

JOYFULLY ON TOP AS KEENELAND JANUARY BOOK 1 CONCLUDES



Tuesday's KEEJAN Topper Joyfully, Hip 389 | Keeneland

by Jessica Martini & Christie DeBernardis

LEXINGTON, Kentucky--The top price of the second session of the Keeneland January sale was realized early when Oussama Aboughazale bid \$575,000 to secure **Joyfully** (Mineshaft), the fourth horse through the ring during Tuesday's final Book 1 session of the five-day auction. Buyers continued to be discriminating during the session and Book 1 concluded with figures down from the 2016 Book 1.

Through two sessions, Keeneland sold 384 horses for \$21,573,600. The average fell 20.95% to \$56,181 and the median was down 14.29% to \$30,000. In 2016, 375 head sold during Book 1 for a gross of \$26,651,600. The average was \$71,071 and the median was \$35,000.

"I thought the session started off exceptionally well," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell. "We wish the first page results were all the way through, but as we've talked about it in the past, mixed sales are hard sales to compare year to year and even session to session. But anything that had the perceived quality sold well."

The buy-back rate, which was 38.95% during Monday's opening session, improved to 29.39% Tuesday for a cumulative figure of 33.79%.

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MASOCHISTIC, ELLIS DISQUALIFIED FROM BC 2017

Masochistic (Sought After), second across the line in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint last November, but subsequently disqualified after testing positive for the prohibited anabolic steroid stanozolol, will be ineligible to participate in the 2017 Breeders' Cup at Del Mar, according to a formal statement from Breeders' Cup Ltd. Tuesday. Additionally, trainer Ron Ellis and any horses directly or indirectly in his care have also been ruled ineligible to take part pursuant to BCL's Prohibited Substance Rule and Convicted Trainer Rule. Breeders' Cup rules prohibit the transfer of Ellis's horses to "any other person associated with Mr. Ellis for the purpose of competing in the Breeders' Cup."

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Also at \$7,500 is Three Chimneys' Fast Anna, by Medaglia d'Oro out of Dreaming of Anna, the Rahy mare who won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and was Champion 2-Year-Old Filly of 2006. She wasn't as fast as Fast Anna, though; he got the Rahy rocket gene you sometimes see. Fast Anna only won one Black-Type Race, at five furlongs on the grass, but man was he fast: he ran a half-mile in :43 and change or :44 and change six times in nine starts, and was beaten a head in the GI King's Bishop, in his only start at seven furlongs, and in just his third lifetime start. He's been well-managed and well promoted, and you can just see him being one of those 'back-book' sires everybody will hope they'll be able to afford. - [Bill Oppenheim, TDN](#)



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New arrival. Commissioner's first reported foal from his first crop, a filly foaled at Taylor Made Farm on January 5, gets a kiss at the Keeneland January Sale. Her dam, She's a Fleet, sells on Wednesday. | Keeneland

IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: CONRAD BANDOROFF

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No matter the sale, you'll almost always find the name of Denali Stud among the top consignors at any given session. The Paris, KY-based operation is the brainchild of Craig & Holly Bandoroff, who have a ready heir apparent in their eldest son, Conrad.

PEGASUS PLAYBOOK: DEAL DONE

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Owner Dean Reeves shares his thoughts on the process of acquiring a participant for the GI Pegasus World Cup as well as participating in the unique event. "By Monday afternoon I had a deal done! Which horse is it you ask? Well that info will be out shortly in a press release. I am excited to partner with this horse's connections and I do like our chances!"

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KEEJAN Coverage cont.

“I think people have settled down and realized, ‘We’re at a horse sale and we’re here to sell,’” Russell said of Tuesday’s improved figure. “It’s just a matter of getting a feel for the market and seeing where buyers are comfortable. January is always a little different from November and I think it was just a settling in.”

Kerry Cauthen of Four Star Sales, which consigned the day’s second-highest priced lot, agreed Tuesday’s activity was more brisk than Monday’s opening session.

“I know the first day was a bit bumpy and I feel like today has gotten a bit more in line with our thinking,” Cauthen said. “Maybe with a first bumpy day, people are realigning their thoughts. I think it’s a good, typical January sale. I think when you bring up a good offering, it brings good money.”

Paramount Sales sold Tuesday’s top lot, the 5-year-old mare Joyfully, in foal to American Pharoah, and was the session’s leading consignor by gross, with 38 head grossing \$1,732,400.

Gabriel Duignan of Paramount, whose Springhouse Farm purchased the mare Chocolate Pop (Cuvee) for the day’s second highest price of \$460,000, acknowledged the January sale was frequently an all-or-nothing proposition.

“It’s very polarized,” Duignan said of the market. “The good ones are making plenty, but it’s chicken or feathers.”

Three Chimneys’ Jacob West agreed with that assessment.

“This sale in particular is a little bit more harsh,” West said. “It is very, very feast or famine. It’s a very, very harsh market. If they don’t check all the boxes, as they say, you fall hard. It is what it is, but at the end of the day, it just shows people that you have to breed quality. If you bring a quality horse to the market, you get quality money. If not, you are going to be left standing on your own.”

Aboughazale, who continues to shop for broodmares for his new farm in Paris, was the leading buyer in Book 1. Through two days, Aboughazale’s International Equities Holding has purchased 11 head for \$2,251,000 and an average of \$204,636.

Uncle Mo was represented by the two top-priced short yearlings Tuesday, with Maryland owner Ellen Charles paying \$385,000 for [hip 745](#) and Key Palm Stable paying \$370,000 for [hip 388](#), a son of Tuesday’s topper Joyfully.

“Short yearlings sold exceptionally well, both to end users and to pinhookers,” Russell commented. “I think as we go forward, the short yearlings will go more to the fore than the mares and that’s where you’re going to see the strength in the next few days.”

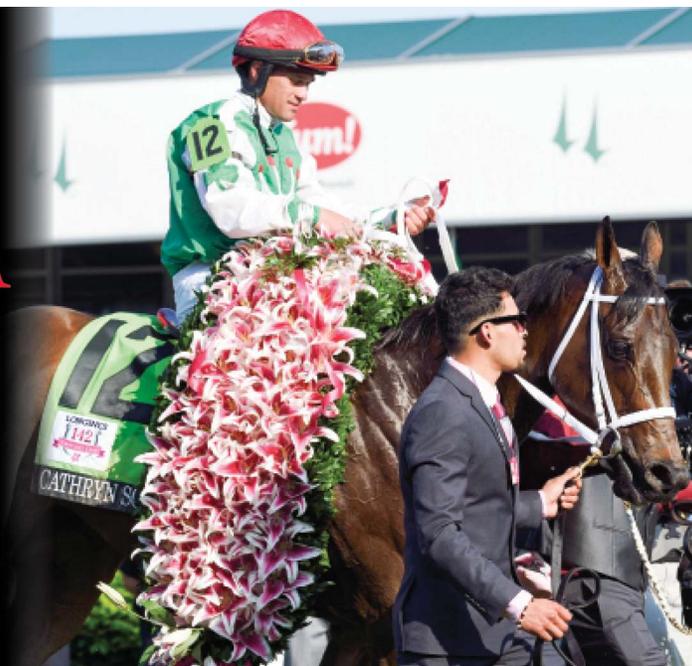
Book 2 of the Keeneland January sale begins Wednesday at 10 a.m. and the auction continues through Friday.

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More Joy for Aoughazale



Oussama Aoughazale | Keeneland

Oussama Aoughazale's International Equities Holding, which purchased Delightful Joy (Tapit) for \$700,000 during Monday's opening session of the Keeneland January sale, struck early in Tuesday's second session to secure **Joyfully** (Mineshaft) for \$575,000. The unraced 5-year-old mare ([hip 389](#)), in foal to American Pharoah, followed her Uncle Mo short yearling ([hip 388](#)) into the sales ring. The colt brought a final bid of \$370,000 from bloodstock agent Mike Ryan, who signed the ticket on the youngster as Key Palm Stable.

"She's lovely and her foal sold very well just before her," Aoughazale said. "I think it's a good buy--I hope."

Aoughazale recently purchased a farm in Paris on what was previously Crystal Springs Farm and has been active at the January sale as he builds a broodmare band for the farm.

"I just bought my farm here and we have to stock it with nice mares," Aoughazale explained. "We don't want to start half-lame, we have to start well. That's why we are buying nice mares."

Also Tuesday, Aoughazale purchased **Jojo's Melody** (Harlan's Holiday) ([hip 386](#)) for \$150,000.

"These mares we felt had a lot going for them, especially the Tapit mare that we bought yesterday," Aoughazale's advisor Frances Relihan said. "She is a very nice race filly with a great physical. Mr. Aoughazale has a share in War Front, so we thought she was a perfect cross, both physically and on paper. We're increasing the broodmare band and hoping for quality over quantity."

Out of Rejoicing, Joyfully is a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Divine Oath (Broken Vow) and to graded stakes winner Auntie Joy (Uncle Mo). **Cont. p5**

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“That was on the upper side of what we thought she might bring,” admitted Paramount’s Pat Costello. “It was a great price for both mare and yearling--they were two lovely horses. The Uncle Mo yearling was a cracker--a beautiful, big-walking horse. The mare was absolutely beautiful and when they produce that kind of foal, you know they are a good mare. It was a beautiful package that probably stood out in this sale.” [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Aboughazale Diversifies at KEEJAN

Oussama Aboughazale, owner of Sumaya US Stable, recently purchased a farm in Paris, Kentucky and he made his presence felt at Keeneland January purchasing mares to fill it. At the close of Monday’s opening session, he had purchased seven mares for a total of \$1.011-million, including the day’s second-highest priced lot at \$700,000, **Delightful Joy** (Tapit).

The Jerusalem native kicked off Tuesday in the same manner, purchasing two more mares in the early part of the session, including \$575,000 purchase **Joyfully** (Mineshaft), who sold in foal to American Pharoah. Aboughazale soon made it known that mares weren’t the only thing he was after when going to \$165,000 to acquire a yearling son of Quality Road ([hip 475](#)).

“I loved him,” Aboughazale commented. “He’s lovely and he has a beautiful family. He’s correct, he’s beautiful, he’s big and he has a nice character. I love Quality Road. He’s very good.”

He added, “We bought a nice farm in Paris [Kentucky]. We want to start on the right foot with quality. We need quality.”

Consigned by Four Star Sales, the bay colt is out of GSW Part the Seas (Stormy Atlantic) and was bred in Kentucky by Glencrest Farm. --[@CDeBernardisTDN](#)

Another Quick Start for Copper Water

When Chad Joe first got into the racing game five years ago, one of the first horses to carry the colors of his Copper Water Thoroughbred Company was graded stakes winner Reporting Star (Circular Quay). Now in the midst of changing his focus to commercial breeding, Joe enjoyed another quick start in the sales ring when he sold Joyfully (Mineshaft) for \$575,000, just moments after selling the mare’s first foal, a colt by Uncle Mo, for \$370,000.

Joe, president of the British Columbia-based Westcoast Mining Contractors, acquired Joyfully as a 2-year-old in 2014 and originally intended to race the bay.

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SESSION	2017	2016	
• Catalogued	397	361	
• No. Offered	313	261	
• No. Sold	221	193	
• RNAs	92	68	
• % RNAs	29.39%	26.1%	
• No. \$500K+	1	1	
• High Price	\$575,000	\$500,000	
• Gross	\$11,059,600	\$13,020,400	
• Average (% change)	\$50,043 (-25.82%)	\$67,463	
• Median (% change)	\$25,000 (-28.57%)	\$35,000	
CUMULATIVE	2017	2016	
• Catalogued	781	719	
• No. Offered	580	532	
• No. Sold	384	375	
• RNAs	196	157	
• % RNAs	33.79%	29.5%	
• No. \$500K+	3	3	
• High Price	\$1,025,000	\$700,000	
• Gross	\$21,573,60	\$26,651,600	
• Average (% change)	\$56,181 (-20.95%)	\$71,071	
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4. Tapizar	\$15,000	15	1	\$962,057
5. Gemologist	\$25,000	13	2	\$920,906
6. The Factor	\$25,000	14	2	\$906,026

Source: BloodHorse.com, Thru 12/31



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Mineshaft – Miss Doolittle, by Storm Cat
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“We got her through our bloodstock advisor Mike Miller two years ago,” Joe said of Joyfully. “We bought her as a 2-year-old and she had a small injury. We were giving her some time, but the family had done so well, Mike convinced me to breed her instead of race her, which is totally against my grain--the racing is fun.”

Joyfully’s half-brother Divine Oath (Broken Vow) was a three-time graded stakes winner in 2014 and her half-sister Auntie Joy (Uncle Mo) won last year’s GIII Regret S.

Joyfully sold Tuesday in foal to American Pharoah and, of the decision to breed to the Triple Crown winner, Joe said, “What’s not to like? We have a great relationship with Coolmore and we’re very loyal to them and they’ve been very good to us.”

Copper Water Thoroughbred Company is still in a transitory stage, according to Joe.

“This is our fifth year in the business and right now we’ve got 14 horses. We’ve actually changed our focus over to breeding, but we still have a few runners from our old stock. We’ll continue with them until they are done racing. And then we’ll be back to breeding again. We’ll take our foals that maybe won’t bring that much at sale and we’ll race them ourselves.”

Tuesday’s result will help put the new breeding venture on solid footing.

