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Business was booming last week at Magic Millions | MM photo

We interrupt our regularly scheduled program (APEX ratings) to note the stark contrast, detailed in the Weekly Sales Ticker, between the desultory figures at Keeneland's January Sale and the continuing upward trend of the Magic Millions Book 1 Yearling Sale in Queensland, which grossed A\$134 million, up almost A\$20 million (+16%) from last year, and double the A\$67 million gross just four years ago, in 2013. Even the average was up 6%, to A\$206,922, even as 10% more horses were sold. Their clearance rate from the catalogue was 79.5%, a percentage North American and European sales, for the most part, can only dream about.

Of course it's hardly comparing apples to apples, since Magic Millions is the number two yearling sale in Australia, whereas Keeneland January is a catch-all mixed sale, and part of a winter mixed sale sector which constitutes only around 4% of the North American and European combined auction market. One thing which the January sale highlighted is the decline of regional breeding markets as more and more of the North American breeding market becomes centralized in Kentucky. The U.S. Jockey Club On-line Fact Book contains a section which details the 41% drop in the North American Foal Crop between 2005-2014 (click [here](#))--and, of course, that is now almost three years old, and it's unlikely to have been improving, except maybe in Maryland, which is enjoying a much-needed revival.

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R.A. HILL STABLE PURCHASES INTEREST IN BREAKING LUCKY

R.A. Hill Stable has purchased an interest in GI Pegasus World Cup-bound **Breaking Lucky** (Lookin at Lucky), owner Gunpowder Farms announced Tuesday. R.A. Hill Stable joins fellow new owners West Point Thoroughbreds and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, who bought into the 5-year-old when Dean Reeves made a deal to run Breaking Lucky in his Pegasus slot.

"We're thrilled to bring R.A. Hill Stable on board with us on Breaking Lucky, and welcome them to the partnership" said Tom Keithley of Gunpowder Farms. **Cont. p5**



Breaking Lucky | Sarah Andrew

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"TDN Rising Star" & MGISW **Dortmund** (Big Brown) had his first breeze since transferring from Hall of Famer Bob Baffert to trainer Art Sherman Tuesday morning, covering three furlongs in :36.60 at Sherman's Los Alamitos base. | Gary Tasich

STONESTREET TO SPONSOR THE LEXINGTON

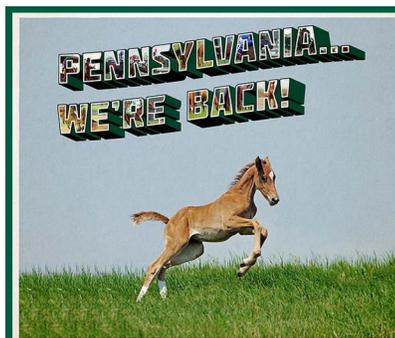
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GUGLIELMINO ON TOP AT PORTLAND MEADOWS

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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM



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During that period, the Kentucky foal crop declined 24%, from 10,037 to 7,620, but the decline in other major racing jurisdictions was double that.

In 2005, 11 states plus Canada reported crops of 700+ foals, totaling 22,237 foals. By 2014 that was down to five states plus Canada, for a total of 11,630 foals--a decline of 48%. Florida, which reported 4,499 foals in 2005, was down 52%; California, which reported 3,664 foals in 2005, was down 53%. New York, which still has the strongest regional program, matched Kentucky in declining by 'only' 25%, but Illinois, which used to have a strong state-bred program, was down 61%, and Washington state, which used to be famous for Washington-breds outrunning their pedigrees in California and points beyond, was down 72%, from 730 foals in 2005, to just 206 foals in 2014. So that's a lot of what happened at Keeneland January: regional breeders are



American Pharoah
Christie DeBernardis

producing half the foals they used to. Sure, the World Economic Crash of 2008-09 played a big part in that--in fact, according to the article by Michele MacDonald to which I've referred before (*Racing Post*, Dec 23, 2016), the foal crop in Australia even declined by 30% between 2007-2015. But that statistic has not stunted Australia's Thoroughbred industry's commercial growth.

Even as North American breeding continues to centralize in Kentucky, there is a very big flashing yellow sign for breeders in the results of last year's major North American yearling sales. We went back and counted some 575 yearlings which sold for \$200,000 or more at Keeneland September (401) and Fasig-Tipton sales in Kentucky, New York, and Maryland in 2016. Sounds like a lot, huh --575 yearlings which brought \$200k or more? But is it? In 2017 there are 16 stallions standing in Kentucky for \$75,000 or more (including **American Pharoah**, listed as 'Private'). These sires are likely to average 100 foals-- 1,600 foals of 2018. Nowadays about 70% of foals by this level of sire are offered at auction, mostly as yearlings. That's 1,120 prospective yearlings (let's call them 'yearlings' even though some may be offered as foals, some more than once, etc.). **Cont. p4**

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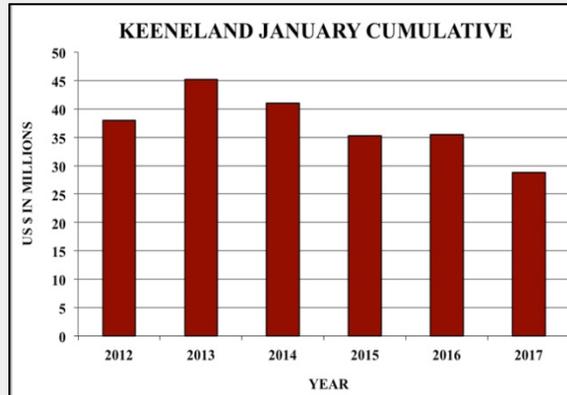
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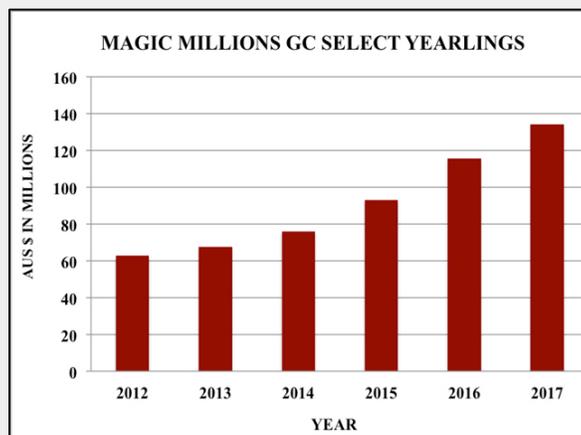


“Australia’s Magic Millions Book 1 Yearling Sale achieved world-class figures last week: gross up by A\$18.5-million (16%) to A\$134-million, average up by 6% to A\$206,922 for 649 yearlings sold, up 10% from last year, while achieving a 79.5% clearance rate from the catalogue, the fourth straight year the clearance rate has been above 79%. That’s a healthy marketplace. By contrast the clearance rate at Keeneland January dropped to just over 50% while the number sold (down 8%), gross (down 19%), and average (down 12%) all declined though almost 100 more horses (5%) were catalogued. No, they’re hardly comparable, but the contrast is nonetheless striking. See the column for further discussion.”



CUMULATIVE KEENELAND JANUARY SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	1,893	1,401	961	26.0%	68.6%	50.8%	\$ 28,785,500	\$ 29,954
2016	1,796	1,387	1,040	22.8%	75.0%	57.9%	\$ 35,463,000	\$ 34,099
2015	1,610	1,267	948	21.3%	74.8%	58.9%	\$ 35,305,500	\$ 37,242
2014	1,590	1,277	1,027	19.7%	80.4%	64.6%	\$ 41,025,700	\$ 39,947
2013	1,893	1,477	1,105	22.0%	74.8%	58.4%	\$ 45,207,300	\$ 40,912
2012	1,594	1,250	1,003	21.6%	80.2%	62.9%	\$ 37,991,900	\$ 37,878



MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST SELECT YEARLING SALE (IN AUS\$)

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	816	749	649	8.2%	86.6%	79.5%	\$ 134,292,500	\$ 206,922
2016	746	668	591	10.5%	88.5%	79.2%	\$ 115,646,000	\$ 195,679
2015	692	629	556	9.1%	88.3%	80.2%	\$92,961,500	\$167,197
2014	663	601	537	9.4%	89.4%	81.0%	\$75,952,000	\$141,438
2013	660	600	497	9.0%	82.8%	75.3%	\$67,677,500	\$136,172
2012	645	583	492	9.6%	84.4%	76.3%	\$62,570,000	\$127,175
2011	674	618	503	8.3%	81.4%	74.6%	\$63,669,000	\$126,579

Oppenheim cont.

