

## NEW OWNER AMR ZEDAN IS THINKING BIG



Zedan in winner's circle with Team California Chrome | Benoit

by Bill Finley

Everyone who gets involved in the sport wants to win the GI Kentucky Derby. But Amr Zedan, a Saudi businessman who made a splash at the recent OBS March Sale of 2-Year-Olds, doesn't want to settle for one Derby win. He's made it his goal to win the race twice over a five-year span.

While that may strike some as a case of hubris, he doesn't see it that way. Zedan points out that his bloodstock advisor, Dennis O'Neill, did in fact buy two Derby winners over a five-year period in I'll Have Another (Flower Alley) in 2011 and Nyquist (Uncle Mo) in 2016. Combine O'Neill's expertise, a hefty bankroll and a drive to develop one of the top stables in North America, and Zedan doesn't see many limits to what can be accomplished.

"I don't mean to sound arrogant," said the 42-year-old owner. "I know there is a lot of luck involved, but Dennis has done it before. I don't want to say it is a case of misplaced confidence. It is a function of hard work and really putting your head into something you really want. We have all the elements of success here. We have the will power, the expertise, the training and we have my backing. I am just a small piece of this story. Put all these elements together and nothing can stop us, only bad luck."

At Ocala, Zedan bought a Union Rags colt ([hip 323](#)) for \$950,000 and a filly by Flatter ([hip 81](#)) for \$410,000.

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## DARBY DAN WELL-REPRESENTED ON TRIPLE CROWN TRAIL by Andrew Caulfield

I can't claim that it seems like only yesterday, but I remember very well making a visit to the famous Darby Dan Farm one very hot day in July nearly 30 years ago. This was long after the farm had been home to two of the world's all-time-great racehorses, Ribot and Sea-Bird II, but there was still plenty to see at the Galbreath family's stallion station.

The oldest of the six stallions on show was Ribot's hugely talented son Graustark. It is a telling sign of how much the industry has changed that Graustark, at the age of 25, was credited with having only 495 foals of racing age in the Thoroughbred Record's Sire Book for 1988. Compare that to some of the veteran stallions currently standing in the U.S. The 25-year-old Langfuhr is credited with 1,281 Northern Hemisphere foals, plus another 379 in the Southern Hemisphere, while the 24-year-olds Elusive Quality and Distorted Humor respectively have 1,368 and 1,264 in the Northern Hemisphere alone. **Cont. p6**

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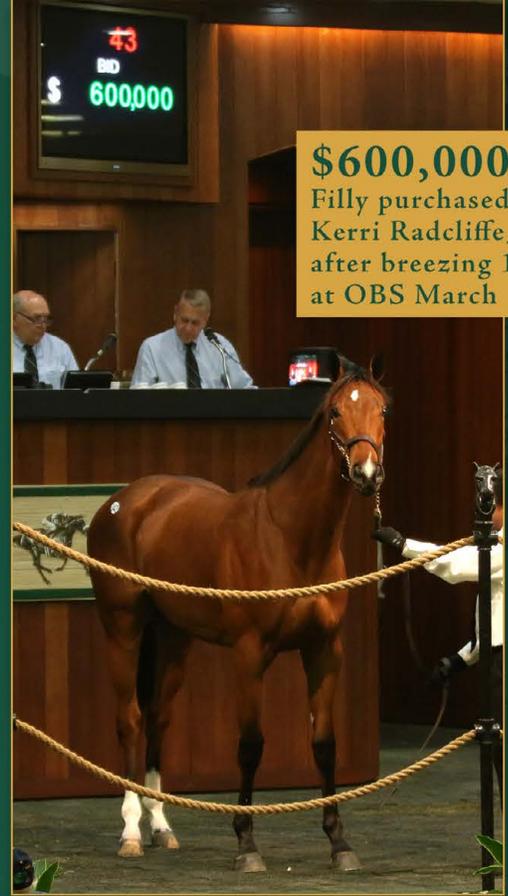
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**MCCRACKEN WORKS AT KEENELAND**

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*McCracken (Ghostzapper) turned in a five-furlong work at Keeneland Monday as he continues preparations for the Apr. 8 GII Toyota Blue Grass S.*

**KEEN ICE EAGER TO TOPPLE ANOTHER TITAN**

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*Keen Ice (Curlin), who has already beaten American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) and California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), will take on favored Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) in Saturday's G1 Dubai World Cup.*

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## Zedan is Thinking Big *(cont. from p1)*

A few weeks earlier, he bought a colt by Custom For Carlos ([hip 157](#)) at Fasig-Tipton's Gulfstream Sale for \$400,000. He hopes these 2-year-olds will flourish this year and beyond, but they are only one part of a master plan to develop the type of stable that consistently wins at the Grade I level. His horses will, of course, be trained by Dennis's brother, Doug.

"The plan is a combination of quality and quantity," he said. "I realize trying to find diamonds in the rough is a function of getting a batch of them and then picking out the best diamond. We are very mindful of not throwing good money after bad. We're not looking to just shoot from the hip and, in terms of expenditure, that's what Dennis is good at. We have an annual budget. We're disciplined about that. We are looking at buying 2-year-olds, but if there is a very good weanling or yearling Dennis likes, so be it, that's fine. We're looking at finding six to eight quality colts every year and maybe one or two fillies every year."



**Amr Zedan & Frank Taylor |**  
*photo courtesy Amr Zedan*

Those who have profited from selling horses to Zedan can thank a movie, "Pretty Woman." Zedan was born in Los Angeles in 1974 while his parents were there studying at USC, so he was

well aware of Hollywood movies. When "Pretty Woman" came out in 1990, he said he was infatuated with the film.

"I watched "Pretty Woman" when I was a kid and it had a profound impact on my life, from the escargot, from being in the same line of business as Richard Gere's character, to polo. That polo scene really intrigued me and got me into that game."

Zedan became a serious polo player and is the head of and a player for the Dubai-based Zedan Polo, which won the prestigious Dubai Cup in 2016. His polo career led him to become infatuated with horses and a next logical step was to get involved in racing.

"Before polo, I had been completely oblivious to horse racing," he said.

His first foray into the racing business came in Argentina, where he bought a 2-year-old and a yearling. But what really got him hooked was California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit). **Cont. p4**

An advertisement for Gainesway featuring a jockey in purple and white silks riding a dark brown horse during a race. The horse is in full stride, and the jockey is leaning forward. The background shows a blurred crowd of spectators. Large, semi-transparent text 'TABLIZAR' is overlaid across the top. In the bottom left, the number '91' is displayed above the word 'BEYER'. In the bottom right, there is a quote about a horse's performance and the Gainesway logo with the tagline 'POWER. PASSION. PERFORMANCE.'

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When the new partnership was formed to race and then breed California Chrome, Zedan was offered a piece of the horse and willingly bought in. The thrills he experience being involved with California Chrome, including standing in the winner's circle at the 2016 G1 Dubai World Cup, convinced him that this was a sport he had to be major part of.

"California Chrome is what really gave me a taste of the business," he said. "It was a great feeling. I caught the bug and I began to think aggressively about how I could get more involved in the business. I started talking to Frank Taylor a lot and he explained to me

about the Thoroughbred business in North America and gave me an introduction as to how things worked. That's how this whole thing transpired."

A few months later, Zedan was watching the Kentucky Derby and noticed that



Amr Zedan | courtesy Amr Zedan

one person was getting much of the credit for Nyquist's win.

"Up comes Doug O'Neill on the podium and he was obviously very happy," Zedan said. "I didn't know who Dennis O'Neill was. But Doug said that Dennis O'Neill was the best guy in the business. I called someone and said I want Dennis's number now. I called Dennis and said to him that your brother said you are the best and I want to work with you. And the idea was that within five years, we're going to win the Derby twice. Whatever it takes. We have to do that."

Many wealthy Arab owners also race in Europe, but Zedan said that is not for him. Not only was he born in America, but he was also educated here. He studied engineering, first at Texas A & M and then at the University of the Pacific. Plus, he believes there is no victory in all of racing more important than one in the Kentucky Derby. He's even tried to acquire a major horse this year. He says he made substantial offers to the connections of Gunnevera (Dialed In) and McCracken (Ghostzapper) to buy their horses, but was turned down both times.

So he'll have to come by a Derby winner in a more conventional way. In addition to the 2-year-olds he has purchased this year, he has added some of other top prospects to his stable. His recent purchases include a Medaglia d'Oro yearling and A Will Take Charge weanling at the sales.

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Zedan also bought a now 3-year-old Uncle Mo privately. The colt has yet to race, but he says the O'Neill brothers are very high on him.

Then there was his private purchase of **Keane (Arg)** (Equal Stripes {Arg}). The horse has won four straight in Argentina, including the G1 Mio Dardo Rocha International.

"I kind of went off on a tangent because I wanted to acquire a horse to run in the Dubai World Cup, so I bought a Group 1 winner in Argentina," he said. "We sent him to Doug hoping we had found the next Invasor (Arg) (Candy Stripes). He got to Doug's barn in late January but didn't acclimatize very well. He had a harsh trip from the Southern Hemisphere. We are going to miss the Dubai World Cup, but we're going to have a lot of fun with him."