“These are really our first serious horses that we’ve sold at

sales, so I’d like to say my expectations were high, but it’s a real crap shoot,” Joe admitted. “We’re most definitely happy with this result. It allows us to be competitive with some other horses that we’re looking at [to buy] today. Our goal is to have five quality mares and rotate the babies through and then when we feel like we’ve outgrown them in dollar value--meaning that they’d be worth a few dollars--we’d move them along and try to recreate the same thing we’ve done with Joyfully and her colt today.” [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

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Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
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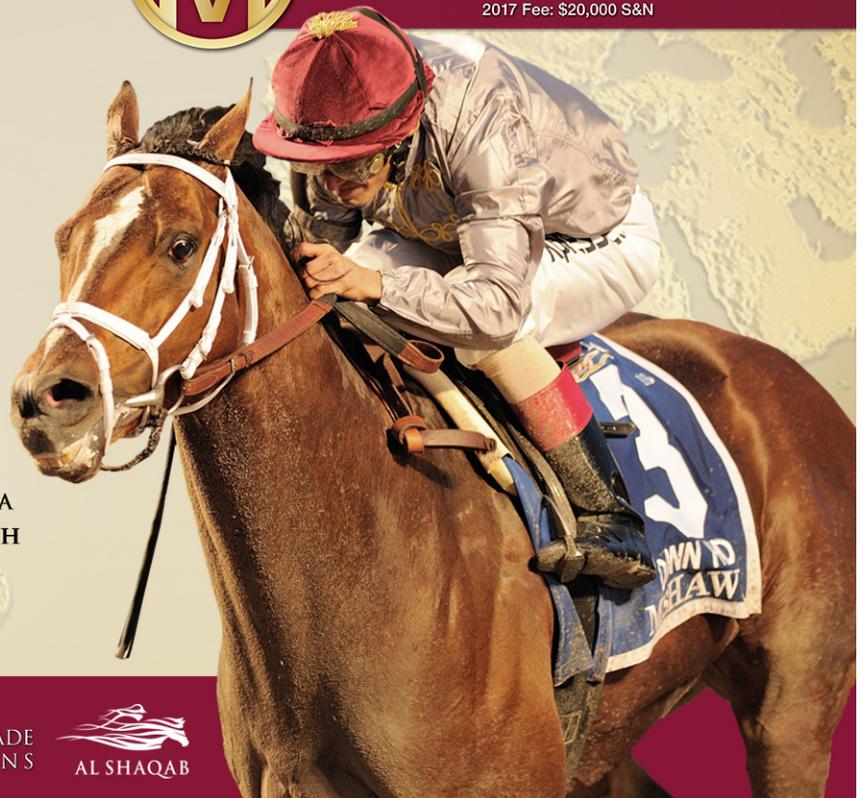
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KEEJAN Toppers cont.

686	Chocolate Pop	i/f Bernardini	460,000	388	colt Uncle Mo	Joyfully	370,000
	<i>B-Haras Buen Borincano I (KY)</i>				<i>B-Copper Water Thoroughbred Company (KY)</i>		
	Consigned by Four Star Sales, Agent				Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent XXXVIII		
	Purchased by Springhouse Farms				Purchased by Key Palm Stable		
713	Dream Your Dreams	racing/b'mare prospect	270,000	516	filly Shanghai Bobby	Saravati	280,000
	<i>B-Manganaro Bloodstock (KY)</i>				(\$40,000 i/u '15 KEENOV)		
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	Purchased by Not This Time / A. F. S.				Consigned by Mulholland Springs, Agent XV		
585	Tizsomthingspecial	racing/b'mare prospect	240,000	770	colt Into Mischief	Im Cruising Dixie	270,000
	<i>B-Jamm (KY)</i>				<i>B-Thoroughbred Racing Stable (KY)</i>		
	Consigned by Gainesway, Agent XII				Consigned by Mulholland Springs, Agent VI		
	Purchased by Mayday B. Branham				Purchased by Everest Bloodstock		
473	On the Backstreets	i/f Into Mischief	235,000	716	colt Flatter	Dulce Periculum	220,000
	<i>B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (PA)</i>				<i>B- Martha and J. H. Mulholland, Tom Grether Farms,</i>		
	Consigned by Mulholland Springs, Agent V				<i>Sheffer Equine Partners and L. M. Powers (KY)</i>		
	Purchased by Kempton, Agent for Not This Time/AFS				Consigned by Mulholland Springs, Agent II		
				624	colt Bodemeister	Yes She's a Lady	195,000
					<i>B-Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Tait (KY)</i>		
					Consigned by Brookdale Sales, Agent		
					Purchased by High Speed Stable		

**KEENELAND JANUARY SALE
TOP SHORT YEARLINGS**

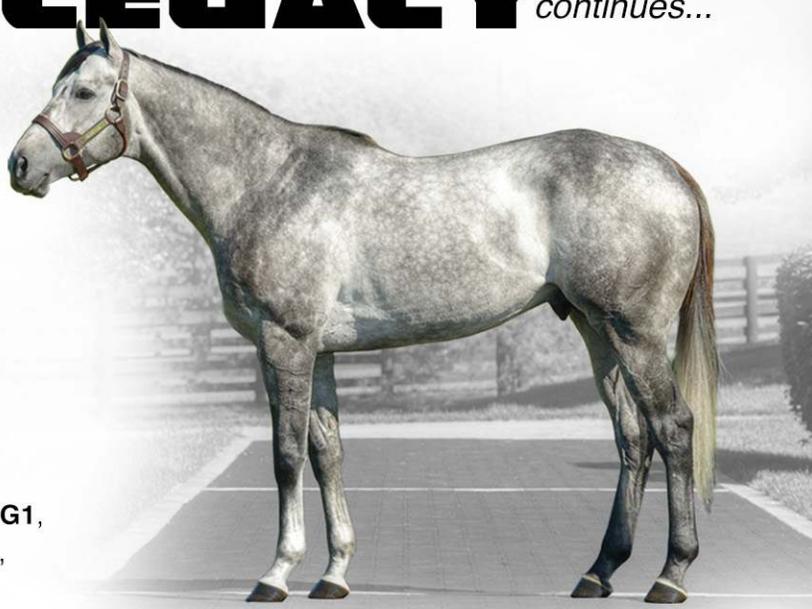
Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
745	colt	Uncle Mo	Gone to Utah	385,000
		<i>B-Nicewonder Stable (MD)</i>		
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2016 Leading Sires of 2YO's standing in Europe & North America, by GSW's

RK	STALLION	GSW
1	*FRANKEL (Galileo)	6
2	Galileo (Sadler's Wells)	5
-	War Front (Danzig)	5
4	Dark Angel (Acclamation)	4

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Uncle Mo Colt a Dream Come True for Charles

Longtime Maryland owner and breeder Ellen Charles has always wanted to own a horse by Uncle Mo and her dream



Ellen Charles | Keeneland

came true late in Tuesday's session when she made the winning \$385,000 bid on a Maryland-bred colt by the top young sire. He was the top-priced short yearling on the day. "I liked everything about him," commented Charles, who breeds and races as Hillwood Stable just as her mother did before her. "He's just a beautiful colt.

Rodney Jenkins trains for me and he trains for the breeder of this

colt [Nicewonder Stable] and I know all the family. Uncle Mo comes from my mother's breeding with her partner Mike Cavey, so it was kind of all in the family. I've wanted an Uncle Mo and he seemed like the right one, so we'll see."

Charles added, "We don't usually come to this sale, but this colt was here so we thought we'd come down and see him."

Consigned by Warrendale Sales, [Hip 745](#) is a son of Gone to Utah (Salt Lake), who has also produced SW Away We Go (Tizway); MSP Powder Mountain (Whywhywhy) and Quiet Hour (Quiet American); and SP Gallivanting (Henrythenavigator).

The Uncle Mo purchase came not long after Charles snapped up a Flatter colt for \$220,000. Bred by Martha and J. H. Mulholland, Tom Grether Farms, Sheffer Equine Partners and L. M. Powers, [Hip 716](#) was offered here by his co-breeder's Mulholland Springs. The Feb. 27 foal is the first offspring out of the 6-year-old mare Dulce Periculum (El Corredor).

"He's just a handsome, well-made, beautifully-moving colt. He's strong and just a very, very nice colt," offered Charles while sitting alongside Jenkins near the front of the pavilion. "We will race him. He will come home to Maryland and we will race him in Maryland with Rodney."

Also headed back to the state where she was born is [Hip 458](#), a yearling filly by The Factor. Consigned by Eaton Sales and bred by Dr. & Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau, the gray is the second foal out of stakes winner Music Please (Bowman's Band), herself a daughter of stakes winner Lady Beaumont (Lord Gaylord).

"I bought a The Factor filly earlier," Charles remarked. "I love The Factors. You can really tell [when one's] a 'Factor.' They're very much of the type. She's a lovely filly and Rodney trained her mother and a lot of the family. Plus, she's a Maryland-bred."

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Chocolate Pop to Springhouse Farm

Chocolate Pop (Cuvee), the dam of graded stakes winner Airoforce (Colonel John), will be joining the broodmare band at Springhouse Farm after selling for \$460,000 during Tuesday's second session of the Keeneland January sale. The multiple stakes placed mare ([hip 686](#)) sold in foal to Bernardini.

"She's a nice mare and a good producer," Springhouse's Gabriel Duignan said of the 11-year-old mare's appeal. "It was on the outer limits of what we were going to pay. The plan will be to sell out of her, hopefully."

Chocolate Pop, twice stakes placed at Aqueduct in 2008 and 2009, was purchased by Greathouse Bloodstock on behalf of Stewart Madison for \$25,000 out of the 2010 Keeneland November sale. In foal to Colonel John, she RNA'd for \$35,000 at the 2012 Keeneland November sale. That Colonel John colt, her first foal, was Airoforce, who won the 2015 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. and GIII Dixiana Bourbon S. and was second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf.

"To have that kind of a production from one of her first foals, I think she is the right kind," said Kerry Cauthen of Four Star Sales, which consigned Chocolate Pop to Tuesday's sale. "I'm delighted to sell her and also glad to see her going to a great operation."

Of the mare's final price tag, Cauthen added, "I think it was right in the hunt. You could have seen anywhere from \$350,000 and I wouldn't have been that surprised at \$500,000 or more. It's just a matter of who actually shows up and decides to compete. I saw a number of underbidders, it looked like maybe Gainesway was in there and Reiley McDonald. It was a very fair and competitive market." [@JessMartiniTDN](#)



Hip 686 | Keeneland

Shanghai Bobby Filly Proves Popular

Hunter Valley Farm's Fergus Galvin came out on top of a spirited round of bidding Tuesday afternoon to take home a yearling filly from the second crop of champion Shanghai Bobby for \$280,000.

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Fergus Galvin & Martha Jane Mulholland | Keeneland

“She was by far the best yearling on offer today,” Galvin remarked after signing the ticket out back beside the walking ring. “We are big fans of the sire. We think he is going to be one of the top freshman sires for his year.”

As for future plans for the New York-bred filly, Galvin said, “We will probably re-offer her later this year. We are not sure yet. She is a New York-bred, so it is possible that she will go to Saratoga. We will discuss that later on.”

Bred by Hidden Lake Farm LLC, David Campbell and Kingsport Farm, [Hip 516](#) was consigned to the sale by Mulholland Springs. Out of Saravati (Giant’s Causeway), the Valentine’s Day foal hails from the family of MGISW You (You and I) and GSW You and I Forever (A.P. Indy). Hunter Valley Farm consigned Saravati at the 2015 Keeneland November sale, where she sold to these breeders for \$40,000 with this filly in utero.

At \$280,000, the dark bay was the most of expensive of the three yearlings by Shanghai Bobby to go through the ring Tuesday.

“At that sort of number, it’s a bit more than we would have liked, but she is the real deal and by far our pick of the day,” Galvin said of the price. “Quality is shining through. Anything that looks like her is going to be at the top of the market and you have to be prepared to pay for them.”

Consignor Martha Jane Mulholland was also a bit surprised by the filly’s final price.

“We had a \$99,000 reserve on her, but I have not had as many

scopes as we had on this filly in a number of years,” Mulholland commented. “She got a lot of action. A lot of people were very interested in her. We knew she’d sell well, but we try to put realistic reserves on them.”

Yearlings by Shanghai Bobby, whose first foals will hit the track this year, have proven to be quite popular in the sales ring. The Ashford Stud resident, who currently stands for \$25,000, had 29 yearlings from his first crop sell for six figures in 2016, topped by a \$575,000 colt at Keeneland September.

“Obviously Shanghai Bobby is very popular, but Harlan’s Holiday, his sire, was our go-to horse for years and I’m hopeful that Shanghai Bobby will become our new go-to horse,” said Mulholland, who sold another daughter of the 2012 Champion Juvenile Colt ([Hip 706](#)) for \$82,000 later in the session.

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Banner Day for Mulholland Springs

It was a great day at the office for Martha Jane Mulholland, whose Mulholland Springs had 10 horses sell for \$1.431 million, making them the leading consignor by average with more than two horses during Tuesday’s session. The highlight of the consignment was a New York-bred filly by Shanghai Bobby ([Hip 516](#)), who brought \$280,000 from Hunter Valley Farm.

“We were very pleased with the sale today and it exceeded our expectations in many places,” Mulholland said just after a Flatter colt ([Hip 716](#)) she and her son John Henry Mulholland co-bred with partners sold for \$220,000. “In some places not so much, but it exceeded our expectations overall. We are very happy. The good horses are really selling for top dollar here as usual. I don’t think the weather hurt things. We are just very pleased.”

The Flatter colt, who will join Ellen Charles’s Maryland-based Hillwood Stable, is out of another Mulholland homebred Dulce Periculum and the consignor was satisfied with the bay’s final price.

“We had a \$74,000 reserve on the colt,” Mulholland remarked. “We try to set our reserves at about half of what we think they are going to bring and let it be an honest market. He was an outstanding, classic-looking horse with a beautiful top line and good walk. He’s very balanced, just everything you needed.”

