

KEENELAND JANUARY BEGINS MONDAY



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by Christie DeBernardis

The five-day Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale kicks off the American Thoroughbred sales season Monday with the first of two Book 1 sessions. The 1,892-horse catalog includes 726 broodmares, 147 broodmare prospects, 732 yearlings, 280 horses of racing age and seven stallion prospects.

"It's a solid January catalog," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "We don't have any dispersals this year, so it's kind of a regular January catalog with a little bit of everything between racehorses and broodmares and short yearlings. It has it all."

Russell added, "Going by the information we've heard, there are several weanling-to-yearling pinhookers that haven't fulfilled their quotas yet, so we hope that we have some stock here that will meet what they are looking for."

Sales officials look to build on the momentum and positive numbers seen during the November Sale.

"The January sale traditionally follows on from the November sale," said Russell. "There was definitely competitive bidding on the top lots there, so we hope that will continue on."

Last year's January Sale saw 1,040 horses sell for a total of \$35,463,000. **Sales coverage cont. p3**

A TRULY 'UNIQUE' PERFORMANCE IN THE SANTA YNEZ

Don Alberto Stable's 'TDN Rising Star' **Unique Bella** (Tapit) generated considerable buzz after breaking her maiden by 10 1/4 lengths at second asking going 6 1/2 furlongs at Del Mar Nov. 26, and the imposing gray established herself as a force to be reckoned with in a commanding 7 1/4-length romp as the even money second choice in Sunday's GII Santa Ynez S. at Santa Anita. Easily dispatching her foes with a seemingly effortless four-wide move on the far turn, Unique Bella won with the greatest of ease as stablemate and fellow 'Rising Star' **It Tiz Well** (Arch) completed the exacta.

Unique Bella was tabbed as the 3-10 favorite in her June 23 unveiling in Arcadia, but was left with too much work to do after a slow start and forced to settle for second in the five-panel dash. Given some time off following that effort, the daughter of 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic winner Unrivaled Belle (Unbridled's Song) returned with a vengeance, dominating the Nov. 26 Del Mar maiden heat in wire-to-wire fashion. **Cont. p5**

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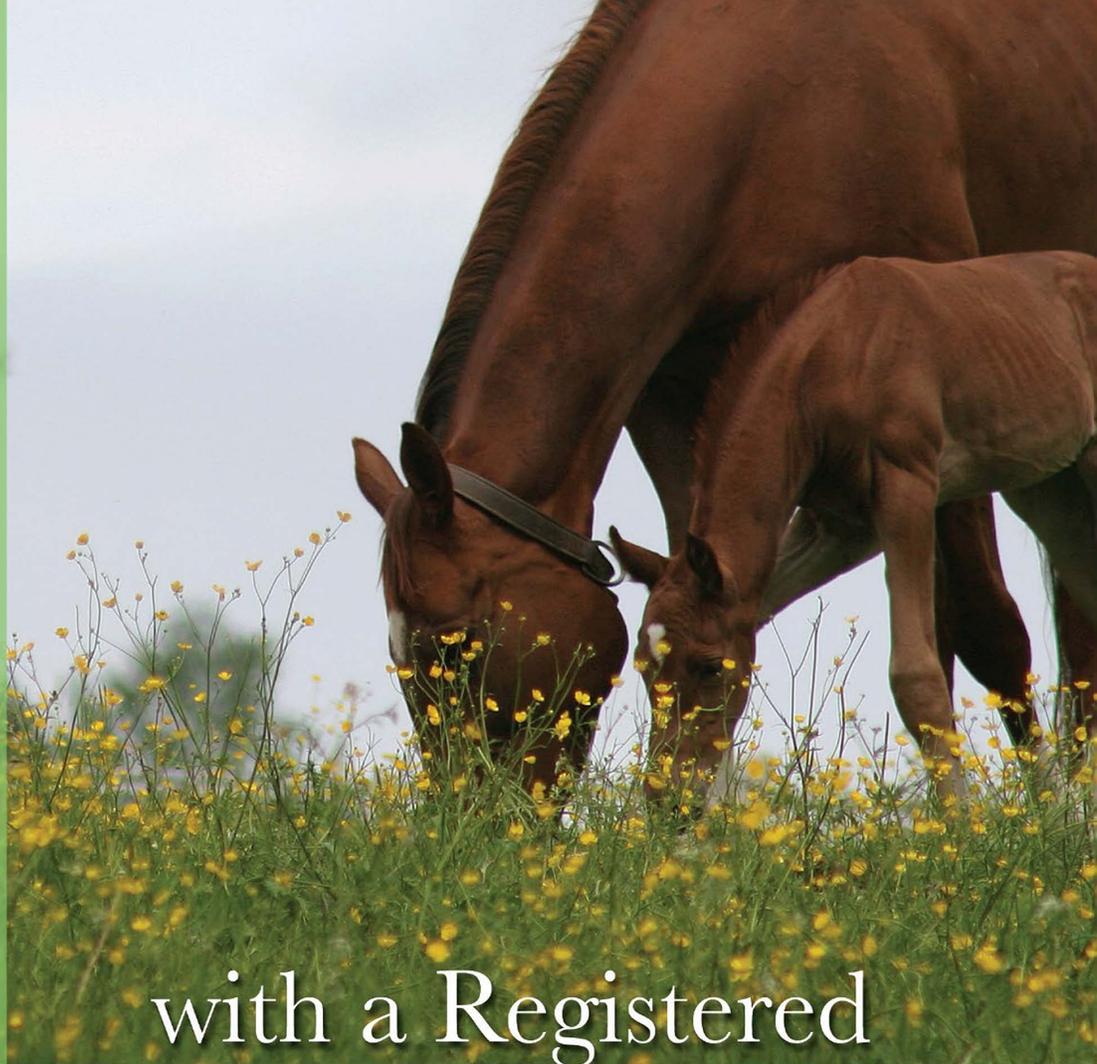
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Snack attack. NY-bred black-type winner Saratoga Snacks (Tale of the Cat) enjoys his own personalized snacks with Lisa Molloy (left) and Dr. Sarah Eaton (right) at his new home, ReRun, Inc. in East Greenbush, NY. The fan favorite retired from racing at the end of 2016 with earnings of \$693,500. | Picture My Heart Photography

ARROGATE GETS HIS WORKOUT, 'CHROME' JOGS 6

With the inaugural running of the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Park looming less than three weeks away, primary contenders Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) and California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) both passed important checkpoints in their preparations for the Jan. 28 race Sunday.

CLASSIC EMPIRE 'SUPER' IN RETURN WORKOUT 7

John Oxley's Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile), winner of the Nov. 5 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile to wrap up a likely championship juvenile season, worked for the first time since the World Championships with a four-furlong breeze at Palm Meadows Sunday morning, drawing a rave review from trainer Mark Casse.

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The average was \$34,099 and the median was \$11,000. The sale was highlighted by the dispersal of the estate of Sarah J. Leigh, which provided the top two sellers and the co-highest priced yearling. Virginia Kraft Payson was the buyer on all three of those horses, stretching to a sales-topping \$700,000 for the Grade I-placed Summer Solo (Arch), who sold in foal to Ghostzapper; going to \$500,000 for that mare's then-2-year-old half-sister Summer Sweet (More Than Ready); and taking home an Arch yearling filly for \$450,000.

Monday's opening session gets underway in Lexington at 10 a.m.

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HIDDEN BROOK MORE THAN READY FOR JANUARY SALE

by Jessica Martini

Hidden Brook Farm's **Neck of the Moon** (More Than Ready), originally purchased as a weanling pinhooking prospect, has earned over \$400,000 while campaigning in the farm's colors for the last five seasons. The 7-year-old mare, four times stakes placed, captured her first black type victory last time out with a determined score in the Dec. 17 South Beach S. at Gulfstream Park. The win proved a timely update for the gray, who will go through the Keeneland January sales ring Tuesday as [hip 466](#).

"I think she is a bit of a standout in Book 1," said Hidden Brook's Jack Brothers.

"She is a stakes winner by More Than Ready and she's had a remarkable career. She won her first time out in Saratoga and she raced over five seasons. She was one, two or three in over 75% of her starts, which is a testament to how resilient and sound she is. She's been very kind to us."



Jack Brothers | Hidden Brook Farm

Hidden Brook purchased Neck of the Moon, a daughter of multiple stakes placed Cotopaxi (With Approval), for \$60,000 at the 2010 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale. She RNA'd for \$65,000 at the following year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

"The idea was to pinhook her, but we weren't happy with the price," Brothers explained. "We liked her, so we just decided to campaign her. She ended up winning over \$400,000 for us and her last win was as timely a win as you could get."

On the board in 17 of 22 starts, Neck of the Moon won five times and earned \$402,312. She was second in Belmont's Perfect Sting S., as well as the River Memories S. at Woodbine last year before her breakthrough score in the South Beach.

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“She is a very pretty gray, she’s very balanced,” Brothers said of the filly. “She has tremendous eye appeal. Anybody who pulls her out will be in love with her.”

Brothers continued, “I think the market is going to be pretty vibrant for mares off the track that can run. She fits the bill and obviously More Than Ready as a broodmare sire is going to have a lot of appeal, too.”



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In addition to Neck of the Moon, Hidden Brook will offer **Winter Wonderland** (Tapit), in foal to More Than Ready, as [hip 616](#) on behalf of Anne Poulson’s Hare Forest Farm. Out of Dynamite Eyes (Dynaformer), the

unraced 7-year-old mare is a half-sister to Grade I placed General a Rod (Roman Ruler).

