

MILLION-DOLLAR BABIES PROPEL OBS TO RECORDS



Hip 360 in full flight | Courtney Stafford photo

by Steve Sherack and Brian DiDonato

OCALA, Florida--A number of break-out juveniles, including four who eclipsed the seven-figure mark during Wednesday's final session, helped propel the 2017 Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training to records in gross and average.

The sale in its entirety saw 300 head find new homes for gross receipts of \$56,627,000 at an average price of \$188,757--eclipsing marks set in 2015 and 2014, respectively. The median was \$100,000, while the RNA rate was 27.5%.

At the 2016 OBS March renewal, 320 juveniles changed hands for a combined \$51,288,000. The average was \$160,275 and median was \$102,500. The RNA percentage was 25%.

Due to OBS policy of recalculating sales statistics to include subsequent post-sale transactions, year-to-year comparisons are slightly inexact at this time.

"It was an exciting day," OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski commented. "The session felt real strong all through the day. Then when you add the numbers from [Tuesday], we set a number of records for the sale--record [cumulative] gross and [cumulative] record average. This is also the first sale that we've sold five, million-dollar-plus horses in one sale, too. People that maybe got shut out in other spots came here and played hard. **Cont. p3**

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Airs above the ground. In the wake of Tuesday's Winter Storm Stella in the Northeast, horses at Belmont Park in Elmont, NY were feeling fresh during training hours on Wednesday morning. | Susie Raisher

ZAYAT SALES EXPERIMENT A SUCCESS

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Beginning with the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale two weeks ago, Zayat Stables has been trying its luck at the pinhooking game, and the results have been spectacular thus far.

PAIR OF SEVEN-FIGURE 2YOS FOR MCCROCKLINS

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Tom and Sharon McCrocklin were responsible for not one, but two million-dollar juveniles at OBS Wednesday afternoon, including a maternal granddaughter of Horse of the Year Azeri.

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He continued, "We were very pleased with the catalog that we put out and we were pleased with the horses when we saw them physically. The days leading up to the sale, there was certainly a bevy of activity here on the grounds and that kind of buoyed the spirits of everyone--consignors and us as well."

For Wednesday's session, 152 juveniles brought a total of \$29,791,500 at an average of \$195,997. The median was \$90,000, and the RNA rate was 26.2%.

Topping the session and the sale was a Congrats filly ([hip 360](#) | [:9 4/5](#)) acquired by agent Kerri Radcliffe on behalf of an undisclosed client. The dark bay miss was consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent III on behalf of Zayat Stables. Radcliffe was leading buyer for the sale with three purchases for a combined \$2,925,000.

Top-end strength and market polarization continued to rule the day, as it has at virtually every sale in recent memory.



Kerri Radcliffe | Courtney Stafford

"It's not unlike the things we've seen throughout last year and the beginning of this year--there's certainly strength at the top," Wojciechowski said. "I think we would all like to see the middle market more robust and we continue to strive for that, but we were glad that we got done what we did."

There were five million-dollar horses this year, compared to two 12 months ago; plus another three who each brought \$950,000, and two more who cost \$900,000. [Hip 462](#), a More Than Ready colt who fired the bullet [:9 3/5](#) breeze, was bought back for \$950,000. There were 30 horses in 2017 who brought \$500,000 or more versus 17 in 2016.

Eddie Woods led the way among all consignors with 23 sold for \$8.05 million throughout the two-day sale; de Meric Sales sold 26 for \$4.56 million; and Crupi's New Castle Farm rounded out the trifecta with 12 sold for \$4.23 million.

"The market was... kind of strange, but very good at the same time," Woods said shortly after the conclusion of the sale. "It was all top-end--just everyone saying the same thing."

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But we got a lot of money for some horses and just way beyond evaluations and everything like that. That is what the market deemed they were going to bring. If you were unfortunate to be involved with the others, there was nobody home."

Woods continued, "There's a top and there's a bottom. There's only money for the good horses and small money for the bad horses. There's no middle market, period."



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Wednesday's Top Colts

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
515	Arch	Enhancing	1,050,000
(\$110,000 RNA yrl '16 KEESEP)			
B-KatieRich Farms (Ky)			
Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, Agent II			
Purchased OXO Equine LLC			

586	Pioneerof the Nile	Heavenly Vision	1,000,000
(\$240,000 wnl '15 KEENOV)			
B-Christiana Stables (Ky)			
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XIV			
Purchased by Robert & Lawana Low			
345	Medaglia d'Oro	Apt	900,000
(\$525,000 RNA yrl '16 FTSAUG)			
B-Ben Walden, Jr. & Larry Taylor (Ky)			
Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent I			
Purchased by Eddie Plesa, Agent for Karl & Cathi Glassman			
488	Union Rags	Delightfully So	900,000
(\$90,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)			
B-Fred Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (Ky)			
Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent III			
Purchased by Steven W. Young, agent			
425	Tapit	Cherokee Queen	875,000
(\$500,000 RNA yrl '16 FTSAUG; \$300,000 yrl '16 FTKOCT)			
B-Doug & Felicia Branham (Ky)			
Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XXX			
Purchased by John C. Servis, agent			
608	Tiznow	I'm a Flake	850,000
(\$40,000 RNA yrl '16 KEESEP)			
B-Dixiana Farms (Ky)			
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XLIX			
Purchased by Alex & JoAnn Lieblong			



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▲ First foal, a colt, out of **Spiritual Union**
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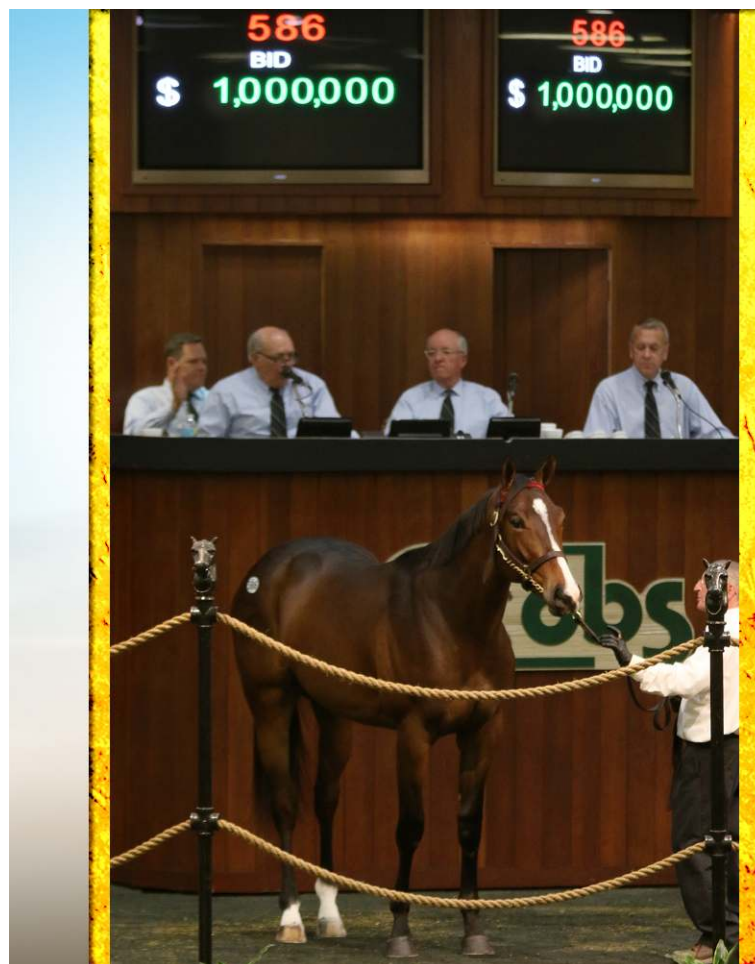
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503	<u>Bernardini</u>	Dowell House	775,000
		(\$260,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Mineola Farm II, James W. Hirschmann, Silent Grove Farms & Darley (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent	
		Purchased by John C. Oxley & Breeze Easy LLC	
605	<u>Point of Entry</u>	Hug It Out	675,000
		(\$15,000 wnl '15 KEENOV; \$39,000 RNA yrl '16 FTKJUL)	
		<i>B-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by All Dreams Equine	
		Purchased by Narvick International	
340	<u>Flatter</u>	Another Moochie	600,000
		(\$30,000 yrl '16 KEEJAN; \$50,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Stud El Aguila (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent V	
		Purchased by Xavier International Bloodstock, agent	
498	<u>Into Mischief</u>	Doolittle	600,000
		(\$115,000 yrl '16 EASOCT)	
		<i>B-D.C. Goff (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Cary Frommer, Agent I	
		Purchased by Lael Stable	

677	<u>Orb</u>	Lynette	600,000
		(\$100,000 yrl '16 FTSAUG)	
		<i>B-Christine Katherine Hayden (ON)</i>	
		Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XXXVI	
		Purchased Todd A. Pletcher, agent	

Wednesday's Top Fillies

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
360	<u>Congrats</u>	Azalea Belle	1,700,000
		(\$75,000 i/u '15 KEEJAN; \$60,000 yrl '16 KEEJAN; \$250,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Todd & Chad Frederick and Phoenix Farm & Racing (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent III	
		Purchased by Kerri Radcliffe, Agent	
349	<u>Tapit</u>	Arienza	1,100,000
		(\$260,000 RNA yrl '16 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Robert & Lawana Low (Ky)</i>	
		Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, Agent I	
		Purchased by OXO Equine LLC	
568	<u>Ghostzapper</u>	Gold Vault	800,000
		<i>B-Cherry Valley Farm (Ky)</i>	
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		Purchased by Narvick International	



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359 Pioneerof the Nile Ayla Bella 550,000

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Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XLIX

Purchased by L.E.B.

