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Shagaf | *Sherackatthetrack*

by *Steve Sherack*

Following disappointing conclusions to their 3-year-old seasons, a pair of highly regarded Shadwell Stable representatives will be back in action for 2017.

'**TDN Rising Star**' and GIII Gotham S. hero **Shagaf** (Bernardini), sidelined since being pulled up in the GI Kentucky Derby, has posted four workouts at trainer Chad Brown's Palm Meadows base this winter, headed by a four-furlong breeze in :48.90 (9/24) Feb. 6. The Shadwell homebred, produced by an Unbridled's Song stakes-winning daughter of MGISW Habibt (Tabasco Cat), underwent surgery last May to remove chips from his left knee and ankle.

Mohaymen (Tapit), a half-brother to 2013 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}), stamped himself as a leading contender for the Kentucky Derby after launching his career with five straight wins--four graded--including an impressive tally in the GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. The **\$2.2 million KEESEP co-topper** could do no better than fourth, beaten 8 1/4 lengths, with a showdown with 2-year-old champion Nyquist (Uncle Mo) in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby, but rebounded nicely on the First Saturday of May to finish a rallying fourth. The gray was given the remainder of the year off after posting a pair of puzzling efforts at Saratoga, including an 11th-place finish in the GI King's Bishop S. most recently Aug. 27. **Cont. p3**

GUN RUNNER TO RAZORBACK, DUBAI POSSIBLE

By *Michael Adolphson*

It is hard to find a horse more likable in racing than **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}). The chestnut capped off his sophomore campaign with a victory in the GI Clark H., making him a top candidate for the inaugural running of the \$12 million GI Pegasus World Cup at the same nine-furlong trip. However, an EHV outbreak at his winter base of Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots and a subsequently complicated testing process proved stumbling blocks too high to cross for his disheartened connections.

Owned by Winchell Thoroughbreds and Three Chimneys Farm, Steve Asmussen's stable star now opts for a 'Plan B' that could provide big things for the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile runner-up. **Cont. p5**

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HIGH HOPES FOR COMEBACKING QUARTET

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Steve Sherack continues to track down top runners on the sidelines, focusing on a quartet of talented colts from the barn of Gary and Mary West in American Freedom (Pulpit), Beach Bum (Arch), Hot Seat (Unbridled's Song) and Malibu Sunset (Bernardini).



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“Both are doing well,” Shadwell Farm’s Vice President and General Manager Rick Nichols commented. “Shagaf left our



Mohaymen | *Sherackatthetrack*

South Carolina training center in early January to return to Chad [Brown] in Florida. He is working weekly and should be ready to run soon. Mohaymen went to South Carolina in early January to resume training. He is doing great. He should return to

Kieran [McLaughlin] in a month or so.”

Nichols continued, “No targets yet--we will let them tell us. Shagaf came through all of that [surgery for chips] in great shape. Mohaymen just needed time to grow and mature, which he did. He put on 168 pounds during his vacation. It was good weight, not fat. He looks like a 4-year-old now--stronger all over.”

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HIGH HOPES FOR COMEBACKING QUARTET

by *Steve Sherack*

Runners like GIII Iowa Derby winner and GI Haskell Invitational S. and GI Travers S. second-place finisher **American Freedom**



American Freedom | *Equi-Photo*

(Pulpit), jaw-dropping 2-year-old debut maiden winner **Beach Bum** (Arch) and the promising duo of **Hot Seat** (Unbridled’s Song) and **Malibu Sunset** (Bernardini) made plenty of headlines while

carrying the pink and black silks of prominent owners Gary and Mary West throughout the 2016 racing season.

But where have they been? Longtime racing manager Ben Glass has the answers.

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American Freedom, a [\\$500,000 KEESEP yearling](#) purchase, hasn't faced the starter since completing the exacta 13 1/2 lengths behind the brilliant Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), good for a career high 104 Beyer Speed Figure, in a Travers for the ages Aug. 27 ([video](#)). Last year's Sir Barton S. winner did, however, finish 1 1/2 lengths ahead of the third-place finisher that day Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), who concluded his sophomore campaign with a win in the GI Clark H. at Churchill.

Bred in Kentucky by Centaur Farms Inc, American Freedom is out of the two-time stakes-winning mare Gottcha Last (Pleasant Tap). The half-brother to three-time graded winner and narrow GI Pimlico Special H. runner-up Gottcha Gold (Coronado's Quest) is trained by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert.

"American Freedom just needed some time off and everything is beautiful now," Glass commented. "He's back in training and ready to breeze at Los Alamitos. He got out there and jogged 30 days and galloped 30 days, then the rainy weather hit. He's ready to start breezing and is doing great--he's perfect."

Any ideas on races that American Freedom may be pointed toward going forward?

"We pretty much leave that up to Bob [Baffert] and let him figure out what's best for them," Glass replied. "Nobody is better than Baffert to figure out where they need to go."

Beach Bum earned the '**TDN Rising Star**' moniker after rolling in his seven-furlong debut for Baffert at Santa Anita Nov. 6 ([video](#)). Let go at a somewhat surprising 5-1, the [\\$400,000 KEESEP yearling](#) graduate pressed a hot pace from the outside while three deep, took over at the top of the lane and ran up the score in the stretch to earn his diploma by 5 1/4 lengths over subsequent Gill Robert B. Lewis hero Royal Mo (Uncle Mo).

Produced by the stakes-placed Storm Cat mare Chili Cat, Beach Bum hails from the same family of Phipps Grade I winners Pine Island (Arch), Point of Entry (Dynaformer) and Pleasant Home (Seeking the Gold). He was bred in Kentucky by Double K, LLC and Helen C. Alexander.

"Beach Bum had a little chip in his ankle that we had to take out and it's going to set us back with him," Glass revealed of the highly regarded sophomore. "It's a shame. It'll be the middle of March, probably around there or so, before he can go back into training."

'**TDN Rising Star**' Hot Seat, a half-brother to graded winner Hard Enough (Hard Spun), looked to be any kind after airing by 20 1/2 lengths in his first two attempts for trainer Jason Servis at Parx, headed by a two-turn allowance tally Oct. 11 ([video](#)). Bred in Maryland by Larry Johnson, the [\\$260,000 KEESEP yearling](#) was shelved after chasing home the speedy Sharp Azteca (Freud) as the even-money favorite in the seven-furlong \$100,000 City of Laurel S. Nov. 19. The chestnut is out of the late stakes-winning dam Grecian Wings (Mr. Greeley).

"Hot Seat also had a little chip," Glass offered. "I just got a report on him from Dr. [Larry] Bramlage and he's super, healed perfect and ready to go back into training. He's in Lexington now and will head down to Ocala to go back into training."

'**TDN Rising Star**' Malibu Sunset, a double-digit debut winner at Fair Grounds for trainer Wayne Catalano last January ([video](#)), made two additional attempts during his 3-year-old campaign for Baffert on the West Coast. The [\\$240,000 KEESEP yearling](#) acquisition, bred in Kentucky by Mike Abraham, hit the sidelines after finishing a well-beaten seventh in the California Chrome S. at Los Alamitos Apr. 30. Produced by the Storm Cat mare One Stormy Mama, the half-brother to GII Hutcheson S. winner Thunder Moccasin (A. P. Warrior) is nearing a return with Catalano at Fair Grounds, and most recently worked four furlongs in :48.80 (8/98) Feb. 3.

"He's back with Wayne [Catalano] and he's doing real good," Glass said. "I would think he'd be ready to run at the Fair Grounds before the meet is over, I'm hoping. He had some bone bruising that needed to heal, then also had a quarter crack. It was just time to take him out and fix him up."

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Gun Runner to Razorback, Dubai Possible cont. from p1



Gun Runner | Coady

“He has shipped to Oaklawn and we are pointing him to the [GIII] Razorback [H. Feb. 20],” said David Fiske, manager for Winchell Thoroughbreds. “We obviously would have preferred to run him in Miami [in the Pegasus]. He was doing really well and still is. That would have given us more time and let us evaluate him and his 4-year-old season a little better. Now we are backed up a little bit.”

The presence of the 2016 GII Louisiana Derby winner adds potency to the already amped-up prize money for the Razorback, which now stands at \$500,000 compared to \$350,000 in 2016. A big effort from Gun Runner in the Razorback could possibly set him up for a run in the \$10 million G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 25.

“As far as Dubai, that has yet to be determined,” Fiske continued. “We will see where he is after the Razorback, but we are behind now and it seems a little less attractive. We just don’t have as much time, but Mr. Winchell, [Three Chimneys] and Steve will sit down afterward and decide on that.”

Gun Runner turned in an eye-catching work at the Fair Grounds Feb. 5, getting six furlongs in 1:13 flat--a move which, like all of his this winter at the New Orleans oval, impressed clockers and his connections. If the talented 4-year-old, who was also third in both the 2016 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Travers S., proves as sharp in the Razorback as his recent works, he may get a second chance to take on Travers, Pegasus and GI Breeders’ Cup Classic hero Arrogate (Unbridled’s Song), who is also under consideration for the Dubai World Cup.

“From his standpoint, he is happy, doing great and he doesn’t know that he couldn’t go [to Florida],” Fiske concluded. “In this game, sometimes you never know when you’re doing the right thing or doing well, but who knows, it may turn out to be a good thing that we couldn’t go. He’ll run on the 20th and we’ll discuss and decide from there.”

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FLORIDA

Thursday's Results:

4th-GP, \$40,000, (S), Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 2-9, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.14, ft.