If buying levels were to remain the same (of course they won't, but they have been relatively static since 2013) and if the \$75k+ sires accounted for all \$200k+ yearlings (definitely won't happen), even then only half the foals offered for sale by \$75k+ stallions would be sold for a good break-even price or profit. What happens to the rest? Do breeders sell them at a loss; put them into training themselves; and are they likely to be wanting to spend \$75,000+ on a stud fee this year or next year when there are 500 expensively-produced yearlings selling for at or under the stud fee?

A few examples from the 2016 yearling sales (click [here](#)): **Giant's Causeway** (\$85,000 fee in 2014)--47 offered/31 sold, average \$165,617, median \$110,000; **Distorted Humor** (\$100,000)--40 offered, 27 sold, average \$159,925, median \$100,000; **Kitten's Joy** (\$100,000)--92 offered, 57 sold, average \$88,113, median \$50,000. 2017 stud fees: Giant's Causeway (three-time champion sire, 20-years-old) \$75,000; Distorted Humor (okay, he's 24, but the sire of 131 black-type winners, including 52 Graded/Group SW) \$80,000; Kitten's Joy (okay, he's



Giant's Causeway | Coolmore

a turf sire, but had a Group 1 winner in Europe last year, and is a for-real good sire) \$100,000. It's not just limited to North America, either, nor is it limited to older sires, in fact Sea The Stars, who stood for €85,000 in 2014 and is the sire of 20 GSW including five Group 1 winners in four crops of 3-year-olds and up, had 55 yearlings offered, 43 sold, for an average of about €174,000 and a median of €97,000. He'll be standing for €125,000 this year.

Sure, there will be a lot of foal-sharing among the expensive stallions--that's nothing new--but there are three serious, linked factors which have to be considered: first, the imbalance between the supply of commercial yearlings by \$75k+ sires and the number of people prepared to spend \$200k+ on yearlings (and the number of yearlings they're prepared to buy); second, the fact that even though the foal crop shrank by 25% in Kentucky and New York between 2005-2014 (and by 40% nationally), yet the pool of buyers must be shrinking as fast or faster than the foal crop; and third, that a high proportion of even top-end buyers are boutique operations, understandably from their point of view more interested in quality than quantity. **Cont. p5**

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Then there's the reality of breeding horses: if you're very good, or very lucky, or both, one out of five will make 'their' lists. Breeders in Australia are evidently still making fair money on three out of the other four; in North America, and to some extent (maybe a lesser extent, maybe not) in Europe, they are not. For a lot of breeders, even in Kentucky, it's not penciling out. Conclusion: it's difficult to see how stud fees on some of the most expensive stallions can possibly be sustained. Of course, the 2017 Northern Hemisphere yearling market is a long way away, and lots of business incentives may be coming; but at current levels, quite a few expensive stud fees will be looking too high for breeders this time next year--if not now.

More APEX analysis next week. In the meantime, click [here](#) to see a sortable Excel file of 817 APEX sires, alphabetically. We'll tweet when it's on the website. **Contact Bill Oppenheim at bopp@erb.com (cc suefinley@thetdn.com).**

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Distorted Humor | Lee Thomas

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R.A. Hill Stable Purchases Interest in Breaking Lucky cont.

R.A. Hill Stable is owned by Randy Hill, a financial services executive, and his wife Marina. Hill and Reeves also teamed up to purchase G2 Shadwell Rockfel S. Spain Burg (Fr) (Sageburg {Ire}) for €1.5 million at the Arqana Arc Sale in October.

Breaking Lucky captured Woodbine's GIII Seagram Cup S. in August and checked in a respectable fourth behind fellow Pegasus contender Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper) in the GI Woodward S. a month later. Off the board in the Lukas Classic S., the Reade Baker pupil was second to Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) in Churchill's GI Clark H. last time Nov. 25.

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Hunter Valley Farm's Fergus Galvin came out on top of a spirited round of bidding Tuesday afternoon to take home a yearling filly from the second crop of champion Shanghai Bobby for **\$280,000**. "She was by far the best yearling on offer today," Galvin remarked. "We are big fans of the sire. We think he is going to be one of the top freshman sires for his year."

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"I am very pleased to be launching this partnership with Keeneland at such an exciting time for the historic Lexington," Banke said. "I hope to see it develop into a significant route to the Kentucky Derby. It would be a thrill to see a colt we bred and sold at Keeneland's Sales Pavilion return here for a spot in the starting gate."

Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said, "Stonestreet is synonymous with innovation and leadership in the Thoroughbred industry, and we look forward to further enhancing the Lexington through this exciting partnership."

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John Brennan, NorthJersey.com

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Teresa Genaro, New York Times

STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

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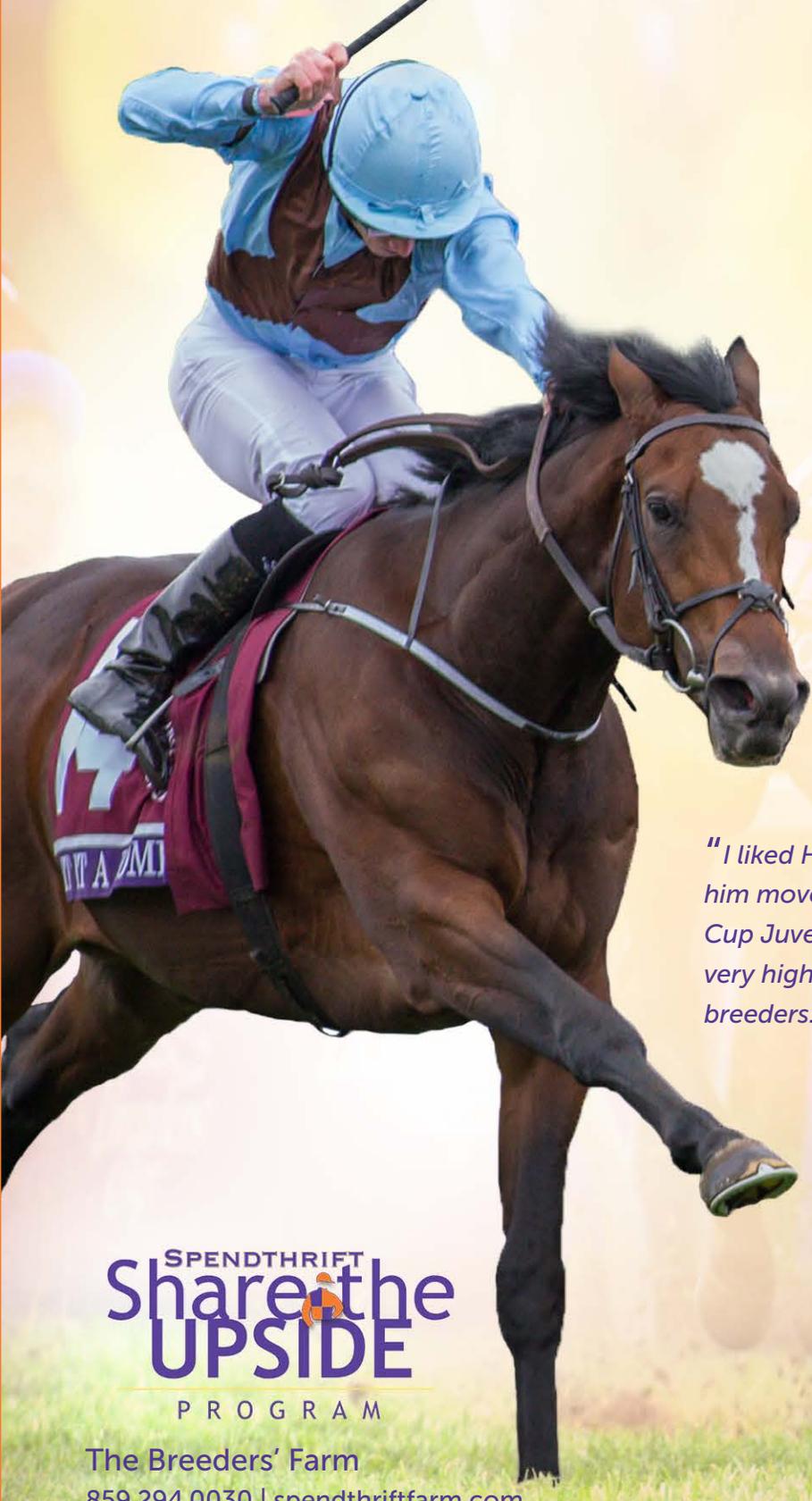
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 8 Stands: Ramsey Farm KY (\$100,000)</i>	16	27	8	17	3	3	264	80	\$868,865	\$8,091,836
										Camelot Kitten	
2	War Front <i>(2002) by Danzig FYR: 2008 Crops: 7 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (\$200,000)</i>	19	38	10	26	2	8	148	66	\$523,580	\$6,516,199
										Avenge	
3	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Crops: 6 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	11	21	7	9	5	5	188	62	\$607,025	\$5,076,836
										Celestine	
4	City Zip <i>(1998) by Carson City FYR: 2003 Crops: 12 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (\$40,000)</i>	9	16	4	7	1	3	171	59	\$1,154,033	\$4,647,991
										Catch a Glimpse	
5	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY (\$300,000)</i>	5	20	3	10	1	3	155	54	\$869,345	\$4,532,914
										Time and Motion	
6	Lemon Drop Kid <i>(1996) by Kingmambo FYR: 2002 Crops: 13 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (\$40,000)</i>	5	9	5	7	1	2	154	51	\$968,985	\$4,261,434
										Da Big Hoss	
7	Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat FYR: 2002 Crops: 13 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (\$75,000)</i>	6	10	1	5	--	--	190	64	\$399,340	\$4,054,285
										Giant Run	
8	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo FYR: 2002 Crops: 13 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (\$50,000)</i>	12	23	6	9	--	1	144	53	\$316,264	\$3,722,150
										Nemoralia	
9	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 9 Stands: Darley KY (\$150,000)</i>	6	15	2	9	1	3	126	41	\$686,600	\$3,684,826
										New Money Honey	
10	English Channel <i>(2002) by Smart Strike FYR: 2009 Crops: 6 Stands: Calumet Farm KY (\$25,000)</i>	6	10	3	7	2	3	136	53	\$566,150	\$3,435,095
										Al's Gal	
11	Smart Strike <i>(1992) by Mr. Prospector FYR: 1998 Crops: 17 Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	7	12	4	6	--	--	148	44	\$397,380	\$3,214,140
										Strike Charmer	
12	Bernstein <i>(1997) by Storm Cat FYR: 2002 Crops: 11 Stands: USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	2	4	1	2	1	1	70	23	\$1,961,945	\$2,974,254
										Tepin	
13	Temple City <i>(2005) by Dynaformer FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$10,000)</i>	5	6	4	4	2	3	91	25	\$1,070,239	\$2,808,459
										Miss Temple City	
14	Tiznow <i>(1997) by Cee's Tizzy FYR: 2003 Crops: 12 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (\$60,000)</i>	3	6	1	1	1	1	108	17	\$1,633,750	\$2,757,912
										Tourist	
15	Harlan's Holiday <i>(1999) by Harlan FYR: 2005 Crops: 10 Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	6	12	2	5	--	2	196	45	\$230,616	\$2,612,463
										Good Samaritan	

GUGLIELMINO ON TOP AT PORTLAND

MEADOWS by Melissa Bauer-Herzog

While the weather in Portland, Oregon has been tough on horsemen, horses and jockeys alike by delaying Portland Meadows's closing day for weeks, the meet's current leading jockey is just happy to get the opportunity to ride at the track. During the last two Portland Meadows's meets, 22-year-old Kassie Guglielmino sat in the top 10 by wins, ending the 2015 winter meet ranked fourth with 25 victories. But she easily beat that number during the 2016 meet with 37 victories as of Jan. 14, two more than her nearest competitor at the meet which is tentatively scheduled to end Jan. 24--if track conditions improve.

Guglielmino grew up on a cattle ranch in Northeastern



Kassie Guglielmino
M Bauer-Herzog

Washington where her earliest memories come while riding horses. Like many young riders, she wanted to be a jockey as a child, especially after watching the movie *Seabiscuit*. She took the next step toward that goal a few years later when

contacting a family friend who was involved with racing.

"My dad had a friend in the local area where I grew up who had some racehorses," Guglielmino said. "I gave him a call and asked how I could get started. He and his wife helped me get started in the bush tracks in British Columbia and on the unrecognized fair tracks in Eastern Washington."

Her first rides at recognized tracks came in 2012 when she rode 19 races with one win and six other on-the-board finishes. In her short career, Guglielmino has traveled around the West Coast, racing in four states and two countries (the U.S. and Canada), including one start at Del Mar in California.

While she has won multiple stakes races, including two on Oregon Champions day in late December, and ridden a race at one of the premiere tracks in the United States, Guglielmino finds it hard to name just one race as her biggest accomplishment, in part because of the challenges she's faced to get where she is.

"My biggest success is just being where I am today," she continued. "It's hard to pick a specific moment that I view as my biggest success. Every time I win a race, no matter the purse, it feels like my biggest success. They all feel that way. There are a multitude of challenges that I have been faced with as a rider. The biggest challenge has probably been just to disregard all the negativity, take away what is useful, move on and continue to

take steps to becoming a better rider. There can be a lot of negativity at the track and it's important to not become caught up in it."

As for those who aren't sure how to get in to racing, she has some simple advice for anyone from potential jockeys to trainers.

"My advice for anyone that wants to get into racing is to just be resilient, don't let too much get to you, and work hard. If you work hard for long enough someone will notice," she said.

Entering her sixth season at the track, Guglielmino is taking her own advice. She hopes to expand the number of tracks she rides at this year in addition to winning more races. But before she moves on to her other goals, she's focused on wrapping up the title at Portland's extended meet.

"It is very exciting to be currently leading the standings at Portland Meadows," she said. "I'm so grateful to all the trainers that have given me a fair shot, and of course to all my horses for their extraordinary efforts. It's been such a fun year."

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EASTERN U.S.

Tuesday's Results:

3rd-PRX, \$51,500, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-17, 3yo, 1m, 1:41.56, ft.

SMALL BEAR (g, 3, [Macho Uno](#)--Stella Prima, by El Prado {Ire}) lagged near the rear of the field when eighth at first asking at Saratoga Sept. 3, but improved drastically to be third in the mud at Aqueduct Dec. 1. Off the mark over the inner dirt there in his first route attempt going 1 1/16 miles Dec. 18, the \$80,000 OBSAPR juvenile was pounded down to 90 cents on the dollar and kept a watchful eye on proceedings from a close up fourth, two off the fence heading into the clubhouse turn. Asked for his run through a half-mile in :49 4/5, the chalk surged up the center of the track and, although continually cocking his head toward the stands, seized command in late stretch. Pilot Dylan Davis kept Small Bear to his task all the way to the wire, as he drew away to win by 1 1/4 lengths over Worth His Salt (Roman Ruler). His dam, a half-sister to Canadian champion 2-year-old fillies Poetically (Silver Deputy) and Primaly (Alydeed), as well as GI Gamely S. scorer Citronnade (Lemon Drop Kid), has a juvenile colt named Pantiley (Drosselmeyer), a yearling colt by Midshipman and she was covered by Afleet Alex this past spring. Sales history: \$45,000 Ylg '15 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$72,932. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-August Dawn Farm; B-Martin Lake & Serendipity Farm (KY); T-Gary Sciacca.

