



CHROME COULD BE BACK FOR '18 PEGASUS, AND WHY NOT?



California Chrome in Gulfstream paddock | A Coglianesse

by Bill Finley

Ask someone in horse racing why things are done a certain way and the answer is usually “because that’s the way it’s always been done.” It’s a terrible answer and speaks to an industry so stuck in the past that it’s afraid to try anything new and innovative. Well, Frank Stronach didn’t just try something different last Saturday with the GI Pegasus World Cup, he turned the entire sport upside down with something so bold and daring that it was one part brilliant, one part crazy. And guess what? It worked.

Now it’s time for breeders and owners to do the same.

Between the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic and the Pegasus World Cup, there will be \$17 million in purse money available within an 11-week period and at a time when sires are not busy breeding, that is as long as they don’t go to the Southern Hemisphere. But nobody brings horses back to race after the breeding season. Why? “Because that’s the way it’s always been done.”

Before the Pegasus World Cup came around, there was only so much incentive to bring a horse back after the breeding season. Maybe the \$5-million purse in the Breeders’ Cup Classic was not enough. **Cont. p3**

CLYDE RICE PASSES AWAY

by Jessica Martini

Clyde Rice, the patriarch of a far-ranging family of trainers, jockeys and consignors, passed away Monday at his home in Anthony, Florida. He was 79.

A native of Antigo, Wisconsin, Rice was a high school teacher before deciding to pursue a career in the horse industry. Several times leading trainer at Penn National in the 1970s and 80s, he became a pioneer in the yearling-to-juvenile pinhooking market, raising horses at his Indian Prairie Ranch in Anthony.

Rice grew up alongside future Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas and the two men shared a passion for horses.

“He was a dear friend and I can’t tell you what a great horseman he was,” Lukas recalled Monday. “We grew up about a half-mile apart and spent our whole boyhoods with these horses and traveling miles and miles to sales and shows. He was special and he had a great knack, a really good eye for a horse.”

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Back to California. GI Pegasus World Cup hero Arrogate takes in the sights and sounds from a familiar-looking stall at Santa Anita Park on Monday morning. The 'TDN Rising Star' and champion 3-year-old boarded the same Tex Sutton flight with California Chrome and arrived in California Sunday evening. | Zoe Metz/Santa Anita Park

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Chrome Could be Back and Why Not

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But add the \$12 million Pegasus purse and there's too much money sitting on the table for somebody not to give it a try.

What do they have to lose, other than a tradition that, frankly, doesn't make a lot of sense?

Leave it to the folks at Taylor Made to be ahead of the curve, as they are when it comes to so many aspects of the sport. Taylor Made President and CEO Duncan Taylor told TVG in an interview prior to the Pegasus World Cup that they will examine the possibility of bringing California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) back for the 2017 Breeders' Cup-2018 Pegasus double. A prep prior to the Breeders' Cup might also be in order.

"Yes, we're thinking about it," Taylor told the *TDN* when asked about the possibility of Chrome returning to the races after the breeding season.

"You have to do what is right by the horse and consider his temperament, his personality, his fitness," Taylor continued. "All those things will come into play. I think it's a real possibility that someone will do it. But it will take a special kind of horse to do it. One with the right personality."

In other words, there's no reason not to try it.

California Chrome will be six at this year's Breeders' Cup Classic and seven when they run the 2018 Pegasus World Cup. That's not at all too old to perform at the highest level. If Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) stays sound, he could have a year for the ages, and he's already the horse to beat in the 2018 Pegasus. Under normal circumstances, that would almost certainly be his last race before he goes off to stud. But why wouldn't he come back to race in the 2019 Pegasus as a 6-year-old or even in 2020 as a 7-year-old?

It's often been said that once a horse is bred, their mind is on one thing and one thing only, and they no longer have the focus needed to return to the races. Asked if that were true, Taylor said he had no idea. **Cont. p4**



Pegasus field on the grandstand turn

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“I don’t know the answer to that question and it’s not something that I have studied,” he replied. “Certainly, it’s something that I have thought about. I guess it depends on the individual. Every individual is different.”

The reason no one really knows if a horse can race at a top level after being bred is because there are so few examples to go by. The only U.S. horse in recent memory who has tried it is Bertrando (Skywalker). He was bred in 1994 and returned later that year to win two of six starts, including the GII Goodwood H. He was bred again the following year, made it back for two starts and was unplaced in both.

There will be another test case a little later this year. A top sprinter in Australia named Il Cavallo (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}) was retired following his 2015 campaign, but only managed to get three mares in foal. His connections have gelded him and returned him to the races and he is expected to have first start off the layoff soon.

Though it is a different breed, a Standardbred is still a horse, and in Europe, virtually all top male horses breed in the offseason and then return to the races.

At times, European trotting sires will actually race against their offspring. Sunday’s Prix d’Amerique in France, one of the biggest trotting races in the world, was won by Bold Eagle. His sire is Ready Cash, who did not retire from racing until 2014 at age nine. His first crop was born in 2010.



Il Cavallo | *Racing and Sports*

Perhaps it won’t work, and California Chrome, Arrogate or whomever will prove incapable of racing at a top level after being bred. But what if they can? What if some of these superstars can come back after being “retired” for multiple Breeders’ Cups and Pegasus World Cups? Imagine if they tried it this year with American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) and he was in against Chrome and Arrogate? It is absolutely worth a try, and as Stronach has proven, conventional wisdom in this sport is not always, if rarely, a good thing.

PEGASUS PRATTLE -- California Chrome lost by 29 1/2 lengths in the Pegasus, so his defeat can't be blamed solely on the fact he drew the outside post in the field of 12. But, as predicted last week in this space, he was at a severe disadvantage because the of the draw. According to the Trakus chart, California Chrome had to cover 6,082 feet.

Arrogate, having drawn the one post, covered 6,026 feet. That 56-foot difference is equivalent to seven lengths. Even if he ran an A plus, plus race, California Chrome was never going to beat Arrogate spotting him a seven-length advantage. Again, if ever raced again at Gulfstream, the Pegasus cannot be a mile-and-an-eighth race.

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Clyde Rice Passes Away (cont. from p1)

According to Lukas, the two men honed their skills for picking out horses from an early age.

“Starting out at ground zero, without the backing of a farm or pedigree, we had to find horses that looked like athletes that we could afford,” Lukas recalled. “We would go to a sale or two a week when we were in our 20s and we’d look at horses of every shape and size and I think that background really served us well when we got to the level of a Keeneland or a Fasig-Tipton sale. And Clyde had a beautiful eye for it.”

Among the horses selected by Rice and trained by Lukas was two-time champion Life’s Magic, 1985 champion juvenile filly Family Style and Grade I winner Tiltalating.

Lukas and Rice hit the rodeo circuit together and Lukas fondly recalled the moment when he decided maybe rodeo wasn’t for him. **Cont. p5**

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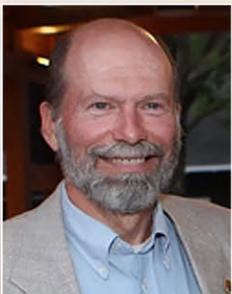
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“We were trying to rodeo--Clyde was better than me, he was a lot better than me,” Lukas smiled. “And we were in Dakota or Nebraska and we were steer wrestling with two Quarter Horses and I saw they were running 300-yard Quarter Horse races. I said to Clyde, ‘Maybe we should sharpen up our two rodeo horses and we can make more money, too.’ The first time we tried it, we won both heats and I said, ‘I’m never going back to rodeo again.’ I was getting so beat up with the rodeo, I couldn’t even brush my teeth the next day.”

Rice, who is survived by his wife of 59 years Jean, is the father of trainers Linda and Wayne, as well as Woodside Ranch owner Bryan and former jockey Curt. Among his six grandchildren are pinhooker Brandon, trainers Kevin and Adam, jockey Taylor and Ashley and Cash.

Lukas acknowledged Rice’s lasting legacy would be his family.

“He was a wonderful family man and his family are all outstanding horsemen,” Lukas said. “His legacy will continue on with his family.”