BOW TOWN CAT (f, 4, Cowtown Cat--Clara Bow, by Way West {Fr}) graduated at fifth asking by 11 1/4 lengths sprinting on the Aqueduct inner track Dec. 9 and held gamely to finish second after setting a quick pace over the local turf Jan. 21. Backed to 4-5 in this return to dirt, the chestnut established command through a :22.99 quarter and started to inch away passing a :46.60 half. Spurting clear into the stretch, she steadily widened throughout the lane to romp by eight lengths. Didnotmeanit (Saint Anddan) was second-best. The winner's dam has a juvenile colt by Field Commission and foaled a colt by Cajun Breeze last term before returning to that sire. Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$75,590. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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EASTERN U.S.

Barbados Retired to Shamrock Farm:

Suzanne Stables' GSW **Barbados** (Speightstown--Northern Station, by Street Cry {Ire}) has been retired to Shamrock Farm in Maryland and will stand for a fee of \$2,500 for the 2017 season.

Suzanne Stables purchased Barbados for \$340,000 as a 2-year-old as part of WinStar's Horses of Racing Age draft at Keeneland November just a month after he broke his maiden by five lengths in Lexington. Transferred to Michael Tomlinson, the bay captured Gulfstream's Spectacular Bid S. and Gill Hutcheson S. in 2015 and hit the board in three other graded events that year, including a runner-up effort behind champion Runhappy (Super Saver) in the Gill Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix S.

Barbados had one win in 2016 in Tampa Bay's Pelican S. and he retired with a record of 16-4-3-1 and earnings of \$377,241.



Barbados | A. Coglianese

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CENTRAL U.S.

Thursday's Results:

8th-OP, \$75,000, (S), Alw, 2-9, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.36, ft.

WEAST HILL (g, 5, Rockport Harbor--Copperelle, by Elusive Quality) went three-for-three at this meet last spring, including a pair of state-bred stake successes, and was 11th in the Gill Turf Sprint S. May 6 at Churchill. Coming in off a narrow return victory in the local mud Jan. 22, the homebred broke on top as the 2-5 choice and dueled through a :23.22 quarter. Finding daylight by the top of the lane, he passed the furlong grounds in the clear before holding sway late by a half-length from longshot Rock City Roadhog (Valid Expectations). Weast Hill has a juvenile half-sister by Primary Suspect and a yearling Midshipman half-brother named Warden Shipman. His dam was bred to Laurie's Rocket last term. Lifetime Record: 11-8-1-0, \$371,210. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Starsky Weast (AR); T-Brad H. Cox.

8th-FG, \$43,000, (S), Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 2-9, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.56, ft.

JUNO'S STARLET (f, 3, Warrior's Reward--J Star {SP}, by Arch) was an even fifth in her career bow here Nov. 20 and came back with a much-improved effort Jan. 1, blitzing a state-bred off-the-turf field wire-to-wire by 5 1/4 lengths. Let go as the 11-5 second choice here, the dark bay tracked loose leading favorite Elektracutioner (Custom for Carlos) through above-average fractions of :22.25 and :45.14, forged by that foe approaching the eighth pole and drew clear to a 1 1/2-length triumph. What's the Point (Concord Point) was second, with Elektracutioner fading to fifth. The victress's dam foaled a colt by Hamazing Destiny named Destinedtobeastar last spring before visiting Moonshine Mullin. Sales History: \$30,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$49,830. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Cloyce Clark & Jay Goodwin (LA); T-Edward J. Johnston.

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7th-FG, \$40,000, Alw, 2-9, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.92, fm.

CORDON (c, 4, Archrarch--Golden Desert, by Vindication) graduated second out and first time turf July 10 at Arlington and was a respectable sixth when thrown to the wolves in the GI Secretariat S. next out there Aug. 13. Third in the Dueling Grounds Derby Sept. 11 at Kentucky Downs, the dark bay missed the board in a pair of allowance tries before running third by a neck at 17-1 last out in the Woodchopper S. here Dec. 31.

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4th-OP, \$72,000, Msw, 2-9, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.28, ft.

SILVER BULLION (c, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Love Buzz, by Silver Charm) ran a close fourth on debut over track and trip Jan. 15 and was let go at 11-2 in this spot. Running third off the rail in a six-way pace scramble through a :22.19 quarter, the gray poked a head in front passing a :45.97 half and edged away in the final furlong to graduate by 1 1/4 lengths over Providence (Bellamy Road). Warning Sign (Pulpit) was a good third, another half-length back, after going six wide on the turn. The victor's dam foaled a filly by Giant Oak last spring before being bred to Empire Way. Sales History: \$55,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$170,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$95,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$46,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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Wednesday Night's Results:

1st-DED, \$29,000, Alw, 2-8, (NW2X), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:20.68, ft.
JAVIERA (f, 3, Big Brown--Hard Call, by Rock Hard Ten) rallied to victory in her local unveiling going five furlongs Jan. 21 and was bet down to 3-5 to repeat while stretching out to two turns here. Showing the way narrowly through splits of :23.89 and :48.14, the homebred turned back the far bend bid of Shez for You (Macho Uno) and kicked away in the stretch to score by 4 1/4 lengths. Vanter (Flatter) ran on for second. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$34,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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RMTC Board Approves Interim Accreditation of Illinois Lab:

The RMTC board granted Interim Accreditation to the University of Illinois at Chicago Analytical Forensic Testing Laboratory at its Feb. 6 meeting at Gulfstream Park. The laboratory performs testing of Thoroughbred and Standardbred samples for the Illinois Racing Board.

"We are pleased to see another laboratory in our sport working to meet the RMTC Laboratory Accreditation standards for testing expertise and proficiency," said RMTC Chair Alex Waldrop. "We hope to see additional laboratories join the University of Illinois-Chicago within the year. RMTC Accreditation ensures that laboratories can consistently and reliably detect a wide variety of substances at low concentrations, which is a key to providing a racing product in the U.S. that is safe and fair."

The board also heard from the RMTC Glaucine Task Force, which reported that glaucine is not only present in some bulk shavings, but is also available in injectable forms online. In shavings, it is a result of the presence of the tulip poplar tree, which contains a number of plant alkaloids.

Due to the presence of glaucine in shavings, a horse could accidentally ingest it resulting in a positive test, which makes screening limit alone insufficient. The task force recommended new screening limits and the removal of bulk shavings 24 hours before a race.

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I Spent It Relocated to Oklahoma:

GI Saratoga Special winner **I Spent It** (Super Saver--Rateeba, by Sky Mesa) has been relocated to Oklahoma for the 2017 breeding season and will stand at Merrick Ranches for \$2,500 after being purchased by Joe Merrick for \$22,000 at the Fasig-Tipton February sale.

Purchased by Alex and JoAnn Lieblong for \$600,000 at the Fasig-Tipton March 2-year-old sale, I Spent It captured the 2014 Saratoga Special and was second in that year's GI Hopeful S. for the Lieblongs, Three Chimneys Farm and trainer Tony Dutrow. He retired at the end of 2015 with a record of 7-2-1-0 and earnings of \$347,640.

"We are very fortunate to have him and think he's from an up-and-coming sire line with all the success we've seen from Super Saver and the interest in his young sons likes Runhappy and Competitive Edge," said Merrick. "We really think I Spent It is going to be an asset to the breeding program in Oklahoma."

The 5-year-old formerly stood in Florida and his first crop of foals are now weanlings.



I Spent It | A. Coglianese

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PickUpMount.com Launches for 2017 KY Breeding Season:

PickUpMount.com, a new website created to facilitate last minute stallion season sales, has been launched in time for the 2017 Kentucky breeding season. The site provides a venue for stud farms to advertise stallions with open sessions and local breeders an efficient way to get their mares serviced when plans change.

Available sessions can be advertised up to three days in advance and the site has set a minimum stud fee of \$3,500. PickUpMount.com does not charge a listing fee, but does take a 5% commission when the stud fee is paid.

CALIFORNIA

Thursday's Results:

7th-SA, \$57,380, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-9, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 1:59.55, gd.

LIAM THE CHARMER (c, 4, Smart Strike--Charm the Giant {Ire} {GSW, \$336,309}, by Giant's Causeway) finished a dull sixth in his debut on the local main Jan. 24, but sprung to life when switched to turf, running second at just under 21-1 Feb. 20 and graduating powerfully May 8. A close third with a wide journey in the Rainbow S. here June 18, the \$500,000 KESEEP buy was then fifth in the GIII La Jolla H. Aug. 6 at Del Mar before running fourth in an optional claimer there Nov. 19. Made the 9-5 favorite in this stretchout attempt, the dark bay caboosed the field as a free-running longshot showed the way through splits of :23.01, :47.14 and 1:11.23. Liam the Charmer started to wind up past the three-eighths pole and maintained momentum despite spinning six wide by the top of the lane. Reeling in the pacesetter inside the eighth pole, he drew away to score by 1 1/4 lengths over 25-1 Beach View (Giant's Causeway). The victor is a half to Charm the Maker (Empire Maker), MSW & MGISP, \$340,290. His dam dropped a Candy Ride (Arg) colt last spring before returning to that sire. Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-1-1, \$94,226. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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SA-1st, \$58k, Alw/Opt. Clm, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT

Grade I winner **NICKNAME (Scat Daddy)** makes her first start since last May and tries turf for the initial time in this down-the-hill Friday opener. Bought for \$350,000 by L N J Foxwoods as a KESEEP yearling, the dark bay captured the GI Frizette S. in 2015 before running fourth behind champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) in that term's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Nickname went winless in four starts as a sophomore, most recently finishing third in the GIII Eight Belles S. at Churchill. After racing for trainer Steve Asmussen through her first eight races, she makes her debut for the Richard Mandella barn and shows a strong five-furlong workout in :59 4/5 (8/87) Jan. 26 over the local main. Nickname's dam won her turf debut and was stakes placed on the grass. [TCIS PPs --@JBiancaTDN](#)

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Nita Irvine Wheeler Connelly Passes Away:

Owner and breeder Nita Irvine Wheeler Connelly who campaigned the likes of GI Oak Leaf S. winner Cry and Catch Me (Street Cry {Ire}), passed away Feb. 7. Connelly, who raced under the name Stetson Land and Cattle LLP, also campaigned GSW Wall Street Wonder (City Place).