402 Scat Daddy Broad Quality 525,000
(\$80,000 i/u '14 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '16 FTSAUG)

B-Willow Oaks Stable (Md)

Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent

Purchased by L.E.B.

Radcliffe Gets Congrats From, and For, Baffert

Agent Kerri Radcliffe, so active at Fasig-Tipton Florida and at Tuesday's OBSMAR opener, continued her spending spree Wednesday, stretching to a sale-topping \$1.7 million for a Congrats filly offered by McKathan Bros., Agent III as hip 360. Just a \$60,000 KEEJAN short yearling, the Feb. 13 foal was acquired by Zayat Stables for \$250,000 at Keeneland September, and multiplied her value once again after a powerful :9 4/5 co-bullet breeze during the second of three under-tack sessions last week.

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SESSION TOTALS	2017	2016
• Catalogued	339	306
• No. Offered	206	208
• No. Sold	152	151
• RNAs	54	57
• % RNAs	26.2%	27.7%
• No. \$500K+	18	9
• High Price	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
• Gross	\$29,791,500	\$24,869,500
• Average (% change)	\$195,997 (+19%)	\$164,699
• Median (% change)	\$90,000 (-10%)	\$100,000
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2017	2016
• Catalogued	677	613
• No. Offered	414	434
• No. Sold	300	320
• RNAs	114	114
• % RNAs	27.5%	26.3%
• No. \$500K+	30	17
• High Price	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
• Gross	\$56,627,000	\$51,288,000
• Average (% change)	\$188,757 (+17.7%)	\$160,275
• Median (% change)	\$100,000 (-2.4%)	\$102,500



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Colt at OBS MARCH

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The filly was acquired on behalf of an undisclosed new client, and will be sent to Bob Baffert in California. The Hall of Fame conditioner was one of the first to congratulate Radcliffe, and could be heard telling her he was proud of her.

"I'm very privileged," Radcliffe said, while clearly still full of adrenaline from the bidding war she had just been engaged in. "I loved the filly from the minute I saw her breeze. I thought, 'This is the one I want.' We went to see her, and she was beautiful. She's the standout of the sale, and I wanted her from the start."

She added, "It's all up to Mr. Baffert now."

Hip 360 is a granddaughter of GII Alcibiades S. heroine Westerly Breeze (Gone West) and hails from the family of several other solid 2-year-olds, including MGISP Ocean View and her GSW son Officer Rocket (GB).

"She was an outstanding filly in her breeze," Radcliffe continued. "She'd done it so easily. She's class--she's got everything. She's all class."

Zayat Sales Experiment Certainly a Success

Zayat Stables made the decision to put six members of their large and promising group of 2-year-olds into this year's Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale, and enter another 10 at OBS March ([read more: Zayats Test Juvenile Market](#)), and that decision appears to have clearly paid off.

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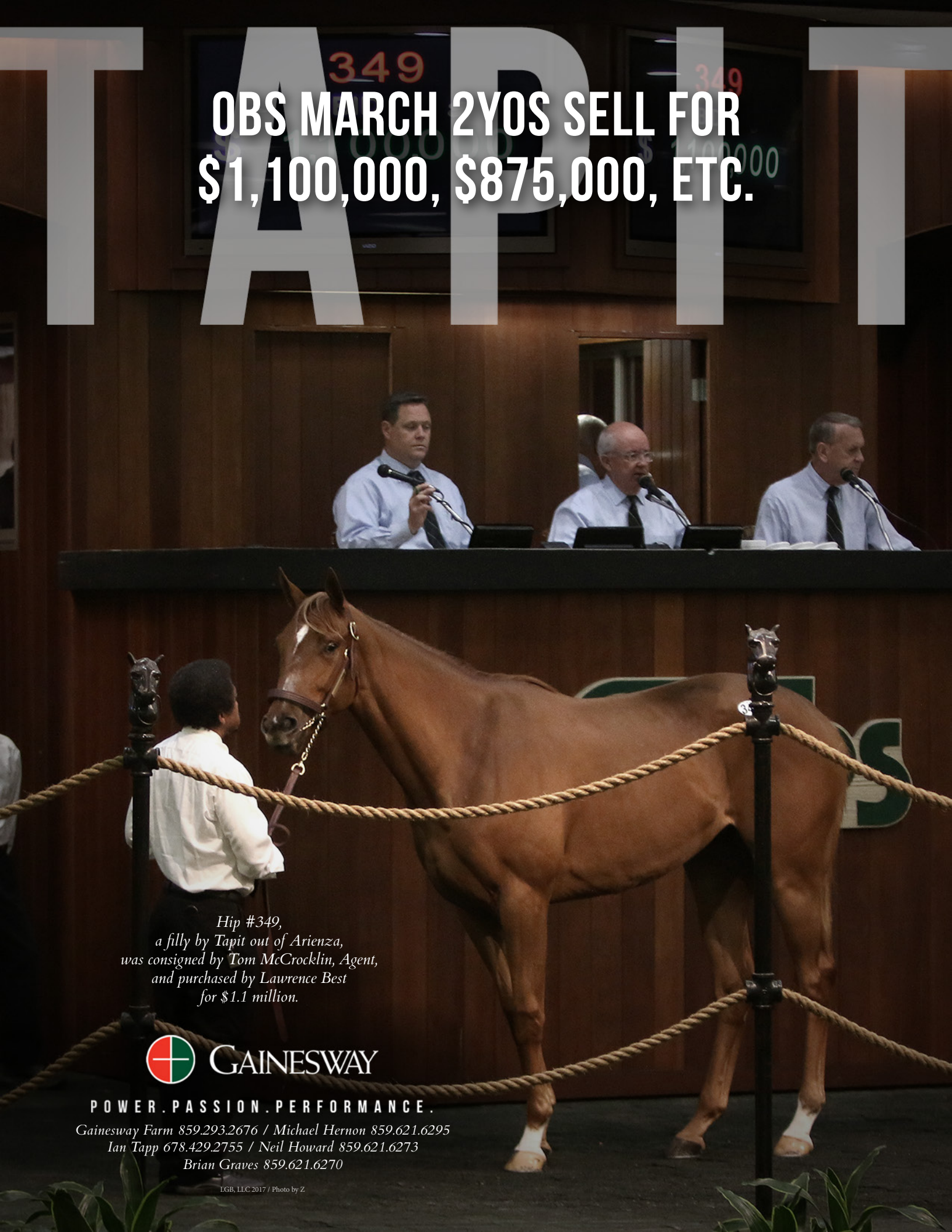
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The three horses who sold at Fasig brought a combined \$1.35 million, and the five they let go of at OBS went for a total of \$3.385 million, including yesterday's sale-topping Congrats filly and a \$1-million Pioneerof the Nile colt (*see 'Lows Go High for POTN Colt'*).

"We appreciate it--we're very, very happy and we've just been trying to stay humble all day," Justin Zayat said when reached by phone. "We run our operation as a business. We really loved all the horses we had in the sale, and we get very emotionally attached to all these horses, but at the same time we don't want

to lose sight of the business. We thought they would all sell well and we knew they'd vet well, and that's happened."

Zayat was understandably pleased with the auction results, but is also excited for the group of juveniles his family's operation still plans to race.

"We're very happy with the sale, obviously, and hopefully that'll be the start of many," he offered. "We sold



Hammer falls on hip 360 | Courtney Stafford

eight horses between Fasig-Tipton Florida and OBS March, and we're at about a 200% ROI, so we're pretty happy with what we sold. We have a crop of 65 2-year-olds at the farm right now, so we still have a loaded crop that we're really excited about--Frankels, Giant's Causeways, Speightstowns, Curlins, Pioneerof the Niles--you name it. So we're very excited for the rest of the crop to come out and shine this summer, as well."

Zayat admitted he had very high expectations for the \$1.7-million Congrats filly.

"I really thought she was going to top the sale, and once she put in the really quick work over there, I was even more confident," he said. "But at the same time, she's not a Tapit filly. But we knew the competition was there, and it would just be a question of who wanted her the most...Kerry Radcliffe did a great job, and Bob Baffert gets to train her, so I'm sure when I go to California I'll be able to see her...I wish them luck with her--she looks like she's a freak of nature."

SKY MESA



Hip #394 sold for \$225,000 to Adam Parker, Agent, and was consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent.

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One who the Zayats decided not to part with was [hip 79](#), a full-brother to GI Prioress S. upsetter Lighthouse Bay (Speightstown) who stopped the clock in a co-fastest [:9 4/5](#) last Thursday. The \$300,000 Keeneland September grad was consigned by Top Line Sales, and bought back for \$675,000 Tuesday.

"Sometimes when these things happen at the sale, they're a blessing in disguise," Zayat commented. "We've had a lot of horses--Bodemeister, Paynter, Pioneerof the Nile, even [Triple Crown] winner American Pharoah--who we put in sales, but didn't end up selling, so we're very hopeful that happens with this one, too." --[@BDiDonatoTDN](#)

The 'Best' Is Yet to Come

Lawrence Best, seated by himself inside the pavilion, continued his high-profile shopping spree with another pair of well-bred, seven-figure juveniles during the second session of the OBS March 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, going to [\\$1.1 million for a Tapit filly](#) and [\\$1.05 million for a colt by Arch](#). Both were purchased from Tom McCrocklin's consignment.