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LANE'S END

West Wins Out on Bodemeister Colt

[Hip 624](#), a yearling colt by young WinStar sire Bodemeister, summoned \$195,000 from Three Chimneys' Jacob West, who signed the ticket as High Speed Stable.

"Obviously, Bodemeister is starting to heat up a little bit. He had the two horses finish second in the stakes last weekend in the Old Hat [with Bode's Dream] and the [GIII] Sham [with American Anthem]," remarked West, who was all smiles after signing the ticket at the back of the pavilion. "I think as the Bodemeisters get older, they are going to get better."

West declined to name the client he purchased the colt for, but said, "The guy that I bought him for races. He hasn't really done a lot of pinhooking or anything. He might go on to race. He might pinhook. We don't know yet."

Bred in Kentucky by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Tait, the bay colt is out of stakes winner Yes She's a Lady (Yes It's True) ([hip 623](#)), a \$190,000 purchase at the 2011 renewal of this sale who preceded her colt into the ring, selling to Richard Hogan for \$210,000 carrying a foal by Hard Spun.

Yes She's a Lady had three foals prior to producing this yearling, two of which are winners already. The other, a newly minted sophomore colt named Miggsy (Hard Spun), was purchased by Robert LaPenta for \$330,000 at the 2015 Keeneland September sale and has finished second in both of his starts for Rudy Rodriguez, most recently completing the exacta at Aqueduct on New Year's Eve.

"This colt's half-brother Miggsy has run second twice and put up a really good number last time," West said of the yearling from the Brookdale Sales consignment. "I've been following [Miggsy], so I have a good idea about him. This horse on his own was a very nice individual. He stood on his own physically, vetted clean, jumped through all the hoops and brought what we thought he would bring. We are excited to own him."

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Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
473	On the Backstreets	i/f Into Mischief	235,000
	(6, Street Boss--Mutakaway, by Mutakddim)		
	Consigned by Mulholland Springs, Agent V		
	Purchased by Kempton, agent for Not This Time		

John Henry Mulholland signed the ticket at \$65,000 to secure multiple stakes winner On the Backstreets out of the 2015 Keeneland November sale. She sold Tuesday in foal to hot sire Into Mischief (\$45k stud fee).

[516](#) wnlg, f, [Shanghai Bobby](#)--Saravati **280,000**

Consigned by Mulholland Springs, Agent XV
Purchased by Hunter Valley Farm

Chris Bernhard's Otisville New York-based Hidden Lake Farm and Assaf Ronen's Kingsport Farm in Phillipsport purchased Saravati, with this foal in utero, for \$40,000 at the 2015 Keeneland November sale. The 11-year-old mare was bred back to Bellamy Road, who stood his first season in New York last year. **For more information on Hip 516, see story page 9.**

[743](#) wnlg, c, [Street Sense](#)--Giant Leap **160,000**

Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency, Inc., agent
Purchased by East Hickman Bloodstock

Barry and Judith Becker were able to acquire Giant Leap, in foal to Majestic Warrior, for \$50,000 at the 2015 Keeneland January sale and bred the mare to Street Sense (\$35k stud fee) that spring. The mare was bred to Street Boss in 2016.

BUY OF THE DAY



Jacob West

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

[Hip 544](#), c

(Candy Ride {Arg}--Solitary Life,
by Grand Slam)

Buyer: Northface Bloodstock
Price: \$70,000

"He's a Candy Ride colt, a really athletic horse and had a nice walk. He's well-bred, the first foal out of a young Grand Slam mare. I think Candy Ride colts average about \$180,000 as yearlings. Peter [O'Callaghan] bought it and he will probably bring it back at the sale. Peter is a very sharp guy and he's got a good eye for a good horse. I thought it was a really good buy at \$70,000."

SAN GABRIEL S.: In accord with American Graded Stakes Committee policy, the Jan. 7 renewal of the GII San Gabriel S., scheduled for the Santa Anita Park turf course but switched to the main track, was automatically downgraded to Grade III status. The American Graded Stakes Committee has reviewed the off-the-turf renewal and has determined that the original Grade II status will not be reinstated for this renewal.

Leading First-Crop Sires of 2016 Weanlings

by cumulative average price, for sires standing in North America and Europe, through sales of January 6, 2017

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2015 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Kingman (GB)	F16	ENG	£55,000	9	7	\$288,855	\$235,323
2	Australia (GB)	F16	IRE	€50,000	10	7	\$148,668	\$128,016
3	Will Take Charge	F16	KY	\$30,000	24	18	\$128,444	\$105,000
4	Cairo Prince	F16	KY	\$10,000	24	20	\$87,850	\$80,000
5	Noble Mission (GB)	F16	KY	\$25,000	16	11	\$76,181	\$60,000
6	Verrazano	F16	KY	\$22,500	38	22	\$75,318	\$55,000
7	Charm Spirit (Ire)	F16	ENG	£25,000	32	27	\$68,734	\$52,256
8	Fed Biz	F16	KY	\$12,500	22	20	\$65,200	\$48,500
9	Sea the Moon (Ger)	F16	ENG	£15,000	22	16	\$57,852	\$36,977
10	Magician (Ire)	F16	KY	\$12,500	11	8	\$53,422	\$43,934
11	Strong Mandate	F16	KY	\$10,000	21	17	\$52,264	\$37,000
12	No Nay Never	F16	IRE	€20,000	11	9	\$51,742	\$49,325
13	Olympic Glory (Ire)	F16	FR	€15,000	21	16	\$47,334	\$44,272
14	Toronado (Ire)	F16	ENG	£15,000	44	39	\$46,187	\$31,442
15	Slade Power (Ire)	F16	IRE	€20,000	28	24	\$44,570	\$35,117
16	Ruler of the World (Ire)	F16	IRE	€15,000	11	8	\$40,850	\$30,712
17	Flashback	F16	KY	\$7,500	23	16	\$38,125	\$28,000
18	Garswood (GB)	F16	ENG	£7,000	26	21	\$37,121	\$26,201
19	Mukhadram (GB)	F16	ENG	£7,000	37	29	\$36,799	\$28,741
20	Can the Man	F16	KY	\$5,000	6	5	\$35,940	\$3,000
21	Masked Marvel (GB)	F16	FR	€3,000	6	2	\$34,448	\$34,448
22	Goldencents	F16	KY	\$15,000	21	17	\$33,529	\$35,000
23	Mucho Macho Man	F16	KY	\$15,000	7	7	\$31,142	\$25,000
24	War Command	F16	IRE	€15,000	42	24	\$30,883	\$20,844
25	He's Had Enough	F16	FL	\$5,000	2	2	\$29,500	\$29,500

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"Today's actions affirm our determination to conduct the Breeders' Cup under the highest standards of integrity and in a fair competitive environment for all participants," Breeders' Cup President and CEO Craig Fravel said in a statement. "Looking forward, we will be modifying our rules and protocols for out-of-competition testing to ensure that no horse testing positive for any anabolic steroid while in training or competition will be permitted to race in the Breeders' Cup. There is no place for the administration of steroids to horses in training and racing, and we will be working closely with regulatory authorities to give the full effect to that principle in the Breeders' Cup."

Ellis, who trains Masochistic for owner Samantha Siegel and Los Pollos Hermanos Racing, acknowledged that he had administered the steroid to Masochistic 68 days prior to his anticipated start in the Breeders' Cup, well outside the recommended withdrawal period of 60 days. Masochistic was subjected to out-of-competition testing three times, and Ellis said he was informed three days prior to the Sprint by the equine medical director for the California Horse Racing Board that there was a risk that trace amounts of the steroid could result in a post-race positive.

Ellis has taken full responsibility for his actions.

"I have always played this game by the rules and we did that in this instance," Ellis told TDN Editor in Chief Jessica Martini Dec. 19. "I am very proud of my medication history, which includes no suspensions in 35 years of training and only one minor infraction, a high Banamine, in the last 10 years. I apologize to the Breeders' Cup and the racing industry for this unfortunate event."

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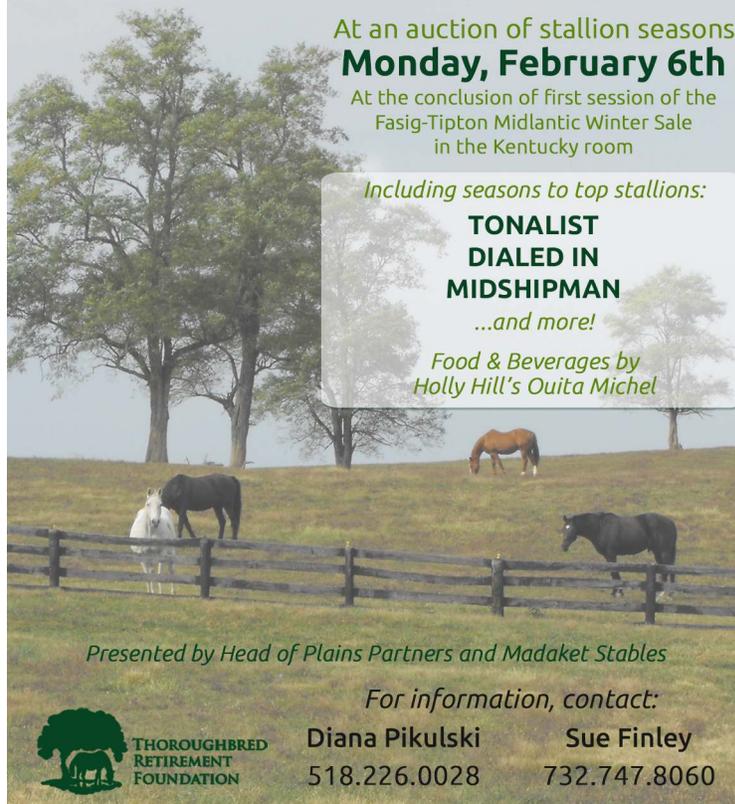
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James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club, said in a statement, "The Jockey Club applauds Breeders' Cup Ltd. for its strong stance against anabolic steroids in Thoroughbred racing and training and fully supports measures that will help eliminate steroids from our sport. Until that happens, we ask that regulators in all 38 racing jurisdictions adopt the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium's model rule for out-of-competition testing. The rule mandates that horses treated with any anabolic steroid spend at least six months on a vet's list, therefore making them ineligible to race. We also hope that more racing jurisdictions make use of The Jockey Club's Graded Stakes Out-of-Competition Testing Grant Fund, which has been available since 2014 but has been severely underutilized. In addition, The Jockey Club, through the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity, will continue to advocate for federal legislation that will lead to the adoption of a national, uniform standard for drugs and medication in American Thoroughbred racing."

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CORRECTION: In Tuesday's TDN, we noted that Into Mischief had 49 2yo winners in 2016. In fact, he was the leading sire of 2yos in 2016 by earnings, and had 49 2yo wins from 36 individual winners.

IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: CONRAD BANDOROFF

by Carly Silver

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



Conrad Bandoroff with Deep Impact

No matter the sale, you'll almost always find the name of Denali Stud among the top consignors at any given session. The Paris, Kentucky-based operation is the brainchild of Craig and Holly Bandoroff, who have a ready heir apparent in their eldest son, Conrad. Currently training in Australia as part of Godolphin's Flying Start program, the 24-year-old promises to be a formidable presence on the international Thoroughbred scene.

After graduating from Sewanee-The University of the South in 2015, Conrad immersed himself in Flying Start. A two-year program, it teaches trainees about "every aspect of the Thoroughbred industry on an international scale," Conrad said. "We spend time at the various Godolphin operations in Ireland, England, America, Australia, as well as in Dubai," he added, noting that the most valuable experience thus far has been "the exposure we get to leading industry professionals the world over. The people we get to meet and talk with because of the program [are] just simply unbelievable."

But Conrad has two distinct advantages: he studied abroad in Sydney as an undergraduate, and he grew up around some of the world's most talented horsemen and women. He started working around horses early. "Some of the earliest memories from my childhood though are hanging around the sales. I was an entrepreneurial kid and set up a lucrative shoe shining business and lemonade stands at the Saratoga Fasig-Tipton Sales grounds," he recalled.

Unsurprisingly, his parents weren't keen on their child entering this difficult business, but their son put in the work. What

changed their minds? "My summer working for Bill Mott in Saratoga, getting up at 3:30 a.m. every morning, and calling home to tell my parents how much I loved it," he recalled, adding ruefully, "Aside from childhood ambitions of being a fighter jet pilot, I never really entertained other career aspirations."

In addition to Hall of Fame trainer Mott and his own family, Conrad also worked for conditioner John Ward. He also interned with Bradley Thoroughbreds, Peter Bradley's agency that is involved in every aspect of the horse business, from pinhooking to putting together racing partnerships. As part of Flying Start, Conrad has learned even more about the partnership game, which is increasingly popular in Australia. "Racing syndicates are massive here and enable a broad base of people to get involved in the industry without great financial investment. Your taxi driver could own a share of a horse," he explained.

Conrad is impressed by Flying Start's thoroughness, saying, "The program is rigorous; I would liken it to an MBA for the Thoroughbred industry." His current area of study finds him on "practical rotations at various farms in the Hunter Valley," an area in New South Wales that plays host to many important nurseries. "I have spent the past two weeks at Vinery Australia working with mares and foals," Conrad said. "We also go on visits to many of the stud farms in the area and have lectures from industry professionals, as well as projects and assignments we have to complete."