Connelly was also a breeder, who stabled her broodmares at Hill 'n' Dale, and was the president of Quiet Hills Ranch in California. She leaves behind five children, 13 grandchildren, and her husband of 43 years, John.

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Jockeys and Jeans Raises Over \$150,000 for PDJF:

Jockeys and Jeans raised over \$150,000 for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund during its second sale of stallion seasons online and select season auction at Gulfstream Park. Founded in 2014 by a group of former jockeys, Jockeys and Jeans has raised some \$650,000 for PDJF, including \$114,000 from this event last year.

"Leaders in many racing organizations along with a host of top breeders have decided to step up and make a difference in the

lives of our fallen brothers and sisters,” said J&J President Barry Pearl. “We thank each and every one and because of their generosity, we have momentum heading into our next annual event.”

The fourth annual Jockeys and Jeans fundraiser is set for June 3 at Parx. Last year’s event at Gulfstream Park raised \$235,000 for PDJF.

“Parx Racing is honored to be hosting Jockeys and Jeans this coming June” said Parx Racing COO Joe Wilson. “Barry and his team have made great strides with their event to benefit the PDJF and we look forward to building on that momentum with them.”

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Under the May foal’s third dam is champion Flanders (Seeking the Gold) and her Eclipse Award-winning daughter Surfside (Seattle Slew). The latter’s half-brother Battle Plan (Empire Maker) is having some success as a sire in Japan.

9th-KYO, ¥19,000,000 (US\$168k), Alw, 1600mT

ZUAR (The Factor--Salvar, by Eddington), a \$200K OBSMAR graduate, was a 19-10 chance with Ryan Moore at the controls for his 1400m debut at Chukyo Dec. 4 and led every step of the way for a comfortable 3 1/2-length victory. Moore, in to ride Makahiki (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G2 Kyoto Kinen, gets a leg up again Sunday afternoon. --Alan Carasso

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NOTABLE US-BRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

Saturday, February 11, 2017

1st-TOK, ¥9,550,000 (US\$84k), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m

RAG PRINCESS (Union Rags--Exogenetic, by Unbridled's Song) cuts back slightly in trip for this, having finished a debut sixth of 16 over the metric mile at this venue Nov. 27. A \$430K KEESEP grad, she was the second most expensive of her sire (by Dixie Union)’s 59 first-crop yearlings to sell in 2015. Rag Princess is kin to GSW & GISP Super Ninety Nine (Pulpit) and is out of an unraced Unbridled’s Song close relative to the ill-fated dual GISW Exogenous (Unbridled). **Liver Bird (The Factor)** cost \$460K as a BARMAR 2yo in 2016, the second-priciest juvenile from his sire’s initial crop. He transitions to dirt off a debut seventh over the local turf Nov. 26.

6th-TOK, ¥13,720,000 (US\$121k), Alw, 1400mT

SALINERO (Uncle Mo--Aguilera, by Unbridled's Song), a \$130K KEESEP grad turned \$350K FTFMAR 2yo, made the most of her first trip to the races with a 1 1/2-length victory as the 7-5 favorite going 1200 meters over the Kyoto turf course Nov. 20. Christophe Lemaire has a return call on the Kazumi Yoshida runner, a half-sister to SW & GSP Bluegrass Singer (Bluegrass Cat), whose third dam is MGSW & MGISP Klassy Kim (Silent Screen).

Sunday, February 12, 2017

6th-KYO, ¥11,400,000 (US\$101k), Newcomers, 1800mT

Shadai Farm went to \$535K for Stone Farm-bred **SOLEIL DE PARIS (Lemon Drop Kid--Chatham, by Maria's Mon)** at the 2015 KEESEP sale, the best price among the 44 yearlings to sell for his sire that season. That hammer price had much to do with the chestnut’s year-older half-brother and eventual champion Air Force Blue (War Front), who had won the G1 National S. by the time Soleil de Paris strode into the Keeneland sales pavilion.

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- AIKENITE** (Yes It's True), Calumet Farm, \$7.5K, 26/2/0
2-FG, Aoc 5 1/2fT, Aiken to Be, \$28K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- CALEB'S POSSE** (Posse), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10K, 71/11/1
8-OP, Aoc 6f, Girls Know Best, 6-1
- DIALED IN** (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 174/20/3
8-OP, Aoc 6f, Dial Me, \$9K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1
- DOMINUS** (Smart Strike), Spendthrift Farm, \$6.5K, 85/10/2
8-OP, Aoc 6f, Friend of Liberty, \$67K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
- GATTOPARDO** (Johannesburg), O'Sullivan Farms, \$1K, 18/1/1
3-CT, Msw 7f, Via Leone, 9-5
- HANSEN** (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 129/25/1
8-OP, Aoc 6f, Plum Gorgeous, \$30K KEE JAN yrl, 6-1
- MESSNER** (Bernardini), PA, 26/4/0
7-PEN, Alw 1m, Wildcat Cartridge, 3-1
7-PEN, Alw 1m, Whatabeautifulmess, 6-1
- REDEEMED** (Include), Northview Stallion Station, \$3K, 63/5/0
7-PEN, Alw 1m, Saint Main Event, 7-2
- STAR GUITAR** (Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud, \$4K, 80/4/0
1-DED, Aoc 7f, Stars R Out, 6-1
- THE FACTOR** (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 218/17/3
6-HOU, Msw 6f, Lady London, \$12K OBS OPN 2yo, 4-1
- TIGHT GRIP** (Distorted Humor), Sunset Stables, 10/2/0
1-DED, Aoc 7f, Good Gosh Gene, \$500 RNA ESL MIX yrl, 30-1
- UNION RAGS** (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 220/19/3
9-OP, Msw 1 1/16m, Fairybrook, \$42K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 9-2

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Several months into a long, grey winter, it's hard to imagine that somewhere, people are somewhere sitting on a warm beach. In this month's TDN Weekend, you'll be inspired to do just that. It's February, and for those of who grew up in the Northeast (and grew tired of the cold-weather racing at Aqueduct, or Laurel) that means one thing: it's time for a visit to Gulfstream. Whether you're planning a trip for the big 3yo races, or the Gulfstream sale March 1, it's time to read up on what to see and where to be seen in South Beach. Further south still, we'll catch up with Teo Ah Khing, who is planning a racing paradise in St. Lucia. Graham Motion has also headed to Miami for winter racing, and he'll have this month's Last Word. Chris McGrath reminds us that winter in England doesn't mean sunbathing: it means steeplechasing, and there's no better place to do it than Cheltenham. And finally, before you get ready to breed your mare in Europe this year, take heed: there's a revolution happening in France.



Sue Finley, Co-Publisher

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-OP, \$75,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-9, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.39, ft.

EURODEVILWOMAN (f, 4, Euroears--The Devil Is Mine {SP}, by Devil His Due) Lifetime Record: 14-5-1-3, \$156,651. O-Muddy Waters Stables; B-Michael Ray Neatherlin (TX); T-Jack C. Van Berg. *\$3,000 2yo '15 TEXAPR.

7th-DED, \$36,000, (S), 2-8, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:22.21, ft.

HOLIDAY SONG (f, 4, Harlan's Holiday--Staria, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-3-1-4, \$66,750. O-Emmitt Pickett; B-Randel Stutes (LA); T-Joseph M. Foster. *\$8,000 Ylg '14 BSCYRL. *1/2 to Sir Genghis (Tale of the Cat), SW, \$296,312.

8th-DED, \$35,720, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-8, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.74, ft.

MAYLA (m, 5, Sharp Humor--Fifteen Moons, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-5-3-4, \$244,909. O-Carl R. Moore Management LLC & Brad Grady; B-Country Life Farm & Fifteen Moons LLC (MD); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *\$7,500 Wlg '12 EASDEC; \$90,000 2yo '14 EASMAY.

 **2YO sales purchase by Joe Brocklebank.** 

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Blaze Star, f, 3, Archarcharch--Midnight Search, by Vying Victor. FG, 2-9, (C), 6f, 1:12.02. B-Full Circle Farm (KY). *\$8,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

Will Tell, g, 3, Creative Cause--Little Bit a Swiss, by Swiss Yodeler. SA, 2-9, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:03.51. B-Teresa Stapleton (CA).

Facade, c, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Qualia (MGSP, \$173,666), by Saarland. GP, 2-9, (C), 1m, 1:39.60. B-Marc Keller (KY).

Wouldn'tbeprudent, g, 3, Shackleford--Lovely Reward, by Gulch. PEN, 2-8, (S), 1m 70y, 1:44.90. B-Two Sisters Farm (PA).

Windsor Legend, g, 5, Windsor Castle--Unlimited Diamond, by Citislipper. CT, 2-8, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.05. B-Martha A. Close (WV).