The newcomer's OXO Equine LLC also acquired two of three highest-priced lots at [Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream](#) earlier this month from Cary Frommer's consignment--a [\\$1.5-million daughter of Uncle Mo](#) and a [\\$1.1-million son of More Than Ready](#). **Cont. p9**

OBS March cont.

Best, who just began buying horses at last year's [Keeneland September Yearling Sale](#), revealed that Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer would train his OBS March purchases on the West Coast. His Gulfstream buys are heading to the Chad Brown barn.



Larry Best | Courtney Stafford

A native of Boston, Best founded the investment company OXO Capital LLC and he also served as chief financial officer of the medical device company Boston Scientific Corporation.

"I am new to the space, but I'm a person that believes in quality," Best commented after making his second purchase of the day. "In this space, you need to be disciplined in terms of the quality, and you just have to live with your calls. So far, I've

accomplished nothing. I've not even started a single horse in a single race. There's no reason to congratulate me on anything. I've accomplished nothing, but I hope to. With two good trainers, it's now up to them."

Both of Best's OBS March purchases have plenty of pedigree punch on their pages. The Arch colt was produced by a winning daughter of Heavenly Prize (Seeking the Gold) while the Tapit filly is out of a graded stakes-placed daughter of Azeri (Jade Hunter).

"I was looking for a filly to send out to Jerry Hollendorfer to get a West Coast presence," Best said. "I liked the Tapit. It breezed very well. I liked the pedigree on the sheet. So, we will see. Jerry blessed it. We'll see what he can do with it."

"On the colt, I watched it throughout the last two days. It's a very good-looking horse. Hard, hard runner. Breezed well. I'm also sending that out to Jerry. We'll see what Jerry can do with a new filly and a new colt."

Bloodstock agent Mike Ryan was direct underbidder on the Arch colt. "Hell of a horse," Ryan said before congratulating Best on winning the battle. "He makes the hair stand up on the back of your head." - [@SteveSherackTDN](#)



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Pair of Million Dollar 2YOs for McCrocklin

Few could've had a better day at the office in Ocala, Florida, Wednesday afternoon than consignors Tom and Sharon McCrocklin.

The couple enjoyed a pair of seven-figure transactions during the second day of trade, selling a \$1.1-million Tapit filly and \$1.05-million Arch colt. Larry Best's OXO Equine LLC bought both of them.

The McCrocklins were also represented by last year's topper at the OBS April Sale, a \$1.2-million son of Broken Vow.

The Tapit filly got things started Wednesday in Ocala. Bred in



Tom McCrocklin | Courtney Stafford

Kentucky by Robert and Lawana Low, Hip 349, a granddaughter of the legendary Azeri (Jade Hunter), was consigned by Tom McCrocklin, Agent I, on behalf of the Lows. The Mar. 26 foal worked a quarter in [:21 2/5](#) at the breeze show.

"She's always been a really neat little filly," Sharon McCrocklin

commented back at Barn 7 on another unseasonably chilly day in Central Florida. "She's always impressed us. It's just been really exciting to see her come along--it really has."

The Lows campaigned the Tapit filly's dam Arienza (Giant's Causeway), an \$800,000 KEESEP yearling purchase who began her career with a pair of sharp wins and a runner-up finish in the GII Fantasy S. at Oaklawn in 2011. Standouts to race for the longtime owners and breeders include: the brilliant 1996 GI Test S. heroine Capote Belle (Capote) and 2006 GI Kentucky Derby third-place finisher Steppenwolf (Aptitude).

"Tom has been training and breaking for [the Lows] for around 15 years or so," she continued. "They have been wonderful--they're wonderful to work for. They always have nicely bred horses and we always like to do well for them. That's really what makes this the most exciting thing is that you've done well for them."

Arienza is also represented by a 2016 Hard Spun filly and she was bred back to Pioneerof the Nile.

The Arch colt, meanwhile, consigned by Tom McCrocklin, Agent II, as Hip 515, covered a quarter mile in a swift [:20 4/5](#) at the under-tack show.

The dark bay, a \$110,000 RNA as a KEESEP yearling, is out of the winning Forestry mare Enhancing, herself a daughter of the great Heavenly Prize (Seeking the Gold).

The Arch colt was bred in Kentucky by Larry and Karen Doyle's KatieRich Farms. This is also the family of Pure Prize (Storm Cat) and Good Reward (Storm Cat). Enhancing has also produced a 2016 Hard Spun filly and was bred back to Triple Crown winner American Pharoah.

"It feels really good and I know Tom is really proud," Sharon McCrocklin concluded. -[@SteveSherackTDN](#)



Sharon McCrocklin with hip 349 | Courtney Stafford

Lows Go High for POTN Colt

Robert and Lawana Low sold a Tapit granddaughter of Hall of Famer Azeri ([hip 349](#)) for \$1.1 million Wednesday at OBS March, and immediately reinvested those funds in [hip 586](#), a Pioneerof the Nile colt who cost a cool \$1 million. The latter worked in [:20 4/5](#), and was sold by Eddie Woods, Agent XIV, on behalf of Zayat Stables, who acquired the Mar. 12 foal for \$240,000 as a KEENOV weanling. Jacob West, director of bloodstock services for Three Chimneys Farm, bid on behalf of the Lows while standing next to Jimmy Crupti.

The bay colt is a granddaughter of SW/GSP Holy Bubbette (Holy Bull), who produced MGSW Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile) and GISP juvenile Nonna Mia (Empire Maker), who in turn is the dam of last year's GI Wood Memorial S. winner Outwork (Uncle Mo); SW Nonna's Boy (Distorted Humor); and two-for-two 3-year-old filly Nonna Bella (Stay Thirsty).

"They've raced some big time colts, love Pioneerof the Nile like everybody, he's got a Classic pedigree," West said of the colt. "He's got Outwork under the second dam, out of a Forestry mare. The crosses work--he's a lovely horse."

Todd Pletcher, who trained Outwork and Nonna's Boy and who still conditions Nonna Bella, will get hip 586, as well.

"The rest is up to God and Todd Pletcher," West quipped. --[@BDiDonatoTDN](#)



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Claiborne Family Good to Walden & Taylor Once Again

Kentucky horsemen Ben Walden, Jr. and Larry Taylor have made it a focus to seek out mares from deep Claiborne Farm families, and were rewarded once again for their strategy Wednesday when a Medaglia d'Oro colt already named Apostle out of a half-sister to champion Blame (Arch) garnered a winning bid of \$900,000 from trainer Eddie Plesa on behalf of Karl and Cathi Glassman, who were seated alongside him and with Plesa's wife Laurie.

The [:10 2/5](#) breezer was consigned to the sale by Stephens Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent I as [hip 345](#). He was bought back by Walden and Taylor for \$525,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale.



Hip 345 strikes a pose | Courtney Stafford

Dam Apt (A.P. Indy), a descendent of blue-hen Special, who was responsible for Nureyev and the dam of Sadler's Wells, was a decent fourth at Aqueduct first out in her lone start, but was scooped up by Walden's Pauls Mill and Taylor for \$35,000 in foal to Afleet Alex at the 2012 Keeneland November sale.

The updates immediately started rolling in, with Apt's previous produce Carve (First Samurai) hitting the board in the 2013 GI Arkansas Derby before making the grade the following season; Apropos (First Samurai) annexing Oaklawn's 2014 American Beauty S. before finishing third in Keeneland's GI Madison S.; and Jeremy Nosedo trainee Sloane Avenue (Candy Ride {Arg}) missing by a dirty nose to eventual GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Tamarkuz (Speightstown) in the 2015 G2 Godolphin Mile.

"We've been buying these middle-aged Claiborne, deep-family mares for 25-30 years," Walden explained. "Every time they show up in a catalog in [Keeneland] November or January, we look for them and try to buy as many as we can. Those families are so deep and precious, and Claiborne has done such a good job developing them."

Of Apt specifically, he recalled, "We were shocked we got her, because at that time [Calumet Farm's] Brad Kelley was buying up every A.P. Indy mare that came through the ring. I waited for her, and we got her for \$30,000, and right before that sale, Apropos broke her maiden pretty impressively at Keeneland. Then she wound up winning a stakes and became Grade I-placed; Carve got on a roll, ran third in the Arkansas Derby and was on the Derby trail for a long time; Sloane Avenue was second in the [G2] Godolphin Mile after winning a listed race in England, and before you knew it, she was a very valuable mare."

Walden revealed that Apt had visited Uncle Mo earlier this week, and that the unraced Afleet Alex filly who Apt was carrying when she was acquired--named My Hope, after Walden's daughter--was recently bred to Medaglia d'Oro.

He cited Multiply, the eventual dam of MGISW Corinthian, as another Claiborne mare that has been good to him. He purchased her as a short yearling for just \$20,000 at the 1994 Keeneland January sale, and sold yearlings out of her for \$2.2-million and \$850,000.

"I'm just so proud to be a part of some of these mares that Claiborne has had," he said. "We've got quite a few of them at home that we hope we can continue on with."