Bryan Rice remembered of his father, “His greatest legacy is most certainly the people that he has touched. He helped everyone that had an interest in helping themselves. He has been an inspiration to watch, follow, learn from, live with and most of all to call family or friend.

Rice’s eldest grandson Brandon, who operates RiceHorse Stables with his wife Alexandra de Meric, credited his grandfather with his career in the racing industry.

“My entire career, along with numerous family and friends, have been inspired by Grandpa Clyde being in the horse business,” he said. “I call my business RiceHorse Stable, but he’s the one that created Rice horses. I just named my business it. If a horse is a Rice horse, it’s a graduate of the Rices. And I named my business that as a play on his legacy, on what he stamped on his horses.”



Clyde and Linda Rice | Horsephotos

Brandon continued, “Grandpa was a brave man to leave the security of teaching in a salaried job in Wisconsin and take his young family and his young wife and decide to make a living in the horse industry, which we all know can be challenging and full of ups and downs. He raised all of his children in it and consequently all his grandchildren are now being raised in it. He was kind of the beginning of our entire family making a living in the industry.”

Asked what lessons he learned from his grandfather, Brandon said, “It was probably less about what he said and more about what he showed us. What he showed us was how to scout and find good horses and then, when working with them, I think he had a very kind and patient hand that horses just naturally responded well to.”

Ocala horseman John Stephens, married to Rice’s niece Jill, started working for Rice in 1989, and admitted the horseman was a unique talent.

“There are lots of guys who do what we do, but he was one of those special people,” Stephens said. “Lots of people have success at business, but then you have that guy who is leaps and bounds above everybody else. That was Clyde. There are plenty of people who are good horsemen, but he was in a league of his own. He was just special when it came to the horse.”

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'CHROME' SETTLING IN AT TAYLOR MADE

by Heather Anderson

Dual Horse of the Year **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) is reportedly settling in just fine at Taylor Made Stallions, where he will begin his stallion career in 2017 ([Video](#)). Following his final start, an unplaced run in the GI Pegasus World Cup, the seven-time Grade I winner shipped to Kentucky on the same flight Sunday as GI Pegasus World Cup winner Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), who was returning to California.

"He's doing well," said Taylor Made's Stallion Nominations Manager Travis White. "Everything is fine. We turned him out Monday. He's just running around and being a horse for a couple days. We will start test breeding Tuesday or Wednesday. Depending on how the test breeding goes, he should be on the same schedule as everybody else."

The North American all-time leading money earner and 2014 dual Classic winner will command a fee of \$40,000 and is already booked full for the 2017 breeding season.

"He's basically full. We won't turn down a really nice mare, however," White notes of the former Art Sherman trainee.

California Chrome developed a devoted legion of followers during his career on the racetrack and Taylor Made will be discussing the best way to accommodate them in the coming days.

White continued, "We will probably meet on that issue later on this week, determine the best way to handle visitors and fans. Breeders are more than welcome to stop by, they just need to give us a call."

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California Chrome in his paddock at Taylor Made | Jon Siegel



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Geoffrey Russell accepting the Wild Geese Award from Enda Stanley of Derrinstown Stud. | ITBA photo

Russell, a native Dubliner, spent time at Coolmore Stud and as a bid spotter at Goffs before moving to the United States in 1982. He served as Fasig-Tipton's Vice President of Appraisals and Director of Sales Administration before joining Keeneland in 1996 as Assistant Director of Sales to Rogers Beasley.

"Keeneland congratulates Geoffrey on receiving the Wild Geese Award," said Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston. "Since his immigration to this country, Geoffrey has become an industry leader, and it is wonderful to see his countrymen recognize his accomplishments. Geoffrey is a valuable component of the Keeneland sales and the industry as a whole, and we are proud that he chose here to land."

Russell represents Keeneland on the International Catalogue Standards Committee, International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee and is Chairman of the Society of International Thoroughbred Auctioneers. He also serves on the board of the Grayson-Jockey Club Foundation and is a member of the Sales Integrity Task Force.

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ECTOT INJURED, POINTED FOR SUMMER

by Joe Bianca

Al Shaqab Racing and Gerard Augustin Norman's Grade I/Group 1 winner **Ectot** (Hurricane Run {Ire}) has been injured and will miss several months of action, U.S. Racing Manager for Al Shaqab Bradley Weisbord said Monday. The injury, described as lameness in the left front, occurred while Ectot was preparing to make his 2017 debut in the Feb. 11 GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.

"He is going to be ruled out of the race," Weisbord confirmed. "He came up this week with a left front lameness that we are evaluating, but the plan right now is to ship him to Bruce Jackson's at Fair Hill and get him back for a summer and fall campaign."

The 5-year-old bay, trained in the U.S. by Todd Pletcher, captured France's G1 Criterium International as a juvenile and earned



Ectot | Sarah Andrew

his first Stateside win with a five-length upset of heavily favored Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational at Belmont last October. Ectot wrapped up his 4-year-old campaign with an eighth-place finish in the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Turf Nov. 5 at Santa Anita.

"Unfortunately, he'll miss some time," Weisbord said. "He was doing tremendous and it's very disappointing, but the Sheikh (Al Shaqab's Joaan Al Thani) would like to rehab him looking towards the second part of 2017. Hopefully he'll look to repeat in the Joe Hirsch Turf and target the Breeders' Cup."

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PERUVIAN DERBY WINNER STATESIDE FOR SHOT AT KENTUCKY DERBY

by Michael Burns

Huracan Americo (Drosselmeyer), who broke his maiden in Peru's G1 Derby Nacional while facing older Southern Hemisphere foes last November, arrived at Gulfstream Park Sunday after exiting quarantine in Miami a day earlier to begin preparations for a crack at the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby.

Owner Oscar Pena of Stud Dona Licha and trainer Arturo Morales have penciled in the Mar. 4 GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park and the Mar. 11 GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby as possible initial targets with a further eye towards the Apr. 1 GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby.

Stud Dona Licha contract rider Carlos Trujillo, Peru's leading jockey, is expected to fly in for the assignment, according to Pena, who visited the colt Saturday in Miami.

"He looks good. It doesn't appear he has lost much weight. We are excited," said the principal of Stud Dona Licha, one of Peru's leading stables.

Huracan Americo placed fourth in a field of nine in his first career start over 6 1/2 furlongs Sept. 25 at Hipodromo de Monterrico. He followed that with an impressive 2 1/2-length victory in the 11.93-furlong G1 Clasico Derby Nacional (Peruvian Derby), the Quadruple Crown third leg, as the 13-horse field's lone Northern Hemisphere 2-year-old.

Out of Blushing Juliet (Macho Uno), Huracan Americo was bred by Dr. K. K. Jayaraman & Dr. V. Devi Jayaraman in Florida and sold for \$14,000 at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton October fall yearling sale.



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MARYLAND BILL TO AUTHORIZE EQUINE MEDICAL DIRECTOR *by T.D. Thornton*

The Maryland Racing Commission (MRC) could hire an equine medical director by July 1 if a House of Delegates bill authorizing the position gets passed at the current legislative session, which runs through Apr. 10.

The authorization of the new position would bring Maryland in line with Kentucky and New York, the two other states that host Triple Crown races, plus a number of other state jurisdictions nationwide that already have an equine medical director on the commission staff.

The Maryland Department of Legislative Services (DLS) has been advocating for such a hire since at least 2013, when a report titled *Sunset Review: Evaluation of the Maryland Racing Commission* included language that said “DLS finds that MRC could benefit from an Equine Medical Director to ensure compliance with the recently adopted stringent equine testing and drug policies. An Equine Medical Director would provide MRC with an additional resource to further enhance the safety and welfare of the horses running races in Maryland.”

[Maryland House Bill 481](#), which was introduced Jan. 27, for the most part would rewrite a section of business regulation code to include “equine medical director” within an existing list of the types of positions the commission is authorized to hire.

HB 481 does make a separate and specific note as to how the equine medical director’s costs will be funded, however: Thoroughbred track licensees, horsemen’s groups, and breeding organizations will pay 80%, while the same set of entities representing Standardbred interests will pay the remaining 20%.