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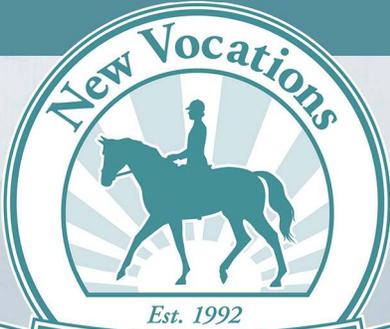
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for stallions standing in North America and Europe through Wednesday, Feb. 8

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Munnings <i>(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (\$25,000)</i>	19	26	6	8	1	3	166	121	\$2,349,614	\$11,867,999
										<i>I'm a Chatterbox</i>	
2	Quality Road <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (\$35,000)</i>	11	22	7	12	4	5	200	130	\$838,671	\$11,810,533
										<i>Hootenanny</i>	
3	Lookin At Lucky <i>(2007) by Smart Strike FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (\$17,500)</i>	9	26	4	10	--	6	173	118	\$1,035,000	\$10,575,291
										<i>Madefromlucky</i>	
4	Super Saver <i>(2007) by Maria's Mon FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (\$50,000)</i>	11	22	6	10	3	4	207	124	\$1,496,250	\$9,771,395
										<i>Runhappy</i>	
5	Blame <i>(2006) by Arch FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY (\$25,000)</i>	8	21	3	11	--	4	163	99	\$607,220	\$8,161,471
										<i>March</i>	
6	Lope de Vega (Ire) <i>(2007) by Shamardal FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire (€50,000)</i>	20	37	11	20	2	7	192	117	\$1,371,722	\$8,098,989
										<i>Belardo (IRE)</i>	
7	Warrior's Reward <i>(2006) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$7,500)</i>	7	20	--	7	--	1	200	129	\$368,500	\$8,012,021
										<i>Tencendur</i>	
8	Midshipman <i>(2006) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Darley KY (\$8,500)</i>	13	24	2	6	--	1	139	103	\$902,387	\$7,972,528
										<i>Lady Shipman</i>	
9	Temple City <i>(2005) by Dynaformer FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$10,000)</i>	8	13	5	5	2	4	169	92	\$1,453,038	\$7,894,731
										<i>Miss Temple City</i>	
10	Kantharos <i>(2008) by Lion Heart FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY (\$15,000)</i>	12	22	3	4	--	1	109	76	\$801,153	\$7,156,436
										<i>X Y Jet</i>	
11	Siyouni (Fr) <i>(2007) by Pivotal (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr (€45,000)</i>	10	18	8	10	1	3	160	96	\$1,465,398	\$7,063,988
										<i>Ervedya (FR)</i>	
12	Showcasing (GB) <i>(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Whitsbury Manor Stud Eng (£35,000)</i>	9	21	6	9	1	3	194	113	\$884,557	\$6,568,991
										<i>Quiet Reflection (GB)</i>	
13	Majesticperfection <i>(2006) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY (\$15,000)</i>	8	16	2	7	1	3	124	71	\$1,003,000	\$6,556,611
										<i>Lovely Maria</i>	
14	Discreetly Mine <i>(2007) by Mineshaft FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	3	11	--	3	--	1	204	110	\$332,690	\$6,171,772
										<i>Control Stake</i>	
15	Tale of Ekati <i>(2005) by Tale of the Cat FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY (\$7,500)</i>	7	19	2	7	--	1	132	92	\$498,045	\$5,971,002
										<i>Tale of Verve</i>	

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MILITARY ANGEL TOPS GOFFS AT €210,000



Sale-topping Military Angel | Peter Mooney

By Emma Berry

The Group 3 runner-up **Military Angel** (Big Brown) ([lot 746](#)) created a late splash at Goffs on Thursday to top the February Sale at €210,000.

Hugo Merry saw off an attempt by underbidder Darley when conducting the bidding on behalf of his French counterpart Marc-Antoine Berghracht, who secured the 5-year-old mare for a longstanding client. Out of a sister to Renashaan (Fr) (Darshaan), the dam of champion racemare Alexander Goldrun (Ire) (Gold Away), Military Angel was trained by Michael O'Callaghan to win on debut at Roscommon and she will now head to France to commence her broodmare career.

"She was a really good racemare by a Kentucky Derby winner and her dam won over five furlongs, which is unusual for a Darshaan mare," Merry commented.

Military Angel was sold just five lots from the end so for most of the day the top spot had been held by the third filly into the ring, **Edith Wharton (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who was the first of five Ballymacoll Stud fillies to be offered through Jacqueline Norris's Jockey Hall Stud.

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WINX OWNERS UNITED BY STAR MARE

By Amanda Duckworth

Anticipation is building ahead of Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire})'s seasonal debut in Saturday's G2 Apollo S. at Randwick, and while the champion mare is unaware of the pressure surrounding her, her connections certainly are not.

Winx is owned in a partnership made up of Peter and Patty Tighe's Magic Bloodstock Racing, Debbie and Paul Kepitis, and Richard Treweek. They acquired her as a yearling for A\$230,000 at the 2013 Magic Millions Gold Coast sale, and she has gone on to earn A\$9,348,175.

Each owner has had a different experience in the racing game, but all of them are in love with Winx, who has won 13 consecutive races and nine Group 1s in a career that so far is highlighted by her back-to-back victories in the G1 William Hill Cox Plate.

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Steve Sherack checks in with Shadwell Stable's Rick Nichols on the status of GSWs **Mohaymen** (Tapit) and **Shagaf** (Bernardini).

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Military Angel Tops Goffs At €210,000 cont. from p1

If no buyer comes forward for the historic stud and its stock we could well be in for a major dispersal later this year and a hint of what may come was given the hammer fell for the unraced 3-year-old filly ([lot 498](#)) at €200,000.

White Birch Farm played a major role when the Wildenstein Stables Dispersal went through the same ring in 2016 and representative Andy Smith ensured that the daughter of champion racemare Islington (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) from one of Ballymacoll's best families was another to join the rejuvenated broodmare ranks of Peter Brant's operation. Smith said, "She'll be sent to France and I believe they are thinking of covering her with Siyouni (Fr). She's likely to head to America eventually."



Andy Smith after signing for Edith Wharton | Peter Mooney

Of the Ballymacoll quintet, **Olive Branch (Ire)** ([lot 672](#)), a 3-year-old Arcano (Ire) half-sister to Australian Group 1 winner Sir John Hawkwood (Ire) (Sir Percy [GB]), was another to find favour, with Tony O'Callaghan outbidding Hugo Merry at €60,000.

With 619 horses offered at this extended February auction, it's hard to draw comparisons with last year, when 440 horses went through the ring, bringing turnover of €4,361,750 for the 291 sold. This year, 395 horses of varying ages changed hands for a clearance rate of 64%, bringing an aggregate of €5,145,100, which was up by 18%, albeit from a larger catalogue. The average price of €13,026 was down by 12% and the median fell by 31% to €5,500.

Thursday's final session of fillies and mares saw 153 sold from 216 offered. Turnover settled at €2,903,900, while the average was €18,980 and the median was €8,500.

In common with many recent breeding stock sales, Goffs February included a decent draft from Godolphin, and two well-related individuals from the 31-strong consignment hit the €90,000 mark.

Dubawi's listed winner **Sarinda (GB)** ([lot 640](#)), in foal to Dawn Approach (Ire) on a May cover, was knocked down to Jeremy Mactaggart for €90,000, and he confirmed that she had been bought on behalf of Rabbah Bloodstock. A half-sister to Hong Kong listed winner Pleasure Gains (GB) and from the further family of Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire) (Danehill), Sarinda's first foal is an Exceed And Excel (Aus) yearling colt.

Late in the session her price of €90,000 was matched by **Expressly (Ire)** ([lot 726](#)), a Street Cry (Ire) half-sister to top-class galloper and young Darley sire Rio De La Plata (Rahy), who was bought by John Walsh Bloodstock. Cormac McCormack also plumped for a member of the Godolphin draft, going to €80,000 for **Permission Slip (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire}) ([lot 556](#)). The 7-year-old treble winner, who was also listed-placed in France, is out of a sister to the group-winning duo of Kheleyf (Green Desert) and Bint Allayl, and was sold in foal to Night Of Thunder (Ire), whose first foals are on the ground this year.

Lots [561](#) and [564](#), also from Godolphin, each made the top 10 and have joined the list of mares being amassed by Maurice Regan of Newtown Anner Stud to send to his homebred dual Group 1 winner and new Ballylinch Stud stallion Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The former, sold for €72,000, is the Dubai Destination mare **Rhythmic**, a treble-winning grand-daughter of Allez Les Trois (Riverman) who has already produced the juvenile winner African Beat (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and was offered in foal to Dawn Approach (Ire). Three lots later the 3-year-old **Rockadelic** (Bernardini), a daughter of GI American Oaks and GI Mother Goose S. winner Octave (Unbridled's Song), fetched €75,000.

Jockey Hall Stud also featured on the list of leading lots as the consignor of the young Galileo mare **La Reveuse (Ire)** ([lot 516](#)) on behalf of Ballymore Thoroughbreds. The member of a strong Wildenstein family which includes the multiple Group 1 winner Loup Sauvage (Irish River), a full brother to her Group 3-winning grandam Louve, was sold to Matt Coleman for €80,000 on behalf of a "commercial Irish breeder."

"She's a very good-looking daughter of Galileo and her dam continues to produce really nice stock," said Coleman. "Galileo needs no introduction as a broodmare sire and he will cover her commercially."

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Goffs February Sale cont.