“Besides being by Tapit, she is a half to General a Rod and in foal More Than Ready on a March cover,” Brothers said. “Obviously, Tapit speaks for himself, and she is a young mare in foal to a nice horse.”

Hidden Brook, which operates several racing partnerships and will generally have between eight and 10 horses in training, has already had racing and sales success with a daughter of More Than Ready. The operation campaigned multiple graded stakes winner Pianist. Purchased for \$100,000 as a Keeneland September yearling in 2010, Hidden Brook sold the mare for \$425,000 at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale.

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| Rank | Name | FYr | Loc | 2015 Fee | Ring | Sold | Avg | Median |
|------|-------------------------|-----|------|-----------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Tapit | F06 | KY | \$300,000 | 8 | 5 | \$692,000 | \$525,000 |
| 2 | Dubawi (Ire) | F07 | ENG | £125,000 | 2 | 1 | \$653,677 | \$653,677 |
| 3 | War Front | F08 | KY | \$150,000 | 10 | 8 | \$641,875 | \$580,000 |
| 4 | Dansili (GB) | F02 | ENG | £100,000 | 7 | 4 | \$477,077 | \$411,603 |
| 5 | Galileo (Ire) | F03 | IRE | Private | 2 | 2 | \$471,103 | \$471,103 |
| 6 | Medaglia d'Oro | F06 | KY | \$125,000 | 7 | 4 | \$437,500 | \$437,500 |
| 7 | Frankel (GB) | F14 | ENG | £125,000 | 6 | 4 | \$342,265 | \$411,816 |
| 8 | Pioneerof the Nile | F11 | KY | \$60,000 | 5 | 4 | \$337,500 | \$280,000 |
| 9 | Shamardal | F07 | IRE | €70,000 | 3 | 2 | \$325,311 | \$325,311 |
| 10 | Kingman (GB) | F16 | ENG | £55,000 | 9 | 7 | \$288,855 | \$235,323 |
| 11 | Siyouni (Fr) | F12 | FR | €20,000 | 6 | 4 | \$259,192 | \$80,053 |
| 12 | Scat Daddy | F09 | Dead | \$35,000 | 13 | 11 | \$245,454 | \$220,000 |
| 13 | Bernardini | F08 | KY | \$85,000 | 8 | 4 | \$242,500 | \$192,500 |
| 14 | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | F04 | IRE | €100,000 | 12 | 9 | \$222,014 | \$222,250 |
| 15 | Speightstown | F06 | KY | \$80,000 | 7 | 4 | \$210,000 | \$175,000 |
| 16 | Curlin | F10 | KY | \$35,000 | 12 | 12 | \$197,250 | \$160,000 |
| 17 | Sea the Stars (Ire) | F11 | IRE | €125,000 | 21 | 19 | \$177,214 | \$163,419 |
| 18 | Malibu Moon | F01 | KY | \$95,000 | 10 | 7 | \$160,428 | \$160,000 |
| 19 | Australia (GB) | F16 | IRE | €50,000 | 10 | 7 | \$148,668 | \$128,016 |
| 20 | Candy Ride (Arg) | F06 | KY | \$60,000 | 8 | 7 | \$148,571 | \$160,000 |
| 21 | Uncle Mo | F13 | KY | \$25,000 | 34 | 28 | \$138,785 | \$137,500 |
| 22 | Giant's Causeway | F02 | KY | \$85,000 | 2 | 2 | \$132,500 | \$132,500 |
| 23 | Will Take Charge | F16 | KY | \$30,000 | 24 | 18 | \$128,444 | \$105,000 |
| 24 | Oasis Dream (GB) | F05 | ENG | £75,000 | 11 | 9 | \$119,846 | \$90,678 |
| 25 | City Zip | F03 | KY | \$40,000 | 7 | 5 | \$118,200 | \$110,000 |

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Sunday, Santa Anita Park

SANTA YNEZ S.-GII, \$200,000, SA, 1-8, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:22.21, ft.

1--#@**UNIQUE BELLA**, 120, f, 3, by [Tapit](#)

1st Dam: **Unrivald Belle** (GISW, \$1,854,706), by **Unbridled's Song**

2nd Dam: **Queenie Belle**, by **Bertrando**

3rd Dam: **Lady Argyle**, by **Don B.**

'**TDN Rising Star**' (\$400,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Don Alberto Stable; B-Brushwood Stable (PA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; J-Mike E. Smith. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$162,400. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*.**

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2--**It Tiz Well**, 120, f, 3, [Arch](#)--It Tiz, by Tiznow.

'**TDN Rising Star**' (\$230,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Allen Branch & Susan Branch (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer. \$40,000.

3--**Shane's Girlfriend**, 122, f, 3, [Adios Charlie](#)--Western Tornado, by Proud Citizen. (\$95,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN). O-ERJ Racing, LLC, W. C. Racing & Dennis O'Neill; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$24,000.

Margins: 7HF, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 1.00, 12.00, 0.80.

Also Ran: Princess Karen, Resilient Humor. Scratched: Carrie, Go On Mary, Sandy's Surprise, Noted and Quoted. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#), the [TJCIS.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

A 'Unique' Performance (cont. from p1)

Unique Bella was originally slated to face eight rivals for this stakes debut, but four foes scratched in the morning, leaving her as the second choice in a short-but-sweet five-horse field that included the likes of post-time favorite and GIII Delta Princess S. heroine **Shane's Girlfriend** (Adios Charlie).

Away a touch slowly, the \$400,000 Keeneland September graduate stalked the pace from fourth as a three-way tussle developed through a quarter-mile in :22.33. Sweeping to the lead four-wide at the five-sixteenths pole, the filly cruised away by the eighth pole and came under the wire well wrapped up, well in front of It Tiz Well, who had previously decimated a Dec. 18 Los Alamitos maiden event by 10 lengths to earn Rising Star status. Shane's Girlfriend, meanwhile, occupied the middle spot in the three-prong duel for command and gradually weakened to finish third.

With her victory, Unique Bella earned 10 points towards a spot in the starting gate for the May 5 GI Kentucky Oaks.

"I've always liked her," said Hollendorfer, who added that he had no concrete plans for the filly's next race. "Today, she showed that she's brilliant. We thought she'd jump out of there



Unique Bella | *Benoit Photo*



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a little better. I thought she would be close to the lead. Mike [Smith] used his judgment, got behind and then got to the outside so it worked out well--and our other filly also got Grade II-placed, so we're very pleased right now."

Winning rider Mike Smith, who also pilots Hollendorfer's once-beaten champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro), added, "She was a little aggressive in the gate and she was off a tad slow. I probably could have moved her...but I was scared to do that and make her react and do something I wouldn't want her to do."

Pedigree Notes:

In addition to her win at the World Championships, millionaire Unrivald Belle captured the GII La Troienne S. and GIII Rampart S. and finished in the trifecta in all but one of her 14 career starts. Unique Bella's breeder, Betty Moran's Brushwood Stable, acquired Unrivald Belle for \$2.8 million at the 2011 Keeneland November sale and parted ways with the gray for \$3.8-million carrying a full-sibling to the winner at the same sale in 2016. She is also responsible for a 2-year-old filly by Malibu Moon named Relicario who sold for \$550,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. Second dam Queenie Belle (Bertrando) captured two graded stakes races on this circuit and is herself a half-sister to GSW Canon Can (Green Dancer).

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LIAM'S MAP (c. by Unbridled's Song). 6 wins in 8 starts at 3 and 4, \$1,358,940, Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile [G1] (KEE, \$550,000)-ntr, mi. in 1:34 2/5, Woodward S. [G1] (SAR, \$360,000), Harlan's Holiday S. (GP, \$60,140), 2nd Whitney S. [G1] (SAR, \$230,000).

NOT THIS TIME (c. by Giant's Causeway). Black-type winner, below.

TAYLOR S (f. by Medaglia d'Oro). 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$121,519, Any Limit S. (GP, \$45,570), 3rd Forward Gal S. [G2] (GP, \$18,800), Rags to Riches S. (CD, \$6,006).

RACE RECORD: At 2, 2016, two wins (Iroquois S. [G3] (CD, \$90,210)), once 2nd (Breeders' Cup Juvenile [G1] (SA, \$340,000)) in 4 starts. Earned \$454,183.

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ARROGATE GETS HIS WORKOUT, 'CHROME' JOGS IN FLORIDA

With the inaugural running of the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Park looming less than three weeks away, primary contenders **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) and **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) both passed important checkpoints in their preparations for the Jan. 28 race Sunday. While California Chrome jogged for the first time since arriving to Gulfstream late last week, Arrogate completed a crucial six-furlong workout in 1:11.94 over a drying-out, "good" main track at Santa Anita after management allowed trainer Bob Baffert to drill the GI Breeders' Cup Classic champion prior to the day's first race.

With jockey Martin Garcia up, Arrogate came on the track via the quarter mile chute at 11:45 a.m. Sunday and went straight to the clubhouse turn as he followed workmate Uninvited (Misremembered). Arrogate broke off behind his stablemate at the three-quarter pole and easily established control going into the far turn, breezing solo through the lane. Arrogate was officially credited with splits of 24.51, 47.96 and 59.89 en route to his six furlong time of 1:11.94. Although the work was officially six furlongs in distance, Garcia kept after the gray on the far turn, completing seven furlongs in 1:24.56 and mile galloping out in 1:37 flat.



