



DESTIN ON THE COMEBACK TRAIL



Destin | Sherackatthetrack

by Steve Sherack

Destin (Giant's Causeway), just a nose short after leading in the stretch in a thrilling renewal of last year's GI Belmont S. ([video](#)), is certainly one to watch for in the handicap division later this season.

The two-time graded winner followed a third-place finish in the GII Jim Dandy S. at Saratoga July 30 with a well-beaten ninth-place finish in the GI Travers S. Aug. 27, and was subsequently placed on the shelf.

Campaigned in partnership by Twin Creeks Racing Stables and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, the [\\$400,000 KEESep yearling](#) purchase is out of 2005 GI Apple Blossom H. heroine Dream of Summer (Siberian Summer) and is a full-brother to GISW and leading young sire Creative Cause. Destin was bred in Kentucky by James C. Weigel and Taylor Made Stallions.

"Destin was given a much-deserved breather after the Travers," Eclipse Founder and President Aron Wellman reported. "He was let down initially and recharged his batteries at WinStar in Lexington and he's now in full training at Bridlewood Farm in Ocala. Both Randy Gullatt [of Twin Creeks] and I have been down to inspect Destin a few times throughout the winter and we're both extremely pleased with his condition, energy levels and attitude."

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UNIQUE BELLA TUNES UP

Don Alberto's multiple graded stakes winner **Unique Bella** (Tapit) tuned up for an expected start in the Mar. 4 GIII Santa Ysabel S. with a five-furlong work in 1:00.20 (8/97) at Santa Anita Thursday.

"She went very easy," said Dan Ward, assistant to trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. "It was an easy work, like always. She was nice and smooth and very relaxed. [Exercise rider] Edgar [Rodriguez] has got her going off slow and coming home fast. I see her getting more and more relaxed as time goes by. We had her getting her last eighth in :11 4/5."

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RAMSEY STILL SEARCHING FOR BARBADOS GOLD

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Even as he announced plans to cut his racing stable in half, Ken Ramsey seeks a third win in the Sandy Lane Barbados Gold Cup. The longtime owner/breeder brings a two-pronged attack into the Mar. 4 race.

LOUIS QUATORZE DIES

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1996 GI Preakness S. hero Louis Quatorze (Sovereign Dancer) died last week in Maryland.

SHIRER BUILDING STABLE FROM GROUND UP

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Matt Shirer, a former assistant to Ken McPeck, has learned the racing game from the ground up and the young trainer is intent on building his fledgling racing stable.

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Destin on the Comeback Trail (cont. from p1)

Destin is likely to breeze within the next few weeks, and if all goes according to plan, the gray could rejoin trainer Todd Pletcher by early April.

“The Twin Creeks and Eclipse team is in no rush to map out a schedule, as we’ll just allow Destin to tell us when he’s ready to kick off his 4-year-old season,” Wellman added. “The whole camp believes we have yet to see the best of Destin and that he will achieve our main goal this year, which is to win a Grade I. He’s a big-time horse who came within a nose of winning a Classic last year, and we have conviction he will make major noise in the handicap division the second half of the season.”

Wellman is also looking forward to the return of Eclipse’s multiple stakes winner and 2016 GI Whitney S. runner-up **Comfort** (Indian Charlie), who has been sidelined with a stress fracture since posting a narrow tally in the Seattle Slew S. at Belmont Sept. 10 ([video](#)).

“Unfortunately, Comfort came out of his last win with a stress fracture in his right front shin, which required surgery,” Wellman said. “It was a real punch to the gut for our team because he



Comfort | Sarah K. Andrew

was in such tremendous form and he was on such an upward trajectory [posting four straight triple digit Beyer Speed Figures].”

The [\\$45,000 KEESEP yearling](#), produced by the winning A.P. Indy mare Unkatzable, is back under tack at Payton Training Center in Ocala. Bred in Kentucky by KatieRich Stable, Comfort’s second dam is MGSW Katz Me If You Can (Storm Cat).

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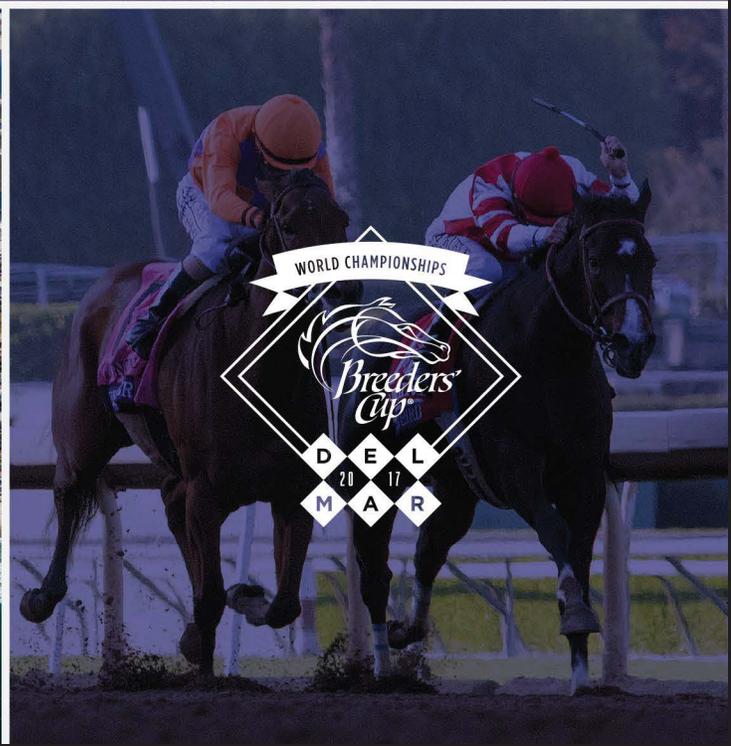
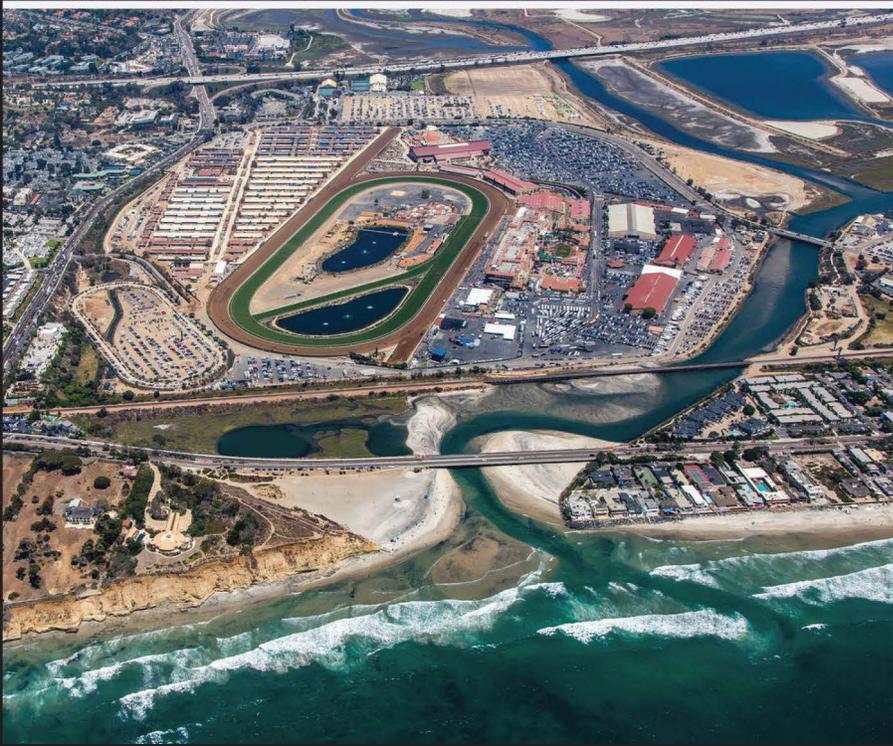


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Unique Bella Tunes Up *(cont. from p1)*

Looking like a superstar in the making, Unique Bella was tabbed a [TDN Rising Star](#) after a devastating 10 1/4-length maiden victory at Del Mar last November. She had no trouble making the transition to the graded ranks, gliding home 7 1/2 lengths in front in the Jan. 8 GII Santa Ynez S. and 8 3/4 lengths the best in the Feb. 5 GII Las Virgenes.

After the Santa Ysabel, Unique Bella's next outings are expected to be the Apr. 8 GI Santa Anita Oaks and the May 5 GI Kentucky Oaks.

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by Bill Finley

To ship two horses all the way to Barbados to compete for a purse of \$107,000 may not make economic sense, but Ken Ramsey keeps doing it anyway. Ramsey will send two horses for this year's (Gr. I-Int-Bar) Sandy Lane Barbados Gold Cup, to be run Mar. 4 at the Garrison Savannah Racetrack, predicts he's going to run one-two and admits his primary reason for racing in the Caribbean event is that winning there is good for one's ego.

"I'm treated really well down there," he said. "When you fly into the airport and go through customs look up and you'll see a big picture of jockey Patrick Husbands riding my horse with the Ramsey silks. They have me on television all the time, a lot of people recognize me. I wanted to go down there and beat Coolmore, which I have succeeded in



Ken Ramsey | *Brittlan Wall*

doing, though I know they could probably beat me if they really wanted to. It's sort of an ego thing."

Ramsey said "half the island" will be at the race and he clearly enjoys the celebrity status he has achieved. He is given the privilege of kicking off a polo match held the next day by "throwing out the first chukker" and said he brought the Gold Cup trophy to the polo match after his win in 2015.

"They must have been lined up 50 deep to have their picture taken with me and the trophy," he said.

Ramsey doesn't always make practical business decisions when it comes to his racing operation, which is why he admits it has gotten way too big and why he has no hesitation running a 75-1 shot in the GI Kentucky Derby. But that's also part of his charm. He doesn't just want to

win, he wants to win races all over the world, especially in a place like Barbados. There, he can bring a horse that may be worth \$75,000, win a race that captivates an entire country and be treated like a conquering hero.