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4th-PRX, \$52,950, Msw, 1-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.83, ft.
BERTRANDA (f, 3, Boys At Tosconova--Princess Maura, by Cape Canaveral) ran off the board behind future MGSW Miss Sky Warrior (First Samurai) on debut locally Oct. 15, but she hasn't been out of the trifecta since, checking in third two starts later to subsequent Dec. 31 Gin Talking S. heroine Ms Locust Point (Dialed In) Nov. 27. A distant runner-up here Dec. 26, the dark bay was tabbed the 7-5 crowd's pick and was outfooted early. The newly turned sophomore muscled her way up to sit in midpack as the field approached the far turn and had dead aim on the leading duo from there. Swinging to the outside, she stormed past rivals four paths off the rail in upper stretch and poured it on late to win by 3 3/4 lengths over Beautiful Lady (Bellamy Road) in second. Sales history: \$15,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT; \$15,000 2yo '16 EASMAV. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$55,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Stanley J. Trzcinski; B-Gus Schoenborn (NY); T-James F. Noble.

CALIFORNIA

Monday's Result:

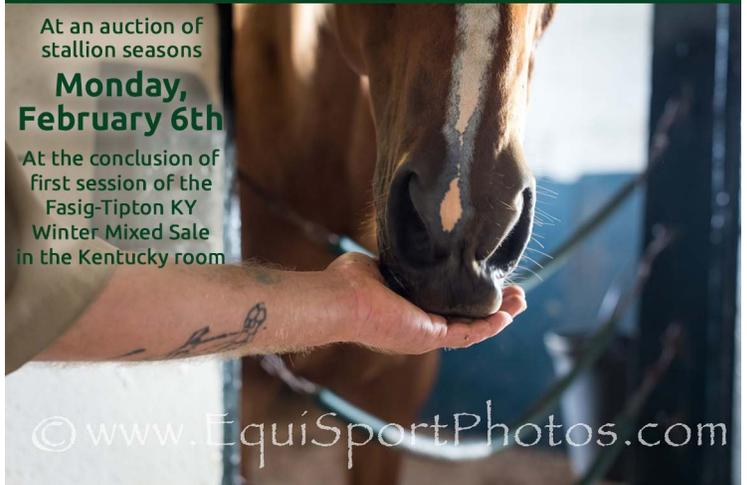
10th-SA, \$56,415, Msw, 1-16, 3yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:13.28, gd.
SWINGING STAR (g, 3, Malibu Moon--Starrer {MGISW, \$1,043,033}, by Dynaformer), a rank eighth when unveiled at Del Mar Aug. 21, rolled a pair of fives switched to a grassy mile, at Santa Anita Oct. 1 and last time back at the seaside Nov. 19. Sent off at 12-1 in his sophomore bow cutting back to 6 1/2 furlongs, the bay settled second last in the strung-out field as the leader set fractions of :21.64 and :44.06. Getting a dream trip up the rail turning into the home straight, Swinging Star hit another gear to take command inside the final 50 yards and held off the onrushing Ritzy A.P. (English Channel) to win by a nose. The winner is a half-sister to the SP Star Act (Street Cry {Ire}), as well as a juvenile filly of this year named Movie Moment (Paynter). Starrer, out of the MGSP To the Hunt (Relaunch) and a half-sister to fellow MGISW Stellar Jayne (Wild Rush), was covered by Speightstown last spring. This is the extended family of GI Matriarch S. heroine Star Billing (Dynaformer). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$34,825. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-George Krikorian (KY); T-Tim Yakteen.

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+**Chilly Silver**, f, 3, [Malibu Moon](#)--Jacey's Reward, by Johannesburg. Kyoto, 1-17, Maiden, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$52,632. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Glencrest Farm LLC (KY); T-Kiyoshi Hagiwara. *\$80,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL; \$245,000 RNA 2yo '16 FTFMAR; \$240,000 2yo '16 BARMAR.

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La Blanquiroja, f, 3, [Eskendereya](#)--Great Morning (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Monterrico, 1-13, Maiden, 1300m. B-Brandywine Fam (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). *\$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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+**Maldita Primavera**, f, 3, [Sky Mesa](#)--Giant Leap, by Giant's Causeway. Monterrico, 1-14, Maiden, 1000m. B-Belwood Stables LLC (KY). *1/2 to Macha (Majestic Warrior), GSP, \$156,014. **\$15,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$21,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN. [VIDEO](#)

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Broken Game, m, 6, [Broken Vow](#)--Game (Fr), by Montjeu (Ire). Monterrico, 1-14, Premio Luis Rodriguez Mariategui-Listed, 1900m. B-Sean Fitzhenry (ON). *GSP-Per. **1/2 to Season Ticket (Lemon Drop Kid), SW, \$280,171. ***\$15,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. [VIDEO](#)

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Heungryong, g, 3, **J P's Gusto**--Koni's Penty, by Pentelicus. Seoul, 1-15, Hcp. (\$64k), 1200m. B-Steve Tucker & Michelle Jackson (FL). *Won for the third time in four career starts. **\$17,000 2yo '16 FTMMAY.

Dia Socks, c, 3, [Langfuhr](#)--Royal Strategy, by Woodman. Seoul, 1-14, Hcp. (\$52k), 1400m. B-Henri & Stephen Mastey (KY). *Won by four lengths as the 2-1 favorite. **Formerly Royal Fuhr. ***\$30,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

Jeongsang Teukgeub, c, 3, [Tizway](#)--Credential, by Valid Appeal. Seoul, 1-14, Hcp. (\$52k), 1200m. B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). *\$26,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

Winning Humor, g, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--Cascading (SW, \$126,997), by A.P. Indy. Busan, 1-15, Hcp. (\$62k), 1400m. B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc & Stretch Run Ventures LLC (KY). *\$95,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$46,000 2yo '15 OBSJUN.

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Perdido Pomeroy, c, 4, **Pomeroy**--Boldest of All (SW, \$249,864), by Bold Executive. Busan, 1-15, Hcp. (\$90k), 1400m. B-Soundview Farm (FL). *\$2,500 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$22,000 2yo '15 OBSJUN.

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3-GP, Msw 1m, Golden Treasury, 2-1

GATTOPARDO (Johannesburg), O'Sullivan Farms, \$1K, 18/1/1

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HANSEN (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 129/22/1

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MIDAS TOUCH (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras Rapetti, \$10K, 24/0/0

6-CT, Msw 6 1/2f, +Touch of Midas, 15-1

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3-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, +Prince of the Road, 12-1

3-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, +Prospector Road, 15-1

[TO HONOR AND SERVE](#) (Bernardini), Gainesway Farm, \$30K, 171/15/1

3-TAM, Msw 1m, Souper Salary, \$225K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-PRX, \$44,250, (S), 1-17, (NW2BX), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.35, ft.

AUNT ROSE (f, 4, Flower Alley--Once Again, by Cryptoclearance) Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-0, \$196,740. O-Larry Rebbecchi; B-Donald L Brown (PA); T-Penny Pearce.

3rd-SUN, \$33,600, (S), 1-17, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.09, gd.

BLAZE TO GLORY (f, 4, Diabolical--Glory Be Mine {MSW, \$426,918}, by Dome) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-3-4-1, \$82,740. O/B-Bobby McQueen & Dale Taylor (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

2nd-MVR, \$27,700, (S), (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.71, sy.

BLINGITONAGAIN (c, 4, Too Much Bling--Delitefully Wild, by Offlee Wild) Lifetime Record: 20-4-4-1, \$123,149. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & Michael Friedman; B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tiz a Charm, f, 3, Colonel John--Moon Charmer (MSW, \$117,800), by Indian Charlie. MVR, 1-17, (S), 6f, 1:14.88. B-Robert Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH). *Won by 7 3/4 lengths.



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

January 19, 1918...Pan Zareta, knicknamed "Queen of the Turf," dies of pneumonia in her stall at Fair Grounds and is buried in the track's infield.