As the years pass there will be few opportunities left to buy daughters of Darshaan so, despite being 17, the Shadwell mare **Hammiya (Ire)** ([lot 658](#)) didn't slip through unnoticed and fetched a winning bid of €70,000 from BBA Ireland. The Cheshire Oaks winner has herself produced a listed winner in the form of Shaquira (GB) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), and was sold with an April cover to Tamayuz (GB).

Fascinating Rock is not the only new stallion whose book has been boosted with a number of Goffs purchases. Daniel Creighton was busy at Tattersalls last week on behalf of John Dance of Salcey Forest Stud and the farm's new stallion, the Group 2-winning sprinter Pearl Secret (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), looks likely to receive at least six mares bought in Ireland this week, including [lot 677](#), the juvenile winner Kakashan (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}).

In his round-up on the extended action at Goff this week, Chief Executive Henry Beeby urged breeders to "focus on quality, saying, "The Goffs February Sale has proved to be one of our real success stories of recent years as the preferred option for so many breeders. Indeed, as Europe's largest mid-winter sale it regularly attracts a diverse catalogue and 2017 turned out to be no exception. Over half the catalogue was devoted to foals/weanlings/just turned yearlings--call them what you will--and we saw a virtual mirror image of the trends at the foal sales in late 2016. The best sold very well but there was a clear rejection of those felt to be the least commercial. However, the upper end of the market made advances with a higher top price than last year and more lots making €60,000 and over. The clear message is therefore to focus on quality as that is what the market requires, although the supply versus demand ratio is a palpable worry for everyone breeding to sell."

He continued, "Today's breeding stock sale has enjoyed a vibrant trade with the strongest sector again at the top end and a top price of €210,000 in the last few minutes of the sale. It was a genuine privilege to offer the first part of the complete dispersal of Ballymacoll Stud and fitting that their beautifully bred filly, Edith Wharton, was one of the two lots to make the double century at €200,000. That she was bought by White Birch Farm from America, who was so active at Goffs last autumn, is a wonderful vindication of our ability to handle dispersals of such note and market them on a global scale. Alongside their first lots, and the last from the Wildenstein Stables Ltd Dispersal, we were supported with strong drafts from Godolphin, Moyglare, the Aga Khan Studs and several others of note, and we are grateful for their ongoing support of so many Goffs sales. As ever we are indebted to every vendor and all our purchasers from around the globe, and are delighted to have made a positive start to the year."

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SESSION TOPPERS

Lot	Name	Status	Price (€)
746	Military Angel	Maiden	210,000
	<i>(m, 5, Big Brown–Hannabarbera {Fr}, by Darshaan {GB})</i> <i>(\$37,000 yrl '13 KEESEP)</i> Consigned by Milltown Stud (Agent) Purchased by MAB Agency		
498	Edith Wharton (Ire)	Maiden	200,000
	<i>(f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}–Islington {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)</i> Consigned by Jockey Hall Stud (part of a complete dispersal of Ballymacoll Stud) Purchased by Andy Smith/White Birch Farm		
640	Sarinda (GB)	i/f Dawn Approach (Ire)	90,000
	<i>(m, 6, Dubawi {Ire}–Viola da Braccio {Ire}, by Vettori)</i> <i>(52,000gns wnl '11 TADNOV)</i> Consigned by Godolphin Purchased by Rabbah Bloodstock		
726	Expressly (Ire)	Not in foal	90,000
	<i>(m, 7, Street Cry {Ire}–Express Way {Arg}, by Ahmad)</i> Consigned by Godolphin Purchased by John Walsh Bloodstock		



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• No. Sold	396	291
• RNAs	223	149
• % RNAs	36%	34%
• High Price	€210,000	€165,000
• Gross	€5,205,100	€4,361,750
• Average (% change)	€13,144 (-12.3%)	€14,989
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SWINBURN DEATH RESULT OF FALL

Famed jockey Walter Swinburn, who died on Dec. 12 last year at the age of 55, died as the result of a head injury after falling from his bathroom window, a coroner has ruled. The report from coroner Dr. Shirley Radcliffe's office said, "She confirmed that he had fallen from his bathroom window. The drop was estimated at about 12 feet, and it was into a courtyard. It was confirmed that Mr. Swinburn suffered from epilepsy, but whether or not he had an epileptic fit which caused him to fall, was not possible to determine."

Swinburn, the winner of three Epsom Derbies, will be best remembered as the rider of Shergar (GB) (Great Nephew {GB}), victorious in the Blue Riband in 1981. He also won the Derby aboard Shahrastani (Nijinsky) in 1986 and Lammtarra (Nijinsky) in 1995. He picked up numerous big-race successes around the globe before beginning a training stint in 2004, during which he saddled 260 winners. Swinburn retired from training in 2011.

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Walter Swinburn | *Racing Post*

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Lunch (Ire), c, 3, **Big Bad Bob (Ire)**--All Day (Chi) (G1SW-Chi), by Jaded Dancer. LIN, 2-9, 10f (AWT), 2:05.65. B-Celbridge Estates Ltd (IRE). *€15,000 Ylg '15 TISEP; €30,000 RNA 2yo '16 GBMBR. **1/2 to Bachelor Son (Ire) (Bachelor Duke), SW-Tur.

Fethiye Boy (GB), g, 3, **Pastoral Pursuits (GB)**--Ocean Blaze (GB),

by Polar Prince (Ire). CHD, 2-9, 5f (AWT), :59.71. B-Longdon Stud Ltd (GB). *4,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; 6,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT; £16,000 2yo '16 TATABR.

FRANCE



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hout Bay (Fr), g, 4, **Whipper**--locaste (Ger), by Acatenango (Ger). CHY, 2-9, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.59. B-Haras de la Perelle (FR). *€22,000 Ylg '14 ARNOV.



This colt is a member of the first crop of Cable Bay. He is out of Coin A Phrase (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), a maiden daughter of a Group 2 winner from the family of Australian Oaks winner My Brilliant Star (Aus).

BRITAIN



Thursday's Results:

2nd-LIN, £12,000, Cond, 2-9, 3yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:14.08, stn. TOMILY (IRE) (c, 3, [Canford Cliffs {Ire}](#)--[Cake {Ire}](#) {SW & GSP-Eng, \$114,421}, by [Acclamation {GB}](#)) Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 10-3-2-3, \$34,264. O/B-Des Anderson (IRE); T-Richard Hannon. *1/2 to Fig Roll (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), SW-Eng & SP-Ire.



DID YOU KNOW?

Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy) was tabbed as a "TDN Rising Star"

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

Winx Owners United By Star Mare cont. from p1

"I get very nervous before her races, especially at the start of her preparation," said Debbie Kepitis, whose father, Bob Ingham, is known for being one of Australia's most influential owner/breeders of all-time. "I can be quite excitable watching my horses run. I have a catch cry that I use with every win-woo hoo. The pressure builds with each race, but I never dreamt I would be involved in such a great horse. As her winning streak extends, the nerves are huge, but so is the relief, joy and absolute adulation once she's won."

Then there is Treweeke, who suffers from vertigo, and as a result is not seen as often as his partners. Although he has been involved with horses since the 1950s, he had never seen one of his own win in person. Until Winx.



Team Winx (l to r): Chris Waller, Stephanie Waller, Christine Bowman, Patrica Tighe, Peter Tighe, Debbie Kepitis, Lara Kepitis, Hugh Bowman, Paul Kepitis | Longines

Meanwhile, Winx is only the second Group 1 winner the Tighes have been associated with, even though they have been in racing for two decades. Their first, Preferment (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), secured his first top level score only months before Winx did, and he will also line up in the Apollo on Saturday.

"It has been great to share all of the experiences with the other owners and their family and friends, as well as our family and friends," said Peter Tighe. "It seems that we have more and more people coming to the races with us each time we race. We had owned horses together before Winx, so it has been a natural progression of our friendship for us all."

In January, the Kepitis and Tighe families, as well as trainer Chris Waller and jockey Hugh Bowman, traveled to London to represent Winx at the Longines World's Best Racehorse and Longines World's Best Horse Race ceremony. The mare was honored as the third-highest rated horse, highest rated turf horse, and highest rated filly/mare in the world for 2016 by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities.

While there, Winx's owners took advantage of an opportunity from Great British Racing International to learn more about racing in England.

Although track conditions meant racing was abandoned at Ascot on the day they were supposed to attend, they did get to spend a day in

Newmarket. Activities included visits to trainer Ed Dunlop's yard, The Jockey Club, Juddmonte Farms, Godolphin, and the new National Horseracing Museum at Palace House.

"I love to see working stables," said Kepitis. "To be welcomed to visit Ed Dunlop's yard and see the routine for his last lot was special. I was aware there were differences in the training patterns from Australia to Europe, but seeing them first hand opens it up better than being told."

"Palace House is an absolute tribute to all who have worked tirelessly to bring it to fruition," she added. "Paul, my husband, loved trying the horse riding simulator. He told Hugh Bowman every detail of the ride. Juddmonte is beautiful, and to get to see Frankel, as well as all the stallions there, was such an honor. Frankel's temperament is wonderful, and he happily allowed us to all take photos with him. It was a very full day, but we all enjoyed everything and took away so much."

Of course, when her connections were in England, it led to plenty of questions about if the racing world will get to see Winx abroad as well. Waller confirmed that while it is under consideration, in 2017 Winx will stay in Australia and point for a third Cox Plate. The mare's ownership group leaves the decision-making up to him, and they are all excited about the possibility of the Cox Plate triple. **Cont. p6**

"I like to keep my horses happy, and Winx is happiest when she's racing. Chris Waller knows Winx the best, so we are guided by him."