Arrogate | Benoit Photo

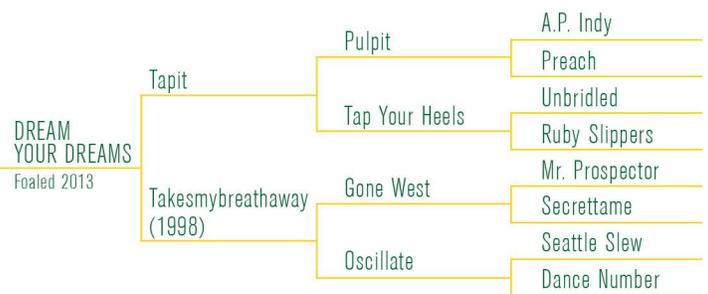
"I was happy with the work," said Baffert. "I still have to see how he comes out of it. It was nice to get the work in. It wasn't the ideal situation but we knew he likes the mud, an off track. Great horses always like the mud."

With heavy rains in the area preventing Arrogate from working since Dec. 27, Baffert added that it was essential to get the long-striding gray back to the track for some serious exercise.

"We got the work in and that was very important," the Hall of Famer explained. "I'd rather work on a nice, dry track. Every

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time you work on an off track, you're taking that chance, but I got a nice, stiff work into him so that was very important."

As for Arrogate's travel plans, Baffert said he would monitor the weather in Southern California and make decisions on a day-to-day basis. Winner of the GI Travers S. in his stakes debut Aug. 27, the **'TDN Rising Star'** defeated California Chrome in just his sixth career start in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

On a relatively cold and windy morning in South Florida, California Chrome hit the Gulfstream main track at 5:45 a.m., with the temperature in the mid-40s. After jogging once the wrong way around the track beneath regular exercise rider Dihigi Gladney, it was decided to let the spirited chestnut complete another circuit to burn off some pent up energy [video]. California Chrome arrived at Gulfstream Friday afternoon and was given a day to recover from his travels Saturday.

"That's why we ended up jogging him twice, just because he has been off three days," Gladney explained back at the barn.

"They walked him yesterday after he got here on Friday, so I knew today was going to be tough. And this weather today was not my best friend, either. But you know what, he's the type of horse that has energy,



California Chrome | Lauren King

regardless. He doesn't care whether it's 100 degrees or 30 degrees--he's just one of those horses. He's gentle to ride, but he's that type of horse who knows who he is. He's on it."

California Chrome's training at Gulfstream is being supervised by Alan Sherman, assistant trainer to his father, Art Sherman.

"He was feeling really good, so we decided to take him another lap," Alan Sherman said. "It's easier on everybody when he gets a little bit out of it, otherwise he just feels so good and gets a little tough to handle. That cold wind hitting him in the butt probably set him off a little bit."

When asked about a potential rematch with Arrogate, Sherman said he welcomes the challenge.

"I want to run against Arrogate, I hope he comes," Sherman said.

CLASSIC EMPIRE 'SUPER' IN FIRST WORKOUT SINCE BC

John Oxley's **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile), winner of the Nov. 5 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile to wrap up a likely championship juvenile season, worked for the first time since the World Championships with a four-furlong breeze at Palm



Classic Empire | Horsephotos

Meadows Sunday morning. Trainer Mark Casse said he was thoroughly impressed by Classic Empire, who completed the distance in :49 flat, adding that the colt could possibly kick off his 3-year-old

season in Gulfstream's GII Holy Bull S. Feb. 4.

"I would have said going into this breeze that he was 50-50 for the Holy Bull," Casse said. "Now, the chances have increased. Seeing him [Sunday], if he can continue to train that way he trained [Sunday], it's a good shot he'll make the Holy Bull."

Ridden by exercise rider E.J. Bowler, the bay breezed along the inside of the racetrack in company with three-time graded stakes winner **Kaigun** (Northern Afleet), who was also timed in :49 flat.

"We couldn't be happier," Casse added. "I thought he worked super. He handled it well and galloped out well."

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Classic Empire is considered the heavy favorite to land Eclipse Award honors as the champion juvenile colt of 2016, by virtue of a campaign that also included wins in Keeneland's GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity Oct. 8 and Churchill's GIII Bashford Manor S. July 2, in addition to his Breeders' Cup triumph at Santa Anita. The lone blemish on Classic Empire's race record came in the GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga Sept. 5, when he wheeled at the start and lost his rider.

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GORMLEY EXITS SHAM IN GOOD ORDER, LIKELY FOR SAN FELIPE

Jerry and Ann Moss's **Gormley** (Malibu Moon) emerged from a hard-fought head victory over **American Anthem** (Bodemeister) in Saturday's GIII Sham S. in fine condition, trainer John Shirreffs said Sunday morning. The bay engaged in a spirited duel for the



Gormley (outside) and American Anthem (inside) | Benoit Photo

entirety of the one-mile race with Bob Baffert-trained American Anthem, digging in determinedly in the final yards to earn a narrow win.

"He looked really good this morning," Shirreffs said. "I'm

extremely proud of the way he ran and battled it out. It was a great duel down the stretch with both horses."

Shirreffs said that Gormley's next start would likely come in the GII San Felipe S. over 1 1/16 miles at Santa Anita Mar. 11. The colt captured his first two career starts, including a win in the GI FrontRunner S. Oct. 1, before reporting home a non-factor seventh behind Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

American Anthem, making just his second career start in the Sham, also emerged from the race in good order, according to Baffert.

"I was happy with his race," Baffert said.

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STEVENS EXPECTS TO RETURN IN SPRING, SAYS 2017 LIKELY LAST YEAR

by Bill Finley

Encouraged by how well he is doing following Dec. 21 hip replacement surgery, Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens believes he'll be back riding in about 10 weeks. However, his latest comeback may be a short-lived one as he says he does not think he will ride again after 2017.

Stevens made those statement in this week's Thoroughbred Daily News [podcast](#).

As for his return to riding, he says he'll know more in the coming weeks, but doctors have given him a timetable for him to start galloping horses and then to ride in races.

"I'm approaching it the same way I did with my knee [replacement surgery]," he said. "I'm not going to know until I get on a live horse.

I'm on a stationary bike right now getting after it and doing a lot of things that a lot of people can't believe I'm capable of doing so soon. The comparison with the knee



Gary Stevens | Horsephotos

replacement...I feel like I've had a hang nail removed instead of having a new body part put in. It's a lot easier surgery. They don't want me to get on horses for eight weeks [from the time of the surgery]. I could probably be ready at six, but if you have a high impact fall there's a chance you could spiral and fracture the femur and we don't want that. They thought the extra two weeks would be just what I need. I think my cardio will be good and I'm looking to be back in 12 weeks [since the surgery]. I feel very positive about it. Yes. I am coming back."

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Stevens has made numerous comebacks in a career that has been plagued by physical issues, particularly knee problems. But he says this will be his last. Now 53, he says that even if he has no further setbacks, he realizes it is probably time to call it a career.

“In all honesty, I think 2017 will be my last year, that is unless I come up with a really good 2-year-old who looks like he’ll be a major contender for the 2018 [GI] Kentucky Derby,” he said. “My riding scares the hell out of my mom and it always has. She has two sons who ride [Stevens’ older brother Scott is a top rider at Turf Paradise]. I’m sitting here now with my wife and my 7-year-old daughter and I’ve got grandkids. To keep riding probably is not fair to any of them. This is one of the riskiest professions there is. I feel very blessed that I’ve been able to bounce back and come back from the injuries and the chronic knee problems. It’s been a great run.”



Gary Stevens celebrates his win aboard Beholder in the 2016 GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff | *Eclipse Sports*

Stevens said he started experiencing pain in the hip near the start of the primary Del Mar meet, but thought it could be taken care of without major surgery. He went to see the doctor who did his knee replacement because the surgeon wanted to take pictures of his knee for an article set to appear in a medical journal. While there, he asked him to take a look at the hip and it was discovered that the problems were worse than Stevens had imagined and

that eventually he would need the hip replaced.

“They took a picture (of his hip) and it had gone to bone on bone. It had completely deteriorated. I said no more needles, we’ve got to replace it,” he said.

With all the success he has had and as much money as he has made during his career, Stevens might seem to have little motivation to keep coming back. But he doesn’t see it that way.

“I’ve said in the past my brother Scott is my idol,” he said. “He’s taught me everything I know and he continues to be my coach. He’s had the best year of his career at age 57. I’m following his footsteps. We have a lot of conversations about this. He says, ‘I love what I do, I’m making great money doing it, I ride what I want to ride.’ Over the past three, four years coming back from retirement I’ve ridden some of the best horses in the world.

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Beholder (Henny Hughes). I won the [GI] Preakness S. with Oxbow (Awesome Again). I came close in the Kentucky Derby against American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) with Firing Line (Line of David). I have been on a great run. When I am comfortable and can ride without the pain, it's the best job in the world. I'd rather go out on the racetrack on a Saturday and ride a great horse than be on the golf course, and I'm getting paid to do it. My thinking is, as long as I am an asset and not a hindrance, why not? There are no rules about this. Shoe won his last Derby. Who says I won't win another Derby?"

Prior to the surgery, Stevens announced that he had reached an agreement to be the stable rider for the growing Ruis Racing stable. He will continue in that role following his return and said there is a distinct possibility he will continue to work for Ruis in some capacity after he stops riding.

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TWO MORE HORSES TEST POSITIVE FOR EHV-1 AT FAIR GROUNDS

Two horses trained by Michael Stidham tested positive for equine herpes Saturday at Fair Grounds Race Course--the latest in a series of positive tests for the virus at the New Orleans oval-



Fair Grounds | Hodges photo

-the track confirmed late Saturday. Similar to the latest results, these horses tested positive for EHV-1 non-neurogenic type, also called the "wild type" strain. The two horses were previously tested on Wednesday and

those tests returned negative, but a nasal swab Saturday returned a positive result.

