



## TDN Q & A: JOHN PHILLIPS



John Phillips | Darby Dan photo

by Sue Finley

In mid-December, John Phillips was elected president of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) for a two-year term. The TDN's Sue Finley sat down with him at the Keeneland January sales as he started his tenure to talk about his goals for the organization.

**TDN: Why did you take on this role, and what do you hope to accomplish?**

**JP:** I took on the role because I am and have always been, as my father and my grandfather before me, enamored with the sport and I think it's important for this sport to survive. I believe the TAA is one of those pillars which will help it survive. And so when it was offered to me, after a lot of thought, that's what I decided to do. I decided to take on the TAA role. Ideally, I would like to see funding for the TAA--and the cause of the TAA, which is to accredit and support the retraining, retirement, humane management of thoroughbreds post racing career--to substantially increase. I think in order to do that however, we're going to have to expand the approach that we take and, maybe more importantly, the mindset that industry participants have relative to the TAA.

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## DIXIE VICTORY LEADS WAY AT KEENELAND

THURSDAY by Jessica Martini

LEXINGTON, Ky - **Dixie Victory** (Dixie Union) ([hip 1457](#)) was the only horse to bring six figures when selling to Susie Hart for \$100,000 as Book 2 of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale concluded with figures down slightly from 2016 levels Thursday in Lexington.

"It's been tough," Matt Koch, whose Shawhan Place consigned the session topper, admitted of Thursday's session. "But it's January at Keeneland."

Through two Book 2 sessions, Keeneland sold 406 horses for a total of \$5,905,500. The average of \$14,546 was down 3% from 2016 and the median dipped 21.87% to \$6,250. There were three horses over \$100,000 and the book's top price was \$135,000.

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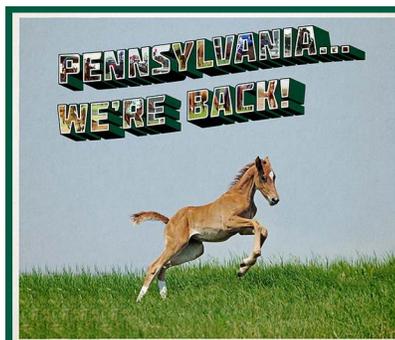
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# TDN Q & A

## John Phillips (cont. from p1)

### TDN: What does that mean?

**JP:** That means that we need to encourage support for the TAA not just as a charitable or philanthropic endeavor, but really as much as a way to protect the industry, a cost of doing business if you will, like insurance. Such will assure that the sport has a cache or good will manifesting in public opinion. Our sport has participants who are totally enamored with the creature, who may have come to this sport because his father or grandfather were, such as myself. Or we have successful businessmen or women, who may have started out handicapping, who have never been around horses, and yet are fascinated with horse racing as a business or intellectual challenge. Horses are the franchise. The sport is the entertainment. Or he/she may enjoy the social aspect, the pageantry of it. But for whatever reason, however we all come to this sport, we must take care of that which makes it a sport. No one wants to go to a racetrack and have no fans, no purses. The reality is we have to protect the sport and in order to do that, we have to control and affect those things which we can control, and one of them is what happens to the thoroughbred after racing.

I look at it perhaps differently than most. I always appreciate people who are totally passionate about the animal. There are those who look at the horse as almost a pet, to be respected as part of the family. And yet I realize there are people who have very little relationship with the horse, and look at them as



John Phillips | OwnerView

simply livestock, a commodity, but nonetheless have an enthusiasm and appreciation for the sport. Whichever way the participant approaches it, the bottom line is that the post-racing treatment is an increasingly significant part of how the public looks at and judges the sport and if we don't respect that, if we bury our head in the sand, we jeopardize the viability of the sport moving forward.

### TDN: Do you think that people in the industry bury their head in the sand because they are afraid that the number is so big that if we start thinking about it, it's going to swamp us economically?

**JP:** The number is large, and larger than we would like to admit, but I don't think simply because the goal of having a significant impact is a challenge, that we are going to ignore it. Furthermore, it is never going to be 100% resolved. We're never going to get close to perfect on this issue, but we can certainly do significantly better. I believe we can make a substantial impact. In short, I think that while the challenge is large, we can substantially address it. If I felt otherwise, I certainly wouldn't have accepted a role in the TAA.

### TDN: But do you think that people shy away from it because they feel it's too big to solve?

**JP:** The answer, more specifically, to your question is there are some that think it's too overwhelming to tackle. But it isn't. Some may think we are suggesting retirement homing for tens upon tens of thousands of horses; we are not. But I think most people are simply not focused on the issue and how to resolve it. They simply have not paid attention, put pen to paper and done the basic actuarial work. Most of it--most of it--is a matter of blissful ignorance. **Cont. p4**

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**John Phillips Q & A cont.**

**TDN: So what is the number?**

**JP:** Actually, there have been some numbers thrown around. I know it's significantly more than where we are. Two, three million dollars annually for the TAA is not sufficient. Even if you could add in independent fundraising we need to do better. The total annual number may be north of \$15 million per year. But those numbers could be calculated on an actuarial basis, but I'm not sure we really need to find the actual, precise number.

We're so far from it, we just know we need substantial improvement. I would love to set some goals. A good goal for us now would be \$10 million annually, and I think that is actually doable provided we get a change in the mindset of our participants. We need total buy in. Every aspect needs to be participating in the protection of the sport. Times have changed. Sensitivities have changed. We have plenty of empirical data to suggest that attention to animal care is much higher than it has ever been and more a part of the decision-making process for the general public. Yes, there are more vegans than there were a century ago, but that's not our issue. What is clear is that the center has shifted as well. And it's recognizing that shift that we simply must address from, if from no other point of view, a business point of view. I never want to discourage or disparage those who have a moral or personal value support towards aftercare or retirement or humane management. These indeed may be our base. But for those who do not think in those terms, and there's no sense of getting into that debate, as those are personal values; they can certainly understand and agree upon valuing the sport. Indeed, all of us, regardless of how we are involved in the sport and regardless of our personal values, and regardless of our level should be able to recognize the importance of protecting the sport and listening to the shifted center of public opinion.

When I talk about supporting the sport with a diversity of participation, I mean to include not only from whence people come geographically but in what income bracket and whatever role they have. I do think it's very important for us to encourage everybody to understand that this is an integrated economy. You cannot just be in Saratoga and say, "It's not my problem," any more than you can be at Mahoning and say, "let the rich guys address it." It is a global economy, and at the very least, this has to be understood, it is totally interconnected and nobody--whether they are a feed company, a farrier, a vet, an owner, breeder, trainer, at Mahoning or Saratoga--is immune. We are all facing the same fundamental issue, and we need to recognize that. Nobody is immune. **Cont. p5**

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TOP 50 SIRES BY A INDEX					TOT			ABC	
SIRE	YEAR	HIS SIRE	1st FLS	ST	RNRS	A'S	A INDEX	ABC	INDEX
UNCLE MO	2008	INDIAN CHARLIE	2013	KY	226	23	5.09	46	2.54
GALILEO	1998	SADLER'S WELLS	2003	IRE	2058	184	4.47	382	2.32
WAR FRONT	2002	DANZIG	2008	KY	836	69	4.13	160	2.39
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1999	EL PRADO	2006	KY	1495	104	3.48	254	2.12
DUBAWI	2002	DUBAI MILLENNIUM	2007	ENG	1236	82	3.32	230	2.33
INTO MISCHIEF	2005	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	2010	KY	368	24	3.26	54	1.83
MONSUN	1990	KONIGSSTUHL	1997	Dead	633	41	3.24	106	2.09
GHOSTZAPPER	2000	AWESOME AGAIN	2007	KY	1013	65	3.21	185	2.28
DANSILI	1996	DANEHILL	2002	ENG	1419	87	3.07	209	1.84
SPEIGHTSTOWN	1998	GONE WEST	2006	KY	1541	92	2.99	277	2.25
TAPIT	2001	PULPIT	2006	KY	1858	111	2.99	313	2.11
AWESOME OF COURSE	2000	AWESOME AGAIN	2005	FL	239	14	2.93	22	1.15
LOOKIN AT LUCKY	2007	SMART STRIKE	2012	KY	269	15	2.79	29	1.35
BERNARDINI	2003	A.P. INDY	2008	KY	1182	63	2.66	160	1.69
MONTJEU	1996	SADLER'S WELLS	2002	Dead	1139	60	2.63	141	1.55
NIIGON	2001	UNBRIDLED	2008	Dead	324	17	2.62	69	2.66
KITTEN'S JOY	2001	EL PRADO	2007	KY	1629	84	2.58	213	1.63
SIYOUNI	2007	PIVOTAL	2012	FR	254	13	2.56	33	1.62
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	Dead	1643	83	2.53	241	1.83
PIONEER OF THE NILE	2006	EMPIRE MAKER	2011	KY	376	19	2.53	54	1.80
MIDSHIPMAN	2006	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2012	KY	221	11	2.49	32	1.81
SEA THE STARS	2006	CAPE CROSS	2011	IRE	424	21	2.48	66	1.95
CURLIN	2004	SMART STRIKE	2010	KY	694	34	2.45	125	2.25
SHAMARDAL	2002	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2006	IRE	1337	65	2.43	207	1.94
DARK ANGEL	2005	ACCLAMATION	2009	IRE	882	42	2.38	122	1.73
TEOFILO	2004	GALILEO	2009	IRE	947	45	2.38	126	1.66
UNUSUAL HEAT	1990	NUREYEV	1999	CA	845	40	2.37	141	2.09
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002	KY	2120	100	2.36	304	1.79
ENGLISH CHANNEL	2002	SMART STRIKE	2009	KY	724	34	2.35	89	1.54
PHILANTHROPIST	2001	KRIS S.	2008	S.Africa	517	24	2.32	75	1.81
SCAT DADDY	2004	JOHANNESBURG	2009	Dead	1003	45	2.24	131	1.63
ATTILA'S STORM	2002	FOREST WILDCAT	2009	NM	248	11	2.22	28	1.41
AZAMOUR	2001	NIGHT SHIFT	2007	Dead	688	30	2.18	85	1.54
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000	KY	1498	65	2.17	240	2.00
CANDY RIDE	1999	RIDE THE RAILS	2006	KY	1498	65	2.17	220	1.84
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	1996	VALID APPEAL	2002	KY	951	41	2.16	140	1.84
MUNNINGS	2006	SPEIGHTSTOWN	2012	KY	278	12	2.16	40	1.80
OASIS DREAM	2000	GREEN DESERT	2005	ENG	1616	69	2.13	229	1.77
AWESOME AGAIN	1994	DEPUTY MINISTER	2000	KY	1104	47	2.13	139	1.57
FASTNET ROCK	2001	DANEHILL	NH-2011	IRE	450	19	2.11	49	1.36
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	UNBRIDLED	1998	Dead	1287	54	2.10	163	1.58
SOLDIER HOLLOW	2000	IN THE WINGS	2009	GER	324	13	2.01	50	1.93
TEMPLE CITY	2005	DYNAFORMER	2012	KY	250	10	2.00	25	1.25
VRONSKY	1999	DANZIG	2006	CA	278	11	1.98	43	1.93
LEMON DROP KID	1996	KINGMAMBO	2002	KY	1442	57	1.98	185	1.60
DANEHILL DANCER	1993	DANEHILL	1999	Retired	1394	55	1.97	188	1.69
SILENT NAME	2002	SUNDAY SILENCE	2009	ON	382	15	1.96	58	1.90
SMARTY JONES	2001	ELUSIVE QUALITY	2006	KY	789	31	1.96	114	1.81
STREET SENSE	2004	STREET CRY	2009	KY	945	37	1.96	132	1.75
PIVOTAL	1993	POLAR FALCON	1998	ENG	1405	55	1.96	193	1.72
FIRST SAMURAI	2003	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2008	KY	739	29	1.96	88	1.49

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**Phillips Q & A cont.**

**TDN: How do you accomplish that? Is it an advertising campaign? Is it man-to-man combat?**

**JP:** Well, it certainly is not man-to-man combat. I think marketing and education is going to be important. How we posture ourselves as a sport and as the TAA, how we brand ourselves will be important. And I think we need to take a marketing tack that really educates. As they say in the NFL, protect the shield. For me, this is protect the sport. The study that The Jockey Club did revealed the sensitivity on this issue. It's empirical. It cannot be ignored. So those that make an investment, whether it's their career or it's just their sport, those who have farms, those who have horses, those who make their livelihood in this industry, need to start considering the sport when they consider the retraining, retiring and humane management of horses. They just can't ignore it. Fortunately the TAA represents a means to project the best of our sport in this regard.