Karl Glassman is president and CEO of Missouri-based Leggett & Platt, a large, diversified manufacturer of various components and products. The Glassmans have already campaigned several horses with Plesa, including last year's stakes winner April Gaze (High Cotton).

"It was a little higher [than we expected to go], but he's a good horse and I think he's worth it," Cathi Glassman offered. "We just loved his pedigree, the way he looked and how he ran--we really liked him." --[@BDiDonatoTDN](#)

Young Grabs Union Rags Colt

Agent Steve Young was the last man standing in the battle for [hip 488](#) Wednesday afternoon. When the dust settled, he was left holding the ticket for \$900,000 for the son of the popular Union Rags. A \$90,000 Keeneland September acquisition by Hal Hatch, the colt breezed in a swift [:10 flat](#). He was consigned to the sale by Hatch's Halcyon Hammock Farm, which has continued to churn out fast breeders and high prices here in recent years.

"He's a very, very fast horse, and he comes from an old Hobeau Farm family that I like a lot," said Young, who declined to reveal who he was buying for. "Obviously, when you spend that kind of money for a horse, you've got to like him, but he has unlimited potential as far as we're concerned."

Savvy bloodstock investor Fred Hertrich III paid \$55,000 for hip 488's dam Delightfully So (Indian Charlie) as an unraced 3-year-old out of the Fares Farm dispersal at the 2013 Keeneland January sale, and won twice with her later that year. **Cont. p12**

OBS March cont.

The Union Rags colt is her first foal, and her year-younger Bodemeister colt brought \$130,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale.



Courtney Stafford

Delightfully So is a half to historic Hobeau Farm's MGSW/GISP millionaire Delightful Kiss (Kissin Kris), as well as Canadian champion 2-year-old filly Delightful Mary (Limehouse), who was a \$500,000 OBS April grad in 2010 before finishing third in that fall's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

"I had a lot of respect for Delightful Mary, and Delightful Kiss won the Ohio Derby and was a very good horse for Hobeau," Young

added. "Plus [hip 488] stands on his own merit."

When asked about the market as a whole, Young responded: "I think the good horses bring a lot of money, and I think there are a lot of good horses here, but there are some horses who have brought a lot more money than I thought they would... But that's what these types of horses cost, so they're not overpaying--the market is what it is." --@BDiDonatoTDN

Servis 'Taps' Into Juvenile Market

Trainer John Servis fought off all challengers to land an \$875,000 Tapit colt for an undisclosed client during the second day of trade at the OBS March 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale.

"He's a big, immature colt," Servis said after being thanked by consignor Nick de Meric out back. "He's got a great walk on him, a great disposition and is very athletic looking--he looks like a good horse."

Servis was back in the spotlight courtesy of last year's GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss). He, of course, also trained the popular 2004 dual Classic winner Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality).

"With that horse, he had everything going for him, especially being by Tapit," Servis continued. "So, we knew we were going to have to pay for him, but we were willing. We put a price on him and we were fortunate enough that he fell in our price range."

The Tapit colt, a \$300,000 FTKOCT yearling graduate, was consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XXX, as [Hip 425](#). He stretched his legs through an eighth in [:10 3/5](#) at the breeze show ([ThoroStride Video](#)).

"I don't know if I've ever seen a Tapit as handsome as this guy," de Meric commented. "He's just an eyeful of an horse. He's got a lot of maturing still to do. To me, there's no ceiling on how good this horse could be--we're going to be reading about this guy six months from now. I'm so excited--John [Servis] does a brilliant job and I think he's in excellent hands."

The Apr. 11 foal, bred in Kentucky by Doug and Felicia Branham, was produced by seven-time stakes winner and Grade III victress Cherokee Queen (Cherokee Run). She has also produced the multiple stakes-placed Entertainer (Malibu Moon) and had a foal filly by Triple Crown hero American Pharoah earlier this spring.

"It was a little syndicate that we formed," de Meric replied when asked who he was selling for. "The breeder stayed in for a piece of him and we split up the rest. We all had a little piece of him. It was a fun experience for all involved."

--@SteveSherackTDN

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Tiznow Colt Lieblong's Pick of the Sale

Arkansas native Alex Lieblong certainly made his presence felt during his two-day trip to Ocala, acquiring five juveniles at OBS March with an \$850,000 son of Tiznow leading the way.

[Hip 608](#), consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XLIX, was produced by the Mineshaft mare I'm a Flake, a daughter of MGSW November Snow (Storm Cat). Bred in Kentucky by Dixiana Farms, the Apr. 16 foal RNA'd for \$40,000 as a KEESEP yearling.

The affable Lieblong, along with his wife JoAnn, campaigned the popular 2014 GI King's Bishop S. winner and \$150,000 OBS April 2-year-old graduate The Big Beast (Yes It's True) as well as 2015 GI Alabama S. heroine Embellish the Lace (Super Saver). Lieblong fought off two other determined bidders inside the pavilion for Wednesday's Tiznow colt while seated alongside trainer Ron Moquett.

"I watched his breeze from home," Lieblong, sporting a 'The Big Beast' cap, commented. "I had two horses circled at home that I watched breeze, and when I got here, the other one was a nice horse, but this one really wowed me. If some of the second dam (November Snow) will come through with him... for a Tiznow to go [:20 4/5](#), that's pretty quick."

Lieblong's other OBS March purchases include: [Hip 57](#), a \$140,000 Flatter colt; [Hip 146](#), a \$70,000 Anthony's Cross colt; [Hip 357](#), a \$200,000 Paynter colt; and [Hip 508](#), a \$75,000 Gio Ponti filly.

"Very, very," Lieblong replied when asked about how competitive it's been while shopping the OBS March sale. "We stuck under \$200,000 for everything else. The Tiznow colt was my pick out of the deal and I had him vetted even before I ever left Arkansas." --@SteveSherackTDN

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>339</u>	colt	<u>Shackleford</u>	Annie's Apple	220,000

B-Kirt & Sarah Cahill & Shackleford Syndicate (Ky)

Consigned by King's Equine, Agent XI

Purchased by Hideyuki Mori

Owner James R. Hood acquired this colt for \$25,000 as a yearling in this very pavilion at last year's OBS August sale.

<u>357</u>	colt	<u>Paynter</u>	Awesome Humor	200,000
<i>B-WinStar Farm (Ky)</i>				

Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent V

Purchased by Alex and JoAnn Lieblong

Consignor Paul Sharp picked up this son of Paynter for \$60,000 last fall at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

<u>402</u>	filly	<u>Scat Daddy</u>	Broad Quality	525,000
<i>B-Willow Oaks Stable (Md)</i>				

Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, Agent

Purchased by L.E.B.

Crupi's New Castle Farm's Jim Crupi snagged this filly from the penultimate crop of the late Scat Daddy for \$150,000 at last August's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale.

<u>491</u>	colt	<u>Mineshaft</u>	Devil House	250,000
<i>B-Calumet Farm (Ky)</i>				

Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent VI

Purchased by Alistair Roden Bloodstock

The McKathan brothers, who also consigned the \$1.7 million sale topper [Hip 360](#), purchased this [:09 4/5](#) breezer for \$30,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October sale last fall.

<u>498</u>	colt	<u>Into Mischief</u>	Doolittle	600,000
<i>B-D.C. Goff (Ky)</i>				

Consigned by Cary Frommer, Agent I

Purchased by Lael Stable

Cary Frommer sold the \$1.5-million sale topper at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale earlier this month and enjoyed more pinhooking success here, having purchased this colt for \$115,000 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October Sale.

<u>595</u>	filly	Smart Strike	Holiday Fashion	410,000
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B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY)

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XX

Purchased by White Birch, Inc.

Co-breeder Fred Hertrich purchased Holiday Fashion with this filly in utero for \$200,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale. Hip 595 is the first foal out of the 8-year-old mare, who has since produced a now yearling colt by Congrats. Holiday Fashion was bred back to MGISW Honor Code.

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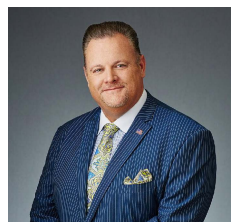
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[Hip 629](#)

*(f, Mission Impazible--Jehan,
by Forest Wildcat); [:10](#)*

Buyer: McMahon and Hill Bloodstock,
agent

Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent VIII
Price: \$125,000

"There's a fine line between buying the right horse and buying them right. In a virtually non-existent middle market, Hip 629, a rocket ship of a filly by the 2016 leading first-crop sire in New York, was a tremendous buy--especially since she can take advantage of the NY-bred program.

"She prepped beautifully, and galloped out the 1/4 in :20 3/5, carrying her speed thru the turn clocking three furlongs willingly in :33 2/5.

"She presented herself as a very sound individual, both mentally (likes the game) and physically, with decent bone, overall balance and a nice walk. She's also out of an honest, stakes-winning mare who raced 28 times and won over three different surfaces. The dam was bred to Mission Impazible three straight years, and to another Unbridled's Song stallion this year in Graydar. It's obvious that the breeders believe in the line. I'm looking forward to announcing her name on TVG as she's brought into the winner's circle this spring/summer."



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Rebel Draw cont. from p1

American Anthem is one of two California shippers for the Rebel and is joined three doors down by Jerry and Ann Moss's **Royal Mo** (Uncle Mo). The bay colt was runner-up in a pair of tries around one turn to begin his career and is unblemished in two starts at a route of ground, including a dominating 3 1/2-length success in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita Feb. 4. American Pharoah's rider Victor Espinoza retains the call.