Winx and Hugh Bowman winning the 2016 Cox Plate | Bronwen Healy

Winx Owners cont.

"The Cox Plate is an iconic race in Australia, and now it is a significant world race," said Tighe. "Just to have a runner in this race would be a once in a lifetime experience, so to win one is unimaginable, let alone two. Now, to have a chance to hopefully compete for a third, is something not even the greatest dreamers could dream."

The fact that Winx, who will turn six later this year, is expected to race throughout 2017 is a testament both to her talent and the sporting nature of her connections.

"The partners in Winx are primarily racing people," said Kepitis. "She is a racehorse, and she enjoys racing. She shows us this by her competitive nature and will to win. I like to keep my horses happy, and Winx is happiest when she's racing. Chris knows Winx the best, so we are guided by him. As my dad taught me, use the best people to give you the best outcome."



Team Winx in Newmarket with Gold Cup winner Trip To Paris and his trainer Ed Dunlop | GBRI

Winx's owners are aware that her popularity seems grows with every start, both in Australia and worldwide. Should Winx stay in form and continue to love the game, they are considering taking her abroad in 2018. However, that decision will ultimately be up to Waller and Winx.

"It's touching to have Australia and the world love Winx so much," said Kepitis. "There was a bit of disbelief for me in her early days, as I was a small part of the adoration given to both Octagonal and Lonhro, and I knew how hard this journey would be. Now to see this adoration all over the world makes me feel so proud."

For the Tighes, who stayed in racing for 20 years without Group 1 success simply because they love the industry and the people within it, Winx continues to be both a blessing and a learning experience.

"It has been a very satisfying time for us," said Tighe. "Winx's popularity in Australia and around the world is something that has been a great learning curve for all involved. It is not something you can expect to happen, so we are all learning about how to adapt to the pressure and expectations involved. It is truly a life-changing experience."

"At all times, her welfare is number one," Tighe added. "She is obviously closely monitored to ensure that she keeps her zest for racing. If this was to change, we would review all plans immediately. Racing abroad is an option that we have discussed, but a firm decision will not be made until this year has almost concluded. We do see it as a great challenge, and one that would surely silence the critics about her stature in world racing. Either way, she will always be our champion."

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ORR-SOME FIELD ASSEMBLED AT CAULFIELD

With an impressive line-up of 12 accepting for the first Group 1 of 2017, the C.F. Orr S. over 1400m at Caulfield, the only thing that could have made the race any better would've been to see Champion mare Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) contest the race rather than the G2 Apollo S. at Randwick on the same day where she aims to extend her unbeaten run to 14.

The last-start G2 Australia S. quinella of **Malaguerra (Aus)** (Magnus {Aus}) and **Black Heart Bart (Aus)** (Blackfriars {Aus}), are likely to battle it out for favouritism, while the lone 3-year-old in the field, last spring's G1 Caulfield Guineas (1600m) winner **Divine Prophet (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}) also adds a layer of intrigue to the A\$500,000 contest.

While Malaguerra does have two wins at the trip, it's Darren Weir's Black Heart Bart that really excels with six victories, all at black-type level including the G1 Memsie S. in August at the track where the beaten brigade included his stablemate **Palentino (Aus)** (Teofilo {Aus}), who he also faces here.

With a weight advantage and two wins first-up from three runs, Divine Prophet could be the one to watch with Dwayne Dunn in the saddle. While 3-year-olds don't win the race out of turn, winners include champion colts All Too Hard (Aus) and Redoute's Choice (Aus), both having won the Caulfield Guineas during their previous campaign.

Co-trainer Wayne Hawkes said Divine Prophet may be overlooked. "He's not the high-profile horse and has snuck under a few people's radar but his form is pretty faultless," Hawkes said.

A winner of the G1 Toorak H. two starts back over the mile, **He's Our Rokkii (NZ)** (Roc de Cambes {NZ}) has come a long way in a short period of time, and by winning at his first attempt at Group 1 level, the David and Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig-trained gelding does have the capabilities to produce fresh and cause an upset. [Cont. p7](#)

Ladbrokes C F Orr S. cont.

Successful in the G1 VRC Oaks at three and the G1 Caulfield Cup at four, both over the classic trip of 2400m, **Jameka (Aus)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) may be slightly out of her depth over the 1400m, but ignoring the classy Ciaron Maher-trained mare should be at your own peril.

One of only three in the field yet to taste victory at the elite level, the Chris Waller-trained **Arod (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) may be at a distance short of his best, but with world-class form over 1600m against the likes of Night Of Thunder (Ire), Lightning Spear (GB) and Solow (GB), the Qatar Racing-owned stallion prospect could get a cosy run from the inside gate.

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Saturday, Caulfield, post time: 4:05 p.m. (12:05 a.m EDT)

LADBROKES C.F. ORR S.-G1, A\$500,000 (US\$382,345/£304,907/€357,175), WFA, 1400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Black Heart Bart (Aus)	Blackfriars (Aus)	Rawiller	Weir	130
2	Awesome Rock (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Baster	L&T Corstens	130
3	Lucky Hussler (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	Lane	Weir	130
4	Malaguerra (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	Melham	Gelagotis	130
5	Turn Me Loose (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	McEvoy	Baker/Forsman	130
6	Arod (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Williams	Waller	130
7	Palentino (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Zahra	Weir	130
8	Ecuador (NZ)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Hyronims	Wtrhs/Bott	130
9	He's Our Rokkii (NZ)	Roc De Cambes (NZ)	Bayliss	D&B Hys/Dbrng	130
10	Jameka (Aus)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Nolen	Maher	125
11	Miss Rose de Lago (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Oliver	O'Brien	125
12	Divine Prophet (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Dunn	Hawkeses	122



Malaguerra after winning the 2016 Darley Classic | Bronwen Healy

INGLIS CLASSIC KICKS OFF SATURDAY

Inglis kicks off its 150th anniversary year this weekend with its first sale of the season, the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale, Feb. 11 to 13. The sale begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening following racing at Randwick, when 56 yearlings will go through the ring during the inaugural Gold Riband session. The Gold Riband is a select session for yearlings with the pedigree and conformation to excel in the elite 2-year-old races, and Inglis will pay a A\$100,000 bonus split between the named vendor and supplier (breeder) of the first graduate of the session to win a stakes race. Inglis will also pay the initial Golden Slipper entry fee for each horse sold during the Gold Riband Session, which covers lots 61-120.

Inglis will also offer for the first time a A\$1-million bonus, split between the vendor and supplier, of any graduate of the Classic sale that can win next year's G1 Golden Slipper. Last year, Classic graduate Yankee Rose (Aus) (All American {Aus}) finished second in the Golden Slipper while another Classic graduate, G1 Blue Diamond S. and G1 Moir S. winner Extreme Choice (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) started favourite, and this year Classic graduate She Will Reign (Aus) (Manhattan Rain {Aus}) is the early Slipper favourite.

The Classic sale was well represented on Australia's biggest racedays in 2016, with Group 1 winners Yankee Rose and Extreme Choice joined by G1 Myer Classic winner I Am A Star (NZ) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) and two other Group 1 horses.

This year's 600-horse Classic catalogue--selected from 1700 entries--includes the siblings to 51 stakes winners, and 20% of the catalogue are out of stakes-performed mares--a high for the sale. Standouts on paper include [lot 98](#), a full-brother to Group 3 winner and Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Karuta Queen (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}); [lot 121](#), a Pierro (Aus) colt out of Group 1 winner and stakes producer Nova Star (Aus) (Iglesia); [lot 169](#), a Choisir (Aus) colt out of a half-sister to world champion sprinter Starspangledbanner (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}); and [lot 469](#), an I Am Invincible (Aus) colt out of a half-sister to that sire's champion colt Brazen Beau (Aus). I Am Invincible, the country's current leading sire, is well represented with 28 yearlings, and that bunch also includes [lot 95](#), a bay colt out of Brave Choice (Aus) (Dr Fong) and [lot 106](#), a filly out of the stakes-placed Family Crest (NZ) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Champion sire Fastnet Rock (Aus) has five catalogued. [lot 143](#) is a regally bred daughter of the stakes-placed Perfect Persuasion (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), making her a full-sister to the stakes-placed Lady Sharapova (Aus) and a half to stakes-placed Papillon (Aus) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). [lot 292](#) is a Fastnet Rock colt out of stakes winner Volcada (NZ) (Stravinsky) and a full-brother to stakes winner Kaepernick (Aus). **Cont. p8**

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Inglis Classic Sale Preview cont.

Lot 573 is a Fastnet Rock daughter of stakes winner Laguna Lake (Odyle), who has produced the stakes winner Hot Butterfly (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

More Than Ready has six catalogued, including a New Zealand-bred grandson of Group 1 winner Stella Cadente (NZ) (Centaine {NZ}) (**lot 241**); Not A Single Doubt has 11 and his paternal half-brother Snitzel (Aus) 10. Their sire, Redoute's Choice (Aus), has one catalogued: **lot 152**, a filly who is the first foal out of Group 3 winner Pretty Pins (NZ) (Pins {Aus}).

[Click here](#) for the extended TDN preview of the Classic sale, and visit www.inglis.com.au for the catalogue and results.