*Horsephotos*

**TDN: Or else...?**

**JP:** Or else we can see a demise the in the sport very quickly. There is no doubt that horse racing has dropped relative to other sports in this country. Our relevancy can be measured in column inches, which are few and far between these days, relegated to the fourth page of the sports section. We have gotten to a point where we have to televise our own racing. I'm not a doomsayer, but I am realistic about the kinds of sports entertainment competition that we face today and we cannot afford, as a sport, to be casual or unconcerned about what the general public is sensitive to.



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**TDN: Do you extend that argument to say that when people turn on their television, they are less comfortable than they used to be watching animals be used in a manner that may not be kind to them? And as a result, we need to put forth a positive story and a positive message in a manner that is so true as to be unquestionable?**

**JP:** Part of that I agree with, and some of it I don't. I think the average guy or gal, whatever that is, respects and understands the relationship of people to animals. You don't have to be an extremist on one side or the other. So that having a sport that participates intimately with an animal I don't think is inherently objectionable. In fact, it can be inherently romantic or exciting, and it should be portrayed as such. However, that perception can be obliterated quickly by facts to the contrary. The reality could be that because people have less contact with horses and their beauty and their pageantry and their power, it can be an exciting gateway, an exciting rebirth of the relationship between man and animal if managed properly and presented properly. But if facts present themselves to the contrary, that it's abusive, frankly, racing could go the way of elephants in the Ringling Brothers Circus or Shamu at Sea World. That is to say, to disappear.

Part of the reason I have this sensibility is that my family was in baseball for 35 years, and the importance that they place on image and integrity, whether it's the NFL or Major League Baseball, is imbued in every aspect of their culture, and it isn't that way in horse racing.

**TDN: Is there anything I haven't asked you that you'd like to say?**

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# SPEIGHTSTOWN

## ACTIVE SIX-FIGURE FEE STALLIONS

— RANKED BY 2016 YEARLING SALES STATS —

	2017 Fee	Median	Average
TAPIT	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$629,069
WAR FRONT	\$250,000	\$562,500	\$613,276
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$331,749
★ SPEIGHTSTOWN	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>	<b>\$304,537</b>
CURLIN	\$150,000	\$197,500	\$238,062
★ PIONEEROF THE NILE	BOOK FULL	\$160,000	\$230,346
UNCLE MO	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$218,095
BERNARDINI	\$100,000	\$210,000	\$212,749
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**JP:** In my life, I have always played sports, and coaches always told me, "Concern yourself with those things you can control." A whole lot of this game, you can't control. There are a whole lot of issues that are totally out of one's control. You get a bad call, you get a bad break, and you can't worry about it. You do the best you can do. Focus on what you can change. But post-racing management of horses is totally within the industry's control. And I admit, that's what's so frustrating. We could change it overnight.

I've been in the trenches too long, and I know how people have traditionally tried to approach it, and that's why I'm looking for a broader way. I really don't want to engage in the passion-versus-livestock question. I want to focus on protecting the sport. If you look at the TAA, you can agree there are a couple of issues. One of them is that expanding the TAA's budget cannot be done by appealing only to the impassioned horse lovers. As one such person, we are easy targets. But that is proving to be predatory on the funding mechanism of the local retirement or retraining facilities. We have to figure out a way to work in conjunction with them, and not in competition with them. That's a huge issue that we have to face. And there are other similar practical issues which we will have to deal with as we go along.

But again, in my tenure, I want to emphasize that those who participate in this sport at any level at any location in any role must realize the public demands a good faith effort to address post-race retraining, retirement or humane management as necessary for those horses left out of the current reintegration system or markets. We heed this concern, the sport grows; we ignore it, we become a relic.

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**Keeneland January cont.**

During last year's two-session Book 2, 468 head grossed \$7,021,300 for an average of \$15,003 and a median of \$8,000. The top Book 2 price was \$240,000, one of four to bring six figures.

Thursday's buy-back rate was 24.28%--up from 15.36 at the corresponding session a year ago.

The trend of market polarization continued as buyers repeatedly landed on the same perceived quality lots which made for a feast-or-famine results sheet.

"Most mares that I think are in the \$30-40,000 range are selling for double or triple that," commented bloodstock agent Mersad Metanovic. "Everyone is on the same mares. I think most people are dropping their expectations of what they would not buy--they are buying less and paying more. I think maybe the quality and the depth of the book has kept the number of buyers down."

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Michael Heron of Gainesway, which was active on both sides of the ledger, admitted there was plenty of competition for the top offerings.

"We are seeing polarization in the marketplace," Heron said. "What are perceived to be good young mares are bringing possibly a premium. Good weanlings were particularly hard to buy, some of their prices had to exceed expectations. Conversely, the more average product was very difficult to sell and buyers for those horses were scarce."

The Keeneland January sale concludes Friday with a session beginning at 10 a.m.

## Victory Well Worth the Claim

Bloodstock agent Mike Slezak's Bull O' the Woods Stables claimed two-time winner **Dixie Victory** (Dixie Union) for \$10,000 at Laurel last Sept. 25 with the intention of sending her through the Keeneland January sales ring and the plan worked to perfection Thursday when the 6-year-old broodmare prospect sold to veterinarian Dr. E.C. 'Pug' Hart and his wife Susie for a session-topping \$100,000.

Based in Virginia, the Harts were shopping at Keeneland to find a replacement for their standout mare Miz United States (Valid Appeal), who died last year, for their commercial broodmare band. **Cont. p7**

**Keeneland January cont.**

“We paid too much money for her,” Susie Hart laughed after signing the ticket on Dixie Victory. “They claimed her for \$10,000 at Laurel! But she is a beautiful mare. We lost our best mare last year and [Dixie Victory] checked all my boxes to replace her. She had the right physical, had the right look with a live pedigree--half to a current graded horse. She is hopefully going to fill some big shoes that I lost last year.”

Dixie Victory is a daughter of Grade I winner Friendly Michelle (Artax) and is a half-sister to stakes winner Bonita Bianca (Curlin). She was consigned by Shawhan Place.

“We were hoping to get her for \$50,000, but all the smart guys are here,” Hart admitted. “Any time a good one comes in here, you can’t hide them.”

Dixie Victory’s final price tag exceeded expectations, according to Shawhan Place’s Matt Koch.

“She was a beautiful mare,” Koch said. “We didn’t expect her to bring anywhere near that much, but we knew she was going to sell well. She was very popular at the barn. She is a pretty mare and very straightforward.”

Of Slezak’s timely claim, Koch added, “He’s a pretty savvy guy and he’s having a lot of fun with it. We’re selling a few maiden mares for him here and in [Fasig-Tipton] February.”

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Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
<a href="#">1457</a>	<b>Dixie Victory</b> <i>(6, Dixie Union--Friendly Michelle, by Artax)</i> Consigned by Shawhan Place LLC, Agent VII Purchased by Willow Wood	<b>Broodmare prospect</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<a href="#">1518</a>	<b>Holy Flame</b> <i>(4, Pulpit--Flaming Rose, by Grand Slam)</i> Consigned by Betz Thoroughbreds, Inc., agent Purchased by R Glenn Sikura, agent	<b>Broodmare prospect</b>	<b>77,000</b>
<a href="#">1514</a>	<b>Here to Stay</b> <i>(7, Empire Maker--Safely Kept, by Horatius)</i> Consigned by Tarleton Farm, agent Purchased by Renee Dailey	<b>i/f <a href="#">Fed Biz</a></b>	<b>60,000</b>
<a href="#">1300</a>	<b>Smokey Glacken</b> <i>(16, Forestry--Majesty's Crown, by Magesterial)</i> Consigned by Burleson Farms, agent Purchased by Aaron Sones	<b>i/f <a href="#">Lookin at Lucky</a></b>	<b>52,000</b>
<a href="#">1498</a>	<b>Glad Your Back</b> <i>(4, Speightstown--Welcome Home, by Dixieland Band)</i> Consigned by Tarleton Farm, agent Purchased by Anchor Down Mares	<b>racing/b' mare prospect</b>	<b>50,000</b>

**THURSDAY’S TOP YEARLINGS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<a href="#">1515</a>	filly	<a href="#">Goldencents</a>	<b>High School Skinny</b> <i>B-Susan M. Forrester &amp; 4M Ranch (Ky)</i> Consigned by Susan M. Forrester, Agent III Purchased by Robertson Q.H., Inc.	<b>67,000</b>
<a href="#">1178</a>	colt	<b>Will Take Charge</b>	<b>K D's Girl</b> <i>B-Willis Horton Racing (Ky)</i> Consigned by Four Star Sales, agent Purchased by Dennis Farkas	<b>52,000</b>
<a href="#">1480</a>	filly	<b>Shakin It Up</b>	<b>Fay Na Na</b> <i>B-Darrell Curry (Ky)</i> Consigned by Four Star Sales, agent Purchased by East Hickman Bloodstock	<b>52,000</b>
<a href="#">1479</a>	colt	<a href="#">Union Rags</a>	<b>Favoritism</b> <i>B-George Bolton &amp; David DiPietro (Ky)</i> Consigned by Lane’s End, agent Purchased by Bloodstock Investments IV	<b>50,000</b>



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• No. Sold	209	248
• RNAs	67	45
• % RNAs	24.28%	15.36%
• No. \$100K+	1	2
• High Price	\$100,000	\$102,000
• Gross	\$2,489,600	\$3,204,000
• Average (% change)	\$11,912 (-7.79%)	\$12,919
• Median (% change)	\$5,000 (-31.03%)	\$7,250
CUMULATIVE	2017	2016
• Catalogued	1549	1448
• No. Offered	1151	1112
• No. Sold	790	843
• RNAs	361	269
• % RNAs	31.36%	24.19%
• Gross	\$27,479,100	\$33,672,900
• Average (% change)	\$34,784 (-12.92%)	\$39,944
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LANE'S END

## Gainesway Bids to Support Anchor Down

Gainesway Farm was noticeable among stallion owners bidding on mares at the Keeneland January sale to support their first-season sires and through four days of the five-day auction, the Kentucky nursery has signed for five mares targeted to visit two-time graded stakes winner Anchor Down (Tapit) when he begins his stud career next month.

During Thursday's session of the sale, farm general manager Neil Howard signed the ticket at \$50,000 for the racing/broodmare prospect Glad Your Back (Speightstown) ([hip 1498](#)) and acquired Tizn'tshebeautiful (Uncle Mo) ([hip 1335](#)) for \$45,000.

"We were looking for mares who combined good pedigrees with good gene pools which would be compatible with him and mares that physically fit him well," explained Gainesway's Michael Hernon. "He's got size and scope, he's 16.1 hands. We looked for mares who were strong and well-made who would complement him physically with the idea of producing commercial first-crop foals."

The five mares bought under the name Anchor Down Mares ranged in price from \$17,000 up to \$50,000.

"We were looking to add mares to his book, but not be overexposed on the price side of things," Hernon said. "This sale has been somewhat soft, so I think we were buying mares who, in previous years, would have cost more money."

Gainesway bred Anchor Down, who is out of Successful Outlook (Orientate) and is a half-brother to GI Test S. winner Sweet Lulu (Mr. Greeley). The farm sold the gray to Alto Racing for \$250,000 at the 2012 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. He went on to win last year's GII Kelso H. and GIII Westchester S. and was second behind Frosted (Tapit) in the GI Metropolitan H. The 6-year-old stallion will begin his stud career at \$10,000.

"He's drawn good attention," Hernon said. "He got there early in December and people like him. Anchor Down has a lot of Tapit about him. He has good size and good scope, he gets the height from his mother. He was a really good miler and he showed lots of speed. He beat good horses and he ran fast. We think he has plenty of potential in the stallion department."

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A total of 580 horses have been catalogued for the two-day Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale to be held Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 6 and 7, at the company's Newtown Paddocks in Lexington, Kentucky.

Hips 1-326 will be offered during Monday's opening session with hips 327-580 and the supplemental catalogue to follow Tuesday. Fasig-Tipton will continue to accept entries, on an approval basis, over the next two weeks.

"Being the last mixed sale of the season, the Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale offers buyers tremendous opportunities before the start of breeding season," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "Stakes-credentialed racing and broodmare prospects, a quality contingent of in-foal mares, and 175 'short' yearlings make this a can't miss catalogue."



