2:30.73, gd.**

**GOLDEN WOOD (FR) (g, 7, Gold Away {Ire}--Twisting {Fr}, by Pivotal {GB})** Lifetime Record: MSW-Fr, 32-9-5-3, \$323,959. **[ERA Video](#)** O-Mme Christian Wingtans; B-Jo Awouters (FR); T-Nicolas Caullery.

**Thursday, Kyoto, Japan.**

**SPORTS NIPPON SHO KYOTO KIMPAI-G3, ¥78,200,000 (US\$676,583/£545,031/€638,575),** Kyoto, 1-5, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:32.80, fm.

**1--AIR SPINEL (JPN), 125, c, 4, by King Kamehameha (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Air Messiah (Jpn) (MSW-Jpn, \$3,019,278), by Sunday Silence**

**2nd Dam: Air Deja Vu (Jpn), by Northern Taste**

**3rd Dam: I Dreamed A Dream, by Well Decorated**

O-Lucky Field Inc.; B-Shadai Farm; T-Kazuhide Sasada ; J-Yutaka Take; ¥41,630,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SP-Jpn, 9-3-1-2. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating:**

**A+++ \*Triple Plus\***

**2--Black Spinel (Jpn), 121, c, 4, by Tanino Gimlet (Jpn)--**

Morganite (Jpn), by Agnes Digital. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥16,180,000.

**3--Fiero (Jpn), 127, h, 8, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Ruby (Ire), by Danehill. (¥40,000,000 Wlg '09 JRAJUL). O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Shadai Farm; ¥10,090,000.**

Margins: NO, HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.80, 12.10, 11.70.

Also Ran: Astra Emblem (Jpn), Meiner Honey (Jpn), Dantsu Prius (Jpn), Kento O (Jpn), Mikki Joy (Jpn), Black Moon (Jpn), Daishin Thunder (Jpn), T M Taiho (Jpn), Peisha Felice (Jpn), Garibaldi (Jpn), T M Inazuma (Jpn), Moon Crest (Jpn), Alma Divin (Jpn), Sakura Adonis (Jpn), Peak Tram (Jpn). **Click for the [JRA Video](#), for the [Racing Post](#) result.**

A winner of the G2 Daily Hai Nisai S. in November of his 2-year-old year, Air Spinel was runner-up in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. that December and resurfaced with a third-place run in the G2 Hochi Hai Yayoi Sho in March of last year. Fourth in the first two legs of the Japanese Triple Crown--the G1 Satsuki Sho Apr. 17 and in the May 29 G1 Tokyo Yushun, the Lucky Field colorbearer ran fifth to eventual G1 Arima Kinen hero Satono Diamond (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G2 Kobe Shimbun Hai coming off a four-month layoff Sept. 25. **Cont. p8**

### G3 Sports Nippon Sho Kyoto Kimpai Cont.

Classic placed when third to that foe in the G1 Kikuka Sho Oct. 23, the 4-5 favorite settled in a tugging seventh early three off the fence. He gradually began to make headway towards the vanguard in the back straight, as Peisha Felice (Jpn) (Special Week {Jpn}) motored the first 1000 metres in :57.6. Able to find clear sailing fanned four deep up the center of the course leaving the final bend, the chestnut let down well, grabbing the advantage inside the 1500 metres and fended off the hard-charging Black Spinel to win by a nose. It was a half-length back to Fiero in third.

#### Pedigree Notes...

Air Spinel is out of Shuka Sho heroine Air Messiah, who was also runner-up in the Japanese Oaks, just like her dam SW Air Deja Vu (Jpn) (Northern Taste). Air Messiah herself is a full-sister to MSW & MG1SP Air Shady (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), while another full-sister produced Hopeful S. hero Air Anthem (Jpn) (Symboli Kris S). [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

#### Thursday, Nakayama, Japan.

**NIKKAN SPORTS SHO NAKAYAMA KIMPAI-G3**, ¥77,970,000 (US\$674,372/£543,384/€636,636), Nakayama, 1-5, 4yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.60, fm.

1--**@TSUKUBA AZUMA O (JPN)**, 125, h, 6, Stay Gold (Jpn)

1st Dam: **Newgrange (Jpn)**, by **Giant's Causeway**

2nd Dam: **Seattle Delighter**, by **Seattle Slew**

3rd Dam: **Delighter**, by **Lypheor (GB)**

(¥23,000,000 Wlg '11 JRAJUL). O-Shoji Ogihara; B-Northern Farm; T-Mitsuhiro Ogata; J-Yutaka Yoshida; ¥41,469,000.

Lifetime Record: 27-7-4-5. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. \***Triple Plus\***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Clarity Sky (Jpn)**, 127, h, 5, by Kurofune--Taiki Clarity (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn). O-Tadakuni Sugiyama; B-Paca Paca Farm; ¥16,134,000.

3--**Shiny Prince (Jpn)**, 125, h, 7, King Halo (Jpn)--Daitaku Pia (Jpn), by Lindo Shaver. O-Masashi Koayashi; B-Coreless Stud; ¥10,067,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2 1/2, NO. Odds: 1.80, 9.90, 7.10.

Also Ran: Shadow Party (Ire), Comfy (Jpn), Tomiken Slava (Jpn), Danon Major (Jpn), Longing Dancer (Jpn), Strong Titan (Jpn), Dreadnoughtus (Jpn), Rise To Fame (Jpn), Meiner Frost (Jpn), Meine Greville (Jpn). [Click for the JRA Video](#), for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

### 2016 LEADING JAPANESE FIRST-CROP SIRES BY EARNINGS (US\$1 = ¥117.48)

Sire	Starters	Winners	Earnings
Rulership (King Kamehameha)	73	19	¥240,637,000
I'll Have Another (USA) (Flower Alley {USA})	70	16	¥178,071,000
Deep Brillante (Deep Impact)	67	18	¥174,003,000
Summer Bird (USA) (Birdstone {USA})	53	15	¥119,953,000
Smart Falcon (Gold Allure)	67	20	¥117,466,000
Furioso (Brian's Time {USA})	65	28	¥114,529,000
Turtle Bowl (Ire) (Dyhim Diamond {Ire})	50	12	¥106,823,000
Street Sense (USA) (Street Cry {Ire})	51	12	¥101,825,000
King's Best (USA) (Kingmambo {USA})	71	9	¥99,037,000
Transcend (Wild Rush {USA})	33	18	¥94,005,000

Source: [www.jbis.jp](http://www.jbis.jp)

### HAWKES HAPPY WITH CHAUTAUQUA

World class sprinter **Chautauqua (Aus)** (Encosta De Lago {Aus}) is the subject of a favourable bulletin from his co-trainer Michael Hawkes ahead of an autumn campaign that will be geared towards winning the G1 Darley TJ Smith S. for a third time, reported *Racing.com*.