January 19, 1955...Swaps won the San Vicente S., the first race of his 3-year-old campaign, by 31/2 lengths at Santa Anita Park. He went on to triumph over Nashua in the GI Kentucky Derby, but was in turn defeated by his rival in a \$100,000 match race at Washington Park Aug. 31, his only loss that year.

January 19, 1986...Lester Piggot, who took nine renewals of the Epsom Derby, won for the final time in his career when he guided Sonny Barich to victory in the International Jockeys' Cup at Bay Meadows.

January 20, 1972...Secretariat was shipped from Virginia to Florida to be trained by Lucien Laurin.

January 20, 1979...Odds-on favorite Affirmed, with Steve Cauthen aboard, finished second in the San Fernando S. at Santa Anita, beaten 2 3/4 lengths by Radar Ahead. It was their fourth consecutive defeat. Cauthen subsequently lost the mount on Affirmed to jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr., who rode the horse for the remainder of his 4-year-old season, winning seven victories in as many starts. Affirmed was later voted Horse of the Year for 1979. Cauthen had ridden Affirmed to a Triple Crown sweep the previous year and the pair recorded 11 wins in their 16 races together.

January 23, 1994...Pat Day, at age 40, became the 10th rider in North American racing history to ride 6,000 winners when he rode Miss Popsnorkle to victory in the first race at Oaklawn Park.

January 24, 1974...Jockey Chris McCarron rode his first race, in which he finished last aboard Most Active at Bowie Racecourse.

January 26, 1950...Citation's 16-race win streak came to an end in the La Sorpresa H. at Santa Anita. Despite giving 16 pounds to the winner, Miche, Citation, carrying 130 pounds, lost only by a neck.

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Camelot | Coolmore Stud

By Kevin Blake

The bloodstock business is truly extraordinary. Despite how few new sires ultimately become commercial successes, it is remarkable to witness the untethered enthusiasm, excitement and speculation which greets each batch of new and unproven stallions that retires to the breeding shed every year. Despite the relatively unattractive odds involved, the majority of players in the game dream of being on the right side of the next successful sire and are willing to back their judgment and support these unproven sires in the hope of striking gold.

Thus, with the first runners of the latest bunch of new sires only a few months away from the racecourse, now is as good a time as any to search for statistical hints as to what might prove to be the pick of the new sires based in Great Britain and Ireland.

It is a competitive year for sires with their first runners in 2016. There are 10 stallions based in Great Britain and Ireland that have 75 or more 2-year-olds to represent them. For the sake of comparison, there were 13 such stallions in 2016 and eight in 2015.

SCALES TIPPED IN FAVOUR OF A BREAK

Group 1 winner **Scales Of Justice (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) will be given more time by his trainer Lindsey Smith before any firm targets for the gelding are nominated. Initial plans like the G1 Australian Cup and the G1 Doncaster Mile have been put on ice with the trainer keen on giving the 4-year-old more time off before building towards his next campaign. "I've changed my mind with him a few times in the past couple of days and after looking at him today, I think he needs more time off," Smith told *Racing.com*. "I was quite disappointed with how he looked. He was flat, his body was saying that he needed more time so I will give him another month," he added. Scales Of Justice rose to prominence last year winning the G1 James Boag's Premium Railway S. at Ascot in November before getting chinned by Stratum Star (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}) in the G1 Peters Investments Kingston Town Classic at the same track the following month. [Cont. p6](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

OPPENHEIM: MORE APEX, BUT FIRST

We take a week away from APEX ratings to look at the booming results from the Magic Millions sale last week contrasted against Keeneland January--two different sales, to be sure, but a comparison that raises yellow flags for the breeding industry in the U.S.

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Also worth noting is that there is more depth in the upper end of the market than is often the case, with five individual stallions having covered their first crop at a published fee of £17,500 or higher.

The method used to assess the prospects of the first runners of various stallions is an interesting subject. As always in the bloodstock world, there will be no shortage of subjective opinion based on what observers have seen with their own eyes on the gallops and at the sales, but this piece will seek to make a statistics-based assessment. While statistics based on yearling sales results are far from cast iron given the potential for some of the results to not be quite as they seem, there is always plenty of interesting information to be extracted from the results.

The chosen method of assessment here is to express the average and more significantly the median price achieved by a sire's progeny at the yearling sales in relation to their sire's



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nomination fee. This can give an idea of how they performed in the context of the expectation implied by their nomination fee. However, that methodology undoubtedly favours sires with lower nomination fees, so it

is fairer to all to include a set figure to account for costs up to the point of sale as a yearling.

As has been discussed in previous sales analysis pieces, what this figure should be is a subject of great debate given the differing circumstances of the horses that sell at yearling sales. Based on feedback from industry figures since last year, the number I have decided to use to best reflect an industry-wide average is 8,000gns.

It is also worth noting that when I converted the 2014 nomination fees of Irish-based stallions from Euro to Guineas for ease of comparison, I used the average exchange rate from Mar. 1, 2015 (€1.38 to £1) to best reflect the cost to the breeder at the average time of transaction. With Sterling having weakened significantly against the Euro prior to the yearling sales in 2016 (€1.15 to £1 on Oct. 1, 2016), British-based stallions on this list are disadvantaged by their stud fee being approximately 17% or so higher than it would be at October 2016 exchange rate.

With all that in mind, statistical analysis of this nature will never be fully reflective of the situation, but it can certainly help to cut through the bluster and give a good indication of how the market really received the first yearlings of these new sires.

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So, what do the numbers say?

Based on this analysis, the headline horse is without question Camelot (GB) (Coolmore).

The son of Montjeu (Ire) was always going to be a headliner in terms of expectations as a sire. Having won the G1 2000 Guineas and the Derby, he came within 3/4 of a length of becoming the first Triple Crown winner since Nijinsky in 1970 when just touched off in a memorable renewal of the St Leger. While he will be best remembered for his Triple Crown bid, what made Camelot just as remarkable was the speed he showed in the context of his sire's progeny.

Montjeu was an exceptional sire, producing 31 individual Group 1 winners and almost 200 horses rated 100 or higher. A strong trend that emerged amongst his progeny was that stamina was very much their forte. This is what made Camelot so notable, as he was the only one of Montjeu's progeny to ever win a Group 1 at a mile or shorter as a 3-year-old or older. The significance of this is put into further context by the fact that only one other offspring of Montjeu ever won a Group race of any description over a mile or shorter as a 3-year-old or older, namely the subsequent Irish Oaks winner Bracelet when winning a Group 3 over seven furlongs. This feat sets Camelot apart from other sire sons of Montjeu and makes him a highly intriguing stallion prospect. **Cont. p3**

Kevin Blake cont.

While it was difficult to draw solid conclusions from the relatively small number of Camelot's progeny that were sold as foals, there can be no doubt as to how they were received in the yearling market. Of all the first-season sires, his progeny registered both the highest average and median sale prices expressed as a multiple of stud fee plus costs. These numbers are made even more robust by the fact that Camelot had the second-highest number of yearlings sold on this list (95).

In terms of who bought them and where they will be trained, as always, the most important question with a high-profile Coolmore sire is how many will be trained by Aidan O'Brien in Ballydoyle. As of now, there are eight Camelots in Ballydoyle, six colts and two fillies. It is also worth noting that there are no fewer than 29 sons of Camelot entered in the 2018 Derby including colts trained by the likes of John Gosden, Sir Michael Stoute and Roger Charlton.

Typically, studs will offer discounts to breeders willing to use a stallion in his fourth season given that this is a fundamentally high-risk time in which to use any sire given how many of them fail. However, very occasionally a stud will bravely increase such a sire's fee in his fourth year to reflect the confidence they have in that sire. A recent example of such rare bullishness was Coolmore's decision to raise Zoffany's nomination fee from €7,500 to €12,500 prior to his first runners hitting the track in 2015. That decision raised many eyebrows at the time, but proved to be justified by the outstanding performance of his first runners and subsequent rise to a fee of €45,000 for 2016. Thus, it is very eye-catching that Coolmore have raised Camelot's fee from €25,000 to €35,000 for 2017. They clearly have great faith in him.