Barn 36, where Stidham's horses are located, was previously placed under a 14-day quarantine, which has been reset effective Saturday. In addition to Barn 36, Barn 14 and the track's receiving barn also remain under quarantine. With horses unable to enter or leave the Fair Grounds property and additional restrictions placed on Louisiana's Delta Downs by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture, both tracks felt the effects of the quarantine with scratch-reduced fields over the weekend.

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IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: RILEY MOTT

by Carly Silver

Editor's note: this is the first in a series of feature articles on young people in racing who have followed in their parents' career-paths in the industry.

If Teddy Roosevelt's advice to "speak softly and carry a big stick" was applied to horse racing, he'd have found few that fit that description better than Bill Mott. The Hall of Fame trainer lets his talented horses' abilities do the talking. Now, his son Riley is taking the reins as an assistant trainer, proving himself a talented conditioner much in the mold of his father.



Riley Mott | Carly Silver photo

His cool and collected attitude belied by an occasional boyish grin, ruddy complexion, and bright blond hair peeking out from beneath a worn ball cap, Riley moves about the barn with the assurance of a trainer three times his

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“When I was really young, on summer vacations, I would go to the barn with my dad just to expend some energy because I needed to get out of the house a little bit,” he recalled. “That kind of evolved into having a little more responsibility step by step, and I really began to love it to the point where I wanted to make it a career.”

That decision, he said, came at the age of nine or 10. Each year, the Motts would bounce around along the East Coast. They started at Belmont in the fall and moved to Florida in the winter, then back to New York: Long Island in the spring and Saratoga in the summer.

Riley said he loved it, recalling, “We had our own little racetrack group of friends; the Clements, the Migliores, and so on, and all the trainers’ families and all that.”

Today, he lives a similarly transitory lifestyle, starting the year at Santa Anita Park, moving to Keeneland for the October and

April meets, then wintering at Payson Park in Florida. The horses have always been a family affair for Bill, his wife Tina, and their two sons, the elder of whom, Brady, chose a career away from racing.

“They’re fully aware it’s a tough business,” Riley said while supervising several post-workout cooldowns. “My parents never really encouraged me to go into the horses, but they never



Bill Mott | Coady photo

discouraged me from it at all. They really just wanted to let me follow my path and my own desires, so I really respect that on their end, to kind of let me feel it out...I never felt any pressure whatsoever to quote-unquote follow in my dad’s footsteps or anything like that.”

But he added that he would be lying if he said he didn’t hope to achieve such success.

“I guess it would be a little unfair to myself to try to think that I would duplicate anything he’s done, but I mean, that’s my dream, for sure,” he said.

Riley had no trouble adjusting to a trainer’s early hours upon joining the stable full-time after graduating from the University of Kentucky.

“I wake up before the majority of America does,” he said, laughing, quoting a favorite saying of his father’s. “It’s really not a bad job. You work half-days every day. Five to five, and the rest of the day is yours.”

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This father-son relationship is both a fruitful and an easy one. "You know, for one, he's sort of like my best friend more than anything," Riley said. While the two goof around at home, it's all business at the barn, though Bill's son can make his dad crack a smile in stressful situations.

Sadly, Riley said he didn't have personal memories of his father's greatest runner, two-time Horse of the Year Cigar, but added that he does feel like he knew the champion, having grown up at his father's knee.

"I was about three and four years old when he was running," he said ruefully. "But, I mean, I do have great memories of visiting him at the [Kentucky] Horse Park before he passed away...I'm so fascinated by him and his career and everything...I'm so thankful for the horse, not only because he was a world champion, but just what he did for my family. My dad already had a pretty successful career leading up to that, but that that's really what put him in the Hall of Fame echelon. And Mr. [Allen] Paulson was such a great supporter of my dad and he was just really had a great operation and was great overall."



Cigar | Barbara Livingston

Like Riley's own pedigree, many Mott trainees reproduce their quality.

"We had [Group II winner] Lyphard's Delta, who then produced Delta Princess (A.P. Indy), who then produced Royal Delta (Empire Maker) and [Grade I winner] Crown Queen (Smart Strike)," he said of this "amazing, amazing family."

Multiple graded stakes victress Delta Princess, in particular, had a nasty temper, as did Royal Delta. Riley said he remains humbled to be in the presence of multiple generations of greatness.



Tourist | Benoit photo

"One of my favorite things to do is look up all the Juddmonte pedigrees and just kind of bookworm their whole operation," he said.

2016 was a successful year for the Motts and their clients, capped by WinStar Farm and Gary Barber's Tourist (Tiznow)'s win in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita Nov. 5. During

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Union City, dam of *Unified*, *Peter Pan S.* (G2)

Hot Trip, sibling to *R Heat Lightning*, *Spinaway S.* (G1)

Wishful Splendor, dam of *Juanita*, MG2W

Acey Deucey, *Prioress S.* (G1)

Storm Minstrel, dam of *Blofeld*, MG2W

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the summer months at Saratoga, Bill was inducted into the track's Walk of Fame and Tourist earned his first win at the highest level in the GI Fourstardave H. The barn tallied five total Grade I wins in 2016, from Del Mar to Saratoga. Three Chimneys Farm's 'TDN Rising Star' Carina Mia (Malibu Moon) captured the GI Acorn S. and hit the board in three more Grade I events.

"You know, we've been very, very lucky to have a number of nice horses and some very loyal owners that we really enjoy working with," Riley observed.

Eventually, Riley said he planned to branch out on his own.

"My dad and I joke sometimes that he'll be my assistant one day--I'm really content with where I am right now," he said. "But my dad always told me that you can go out whenever you want, take a couple horses from this guy, this guy, this guy, but it's really about waiting for the right opportunity. So I think good things will happen if you just wait. I'm not really in any hurry to rush into anything."

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WHEN A POSITIVE BRINGS GOOD RESULTS

by Eric Hamelback

As a horseman tasked with navigating the complex political waters on behalf of many of the horsemen and women of horse



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racing, I am in constant search of positive news in our great industry. We regularly are assaulted with unflattering reports which don't provide all the facts, including "bad" tests and the perceptual blurring of lines when necessary, therapeutic medications are proclaimed by some as performance-enhancing drugs.

Thankfully, the ever-increasing sensitivity of our testing laboratories provides the technology for identifying substances that might

unfairly impact the outcome of a horse race. However, this extreme sensitivity within laboratories also provides the ability to detect substances associated with inadvertent environmental exposure at insignificant concentrations in our horses-- concentrations shown scientifically to have no effect on our athletes, but nonetheless detected. Many owners and trainers have suffered from significant sanctions for such exposure. These results are often so low they could not possibly reflect nefarious behavior, nor would the findings have bearing on a race's outcome.

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The good news is there is constructive work behind the scenes, even if it rarely makes the headlines. I want to applaud the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission for taking a step toward separating innocence from guilt, making a giant leap for all of horse racing. In the last year, there have been three dextrorphan positive tests in horses racing in Kentucky. While “dextrorphan” is a mouthful and a substance which sounds anything but innocent, it is actually a breakdown product of dextromethorphan, the active ingredient in many over the counter cold remedies such as Nyquil. In the last few days, the KHRC has taken the unprecedented step of dismissing the three recent dextrorphan positive tests, deeming them inconsequential based on recent research. I want to encourage commissions across North America to take notice.

Research performed at the University of California, Davis, by Dr. Carley Corado and others was published September of 2016. While the KHRC could have taken the approach the presence of any foreign substance represents a violation because of the absolute insurer rule, this Commission took the high road. The Corado paper clearly shows the breakdown product, dextrorphan, can be identified in urine well beyond a time frame to have any effect on the athlete. The levels identified in the three dextrorphan positive cases in Kentucky could not possibly be consistent with anything other than inadvertent environmental exposure to a groom or other horseman/woman suffering from a cold.

The entire National HBPA salutes the KHRC for working to distinguish right from wrong. In this current regulatory environment, too often any laboratory finding--regardless how insignificant it may impact the horse--results in a commission levying fines, disqualifications and suspensions. That's inevitably followed by negative headlines, which then drags all of horse racing through the proverbial mud.

This time, however the headline is positive and represents a major victory for all industry stakeholders. It is time to separate

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Heckuvashot | Leslie Martin

was the 9-10 chalk for a Gulfstream West maiden Nov. 25 and took that seven-furlong affair by 1 1/2 lengths. A touch antsy in the gate, Heckuvashot broke running and pressed a moderate pace to the turn. He responded when asked entering the stretch and lifted in the final sixteenth of

a mile to score by three-parts of a length as the 16-5 favorite. Curlins Vow (Curlin), the half-brother to champion Runhappy (Super Saver), covered extra ground on the turn, but stayed on nicely to just miss. A \$95,000 graduate of the 2014 Keeneland January sale, Heckuvashot was knocked down for \$240,000 at KEESEP to bloodstock agent Steve Young. Young also signed for this sire when he topped the 2009 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale on a bid of \$850,000. The winner is out of a half-sister to GSW Successful Outlook (Orientate), the dam of 'TDN Rising Star' and GISW Sweet Lulu (Mr. Greeley), MGSW & GISP Anchor Down (Tapit) and GISP Iron Fist (Tapit). Heckuva Hunter was barren to Orb for 2015 and is the dam of a yearling colt by Data Link (War Front). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$45,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Alto Racing LLC; B-Warrender Associates (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher.

8th-TAM, \$25,500, Alw/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 1-8, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.02, gd.