"Chautauqua is in pre-training at the moment and really enjoying things, but we have a way to go yet. He is in really good condition, he looks super," Hawkes told *Racing.com*. The 6-year-old gelding was brilliant in the early part of 2016, beginning the year with a win in the G1 Black Caviar Lightning then landing his second TJ Smith before



Chautauqua | *Racing And Sports*

traveling to Hong Kong to collect the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize in May. Those efforts appeared to take their toll on Chautauqua, as when he returned from a short spell, he posted two below par efforts in the G1 Moir S. and G1 Manikato S., both at

Moonee Valley. [Cont. p9](#)



### Hawkes Happy With Chautauqua Cont.

Reflecting on those slightly lacklustre efforts and his chances of returning to peak form Hawkes added,

“Group 1 racing is the toughest test and he had four big runs which included a trip to Hong Kong and it clearly took its toll. Chautauqua basically has to do the impossible every time he races to win and he really felt it after his victory in Hong Kong, he was very flat for a couple of days after that effort. I think with the extended break, we can see him at his best once again.”

The lucrative international sprint programme tends to dictate where horses of the calibre of Chautauqua lineup and Hawkes isn’t ruling out testing his star further against the best the world has to offer.

“We said last year that we would love to go overseas again with him, whether that is another trip to Hong Kong or even to the UK for Royal Ascot. They remain options, but we will not get caught up in the excitement yet, we just want to see that the real Chautauqua is back.”

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### MAGICS DECISION STILL OFFICIALLY ON HOLD FOR FROM WITHIN *by Alan Carasso*

Though he has yet to officially commit to the race, trainer Chris Waller certainly seems to be leaning in the direction of declaring ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **From Within (Aus)** (Not a Single Doubt {Aus}) for the A\$2-million Jeep Magic Millions 2YO Classic at the Gold Coast Jan. 14.

“She’s done everything right [since her win at Canterbury], which is obviously what we were waiting to see in terms of making a decision whether she goes forward to the Magic Millions.” Waller told *Racing.com*. “At this stage, there is nothing to suggest we shouldn’t be going, but I just want to see her work well over the next few days, and please me in the stable



**From Within as a yearling**  
*Magic Millions photo*

and on the training track. If that’s the case she’ll take her place in the Magic Millions.”

Sent off the long odds-on favorite for her Dec. 31 debut at Canterbury, the A\$360,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling graduate jumped well from the inside post and kicked away in the lane to score by a geared-down 1 1/4 lengths. Still, Waller is in no apparent rush with the filly.



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“The horse comes first. It’s not just the Magic Millions we need to worry about, and it’s also other races as a 2-year-old, and then longevity as well,” Waller told *Racing.com*. “As much as it would sound silly, if I said there’s plenty of races like a Golden Slipper, that’s probably as true as it is. You don’t make horses get to Golden Slippers or the Magic Millions, they’ll win you whatever they are going to win. There will be people that disagree, but that’s how I treat horses. If and when they are ready to race, I’m sure there is always a big race wherever it may be. Look after horses and they’ll look after you.”

From Within is trading as ante-post favorite for the 2YO Classic, with Hugh Bowman likely to take over from Glyn Schofield.

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### GIBSON VICTIM OF MAJOR SCAM

Hong Kong-based trainer Richard Gibson has been caught up in a serious financial scam based around the purchase of a horse. In September, Gibson was provided with €1 million in funds by a Hong Kong owner to facilitate the purchase of a horse through an agent based in Ireland. However, fraudsters contacted Gibson by email claiming to be the Irish agent and instructed him to transfer €600,000 to a bank account in Poland and €400,000 to an account in Slovakia. Gibson transferred the funds but became suspicious soon after, immediately contacting police who then opened an investigation. [Cont. p10](#)

**Gibson Victim of Major Scam Cont.**

Though the €600,000 wired to Poland was subsequently recovered the balance which was sent to Slovakia has yet to be returned.

Speaking to the *South China Morning Post* Gibson stated, “This fraud has been a grave concern for me personally and has taken up a great deal of time with meetings and legal papers. It has not surprised me that my business has suffered as a result. It has also put a great deal of pressure on my family as the case involves significant sums of money. We have always acted with full integrity and honesty.”



**Richard Gibson** | *Racing Post*

Gibson has had a poor year by his standards, saddling only two winners and he also suffered a blow when losing a major owner Pan Sutong, who has transferred four horses to Tony Cruz.

The Hong Kong Derby winning trainer added, “The

vendor, the agent, the buying owner, and myself were all victims of this complex internet fraud. Both the Hong Kong police and the Australian police are still actively involved in this case and that is why I am unable to disclose any further details. The current status of the case is that the remaining funds have been frozen in a foreign account and with the help of elite international law firms we hope that we will recover the remaining assets.”

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

**BAUHINIA SPRINT TROPHY H.-G3**, HK\$3,000,000 (£311,374/€364,860/A\$526,984/US\$386,877), 3yo/up, 1000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Amazing Kids (NZ)	Falkirk (NZ)	Moreira	Size	132
2	Adventurer (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	Chiong	Tsui	113
3	Amber Sky (Aus)	Exceed & Excel (Aus)	Yeung	Yiu	115
4	Bad Boy (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Schofield	Moore	113
5	Not Listenin'tome (Aus)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Purton	Moore	132
6	Peniaphobia (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	de Sousa	A Cruz	133

**AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS**

**IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

**Fish River (Aus)**, f, 2, **Canford Cliffs (Ire)**--Zabeea (Aus), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Vaal, 1-5, Maiden Juvenile Plate, 1000mT, :57.92. O-Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Miss J B Slack); B-P Maher (Vic); T-Mike de Kock. \*A\$60,000 Wlg '15 MMNWBS; A\$130,000 Ylg '16 INGMEL. \*\*Won by 3 1/2 lengths.

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## CHROME, ARROGATE TOP ECLIPSE FINALISTS AS EXPECTED



Arrogate (outside) defeats California Chrome in the BC Classic  
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GI Breeders' Cup Classic one-two finishers **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) and **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), along with superstar sophomore filly **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro), are the three finalists for the 2016 Eclipse Award for Horse of the Year, it was announced Thursday morning.

**California Chrome**, campaigned in 2016 by a group that includes Taylor Made Farm, co-breeder Perry Martin and later the China Horse Club under the California Chrome LLC banner, became the highest-earning North American-based Thoroughbred in history when he took March's G1 Dubai World Cup by a convincing 3 3/4-length margin. The Art Sherman-trained 2014 Horse of the Year had already annexed the G2 San Pasqual S. in January and a World Cup prep at Meydan in February, and returned to the States after his lucrative score for a hard-fought victory over Dortmund (Big Brown) in Del Mar's GII San Diego H. July 23. The then-5-year-old chestnut crushed defending champion and three-time Eclipse Award winner **Beholder** (Henny Hughes) in the Aug. 20 GI Pacific Classic S.  
**Cont. p3**

## RECIO HOPES HIS INSTINCTS PROVE 'WISE' AT KEEJAN *By Christie DeBernardis*

Mike Recio and Arika Everatt-Meeuse's South Point Sales Agency presented its first major consignment at the 2015 Keeneland January sale and the duo are back for more at this year's renewal with a 32-head draft. One of the highlights of the consignment is a mare Recio privately purchased with partners named **Whisper Wisdom** (Rockport Harbor), a half-sister to GI Cigar Mile H. winner **Connect** (Curlin).