Given that Montjeu's most notable sire sons have tended to have the vast majority of their 2-year-old winners from August onwards, it is worth bearing in mind that few if any of Camelot's progeny are likely to be seen in the first half of the season. That said, given that Camelot was the fastest of Montjeu's Group 1-winning sons and made his own winning debut in July of his 2-year-old season, it will be interesting to see if his progeny can somewhat buck the trend of their grandsire's descendants as Camelot himself did on the racecourse. Based on how well Camelot's progeny were received at the yearling sales, they will be worth waiting for whenever they appear.

There was another stand-out performer at the yearling sales amongst those at the lower end of the nomination fee scale and it was Epaulette (Aus) (Commands {Aus}) (Darley).

Darley have unquestionably been the most enthusiastic European-based supporters of Australian-trained sprinters following on from the success they enjoyed with the similarly-profiled Exceed and Excel (Aus).

While Epaulette is by a sire that wouldn't be nearly as familiar to European-based breeders as the sires of most other Darley imports from Australia, this clearly hasn't been seen as a drawback by the British and Irish markets which have supported his progeny with such enthusiasm.

Epaulette's first foals came out at the top of this column's analysis of the performance of the new sires at the foal sales in 2015 and his half-brother Helmet did very well with his first runners as a sire in 2016, so it wasn't a great surprise that his first yearlings were as well received by the market as they were.

Indeed, having finished on top in what was a rather bunched finish among the new sires in the analysis of the 2015 foal sales, he opened a significant gap between himself and his rivals with stud fees of £12,500 or less in the equivalent analysis of the 2016 yearling sales.

Sire	2014 Fee	Fee (gns) +8k gns costs	Live Foals	Ylgs sold	Avg (gns)	Med (gns)	Avg. as mult. stud Fee + costs	Med. as mult. of stud Fee + costs
Camelot	€25,000	27,162	150	95	91,259	65,000	3.36	2.39
Intello	£25,000	34,250	99	59	89,295	70,000	2.61	2.04
Dawn Approach	€35,000	34,827	112	49	81,533	64,000	2.34	1.84
Epaulette	€7,500	13,749	107	85	30,374	22,408	2.21	1.63
Declaration of War	€40,000	38,660	137	82	77,248	50,915	2.00	1.32
Lethal Force	£12,500	21,125	100	71	33,546	26,610	1.59	1.26
Swiss Spirit	£4,500	12,725	76	57	23,576	14,005	1.85	1.10
Havana Gold	£8,500	16,925	104	73	24,931	16,000	1.47	0.95
Most Improved	€6,000	12,599	71	52	15,845	10,854	1.26	0.86
Society Rock	€8,000	14,132	121	98	28,905	11,904	2.05	0.84
Farhh	£17,500	26,375	38	22	39,132	22,000	1.48	0.83
Red Jazz	€4,500	11,449	102	72	14,471	7,703	1.26	0.67
Cityscape	£5,000	13,250	62	22	11,867	7,351	0.90	0.55

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Kevin Blake cont.

In contrast with Camelot, Epaulette's progeny are likely to be much more precocious propositions. His three-parts brother Helmet was the fastest starter of all the first-season sires last year and it would be no surprise if his sibling's progeny were to make the early headlines this year.

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LONGINES CEREMONY TO BE STREAMED

The World's Best Racehorse and World's Best Horse Race Ceremony, sponsored by Longines, will be held Jan. 24 in Claridges of London and will be streamed live on the internet, beginning at 13:30 GMT/8:30 EST. Viewers will be able to watch the ceremony at both longines.com and ifhaonline.org. American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) scooped the award for 2015 and two of his compatriots **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) and **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) are currently heading the 2016 list followed closely by Australian star **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}). For the second year the award for the Longines World's Best Horse Race will be presented. This category recognises the best-rated race of the highest-rated Group 1 international races as established for the year by a panel of international handicappers. The ratings of the top four finishers in each race serve as basis for the assessment. The G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe was the inaugural winner and this year other potential contenders include the G1 Breeders' Cup Classic, the G1 Juddmonte International and The G1 QIPCO Irish Champion S.

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HANAGAN LOOKING FORWARD TO MOVE

Former Champion Jockey Paul Hanagan is going back to his roots for the coming season and will relocate north to base himself nearby his former boss Richard Fahey. Hanagan was replaced as first jockey to Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum by Jim Crowley late last year and his change in circumstances will see Hanagan renew links that helped him become champion for two years running in 2010 and 2011. "I'm really looking forward to relocating back up north," said Hanagan. "As you can imagine it's quite stressful moving house and the kids moving schools, but we're getting there. I'm going to link up with Richard [Fahey] and the big thing is just to be part of the team, it's a very special team--happy staff, happy horses."

Reflecting on his time riding for Sheikh Hamdan Hanagan said, "There's no regrets, I rode my first Classic winner, a King George winner, rode the champion sprinter in Muhaarar, it was a successful time and I wouldn't change it for the world."



Paul Hanagan | *Racing Post*

Richard Fahey is also looking forward to renewing a more frequent alliance with Hanagan, the pair

having enjoyed great success together including winning a G1 Darley July Cup with **Mayson (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in 2012. "Paul was keen to come home and I was never going to say no," said Fahey.

"Obviously, it's great to have him back - we have a great working relationship. He was twice champion jockey before he left, so I'm not sure you can say he'll be a better jockey now."

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APPOINTMENTS**Emma Marley: Head Of Raceday Operations**

- The BHA has appointed Emma Marley as head of raceday operations, beginning in April. Marley is currently racing manager and clerk of the course at Ayr Racecourse. In her new role Marley will report to Brant Dunshea, director of integrity and regulatory operations.
- Dunshea commented, "We are thrilled to welcome Emma to the team. This is such an important role for the BHA and for the operation of the sport, and the quality of applications we received reflected that. Emma really stood out, not only because of her proven track record at both Bath and Ayr, but also her understanding of the racing industry as a whole, which is reflected in her qualifications and participation in the Horseracing MBA"
- Marley added, "I am delighted to be given the opportunity to join the BHA team, utilising my years of experience in the horseracing industry. I have enjoyed a memorable seven years at Ayr, and sincerely thank the Directors and Ayr staff for their vital support"



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BRITAIN



Tuesday's Result:

4th-KEM, £19,000, Cond, 1-17, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:12.13, st/sl. SECOND THOUGHT (IRE) (c, 3, Kodiak {GB}--Bobby Jane {GB}, by Diktat {GB}), who scored with ease over this distance at Wolverhampton last month, started as the 3-1 second favourite and raced under restraint under cover at the back of the tightly-packed field early. Left flat-footed temporarily in the straight, the 70,000gns TATOCT yearling picked up to wear down Sutter County (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the final 50 yards and score by a neck. The dam, who has already produced another smart type by Kodiak in Ifittakesforever (Ire) who races in Hong Kong as Forever Red, descends from Shawanni (GB) (Shareef Dancer) who is the dam of the G1 1000 Guineas, G1 Coronation S., G1 Sun Chariot S. and G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine Sky Lantern (Ire) (Red Clubs {Ire}) and the black-type scorers Shanty Star (Ire) (Hector Protector), Hinton Admiral (GB) (Spectrum {Ire}) and Arctic (Ire) (Shamardal). She has a yearling colt to follow by Sir Prancealot (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$20,638.

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O-Mr Liam Sheridan; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-William Haggas.