Dennis O'Neill | Courtney Stafford

Zedan lived in the U.S. until he was "five or six years old" and then his family moved back to Saudi Arabia. He operates the Zedan Group, a Saudi Arabian business started by his father that specialized in engineering. The younger Zedan has expanded the company and it now includes a number of companies that not only focus on engineering but also infrastructure, power and water and oil, gas and petrochemicals.

If it sounds like Zedan can be a bit overeager, he is. That's where Dennis O'Neill comes in.

"He never thought of me as a Saudi businessman who has a passion and is off on a wild shopping spree," he said. "He is very calculating. He has a very interesting scientific thought process as to how to put a plan together and how to execute it. He's very conscientious when it comes to spending my money. Many times he has held me back from being too aggressive. Dennis and I have become very close. He is absolutely the best."

So can an astute bloodstock advisor, a top trainer and a new owner with deep pockets and tremendous ambition conquer the Kentucky Derby and American racing as a whole? It doesn't sound like a combination you want to bet against.

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# PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



## Darby Dan Well Represented on Triple Crown Trail (cont. from p1)

Graustark's five-year-younger brother His Majesty was another of the six stallions at Darby Dan, where he had sired just 314 foals in his first 12 crops. The 1985 GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Proud Truth had recently joined his sire Graustark.

Another of the farm's elder statesmen was Roberto, who had carried John W. Galbreath's colors so spectacularly in Europe in 1972, when he won the Derby and dethroned the mighty Brigadier Gerard in the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup. Galbreath had also enjoyed Classic glory two years later, when his homebred Sea-Bird colt Little Current won the GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S. Completing the six-strong team was Turkoman, the champion older horse of 1986.

Unfortunately, the careers of Proud Truth and Turkoman fell well short of the standards set by their predecessors and one could have been forgiven for wondering whether Darby Dan's glory days were over (at least as a stallion farm). Although the farm currently stands eight stallions, none of them stands for

more than \$15,000 and six are priced at \$7,500 or less.

I'm delighted to say, though, that as many as three of them have already made their presence felt on the road to this year's GI Kentucky Derby. The points standings are currently headed, with 64 points, by Dialed In's [GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S.](#) winner Gunnevera. Fourth, with 50 points, is Malagacy, the unbeaten Shackleford colt who triumphed in the [GII Rebel S.](#) three days ago.

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And fifth, also with 50 points, is Girvin, the Tale of Ekati colt who won the GII Risen Star S. in February. These recent wins mean that Shackleford and Dialed In, respectively, hold first and third positions on the *TDN's* list of leading second-crop sires, by 2017 earnings, with these places being reversed on the cumulative list.

Appropriately, Malagacy is inbred 4x3 to Pleasant Colony, the His Majesty colt who won the first two legs of the 1981 Triple Crown.

Shackleford is billed as the only American Classic winner by a son of Storm Cat, his sire being Forestry. This winner of the GI King's Bishop S. enjoyed a spectacular surge almost as soon as his first runners reached the track. Having spent his first five years at \$50,000, his fee peaked at \$125,000 in 2007 in his eighth year. This surge was fuelled by the likes of Forest Danger, Diplomat Lady, Discreet Cat, Smokey Glacken and Teton Forest.

Then Forestry's popularity went into reverse, with the economic downturn no doubt being a factor. From \$100,000 in 2008, his fee was slashed to \$40,000 in 2009 and then to

\$17,500 in 2010. Even Shackleford's emergence didn't halt the precipitous fall and by 2013, not long after Shackleford's fine efforts as a 4-year-old, Forestry was available for only \$8,000. By the end of 2014, it had been announced that the 18-year-old would not be returning from his shuttle visit to Brazil.

Therefore, the most appealing aspect of Shackleford's pedigree is arguably that he is a son of Oatsee, the exceptional producer who was named Broodmare of the Year in 2011. Other earners of this prestigious title include the dams of A.P. Indy, Awesome Again, Empire Maker, Mineshaft (the sire of Dialed In), Ghostzapper and Bernardini (though it must be said that having a Broodmare of the Year as one's dam doesn't confer an automatic ticket to



Malagacy | Coady Photography

stallion success).

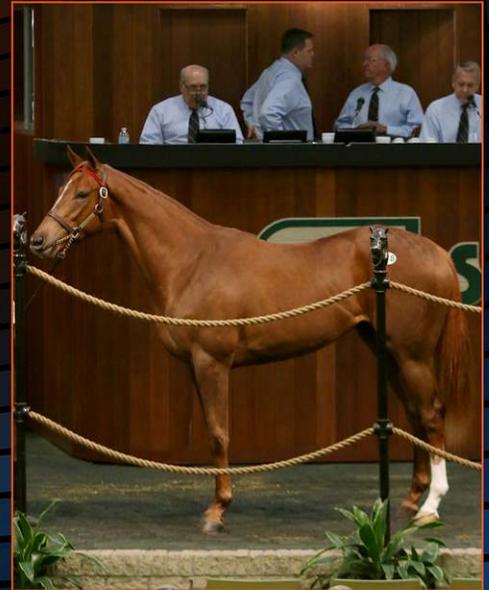
Oatsee's record stands at eight winners from 10 starters. Shackleford heads a team of four graded winners--each by a different stallion--which also features Lady Joanne (GI Alabama S.), Afleeting Lady (GII Falls City H.) and Baghdaria (a triple Grade III winner).

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Lady Joanne sold for \$1.6 million in 2009, a year after Oatsee herself had changed hands for \$1.55 million.

Breeders sometimes despair when a mare produces filly after filly. One example is the GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Alabama S. winner Flute, who has so far produced 12 daughters and just two sons. Oatsee is another, although her record isn't quite so extreme. Ten of her 14 foals are fillies, including her 3-year-old Avena (by Frankel) and her as-yet-unnamed 2-year-old by Distorted Humor.

With so many daughters, there must be a good chance that Oatsee is going to establish a very prolific female line. Two daughters--Grand Portege and Haysee--have already enjoyed stakes success as producers and Oatsee's daughters have youngsters by such as Giant's Causeway, Kitten's Joy, Street Cry, Deep Impact, Speightstown, Tapit and Medaglia d'Oro, so there should be further black-type successes in store.

Shackleford's broodmare sire Unbridled has exerted a powerful influence on the Triple Crown both through his male line and his broodmare daughters. Shackleford won the 2011 Preakness S., having finished fourth at Churchill Downs, while the 2013 Kentucky Derby fell to Orb, another with a dam by the 1990 Kentucky Derby winner.

Some of the gloss was knocked off Shackleford's Preakness victory when he failed to win again during a lengthy 3-year-old

campaign, but he was certainly tough and sound, as he showed with his Grade I wins in the Metropolitan H. and Clark H. as a 4-year-old. His success in the Clark H. came on his 20th and final appearance. The TDN report on that victory recorded:

*"Straight to the lead under Jesus Castanon--who was aboard for the Preakness and had last ridden Shackleford in the Churchill Downs--the second choice was allowed a relatively easy time of it through splits of :24.31, :48.65 and 1:12.49, with this year's GI Florida Derby winner Take Charge Indy in closest pursuit. Still traveling sweetly at the head of the lane, Shackleford kept right on going in the stretch, exuding one more time the grit and determination that had garnered him such a large fanbase."*

In addition to Malagacy, he has enjoyed graded success with Wellabled, who landed the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity. Although his book has fluctuated a little over the first four years of his stallion career, his totals stood at 168, 122, 153 and 138 mares, so he has maintained demand far better than many a young stallion, giving himself every chance of proving his worth.

Shackleford's tendency to force the pace didn't help him when it came to racing over a mile and a quarter or more, but he led until inside the final furlong in the Kentucky Derby. Will Malagacy handle the distance any better? His two lines of Pleasant Colony should help, as should the presence in his pedigree of such as Unbridled, Secretariat and Halo.

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## MCCRACKEN WORKS AT KEENELAND

Whitham Thoroughbreds' undefeated [‘TDN Rising Star’ McCracken](#) (Ghostzapper) continued his preparations for the Apr. 8 GII Toyota Blue Grass S. Monday morning, breezing five furlongs in a minute flat beneath regular rider Brian Hernandez, Jr. at Keeneland [\[video\]](#). The work was the fastest of seven moves at the distance and the colt's first since arriving in Lexington Thursday after wintering in South Florida. Keeneland clockers timed the bay with internal fractions of :12.60, 26.20, :37.20, and :48.20 and a six-furlong gallop out of 1:12.80.

"It was a maintenance work, just what we were looking for," trainer Ian Wilkes said. "Everything's good."

Wilkes, who has 16 stalls at Keeneland, said he is pleased with how McCracken has adapted to his recent relocation.

"We decided to come up a bit early and get him a few works over the track here," Wilkes explained. "I wanted to get him up here to get him acclimated, a little cooler weather. The horses love it."