Understandably, Flying Start keeps him very busy, but Conrad still makes time to check in with Denali business and family back home. "Denali will consign 300-350 at auction this year. I try to stay as involved as I can while I am away, and do my best to play the role of cheerleader," he said, keeping a particular eye on each major sale. The time difference can be a beast: Book 1 of the Keeneland September Sale made him so nervous, he recalled, that he stayed up all night to watch it, making for a tough start the next morning. Despite his worries, Denali did nicely at that sale, selling a \$500,000 War Front--Wine Press colt in the first session, and a \$625,000 Speightstown--Night and Day colt on day 3. One of sale's standout sires was champion Uncle Mo, whom Denali sold as a weanling to eventual owner Mike Repole. Under the Denali banner, his dam, Playa Maya, fetched \$1.65 million at auction in 2010.

Throughout the years, Denali has played a role in the careers of numerous stars, but Conrad's favorite is Hall of Famer and champion Serena's Song. "Serena, to me, is one horse that I have to pay tribute for developing my passion for the industry," he enthused. "She was not only a brilliant racemare, but did what many great racemares fail to do, which is to replicate and pass on their brilliance as a broodmare."

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Conrad also has fond memories of Animal Kingdom, who was born at Denali for owner-breeders Team Valor. "I have a lifetime of memories thanks to Animal Kingdom, and it is gratifying for his career to come full circle with us having the opportunity to support him at stud and raise progeny by him."

The Bandoroffs and their team maintain close relationships with their clients. Those numbers include some of racing's most important owners and breeders. From his father, Conrad has learned to "work as hard as you possibly can to secure the best result for your client and, at the end of the day, that's all anybody can ask of you." He added, "We are fortunate to have built a world class team, and I believe it is the strength of that team and the culture of paying attention to detail that results in our graduates succeeding on the racetrack." After he completes Flying Start in 2017, Conrad plans to return home to join that team. He said, "It has been my dream for as long as I can remember, and I am looking forward to and am excited to embark on the beginning of my career."

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PEGASUS PLAYBOOK: DEAL DONE

Courtesy Gulfstream Park

Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, a private racing stable owned by Dean and Patti Reeves of Atlanta, Ga., is one of a dozen stakeholders in the \$12-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational, the world's richest horse race to be run Saturday, Jan. 28 at Gulfstream Park.

The Reeveses, who formed their stable in 2009 with trainer Kathy Ritvo and campaigned 2013 GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Mucho Macho Man, are currently searching for a horse to contest the 1 1/8-mile Pegasus.

Dean Reeves shares his thoughts on the process of acquiring a participant for the Pegasus World Cup as well as participating in this unique event.

I have been working on trying to get a horse to run in our position in the Pegasus World Cup for over six weeks now, and I must say I'm worn out! Here are some of the results of discussions over the past six weeks.

I thought I had Connect but the decision was made not run him. Then I thought I had Midnight Storm and the decision was made not to run him either. Then I thought I might have a shot at Arrogate, but that chance went up in flames pretty quickly. I missed on Keen Ice and Gun Runner, so things were beginning to look dim. I thought maybe Conquest Enforcer would be a nice

candidate, but as it turns out it was best to run him in California for now.

In the end many of the owners and trainers made the decision not to run because they were doing what was best for their horse, so I have the utmost respect for those decisions and always applaud putting the horses' best interest first in any situation.

As I sat at the barn Sunday afternoon contemplating the dire situation I looked down the shed row and there was "BG." Now BG is a goat Kathy Ritvo got to be our night time security guard to save money. BG (Baby Goat) does a great job, but he is a little tough on the kids that come by the barn because he is sort of a bully. BG is tough and fast but I'm just not sure if he can get a mile and an eighth.

My phone suddenly rang and awoke me from my stupor. I thought it might have been good news on an offer, but instead it was a reporter wanting to know if I had a deal done on a horse yet.

It was then off to the airport and back to Atlanta. During the flight I thought of a saying we have in Georgia when things can't seem to get done. The saying is: "It's time to get the Ox out of the ditch."

So I became determined to get a deal done on Monday as we are less than three weeks from race day.

By Monday afternoon I had a deal done!

Which horse is it you ask?

Well that info will be out shortly in a press release. I am excited to partner with this horse's connections and I do like our chances!

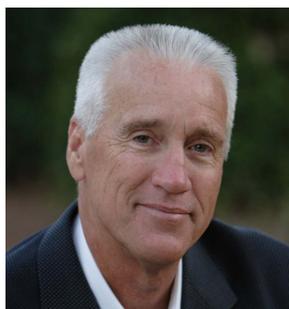
Thanks for riding along with me on this journey. I must give a lot of credit to Jay Stone, who has been instrumental in helping me navigate through the many horses we discussed along the way. Jay was a big help in analyzing the horses and making contacts to many of the horse owners around the country. Couldn't have done it without his help.

See you at Gulfstream.

Cheers,

Dean

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Dean Reeves

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STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

COMMISSIONER (by A.P. Indy; WinStar Farm)

- Sired his first reported foal Jan. 5th when a bay filly was born at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, KY.
- Bred by Denny Andrews and Taylor Brother properties, the filly is out of the Afleet Alex mare She's a Fleet, a half-sister to Grade I winner Mona de Momma and from the immediate family of Mr. Greeley and Street Sense.
- Commissioner is a three-time graded winner and was runner-up in the 2014 GI Belmont S.

CONSTITUTION (by Tapit; WinStar Farm)

- Sired his first reported foal Monday night when a filly was born at Crestwood Farm in Lexington, KY.
- Bred by RMJ Stables, the flashy chestnut filly is out of the Point Given mare Katouni, a Juddmonte-bred daughter of the stakes-winning Danehill mare, Kithira (GB).
- Constitution is a two-time Grade I winner.

WICKED STRONG (by Hard Spun; Spendthrift Farm)

- Sired his first reported foal on New Year's Day when a colt was born at Brandywine Farm in Paris, KY.
- Bred by Brandywine's Jim and Pam Robinson, the colt is out of the El Corredor mare Circle My Name, a daughter of stakes winner Ophidian from the immediate family of American Chance.
- Wicked Strong captured the 2014 GI Twinspires.com Wood Memorial.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Quality Road <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (\$35,000)</i>	8	15	5	8	3	4	165	96	\$416,960 <i>Klimt</i>	\$6,416,635
2	Munnings <i>(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (\$25,000)</i>	10	15	3	6	1	3	130	84	\$965,000 <i>I'm a Chatterbox</i>	\$5,315,671
3	Lookin At Lucky <i>(2007) by Smart Strike FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (\$17,500)</i>	5	17	2	7	--	4	139	73	\$487,200 <i>Money Multiplier</i>	\$4,611,370
4	Temple City <i>(2005) by Dynaformer FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$15,000)</i>	5	9	4	4	2	3	138	69	\$1,070,239 <i>Miss Temple City</i>	\$4,453,013
5	Blame <i>(2006) by Arch FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (\$25,000)</i>	4	11	--	4	--	1	136	69	\$316,200 <i>Going for Broke</i>	\$4,272,489
6	Kantharos <i>(2008) by Lion Heart FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Ocala Stud Farm FL (\$5,000)</i>	9	17	2	4	--	1	97	59	\$586,470 <i>X Y Jet</i>	\$4,257,382
7	Midshipman <i>(2006) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Darley KY (\$8,500)</i>	9	15	2	4	--	--	116	73	\$363,587 <i>Lady Shipman</i>	\$4,106,939
8	Warrior's Reward <i>(2006) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$10,000)</i>	3	8	--	2	--	--	169	84	\$184,268 <i>Warrior's Soul</i>	\$3,875,284
9	Super Saver <i>(2007) by Maria's Mon FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (\$65,000)</i>	2	6	--	1	--	--	166	76	\$157,344 <i>Inside Straight</i>	\$3,435,405
10	Tale of Ekati <i>(2005) by Tale of the Cat FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY (\$15,000)</i>	6	13	1	4	--	--	110	68	\$248,600 <i>Verve's Tale</i>	\$3,148,301
11	Hold Me Back <i>(2006) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Irish Hill Century Farm NY (\$5,000)</i>	5	12	--	1	--	--	128	71	\$179,140 <i>Voluntario</i>	\$2,969,326
12	Discreetly Mine <i>(2007) by Mineshaft FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	2	8	--	2	--	1	167	69	\$200,888 <i>Uncle Daichi</i>	\$2,793,973
13	Majesticperfection <i>(2006) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY (\$20,000)</i>	4	9	--	4	--	1	105	48	\$323,800 <i>Syndergaard</i>	\$2,599,764
14	Desert Party <i>(2006) by Street Cry (Ire) FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Sequel Stallions New York NY (\$4,000)</i>	--	4	--	--	--	--	90	40	\$177,660 <i>Saharan</i>	\$2,026,513
15	Lord Shanakill <i>(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Pin Oak Lane Farm PA (\$4,000)</i>	1	2	1	1	1	1	72	31	\$792,890 <i>My Dream Boat (IRE)</i>	\$1,709,727



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RECENTLY RETIRED SUNBEAN JUST THE BEGINNING FOR FAUCHEUX, BENOIT

by Michael Adolphson

Regional superstars are great for the soul of horseracing. Athletes who have raised the banner of their home state of racing and/or breeding remind the racing public that there often is a team-oriented atmosphere that does a great deal of good for the sport no matter how competitive it becomes between individuals. Canada's iconic Northern Dancer (Nearctic) and granddaughter Dance Smartly (Danzig), Maryland's 26-time stakes-winning legend Little Bold John and the turf-sprinting 25-year-later version of him Ben's Cat (Parker's Storm Cat), Northern California's ill-fated speed demon Lost in the Fog (Lost Soldier), Upstate's unstoppable Fourstardave (Compliance) and-- of course--Orange County's global sensation California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit). They were stars on the big and small stages.

These standouts continue to bring a sense of camaraderie and--perhaps more importantly--a few new fans to the track. From Pan Zareta (Abe Frank) and Black Gold (Black Toney) of the distant past to the more-recent Risen Star (Secretariat) and Star Guitar (Quiet American), Louisiana has been fortunate to have a long list of such talent over its long thoroughbred history and now will close the chapter on the career of its most popular current star, Brittlyn Stables' **Sunbean** (Brahms).

Sunbean captured 16 of 27 career starts and \$1,172,250 while masterfully managed by one of the rising stars in training, ex-Todd Pletcher assistant Ron Fauchaux. Originally in the care of Al Stall, Jr. and briefly Mike Maker through a record of 3-1-0 from his first seven starts, the handsome bay gelding was transferred to Fauchaux midway through the 2013 season. From there, the Pelican State homebred product of Evelyn Benoit's breeding program was an absolute force in the region. In his next 13 starts, he won 10 stakes at Louisiana's three major tracks, including consecutive victories in the \$150,000 Louisiana Champions Day Classic at the Fair Grounds. He proved his class when finishing a respectable third behind Grade I horses Palace Malice (Curlin) and Normandy Invasion (Tapit) and was a picture of consistency until a tendon tear forced him to third in the \$200,000 Louisiana Premier Night Championship at Delta Downs in Feb. 2015.

Against all conceivable odds--and with the help of cutting-edge stem cell surgery at Rood & Riddle Equine Clinic--Sunbean returned one year later to once again prove dominant against Louisiana's dirt routers, while also flaunting his versatility with a victory in the \$75,000 Louisiana Turf Classic at Louisiana Downs.



Evelyn Benoit | Hodges

Unfortunately, in an attempt to win a third Classic, his tendon flared up again when he failed to hit the board in what would be his final start Dec. 10.

"He meant everything to me and my team," Fauchaux said. "It hurts that he can't train and race anymore. He was so consistent and he's the type of horse who got you going in the morning. You loved watching him train and he just has a great way about him. To lead a horse over there and know that every time he was going to run his race and show how great he was, that is an incredible feeling.

"He was 100% going into the last race and for whatever reason he tore the tendon," Fauchaux continued. "He's sound on it now and happy, but I don't think we should bring him back a second time. He's been so good to us and given us everything. I don't want to put him in any kind of jeopardy."

Bred and owned by Benoit, the First Lady of Louisiana racing, Sunbean followed in the footsteps of homebred Star Guitar, who won 22 stakes within a 30-race career that earned in excess of \$1.7 million. While physically unable, due to his equipment change, to follow him to the breeding shed, Sunbean may instead go the way

of Brittlyn's Grade II winner Gantry (Pulpit), who won seven stakes and was a Breeders' Cup Sprint alum for Fauchaux. Said dark bay gelding is now a pony for the Fauchaux stable.

"(Sunbean) is still here in my barn and we will probably send him to be a horse for a bit before he maybe comes back (to possibly be a pony)," Fauchaux said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see him become a show horse with how beautiful he is. With Gantry you knew he was kind and could be a pony. Sunbean is more frisky, so only time will tell with that.

"He's a smart horse and I actually think he felt it happening during the race and protected himself," Fauchaux continued. "In present-day horse racing it's so hard to have a horse consistently run like he did; always to his best. You knew when he didn't fire last time, there had to be a reason and (getting injured) almost hurts more the second. Before it was kind of sporadic and we dealt with it and gave him time and he came back. This time you know that this is it."

Benoit, who spends her time between caring for her husband, rejuvenating historical New Orleans mansions and developing the stallion career of Star Guitar, is understandably in the purgatory between disappointed and proud of Sunbean's accomplishments.

"He's just been a phenomenal horse and we're so sorry to lose him as a racehorse," she said. "We knew he was special when he was a baby and when you have a horse like him, it is just an incredible feeling. He's the kind of horse you dream of and I



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“When he got hurt the first time, he was on pace to beat Star Guitar’s records, but it was very sad to see him get injured,” she continued. “For him to come back from that injury and Rood & Riddle to ask if they could put him on their wall of fame--this little Louisiana-bred with a big heart--that meant a lot. Then he came back and proved it again on the racetrack. That was incredible.”