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## Top 25 Covering Sires of 2016

by cumulative average price, for sires standing in North America and Europe, through sales of January 11, 2017

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2015 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	War Front	F08	KY	\$200,000	8	5	\$1,930,000	\$2,350,000
2	Tapit	F06	KY	\$300,000	13	10	\$1,632,500	\$1,237,500
3	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	F04	IRE	€120,000	5	4	\$897,904	\$410,426
4	Curlin	F10	KY	\$100,000	11	8	\$834,375	\$450,000
5	Dubawi (Ire)	F07	ENG	€225,000	1	1	\$720,546	\$720,546
6	Dansili (GB)	F02	ENG	£85,000	3	3	\$710,254	\$435,707
7	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$150,000	13	13	\$697,307	\$650,000
8	Pioneerof the Nile	F11	KY	\$125,000	20	18	\$563,888	\$410,000
9	Kingman (GB)	F16	ENG	£55,000	6	4	\$560,548	\$228,428
10	Bernardini	F08	KY	\$100,000	11	9	\$457,222	\$450,000
11	American Pharoah	F17	KY	\$200,000	19	12	\$446,250	\$427,500
12	Speightstown	F06	KY	\$100,000	11	7	\$417,857	\$425,000
13	Frankel (GB)	F14	ENG	£125,000	1	1	\$417,244	\$417,244
14	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$75,000	33	17	\$414,411	\$260,000
15	Muhaarar (GB)	F17	ENG	£30,000	6	6	\$396,432	\$412,146
16	Constitution	F17	KY	\$25,000	16	10	\$368,900	\$81,000
17	Malibu Moon	F01	KY	\$95,000	11	8	\$348,750	\$337,500
18	Candy Ride (Arg)	F06	KY	\$60,000	18	14	\$320,000	\$190,000
19	Gleneagles (Ire)	F17	IRE	€60,000	7	6	\$318,677	\$241,219
20	Australia (GB)	F16	IRE	€50,000	3	3	\$316,647	\$170,032
21	Golden Horn (GB)	F17	ENG	£60,000	8	7	\$310,295	\$314,420
22	Shamardal	F07	IRE	Private	2	2	\$278,323	\$278,323
23	Zoffany (Ire)	F13	IRE	€45,000	23	17	\$253,149	\$208,622
24	More Than Ready	F02	KY	\$50,000	14	8	\$251,250	\$220,000
25	Sea the Stars (Ire)	F11	IRE	€125,000	9	6	\$248,762	\$254,258

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## 2016 Leading Sires by Grade I Stakes Wins

for stallions standing in North America through Saturday, Dec. 31

*Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide figures for 2016*

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Tapit</b> <i>(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY (\$300,000)</i>	21	53	15	36	5	10	305	149	\$1,910,000 <i>Frosted</i>	\$19,915,007
1	<b>Curlin</b> <i>(2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 5 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farm KY (\$150,000)</i>	15	28	7	18	5	7	195	118	\$2,598,000 <i>Exaggerator</i>	\$12,846,464
1	<b>Scat Daddy</b> <i>(2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Crops: 6 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	17	33	8	13	5	6	283	147	\$667,608 <i>Dacita (CHI)</i>	\$9,873,316
4	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Darley KY (\$150,000)</i>	15	32	6	18	3	6	225	101	\$2,210,000 <i>Songbird</i>	\$11,400,851
4	<b>Kitten's Joy</b> <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 8 Stands: Ramsey Farm KY (\$100,000)</i>	17	32	10	19	3	3	336	150	\$868,865 <i>Camelot Kitten</i>	\$10,969,346
4	<b>Unbridled's Song</b> <i>(1993) by Unbridled FYR: 1998 Crops: 17 Stands: Taylor Made Stallions USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	7	15	4	4	3	3	183	85	\$4,084,600 <i>Arrogate</i>	\$10,772,125
4	<b>Quality Road</b> <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
8	<b>Uncle Mo</b> <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2013 Crops: 2 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (\$75,000)</i>	18	31	10	19	2	5	158	91	\$3,575,600 <i>Nyquist</i>	\$12,547,879
8	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (\$60,000)</i>	15	22	8	11	2	5	286	161	\$1,970,880 <i>Gun Runner</i>	\$11,235,696
8	<b>City Zip</b> <i>(1998) by Carson City FYR: 2003 Crops: 12 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (\$40,000)</i>	13	28	6	9	2	4	275	157	\$1,154,033 <i>Catch a Glimpse</i>	\$10,076,838
8	<b>Malibu Moon</b> <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 14 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$75,000)</i>	11	22	5	9	2	2	317	142	\$905,160 <i>Stanford</i>	\$9,617,988
8	<b>Flatter</b> <i>(1999) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2005 Crops: 10 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (\$30,000)</i>	10	24	5	11	2	6	246	124	\$482,500 <i>Upstart</i>	\$8,156,462
8	<b>Ghostzapper</b> <i>(2000) by Awesome Again FYR: 2007 Crops: 8 Stands: Adena Springs KY (\$60,000)</i>	10	21	7	9	2	4	222	127	\$680,000 <i>Paulassilverlining</i>	\$8,145,499
8	<b>War Front</b> <i>(2002) by Danzig FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (\$200,000)</i>	22	40	11	26	2	9	185	97	\$525,166 <i>Avenge</i>	\$8,040,925
8	<b>Pioneerof the Nile</b> <i>(2006) by Empire Maker FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (\$125,000)</i>	8	14	5	6	2	3	150	75	\$1,485,920 <i>Classic Empire</i>	\$6,609,364

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**KENTUCKY URGING VIGILANCE TO COMBAT SPREAD OF EHV** *By T.D. Thornton*

With two Oldham County facilities where Thoroughbreds are stabled now under quarantine for two different strains of the equine herpesvirus (EHV), Robert C. Stout, the state veterinarian and executive director for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDOA), is urging horse caretakers to be hyper-vigilant for any signs of neurological or respiratory distress to keep the contagious disease from spreading further as the state embarks upon its crucial breeding and sales seasons.

When asked if the increased horse movement associated with the current Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale and the Feb. 6-7 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale poses any particular challenges to keeping EHV in check, Stout said, "It could. Fortunately, we haven't had to deal with it. But in a sale environment, it could be very difficult. That's one reason why we are so, I guess you'd say, 'extra cautious' of [monitoring] those kinds of facilities, and especially if there are any ties [to disease outbreaks], which there really haven't been.

"When receiving horses, vaccination is required to enter a training or racing facility in Kentucky," Stout continued. "We try to be very timely in our response to any possible disease outbreak. The earlier [the KDOA] can get involved, the less [we] have to have involvement in. Another thing that helps us a lot is

that the people involved in the horse industry in Kentucky take it very, very seriously, and for the most part are team players. They understand that what's good for one is good for all, and if that means a little sacrifice somebody's part for the good of everybody, they're usually willing to take it, and I think that's an extremely important thing when dealing with an outbreak."

Stout confirmed that Kentucky's first reported EHV case of 2017 occurred at an Oldham County facility that "mostly" houses



Thoroughbreds. The Equine Disease Communication Center (EDCC) reported that Jan. 4 case as a 2-year old filly that showed

evidence of urine dripping, which is a sign of a potential neurologic disease.

"That index horse was a Thoroughbred, but there are some other breeds on that farm also," Stout said. "The first one was the mutant strain, some people call it the neurologic strain, and that horse had, if any, very mild neurologic signs. It is my understanding from the attending veterinarian that that horse is recovering. A couple other horses were positive on subsequent testing. They have been isolated off the premises, and as far as I know are progressing very well. Of course the facility, in that case, remains quarantined."

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Stout continued: “The other one is a somewhat larger facility, all Thoroughbreds, a training facility. That is the ‘wild strain.’ That horse showed no neurologic signs, pretty much had some mild respiratory signs and a fever; was isolated and has since moved back to the owner’s residence in another state, so is off the premises. I think there are 30 horses in the infected barn, which is quarantined. Those horses were all tested [Jan. 11] and those results will be [available] probably [Thursday] evening. The other five barns at that facility are under enhanced biosecurity and temperature logs, with at this point in time no problems reported.”

Other than confirming the cases by the county name, Stout declined a *TDN* request to identify the specific names or locations of the two quarantined facilities.

“We usually don’t do that,” Stout said. “People in the know will probably know where they are, but we don’t publicize the horses’ names, or owners or trainers or the facilities.”

The most widespread of the reported cases of EHV in the United States in the past six weeks have centered on multiple outbreaks and quarantines at Fair Grounds Race Course in New Orleans.

The most recent update from the EDCC pertaining to the Fair Grounds, dated Jan. 9, reads in part: “To date seven horses have tested positive for EHV-1 at the Fair Grounds racetrack, two positive for the neuropathogenic strain and five positive for the non-neuropathogenic (wild type). The index case diagnosed with neuropathogenic EHV-1 was euthanized and the other six cases are in isolation. Four barns are currently under quarantine,” in addition to the no-horses-in-or-out general quarantine for the entire racetrack.

Reacting to the Fair Grounds quarantine, other jurisdictions have swiftly moved to protect their horse populations against exposure to EHV.

On Jan. 4, the EDCC reported that “the Kentucky Office of State Veterinarian is directing that no horse that has resided or been on a Louisiana race track or training center since Dec. 10, 2016, shall be allowed entry onto a Kentucky racetrack at this time. Any horse that has been in these environments must come with certification that they have been removed a minimum of 30 days to qualify for entry onto a Kentucky racetrack in addition to their meeting standard health requirements.”

On Jan. 2, Oaklawn Park announced that “no horses that have been in Louisiana in the last 30 days will be permitted on the grounds” until further notice.

Delta Downs, which is 230 miles west of New Orleans, posted the following notice on its overnight for the Jan. 20 races: “Following recent reports of additional cases of EHV-1 in Louisiana, Delta Downs has decided to extend our current quarantine on all horses until Monday, Jan. 16. We still have not had any reports of EHV-1 at Delta Downs, but are extending the

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quarantine out of an abundance of caution, in order to avoid the further spread of EHV-1 at our state’s racetracks.”

In 2016, outbreaks of EHV touched off quarantines at Thoroughbred tracks and training facilities in Florida, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Nebraska. Anecdotally, at least, it seems as if the prevalence of EHV has been increasing. Stout was asked if incidences of EHV are truly on the rise or if veterinarians and agricultural regulators are just getting better at detecting and reporting them.

“Probably yes to both of those,” Stout replied. “I practiced for some 30 years, most of those in the equine industry, and I don’t remember there being the outbreaks that we’ve had in recent years.

“We understand the disease better,” Stout continued. “We have much better diagnostic tools now, especially with PCR [polymerase chain reaction panels], where we can get much quicker, much more defined diagnosis. I think there’s also an increased awareness. It’s a combination of things, but I would agree that it certainly appears that we’ve had more of [EHV-1] in the last decade, decade and a half than we previously did. Experts will tell you this virus has probably been around since the beginning of time.” --@thorntontd

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## FLORIDA

### Thursday’s Results:

**8th-GP, \$40,000, Alw, 1-12, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.13, ft.**

**JULERETTE (f, 4, [Successful Appeal](#)--Gatorette, by Distorted Humor)** was a good second behind ‘TDN Rising Star’ Kareena (Medaglia d’Oro) second out Apr. 16 at Keeneland and graduated as the heavy chalk May 14 at Churchill. Sixth in the Stormy Blues S. over the Pimlico turf June 4, the homebred was second or third in her next four starts and was transferred from the Ben Colebrook barn following a trifecta-filling run Nov. 20 in Louisville. Made a narrow 16-5 favorite in this return, the dark bay broke smoothly from the inside stall, but got shuffled back to seventh by a :23.08 quarter. Racing in tight for much of the bend, Julerette found clear sailing in the four-path at the top of the lane and closed strongly to edge out Annathela (Elusive Quality) by a half-length. The victress’s dam produced a filly by Twirling Candy last spring before being paired with Mr Speaker. Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-3, \$97,620. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Katherine G. Ball; B-Mike & Katherine Ball (KY); T-David Fawkes.