McCracken has won each of his four races, including victories

in the Oct. 30 Street Sense S. and Nov. 26 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill Downs as a juvenile. He kicked off his 3-year-old season with a convincing 1 1/2-length tally over Tapwrit (Tapit) in the Feb. 11 GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay Downs, before a minor ankle strain forced him to miss his scheduled next start in the Mar. 11 GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby—a race that Tapwrit returned to win.

"Maybe missing that race was a blessing," Wilkes said. "He's a different horse. He's filled out, stronger. Things happen for a reason. You may not agree at the time—you may not want it to happen. But things happen for a reason. I think he's a bigger, stronger horse right now. Just in that short time, he changed on me."



**McCracken** | *SV Photography*

Wilkes said McCracken will likely work again Sunday or Monday, depending on the bay's training throughout the week. The tentative plan is to keep McCracken at Keeneland through the Blue Grass and then ship to Churchill ahead of a potential bid in the GI Kentucky Derby May 6.

McCracken's older half-brother **Bondurant** (War Front) also worked Monday, covering a half-mile in :48 flat in preparation for the GI Maker's Mark Mile S. at Keeneland Apr. 14. The 4-year-old recently finished a closing second in the Mar. 4 GIII Canadian Turf S. at Gulfstream Park. Wilkes added that he plans to run **Sonic Boom** (More Than Ready), winner of the Mar. 11 Columbia S. at Tampa Bay, in the GIII Transylvania S. at Keeneland Apr. 7, opening day of the track's 15-day Spring Meet.

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## SIENA/WEST POINT ACQUIRE INTEREST IN ALWAYS DREAMING

Siena Farm and West Point Thoroughbreds have acquired a minority interest in **Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister). Trained by Todd Pletcher and owned by MeB Racing Stables LLC, Brooklyn Boyz Stables, Viola Racing Stables, and St. Elias Stables LLC, the sophomore is considered possible for the Apr. 1 GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby. Always Dreaming romped home an

11 1/2-length maiden winner at Tampa Bay Downs Jan. 25 and added a four-length allowance tally going nine furlongs at Gulfstream Park Mar. 4.

"Always Dreaming is a budding

superstar and won his last two races in the easiest of fashions," commented West Point's Terry Finley. "We want to thank the Bonomos and the Violas--this is an extraordinary opportunity for our partners to experience the magic leading up to the Kentucky Derby."

Siena Farm's chairman Anthony Manganaro added, "There was buzz about Always Dreaming all winter because his works were so impressive. Bodemeister ran one of the gutsiest races of the modern era in the Kentucky Derby, and there's significant stamina influence on the dam's side, so we're optimistic the colt will continue to blossom as the races get longer."



**Always Dreaming** | *Lauren King*

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## KEEN ICE EAGER TO TOPPLE ANOTHER TITAN

by Michael Adolphson

Coming into this year's compelling renewal of the \$10-million G1 Dubai World Cup, it is difficult to look past the overpowering presence of heavy favorite **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song). The Bob Baffert trainee has done so much in so little time that the sheer trajectory of his potential is as stifling as his ascendancy. Yet, if one were to look beyond the Juddmonte juggernaut, arguably the second-most accomplished horse in the field is also one of the most overlooked in **Keen Ice** (Curlin). Such is good and fine, though, with Donegal Racing's principal Jerry Crawford, as he has been down this road before with his top pupil.

"He's a horse who has meant a lot to our team," Crawford said. "We have been blessed with success and he has been a huge part of that. I'm confident going into the World Cup. Like Todd [Pletcher] will tell you, he's trained the best he's every trained at this point in his career and that's very encouraging. In fact, they had to work him a day sooner because he was so sharp. His last breeze, in company with (fellow World Cup entrant) Neolithic (Harlan's Holiday), was as good as he has ever worked.

"A victory would make him perhaps the greatest upsetter in the history of American racing," Crawford continued.

"In his lifetime, he has defeated American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile), California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) and then would have beaten Arrogate, who may be the best horse of my lifetime. He also posted the fastest number of his life in the [\$12-million G1] Pegasus [World Cup Invitational Jan. 28 at Gulfstream Park] and the distance this time will suit him more than the mile and an eighth."

Much like his name, Keen Ice carries his striking physical self with a healthy amount of eager energy before the race, only to cool off and become all business once he hits the track. In the money in nine of his 20 career starts, the son of Curlin has competed in Grade I events in 11 of his last 13 races, never side-stepping top competition in a modern golden era of Thoroughbred superstars. His resume includes a rousing victory in the 2015 GI Travers S. at the World Cup's 10-furlong trip and finishing in the top four in the aforementioned Pegasus, GI Belmont S., GI Clark H., GI Haskell Invitational and twice in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

In the 2016 World Cup, he failed to factor in a rare non-performance, ultimately finishing eighth, beaten 6 3/4 lengths by California Chrome. He enters the 2017 World Cup with a new trainer in Pletcher, stronger race pattern and making his second start with a powerful new part-owner in Calumet Farm, who plans to stand the sturdy late-running bay at the conclusion of his career.

"I don't think the horse was even close to being at this level last year," Crawford explained. "When he came [to Dubai], he just took a precipitous drop. He had run so well in the Travers and then seemed to tail off. He then came out of the World Cup with a fracture. We had Dr. Larry Bramlage go over him and then, when he recovered, we sent him to Todd.

"One of the hardest things in racing is to have a horse who runs at that level get injured with something like a fracture and come back to that level, but he's unbelievably come back even better," Crawford continued. "He's going to come running and everyone knows that. How much running he has to do to get there is what we don't know. [Jockey] Javier [Castellano] is a master at gauging pace and Todd has him perfect, we just have two major concerns. First, the track has tended to be a bit of merry-go-round this year and that doesn't suit his style. We hope that isn't the case Mar. 25. The second obviously being a horse named Arrogate."



**Jerry Crawford and Keen Ice | A Coglianese**

No matter what happens Saturday, a few things are all but certain. First, classy Keen Ice will make his stalwart, systematic surge to add to an impressive \$2.6 million in career earnings. Second, and perhaps even more important, Crawford will be the ring leader of an adrenalized partnership that has been responsible for bringing multiple new, enthusiastic owners into the game at its highest level.

"We will have 30 people attending this weekend and are sure to have a great time," he concluded. "In fact, I already have over 100 partners signed on for the [Kentucky] Derby. We have had a horse in the Derby three of last seven years and have the highest win percentage and earnings per start of any major partnership and that's pretty extraordinary and something we're very proud of. To win the World Cup would take it to a whole new level."

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## JUVENILES ‘PUT ON A GOOD SHOW’ AHEAD OF TUESDAY’S PEGASUS SALE *by Steve Sherack*

REDMOND, WA – With auctioneer Cris Caldwell handling emcee duties, 27 juveniles were showcased through a series of open gallops during Monday’s training preview ahead of Tuesday’s Pegasus 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale held in the Pacific Northwest.

Partly sunny skies and cool temperatures in the low 50s greeted those attendance on the first day of spring, including: trainers Blaine Wright, Frank Lucarelli, Kathy Walsh; owner/breeder Glen Todd; West Point’s Jeff Lifson; and Hill ‘n’ Dale’s Rita Riccelli.

“It worked out well. I was very happy with it,” Mike Puhich, trainer and director of horse operations at Pegasus, commented shortly after the two-hour under-tack show wrapped up. “There are some other people from California who called last minute that are coming tomorrow now, too. I thought the people that were here were pretty interested and I recognized them all as players, so that’s pretty encouraging. And I thought the horses put on a good show, too. I’m pretty optimistic. It was a great turnout and the horses did great.”

Some highlights from the 37 juveniles consigned--down to 27 after scratches--to this year’s Pegasus Sale include: [Hip 3](#), a Street Sense granddaughter of Caress (Storm Cat) (\$50,000 KEESep yearling); [Hip 5](#), a colt from the first crop of GI Donn H. hero Graydar (\$50,000 KEESep yearling); [Hip 9](#), a Union Rags filly

from the extended female family Girolamo and Bluegrass Cat (\$45,000 KEESep yearling); [Hip 14](#), a Shackleford half-brother to millionaire Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart) (\$37,000 RNA KEESep); and [Hip 17](#), an Into Mischief granddaughter of GISW Jilbab (A.P. Indy) (\$20,000 KEESep).

The Pegasus Sale, the vision of Dr. Mark Dedomenico, was last held in 2012. Previous sale graduates include MGISW **Belle Gallantey** (After Market) and graded winner **Broken Sword** (Broken Vow).

“We probably bought a little bit stronger of a catalogue page for some of the horses this time around, but tried to keep it to where they’d still be affordable, too,” Puhich said.

A total of seven juveniles bred in Washington and British Columbia and a handful of others consigned by California sires, including a trio by freshman sire Smiling Tiger, should also help facilitate activity from local horsemen in the Pacific Northwest as well, Puhich reports.

“I’d be disappointed if we didn’t have some really nice horses come out of here,” Puhich concluded. “I really think it’s a good group of horses and these have pedigrees that are a little bit stronger than the ones that have gone out there and done some real damage. I’m pretty happy with what we’ve got.”

Tuesday’s Pegasus Sale gets underway at 1 p.m. PDT.