The locals are led by **Petrov** (Flatter), runner-up to '[TDN Rising Star](#)' **Uncontested** (Tiz Wonderful) in the Jan. 16 Smarty Jones S. and again in the GIII Southwest S. The flashiest new shooter is '[TDN Rising Star](#)' **Malagacy** (Shackleford), winner of two sprint races by a combined 22 lengths and stretching out for the first time.

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	GII Azeri S.	OP
	GII Inside Information S.	GP
3/25	GII San Luis Rey S.	SA
	GIII Skip Away S.	GP
	GIII Bourbonette Oaks	TP
	GIII Spiral S.	TP
3/26	GIII Sunland Derby	SUN
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	GII TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby	FG
	GII Mervin Muniz Memorial H.	FG
4/1	GII New Orleans H.	FG
	GII TwinSpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks	FG
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Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:21 p.m. EDT

AZERI S.-GII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Miss Mo Kelly	Congrats	Dundalk 5 LLC	Holthus	Hill	119
2	Terra Promessa	Curlin	Stonestreet Stables, LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz, Jr.	122
3	Tiger Moth	Street Sense	John D. Gunther	Cox	Ortiz	117
4	She Mabee Wild	Mr. Mabee	Michelle A. Shaw	Danner	Court	117
5	Power of Snunner	Power by Far	James M. Courtney	Sharp	Emigh	113
6	Eskenformoney 	Eskendereya	StarLadies Racing and Troutt, Lisa	Pletcher	Castellano	119
7	Streamline	Straight Line	Nancy A. Vanier & Cartwright Thoroughbreds V LLC	Williamson	Landeros	117

Breeders: 1-Delfiner Partners, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-John D. Gunther, 4-Michelle Shaw, 5-James M. Courtney, 6-Ramspring Farm, 7-Nancy Vanier

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:39 p.m. EDT

INSIDE INFORMATION S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Wheatfield	Lone Star Special	Tigertail Ranch	Pish	Prado	121
2	Summer Reading 	Hard Spun	Joseph V. Shields Jr.	Jerkens	Gaffalione	117
3	Danessa Again 	Blame	Gelfenstein Farm, LLC	Zerpa	Jaramillo	117
4	Mia Torri	General Quarters	Phillip Sagan	Navarro	Rosario	121
5	Dearest 	Midshipman	Gelfenstein Farm, LLC	Zerpa	Zayas	123
6	Distinta 	Summer Bird	VEB Racing Stable Corp	Barboza, Jr.	Velazquez	117
7	Moment of Delight	A. P. Warrior	Pinnacle Racing Stable, LLC & Norman Stables LLC	Fawkes	Lopez	121
8	Curlin's Approval	Curlin	Alter's Racing Stable, Inc.	Wolfson	Saez	123

Breeders: 1-Tigertail Ranch, 2-Pollock Farms, 3-Somewhere Stables KY, LLC, 4-Shadybrook Farm Inc, 5-Daniel J. Burke & Kathleen Schweizer, 6-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, 7-Jimmy Randolph, 8-Happy Alter

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Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 7:06 p.m. EDT**REBEL S.-GII**, \$900,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Silver Bullion 	Pioneerof the Nile	Calumet Farm	Lukas	Vazquez	115
2	Uncontested 	Tiz Wonderful	Harry T. Rosenblum & Robert V. LaPenta	Catalano	Hill	122
3	Sonneteer	Midnight Lute	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Eramia	115
4	Petrov 	Flatter	Rialto Racing Stables, LLC, Southern Springs Stables and Sol Kumin	Moquett	Ortiz	115
5	Untrapped 	Trappe Shot	Michael Langford	Asmussen	Ortiz, Jr.	115
6	Malagacy 	Shackleford	Sumaya Us Stables	Pletcher	Castellano	115
7	American Anthem 	Bodemeister	WinStar Farm LLC & China Horse Club	Baffert	Smith	115
8	Silver Dust 	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Morse	Lanerie	115
9	Appalachian Gem	Gemologist	Mark DeDomenico LLC	Van Berg	Stevens	115
10	Royal Mo 	Uncle Mo	Jerome S. & Ann Holbrook Moss	Shirreffs	Espinoza	122
11	Lookin At Lee 	Lookin At Lucky	L & N Racing LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117

Breeders: 1-John R. Penn, 2-Richard Forbush, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Sun Valley Farm, 5-Indian Creek & Jonathan Sheppard, 6-John Trumbulovic, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Don Alberto Corporation, 9-Randal Family Trust, 10-Brandywine Farm, 11-Ray Hanson

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT**SANTA MARGARITA S.-GI**, \$400,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Autumn Flower	Flower Alley	Traver & Webb	Hendricks	Pedroza	120
2	Vale Dori (Arg)	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum	Baffert	Bejarano	122
3	Finest City 	City Zip	Seltzer Thoroughbreds	Kruljac	Baze	120
4	Show Stealer	Eskendereya	George Krikorian	Sherman	Desormeaux	120
5	Lady Tapit 	Tapit	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Gutierrez	120
6	Perfect Pic 	Candy Ride (Arg)	DP Racing	Cassidy	Gonzalez	120
7	Wild At Heart	Indian Charlie	Ramona S. Bass, LLC	Mandella	Prat	120
8	Estrechada (Arg)	Offlee Wild	Rivica Inc.	Puype	Elliott	120

Breeders: 1-Traver & Webb, 2-Abolengo, 3-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing, LLC, 4-George Krikorian, 5-Dattt Farm LLC, 6-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 7-Martin Cherry, 8-La Esperanza



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 10 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY (\$300,000)	11	26	6	16	1	6	108	74	\$3,522,800	\$13,091,403
2	Pioneerof the Nile (2006) by Empire Maker FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (\$110,000)	2	6	1	5	1	2	47	40	\$8,650,300	\$11,389,392
3	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 6 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY (\$150,000)	8	14	4	11	3	5	76	58	\$2,637,245	\$11,151,215
4	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (\$25,000)	10	16	5	6	1	3	83	70	\$2,354,454	\$9,041,076
5	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 10 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (\$60,000)	11	19	5	9	--	3	105	81	\$606,006	\$8,956,143
6	Giant's Causeway (1997) by Storm Cat FYR: 2002 Crops: 14 Stands: Ashford Stud KY (\$75,000)	6	14	4	9	2	3	114	72	\$1,692,126	\$8,629,660
7	Malibu Moon (1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 15 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (\$75,000)	6	13	1	7	--	4	108	75	\$1,334,360	\$8,199,206
8	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (\$35,000)	5	13	4	8	2	3	91	72	\$838,671	\$8,036,028
9	City Zip (1998) by Carson City FYR: 2003 Crops: 13 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY (\$50,000)	10	17	5	7	1	4	97	75	\$1,045,594	\$8,023,040
10	Ghostzapper (2000) by Awesome Again FYR: 2007 Crops: 9 Stands: Adena Springs KY (\$75,000)	7	8	5	5	2	3	62	50	\$3,539,311	\$7,995,276
11	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Crops: 7 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Retired/Exported)	10	21	3	5	1	3	99	73	\$912,737	\$7,988,695
12	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 10 Stands: Darley KY (\$150,000)	14	19	6	14	--	4	88	54	\$994,900	\$7,921,370
13	Bernardini (2003) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Crops: 8 Stands: Darley KY (\$100,000)	6	13	5	9	2	5	90	49	\$2,063,000	\$7,754,947
14	Congrats (2000) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Crops: 8 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (\$20,000)	4	13	1	6	--	1	114	84	\$520,291	\$7,377,544
15	Super Saver (2007) by Maria's Mon FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar Farm KY (\$50,000)	8	14	6	8	3	4	91	68	\$1,496,250	\$7,157,721

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1st dam
KEEPER HILL, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$1,661,281, Kentucky Oaks (gr. I), Three Chimneys Spinster S (gr. I), Las Virgenes S (gr. I), 2nd Coaching Club American Oaks (gr. I), Mother Goose S (gr. I), Santa Anita Oaks (gr. I), etc. Dam of 7 foals, incl.—**KEEP UP** (Subject stallion).

MILANIA (by Bernardini), Winner at 2 and 3, \$73,188.

SHAMI (Gone West), Winner at 4, \$30,004.

2nd dam
Fineza, 4 wins, 2 to 4, \$128,239, 3rd Cape May County S. Dam of 14 foals, including—**GOLDEN GEAR**, 12 wins, 2 to 5, \$634,009, Commonwealth Breeders' Cup S (gr. II), Equipolse Mile H (gr. III), Phoenix S, etc. Sire.

Chasm, Winner at 2 and 3, \$96,669, 3rd Cicada S (gr. III), Producer. Dam of **Hiatus** (\$91,860).

3rd dam
JEDINA, 6 wins at 3 and 4, \$120,324, High Voltage S, 2nd First Flight H, Dark Mirage S. Dam of 12 foals, including—

CLABBER GIRL, 8 wins, 2 to 5, \$1,006,261, Top Flight H (gr. I), Chula Vista H (gr. II), etc. Producer. Dam of **Running Dog** (\$209,382, 2nd New York Stallion **NOVEMBER ROSE**, Winner at 3, \$24,960. Dam of **ELIZABETH ROSE** (\$1,201,226, Centaur S, Jpn-III, etc.). Granddam of **LIMITLESS BID** (\$5,072,764, Tokyo Hai, Jpn-II twice, etc.), **AGNES GOLD**.