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Ramsey first won the race in 2014 with Major Marvel (Bernstein). He won again in 2015 with Saylor’s Creek (Bernstein). He fell short in his attempt for a three-peat last year when his two starters finished second and fourth.

This year, Ramsey will send High Noon Rider (Distorted Humor) and Keystoneforvictory (Shakespeare), both of whom are trained by Mike Maker. High Noon Rider has lost eight straight, but has back class as he won the Better Talk Now S. in 2015. Keystoneforvictory, looks the better of the two. He’s won his last two, including the Claiming Crown Emerald. Ramsey said Barbados native Husbands has the choice to ride either horse and that Rafael Hernandez will have the other mount.



Ramsey & Queen’s Plate winner Sir Dudley Digges | W Wong

“For this race, I look for a horse that has early speed because it’s not a closers’ track,” Ramsey said. “You have to have something that’s going to be in the top two or three. Usually, a \$50,000 horse will win it, unless Coolmore elects to bring a good one in. I’ve got a couple I think will be competitive.”

The biggest threat to the Ramsey horses could be Dorsett (Artie Schiller), last year’s winner of the race. The Gold Cup is run on the turf at the distance of about nine furlongs.

Nothing will cool Ramsey’s enthusiasm for the Barbados Gold Cup or what has so far been an illusive win at Royal Ascot. He’s just going to have to try to get it done with fewer horses. Ramsey seems to win the owner’s title at every track he races at regularly and can boast of 28 owners’ titles at Churchill. But many of those wins have come with claimers, horses

that can, but don’t always, pay the bills. Taking into account his age (81) and other factors, Ramsey is looking to cut his stable in half.

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“The most we have ever had in training is between 125 and 150,” he said. “I want to get it down by half and get my trainers cut in half. I’m 81 and I need to cut back. I just have too many horses. Last Saturday, I had horse running at Turfway Park, Gulfstream, Fair Grounds and Aqueduct, and I have a string at every one of those places. Watching all those horses on TV, that doesn’t trip my trigger like it used to. It’s too many horses and too much overhead.” Ramsey said he’s already lost 33 horses over the last few months through the claiming route. He also has plans to sell off many of the 92 2-year-olds he has. “I have 16 on the market that I’m selling now, for anywhere from \$5,000 to \$25,000, that we don’t think will be graded stakes horses,” he said. “We want quality and, if we don’t think the horse is stakes quality, we’re going to let them go.”

Two of his 2-year-olds that aren’t going anywhere are Cardiac Kitten (Kitten’s Joy) and Linburgh’s Kitten (Kitten’s Joy). Both are trained by Wesley Ward and will be aimed for the Royal Ascot meet. Ramsey is so high on Cardiac Kitten that he says he may change the colt’s name to Ascot Kitten. He also plans to send Charming Kitten (Kitten’s Joy) to Royal Ascot. The long-distance specialist will be pointed to one of the marathon stakes at Ascot.

“That’s really what I’m interested in now,” Ramsey said. “I’m not going to worry about claimers. I want to win major races in the U.S., win at Royal Ascot and keep winning the Barbados Gold Cup.”

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CLASSIC WINNER LOUIS QUATORZE DIES

Louis Quatorze (Sovereign Dancer--On to Royalty, by On to Glory), winner of the 1996 GI Preakness S. under a brilliant front-running ride from Pat Day, passed away late last week at Murmur Farm in Maryland at the age of 23.

Bred by Georgia Hofmann, the handsome bay was bought back on a bid of \$225,000 at the 1994 Keeneland July sale and was ultimately raced in partnership by Hofmann with Bill Condren and Joe Cornacchia. Dual Grade I-placed at two and was runner-up to Skip Away (Skip Trial) in the 1996 GII Blue Grass S., Louis Quatorze was a disappointing 16th behind Grindstone (Unbridled) in the Run for the Roses, but turned it around in a big way at Old Hilltop to best Skip Away and future GI Belmont S. hero Editor’s Note (Forty Niner) by 3 1/2 lengths. He later added the GII Jim Dandy S., was second to Will’s Way (Easy Goer) in the GI Travers S., filled third spot in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and missed by the narrowest margins to Alphabet Soup (Cozzene) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic. After tacking on a pair of Grade III tallies in early 1997, Louis Quatorze was retired to Ashford Stud with seven wins from 18 starts and earnings of \$2,054,434. He was trained throughout his career by Nick Zito.

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Louis Quatorze was the sire of 36 black-type winners, including his first-crop son Repent, a four-time graded winner and, like his sire, runner-up in the Travers S. He was also the sire of a pair of Caribbean champions, including in Trinidad, the current home of Repent. Louis Quatorze, who was relocated to Murmur Farm in time for the 2004 breeding season, was also the sire of Choctaw Nation, two-time winner of the GII San Diego H. and third in the 2005 G1 Dubai World Cup.

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Louis Quatorze winning the Preakness
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SHIRER BUILDING HIS STABLE FROM THE GROUND UP *by Brian DiDonato*

With no familial connections or extensive background in racing, up-and-coming trainer Matt Shirer has built his career and stable from the ground up.

While attending Ohio Wesleyan College as an Animal Science major and Division III basketball player, the Cleveland native became interested in horse racing and found his way to Thistledown Race Track—he started off walking hots, then worked his way up to an assistant trainer job with a high-profile operation before eventually going out on his own in late 2015.

“A lot of guys I know, someone in their family trained, but I actually didn’t have any connections whatsoever to horse racing,” Shirer explained. “I was an Animal Science major in college, and I kind of just started watching races on TV, like the Derby and stuff. I had never worked with racehorses, but I just decided to go up Thistledown and see what it was like—what kind of jobs I could do. Obviously, the lowest level is hot walking, and I just kind of learned from the ground up there.”

Upon graduating in 2008, Shirer returned to Thistledown to work as a groom, before eventually landing a gig in 2012 as barn foreman at Churchill Downs for trainer Kenny McPeck.

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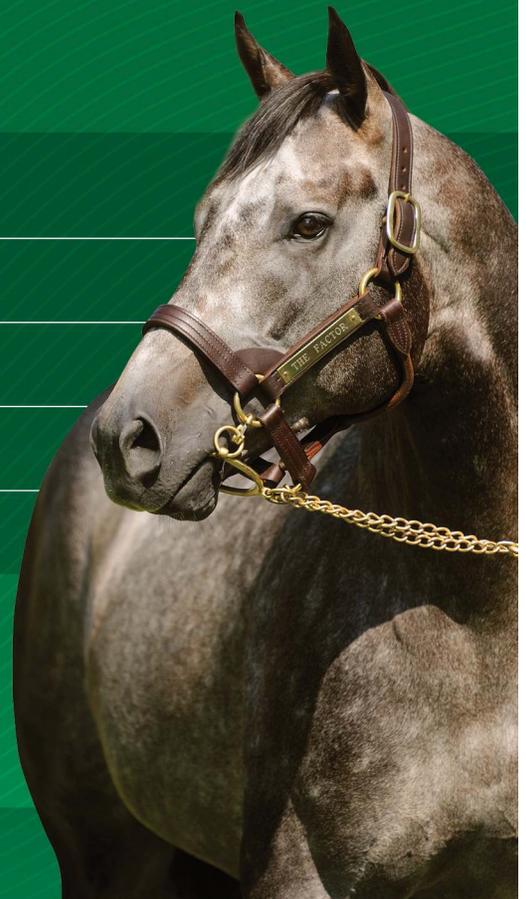
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Shirer worked his way up in the McPeek operation to assistant trainer, and worked with a number of Grade I winners including Pure Fun, Rosalind, Golden Ticket and Java's War.

"One thing about working for Kenny was, as an assistant, you get a lot of responsibility because he's a busy guy and he'll be at sales and stuff a lot of the times," Shirer said when asked what he learned working for McPeek.

Shirer continued, "As the assistant, you're responsible for the day-to-day training--you do the set lists, call the vets, organize blacksmith appointments, etc. For me it was good, because I had a good amount of responsibility and learned how to manage a large stable. We had 36 stalls at Churchill--that's a lot of horses, and a lot of help to manage, too."

Shirer, who has mostly focused on the claiming game so far, hopes to build his client base so that he can shop the sales in coming years, and credits McPeek's influence in helping him develop an eye for racing prospects who might be flying under the radar.

"Kenny's a very, very good bloodstock agent as well," the 32-year-old noted. "He buys a lot of good yearlings, and he's very good at buying some fairly inexpensive horses--one who pops in my mind is Pure Fun, [who was a \$22,000 KEESEP yearling and won the 2012 GI Hollywood Starlet S.]. Because I got to see those horses every day, I got to develop a good eye and see what those kind of horses look like--that has definitely helped me out so far."

Shirer made the decision to go out on his own in November of 2015, and saddled four starters that year, with one win, two seconds and third.

"In this business, I don't think there's ever a point where you can say, 'Ok, I know everything there is to know about horses and horse racing.' But I got to that point where I wanted more responsibility--I wanted my name on the program and to be able to say, 'It's my horse--I train him.' I'm pretty ambitious, so I just wanted my own business," Shirer explained of the decision to take the leap.

While many assistants have clients lined up before they decide to take out their license, Shirer started off without a single trainee, but put up very respectable numbers in 2016, scoring nine wins, seven seconds and nine thirds from 54 starters, good for a stellar 16.7% win rate and 46.3% in the money percentage.

"I actually didn't have a single horse to train when I left Kenny's barn," Shirer revealed. "I had a guy named Mitch Butler who's an owner and a friend of mine, and he got me some money to claim some horses. So I started claiming and we just tried to put them in the right spots and the whole year I had a very minimal amount of money to claim with, but we did well with some horses and actually made money, which is not easy to do in the first year."