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CALIFORNIA

Sunday Night’s Results:

CLOCKER’S CORNER S., \$82,575, SA, 1-29, (C), 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:11.91, fm.

1--**#STORMY LIBERAL, 119, g, 5, Stormy Atlantic--Vassar, by Royal Academy.** (\$165,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTSAUG; \$100,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN). O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Dapple Bloodstock & Gryphon Investments LLC (KY); T-Peter Miller; J-Norberto Arroyo, Jr. \$47,700. Lifetime Record: 17-4-6-1, \$247,570. *Full to Coast Guard, GISP, \$182,180; 1/2 to Shimmering Moment (Afleet Alex), SW-Ire & MGSP-US, \$164,545; and Garifine (Belong to Me), SP, \$177,811.

2--**Forever Juanito, 119, g, 6, Badge of Silver--West Kentucky, by Yankee Victor.** (\$22,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Juan J. Garcia; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Victor L. Garcia. \$15,900.

3--**Blameitonthelaw, 119, c, 4, Blame--Letter of the Law, by Stormy Atlantic.** (\$70,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$320,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-Doubledown Stables, Inc.; B-Northern Bloodstock Inc (KY); T-John W. Sadler. \$9,540.

Brookdale Foaled, Raised & Sold

Margins: 1HF, 1HF, 2. Odds: 2.00, 19.50, 12.10.

Also Ran: Aotearoa, Moonlight Drive (Ity), Horse Laugh, McHeat, Cape Wolfe (GB), Tribal Fighter, Snow Cloud (Ire). Scratched: Indriya, Stylistics United.

Stormy Liberal, no worse than second in his last five turf starts, earned his first stakes victory and proved another fruitful claim for the Peter Miller barn. Second in the GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. for Leandro Mora at Del Mar in 2014, the bay was dangled for a \$40,000 tag over course and distance Oct. 16 and tallied convincingly, registering a career-high 100 Beyer and getting



Stormy Liberal | Benoit Photo

plucked by these connections from Success Racing Two and the Doug O’Neill barn. Second after dueling on a fast pace in an two-turn optional claimer Nov. 12 at Del Mar, he filled the same

slot in the GIII San Simeon S. going down the hill here Dec. 26.

Off as the narrow favorite in this Sunday feature, Stormy Liberal broke sharply and dueled for the lead through a tepid :22.39 quarter. Starting to inch clear from pace foe Forever Juanito nearing the top of the lane, the gelding found daylight passing a :44.15 half and was never seriously threatened throughout the stretch run. Forever Juanito held second, as no closers made any serious impact. Moonlight Drive (Ity) (Red Rocks {Ire}), the public’s clear second preference, finished fifth. The winner’s dam most recently produced a colt by Majestic Warrior in 2015. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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8th-GG, \$34,074, 1-29, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.39, ft. **MI BOUCHON (g, 4, Decarchy--Secret Sonnet, by General Meeting)** graduated professionally first out over track and trip Dec. 30 and was given a 34-5 chance to repeat here. Away in midpack, the chestnut traveled between rivals in sixth past a :22.51 quarter. Advancing along the rail on the turn, she attempted to angle out at the top of the lane, but was stymied and dove back towards the inside, getting up at the sixteenth pole and kicking away to score by 1 3/4 lengths. Westley (Houseofroyalhearts) won a photo for the place. The winner's dam is a half to English G1SW Lucarno (Dynaformer) and GSWs Flying Officer (Dynaformer) and Thought Worthy (Dynaformer). She has an unraced sophomore filly by Coil named Southern Sonnet and dropped a filly by Archarcharch last term before returning to the winner's sire. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$41,340. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-William J. Delia, Patricia Ford & Russell H. Lepper; B-Milt A. Policzer (CA); T-William Delia.

Sparks Gallery Celebrates Equine Beauty:

The Sparks Gallery in San Diego is currently exhibiting the work of artists who celebrate the beauty of the horse. The equestrian-themed artworks created by four featured artists--Deanna Rae Cummins-Montero, Mark Edward Adams, Jo Palasi and ManRabbit--are currently on view at Sparks Gallery. Located in the Gaslamp Quarter of downtown San Diego, the Sparks Gallery is housed in the historic Sterling Hardware Building between Island and Market on Sixth Avenue. For more information, visit www.sparksgallery.com.

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IN JAPAN:

Super Morior, c, 3, [Archarcharch](#)--Joyous Appeal, by Devil His Due. Chukyo, 1-28, Gogyo Sho, 6f. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$171,043. O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Mr. & Mrs. Al Mazzetti; T-Hidekazu Asami. *\$19,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$120,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

Kakeru Tesoro, c, 3, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Storidawn, by Hennessy. Chukyo, 1-28, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$59,130. O-Kenji Ryotokuji; B-Rosecrest Farm LLC; T-Keiji Yoshimura. *\$250,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR.

+Ten Mohs, f, 3, [Speightstown](#)--Lemon Kiss (SW, \$162,110), by Lemon Drop Kid. Kyoto, 1-29, Maiden Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$52,174. O-North Hills; B-Mark Gittins; T-Yuji Iida. *\$230,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Lochte (Medaglia d'Oro), GISW, \$769,080. [VIDEO](#)

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Fiducia, m, 5, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Believe (Ch. Older Mare-Jpn, MSW & GSP-Jpn, \$3,836,758), by Sunday Silence. Chukyo, 1-29, Nagashino S., 6fT. Lifetime Record: SP-Jpn, 19-5-4-2, \$778,435. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Co LTD; T-Shigeki Matsumoto. *1/2 to Faridat (Kingmambo), MSW & G1SP-Jpn, \$2,775,990.

BREEDERS' EDITION

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Joe's Gift, f, 3, [Sky Mesa](#)--Superduper Miss (MSW & MGSP, \$608,964), by Robyn Dancer. PRX, 1-30, (C), 6f, 1:13.97. B-Debbie Oxley (KY). *\$15,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Durango (First Samurai), MSP, \$178,920. ***Won by 10 1/2 lengths.

IN THE DARBY DAN TRADITION

On the List, f, 4, [Include](#)--Windmill Hill, by Grand Slam. PRX, 1-30, (C), 1m, 1:42.50. B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds (KY). *\$33,000 Ylg '14 FTKFEB; \$65,000 Ylg '14 FTKJUL.

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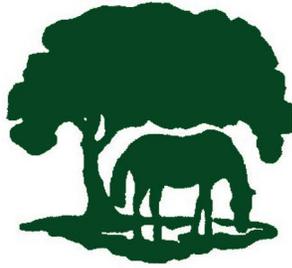
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KEATLEY LOOKS TO CONJURE UP MORE MAGIC



Adrian Keatley, far right, and the former connections of Jet Setting after her win in the Irish 1000 Guineas last year | *Racing Post*

by Tom Peacock

It is like the magician who pulls off his most dazzling trick and the audience is baying for an encore. For Adrian Keatley, who turned a five-race maiden costing 12,000 guineas into a Classic winner sold on for £1.3million, the question is how do you follow that? The exploits of **Jet Setting (Ire)** (Fast Company {Ire}) will have inspired every owner and trainer to believe that racing's top events are not the private domain of the moneyed elite as she rose right through the ranks to hold off the outstanding Minding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas.

Bought by John Kilbride for the Equine Growth Partners at Tattersalls after a season with Richard Hannon, she was transferred to the China Horse Club at the Goffs London Sale and, as revealed by *TDN* last week, will be put in foal to Le Havre (Ire) this year. "The only trouble is that the closer the coming season gets, the more worried I am about how I am going to even get close to having as good a season as I had last year," said Keatley. "Hopefully we can bang in the winners, if we can keep building the number of winners and trying to get into the top bracket as much as we can."