4th dam
KILLALOE, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$67,065. Dam of 10 foals, including—**FAPPIANO**, 10 wins, 2 to 4, \$370,213, Metropolitan H (gr. I), Discovery H (gr. II), Forego H, Morven H, 2nd Paterson H (gr. II), etc. Sire, 4:40 AEI.

TORRENTIAL, 3 wins at 3 in Fr and Eng, placed in NA and UAE, \$182,070, Prix Jean Prat (Fr-I), 2nd American Derby (gr. IIT), Sire.

PORTROE, 2 wins at 2, \$143,750, Iroquois S (gr. III), 3rd Jamaica H (gr. II), Sire.

ROYAL TROON, 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$106,848, Lake Minnetonka S, 2nd Essex H (gr. III), etc. Sire.

Lambros, 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$144,790, 3rd Interborough Breeders' Cup H (gr. III), Vagrancy H (gr. III), Producer.

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FLORIDA

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 3-15, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.66, ft.
STAY FOND (f, 3, [Stay Thirsty](#)--Fondly, by Mr. Greeley) stalked the pace of a heavy favorite and took over in the stretch to graduate second out at Gulfstream. Third on debut Aug. 5 at Monmouth and unheard from since, the Repole Stable homebred was dismissed at 7-1 in this return and came away well to track the speed of 1-5 chalk Awestruck (Tapit) through dawdling splits of :25.38 and :49.94. Put to a drive near the three-eighths pole, Stay Fond overhauled the leader in midstretch and pulled clear in the final furlong to score by 1 3/4 lengths. The victress is the final foal out of her late dam, a half to SW/MGSP Silver Edition (Silver Deputy) out of GSW Sincerely (Meadowlake). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$26,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
 O/B-Repole Stable Inc (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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5th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 3-15, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.34, gd.
VIVA VEGAS (f, 3, [The Factor](#)--Viva Vega, by Cobra King) dueled on a fast pace before finishing second in her career bow Aug. 20 at Del Mar, but missed the board in three subsequent tries and was most recently fifth Oct. 28 at Santa Anita in her final start for the Bob Baffert barn. Well-supported at 41-10 in this turf debut, the gray quickly made the point and dictated terms through splits of :23.72 and :49.43. Widening on the latter half of the far turn, she drew clear strongly by midstretch and coasted home 6 1/4 lengths to the good of Elude (Medaglia d'Oro). Viva Vegas is a half to Southern Dude (Lion Tamer), SW & GSP, \$320,842. Her dam produced a filly by Yes It's True last season before being paired with Half Ours. Sales History: \$190,000 Ylg '15 OBSWIN. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$29,585. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-George Bolton & Peter Leidel; B-Summer Grove Farm, LLC & Terry Gabriel (LA); T-Derek S. Ryan.

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Wednesday's Results:

2nd-MVR, \$18,800, Msw, 3-15, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.46, ft.
+INJAAZAAT (g, 4, [Pulpit](#)--Atayeb, by Rahy) showed a strong worktab for this debut, including a best-of-25 bullet half-mile from the gate here in :48 3/5 Feb. 15, and was let go as the 7-5 second choice. Showing the way through a :23.13 quarter, the bay was challenged by Divine Holiday (Divine Park)--half of a 4-5 favored entry--approaching the stretch, but shrugged off that foe soon after straightening and drew well clear to score by 8 3/4 lengths. Divine Holiday was easily second-best. The winner's dam, a half to MG1SW Ghanaati (Giant's Causeway), has an unraced sophomore Medaglia d'Oro filly named Raasikha and foaled a filly by Dubawi (Ire) last term before visiting The Factor. Third dam Height of Fashion (Fr) (Bustino {GB}) was an English champion in 1981 and produced MG1SW's Nayef (Gulch) and Nashwan (Blushing Groom {Fr}). Sales History: \$6,500 4yo '17 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,280. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#).

O/T-John W. Baird; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY).

Another Big Fish from **BLUEWATER**

Delta Downs Honors Meet Leaders:

Delta Downs closed out its 2016-17 Thoroughbred season Saturday night and the track honored its leading horse men for the meet during the 10-race program. Jockey Diego Saenz won his third leading rider title at Delta by a wide margin with 103 wins, while [Karl Broberg](#) notched his sixth consecutive training crown with 69 trips to the winner's circle. End Zone Athletics, a regular client of Broberg's, took home the title for leading owner of the meet with 37 victories.

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DIALED IN (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 174/22/4 8-PEN, Msw 5 1/2f, Tanya's Gem, \$19K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 8-1 8-OP, Aoc 1 1/16m, Dial Me, \$9K FTK OCT yrl, 10-1

GEMOLOGIST (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 205/25/3 5-FG, Msw 5 1/2ft, +Refractive, \$75K FTK JUL yrl, 10-1

STAY THIRSTY (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 160/31/2 8-PEN, Msw 5 1/2f, Stay Special, \$22K OBS OPN 2yo, 3-1

THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 218/24/3 8-PEN, Msw 5 1/2f, Alexia, \$31K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1

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8th-SUN, \$30,900, (S), 3-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.22, ft.

QUE PASA (f, 3, Mr. Gold Mover--Charlotte's Drone, by B. G.'s Drone) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-2, \$47,583. O-Robert H. & Michael Medina; B-Robert & Del Rae Driggers (NM); T-Emilio Cadena III. *1/2 to Tilla Cat (Attila's Storm), SW, \$217,399.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tisbury, f, 4, Tiznow--Fly the Flag, by Giant's Causeway. GP, 3-15, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.53. B-Besilu Stables, LLC (KY). *\$37,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

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Street Jersey, h, 5, Street Cry (Ire)--Jersey Girl (MGISW, \$571,136), by Belong to Me. GP, 3-15, 1m, 1:38.72. B-Charles Fipke (KY). *1/2 to Jersey Town (Speightstown), GISW, \$819,668.

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TIARA TAKES CHAMPION CHASE CROWN



Special Tiara and winning connections | *Racing Post photo*

By Emma Berry

As Noel Fehily was led back into the winner's enclosure on his second feature-race winner in 24 hours, the Irishman waved the flag of his homeland aloft while the stars and stripes on the silks of **Special Tiara (GB)** (Kayf Tara {GB}) bore testament to the heritage of his owner Sally Rowley-Williams. The American has stood in the parade ring for the G1 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase on six occasions. Her former representative River City (Ire) (Norwich {GB}) was third in 2007, a placing that was matched by Special Tiara in both 2015 and 2016.

"Can't be opposed," read the racecard form notes under the name of **Douvan (Fr)** (Walk In The Park {Ire}), but Special Tiara hadn't read the script. Snatching the lead from the long odds-on favourite at the second fence, he assumed his customary position at the head of affairs, bowling along boldly under the drying sun which played its part in helping him to rain on Douvan's parade.

"He's looked amazing for the last few weeks and Noel said he felt amazing going to the start. He was just skipping off this ground, which really suits him," said winning trainer, Henry de Bromhead.

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HK INTERNATIONAL SALE A 'STAR'-STUDED AFFAIR by Alan Carasso

For many years a part of the festivities of Hong Kong International Races week, officials at the Hong Kong Jockey Club took a decision in 2014 to push the sale forward a few months, reasoning that the extra time could do a world of good for the young horses. The auction is unique, as it is exclusive to members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and will take place with cocktail party-esque glitz and glamour in the Sha Tin parade ring Friday evening (Hong Kong time) beginning at 7:45 p.m (7:45 a.m ET--[click for a live webcast](#)).

Though the sale has had its fair share of marquee results down the years, including G1 Hong Kong Mile winner The Duke (Aus) (Danehill) (HK\$1.6 million purchase) and world champion and treble Hong Kong Mile hero Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan) (HK\$1.7 million), '[TDN Rising Star](#)' **Pakistan Star (Ger)** (Shamardal) could take the event to new heights this weekend. An €180,000 purchase by the HKJC at the 2014 Arqana Deauville Sale, Pakistan Star was knocked down to owner Kerm Din at last year's HKIS for HK\$6 million, a result that might have surprised some given the gelding's antics during the under-tack show.

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TDN Rising Star Pakistan Star winning the Griffin Trophy | *HKJC photo*

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

CONGRATS FILLY LEADS THE WAY AT OBSMAR

A filly by Congrats (hip 360) sold for \$1.7 million to agent Kerri Radcliffe to top both the sale and the final session of the OBS March Sale. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

EUROPEAN NEWS

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Tiara Takes Champion Chase Crown Cont. from p1

Now 10 and the eldest of the 10-runner field, Special Tiara maintained the relentless pressure on his rivals bidding to close the ever-widening gap with the usually faultless Douvan rarely looking comfortable. A couple of awkward leaps saw him start to drop back from the head of the chasing pack and it was fellow 7-year-old **Fox Norton (Fr)** (Lando {Ger}) who was sent on under Aidan Coleman to reel in the leader. Special Tiara would not be denied this day in the sun, however, and despite coming under strong pressure from the last fence up that famously wearying hill for home, he stuck gamely to his task, holding off his upstart challenger by just a head at the line.