"When I go to sales and do lists for people and shop for other clients, I like to follow close relatives to horses I like, and **Connect** was a horse I loved at the Fasig-Tipton July sale," Recio explained. **Cont. p8**

## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

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Kevin Blake offers a European perspective on the GI Pegasus World Cup and Conor McGregor's role in promoting the inaugural edition at Gulfstream Park Jan. 28. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)



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**Friday, January 6, 2017**



**On Capitol Hill.** Frank Stronach, and The Stronach Group's Tim Ritvo (far right) and former congressman Toby Roth met with senators and members of Congress--including Florida Senator Marco Rubio (left)--on Capitol Hill Thursday to discuss the upcoming \$12-million GI Pegasus World Cup. | *The Roth Group*

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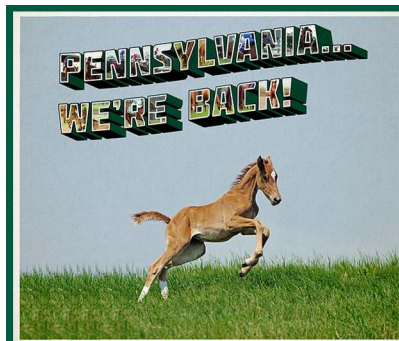
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*For Bill Finley, selecting 2016 Eclipse Award winners was, at times, straight-forward and at other junctures, somewhat more challenging. Bill reveals his full ballot and states his case.*

**ERAGON CLEARS QUARANTINE IN FLORIDA**

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*Eragon (Arg) (Offlee Wild), owner James McIngvale's recent acquisition and ticketed for a start in the GI Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park Jan. 28, has cleared quarantine in South Florida after a bit of an extended stay and is now residing in the barn of McIngvale's sister-in-law, trainer Laura Wohlers.*



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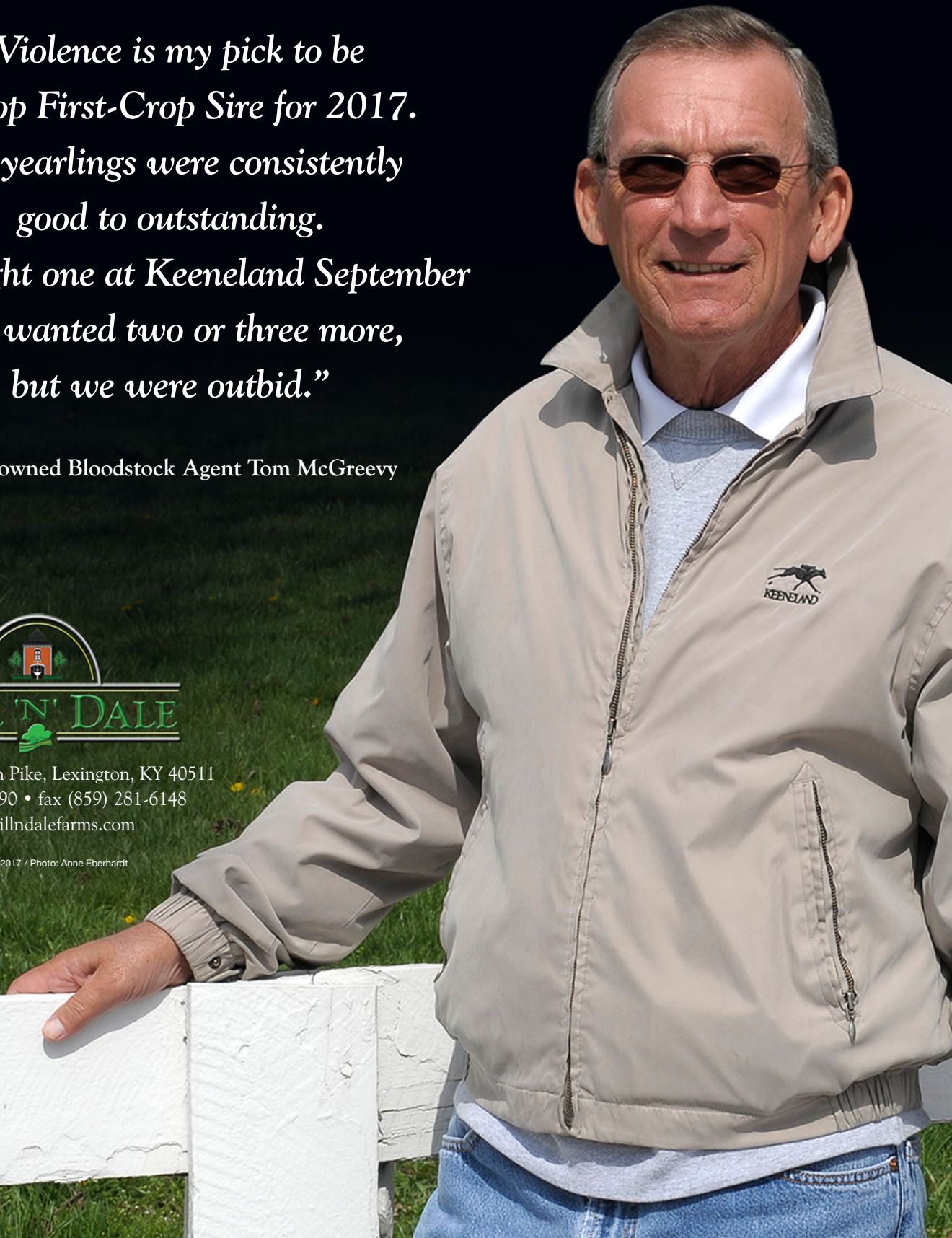
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**Eclipse Award Finalists cont.**

California Chrome had no trouble with Dortmund in the GI Awesome Again S. at Santa Anita Oct. 1, but was reeled in by Arrogate in a GI Breeders' Cup Classic for the ages, finishing a half-length back in second while 10 3/4 lengths clear of third. California Chrome earned \$8.13 million last season from a record of 7-6-1-0, and will retire to Taylor Made Farm after an expected rematch with Arrogate in the \$12-million GI Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Jan. 28.

'TDN Rising Star' Arrogate, meanwhile, was third with a very tough trip first up at Los Alamitos Racecourse in April, but has been nothing but brilliant since then. After a trio of facile scores in Southern California, Juddmonte's \$560,000 KEESEP acquisition shipped to Saratoga for his stakes debut in the GI Travers S., and turned in one of the most brilliant performances in recent memory, trouncing a strong field by 13 1/2 lengths in track record time, good for a gaudy 122 Beyer Speed Figure. Arrogate gave Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert his third-consecutive Breeders' Cup Classic, and appears to be a shoe-in to follow in the hoofsteps of his trainer's previous sophomore superstar American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) in being named champion 3-year-old male. Arrogate scratched from last Sunday's GI San Pasqual S. due to wet conditions, and will train up to the Pegasus World Cup.

Fellow 'Rising Star' Songbird, 2015's champion juvenile filly, maintained a perfect record into her 3-year-old season with a trio of facile victories at Santa Anita, culminating in the GI Santa Anita Oaks in April. Forced to miss the GI Kentucky Oaks in May due to a minor illness, she resurfaced with a 6 1/2-length success in the GI Summertime Oaks June 18, and shipped east for similarly dominant efforts in the GI Coaching Club American Oaks and GI Alabama S. at Saratoga and the GI Cotillion S. at Parx Sept. 24. **Cont. p4**



Songbird, with Eclipse finalist Mike Smith up, after winning the GI Alabama S. | NYRA/Coglianesse

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The \$400,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga grad was beaten by the narrowest of margins by her aforementioned elder Beholder in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff Nov. 4. Trained by Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer, the dark bay earned \$2.21 million for Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farms in 2016.