He continued, "Any yard, including the biggest in Ireland and England, if they have a Guineas horse that doesn't race at four, it leaves a gap. How often do even the big lads come along with a Guineas horse one year after another? Hopefully we'll get back there some day." **Cont. p2**

STRONG OPENING DAY AT KARAKA

International buyers proved crucial on a strong opening session of New Zealand Bloodstock's Premier Yearling Sale at Karaka on Monday with overseas investors contributing 69% of the total turnover of NZ\$30.3m. A total of 169 lots changed hands throughout the day giving a clearance rate of 76%, the same figure as the corresponding day in 2016. The average rose marginally to NZ\$179,083 however the median dipped 10% from NZ\$150,000 to NZ\$135,000. The sale did not have to wait long for a top lot to emerge and it was [lot 10](#), a colt by O'Reilly (NZ), who topped proceedings when selling for NZ\$825,000 (US\$600,900/£481,510/€561,900).

New Zealand Bloodstock managing director Andrew Seabrook was satisfied with the figures so far and commented, "It's been a good start to the Sale with the most thrilling aspect to me being the positive feedback from a highly regarded and astute buying bench." **Cont. p7**

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

OP/ED: CHROME COULD BE BACK FOR '18 PEGASUS

Bill Finley ponders the possibility of **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) returning to the races in 2017 for another crack at the GI Breeders' Cup and GI Pegasus World Cup. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

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Keatley Looks to Conjure Up More Magic Cont. from p1

Keatley assisted National Hunt trainer Oliver McKiernan at home before gaining more exotic experience with John O'Shea and Chris Waller in Australia. Jet Setting was not his only



Keatley's string in action on The Curragh gallops | Adrian Keatley Racing

achievement as he won more Flat races in Britain (10) than Ireland (eight), making a particular impact at Ayr. Like the lottery winner who buys another ticket, he will be trying again.

"It's not a bad selling point for a fella to have after going into

his fourth season training," he said. "We'll have about 40-plus on the Flat and hopefully 16-plus 2-year-olds. We went to fair money for a few and at the moment they're looking fairly good."

"We try to buy horses that would be forward types--unless you have the top-end breeder-owners or John Magnier buying, there are not so many that can buy the War Fronts, Galileos, Shamardals, Dubawis, so we have to try to buy the best of the rest. This year we put our heads on the block a bit to try to find them."

"They're unnamed, but I've a cracking Declaration Of War, a nice Dark Angel (Ire), an Elzaam (Aus) that we think could be special, and a nice Fast Company (Ire). If the ground is going to be soft early on, Fast Companys have a great record. He's not going to grow into a massive horse so hopefully he can be out early as well. Hopefully a few of the 3-year-olds are well-handicapped and once we're winning, that leads to better races and better quality."

Perhaps his next star player will be a rather more recognisable one. **G Force (Ire)** (Tamayuz (GB)), with whom David O'Meara worked similar miracles to win the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup, had fertility issues at Tally Ho Stud and was bought by members of the Equine Growth Syndicate. A first season with Keatley did not yield a victory, but there were green shoots.



G Force pictured when with David O'Meara | Racingfotos.com

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Keatley Looks to Conjure Up More Magic Cont.

"After his last run at The Curragh [Listed Testimonial S.], we thought we'd have the win and he just got too worked up and overly excited about the whole thing," he said. "We made the decision to castrate him and do his wind as a precautionary thing. I was really happy with his work when we got him back in November; he was showing signs of what he was capable of doing. We planned to go to Dubai, he was going real well on the grass then we worked on the all-weather and he wasn't as effective on the quicker going. We thought it was better to give him a break, he'd probably never really had one, especially with other horses."

"There's some serious money to be picked up in some of those big sprint handicaps and hopefully he'll get into the group bracket, he just needs some juice in the ground," said Keatley. "He won't take much getting fit and we'll be trying to campaign him straight away. He ran well in a conditions race and then in the Ayr Gold Cup--he was only a couple of lengths off being at the very top again."

The trainer has whiled away the winter by developing a boutique jumps string with an emphasis on quality over quantity. Even if those reservations over topping 2016 persist, he is clearly itching for the new season to arrive.

"Why can't we have the Flat go from the start of March to the end of November?" he said. "Three months is more than enough to have a break from the grass and there are more than enough horses--this country is full of horses rated below 65 or 70. You've got the top horses and top jockeys going abroad and it would give everyone else a chance."

Through his actions, Adrian Keatley has given everyone else a chance already.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



SPEED WEIGHTED ABOVE STAMINA

On the afternoon of Arrogate's dominant display in the GI Pegasus World Cup, it was easy to overlook Juddmonte's other graded victory at Gulfstream Park, by the ex-English Suffused in the GIII La Prevoyante H.

I have to declare at this point that I am not entirely impartial where Suffused and her dam Scuffle are concerned. Although this branch of Juddmonte's Monroe family has a tendency to plainness--and Scuffle certainly couldn't be described as pretty--I have always liked her and her daughter Suffused.



Suffused | *Coglianese Photography*

As a weanling it was obvious that Suffused had plenty of scope and she also stood out as a very good, easy walker. As a yearling it was clear that this daughter of Champs Elysees had no significant physical flaws, and her good limbs have since allowed her to build a record of 15-6-4-1. Her La Prevoyante success was her second at Grade III level and it was by only a nose that she failed to take last year's GI E.P. Taylor S., in which she was desperately short of room at a crucial stage.

Suffused is by no means the only progeny of Champs Elysees to do well in the U.S. The Juddmonte-bred Renown progressed to win the Laurel Turf Cup and the GIII Sycamore S. last year, while the fillies Xcellence and Eastern Belle experienced a few near misses at graded level. It is hardly surprising that Champs Elysees' progeny are at home on American turf, as it was as an inmate of Bobby Frankel's stable that Champs Elysees made his name. Having won at Group 3 level in France, he developed into a triple Grade I winner over a mile and a half on turf and also acquitted himself well when second in the GI Santa Anita H. on Pro-Ride.

Returned to Banstead Manor Stud at Newmarket for his stallion career, Champs Elysees joined his brothers Dansili and Cacique as a Group 1 sire when his tough son Trip To Paris won the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot. However, he attracted only around 60 mares in 2016 and the then-13-year-old son of Danehill was sold. His future now lies as a sire of jumpers, at a fee of €6,500 as part of Coolmore's National Hunt team.

His sale prompted comment in the media, including a perceptive letter to the Racing Post by Peter Stanley, manager of the New England and Stanley House Studs.

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Pedigree Insights: Speed Weighted Above Stamina Cont.

Hopefully he won't mind my reproducing it here:

"The sale of Champs Elysees, sire of 17 stakes performers so far this year, is another indictment on our breeding industry. This follows on from the loss of Mount Nelson, who is currently the sixth leading sire by percentage of stakes winners to foals.

"Both horses have departed to Ireland to embark on new careers as dual-purpose horses.

"What a depressing thought that these two worthwhile stallions have suffered from a lack of support.

Breeders are all looking for proven horses who upgrade their mares and yet we have turned our backs on two proven stallions who have achieved exactly that.

"We should be under no illusion that this underlines the grave crisis in our breeding industry and the future of the breed itself.

"As commercial breeders we are all guilty of following this terrible need for speed the markets dictate, but it will come at a terrible price in the long term. Those of us who enjoy the splendour of the five-day Royal Ascot

meeting must understand that in years to come we will be watching a bunch of jumpers competing not just in the Queen Alexandra, but also the mile and a half races as well.

"What a shame our Derby winners get forced to compete over a mile and a quarter immediately after victory to prove they are not purely stayers.

"If action is not taken very soon we will find ourselves in the Australian situation where their most prestigious race has had only one homebred runner each year for the last five years.

"It is the reality of the commercial market that forces us breeders to send our mares to ever more precocious stallions. It is therefore a commercial approach that will be needed to cure this travesty. If owners are to be encouraged to buy middle-distance horses we must make the rewards for those races significantly greater.