De Bromhead, who was celebrating his second victory in the Champion Chase, said, "Special Tiara seemed in great form but this is hard to believe with Douvan and everything else. For our lad, it's amazing. I thought that he jumped the slickest that he

has ever jumped." He continued, "It's a horse race and anything can happen, but this is very hard to believe at the moment. No horse deserves it any more than this lad, and no-one deserves this more than Sally, who loves her horses."

As far as Rowley-Williams was concerned, the praise was all for her star chaser and the man who partnered him to his third top-flight success just a day after winning the Champion Hurdle on Buveur d'Air (Fr) (Crillon {Fr}).

"I'm so proud of this horse, he's come close a few times and he totally deserves to win this race," said the beaming owner. "It's the first time since he won his Grade 1 at Aintree as a novice that he's properly had his ground. Noel really knows him and he's a beautiful horseman who rides with such sensitivity. He calmed him down going to the start as he was a bit lit up and he gave him such a fabulous ride. I couldn't be more thankful to him.

"Special Tiara was able to go at least six lengths clear early on and my only fear was coming up that hill. I was screaming at him to hang on and there were some four-letter words in there but I'm a very enthusiastic owner. Boringly for others I never lost faith in him because I know exactly what he can do, and in fact I was insulted that other people couldn't see what I could see."

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British-bred, American-owned, Irish-trained Special Tiara wins the G1 Queen Mother Champion Chase. | *Racing Post photos*

Tiara Takes Champion Chase Crown Cont.

Rowley-Williams, a native of New York and founder of Women In Racing, currently has six horses in training in Ireland headed by Special Tiara, who was bred by her trainer's uncle, David Young.

She added, "I got interested in jump racing after I moved to Britain. My father-in-law was a sheep farmer in north Wales and as a hobby used to breed, train and race point-to-pointers, so that kind of whetted my appetite and when I could finally work hard enough to afford my own horse I got involved myself."

Special Tiara brought another Grade 1 Cheltenham Festival success for Britain's flagship National Hunt stallion Kayf Tara (GB) and was the highlight of a banner day for Sadler's Wells-line sires at Prestbury Park.

Might Bite (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire)'s son Scorpion (Ire), held on by a nod of the head in a scintillating race to the line with stablemate **Whisper (Fr)** (Astarabad) in the G1 RSA Novices' Chase to further embellish Nicky Henderson's great week at the Festival. The 7-year-old **Supasundae (GB)**, a son of Galileo (Ire) out of a half-sister to Nathaniel (Ire) bred by Newsells Park Stud with the Derby as his more likely aim, took the G3 Coral Cup for Jessica Harrington and owners Ann and Alan Potts, whose Fox Norton was only just denied in the Champion Chase.

Galileo's Irish Derby winner Soldier Of Fortune (Ire) justified

his recent move from France back to Coolmore's National Hunt division with his first Festival winner, the long shot **Flying Tiger (Ire)**, who landed the G3 Fred Winter Juvenile Hurdle in the hands of champion jockey Richard Johnson for trainer Nick Williams.

The Flood family at Ireland's Boardmill Stud will almost certainly have enjoyed a riotous afternoon as two of their resident stallions sired major winners at Cheltenham. Court Cave (GB) (Sadler's Wells), an unraced full-brother to Beat Hollow (GB), got the ball rolling via another front-runner, his 6-year-old son **Willoughby Court (Ire)**, in the opening G1 Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle to give local trainer Ben Pauling his first Festival win.

The day ended on an even brighter note when the mare **Fayonagh (Ire)** (Kalanisi {GB}) overcame a tardy start to scoot home for an astounding triumph in the G1 Weatherbys Champion Bumper.

Fayonagh, who is now unbeaten in three bumpers, was the second of two consecutive winners for Gordon Elliott and crack amateur JJ Codd, who also struck with Glenfarclas Cross Country Chase winner **Cause Of Causes**. The 9-year-old son of Dynaformer, a half-brother to 2003 Derby winner Kris Kin (Kris S), started his racing life in the colours of his breeder, the Niarchos family. [Cont. p4](#)

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Tiara Takes Champion Chase Crown Cont.

Since being sold and switched to jumping, he has been an admirable servant for JP McManus, particularly on the hallowed turf of Cheltenham. In his four visits to the Festival, Cause Of Causes has beaten all bar one of his 76 rivals and on Wednesday secured his third consecutive win by an impressive nine lengths.

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BRITAIN



Tuesday's Late Result:

6th-WOL, £5,000, Cond, 3-14, 3yo, 5f 216y (AWT), 1:14.18, stn. PEACHEY CARNEHAN (GB) (g, 3, Foxwedge {Aus}--Zubova {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-3, \$12,603. O-Jim Duggan & Scott Brown; B-J M Duggan & The Late T Duggan (GB); T-Michael Attwater. *20,000gns RNA Wlg '14 TATFOA; 19,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TAOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Clock Chimes (GB), g, 3, Foxwedge (Aus)--Passing Hour, by Red Ransom. SOU, 3-15, 7f (AWT), 1:29.35. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud & A W M Christie-Miller (GB). *47,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; £23,000 RNA Ylg '15 DNPRM; £36,000 2yo '16 GOFBRE.

Oud Metha Bridge (Ire), c, 3, Helmet (Aus)--Central Force (GB), by Pivotal (GB). NC, 3-15, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:39.51. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). *1/2 to Water Queen (GB) (Shamardal), Ch. Older Mare-KSA, \$162,030.

+Aquamarina (GB), f, 3, Kheleyf--Reeling n' Rocking (Ire), by Mr. Greeley. NC, 3-15, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:27.25. B-Broughton Bloodstock (GB). *1,200gns Ylg '15 TAOCT.

FRANCE



Thursday, Chantilly, post time: 3.25 p.m.

PRIX RONDE DE NUIT-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 6ft

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Fas (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Guyon	Brandt
2	3	Mister Art (Ire)	Art Connoisseur (GB)	Hardouin	Palussiere
3	1	Tresorier (GB)	Dunkerque (Fr)	Thulliez	Head-Maarek
4	7	Born To Be (Ire)	Born To Sea (Ire)	Soumillon	Libaud
5	6	Upendi (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Thomas	Rob Collet
6	4	Thrust Home (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Boudot	Durepaire
7	2	Spanish Fly (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Cheminaud	M DelcherSanchez

All carry 128 pounds bar Upendi, Thrust Home & Spanish Fly, 125.

French Report Cont.

Thursday, Chantilly, post time: 4.03 p.m.

PRIX MONTENICA-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Unabated (Ire)	Bated Breath (GB)	Scr	Scr	Scr
2	2	North Thunder (Fr)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Benoist	Fabre	128
3	4	Spotlight Dream (Ire)	Hly Rmn Emperor (Ire)	Soumillon	Baudron	128
4	8	Greyway (Fr)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Mendizabal	Lefebvre	128
5	5	African Ride (GB)	Candy Ride (Arg)	Guyon	LaffonParias	128
6	9	Battle in Seattle (Fr)	Naaqoos (GB)	Hamelin	Kleinkorres	128
7	3	Imperial Tango (Fr)	Sageburg (Ire)	Bazire	A&G Botti	125
8	6	Fixette (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Boudot	Graffard	125
9	7	Creme de Cremes (Fr)	Rio de la Plata	Hardouin	Palussiere	125
10	1	Ettu (GB)	Excelebration (Ire)	Bachelot	Wattel	125

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Beetle Star (Ger), c, 3, **War Blade (Ger)**--Buschkatz (GB), by Bertolini. DOR, 3-14, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.47. B-Ralf Paulick (Ger).

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HK International Sale A 'Star'-Studded Affair Cont. from p1

Displaying some of the single-mindedness that has carried over to his racing career, the son of Nina Celebre (Ger) (Peintre Celebre) played up like a stubborn infant, refusing to do much more than walk before ultimately capitulating.

"I nearly died when he did that!" Mark Richards, Hong Kong Jockey Club's Executive Manager, International Sale, told the HKJC's David Morgan last week.

Pakistan Star has since won three of his eight starts while earning better than HK\$6.8 million. His runner-up effort in the Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) stamps him as one of the main threats to Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) in Sunday's Hong Kong Derby.

"In the six years I've been doing this job, he's a standout," Richards offered. "And for all the reasons that have been mentioned many times before now: how he turned up late for the sale, the unprepared way that he looked at the sale, that refusal to breeze and then everything he's done since."

Some 31 horses--up from 25 last year--comprise the 2017 HKIS draft, and each of the 13 Northern Hemisphere- and 18 Southern Hemisphere-bred runners took to the Sha Tin turf

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course late last week to audition in front of prospective buyers ([click for the breeze-up replays](#)).

As is often the case, a handful of the horses selected by Richards and his team for the HKIS have some sort of pedigree connection to locally based runners, present and past. Such is the case with [lot 12](#), an Australian-bred son of Starcraft (NZ) purchased for A\$60,000 at the 2015 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. Starcraft is the sire of 10 winners in Hong Kong, the most accomplished of whom is the good sprinter Blizzard (Aus), and he is also responsible for Jing Jing Win (Aus), the HK\$8.5 million topper from the 2016 HKIS. The latter has shown promise in winning two of his first three career starts and returns from a three-month absence at the top of a Class 3 over 1200m Sunday afternoon. Lot 12's winning dam Biancalaura (Aus) (Belong to Me) is a half-sister to Twiglet (Aus) (Twig Moss {Aus}), the dam of Hong Kong legend Fairy King Prawn (Aus) (Danehill) ([click for an index of all lots](#)).