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3	Uncle Mo	8 \$150,000
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**9th-GP, \$40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-12, 4yo/up, 5ft, :54.80, fm.**

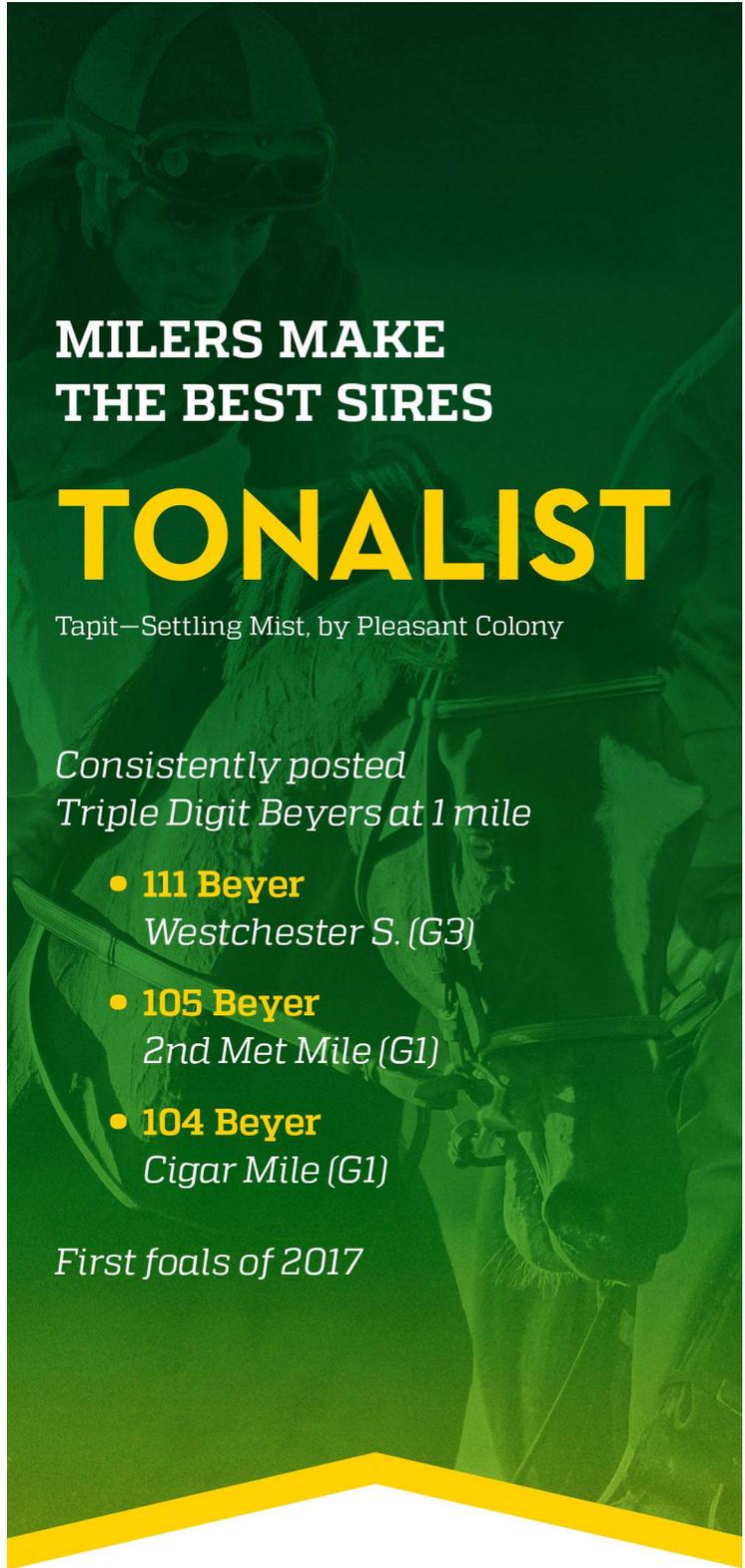
**CANADIAN FLYER (h, 5, Canadian Frontier--Executricker, by El Prado {Ire})** took his turf debut wire-to-wire going a mile here second out in March of 2015, but failed to find the winner's circle in five subsequent starts, most recently running sixth sprinting on the Saratoga grass last July. Off as the narrow 29-10 favorite in this return, the bay blasted out to the lead and showed the way through a :21.78 quarter. Shaking loose soon after straightening for home, he drew clear from there to triumph by 4 1/4 lengths in a sharp performance. Forgive (Sidney's Candy) completed the exacta. Canadian Flyer is a full to Hilda's Passion, GISW, \$739,493. His dam was covered by Summer Front in 2016. Sales History: \$42,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$140,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$73,960. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Michael P. & Lyn Shanley & Leonard Leveen; B-Theodore Kuster (KY); T-William I. Mott.

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**2nd-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 1-12, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.88, ft.**  
**CURLIN'S IMAGE (f, 4, Curlin--Image of Mom, by Halo's Image)** finished a distant fourth as the chalk in her local July 28 debut and was third Oct. 9 at Gulfstream West before filling the superfecta again Nov. 2 in Miami and Dec. 16 back here. Made the 27-10 second choice in this spot, the chestnut showed the way through a :23.01 quarter and :46.27 half. Shaking off the challenge of odds-on Majestic Maiara (Majestic Warrior) into the stretch, Curlin's Image steadily drew away despite racing on her left lead to score by 3 1/2 lengths. Last Kiss (Lemon Drop Kid) tagged the favorite late for second. An objection was lodged by fourth-place finisher Slipper Orchid (Discreetly Mine) after that one had to steady sharply inside of the winner on the turn, but no change was made. Image of Mom has a sophomore colt by Flower Alley named Baby I'm Perfect, a 2-year-old Tapizar colt named Prince Tapizar and a yearling full-sister to the victress. She was bred to Fort Larned last term. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$31,160. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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## Thursday's Results:

**1st-AQU, \$58,800, Msw, 1-12, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.80, my. MY FAIR LILY (f, 4, Smoke Glacken--Lilies So Fair, by Giant's Causeway)** was runner-up sprinting over the Saratoga grass on debut Aug. 12 and finished fourth with traffic trouble as the favorite there Sept. 4. Finishing a neck second in a muddy off-the-turfer Sept. 30 at Belmont, the \$220,000 OBS April buy was last seen running fifth on the Belmont lawn Oct. 26. Bet down to 3-5 here, the dark bay was hustled away to sit a close second from Shimmering Moon (Malibu Moon) through a :22.69 quarter. Floated wide by that foe passing a :45.89 half, My Fair Lily surged to the lead just inside the eighth pole and edged clear to a 1 3/4-length success. The winner's dam is a half to GISW Materiality (Afleet Alex) and GSW/MGISP My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song). She is responsible for a juvenile colt by Curlin who sold for \$200,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, and foaled a colt by Graydar last term before visiting Super Saver. Sales History: \$32,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$100,000 Ylg '14 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$74,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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## Thursday's Results:

**4th-FG, \$38,000, Msw, 1-12, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.39, fm. MIRACLE MOUNTAIN (c, 3, Kitten's Joy--Beyondallboundaries {SW & GSP, \$135,310}, by Saint Liam)** did little running when seventh over yielding turf on debut Aug. 28 at Arlington and could only manage one better Nov. 4 sprinting on the Hawthorne dirt, but turned up here with some upbeat works, including a half-mile on the local main in :48 2/5 (7/55) Jan. 7. Let go at a dime under 13-1, the dark bay was off about a length slowly and traveled in fourth, well off a speed duel through a :23.76 quarter. The pace normalized down the backstretch to a :50.15 half-mile split, bringing Miracle Mountain within five of the front. Winding up four-deep on the far turn, he finished full of run in the final furlong to overtake favored Red Bo (English Channel) and score going away by 1 3/4 lengths. The winner's

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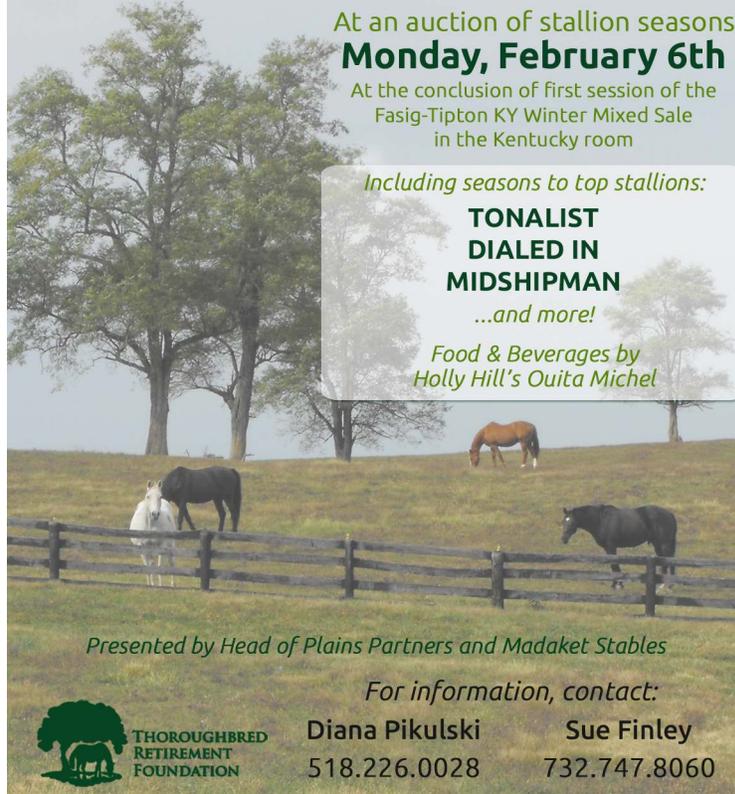
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dam, a SW/GSP half to GSW Millionreasonswhy (Grand Slam), has a juvenile colt by Uncle Mo named Making a Marc and foaled a Verrazano colt named Miracle Star last season before being bred to Curlin. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$23,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#).

O-Louie Roussel, III & Ronald Lamarque; B/T-Louie J. Roussel, III (KY).



**6th-FG, \$38,000, Msw, 1-12, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.88, fm. ZINGER (c, 3, The Factor--Chit Chatter {MSP, \$120,945}, by Lost Soldier)** ran eighth at first asking over this distance Oct. 13 at Keeneland and finished second by a head twice after that on the local lawn Nov. 24 and Dec. 17. Sent off as the 21-10 second choice here, the homebred settled in third at the rail past splits of :23.77 and :48.44. Slipping into the two-path midway around the far bend, the gray moved to challenge favored pacesetter Elenzee (Into Mischief) at the top of the lane and gradually chipped away at that one's lead to get up by a nose in the final jump. The winner is a half to these connections' I'm a Chatterbox (Munnings), MGISW, \$2,269,614. Their dam is responsible for a 2-year-old filly by Flat Out and was bred to American Pharoah last term. Sales History: \$285,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$38,300. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#).  
 O/B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.

# INDUSTRY INFO

## New Vocations Announces Pony Club Challenge:

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“By bringing together two organizations that are leaders in their fields, we will be able to provide an educational, incentive-based competition for Pony Club members that will ultimately increase the number of retired racehorses being moved into second careers,” said

Anna Ford, Thoroughbred Program Director for New Vocations. “We feel very strongly that this program will help educate the public on how much these horses have to offer once they leave the track while providing a wonderful opportunity for Pony Club members to experience equine ownership,”

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## Arrogate's Classic Brisnet's Top Performance of 2016:

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Arrogate and Mike Smith following the Classic | Horsephotos

**Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song)'s victory in the 2016 GI Breeders' Cup Classic has been deemed the top performance of the year. Owned by Prince Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms and trained by Bob Baffert, the **'TDN Rising Star'**

earned a speed rating of 115 and a class rating of 126.7 from Brisnet in defeating California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in front of a packed house at Santa Anita. "In a year filled with superlative performances, Arrogate's Breeders' Cup Classic stands tall as an effort that looks to have been good enough to defeat any other horse this year on his or her best day, with the possible exception of Arrogate's own Travers win," Brisnet.com Director of Marketing Ed DeRosa said. Arrogate, who is expected to square off with California Chrome one final time in the GI Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park Jan. 28, is a finalist for Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old male.

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SANTA ANITA (all races)

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

7-OP, Msw 1m, My Boy Lane, \$8K OBS OPN 2yo, 30-1

**BOLD WARRIOR** (Bernardini), Roseglade Farm, \$2.5K, 38/4/0

6-SA, Msw 5 1/2f, First Class Boy, \$15K OBS MAR 2yo, 50-1

**FRIEND OR FOE** (Friends Lake), Smallwood Farm, 7/2/0

6-AQU, Aoc 6f, Mr. Buff, 6-1

**GEMOLOGIST** (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 205/15/2

6-SA, Msw 5 1/2f, +Aquamarine, \$240K OBS AUG yrl, 9-5

6-SA, Msw 5 1/2f, +Mind Reader, \$195K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1

**HANSEN** (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 129/21/1

5-CT, Msw 6 1/2f, Tapit's Ninietta, \$20K RNA EAS DEC wnl, 2-1

**SHACKLEFORD** (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 208/21/1

7-OP, Msw 1m, Bonhomme, \$260K OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1

**SIR PRANCEALOT (IRE)** (Tamayuz {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud, \$6K, 147/33/2

7-SA, Aoc 6 1/2f, Beau Recall (IRE), \$19K TIS EP yrl, 8-1

**STAR GUITAR** (Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud, \$4K, 80/3/0  
6-DED, Alw 1m, Stars R Out, 20-1

**STAY THIRSTY** (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 159/18/1  
6-AQU, Aoc 6f, Lenny, 8-1

**TAPIZAR** (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 181/16/1  
7-OP, Msw 1m, Wicked Zar, 4-1

5-CT, Msw 6 1/2f, Tapthestar, 7-2

8-TAM, Msw 6 1/2f, Stapleton, \$70K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 9-2

**UNION RAGS** (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 220/18/3

8-TAM, Msw 6 1/2f, Big Bend, \$105K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2

## NOTABLE US-BRED AND -SIBED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

### Saturday, January 14, 2017

#### 3rd-KYO, ¥9,550,000 (US\$83k), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m

KI Farm's **MENUETT (JPN)** (Tapit) makes her second trip to the post, having finished a promising third going this distance over a sloppy Hanshin main track on her Christmas Eve debut. The gray filly is a daughter of Spinning Wildcat (Hard Spun), herself a daughter of champion Hollywood Wildcat (Kris S.) and therefore closely related to GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner War Chant (Danzig). Spinning Wildcat was purchased by KI Farm carrying this foal in utero for \$600K at the 2013 Keeneland November sale. Christophe Lemaire has the call.