"If our levy hopes are realised and there finally is more money then that is where it must be directed, not just in the prestige races but all the way down to the lower levels. **Cont. p5**



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Stakes double on Sunday

- **Unbridled Mo** (4f) beat I'm A Chatterbox (MG1SW by Munnings) in the **\$400,000 Houston Ladies Classic Stakes-Gr.3**.
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<i>Camelot*</i>	207	G1 winner over 8f at 2; classic winner over 8f and 12f at 3; G3 winner over 10f at 4
Canford Cliffs	124	G2 6f winner at 2; classic winner over 8f at 3, when also won two other G1s over 8f; dual G1 winner over 8f at 4
<i>Casamento*</i>	157	G1 and G2 winner over 8f at 2; G3 10f winner at 3
Dandy Man	193	Listed winner over 5f at 2; G3 5f winner at 3; LW over 5f at 4
Dark Angel	195	raced only at 2, when G1 and G2 winner over 6f
Dawn Approach	146	Dual G1 7f winner at 2, when also G2 6f winner; classic winner over 8f at 3, when also won another G1 over 8f
Dragon Pulse	150	G2 7f winner at 2 and G3 7f winner at 3
Dubawi	159	G1 and G3 winner over 7f at 2; classic winner over 8f at 3, when also won another G1 8f race
Due Diligence	124	won at 2; LW over 6f at 3
Elzaam	201	won at 2; LW over 6f at 3
Epaulette	141	LW over 6f at 2; dual G1 winner at around 7f at 3
Footstepsinthesand	179	G3 7f winner at 2; classic winner over 8f at 3
<i>Galileo*</i>	158	won at 2; triple G1 winner over 12f at 3, including two classics; also G3 winner over 10f
Gleneagles	150	G1, G2 and G3 winner over 7f at 2; triple G1 winner over 8f at 3, including two classics
<i>Golden Horn*</i>	145	won at 2; classic winner over 12f at 3, when also won 2 other G1s over 10f and one over 12f
Gutaifan	203	raced only at 2, when G2 winner over 5f and 5.5f
Helmet	130	G1 winner over 7f and 8f at 2; G1 8f winner at 3
Holy Roman Emperor	120	raced only at 2, when G1 winner over 6f and 7f
Iffraaj	146	won at 2; G2 winner over 7f at 4 and dual G2 winner over 7f at 5
Invincible Spirit	151	LW over 6f at 2; G3 6f winner at 4; G1 6f winner at 5
Ivawood	160	dual 6f winner at 2; classic placed over 8f at 3
Kingman	137	G3 7f winner at 2; four-time G1 winner over 8f at 3, including in a classic
<i>Kingston Hill*</i>	146	G1 and G3 winner over 8f at 2; classic winner over 14/6f at 3
Kodiac	232	won from 6f to 7f from 3 to 5 years
<i>Lawman*</i>	120	won over 8f at 2; G1 winner over 10.5f at 3, when also G1 winner over 8f
Lethal Force	127	G2 7f winner at 3; dual G1 winner over 6f at 4
<i>Lope de Vega*</i>	183	won twice around 7f at 2; classic winner over 8f and 10.5f at 3.
Make Believe	120	won twice over 7.5f at 2; classic winner over 8f at 3, when also G1 winner over 7f
Muhaarar	129	G2 6f winner at 2; four-time G1 winner at around 6f at 3, when also G3 winner over 7f
<i>Nathaniel*</i>	135	G1 and G2 winner over 12f at 3; G1 10f winner at 4
Night of Thunder	144	LW over 6f at 2; classic winner over 8f at 3; G1 8f winner at 4
No Nay Never	170	G1 6f winner and G2 5f winner at 2; GIII 5.5f winner at 3
Outstrip	150	G1 8f winner at 2, when also G2 7f winner
Power	185	G1 7f winner and G2 6f winner at 2; classic winner over 8f at 3
Requinto	152	raced only at 2 when G2 and G3 winner over 5f
<i>Sea The Stars*</i>	132	G2 8f winner at 2; classic winner over 8f and 12f at 3, when also won G1s over 10f and 12f
Showcasing	127	G2 6f winner at 2; did not win at 3
Starspangledbanner	120	won at 2; G1 winner over 5.5f and 8f at 3; dual G1 6f winner at 4
Teofilo	139	raced only at 2, when dual G1 winner over 7f
War Command	152	G1 7f winner at two, when also G2 winner over 6f and 7f; did not win at 3
Zebedee	144	raced only at 2 years, when G2 and G3 winner over 5f
Zoffany	208	G1 winner over 6f and G3 winner over 7f at 2; did not win at 3, though G1 placed

*Denotes a winner beyond 8f

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In an attempt to illustrate some of the points made by Stanley, I have used the Return of Mares to compile a table of the British and Irish flat stallions which in 2016 were bred to at least 120 mares--at least double the number sent to Champs Elysees.

The table contains 48 stallions. Remarkably, only 10 of them were successful over a distance longer than a mile, and of these only seven were winners over a mile and a half. Perhaps it is no coincidence that Coolmore, which has exerted such a powerful grip on the longer European classics, is home to four of them--Australia, Camelot, Galileo and Kingston Hill (as well as the 2013 Derby winner Ruler of the World, who covered 94 mares in 2016). For the record, Darley's 2017 roster for Britain and Ireland, which totals 29 stallions, features just two horses--New Approach and Golden Horn--which won over a distance as long as a mile and a half.

My table of busy stallions features 13 horses which won only at two years, including six which did not race after that age. Breeders--especially those operating at the cheaper end of the market--clearly have no objections to this type of horse. Indeed, they seem to positively prefer them, no doubt on the basis that their speed and precocity make their youngsters attractive to



Kingston Hill | Coolmore

trainers and owners hoping for a quick return.

Consequently, we saw 194 mares head to Anjaal, a first-season sire whose best official rating was 111, and 142 to the second-season sire Alhebayeb, whose best official rating was 103. The latter is a son of Dark Angel--whose success has arguably been the driving force for this increasing demand for



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precocious speed--and so is Gutaifan, a dual Group 2 juvenile winner who attracted a whopping 203 mares in his first season.

Of course, these horses stand a chance of hitting the bullseye in one of the richly endowed races which often carry prize-money disproportionate to the talent of the contestants.

For example, Sir Prancealot's daughter Stormy Clouds collected nearly £150,000 in winning the Goffs Premier Yearling S., even though her official rating is no higher than 93. Arcano's son Muhtasim collected a similar prize in the Weatherbys Hamilton £300,000 2-Year-Old S., while Helmet's son Orewa earned nearly £110,000 in the Tattersalls Ireland Super Auction Sale S. It was a similar story in the Totepool 2-Year-Old Trophy, in which Wick Powell--officially rated 85--earned £110,000.

Although I will concede that races of this sort are useful for attracting new owners and syndicates, I have never been able to reconcile their prizemoney with that carried by many of the group races for 2-year-olds. For example, Rivet earned £42,532 for his victory in the G2 Champagne S. and £113,420 for his triumph in the G1 Racing Post Trophy.

I am not for a moment suggesting that the stallions mentioned here will not sire some good winners. However, I would suggest that many of the mare owners show a remarkable lack of imagination in simply following the trend--a trend which proved expensive for many of them at last year's Irish foal sales.

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A WELL TRODDEN STALLION TRAIL

Irish Thoroughbred Marketing reports over 2,000 visitors have taken part in the third renewal of the Irish Stallion Trail which was held last Friday and Saturday. Twenty-eight stallion farms opened their doors to the public and the majority of stud representatives reported increased footfall on previous years. Attendees, many from overseas, including groups from France, Germany and Poland, also had the option of taking in an action-packed weekend of racing that included the G1 BHP Insurance Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Sunday which was won by the Henry De Bromhead trained Petit Mouchoir (Fr) (Al Namix {Fr}). Derrinstown Stud was proud to show off its replenished roster which includes last year's G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas winner Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}).

General manager Jimmy Lenehan commented, "We had a tremendous flow of people who joined the stallion trail, with increased numbers on the previous two years. To have a recent



Awtaad at Derrinstown | Amy Lynam

Classic winner like Awtaad standing here and on show, has been a great draw for everyone and he took it all in his stride."

Catherine Magnier of Grange Stud, part of Coolmore's national hunt division added, "The stallion trail was a huge

success. ITM did a great job in promoting the trail and we had a good mix of people, from breeders to racegoers, with a lot of visitors from overseas."