Shirer now has about 10 horses in his stable, and has been based at Fair Grounds for the winter, where he's gone 3-for-12 with three seconds. He'll saddle his first stakes starter Saturday when **Factory of Faith** (Bluegrass Cat) takes on a strong field in the grassy Daisy Devine S. in the colors of Chester Thomas's Allied Racing Stable. Previously trained by Buff Bradley who, along with jockey

Shaun Bridgmohan introduced Shirer to Thomas, Factory of Faith has checked in second in each of her last two tries for Shirer at the optional claiming level.

"We've done well with her--she's run second twice now in some tough races," the trainer said. "She's doing extremely well. We really wouldn't take a shot with her if we didn't think she was. She breezed last Sunday (four furlongs in :49 flat) and just went so good. We'd like her to get stakes-placed and I think she's a good enough horse to do that. It's definitely a tough spot."

When asked if he has any specific goals or dreams for his career as a trainer, Shirer replied, "I just want to be a successful trainer. Obviously, the easy answer is to say, 'I want to win the Derby,' but I just want to make a living at this and be known as a good horseman."



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Rinaldo Del Gallo, III

With respect to Mr. Bill Finley's excellent op-ed, "[Englehart Mariguana Suspension: Enough Already](#)," while I agree with the general conclusion that the sentence was draconian (a year's suspension for testing positive for marijuana), I must disagree with one his points.

Mr. Finley says, "Holding a racing license is a privilege and not a right." I would respectfully assert that the right to practice one's chosen profession is just that--a right not a privilege. It may not be an absolute right, just as the right to move about freely is contingent upon not breaking the criminal code. But the right to practice one's profession is nonetheless a right. The debate whether something is a privilege or a right is not merely quibbling, for it shapes how we look at policy.

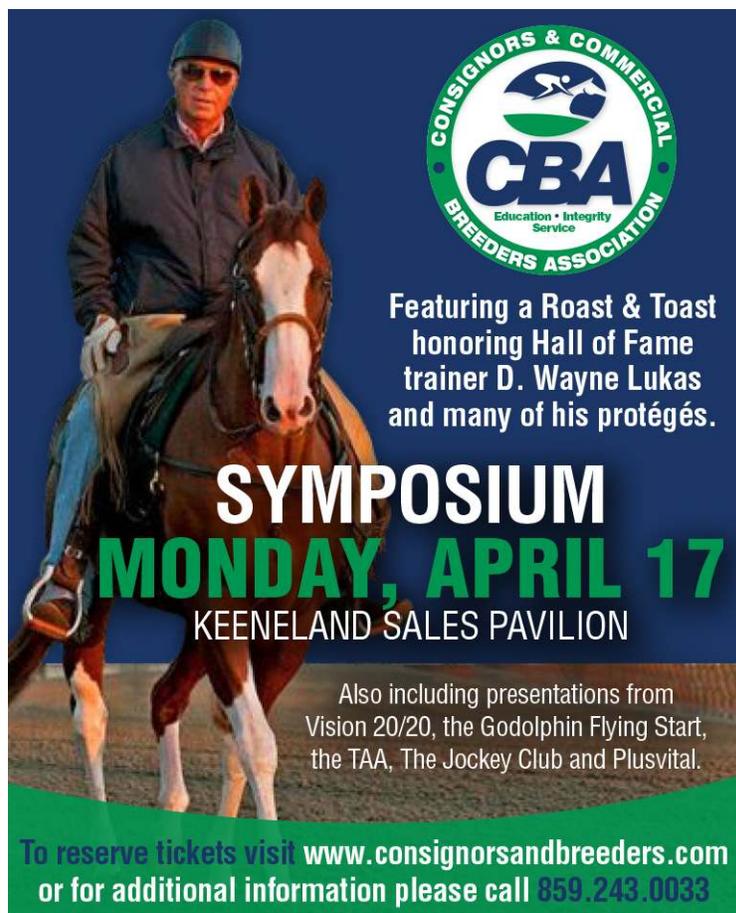
As an attorney, I can assure you the courts agree with me when I call the right to practice one's profession "a right." All courts recognize, for instance, that the suspension from any license to practice any trade brings with it a panoply of procedural due process rights and implicates the liberty interest of the 14th Amendment.

Mr. Finley's piece mentioned two instances when trainers were suspended for smoking marijuana. I would say, as an attorney (who has admittedly not thoroughly researched this issue), that suspending a trainer for such a minor violation of law so completely unrelated to his or her profession raises serious substantive due process issues. There must be some point when a violation of law is so minor, and the violation so unrelated to the licensee's ability to perform the given licensed profession, that suspending the right to practice one's profession will violate the United States Constitution or a state constitution.

It is supposed that reasonable people could disagree where that line should be, but no reasonable person should disagree that there should be a line. No reasonable person would agree that jockeys should be subject to suspension for jay walking or spitting on a sidewalk, and no reasonable judge would agree if such were the case, that such would pass constitutional muster. This might prove for an interesting test case.

As to the issue of the recreational use of marijuana by a trainer, not shown to be under the influence while performing his or her profession, there should be a bright line rule: it should never be the basis of a suspension. It is too trifling an infraction for such a serious penalty. There are serious issues about animal welfare and racing--it is best that emphasis be placed there.

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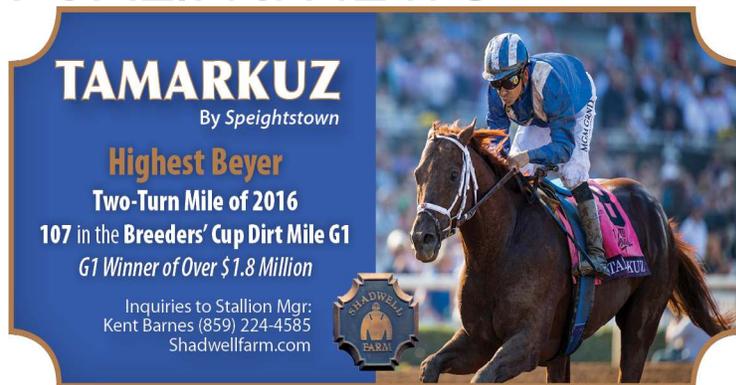
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CHRB CHANGES EXISTING RULES TO IMPROVE SAFETY

By T.D. Thornton

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) approved a series of amendments Feb. 23 with the aim of improving horse safety by better clarifying the state’s protocols for medication use and eligibility conditions, and by tweaking existing rule language to meet the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) standards for out-of-competition testing.

Several of the actions must still clear a 45-day public comment period before they get officially adopted, but one that already passed that hurdle and went into effect by unanimous vote on Thursday allows racing secretaries to write medication-based eligibility conditions.

The CHRB had previously approved a provision allowing the Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association to have a house rule that provided for eligibility testing based on pre-race drug screenings. But that house rule got challenged in superior court, and a judge ruled in April 2016 that if the CHRB wanted to allow a racing association to have that sort of house rule, the CHRB would have to alter conflicts that existed between the new pre-race “house” testing and existing CHRB rules.

In July 2016, the CHRB then passed an “emergency” order to allow the Los Al house rule to continue (because the board believed the safety of horses was at stake), and went about solidifying existing Rule #1581 to bring the measure into compliance with the court order.

“These regulations are currently in effect as emergency regulations, and this [vote] is to essentially adopt them on a permanent basis,” said Phil Laird, the CHRB’s general counsel. “What the board will continue to do is the same post-race testing it’s always done. Horses will be required to meet the same thresholds that we’ve always required them to. Really nothing in our post-race testing program will be altered by this regulation.”

The board later unanimously voted to send out for public comment a layoff eligibility rule that stipulates that horses that have not raced for 120 days or more must undergo a special examination by either the “Official Veterinarian” or the “Racing Veterinarian” to verify that the horse is physically sound.

According to the CHRB informational packet for the meeting, that change to existing Rule #1588 came about after staff research showed that “nearly a fifth of all horses that suffer racing fatalities at California racetracks break down in one of their first three races back after coming off an extended layoff.”

The CHRB also unanimously moved along to public comment a measure that changes the language in four existing medication- and testing-related rules and creates two new regulations to

achieve the substance of the recently passed ARCI model rule for out-of-competition testing.

“This is looked upon as a very significant measure nationally in terms of the entire industry moving forward to really put some framework around not only the prohibited substances [but also] the therapeutic substances that are allowed,” said CHRB executive director Rick Baedeker.

“This [out-of-competition testing] program is an integrity program in terms of regulating performance-enhancing drugs that are not detectable at post-race testing,” said CHRB equine medical director Rick Arthur, DVM. “That’s what this is primarily about. There are drugs here that should never be on the racetrack. They don’t have any use on the racetrack, [and] the ones that do, we have exceptions to.”

Three other equine safety agenda items--involving how tracks use their racing surfaces out of season, establishing threshold levels for drug test samples taken from horses after workouts, and the limiting of corticosteroids and anti-inflammatory drugs--were all moved off the agenda.

CHRB chairman Chuck Winner explained that those deletions came about because board members and CHRB staff were making “real progress” on reaching workable solutions to those issues with stakeholders without needing to pass formal rules at this time. If necessary, he added, those agenda items could be reconsidered at a future meeting.

Referencing last summer’s spike of equine fatalities at Del Mar and the multifactorial aspects that contribute to catastrophic injuries, Winner said, “We are making progress. In my view, the associations are working with us...We recognize the [catastrophic injury] issue, and we’re dealing with it...I do believe that the industry is really coming together, which I think we all appreciate. We’re trying to deal with this problem, which we all hoped was an aberration, but we have to assume that it wasn’t, and therefore we have to deal with it.” -@thorntontd

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FLORIDA

Thursday's Results:

3rd-GP, \$40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-23, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.79, gd.