LIGHT IN PARIS (IRE) (m, 5, Aussie Rules--Grande Rouse {Fr}, by Act One {GB}) won two of three to start her career in France and was third against males in the Criterium du Fonds Europeen de l'Elevage in August of 2014 at Deauville. Filling the same slot in the Prix la Sorellina the following June at La Teste Buch, the bay finished ninth in the Pebbles S. in her stateside debut that October. A close third when adding blinkers in the Tropical Park Oaks two months later, her only start in 2016 was a fourth-place

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effort in the GIII Suwanee River S. in February at Gulfstream. Made the 3-2 chalk in this return, Light In Paris was hard-held to stalk from third at the fence through splits of :23.71 and :48.01. Tipped into the clear at the top of the far turn, the favorite appeared to be spinning her wheels for much of the stretch run, but got going in the final sixteenth and was up in the penultimate jump to earn a neck decision over Royal Jewelry (City Place). Grande Rousse's most recent produce is an unraced sophomore filly by Excelebration (Ire) named Griotte (Fr). Sales History: €42,000 Ylg '13 AR13. Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr & SP-US, 13-5-0-4, \$141,699. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Martin S. Schwartz; B-Haras Du Mezeray (IRE); T-Chad C. Brown.

2nd-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 1-8, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.87, ft.
+ELLIE'S HONOR (f, 3, Hansen--Letthetigerparty, by Hold That Tiger) took a lot of play off a modest-looking worktab to be 5-2 for this debut and posted up outside in third past a :23.29 quarter. Advancing three-



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deep on the turn, the chestnut surged to the fore at the top of the lane while drifting in a bit and kicked away to score by 1 3/4 lengths. Queen Jill (Giant's Causeway) completed the exacta. The victress is the first foal out of a dam whose subsequent produce is a

juvenile Trappe Shot filly named Shopping Party and an unnamed filly of 2016 by Archarcharch. She was bred to Tapiture last term. Sales History: \$48,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL; \$110,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800.

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O-Parkland Thoroughbreds; B-Charles H. Deters (KY); T-Jorge R. Abreu.

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Sunday's Results:

2nd-FG, \$43,000, (S), Alw, 1-8, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:09.98, ft.
PHILLY (g, 3, Star Guitar--Teerific Tee, by Lil E. Tee) scored on debut against Louisiana-breds here Nov. 19 and was fourth with a rough trip behind undefeated Saint's Fan (Tale of Ekati) in the state-bred Louisiana Juvenile S. Dec. 10. Made the 4-5 favorite in this spot, the bay broke sharply and led I mindycatbirdseat (Redding Colliery) narrowly through a strong :21.86 quarter. Those two were inseparable at the top of the lane, but Philly began to do the better work at the three-sixteenths pole and steadily inched away from there to a 3 3/4-length tally. The winner's dam foaled a colt by Big Band Sound last season. Sales History: \$3,500 Ylg '15 BSCYRL. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$56,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Wells Watson & William & Phyllis Foster; B-Cynthia G. Eyre & Wendell A. Templet (LA); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

7th-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 1-8, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.85, ft.
+MIDWAY GOLD (c, 3, Haynesfield--Gold N Shaft, by Mineshaft) displayed a promising worktab for this unveiling, most notably breezing a best-of-46 bullet five panels in 1:00 3/5 over the local strip Dec. 16, and was bet to 9-5 favoritism despite drawing the outside post in a field of 11. Away decently, the homebred set up in a joint fourth past a :21.97 quarter. Scrubbed along at the halfway point of the turn, the bay was boxed in at the eighth pole, but stayed on tenaciously between horses to earn a neck triumph over fellow firster Likeitlikethat

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O/B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.

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Sunday's Results:

7th-SA, \$58,690, Alw (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-8, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.77, ft.

MOE CANDY (h, 5, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--Spooky Minister, by Deputy Minister) went missing for a year and a half off a runner-up effort at second asking and returned with a third at Del Mar this past August. A course-and-distance maiden winner Oct. 10, the gray made it two straight with a wide-trip allowance victory Nov. 20. First into stride, Moe Candy was content to take back into second for the opening three furlongs before inhaling the front-runner nearing the stretch. He braced for the challenge of favored Distictive B (With Distinction) and managed to turn that foe away and score by 1 1/2 lengths despite racing on his incorrect lead for most of the stretch. The winner is a full-brother to Holy Candy, GSP, \$161,280; and Silver Assault (Maclean's Music), MSP, and hails from the deeper female

family of Sovereign Award winner Riker (Include). Spooky Minister is the dam of a 2-year-old Bodemeister colt, a yearling filly by Atreides and was most recently bred to Maclean's Music. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2, \$123,280. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**
O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Craig Stables (KY); T-John W Sadler.

1st-SA, \$55,725, Msw, 1-8, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.63, gd.
LADY BEWARE (IRE) (f, 3, [Dragon Pulse {Ire}](#)--[Dancing Duchess {Ire}](#) {SP-Ire}, by [Danehill Dancer {Ire}](#)), a long-odds second to future G1 Cheveley Park S. upsetter Brave Anna (War Front) at The Curragh last May, was third in her U.S. debut in the Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf Sept. 5. Things hadn't gone so well since, with a 10th in this track's Surfer Girl S. Oct. 10 ahead of a distant eighth in a Del Mar maiden Dec. 2. An 8-1 gamble in her sophomore debut, Lady Beware was taken back to nearly last and raced in the three-path down the back of the track. She improved her position while deep on the second turn, sustained that momentum to race to a narrow lead at the eighth pole and held off a late challenge from fellow Irish-bred Zaffinah (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}) by a half-length. Sales history: €22,000 Ylg '15 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: SP-US, 7-1-2-1, \$51,630. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**
O-Ruis Racing LLC; B-Mr F Sheedy (IRE); T-Craig Dollase.

4th-SA, \$54,000, (S), Msw, 1-8, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.47, gd.
+MR. HINX (g, 3, [Ministers Wild Cat](#)--[Kitten Exchange](#), by [Put It Back](#)) took some early nibbles for this debut before drifting up to 10-1 by post, and the dark bay broke alertly to stalk the pace of 2-5 favorite Potente Alba (Eskendereya) from second through a :22.19 quarter. Let loose by the five-sixteenths marker, he collared the leader while exchanging bumps inside the eighth pole and skipped away under mild encouragement to a 2 1/4-length success. The victor's dam has a 2-year-old Kafwain colt named Big Cat Kitten and dropped a colt by Boisterous last term before returning to the same sire. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$32,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**
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Sunday's Results:

6th-SUN, \$21,500, Msw, 1-8, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.16, ft.
+FASHION REWARD (f, 3, [Warrior's Reward](#)--Holy Fashion {MSW}, by Holy Bull) drilled a good five furlongs from the gate here in 1:01 flat (2/13) Dec. 27 and was made a 63-10 proposition first out. Breaking several lengths slowly from the rail, the \$42,000 Fasig-Tipton October grad ran second-last behind a :21.86 quarter and began to get rolling in the three-path midway around the bend. Hemmed in at the furlong grounds, she angled inside nearing the sixteenth pole and closed determinedly to nail even-money favorite Wicked Factor (The Factor) by a neck. The winner is a half to Above Fashion (Paddy O'Prado), SW & GSP, \$188,590. Her dam produced a filly by Astrology last term before returning to Warrior's Reward. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,900. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
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+Forever Young, g, 3, [Run Away and Hide](#)--Best of Memories, by Halo. Kranji, 1-8, Maiden (\$24k), 1100m (AWT), 1:05.98.
 B-Wayne Hunt & Greg & Wilma Lynch (KY). *\$4,200 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$12,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$44,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSMAR. [VIDEO](#)

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-SA, \$57,725, (S), Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-8, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.90, gd.
BRANDOTHEBARTENDER (g, 4, Tribal Rule--Frysland, by Stravinsky) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$123,985. O-Brewer Racing Stable, John R Haagsma & Robert John Vanderdussen; B-John R Haagsma & Wesley Ward (CA); T-Blake R Heap. *1/2 to Lost Bus (Bring the Heat), GSW, \$412,818.



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8th-LRL, \$51,828, 1-8, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.19, ft.
GHOST BAY (h, 5, [Ghostzapper](#)--Hope Bay, by Smart Strike)
 Lifetime Record: SW, 15-3-2-4, \$167,450. O-Marshall E. Dowell; B-Howard M. Bender (MD); T-W. Robert Bailes. *\$60,000 4yo '16 KEENOV.

5th-FG, \$41,710, (S), 1-8, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.59, ft.
ACTIVE RUNNER (f, 4, Interactif--Runawaytina, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$63,175. O-DB DOJO LLC; B-Curtis & Cloyce Clark (LA); T-Thomas Morley. *\$1,200 Ylg '14 OBSWIN; \$2,000 RNA Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$32,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

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6th-DED, \$40,000, (S), 1-7, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.32, ft.
PERA (f, 4, Drosselmeyer--Changing Seasons, by Katowice)
 Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$61,826. O-HP Thoroughbreds LLC (Brandon Hillman); B-James Mcingvale (LA); T-Samuel Breaux. *1/2 to Objective (El Corredor), SW & GSP, \$179,036.

7th-GG, \$34,413, 1-8, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.50, ft.
QUICK AND SILVER (g, 6, Dunkirk--Royal Confection {SP}, by Candi's Gold) Lifetime Record: SP, 31-10-2-2, \$209,460. O-Ellen & Peter O Johnson; B-Elizabeth P & David J Whelan, Teresa & Steve Murphy (FL); T-William Delia. *\$25,000 Ylg '12 KEEJAN; \$67,000 Ylg '12 FTKJUL; \$165,000 2yo '13 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Karama (Macho Uno), SW & GSP, \$201,471.



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8th-DED, \$34,000, (NW26M)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-7, 4yo/up, 7 1/2f, 1:32.26, ft.