One of these overseas visitors was British-based breeder David Erwin who had only good things to say about his experience. "Myself and Simon Hope of Aston Mullins Stud had a terrific time on the Irish stallion trail. It seemed like an unqualified success from where we stood, and racing at Leopardstown on Sunday crowned a great few days," he said.

Summing up the weekend ITM's marketing manager Sarah Gavin added, "The Irish stallion trail has gone from strength to strength since its inception in 2015. It was fantastic to see such large numbers turn out and we would like to thank all the studs and their staff for taking part and providing visitors with a wonderful insight into an industry we are so proud to promote."

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Monday's Result:

3rd-SOU, £5,500, Mdn, 1-30, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:42.46, st. VANTAGE POINT (IRE) (c, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--Adoration {MGISW-US, \$2,051,160}, by Honor Grades), fourth over 10 furlongs trying Newcastle's Tapeta last time Jan. 11, was pushed along early to gain a prominent pitch on the outside avoiding the kickback on this switch to the fibresand. Taking control with over two furlongs remaining, the 7-4 second favourite stayed on to beat Finale (GB) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) by two lengths. Adoration, whose career highlight came when winning the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at 40-1 in 2003, was also the heroine of the GI Santa Margarita Invitational H., the GII Fleur de Lis H. and GII Hollywood Breeders' Cup Oaks. Her 2-year-old colt is also by Galileo (Ire) and she has a 2016 colt by Frankel (GB). Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$8,165. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Mrs F Hay, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & D Smith; B-Smithfield Inc (IRE); T-John Gosden.

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CONDITIONS RESULT:

1st-CGN, €28,000, 1-30, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:03.59, st. APILOBAR (FR) (c, 4, [Slickly {Fr}](#)--Popee {Fr} {SP-Fr, \$133,357}, by Take Risks {Fr}) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 10-5-0-1, €140,100. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand, Kevin Morize, Elisabeth Vidal & F Vermeulen; B-S.C.E.A. des Prairies & J P Daniel (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen. *€18,000 Ylg '14 OSASEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rebello (Fr), c, 3, [Manduro \(Ger\)](#)--Rafale Bere (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Verglas (Ire). CGN, 1-30, 2150mT, 2:21.06. B-A Krauliger (FR). **Arrawa (Fr), f, 3, Whipper--Arrivee (Fr), by Anabaa). CGN, 1-30, 2150mT, 2:27.92. B-EARL Bois Hue (FR). *€15,000 Ylg '15 OSASEP; €20,000 RNA 2yo '16 GORMAY.**

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES

IN JAPAN:

Territorial (Jpn), c, 3, [Teofilo \(Ire\)](#)--Conservatoire, by Street Cry (Ire). Kyoto, 1-29, Novice Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$80,870. O-H.H. Sheikh Mohammed; B-Darley Japan Farm; T-Katsuichi Nishiura.

Euro-Bred Winners Cont.

Supay Chakra (Jpn), f, 4, **Shamardal**--Green Eyes (Ire), by Green Desert. Chukyo, 1-29, Plate Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 11-2-5-0, \$230,348. O-Him Rock Racing; B-Tabata Farm; T-Katsuichi Nishiura.



MG1SW Islington (Ire) features in the pedigree of three of the five lots from the Ballymacoll Dispersal at Goffs next week. Goffs have launched a video of these lots which can be viewed [here](#).

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

Strong Opening Day at Karaka Cont. from p1

The aforementioned top lot caught the eye of many shrewd horsemen but it was China Horse Club’s Michael Wallace who ultimately signed for Beltana Stud’s offering and revealed the colt would race for a consortium including the China Horse Club, Newgate Farm and Alan Bell Racing.



Lot 10 | NZB photo

formed to take a shot at him,” commented Wallace. “He’s a colt of exceptional quality with great core strength and balance.”

“We felt he was a rare type of colt that we haven’t seen on offer here for a while. Alan [Bell] shared the same views so a partnership was

Bred by the Rutherford family’s Beltana Stud out of Volkrose (NZ) (Volksraad {NZ}), the Sept. 1 born colt is a full brother to Group 1 winner Shamexpress (NZ), who also played a part by being the sale’s leading first-season sire.

“He’s been a lovely horse all the way through and we’re thrilled that such a great group of people have bought him,” said Richard Rutherford, vendor of the top lot.

The Rutherfords have endured a trying time with significant earthquake damage to their home and farm buildings and he added, “It’s a 40 hour journey for us to get up here, but he handled the whole ordeal brilliantly and we’re grateful to everyone who has contributed to us achieving such a result. It was an all-round sensation and a huge relief after a difficult start to the year.”

A filly by the late High Chaparral (Ire) offered by Cambridge Stud as [lot 130](#) came in second highest when selling to Tim Stakemire on behalf of Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum for NZ\$800,000 (US\$582,822/£466,802/€544,915). The filly’s stakes-winning dam Diamond Like (Aus) (Danehill) is proving to be a brilliant producer of racehorses with all five of her runners winning, two at stakes level including this filly’s Group 2 winning full-sister Forever Loved (NZ).

“We have been trying for 10 to 15 years to get into this family and they don’t come on the market very often,” said Tim Stakemire. “It was well-documented that Sir Patrick [Hogan] was selling exclusively here and not holding anything back and we are happy to be supporting the sale. She’s got a fantastic pedigree, a lovely body and is a real athlete.”



John Ferguson | Racing Post

A major boost to the sale was the inclusion, for the first time on the buyer’s sheet, of Godolphin and they made their presence felt securing [lot 58](#), a filly by Savabeel (Aus) for NZ\$750,000 (US\$546,401/£437,627/€510,853). She was offered by Pencarrow Stud out of Champion New Zealand juvenile and Group 1 winner Banchee (NZ) (Oratorio {Ire}), whose progeny have yet to hit the track. John Ferguson revealed she will join Godolphin’s Australian racing squad and also added, “She has an impeccable pedigree, is by a hot young sire in Savabeel, and our whole inspection team felt she was a quality individual who was beautifully prepared so we are delighted to secure her.”

The result contributed to Pencarrow Stud’s current standing as leading vendor by average at NZ\$363,333 with three lots sold, while Curraghmore holds second spot with 11 sold for an average of NZ\$281,364. **Cont. p8**

Strong Opening Day at Karaka Cont.

Adding to the international influence at the top of the market was BBA Ireland who purchased [lot 173](#) for NZ\$750,000 (US\$546,401/£437,627/€510,853). The colt, by Fastnet Rock (Aus), offered by Curraghmore is out of Frustrating (Aus) (Stravinsky), a winning half-sister to Group 1 winners Terravista (Aus) (Captain Rio {GB}) and Tiger Tees (NZ) (Dubawi {Ire}).

“I’ve bought him for a group of existing clients and he will head to Australia for his immediate future,” said BBA’s Adrian Nicoll. “He is a very athletic type who looks like he’ll be able to run so I’m pleased to be taking him home.”

Te Akau Racing supremo David Ellis certainly didn’t let international buyers have it all their own way however and fresh off the back of Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands {Aus})’s Karaka Million success for his team and Fortuna Racing at Ellerslie on Sunday, Ellis secured 14 horses for a total of NZ\$2.185m.



David Ellis | Te Akau Racing

“I think it’s been a very successful day’s selling and I take my hat off to the whole New Zealand Bloodstock team and the vendors,” said Ellis. “I’m proud to be part of it all and am looking forward to more activity on Tuesday.”

Last year’s leading vendors Waikato Stud topped the vendor by aggregate table with 21 lots sold for NZ\$4.16m followed closely by Cambridge Stud who have traded 15 individuals for NZ\$3.78m. Selling continues Tuesday from 10 a.m. local time with lot 241 kicking off the day’s proceedings and lot 465 the concluding offering in the Premier Sale.