FAST FRIAR (g, 4, [Girolamo](#)--This Girl Rocks, by Tactical Cat), a narrow maiden winner over this course Dec. 8, was last seen finishing fourth at this level going seven furlongs Jan. 28. Off at 7-2 here, Fast Friar raced within striking distance early and saved ground while fifth entering the far turn. Joe Bravo swung his charge to the outside around the bend and he came flying down the lane to record a 3 1/4-length victory. Curlins Vow (Curlin) was second. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$53,500. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Holly Crest Farm (NJ); T-John F. Mazza.

8th-GP, \$38,000, (S), Msw, 2-23, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.89, ft.
+REASON TO SOAR (g, 3, [Soaring Empire](#)--D' Country {SP, \$206,410}, by D'wildcat) stamped himself as one to watch with this visually impressive come-from-behind debut tally. The 7-1 chance was outsprinted early through fractions of :22.24 and :46.00. He began to advance beneath Jose Ortiz with a sweeping move on the far turn, but still had his work cut out for him as 54-1 firster Mr Vargas (Midshipman) kicked for home with a clear advantage. Reason to Soar found another gear once switching to his right lead in the stretch and won going away by 6 1/4 lengths. Mr Vargas held second. The winner's stakes-placed dam is also represented by a yearling Drill colt and a foal colt by Duke of Mischief. Sales history: \$110,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-John Ropes (FL); T-George Weaver.



EASTERN U.S.

Thursday's Results:

1st-PEN, \$30,680, Alw, 2-23, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.54, ft.
SHACKLEFORDS LADY (f, 3, [Shackleford](#)--Dixieland Bull {SP}, by Holy Bull), a very sharp debut winner here Dec. 23, wasn't much of a secret as the 3-5 chalk this time. She had some company to her inside through an opening quarter in :22.41, began to shake clear on the far turn and powered her way home through the

stretch to score by 7 1/2 lengths. The winner's dam produced a colt by Shackleford in 2015; a colt by Munnings in 2016; and was bred back to Fast Anna. Sales history: \$20,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$9,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$27,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$38,220. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Richard Dancsok; B-John & Carole Rio, Michael Sivo & Dr. Laura Surovi-Sivo (FL); T-Michael W. Salvaggio, Jr.

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CENTRAL U.S.

Thursday's Results:

6th-OP, \$75,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-23, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.37, ft.

JAZZY TIMES (c, 4, [Discreetly Mine](#)--Jazzy Melissa, by Grand Slam), a well-beaten third in last October's GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship S., concluded his tenure for Hall of Famer Bob Baffert with a ninth-place finish in the GI Malibu S. Jan. 28. Transferred to Brad Cox, Jazzy Times faded to sixth in his local debut in an allowance Jan. 28. Favored at 8-5 to get back on track here, last term's Damascus S. runner-up set a pressured pace while racing well off the rail and battled clear in the stretch to take it by 3/4 of a length. Operation Stevie (Lantana Mob) was up late for second at 68-1. Sales history: \$45,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$460,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-3-2-3, \$201,445. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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"We have almost 25% more juveniles in this sale than we did at last year's inaugural sale," said Mary Ruyle, executive director of the Texas Thoroughbred Association. "Our sire power has also increased significantly, and we have a strong mix of horses bred

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2-DED, Alw 5f, Smart Prospector, \$27K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1
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6-HOU, Aoc 6f, Jim’s Eagle, 10-1
- FRIEND OR FOE** (Friends Lake), Smallwood Farm, 7/2/0
6-AQU, Aoc 1 1/16m, Mr. Buff, 6-1
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1-DED, Msw 5f, Chairman Mom, 6-1
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-DED, \$36,000, (S), 2-22, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 5f, :59.40, ft.
FEE FI FO FO (f, 3, [Midshipman](#)--Rahfees Fairy, by Perfect Soul {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$50,860. O-Rodney J. Verret; B-J. Adcock (LA); T-Allen Landry. *\$2,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$24,000 2yo '16 EQL2YO.

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4th-PEN, \$29,500, 2-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.74, ft.
VENTURA HIGHWAY (g, 5, [Street Cry {Ire}](#)--Music Note {MGISW, \$1,615,000}, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 23-5-7-3, \$94,587. O-Olympic Stable; B-Darley (KY); T-Dimitrios K. Synnefiyas.

7th-CT, \$24,000, 2-22, (NW2LX), 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.84, ft.
MARYLAND'S LOVE (f, 4, [Not For Love--Maryland Mist, by Cozzene](#)) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-0, \$48,840. O-Walter Vieser, II; B-Glade Valley Farms Inc. (MD); T-Donald H. Barr. *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '14 EASSEP; \$11,000 3yo '16 KEENOV. **1/2 to Ice Mist (Forest Danger), SW & GSP, \$150,271.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kabang, g, 5, [Tapit](#)--Aventura, by Dynaformer. GP, 2-23, (c), 1mT, 1:36.30. B-Mt. Brilliant Farm & Ranch LLC (KY). *\$425,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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	GII Fountain of Youth S.	GP
3/4	GII Davona Dale S.	GP
	GII Mac Diarmida S.	GP
	GIII Palm Beach S.	GP
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GOFFS ALTER YEARLING SALE FORMAT



Henry Beeby | *Racing Post*

Goffs have announced a change in format for their yearling sales in the autumn. The Sportsman's Sale, a two day affair in 2016 will revert back to a one day sale to take place Sept 28, following immediately after the two-day Goffs Orby Sale. To meet the demand of yearling vendors an extra day of selling will be added to the Open Yearling Sale which will take place Oct. 25-26. This will be preceded by the Goffs HIT Sale Oct. 24. The clearance rate on the second day of the Sportsman's Sale last year suffered noticeably while trade held up quite well in the Open Yearling Sale so this appears to be a logical adjustment. "This return to a one day Sportsman's Sale will benefit all concerned and bring the sale back in line with its previous success," said Goffs CEO Henry Beeby. "This is a sale that consistently delivers results for owners, headed last season by Group 1 success at Royal Ascot, and with an ever increasing number of international buyers flocking to Goffs for our superb Orby Sale we can expect a strong renewal of the Sportsman's this year." Beeby added, "It is our job to provide the most vibrant marketplace for horses at every level, and the Open Yearling Sale is a strong sale in its own right with increasing attendance by buyers from home and abroad whilst the extra time afforded by the late October date definitely benefits many of the yearlings."

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PROPERTY GETS 'MAGIC' FOR BLUE DIAMOND

With connections needing to pay a late entry fee to secure **Property (Aus)** (Starcraft {NZ}) his position in the final field for Saturday's A\$1.5m G1 Ladbrokes Blue Diamond S. (1200m), the dual stakes-winning gelding has the services of world-class Joao Moreira after regular jockey Craig Williams elected to stay with the unbeaten filly **Catchy (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Beaten only on debut when two lengths behind Catchy (Aus), Robert Smerdon's Property has continued to improve with each start and from gate three should get a cosy run in transit.

Able to produce great sectional times when charging to the line, Property (Aus) looks the one to beat, although the Peter and Paul Snowden-trained **Pariah (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) was taking considerable ground off him last start and will relish the extra distance. A winner on debut in the G3 Canonbury S. in Sydney, the 'TDN Rising Star' was quickly shipped off to Melbourne with the Blue Diamond his main goal. [Cont. p4](#)

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Yes, despite strong roots in Ireland, a loyal following in Britain and a potent breeding industry in France, the sport of steeplechasing barely exists in the rest of the world. And yes, even within those limits it is the Grand National that retains a unique hold on British popular culture. Moreover this meeting has only been going since 1911, and did not really begin to gain stature until after the war--in contrast with those iconic Flat fixtures that can trace their ancestry to Hanoverian times, or the Restoration, even to Tudor England. Yet the importance of the Cheltenham Festival to the jump racing community has so transcended its parish boundaries that these four heady days in March have unmistakably come to supplant much older, much broader traditions as a celebration of winter's defeat.

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Dual Group 1 winner **Fascinating Rock (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Miss Polaris {GB}, by Polar Falcon), who retired to stand at Ballylinch Stud this year has his first mare scanned in foal. It is the stud's own Lady Livius (Ire) (Titus Livius {Fr}), a Weatherbys Super Sprint winner as a juvenile who is confirmed in foal. Lady Livius is already the dam of two Group winning 2-year-olds in Brown Sugar (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) and Burnt Sugar (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and she has contributed greatly to fellow Ballylinch stallion Lope de Vega (Ire) (Shamardal)'s first season at stud as Burnt Sugar was his first stakes winner when he won the G3 Sirenia S. at Kempton in 2014.

Managing Director of Ballylinch Stud, John O'Connor said, "We are committing some very nice mares to Fascinating Rock in his first season at stud and Lady Livius is certainly one of them. Maurice Regan and Newtown Anner Stud have already shown their support for him at the sales and breeders have been quick to pick up on this and send their mares to Fascinating Rock."

Fascinating Rock cont.

Trained by Dermot Weld, Fascinating Rock carried Newtown Anner Stud's silks to victory in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh and the G1 QIPCO Champion S. at Ascot and the highest rated son of Fastnet Rock (Aus) (Danehill) embarks on his first season at stud at a fee of €10,000.



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BRITAIN**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

5th-KEM, £19,000, 2-22, 4yo/up, 16f (AWT), 3:31.39, st.
WINTERLUDE (IRE) (g, 7, [Street Cry {Ire}](#)--[New Morning {Ire}](#) {GSW-Eng, \$138,628}, by [Sadler's Wells](#)) Lifetime Record: 29-8-2-0, \$124,756. O-Brian Verinder & Alan Baxter; B-Darley (IRE); T-Jennie Candlish. £27,000 HRA '15 BBABS.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dark Titan (Ire), g, 3, [Sepoy \(Aus\)](#)--Kournikova (SAf) (G1SW-SAf), by Sportsworld. WOL, 2-23, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:52.52. B-Airlie Stud (IRE). *€120,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB. **1/2 to Pearl of Africa (Ire) (Jeremy), MSW & MGSP-Ire, MGSP-UAE, \$203,537; & to Spark Plug (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), SP-Eng, \$235,801.