FRANCE



Tuesday's Result:

1st-CGN, €35,000, Cond, 1-17, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:06.63, st. COSMIQUE (FR) (f, 3, Pivotal {GB}-Kylia, by Mr. Greeley), runner-up in the Listed Criterium de Lyon over a mile when last seen at Lyon Parilly in September, tracked the leading trio throughout the early stages. Driven to gain the advantage passing the 300-metre marker, the 19-5 shot kept on professionally to score by a diminishing head margin from My Valentine (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). The winner, who shares her second dam Anja (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) with the classy Shadwell Sprinter-miler Mustajeb (GB) (Nayef), winner of the G2 Greenlands S. and G3 Jersey S. and third in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, descends from the G3 Prix de Flore winner Allez les Trois (Riverman). She produced the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Anabaa Blue (GB) and smart black-type-winning Godolphin fillies Reunite (Ire) (Kingmambo) and Measured Tempo (GB) (Sadler's Wells), as well as the dam of another Shadwell luminary in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Tamayuz (GB). Allez les Trois is herself a member of one of modern racing's great dynasties, being out of Allegretta (GB) (Lombard {Ger}) who gave the world the Arc heroine and incomparable broodmare Urban Sea (Miswaki), the brilliant G1 2000 Guineas hero King's Best alongside the dams of the MGSW leading German sire Tertullian and the G1 Deutschland-Preis winner Anzillero (Ger) (Law Society). The dam also has a 2-year-old filly by Motivator (GB) named Standing Up (Fr) and a yearling filly by Camelot (GB) named Arthuria (Ire). Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, €27,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR); T-Christophe Ferland .

CONDITIONS RESULT:

2nd-CGN, €28,000, 1-17, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:36.55, st. QUATORZE (FR) (g, 7, Elusive City--Queseraisjesanstoi {Fr}, by Rainbow Quest) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 30-7-2-4, €268,581. O-H H Sheikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Haras d'Etream (FR); T-Francois Rohaut. *1/2 to Quartz (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), SW-Fr, \$119,598. **€50,000 RNA HRA '13 ARQARC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Brooklyn Baby (Fr), c, 3, Elusive City--Reine Violette (Fr), by Fly To the Stars (GB). CGN, 1-17, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.63. B-R-Y Simon & N Simon (FR). *€21,000 Ylg '15 OSASEP.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Santa Fe Chief (Ire), m, 5, Wiesenpfad (Fr)--Saldentigerin (Ger) (GSW & MG1SP-Ger, GSP-Ity, \$294,863), by Tiger Hill (Ire). Nakayama, 1-15, Alw, 11fT. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$217,544 O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Gestut Bona; T-Takashi Saito. *€390,000 Ylg '13 BBAAUG. **GSW-Ger, MG1SP-Ger \$294,863. **1/2 to Salut (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), SW-Ger,GSP-Ity, MSP-Fr, \$171,151; and Salomina (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), G1SW-Ger, \$332,689.

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

3.20 Cagnes-sur-Mer, Debutantes, €24,000, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT) GHURFAH (GB) (Tamayuz {GB}) is a daughter of the 2006 G1 Cheveley Park S. and 2007 G1 Coronation S. heroine Indian Ink (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) who starts out for Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Jean-Claude Rouget. Also emanating from that stable is Joseph Allen's homebred **Battle Flag (War Front)**, the latest progeny out of Photograph (Unbridled's Song) who was responsible for the yard's G3 Prix de Guiche winner and G1 Prix du Jockey Club third War Dispatch by the same sire.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

Scales tipped in favour of a break cont.

Western Australia based Smith is still keen to travel east with his star whenever he feels he can do himself justice. "There are a couple of races that we could target in Perth but it would be a bit more exciting to have a crack at something in the east. I'm interested in bringing him across and so too are his owners. I'll give him another month, assess how he is and then make our plans from there," Smith concluded.

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FREEDMAN HAPPY WITH EXOSPHERIC

Exospheric (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}), who raced for his breeder Khalid Abdullah and Sir Michael Stoute in Britain under the name Exosphere is reportedly in good shape ahead of an intended 'Cup' campaign this autumn. Now trained by Lee and Anthony Freedman Exospheric was last seen running a creditable eighth in the G1 Melbourne Cup having kicked off his



Exosphere pictured winning in England last year | *Racing Post*

southern hemisphere career in promising fashion with a third place behind Jameka (Aus) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) in the G1 BMW Caulfield Cup. "Exospheric's been in work a little while now, he's ready to step up his work," Lee Freedman told

Racing.com. "I'm very pleased with him, he's settled in really well. Even though he grew a bit of a winter coat at the wrong time because he was a bit out of season, we've clipped him and he's responded to that well. He's not suffering in the heat." Mapping out a starting point for the 5-year-old entire Freedman suggested, "He may run in the [G1] C F Orr Stakes in three weeks time." Freedman also indicated the G2 Peter Young S. and the G1 Australian Cup would likely follow for Exospheric.

Freedman also had news of **Our Ivanhowe (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}) who has the distinction of being a Group 1 winner in both Australia and Germany. "We brought him back in later, because he did take the run pretty badly in the Melbourne Cup [finished 17th]," he said. Our Ivanhowe will likely be trained for a repeat win in the G1 Doomben Cup in May.

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LOW KEY SESSION CONCLUDES MM SALE

A son of the late High Chaparral (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) led the way during Book 3 of the Magic Millions Yearling Sale on Tuesday. The colt, offered by Kenmore Lodge as [lot 1039](#) was knocked down to Gollan Racing for A\$25,000. Another shuttle sire Lope De Vega (Ire) (Shamardal) was responsible for the next highest yearling when [lot 1056](#) a filly offered by Clearwater Farm made A\$22,000 to the bid of SJ Racing. At the end of the short session 41 of the 50 offered lots changed hands for a total of A\$335,850. The average came in at A\$8,191, the median A\$8,000 and the clearance rate was 82%.



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Worldwide Report cont.**Tuesday, Kyoto, Japan****NIKKEI SHINSHUN HAI-G2**, ¥109,760,000, Kyoto, 1-17, 4yo/up, 2400mT, 2:25.70, gd.**1--#@MIKKI ROCKET (JPN), 121, c, 4, King Kamehameha (Jpn)****1st Dam: Moneycantbuymelove (Ire) (MSW-GB, G1SP-GB, \$197,248), by Pivotal (GB)****2nd Dam: Sabreon (GB), by Caerleon****3rd Dam: Sabria, by Miswaki**

¥92,000,000 Ylg '14 JRHAJUL). O-Mizuki Noda; B-Northern Farm; T-Hidetaka Otonashi; J-Ryuji Wada; ¥58,022,000

Lifetime Record: 12-4-5-0. **Werk Nick Rating: C.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)**2--Sciacchetta (Jpn), 117, c, 4, Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)--**

Samaaha (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). (¥49,000,000 Ylg '14 JRHAJUL). O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm; ¥23,292,000.

3--Mondo Intero (Jpn), 125, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Silk

Universal (Jpn), by Brian's Time. O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥14,146,000.

Margins: NO, 2, NO. Odds: 1.90, 3.20, 5.70.

Also Ran: Red Eldest (Jpn), Kafuji Prince (Jpn), Yamakatsu Raiden (Jpn), Toruk Makto (Jpn), Madrid Cafe (Jpn), Action Star (Jpn), Reve Mistral (Jpn), Win Inspire (Jpn), T M Nanahikari (Jpn), D'Accord (Jpn), Admire Flight (Jpn). [Click for the JRA chart and video, for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

A fourth career victory and a first at stakes level for Mikki Rocket who prevailed narrowly after a tremendous duel over the last furlong with the runner up Sciacchetta. Having challenged wide turning into the straight Mikki Rocket was soon tackled and headed narrowly by Sciacchetta who looked the likely winner at that point. To Mikki Rocket's credit he really put his head down and battled to grab the initiative at the wire, the pair pulling a few lengths clear of the third place finisher Mondo Intero. The winner acquitted himself well on his previous start when highly tried in the G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger) when finishing fifth behind Satono Diamond (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and he was able to capitalize on this drop in class to become the first stakes winner out of the former Michael Bell trained Royal Ascot winner Moneycantbuymelove (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Winning jockey Ryuji Wada commented, "It was a tough finish, but he ran his race and never gave up. He broke well and traveled nicely. He has lots of class and has plenty of scope." Trainer Hidetaka Otonashi added, "He settled at a favorable position, saving for a late run, that was a big winning factor. His target in the spring campaign will be the [G1] Osaka Hai [April 2] and I have not decided to send him to another prep race before that."

DEBT COLLECTOR CLEANS UP IN SINGAPORE*by Alan Carasso*

Debt Collector (NZ) (Thorn Park {Aus}), who posted six wins from as many appearances in 2016, was crowned Singapore Horse of the Year in ceremonies held Tuesday evening at the Fullerton Hotel.