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SESSION TOPPERS

KARAKA PREMIER SALE DAY 1 TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
10	c	O’Reilly (NZ)	Volkrose (NZ)	825,000
B-R Davis, R D Gordon & R H Rutherford (NZ)				
Consigned by Beltana				
Purchased by AR Bell Racing/China Horse Club/Newgate				

130	f	High Chaparral (Ire)	Diamond Like (Aus)	800,000
Walking Video				
B-Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan (NZ)				
Consigned by Cambridge Stud				
Purchased by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum				
58	f	Savabeel (Aus)	Banchee (NZ)	750,000
Walking Video				
B-Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd (NZ)				
Consigned by Pencarrow Stud				
Purchased by Godolphin				
173	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Frustrating (Aus)	750,000
Walking Video				
B-Caradale Pty Ltd (Aus)				
Consigned by Curraghmore				
Purchased by BBA Ireland				
109	f	Savabeel (Aus)	Daffodil (NZ)	600,000
Walking Video				
B-G J & M J Chittick (NZ)				
Consigned by Waikato Stud Ltd				
Purchased by China Horse Club				
181	c	Frankel (GB)	Give Me Five (Ger)	475,000
Walking Video				
B-Raffles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd (NZ)				
Consigned by Curraghmore				
Purchased by DGR Thoroughbred Services				
25	c	Snitzel (Aus)	Zenella (NZ)	450,000
Walking Video				
B-Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan (NZ)				
Consigned by Cambridge Stud				
Purchased by De Burgh Equine/Shadwell				
131	f	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Different To (NZ)	425,000
B-Mrs. L Huddy (Aus)				
Consigned by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd				
Purchased by Mr G C Beemsterboer				
217	c	Redoute’s Choice (Aus)	Jeu de Cartes (NZ)	420,000
B-Cressfield (Aus)				
Consigned by Henley Park				
Purchased by Mr T K Moore				
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SESSION TOTALS	2017	2016
• Catalogued	240	230
• No. Offered	222	209
• No. Sold	169	158
• RNAs	53	51
• % RNAs	23.87%	24.4%
• No. NZ\$500K+	5	2
• High Price	NZ\$825,000	NZ\$775,000
• Gross	NZ\$30,265,000	NZ\$28,097,500
• Average (% change)	NZ\$179,083 (+0.70%)	NZ\$177,832
• Median (% change)	NZ\$135,000 (-10%)	NZ\$150,000

BRITT'S PASSING THE END OF AN ERA

by John Berry

The final lines have been written in some of the most notable chapters of the great racing storybook with the death at the age of 103 of Edgar Britt, an Australian jockey who enjoyed notable success around the world.

Edgar Britt's first international foray came in 1933, the year after Phar Lap (NZ) (Night Raid {GB}) had made history by crossing the Pacific to land the Agua Caliente H. near Tijuana in New Mexico. Inspired by this triumph, Sydney-based trainer Mick Polson headed for the USA with Winooka (Aus) (Windbag {Aus}) and Trevallion (Aus) plus his 19-year-old apprentice Edgar Britt. Trainer and rider thus wrote their names in the history books when Winooka, who had previously proved himself the best sprinter/miler in Sydney by taking the AJC Doncaster H. under 9 stone 13lb, won the Baltimore H. at Pimlico; while Trevallion landed a gamble in lesser company at Laurel Park.

Once back home in Sydney, Britt confirmed his position as one of Australia's best jockeys, most notably enjoying a red-letter day at Randwick during the Autumn Carnival in 1934 when he rode a treble headed by the victory of Broad Arrow (Aus) (Treclare {GB}) in the AJC Sydney Cup under 7 stone 1lb. Britt's success led to him being offered a huge retainer to ride in India. He spent a decade there, retained by the Maharajah of Baroda and topping the jockeys' standings eight times.

When the Second World War ended in 1945 and the racing

programme in Great Britain began to return to normal, the Maharajah dispatched his jockey to England to ride his string of horses trained at Middleham in Yorkshire by Fred 'Sam' Armstrong. The first champions whom Britt rode in England were the Maharajah's top-class colts Sayajirao (GB) (Nearco {Ity}) and My Babu (GB) (Djebel {Fr}). The former was a top 3-year-old, taking the Irish Derby and St Leger in 1947; while the latter proved himself a leading juvenile that year by dead-heating in the New (now Norfolk) S. at Royal Ascot before an impressive victory in the Champagne S. at Doncaster.

The following season My Babu won the 2000 Guineas, but two changes had been made to the arrangements by this time. At the instigation of the Maharajah, Sam Armstrong's string had moved down from Middleham to Warren Place in Newmarket; while the Maharajah was now retaining Charlie Smirke (who consequently rode My Babu in the 2000 Guineas). Britt's career was not, however, hindered by the loss of that job: he was retained by Marcus Marsh and also, while the royal jockey Harry Carr was sidelined with a broken leg, by King George VI. For the latter's trainer Cecil Boyd-Rochford he rode his second successive St Leger winner, partnering William Woodward Snr's Black Tarquin (Rhodes Scholar {Fr}) to victory in the oldest Classic that autumn. Furthermore, Sam Armstrong continued to use him on horses owned by his other patrons, while he was also the jockey of choice for the leading trainer in the north,

Captain Charles Eley.

Britt remained in Britain until his retirement in 1959, ending up with a huge haul of big-race victories including seven Classic triumphs, a total which means that he still ranks as the most successful Australian jockey in British Classic races. His final five Classics were all on horses trained by Captain Eley: Musidora (Ire) (Nasrullah {Ire}) (1000 Guineas and Oaks in 1949), Frieze (GB) (Phideas {GB}) (Oaks in 1952), Nearula (Ire) (Nasrullah {Ire}) (2000 Guineas in 1953) and Honeylight (GB) (Honeyway {GB}) (1000 Guineas in 1956).

After retiring from the saddle, Edgar Britt returned to his native Australia, where he spent the rest of his working life writing for a newspaper in Sydney. More than that, however, he became the grand old man of Australian racing, described by Racing NSW Chairman Peter V'Landys as "one of Australia's treasures ... highly respected--you could not meet a nicer or more humble man." His passing marks the end of an era, the end perhaps, of a golden age.



Edgar Britt w/John Messara (r)
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A crowd of 96,082 packed into Sha Tin Racecourse and bet nearly HK\$1.76 billion (US\$226.7 million) for Monday's Chinese New Year meeting. | *Andrew Hawkins*

Monday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

STEWARDS' CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (£1,025,286/€1,206,358/A\$1,710,333/US\$1,289,048), Sha Tin, 1-30, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.38, gd.

1--@&HELENE PARAGON (FR), 126, h, 5, by Polan (Fr)

1st Dam: High Zaff (GB), by High Chaparral (Ire)

2nd Dam: Zaffrani (Ire), by Danehill

3rd Dam: Zariysha (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)

O-Sir Po-shing & Lady Woo, Wilson, Jackson & Dawson Woo; B-A Jordan Torres; T-John Moore; T-Tommy Berry; HK\$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 22-7-4-2, HK\$19,360,000. *Formerly Sir Andrew (Fr). **Click for the**

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2--**Joyful Trinity (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Zanzibari--Bargouzine, by Stravinsky. O-Lai Wai Chi; B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS; T-John Moore; HK\$2,200,000.

3--**Able Friend (Aus)**, 126, g, 7, [Shamardal](#)--Ponte Piccolo (NZ), by Volksraad (GB). (A\$550,000 Ylg '11 INGEAS). O-Dr & Mrs Cornel Li; B-Ramsey Pastoral Co Pty Ltd (Qld); T-John Moore; HK\$1,000,000.

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Margins: 3/4, HF, NK. Odds: 21-10, 17-1, 23-5.

Also Ran: Contentment (Aus), Beauty Only (Ire), Werther (NZ), Giant Treasure, Designs on Rome (Ire), Blazing Speed (GB), Sun Jewellery (Aus), Secret Weapon (GB), Beauty Flame (Ire).

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Helene Paragon had endured his share of bad luck in a couple of starts leading into Monday's G1 Stewards' Cup, the featured event on the Chinese New Year program, but good fortune was on his side, as visiting rider Tommy Berry audaciously threaded the needle nearing the entrance to the final furlong and drove his mount to a richly deserved maiden Group 1 victory.