GREAT MINDS (g, 6, [Stroll](#)--Staff Nurse, by Arch) Lifetime Record: GSW, 25-6-5-2, \$399,048. O-Vince Wilfork; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

8th-SUN, \$31,900, (S), 1-8, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.24, ft.

RISK IT ALL (g, 6, [Jeffries Bay](#)--Risky Beaver, by Raji) Lifetime Record: 29-5-4-2, \$72,955. O-Timothy D Young; B-Don & Choya Young (NM); T-Don A Young.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lady Nicky, f, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Pink Palace, by Empire Maker. GP, 1-8, (C), 1mT, 1:38.52. B-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. (ON). *\$210,000 Ylg '15 KESEEP.

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Adonis Creed (Fr), c, 3, [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)--Sarabande, by Woodman. GP, 1-8, (C), 1mT, 1:35.26. B-Dayton Investments Limited (FR). *€113,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG. **1/2 to Sudan (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), G1SW-Ity, GSW-US & G1SP-Fr, \$476,323.

Spanish Chrome, c, 3, [Songandaprayer](#)--Blushing Sis (MSP), by Giacomo. DED, 1-7, 6 1/2f, 1:21.55. B-Simmons & Associates Inc. (LA).

English Queen, f, 4, [English Channel](#)--Parade Queen (MGSW, \$419,357), by A.P. Indy. GG, 1-8, 1m (AWT), 1:44.29. B-Calumet Farm (KY). *1/2 to Untouched Talent (Storm Cat), GSW & GISP, \$243,500; King Gulch (Gulch), SW, \$165,934; and Top Billing (Curlin), GSP, \$176,685.

Moonlightmidnight, f, 3, [Wilburn](#)--Midnight Delight, by Sea Hero. FG, 1-8, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:38.46. B-Allen Guillotte (LA). *\$26,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR.

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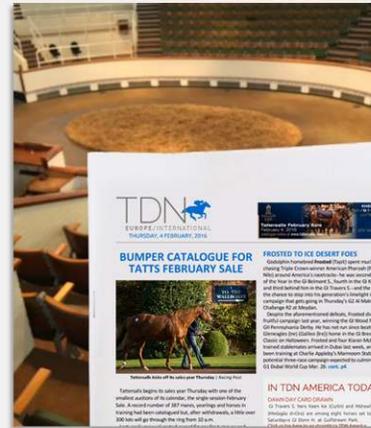
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Aquis Farm cont.

The most obvious facet of the Aquis operation is its four-strong stallion roster, headed by the international star Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) (Danehill) whose credits include British Classic winner Homecoming Queen (Ire) and Hong Kong champions Designs On Rome (Ire), Beauty Only (Ire) and Rich Tapestry (Ire), as well as the excellent Mongolian Khan (Aus) who in 2015 completed the remarkable treble of G1 New Zealand Derby, G1 Australian Derby and G1 Caulfield Cup. Standing alongside the Coolmore shuttler during the past season were the proven Group 1 producer Domesday (Aus) (Red Ransom) and the reliable Benfica (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) as well as the exciting Group 2-winning first-season sire Spill The Beans (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}). Among the impressive first book of mares covered by the last-named was one of the jewels of Aquis Farm's broodmare band; Perfect Eight (Aus) (Octagonal {NZ}), a full-sister to the champion racehorse and stallion Lonhro (Aus). The roster will be further bolstered in 2017 by the arrival of Kiss And Make Up (Aus) (More Than Ready), the Gai Waterhouse inmate famous for defeating subsequent G1 Golden Slipper S. winner Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}) in last season's G2 Todman S. at Randwick.

Standing stallions, however, is merely a small part of Aquis's operation. Everything that a horse might do in his life can be done on the property, apart, of course, from racing: agistment, walking-in mares, foaling, sales preparation, breaking, pre-training, training, spelling, and even retirement. For the horses in work, the facilities are second to none, including an 1800-metre grass track, a 1750-metre sand track, swimming pools and water-walkers. Furthermore, Aquis has very strong



Lot 419 from the Aquis draft at Magic Millions; a colt by Medaglia d'Oro Aquis Farm

links with all south-eastern Asian racing jurisdictions, particularly Hong Kong, and arranging private sales to that arena is a major feature of its business, with many Hong Kong and Chinese buyers making Aquis one of the first stops on their buying tours. It is still early days for the blue Aquis racing colours, but the livery is becoming an increasingly familiar sight on Queensland racecourses, with the success of impressive juvenile Chappo (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) on debut at Doomben on Jan. 2 being the tenth Aquis victory this season.

Another recent Aquis 2-year-old winner has been the speedy Colosimo (Aus) (Foxwedge {Aus}) who recorded back-to-back wins at the Gold Coast and Eagle Farm before Christmas and who is now set to take her chance in the Magic Millions Two-Year-Old Classic. Both horses are trained by Steven O'Dea, who has established an impressive strike-rate this season with Aquis juveniles; while Aquis also has horses with several other leading trainers including Gai Waterhouse, Gary Moore and Tony Gollan.

This year's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale will be a busy week for the Aquis team, headed by Jonathan Crowley, Robyn Wise, Paul Knight, Bernie Kane and Luke Lawler. The farm is presenting a consignment of 23 yearlings, of which nine are owned by the stud with the remainder being offered on behalf of clients. Among Aquis's offerings are an O'Reilly colt from former Singapore champion filly Mexican Rose (NZ) (Volksraad {GB}); a Foxwedge filly from Iseult (Aus) (Dehere), a half-sister to G1 Victoria Derby winner Nothin' Leica Dane (Aus) (Danehill) and G1 Victoria Derby runner-up Duelled (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}); and a Medaglia d'Oro colt whose Group 1-winning grand-dam Preserve (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}) is a half-sister to G1 Golden Rose S. winner Denman (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}).

It is truly remarkable that in less than two years Aquis has already cemented its position as one of the most significant bloodstock operations in the land. It is likely, though, that this is only the beginning. Justin Fung, CEO of Aquis Farm, makes it plain that the standards of excellence and success which have been the hallmark of his family's business ventures apply as fully on the farm as elsewhere in the Aquis empire. "Aquis Farm has taken large steps towards being the best thoroughbred racing and breeding facility in Queensland, and in Australia. We are innovative and want to explore new ventures whilst giving our clients the best of everything we can offer, which means that we want to offer a service like no other."

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"Last year Aquis Farm established a major presence in international racing whilst at the Keeneland Sale. Myself and the team at Aquis Farm believe that it is important for us to diversify our portfolio and make sure we have the best-quality horses from anywhere in the world, and we'll travel to source them." (An illustration of this policy, incidentally, comes in the form of one of the most interesting members of Aquis Farm's broodmare band. The presence on the farm of the former super-tough stakes-winning Canadian racemare Mullins Beach (Can) (Speightstown) confirms the stud's belief in the importance of maintaining diversity in the gene pool.)

Justin Fung continues, "We are always exploring new options and we're excited about the future of our purchases, the same as we are excited about our yearlings for sale at the Magic Millions Yearling Sale on the Gold Coast. Being a new player in the industry, we definitely want to forge relationships with everyone around the world and make sure we capitalise on opportunities together. Aquis Farm has a very exciting future, which isn't slowing down because we are here to stay." These are indeed exciting times for Australian bloodstock. The forthcoming Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale will showcase much of what makes Queensland's place in the country so strong, and Australia's place in the racing world so strong. Aquis Farm is clearly putting itself in the bloodstock vanguard locally, nationally and internationally, and its greatest days surely still lie ahead.

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MAJOR INFLUX OF IRISH HORSES IN CHINA

Following a large-scale purchasing effort by BBA Ireland last autumn the biggest consignment of Thoroughbreds were transported from Ireland by air cargo to China last week. The plane contained 76 horses all owned by Zhang Yuesheng who enjoyed racecourse success last year through the exploits of his Michael Halford trained stakes winning sprinter **Yulong Baobei (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}). The majority of the horses exported to China were purchased as yearlings at Goffs Sportsman's Sale by BBA Ireland's Mick Donohoe who has spent a number of years developing his client base in China with the assistance of Irish Thoroughbred Marketing.

Speaking to the *Irish Field* Donohoe said, "This is a big opportunity for Irish breeding. The amount of racing in China has



Zhang Yuesheng, left, pictured at Goffs with Mick Donohoe | Goffs

increased and there are more tracks opening up. Mr Zhang owns Yulong Racecourse in the Shanxi province and he has made a big investment in Irish horses and hopefully they will perform well."

Important for the breeders of horses that will ultimately race in China is the news that Weatherbys will accept the majority of race results and that catalogue pages will be updated in accordance with these results.

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BRITAIN

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Saturday's Results:

7th-WOL, £4,750, Mdn, 1-7, 3-5yo, 7f 32y (AWT), 1:27.94, stn. FEAR THE FURY (c, 3, [Elusive Quality](#)--O Beautiful, by Unbridled's Song), a debut seventh going a shade over seven panels on the Newcastle Tapeta last time Dec. 15, raced a shade keenly on the heels of the leaders in fourth through the early fractions of this second go. Settled into a smooth rhythm before halfway, the 13-2 chance was shaken up at the top of the straight and utilised a dream seam along the rail inside the final furlong to assert by a ridden-out 1 3/4 lengths from Mountain Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The second winner from as many foals to race out of a half-sister to sires Yankee Gentleman (Storm Cat) and Key Deputy (Deputy Minister), Fear the Fury hails from a family which includes MGISW US champion juvenile colt Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}). Sales history: \$65,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; 40,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$3,775. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-FTF Partnership; B-Sun Valley Farm & Darley (KY); T-K Burke.