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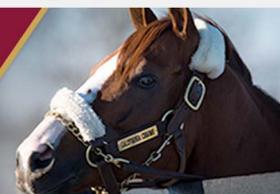
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## EASTERN U.S.

### Monday's Results:

**7th-PRX, \$62,540, Alw, 3-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.52, ft.**

**THE MAN (g, 5, Ecclesiastic--Shorty's Epiphany, by Northern Afleet)** graduated at fourth asking for trainer Bob Baffert in March of 2015, but was subsequently laid up for nearly two years before coming back running with an easy score against Pennsylvania-bred allowance foes first time out for this barn at Penn National Feb. 15. Crushed down to 2-5 to win his third straight, the dark bay tracked from a joint second through a :22.62 quarter. Overhauling the pacesetter three-wide nearing the top of the lane, he kicked away by the furlong grounds en route to a 2 3/4-length victory. Yeah Rocky (Silver Train) was clearly second-best. The victor has half-brothers of 2014 and 2015 by Mad Flatter. Sales History: \$17,000 RNA Ylg '13 EASSEP; \$115,000 2yo '14 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$111,230. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Natalie J. Baffert & Bernard C. Schiappa; B-Glenn E. Brok LLC (PA); T-John C. Servis.

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### Pre-Preakness Party to Benefit TAA:

America's Best Racing will host its fourth annual pre-Preakness Party, sponsored by Sagamore Racing, May 17 at the Mt. Washington Tavern in Baltimore. The event will include a silent auction which will benefit the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. Tickets for the event, which begins immediately following the Preakness post-position draw, are on sale on Eventbrite ([click here](#)) for \$10. The cost of admission includes one drink, light bar snacks and entry into a drawing for a door prize of two passes to the GI Preakness S. Kevin Plank's Sagamore Racing has sponsored the party for the last three years. "Sagamore Racing is both proud and extremely excited that ABR has chosen the TAA as our event beneficiary," said Hunter Rankin, President of Sagamore Racing. "Because of its innovative approach, ABR brings a new audience to the sport. That audience, along with all fans of the Thoroughbred industry, need to be aware of the great work the TAA performs every day."

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## CENTRAL U.S.

### Monday's Results:

**8th-FG, \$43,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 3-20, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.51, ft.**

**TOM'S D'ETAT (c, 4, Smart Strike--Julia Tuttle {SW & GSP, \$188,051}, by Giant's Causeway)** beat just one horse after a slow break in his unveiling over the Churchill turf May 6, but perked up with a second going 10 furlongs on the Louisville dirt May 30 before graduating powerfully Aug. 5 at Saratoga. Unseen since then, the \$330,000 KESEP buy returned with a strong worktab--including a bullet five-furlong gate move in :59 flat (1/16) here Feb. 27--to be a 3-2 proposition in this return. Stalking a fast pace of :23.37 and :46.19 from second, the big bay rolled to the lead soon after straightening for home and steadily drew clear to score by 3 3/4 lengths in a sharp final clocking. Longshot pacesetter Philoctetes (A. P. Warrior) held for second. **'TDN Rising Star'** Souper Tapit (Tapit) broke slowly and had no stretch punch, finishing fifth. The victor's second dam Candy Cane (Arg) (Ride the Rails) is a full-sister to MG1SW/GISW runner and successful sire Candy Ride (Arg). Julia Tuttle has an unraced sophomore filly by Speightstown named Juliastown, a 2-year-old filly by Malibu Moon and a yearling filly by More Than Ready. She was bred to Quality Road last term. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$85,892. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-G M B Racing; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

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**9th-FG, \$42,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-20, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.24, fm.**

**SYNCHRONY (c, 4, Tapit--Brownie Points {GSW & GISP, \$951,230}, by Forest Wildcat)** took two of his first three starts in the fall of 2015 before finishing third in both the Smarty Jones S. and GIII Lexington S. sandwiched around a sixth-place run in the GIII Southwest S. last season. Off for a day beyond 10 months and transferred from the Donnie Von Hemel stable, the chestnut was fifth with a wide journey in his debut for this outfit on the local main track Feb. 17. Given an 8-1 chance in this turf debut, the Pin Oak homebred was squeezed back at the start and dropped out to run second-last behind splits of :24.31 and :49.84. Able to see them all heading into the far bend, Synchrony made a quick advance once tipped into the clear

around the three-furlong marker and roared to the lead in the center of the course at the eighth pole en route to a 1 1/2-length success over 2016 Queen's Plate S. hero Sir Dudley Digges (Gio Ponti). The winner's dam is responsible for an unraced 3-year-old Broken Vow filly named Point System and produced a filly by Candy Ride (Arg) last year before being bred to More Than Ready. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-3-1-2, \$133,102.

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O-Pin Oak Stable; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

**1st-FG, \$45,000, Msw, 3-20, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:43.40, ft.**

**VILLA ELENA (f, 3, Old Fashioned--Larue, by Menifee)** was no factor when sixth in her career bow over the local turf Jan. 14 and was dismissed at over 15-1 in this move to the main oval. Sent to the lead from her rail draw, the gray dictated terms through reasonable splits of :24.19 and :48.16. Challenged by odds-on chalk Harkness (Harlan's Holiday) approaching the eighth pole, Villa Elena dug in to turn that foe back and earn a 1 1/4-length graduation. The winner's second dam is GSW/GISP Bella Chiara (Phone Trick), a half to MGSW/GISP David Copperfield (Halo). Larue is responsible for a 2-year-old Warrior's Reward colt named Boom Stick and she foaled a colt by Awesome Patriot last term before being bred to Victory Cup. Sales History: \$16,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$15,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,000. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Glockenburg LLC; B-Jack Mandato (KY); T-Pavel Vashchenko.

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**7th-WRD, \$23,760, (S), Msw, 3-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.03, ft.**

**+GO APPLE JACK (f, 3, Save Big Money--Tethras Lil Mimi, by Tethra)** showed some morning spark with a local half-mile breeze in :48 2/5 (2/22) Feb. 17 and was let go at 13-1 to capture this debut. Off a beat slowly before tugging her way up to run a close third through a :22.04 quarter, the homebred poked a head in front while four-wide at the five-sixteenths pole and inched away in the stretch to score by two lengths over Skirt Warning (Chitoz). The winner has a 2-year-old Read the Footnotes half-sister named Lil Footnotes and a yearling half-sister by the same sire named Evelyn's Footnotes. Her dam was bred to Smarty Jones last season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,620. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).

O/B-J. F. Stewart (OK); T-Andy Gladd.

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- DIALED IN** (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 174/22/4 8-MVR, Msw 6f, Sheltowee's Gold, \$27K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 5-2
- JERSEY TOWN** (Speightstown), Darby Dan Farm, \$10K, 90/5/0 7-PRX, Msw 6 1/2f, Uplifting, \$24K I '16 KEE NOV, 3-1
- STREET TALK'N MAN** (Street Cry {Ire}), 7/0/0 8-MVR, Msw 6f, Streets of Miesque, 30-1
- WICKED B. HAVIOR** (Unbridled's Song), 3/0/0 6-WRD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Ameripoint, 6-1
- ZULU MAGIC** (Johannesburg), Davidson's Tracks-N-Time, 11/1/0 7-PRX, Msw 6 1/2f, My Magic Z, 10-1

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-PRX, \$49,818, 3-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.24, ft.**  
**SOURCESANDMETHODS (g, 5, Indian Charlie--Life Lesson {MSP, \$153,127}, by Unbridled's Song)** Lifetime Record: 29-6-11-4, \$201,451. O-Daniel Atwood; B-T. F. VanMeter & Ricky Stivers (KY); T-Alfredo Velazquez. \*\$165,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$160,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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**7th-FG, \$43,000, (S), 3-20, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.23, ft.**  
**LUCKY SUMMER (f, 4, Summer Bird--Lucky Defrere, by Defrere)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-1, \$70,115. O/B-Bryant H. Prentice, III (LA); T-Steve Ingram.

**3rd-TUP, \$20,000, 3-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.78, fm.**  
**THETRAILERGUY (g, 5, Henny Hughes--Unbridled Glory, by Unbridled)** Lifetime Record: SW, 17-5-2-1, \$92,521. O/T-Kenneth A. Person; B-Byerpatch Farm (KY). \*\$60,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$95,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSAPR; \$75,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Daughterofdefence, f, 3, First Defence--Condeleezza S., by Alydeed.** WRD, 3-20, 1m, 1:39.32. B-E.T. Buckley (KY). \*\$17,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$10,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

**Backsplash, f, 4, Backtalk--Pasarela, by Action This Day.** MVR, 3-20, 1m, 1:44.81. B-GoldMark Farm (FL). \*Won by 12 1/2 lengths.

**Smarty Party Papa, g, 4, Papa Clem--Lit'l Smarty Pants, by Smarty Jones.** WRD, 3-20, 6f, 1:10.77. B-Legacy Ranch Inc (CA).