Winners of all categories announced Thursday will be revealed at the 46th annual Eclipse Awards, held at Gulfstream Park on the evening of Saturday, Jan. 21 and presented by *Daily Racing Form*, Breeders' Cup and The Stronach Group. Media Eclipse Awards had been previously announced, and legendary turf writers/handicappers Andy Beyer and Steve Crist will each receive the Eclipse Award of Merit for lifetime achievements. Eclipse Awards are voted on by the NTRA, National Turf Writers and Broadcasters and *Daily Racing Form*.

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**Horse of the Year:**

- Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song)
- California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit)
- Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro)

**Older Dirt Male:**

- California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit)
- Frosted** (Tapit)
- Lord Nelson** (Pulpit)

**Older Dirt Female:**

- Beholder** (Henny Hughes)
- Cavorting** (Bernardini)
- Stellar Wind** (Curlin)

**3-year-old Male:**

- Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song)
- Exaggerator** (Curlin)
- Nyquist** (Uncle Mo)

**3-year-old Filly:**

- Cathryn Sophia** (Street Boss)
- Queen's Trust (GB)** (Dansili {GB})
- Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro)

**2-year-old Male:**

- Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile)
- Not This Time** (Giant's Causeway)
- Practical Joke** (Into Mischief)

## HIP NO. 413

'16 Filly; Into Mischief - Limbo, by A.P. Indy





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- Lord Nelson** (Pulpit)

**Female Sprinter:**

- Finest City** (City Zip)
- Haveyougoneaway** (Congrats)
- Paulsilverlining** (Ghostzapper)

**Male Turf Horse:**

- Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB})
- Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire})
- Tourist** (Tiznow)

**Female Turf Horse:**

- Lady Eli** (Divine Park)
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- Tepin** (Bernstein)

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**Eclipse Award Finalists cont.**

**Steeplechase Horse:**

- Rawnaq (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire})
- Scorpiancer (Ire)** (Scorpion {Ire})
- Top Striker** (Van Nistelrooy)

**Outstanding Owner:**

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**Outstanding Apprentice Jockey:**

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**Trainer:**

- Bob Baffert
- Chad Brown
- Mark Casse

**THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE**

*By Bill Finley*

Didn't have to do much head scratching when I filled out my Eclipse ballot this year.



California Chrome was the Horse of the Year in 2016, according to Bill Finley

*Gary Tasich photo*

(Unbridled's Song). Stole the second half of the season. What a horse. **Cont. p6**

Several of the categories required little to no thinking. Let's get through those first, before moving on to the ones that required at least some examination.

2YO Male: **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile). Duh.

3YO Male: **Arrogate**

# Deck the halls...



The big news over the holidays was the victory of the **Street Boss** filly **Decked Out** in the G1 American Oaks on New Year's Eve.

With Cathryn Sophia, he had two sophomore G1 winners in 2016, a feat matched by only Curlin, Tapit and Uncle Mo.

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**Bill Finley's Eclipse Ballot cont.**

3YO Filly: **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro). Obviously.  
 Older Dirt Male: **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit). Only a dumb ass would vote against him.  
 Older Dirt Female: **Beholder** (Henny Hughes). Indisputable.  
 Steeplechase: **Rawnaq (Ire)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). It's on to Cheltenham for a very nice jumper.  
 Apprentice Jockey: Luis Ocasio. Leads in every category that matters.

As for the others:  
 2YO Filly: **Champagne Room** (Broken Vow). This was one of those divisions where you didn't feel good about voting for anyone, but I've always gone with the theory that when in doubt, go with the Breeders' Cup winner. Sent off at 33-1, Champagne Room was an afterthought in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and then beat up a rather mediocre field. But no 2-year-old filly won more than one Grade I race, so I don't see how you can't go with the one who won *the* most important Grade I race. You can make an argument that **Shane's Girlfriend** (Adios Charlie) was the best 2-year-old filly in racing last year as her win in the GIII Delta Princess S. was off-the-charts sensational, but there's no way you can give a horse an Eclipse off a Grade III win. And she might not be as good as **Unique Bella** (Tapit), a runaway maiden winner for Jerry Hollendorfer and Mike Smith in November at Del Mar.

Male Sprinter: **Drefong** (Gio Ponti). While **A.P. Indian** (Indian Charlie) had a terrific year, winning five stakes, including two Grade I's, Drefong proved that he was the best sprinter in the country with his win in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. It was decisive and indicative of a horse with superior talent. He's the best dirt sprinter in the country and he's by Gio Ponti? Go figure.

Female Sprinter: Much as was the case with the 2-year-old filly division, no one came close to stepping up and dominating among this group. **Finest City** (City Zip) only won two races all year, but one was the right one, the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare sprint. One finalist, **Paulassilverling** (Ghostzapper) did not win a Grade I race this year. The other, **Haveyougoneaway** (Congrats) did win the GI Ballerina S. but was soundly beaten by Finest City in the BI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, as was Paulassilverling.

Male Turf Horse: **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}). Yes, he got beat by **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf, but I avoid voting for these one-and-done Breeders' Cup winners from Europe at all costs. What they did overseas does not matter and, unless there is no one else out there even remotely worth voting for, you can't give a horse an Eclipse Award off one day, one race. Flintshire won three stakes in the U.S. and battled Highland Reel to a second-place finish in the Breeders' Cup. **Cont. p7**

# MAGNIFICENT!

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 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Alexandra S.-Gr.3
- OM** 1<sup>st</sup> Del Mar Derby-Gr.2  
 1<sup>st</sup> Mathis Brothers Mile S.-Gr.2  
 1<sup>st</sup> Twilight Derby-Gr.2  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-Gr.1  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Hollywood Derby-Gr.1
- FREE ROSE** 1<sup>st</sup> Del Mar Derby-Gr.2  
 1<sup>st</sup> La Jolla H.-Gr.3  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Twilight Derby-Gr.2
- CATALINA RED** 1<sup>st</sup> Churchill Downs S.-Gr.2  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Alfred G Vanderbilt H.-Gr.1
- BEN'S DUCHESS** 1<sup>st</sup> LA Woman S.-Gr.3  
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## TONALIST

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LANE'S END

**Bill Finley cont.**

But it wasn't just that he won those races, but how he won. He was electric, particularly in the GII Bowling Green S. That was the day he somehow got in a world of trouble under Javier Castellano in a four-horse field, got caught behind a snail-like pace, dropped back to last and then unleashed a turn of foot that was crazy impressive.

Female Turf Horse: **Tepin** (Bernstein).

**Miss Temple City** (Temple City) is a very deserving champion and I almost feel guilty not voting for her. She won three Grade I's in 2016, including two against the males. Meanwhile, Tepin may not have finished up her year the way she started, as she lost in her final two races of 2016. But she did something historic, going over to Royal Ascot and winning the G1 Queen Anne S.. Add to that wins in the G1 Woodbine Mile and the G1 Jenny Wiley S. and this mare for the ages had another sensational year.