Benoit remains focused on the future, even with this recent setback. Her stable includes mares in Louisiana and Kentucky and a pair of well-bred stallions-to-be. Multiple graded stakes winner Clearly Now (Horse Greeley), a stunning nearly black Claiborne Farm-bred millionaire, is still in training with aiming toward stakes company for Faucheux. A few Fair Grounds barns down, Al Stall, Jr.-trained Forevamo (Uncle Mo), a multiple graded stakes-placed 4-year-old half-brother to champion Musical Romance (Concorde’s Tune), is a few works into what looks to be a promising campaign.

“I have big hopes for Forevamo and Clearly Now, as racehorses and stallions,” Benoit said. “I’ve purchased some fantastic mares for them and Star Guitar. I’m trying to build up Louisiana racing and I believe in it. It’s my home and I have to try and think positive, even with all this.”

Benoit has been aggressively pursuing excellence recently for her bayou-based operation. In addition to having two foals each by Curlin (Smart Strike) and American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) on the way, she recently was active at the Keeneland November sale, purchasing multiple stakes winners Moment of Majesty (Saint Liam) for \$850,000 and Five Star Momma (Five Star Day) for \$550,000. She also privately purchased runaway \$100,000 Louisiana (Filly) Futurity winner Mr. Al’s Gal (Salute the Sarge) last week.

“We’re going to keep Sunbean happy and I’m going to try to make things better in Louisiana,” Benoit concluded. “Breeding horses my passion and I simply love it. They always say the best ones come out of Kentucky and that makes me even more determined to change that.”

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EASTERN U.S.

Tuesday’s Results:

8th-PRX, \$42,500, (S), Alw, 1-10, (C), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.96, ft.
T R CREW (c, 4, [Uncle Mo](#)--[Saintedly Action](#) {MGSP, \$219,650}, by [Saint Ballado](#)) took eight starts to break his maiden, but ran a number of creditable races on the New York circuit throughout 2016. Second or third in four consecutive tries at Belmont and Saratoga during the summer months, he finished a dull sixth when switched to the turf in a one-mile maiden heat in Elmont Sept. 25. The dark bay was given a brief rest following that effort and rallied from off the pace to graduate in a one-mile test at Aqueduct Nov. 12. That race’s form received a boost when runner-up Delta Prince (Street Cry {Ire}), a half-brother to three-time champion Royal Delta (Empire Maker) and GISW Crown Queen (Smart Strike), subsequently earned ‘Rising Star’ status with a victory over the Gulfstream Park turf Dec. 26. Away in good order as the 2-5 favorite, T R Crew set a measured early pace and stepped on the gas a bit to maintain his advantage by a half-length through a half-mile in :47.12. The 4-year-old spun into the stretch with an open-length lead and widened in the lane, crossing the wire 8 1/4 lengths in front of Tactical Plan (Cat Thief). The winner has a juvenile full-sister named That’s Her M. O. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$109,725. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**
O-J. Christopher Everett & Smart Angle; B-Smart Angle, LLP (PA); T-David G. Donk.

NEW YORK

New Vocations Opens Facility in New York:

The New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program has announced the official opening of their New York satellite facility at October Hill Farm in Fort Edward. Owned by Dan and Danielle Dill, the brand-new equestrian facility has partnered with New Vocations to assist in expanding the program’s New York aftercare efforts. Trainer Leandra Cooper will spearhead the transitional training and adoption operations at the facility.

“We are taking in over 80 retired racehorses a year just from New York racetracks and farms, so it was a logical step for us to open a facility there,” Program Director Anna Ford said. “It has taken us nearly two years to find the right facility and personnel who meet our program’s standards. October Hill Farm and Leandra Cooper are great additions to our team, and we are excited to be able to serve more horses in the state.”

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A record \$1.774 billion was wagered via Gulfstream Park in 2016, a 9% increase over the previous record of \$1.625 billion in 2015, it was announced Tuesday.

A record \$1.508 billion was wagered on Gulfstream's live races in 2016, a 13% increase from the previous record of \$1.338 billion in 2015.

"Our record handle in 2016 shows us we're on the right path in growing our Championship Meet and reinvigorating summer racing in Florida," said P.J. Campo, General Manager of Gulfstream Park and Vice President of Racing for The Stronach Group, Gulfstream's parent company. "We continue to see the top horses and stables race each winter at Gulfstream, but we're also witnessing more interest in our summer program now that it has become established and producing quality racing and young stars.

"We believe we will continue to grow in 2017. We have an incredible year ahead of us. We're looking forward to once again hosting the Eclipse Awards Jan. 21, watching classic contenders begin to develop in the Holy Bull, Fountain of Youth and Florida Derby, and playing host to the richest horse race in the world--the \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational--featuring California Chrome and Arrogate on Jan. 28.

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KENTUCKY

Longtime Keeneland Sales Team Member Dale Rouk Dies:

Dale Stewart Rouk, 79, a member of the Keeneland sales team for more than 40 years until his retirement in 2009, died Jan. 1, 2017, in Burleson, Texas.



Dale Rouk

Rouk was a well-known fixture at Thoroughbred and American Quarter Horse auctions across the U.S. during his career. While working at The *Quarter Horse Journal* in Amarillo, Texas, Rouk met prominent auctioneer and former Keeneland Director of Auctions Tom Caldwell. Rouk and Caldwell became best friends and partners in the California-based Caldwell-Heerman Sales Company.

Rouk also served as Sales Manager of the Ruidoso Horse Sale Company in

New Mexico.

"Dale's real passion was working the [auction] ring," Keeneland auctioneer Scott Caldwell, son of the late Tom Caldwell, said. "Dale was always full of passion not only for the horse, but the consignor and buyer alike. He committed his life to that passion."

In addition to his long career with Keeneland, Rouk worked for Ocala Breeders' Sales and numerous American Quarter Horse auctions.

"Dale was a special member of the Keeneland family, and his expertise through the decades helped to establish Keeneland as the world's leading sales company," Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason said.

A native of Beggs, Oklahoma, Rouk was a founding member of the Panhandle Team Penners Association of Amarillo. He was twice named Breeder of the Year by the Texas Thoroughbred Association.

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WESTERN U.S.

Tuesday's Results:

8th-SUN, \$37,700, Alw, 1-10, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16.66, ft.
UNDERWOOD (g, 3, Old Fashioned--Exotic Wishes, by A.P. Indy) easily annexed his six-furlong debut at Zia Park Sept. 27 and earned black type with a score over that same trip and track in the Governor's Cup S. Oct. 10. Pounded down to 1-5 favoritism as an apparent standout in this spot, the gelding occupied the innermost spot in a three-prong tussle for command through a quarter-mile in :22.55 and edged to the front on the far turn. Entering the lane with a clear advantage, he held well under steady encouragement to notch a 3 1/4-length victory. The winner is a half to Exotic Slew (Bertrando), SP, \$199,534. Exotic Wishes was most recently bred back to Tiznow. Sales History: \$37,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$16,000 2yo '16 BARMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$66,420. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Harry L. Veruchi; B-Jack Sims (IA); T-Justin R. Evans.

4th-SUN, \$21,500, Msw, 1-10, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.62, ft.
+SUPER SENOR (g, 3, Super Saver--One Accord {MSW, \$153,169}, by El Gran Senor) worked at Zia Park until mid-December and continued his preparations for this career debut with a pair of breezes over the local strip in recent weeks. Bet down to even-money favoritism here, the gelding was away a step slowly and punched through an opening on the rail to chase the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.61. Shifted out to the three path turning for home, Super Senor rallied to the front in midstretch and came home 3 1/2 lengths ahead of Gallant Warrior (Majestic Warrior). The winner, a half to More Accord (More Than Ready), SW, \$146,032, has a yearling half-sister by Get Stormy. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,900. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Cleber J. Massey (KY); T-Joel H. Marr.

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Pure Deimos, c, 3, Pure Prize--Swingalover, by Capsized. Busan, 1-8, Hcp. (\$46k), 1000m. B-Bob & Lynda Esposito (IL). *\$15,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$28,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN.

Irurira, c, 3, The Factor--Ms Louissett (GISP, \$132,163), by Siphon (Brz). Seoul, 1-7, Hcp. (\$50k), 1000m. B-Tim Thornton (KY). *\$50,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$23,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN.

B. K. Park, c, 3, To Honor and Serve--Justenufappeal (SW, \$111,200), by Exchange Rate. Busan, 1-8, Hcp. (\$46k), 1300m. B-Twin Creeks Farm (KY). *\$95,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$90,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR.

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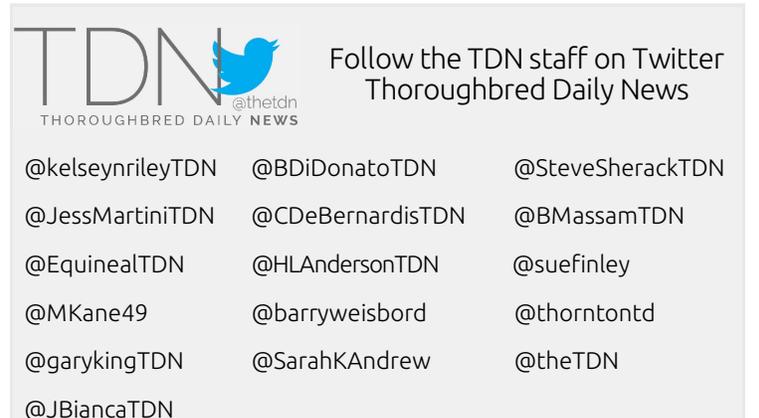
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GLENWOOD'S PERFECT BLEND FOR SUCCESS



John and Tanya Gunther at Royal Ascot | Glennwood Farm photo

By Chris McGrath

As the first foals of 2017 hoist themselves gawkily out of the straw, how many have been brought into the world in order to be racehorses--and how many merely to be yearlings? If the ratio is ever to improve, more people need to start thinking like the Gunther family at Glennwood Farm, a relatively small operation that nonetheless seems able to see the bigger picture.

The problem is that to do so requires not just imagination, but skill, patience and enough appetite for risk to sometimes go against the tide. The Kentucky farm's key matriarchs have almost all been bargains unearthed by its proprietor, John Gunther, while Glennwood also has an increasing stake in mixing turf and dirt bloodlines, with a dozen mares--around a third of its roster--nowadays boarding in Europe. Few other studs will risk such adventure, when they can just flock inately round the latest fast-buck sire. But nor, by the same token, will many produce such a consistent parade of stakes performers. And that, in the longer run, should surely generate more sustainable business than any number of sales-toppers that blow out on the track.

"My view is that you try to breed the best racehorse you can," Tanya Gunther explains. "We have to breed and sell commercially, too." [Cont. p2](#)

STARS EMERGE FOR BHIMA

By Kelsey Riley

GOLD COAST, Australia--For a fledgling Thoroughbred nursery, it is imperative to achieve early results on the racetrack to fuel buyer confidence in its product. Shoppers combing through the Bhima Thoroughbreds consignment at this week's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale can be confident of the young operation's track record, with Mike and Kate Fleming's nursery having produced three Group 1 horses in 2016, five years after its inauguration.

That trio is headed by I Am A Star (NZ) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), who was prepped by Bhima for New Zealand stud Wentwood Grange and sold for A\$40,000 at the 2015 Inglis Classic sale. I Am A Star became the first 3-year-old filly to defeat elder mares when winning the 2016 G1 Myer Classic at the Melbourne Cup Carnival for owner Matthew Sandblom. [Cont. p6](#)

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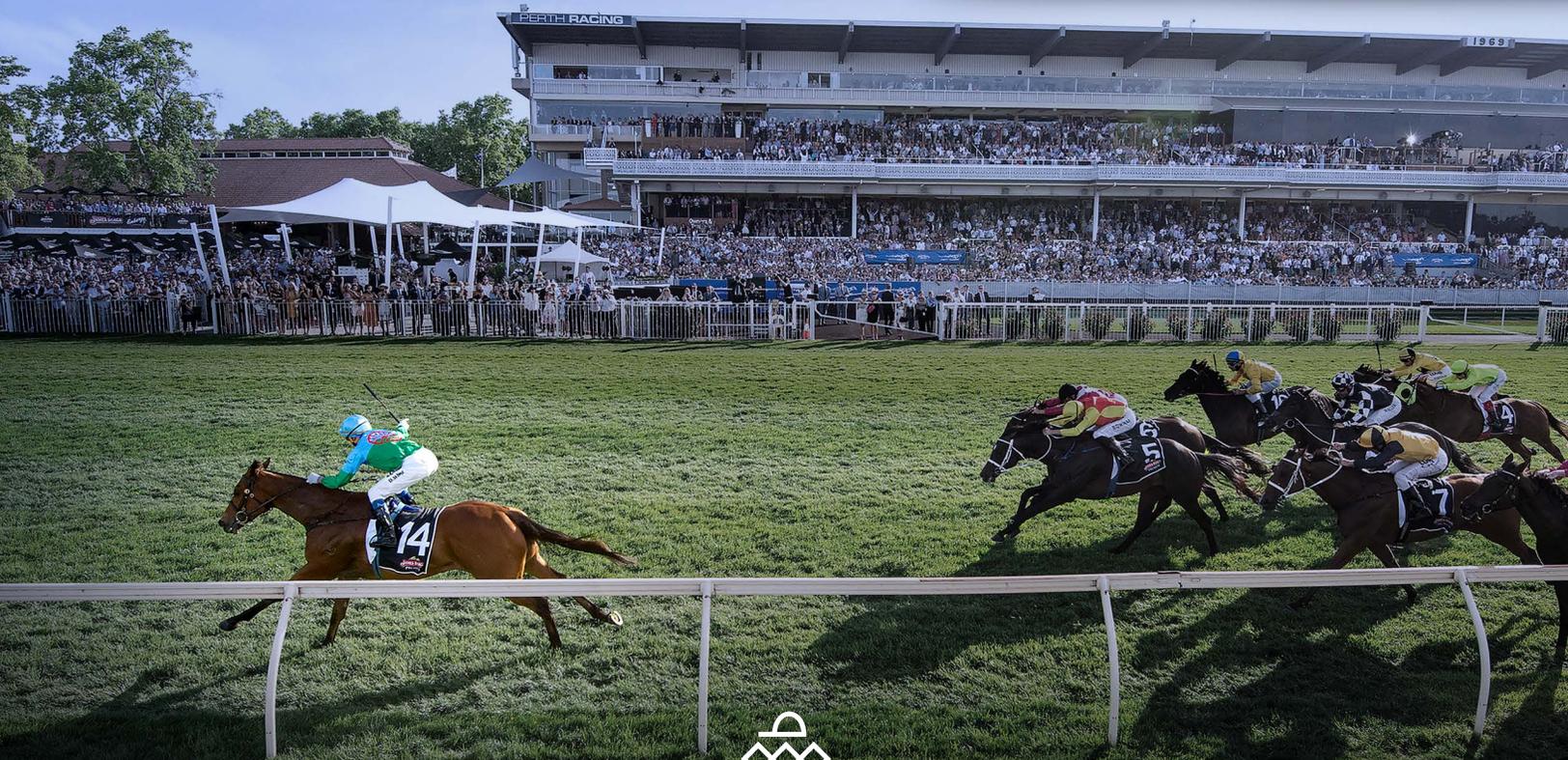
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Tanya Gunther continued, "But if you lose sight of that first principle, to me you lose sight of the programme. After all, the first thing that will ruin your commercial chance is a mare that's had a couple of donuts. I do go to the sales sometimes and see people all over the early 2-year-old types. But for the Classic races, you want horses to be bred to go a mile or more. To me, it's a bit of a head shake. It doesn't tie together."