Red Alert (GB), g, 3, [Sleeping Indian \(GB\)](#)--Red Sovereign (GB), by Danzig Connection. CHD, 2-23, 6f (AWT), 1:13.32. B-Miss Jacqueline Goodearl (GB). *12,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; 11,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT.

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FRANCE**Thursday's Result:**

1st-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, 2-23, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:38.87, st.

AFRICAN RIDE (GB) (c, 3, [Candy Ride](#)--[Paiota Falls {SW-Can}](#), \$177,354), by Kris S., runner-up over 6 1/2 furlongs on the Polytrack here in October, proved keen stuck on the outside without any cover available and was disputing the lead after the first quarter mile. Beginning to assert his superiority from the two-furlong pole, the 6-4 second favourite showed no ill-effects of his early exertions and was pushed out to secure a commanding five-length success from Argentic (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}). African Ride is a half-brother to Rafting (Tapit), SW & GSP-US, \$159,002. The useful dam, who also has a yearling filly by Intello (Ger) named Intellina (GB), is a half to the GIII Dwyer S. winner Speightster (Speightstown) and the stakes-winning and GII Raven Run S. second West Coast Swing (Gone West). The third dam is the Canadian champion Classy 'N Smart (Smarten) whose progeny include an array of stars including the leading sire Smart Strike and another champion in Canada in Dance Smartly (Danzig). Her own daughter Dancethruthedawn (Mr. Prospector) became the third consecutive champion in that country and also took the GI Go for Wand H. before producing the dams of three stakes performers headed by the GI Whitney S. hero Moreno (Ghostzapper). This outstanding family also features another Canadian champion in Hello Seattle (Deputy Minister) and the 2013 G2 Queen Mary S. runner-up Sweet Emma Rose (City Zip). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$19,250. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Panameras (Fr), f, 3, [Medecis \(GB\)](#)--So Long Girl (GB), by Selkirk. CHY, 2-23, 8f (AWT), 1:38.91. B-Mme S Castanheira & T Castanheira (FR). *1/2 to Murcielago (Fr) (Spinning World), MGSP-Fr, \$147,976.

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ELITE RACING PROSPECTS – *Thursday 30 March*

ELITE BREEDING PROSPECTS – *Friday 7 April*

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Group Three winner placed in the ATC Australian Oaks Gr 1,
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Belle Miraaj

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Group Placed, closely related to Shooting to Win in foal to Snitzel

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Stakes placed in Group Two VRC Wakeful Stakes in foal to Vancouver

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in foal to I am Invincible

So Pristine

Group Two winning daughter of Zabeel in foal to Tavistock

Light Express

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Plus mares in foal to Written Tycoon, Sebring, Frankel, Lonhro, Medaglia d'Oro,
Pride Of Dubai, Choisir, Invincible Spirit, Golden Horn, Exceed And Excel
and many others.

ENTRIES CLOSE THIS FRIDAY

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Blue Diamond S. cont.



Catchy | *Racing And Sports*

Following a similar path to their Blue Diamond winner of 2015 in Pride Of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), the father-son duo look to have a great chance in securing another Group 1 victory for James Harron Bloodstock.

With six in the field for David and Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig, their unbeaten Catchy looks set to start the race favourite, but may find the wide barrier a slight concern. With Williams comparing the filly favourably to Miss Finland (Aus), who he rode to success in all five of her Group 1 victories, Catchy will need to bet on top of her game.

Stablemate **Formality (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) who is also unbeaten, has the services of Champion jockey Ryan Moore, while the other Coolmore affiliated runner **Tulip (Aus)** (Pierro {Aus}) looks to have an outstanding chance of giving her first-crop sire his first elite level winner.

Another from the stable that looks to have a chance is the Shadwell Australia-raced **Muraahib (Aus)** (Reset {Aus}), an unbeaten three-quarter relation to dual Group 1 winner Rebel Raider (Aus) (Reset {Aus}). One of five unbeaten runners in the field, victory by Ciaron Maher's **Jukebox (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) would be a great result for the graduate of the Inglis Premier yearling sale with the 2017 edition of the sale set to commence the day after the race.

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Blue Diamond S. cont.

Saturday, Caulfield, Australia, post time: 4:10 p.m.

LADBROKES BLUE DIAMOND S.-G1, A\$1,500,000 (£924,306/
€1,092,423/US\$1,151,980), 2yo, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Azazel (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	McEvoy	McEvoy	125
2	Cao Cao (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Zahra	Price	125
3	Property (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Moreira	Smerdon	125
4	Jukebox (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Nolen	Maher	125
5	Roomooz (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Dunn	McEvoy	120
6	Taking Aim (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Newitt	Snowdens	125
7e	Sheer Madness (Aus)	Moshe (Aus)	Baster	Salanitri	125
8	Tulip (Aus)	Pierro (Aus)	Oliver	Hys/Dbnrg	120
9	Blondie (Aus)	Reward for Effort (Aus)	No Rider	McCarthy	120
10	Wait For No One (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Bayliss	Hys/Dbnrg	125
11	Pariah (Aus)	Redoute's Chce (Aus)	Shinn	Snowdens	125
12	Formality (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Moore	Hys/Dbnrg	120
13	Catchy (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Williams	Hys/Dbnrg	120
14	Aspect (Aus)	Pluck	Currie	McEvoy	125
15	Muraahib (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	Arnold	Hys/Dbnrg	125
16	Will's Bid (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Lane	Hys/Dbnrg	125
17	Spoils (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Melham	McDonald	120

WINX SET TO MAKE IT FIFTEEN



Winx following her comeback win in the Apollo S. | Bronwen Healy

The lone Group 1 event in Sydney on Saturday has surprisingly assembled a field of 10 runners, nine of which in theory don't have much chance, as **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) aims to extend her unbeaten run to 15. One of six runners for Chris Waller in the G1 Chipping Norton S. over 1600m, Winx (Aus) took the race last year by a length and a half, with the beaten brigade including **Preferment (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}) and **Hartnell (GB)** (Authorized {Ire}), two that she will once again oppose.

Second by just under three lengths when they last raced in the G2 Apollo S., Godolphin's Hartnell (GB) will start the second favourite in the race, and will more than likely finish in second,

the same position he has taken the last three times they have met. While unlikely to trouble the top two, one of the most intriguing runners in the field is Tye Angland's mount **Endless Drama (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), a stablemate of the favourite.

Third in the Apollo last time out, the Qatar Bloodstock-owned entire has good form at the trip with four top three finishes from five starts, and should be watched from a future perspective.

When last at the track, **Tavago (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}) was a dominant winner of the G1 Australian Derby over Jameka (Aus) (Myboycharlie {Ire}), who would go on to claim the G1 Caulfield Cup in the spring. With two wins at the distance, the Melbourne-trained runner should also be watched from a future perspective with jockey Tommy Berry sticking with the 4-year-old, having ridden him to Derby success.

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Saturday, Randwick, Australia, post time: 4:30 p.m. (12:30 a.m. EDT)

TAB CHIPPING NORTON S.-G1, A\$600,000 (US\$461,290/£371,210/
€461,294), WFA, 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Hartnell (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	Avdulla	O'Shea	130
2	Preferment (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Parr	Waller	130
3	Grand Marshal (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Collett	Waller	130
4	Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)	Yamanin Vital (NZ)	Clark	Waller	130
5	Libran (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Schofield	Waller	130
6	Magic Hurricane (Ire)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Reith	O'Shea	130
7	Tavago (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Berry	Busuttin/Yng	130
8	Endless Drama (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Angland	Waller	130
9	Winx (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Bowman	Waller	125
10	Lasqueti Spirit (Aus)	Beneteau (Aus)	Ford	Curtis	117

FUTURITY A FORMALITY FOR 'BART'

Many would say that outside of Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), **Black Heart Bart (Aus)** (Blackfriars {Aus}) is the most consistent horse in Australia and since joining the Darren Weir stable 12 starts ago, the

6-year-old has only once finished outside the top two, winning at Group 1 level on four occasions. With 11 top two finishes from 12 starts at the distance of Saturday's



Black Heart Bart winning the CF Orr S. | Bronwen Healy

G1 Futurity S. (1400m) including three from three at the track and distance, it is hard to go past the former Western Australian-based galloper.

Futurity S. cont.

Dominant last time out over the track and distance in the G1 CF Orr S. defeating last year's Futurity winner **Turn Me Loose (NZ)** (Iffraaj {GB}) by a length, with Gai Waterhouse's **Ecuador (NZ)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) and the winner's stablemate **Palentino (Aus)** (Teofilo {Ire}) taking third and fourth respectively, the four will once again face off here. Of the beaten brigade, Palentino (Aus) was working home very well, and while his best performances have come over slightly longer, the Sun Stud stallion prospect could be the danger.

Two runners who do create some intrigue are Craig Williams' mount **Tosen Stardom (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Peter and Paul Snowden's 3-year-old colt **Attention (Aus)** (Stratum {Aus}). One of Darren Weir's quartet Tosen Stardom (Jpn) is having his first start since fourth in the G2 Feehan S. in September, while a weight advantage over the entire field has Attention (Aus) in with a rough each-way chance.

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Team Hawkes will saddle up 5-year-old **Kaepernick (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) first-up off the back of an encouraging barrier trial effort. With form last campaign behind Group 1 winner Takedown (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}) and last week's Lightning runner-up Spieth (NZ) (Thorn Park {Aus}), jockey Kerrin McEvoy will need to ride an inspired race from a wide gate.