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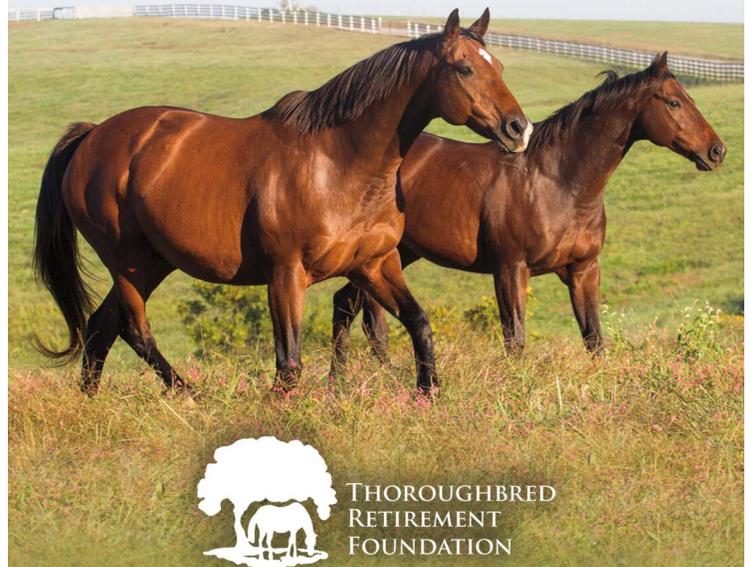


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## DIARY FROM DUBAI: THE FIELD OF DREAMS



Doug Watson's Red Stables in the shadow of Dubai skyscrapers

Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

Any time I get a little fired up about racing, one of my oldest friends likes to issue the sharp retort that "it's just a bunch of horses running round a field." He's right, up to a point, but to all of us who either earn a living from the sport or follow it with a passion bordering on lunacy, it's much, much more than that. Said friend remains horrified that I refuse to let go of my murky past as a jump racing fan and, in time-honoured tradition, last week was spent wrapped in thermals and tweed at the Cheltenham Festival with the odd excursion to the Guinness Village, which is so packed prior to racing that it has a micro-climate all of its own.

To write about racing and be able to pretend that doing so constitutes real work is one of life's great joys. One of the sport's main draws has always been its extraordinary variety, which is evident at this time of the year more than any other. Less than 24 hours after the last horse had crossed the line in Cheltenham's Grand Annual, I landed in Dubai, the tweeds and thermals now just ridiculous excess baggage. If race meetings are measured by their international pull, then the 22 years of the Dubai World Cup can be deemed a tremendous success.

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## SLIPPER HEROINE TAKING A BREAK

Gary Portelli reports G1 Longines Golden Slipper winner **She Will Reign (Aus)** (Manhattan Rain {Aus}) is in fine form after her exploits last weekend.

Speaking to *Racing.com* Portelli said, "She has pulled up very well, she is a very high-class filly, her recovery from every race has been unbelievable all the way through and that is why it has been easy enough to train her."

Despite her great constitution and undoubted natural ability She Will Reign will be given plenty of time off and will not be seen in competitive action until next spring when The Everest will be her ultimate aim.

"She needs to go for a break now, she has had a long preparation," said Portelli. "We aimed at the Slipper and we got that done, there is no thought of going on. We will work out a program, but at this stage she should get a spot in The Everest." he added. [Cont. p7](#)

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### NEW OWNER AMR ZEDAN IS THINKING BIG

Amr Zedan, a Saudi businessman who made a splash at the recent OBSMAR sale, doesn't want to settle for one GI Kentucky Derby victory, he wants to win it twice in five years. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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**Diary From Dubai: the Field of Dreams Cont. from p1**

This year, a strong home team will be challenged by runners from America, Britain, Ireland, France, Germany, Japan, South Africa, Hong Kong, South Korea and Uruguay, not to mention two from the neighbouring Gulf states of Bahrain and Qatar. Last year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) was the star attraction; 12 months on it is his nemesis, the world's top-rated dirt horse, **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song).

Defending the honour of the home guard is the man who has just claimed the UAE champion trainer title for the sixth time, Doug Watson. In the countdown to Dubaian racing's biggest meeting, the American ex-pat could be forgiven for being a little tetchy when a foreign journalist rocks up at his stable on a Sunday morning, especially when he's reduced to one arm, the other being in a sling after a painful tendon injury incurred while legging-up stable jockey Sam Hitchcott. Watson, however, is welcoming, charming and laidback at his Red Stables in the shadow of some of Dubai's tallest skyscrapers.

A former resident of the *TDN's* home state of New Jersey, Watson has been in Dubai since 1993, originally acting as assistant to Satish Seemar before embarking on a highly successful training career in his own right. Given the trainer's heritage, perhaps the most appropriate winner from his runners on Saturday would be **Bee Jersey** (Jersey Town) in the G2 UAE Derby, who will be taken on in that race by his stablemate **Cosmo Charlie** (Stay Thirsty), while other contenders from the Watson barn include **Etijaah** (Daaher) and **Second Summer** (Summer Bird) in the G2 Godolphin Mile.

Rather like Noah's selections for the Ark, the Watson runners come two by two and it is the G1 Golden Shaheen which will be his most coveted prize on Saturday. The dependable **Cool**



Pat Dobbs puts My Catch through his paces | Emma Berry

**Cowboy** (Kodiak Kowboy), beaten just a head by **Morawij** (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) in the G3 Mahab Al Shimaal on Super Saturday, will no doubt post another creditable effort but it is **My Catch** (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) who is the more intriguing of his representatives. The 6-year-old reappeared after a 10-month absence to win Meydan's Listed Garhoud Sprint Dec. 15 and the form of that race reads well, as he had Morawij and fellow Super Saturday winner **Heavy Metal** (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) behind him that day when posting a 4 3/4-length victory. The former British-trained French Group 3 winner looked in fine order when stretching out readily under regular jockey Pat Dobbs at the training track on Sunday morning.

Watson's biggest patron is Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, who is second only to Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda in the UAE owners' championship by number of winners this season. For the sheikh, the Watson-trained purebred Arabian Bon Baiser du Faust (Fr) (Madjani {Fr}) is as important as any of the thoroughbreds he will have running on World Cup night. The 6-year-old is one of four horses engaged for him in a 13-strong field for the G1 Kahayla Classic--the most prestigious contest in the Arab racing programme--along with last year's winner AF Mathmoon (AE) (AF Albahar {AE}), who notched an important milestone as the first UAE-bred horse to land the \$1-million race.

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### Diary From Dubai: the Field of Dreams Cont.

It would be impossible for anyone in Dubai, whether they like racing or not, to overlook the fact that for the country's ruler it is a major passion. Huge billboards bearing images of Sheikh Mohammed along with the slogan #TeamGodolphin pepper the roadsides and the Dubai World Cup can very much be seen as Sheikh Mohammed's Field Of Dreams project. He built it; they came.

His brother Sheikh Hamdan's love of both thoroughbred and Arabian racing is perhaps a little more understated but no less genuine. Next to Doug Watson's training establishment sits Dubai Stables, a private breaking and pre-training facility which each year takes charge of around 40% of the Shadwell yearlings from Europe and America.

"They thrive here with the sun on their backs," says John Hyde, who runs the operation and arguably has one of the most important jobs in the Shadwell empire. "For Sheikh Hamdan, it's really important having the horses here in Dubai, as it gives him a chance to see them regularly, and he doesn't miss much--he always spots who is thriving and who needs a little bit more time."

Having arrived in Dubai in October, the juveniles head to their assigned trainers five months later, but that's not the end of Hyde's interest in them. Name one of his former charges and he'll quickly recall exactly how they fared on the track, while photographs of a number of the luminaries to have passed through his hands--Nayef, Haafhd (GB), Mujahid, Lahudood (GB), Tamayuz (GB), Ghanaati, to name but a few--bear quiet testament to the achievements of Hyde's team. Sheikh Hamdan's commitment to his country's native breed is evident in his support of the Dubai International Arabian Racing series, but it goes beyond the racecourse as he is also patron of the Dubai International Arabian Horse Championships, which took place at the weekend. [Cont. p4](#)



Sheikh Mohammed at the Dubai International Arabian Horse Championships | Emma Berry

**Diary From Dubai: the Field of Dreams Cont.**

As a former deputy editor of Horse & Hound, I've spent my fair share of time at horse shows but I'm not sure I've ever witnessed the level of partisan whooping and hollering from rival sections of the audience on the entrance of each new finalist to the ring. The Dubai marching band heralded the arrival ahead of the stallion class of Sheikh Mohammed and Sheikh Hamdan, who sat alongside one another in the royal box, their gazes fixed intently on the action before they took to the show ring to congratulate each class winner and their horse. By showing standards, the purse of \$4 million is huge, but on Saturday, when the focus switches to horses bred for speed rather than looks, the prize-money on offer at Meydan is a whopping \$30 million. It may just be horses running round this particular corner of a foreign field, but there's an awful lot at stake.

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Dark Angel (Ire), sire of Sunday's listed winners Markazi (Fr) & Melesina (Ire) at Saint-Cloud, pictured at Yeomanstown Stud. | *Yeomanstown Stud*

**A L  K AHEAD**

WITH ROGER CHARLTON

As part of an ongoing series, TDN caught up with trainer Roger Charlton to get his views on the 2017 season.