5th-WOL, £19,000, Cond, 1-7, 3yo, 5f 20y (AWT), 1:00.80, stn. VISIONARY (IRE) (c, 3, [Dream Ahead](#)--[Avodale](#) {Ire}, by [Lawman](#) {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$20,978. O/B-Khalifa Dasmal (IRE); T-Robert Cowell. *20,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT.



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5th-LIN, £19,000, Cond, 1-7, 4yo/up, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:36.27, stn. ALFRED HUTCHINSON (GB) (g, 9, Monsieur Bond {Ire}--Chez Cherie {GB}) {GSP-Eng & SP-US, \$102,209}, by Wolfhound
 Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 62-10-7-8, \$291,019. O/B-R C Bond (GB); T-David O'Meara.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Indian Dandy (Ire), c, 3, Dandy Man (Ire)--Danealla (Ire), by Indian Danehill (Ire). LIN, 1-7, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.63. B-Mubarak Al Naemi (IRE).

Jack Flash (Fr), c, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Lexi the Princess (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). LIN, 1-7, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.35. B-SARL de Chambure & Haras d'Etream (FR). *€135,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG; 16,000gns 2yo '16 TATAHI.

FRANCE



Saturday's Result:

2nd-DVL, €19,000, 1-7, 4yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:27.29, stn. MILLFIELD (FR) (c, 4, Whipper--Victoria College {Fr}) {MSP-Fr}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire} Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 12-3-1-1, €70,550. O-Alain Michel Haddad & Tarek El Sharif; B-Omar El Sharif (FR); T-David Smaga. *1/2 to Lucky Look (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}), MGSP-Fr, \$117,799.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Berouyine (Fr), f, 3, Bushranger (Ire)--Merkel (Ire), by Manduro (Ger). DVL, 1-7, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.47. B-Haras du Ma, Mme Sylvie Eichenlaub & Yves Eichenlaub (FR). *€10,000 Ylg '15 AROCT.

Tres Belle (Ire), f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Mirabile Dictu (Ire), by King's Best. LYS, 1-7, 9f (AWT), 1:54.52. B-Joseph Stewart Investments Ltd (IRE).

Chasselay (Fr), g, 3, Peer Gynt (Jpn)--La Minardiere (Fr), by Verglas (Ire). LYS, 1-7, 9f (AWT), 1:52.48. B-Louis de Romanet (FR).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mawaany (Ire), g, 4, Teofilo (Ire)--Middle Persia (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire). DUN, 1-6, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:20.51. B-Castlemartin Sky & Skymarc Farm (IRE). *22,000gns 3yo '16 TAJUL. **1/2 to Kilimanjaro (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}, SW-Eng, \$166,844.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Big Bang Bong (Ire), g, 4, Big Bad Bob (Ire)--Dreamaway (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB). Sha Tin, 1-8, Hcp. (£130k/€151k), 1400mT, 1:22.30. B-Irish National Stud. *GSP-Eng. **Formerly Bing Bang Bong (Ire). €15,000 Ylg '14 GOF OCT. [VIDEO](#)

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Houtzen Promoted To MM Favourite cont.

That Chris Waller-trained 'TDN Rising Star' was also reported on course for the race having pleased connections in a piece of work. Speaking to *Racing.com*, Waller's foreman Charlie



From Within
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Duckworth said, "From Within galloped over 800 metres and settled nicely in behind a stablemate. She was asked to improve from the 400-metre mark and quickened stylishly, pleasing rider Hugh Bowman. She may have another gallop on Tuesday, if required, and a final decision will be made on

Tuesday morning, but at this stage we are confident that she will race in the Magic Millions." Duckworth also gave an update on stable-star **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) who was also put through her paces at Rosehill on Saturday under Ben Cadden. "She looks very well ahead of her first trial which is planned for January 17 at Rosehill," said Duckworth. Winx is due to make her reappearance in the G2 Apollo S. at Randwick Feb. 11.

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SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMP HARRY'S SON DIES

Harry's Son (Aus) (Haradasun {Aus}--Dash On Ruby {Aus}, by Anabaa), the 2014 champion 2-year-old and a Grade 1 winner in South Africa and runner-up in the 2016 G2 Al Fahidi Fort S. on his Northern Hemisphere debut last January, died Jan. 6 in a French veterinary clinic.

A 5-year-old entire trained through most of his career by Paul Lafferty, Harry's Son won the G1 Premiers Champion S. in 2014 and added a Group 2 success in 2015 before entering quarantine for the Dubai World Cup Carnival. [Cont. p6](#)

Harry's Son Dies cont.

Second to Safety Check (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the Al Fahidi Fort, Harry's Son was sent to France to prepare for this year's Carnival, but suffered a completely severed superficial tendon when cut into from behind two furlongs into the Prix Luthier at Deauville Dec. 17. He underwent immediate and successful surgery to re-attach the tendon at the Grosbois Veterinary Clinic south of Paris and his wounds had been recovering well and without infection. This past Friday, doctors at the clinic decided to change the cast and to remove the sutures from the injured area, requiring a brief surgery under anesthesia. The wound was healing well and a new cast was applied, but Harry's Son went into cardiac arrest while still under anesthesia and efforts to revive him proved unsuccessful.

"Harry's Son was one of those great rarities in racing," said Roy Waugh, who spent the last 17 months accompanying Harry's



Roy Waugh and Harry's Son
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Son from quarantine in Mauritius to Dubai to Spain to France, all the while separated from his children. "From the outset, he had an air of nobility and a wisdom beyond his years. He was always easy to train. It was one of life's great pleasures to be associated with this remarkable character, and an honour to have been by his side over his racing career. Unfortunately, fate has intervened to deprive South African breeding of an opportunity to share in his

unique genes. It is a great loss. And for the stable, Harry is our great personal loss. We will sorely miss you, our dear Harry..."

Bred in Victoria by Cranton Bloodstock, Harry's Son was an A\$60,000 Magic Millions National Weanling purchase in 2012 and an A\$60,000 graduate of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale the following January.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

BAUHINIA SPRINT TROPHY H.-G3, HK\$3,000,000 (£311,374/€364,860/A\$526,984/US\$386,877), Sha Tin, 1-8, 3yo/up, 1000mT, :55.90, gd/fm.

1--**AMAZING KIDS (NZ)**, 132, g, 5, by Falkirk (NZ)

1st Dam: Cadence (NZ), by Rhythm

2nd Dam: Most Illustrious (NZ), by Bletchingly (Aus)

3rd Dam: Lorne (Aus), by Minor Portion (GB)

O-Ricky Tsoi Kee Kwong; B-Colyton Road Holdings Ltd; T-John Size; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$1,710,000. Lifetime Record: 19-7-6-2, HK\$12,608,070. *Formerly Cousin Colin (NZ). **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: C+.**

2--**Not Listenin'tome (Aus)**, 132, g, 6, Dylan Thomas (Ire)--Flame of Sydney (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). (A\$270,000 Ylg '12 INGEAS). O-Matthew Wong Leung Pak; B-M A Pitt & M Read (NSW); T-John Moore; HK\$660,000.

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3--**Peniaphobia (Ire)**, 133, g, 6, Dandy Man (Ire)--Umlani (Ire), by Great Commotion. (€11,000 Wlg '11 GOFNOV; £20,000 Ylg '12 DONAUG). O-Huang Kai Wen; B-Aidan Fogarty; T-Tony Cruz; HK\$345,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 4.80, 4.20, 4.50.

Also Ran: Amber Sky (Aus), Bad Boy (Aus), Adventurer (Aus).

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Trainer John Size is best characterized as conservative and conventional, but Amazing Kids has the eight-time champion trainer thinking a bit more outside the box following a comprehensive success in Sunday's G3 Bauhinia Sprint Trophy H. up the 1000m straight at Sha Tin.

Ultra determined in defeating former G1 Al Quoz Sprint hero



Amazing Kids leads home
Not Listenin'tome | HKJC photo

Amber Sky (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in the G3 National Day Cup H. Oct. 1, Amazing Kids was a slow-starting second to top-class Lucky Bubbles (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) in the G2 Premier Bowl H. Oct. 23. Free of excuses when fifth to

Not Listenin'tome in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint Nov. 20, he may have been hampered by a slow early tempo and hit some traffic last time in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint Dec. 11, but ran on well to be fourth, beaten just over a length by Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus}). **Cont. p7**

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Bauhinia Sprint Trophy H. cont.

Drawn furthest from the stands in gate one, Amazing Kids was immediately out the back of the field with Not Listenin'tome behind as Amber Sky blazed a trail from Adventurer (Aus) (Nicconi {Aus}). Peniaphobia got the box seat just inside of favored lightweight Bad Boy (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}). Moreira took aggressive action with about 450m to race, yanking Amazing Kids out into the clear, and by the time they hit the furlong marker, the gelding had descended on the pacesetters and cruised home to win eased down. Last year's winner Not Listenin'tome took a couple of bumps at the start from Bad Boy, but rallied strongly under his impost to be second ahead of Peniaphobia. A trip to the desert looms for the top two, albeit with a bit of a twist.

"I spoke to the owner last week and, provided he's fit and well, we will look at the [G1] Al Quoz Sprint in Dubai," said Size, who has never had a runner on Dubai World Cup night. "They've extended it from 1000m to 1200m and it would be a good race for him, I think. He's shown that he can accelerate well down the straight and nothing really fazes him so he would be the right type of horse to travel."

Not Listenin'tome was *the* talking horse of last year's Al Quoz, but turned in a subpar effort, and he could find himself trying a little something new this time around.