Trainer: Chad Brown. He's been knocking on the Eclipse Award door for sometime and this is the year he kicked the door down. He finally topped Todd Pletcher (who didn't even make the final

three in this Eclipse category) in earnings with \$23.1 million to Pletcher's \$21.2 million. He also won an incredible 42 graded stakes races. But the biggest feat he accomplished in 2016 is that he put to rest the knock that he can't train a dirt horse. While Brown's speciality may still be grass runners, he showed he is far from a one-track pony by winning, on the dirt, the GI Cigar Mile H., the GI Champagne S., the GI Hopeful S., the GII Pennsylvania Derby, the GII Gazelle S., the GIII Gotham S. and a handful of other dirt stakes.



Chad Brown | Horsephotos

Jockey: Jose Ortiz. I'm guessing Mike Smith will win in this category because he seems to win every major race out there, thus the nickname "Big Money" Mike Smith. And while a Smith victory would certainly not be a travesty, he's not the right pick. Just 23 years old, Jose Ortiz did what no jockey is supposed to do. It's widely accepted that the New York riding colony is the best there is, and Ortiz dominated it. With the exception of the Belmont fall meet, during which he rode most

of the time at Keeneland, he won every New York riding title during the year and did so without the consistent backing of a major outfit. If that's not enough, he led the nation in wins with 351 or 296 more than Smith. **Cont. p8**

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**Bill Finley cont.**

Horse of the Year: **California Chrome**. When casting a Horse-of-the-Year vote, I always take into account these words “of the year.” After what happened in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic, you’ll get no argument from me if you want to claim that Arrogate was the fastest, best horse to race in 2016. But as mentioned in this space before, his year truly did not begin until the Aug. 27 GI Travers S. By that time, Chrome had already traveled to and won in Dubai and had won five races total, including the GI Pacific Classic. Arrogate’s just going to have to wait for 2017 to get his Horse of the Year title.

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**South Point Sales cont. from p1**

Recio continued, “My friend Chris Brothers bought him for a client I did a lot of work with when I was at Hidden Brook, Paul Pompa. I knew the horse would be going to Eddie Woods and would be in good hands, so I started following Whisper Wisdom. She was racing out in western Canada. I stayed close with Eddie Woods and Chris Brothers and spoke with them about how Connect was doing. Eddie was pretty high on him and Eddie is spot on when he tells you if he likes a 2-year-old or not.”

Connect proved both Woods and Recio right, winning the Curlin S., GII Pennsylvania Derby and the Cigar Mile and earning over \$1.25 million thus far in his young career. However, Recio had so much faith in the Curlin colt that he privately purchased Whisper Wisdom, a winner of 3 of 23 starts mostly in the Northland Park claiming ranks, just about a month prior to Connect’s debut in December 2015. He bred the now 6-year-old mare, catalogued as [hip 215](#), to Palace Malice, another son of Curlin.

“I purchased her privately before Connect had even run with the goal of selling her,” Recio said. “We bred her to Palace Malice playing the Curlin angle. Actually, I love Palace Malice. I was underbidder on him with Jake Ballis when he sold at the Keeneland April sale. It was kind of a perfect match for me and my partners on that mare and Connect has done the rest. He’s coming into his 4-year-old year as one of the top older horses.”

The University of Louisville alum continued, “She was always coming to January. She was never

going to November. I wanted to make her a standout. I knew Connect was going the Pennsylvania Derby/Cigar Mile route. Timing is everything and it just worked out perfectly.”



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Recio will also offer another former claimer who got a big catalogue update this year in **Punkin’s Pride** (Bluegrass Cat), a half-sister to MGSW Lightstream (Harlan’s Holiday). Owned by Steve Klesaris and Tom La Marca, who campaigned the mare for most of her career, the 5-year-old won a claiming race at Parx in her career finale in March of 2016 and retired with a total of three wins from 15 starts.

“I happen to see Lightstream break her maiden really impressively and I called up Brian Lynch to see if I could get a price on her,” Recio recalled. “Brian is a dear friend that I have horses with and Steve is a friend through acquaintances through the years. I called Steve [about this mare] and he said, ‘Let me know what you can do with her.’”



Lightstream | Coady

The bloodstock agent added, “You have to strike while the iron’s hot. She had actually won just prior to Lightstream breaking her maiden so as soon as Lightstream won and got the really impressive number, we decided to send her to Kentucky.

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**South Point Sales cont.**

“We felt her value had the potential to go up and up so we went through the options. We will set a modest reserve and see if we can achieve that or more. She will be on the market to sell, but we will just see how the sale goes.”

Catalogued as [hip 88](#), Punkin’s Pride is offered in foal to MGISW Tonalist.

“We ended up settling on Tonalist and his mares have done well so we are excited,” Recio commented. “We likes his race record. He could do it all, being a son of Tapit and having the flexibility to win at all kinds of distances, plus the soundness he had. The Tapit and Storm Cat cross has been successful, so her being a Bluegrass Cat, it nicked well.”

Both Whisper Wisdom and Punkin’s Pride sell during Book 1, but South Point still has plenty to offer in Book 2 with a pair of juvenile colts by top sires that were bred on Southern Hemisphere time by Doug and Felcia Branham.

[Hip 1167](#) is a Pioneer of the Nile colt out of the unraced Lion Lemon ‘n Lime (Lion Hearted). The other colt, [Hip 1169](#), is by Distorted Humor and out of Virginia Bee (Virginia Rapids), making him a half-brother to GSW Cherokee Queen (Cherokee Run) and SW Indian Legend (Cherokee Run).

“They are actually a rare offering,” Recio remarked. “They are both very, very nice colts. I have a good client Doug Branham of Hurricane Hills and he had a couple of mares that were open at the end of the year that had nice pedigrees. Rather than sit on them, our goal was to breed them on Southern Hemisphere time when stud fees are reduced in hopes of getting fillies we could race and breed out of.”

Recio continued, “We happened to get colts out of both of these. They couldn’t be by better stallions or look better. They have great size despite being behind most 2-year-olds. It’s a good opportunity for a South American buyer to potentially buy them or an Australian. At the same time, if you have the patience it would be a great opportunity for someone in the U.S. to race two nice colts by nice sires. If you have patience in your program, you just break them a little later and point them towards their 3-year-old campaign.”

The Keeneland January sale gets underway in Lexington Monday at 10 a.m.

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**CORRECTION:** While the Old Hat S. was categorized as a Grade III in Thursday’s TDN, it was downgraded to Listed status for 2017. We regret the error.

**ERAGON ARRIVES FOR PEGASUS**

**Eragon (Arg)** (Offlee Wild) has cleared quarantine in South Florida and has joined the string of trainer Laura Wohlers at Gulfstream Park to prepare for the GI Pegasus World Cup Jan. 28.

After arriving from Argentina Dec. 19, Eragon entered quarantine for an expected week-long stay, but Wohlers reported that ‘unforeseen’ circumstances lengthened the 5-year-old’s time there.