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**6th-KYO, ¥11,400,000 (US\$99k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1600mT**

Lemaire also takes the ride aboard the Glencrest Farm-bred 3-year-old filly **CHILLY SILVER (Malibu Moon)**. An \$85,000 graduate of the 2015 Fasig-Tipton July sale, the chestnut breezed an eighth of a mile in a smart :10 flat at last year's Barretts March sale and was hammered down to Emmanuel de Seroux's Narvick International for \$240,000. Chilly Silver has license to turf, as her dam Jacey's Reward (Johannesburg) is a half-sister to treble Grade I winner Magical Fantasy (Diesis {GB}).  
--Alan Carasso

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## BREEDERS' EDITION

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-DED, \$38,000, (S), 1-11, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:40.58, ft.**

**MALIBU COURT (g, 4, Malibu Wesley--Classic Courtney, by Forty Won)** Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-0, \$60,020. O/B/T-Samuel Breaux (LA).

**4th-PEN, \$30,149, 1-11, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.06, ft.**

**MIRKAMURKA (m, 5, Street Boss--Silencieuse, by Kingmambo)** Lifetime Record: 33-5-7-5, \$108,638. O-Gavin-Ty Racing LLC; B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY); T-Harold Wyner. \*\$40,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN

**8th-CT, \$24,000, (S), 1-11, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.78, my.**

**CLEARBROOK MISS (f, 4, Charitable Man--Added Annuity, by Tom Cobbley)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$28,060. O-George W. Walters; B-Robert H. Lloyd (WV); T-James W. Casey.

**8th-TP, \$20,020, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.60, ft.**

**EQHO (f, 4, Giant's Causeway--Quarayed {MSP-Fr}, by Dynaformer)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-2, \$86,170. O-Gethotstayhot Racing; B-Marc Keller (KY); T-Stephen S. Lyster.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Broken Marriage, f, 3, Broken Vow--Chasethegold (GSP, \$154,945), by Touch Gold. CT, 1-11, 7f, 1:27.47. B-Tenlane Farm (KY). \*\$10,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.**

**Onaj, c, 3, Hold Me Back--Crafty Gal, by Crafty Prospector. PEN, 1-11, 6f, 1:11.95. B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). \*\$22,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.**

**Resilience of Love, g, 3, Private Vow--Marquise, by Cape Town. DED, 1-11, (S), 5f, :59.00. B-Carl Raabe & Loretta Romero (LA).**

**Quality Counts, g, 4, Elusive Quality--Rhythm of Life, by Deputy Minister. GP, 1-12, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:44.01. B-Timber Bay Farm (KY). \*1/2 to Sarava (Wild Again), GISW, \$773,832.**

**Gorelli, g, 5, Posse--Mystical Lady, by Behrens. AQU, 1-12, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11.11. B-Song Hill Thoroughbreds LLC (NY).**

## UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track	
1/14	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP	
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP	
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP	
1/16	GII La Canada S.	SA	
	GIII Toboggan S.	AQU	
1/21	GIII Megahertz S.	SA	
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG	
1/28	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG	
	GII Santa Monica S.	SA	
	GI Pegasus World Cup	GP	
1/29	GIII W.L. McKnight H.	GP	
	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP	
	GIII La Prevoyante H.	GP	
2/4	GIII Houston Ladies Classic	HOU	
	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU	
2/5	GIII Withers S.	AQU	
	GII Holy Bull S.	GP	
	GII Forward Gal S.	GP	
	GII Swale S.	GP	
	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA	
	GII San Antonio S.	SA	
	GII San Marcos S.	SA	
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	GP	
	GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	SA	
	GII Las Virgenes S.	SA	
2/11	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP	
	GII Gulfstream Park H.	GP	
2/12	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP	
	GII Arcadia S.	SA	
	GII Santa Maria S.	SA	
	GIII Lambholm South Endeavour S.	TAM	
	GIII Tampa Bay S.	TAM	
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	TAM	
	GII San Vicente S.	SA	
	2/18	GIII El Camino Real Derby	GG
		GII Royal Delta S.	GP
	2/20	GII Barbara Fritchie S.	LRL
GIII General George S.		LRL	
GIII Bayakoa S.		OP	
2/25	GII Buena Vista S.	SA	
	GIII Razorback H.	OP	
2/25	GIII Southwest S.	OP	
	GII Risen Star S.	FG	
	GII Rachel Alexandra S.	FG	
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## SEBRING BROTHER STARS AT MAGIC MILLIONS



Gai Waterhouse and Aquis Farm's Justin Fung | Katrina Partridge

By Kelsey Riley

GOLD COAST, Australia--Many people would be shaken at the prospect of spending a million dollars on a horse. And understandably so. But not much seems to faze Gai Waterhouse, who described the A\$1.3-million she paid for Thursday's session-topping More Than Ready colt at Magic Millions as a "bargain."

The full-brother to Waterhouse's G1 Golden Slipper winner Sebring (Aus) from Corumbene Stud fueled figures that continued to climb on day two. With the cumulative number catalogued up to 480 from 432, 383 yearlings have been sold for A\$78,792,000, up from 344 sold for A\$65,714,500 up to this point last year. The clearance rate remains the same at 88%. The average climbed 7.7% to a record A\$205,723, while the median is up 6.7% at A\$160,000. Three lots fetched seven figures on Thursday--the More Than Ready colt, a Snitzel colt and a Medaglia d'Oro colt--and thus far at the sale 24 horses have been bought at A\$500,000 and above--that figure was 29 for the entire sale last year.

"Today was really strong," summarized Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox.

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## A MORNING WITH...AMY MURPHY

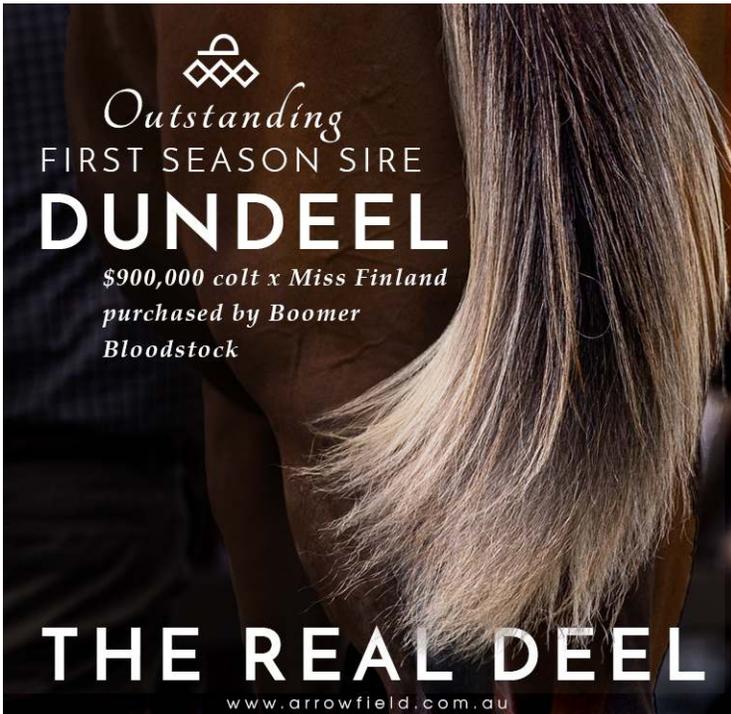
By Emma Berry

While many 24-year-olds are still pondering future career paths, Amy Murphy has long had her heart set on training racehorses and, having been issued her licence back in August, has made an eye-catching start to her dream job. At the time of writing she had saddled 18 runners--Flat and jumps combined--with seven of them coming home in front for a winning strike-rate any established trainer would be proud to own. Britain's youngest trainer, who has set up at Hamilton Stables in Newmarket, says, "From an early age this was always what I wanted to do. School couldn't have got in the way more for me." She was no doubt aided and abetted in her passion for racing by the fact that her father, Paul, has bred a select but talented band of National Hunt horses at the Murphy family's Wychnor Park Stud in Staffordshire. [Cont. p7](#)

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Cox continued, “Yesterday was good, but today was even better. To have three seven-figure lots is terrific, but there was plenty of competition at all levels of the market. It’s a very strong, sound sale.”

### The Slipper Fits...

Gai Waterhouse knows what it takes to win the Golden Slipper, having accomplished the feat six times. So when the full-brother to her 2008 Slipper winner Sebring (Aus) (More Than



**More Than Ready colt out of Purespeed | Katrina Partridge**

Ready) came up for sale at Magic Millions, it should have come as no surprise to see the champion trainer in the fray. When the hammer dropped at A\$1.3-million for [lot 339](#), Waterhouse signed the ticket on behalf of herself and co-trainer Adrian Bott, Aquis Farm, Blue Sky Bloodstock and agent Dermot Farrington. She

also revealed John Singleton--for whom she trained champion mare More Joyous (NZ) (More Than Ready) and also that one’s exciting unraced 2-year-old filly Woman (Aus) (Frankel {GB})--will be a part-owner in the colt, as will some of the owners of Waterhouse’s 2015 Slipper winner Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro). Breeder George Altomonte from Corumbene Stud, who also bred and raced Waterhouse’s 2013 Slipper winner Overreach (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), will stay in for a piece.

“Corumbene is the most exciting farm,” Waterhouse said. “I’ve had two Golden Slipper winners off that farm, so this could be the third Golden Slipper. I saw him in the paddock and I said to George, ‘I’m not leaving the sale without him.’ I said, ‘he’s your next Golden Slipper horse.’”

Waterhouse added, “He’s a magical horse. He’s very masculine, he moves so freely and he’s got a sex appeal about him. Some affect me like that, and I should know. I bought Sebring, Vancouver and Pierro from this sale. This is the magical sale.”

Waterhouse insisted the bay, who is also a half to G2 Ajax S. winner Purenness (Aus) (Tale of the Cat), was a bargain despite being the sale’s top lot so far.

“I suppose he’s cheap when you look at it,” she said. “Look at his pedigree. Everyone’s sort of looking at pedigree pages; he’s got exactly that. And Sebring is one of the most exciting young stallions in Australia, standing at Widden Stud. Why wouldn’t this horse be worth A\$1.3-million? I think he’s a bargain, I really do. I know people will say that’s stupid and facetious, but I really do. My business is buying and selling horses and I think he was

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very well bought.”

The colt is the 10th produce of Purespeed (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}), who foaled a Sepoy filly last year and is back in foal to More Than Ready. Altomonte described the session topper as being ahead of his famous brother at this stage of his life.

“He’s a lovely horse,” Altomonte said. “He’s a full-brother to Sebring and I suppose if I had to compare them at the same age, this one’s a bit better. He’s very light on his feet, which is a good indication. He has a big step on him, which is a thing I look for, and he’s got good conformation. But his temperament is so good and that’s important, particularly for an entire. Purespeed is a lovely mare, but I’d say this is probably the best she’s had.”

Altomonte has a broodmare band numbering about 40 on Corumbene Stud near Dunedoo Township in the Hunter Valley, which he founded in 1980. Altomonte does all his matings himself, and said he likes to use proven sires. He keeps two to four fillies per year and generally sells all the colts, “unless they don’t meet the reserve,” he noted. “I put a fair reserve on them, I don’t go silly, and if they don’t make that I take them home and race them.”

One filly he retained to race is the Golden Slipper winner Overreach, who is now a broodmare at Corumbene. She sadly lost the Sepoy colt she foaled last year after it was bitten by a snake. She is back in foal to Snitzel (Aus).