**Horse you are most looking forward to seeing this season?**

**RC:** Of all my horses, Fair Eva (GB) (Frankel {GB}) excites me the most. She looks magnificent; having done very well over the winter and the [G1] 1000 Guineas is very much on the agenda.



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**A stallion who could feature prominently (doesn't have to be first season)?**

**RC:** From all the sales I attended, there wasn't an Al Kazeem (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) that I didn't like and that was backed up by his sales average of 128,588gns. I have four in training by him so far and they seem nice. A couple of them look precocious and have showed me signs of class. On a side note I think Zoffany (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) is set for a good year. There should be a better quality of mares coming through after his great start as a sire.



Roger Charlton | *Racing Post*

**Positive change you would like to see for the industry in 2017?**

**RC:** It is a fact that the human population is getting bigger and better nourished and it would be great to see the weights raised for Jockeys. As we've seen in the past year, jockeys risk their lives for our sport and have a very tough existence. There are plenty of jockeys in the weighing room that need some help.

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**'MOON' SET TO RISE AT LINGFIELD**

Peter Savill's smart homebred stayer **Moonrise Landing (Ire)** (Dalakhani {Ire}) is ready to make her seasonal debut in a conditions race at Lingfield on Saturday.

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The 6-year-old mare is on a six-race winning streak and was last seen beating subsequent Group 1 winner Quest For More (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in a listed race at York last May before sustaining a stress fracture that has kept her off the racecourse since.

"Moonrise Landing is in good shape," said trainer Ralph Beckett. "She has come to hand quicker than imagined and I am looking forward to running her on Saturday."

Having won the valuable All-Weather Marathon Championship at Lingfield last year, Moonrise Landing has already shown her affinity for the Polytrack and her trainer would like to give her the opportunity to see how far she can progress on grass this season.

"We would like to aim her at the Cup races this year," added Beckett. "We haven't pushed her and she has done it all on her own so I am hopeful that she will run if not up to her best, as she will be a bit ring rusty, then close to it."



**Group 1 winners Banks Hill, Heat Haze & Intercontinental with their dam Hasili (second from left) pictured at Banstead Manor in 2015. | Thanks to Juddmonte Farms for the photo.**

## LYNCH TO GO SOLO

Barry Lynch, who has worked for Luke Lillingston's Lillingston Bloodstock for the past five years, has gone out on his own and will operate under the name of Lynch Bloodstock from his Fermoy, Co Cork, Ireland base, he announced Monday. A graduate of the Godolphin Flying Start, Lynch gained experience from various studs and trainers in addition to his time spent at the Lillingston agency.

"Luke has been a great mentor and educator," remarked Lynch. "I have really enjoyed working for Luke and it has given me a great foundation. During my time with Luke, we had success with horses such as Madam Dancealot (Ire), Barleysugar (Ire), Mount Nelson (GB) (stallion), Sruthan (Ire), Lady Penko (Fr), Keenes Royal (GB) (dam of Ivawood {Ire}) and more. I have learned that integrity, quality service and hard work are crucial to success in the bloodstock industry and I hope to bring these attributes to my own business going forward. I am excited to continue my career in the international bloodstock industry and I look forward to helping my clients achieve success."

Lynch Bloodstock will offer clients bloodstock services including: consultation on breeding stock, horses in training and yearling purchases.

"It has been a pleasure having Barry working for Lillingston Bloodstock," said Luke Lillingston. "He is a very popular person and I wish him every luck and success in his future career."

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Barry Lynch | Peter Mooney



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## BRITAIN



### Monday's Result:

**5th-KEM, £4,500, Mdn, 3-20, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:14.02, st.**

**ASHWAQ (GB) (f, 3, [Sepoy {Aus}](#)--[Blaugrana {Ire}](#), by [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#))**, a €200,000 ARQAUQ yearling, had met a potentially smart rival when second to Pavillon (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) over six furlongs in November and was sent straight to the lead. Always in control, the 8-11 favourite was kept up to her work to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Hisar (Ire) (Dragon Pulse {Ire}). The dam is a daughter of the G3 Princess Royal S. winner Acts of Grace (Bahri), who herself is a product of the G1 Prix de Diane heroine Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}). She is now immortalised as the dam of the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup winner and pre-eminent sire Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiak (GB), among others, with descendants featuring the likes of the G1 Gran Criterium-winning highweight Nayarra (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), the G1 St James's Palace S. third Mars (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the 2015 Listed Lingfield Derby Trial scorer Kilimanjaro (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}). Also connected to the G1 Pretty Polly S.-winning multiple highweight Chinese White (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and G1 Inglis Sires and G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Pride of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), the dam has a 2-year-old filly by Redoute's Choice (Aus) and a yearling colt by Nathaniel (Ire) to come. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$5,632. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Stowell Hill Ltd (GB); T-Richard Hannon.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Preobrajenska (GB), f, 3, [Paco Boy \(Ire\)](#)--[Unex Mona Lisa \(GB\)](#), by Shamardal. KEM, 3-20, 7f (AWT), 1:27.50. B-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs Ltd (GB).**

## FRANCE



### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**3rd-CMP, €28,000, 3-20, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:46.69, vs.**

**MILLE ET MILLE (GB) (g, 7, [Muhtathir {GB}](#)--[Quezon Sun {Ger}](#) {MSP-Fr}, by [Monsun {Ger}](#))** Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 34-6-9-4, €477,069. O-Nicolas Saltiel, Henri Hourcadette, Jose Bruneau de la Salle & Alexis Anghert; B-Haras de la Perelle (GB); T-C & Y Lerner. \*€32,000 Ylg '11 ARQOCT.

**French Report Cont.**

**2nd-CMP, €26,000, 3-20, 3yo, 10fT, 2:12.18,**  
vs.

**SALDIER (FR) (c, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}--Salve Evita {GB}, by Monsun {Ger})** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, €29,580. O-S Hoffmeister & T Castanheira; B-Azienda Agricola Le Ginestre SS (FR); T-Tony Castanheira. \*€32,000 Ylg '11 ARQOCT.

**7th-LYP, €24,000, 3-19, 4yo/up, 11fT, 2:21.33,**  
gd.

**THANK YOU BYE BYE (FR) (m, 5, Zanzibari--Puritanical {Ire}, by Desert King {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Fr, 25-5-2-4, €139,700. O-Jean-Louis Magnin & Jean-Pierre Gauvin; B-Mlle L Casciani (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin. \*€22,000 Ylg '13 ARQOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Cool (Fr), c, 3, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Coremis (Fr), by Bering (GB).** LYP, 3-19, 8fT, 1:38.88. B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR).

**Milreis (Fr), c, 3, Kentucky Dynamite--Missymaria (Fr), by Kendor (Fr).** MPV, 3-20, 13f (AWT), 2:49.48. B-EARL Haras de la Gisloterie (FR).

**+Developer (Fr), f, 3, Lawman (Fr)--Sand River (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire).** MMN, 3-19, 10 1/2fT, 2:24.50. B-Dayton Investments Ltd (FR). \*€36,000 Ylg '15 ARQOCT. \*\*1/2 to Sahrawi (Ger) (Pivotal {GB}), SW-Fr & SP-Eng, \$158,438.

**Fauguernon (Fr), c, 3, Martaline (GB)--I'm Right, by Rahy.** MMN, 3-19, 10 1/2fT, 2:23.50. B-M & Mme G Forien (FR). \*€85,000 Ylg '15 ARQAUG.

**Mona (Fr), f, 3, Motivator (GB)--Nanty (GB), by Nashwan.** SBC, 3-19, 12fT, 2:46.55. B-Derek Clee (FR). \*€15,000 RNA Ylg '15 ARQOCT.

**By Rail (GB), g, 3, Rail Link (GB)--Soldata, by Maria's Mon.** ANL, 3-19, 10fT, 2:11.30. B-Wertheimer et Frere (GB). \*1/2 to Alignement (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), SW-Fr, \$106,354.

**Galinka (Fr), f, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Syllable (GB), by Halling.** NMS, 3-19, 6fT, 1:10.74. B-Plersch Breeding SARL (FR). \*€60,000 Ylg '15 ARQAUG. \*\*Full to Old Pal (Fr), SW-Nor & Den, \$246,645.

**Libello (Ire), c, 4, Archipenko--Scarlett's Pride (Fr) (SP-Ger), by Singspiel (GB).** NCY, 3-19, 12fT, 2:50.43. B-Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville (FR). \*€32,000 Ylg '14 ARQOCT.

**Emeraude Flower (Fr), f, 4, Canford Cliffs (Ire)--Selana (Ger), by Lomitas (GB).** NMS, 3-19, 9 1/2fT, 1:56.33. B-E.A.R.L Haras des Hautieres, J Bossert & B Bossert (FR). \*€36,000 Ylg '14 ARQAUG. \*\*1/2 to Salona (Ger) (Lord of England {Ger}), GSW-Ger.