Sure enough, over the past five years, Glennwood has sent some of its best producers to top turf stallions in Europe--and kept some of the resulting foals in training there, too. As such, it



Glennwood Farm

may only be a matter of time before European breeders, many themselves infatuated with commercial speed, observe parallel dividends to those achieved by Glennwood in North America with the likes of First Samurai (Giant's Causeway), Stay Thirsty (Bernardini) and, in partnership, Stevie Wonderboy (Stephen Got Even). Those to reiterate the merit of the Gunther approach in 2016, meanwhile, included Tamarkuz (Speightstown) in the GI Dirt Mile at the Breeders' Cup, and the tragic Stradivari (Medaglia d'Oro), who emerged almost overnight as one of the most talented 3-year-olds around before breaking down. And Glennwood already has a standard-bearer for 2017 in Mo Town (Uncle Mo), a leading early contender for the Kentucky Derby after an impressive score in the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct in November. Prior to that stakes debut, the Coolmore partnership had taken a stake in the colt with trainer Tony Dutrow and his Team D Stables.

Mo Town is the first foal of Grazie Mille (Bernardini), herself homebred from Molto Vita (Carson City)--a typical gem discovered by John Gunther as a \$24,000 weanling at the Keeneland November Sale of 2000; she subsequently won a Grade III sprint and was twice placed at Grade I level. Grazie Mille was sent to Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) in his second season at stud, when his fee was \$35,000. (He is now standing at \$150,000.) Tanya Gunther thought so much of the resulting foal that she felt dismayed when he raised no more than \$200,000 at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

"Luckily we'd liked him enough as a foal to send the mare back to Uncle Mo," she says. "So there is a sibling on the way."

With a Canadian father and English mother, and having herself worked for 10 years in London, Gunther brings a suitably



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cosmopolitan perspective to her work as general manager of the farm. But both daughter and father also honed their instincts in the world of investment banking, and the former's decisions reflect a corresponding depth of research.

"Obviously we give a lot of thought to the physical, and to pedigree," she says. "But I also follow statistics a lot. I create my own spreadsheets and am a bit of a geek that way. I spend a lot of time on the matings, I go back and forward, round and round. By and large you're still trying to get a good physical out of the mare. But they aren't all good enough to breed to the likes of Galileo (Ire) or Tapit, so we try to



John Gunther | Tattersalls photo

be a bit creative."

After putting in the analytical groundwork, Gunther suggests matings to her father. Describing him as "a gut guy and a trader at heart", she knows to expect much sparring back and forth before a final decision is made. But the flair that both share is transparent in the development of Glennwood's European colony. **Cont. p3**

Glennwood Farm cont.

"One of the first mares we sent over was already inbred to Mr Prospector and we didn't want to repeat that sire line close up in the pedigree again," she explains. "We do like inbreeding, to a degree, but your gut feeling will tell you when you need to diversify. Obviously it's Northern Dancer heavy in Europe, with less Mr Prospector and far less AP Indy. In terms of grass breeding, also, I think everyone even in America would agree that there are superior bloodlines in Europe. We are trying to breed at the top of the game, so whether with dirt or turf lines, you want to go to where the best stallions are. But we'd been coming to Royal Ascot to enjoy top turf racing for years before embarking on this plan, and dad's always been looking for the odd mare at the Tattersalls December sales. So while we've more in Europe now than ever before, it's not an entirely new thing."

Among those mares to have been expatriated is the dam of Tamarkuz, Without You Babe (Lemon Drop Kid). She is an



Without You Babe and foal at Newsells Park | Newsells Park photo

unraced daughter of Marozia (Storm Bird), at \$50,000 another coup for Gunther's father at the Keeneland November Sale in 2003. By all accounts, there had been some oversight regarding the vendors' reserve. As Gunther puts it: "Someone

came running up to Dad afterwards and basically said: 'Oops!' So it was our good fortune on the day. It just shows that you do need to be there, that you can never assume how much a horse will make. Dad reads a catalogue furiously, and targeted her as one of his top picks. I guess I shouldn't speak for him, but if it's a pedigree he likes, sometimes they don't always have to be the most correct - so long as they're physically appealing, well balanced, and look racy."

A few weeks previously, Marozia's yearling colt by Fusaichi Pegasus had been sold in the same ring. Named Andromeda's Hero, he proceeded to finish second in the GI Belmont S. But Marozia had barely started. Aside from Without You Babe, she then produced another Belmont runner-up in Stay Thirsty, who subsequently included success in the GI Travers S. among a string of Grade I wins and podiums.

Sadly, the inclusion of Marozia among Glennwood's European pioneers did not pay off, as she died before producing another foal. But her daughter, more eligible than ever after Tamarkuz rounded his career off in such style, has been collecting some

extremely glamorous escorts. Her son by Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) was retained at 650,000gns at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, and is now in training with John Gosden, while she is in foal to Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert) and booked next to Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB}). She also has a filly at foot by Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

Wildwood Flower (Langfuhr) is another precious vessel in Europe, more precious certainly than anyone realised when she failed to meet her



Marozia | Glennwood Farm photo

reserve as a foal at just \$20,000. She was unbeaten in three starts as a juvenile and Grade II-placed at three, before retiring through injury and eventually producing GI Florida Derby winner and Materiality

(Afleet Alex) and GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song). My Miss Sophia went on to be Grade I-placed on turf, proving herself something of a "crossover" horse on the track. Gunther notes that Wildwood Flower is by a Danzig sire and that there are corresponding turf footprints in all the mares picked out for European service: Marozia, for instance, was by Storm Bird out of a Roberto mare and raced on turf herself.

Wildwood Flower, meanwhile, has a Galileo filly and is carrying another foal by the champion, who has also had consecutive dates with Posset (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})--a sister to Midday (GB) bought as an unraced 3-year-old for 625,000gns at the Tattersalls December Sale in 2014.

Galileo or Dubawi hardly take a lot of finding, but that is the point of the European venture--to integrate some high European blood into Glennwood families. It is sooner at the other end of the roster that the trademark Gunther knack is critical. [Cont. p4](#)

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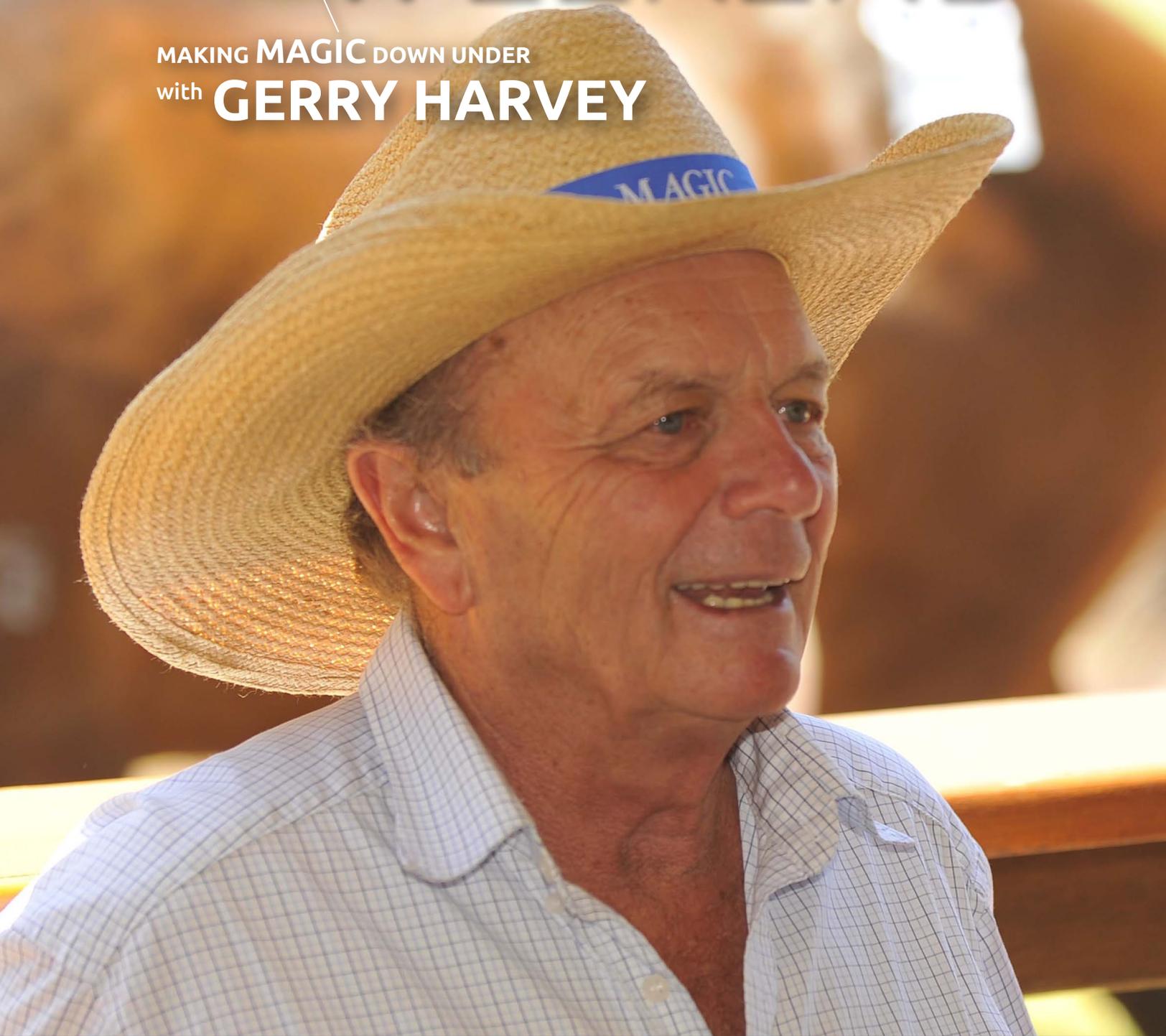
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Glennwood Farm cont.

The farm's full-sister to Stradivari, for instance, is expecting her first foal by Munnings (Speightstown), quietly grafting his way up to a fee of \$25,000 after four seasons at \$10,000. That serves as an apt complement to the fact that it was 30 years ago this September that Gunther's father found Stradivari's granddam for just \$7,500 as a yearling.

For this 350-acre Versailles farm, no less than for bigger operations, necessity is often the mother of such invention.

"The last couple of years we have been reducing the herd size a little," Gunther says. "The yearling sale market has become tougher. With a physique that takes the eye, it used to be that someone would take a chance. But these days, it seems you have to tick all the boxes: if a mare's a bit light on her progeny record, forget it; if the stallion isn't sexy, forget it; if the vetting isn't 100%, forget it. You can't support those starter mares the way you once could.

"But it's always hard to cull. Possibly we're not the most disciplined in that respect! As we all know, good horses can come from anywhere. And we do love the racing, too. Whenever we go to the sales I feel as though it's a no-win situation--at least for me, personally. If you don't reach your reserve, you're disappointed; but if you do, you often ask yourself why you're selling at all, because generally it'll be a horse you like. Nevertheless it's part of life. We do take most of them to the sales and, to a degree, let the market dictate who comes back."

One mare, however, is becoming nearly inviolate in that respect. Having herself failed to reach her reserve at the sales, Take The Ribbon (Chester House) went on to win a Grade III and to be placed at Grade I level. Her arrival in Europe is instructive of the whole project--sent across the ocean, as she was, specifically to be mated with Fastnet Rock (Aus) at a time when the Australian migrant was little known in the US. The debut



Take the Ribbon and her Dansili filly at Coolmore Ireland | Coolmore photo

success of the resulting foal last March duly represented a cherished milestone for Glennwood, not least as Take These Chains (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) was anointed as a **'TDN Rising Star'**. (Along with Mo Town and Stradivari, this remarkable farm duly had three of its graduates accorded that status in 2016.)