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## MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLINGS

### THURSDAY'S TOP ELEVEN COLTS

Lot	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<a href="#">339</a>	<a href="#">More Than Ready</a>	Purespeed (Aus)	1,300,000
		( <a href="#">walking video</a> )	
		B-Corumbene Stud (NSW)	
		Consigned by Corumbene Stud	
		Purchased by Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott, Aquis/ Blue Sky BS/Dermot Farrington	
<a href="#">409</a>	Snitzel (Aus)	Sabanci (Aus)	1,100,000
		B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd (NSW)	
		Consigned by Arrowfield Stud, agent	
		Purchased by Waller Racing/Mulcaster Bloodstock	
<a href="#">419</a>	<a href="#">Medaglia d'Oro</a>	Sangfroid (Aus)	1,100,000
		(A\$150,000 in utero '15 MMNBMS)	
		( <a href="#">walking video</a> )	
		B-Aquis Farm (Qld)	
		Consigned by Aquis Farm	
		Purchased by Little Kwok Hing Hung/Bahen Bloodstock	
<a href="#">348</a>	Snitzel (Aus)	Quench the Thirst (Aus)	750,000
		B-Blake Sandblom Pty Ltd, Henry Field Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW)	
		Consigned by Newgate Farm, agent	
		Purchased by WinStar Farm LLC/China Horse Club	
<a href="#">436</a>	Sebring (Aus)	Sensibility (Aus)	730,000
		( <a href="#">walking video</a> )	
		B-Fairway Thoroughbreds (NSW)	
		Consigned by Segenhoe Stud Australia Pty Ltd, agent for Fairway Thoroughbreds	
		Purchased by George Moore Bloodstock	
<a href="#">243</a>	Not a Single Doubt (Aus)	Moccasin Bend (Aus)	725,000
		B-Capretti Investments Pty Ltd (WA)	
		Consigned by Attunga Stud, agent	
		Purchased by Shadwell Australasia	
<a href="#">336</a>	<a href="#">Fastnet Rock (Aus)</a>	Pure Fun	650,000
		B-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd (NSW)	
		Consigned by Kia-Ora Stud	
		Purchased by Aquis/Stonestreet/Blue Sky Bloodstock	
<a href="#">303</a>	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Pearl Goddess (NZ)	650,000
		(A\$28,000 i/u '15 INGMEL; A\$140,000 Wlg '16 MMNWNL)	
		( <a href="#">walking video</a> )	
		B-N J Nolan (Qld)	
		Consigned by Widden Stud, agent	

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		Purchased by James Harron Bloodstock	
<a href="#">429</a>	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Secord (Aus)	600,000
		(A\$55,000 RNA in utero '15 INGABM)	
		( <a href="#">walking video</a> )	
		B-H Newton (NSW)	
		Consigned by Widden Stud, agent	
		Purchased by Shadwell Australasia	
<a href="#">351</a>	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Radiant Star (Aus)	550,000
		(A\$250,000 Wlg '16 MMNWNL)	
		( <a href="#">walking video</a> )	
		B-Bell River Thoroughbreds, L Walker, B Hognio, J Gilvarry (NSW)	
		Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud, agent	
		Purchased by Boomer Bloodstock P/L	
<a href="#">398</a>	Zoustar (Aus)	Rossarita (Aus)	510,000
		(A\$280,000 in utero '15 MMNBMS)	
		( <a href="#">walking video</a> )	
		B-China Horse Club Racing Pty Ltd (NSW)	
		Consigned by Sledmere Stud, agent	
		Purchased by David Redvers/Mulcaster Bloodstock	

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**Thursday's Magic Millions Toppers cont.**

**THURSDAY'S TOP FIVE FILLIES**

<b>Lot</b>	<b>Sire</b>	<b>Dam</b>	<b>Price (A\$)</b>
<a href="#"><u>441</u></a>	<b>All Too Hard (Aus)</b>	<b>She's a Fox (Aus)</b>	<b>600,000</b>
	<i>B-Luskin Park Stud, John Robinson, Bryan Rutter, Kevin Clarke, Aston Bloodstock (NSW)</i>		
	Consigned by Luskin Park, agent		
	Purchased by Prime Thoroughbreds		
<a href="#"><u>417</u></a>	<b>Snitzel (Aus)</b>	<b>Sananda (Ire)</b>	<b>500,000</b>
	<i>B-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd (NSW)</i>		
	Consigned by Arrowfield Stud, agent		
	Purchased by David Redvers/Mulcaster Bloodstock		
<a href="#"><u>363</u></a>	<b>Snitzel (Aus)</b>	<b>Real Stolle (Aus)</b>	<b>420,000</b>
	<i>B-Love Racing Pty Ltd (Vic)</i>		
	Consigned by Newgate Farm, agent		
	Purchased by Shadwell Australasia		
<a href="#"><u>477</u></a>	<b>Redoute's Choice (Aus)</b>	<b>Spanish Lake (Aus)</b>	<b>400,000</b>
	<i>B-Go Bloodstock (NSW)</i>		
	Consigned by Arrowfield Stud, agent		
	Purchased by Busuttin Racing		
<a href="#"><u>315</u></a>	<b>Shamus Award (Aus)</b>	<b>Pink Siris (Aus)</b>	<b>400,000</b>
	<i>B-R D Hannon (NSW)</i>		
	Consigned by Willow Park Stud, agent for Ascot Park		
	Purchased by Ciaran Maher Racing/Dermot Farrington B'stock		



**Snitzel In Familiar Territory...**

As the sire of half of last year's six seven-figure lots at this sale, it would have been a good bet that Snitzel (Aus) would register some fireworks before the week was out, and that happened late Thursday afternoon when [lot 409](#), a colt from Arrowfield Stud, was hammered down to agent Guy Mulcaster and trainer Chris Waller for A\$1.1-million. The bay is the second foal out of Sabanci (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), who is a half-sister to G1 KrisFlyer Sprint winner Green Birdie (Aus) (Catbird {Aus}) and who produced last year's Listed Breeders' Plate third Bowerman (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}). That one was a A\$525,000 purchase by the China Horse Club at this sale last year.

Mulcaster, who is best known as the man who picked out the Waller-trained Winx (Aus) as a yearling, said, "He's a lovely colt. We made our list and went around and had a look at them and Chris and I really liked him and we got him for a number of stable clients."

Useful sires Onemorenomore (Aus) and Casino Prince (Aus) appear under the third dam. Lot 409 undoubtedly boasts stallion potential himself, but Mulcaster said he was taking one step at a time. "We'll let him be a racehorse first and we'll worry about the rest after," he said.

Mulcaster also signed for a pair of lots with David Redvers for Qatar Racing. Sheikh Fahad is in attendance at the Gold Coast Yearling Sale for the first time, and his list of purchases include [lot 398](#), a Zoustar (Aus) colt for A\$510,000; and [lot 417](#), a Snitzel filly for A\$500,000. Qatar Racing is a part owner of Zoustar, who has thus far enjoyed a productive sale, his 20 yearlings to sell averaging A\$265,250, tops among first-season sires.





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<b>CUMULATIVE</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
• Catalogued	480	432
• No. Offered	435	388
• No. Sold	383	344
• RNAs	52	44
• % RNAs	12%	11.3%
• No. A\$500K+	24	15
• High Price	A\$1,300,000	A\$1,600,000
• Gross	A\$78,792,000	A\$65,714,500
• Average (% change)	A\$205,723 (+7.7%)	A\$191,031
• Median (% change)	A\$160,000 (+6.7%)	A\$150,000



**(l to r) Guy Mulcaster, Sheikh Fahad, Chris Waller and David Redvers**  
*Katrina Partridge*

### WinStar, CHC Quench Their Thirst...

Snitzel was responsible for another of the day's top sellers earlier in the session in the form of [lot 348](#), Newgate Farm's son of Quench The Thirst (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). The bay was hammered down to the partnership of China Horse Club and WinStar Farm for A\$750,000.



WinStar's Elliott Walden at Magic Millions | Katrina Partridge

Lot 348 is the third foal out of Quench The Thirst, a stakes-placed daughter of the well-related Monsoon Wedding (Aus) (Danehill). That makes her a full-sister to

Group 3 winner Precious Lorraine (Aus) and listed winner Lucky Raquie (Aus). Monsoon Wedding is a full-sister to Australia's three-time champion sire Redoute's Choice (Aus) and G1 Spring Champion S. winner Platinum Scissors. She is a half-sister to G1 Sires' Produce S. winner and sire Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and Group 3 winner Sliding Cube (Aus) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), the dam of young Coolmore sire Rubick (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). Newgate bought Quench The Thirst for A\$1.5-million from the Teeley dispersal at the Magic Millions National Sale in 2014, and this is her first foal to see a sales ring since.

### Medaglia Colt Golden For Hung...

This time a year ago, Little Kwok Hing Hung would have been a lesser known name at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. He bought a handful of colts at the sale 12 months ago and in the year that ensued the Hong Kong native embarked on a global Thoroughbred spending spree that took him to Japan, Ireland and back to Australia. He has returned to Magic Millions this week and has ensured his name won't be forgotten after spending A\$2.33-million for four yearlings over the first two days through agent Justin Bahen, including a A\$1-million son of Medaglia d'Oro ([lot 419](#)) on Thursday.

"He has been very active over the last 18 months," said Bahen of Hung, a Hong Kong Jockey Club employee of over 30 years. Hung has also been a jockey and is currently an assistant trainer with aspirations of one day training on his own in Hong Kong. "We were at the sale here last year and bought five or six colts," Bahen continued. "We bought 12 or 13 within Australasia. We ventured over to Japan in July and bought three colts there. The next leg of the exercise was going over to Ireland. We bought three more there and we're back here now."

"His investment in racing is global," Bahen added. "We've got some lovely 2-year-olds in training last year, so fingers crossed we get a fast one. I think we deserve one."

Lot 419 from Aquis Farm is the second living foal out of Sangfroid (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}); her first is the winning Restraint (Aus) (Bernardini). Sangfroid is a daughter of the G1 Sires' Produce S. winner Preserve (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}), herself a half-sister to G1 Golden Rose S. winner Denman (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}).

"He was as admired as any colt here this week," Bahen said.

"We knew it was going to be a strong battle all the way to the line. The mum's had no luck, this was only her second living foal, and he's a standout for us. We saw him on the complex and Mr. Hung said he'd be taking him home."



Lot 419, son of Medaglia d'Oro | Katrina Partridge

"The intentions are that he'll race in Australia," Bahen added. "One day he might end up in Hong Kong but at this stage he'll stay in Australia."

Hong Kong interests were busy again a short time later when agent George Moore signed for [lot 436](#), Segenhoe Stud's son of Sebring (Aus), for A\$730,000. That chestnut is out of the Group 1-placed Sensibility (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). His third dam is G2 La Canada S. winner Fleet Lady (Avenue Of Flags), the dam of U.S. champion 2-year-old Midshipman (Unbridled's Song) and Fast Cookie (Deputy Minister), the dam of triple Grade I winner Frosted (Tapit).



Little Kwok Hing Hung (centre) and Justin Bahen | Katrina Partridge

### **Gold Strikes Early...**

Shadwell agent Angus Gold got the second session of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale off to a strong start on Thursday when, three lots into the day, he made a final bid of A\$725,000 for [lot 243](#), a son of Not A Single Doubt (Aus) from Attunga Stud. Not A Single Doubt enjoyed a banner year in 2016, his stakes winners including G1 Blue Diamond S. and G1 Moir S. winner Extreme Choice (Aus) as well as G1 Railway S. winner Scales Of Justice (Aus). Gold admitted Shadwell hasn't yet had much experience with the sire, but said the operation has a few young horses by the Arrowfield resident waiting in the wings.

"We had a filly a few years ago who won a couple of races," Gold said. "We have a couple of homebred 2-year-olds by him who haven't run yet this year. We have a nice filly we bought here last year who hasn't run yet but looks a nice filly, and we have high hopes for her. It's all in the sky at the moment, but he's done incredibly well."

Of lot 243, a son of G2 Western Australian Guineas winner Moccasin Bend (Aus) (Eternity Range {Aus}), Gold said, "He looks a sharp 2-year-old type so he might be the right type for the [A\$2-million Magic Millions 2YO Classic] if he can run. He's just a very solid horse, a great-going horse. He seems to have a good mind on him."

Gold later in the day signed for a daughter of I Am Invincible ([lot 429](#)) from Widden Stud for A\$600,000.

### **Another Tycoon For Capitalist Group...**

Agent James Harron made a rather nondescript transaction at this sale two years ago when he signed for a son of Written Tycoon--upwardly mobile but not yet a breakthrough sire--for A\$165,000. The colt was a part of the first group of purchases for an investment group Harron had put together to target future stallion prospects, and the result could hardly have worked out better: later named Capitalist (Aus), the chestnut was named a 'TDN Rising Star' when winning the Listed Breeders' Plate on debut, returned to the Gold Coast to win the Magic Millions 2YO Classic, and capped a dream season with a win in the G1 Golden Slipper. He will stand his first season at Newgate Farm this year.

Capitalist's success was part of a breakthrough season for Written Tycoon, who was also represented by the likes of G1 Doomben 10,000 winner Music Magnate (Aus), G1 Manawatu Sires' Produce S. winner Luna Rossa (NZ), and Group 2 winner Winning Rupert (Aus), favourite for Saturday's Magic Millions 3YO Guineas. It should hardly have been a surprise, therefore, to see Harron strike for another son of Written Tycoon, Widden Stud's [lot 303](#), for A\$650,000 at Magic Millions on Thursday.