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Inglis Classic Yearling Sale Session One Outs

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Lot 95, an I Am Invincible colt to be offered by Yarraman Park Stud during the Gold Riband session of the Inglis Classic Sale | *Inglis*

TOUGH 'ROW' TO HOE IN HERBIE DYKE

by Heather Anderson

Tabbed the morning line choice in the 2000-metre NZ\$400,000 G1 Herbie Dyke S., **Savile Row (NZ)** (Makfi {GB}) enters on the back of an agonizing nose loss to Hall of Fame (NZ) (Savabeel {Aus}) in the G1 Levin Classic at Trentham, only a head to the good of **Jon Snow (NZ)** (Ifraaj {GB}) Jan. 14. Third behind subsequent G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas heroine La Diosa (NZ) (So You Think {NZ}) in the Listed Barneswood Farm S. at Ashburton Oct. 15, Savile Row filled the bridesmaid position in the G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas at Riccarton Park Nov. 5.

Back in the winner's circle facing easier company in a 1200-metre handicap at Ellerslie Dec. 29, the dark bay faces some stiff competition Saturday.

Fellow sophomore Jon Snow ran third in the G2 Great Northern Guineas on New Year's Day prior to his Levin Classic third. He rolled yet another three behind the undefeated Volpe Veloce (Aus) (Foxwedge {Aus}) in the NZB Insurance Karaka 3YO Mile at Ellerslie Jan. 29, beaten just a nose and a head for the rich listed pot.



Consensus | *Trish Dunell*

A winner of the Dec. 26 G1 Zabeel Classic over this trip, defeating Herbie Dyke third-choice and three-time Group 1 winner **Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}) narrowly, as well as third place GSW **Authentic Paddy (NZ)** (Howbaddouwantit) among others, **Consensus (NZ)** (Postponed) made it two on the bounce in a 1600-metre handicap at Pukekohe Jan. 28.

Group 1 placed **Trojan Warrior (NZ)** (Postponed), who won a Tauranga handicap over 1400 metres Jan. 20 last out and Jan. 28 G1 Thorndon Mile third-place finisher **Abidewithme (NZ)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) could also prove dangerous.

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Saturday, Te Rapa, post time: 3:23 p.m. (9:25 p.m EDT)

HERBIE DYKE S.-G1, NZ\$400,000 (US\$292,756/£233,659/€273,526), 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Colgan	D&C Lgn/Gibbs	130
2	Authentic Paddy (NZ)	Howbaddouwantit	Hannam	Latta	130
3	Saint Emilion (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Johnson	M&A Bkr/Frsmn	130
4	Nymph Monte (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	McCulloch	Nicholson	130
5	Trojan Warrior (NZ)	Postponed	Lammas	Herbert	130
6	Ronchi (NZ)	Stravinsky	Cooksley	B&A Wlce/Prd	130
7	Consensus (NZ)	Postponed	Collett	McKee	125
8	Abidewithme (NZ)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	McNab	S&J Atrdge/Rhds	125
9	Promise to Reign (Aus)	Manhattan Rain (Aus)	Innes	M&K Murdoch	125
10	Savile Row (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	Coleman	M&P Mrny/Grd	119
11	Jon Snow (NZ)	Ifraaj (GB)	Cameron	M&A Bkr/Frsmn	119

New Zealand Group 1 Previews cont.

KAWI RETURNS IN NRM SPRINT

by Heather Anderson

The NZ\$200,000 G1 NRM Sprint marks the return of **Kawi (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}) to his native land and the 1400-metre trip holds no fears, as the gelding has been successful seven times going that distance in his career. A winner of the 1400-metre G1 Makfi Challenge S. at Hastings Aug. 27, the five-time top shelf winner doubled up in the G1 Windsor Park Horlicks Plate over an additional furlong Sept. 17. Only fourth across the Tasman in the G2 Waroa-Lee Steere S. Nov. 5, Kawi could only manage sixth in the G1 Railway S. at Ascot Nov. 19 and signed off his Australian campaign with another fourth, this time in the G1 Kingston Town Classic over 1800 metres Dec. 3. The Allan Sharrock trainee will have his hands full, however, with the upwardly mobile **Start Wondering (NZ)** (Eighth Wonder {NZ}).

Start Wondering delivered in the G1 Sistema Railway on New Year's Day at Ellerslie with G1 NZ



Kawi | *Racing and Sports*

in the G1 J R & N Berkett Telegraph most recently Jan. 21.

First past the post but disqualified to second in the G1 New Zealand Oaks at Trentham last March, an Australian campaign beckoned for **Sofia Rosa (NZ)** (Makfi {GB}) and she duly delivered in the G1 Australian Oaks at Randwick Apr. 9. Three unplaced runs followed during the Southern Hemisphere spring, including an 11th in the G1 Turnbull S. Oct. 2 and the Stephen Marsh charge makes her first start in New Zealand since her Oaks second.

Stephen Autridge's G1 Diamond S. victor **Heroic Valour (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) is looking to regain that form, after a season of near misses. Third in Ugo Foscolo (NZ) (Zazinto {GB})'s G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas Nov. 5, the bay ran second in an open 1500-metre race at Ellerslie Jan. 14 and was a tough-luck second to the undefeated Volpe Veloce (Aus) (Foxwedge {Aus}) in the Listed NZB Insurance Karaka 3YO Mile at Ellerslie Jan. 29.

Thoroughbred Breeders S. heroine **Perfect Fit (NZ)** (Elusive City) second and he missed by a nose to **Signify (NZ)** (Perfectly Ready {NZ})--yet again one ahead of Perfect Fit.

Saturday, Te Rapa, post time: 4:33 p.m. (10:33 p.m EDT)

NRM SPRINT-G1, NZ\$200,000 (US\$146,383/£116,828/€136,763), WFA, 1400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Kawi (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Walker	Sharrock	130
2	Start Wondering (NZ)	Eighth Wonder (NZ)	Parkes	E&J Rayner	130
3	Signify (NZ)	Perfectly Ready (NZ)	Cuneen	Cowan	130
4	Natuzzi (NZ)	Coat's Choice (Aus)	Colgan	Richards	130
5	Mighty Solomon (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Riddell	Latta	130
6	Watch This Space (NZ)	Elusive City	Grylls	Hillis	130
7	Packing Tycoon (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Waddell	T&M Cruz	130
8	Brighton (NZ)	Buffalo Man	Innes	Tiley	130
9	Perfect Fit (NZ)	Elusive City	Coleman	K&B Kelso	125
10	Sofia Rosa (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	Johnson	Marsh	125
11	Saracino (NZ)	Per Incanto	Allpress	M&A Bkr/Frsmn	122
12	Heroic Valour (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	McNab	S&J Atrdge/Rhds	122
13	Luna Rossa (NZ)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Cameron	M&A Bkr/Frsmn	122

HOTY BACK TO WORK AT KRANJI

by Alan Carasso

Unbeaten in six starts in 2016, including the final two legs of the local 3-year-old series, Barree Stable's reigning Singapore Horse of the Year **Debt Collector (NZ)** (Thorn Park {Aus}) will look to pick up where he left off when he makes his seasonal debut in the Canada Cup, a Kranji 'A' event over the 1400 metres Friday evening at Kranji Racecourse.

An NZ\$30,000 NZB Select Yearling graduate turned NZ\$130,000 NZB Ready to Run 2-year-old purchase by trainer



Debt Collector | *Singapore Turf Club*

Cliff Brown, Debt Collector swept all aside last season, with barnstorming wins in the Singapore Guineas (1600m) in May and October's Kranji Mile before successfully

negotiating 1800m for the first time with a half-length defeat of **Quechua (Arg)** (Pure Prize) in the Raffles Cup when last seen Oct. 30. In addition to his Horse of the Year honors, Debt Collector was named the champion 3-year-old, champion miler and social media horse of the year for 2016. Regular rider Michael Rodd, about to begin a four-meeting suspension, has the call.

The latter, a former Singapore Derby and Singapore Gold Cup winner, also resumes in the Canada Cup and has his first official run for trainer Ricardo Le Grange, who took over from Patrick Shaw at the tail end of 2016. Both gallopers are currently rated on 109, but Friday's trip figures to favor Debt Collector over the longer-winded Quechua.

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KRANJI SPRINT RENAMED FOR ROCKET MAN

The recently retired Rocket Man (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}), widely regarded as the best horse to ever race in Singapore, will be



Rocket Man following his Golden Shaheen score | Andrew Watkins

honored by the Singapore Turf Club, who have decided to rename the Kranji Sprint the Rocket Man Sprint. A domestic Group 3 event and the second leg of the Singapore Sprint Series, the race--won by Rocket Man in 2009--will be

contested over 1200 metres Sunday, Mar. 26.

Trained by Pat Shaw for owner Fred Crabbia, Rocket Man made history in 2011, becoming the first locally trained horse to win a Group 1 race on foreign soil in the Dubai Golden Shaheen. He was unbeaten in 17 races at home, including nine in pattern races, and was retired with a total of 20 victories and earnings in excess of S\$6.7 million.

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MIDDLE EAST

Thursday's Results:

UAE 1000 GUINEAS (SPONSORED BY AL TAYER

MOTORS)-Listed, \$250,000, MEY, 2-9, NH/SH3yo, f, 1600m, 1:40.75, ft.

1--**NASHMIAH (KSA)**, 121, f, 3, by **Alnajim Althakeb (KSA)**

1st Dam: **Qereerah (KSA)**, by **Blue Burner**

2nd Dam: **Rienroe (Ire)**, by **Caerleon**

3rd Dam: **Flying Bid (Ire)**, by **Auction Ring**

O-Sons of the Late King Abdulla Bin A'Aziz; B-King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Sons (KSA); T-Nicholas Bachalard; J-Mickael Barzalona. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$205,053.