With four 3-year-olds on the bottom weight of just 50kg's last spring's G1 Myer Classic winner **I Am A Star (NZ)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}) sticks to the 1100m after her encouraging first-up second in the G2 Rubiton S., while victory to Winx's (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) half-brother **El Divino (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) would see the value of the colt skyrocket as a stallion prospect. An interesting runner is the Kris Lees-trained stakes winner **Guard Of Honour (Aus)** (Northern Meteor {Aus}), a last start G3 runner-up to Man From Uncle (Aus) (Uncle Mo {USA}), with that winner coming out and capturing the G2 Hobartville S. at his next start.

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Saturday, Caulfield, Australia, post time: 2:50 p.m. (10:50 p.m. EDT)

ITALKTRAVEL FUTURITY S.-G1, A\$500,000 (£309,242/€364,560/US\$384,446), WFA, 3yo/up, 1400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Ecuador (NZ)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Hieronimus	Wtrhse/Bott
2	Tosen Stardom (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Williams	Weir
3	He's Our Rokkii (NZ)	Roc de Cambes (NZ)	Dunn	Hys/Dbnrg
4	Lucky Hussler (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	Lane	Weir
5	Turn Me Loose (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	McEvoy	Bkr/Frsmn
6	Black Heart Bart (Aus)	Blackfriars (Aus)	B Rawiller	Weir
7	Palentino (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Zahra	Weir
8	Fast 'N' Rocking (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Bayliss	Hys/Dbnrg
9	Attention (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Shinn	Snowdens

All carry 130 pounds, bar Attention, 122.



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EXTREMELY OPEN OAKLEIGH PLATE

A final field of 18 have accepted for Saturday's G1 Oakleigh Plate over 1100m with Mick Price's dual G1-winning 3-year-old **Extreme Choice (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) likely to jump the favourite, and while he is unbeaten first-up and also at the track, having won the Blue Diamond on this day twelve months prior, the outstanding colt won't have things all his own way.

A multiple Group 1 placegetter, **Fell Swoop (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) will surely once again play his part in the finish, while there is no reason that last year's winner **Flamberge (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel ({Aus}) who will carry the top weight can't be right in the finish, especially after his narrow fourth a week prior behind Terravista (Aus) (Captain Rio {GB}) in the G1 Lightning S.

Saturday, Caulfield, Australia, post time: 4:50 p.m. (12:50 a.m. EDT)

THE RESIMAX GROUP OAKLEIGH PLATE H.-G1, A\$500,000 (£309,242/€364,560/US\$384,446), 3yo/up, 1100mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Wild Rain (Aus)	Manhattan Rain (Aus)	Baster	Kavanagh	116
2	El Divino (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Yendall	Weir	110
3	Sheidel (Aus)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Moreira	Hys/Dbnrg	117
4	Shakesperean Lass (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Payne	Carey	114
5	Aegean Sea (Aus)	Beneteau (Aus)	Mertens	Connors	114
6	Flamberge (Aus)	Excd & Excl (Aus)	B Rawiller	Weir	128
7	Faatinah (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	Allen	Hys/Dbnrg	116
8	Fell Swoop (Aus)	Nt a Sgl Dbt (Aus)	Oliver	Dale	123
9	Extreme Choice (Aus)	Nt a Sgl Dbt (Aus)	Newitt	Price	119
10	Ready Sunshine (Aus)	More Than Ready	Dee	Balfour	114
11	Thermal Current (Aus)	Excd & Excl (Aus)	Dunn	Weir	117
12	Miss Promiscuity (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	Mallyon	Hys/Dbnrg	114

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13	Hellbent (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Lane	Weir	114
14	Missrock (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Holland	Laing	110
15	Guard of Honour (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Thompson	Lees	110
16	Kaepernick (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	McEvoy	Hawkses	117
17	I Am a Star (NZ)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Williams	Nichols	110
18	Ocean Embers (Aus)	Beneteau (Aus)	Benbow	Eden	114

If the big guns stub their collective hooves Saturday, **Maybe Miami (NZ)** (Iffraaj {GB}) could pick up the pieces. The Kevin Hughes charge scored by three-quarters of a length in the Listed Timaru S. at Riccarton Park last out Jan. 28, his first black-type victory.

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QUALITY BUNCH LINE UP AT OTAKI

by Heather Anderson

A select field of nine will face the starter in the NZ\$200,000 G1 Haunui Farm Classic over 1600 metres at Otaki Saturday. The slight pick on the morning line is five-time Group 1 winner **Kawi (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}), who will be making his second start since



Kawi | Trish Dunell

returning from a fruitless three-race Australian campaign. The Allan Sharrock trainee lost all chance after a slow beginning in the G1 NRM Sprint when fifth to second choice **Start Wondering (NZ)** (Eighth Wonder {NZ})

Feb. 11, but should have come on since that run. The gelding was a winner of the Aug. 27 G1 Makfi Challenge S. and the Sept. 17 G1 Windsor Park Horlicks Plate in early spring, the latter effort the last time he has visited the winner's circle.

Start Wondering appears to be hitting his best stride of late, with two victories at the highest level—in the G1 Railway S. on New Year's Day going 1200 metres and the aforementioned 1400-metre Sprint from three Group 1 runs to date. In between those victories, Start Wondering was only a nose behind Signify (NZ) (Perfectly Ready {Aus}) in the G1 J R & N Berkett Telegraph Jan. 21.

Third choice in the wagering is G1 Australian Oaks heroine **Sofia Rosa (NZ)** (Makfi {GB}), who, like Kawi, will be making her second run of the season. Despite a seventh-place run in the NRM Sprint Feb. 11, her trainer Stephen Marsh is confident of a good showing from the dark bay, whose long term goals will be determined after the Classic.

"She got a long way back in the running and she got home really well over the last bit," Marsh told www.nzracing.co.nz of Sofia Rosa, who is under considering for the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. across the Tasman during The Championships Apr. 8. "I would have liked three weeks between runs, but that can't be helped. In saying that, she bounced through the run really nicely and we expect her to go well again. We will confirm the programme after the weekend. There's a few options and she could go to the [G1] Bonecrusher New Zealand S. [at Ellerslie Mar. 11] or we could go straight to Australia and take it from there."

Saturday, Otaki, New Zealand, post time: 4:08 p.m. (12:08 a.m. EDT)

HAUNUI FARM CLASSIC-G1, NZ\$200,000 (US\$143,142/£115,189/€135,798),

Open, WFA, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Kawi (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Waddell	Sharrock	130
2	Start Wondering (NZ)	Eighth Wonder (NZ)	Parkes	E&J Rayner	130
3	Authentic Paddy (NZ)	Howbaddouwantit	Hannam	Latta	130
4	Maybe Miami (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	C Johnson	K&P Hughes	130
5	Iamishwara (NZ)	Keeninsky (NZ)	Myers	Kaye	130
6	Mighty Solomon (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Riddell	Latta	130
7	Watch This Space (NZ)	Elusive City	Allpress	Hills	130
8	Prince of Passion (NZ)	Castledale (Ire)	Tinsley	Miller	130
9	Sofia Rosa (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	D Johnson	Marsh	125

STUD FEE SET FOR CAPITALIST



Capitalist winning the Golden Slipper | *Racing And Sports*

G1 Golden Slipper winner **Capitalist (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus})—Kitalpha {NZ}, by Fusaichi Pegasus) will stand for a covering fee of A\$55,000, Newgate Farm have announced. Tagged a 'TDN Rising Star' when making a winning juvenile debut for Peter and Paul Snowden in the Listed Breeders' Plate at Randwick in October 2015 Capitalist also added the valuable Magic Millions 2YO Classic en route to winning the Golden Slipper almost twelve months ago. The A\$165,000 yearling purchase by James Harron was retired after finishing third in the G2 Star Roman Consul S. at Randwick in October and Newgate Farm and partners have since been busy assembling a smart band of mares to visit Capitalist in his first season at stud.

Capitalist Stud Fee Set cont.

“Naturally with such an impeccable profile we have been inundated with people wanting to book in mares. Having a Golden Slipper-winning champion two-year-old standing at Newgate is what you dream of as a studmaster, said Newgate’s Henry Field. “Capitalist’s initial book will be hand-crafted to give him every opportunity to be the champion stallion I’m confident he will become, with a number of top-class Group-winning and producing mares already committed. We have now finalised his standing arrangements and a limited number of shares have been made available for top breeders.”

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DRAYTON MINE APPLICATION REJECTED

There was good news for Australian breeders following the decision of the NSW Planning Assessment Commission to reject the Drayton South mine application. The development of such a project would have had a hugely detrimental affect on farms in the Hunter Valley area, in particular the studs operated by the two global superpowers Coolmore and Godolphin, who both worked together to lobby against the proposal. “All breeders should welcome the PAC’s decision as it recognises that the Hunter is one of the most important thoroughbred regions in the world,” said Basil Nolan, President of TBA. “If the mine had



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been given the go-ahead it would have damaged the reputation of the region and the Australian industry as a whole.”

If the Drayton South project had been approved an open-cut

mine would have been developed less than a kilometre from Coolmore and Godolphin. Australia’s Thoroughbred Breeders Association is now calling on the state government to place clear protection zones around the key thoroughbred farms to protect the breeding industry and provide certainty to all land businesses for the future. Tom Reilly, chief executive of TBA, said, “This saga has gone on for six years and has been incredibly divisive. For the future of all businesses in the region the state government should step in and create clear boundaries for different land use. Until they do that there remains the possibility that another application could be made for Drayton South, causing further uncertainty to breeders and all land users.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:05 p.m.

CITI HONG KONG GOLD CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (£1,027,070/
€1,216,948/A\$1,667,897/US\$1,288,828), 3yo/up, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Designs on Rome (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Berry	Moore
2	Flame Hero (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Leung	Ho
3	Secret Weapon (GB)	Choisir (Aus)	Rawiller	Yip
4	Werther (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Bowman	Moore
5	Basic Trilogy (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Whyte	Moore
6	Blazing Speed (GB)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Callan	A Cruz
7	Beauty Only (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Purton	A Cruz

All carry 126 pounds.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:00 p.m.