"We want to go back to Dubai, but now we're thinking the Golden Shaheen on the dirt might be the race, not the Al Quoz," said trainer John Moore. "I really think he's a good all-weather track horse here, he's trialled so well on it, and he's got gate speed too. He was knocked down at the start today, which meant that he ended up back last, so for him to make up the ground he did was good. I think the dirt race will suit."

Moore added that Bad Boy, a distant fifth, pulled up with "significant blood" in his trachea.

The winner, runner-up and, in all likelihood, Peniaphobia, will head towards the G2 Centenary Sprint Cup (1200m) Jan. 30. Amazing Kids has a yearling half-brother by 2012 Hong Kong Classic Mile winner Sweet Orange (War Front--Good Vibes, by Unbridled's Song). --*Alan Carasso*

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'GENERATION' GETS HOME IN FINALE

by *Alan Carasso*

Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock {Aus}), last year's G1 Rosehill Guineas runner-up when trained by Anthony Cummings at Montaigne, sent favorite backers home on a positive note Sunday evening, taking out the Class 2 Violet H. cozily in a race that served as a prep for the Hong Kong Classic Mile in two weeks' time.

Sent off the \$3.10 (21-10) favorite to improve off a runner-up effort on his Hong Kong debut over 1400m Dec. 27, Beauty Generation was away without incident from the middle of the



Beauty Generation (pink blinkers) gets his first Hong Kong win | HKJC photo

gate, but was difficult to settle early on beneath Zac Purton. Finally into a good rhythm through the middle stages, the bay was within easy striking distance on the turn and came out four deep into the lane. Beauty Generation loomed up

traveling exceptionally well as the furlong pole loomed and looked as if he might bolt in, but he had to work through the final 150m and had a neck margin over California Disegno (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) at the finish ([video](#)).

"Zac came back and said this run was very important heading to the Classic Mile," trainer John Moore said. "He only went for so far and then he bottomed, and all he will do is keep improving from now on. I think it was just the class that showed late, and the signs are really positive heading towards the bigger races."

Moore is set to be represented by no fewer than four horses in the Classic Mile, including **Rodrigo (Aus)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), who followed Beauty Generation's move into the stretch, but weakened to finish a little more than six lengths off his stablemate after a wide passage.

"Rodrigo just got trapped deep and off the track and all that so I'd forgive that run," Moore said. "He's a lighter High Chaparral who we thought might run a little better, but he did have no luck so he's run his race."

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FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

NIKKAN SPORTS SHO SHINZAN KINEN-G3, ¥72,810,000, Kyoto, 1-8, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:37.60, sf.

1--#@**KYOHEI (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by **Reach the Crown (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Shonan Anhelio (Jpn), by **Dance in the Dark (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: Shonan Happiness, by **Kris S.**

3rd Dam: Rambling Barb, by **Cormorant**

O-Takao Seya; B-Honkiri Farm; T-Hiroshi Miyamoto; J-Ryo Takakura; ¥38,567,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, ¥53,465,000.

*First stakes winner for sire (by Special Week {Jpn}). **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: First SW For This Cross.**

2--**Taisei Starry (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)--Star Isle (Ire), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). (¥88,000,000 Ylg '15 JRHAJUL). O-Seiho Tanaka; B-Northern Farm; ¥15,162,000

3--**Persian Knight (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Harbinger (GB)--Orient Charm (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-G1 Racing; B-Oiwake Farm; ¥9,581,000.

Margins: 1, NO, 1. Odds: 26.40, 8.90, 1.40.

Also Ran: Trust (Jpn), My Style (Jpn), Al Ain (Jpn), Brave Barows (Jpn), Ethelein Minoru (Jpn), Meisho Sobi (Jpn), Kenshin (Jpn), Black Runner (Jpn), Yellow Magic (Jpn), Mild Prince (Jpn), Kosoku Straight (Jpn), TM Animate (Jpn). **Click for the [JRA chart and video](#), for the [Racing Post](#) result or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

FAIRY S.-G3, ¥67,450,000, Nakayama, 1-8, 3yo, f, 1600mT, 1:34.70, fm.

1--**#@RISING REASON (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, by **Black Tide (Jpn)**
1st Dam: Jono Family (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Ebisu Family (Jpn), by Brian's Time
3rd Dam: Ebisu Veloce (Jpn), by Venture (GB)
 (¥5,508,000 Ylg '15 HOKSUM). O-Makio Okada; B-Sanjo Farm; T-Takeshi Okumura; J-Kyosuke Maruta; ¥35,595,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, ¥42,595,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Aerolithe (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Kurofune--Asterix (Jpn), by Neo Universe (Jpn). O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥14,170,000

3--**Morito Shirayuri (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Kurofune--Silent Love (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Tadayuki Ishibashi; B-Hidaka Taiyo Farm; ¥8,885,000

Margins: 3/4, NK, NO. Odds: 35.00, 1.60, 15.80.

Also Ran: Just The Marin (Jpn), Almuten (Jpn), Historia (Jpn), Perform (Jpn), Coral Princess (Jpn), Amanogawa (Jpn), Mellow Breeze (Jpn), Black Onyx (Jpn), Cath Palug (Jpn), Cui Cui (Jpn), Tsuzuka (Jpn), Pompon (Jpn), Snow Donut (Jpn). **Click for the [JRA chart and video](#), for the [Racing Post](#) result or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

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Sir Isaac (Aus), g, 3, **Dream Ahead--Fatoon (Aus)** (MGSW-Aus, A\$383,000), by Snaadee. Kranji, 1-8, Restricted Maiden (A\$71k), 1400mT, 1:23.25. B-Emirates Part Pty Ltd. *A\$150,000 Ylg '15 MMGCYS. **1/2 to Fat Al (Aus) (Al Maher {Aus}), G1SW-Aus, A\$785,410. [VIDEO](#)



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Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide year-to-date figures

| Rank | Stallion | BTW | BTH | GSW | GSH | G1SW | G1SH | Starters | Wnrs | Highest Earner | Earnings |
|------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|----------|------|----------------|--|
| 1 | Galileo (Ire) <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells FYR: 2003 Crops: 12 Stands: Coolmore Stud IRE (private)</i> | 6 | 15 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 72 | 27 | \$769,491 | \$2,748,783 <i>Churchill (IRE)</i> |
| 2 | Frankel (GB) <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Banstead Manor Stud ENG (£125,000)</i> | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 43 | 18 | \$799,419 | \$1,882,131 <i>Soul Stirring (JPN)</i> |
| 3 | Kodiac (GB) <i>(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Tally-Ho Stud IRE (€50,000)</i> | 5 | 17 | 3 | 9 | -- | 1 | 87 | 36 | \$165,998 | \$1,278,428 <i>Best Solution (IRE)</i> |
| 4 | Dark Angel (Ire) <i>(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2009 Crops: 6 Stands: Yeomanstown Stud IRE (€65,000)</i> | 5 | 8 | 4 | 7 | -- | -- | 104 | 42 | \$116,689 | \$1,063,926 <i>Dame du Roi (IRE)</i> |
| 5 | Workforce (GB) <i>(2007) by King's Best FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Shadai Stallion Station IRE (€4,500)</i> | -- | 1 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 57 | 9 | \$179,617 | \$1,002,632 <i>Gold Cape (JPN)</i> |
| 6 | Fastnet Rock (Aus) <i>(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Coolmore Stud IRE (private)</i> | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 51 | 20 | \$265,998 | \$920,467 <i>Rivet (IRE)</i> |
| 7 | Acclamation (GB) <i>(1999) by Royal Applause (GB) FYR: 2005 Crops: 10 Stands: Rathbarr Stud IRE (€30,000)</i> | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 | 68 | 28 | \$421,796 | \$844,264 <i>Mehmas (IRE)</i> |
| 8 | Sir Prancealot (Ire) <i>(2010) by Tamayuz (GB) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Tally-Ho Stud IRE (€8,000)</i> | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | -- | -- | 77 | 32 | \$290,961 | \$838,705 <i>Stormy Clouds (IRE)</i> |
| 9 | Shamardal <i>(2002) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2007 Crops: 9 Stands: Kildangan Stud IRE (private)</i> | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | -- | 2 | 39 | 19 | \$347,725 | \$821,285 <i>Blue Point (IRE)</i> |
| 10 | Mayson (GB) <i>(2008) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Cheveley Park Stud ENG (£6,000)</i> | 3 | 7 | -- | 2 | -- | -- | 50 | 19 | \$247,591 | \$810,309 <i>Mayson Junior (JPN)</i> |
| 11 | Conduit (Ire) <i>(2005) by Dalakhani (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Tullyraine House Stud IRE (€2,500)</i> | -- | 1 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 33 | 8 | \$210,763 | \$789,025 <i>Daiichi Terminal (JPN)</i> |
| 12 | Helmet (Aus) <i>(2008) by Exceed and Excel (Aus) FYR: 2014 Crops: 1 Stands: Dalham Hall Stud ENG (£8,000)</i> | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 54 | 16 | \$277,692 | \$774,267 <i>Thunder Snow (IRE)</i> |
| 13 | Invincible Spirit (Ire) <i>(1997) by Green Desert FYR: 2004 Crops: 11 Stands: Irish National Stud IRE (€120,000)</i> | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 69 | 25 | \$252,427 | \$764,696 <i>National Defense (GB)</i> |
| 14 | Myboycharlie (Ire) <i>(2005) by Danetime (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Haras du Mezeray FR (€5,000)</i> | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | 62 | 23 | \$96,700 | \$759,667 <i>Royal by Nature (IRE)</i> |
| 15 | Arcano (Ire) <i>(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Allevamento di Besnate ITY (€6,000)</i> | -- | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 55 | 24 | \$208,793 | \$713,886 <i>Mubtasim (IRE)</i> |