"We're very excited to get him, he's a horse we've had our eye

on all week," Harron said. "He's a super-moving colt, very professional in what he does, which seems to be a great trait of the Written Tycoons. He was very popular here and he handled it really well, just kept putting his head down and marching on."

The chestnut is the second foal of the unraced Pearl Goddess (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}).

"Written Tycoon does stamp them pretty well," Harron noted. "He gets that great chestnut which is common with his good horses, and he gets a horse that really gets in underneath themselves and uses every muscle they have, which this guy did really well."

Harron added of the investment group, "In the second and now going into the third year it's been a group of private investors," he explained. "We have no stud farms involved in the horses and it's been a similar overall group. There have been a few additions and we're really lucky to have a super group of people who really understand their racing and have given me great rein and leeway to come here and do the work on the sales grounds. We're all partners in the way we discuss everything and go through it all together. We come through it all at the end together, too. We've got some fast ones but they can't all be fast, and these guys are super understanding."

The transaction marked a big return for the group that purchased the colt as a weanling for A\$140,000 at last year's Magic Millions National Weanling Sale. That was Redwall Bloodstock and includes Widden Stud yearling manager Rae-Louise Farmer as well as David Redvers. Farmer explained that Redvers approached her just before the colt went through the ring last June and asked if she liked him.

"I said yes so he ended up coming in on him," she explained. Redwall Bloodstock started with a Sepoy filly that returned A\$135,000 on a A\$75,000 investment, and is in its third year. Farmer said the group would reinvest again this June.

"I just said to David I wished we could fast-track to the sale in June," Farmer laughed.

### **Stonestreet, Aquis Back In Action...**

Stonestreet Farm partnered with Aquis Farm to purchase a daughter of I Am Invincible (Aus) for A\$500,000 during Wednesday's opening session, and that pair teamed again on Thursday, spending A\$650,000 on [lot 336](#), a colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus) out of G1 Hollywood Starlet S. winner Pure Fun (Pure Prize) from Kia-Ora Stud. Stonestreet owner Barbara Banke, who had arrived on the Gold Coast about an hour before the colt went through the ring, said, "He looks very athletic to me and I liked the fact that he was very light on his feet; he has a tremendous walk. The sky's the limit, and we'll see where we can go with him. I love Fastnet Rock and he looks like a beautiful Fastnet Rock, very athletic." [Cont. p7](#)

The partnership of Stonestreet and Aquis Farm began with a Kitten's Joy colt purchased at Keeneland September last year, and Banke noted that one would likely begin its career in Europe this year. Stonestreet campaigned last year's European 2-year-old champion filly Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy) along with George Bolton and Peter Leidel.



The buying group of lot 336 (l to r) Julian Blaxland, John Moynihan, Halina Fedchanka, Barbara Banke and Justin Fung | Katrina Partridge

### Casse, Waterhouse Team For Colt...

U.S.-based agent Justin Casse made his first visit to Magic Millions a productive one when he signed for [lot 153](#) in partnership with champion trainer Gai Waterhouse for A\$500,000 on Wednesday. The colt from Baramul Stud is by Medaglia d'Oro, the sire Waterhouse's 2015 G1 Golden Slipper winner Vancouver (Aus), out of three-time group winner Lady



Justin Casse and Gai Waterhouse with lot 153, a son of Medaglia d'Oro

Lynette (Aus) (Ladoni {Aus}).  
 "I met Gai in Newmarket during the July sale so we had dinner here the other night before the sale," Casse explained. "We sat down yesterday and went through our lists together and this was one of two horses we

both liked and obviously she's a good judge of Medaglia d'Oros." "Everything just came together," he added. "She put her clients in and I put one of my clients in and I bought a bit of the horse myself. It'll stay down here with her. The funny thing is I thought to myself if this horse was in Keeneland, this was a horse I'd be bidding against my brother on, being by Medaglia d'Oro."

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Casse paid credit to Waterhouse, saying, "Gai's body of work speaks volumes and it's just an honour to do business with her."

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### A Morning With...Amy Murphy cont.

"Whenever dad had a runner I was always sick that day so I could go to the races," Murphy continues. "But he told me I had to get some sort of education before I went into racing so I somehow persuaded him to let me go to Hartpury College to take the equine science course."

Proper hands-on experience followed, with stints as a barn leader for Tom Dascombe before a winter spent in the employment of the doyenne of lady trainers, Gai Waterhouse, in Sydney.

"I'll be forever grateful to Tom Dascombe for the opportunity he gave me. I decided I wanted to go to Australia to see how things were done differently over there so I went to Gai Waterhouse and there's no better person to learn from. She was extremely good to me--I was only there for a winter and I was travelling horses to



Amy Murphy with Mercian Prince | Emma Berry

Melbourne and to Magic Millions and I was really lucky to be able to learn such a lot from Gai in such a short space of time. I was also lucky with the horses I rode, one of them being [multiple Group winner] Sweet Idea (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus})." A return to England meant a job with another master educator, not just of horses but also of future trainers, Luca Cumani, whose previous employees include Christophe Clement, Marco Botti, David Simcock and Ed Walker. Murphy's associations with top-class horses also continued, as she was the regular rider of Postponed (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) before he left Cumani's Bedford House Stables.

She says, "I came home to work for Mr Cumani as pupil assistant and after just over a year in that job, Matt Cumani decided he was going to train in Australia so I was offered the assistant's job and I had three absolutely fantastic years in the role. What a master to learn from. It's the small things with him that make such a difference." Murphy has packed a great deal into her short life to date and it would be easy to mistake her for someone way beyond her years. It's still dark as we meet on a freezing morning and we head straight across town from her yard in pursuit of two of her jumps string on Newmarket's schooling ground known as The Links. Despite a thick frost, an all-weather strip with hurdles and steeplechase fences means that the few National Hunt trainers in the town can continue to work their horses even in the grip of a cold snap. Murphy is assured and friendly as she directs her staff and regular jumps jockey Jack Quinlan from the ground, with her tiny Labrador puppy Milo tucked in her jacket to keep him warm.

As her father's homebred **Mercian Prince (Ire)** (Midnight Legend {GB}) pings over the row of hurdles in front of us she declares, "I don't think I could have him in better form." She's right. The following day the 6-year-old is sent off favourite at Sandown for the 32Red Handicap Chase and records his second win on the bounce for Murphy—an important victory for a young trainer on a Saturday Grade 1 card.

Mercian Prince's win comes just over a week after Murphy's first Listed success with the mare **Kalane (Ire)** (Kalanisi {Ire}), again over fences, at Doncaster. With such decent backing from her family's nice team of homebreds, it would be understandable if the trainer was to concentrate on the jumps but this is not her plan. "People have said to me 'Why would you set up in Newmarket?', but I absolutely love the place. Most of my experience is on the Flat," she says. "Don't get me wrong, I love both codes equally, but the Flat is predominantly where I'm going. Equally, I've had some fantastic jumpers sent my way which I wouldn't want to turn away.

"Dad's had an amazing amount of success from a small broodmare band, breeding the likes of Mad Max (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}), Carole's Legacy (GB) (Sir Harry Lewis) and Pendra (Ire)

(Old Vic {GB}), and to have some of those sorts of horses coming through our hands is wonderful. We have Kalane's 4-year-old full-brother heading over from Ireland next week."

Among the jumpers in the stable is a youngster who must qualify as the largest thoroughbred in training in Newmarket. At 18 hands, the 5-year-old **Pellinor (GB)** (Kayf Tara {GB}) is a sight



The giant Pellinor makes his way to the gallops | Emma Berry

to behold and he will attract plenty of interest when he makes it to the racecourse as he is the first foal of Paul Murphy's nine-time winner Carole's Legacy.

One way in which Murphy has put her Flat experience to good use is with her first winner on

the level, **Shan Dun na nGall (Ire)** (Shantou), whom she bought from the stable of leading jumps trainer Gordon Elliott in November for just £3,500. Less than a month later, the 6-year-old, known by the slightly easier stable name of 'Sean', became her first Flat winner at Chelmsford on Dec. 1 and he reinforced his record nine days later when winning over two miles at Newcastle. Making those victories sweeter still was the fact that Sean was ridden in both wins by Murphy's partner, Lemos de Souza, whom she met while working for Cumani. The Brazilian is now a vital part of her daily training operation.

"To have someone of Lemos's calibre with me in my first year of training is fantastic," she admits. "It's not just the work-riding, we bounce ideas off each other hourly, and it's a great confidence boost for me to have his opinion. The only thing we have argued about has been a name for our puppy." Currently, the yard of 19 horses is truly one for all seasons. Alongside the eight jumpers, there's an array of Flat horses, rising from just-broken juveniles to older campaigners recruited from recent horses-in-training sales with the help of agent Matt Coleman, who has shown his faith in his new client by taking a share in a horse with her.

"When I decided to set up I didn't want to just have a yard full of yearlings so my main focus was to buy some older horses to get me up and running," Murphy explains, and one horse her eye keeps drifting back to as we walk through the yard is a good-looking son of Kodiak (GB) named **Thaqaffa (Ire)** who was bought from Shadwell in October for 17,000gns. "Of the older horses, I'm really looking forward to running **Carnival King (Ire)** (Arcano {Ire}) and Thaqaffa. Carnival King is a horse we bought from Brian Meehan's with a rating of 88. He's been on holiday for two months and has just come back in this week. Hopefully he can be our flagbearer on the Flat and take us to some of the

bigger meetings. Thaqaffa is the young pretender. He's rated 80 and hopefully he will take the next step up and progress." In the meantime, Murphy's name is quickly becoming bandied about as a trainer to follow. It will have done her no harm to have persuaded her father to lease Mercian King (Ire) (Robin Des Pres {FR}) to the Thoroughbred Club, the young wing of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, for members aged 18 to 30. When he became her first ever winner on Nov. 15, Murphy was able to please all 160 of his owners in one go. A job well done, and one which is likely to continue in a similar vein.

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means over a day and a half of short yearlings will be on offer. A good selection of sires are represented which will ensure pinhookers will be out in force and with Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) continuing to find favour his two representatives, a colt ([lot 451](#)) and a filly ([lot 381](#)), both offered through The Castlebridge Consignment, are bound to be popular. Intello (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}) is a stallion whose first runners are eagerly awaited this spring and Norelands Stud offer the sire's only yearling in the sale. [Lot 430](#) is out of the winning Kingmambo mare Dolphina, from the family of MG1SW Chimes Of Freedom (Private Account). The sale starts 10am daily and the catalogue can be viewed [here](#).

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

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### GOFFS FEBRUARY CATALOGUE RELEASED

Goffs have released the catalogue for their February Sale which has been extended to three days this year. The sale will take place Feb. 7-9 and a significant feature includes the initial dispersal of stock owned by Ballymacoll Stud which is being wound down this year. Among their five fillies on offer through



Parish Hall, pictured winning the 2011 Dewhurst S. is catalogued in Goffs | *Racing Post*

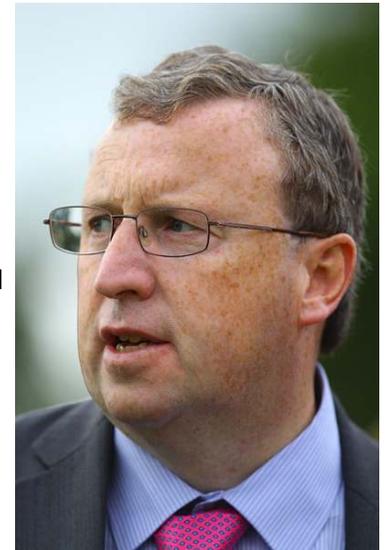
Jockey Hall Stud is **Edith Wharton (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), an unraced 3-year-old out of MG1SW Islington (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), offered as [lot 498](#). Also sure to generate interest is the once raced 3-year-old **Olive Branch (Ire)** (Arcano {Ire}). [Lot 672](#) is a half-sister to three stakes winners including the Australian Group 1 winner Sir

John Hawkwood (Ire) (Sir Percy {GB}). The sale opens with a selection of 2-year-olds and older horses in training and an early eye catcher is [lot 19](#) from The Castlebridge Consignment on behalf of the Wildenstein Dispersal. **Persuasion (Fr)** (Silver Frost {Ire}), a 2-year-old who is broken and riding is from a family laden with black type performers including the G1 Melbourne Cup winner Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}). Jim Bolger has entered his G1 Darley Dewhurst S. winner **Parish Hall (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) as [lot 84](#). The 8-year-old entire has been off the track since June 2015 so it would appear he is being offered as a potential stallion prospect.