Cheltenham Gold Cup hero Sizing John leads his fellow victorious stablemates Supasundae and Rock The World through Jessica Harrington's home village of Moone, Co. Kildare, where a crowd of over 700 people welcomed the trio. Also pictured are winning jockey Robert Power, Eamon Leigh, groom Ashley Hussey and Jessica Harrington | *Racing Post*

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**Slipper Heroine Taking a break cont.**

Portelli also has an eye on the G1 Moir S. in late September as a potential comeback run for the cheaply bought filly.

"Just quickly looking at program this morning, I thought the Moir S. would be a perfect starting point, a 1000m around The Valley, 50kg on her back," he concluded. "It would be perfect and then we could go to 1200m second-up."

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She Will Reign | *Bronwen Healy*

## FROSTED, TERRITORIES TO SHUTTLE TO OZ

Darley's **Frosted** (Tapit--Fast Cookie, by Deputy Minister), who scored three times at the highest level in America, and G1 Prix Jean Prat hero **Territories (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Taranto {GB}, by Machiavellian) will shuttle to Darley's Australian bases of Northwood Park and Kelvinside, respectively, Darley announced Monday.

A winner of the G1 Wood Memorial S. and GII Pennsylvania Derby during his 3-year-old season, Frosted was also runner-up in the G1 Belmont S. to Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile). After landing a Group 2 at Meydan in February of last year, he would go on to win the G1 Metropolitan H. in stunning fashion--setting a new stakes record--returned Stateside and added the Whitney S. one start later for the Boys in Blue. Retired with a mark of 19-6-6-2, and \$3,972,800 in earnings, the Darley homebred is standing his first Northern Hemisphere season at Darley in Kentucky for a fee of \$50,000.

Runner-up in the G1 Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere as a juvenile, Territories, also won the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau first out at three, one start prior to another second-place finish in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas in May. After winning the Jean Prat at Chantilly, the bay also filled the second spot in Deauville's G1 Prix du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard-Jacques Le Marois in August of last year.



Frosted | Sarah K. Andrew

The Irish-bred, who retired with a mark of 13-3-3-4 and accumulated \$812,543, commands a fee of £12,000 at Darley's English base, Dalham Hall Stud in his initial season.

"Frosted and Territories were elite racehorses and we are thrilled to have them join our roster here in Australia," commented Alastair Pulford, Head of Sales for Darley stallions in Australia. "Frosted's Grade I wins came in races won by some of the greats. He is the best son of a champion sire and from a top female line. He is a top-class prospect for Victorians.

Pulford continued, "Territories is by the sire of I Am Invincible (Aus) and from the same female family as Darley's amazing servants Street Cry (Ire) and Shamardal, so there is no doubt he has the credentials to be a success at stud. Andy Makiv and I went and inspected Frosted and Territories earlier this month and were taken by both horses. I have no doubt our clients will be very impressed by them when they see them."

Fees for Frosted and Territories will be announced at a later date.

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## SELECT TEAM FOR DE KOCK ON SATURDAY

Trainer Mike De Kock will have just two runners at Meydan on Saturday, but the South African maestro hopes he has two smart bullets to fire on World Cup night. De Kock's **Mubtaahij (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) ran the race of his life to finish second to California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the G1 Dubai World Cup last year and returns for another crack at the \$10-million race. He warmed up for Saturday's assignment when finishing second to Etijaah (Daaher) in a listed race at Meydan Feb. 23 and De Kock is happy with his progress since.

"Saturday has been his target since he was second last year," he said. "Ideally we would have had two runs, as we did last year, but we ran out of time a bit, so ran him a month ago instead of Super Saturday. He is in great shape ahead of what looks another strong renewal. Arrogate is clearly world class and going to be tough to beat, but at least we are proven under these conditions."

Mubtaahij transferred temporarily to Kieran McLaughlin after his World Cup run last year and he followed up with some smart performances in America, including when second, beaten a head by Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper) in the G1 Woodward S. at Saratoga in September.

De Kock will be slightly on edge ahead of the G2 UAE Derby when he saddles **Fawree** (Candy Ride {Arg}), who bids to emulate his stablemate Mubtaahij who won the race in 2015. The colt has proved unruly in the stalls on previous outings and he unshipped Benard Fayd'Herbe when ballooning the start when favourite for the Listed Al Bastikiya Mar. 4. [Cont. p9](#)



Mubtaahij winning the UAE Derby in 2015 | *Racing Post*

### Select Team for De Kock on Saturday Cont.

Fawree has since undergone some intense gate schooling under the guidance of Malan du Toit, a leading equine behavioural therapist in South Africa.

"The stalls had always been an issue with him," said De Kock. "We had done an awful lot of work with him ourselves, as well as involving the starter, Shane Ryan and his team, so it was a bit disappointing [in the Al Bastikaya]. We know he is a serious horse and we hope a genuine UAE Derby contender."

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR ERTIJAAL

Hamdan Al Maktoum's **Ertijaal (Ire)** will bid to atone for a narrow defeat in last year's race when he lines up for the G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan on Saturday. Beaten just three parts of a length in 2016 by Buffering (Aus) (Mossman {Aus}), the Ali Rashid Al Rayhi-trained 6-year-old arrives into Saturday's contest in rude health having won his two starts this year over five furlongs in great style. His trainer believes the newly increased race distance of the Al Quoz to 1200m will also prove no hindrance.

"We are very much looking forward to Saturday with him," Al Rayhi said. "This is his third season with us and he has been a real solid performer since joining the yard. He has shown his quality on numerous occasions and remains in great form. He was second in this last year over 1000m but the extra 200m should not be a concern."

Having begun his racing career with William Haggas for whom he won three times, Ertijaal transferred to his current trainer over two years ago and despite his Group 1 placing last year he only landed his first group race when running away with the G3 Meydan Sprint Feb. 16. In contrast, one of his rivals on

Saturday, **Limato (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}), is already a dual Group 1 winner and Henry Candy's gelding will be having his first taste of Dubai on Saturday, which will be his first run since finishing fifth in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita last November.

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### COLTS SHARE LIMELIGHT AT MAGIC MILLIONS

Two colts shared centre stage on the opening day of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale on Monday. The pair, by Top Echelon (Aus) and Written Tycoon (Aus), were both knocked down for A\$150,000 on a day that saw solid rather than spectacular trade throughout. Just over A\$4-million changed hands on 137 yearlings, which equated to a 74% clearance rate, a small drop from last year's 78%. Average and median both rose a fraction to A\$29,880 and A\$23,000 respectively.

"It's been a typical start to our March Yearling Sale where the provincial Queensland buyers were tentative to get into the market early," said Magic Millions managing director Vin Cox. "As the day went on, they got more confident and were prepared to bid up. As the momentum is building we look forward to a solid day's trade tomorrow."

**Lot 80** was the first yearling to make six figures and it was Matthew Dunn who signed for the co-sale topping son of Top Echelon offered by Oakwood Farm. The colt is out of three-time winner Idesa Bay (Aus) (Civic Hope {Aus}), who has bred five winners from five runners, including the stakes placed Cerberus Gal (Aus) (General Nediym {Aus}).

"The colt is very typical of the nice Top Echelons," Matthew Dunn commented. "He's a strong, good looking colt."

Dunn had been underbidder on one by the same sire earlier that morning, so was determined not to be denied on this occasion.

Stock by Written Tycoon remain hard to buy and Rob Slade was keen to get his hands on one with the Melbourne based syndicator eventually securing **lot 128**. The Raheen Stud offered colt received an important pedigree update when Arakain (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), the mare's first runner, broke his maiden last month.

"He's a nice colt who will continue to furnish being a November foal," Slade said. "I loved his walk. It's been very hard to buy a Written Tycoon this year--I'm delighted to have one now to syndicate."

Glenlogan Park sold the other two lots to make A\$100k or more. The first of these was **lot 112**, a filly by Show A Heart (Aus) out of Lady Danzero (Aus) (Danzero {Aus}), who has already bred a stakes winning full-sister to the yearling in Discreet (Aus). The filly was knocked down to trainer Toby Edmonds for A\$105,000. **Cont. p10**



Lot 128, a colt by Written Tycoon | Magic Millions

**Colts Share Limelight at Magic Millions Cont.**

Just over an hour later, Glenlogan Park’s filly by Testa Rossa (Aus) fetched A\$100,000 from the bid of Gary Portelli, fresh from landing the G1 Golden Slipper last weekend with She Will Reign (Aus) (Manhattan Rain {Aus}). [Lot 150](#) is out of Miss Imagica (Aus) (Hidden Dragon {Aus}) a stakes winner of 10 races in total.

The second and final day of the 2017 Magic Millions Gold Coast March Yearling Sale will commence at 10am (Qld time) on Tuesday.