In winning the final two legs of the local 3-year-old series--the Singapore 3YO Classic (1400m) and the Singapore Guineas



Debt Collector made it seven straight overall in the Raffles Cup | Singapore Turf Club

(1600m) [\(video\)](#)--he was the clear choice for champion of his generation, while his powerful defeat of the anointed 4-year-old champion **Well Done (NZ)** (Falkirk {NZ}) in the Panasonic Kranji Mile [\(video\)](#) combined with the Guineas

success earned Debt Collector the champion miler title as well. For good measure, he added the most improved horse award and the award for social media horse of the year.

Debt Collector was purchased by bloodstock agent Michael Wallace for NZ\$30,000 from the draft of Windsor Park Stud at the 2014 New Zealand Bloodstock Select Yearling Sale and fetched NZ\$120,000 from trainer Cliff Brown when consigned to the NZB Ready to Run Sale the following November. Debt Collector, last seen besting champion older horse **Quechua (Arg)** (Pure Prize) in the Raffles Cup (1800m) Oct. 30 [\(video\)](#), is owned by the Victorian-based Barree Stable of Glenn Whittenbury. A Shamexpress (NZ) half-sister to Debt Collector is consigned by Windsor Park as [hip 356](#) to the upcoming NZB Premier Yearling Sale.

The Brown stable was also represented by **Zac Spirit (Aus)** (Flying Spur {Aus}), who earned his second champion sprinter title in the space of three years courtesy of a win in the Lion City Cup [\(video\)](#) last April. Zac Spirit was retired after chipping a knee last June.

Haras d'Etreham's Elusive City, who formerly shuttled to New Zealand, was represented by a pair of champions in the form of Dester Singapore Gold Cup hero **Bahana (NZ)** (stayer) and top Polytrack horse **Spalato (NZ)**.

In the human categories, Manoel Nunes was named champion jockey for the third consecutive season, while Alwin Tan scooped his first champion trainer's title with 90 winners. He is the first local trainer to finish atop the standings since Charles Leck in 2003. Lim's Stable was the leading owner by number of victories and by number of stakes won.

2016 SINGAPORE RACING AWARDS

Horse of the Year, Ch. 3yo, Ch. Miler, Most Improved Horse & Social Media Horse of the Year
DEBT COLLECTOR (NZ) (Thorn Park {Aus})

Champion Older Horse
QUECHUA (ARG) (Pure Prize)

Champion Sprinter
ZAC SPIRIT (AUS) (Flying Spur {Aus})

Champion Stayer
BAHANA (NZ) (Elusive City)

Champion Polytrack Horse
SPALATO (NZ) (Elusive City)

Champion 4-Year-Old
WELL DONE (NZ) (Falkirk {NZ})

Champion 2-Year-Old
LIM'S RACER (NZ) (Red Giant)

DETTORI TO RIDE IN MET

On the eve of the announcement of the field for the R5-million G1 Sun Met, internationally renowned jockey Frankie Dettori has been booked to ride reigning G1 Vodacom Durban July S.



Frankie Dettori | *Racing Post photo*

winner The Conglomerate (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) in the 2000-metre test at Kenilworth Racecourse Jan. 28. The Italian is scheduled to have a minimum of four rides on the 13-race programme, with mounts in the CTS Mile, the G1 Betting World Cape Flying

Championship and the G1 Investec Cape Derby in addition to the Met.

“Frankie Dettori has worked with Investec for the last three years as our ambassador for the Investec Derby Festival at Epsom Downs racecourse in the UK; everyone at Investec is thrilled that Frankie will be riding at this year’s Met,” commented Janet Larsen, head of Group Marketing at Investec SA. “Frankie Dettori has enjoyed global success on the international horseracing stage and we look forward to welcoming him to Cape Town.”

Also expected to add some international flavour to the program is French jockey Stephane Pasquier, who is taking part in four race meetings in South Africa, culminating with an appearance on Met day, though he has yet to secure a mount for the main event.

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Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:50 p.m.

AL FAHIDI FORT S.-G2, \$250,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Championship (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	O’Donoghe	bin Harmash
2	Anaerobio (Arg)	Catcher in the Rye (Ire)	Cosgrave	de Kock
3	Nabbaash (GB)	Aqlaam (GB)	Reis	Bouresly
4	Dragon Mall	Blame	Spencer	Simcock
5	Noah From Goa (SAf)	Tiger Ridge	Soumillon	de Kock
6	Dark Emerald (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mullen	Powell
7	Flash Fire (Ire)	Shamardal	Buick	Appleby
8	Graystorm (Tur)	Luxor (Tur)	Celik	Cucel

All carry 126 pounds.

Friday, Jebel Ali, UAE, post time: 3:30 p.m.

JEBEL ALI MILE-G3, Dh\$575,000 (£126,281/€146,221/US\$156,550), NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Saltarin Dubai (Arg)	E Dubai	Cosgrave	de Kock
2	Art Wave (Ire)	Art Connoisseur (Ire)	Jara	al Mheiri
3	Beachy Head (Ire)	Shamardal	Mullen	al Rayhi
4	Ennobled Friend	Malibu Moon	O’Donoghe	bin Harmash
5	Forjatt (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Hayes	D Slvrtnam
6	Just a Penny (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Dobbs	Watson
7	Nolohay (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Crowley	al Mheiri
8	Shamaal Nibras	First Samurai	Hitchcott	Watson
9	Sharpalo (Fr)	Shamardal	Fresu	bin Harmash
10	Torchlighter (Ire)	Shamardal	Ziani	bin Ghadyr
11	Trinity Force (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	O’Shea	al Rayhi
12	Yard Line	Discreet Cat	Reis	Bouresly

All carry 126 pounds, bar Saltarin Dubai, 132.



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IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Tandana (Aus), f, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--The Miniver Rose (Ire) (GSW-Eng, \$307,061), by High Chaparral (Ire). Turffontein, 1-17, Maiden Plate, 1200mT, 1:13.73. O-Messrs C J H Van Niekerk & M J Jooste; B-Lakeview Resources Pty Ltd, P & K Property Investments, Mr P Jones (Vic); T-Sean Tarry. *A\$70,000 Ylg '15 INGMEL; R1,700,000 2yo '15 CTSJOH.

IN SINGAPORE:

King Kong (Aus), g, 3, **Conatus (Aus)**--Lion Awake (Aus), by Lion Hunter (Aus). Kranji, 1-15, Initiation Race (A\$61k), 1200mT, 1:11. B-Gainsborough Lodge (Qld). *A\$4,000 Ylg '15 MMNAT.

[VIDEO](#)

SHA TIN BARRIER TRIALS – 17 JANUARY 2017

[Trial 1](#) (click for video):

HORSE	FINISH
Lucky Bubbles (Aus) (Sebring {Aus})	1st
Helene Paragon (Fr) (Polan {Fr})	4th
Designs on Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})	8th
Werther (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ})	9th

[Trial 2:](#)

<i>Beauty Way (GB) (Shamardal)</i>	1st
<i>Limitless (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire})</i>	2nd

[Trial 3:](#)

<i>Green Energy (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire})</i>	3rd
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[Trial 5:](#)

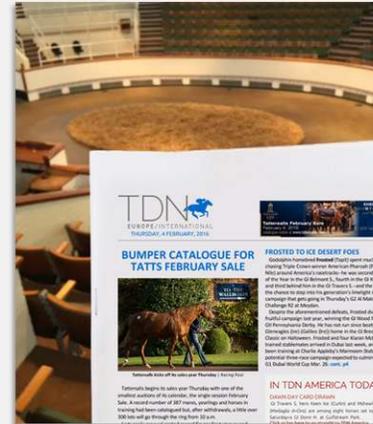
Bullish Glory (Ire) (Roderic O'Connor {Ire})	5th
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[Trial 7:](#)

Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus})	1st
<i>Who Dat Singa (NZ) (Iffraaj {GB})</i>	3rd

Italics indicate Hong Kong Derby entry

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