“I’m so glad to have him out of quarantine,” said Wohlers as



Eragon | Leslie Martin photo

Eragon was hand-walked around the shedrow. “One of the horses in quarantine had a suspicious test which turned out to be nothing but because of protocol we unfortunately had to stay there

longer. He’s lost a little weight since I saw him in Argentina, but that was to be expected as he was not getting the large amount of feed he had been getting while there. All in all, he looks pretty good, and his energy is up.”

Winner of the 2016 G1 Estrellas Mile ([video](#)) while under the care of trainer Roberto Pellegata, Eragon most recently recorded the third top-level success of his career in the G1 Gran Premio Hipodromo de Palermo Nov. 12 ([video](#)).

Wohlers said she is aiming for two works for Eragon between now and the Pegasus. James McIngvale purchased his slot in the Pegasus intending to run 2015 Eclipse Award-winning sprinter in the Pegasus, but he was retired after finishing down the field in the GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile.

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**RUNNING MATE PRESSING ON TO LECOMTE**

Bret Jones’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ **Running Mate** (Creative Cause), who tasted defeat for the first time in his career in the Dec. 17 Sugar Bowl S. at the Fair Grounds, is scheduled to stretch out to two turns for the first time in the Jan. 21 GIII Lecomte S. at the New Orleans oval, trainer Larry Jones confirmed Thursday. The dark bay returned to the worktab Thursday for the first time since his Sugar Bowl effort, drilling a half-mile in a best-of-41 :47.20 for a half-mile. **Cont. p10**

**Running Mate to Lecomte cont.**

“That’s our game plan,” Jones said, referring to the Lecomte.



**Running Mate** | Lou Hodges photo

“He had a nice breeze and I think two turns is what the horse is wanting. We saw no reason to be discouraged from his effort and everything seems good so far, so we’ll give it a try. We’ve been beaten before and come back and won.”

The six-length winner of his career debut over six furlongs at Delaware Oct. 5, Running Mate validated his Rising Star status with a 7 3/4-length thumping of an allowance/optional claimer Nov. 25. Sent off the 2-5 chalk in the Sugar Bowl, he raced handy to the pace, but weakened some in the final furlong to finish second and was ultimately demoted to third for interference in the lane.

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**‘NEWS’ POSSIBLE FOR 5TH SEASON**

**Suddenbreakingnews** (Mineshaft), impressive winner of the GIII Southwest S. and runner-up to future GI Belmont S. hero Creator (Tapit) in the GI Arkansas Derby, breezed four furlongs in :47.80 (1/140) beneath regular rider Luis Quinonez Thursday morning and could make his seasonal debut in the \$125,000 Fifth Season S. at Oaklawn Park Jan. 13.

“I wanted him to get a sharp work, and probably did,” said trainer Donnie K. Von Hemel said.



**Suddenbreakingnews training at Belmont last spring** | Christie DeBernardis photo

“Forty-seven and four, for him, is a pretty sharp work.”

The conditioner indicated that a decision on a start in the Fifth Season would come over the next few days. Von Hemel said he wanted to have a look at the

nominations before committing to the race.

A closing fifth behind Nyquist (Uncle Mo) in the GI Kentucky Derby and ninth to Creator in the Belmont, Suddenbreakingnews was most recently fifth in the GII West Virginia Derby in early August. Listed as a ridgling to that point in his career, Suddenbreakingnews has since been gelded.

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**AMERICAN GRADED STAKES COMMITTEE:** The Dec. 31 running of the GIII Robert J. Frankel S. was automatically downgraded from Grade III to Listed status when the race was taken off the Santa Anita turf course due to rain. The American Graded Stakes Committee has reviewed the off-the-turf renewal and has determined that the race’s original Grade III status will be not be reinstated for this renewal. The race, won by Abbondanza Racing LLC’s Goodyearforroses (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}), will be designated as a Listed race for official records.



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## OVERALL HANDLE, PER-DAY AVERAGE

### BETTING BOTH RISE IN 2016 *By T.D. Thornton*

For the second consecutive year, overall wagering on Thoroughbred races in the United States edged slightly upward, even though total purses, race days, the number of races, horse starts, and average field size all declined in 2016 compared to 2015.

In addition to total wagering on U.S. races rising from \$10.672 billion in 2015 to \$10.735 billion in 2016 (+0.58%), the year-end “Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators” report generated by Equibase showed increases in two other categories: Average wagering per race day increased to \$2.299 million (+2.42%), and average purses per race day rose to \$232,114 (+.9%).

For the eight years prior to 2016, the overall betting handle in the U.S. trended as follows: 2015 (+1.18%); 2014 (-2.84%); 2013 (+0.06%); 2012 (+0.96%); 2011 (-5.65%); 2010 (-7.33%); 2009 (-9.88%); 2008 (-7.16%).

“The 2016 wagering and purse report suggests that Thoroughbred racing in the U.S. has stabilized from the



Alex Waldrop | NTRA photo

world-wide economic recession of a few years back,” said Alex Waldrop, president and chief executive officer of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA). “A declining foal crop has challenged the industry to adapt by reducing races and race days and also encouraged innovation. It is noteworthy that handle increased in 2016 despite 85

fewer race days.”

The details for the categories that declined in 2016 are as follows: Total purses \$1.083 billion (-0.91%); race days 4,669 (-1.79%); races 38,284 (-1.69%); starts 298,784 (-2.29%); average field size 7.80 (-0.61%).

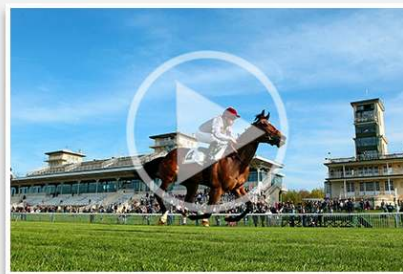
December, traditionally a slow month for betting business, generated an overall handle increase (+3.27%) compared to December 2015. Yet the fourth quarter of 2016 declined in terms of overall betting (-1.18%) compared to the same period in 2015.