Widely expected to go favored in a race that included the last three horses of the year in Hong Kong as well as G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile hero Beauty Only (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Helene Paragon drifted back to a position slightly worse than midfield and just in advance of 2015 Stewards' Cup winner Able Friend as Contentment (Aus) (Hussonet) and Beauty Flame (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) tussled on the sharp end. Berry had allowed Helene Paragon to edge closer on the turn, following the move of Sun Jewellery (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), as Able Friend, given a risky inside trip by Joao Moreira, stalked the favorite's every move. Traveling well approaching the final corner, Helene Paragon was momentarily short of room, but muscled his way to daylight between defending champ Giant Treasure (Mizzen Mast) and Blazing Speed (GB) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) at the 350m. Contentment was still going well up front, but the chalk grinded his way past that one and hit the line first, with Joyful Trinity closing off well for second. Able Friend was stalled a couple of times in the stretch, first behind the eventual winner and then off the heels of Blazing Speed before rocketing home to pinch third on the wire.

Berry was full of praise for the winner, who is likely to move on to the G1 Dubai Turf (1800m) Mar. 25. **Cont. p11**

G1 Stewards' Cup Cont.

"It's a Group 1 race and there's never an inch given, you expect that in Group 1s, especially here in Hong Kong," Berry told



Helene Paragon gets his Group 1 | HKJC photo

HKJC's David Morgan. "I knew I was on the right horse to do what I did, and if I wasn't I probably wouldn't have done it because I put myself in a sticky spot--when I pushed out he wanted to go again. Horses don't usually

push out like that and balance up and quicken as well as he does--usually it takes them a few strides. It shows his quality."

Said Moreira of Able Friend: "He's run a good race, but unfortunately things didn't go his way in the straight. He needed a bit more luck--if he'd had that he could have won," the champion jockey said.

A maiden winner at first asking at San Sebastian in Spain, Helene Paragon--raced in Europe as Sir Andrew--was third in the G1 Prix Jean Prat to close out that portion of his career. He was seventh to Beauty Only, but beaten just two lengths, in the Nov. 20 G2 Jockey Club Mile and might have turned the tables in the international Mile last time, but struck just enough interference in the run to miss by a half-length in second.

Pedigree Notes...

Helene Paragon's listed-winning sire is reportedly responsible for just two foals lifetime, while his sire Golan (Ire) sired Beauty Flash (NZ), winner of the 2010 Hong Kong Mile and this event the following month. [@EquinealTDN](#)

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Monday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

CENTENARY SPRINT CUP-G2, HK\$8,000,000 (£819,758/€964,729/A\$1,367,020/US\$1,031,244), Sha Tin, 1-30, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:09.15, gd.

1--**PENIAPHOBIA (IRE), 121, g, 6, by Dandy Man (Ire)**

1st Dam: Umlani (Ire), by Great Commotion

2nd Dam: Travel Magic (Ire), by Henbit

3rd Dam: Quiet Harbour (Ire), by Mill Reef

(€11,000 Wlg '11 GOFNOV; £20,000 Ylg '12 DONAUG).

O-Huang Kai Wen; B-Andrew Fogarty; T-Tony Cruz; J-Neil Callan; HK\$4,560,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Sprinter & G1SW-HK, MG1SP-UAE, 34-12-6-8, HK\$40,668,970. *Full to Rapacity Alexander (Ire), SW-Fr; 1/2 to Safari Sunset (Ire) (Fayruz {GB}),

GSP-Eng. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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2--**Lucky Bubbles (Aus)**, 121, g, 5, Sebring (Aus)--Bubble Below (Aus), by Hussonet. (A\$90,000 Ylg '13 INGPRES). O-Lucky Syndicate; B-Gilgai Farm (Vic); T-Francis Lui; HK\$1,760,000.

3--**Not Listenin'tome (Aus)**, 121, g, 6, Dylan Thomas (Ire)--Flame of Sydney (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). (A\$270,000 Ylg '12 INGEAS). O-Matthew Wong Leung Pak; B-M A Pitt & M Read (NSW); T-John Moore; HK\$920,000.

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Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 8-1, 3-5, 9-1.

Also Ran: Amazing Kids (NZ), Blizzard (Aus), Strathmore (Aus), Merion (NZ), Aerovelocity (NZ).

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Irish ex-pat Neil Callan is the prototypical journeyman jockey in Hong Kong, a cut below the likes of Joao Moreira and Zac Purton from a statistical standpoint, but capable of booting home his fair share of winners. A good percentage of his feature-race success locally had come through his association with trainer Tony Cruz and primarily with the veteran Blazing Speed (GB) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), but Monday it was one-time G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint hero Peniaphobia who came through for the team with a tough pillar-to-post tally in the G2 Centenary Sprint Cup.

Drawn widest of this octet, the 6-year-old was aggressively ridden away from the stalls and managed to cross and clear all the inside traffic, and although he had company from reigning Hong Kong Sprint hero Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus}), he had a fairly easy time of it through the opening 400m in :24.29, well outside standard for this level over a track affected at least to some extent by rain showers earlier in the day. Not Listenin'tome fell into the box seat for third for Tommy Berry, while heavily favored Lucky Bubbles sat a good trip from fourth. Peniaphobia traveled strongly off the final corner and kicked hard, and despite having to expend some energy to gain the front from that outside post, he dug in bravely, as is his custom, and Lucky Bubbles could not pull back the margin late. Not Listenin'tome just held for third ahead of Amazing Kids (NZ) (Falkirk {NZ}). That leading quartet each hold entries for Dubai and the G1 Al Quoz Sprint (1200m) could be next for Peniaphobia, who was placed in the last two renewals of that event, previously contested over a straight five furlongs. Lucky Bubbles and Amazing Kids could also fly the Bauhinia in the Al Quoz, while trainer John Moore has suggested Not Listenin'tome could go for the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen.

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Peniaphobia holds out Lucky Bubbles | HKJC photo

G2 Centenary Sprint Cup Cont.

“He began very well--he just showed effortless speed at the start,” Callan told HKJC’s David Morgan. “Tony said he was the only front-runner in the field and that was my plan, to just let him roll up into position on the front end rather than push him. He did that with minimum fuss because he jumped so cleanly. I was able to cross them and get to the rail. I didn’t take a pull on him I was just talking to him in his ear, ‘woah, boy, woah’, and when I threw the reins at him he was coming back underneath me. Nobody pestered me for it so I knew I’d have a big kick in the straight.”

Victorious in the 2013 Weatherbys Super Sprint when trained by Richard Fahey, Peniaphobia nearly won the Hong Kong Sprint as a 3-year-old in 2014 before leading throughout 12 months hence. He made the running in defence of his title Dec. 11, weakening slightly in the latter stages to finish less than a length behind Aerovelocitv in third, and most recently rounded out the triple behind Amazing Kids and Not Listenin’tome in the G3 Bauhinia Sprint Trophy H. (1000m) Jan. 8.

Pedigree Notes...

Peniaphobia is one of five black-type winners for his sire, who stands for €10,000 at Joe Foley’s Ballyhane Stud. Peniaphobia’s full-sister Rapacity Alexander, an €42,000 GOFNOV weanling turned 90,000gns TATOCT yearling, was victorious in the Listed Prix La Fleche at Chantilly last year for owner Noel O’Callaghan. That filly is the last listed produce for Umlani, who descends from the same female family as US Eclipse Award winner Wandesta (GB) (Nashwan) and G1SW Quiet Fling (Nijinsky II).

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IN JAPAN:

Moira Aithon (Jpn), c, 3, **Lonhro (Aus)**--Titan Queen, by Tiznow. Kyoto, 1-29, Plate Race, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$136,522. O-Takaya Shimakawa; B-Northern Farm; T-Yasutoshi Ikee. *¥64,000,000 Wlg ‘14 JRHJUL. **1/2 to Renee’s Titan (Bernstein), GSW, \$168,171; and Fashion Alert (Old Fashioned), GSW, \$260,943.



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Mar. 11	New Zealand S.	Ellerslie
Mar. 11	Diamond S.	Ellerslie
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