QUEEN’S SILVER JUBILEE CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (£1,027,070/
€1,216,948/A\$1,667,897/US\$1,288,828), 3yo/up, 1400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Giant Treasure	Mizzen Mast	Whyte	A Cruz
2	Strathmore (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Schofield	Millard
3	Able Friend (Aus)	Shamardal	Moreira	Moore
4	Sun Jewellery (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Purton	Size
5	Blizzard (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Rawiller	Yiu
6	Contentment (Aus)	Hussonet	Prebble	Size
7	Joyful Trinity (Ire)	Zanzibari	Mosse	Moore
8	Helene Paragon (Fr)	Polan (Fr)	Berry	Moore

All carry 126 pounds.

MIDDLE EAST

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

UAE OAKS SPONSORED BY AL NABOODAH - ASHOK

LEYLAND-G3, \$250,000, MEY, 2-23, 3yo, f, 9 1/2f, 2:01.85, ft.

1--#@NOMORERICHBLONDES, 126, f, 3, by [Hard Spun](#)



1st Dam: Miss Luann (SP), by Unbridled’s Song

2nd Dam: Sharp Eyes, by Storm Cat

3rd Dam: Gaelic Bird (Fr), by Gay Mecene

(\$100,000 Ylg ‘15 FTKOCT; 30,000gns 2yo ‘16 TATAPR). O-Buti Bintooq Almarri; B-Blue Devil Racing Llc (KY); T-Ahmad bin Harmash; J-Antonio Fresu. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$227,551. *1/2 to Sharp Kitty (Kitten’s Joy), SW. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)



2--**Midnight Chica**, 126, f, 3, [Midnight Lute](#)--Anita Chica, by Kitten’s Joy. (\$20,000 RNA Ylg ‘15 KEESEP). O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY); T-Dhruba Selvaratnam. \$50,000.

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3--**Complimenti**, 126, f, 3, [Congrats](#)--Goldilocks' Cat, by Seeking the Gold. (\$95,000 Ylg '15 KESEEP; \$145,000 RNA 2yo '16 FTFMAR). O-Kildare Stud-Frankie O'Connor; B-Diamond A Racing Corp. (KY); T-Doug Watson. \$25,000.

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Also Ran: Melesina (Ire), Calare (Ire), Rajar (GB), Magical Forest (Ire), Don't Lie Kitten. Scratched: Nashmiah (KSA).

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Looking to go one better off her runner-up effort last time in the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas, Nomorerichblondes sat a stalking trip just off a modest early tempo, went to the front at midstretch and proved the superior stayer, winning Thursday's G3 UAE Oaks by a diminishing margin.

Drawn one from the outside and perhaps benefiting from the withdrawal of Guineas victrix Nashmiah (KSA) (Alnajim Althakeb {KSA}), Nomorerichblondes was immediately into a chasing position and pressed to the lead entering the straight. International favorite Complimenti saved ground throughout just behind the front-running trio and was pulled out three deep to deliver a challenge, looking very much the winner with a furlong to race. But she peaked on her run and Nomorerichblondes hit the wire first. Midnight Chica was three and four wide the trip and stayed on very gamely to be a clear second.



Nomorerichblondes strides away in the Oaks | DRC/Andrew Watkins

"We were unlucky last time in the Guineas but I knew this extra 300m would suit her," said winning jockey Antonio Fresu. "She is still a bit green and learning about the game because she had a good look around when we hit the front.

However, when the other filly came to us she really responded gamely but I thought she would as I knew she had plenty of left. She should improve from this and maybe even deserves a crack at the [G2] UAE Derby over the same course and distance [Mar. 25]."

A debut winner over 1400m Dec. 1, Nomorerichblondes was well beaten in her next two tries, but bounced back nicely in the Guineas, just failing to get to Nashmiah with a late dive.

Pedigree Notes:

Nomorerichblondes becomes the 126th stakes winner produced by a daughter of the late Unbridled's Song and she is kin to a 2-year-old filly by Kitten's Joy and a yearling filly by Giant's Causeway. Stakes-placed Miss Luann was most recently bred to Uncle Mo.

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY SPONSORED BY AL NABOODAH-VDL BUSES-G3, \$200,000, MEY, 2-23, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2810mT, 2:58.44, gd.

1--**BEAUTIFUL ROMANCE (GB)**, 121, m, 5, by [New Approach \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: **Mazuna (Ire) (GSW-Eng, \$112,117)**, by **Cape Cross (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Keswa (Ire)**, by **Kings Lake**

3rd Dam: **Reves Celestes**, by **Lyphard**

O-Godolphin; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Oisin Murphy. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Aus & Eng, 13-5-0-3, \$641,109. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Vazirabad (Fr)**, 126, g, 5, [Manduro \(Ger\)](#)--Visorama (Ire), by Linamix (Fr). O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre. \$40,000.

3--**Sheikhzayedroad (GB)**, 126, g, 8, [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)--Royal Secrets (Ire), by Highest Honor (Fr). O-Mohammed Jaber; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-David Simcock. \$20,000.

Margins: 1HF, 3 1/4, 1 1/4.

Also Ran: Basateen (Ire), Los Barbados (Ire), Zamaam (GB), Red Galileo (GB), Carbon Dating (Ire), Rio Tigre (Ire).

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A highly successful evening for the 'Boys in Blue' continued as the Saeed Bin Suroor trained Beautiful Romance proved too strong for a quality field in this 2810m contest. Oisin Murphy continued the trend of a non-Godolphin retained jockey guiding home a winner following Adrie de Vries and Colm O'Donoghue earlier in the evening and the Irishman took the race by the scruff of the neck, kicking on over two furlongs out and drawing out the finishing kick of the runner up Vazirabad to win by two lengths with Sheikhzayedroad four lengths back in third.

Nad al Sheba Trophy cont.

“She picked up from a long way out. I think her trainer and his team have done a good job preparing her for the day. Vazirabad has a good turn of foot and I thought she beat him fair and square today,” said the winning jockey about the 5-year-old filly who was registering her third group success in three different countries.



Beautiful Romance | DRC / Andrew Watkins

Once raced as a juvenile to win a late season maiden at Doncaster, Beautiful Romance capped an in-and-out sophomore campaign with a creditable third to Simple Verse (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}) in the G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. at Ascot. She built on that promise with a winning 2016 return in the G2 Betfred Middleton S. at York in May before never threatening in the G2 Hardwicke S. at Royal Ascot and the G1 Qatar Nassau S. at Goodwood. Shipped to Australia soon after she outran her 70-1 odds to finish a respectable seventh in the G1 Emirates Melbourne Cup Nov. 1 before beating Almoonqith (Dynaformer) in the G2 Zipping Classic at Sandown, Australia eleven days later. She was produced in fine shape by her trainer to take this contest and she could be a major force in staying contests throughout this year. Vazirabad lost little in defeat with Christophe Soumillon not being overly aggressive on the Aga Khan runner and it should be an interesting rematch should the pair clash again in the G2 Dubai Gold Cup on World Cup night, a race which according to Bin Suuroor is the target for his filly. In a race run at a stop start pace Sheikhzayedroad found himself in front and held reasonably well for third.

Pedigree Notes...

Beautiful Romance, one of 29 stakes winners for Darley sire New Approach (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) has surpassed her dam Mazuna (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire})'s racing achievements.

Mazuna won the G3 John Doyle S. and was also placed in the G2 May Hill S. before retiring to stud where she has produced three winners from nine foals. Beautiful Romance is the highest achiever but her younger half-sibling Executive Force (GB) (Sepoy {Aus}) showed smart form last year as a juvenile, winning and then placing in the Listed Star Appeal S. at Dundalk for trainer William Haggas. Mazuna herself hails from the stakes placed Keswa (Ire) (King's Lake) while further down in the pedigree crops up the smart multiple European stakes winner Beyond Desire (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The winner's dam is represented by a 2-year-old filly by Universal (Ire) and a yearling colt by New Approach (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#)
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CURLIN H. SPONSORED BY AL NABOODAH SUNWIN BUSES-
Listed, \$160,000, MEY, 2-23, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 10f,
2:03.95, ft.

1--**#ETIJAAH, 117, g, 7, Daaher--Hasheema (Ire), by Darshaan (GB).** O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY); T-Doug Watson; J-Sam Hitchcott. \$96,000.
Lifetime Record: 31-7-4-3, \$283,605. *1/2 to Najjaar (Jazil), SW & GSP-US, \$237,972.



2--**Mubtaahij (Ire), 132, h, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Pennegale (Ire), by**
Pennekamp. (€450,000 Ylg '13 ARQAUG). O-Sheikh
Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum. \$32,000.

3--**Alabaster, 117, h, 5, Medaglia d'Oro--Lady Pegasus, by**
Fusaichi Pegasus. O-Godolphin. \$16,000.



Margins: 2HF, 4HF, 2 3/4.

Rated 15 points inferior to and in receipt of 15 pounds from the comebacking 2016 G1 Dubai World Cup runner-up Mubtaahij, Etijaah came with a stinging rally up the fence to spoil the latter's seasonal return.

Allowed to settle worse than mid-field for the opening half of the event, used as a steppingstone to World Cup success by California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) last season, Etijaah improved a few spots to be fifth while hugging the fence around the second turn. Alabaster led going apparently well approaching the final 400m as Mubtaahij tried to capitalize on his perfect trip, but Alabaster left the rail open and Etijaah was good enough to take advantage before galloping home a clear-cut winner.