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# SESSION TOPPERS

## MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLING SALE DAY 1 TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<a href="#">80</a>	c	Top Echelon (Aus)	Ideas Bay (Aus) <i>B-Oakwood Farm (Qld)</i> Consigned by Oakwood Farm Purchased by Matthew Dunn	150,000
<a href="#">128</a>	c	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Lou (NZ) <i>B-Reture Pty Ltd (NSW)</i> Consigned by Raheen Stud Purchased by Slade Bloodstock	150,000
<a href="#">112</a>	f	Show A Heart (Aus)	Lady Danzero (Aus) <i>B-Showtime Breeding Pty Ltd (Qld)</i> Consigned by Glenlogan Park Purchased by Edmonds Racing Pty Ltd	105,000
<a href="#">150</a>	f	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Miss Imagica (Aus) <i>B-Mr M Doxey, Mr T Frisby, Mr M Nolan, Mr B Stack, Mr J Mee, Mr L Dougherty Mr D Speedy (Qld)</i> Consigned by Glenlogan Park Purchased by Portelli Racing	100,000



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**MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLING SALE**

SESSION TOTALS	2017	2016
• Catalogued	200	198
• No. Offered	185	183
• No. Sold	137	142
• RNAs	48	41
• % RNAs	26%	22%
• High Price	A\$150,000	A\$150,000
• Gross	A\$4,093,500	A\$4,173,500
• Average (% change)	A\$29,880 (+1.6%)	A\$29,391
• Median (% change)	A\$23,000 (+4.5%)	A\$22,000

AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2016/2017		
Date	Race	Track
Mar. 24	William Reid S.	Moonee Valley
Mar. 25	The BMW S.	Rosehill
	Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill
THE CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Apr. 1	Doncaster H.	Randwick
	T. J. Smith S.	Randwick
	ATC Australian Derby	Randwick
	ATC Sires' Produce S.	Randwick
Apr. 8	Queen Elizabeth S.	Randwick
	Sydney Cup	Randwick
	ATC Oaks	Randwick
	Queen of the Turf S.	Randwick

**Monday, Nakayama, Japan**

**FLOWER CUP-G3, ¥67,310,000**

(US\$597,985/£483,878/€556,724), Nakayama, 3-20, 3yo, f, 1800mT, 1:48.70, fm.

1--#**@FAN DII NA (JPN), 119, f, 3, by Deep Impact (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Dream of Genie (Fr), by Pivotal (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Glia, by A.P.Indy**

**3rd Dam: Coup de Genie, by Mr.Prospector**

O-Turf Sport Inc.; B-Tanikawa Farm; T-Tanikawa; J-Yasunari Iwata; ¥35,497,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0. \*1/2 to Namura Shingun (Jpn) (Victoire Pisa {Jpn}), SP-Jpn \$500,074. **Werk Nick**

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

2--**Sea's Lullaby (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Falbrav (Ire)--Sea Spray (Jpn), by Heart's Cry (Jpn).** O-Chizu Yoshida; B-Shiraoi Farm; ¥14,142,000.

3--**Draw a Card (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Daiwa Major (GB)--As de Coeur (Jpn), by Jungle Pocket (Jpn).** O-G1 Racing; B-Shiraoi Farm; ¥8,871,000.

Margins: 5, NK, NK; Odds: 0.30, 75.10, 47.60.

Also Ran: Ever Princess (Jpn), Hanalei Moon (Jpn), Dipavamsa (Jpn), Sentir (Jpn), Toho Aires (Jpn), Morito Shirayuri (Jpn), Sacre Express (Jpn), Dea Regalo (Jpn), Bright Moon (Jpn), Venus Arrow (Jpn). **Click for the [JRA chart](#), [JRA video](#), the [Racing Post result](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

Fan Dii Na, flawless in two starts to date, maintained her unbeaten status with a five-length domination of her rivals in the G3 Flower Cup at Nakayama Monday. Off the mark going 1800 metres at Kyoto Jan. 22, the hulking daughter of the unraced Dream of Genie (Fr) added the Tsubaki Sho over that course Feb. 19 and was pounced down to 30 cents on the dollar for this third appearance. Loping along easily in second through the first 1000 metres in 1:01. flat, Yasunari Iwata gave the heavy chalk her cue and she duly collared pacesetter Draw a Card turning into the home straight. The dark bay accelerated clear from there, winning as much the best without ever being asked a serious question.

**[Pedigree Notes...](#)**

The second winner of two foals from her dam, Fan Dii Na's second dam is the Prix Imprudence heroine Glia, a rare winner in Europe by A.P. Indy, who also landed the Pebbles H. on these shores and was runner-up in the Gil Mrs. Revere S. This is the extended family of MG1SW Emollient (Empire Maker), while third dam is French highweight, MG1SW and blue hen Coup de Genie (Mr. Prospector).

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Date	Race	Track
Mar. 26	Takamatsunomiya Kinen	Chukyo
Apr. 2	Osaka Hai	Hanshin
Apr. 9	Oka Sho (1000 Guineas)	Hanshin
Apr. 16	Satsuki Sho (2000 Guineas)	Nakayama
Apr. 30	Tenno Sho (Spring)	Kyoto
May 7	NHK Mile Cup	Tokyo
May 14	Victoria Mile	Tokyo
May 21	Yushun Himba (Oaks)	Tokyo
May 28	Tokyo Yushun (Derby)	Tokyo
June 4	Yasuda Kinen	Tokyo
June 25	Takarazuka Kinen	Hanshin
Oct. 1	Sprinters' S.	Nakayama
Oct. 15	Shuka Sho	Kyoto
Oct. 22	Kikuka Sho (St Leger)	Kyoto
Oct. 29	Tenno Sho (Autumn)	Tokyo
Nov. 12	Queen Elizabeth II Cup	Kyoto
Nov. 19	Mile Championship S.	Kyoto
Nov. 26	Japan Cup	Tokyo
Dec. 3	Champions Cup	Chukyo
Dec. 10	Hanshin Juvenile Fillies	Hanshin
Dec. 17	Asahi Hai Futurity S.	Hanshin
Dec. 24	Arima Kinen	Nakayama
Dec. 28	Tokyo Daishoten	Ohi

**Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 3:45 p.m. (7:45 a.m. ET),**

**GODOLPHIN MILE SPONSORED BY MEYDAN SOBHA-G2**, \$1,000,000 (£809,563/€930,901), NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Ross (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Atzeni	Schiergen	125
2	Farrier 	Tapit	Cosgrave	Seemar	125
3	Le Bernardin	Bernardini	O'Shea	Al Rayhi	125
4	Gifted Master (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Moore	Palmer	125
5	Second Summer 	Summer Bird	Dobbs	Watson	125
6	Sharp Azteca	Freud	Zayas	Navarro	125
7	North America (GB)	Dubawi (GB)	Mullen	Seemar	125
8	Heavy Metal (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Barzalona	bin Bhadayer	125
9	Stormardal (Ire)	Shamardal	De Vries	Mohammed	125
10	Etijaah	Daaher	Crowley	Watson	125
11	Triple Nine (Kor)	Ecton Park	Rodd	Kim	125
12	Fitzgerald	Elusive Quality	O'Donoghue	bin Harmash	125
13	Kafuji Take (Jpn)	Precise End	Fukunaga	Yukubo	125

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**DUBAI GOLD CUP SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS-G2**, \$1,000,000 (£809,563/€930,901), NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 3200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Sheikhzayedroad (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Harley	Simcock	127
2	Famous Kid	Street Cry (Ire)	De Sousa	bin Suroor	127
3	Vazirabad (Fr)	Manduro (Ger)	Soumillon	De Royer-Dupre	127
4	Wall of Fire (Ire)	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	Buick	Palmer	121
5	Zamaam (GB)	Muhtathir (GB)	Crowley	Charpy	127
6	Quest For More (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Spencer	Charlton	127
7	Big Orange (GB)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	Dettori	Bell	127
8	Kingfisher (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	127
9	Rembrandt Van Rijn (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	127
10	Quechua (Arg)	Pure Prize	Vorster	Le Grange	127
11	Beautiful Romance (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Murphy	bin Suroor	122
12	Heartbreak City (Fr)	Lando (Ger)	Moreira	Martin	127
13	Basateen (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	O'Neill	Watson	127
14	Trip to Paris (Ire)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Atzeni	Dunlop	127

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NH & SH 3yo, 1900mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Qatar Man (Ire)	Archarcharch	O'Donoghue	Botti	121
2	Master Plan 	Twirling Candy	Velazquez	Pletcher	121
3	Lancaster Bomber	War Front	Moore	O'Brien	121
4	Midnight Chica 	Midnight Lute	Hayes	Selvaratnam	117
5	Top Score (GB)	Hard Spun	De Vries	bin Suroor	121
6	Fawree 	Candy Ride (Arg)	Fayd'Herbe	de Kock	121
7	Bee Jersey 	Jersey Town	Hitchcott	Watson	121
8	Vettori Kin (Brz)	Vettori (Ire)	Rosario	McPeck	131
9	Fly At Dawn	Discreet Cat	Buick	Appleby	121
10	Epicharis (Jpn)	Gold Allure (Jpn)	Lemaire	Hagiwara	121
11	He Runs Away (Arg)	Heliostatic (Ire)	De Sousa	Colombo	131
12	Spirit of Valor 	War Front	Heffernan	O'Brien	121
13	Thunder Snow (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	121
14	Nomorerichblondes	Hard Spun	Fresu	bin Harmash	117
15	Cosmo Charlie	Stay Thirsty	Dobbs	Watson	121
16	Adirato (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Take	Sugai	121



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