Proposed major changes in the ways pari-mutuel winnings are interpreted, calculated, and taxed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) could be on the books by as early as April, fueling widespread industry speculation that the new regulations will spark even larger handle increases.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Uncle Mo</b> <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (\$75,000)</i>	18	31	10	19	2	5	158	91	\$3,575,600	\$12,547,879
										Nyquist	
2	<b>Twirling Candy</b> <i>(2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (\$15,000)</i>	8	14	1	3	--	1	81	51	\$344,800	\$3,612,060
										Danzing Candy	
3	<b>Gio Ponti</b> <i>(2005) by Tale of the Cat FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Castleton Lyons KY (\$12,500)</i>	3	5	1	1	1	1	118	43	\$1,170,800	\$3,579,172
										Drefong	
4	<b>First Dude</b> <i>(2007) by Stephen Got Even FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Double Diamond Farm FL (\$7,500)</i>	3	8	1	2	--	1	116	65	\$335,000	\$3,249,001
										Dude Fantasy	
5	<b>Trappe Shot</b> <i>(2007) by Tapit FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (\$10,000)</i>	2	7	1	4	--	2	108	53	\$465,920	\$3,031,772
										Fish Trappe Road	
6	<b>Archarcharch</b> <i>(2008) by Arch FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$5,000)</i>	4	9	--	--	--	--	136	72	\$123,660	\$2,916,149
										Ivy Bell	
7	<b>Paddy O'Prado</b> <i>(2007) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$5,000)</i>	1	6	--	1	--	1	150	64	\$512,754	\$2,835,236
										Cherry Wine	
8	<b>Tizway</b> <i>(2005) by Tiznow FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$10,000)</i>	6	10	--	3	--	1	107	48	\$302,050	\$2,584,700
										Coasted	
9	<b>Girolamo</b> <i>(2006) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Darley KY (\$15,000)</i>	3	7	1	1	--	--	86	39	\$369,000	\$2,476,859
										Highway Star	
10	<b>Gone Astray</b> <i>(2006) by Dixie Union FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Northwest Stud FL (\$4,500)</i>	2	8	--	2	--	1	101	46	\$700,640	\$2,318,604
										Three Rules	
11	<b>Wilburn</b> <i>(2008) by Bernardini FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$3,500)</i>	2	9	--	--	--	--	125	65	\$178,580	\$2,190,762
										Ohio Gold	
12	<b>Drosselmeyer</b> <i>(2007) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	4	6	1	1	1	1	100	51	\$163,200	\$1,975,786
										Kelsocait	
13	<b>Haynesfield</b> <i>(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY (\$10,000)</i>	4	8	1	3	--	1	94	44	\$168,730	\$1,952,174
										He'll Pay	
14	<b>Lonhro (Aus)</b> <i>(1998) by Octagonal (Nz) FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	3	8	1	2	--	--	98	43	\$122,979	\$1,898,554
										Holding Gold	
15	<b>Friesan Fire</b> <i>(2006) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Country Life Farm MD (\$4,000)</i>	1	2	--	1	--	--	71	38	\$129,675	\$1,781,181
										Morning Fire	

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## NEW YORK

### Thursday's Results:

**7th-AQU, \$76,440, Alw (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 1-5, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.88, ft.**

**OCEAN KNIGHT (h, 5, [Curlin](#)--Ocean Goddess, by Stormy Atlantic),** victor of the 2015 GII Tampa Bay Derby, narrowly annexed a Belmont optional claimer that fall, but had gone winless in five subsequent starts, most recently running last of 10 in the GI Cigar Mile H. here Nov. 26. Crushed to a nickel above 2-5 to get off the schneid here, the \$320,000 OBSMAR buy bobbed a bit at the break, but recovered to make the point heading into the clubhouse turn. Setting dawdling fractions of :25.50 and :49.76, Ocean Knight was challenged by Voluntario (Hold Me Back) on the far bend, shook away from that foe in early stretch and held safe the closing bid of longshot Praetereo (Giant's Causeway) to prevail by a neck. The winner's dam, a \$270,000 OBS June purchase, is responsible for a juvenile colt by Pioneerof the Nile named Ocean Pioneer, who hammered down for \$950,000 to Stonestreet and Coolmore as a Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling. She also produced a Medaglia d'Oro colt in 2016 and was bred back to the winner's sire. Lifetime Record: GSW, 11-4-3-2, \$357,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC (KY); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin.

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Emcee (Unbridled's Song)	\$5,000
Forty Tales (Tale of the Cat)	\$6,500
Freud (Storm Cat)	\$10,000
Laoban (Uncle Mo)	\$7,500
Mission Impazible (Unbridled's Song)	\$7,500
Stephanoatsee (A.P. Indy)	Private

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## FLORIDA

### Thursday's Results:

**6th-GP, \$38,000, (S), Msw, 1-5, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.10, ft.**

**WAIT (c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Wait a While {Ch. 3yo Filly & MGSW, \$2,181,917}, by Maria's Mon)** finished second in his debut over the local slop June 10 and caught another sealed surface when filling the same slot here Dec. 10. Made the 11-10 chalk in this spot, the gray broke smartly and quickly established command, leading clearly through a :22.07 quarter. Inching away past a :45.62 half, the favorite never had an anxious moment in the lane, kicking clear to win for fun by 5 1/2 lengths. Flaget Braves (Gone Astray) edged out well-bet firster In Closing (In Summation) for second money. The winner's dam was champion sophomore filly in 2006 and captured 10 graded stakes in her career. She produced a full-brother to Wait named Andor in 2016 before visiting Speightstown. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$38,040. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Arindel; B-Arindel Farm (FL); T-Ronny W. Werner.



Wait | Lauren King

## CENTRAL U.S.

### Thursday's Results:

**4th-FG, \$38,000, Msw, 1-5, 4yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.81, gd.**

**+PONTIFICAL (g, 4, [Gio Ponti](#)--Ava Darling, by Gilded Time)** showed a strong worktab for this debut, most notably going five furlongs on the local main track in a bullet :59 4/5 (1/23) Dec. 20, and was made the 3-2 second choice by post. Setting up in fourth past a :22.46 quarter, the \$180,000 KESEP grad was patiently handled on the turn and split horses three-deep in midstretch. Reeling in favored One Kind of Crazy (Distorted Humor) around the sixteenth pole, Pontifical edged away to tally by three-quarters of a length under mild urging. The winner is a half to Safe Crossing (Stormy Atlantic), SP, \$187,250, while his dam is a half to GISWs Justin Phillip (First Samurai) and Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini), as well as MGSW/GISP Keyed Entry (Honour and Glory) and GSWs Successful Mission (Successful Appeal) and Algorithms (Bernardini). She is represented by a sophomore First Samurai colt and a juvenile colt by Lemon Drop Kid and was bred to Mineshaft in 2016. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Oakbrook Farm (KY); T-Paul J. McGee.

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**Wednesday Night's Results:**

**8th-DED, \$35,700, Alw, 1-4, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.18, ft.**

**RACHAEL'S KISS (f, 4, Behindatthebar--Kiss the Lips, by Kissin Kris)** scored a wire-to-wire upset at 36-1 going five furlongs here Oct. 22 and was given a 5-2 chance to repeat in this four-horse field. Breaking alertly to show the way once again, the homebred clicked off a quarter of :24.16 in the clear, was challenged harder past a :47.78 half, and shook loose into the stretch before holding sway to triumph by three-quarters of a length over American Kiki (Candy Ride {Arg}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$46,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Richard Tate (LA); T-Thomas W. Sam.

## KENTUCKY

**Wednesday Night's Results:**

**8th-TP, \$20,400, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.02, ft.**

**YOU CHEATED (f, 4, Colonel John--Zipper Zapper, by City Zip)** ran an even fifth on debut Nov. 18 at Churchill and rallied strongly over track and trip to graduate Dec. 4. Made an 18-5 proposition here, the bay settled at the rear of a compact group behind a sharp :21.97 quarter, advanced steadily three-wide on the turn, was spun seven-deep at the top of the lane and flew home in the final sixteenth to score going away by two lengths. Nearshore (Lemon Drop Kid) won a blanket photo for the place. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$25,080. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Alan Tennenbaum (KY); T-Brian Michael.