2--**Nomorerichblondes**, 121, f, 3, **Hard Spun**--Miss Luann (SP-US), by Unbridled's Song. (\$100,000 yrl '15 FTKOCT; 30,000gns 2yo '16 TATAPR) O-Buti Bintooq Almarri. \$50,000.

USBRED KYBRED Fasig-Tipton GRAD

3--**Rajar (GB)**, 121, f, 3, Archipenko--Barnezet (Gr), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). (50,000gns 2yo '16 TATOCT) O-Nick Bradley Racing 26. \$25,000.

Margins: HD, 1 1/4, NK.

Also Ran: Complimenti, Really Special (GB), Sasha Waltz (Ire), Calare (Ire), Spanish Moon (Rus), Melesina (Ire), Voice of Truth (Ire), Fursa (Aus). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [VIDEO](#).**

With heavy international favourite Really Special faltering after a wide trip, Saudi Arabia's Nashmiah capitalised to take the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas by a gutsy head and extend her unbeaten record to three. Starting out over seven furlongs on the dirt at Saudi Arabia's Janadriyah Racecourse on Oct. 29, Nashmiah was a 1 1/2 length victor, and she extended her record on Nov. 19 when airing by 12 1/2 lengths there over a mile. She kept the streak alive with a first-up win again over a mile on Jan. 21, and was racing outside Janadriyah for the first time on Thursday. Nashmiah was ridden from the gate to take up a short lead down the backstretch from Godolphin's Calare (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) as Really Special stalked the pace in the three path. Turning for a home about a length clear as Calare retreated, Nashmiah was first confronted on her outside by the maiden Complimenti (Congrats), with Nomorerichblondes making an ominous run from further back and Rajar hanging tough on the rail. Nashmiah found the wire a head to the good under a Mickael Barzalona drive.



Nashmiah wins the UAE 1000 Guineas | DRC/Andrew Watkins

"I knew she was tough after my win on her in Saudi last time," said Barzalona. "I was able to give her a bit of a breather which really helped but then she was very tough and just kept battling. This was a big step up in grade for her and that was a very good performance for the whole team."

Nashmiah is trained by Nicholas Bachalard, a former assistant to top American trainer Christophe Clement. Nashmiah is by the Unbridled's Song stallion Alnajim Althakeb, a half-brother to GI Wood Memorial S. winner and sire Bellamy Road (Concerto). Their dam, Hurry Home Hillary (Deputed Testimony), was purchased from the 2005 Fasig-Tipton November Sale by Three Roses for \$800,000 carrying Alnajim Althakeb.

Nashmiah's second dam is a half-sister to Irish champion 2-year-old filly Flutter Away (Lomond).

2nd-MEY, \$100,000, Cond, 2-9, NH3yo & SH3yo, 1400mT, 1:24.45, gd.

TOP SCORE (GB) (c, 3, [Hard Spun](#)--Windsor County, by Elusive Quality) TOP SCORE, off the board just once in nine starts thus far, was third in the Jan. 26 UAE 2000 Guineas Trial when trying dirt for the first time, and returned to the grass in this Meydan Classic Trial. Encouraged to race handily down the backstretch by Adrie De Vries, Top Score sat a joint second on the fence as the field swung into the straight. Coming off the fence at the 400 metre mark, the dark bay was collared by first-time starter Nobelium (Sky Mesa) at the 150 metre mark, but fought back gamely to reclaim the lead in the dying strides and prevail by a nose. "I thought I was beaten," said De Vries, who rode a treble on the card. "The runner-up went past us easily but then, perhaps, his lack of experience counted against him, whereas my horse has plenty of experience. I am not sure what the plan is with him but I would assume the Meydan Classic would be next, sticking to turf, but he did run well enough on dirt the first time when we had a bad draw which gives the trainer more options." Top Score's unraced dam is a full-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Classic and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. winner Raven's Pass, and they hail from the highly productive family of Grade II winner and sire E Dubai (Mr. Prospector) and Grade I winners No Matter What (Nureyev) and Rainbow View (Dynaformer). Windsor County has a yearling filly by Shamardal. Lifetime Record: SP-Tur, 9-2-2-4, \$134,674. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

6th-MEY, \$175,000, Hcp, 2-9, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:23.72, gd.

SALATEEN (GB) (h, 5, [Dutch Art {GB}](#)--Amanda Carter {GB}, by [Tobougg {Ire}](#)) had won a pair of handicaps over this trip in Britain in September, but was beaten 26 lengths when a long last first-up over this track and trip Jan. 5. Putting that effort well and truly behind him on Thursday, Salateen took up the running down the backstretch before eventually allowing First Selection (Spa) (Diktat {GB}) to take up the running on the inside. Overtaking First Selection under minimal urging passing the 300 metre mark, Salateen was put to a drive by Adrie De Vries to hold off a three-horse cavalry charge, with Flash Fire (Ire) (Shamardal) taking second by a nose. Salateen is the first of five foals from his dam, the latest of which are a 2-year-old colt by the late Society Rock (Ire) and a yearling colt by Kyllachy (GB). Sales history: 72,000gns yrl '13 TAOOCT; 80,000gns 2yo '14 TATAPR. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 19-6-1-4, \$232,532. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

O-Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabab; B-Mrs Janis Macpherson (GB); T-David O'Meara.

7th-MEY, \$125,000, Hcp, 2-9, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:49.52, gd.

FOLKSWOOD (GB) (g, 4, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)--[Magic Nymph {Ire}](#), by [Galileo {Ire}](#)) was the winner of a Newmarket handicap going a mile in the spring but had to settle for second in his last two outings over a mile and two furlongs. Dropping back a furlong here for his second start of the carnival, Folkswood attended the pace between runners down the backstretch.



Folkswood | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Overtaking the front-running Brex Drago (Ity) (Mujahid) turning into the straight, Folkswood drew clear in the final furlong to win by two lengths from the laterally Ellevall

(Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). Folkswood is the first foal from his unraced dam Magic Nymph, who has a 2-year-old filly named Passionate Love (Ire) by Bated Breath (GB), and a yearling full-sister to Folkswood. Magic Nymph is out of the G1 Coronation S. winner Balisada (GB) (Kris {GB}), and a full-sister to stakes winner Galactic Star (GB). Group 1 winner Inchinor (GB) (Ahoonora {GB}) appears under the fourth dam. Sales history: 160,000gns yrl '14 TAOOCT. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-2, \$156,585. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

O-Godolphin; B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

3rd-MEY, \$125,000, Hcp, 2-9, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000m, 2:04.25, ft.

ALABASTER (h, 5, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--[Lady Pegasus {SP-US}](#), \$202,016), by [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)) Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-2, \$135,589. O-Godolphin; B-Darley (KY); T-Saeed bin Suroor. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

4th-MEY, \$125,000, Hcp, 2-9, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:10.69, gd.

KRYPTON FACTOR (GB) (g, 9, [Kyllachy {GB}](#)--[Cool Question {GB}](#) {SW-Eng}, by [Polar Falcon](#)) Lifetime Record: G1SW-UAE, SW & G1SP-Eng, 48-11-8-9, \$2,138,180. O/T-Fawzi Abdulla Nass; B-Lady Fairhaven (GB). *20,000gns yrl '09 TATOCT; 100,000gns HRA '10 TAAOCT; 115,000gns RNA HRA '14 TAAOCT.

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Krypton Factor, winner of the 2012 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, won for the first time on Meydan’s turf course on Thursday. At age nine, he emulated evergreen sprinters like Reynaldothewizard and Medicean Man (both 11) with wins at this carnival | *DRC/A Watkins*

INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES FOR EMIR’S SWORD

Qatar’s Emir’s Sword Festival, which takes place Feb. 23 to 25 in Doha, has attracted a handful of international entries for its feature events. German trainer Andreas Wohler has entered **Noor Al Hawa (Fr)** (Makfi {GB}), winner of the Qatar Derby on Dec. 29, in the \$1-million H.H. The Emir’s Trophy, where he could oppose the Doug O’Neill-trained **Royal Albert Hall (GB)** (Royal Applause {GB}) from the U.S. and Sir Michael Stoute’s **Arab Spring (Ire)** (Monsun {Ger}), as well as Richard Fahey’s **Gabrial (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) and Nicolas Clement’s **Now We Can (GB)** (Martillo {Ger}). Wohler said of Noor Al Hawa, “He’s really well. His work has been very good and he looks fantastic. The biggest concern we have at the moment is the step up in trip [to a mile and a half], but he won well [in the Qatar Derby] over a mile and a quarter, so we are hopeful as he’s in fantastic shape.”

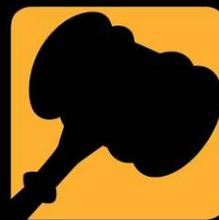
Aidan O’Brien has entered **Cougar Mountain (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the \$200,000 Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Cup, and the German-trained **Diplomat (Ger)** (Teofilo {Ire}) is also confirmed for the mile event. The Breeders’ Cup sponsored Dukhan Sprint will include popular 11-year-old sprinter **Medicean Man (GB)** (Medicean {GB}) as well as representatives from Britain and Scandanavia.

Nasser Sherida Al Kaabi, General Manager of the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club, said, “The 2017 Emir’s Sword Festival is our most prestigious race meeting of the year in Qatar and we are delighted to have attracted such a strong international entry. I am particularly pleased to see the victorious Qatar Derby winner, Noor Al Hawa, return to try and claim the H.H The Emir’s Trophy.”

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