“This is such a great horse and a proper dirt performer,” said winning rider Sam Hitchcott. “He is just so genuine and is happy to face the kickback which makes my job so much easier as I was able to follow Mubtaahij, knowing he would give me a tow into the race. [Cont. p11](#)

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Hitchcott added, "I was then able to pull inside and pass him when I wanted after which, with our low weight, I was never worried. Basically, every fell into place tonight and it is great for the horse and everyone involved." [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#) [VIDEO.](#)



Etijaah | DRC/Andrew Watkins

MEYDAN CLASSIC SPONSORED BY AL NABOODAH

GOODYEAR-Listed, \$150,000, MEY, 2-23, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.61, gd.

1--**TOP SCORE (GB)**, 126, c, 3, by [Hard Spun](#)

1st Dam: Windsor County, by Elusive Quality

2nd Dam: Ascutney, by Lord At War (Arg)

3rd Dam: Right Word, by Verbatim

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Adrie de Vries. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: SP-Tur, 10-3-2-4, \$224,798.

2--**Fly At Dawn**, 126, c, 3, [Discreet Cat](#)--Emirates Girl, by Unbridled's Song. O-Godolphin. \$30,000.



3--**Really Special (GB)**, 121, f, 3, [Shamardal](#)--Rumh (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). O-Godolphin. \$15,000.

Margins: HF, HD, 2HF.

Also Ran: Masham Star (Ire), Nobelium, Grey Britain (GB), Mufeed, Good Omen (GB), Souls In the Wind (Ire), Island Vision (Ire), Silent Assassin (Ire).

Godolphin dominated this listed contest with the first three home sporting the blue livery, though not quite in the order expected. Top Score benefitted from a fine ride from Dutchman Adrie de Vries, getting a smooth run up the rails before switching between rivals a furlong out. Tackled either side by Charlie Appleby's Fly At Dawn and fellow Saeed Bin Suroor trainee Really Special, Top Score kept pulling out more to score

by half a length from Godolphin's more fancied pair with a clear break back to the Mark Johnston trained Masham Star (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) in fourth. Adrie de Vries has struck up a rewarding partnership with Top Score, the pair combining for their second consecutive Carnival success and he commented, "It was a stronger race and I thought it would be tougher. I missed the kick but it turned out good as I could follow the filly on the inside. He's got tonnes of speed and it was only a matter of getting the space. He'll get 1600 metres easy."



Top Score | DRC / Andrew Watkins

Top Score beat a good yardstick in Montataire (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) when breaking his maiden at Ripon last May and it was his only juvenile victory in seven starts. In fairness to him he did go down narrowly on a few occasions including when second, beaten a head in a Listed race at Veliefendi, Turkey and filling the same spot, beaten a short head in a conditions race at Newmarket in October. He reappeared in promising fashion at Meydan Jan. 26 when he finished third in the UAE Guineas Trial on the dirt before winning impressively back on turf in the Meydan Classic Trial Feb. 9. A step up in grade now beckons for the homebred colt with Saeed Bin Suroor commenting, "He never shows a lot in the morning. We will talk to Sheikh Mohammed but the next race could be the UAE Derby." [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

7th-MEY, \$135,000, Hcp, 2-23, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 7fT, 1:24.06, gd.

SUYOOF (AUS) (g, 4, Magic Albert {Aus}--Magic Harmony {Aus} {SP-Aus}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) won the G3 Tony Ruffel S. at Turffontein just over a year ago and closed out the South African portion of his career with a fourth to Triple Crown winner Abashiri (SAf) (Go Deputy) in the G1 S A Classic last April. Cutting back in trip off a first-up second over a mile Feb. 11, Suyoof was ridden back in the field and had a crush of horses on all sides into the turn. Able to find a split 400m from home, the flashy chestnut kicked it into another gear down the center and proved a neck best in a three-way go from last-race conqueror Bravo Zolo (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) and Tahanee (Arg) (Stormy Atlantic). The winner, an A\$150,000 Inglis Easter yearling purchase, is a half to Charmed Harmony (Aus) (Hussonet), GSW-Aus, A\$567,220. Lifetime Record: GSW-SAf, 10-4-0-3, \$199,155. [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

7th-MEY, cont.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd, Breeding Capital Australia 2011, Moody Racing, A Nicoll (NSW); T-Mike de Kock.



Suyooof | DRC/Andrew Watkins

3rd-MEY, \$125,000, Hcp, 2-23, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 10FT, 2:03.48, gd.

VIREN'S ARMY (IRE) (c, 4, Twirling Candy--Blue Angel {Ire} {MSP-Eng}, by Oratorio {Ire}), third in the G3 Premio Guido Berardelli at Capannelle in November of 2015, added the Listed Dee S. two starts on in May of 2016 in his final start for trainer Richard Hannon and Middleham Park Racing XXX. Sent through the Goffs London Sale on the eve of Royal Ascot, the then-3-year-old brought the second-highest price of the evening, selling for £700,000, with only G1 Irish 1000



Viren's Army | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Guineas victress Jet Setting (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}) more dear at £1.3 million. Winding up in Charlie Appleby's yard for the Boys in Blue, the 4-year-old did not resurface until an 11th-place run in a Meydan handicap going 1 1/2 miles Feb. 11. The script was much different Thursday, as Viren's Army relished the cut back to 10 furlongs and charged up to sit second behind a wide rival. Poised to pounce with a half-mile to run, Viren's Army seized the baton at the 400-metre mark and proved not for catching, as Godolphin tallied the first three across the line.

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Fellow Appleby trainee and crowd's pick Kidmenever (Ire) (Baltic King {GB}) settled for second 1 1/2 lengths behind, while Huge Future (GB) (Shamardal), from the Saeed bin Suroor barn, took third, an additional 3 1/2 lengths back. "He disappointed me last time, but perhaps did not stay," said Appleby. "Colm [O'Donoghue] has given him a great ride and Kidmenever stayed on strongly and is really better over 2400 metres." The first foal out of the English MSP Blue Angel (Ire), Viren's Army has a sophomore half-brother named Eagle Creek (Ire) (Raven's Pass), a juvenile half-sister named Maajmeh Dawn (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}) and a yearling half-sister by Slade Power (Ire). His second dam Blue Cloud (Ire) (Nashwan), herself a half-sister to French highweight and four-time Group 1 winner Bigstone (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), won the Prix Impudence, while also garnering a Group 1 placing when third in the G1 Prix Marcel Bousac-Criterium des Pouliches. Sales history: \$65,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$35,000 Ylg '14 FTKJUL; €115,000 Ylg '14 TISEP; £700,000 HRA '16 GOFLO. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng & GSP-Itly, 10-4-0-3, \$199,155. **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#). [VIDEO](#).** O-Godolphin; B-Ruskerne Ltd (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	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	181	110	\$1,371,722 <i>Belardo (IRE)</i>	\$6,957,705
2	Siyouni (Fr) <i>(2007) by Pivotal (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr (€45,000)</i>	11	19	8	10	1	3	157	94	\$1,465,398 <i>Ervedya (FR)</i>	\$6,944,731
3	Equiano (Fr) <i>(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Newsells Park Stud Eng (£8,000)</i>	9	14	7	9	1	3	223	111	\$664,258 <i>The Tin Man (GB)</i>	\$4,275,049
4	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	163	94	\$884,557 <i>Quiet Reflection (GB)</i>	\$4,903,638
5	Paco Boy (Ire) <i>(2005) by Desert Style (Ire) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Highclere Stud Eng (£6,500)</i>	7	15	4	11	1	1	190	99	\$1,357,291 <i>Galileo Gold (GB)</i>	\$4,224,996
6	Starspangledbanner (Aus) <i>(2006) by Choisir (Aus) FYR: 2012 Crops: 2 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (€15,000)</i>	6	7	4	5	1	2	33	26	\$387,481 <i>The Wow Signal (IRE)</i>	\$1,959,428
7	Rip Van Winkle (Ire) <i>(2006) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (€12,500)</i>	9	18	3	10	1	1	207	107	\$308,889 <i>Dick Whittington (IRE)</i>	\$3,394,047
8	Arcano (Ire) <i>(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Allevamento di Besnate Ity (€6,000)</i>	5	12	3	6	--	--	197	108	\$208,793 <i>Mubtasim (IRE)</i>	\$3,372,555
9	Fast Company (Ire) <i>(2005) by Danehill Dancer (Ire) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Kildangan Stud Eng (€7,000)</i>	6	9	3	5	1	2	175	90	\$304,851 <i>Jet Setting (IRE)</i>	\$2,758,891
10	Zebedee (GB) <i>(2008) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire (€7,500)</i>	3	8	2	5	--	2	255	133	\$622,817 <i>Magical Memory (IRE)</i>	\$4,243,484
11	Silver Frost (Ire) <i>(2006) by Verglas (Ire) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Haras de la Hetraie Fr (€6,000)</i>	3	6	2	3	1	1	120	49	\$599,387 <i>Silverwave (FR)</i>	\$2,807,449
12	Vale of York (Ire) <i>(2007) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Haras des Faunes Fr (€3,000)</i>	2	4	2	3	--	--	98	57	\$203,593 <i>Fontanelice (IRE)</i>	\$1,556,582
13	Pounced <i>(2007) by Rahy FYR: 2012 Crops: 3 Stands: Allevamento di Besnate Ity (€5,500)</i>	3	6	2	2	--	1	56	39	\$284,162 <i>Full Drago (ITY)</i>	\$1,555,976
14	Hellvelyn (GB) <i>(2004) by Ishiguru FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Bucklands Farm & Stud Eng (£3,000)</i>	2	5	2	3	--	--	84	35	\$256,670 <i>Mrs Danvers (GB)</i>	\$892,440
15	Air Chief Marshal (Ire) <i>(2007) by Danehill Dancer (Ire) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Haras De La Cauviniere Fr (€6,000)</i>	2	5	1	1	1	1	139	60	\$444,153 <i>Mont Ormel (FR)</i>	\$2,965,569

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