**7th-TP, \$18,189, Msw, 1-4, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:42.01, ft.**

**NEVER GROW OLD (f, 3, Scat Daddy--Noches De Rosa {Chi} {GISW-US & G1SW-Chi, \$546,073}, by Stagecraft {GB})** closed strongly after a poor break to be a close second in her track-and-trip debut Dec. 10 and was hammered down to 1-2 to go one better here. Hard-held to run a close seventh through a :25.11 quarter, the favorite moved up two spots by a half in :49.98, angled into the clear at the three-furlong marker and swept to the lead at the eighth pole, kicking away from there to graduate by 3 1/4 lengths. Double Oaked (Stately Victor) completed the exacta. The winner has a juvenile full-brother, who went for \$300,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling, and a half-brother of 2016 by Animal Kingdom. Her GI Gamely H.-winning dam, a \$325,000 Keeneland November broodmare buy in 2008, was bred back to the latter sire last season. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$14,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-The Elkstone Group LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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## INDUSTRY INFO

### Thoroughbred Charities of America Named Beneficiary of Thoroughbred Club of America's Holiday Campaign:

Thoroughbred Charities of America was tabbed as the charitable beneficiary of the Thoroughbred Club of America's annual holiday giving campaign, it was announced Thursday. More than \$5,000 was raised and will be used for grant-making to qualified and approved organizations that work on behalf of Thoroughbreds or the people who care for them.

"We are grateful to the membership of the Thoroughbred Club of America for selecting Thoroughbred Charities of America as the beneficiary of their holiday giving campaign," said Erin Crady, executive director of Thoroughbred Charities of America. "As an organization that operates exclusively on charitable contributions we greatly appreciate the generosity of the club's membership and are honored to be the beneficiary."

Thoroughbred Club of America General Manager Laura Gardner added, "The Thoroughbred Club of America Membership was thrilled to support Thoroughbred Charities of America during the 2016 holiday season. The Thoroughbred Club's participation in this campaign reinforced the Club mission of promoting and encouraging closer cooperation, and better business relations within the Thoroughbred industry. It was an honor to assist a charity that is so devoted to the long-term health of Thoroughbred horses, and the individuals who care for them. The Thoroughbred Club of America is looking forward to a continued partnership with Thoroughbred Charities of America over the years to come."

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**ALGORITHMS** (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 155/12/1

8-TP, Aoc 6 1/2f, Promises Broken, 3-1

**BIONDETTI** (Bernardini), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$4K, 101/10/0

6-GP, Msw 6f, Nothin But Trouble, 7-2

**BODEMEISTER** (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 262/15/1

9-GP, Aoc 7f, Speedmeister, \$650K FTF MAR 2yo, 9-5

9-GP, Aoc 7f, Alum, \$140K FTK JUL yrl, 2-1

**DIALED IN** (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 172/19/3  
5-SA, Msw 7f, Delitefull Lady, \$72K BAR MAR 2yo, 7-2

**DOMINUS** (Smart Strike), Spendthrift Farm, \$6.5K, 84/9/2  
5-SA, Msw 7f, Dominating Woman, \$50K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2

**GEMOLOGIST** (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 204/13/2  
5-SA, Msw 7f, Diamondintheater, \$170K OBS MAR 2yo, 12-1  
6-GP, Msw 6f, Party Tarde, 12-1

**HANSEN** (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 129/20/1  
8-TP, Aoc 6 1/2f, Hansen's Girl, \$17K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 4-1  
7-SUN, Msw 1m, Eye of the Hunter, 10-1

**MACLEAN'S MUSIC** (Distorted Humor), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$6.5K, 146/20/2  
9-GP, Aoc 7f, Classic Rock, \$180K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

**MCKENNA'S JUSTICE** (Medaglia d'Oro), 13/0/0  
5-SUN, Msw 6f, McEve, 5-1

**SHACKLEFORD** (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 208/21/1  
9-GP, Aoc 7f, Beasley, \$340K FTS AUG yrl, 8-1  
8-TP, Aoc 6 1/2f, Lady Arya, \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl, 15-1

**STAY THIRSTY** (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 159/17/1  
9-GP, Aoc 7f, My Friend, \$72K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 20-1

**THE FACTOR** (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 218/14/2  
6-GP, Msw 6f, +Fashion Factor, 10-1

**TO HONOR AND SERVE** (Bernardini), Gainesway Farm, \$30K, 171/13/1  
9-GP, Aoc 7f, Salute With Honor, 20-1

**UNION RAGS** (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 220/18/3  
9-GP, Aoc 7f, Union Brass, \$40K OBS MAR 2yo, 20-1

**A Song for Arch**, c, 3, **Songandaprayer**--La Belle Bear, by Arch.  
DED, 1-4, (S), 1m, 1:42.38. B-Larry Joseph Menard (LA).  
\*\$14,000 RNA 2yo '16 EQL2YO.

**Our Bruce Edwin**, g, 3, **Tiz Wonderful**--She's Hot Stuff, by Not  
For Love. PEN, 1-4, (S), 6f, 1:13.96. B-Howard C Schaeffer Jr. &  
Scott C Kemp (PA). \*\$10,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT.

**Gator Tough**, g, 4, **Good and Tough**--May Gator (MSW & GSP,  
\$570,298), by Green Alligator. FG, 1-5, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:33.40.  
B-Danny M. & Donna B. Brown (LA). \*\$19,000 RNA Ylg '14  
ESLYRL; \$9,500 RNA Ylg '14 TEXOCT. \*\*1/2 to Miz Ida (Proud  
Citizen), MGSW, \$484,998; and Gator Zone (Sharp Humor),  
SW, \$109,600.

## UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track	
1/7	GIII Dania Beach S.	GP	
	GIII Hutcheson S.	GP	
	GII San Gabriel S.	SA	
	GIII Sham S.	SA	
	GIII Las Cienegas H.	SA	
1/8	GII Santa Ynez S.	SA	
	1/14	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
1/16	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP	
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP	
	GII La Canada S.	SA	
	1/16	GIII Toboggan S.	AQU
	GIII Megahertz S.	SA	
1/21	GIII Lecomte S.	FG	
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG	
1/28	GII Santa Monica S.	SA	
	1/28	GI Pegasus World Cup	GP
	GIII W.L. McKnight H.	GP	
	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP	
	GIII La Prevoyante H.	GP	
1/29	GIII Houston Ladies Classic	HOU	
	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU	
2/4	GIII Withers S.	AQU	
	GII Holy Bull S.	GP	
	GII Forward Gal S.	GP	
	GII Swale S.	GP	
	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA	
2/5	GII San Antonio S.	SA	
	GII San Marcos S.	SA	
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	GP	
	GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	SA	
	GII Las Virgenes S.	SA	
2/11	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP	
	GII Gulfstream Park H.	GP	
	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP	
	GII Arcadia S.	SA	
	GII Santa Maria S.	SA	
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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**  
**9th-GP, \$49,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-5, 4yo/up, 5fT, :56.12, fm.**

**PLATINUM PRINCE (g, 5, Leroidesanimaux {Brz}--Platinumplus, by Mizzen Mast)** Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-0, \$121,870.  
 O-Patricia's Hope LLC; B-Marty & Carol Hershe (FL); T-Michael A. Tomlinson.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**  
**Archumybaby, f, 3, Archarcharch**--Crescenda (GSP, \$120,865), by Bowman's Band. AQU, 1-5, (S), (C), 1m, 1:47.01. B-Robert Bruce Walker (NY). \*\$27,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$72,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.





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