"Take The Ribbon put so much heart into her racing and she's putting that into her offspring too," Gunther says. "I haven't been able to bring myself to sell any of her more recent foals, and I'm really excited about her Dansili 2-year-old recently sent to John Gosden. Sometimes you're going to leave money on the table. But you've got to live the dream a little, and my dream isn't the sales ring. I guess you'd say it's a means to an end."

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KEMPTON TO CLOSE AS PART OF MAJOR JOCKEY CLUB REINVESTMENT PLAN

There could be major changes afoot for British racing over the next five years with the news that The Jockey Club has nominated its Kempton Park Racecourse site for a housing redevelopment project. Assuming planning permission is granted for the project, which falls under Spelthorne Borough Council's recent 'Call for Sites' programme to address unmet



Kempton Park facing closure
Racing Post photo

local housing needs, the facility would then cease operating as a racecourse as soon as 2021, a move that will require a major reallocation of the venues fixtures that include such iconic races as the King George VI Chase. In an effort to soften the

blow of losing Kempton Park, which provides both turf and all-weather racing, the Jockey Club have released details of a major commitment aimed at developing several new initiatives across a broad spectrum of the industry.

Perhaps the highest-impacting initiative would be the development of a new all-weather racecourse on Jockey Club land in Newmarket. The Jockey Club are currently preparing a planning application for the development of such a course at The Links site in with the objective of the new track catering for the potential loss of Kempton's all-weather flat fixtures, in addition to providing an all-year-round racing facility at the centre of the country's largest thoroughbred population.

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Kempton Park Facing Closure cont.

The intention is also for there to be no gap in operations between Kempton Park closing and this new track being fit for function.

Another major side effect of a potential closure of Kempton would be the restaging of the King George VI Chase. The Jockey Club intend to transfer this and other Kempton national hunt features to nearby Sandown Park while simultaneously rolling out a series of redevelopments aimed at improving the facilities at Sandown for both humans and equines. The balance of Kempton's jumps fixtures would then be allocated throughout the large portfolio of other Jockey Club Racecourses around the country.

All plans hinge on planning permission being granted for the Kempton site, which would obviously lead to a financial windfall for the Jockey Club, much of which would be earmarked for investment back into the industry. Commenting on the news Roger Weatherby, senior steward of The Jockey Club said, "The Jockey Club is governed by Royal Charter to act for the long-term good of British Racing. We must show leadership with the assets we have and, where merited, take tough decisions to help our sport to keep moving forwards. The decision to submit our estate at Kempton Park for consideration in the Local Plan is unique and has not been taken lightly. Our Board of Stewards are horsemen and, having carefully considered what we can achieve in the long run from doing so, are unanimously of the view that British Racing is better served by us doing so."

Weatherby continued, "A new purpose-built all-weather course on The Links in Newmarket to replace that at Kempton Park would be ideal for the thousands of horses trained at the Home of Racing and beyond, as well as shortening the working day for racing's people there. I am also particularly pleased that The Jockey Club will be even better placed in the coming years to provide further support to important causes, such as racing's welfare and education programmes. As ever our intention is for our sport to benefit to the greatest extent possible."

BHA chief executive Nick Rust offered his support for the project. "We acknowledge and understand the reasons behind the Jockey Club's announcement today," he commented. "The BHA will work with them in the development of their plans to ensure that the long-term interests of the sport and its grassroots are best served in the coming years. The proposed Newmarket track would need to go through the usual processes for the addition of new racecourses to ensure the course would meet all the necessary licensing criteria."

History has been made on several occasions over the years at Kempton Park, mostly involving the featured King George, the traditional Boxing Day feature Dec. 26. The dashing grey Desert Orchid (GB) (Grey Mirage {GB}) made the race his own, winning

it four times in five years from 1986 to 1990. Then along came Kauto Star (Fr) (Village Star {Fr}) who rewrote the record books by winning the race five times, culminating in 2011 when he regained his crown from Long Run. Even the 2016 renewal served up its own piece of history when the Colin Tizzard trained Thistlecrack (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}) became the first novice to win the three-mile steeplechase.

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--Reaction on Twitter to the news of the possible closing of Kempton met with a swift, if not entirely one-sided response:

Archie Watson, trainer - @Archie_Watson

"Very sad to read of plans to close Kempton. Early memories of going to see Best Mate win King George and trained my own first winner there. Surely Newmarket doesn't need a third racecourse. Especially with Chelmsford City just down the road!"

Stuart Williams, trainer - @WilliamsStuart

"It would make great sense to have an AW track where so many flat horses are based."

Lizzie Kelly, jockey - @LizDKelly

"This is really really s**t."

David Stevens, head of PR at Coral - @Pompey_Dave

"Realise not JCR track but would love to see the King George at Ascot, 30,000 there on Boxing day, would be fantastic and fitting venue."

Mike Spence, owner - @mikespence8

"Please don't do this to me..."

Jon Ivan-Duke, William Hill PR - @JonIvanDuke

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Gay Kelleway, trainer - @GayKelleway

"Kempton closure means the powers that be might come to their senses and put all-weather track Newmarket! The capital of British racing."

Eve Johnson Houghton, trainer - @johnsonhoughton

"What depressing news. Surely if JC (Jockey Club) weren't planning to build that nonsense of a false hill in Newmarket there would be no need for this."

BRITAIN



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shah of Armaan (Ire), g, 4, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Queen of Tara (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. WOL, 1-10, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:49.64. B-Kilcarn Stud (IRE). *38,000gns 2yo '15 TATBRE.

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Tuesday's Results:

8th-MRV, €17,000, Cond, 1-10, 4yo, 13f (AWT), 2:53.32, stn. **UN BEAU MEC (FR)** (g, 4, **Footstepsinthesand {GB}**--**Alcidiana {Fr}**), by Linamix {Fr} Lifetime Record: 18-6-1-4, €68,550. O-Philippe Thirionet & Ecurie du Sud; B-Philippe Thirionet (FR); T-Cedric Rossi.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Reinedetroie (Fr), f, 3, **Dunkerque (Fr)**--Miss Clem's (Fr), by Baratheia (Ire). MRV, 1-10, 10f (AWT), 2:10.96. B-Ecurie du Sud, Cedric & Charley Rossi (FR).

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Bhima cont. from p1

Heatherly (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) was twice Group 1-placed last year after winning the G2 Rubiton S., and Heavens Above (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) finished second in last autumn's G1 Queen of



Mike Fleming with his Exceed and Excel half-brother to First Seal (lot 805) | Kelsey Riley

the Turf S. at The Championships before winning the G3 Sheraco S. in the spring. The Flemings also raised the 2014 G1 Flight S. winner First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who was sold by Curraghmore Stud for NZ\$700,000 at the 2013 NZB Premier Sale.

Another feather in the cap for Bhima in 2016 was the fact that three of its graduates covered their first books of mares at stud: Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed Scissor Kick (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) at Arrowfield Stud; Singapore champion and Australian Group 3-winning sprinter Super One

(Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) at Newgate Farm; and stakes winner and G1 Caulfield Guineas-third Ready For Victory (Aus) (More Than Ready) at Sun Stud.

"For the size of our operation, to have three horses go to stud in one year and be reasonably successful on the track was a huge result for a farm that only has 80 permanent mares and breeds 50 to 60 foals a year," said Bhima owner Mike Fleming. "I would think that's a very good result for what is a small team. It's great for the staff because you're only as good as the people you employ, and we're lucky enough that for the size of us, we have a very good team on board."

Like the Thoroughbreds he now rears, Fleming was bred and raised for success in the Thoroughbred industry. He was born and raised in Christchurch, New Zealand, not far from Riccarton Racecourse, and inherited a love of racing from his father. Fleming worked with various trainers before and after school from a young age, and eventually left school to pursue a career as a jockey. He enjoyed success and rode a number of winners, but retired early after growing too big. Pinpointing a second career in the Thoroughbred breeding industry, Fleming moved to Waikato and spent 15 years working for various New Zealand studs as well as spending a 12-month stint in Japan. Fleming's final role in his home country was a three-year tenure at Cambridge Stud under the tutelage of legendary stud master Sir Patrick Hogan.

Fleming took up the opportunity to relocate to the Hunter Valley in 2004 when a position opened to manage Brooklyn Lodge Stud. After seven years with that operation, he rolled the dice and struck out on his own in April of 2011, leasing a property and starting up under the name Broadwater Thoroughbreds.



I Am A Star | Racing and Sports

Broadwater was rebranded as Bhima Thoroughbreds in April of last year, and in June the Flemings purchased their own 740 acre property in the Hunter Valley. The Flemings offer full-service broodmare care from preparing for covering through foaling, foal handling and weaning, as well as sales preparation.

"The transition has been good," Fleming noted. "I've been very lucky to have some good breeders and clients around me for a number of years since I've been in Australia and it's just evolved from there."

Fleming's foundations in New Zealand continue to draw in business. [Cont. p7](#)

Bhima Thoroughbreds cont.

“We have a very good relationship with some keen New Zealand breeders that are breeding in the Hunter on an annual, seasonal basis,” Fleming explained. “Their mares that are coming into the Hunter will be bred here and shipped back to New Zealand.”

Fleming said the Bhima service offers Australian breeders some freedom that may not be available at other farms.

“We’ve always been consignors and looked after some Australian breeders that prefer to have their horses on agistment farms that don’t stand stallions,” he noted. “I think that gives them a bit of freedom to mate their mares where they want to; they don’t feel they’re obliged or bound to be breeding to horses other than what they really want to. I think that works well for them.”

Fleming said expanding the business to standing stallions likely isn’t in the cards for Bhima.

“I think with the way the stallion industry has evolved, with your big farms--your Coolmores, and Darleys, and Arrowfields, and now Newgate coming onto the scene standing a large number of stallions--and the success rate of stallions, it’s hard to get it right on a one or two off,” he said. “I think that’s probably not a track we’re looking at going down. We’re happy with what we’re doing, looking after our client base and looking after their yearlings, whether they’re consigning to sales or breeding to race.”

Fleming stressed that success comes down to attention to detail and first-class care for the horse.

“Your horses are only as good as what you feed them,” he noted. “It’s eye for detail, surrounding yourself by a good team and good staff, and employing and entrusting yourself with the best people in the industry to try to get the best results.”

Bhima has reared two of the best progeny of top young sire I Am Invincible in I Am A Star and Super One, and Fleming said the Yarraman Park sire--who is expected to have a big sale with 47 catalogued--is one who has always been on his radar.

“I think both myself and our clients and breeders have always been a big fan of I Am Invincible,” he explained. “With the huge Danehill influence in Australia, with Danehill and Redoute’s Choice and that sireline, everyone is looking for an outcross sire. You’ve got a lot of Danehill-line and Redoute’s Choice-line mares now that need to go somewhere, and that’s why when you get an outcross horse that works, he certainly gets well patronized.”

Bhima’s Magic Millions draft includes two progeny of I Am Invincible: [lot 526](#), a colt out of a half-sister to G1 Golden Slipper and G1 Blue Diamond S. placegetter Zizou (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus); and [lot 793](#), a filly out of a half-sister to three European stakes winners. Other potential highlights include [lot 229](#), a Sepoy (Aus) filly out of Miss Atom Bomb (Aus) (Encosta de

Lago {Aus}), a half-sister to Horse of the Year Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) and ‘TDN Rising Star’ El Divino (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}); [lot 234](#), a daughter of Snitzel (Aus) descending from the great family of Redoute’s Choice; [lot 535](#), a Pierro (Aus) colt out of Trafalgar Miss (Aus) (War Pass), a half-sister to Group 1 winner Sizzling (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}); [lot 769](#), a Sebring (Aus) filly out of a half-sister to dual Group 2 winner Bring Me The Maid (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}); and [lot 805](#), an Exceed and Excel (Aus) colt out of dual Group 1 winner Episode (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}), and therefore a half-brother to First Seal. Offering some international appeal is [lot 98](#), a Fastnet Rock (Aus) filly out of Honor Patti (Honour and Glory), a half-sister to American Horse of the Year Wise Dan (Wiseman’s Ferry).

“We’ve got a draft of 20 that are a very even line of horses,” Fleming summarized. “The majority are by proven sires--Snitzel, Redoute’s Choice, I Am Invincible--we have a very nice I Am Invincible colt and filly.”

He added, “We have a couple by Pierro and All Too Hard, young horses on the track that people are sitting on the fence on now. Their oldest are 2-year-olds and people start to form an opinion in Australia by the time they get to Christmas with their 2-year-olds, and they’re trying line up how they’re going. I think it’s probably a bit too early for both those horses, but they seem to be looking like they’re leaving the right sort of stock.”



Pierro colt (lot 535) | Magic Millions

Fleming said all signs were good in the final lead-up to the sale. “We’ve been here since [last] Tuesday, parading since Thursday, and it’s been constant,” he said. “It’s picking up day by day and the right people are here. There’s a good buzz about it. The sale has had very good increases the last two years. It’s always the first sale, everyone is keen to buy a horse and it sets the tone for the rest of the sale series, what comes out of here, so hopefully it’ll be a successful sale and that’ll set it up for the rest of the year.”

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TDN  Q & A

WITH ANTONY THOMPSON

Widden Stud, one of the most recognisable Thoroughbred nurseries and stallion stations in Australia, celebrates its 150th anniversary of operation in the New South Wales Widden Valley in 2017. Widden Stud has been home to some of the country's most influential sires, including Marscay (Aus), Vain (Aus),



Antony and Katie Thompson | Widden Stud

Bletchingly (Aus), Todman (Aus) and General Nediym (Aus), and more recently the likes of Sebring (Aus), Star Witness (Aus) and the late Northern Meteor (Aus). Widden has also consigned Group 1 winners and champions like All Silent (Aus), Anacheeva (Aus), Whobetgoyou (Aus) and Dissident (Aus) through the sales. One of the more remarkable aspects of the Widden story, however, is that it has been owned and managed by the Thompson family since its inception in 1867. Widden kicks off its 150th year by consigning 42 yearlings at this week's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, including first-crop yearlings by its sires Zoustar and Shamus Award, and *TDN* International Editor Kelsey Riley caught up with stud owner Antony Thompson at the sales.