Other lots of interest from a pedigree perspective include: [lot 7](#), More Than Ready gelding from Group 3 winner Zingaling (Aus) (Redoute's Choice) and representing the wildly successful cross of the dual-hemisphere sire over Danehill; [lot 10](#), a Duporth (Aus) full-brother to MG1SP juvenile Cornrow (Aus); and [lot 15](#), an Irish-bred son of Dark Angel (Ire) from the family of US champion English Channel. **Cont. p6**



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A few other lots of note include: [lot 16](#), a gelded son of the late Hussonet from South African champion Almah (SAf) (Al Mufti), also the dam of South African GSW & G1SP Sensible Lover (Aus) (Good Journey); [lot 23](#), an initial Hong Kong offering by Smart Missile (Aus) and bred on the reverse cross responsible for Frankel (GB); and [lot 31](#), a son of Black Caviar (Aus)'s sire Bel Esprit (Aus) carrying 3x5 inbreeding to Crimson Saint.

For his part, Richards is expecting another positive result Friday.

"They are a very even line-up," he told the HKJC's Andrew Hawkins. "They are a good group of horses across the board, they have plenty of stature, and there is a lot for trainers to work with once they enter the Hong Kong training system." ([click for David Morgan's interview with Richards discussing the selection process and prepping the horses for the sale](#)).

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ARROGATE TOPS LIKELY WORLD CUP FIELD

The Dubai Racing Club has released likely fields for its nine-race Dubai World Cup card on Mar. 25, and **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) looks likely to face 13 rivals in the \$10-million G1 Dubai World Cup. Those include stablemate **Hoppertunity** (Any Given Saturday) and fellow Americans **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}), **Keen Ice** (Curlin) and **Neolithic** (Harlan's Holiday). Last year's runner-up **Mubtaahij (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) is set to line up, as is another former G2 UAE Derby winner in **Lani** (Tapit) and his half-brother **Awardee** (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}). ([Click here](#) for the full list of Dubai World Cup probable fields).

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Arrogate winning the Breeders' Cup Classic | Mathea Kelley

ALL AMERICAN COLT TOPS ADELAIDE BOOK 2

A colt by All American (Aus) led the way during the single-session Book 2 of the Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale on Wednesday when picked up by Jason Bridgman's Bridgman Racing for A\$56,000. Part of the inaugural draft of John Mann's Tosca Farm, [lot 447](#) is the first foal of the winning Redoute's Choice (Aus) mare Statuette (Aus), who descends from a family filled with South American Group 1 winners.

Also generating interest on Wednesday was [lot 408](#), a daughter of Danerich (Aus) bought by Rosemont Stud for A\$46,000. The bay is a half to four winners. The third-highest price of the day was the A\$40,000 shelled out by Shirley Prosser for [lot 349](#), a son of Written Tycoon (Aus). The grey counts G1 Western Australia Oaks winner India's Dream (Aus) (Western Symphony {Aus}) as his third dam.

The average and median for Book 2 were both up on last year, with the average finishing at A\$15,453 (+14.4%) and the median A\$12,500 (+25%). The gross, for 21 fewer sold, was A\$1,347,000, down from A\$1,458,500 a year ago. Buyers proved more selective this year, with the buyback rate at 27% compared to 13% last year.

"There was some great trade done today," Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox said. "A number of vendors were delighted with their results--many horses sold above expectation and the demand for quality continued right through the day. Overall the figures are in line with last year, which recorded huge gains right across the board, so it's been a most pleasing sale."

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• No. Offered	119	124
• No. Sold	87	108
• RNAs	32	16
• % RNAs	27%	13%
• High Price	A\$56,000	A\$50,000
• Gross	A\$1,347,000	A\$1,458,500
• Average (% change)	A\$15,453 (+14.4%)	A\$13,505
• Median (% change)	A\$12,500 (+25%)	A\$10,000

Saturday, Rosehill, New South Wales, Australia, post time: 2:05 p.m. (11:05 p.m. EST)

RANVET S.-G1, A\$700,000 (US\$531,616/£435,119/€500,138), Open, WFA, 3yo/up, 2000mT,

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hartnell (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	O'Shea	Buick	130
2	Preferment (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Waller	Bowman	130
3	Stratum Star (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Weir	Lane	130
4	Our Ivanhowe (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	L/A Freedman	McEvoy	130
5	The United States (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Hickmott	Melham	130
6	He's Our Rokkii (NZ)	Roc de Cambes (NZ)	D/B Hayes & Dabernig	Dunn	130
7	Antonio Giuseppe (NZ)	Shocking (Aus)	Waller	Angland	130
8	Sofia Rosa (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	Marsh	Shinn	125

Saturday, Trentham, New Zealand, post time: 4:36 p.m. (11:36 p.m. EST)

WELLFIELD NEW ZEALAND OAKS-G1, NZ\$300,000 (US\$208,610/£170,726/€196,241), 3yo, f, 2400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	Bonneval (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	Baker & Forsman	Cameron
2	Dreamcrafter (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	M/P Moroney & Gerard	No Rider
3	Dame Margo Fonteyn (NZ)	High Chaparral (Ire)	S/J Autridge & Richards	Parkes
4	Nicoletta (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Baker & Forsman	Coleman
5	Zigwig (NZ)	Zacinto (GB)	Wigley	No Rider
6	Date Night (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	G/D Rogerson	Allpress
7	Savvy Dreams (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	G/G Lowry & Cullen	No Rider
8	Devise (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Ritchie	No Rider
9	Shared Secrets (NZ)	Nadeem (Aus)	Oulaghan	No Rider
10	Fashionably (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	S/J Autridge & Richards	Lammas
11	Incantesimo (NZ)	Per Incanto	Richardson	McNab
12	Rube Bridges (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Marsh	Johnson
13	Korakonui (Aus)	All American (Aus)	Manning	No Rider
14	Vencedora (NZ)	Ekraar	Wheeler	Thornton
15	Imogen Smiles (NZ)	Sufficient (NZ)	Dalley	Collett
16	Ave Maria (NZ)	Bachelor Duke	Myers	No Rider

All carry 124 pounds.

Saturday, Rosehill, New South Wales, Australia, post time: 2:45 p.m. (11:45 p.m. EST)

CHINA HORSE CLUB GEORGE RYDER-G1, A\$1,000,000 (US\$759,428/£621,513/€714,165), Open, WFA, 3yo/up, 1500mT,

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chautauqua (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	M/W/J Hawkes	Berry	130
2	Le Romain (Aus)	Hard Spun	Lees	Schofield	130
3	Hauraki (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	O'Shea	Buick	130
4	Tosen Stardom (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Weir	Williams	130
5	Leebaz (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	M/W/J Hawkes	Reith	130
6	McCreery (GB)	Big Bad Bob (Ire)	Waller	McEvoy	130
7	Endless Drama (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Waller	Angland	130
8	Winx (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Waller	Bowman	125
9	Sylpheed (Aus)	Real Saga (Aus)	Edmonds	Fujii	119

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SKY RACING ROSEHILL GUINEAS-G1, A\$600,000 (US\$455,687/£372,948/€428,406), Open, 3yo, 2000mT,

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	Prized Icon (Aus)	More Than Ready	Cummings	Schofield
2	Gingernuts (NZ)	Iffraaj (GB)	Autridge & Richards	Bosson
3	Seaburge (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	D/B Hayes & Dabernig	Shinn
4	Inference (Aus)	So You Think (NZ)	M/W/J Hawkes	Berry
5	Comin' Through (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Waller	Williams
6	Anaheim (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Busuttin & Young	Bowman
7	So Si Bon (Aus)	So You Think (NZ)	Laing	McEvoy
8	Sizzling Bullet (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Waller	Moore
9	Impavido (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Baker	Lloyd
10	Land of Plenty (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Begg	Arnold
11	Harper's Choice (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Ryan	Avdulla
12	Hollywood Mo	Uncle Mo	Perry	Melham

All carry 124 pounds.

Saturday, Rosehill, New South Wales, Australia, post time: 4:50 p.m. (1:50 a.m. EST)

NATHAN'S FAMOUS HOTDOGS GALAXY H-G1, A\$700,000 (US\$531,616/£435,119/€500,138), Open, 3yo/up, 1100mT,

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Music Magnate (NZ)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Baker	Collett	128
2	Fell Swoop (Aus)	Not a Single Doubt (Aus)	Dale	Bowman	123
3	English (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Waterhouse & Bott	Shinn	122
4	Big Money (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Northam	Thompson	120
5	Faatinah (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	D/B Hayes & Dabernig	Bayliss	120
6	Redzel (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	P/P Snowden	Dunn	120
7	Heatherly (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Ellerton & Zahra	Lane	119
8	Supido (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Kent	Williams	118
9	Felines (Aus)	Conatus (Aus)	Lees	Brown	113
10	Miss Promiscuity	Magnus (Aus)	D/B Hayes & Dabernig	Mallyon	112
11	Jungle Edge (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bell	Forrester	112
12	Russian Revolution (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	P/P Snowden	McEvoy	111
13	Missrock (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Laing	O'Hara	110
14	Glenall (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Bridge	Adkins	110

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