With day three of the sale made up of breeding stock this

### POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR IRISH RACING

Horse Racing Ireland has issued a positive bulletin over the state of the Irish racing industry. Having compiled the 2016 key performance indicators HRI announced increases in most key areas including the sale of Irish bloodstock, racecourse attendances, the numbers of horses in training and new owners registered. The value of bloodstock sold at public auction has been on an upward curve for a number of years now and the graph rose again in 2016 by 7.7% to €164m. The perceived dearth of new owners entering the sport and the increase in active owners dropping out of racing has been cited as a reason for clearance rates falling at Irish sales and it is encouraging to see a slight increase in new owner activity. 705 new owners were registered with HRI in 2016 which was a 9.5% increase on 2015. This rise in turn boosts the number of horses in training, a figure that grew, albeit by only 4.2% to 8,561.



Brian Kavanagh | *Racing Post*

One area that continues to fall year on year is the amount punters spend betting on-course. Despite a strong year for Tote Ireland, aided by the growth of betting into Irish pools from international customers, total on-course betting, including bookmakers and SP Shops fell by almost 5% to €88.6m. This was despite a small increase in total attendances throughout the year which reached 1.32m, a 3.3% rise on 2015. A positive note about betting was the increase in Off-Course Betting Duty Receipts which grew 63% to €50.7m. [Cont. p10](#)

Commenting on the statistics HRI CEO Brian Kavanagh said, “2016 was a very positive year for Irish racing and we are looking forward to building on this as we face the challenges ahead of us in 2017. For the first time ever, Irish-trained horses won the ‘big five’ races in Britain – the Champion Hurdle, Gold Cup, Grand National, Derby and Oaks, as well as numerous other Grade 1 races. Off the track, significant developments included the conclusion of a long term [up to 2023] media rights deal for Irish racing, the granting of planning permission for the new Curragh development and the commitment by the Government of a further €6m to the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund. On a sadder note, 2016 saw racing lose a lot of friends, including John Thomas McNamara who passed away in July following his long battle with injuries sustained at Cheltenham in 2013.”

Kavanagh continued, “Horse racing generates a very significant return to the rural economy in Ireland and positive international profile for our country. In 2017, HRI will continue to build on the growth achieved in 2016 and to tackle the challenges, particularly in relation to funding, employment levels, ownership and integrity. None of this success could be achieved without the support provided by Government and HRI believes that this can be fully funded through betting duty which, as the statistics show, increased by 63% this year, following the introduction of new off-shore betting tax legislation in 2015.”

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### IN DUBAI:

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BRITAIN



### Thursday’s Result:

**5th-NC, £8,000, Mdn, 1-12, 3yo/up, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:44.24, st.**

**MOAMAR (GB) (g, 3, [Sepoy {Aus}](#)--Palitana, by Giant’s Causeway)**, a 300,000gns TATOCT yearling, was 10th on debut over this trip at Chelmsford last month and was not hurried early towards the rear. Making smooth progress to take over

with 1 1/2 furlongs to race, the 3-1 second favourite stayed on to score by a half length from Crindle Carr (Ire) (Compton Place {GB}). Moamar is the first living foal out of a half-sister to the G1 2000 Guineas-winning sire Footstepsinthesand (GB) as well as the G1 Phoenix S. winner Pedro the Great (Henrythenavigator) and G2 Dahlia S. third Belle D’Or (Medaglia d’Oro). Another of her half-siblings, the less-accomplished Frappe (Ire) (Inchinor {GB}) is the dam of a trio of talented performers headed by the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and G1 Goffs Vincent O’Brien National S. hero Power (GB), with the fillies Curvy (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and Thakafaat (Ire) (Unfuwain) both capturing the G2 Ribblesdale S. and the former also adding the GI E. P. Taylor S. to her tally. Also related to the European champion 2-year-old filly of 2000 Superstar Leo (Ire) (College Chapel {GB}), the dam has a 2-year-old filly by Sea the Stars (Ire) named Queen of the World (GB) and a yearling filly by Kingman (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$6,320. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mr Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah; B-Hascombe and Valiant Studs (GB); T-Ed Dunlop.

### CONDITIONS RESULT:

**7th-NC, £20,000, 1-12, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT), :59.45, st.**

**DOC SPORTELLO (IRE) (g, 5, Majestic Missile {Ire}--Queen of Silk {Ire}, by Brief Truce)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$32,488.

O-Mrs H. Lloyd-Herrington; B-J. Hutchinson (IRE); T-Michael Herrington. \*€10,000 Wlg ‘12 GOFNOV; £62,000 Ylg ‘13 DNPRM; 3,200gns HRA ‘16 TAJUL.

## MIDDLE EAST

### Thursday’s Results:

**DUBAWI S. (SPONSORED BY DP WORLD, UAE REGION)-Listed,** \$175,000, MEY, 1-12, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.66, ft.

1--**REYNALDOWHEWIZARD, 126, g, 11, [Speightstown](#)--Holiday Runner (MSW & GSP-US, \$232,073), by Meadowlake.** (\$400,000 yrl ‘07 KEESEP; \$775,000 2yo ‘08 FTFEB). O-Zabeel Racing International, Corp; B-Gibraltar Group Lp (KY); T-Satish Seemar; J-Richard Mullen. \$105,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-US, G1SW-UAE, 27-11-2-3, \$2,173,290. \*1/2 to Seventh Street (Street Cry {Ire}), MGISW, \$716,000; American Story (Ghostzapper), GSP-US, \$189,200.



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2--**Muarrab (GB)**, 126, g, 8, Oasis Dream (GB)--Licence To Thrill (GB), by Wolfhound. (280,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. \$35,000.

3--**Wild Dude**, 126, h, 7, Wildcat Heir--Courtly Choice, by Doneraile Court. (\$9,000 wnl '10 OBSOCT; \$42,000 2yo '12 OBSAPR). O-Yu Long & Team Cheval. \$17,500.

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 Purchased by **Christina R. Jelm**   


Margins: HF, 4 1/4, 5 1/4.

Also Ran: Desert Force (GB), Moviesta, The Happy Prince (Ire), Mubtaghaa (Ire).

Making his 11-year-old debut, **'TDN Rising Star'** Reynaldothewizard clawed past reigning G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner Muarrab to claim victory in the Listed Dubawi S. for the third consecutive season.



**Reynaldothewizard** | DRC/Watkins

Shipped over to Dubai after posting that single impressive maiden score in six US runs for trainer Eoin Harty, the well-bred

bay thrived over the old Tapeta track at Meydan, including a neck success in the 2013 Golden Shaheen. Victorious over Muarrab in this event with the return to conventional dirt two years ago, he doubled up 12 months ago, was third to Rich Tapestry (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the G3 Al Shindagha Sprint in February and fourth when last seen in the 2016 Shaheen.

Under a busy ride early as Muarrab set a searching pace, Reynaldothewizard settled one out and one back in fourth before being pulled to the outside of Desert Force (GB) (Equiano {Fr}) exiting the turn. Muarrab kicked into a clear advantage with 300 metres to race, but Reynaldothewizard chased that one hard into the final furlong and charged home determinedly to complete the three-peat. **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or [ERA Video](#).**

**1st-MEY, \$45,000, Mdn, 1-12, 3yo, 1600m, 1:37.68, ft. FAWREE (c, 3, [Candy Ride](#)--Keeper Hill {MGISW-US, \$1,661,281}, by Deputy Minister)**, a son of 1998 GI Kentucky Oaks victrix Keeper Hill (Deputy Minister), improved for a runner-up effort to Godolphin's Capezzano (Bernardini) on his 1400m debut Dec. 29 to impressively take out a 1600m maiden in the Thursday opener at Meydan. Ridden by South African Bernard Fayd'herbe for trainer Mike de Kock, Fawree attended

what appeared to be a good pace, also disputed by the well-regarded Bee Jersey (Jersey Town). That duo more or less had the race between them as they hit the top of the stretch, but despite sitting the wider trip, Fawree proved the superior stayer on the day and drew clear nicely to take it by about five lengths from Bee Jersey. A \$17,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase in 2015, Fawree improved dramatically and fetched \$240,000 from Jehan Malherbe's Form Bloodstock at the 2016 OBS April sale. The winner is a half-brother to Kentucky-based sire Keep Up (Unbridled's Song), GSW-US, \$300,545. Fawree is the most recent produce of the mare. Sales history: \$17,000 yrl '15 KESEEP; \$240,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$35,169. **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or [ERA Video](#).**



**Fawree** | DRC/Andrew Watkins

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-John A. Chandler, Jamm LTD., C. R. McGaughey III & Mill Ridge Farm, (KY); T-Mike de Kock.

2yo Purchase by **Joe Brocklebank, Agent for Form Bloodstock**   


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**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

**8th-MEY, \$175,000, Hcp, 1-12, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:03.24, gd.**

**ELHAAME (IRE) (g, 7, Acclamation {GB}--Gold Hush, by Seeking the Gold)** Lifetime Record: 23-7-5-2, \$322,926. O-Godolphin; B-W Maxwell Ervine (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \*160,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT; 120,000gns HRA '14 TATOCT.

  
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**2nd-MEY, \$160,000, Hcp, 1-12, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2810mT, 3:00.12, gd.**  
**RED GALILEO (GB) (g, 6, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--Ivory Gala {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Galileo {Ire})** Lifetime Record: MSP-Eng, 22-2-7-1, \$246,551. O-Godolphin; B-T. R. G. Vestey (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \*41,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT; 180,000gns 2yo '13 TATAPR; 155,000gns HRA '15 TATOCT.

**7th-MEY, \$135,000, Hcp, 1-12, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:10.92, gd.**  
**FINAL VENTURE (GB) (g, 5, [Equiano {Fr}](#)--Sharpshaw Venture {GB} {SP-Eng, \$244,165}, by Polar Falcon)** Lifetime Record: 16-6-2-3, \$141,788. O-Taylor's Bloodstock Ltd; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Paul Midgley. \*18,000gns RNA yrl '13 TATDEC; 260,000gns HRA '16 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Dever Dream (GB) (Medicean {GB}), MSW & MGSP-Eng, \$172,3111.

**4th-MEY, \$125,000, Hcp, 1-12, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m, 1:35.65, ft.**  
**NORTH AMERICA (GB) (g, 5, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--Northern Mischief {GISP-US, \$123,918}, by Yankee Victor)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$132,017. O-Imhamed M I Nagem; B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Satish Seemar. \*100,000gns wnlg '12 TATDEC.

**5th-MEY, \$125,000, Hcp, 1-12, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:36.63, gd.**  
**FANCIFUL ANGEL (IRE) (g, 5, [Dark Angel {Ire}](#)--Fanciful Dancer {GB}, by Groom Dancer)** Lifetime Record: SW-Eng & GSP-Ger, 18-4-1-3, \$243,596. O-Touch Gold Racing (Fanciful); B-Berjis Desai (IRE); T-Marco Botti. \*€80,000 wnlg '12 GOFNOV; €50,000 RNA yrl '13 GOF OCT; 50,000gns 2yo '14 TATAPR; 135,000gns HRA '16 TATJUL.

**3rd-MEY, \$60,000, Hcp, 1-12, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:02.77, gd.**  
**TOWN'S HISTORY (g, 6, [Hard Spun](#)--Smooth Charmer {GISP-US, \$163,720}, by Easy Goer)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$62,545. O-Amer Bin Asayan Almansouri; B-Darley (KY); T-Satish Seemar. \*1/2 to Sea Chanter (War Chant), GSW & GISP-US, \$506,188.

## THE BLUE EYE MAKES IT SEVEN STRAIGHT IN QATAR

by Alan Carasso

Qatar's joint top-rated horse **The Blue Eye (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) is on track for a title defence in the valuable HH the Emir's Sword following a cosy success in Thursday's QR200,000 (£45,176) Umm Qarn Cup at Al Rayyan Racetrack in Doha.

An €400,000 purchase out of the 2014 Arqana Arc Sale, the bay entire has been a revelation in Qatar under the care of Jassim Ghazali, with eight wins from his

12 local appearances, chief among them his four-length romp in the US\$1-million Emir's Sword last Feb. 27. Well-beaten in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in his next appearance, he most recently returned from an April layoff to win a local Group 2 over 2000m Dec. 21.



The Blue Eye | [qrec.gov.qa](http://qrec.gov.qa)

Drawn two from the outside in gate 11, The Blue Eye showed enough speed to gain a spot handy to the pace while covered up nicely beneath Harry Bentley. Pulled out for clear sailing on the final turn of this 2200m test, The Blue Eye surged to the front a furlong and a half from the wire and was pushed out mostly hands and heels to score by a tight length while eased down in the final 30 metres ([video](#)).

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Darley stallion Golden Horn's first foal arrived two weeks early when La Dorotea (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) delivered the above colt earlier this week at Deerfield Farm in Newmarket | Darley