KR: The Widden team seems to have developed a knack for selecting and launching successful sires. What are the keys to selecting a stallion prospect and starting him off successfully?

AT: There are a lot of things that go into a successful stallion. In the selection process



Zoustar | Widden Stud

it's a very detailed and heavy decision, but when you weigh up everything from the type of horse, the pedigree, the race record, it only gets you so far. Ultimately, it's that gut feel on a stallion.

The Australian market would be the most buoyant and fluid stallion market in

the world and when you do pull the trigger on a stallion deal ultimately in your heart you have to have a great sense of belief, because you are really staking the farm against one horse. Zoustar was that type of horse for me and when we were able to purchase him after losing [his sire] Northern Meteor [to colic in 2013], you had to know it was a sense of fate and maybe a sense of destiny that something like that could come from something bad. But it feels like a sense of deja vu, launching what I perceive to be the two best stallion prospects this season together. It's very similar to a few years ago when we launched Sebring (Aus) and Northern Meteor (Aus) in the same year. I have that same sense of excitement and same sense of belief this year launching these two young stallions together.

KR: The Widden name has become synonymous with the Golden Slipper, and the winners of other top sprints, when it comes to buying stallions. Is that something that's very important to your business plan?

AT: What's important is successful stallions. It's no accident we target those types of horses, because they're the successful stallions. I don't think it's that complicated a plan and I don't think it's that big a secret that Widden's success has been on the basis of great sprinters and that type of stallion, so sticking true to what has served us so well for 150 years is probably not that hard. You have to find a horse you really think can be special to move away from that. There have been horses over the years, Anabaa and Baratheia, those types of shuttle horses that maybe weren't as much in the Widden mold, but we could certainly see they'd bring a lot to the breeders down here and we could see they'd work with a lot of our mares.

KR: What is it about the Widden land that makes it such a good nursery for horses?

AT: It's a remarkable property. I think it's like nowhere else in the world. It's not something I can say I was clever enough to choose or decide on; it's more the valley chose us when we settled there. The success the horses have had there has really driven the farm for 150 years. It's a spectacular 8000 acres surrounded by beautiful mountains. I look at it as a beautiful, pristine horse environment, but it's the little things and it's the things we don't know that make it so special. Ultimately, if you're not having success on the racetrack as a breeder you probably wouldn't still be in the business in the same family in 150 years time, so that's been the secret, that amazing valley. We've been fortunate to have a bit of luck and some great horses come off it. [Cont. p9](#)

Anthony Thompson Q & A cont.

KR: You're debuting the first-crop yearlings by two of your young sires at Magic Millions: Zoustar (40 catalogued), the G1 Golden Rose and G1 Coolmore Stud S. winner and a son of Northern Meteor; and Shamus Award (16 catalogued), a son of Snitzel who is the first horse to win the G1 Australian Guineas after winning the G1 Cox Plate. How have their first yearlings been received thus far?

AT: Both horses have been very well received, Zoustar and Shamus Award. Zoustar is very much in the mold of Northern Meteor as a racehorse and as a sire he's produced a lot of yearlings that look like the Northern Meteors. Northern Meteor was a huge loss [he died of colic when his first crop was two] and I think the buyers out there who have seen and liked and had success with the Northern Meteors have really been thrilled with the Zoustars. He's the sort of horse the Australian breeders want: a terrific sprinter who gets you some really lovely types with great temperament and a really big action. We're thrilled with the reports and the way they look and hopefully they'll sell well and find their way into the right stables.

Zoustar had his first season at Widden with a book of 180. He then went to Victoria to Woodside Park Stud for his second season and covered 160, and then back to Widden last year and he served 185. It's the first time a stallion has moved between the two states as such but I think it gave the breeders in Victoria an ideal chance to access him in his second season and also makes the progeny eligible for VOBIS [Victorian Owners and Breeders Incentive Scheme] as well as BOBS [The Racing NSW Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme], so

"When you do pull the trigger on a stallion deal, ultimately in your heart you have to have a great sense of belief, because you are really staking the farm against one horse."

taking advantage of the breeders bonus schemes in two states has been an interesting idea as well. That's something that's certainly a little different but something I think has worked really well and ensured he got great support. He'll go back to Victoria this season and then back to Widden, and then we'll make a decision about where he'll be based depending on where his most successful progeny are.

Shamus Award was a bit of an underrated 2-year-old, but being Snitzel's best son he's right in the sweet spot for the market at the moment; Snitzel is a very commercial sire and for a son of Snitzel to win the sire-making races the Guineas and the

Cox Plate, on top of nice 2-year-old form, for the trainers and syndicators Shamus Award is a horse they'll come looking for, and they've been very pleased with what they've seen. I think across the board he's got some colts with some great strength and some really quality fillies in this sale, so I'm sure they too will sell well. Shamus Award has served average size books of 150 and been popular with the breeders and seen some very quality mares.

KR: Widden is unique in that it has been owned by the Thompson family for 150 years. What do you think the next 150 years holds?

AT: We're probably not looking that far ahead! I hope it's an exciting, vibrant successful farm. Maybe one day my kids will see that and get excited and passionate about the business. My son and daughter both enjoy riding their horses and being around them, so who knows.

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Widden Stud, in the Widden Valley in New South Wales | Widden Stud

AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2016/2017		
Date	Race	Track
Feb. 11	C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 18	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 25	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
Mar. 4	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	Canterbury S.	Randwick
	Australian Guineas	Flemington
Mar. 11	Coolmore Classic	Rosehill
	Australian Cup	Flemington
	Lexus Newmarket H.	Flemington

Worldwide News cont.

Saturday, Gold Coast, Australia

JEEP MAGIC MILLIONS 2YO CLASSIC-Listed Restricted, A\$2,000,000 (US\$1,474,440, £1,214,155, €1,390,017), 2yo, 1200mT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Ours To Keep (Aus)	Seidnazar (Aus)	Browne	Munce	125
2	Goodfella (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Avdulla	Baker	125
3	Bring It Home Pop (Aus)	Rothesay (Aus)	Tarrant	Hansen	125
4	Chauffeur (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Parr	Ryan	125
5	Falconic (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	Portelli	Jennings	125
6	Saxton Rock (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Dunn	Fradd	125
7	Arrestar (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	Dunn	Lane	125
8	Madeenaty (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Zahra	Hayes/Dbernig	121
9	Champ Elect (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Munce	McEvoy	121
10	Invincible Star (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Clark	Waterhse/Bott	121
11	Houtzen (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Lloyd	Edmonds	121
12	Madam Moustache (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Shinn	Waller	121
13	From Within (Aus)	Not A Single Dbt (Aus)	Bowman	Waller	121
14	Real Princess (Aus)	Real Saga (Aus)	Angland	Birchley	121
15	Colosimo (Aus)	Foxwedge (Aus)	Hmmrsly	O'dea	121
16	Cellargirl (Aus)	More Than Ready	Orman	Schweida	121
Emergencies					
17	Tiara Star (Aus)	Congrats	No rider	Edmonds	121
18	Invader (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	No rider	Snowdens	125
19	Imaginalthepeople (Aus)	Love Conquers All (Aus)	No rider	Currie	125
20	Zukaz (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	No rider	Kendrick	125
21	Gwapo (Aus)	Rothesay (Aus)	No rider	Morrissey	125

Saturday, Gold Coast, Australia

GOLD COAST MAGIC MILLIONS 3YO GUINEAS-Listed Restricted, A\$2,000,000 (US\$1,474,440, £1,214,155, €1,390,017), 3yo, 1400mT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Winning Rupert (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Lloyd	Baker	129
2	Global Glamour (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	Clark	Waterhse/Bott	125
3	Crack Me Up (NZ)	Mossman (Aus)	Browne	Birchley	124
4	Niccolance (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	SCR	SCR	SCR
5	Dam Ready (Aus)	More Than Ready	Zahra	Hayes/Dbernig	123
6	Arbeitsam (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Parr	Waterhse/Bott	123
7	Mr Markou (Aus)	Stryker (Aus)	Shinn	Currie	121
8	Flying Jess (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Angland	Moloney	121
9	Eckstein (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Avdulla	Goldman	120
10	Candika (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Hammersley	O'dea	119
11	Faraway Town (Aus)	Nt A Sngle Dbt (Aus)	McEvoy	Smith	119
12	River Racer (Aus)	Hidden Dragon (Aus)	Fradd	Ross	119
13	Rare Occurrence (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	Wiggins	Kendrick	119
14	Tiyatrolani (Aus)	Captain Snador (Aus)	Byrne	Gollan	119
15	Heart Skipt A Bt (Aus)	Falvelon (Aus)	Colless	Birchley	119
16	Miss Wonderland (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Williams	Maher	119
Emergencies					
17	Pipeline (Aus)	Rdoute's Chce (Aus)	Lane	Ryan	123
18	Billy The Kid (Aus)	Savabeel (Aus)	Dittman	Meagher	123
19	Alter Call (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Dunn	Price	119
20	Volpino (Aus)	Foxwedge (Aus)	No rider	Kelly	123
21	Spending To Win (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	No rider	Snowdens	123



Prior to the Magic Millions barrier draw at Surfer's Paradise on Tuesday, l to r Zara Phillips, Katie Page-Harvey, Francesca Cumani, and on horseback Kathy O'Hara, Sheikh Fahad al Thani and Michelle Payne
Darren Tindale

NZ CHINESE JOCKEY CLUB SET FOR LAUNCH

With the goal of catering to the high level of interest in racehorse ownership by the Chinese community, both in New Zealand and internationally, the New Zealand Chinese Jockey Club is set to launch on the eve of New Zealand Bloodstock's



NZB Managing Director Andrew Seabrook speaking to Chinese investors at last year's Ready-To-Run Sale | NZB photo

National Yearling Sales with a function at Ellerslie Racecourse Sunday 29 January. The group, established by private investors, is headed by Joshua Zong, a prominent Chinese business owner and property developer based in Auckland.

“Chinese see the opportunity for racehorse ownership as an investment opportunity, but more importantly as a way in which they can network with other like-minded people who want to enjoy the thrill and excitement of owning and racing a horse” Zong commented. “Having purchased a horse at the recent Ready to Run Sale, I now look forward to helping make the dream of owning a racehorse a reality for other Chinese based both here in New Zealand and in China” Zong added.

Andrew Seabrook, managing director for New Zealand Bloodstock, is bullish on the initiative and is “confident with the right support from the industry, the [New Zealand Chinese Jockey] Club has the potential to increase the size and scale of the industry. This is a very exciting time as we continue to develop the Chinese market with our partners.”

The NZCJC will host visitors in a marquee tend on the lawn at Karaka during the yearling sales.

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Sweet Pleasures (Aus), f, 3, **Reward For Effort (Aus)**--Candy Can (Aus), by Testa Rossa (Aus). Vaal, 1-10, Maiden Plate, 1000mT, :58.59. O-Messrs J F & L M F Wernars & Mrs T J Wernars; B-P G Moody (Vic); T-J A Janse van Vuuren. *A\$35,000 Ylg '15 INGMEL.

Highway Explorer (Aus), g, 5, **Mossman (Aus)**--More Laurels (Aus), by More Than Ready. Greyville, 1-9, Hcp., 1000m (AWT), :57.93. O-Mrs M D J Liley; B-D P R Esplin, D & M Esplin Pty Ltd & Ms Rush Pty Ltd (NSW); T-A J Rivalland. *A\$110,000 Ylg '13 MMNAT.

KITASAN BLACK NAMED JAPAN'S 2016 HOTY

by Alan Carasso

With a total of 134 of a possible 291 first-place votes, G1 Japan Cup winner **Kitasan Black (Jpn)** (Black Tide {Jpn}) outpointed G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) and Longines Hong Kong Cup hero **Maurice (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}) (90) and G1 Arima Kinen and G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger) victor **Satono Diamond (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) (60) to land Japanese Horse of the Year honors.

Kitasan Black, who will train on in 2017, was a winner of half of his six starts in 2016, including the G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) (3200m) and the G2 Kyoto Daishoten (2400m) before leading every step of the way for a front-running, 2 1/2-length success in the Japan Cup.

He just failed to end the season on a victorious note when caught on the wire by Satono Diamond in the Arima Kinen. Maurice won for the second straight season in Hong Kong and has been retired to Shadai, while ¥230 million (*US\$2.25 million*) JRHA foal purchase Satono Diamond, named champion 3-year-old colt, also stays in training for 2017.



Kitasan Black (left) | Horsephotos

Deep Impact swept the sophomore category when his daughter **Sinhalite (Jpn)**, a daughter of US GISW Singhalese (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) was named champion filly of her generation. The dark bay made five trips to the post for four wins, most notably the G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) (2400m) in May.

First-crop sensation Frankel (GB) was represented by his first champion in the form of **Soul Stirring (Jpn)**, the daughter of six-time G1/GISW and US champion Stacelita (Fr) (Monsoon {Ger}), who completed a perfect three-for-three season with a popular success in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies Dec. 11. Owner Hajime Satomi, who also campaigns Satono Diamond, added a second trophy on the evening when **Satono Ares (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) was named champion 2-year-old colt courtesy of his 13-1 upset of the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. Dec. 18.

Other divisional winners included: **Marialite (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}, older female); **Mikki Isle (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), champion sprinter; and **Sound True (Jpn)** (French Deputy, champion dirt horse).

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